

Just Get it Written: Deploying Applications to WebLogic Server Using JDeveloper and WLS Console

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Moral

Don't get it right,
just get it written.

—James Thurber,
The Sheep in Wolf's Clothing;
Fables for our Time

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Survey

- Job responsibilities?
 - DBA, developer
- Platforms
 - OAS – OC4J
 - WLS
 - Other
- Tools?
 - Eclipse
 - JDeveloper
 - Other



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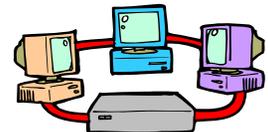
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Agenda

- Deployment Concepts
- JDeveloper Support
- Deploying from WLS Console

Slides will be on the
NYOUG website.
White paper will be in
the tech journal.

The white
paper contains
hands-on
practices.



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Deployment Concepts

- Deployment: copying and installing application files to a runtime environment
 - Development, testing, QA, production
 - Occurs multiple times for an app
 - Bug fixes, enhancements, software updates
- You may be responsible
 - So you, as a developer, need to know this
- Someone else may be responsible
 - So you need to provide the right files to deploy
 - Testing those files beforehand is useful



Preparation for Deployment

- Development and testing complete
- Required libraries and supporting files are identified
- Application server is available
 - Has an appropriate web container (JVM) process
 - For example, WebLogic Server
 - You know the server administration password
 - Or know someone who knows
 - Needed to copy files to the server



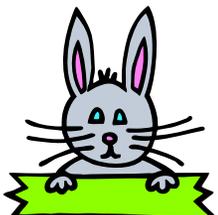
Deployment Objectives

- Ensure that all required libraries are available
- Ensure that library versions match between development and deployment
- All necessary JDeveloper projects must be deployed
 - Model
 - ViewController
 - ADF Libraries (usually bundled into the EAR)
- Files must be archived into specially formatted Java EE JAR files
 - WAR or
 - EAR (if more than one application)
 - ADF Library JARs



Enterprise Application Archive (EAR)

- Contains one or more WAR (application) files and other libraries that are required
- A file you deploy
- Copies to the app server directory:
FMW_HOME>\user_projects\domains
 - App server processes new EAR files when restarting
 - Can also process EAR files without restarting
- The app server expands this into its component WAR files
 - Each WAR file goes into a directory corresponding to its name
 - Then it expands the WAR files

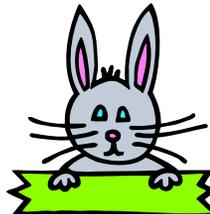


Sample EAR File

Path	Size	Compressed
tuhra2_ViewController_webapp1.war	4.96 MB	4.96 MB
lib/adf-loc.jar	273	273
adf/tuhra/model/services/common/bc4j.xcfg	979	979
adf/META-INF/connections.xml	1.19 KB	1.19 KB
adf/META-INF/adf-config.xml	745	745
META-INF/weblogic-application.xml	1.66 KB	1.66 KB
META-INF/jps-config.xml	947	947
META-INF/cwallet.sso	3.83 KB	3.83 KB
META-INF/application.xml	492	492
META-INF/adfm.xml	236	236

JDeveloper Archive Viewer

- One app (WAR) file in this case
- Several XML configuration files



Web Application Archive (WAR)

- Also called, *Web Archive*
- Can alternatively be deployed without an EAR
- Contains all files required for an application
- Contains files or directories inside WEB-INF (the main runtime directory)
- Copied to server and expanded into separate files by the server
 - Inside a directory named the same as the WAR file



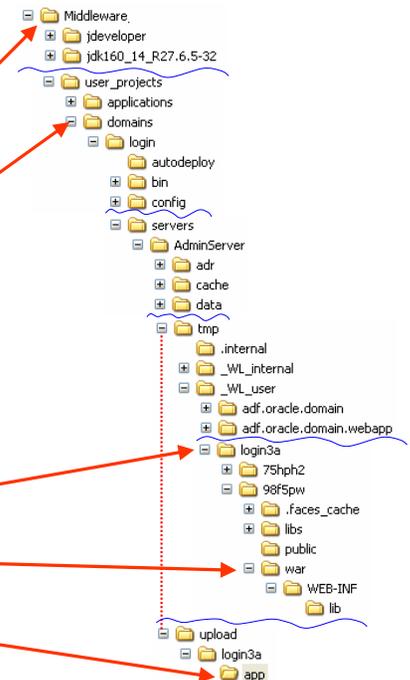
Sample WAR File

- App server extracts files into the `../<app>/` directory
 - `<app>` is the name of the WAR file

Path	Size	Compressed
WEB-INF/adfc-config.xml	778	778
WEB-INF/classes/META-INF/adfm.xml	361	361
WEB-INF/classes/META-INF/pagetemplate-metadata.xml	241	241
WEB-INF/classes/fragments/departmentTreePageDef.xml	1.87 KB	1.87 KB
WEB-INF/classes/fragments/editEmployeePageDef.xml	3.63 KB	3.63 KB
WEB-INF/classes/fragments/searchUIPageDef.xml	2.37 KB	2.37 KB
WEB-INF/classes/templates/tuhraTemplatePageDef.xml	332	332
WEB-INF/classes/tester.properties	73	73
WEB-INF/classes/tuhra/model/Model.jpj	1.13 KB	1.13 KB
WEB-INF/classes/tuhra/model/entities/Departments.xml	4.09 KB	4.09 KB
WEB-INF/classes/tuhra/model/entities/DeptMgrFkAssoc.xml	1.34 KB	1.34 KB
WEB-INF/classes/tuhra/model/entities/EmpDeptFkAssoc.xml	1.35 KB	1.35 KB
WEB-INF/classes/tuhra/model/entities/EmpJobFkAssoc.xml	1.32 KB	1.32 KB
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WEB-INF/classes/tuhra/model/entities/Jobs.xml	2.88 KB	2.88 KB
WEB-INF/classes/tuhra/model/framework/TuhraApplicationModuleImpl.class	303	303
WEB-INF/classes/tuhra/model/framework/TuhraEntityImpl.class	270	270
WEB-INF/classes/tuhra/model/framework/TuhraViewObjectImpl.class	282	282
WEB-INF/classes/tuhra/model/framework/TuhraViewRowImpl.class	273	273
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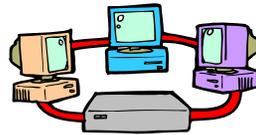
Deployed Directory Structures

