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About This Document

This document describes how to develop applications to exchange business messages and monitor run-time activities through the BEA WebLogic CollaborateTM system.

This document is organized as follows:

- Chapter 1, "Introduction," provides an overview to developing applications for the BEA WebLogic Collaborate environment.
- Chapter 2, "Developing Management Applications," describes how to create applications that monitor run-time activities in WebLogic Collaborate using the BEA WebLogic Collaborate Managed Beans (MBeans).

What You Need to Know

This document is intended primarily for:

- Business process designers who use the WebLogic Process Integrator Studio to design workflows that can be used with a BEA WebLogic Collaborate environment.
- Application developers who write Java applications that manage the exchange of business messages or monitor run-time statistics in a BEA WebLogic Collaborate environment.
- System administrators who set up and administer BEA WebLogic Collaborate applications.

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Convention	Item
boldface text	Indicates terms defined in the glossary.
Ctrl+Tab	Indicates that you must press two or more keys simultaneously.
italics	Indicates emphasis or book titles.

Convention	Item
monospace text	Indicates code samples, commands and their options, data structures and their members, data types, directories, and filenames and their extensions. Monospace text also indicates text that you must enter from the keyboard.
	Examples:
	#include <iostream.h> void main () the pointer psz</iostream.h>
	chmod u+w *
	\tux\data\ap
	.doc
	tux.doc
	BITMAP
	float
monospace	Identifies significant words in code.
boldface text	Example:
LEXL	void commit ()
monospace	Identifies variables in code.
italic	Example:
text	String expr
UPPERCASE	Indicates device names, environment variables, and logical operators.
TEXT	Examples:
	LPT1
	SIGNON
	OR
{ }	Indicates a set of choices in a syntax line. The braces themselves should never be typed.
[]	Indicates optional items in a syntax line. The brackets themselves should never be typed.
	Example:
	buildobjclient [-v] [-o name] [-f file-list] [-l file-list]
	Separates mutually exclusive choices in a syntax line. The symbol itself should never be typed.

Convention	Item	
	Indicates one of the following in a command line:	
	 That an argument can be repeated several times in a command line 	
	 That the statement omits additional optional arguments 	
	That you can enter additional parameters, values, or other information	
	The ellipsis itself should never be typed.	
	Example:	
	<pre>buildobjclient [-v] [-o name] [-f file-list] [-l file-list]</pre>	
•	Indicates the omission of items from a code example or from a syntax line. The vertical ellipsis itself should never be typed.	
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1 Introduction

This section describes the following types of applications:

- WebLogic Collaborate Applications
- Management Applications

WebLogic Collaborate Applications

This document introduces WebLogic Collaborate MBeans and management applications. MBeans are one of three types of component applications available within WebLogic Collaborate. Management applications use MBeans to monitor WebLogic Collaborate. In addition to MBeans, WebLogic Collaborate allows you to use the following kinds of applications:

- Logic plug-ins, for customized routing, filtering, and information processing, as described in *Programming BEA WebLogic Collaborate Logic Plug-Ins*
- Messaging applications, as described in *Programming BEA WebLogic* Collaborate Messaging Applications

The following figure shows where these types of applications reside in the WebLogic Collaborate system.

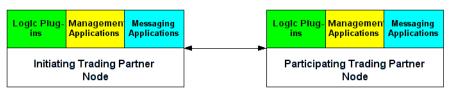
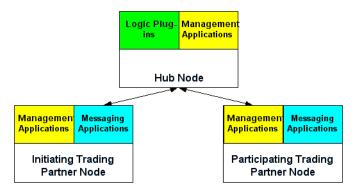


Figure 1-1 Types of WebLogic Collaborate Applications





Hub-and-Spoke Configuration

For an introduction to the WebLogic Collaborate system, see *Introducing BEA WebLogic Collaborate*.

Management Applications

WebLogic Collaborate management applications monitor run-time activities, such as message traffic and conversation statistics, on WebLogic Collaborate. WebLogic Collaborate provides a unified administrative tool, the WebLogic Collaborate Administration Console, that monitors the server at run time. In addition to the system tools provided by BEA, developers can create custom management applications that provide comparable monitoring functionality. Developers can implement a variety of management applications. These applications can:

- Monitor activities on a WebLogic Server node
- Provide run-time statistics for server nodes, delivery channels, business transaction definitions, trading partners, and business messages.

