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# Preface

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This *Sun Java System Application Server Enterprise Edition 8.2 Upgrade and Migration Guide* describes how Java™ 2 Platform, Enterprise Edition (J2EE™ platform) applications from the Sun ONE Application Server 6.x (also known as iPlanet Application Server), J2EE Reference Implementation (RI) 1.3/1.4 Application Server, Sun Java System Application Server 7, WebLogic Server 5.1/6.0/6.1/8.1, WebSphere Application Server 4/5.1, JBoss 3.0, or Apache Tomcat 4.1 to the Sun Java System Application Server 8.2.

This guide describes differences between adjacent product releases and configuration options that can result in incompatibility with the product specifications. Specifically, this *Sun Java System Application Server Enterprise Edition 8.2 Upgrade and Migration Guide* details Sun Java System Application Server 8.2 incompatibility with Sun Java System Application Server 8 2004Q2, Sun Java System Application Server 7 2004Q2, and the Java™ 2 Platform, Enterprise Edition (J2EE™ platform), version 1.4 specification.

This preface contains information about the following topics:

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## Who Should Use This Book

The intended audience for this guide is the system administrator, network administrator, application server administrator, and web developer who has an interest in migration issues.

This guide assumes you are familiar with the following topics:

- HTML
- Application Servers
- Client/Server programming model
- Internet and World Wide Web
- Windows 2000 and/or Solaris™ operating systems
- Java programming
- Java APIs as defined in specifications for Enterprise Java Beans (EJB)s, Java Server Pages (JSP)
- Java Database Connectivity (JDBC)
- Structured database query languages such as SQL
- Relational database concepts
- Software development processes, including debugging and source code control

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## How This Book Is Organized

This guide is organized as follows:

Chapter [Chapter 1](#) , discusses the incompatibilities between Application Server 8.2 and Application Server 7/8.

Chapter [Chapter 2](#), discusses the J2EE incompatibilities between Application Server 8.2 and Application Server 7/8.

Chapter [Chapter 3](#), describes the process to upgrade an earlier installation of Application Server to Application Server 8.2.

Chapter [Chapter 4](#), discusses the need to migrate applications.

Chapter [Chapter 5](#), describes the process to migrate EJB 1.1 to EJB 2.0 specification.

Chapter [Chapter 6](#), describes the considerations and strategies to migrate applications from earlier releases of Sun's application servers to Sun Java System Application Server 8.2 .



Chapter [Chapter 7](#), describes the process for migrating the main components of a typical J2EE application from Sun ONE Application Server 6.x to Sun Java System Application Server 8.2.

Chapter [Chapter 8](#), lists the tools and resources that aid in automatic migration of applications.

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## Application Server Documentation Set

The Application Server documentation set describes deployment planning and system installation. The URL for standalone Application Server documentation is <http://docs.sun.com/app/docs/coll/1343.1>. For an introduction to Application Server, refer to the books in the order in which they are listed in the following table.

**TABLE P-1** Books in the Application Server Documentation Set

Book Title	Description
<i>Release Notes</i>	Late-breaking information about the software and the documentation. Includes a comprehensive, table-based summary of the supported hardware, operating system, JDK, and JDBC/RDBMS.
<i>Quick Start Guide</i>	How to get started with the Application Server product.
<i>Installation Guide</i>	Installing the software and its components.
<i>Developer's Guide</i>	Creating and implementing Java™ 2 Platform, Enterprise Edition (J2EE™ platform) applications intended to run on the Application Server that follow the open Java standards model for J2EE components and APIs. Includes information about developer tools, security, debugging, deployment, and creating lifecycle modules.
<i>J2EE 1.4 Tutorial</i>	Using J2EE 1.4 platform technologies and APIs to develop J2EE applications.
<i>Administration Guide</i>	Configuring, managing, and deploying Application Server subsystems and components from the Administration Console.
<i>Administration Reference</i>	Editing the Application Server configuration file, <code>domain.xml</code> .
<i>Upgrade and Migration Guide</i>	Migrating your applications to the new Application Server programming model, specifically from Application Server 6.x and 7. This guide also describes differences between adjacent product releases and configuration options that can result in incompatibility with the product specifications.
<i>Troubleshooting Guide</i>	Solving Application Server problems.
<i>Error Message Reference</i>	Solving Application Server error messages.

**TABLE P-1** Books in the Application Server Documentation Set (Continued)

Book Title	Description
<i>Reference Manual</i>	Utility commands available with the Application Server; written in man page style. Includes the <code>asadmin</code> command line interface.

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## Related Books

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For other Sun Java System server documentation, go to the following:

- Message Queue documentation
- Directory Server documentation
- Web Server documentation

The URL for all documentation about Java ES and its components is <http://docs.sun.com/prod/entsys.05q4>.

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## Default Paths and File Names

The following table describes the default paths and file names that are used in this book.

**TABLE P-2** Default Paths and File Names

Placeholder	Description	Default Value
<i>install-dir</i>	Represents the base installation directory for Application Server.	<p>Sun Java Enterprise System (Java ES) installations on the Solaris™ platform:</p> <p><code>/opt/SUNWappserver/appserver</code></p> <p>Java ES installations on the Linux platform:</p> <p><code>/opt/sun/appserver/</code></p> <p>Other Solaris and Linux installations, non-root user:</p> <p><code>user's home directory/SUNWappserver</code></p> <p>Other Solaris and Linux installations, root user:</p> <p><code>/opt/SUNWappserver</code></p> <p>Windows, all installations:</p> <p><code>SystemDrive:\Sun\AppServer</code></p>
<i>domain-root-dir</i>	Represents the directory containing all domains.	<p>Java ES installations on the Solaris platform:</p> <p><code>/var/opt/SUNWappserver/domains/</code></p> <p>Java ES installations on the Linux platform:</p> <p><code>/var/opt/sun/appserver/domains/</code></p> <p>All other installations:</p> <p><code>install-dir/domains/</code></p>
<i>domain-dir</i>	<p>Represents the directory for a domain.</p> <p>In configuration files, you might see <i>domain-dir</i> represented as follows:</p> <p><code>\${com.sun.aas.instanceRoot}</code></p>	<code>domain-root-dir/domain-dir</code>

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## Typographic Conventions

The following table describes the typographic changes that are used in this book.

**TABLE P-3** Typographic Conventions

Typeface	Meaning	Example
AaBbCc123	The names of commands, files, and directories, and onscreen computer output	Edit your <code>.login</code> file. Use <code>ls -a</code> to list all files. <code>machine_name% you have mail.</code>
<b>AaBbCc123</b>	What you type, contrasted with onscreen computer output	<code>machine_name% su</code> Password:
<i>AaBbCc123</i>	A placeholder to be replaced with a real name or value	The command to remove a file is <code>rm filename</code> .
<i>AaBbCc123</i>	Book titles, new terms, and terms to be emphasized (note that some emphasized items appear bold online)	Read Chapter 6 in the <i>User's Guide</i> . A <i>cache</i> is a copy that is stored locally. Do <i>not</i> save the file.

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## Symbol Conventions

The following table explains symbols that might be used in this book.

**TABLE P-4** Symbol Conventions

Symbol	Description	Example	Meaning
[ ]	Contains optional arguments and command options.	<code>ls [-l]</code>	The <code>-l</code> option is not required.
{   }	Contains a set of choices for a required command option.	<code>-d {y n}</code>	The <code>-d</code> option requires that you use either the <code>y</code> argument or the <code>n</code> argument.
<code>\${ }</code>	Indicates a variable reference.	<code>\${com.sun.javaRoot}</code>	References the value of the <code>com.sun.javaRoot</code> variable.
-	Joins simultaneous multiple keystrokes.	Control-A	Press the Control key while you press the A key.
+	Joins consecutive multiple keystrokes.	Ctrl+A+N	Press the Control key, release it, and then press the subsequent keys.
→	Indicates menu item selection in a graphical user interface.	File → New → Templates	From the File menu, choose New. From the New submenu, choose Templates.

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- Training
- Research
- Communities (for example, Sun Developer Network)

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# Application Server Compatibility Issues

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Application Server 8.2) is upward binary compatible with Application Server 8 2004Q2 and with Application Server 7 2004Q2 except for the incompatibilities noted below. J2EE applications that run on versions 7 and 8 also work on version 8.2 except for the incompatibilities listed in this chapter.

The topics discussed in this chapter include incompatibilities in the following areas:

- “Web Server Features” on page 15
- “Security Realms” on page 16
- “Sun Deployment Descriptor: sun-web.xml” on page 17
- “The encodeCookies Property” on page 17
- “CORBA Performance Option” on page 17
- “File Formats” on page 18
- “Tools Interoperability” on page 18
- “Security Policy” on page 18
- “Implicit URL Rewriting” on page 19
- “Primary Key Attribute Values” on page 19
- “Command Line Interface: start-appserv and stop-appserv” on page 21
- “Command Line Interface: asadmin” on page 21

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## Web Server Features

The following web server-specific features are no longer supported in version Application Server 8.2:

- `cgi-bin`, `shtml`
- Simple Network Management Protocol (SNMP) support
- Netscape API (NSAPI) plugin APIs
- Native-content-handling features
- Web server tools (`flexanlg`, `htpasswd`)

- HTTP QoS
- Web server configuration files (\*.conf, \*.acl, mime.types)
- Web server-specific log rotation facility
- Watch dog process (appserv-wdog)

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## Security Realms

The package names of the security realm implementations have been renamed from `com.iplanet.ias.security.auth.realm` in Application Server 7 to `com.sun.enterprise.security.auth.realm` in Application Server 8.2. Custom realms written using the `com.iplanet.*` classes must be modified.