- FMW_Home
 - Fusion Middleware
- Domain
 - Created using the Configuration Wizard
- WAR file and app files under this level
 - App root here
- EAR file here



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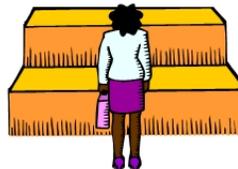
Yes, Let's

However beautiful the strategy,
you should occasionally
look at the results.

—Winston Churchill (1874-1965)

Two Big Steps

1. Prepare the WAR and EAR deployment profiles
 - Specify what to deploy
 - Application and ADF BC projects
 - Required libraries
2. Deploy using the deployment profile
 - This creates the WAR and EAR
 - JDeveloper copies them to the server



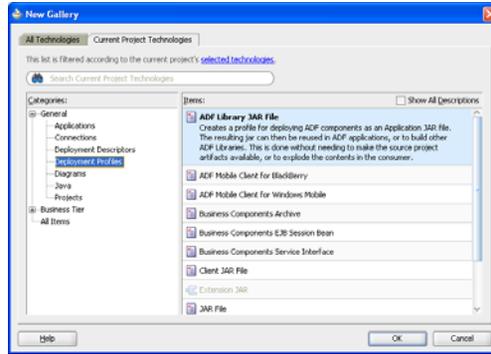
Testing in Standalone WebLogic

- Between running the app in JDeveloper and deploying to the server run this test
- You need to set up the WLS standalone instance
 - WLS is part of Oracle Fusion Middleware
 - Included with JDeveloper for standalone
- Ensure that the versions are compatible
 - WLS version
 - Application development runtime

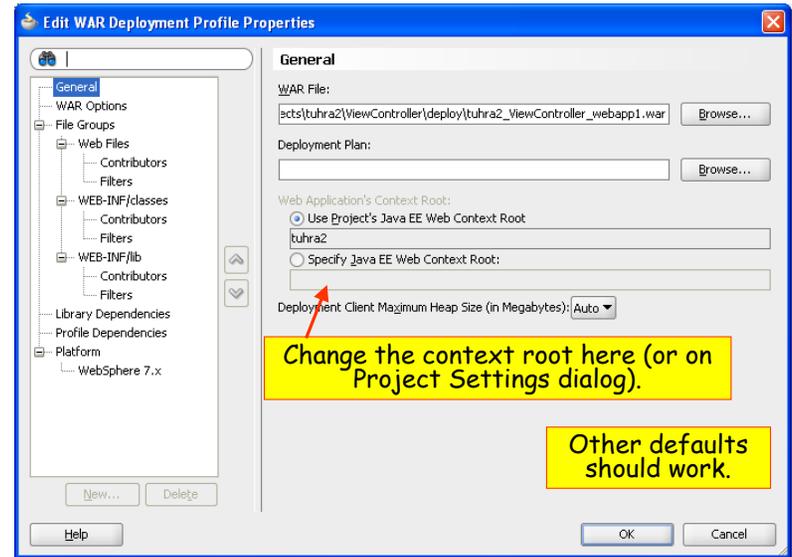


Deployment Profiles

- Embedded in the .jws and .jpr files
- Access from Application / Project properties, or from the New Gallery (context sensitive)
- Default EAR and WAR profiles are pre-created with the Fusion App template
- Create separate deployment profiles for separate purposes – multiple targets, etc.

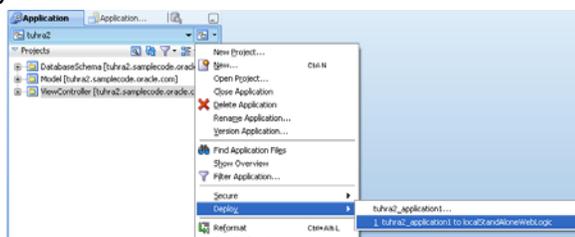


Deployment Profile Wizard



Deploying From JDeveloper

- Assumes WLS standalone has been set up and is running and the JDeveloper app server connection is set up
 - See hands-on practice for those steps
- **Application menu | Application Properties | Edit**
 - Application Assembly
 - Check Model
- **Application menu | Deploy | <app>**
 - Local App Server

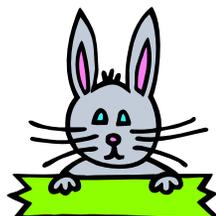


What Next?

- Wait and watch
 - JDeveloper builds the WAR and EAR files in the project directory