For all management applications, WebLogic Collaborate provides a set of Managed Beans, or *MBeans*, which are special JavaBeans with attributes and methods for management operations. These MBeans are BEA implementations of the Java Management Extensions (JMX) Managed Beans API, which is defined in the Java Management Extensions Specification published by Sun Microsystems, Inc.

For more information about WebLogic Collaborate management applications, see Chapter 2, "Developing Management Applications."

2 Developing Management Applications

The following sections describe how to create WebLogic Collaborate management applications that monitor run-time activity on WebLogic Collaborate nodes:

- Standard and Custom Management Tools
- About Management Applications
- Programming Steps for Management Applications

Standard and Custom Management Tools

The WebLogic Collaborate Administration Console provides run-time monitoring of WebLogic Collaborate activities. Developers who want additional tools can create custom management applications that provide the same monitoring information displayed by the WebLogic Collaborate Administration Console.

Custom management applications may be desirable, for example, if you want read-only access to real-time statistics, such as the number of messages exchanged in a particular conversation or the number of messages received by WebLogic Collaborate. In addition, custom applications can perform certain administrative tasks programmatically, such as shutting down a particular delivery channel or WebLogic Server, or leaving or terminating a particular conversation.

- **Note:** To configure the repository, use one of the following tools. Note that custom management applications cannot configure the repository.
 - WebLogic Collaborate Administration Console, as described in the *BEA* WebLogic Collaborate Administration Console Online Help
 - Bulk Loader, as described in "Working with the Bulk Loader" in Administering BEA WebLogic Collaborate

About Management Applications

The following sections describe management applications in WebLogic Collaborate:

- MBeans and the MBean Server
- MBeans

MBeans and the MBean Server

WebLogic Collaborate provides the application programming interfaces (APIs) needed to create custom management applications that monitor run-time activity on WebLogic Collaborate nodes. The WebLogic Collaborate Administration Console tools also use these APIs to provide real-time monitoring information.

These APIs consist of sets of Java Management Extensions (JMX) Managed Beans, or *MBeans*, which are special JavaBeans with attributes and methods for management operations. For more information about JMX, particularly the use of the JMX API (including the MBeanServer and MBeans), see the Java Management Extensions Specification published by Sun Microsystems, Inc., at the following URL:

http://www.java.sun.com/products/JavaManagement/index.html

MBean Packages

WebLogic Collaborate provides the com.bea.b2b.management package for creating custom management applications. This package provides WebLogic Collaborate MBeans used for creating management applications that monitor run-time activity on server nodes. It also provides the ManagementException class for handling errors that occur in a run-time management application. For detailed information about this package, see the *BEA WebLogic Collaborate Javadoc*.

In this release, all MBeans are implemented as Standard MBeans, which make up a class that implements its own MBean interface. WebLogic Collaborate MBeans are not implemented as remote MBeans. This means that all management applications must reside on the server being monitored.

MBean Server Implementation

WebLogic Collaborate registers the MBean with the MBeanServer instance that is created when a WebLogic Server instance starts. For more information on the WebLogic Server MBeanServer, see the *BEA WebLogic Server Administration Guide* at the following URL:

http://e-docs.bea.com/wls/docs61/adminguide/index.html

MBeans

The com.bea.b2b.management package contains all of the WebLogic Collaborate MBeans, which are described in the following table.

Label	Description
WLCMBean	Represents a WebLogic Collaborate instance. Used for monitoring a WebLogic Collaborate instance at run time.
DeliveryChannelMBean	Represents a delivery channel. Used for monitoring delivery channels on WebLogic Collaborate at run time.

Table 2-1 WebLogic Collaborate MBeans

Label	Description	
ConversationMBean	Represents a business conversation managed by the Transaction Manager on the WebLogic Collaborate instance. Used for monitoring active transactions within a delivery channel.	
TradingPartnerSessionMB ean	Represents a session with a trading partner. Used for monitoring trading partners.	
MessageMBean	Represents a message in a conversation. Used for monitoring messages.	
CollaborationAgreementM Bean	Represents a collaboration agreement. A collaboration agreement represents a technical agreement between two parties on how they plan to communicate with each other using a specific protocol.	