The `com.sun.enterprise.security.AuthenticationStatus` class has been removed.

The `com.sun.enterprise.security.auth.login.PasswordLoginModule` authenticate method implementation has changed as follows:

```
/**
 * Perform authentication decision.
 * <P> Note: AuthenticationStatus and AuthenticationStatusImpl
 * classes have been removed.
 * Method returns silently on success and returns a LoginException
 * on failure.
 *
 * @return void authenticate returns silently on
 *         successful authentication.
 * @throws LoginException on authentication failure.
 */
abstract protected void authenticate()
    throws LoginException;
```

For more information, see:

[http://developers.sun.com/prodtech/appserver/reference/techart/as8\\_authentication/index.html](http://developers.sun.com/prodtech/appserver/reference/techart/as8_authentication/index.html)



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## Sun Deployment Descriptor: sun-web.xml

In Application Server 7, the default value for the optional attribute `delegate` was false. In Application Server 8.2, this attribute defaults to true. This change means that by default the Web application classloader first delegates to the parent classloader before attempting to load a class by itself. For details, see [“Application Server 8.2 Options Contrary to J2EE 1.4 Specification Recommendations”](#) on page 32.

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## The `encodeCookies` Property

URL encoding of cookies is performed, if the `encodeCookies` property of the `sun-web-app` element in the `sun-web.xml` file is set to true. In Application Server 7, the default value of the `encodeCookies` property was true. This property was not present in Application Server 8. In Application Server 8.2, the default value is false.

URL encoding of cookies is unnecessary. Setting this property to true is strongly discouraged. This property is provided only for those rare applications that depended on this behavior in Application Server 7.

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## CORBA Performance Option

In Application Server 7, users were able to specify the following system property to optionally turn on some Object Request Broker (ORB) performance optimization:

```
-Djavax.rmi.CORBA.UtilClass=com.ipplanet.ias.util.orbutil.IasUtilDelegate
```

The ORB performance optimization is turned on by default in Application Server 8.2. If you are using the preceding system property reference, you must remove it to avoid interfering with the default optimization.

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## File Formats

In Application Server 8.2, `domain.xml` is the main server configuration file. In Application Server 7, the main server configuration file was `server.xml`. The DTD file of `domain.xml` is found in `lib/dtds/sun-domain_1_1.dtd`. The upgrade tool included in Application Server 8.2 can be used to migrate the `server.xml` from Application Server 7 to `domain.xml` for Application Server 8.2.

The `lib/dtds/sun-domain_1_1.dtd` file for Application Server 8.2 is fully backward compatible with the corresponding file for Application Server 8, `sun-domain_1_0.dtd`.

In general, the configuration file formats are *not* backward compatible. The following configuration files are *not* supported:

- `*.conf`
- `*.acl`
- `mime.types`
- `server.xml` (replaced with `domain.xml`)

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## Tools Interoperability

As a general rule, tools are not interoperable between Application Server 7 and 8.2. Users must upgrade their Application Server 7 tools to work with Application Server 8.2.

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## Security Policy

You cannot change the security policy of Application Server 8.2. In Application Server 7, you could change the security policy because the read/write permission `java.util.PropertyPermission` is `"*", "read,write";`. In Application Server 8.2 the read/write permission for `java.util.PropertyPermission` is `"*", "read";`.

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## Implicit URL Rewriting

Application Server 6.x supported implicit URL rewriting, in which the web connector plug-in parsed the HTML stream being sent to the browser and appended session IDs to attributes such as `href=` and `frame=`. In Application Server 7/ 8 and Application Server 8.2, this feature is not available. You need to review your applications and use `encodeURL` and `encodeRedirectURL` on every URL that the applications present to clients (such as mobile phones) that do not support cookies.

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## Primary Key Attribute Values

In Application Server 7, it was possible to change any field (in the Administration Console) or attribute (in the Command Line Interface (CLI)). In Application Server 8.2, a field or attribute that is the primary key of an item cannot be changed. However, an item can be deleted and then recreated with a new primary key value. In most cases, the primary key is a name, ID, reference, or JNDI name. The following table lists the primary keys that cannot be changed.

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**Note** – In the `domain.xml` file, a field or attribute is called an *attribute*, and an item is called an *element*. For more information about `domain.xml`, see the *Sun Java System Application Server Platform Edition 8.2 Administration Reference*.

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**TABLE 1-1** Primary Key Attributes

Item	Primary Key Field or Attribute
<code>admin-object-resource</code>	<code>jndi-name</code>
<code>alert-subscription</code>	<code>name</code>
<code>appclient-module</code>	<code>name</code>
<code>application-ref</code>	<code>ref</code>
<code>audit-module</code>	<code>name</code>
<code>auth-realm</code>	<code>name</code>
<code>cluster-ref</code>	<code>ref</code>
<code>cluster</code>	<code>name</code>

**TABLE 1-1** Primary Key Attributes (Continued)

<b>Item</b>	<b>Primary Key Field or Attribute</b>
config	name
connector-connection-pool	name
connector-module	name
connector-resource	jndi-name
custom-resource	jndi-name
ejb-module	name
external-jndi-resource	jndi-name
http-listener	id
iiop-listener	id
j2ee-application	name
jacc-provider	name
jdbc-connection-pool	name
jdbc-resource	jndi-name
jms-host	name
jmx-connector	name
lb-config	name
lifecycle-module	name
mail-resource	jndi-name
message-security-config	auth-layer
node-agent	name
profiler	name
element-property	name
provider-config	provider-id
resource-adapter-config	resource-adapter-name
resource-ref	ref
security-map	name
server	name
server-ref	ref
system-property	name

**TABLE 1-1** Primary Key Attributes (Continued)

Item	Primary Key Field or Attribute
thread-pool	thread-pool-id
virtual-server	id
web-module	name
persistence-manager-factory-resource	jndi-name

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## Command Line Interface: start-appserv and stop-appserv

The `start-appserv` and `stop-appserv` commands are deprecated. Use of these commands results in a warning. Use `useasadmin start-domain` and `asadmin stop-domain` instead.

In Application Server 8.2, the Log Messages to Standard Error field has been removed from the Administration Console. The `log-to-console` attribute in the `domain.xml` file is deprecated and ignored. The `asadmin set` command has no effect on the `log-to-console` attribute. Use the `---verbose` option of the `asadmin start-domain` command to print messages to the window in which you executed the `asadmin start-domain` command. This option works only if you execute the `asadmin start-domain` command on the machine that has the domain you are starting.

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## Command Line Interface: asadmin

The following sections describe changes to the command line utility `asadmin`:

- “[asadmin Subcommands](#)” on page 22
- “[Error Codes for Start and Stop Subcommands](#)” on page 22
- “[Deprecated and Unsupported Options](#)” on page 22
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For more information about the `asadmin` commands, see the *Sun Java System Application Server Platform Edition 8.2 Reference Manual*.

## asadmin Subcommands

Sub-commands are backward compatible except as noted below.

The `reconfigsubcommand` is deprecated and ignored.

The following sub-commands are no longer supported in Application Server 8.2. The software license key and web core were removed, and Application Server 8.2 no longer supports controlled functions from web server features.

- `install-license`
- `display-license`
- `create-http-qos`
- `delete-http-qos`
- `create-mime`
- `delete-mime`
- `list-mime`
- `create-authdb`
- `delete-authdb`
- `list-authdbs`
- `create-acl`
- `delete-acl`
- `list-acls`

## Error Codes for Start and Stop Subcommands

For Application Server 7, the error codes for the `start` and `stop` subcommands of the `asadmin` command were based on the desired end state. For example, for `asadmin start-domain`, if the domain was already running, the exit code was 0 (success). If domain startup failed, the exit code was 1 (error).

For Application Server 8.2, the exit codes are based on whether the commands execute as expected. For example, the `asadmin start-domain` command returns exit code 1 if the domain is already running or if domain startup fails. Similarly, `asadmin stop-domain` returns exit code 1 if the domain is already not running or cannot be stopped.

## Deprecated and Unsupported Options

Options in the following table are deprecated or no longer supported.

**TABLE 1-2** Deprecated and Unsupported asadmin Options

Option	Deprecated or Unsupported in Subcommands
--acceptlang	Deprecated for the create-virtual-server subcommand.
--acls	Deprecated for the create-virtual-server subcommand.
--adminpassword	Deprecated for all relevant subcommands. Use --passwordfile instead.
--blockingenabled	Deprecated for the create-http-listener subcommand.
--configfile	Deprecated for the create-virtual-server subcommand.
--defaultobj	Deprecated for the create-virtual-server subcommand.
--domain	Deprecated for the stop-domain subcommand.
--family	Deprecated for the create-http-listener subcommand.
--instance	Deprecated for all remote subcommands. Use --target instead.
--mime	Deprecated for the create-virtual-server subcommand.
--optionsfile	No longer supported for any commands.
--password	Deprecated for all remote subcommands. Use --passwordfile instead.
--path	Deprecated for the create-domain subcommand. Use --domaindir instead.
--resourcetype	Deprecated for all relevant subcommands. Use --restype instead.
--storeurl	No longer supported for any commands.
--target	Deprecated for all jdbc-connection-pool, connector-connection-pool, connector-security-map, and resource-adapter-config subcommands.
--type	Deprecated for all relevant subcommands.

## Dotted Names

The following use of dotted names in asadmin get and set subcommands are not backward compatible:

- The default server name is server instead of server1.
- .resource becomes domain.resources.resource.
- .app-module becomes domain.applications.app-module.
- Attributes names format is different. For example,poolResizeQuantity is now pool-resize-quantity.
- Some aliases supported in Application Server 7 are not supported in Application Server 8.2 .