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[02:42:45 PM] Wrote Web Application Module to C:\projects\tuhra2\ViewController\deploy\tuhra2_ViewController_webapp1.war
[02:42:47 PM] Uploading jaxn-data users.
[02:42:47 PM] Uploading jaxn-data roles.
[02:42:48 PM] Wrote Enterprise Application Module to C:\projects\tuhra2\deploy\tuhra2_application1.ear
[02:42:48 PM] Deploying Application...
```

- Then it copies the EAR file to the server instance
- Message log window will show progress



Deployment Log Window

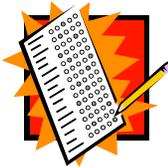
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Deployment - Log
[02:42:14 PM] ---- Deployment started. ----
[02:42:14 PM] Target platform is (Weblogic 10.3).
[02:42:14 PM] Retrieving existing application information
[02:42:16 PM] Running dependency analysis...
[02:42:16 PM] Building...
[02:42:38 PM] Deploying 2 profiles...
[02:42:45 PM] Wrote Web Application Module to C:\projects\tuhra2\deploy\tuhra2_ViewController_webapp1_war
[02:42:47 PM] Uploading j2ee-data users.
[02:42:47 PM] Uploading j2ee-data roles.
[02:42:48 PM] Wrote Enterprise Application Module to C:\projects\tuhra2\deploy\tuhra2_application1_ear
[02:42:48 PM] Deploying Application...