Table 2-1 WebLogic Collaborate MBeans (Continued)

Note: For WebLogic Collaborate Release 2.0, all MBeans are centralized in this package. In previous releases, these MBeans were split between the c-hub and c-enabler packages. If you are upgrading from WebLogic Collaborate 1.0 or 1.0.1, you must modify any management applications you have written to make use of the new MBeans. The following table outlines changes between Release 1.0 MBeans and Release 2.0 MBeans.

Table 2-2 WebLogic Collaborate 1.0 and 2.0 MBean Labels

WLC 1.0 Label	WLC 2.0 Label	Server Location
EnablerMBean	WLCMBean	Enabler
HubMBean	WLCMBean	Hub
CSpaceMBean	DeliveryChannelMBean	Hub
ConversationMBean	ConversationMBean	Enabler
GlobalConversationMBean	ConversationMBean	Hub
EnablerSessionMBean	TradingPartnerSessionMBean	Enabler
CollaboratorMBean	TradingPartnerSessionMBean	Hub
MessageMBean	MessageMBean	Hub and Enabler

Programming Steps for Management Applications

To access WebLogic Collaborate MBeans using the JMX API, a Java application must perform the following steps:

- Step 1: Import the Necessary Packages
- Step 2: Get a Reference to the MBeanServer Object
- Step 3: Construct an ObjectName Object
- Step 4: Query the MBean Server
- Step 5: Read the Attributes of the MBean
- Step 6: Navigate Across MBeans
- Step 7: Handle Exceptions

The WebLogic Collaborate Administration Console uses the JMX API and WebLogic Collaborate MBeans to monitor running WebLogic Collaborate instances.

Step 1: Import the Necessary Packages

To work with MBeans, a management application must import the necessary packages. At a minimum, the application must import the packages described in the following table.

Label	Description
javax.management.*;	Required for JMX MBeans, as mandated in the Java Management Extensions Specification published by Sun Microsystems, Inc.
javax.naming.*;	Required for retrieving the MBean server object using JNDI lookup. Only the following are required: javax.naming.Context javax.naming.InitialContext
com.bea.b2b.management.*	Required for all management applications.
weblogic.management.*	Required for all management implementations. Gets MBeanServer and MBeanHome.

Table 2-3 Packages that Must Be Imported

The code in the following listing imports the necessary packages for a management application.

Listing 2-1 Importing Packages for a Management Application

```
import javax.management.*;
import javax.naming.Context;
import javax.naming.InitialContext;
import com.bea.b2b.management.*;
import weblogic.management.*;
```

Step 2: Get a Reference to the MBeanServer Object

WebLogic Collaborate uses the MBeanServer that is instantiated when an instance of WebLogic Server is started. To get a reference to the MBeanServer, the MBeanHome of that server is required. The MBeanHome of the MBeanServer is available from the server's JNDI tree at:

weblogic.management.MBeanHome.JNDI_NAME.serverName

An administration server publishes an MBeanHome for each server in the domain on its JNDI tree. The administration MBeanHome is available only from the JNDI tree of the administration server at:

weblogic.management.MBeanHome.ADMIN_JNDI_NAME

The underlying MBeanServer for any MBeanHome can be obtained by invoking the getMBeanServer() method on that MBeanHome.

The following code shows an example of a JNDI lookup for the administration server MBeanHome.

Listing 2-2 Getting a Reference to the MBeanServer Object

```
import javax.naming.Context;
import javax.naming.NamingException;
import javax.naming.AuthenticationException;
import javax.naming.CommunicationException;
import weblogic.jndi.Environment;
                                            . . .
import weblogic.management.MBeanHome;
         . . .
   MbeanHome home = null;
   try {
      Environment env = new Environment();
      ctx = env.getInitialContext();
     home = (MBeanHome) ctx.lookup(MBeanHome.ADMIN_JNDI_NAME);
     RemoteMBeanServer server = home.getMBeanServer();
    }
   catch (AuthenticationException e) {
        ... //Error handling
    } catch (CommunicationException e) {
       ... //Error handling
    } catch (NamingException e) {
```

```
... //Error handling
}
```

Step 3: Construct an ObjectName Object

MBeans are uniquely identified by object names inside the MBeanServer. The ObjectName class represents an object name.