In Application Server 8.2, the `--passwordfile` option of the `asadmin` command does not read the `password.conf` file, and the upgrade tool does not upgrade this file. For information about creating a password file in Application Server 8.2, see the *Sun Java System Application Server Platform Edition 8.2 Administration Guide*.

This table displays a one-to-one mapping of the incompatibilities in dotted names between Application Server 7 and 8.2. The compatible dotted names are not listed in this table.

**TABLE 1-3** Incompatible Dotted Names Between Versions

Application Server 7 Dotted Names	Application Server 8.2 Dotted Names
<i>server_instance</i> .http-listener. <i>listener_id</i> server_instance.http-service. http-listener. <i>listener_id</i>	.http-service .http-listener. <i>listener_id</i> .http-service .http-listener. <i>listener_id</i>
<i>server_instance</i> .orbserver_instance .iiop-service	.iiop-service.iiop-service
<i>server_instance</i> .orblistenerserver_instance .iiop-listener	.iiop-service .iiop-listener. <i>listener_id</i> .iiop-service .iiop-listener. <i>listener_id</i>
<i>server_instance</i> .jdbc-resource. <i>jndi_name</i>	.resources.jdbc-resource. <i>jndi_name</i> domain.resources.jdbc-resource .jndi_name
<i>server_instance</i> .jdbc-connection-pool .pool_id	.resources.jdbc-connection-pool. <i>pool_id</i> domain.resources. jdbc-connection-pool. <i>pool_id</i>
<i>server_instance</i> .external-jndi-resource. <i>jndi_name</i> server_instance. jndi-resource. <i>jndi_name</i>	.resources.external-jndi-resource .jndi_name domain.resources .external.jndi-resource. <i>jndi_name</i>
<i>server_instance</i> .custom-resource. <i>jndi_name</i>	.resources.custom-resource. <i>jndi_name</i> domain.resources.custom-resource. <i>jndi_name</i>
<i>server_instance</i> .web-container.logLevel (see note below)	.log-service.module- log-levels.web-container .log-service.module-log-levels. web-container
<i>server_instance</i> .web-container. monitoringEnabled (see note below)	.monitoring-service.module- monitoring-levels.web-container .monitoring-service.module -monitoring-levels.web-container



**TABLE 1-3** Incompatible Dotted Names Between Versions (Continued)

<b>Application Server 7 Dotted Names</b>	<b>Application Server 8.2 Dotted Names</b>
<i>server_instance.j2ee-application.application_nameserver_instance.application_name</i>	.applications.j2ee-application.application_name domain.applications.j2ee-application.application_name
<i>server_instance.ejb-module.ejb-module_name</i>	.applications.ejb-module.ejb-module_name domain.applications.ejb-module.ejb-module_name
<i>server_instance.web-module.web-module_name</i>	.applications.web-module.web-module_name domain.applications.web-module.web-module_name
<i>server_instance.connector-module.connector_module_name</i>	.applications.connector-module.connector_module_name domain.applications.connector-module.connector_module_name
<i>server_instance.lifecycle-module.lifecycle_module_name</i>	.applications.lifecycle-module.lifecycle_module_name domain.application.lifecycle-module.lifecycle_module_name
<i>server_instance.virtual-server-class</i>	N/A*
<i>server_instance.virtual-server.virtual-server_id</i>	.http-service.virtual-server.virtual-server_id .http-service.virtual-server.virtual-server_id
<i>server_instance.mime.mime_id</i>	N/A*
<i>server_instance.acl.acl_id</i>	N/A*
<i>server_instance.virtual-server.virtual-server_id.auth-db.auth-db_id</i>	N/A*
<i>server_instance.authrealm.realm_idserver_instance.security-service.authrealm.realm_id</i>	.security-service.auth-realm.realm_id.security-service-auth-realm.realm_id
<i>server_instance.persistence-manager-factory-resource.jndi_nameserver_instance.resources.persistence-manager-factory-resource.jndi_name</i>	.resources.persistence-manager-factory-resource.jndi_name domain.resources.persistence-manager-factory-resource.jndi_name
<i>server_instance.http-service.acl.acl_id</i>	N/A*
<i>server_instance.mail-resource.jndi_name</i>	.resources.mail-resource.jndi_name domain.resources.mail-resource.jndi_name

**TABLE 1-3** Incompatible Dotted Names Between Versions (Continued)

Application Server 7 Dotted Names	Application Server 8.2 Dotted Names
<code>server_instance.profiler</code>	<code>.java-config.profiler</code> <code>.java-config.profiler</code>

\* — These attribute names in Application Server 7 do not correspond directly with Application Server 8.2 dotted names.

## Tokens in Attribute Values

The `asadmin get` command shows raw values in Application Server 8.2 instead of resolved values as in Application Server 8. These raw values may be tokens. For example, executing the following command:

```
asadmin get domain.log-root
```

The preceding command displays the following value:

```
${com.sun.aas.instanceRoot}/logs
```

## Nulls in Attribute Values

In Application Server 8, attributes with no values contained null. This caused problems in attributes that specified paths. In Application Server 8.2, attributes with no values contain empty strings, as they did in Application Server 7.

## J2EE 1.4 Compatibility Issues

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The following topics are covered in this chapter:

- “Binary Compatibility” on page 27
- “Source Compatibility” on page 27
- “Incompatibilities in the J2EE 1.4 Platform (since the J2EE 1.3 release)” on page 28
- “JAXP and SAX Incompatibilities” on page 31
- “Application Server 8.2 Options Incompatible With J2EE 1.4 Specification Requirements” on page 31
- “Application Server 8.2 Options Contrary to J2EE 1.4 Specification Recommendations” on page 32

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### Binary Compatibility

The Java SDK included in Application Server 8.2 is the Java™ 2 Platform, Enterprise Edition (J2EE™ platform), version 1.4 SDK. This version of the J2EE SDK is upwards binary-compatible with J2EE SDK 1.3, except for the incompatibilities listed below. This means that, except for the noted incompatibilities, applications built for version 1.3 run correctly on the Sun Java System Application Server 8.2 release. For easy reference, the version of the J2EE SDK included in this release is referred to as J2EE 1.4 throughout this section.

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### Source Compatibility

Downward source compatibility is not supported. If source files use new J2EE APIs, they are not usable with an earlier version of the J2EE platform.

In general, the policy is as follows:

- Maintenance releases do not introduce any new APIs, so they maintain source-compatibility with one another.  
(<http://java.sun.com/j2se/1.4.2/compatibility.html>)
- Functionality releases and major releases maintain upwards but not downwards source-compatibility.

Deprecated APIs are methods and classes that are supported only for backward compatibility. The compiler generates a warning message whenever one of these is used, unless the `-nowarn` command line option is used. It is recommended that programs be modified to eliminate the use of deprecated methods and classes, though there are no plans to remove such methods and classes entirely.

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## Incompatibilities in the J2EE 1.4 Platform (since the J2EE 1.3 release)

The Application Server 8.2 release is based on the Java 2 Platform, Enterprise Edition, version 1.4. The Application Server 7 release is based on the Java 2 Platform, Enterprise Edition, version 1.3.

The Application Server 8.2 release is strongly compatible with previous versions of the J2EE platform. Almost all existing programs should run on the Application Server 8.2 release without modification. However, there are some minor potential incompatibilities that involve rare circumstances and corner cases documented here for completeness.

### Servlet Specification

Java Servlet Specification Version 2.4 ships with the Application Server 8.2 release, and can be downloaded from (<http://java.sun.com/products/servlet/>). Version 2.3 of the specification shipped with the J2EE 1.3 SDK. The following items discuss compatibility issues between these releases:

- `HttpSessionListener sessionDestroyed` method was previously used to notify that a session was invalidated. As of this release, this method is used to notify that a session is about to be invalidated so that it notifies before the session invalidation. If the code assumed the previous behavior, it must be modified to match the new behavior.
- `ServletRequest` methods `getRemotePort`, `getLocalName`, `getLocalAddr`, `getLocalPort`...
- The following methods are added in the `ServletRequest` interface in this version of the specification. This addition causes source incompatibility in some cases, such as when a developer implements the `ServletRequest` interface. In

this case, ensure that all the following new methods are implemented:

- The `getRemotePort()` method returns the Internet Protocol (IP) source port of the client or last proxy that sent the request.
- The `getLocalName()` method returns the host name of the IP interface on which the request was received.
- The public `java.lang.String getLocalAddr()` method returns the IP address of the interface on which the request was received.
- The public `int getLocalPort()` method returns the IP port number of the interface on which the request was received.

## Java Server Pages Specification

Java Server Pages (JSP) Specification 2.0 ships with the Application Server 8.2 release and is downloadable from: (<http://java.sun.com/products/jsp/>)

JSP specification 1.2 is shipped with the J2EE 1.3 SDK. Wherever possible, the JSP 2.0 specification attempts to be fully backward compatible with the JSP 1.2 specification. Some of the ambiguities in JSP 1.2 specification that have been clarified in the JSP 2.0 specification. Because some JSP 1.2 containers behave differently, some applications that rely on container-specific behavior may need to be adjusted to work correctly in a JSP 2.0 environment.