[02:43:04 PM] [Deployer:149192]Operation 'deploy' on application 'tuhra2_application1 [Version=V2.0]' is in progress on 'AdminServer'
[02:43:04 PM] [Deployer:149192]Operation 'deploy' on application 'tuhra2_application1 [Version=V2.0]' is in progress on 'AdminServer'
[02:43:09 PM] [Deployer:149194]Operation 'deploy' on application 'tuhra2_application1 [Version=V2.0]' has succeeded on 'AdminServer'
[02:43:09 PM] [Deployer:149194]Operation 'deploy' on application 'tuhra2_application1 [Version=V2.0]' has succeeded on 'AdminServer'
[02:43:09 PM] Application Deployed Successfully.
[02:43:09 PM] Elapsed time for deployment: 56 seconds
[02:43:09 PM] ---- Deployment finished. ----
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- The Log window usually appears in the bottom of the JDeveloper IDE window

Test the Application

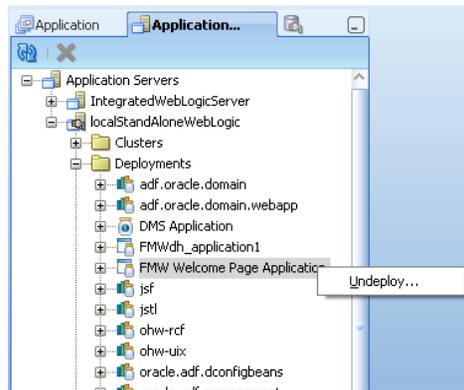
- Close JDeveloper if you are skeptical
- In browser, run the application URL
 - In this case:
http://localhost:7001/tuhra2
 - This opens the default page
“welcome file” defined in web.xml

- Test the app
- Close the browser



Application Server Navigator

- Lists available servers
- Shows deployed apps
- Allows new server creation
- You can act on these using JDeveloper
 - Undeploy
 - Start Admin Console for server



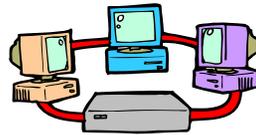
The Best of Both Worlds