For WebLogic Collaborate Release 2.0, only WLCMBean is registered with the MBeanServer; all other MBeans can be retrieved from WLCMBean. WLCMBean has a name, a type, and a domain. These attributes are reflected in the MBean's JMX Object Name. The Object Name is the unique identifier for a given MBean across all domains, and has the following structure:

domain name:Name=name,Type=type[,attr=value]...

The value of *name* is unique for a given domain and a given type. For example:

mydomain:Name=WLC,Type=WLC
ObjectName objectName = new ObjectName("WLC", "WLC", "mydomain");

For MBeans, object names can also be used for query operations in which object name expressions are used. The MBeanServer uses pattern matching on the object names of the registered MBeans. The matching syntax is consistent with file globing, which is described in the Java Management Extensions Specification published by Sun Microsystems, Inc.:

- An asterisk (*) matches any character sequence.
- A question mark (?) matches a single character.

Step 4: Query the MBean Server

After constructing an object name expression, an application queries the MBeanServer by passing the ObjectName object corresponding to the expression. To retrieve the set of registered MBeans, the names of which satisfy an object name expression, use the following method:

javax.management.MBeanServer.queryNames()

The MBeanServer returns a set of objects that satisfy the query criteria. Note that these are ObjectName objects that *represent* MBeans; they are *not* direct references to the MBeans themselves.

Step 5: Read the Attributes of the MBean

Use the ObjectName instance, obtained in the previous step, to access other MBeans, provided that the ObjectName has one or more attributes of the MBean type. To read the attributes of an MBean, use the following method, passing the ObjectName object as a parameter:

```
javax.management.MBeanServer.getAttribute()
```

Once you call the getAttribute method by passing the ObjectName object for the first MBean, you can get direct references to other MBean instances.

The code in the following listing retrieves a set of attributes associated with WLCMBean.

Listing 2-3 Retrieving Conversation Attributes

```
MBeanHome home = Admin.getMBeanHome();
server = home.getMBeanServer();
ObjectName objectName = new ObjectName("WLC", "WLC", "mydomain");
beans = server.queryNames(objectName, null);
Iterator it = beans.iterator();
while (it != null && it.hasNext())
{
 //Should be only one
  obj = (ObjectName)it.next();
  break;
if (obj != null)
{
  Date startTime = (Date)server.getAttribute(obj, "ActiveSince");
  Date lastTime = (Date)server.getAttribute(obj, "LastMessageSentTime");
  ConversationMBean[] convs = (Conversation[]) server.getAttribute(obj,
     "ActiveConversations");
   if (convs != null)
   {
     for (int ii=0; ii< convs.length; ii++)</pre>
     ł
```

}

```
String protocol = convs[ii].getBusinessProtocolName();
}
```

All the attributes shown in the preceding code listing can be retrieved by calling getAttribute. To invoke a method such as shutDown on WLCMBean, call the MBeanServer. For more information see the JMX specification at the following URL:

http://java.sun.com

Step 6: Navigate Across MBeans

MBeans that are logically related have accessor methods to retrieve references to each other. These methods are strongly typed and return exact MBean types. For example, the WLCMBean.getActiveDeliveryChannels() method returns an array of type DeliveryChannelMBean that represents all the active delivery channels in the system. Similarly, the TradingPartnerSessionMBean.getActiveConversations() method returns an array of type ConversationMBean that represents all the active conversations in this session.

For detailed information about these methods, see the *BEA WebLogic Collaborate Javadoc*.

Step 7: Handle Exceptions

If an error occurs while a WebLogic Collaborate management application is being run, a com.bea.b2b.management.ManagementException is thrown. Management applications can catch this exception and process it appropriately, as shown in the following listing.

Listing 2-4 Handling ManagementExceptions in Management Applications

```
catch (ManagementException me){
   String msg = "Exception in Management Application: " + me;
   debug(msg);
   throw new Exception(msg);
```

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