The following is a list of known backward compatibility issues:

- The type coercion rules (shown in Table JSP.1-11 in the JSP 2.0 specification) have been reconciled with the EL coercion rules. There are some exceptional conditions that no longer result in an exception in the JSP 2.0 Specification. In particular, when passing an empty String to an attribute of a numeric type, a translation error or a `NumberFormatException` used to occur, whereas in the JSP 2.0 specification, a 0 is passed in instead. See Table JSP.1-11 in the JSP 2.0 specification for details. In general, this is not expected to cause any problems because these would have been exceptional conditions in the JSP 1.2 specification and the specification allowed for these exceptions to occur at either translation time or request time.
- The JSP container uses `web.xml` to determine the default behavior of various container features. The following is a list of items of which JSP developers should be aware when upgrading their `web.xml` file from Servlet version 2.3 specification to Servlet version 2.4 specification.
- Tag library validators that are not namespace aware and that rely solely on the prefix parameter might not correctly validate some JSP 2.0 pages. This is because the XML view might contain tag library declarations in elements other than `jsp:root`, and might contain the same tag library declaration more than once, using different prefixes. The `uri` parameter should always be used by tag library validators instead. Existing JSP pages with existing tag libraries do not create any problems.

- You may observe differences in I18N behavior on some containers primarily due to ambiguity in the JSP 1.2 specification. Where possible, steps were taken to minimize the impact on backward compatibility and overall, the I18N abilities of technology have been greatly improved.

In the JSP specification versions previous to JSP 2.0, JSP pages in XML syntax and those in standard syntax determined their page encoding in the same fashion, by examining the `pageEncoding` or `contentType` attributes of their page directive, defaulting to ISO-8859-1 if neither was present.

As of the JSP specification 2.0, the page encoding for JSP documents is determined as described in section 4.3.3 and appendix F.1 of the XML specification, and the `pageEncoding` attribute of those pages is only checked to make sure it is consistent with the page encoding determined as per the XML specification.

As a result of this change, JSP documents that rely on their page encoding to be determined from their `pageEncoding` attribute will no longer be decoded correctly. These JSP documents must be changed to include an appropriate XML encoding declaration.

Additionally, in the JSP 1.2 specification, page encoding is determined on a per translation unit basis whereas in the JSP 2.0 specification, page encoding is determined on a per-file basis. Therefore, if `a.jsp` statically includes `b.jsp`, and a page encoding is specified in `a.jsp` but not in `b.jsp`, in the JSP 1.2 specification `a.jsp`'s encoding is used for `b.jsp`, but in the JSP 2.0 specification, the default encoding is used for `b.jsp`.

- EL expressions are ignored by default in applications created with JSP 1.2 technology. When upgrading a Web application to the JSP 2.0 specification, EL expressions are interpreted by default. The escape sequence `\\$` can be used to escape EL expressions that should not be interpreted by the container. Alternatively, the `isELIgnored` page directive attribute, or the `el-ignored` configuration element can deactivate EL for entire translation units. Users of JSTL 1.0 need to either upgrade their `taglib/imports` to the JSTL 1.1 URIs, or they need to use the `_rt` versions of the tags (for example `c_rt` instead of `c`, or `fmt_rt` instead of `fmt`).
- Files with an extension of `.jspx` are interpreted as JSP documents by default. Use the JSP configuration element `is-xml` to treat `.jspx` files as regular JSP pages. There is no way to disassociate `.jspx` from the JSP container.
- The escape sequence `\\$` was not reserved in the JSP 1.2 specification. Any template text or attribute value that appeared as `\\$` in the JSP 1.2 specification used to output `\\$` but now outputs just `$`.

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## JAXP and SAX Incompatibilities

Application Server 8.2 supports JAXP 1.3, which in turn supports SAX 2.0.2. In SAX 2.0.2, `DeclHandler.externalEntityDecl` requires the parser to return the absolute system identifier for consistency with `DTDHandler.unparsedEntityDecl`. This might cause some incompatibilities when migrating applications that use SAX 2.0.0.

To migrate an application that uses SAX 2.0.0 to SAX 2.0.2 without changing the previous behavior of `externalEntityDecl`, you can set the `resolve-dtd-uris` feature to `false`. For example:

```
SAXParserFactory spf = SAXParserFactory.newInstance();  
spf.setFeature("http://xml.org/sax/features/resolve-dtd-uris", false);
```

Other incompatibilities between SAX 2.0.0 and SAX 2.0.2 are documented in the JAXP Compatibility Guide.

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## Application Server 8.2 Options Incompatible With J2EE 1.4 Specification Requirements

Application Server 8.2 is compatible with the Java 2 Platform, Enterprise Edition specification by default. In this case, all portable J2EE programs run on the Application Server without modification. However, as allowed by the J2EE compatibility requirements, it is possible to configure applications to use features of the Application Server 8.2 that are not compatible with the J2EE specification.

The `pass-by-reference` element in the `sun-ejb-jar.xml` file only applies to remote calls. As defined in the EJB 2.0 specification, section 5.4, calls to local interfaces use `pass-by-reference` semantics.

If the `pass-by-reference` element is set to its default value of `false`, the parameter passing semantics for calls to remote interfaces comply with the EJB 2.0 specification, section 5.4. If set to `true`, remote calls involve `pass-by-reference` semantics instead of `pass-by-value` semantics, contrary to this specification.

Portable programs cannot assume that a copy of the object is made during such a call, and thus that it's safe to modify the original. Nor can they assume that a copy is not made, and thus that changes to the object are visible to both caller and callee. When this flag is set to `true`, parameters and return values are considered read-only. The

behavior of a program that modifies such parameters or return values is undefined. For more information about the pass-by-reference element, see the *Sun Java System Application Server Platform Edition 8.2 Developer's Guide*.

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## Application Server 8.2 Options Contrary to J2EE 1.4 Specification Recommendations

If the `delegate` attribute in the `classloader` element of the `sun-web.xml` file is set to its default value of `true`, classes and resources residing in container-wide library JAR files are loaded in preference to classes and resources packaged within the WAR file, contrary to what is recommended in the Servlet 2.3 specification, section 9.7.2. If set to `false`, the classloader delegation behavior complies with what is recommended in the Servlet 2.3 specification, section 9.7.2.

Do not package portable programs that use the `delegate` attribute with the value of `true` with any classes or interfaces that are a part of the J2EE specification. The behavior of a program that includes such classes or interfaces in its WAR file is undefined. For more information about the classloader element, the *Sun Java System Application Server Platform Edition 8.2 Developer's Guide*.



# Upgrading an Application Server Installation

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You can upgrade to Application Server 8.2 from Application Server 7.x or an Application Server 8/8.1 Platform Edition installation. Information that is transferred includes data about deployed applications, the file realm, security certificates, and other resource and server configuration settings. You can install your upgrade in a new location, or you can upgrade in place by overwriting your previous installation.

This chapter discusses the following topics:

- [“Upgrade Overview” on page 33](#)
- [“Upgrading Through the Upgrade Utility” on page 35](#)
- [“Upgrading Through the Wizard” on page 37](#)
- [“Correcting Potential Upgrade Problems” on page 38](#)

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## Upgrade Overview

The following table shows supported Application Server upgrades. In this table, PE indicates Platform Edition and EE indicates Enterprise Edition.

**TABLE 3–1** Supported Upgrade Paths

Source Installation	8.2 Platform Edition
7.XSE	-
8.0PE	Supported
8.1PE	Supported
8.2PE	—

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**Note** – Before starting the upgrade process, make sure that both the source server (the server from which you are upgrading) and the target server (the server to which you are upgrading) are stopped.

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The software provides two methods, a command-line utility (`asupgrade`) and a GUI (Upgrade Wizard), for completing the upgrade. If you issue the `asupgrade` command with no options, the Upgrade Wizard GUI is displayed. If you use the `asupgrade` command in command-line mode and if you do not supply all of the required information, an interviewer requests information for the required options you omitted. The Upgrade Wizard automatically detects the version of the specified source server installation.

If a domain contains information about a deployed application and the installed application components do not agree with the configuration information, the configuration is migrated as is without any attempt to reconfigure the incorrect configurations.

During an upgrade, the configuration and deployed applications of a previous version of the Application Server are migrated; however, the runtime binaries of the server are not updated. Database migrations or conversions are also beyond the scope of this upgrade process.

Only those instances that do not use Web Server-specific features are upgraded seamlessly. Configuration files related to HTTP path, CGI bin, SHTML, and NSAPI plug-ins are not be upgraded.

Enterprise Application Archive (EAR) files and component archives (JAR, WAR, and RAR files) that are deployed in the Application Server 7.x/8.0 environment do not require any modification to run on Application Server 8.2.

Applications and components that are deployed in the source server are deployed on the target server during the upgrade. Applications that do not deploy successfully on the target server must be migrated using the Migration Tool or `asmigrate` command, then deployed again manually.

If the upgrade includes clusters, specify one or more cluster files. Upon successful upgrade, an upgrade report is generated listing successfully migrated items along with a list of the items that could not be migrated.

This chapter discusses the following topics:

- “Upgrading Through the Upgrade Utility” on page 35
- “Upgrading Through the Wizard” on page 37
- “Correcting Potential Upgrade Problems” on page 38

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# Upgrading Through the Upgrade Utility

The upgrade utility is run from the command line using the following syntax:

```
asupgrade
[--console ]
[--version ]
[--help ]
[--source applicationserver_7.x/8.x_installation]
[--target applicationserver_8.2_installation]
--adminuser admin_user
[--adminpassword admin_password]
[--masterpassword changeit]
[--passwordfile path_to_password_file]
[--domain domain_name]
[--nsspwdfile NSS_password_filepath]
[--targetnsspwdfile target_NSS_password_filepath]
[--jkspwdfile JKS_password_filepath]
[--capwdfile CA_password_filepath]
[--clinstancefile file1 [, file2, file3, ... fileN]]
```

The following table describes the command options in greater detail, including the short form, the long form, and a description.