- OJDeploy
 - ‘Headless’ JDeveloper
 - Command line utility
 - Packaged with JDeveloper 11g
 - Search for ojdeploy in the JDeveloper Help Center
 - Allows automation of the pre-defined deployment profiles
 - Also runnable from ANT
- Manages
 - Packaging and deployment
 - JDBC data sources
 - Security permissions propagation
 - Deploying users and roles for testing



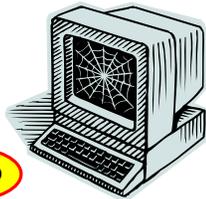
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Deploying From WLS Console

- The app server is usually under the control of the app server administrator
 - (Be kind to your app server administrator)
- You need to package the EAR file and let them know where it is
 - Select “Deploy to <app name>” from the Application menu in the navigator
- The administrator will deploy the EAR file to a new or existing application node
 - Setting up the application is a one-time task
 - Deploying the app after the setup is easier than before the setup

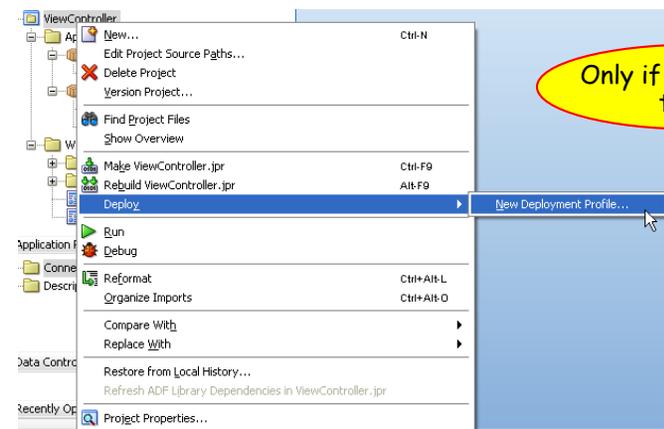


Demo

Configure the App Server

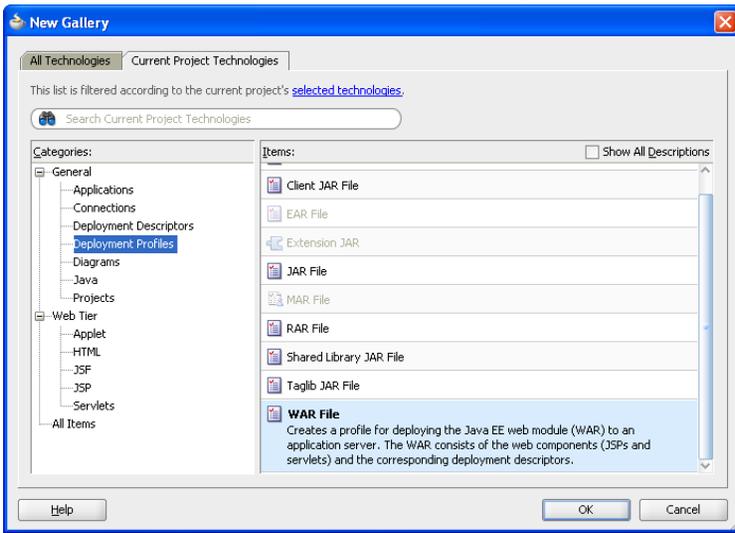
- Results in a standalone WLS server
- Windows Start menu
 - Start | Programs | Oracle Fusion Middleware 11.1.1.x | WebLogic Server 11g | Tools | Configuration Wizard
- Follow the steps in the white paper
 - The following assumes this is complete and the app server is started
- Note: Use the following as a guide for deploying with JDev after 11.1.1.1

Create a Deployment Profile on the ViewController Project



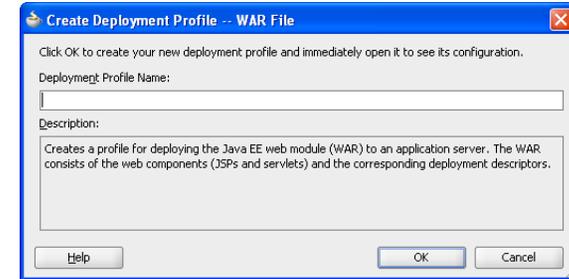
- Also accessible in the Deployment page of Project Properties

New Gallery



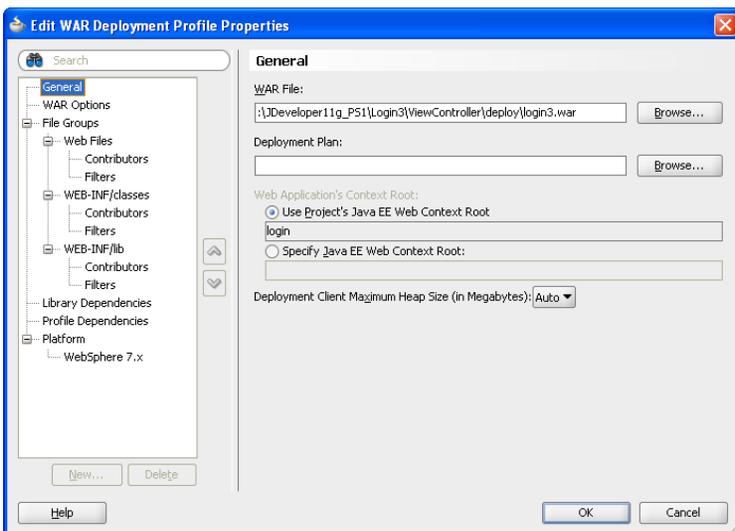
- Double click “WAR File”

Create WAR Deployment Profile



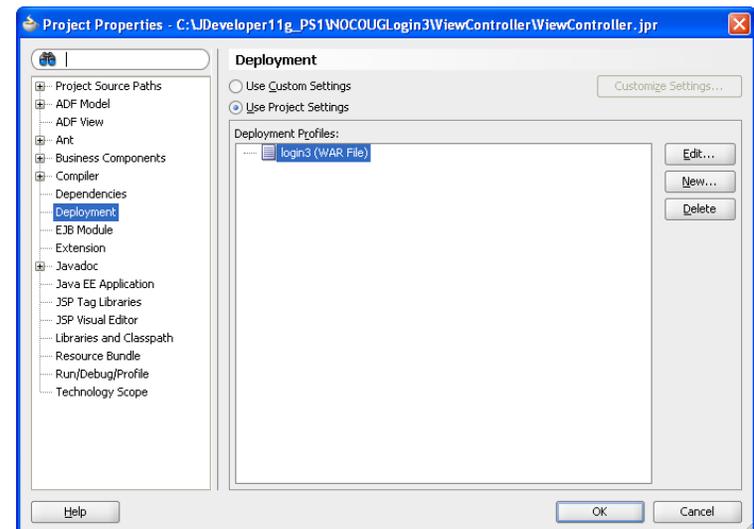
- Enter a name and click OK

Deployment Profile Properties



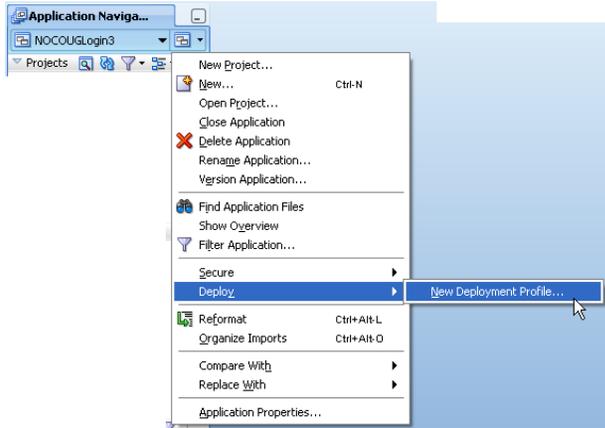
- Defaults are OK

Project Deployment Page



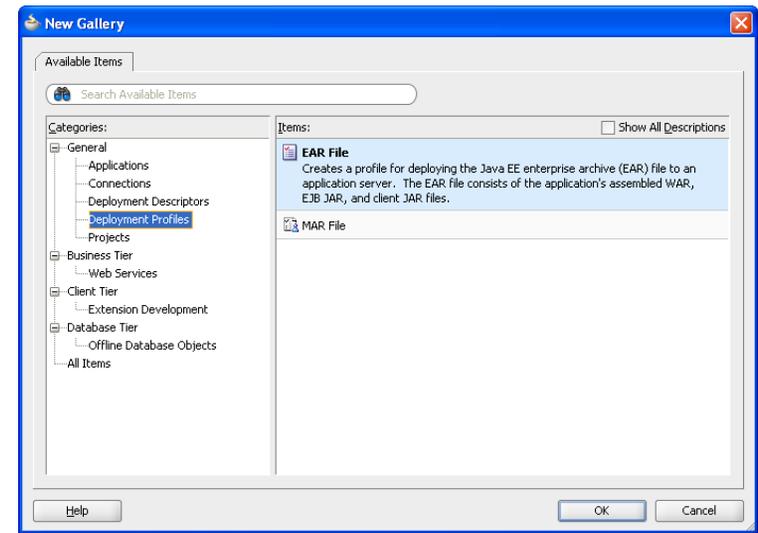
- Defaults are OK

Application Menu - Deploy



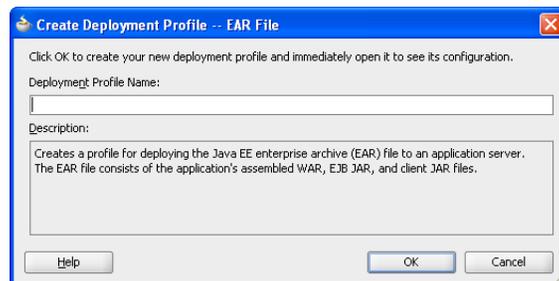
- First time in app, no deployment profile

New Gallery - EAR File



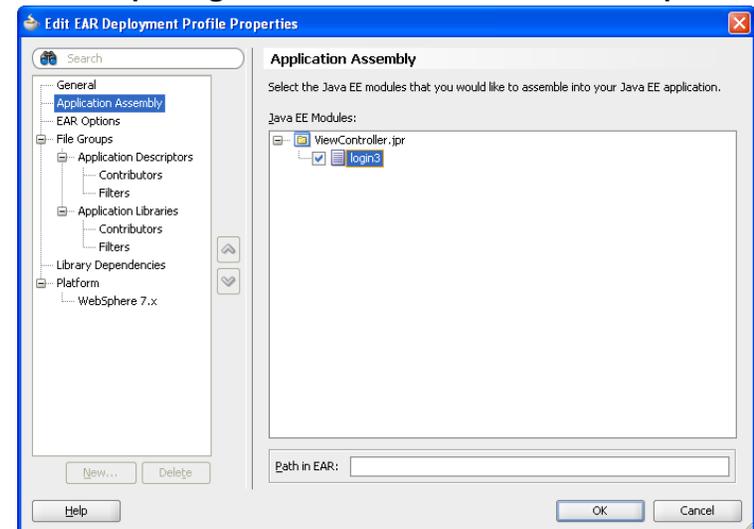
- Double click "EAR File"

Create EAR Deployment Profile



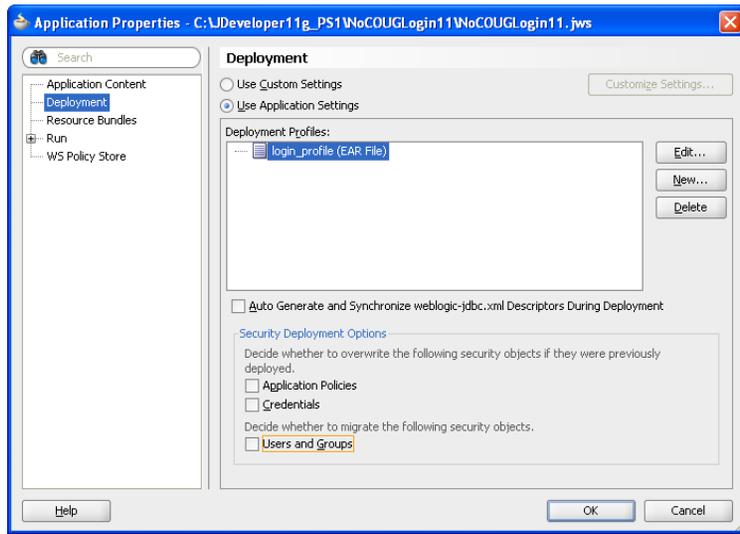
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EAR Deployment Profile Properties



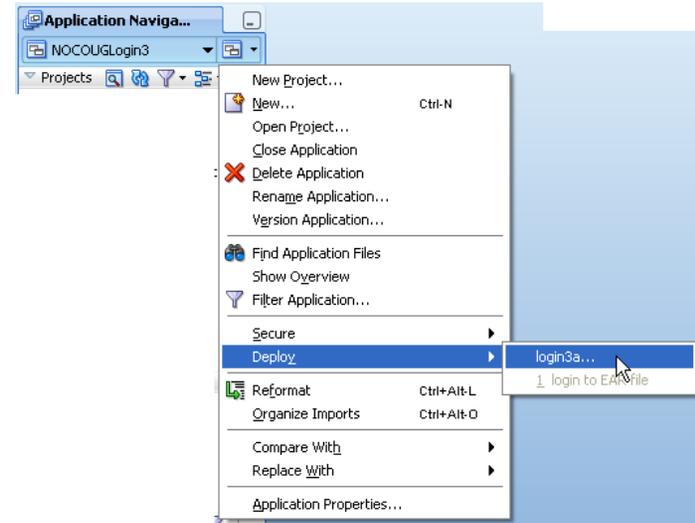
- Application Assembly Page
 - Select WAR deployment profile

Application Deployment Properties

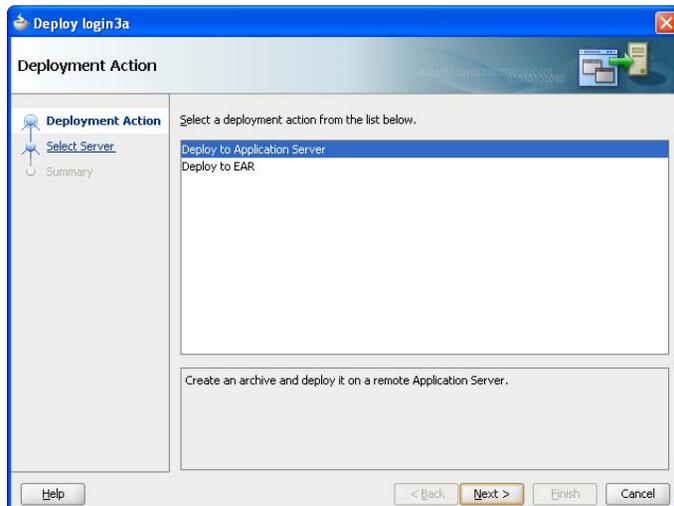


- You can visit the Deployment page later in the Application menu (Application Properties)