**TABLE 3-2** asupgrade Utility Command Options

Short Form	Long Form	Description
-c	---console	Launches the upgrade command line utility.
-V	---version	The version of the Upgrade tool.
-h	---help	Displays the arguments for launching the upgrade utility.
-t	---target	The installation directory for Application Server 8.2.
-a	---adminuser	The username of the administrator.
-w	---adminpassword	The password for the adminuser. Although this option can be used, the recommended way to transmit passwords is by using the <code>-passwordfile</code> option.
-m	--masterpassword	The master password that is created during installation. The default value is <code>changeit</code> . Although this option can be used, the recommended way to transmit passwords is by using the <code>-passwordfile</code> option.  Note: This option is required only if your target server is Application Server 8.2 EE.

**TABLE 3-2** asupgrade Utility Command Options (Continued)

Short Form	Long Form	Description
-f	--passwordfile	The path to the file that contains the adminpassword and masterpassword. Content of this file should be in the following format:  AS_ADMIN_ADMINPASSWORD=adminpassword AS_ADMIN_MASTERPASSWORD=masterpassword
-d	--domain	The domain name for the migrated certificates.
-n	--nsspwdfile	The path to the NSS password file.
-e	--targetnsspwdfile	The path to the target NSS password file.
-j	--jkspwdfile	The path to the JKS password file.
-p	--capwdfile	The path to the CA certificate password file.
-i	--clinstancefile	The path to the cluster file. The default filename is \$AS_INSTALL/conf/clinstance.conf.

The following examples show how to use the asupgrade command-line utility to upgrade an existing application server installation to Application Server 8.2

**Example 1: Upgrading an Application Server 7 Installation to Application Server 8.2 with Prompts for Certificate Migration.**

This example shows how to upgrade a Application Server 7 installation to Application Server 8.2. This command prompts you to migrate certificates. If you reply no, then no certificates are migrated.

```
asupgrade --adminuser admin --passwordfile password.txt
--source /home/sunas7 --target /home/sjsas8.2
```

**Example 3: Upgrading an Application Server 7 PE Installation with NSS Certificates to Application Server 8.2 PE**

This example shows how to upgrade a Application Server 7 PE installation to Application Server 8.2 PE. The NSS certificates from the 7.0 PE source server are converted to JKS and CA certificates in the 8.2 PE target server.

```
asupgrade --adminuser admin --passwordfile password.txt
--source /home/sjsas7.0
--target /home/sjsas8.2
--domain domain1
--nsspwdfile /home/sjsas7.0/nsspassword.txt
--jkspwdfile /home/sjsas7.0/jkspassword.txt
--capwdfile /home/sjsas7.0/capassword.txt
```

**Example 4: Upgrading an Application Server 8.0 PE Installation with JKS and CA Certificates to Application Server 8.2 PE**

This example shows how to upgrade a Application Server 8.0 PE installation to Application Server 8.2 PE. JKS and CA certificates will be migrated.

```
asupgrade --adminuser admin --passwordfile password.txt
--source /home/sjsas8.0
--target /home/sjsas8.2
--domain domain1
--jkspwdfilename /home/sjsas8.0/jkspassword.txt
--capwdfilename /home/sjsas8.2/capassword.txt
```

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## Upgrading Through the Wizard

The Upgrade wizard provides a GUI. Using the wizard increases install time and space requirements. You can start the Upgrade wizard in GUI mode from the command line or from the desktop.

To start the wizard,

- On UNIX, change to the <install\_dir>/bin directory and type asupgrade.

- On Windows, double-click the asupgrade icon in the <install\_dir>/bin directory.

If the Upgrade checkbox was selected during the Application Server installation process, the Upgrade Wizard screen automatically displays after the installation completes.

### ▼ To Use the Upgrade Wizard

- Steps**
- 1. In the Source Installation Directory field, enter the location of the existing installation from which to import the configuration.**  
This installation can be Application Server 7 or Application Server 8/8.1 .
  - 2. In the Target Installation Directory field, enter the location of the Application Server installation to which to transfer the configuration.**  
If the upgrade wizard was started from the installation (the Upgrade from Previous Version checkbox was checked during the Application Server installation), the default value for this field will be the directory to which the Application Server software was just installed.
  - 3. If the source installation has security certificates that must be transferred, check the Transfer Security Certificates checkbox, press the Next button, and the Transfer Security Certificates screen displays.**

4. From the Transfer Security Certificates screen, press the Add Domain button to add domains with certificates to be transferred.  
The Add Domain dialog displays.
5. From the Add Domain dialog, select the domain name that contains the security certificates to migrate and enter the appropriate passwords.
6. Click the OK button when done.  
The Transfer Security Certificates screen will be displayed again.
7. Repeat [“Upgrading Through the Wizard” on page 37](#) and [“Upgrading Through the Wizard” on page 37](#) until all the domains that have certificates to be transferred have been added.
8. After all of the domains that contain certificates to be transferred have been added, press the Next button and  
Continue with [“Upgrading Through the Wizard” on page 37](#) or with [“Upgrading Through the Wizard” on page 37](#) if cluster configuration information needs to be transferred.
9. The Upgrade Results screen displays, showing the status of the upgrade operation in the Results field.
10. Click the Finish button to close the Upgrade Tool when the upgrade process is complete.

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## Correcting Potential Upgrade Problems

This section addresses the following issues that could occur during an upgrade to Application Server 8.2.

- [“To Migrate Additional HTTP Listeners Defined on the Source Server to the Target PE Server” on page 38](#)
- [“Eliminating Problems Encountered When A Single Domain has Multiple Certificate Database Passwords” on page 39](#)

### ▼ To Migrate Additional HTTP Listeners Defined on the Source Server to the Target PE Server

If additional HTTP listeners have been defined in the PE source server, those listeners need to be added to the PE target server after the upgrade:

- Steps**
1. Start the Admin Console.

2. **Expand Configuration.**
3. **Expand HTTP Service.**
4. **Expand Virtual Servers.**
5. **Select <server>.**
6. **In the right-hand pane, add the additional HTTP listener name to the HTTP Listeners field.**
7. **Click Save when done.**

## Eliminating Problems Encountered When A Single Domain has Multiple Certificate Database Passwords

If the upgrade includes certificates, provide the passwords for the source PKCS12 file and the target JKS keyfile for each domain that contains certificates to be migrated. Since Application Server 7 uses a different certificate store format (NSS) than Application Server 8 PE (JSSE), the migration keys and certificates are converted to the new format. Only one certificate database password per domain is supported. If multiple certificate database passwords are used in a single domain, make all of the passwords the same before starting the upgrade. Then reset the passwords after the upgrade has been completed.





## Understanding Migration

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This chapter addresses the following topics:

- “J2EE Component Standards” on page 41
- “J2EE Application Components” on page 42
- “Migration and Deployment” on page 43

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### J2EE Component Standards

Application Server 8.2 (hereafter called Application Server) is a J2EE v1.4-compliant server based on the component standards developed by the Java community. By contrast, the Application Server 7 is a J2EE v1.3-compliant server and Application Server 6.x is a J2EE v1.2-compliant server. Between the three J2EE versions, there are considerable differences with the J2EE application component APIs.

The following table characterizes the differences between the component APIs used with the J2EE v1.4-compliant Application Server 8.2, the J2EE v1.3-compliant Application Server 7, and the J2EE v1.2-compliant Application Server 6.x.

**TABLE 4-1** Application Server Version Comparison of APIs for J2EE Components

Component API	Sun ONE Application Server 6.x	Sun Java System Application Server 7	Sun Java System Application Server 8.2
JDK	1.2.2	1.4	1.4
Servlet	2.2	2.3	2.4
JSP	1.1	1.2	2.0
JDBC	2.0	2.0	2.1, 3.0

**TABLE 4-1** Application Server Version Comparison of APIs for J2EE Components *(Continued)*

Component API	Sun ONE Application Server 6.x	Sun Java System Application Server 7	Sun Java System Application Server 8.2
EJB	1.1	2.0	2.0
JNDI	1.2	1.2	1.2.1
JMS	1.0	1.1	1.1
JTA	1.0	1.01	1.01

## J2EE Application Components

J2EE simplifies development of enterprise applications by basing them on standardized, modular components, providing a complete set of services to those components, and handling many details of application behavior automatically, without complex programming. J2EE v1.4 architecture includes several component APIs. Prominent J2EE components include:

- Client application
- Web application
- EJB
- Connector
- EAR

J2EE components are packaged separately and bundled into a J2EE application for deployment. Each component, its related files such as GIF and HTML files or server-side utility classes, and a deployment descriptor are assembled into a module and added to the J2EE application. A J2EE application is composed of one or more enterprise bean(s), Web, or application client component modules. The final enterprise solution can use one J2EE application or be made up of two or more J2EE applications, depending on design requirements.

A J2EE application and each of its modules has its own deployment descriptor. A deployment descriptor is an XML document with an .xml extension that describes a component's deployment settings.

A J2EE application with all of its modules is delivered in an Enterprise Archive (EAR) file. An EAR file is a standard Java Archive (JAR) file with an .ear extension. The EAR file contains EJB JAR files, application client JAR files and/or Web Archive (WAR) files.

The migration process is concerned with moving J2EE application components, modules, and files. For more information on migrating various J2EE components, refer to [Chapter 6](#).

For more information on J2EE, see:

- J2EE 1.4 tutorial
- J2EE overview
- J2EE website

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## Migration and Deployment

This section describes the need to migrate J2EE applications and the particular files that must be migrated. Following successful migration, a J2EE application is redeployed to the Application Server.

Redeployment is also described in this section.

The following topics are addressed:

- [“Why is Migration Necessary?” on page 43](#)
- [“What Needs to be Migrated” on page 44](#)
- [“What is Deployment of Migrated Applications?” on page 44](#)

### Why is Migration Necessary?

Although J2EE specifications broadly cover requirements for applications, they are nonetheless evolving standards. They either do not cover some aspects of applications or leave implementation details to the application providers.