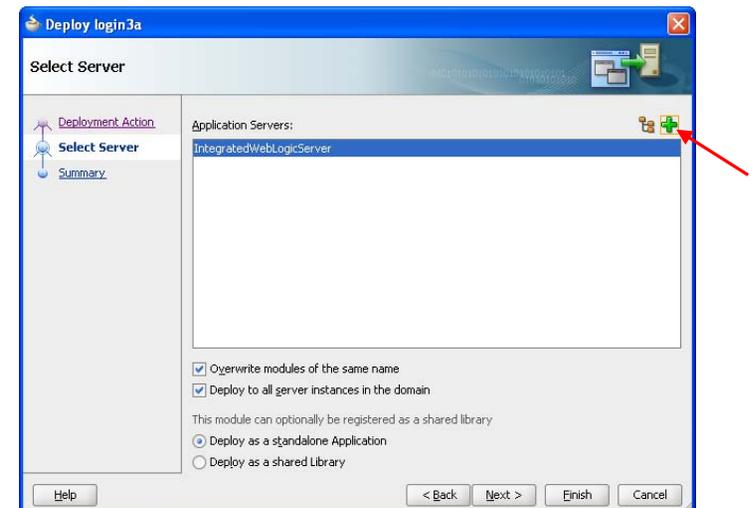
Application Menu - Deploy EAR



Deploy Application - Action

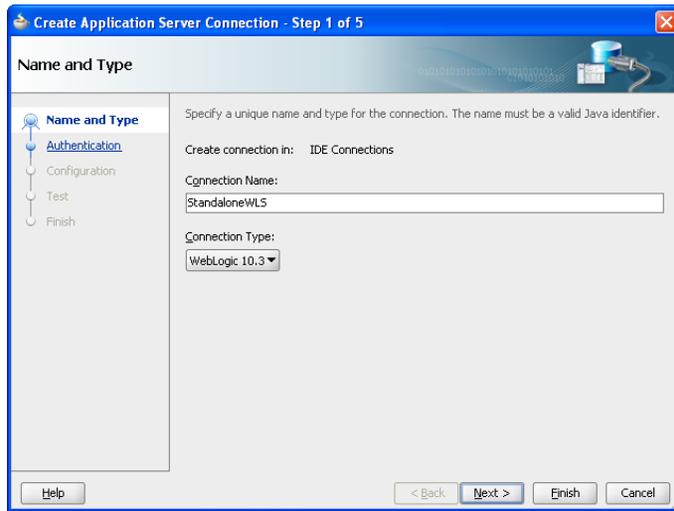


Deploy to Server



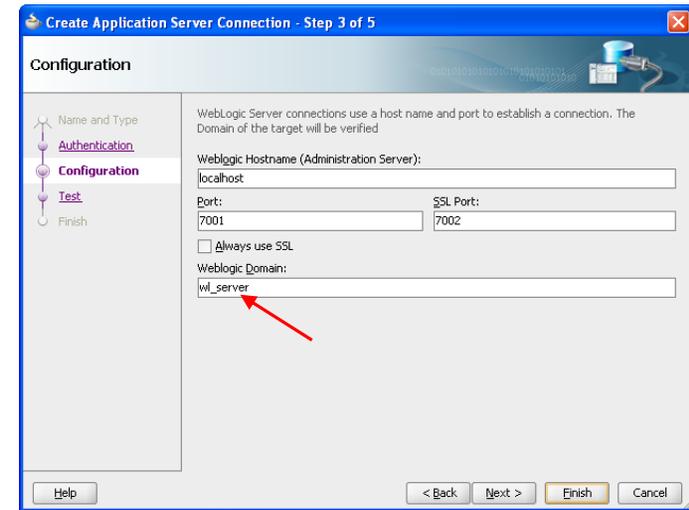
- Click "+" (green plus) to add a connection

Define the Server Connection



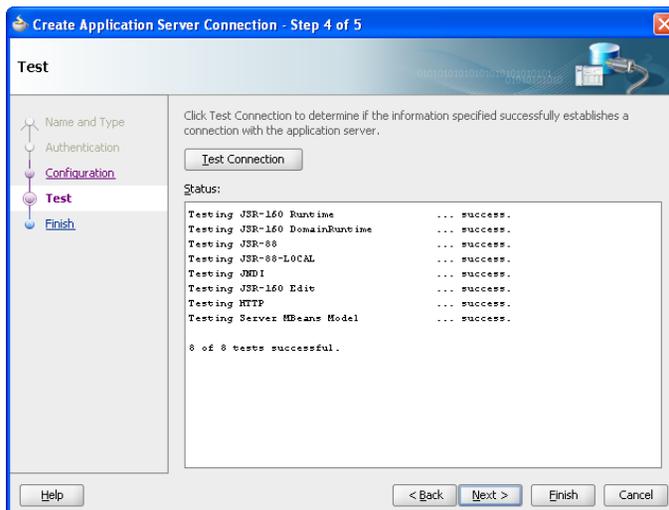
- Step 2 - password
– From the Configuration Wizard

Server Details



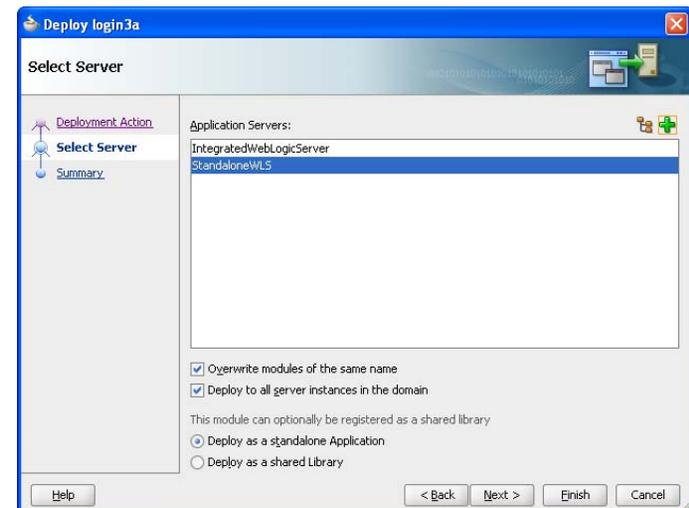
- Weblogic Domain from the Configuration Wizard

Test



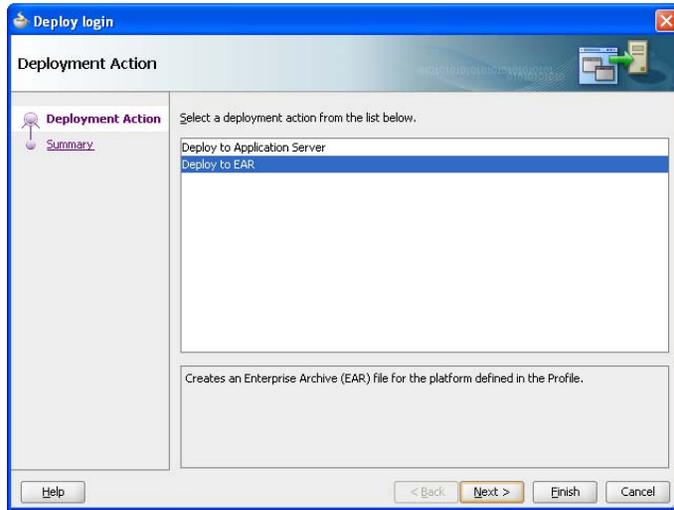
- Be sure the server is running
- Finish

Select the New Connection

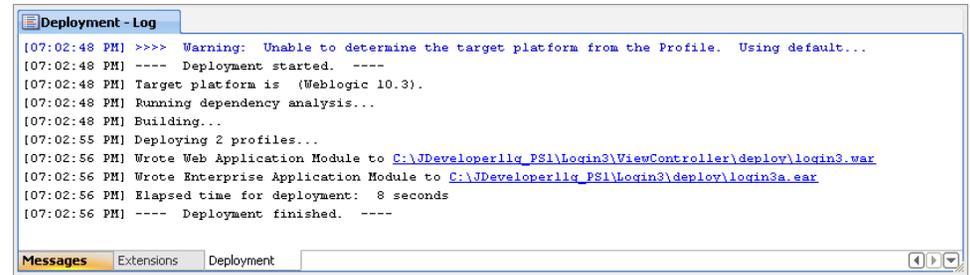


- Finish & Test

Deploy Application - Action



Log Window

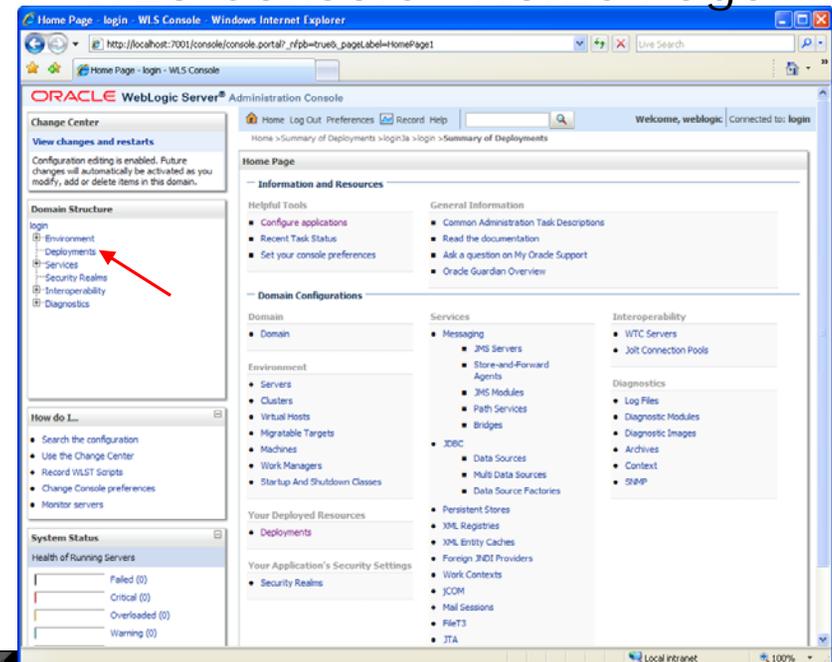


Then Deploy in the App Server

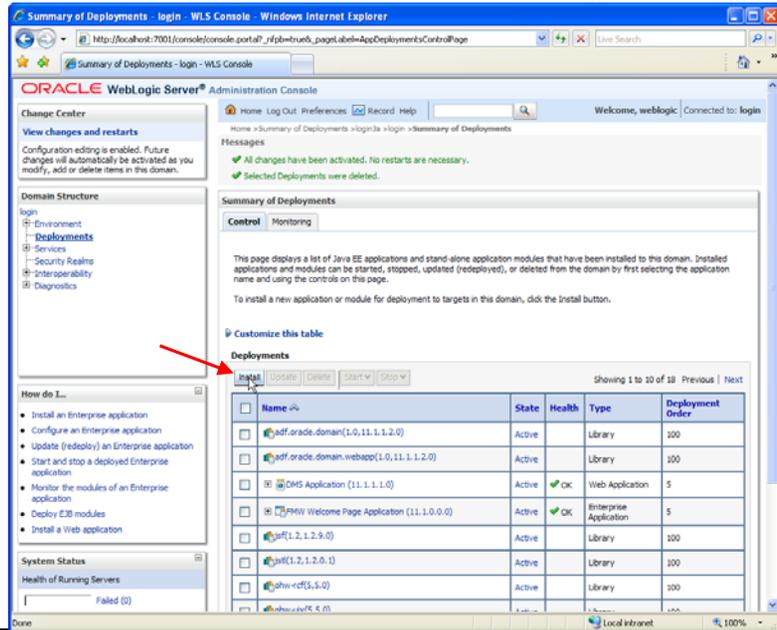
- You can invoke the console from
 - A URL: <http://localhost:7001/console>
 - Or the Application Server Navigator
- Basic steps:
 - Drill into “Deployments”
 - Click the “Install” button
 - Find EAR file in file system and go!
- Additional common tasks
 - Define data sources
 - Deploy permissions



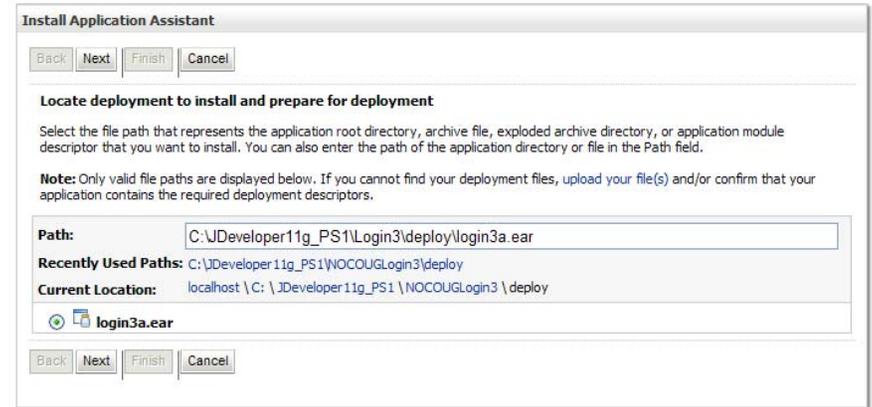
WLS Console - Home Page



Deployments Page

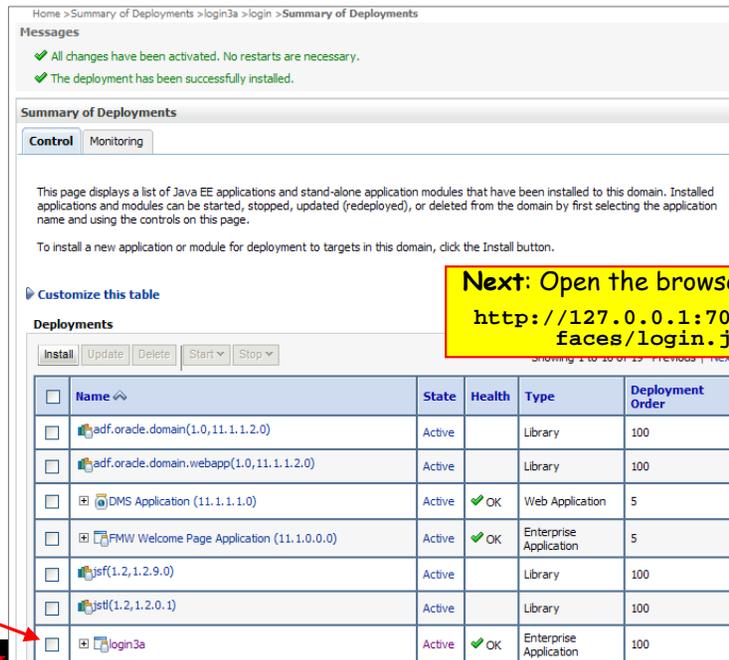