This leads to different implementations of the application servers and the differences in the deployment of J2EE components on application servers. The array of available configuration and deployment tools for use with any particular application server product also contributes to the product implementation differences.

The evolutionary nature of the specifications itself presents challenges to application providers. Each of the component APIs are also evolving. This leads to a varying degree of conformance by products. In particular, an emerging product, such as the Application Server, has to contend with differences in J2EE application components, modules, and files deployed on other established application server platforms. Such differences require mappings between earlier implementation details of the J2EE standard, such as file naming conventions, messaging syntax, and so forth.

Moreover, product providers usually bundle additional features and services with their products. These features are available as custom JSP tags or proprietary Java API libraries. Unfortunately, using these proprietary features renders these applications non-portable.

## What Needs to be Migrated

The J2EE application consists of the following file categories that need to be migrated:

- Deployment descriptors (XML files)
- JSP source files that contain proprietary APIs
- Java source files that contain proprietary APIs

## Deployment Descriptors (XML files)

Deployment is accomplished by specifying deployment descriptors (DDs) for standalone enterprise beans (EJB JAR files), front-end Web components (WAR files) and enterprise applications (EAR files). Deployment descriptors are used to resolve all external dependencies of the J2EE components/applications. The J2EE specification for DDs is common across all application server products. However, the specification leaves several deployment aspects of components pertaining to an application dependent on product-implementation.

## JSP Source Files

J2EE specifies how to extend JSP by adding extra custom tags. Product vendors include some custom JSP extensions in their products, simplifying some tasks for developers. However, usage of these proprietary custom tags results in non-portability of JSP files. Additionally, JSP can invoke methods defined in other Java source files as well. The JSPs containing proprietary APIs need to be rewritten before they can be migrated.

## Java Source Files

The Java source files can be EJBs, servlets, or other helper classes. The EJBs and servlets can invoke standard J2EE services directly. They can also invoke methods defined in helper classes. Java source files are used to encode the business layer of applications, such as EJBs. Vendors bundle several services and proprietary Java API with their products. The use of proprietary Java APIs is a major source of non-portability in applications. Since J2EE is an evolving standard, different products can support different versions of J2EE component APIs. This is another aspect that migration addresses.

## What is Deployment of Migrated Applications?

Deployment refers to deploying a migrated application that was previously deployed on an earlier version of Sun's Application Server, or any third party application server platforms.

Deploying a migrated application is described in *Sun Java System Application Server Platform Edition 8.2 Developer's Guide*. However, when migration activities are performed with automated tools, such as the Migration Tool for Sun Java System Application Server 8.2 (for J2EE applications) or the Sun ONE Migration Toolbox (for Netscape Application Servers), there might be post-migration or pre-deployment tasks that are needed (and defined) prior to deploying the migrated application.

See [Chapter 8](#) for more information about migration tools that are available.



## Migrating from EJB 1.1 to EJB 2.0

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Although the EJB 1.1 specification will continue to be supported in Application Server 8.2, the use of the EJB 2.0 architecture is recommended, so that you can leverage its enhanced capabilities.

To migrate EJB 1.1 to EJB 2.0 you need to make several modifications, including a few within the source code of the components.

Essentially, the required modifications relate to the differences between EJB 1.1 and EJB 2.0, all of which are described in the following topics:

- “EJB Query Language” on page 47
- “Local Interfaces” on page 48
- “EJB 2.0 Container-Managed Persistence (CMP)” on page 48
- “Migrating EJB Client Applications” on page 50
- “Migrating CMP Entity EJBs” on page 52

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### EJB Query Language

The EJB 1.1 specification left the manner and language for forming and expressing queries for finder methods to each individual application server. While many application server vendors let developers form queries using SQL, others use their own proprietary language specific to their particular application server product. This mixture of query implementations causes inconsistencies between application servers.

The EJB 2.0 specification introduces a query language called *EJB Query Language*, or *EJB QL* to correct many of these inconsistencies and shortcomings. EJB QL is based on SQL92. It defines query methods, in the form of both finder and select methods, specifically for entity beans with container-managed persistence. EJB QL's principal advantage over SQL is its portability across EJB containers and its ability to navigate entity bean relationships.

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## Local Interfaces

In the EJB 1.1 architecture, session and entity beans have one type of interface, a remote interface, through which they can be accessed by clients and other application components. The remote interface is designed such that a bean instance has remote capabilities; the bean inherits from RMI and can interact with distributed clients across the network.

With EJB 2.0, session beans and entity beans can expose their methods to clients through two types of interfaces: a *remote interface* and a *local interface*. The 2.0 remote interface is identical to the remote interface used in the 1.1 architecture, whereby, the bean inherits from RMI, exposes its methods across the network tier, and has the same capability to interact with distributed clients.

However, the local interfaces for session and entity beans provide support for lightweight access from EJBs that are local clients; that is, clients co-located in the same EJB container. The EJB 2.0 specification further requires that EJBs that use local interfaces be within the same application. That is, the deployment descriptors for an application's EJBs using local interfaces must be contained within one `ejb-jar` file.

The local interface is a standard Java interface. It does not inherit from RMI. An enterprise bean uses the local interface to expose its methods to other beans that reside within the same container. By using a local interface, a bean may be more tightly coupled with its clients and may be directly accessed without the overhead of a remote method call.

In addition, local interfaces permit values to be passed between beans with pass by reference semantics. Because you are now passing a reference to an object, rather than the object itself, this reduces the overhead incurred when passing objects with large amounts of data, resulting in a performance gain.

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## EJB 2.0 Container-Managed Persistence (CMP)

The EJB 2.0 specification expanded CMP to allow multiple entity beans to have relationships among themselves. This is referred to as *Container-Managed Relationships* (CMR). The container manages the relationships and the referential integrity of the relationships.

The EJB 1.1 specification presented a more limited CMP model. The EJB 1.1 architecture limited CMP to data access that is independent of the database or resource manager type. It allowed you to expose only an entity bean's instance state through its



remote interface; there is no means to expose bean relationships. The EJB 1.1 version of CMP depends on mapping the instance variables of an entity bean class to the data items representing their state in the database or resource manager. The CMP instance fields are specified in the deployment descriptor, and when the bean is deployed, the deployer uses tools to generate code that implements the mapping of the instance fields to the data items.

You must also change the way you code the bean's implementation class. According to the EJB 2.0 specification, the implementation class for an entity bean that uses CMP is now defined as an abstract class.

The following topics are discussed in this section:

- [“Defining Persistent Fields” on page 49](#)
- [“Defining Entity Bean Relationships” on page 49](#)
- [“Message-Driven Beans” on page 50](#)

## Defining Persistent Fields

The EJB 2.0 specification lets you designate an entity bean's instance variables as CMP fields or CMR fields. You define these fields in the deployment descriptor. CMP fields are marked with the element `cmp-field`, while container-managed relationship fields are marked with the element `cmr-field`.

In the implementation class, note that you do not declare the CMP and CMR fields as public variables. Instead, you define `get` and `set` methods in the entity bean to retrieve and set the values of these CMP and CMR fields. In this sense, beans using the 2.0 CMP follow the JavaBeans model: instead of accessing instance variables directly, clients use the entity bean's `get` and `set` methods to retrieve and set these instance variables. Keep in mind that the `get` and `set` methods only pertain to variables that have been designated as CMP or CMR fields.

## Defining Entity Bean Relationships

As noted previously, the EJB 1.1 architecture does not support CMRs between entity beans. The EJB 2.0 architecture does support both one-to-one and one-to-many CMRs. Relationships are expressed using CMR fields, and these fields are marked as such in the deployment descriptor. You set up the CMR fields in the deployment descriptor using the appropriate deployment tool for your application server.

Similar to CMP fields, the bean does not declare the CMR fields as instance variables. Instead, the bean provides `get` and `set` methods for these fields.

## Message-Driven Beans

Message-driven beans are another new feature introduced by the EJB 2.0 architecture. Message-driven beans are transaction-aware components that process asynchronous messages delivered through the Java Message Service (JMS). The JMS API is an integral part of the J2EE 1.3 and J2EE 1.4 platform.

Asynchronous messaging allows applications to communicate by exchanging messages so that senders are independent of receivers. The sender sends its message and does not have to wait for the receiver to receive or process that message. This differs from synchronous communication, which requires the component that is invoking a method on another component to wait or block until the processing completes and control returns to the caller component.

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## Migrating EJB Client Applications

This section includes the following topics:

- [“Declaring EJBs in the JNDI Context” on page 50](#)
- [“Recap on Using EJB JNDI References” on page 51](#)

## Declaring EJBs in the JNDI Context

In Application Server 8.2, EJBs are systematically mapped to the JNDI sub-context *ejb/*. If you attribute the JNDI name *Account* to an EJB, the Application Server 8.2 automatically creates the reference *ejb/Account* in the global JNDI context. The clients of this EJB therefore have to look up *ejb/Account* to retrieve the corresponding home interface.

Let us examine the code for a servlet method deployed in Sun ONE Application Server 6.x.

The servlet presented here calls on a stateful session bean, *BankTeller*, mapped to the root of the JNDI context. The method whose code you are considering is responsible for retrieving the home interface of the EJB, to enable a *BankTeller* object to be instantiated, and a remote interface for this object to be retrieved, so that you can make business method calls to this component.

```
/**
 * Look up the BankTellerHome interface using JNDI.
 */
private BankTellerHome lookupBankTellerHome(Context ctx)
    throws NamingException
{
```

```

try
{
    Object home = (BankTellerHome) ctx.lookup("ejb/BankTeller");
    return (BankTellerHome) PortableRemoteObject.narrow(home,
        BankTellerHome.class);
}
catch (NamingException ne)
{
    log("lookupBankTellerHome: unable to lookup BankTellerHome" +
        "with JNDI name 'BankTeller': " + ne.getMessage() );
    throw ne;
}
}

```

As the code already uses `ejb/BankTeller` as an argument for the lookup, there is no need for modifying the code to be deployed on Application Server 8.2.

## Recap on Using EJB JNDI References

This section summarizes the considerations when using EJB JNDI references. Where noted, the consideration details are specific to a particular source application server platform.

### Placing EJB References in the JNDI Context

It is only necessary to modify the name of the EJB references in the JNDI context mentioned above (moving these references from the JNDI context root to the sub-context *ejb/*) when the EJBs are mapped to the root of the JNDI context in the existing WebLogic application.

If these EJBs are already mapped to the JNDI sub-context *ejb/* in the existing application, no modification is required.

However, when configuring the JNDI names of EJBs in the deployment descriptor within the Sun Java Studio IDE, it is important to avoid including the prefix *ejb/* in the JNDI name of an EJB. Remember that these EJB references are *automatically* placed in the JNDI *ejb/* sub-context with Application Server 8.2. So, if an EJB is given to the JNDI name *BankTeller* in its deployment descriptor, the reference to this EJB will be translated by Application Server 8.2 into *ejb/BankTeller*, and this is the JNDI name that client components of this EJB must use when carrying out a lookup.

### Global JNDI context versus local JNDI context

Using the global JNDI context to obtain EJB references is a perfectly valid, feasible approach with Application Server 8.2. Nonetheless, it is preferable to stay as close as possible to the J2EE specification, and retrieve EJB references through the local JNDI

context of EJB client applications. When using the local JNDI context, you must first declare EJB resource references in the deployment descriptor of the client part (`web.xml` for a Web application, `ejb-jar.xml` for an EJB component).

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## Migrating CMP Entity EJBs

This section describes the steps to migrate your application components from the EJB 1.1 architecture to the EJB 2.0 architecture.

To migrate a CMP 1.1 bean to CMP 2.0, you first need to verify if a particular bean can be migrated. The steps to perform this verification are as follows.

### ▼ To Verify if a Bean Can be Migrated

- Steps**
- 1. From the `ejb-jar.xml` file, go to the `<cmp-fields>` names and check if the optional tag `<prim-key-field>` is present in the `ejb-jar.xml` file and has an indicated value. If it does, go to next step.**

Look for the `<prim-key-class>` field name in the `ejb-jar.xml`, get the class name, and get the `public` instance variables declared in the class. Now see if the signature (name and case) of these variables matches with the `<cmp-field>` names above. Segregate the ones that are found. In these segregated fields, check if some of them start with an upper case letter. If any of them do, then migration cannot be performed.
  - 2. Look into the bean class source code and obtain the java types of all the `<cmp-field>` variables.**
  - 3. Change all the `<cmp-field>` names to lowercase and construct accessors from them. For example if the original field name is `Name` and its java type is `String`, the accessor method signature is:**

```
Public void setName(String name) Public String getName()
```
  - 4. Compare these accessor method signatures with the method signatures in the bean class. If an exact match is found, migration is not possible.**
  - 5. Get the custom finder methods signatures and their corresponding SQLs. Check if there is a `Join`, `Outer join`, or an `OrderBy` in the SQL. If yes, you cannot migrate, because EJB QL does not support `Join`, `Outer join`, or `OrderBy`.**
  - 6. Any CMP 1.1 finder, which used `java.util.Enumeration`, must now use `java.util.Collection`. Change your code to reflect this. CMP2.0 finders**

cannot return `java.util.Enumeration`.

“Migrating the Bean Class” on page 53 explains how to perform the actual migration process.

## Migrating the Bean Class

This section describes the steps required to migrate the bean class to Application Server 8.2.

### ▼ To Migrate the Bean Class

**Steps** 1. **Prepend the bean class declaration with the keyword `abstract`.**

For example if the bean class declaration was:

```
public class CabinBean implements EntityBean
```

change it to:

```
abstract public class CabinBean implements EntityBean
```

2. **Prefix the accessors with the keyword `abstract`.**

3. **Insert all the accessors after modification into the source(.java) file of the bean class at class level.**

4. **Comment out all the `cmp` fields in the source file of the bean class.**

5. **Construct protected instance variable declarations from the `cmp-field` names in lowercase and insert them at the class level.**

6. **Read up all the `ejbCreate()` method bodies (there could be more than one `ejbCreate`).**

Look for the pattern “<cmp-field>=*some value or local variable*”, and replace it with the expression, *abstract mutator method name (same value or local variable)*.

For example, if the `ejbCreate` body before migration is:

```
public MyPK ejbCreate(int id, String name) {
    this.id = 10*id;
    Name = name;    //1
    return null;
}
```

Change it to:

```
public MyPK ejbCreate(int id, String name) {
    setId(10*id);
    setName(name);    //1
    return null;
}
```

Note that the method signature of the abstract accessor in //1 is as per the Camel Case convention mandated by the EJB 2.0 specification. Also, the keyword `this` may or may not be present in the original source, but it *must be removed* from the modified source file.

**7. Initialize all the protected variables declared in the `ejbPostCreate()` methods in step 5.**

The protected variables will be equal in number with the `ejbCreate()` methods. This initialization will be done by inserting the initialization code in the following manner:

```
protected String name; //from step 5
protected int id; //from step 5
public void ejbPostCreate(int id, String name) {
    name = getName(); /*abstract accessor*/ //inserted in this step
    id = getId(); /*abstract accessor*/ //inserted in this step
}
```

**8. Inside the `ejbLoad` method, set the protected variables to the beans' database state.**

To do so, insert the following lines of code:

```
public void ejbLoad() {
    name = getName(); // inserted in this step
    id = getId(); // inserted in this step
    ... // existing code
}
```

**9. Similarly, update the bean's state inside `ejbStore()` so that its database state gets updated.**

But remember, you are not allowed to update the setters that correspond to the primary key outside the `ejbCreate()`, so do not include them inside this method. Insert the following lines of code:

```
public void ejbStore() {
    setName(name); //inserted in this step
    setId(id); //Do not insert this if
    //it is a part of the
    //primary key.
    ... //already present code
}
```

**10. Replace all occurrences of any `<cmp-field>` variable names with the equivalent protected variable name (as declared in step 5).**

If you do not migrate the bean, at the minimum you need to insert the `<cmp-version>1.x</cmp-version>` tag inside the `ejb-jar.xml` file at the appropriate place, so that the unmigrated bean still works on Application Server 8.2.

## Migration of ejb-jar.xml

The following steps show how to migrate the file `ejb-jar.xml` to Application Server 8.2.

### ▼ To Migrate the EJB Deployment Descriptor

To migrate the EJB deployment descriptor file, `ejb-jar.xml`, edit the file and make the following changes.

- Steps**
1. Convert all `<cmp-fields>` to lowercase.
  2. Insert the tag `<abstract-schema-name>` after the `<reentrant>` tag.  
The schema name will be the name of the bean as in the `<ejb-name>` tag, prefixed with "ias\_".
  3. Insert the following tags after the `<primaryKey-field>` tag:

```
<security-identity>
  <use-caller-identity/>
</security-identity>
```
  4. Use the SQL obtained above to construct the EJB QL from SQL.
  5. Insert the `<query>` tag and all its nested child tags with all the required information just after the `<security-identity>` tag.

## Custom Finder Methods

The custom finder methods are the `findBy...` methods (other than the default `findByPrimaryKey` method), which can be defined in the home interface of an entity bean. Since the EJB 1.1 specification does not stipulate a standard for defining the logic of these finder methods, EJB server vendors are free to choose their implementations. As a result, the procedures used to define the methods vary considerably between the different implementations chosen by vendors.

Application Server 6.x uses standard SQL to specify the finder logic.

Information concerning the definition of this finder method is stored in the enterprise bean's persistence descriptor (`Account-ias-cmp.xml`) as follows:

```
<bean-property>
  <property>
    <name>findOrderedAccountsForCustomerSQL</name>
    <type>java.lang.String</type>
    <value>
      SELECT BRANCH_CODE,ACC_NO FROM ACCOUNT where CUST_NO = ?
```

```

        </value>
        <delimiter>,</delimiter>
    </property>
</bean-property>
<bean-property>
    <property>
        <name>findOrderedAccountsForCustomerParms</name>
        <type>java.lang.Vector</type>
        <value>CustNo</value>
        <delimiter>,</delimiter>
    </property>
</bean-property>

```

Each `findXXX` finder method therefore has two corresponding entries in the deployment descriptor (SQL code for the query, and the associated parameters).

In Application Server 8.2 the custom finder method logic is also declarative, but is based on the EJB query language EJB QL.

The EJB-QL language cannot be used on its own. It has to be specified inside the file `ejb-jar.xml`, in the `<ejb-ql>` tag. This tag is inside the `<query>` tag, which defines a query (finder or select method) inside an EJB. The EJB container can transform each query into the implementation of the finder or select method. Here is an example of an `<ejb-ql>` tag:

```

<ejb-jar>
  <enterprise-beans>
    <entity>
      <ejb-name>hotelEJB</ejb-name>
      ...
      <abstract-schema-name>TMBankSchemaName</abstract-schema-name>
      <cmp-field>
      ...
      <query>
        <query-method>
          <method-name>findByCity</method-name>
          <method-params>
            <method-param>java.lang.String</method-param>
          </method-params>
        </query-method>
        <ejb-ql>
          <![CDATA[SELECT OBJECT(t) FROM TMBankSchemaName AS t
                                WHERE t.city = ?1]]>
        </ejb-ql>
      </query>
    </entity>
    ...
  </enterprise-beans> ...
</ejb-jar>

```



## Migrating from Application Server 6.x/7.x to Application Server 8.2

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This chapter describes the considerations and strategies that are needed when moving J2EE applications from Application Server 6.x and Application Server 7 to the Application Server Platform Edition 8.2 product line. However, Application Server 8.2 provides backward compatibility standard, with Application Server 7 as the baseline. That is, applications developed in Application Server 7 can be deployable directly to Application Server 8.2 with minimum or no changes.