Follow the Screens



- Find the file in the file system
 - Select it. Click Next

Success!

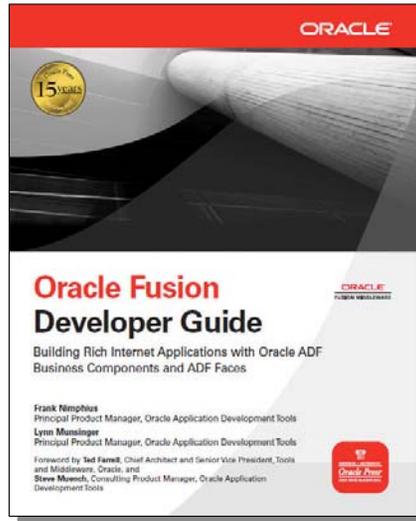


We're Not Done Yet?

This is not the end.
It is not even the beginning
of the end.
But it is, perhaps,
the end of the beginning.
— Winston Churchill (1874-1965)

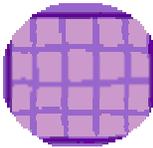
Other Resources

- *Oracle Fusion Middleware Fusion Developer's Guide for Oracle Application Development Framework 11g Release 1 (11.1.1)*
 - PDF at OTN, online in JDev
 - Chapter 32
- *Oracle Fusion Middleware Security Guide 11g Release 1*
 - PDF at OTN
- *Oracle Fusion Developer Guide*
 - Nimphius and Munsinger, McGraw-Hill Professional, Oracle Press (2010)
 - Brief mention in Chapter 21



Summary

- Java EE web applications are deployed to the app server using EAR files
- EAR files contain WAR files
- WAR files contain application files and all required libraries
- JDeveloper's deployment profiles help gather the files (project level and application level)
- Run a utility to create the EAR file and deploy to the app server
- Alternatively, use WLS Console
- Testing deployments is a best practice



- Books co-authored with Dr. Paul Dorsey, Avrom Roy-Faderman, & Duncan Mills



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