The sections that follow describe issues that arise while migrating the main components of a typical J2EE application from Application Server 6.x/7.x to Application Server Platform Edition 8.2.

This chapter contains the following sections:

- “Migrating Deployment Descriptors” on page 58
- “Migrating Web Application Modules” on page 62
- “Migrating Enterprise EJB Modules” on page 63
- “Migrating Enterprise Applications” on page 66
- “Migrating Proprietary Extensions” on page 69
- “Migrating UIF” on page 69
- “Migrating JDBC Code” on page 71
- “Migrating Rich Clients” on page 73

The migration issues described in this chapter are based on an actual migration that was performed for a J2EE application called *iBank*, a simulated online banking service, from Application Server 6.x to Sun Java System Application Server 8.2. This application reflects all aspects of a traditional J2EE application.

The following areas of the J2EE specification are covered by the *iBank* application:

- Servlets, especially with redirection to JSP pages (model-view-controller architecture)
- JSP pages, especially with static and dynamic inclusion of pages
- JSP custom tag libraries
- Creation and management of HTTP sessions

- Database access through the JDBC API
- Enterprise JavaBeans: Stateful and Stateless session beans, CMP and BMP entity beans.
- Assembly and deployment in line with the standard packaging methods of the J2EE application

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## Migrating Deployment Descriptors

There are two types of deployment descriptors, namely, Standard Deployment Descriptors and Runtime Deployment Descriptors. Standard deployment descriptors are portable across J2EE platform versions and vendors and does not require any modifications. Currently, there are exceptions due to standards interpretation. The following table lists such deployment descriptors.

Source Deployment Descriptor	Target Deployment Descriptor
<code>ejb-jar.xml - 1.1</code>	<code>ejb-jar.xml - 2.0</code>
<code>web.xml</code>	<code>web.xml</code>
<code>application.xml</code>	<code>application.xml</code>

The J2EE standard deployment descriptors `ejb-jar.xml`, `web.xml` and `application.xml` are not modified significantly. However, the `ejb-jar.xml` deployment descriptor is modified to make it compliant with EJB 2.0 specification in order to make the application deployable on Sun Java System Application Server 8.2.

Runtime deployment descriptors are vendor and product specific and are not portable across application servers due to difference in their format. Hence, deployment descriptors require migration. This section describes how you can manually create the runtime deployment descriptors and migrate relevant information.

The following table summarizes the deployment descriptor migration mapping.

Source Deployment Descriptor	Target Deployment Descriptor
<code>ias-<i>ejb-jar.xml</i></code>	<code>sun-<i>ejb-jar.xml</i></code>
<code>&lt;bean-name&gt;-<i>ias-cmp.xml</i></code>	<code>sun-<i>cmp-mappings.xml</i></code>
<code>ias-<i>web.xml</i></code>	<code>sun-<i>web.xml</i></code>

The standard deployment descriptors of Application Server 6.x needs modification when moving to Application Server 8.2 because of non-conformance with the DTDs.

A majority of the information required for creating `sun-ejb-jar.xml` and `sun-web.xml` comes from `ias-ejb-jar.xml` and `ias-web.xml` respectively. However, there is some information that is required and extracted from the home interface (java file) of the CMP entity bean, in case the `sun-ejb-jar.xml` being migrated declares one. This is required to build the `<query-filter>` construct inside the `sun-ejb-jar.xml`, which requires information from inside the home interface of that CMP entity bean. If the source file is not present during the migration time, the `<query-filter>` construct is created, but with missing information (which manifests itself in the form of REPLACE ME phrases in the migrated `sun-ejb-jar.xml`).

Additionally, if the `ias-ejb-jar.xml` contains a `<message-driven>` element, then information from inside this element is picked up and used to fill up information inside both `ejb-jar.xml` and `sun-ejb-jar.xml`. Also, inside the `<message-driven>` element of `ias-ejb-jar.xml`, there is an element `<destination-name>`, which holds the JNDI name of the topic or queue to which the MDB listens. In Application Server 6.5, the naming convention for this jndi name is `cn=<SOME_NAME>`. Since a JMS Topic or Queue with this name is not deployable on Application Server, the application server changes this to `<SOME_NAME>`, and inserts this information in the `sun-ejb-jar.xml`. This change must be reflected for all valid input files, namely, all `.java`, `.jsp` and `.xml` files. Hence, this JNDI name change is propagated across the application, and if some source files that contain reference to this jndi-name are unavailable, the administrator must make the changes manually so that the application becomes deployable.

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## Migrating Web Applications

Application Server 6.x support servlets (Servlet API 2.2), and JSPs (JSP 1.1). Sun Java System Application Server 8.2 supports Servlet API 2.4 and JSP 2.0.

Within these environments it is essential to group the different components of an application (servlets, JSP and HTML pages and other resources) together within an archive file (J2EE-standard Web application module) deploying it on the application server.

According to the J2EE specification, a Web application is an archive file (WAR file) with the following structure:

- A root directory containing the HTML pages, JSP, images and other static resources of the application.
- A `META-INF/` directory containing the archive manifest file `MANIFEST.MF` containing the version information for the SDK used and, optionally, a list of the files contained in the archive.
- A `WEB-INF/` directory containing the application deployment descriptor (`web.xml` file) and all the Java classes and libraries used by the application, organized as follows:

- A `classes/` sub-directory containing the tree-structure of the compiled classes of the application (servlets, auxiliary classes), organized into packages
- A `lib/` directory containing any Java libraries (JAR files) used by the application

## Migrating Java Server Pages and JSP Custom Tag Libraries

Application Server 6.x complies with the JSP 1.1 specification and Application Server 8.2 complies with the JSP 2.0 specification.

JSP 2.0 specification contains many new features, as well as updates to the JSP 1.1 specification.

These changes are enhancements and are not required to migrate to JSP pages from JSP 1.1 to 2.0.

The implementation of JSP custom tag libraries in Application Server 6.x complies with the J2EE specification. Consequently, migrating JSP custom tag libraries to the Application Server Platform Edition 8.2 does not pose any particular problem, nor require any modifications.

## Migrating Servlets

Application Server 6.x supports the Servlet 2.2 API. Sun Java System Application Server 8.2 supports the Servlet 2.4 API.

Servlet API 2.4 leaves the core of servlets relatively untouched. Most changes are concerned with adding new features outside the core.

The most significant features are:

- Servlets now require JDK 1.2 or later
- Filter mechanisms have been created
- Application lifecycle events have been added
- Internationalization support has been added
- Error and security attributes have been expanded
- `HttpUtils` class has been deprecated
- Several DTD behaviors have been expanded and clarified

These changes are enhancements and are not required to be made when migrating servlets from Servlet API 2.2 to 2.4.

However, if the servlets in the application use JNDI to access resources in the J2EE application (such as data sources or EJBs), some modifications might be needed in the source files or in the deployment descriptor.

These modifications are explained in detail in the following sections:

- [“Obtaining a Data Source from the JNDI Context” on page 61](#)
- [“Declaring EJBs in the JNDI Context” on page 61](#)

One last scenario might require modifications to the servlet code. Naming conflicts can occur with Application Server 6.x if a JSP page has the same name as an existing Java class. In this case, the conflict must be resolved by modifying the name of the JSP page in question. This in turn can mean editing the code of the servlets that call this JSP page. This issue is resolved in Application Server as it uses a new class loader hierarchy. In the new version of the application server, for a given application, one class loader loads all EJB modules and another class loader loads web module. As these two loaders do not talk with each other, there is no naming conflict.

## Obtaining a Data Source from the JNDI Context

To obtain a reference to a data source bound to the JNDI context, look up the data source’s JNDI name from the initial context object. The object retrieved in this way is then be *cast* as a `DataSource` type object:

```
ds = (DataSource) ctx.lookup(JndiDataSourceName);
```

For detailed information, refer to section [“Migrating JDBC Code.”](#)

## Declaring EJBs in the JNDI Context

Please refer to section [“Declaring EJBs in the JNDI Context” on page 50 in Chapter 5.](#)

## Potential Servlets and JSP Migration Problems

The actual migration of the components of a Servlet / JSP application from Application Server 6.x to Application Server 8.2 does not require any modifications to the component code.

If the Web application is using a server resource, a `DataSource` for example, the Application Server requires that this resource to be declared inside the `web.xml` file and, correspondingly, inside the `sun-web.xml` file. To declare a `DataSource` called `jdbc/iBank`, the `<resource-ref>` tag in the `web.xml` file is as follows:

```
<resource-ref>
  <res-ref-name>jdbc/iBank</res-ref-name>
  <res-type>javax.sql.XADataSource</res-type>
  <res-auth>Container</res-auth>
  <res-sharing-scope>Shareable</res-sharing-scope>
</resource-ref>
```

The corresponding declaration inside the `sun-web.xml` file looks like this:

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<! DOCTYPE FIX ME: need confirmation on the DTD to be used for this file
<sun-web-app>
  <resource-ref>
    <res-ref-name>jdbc/iBank</res-ref-name>
    <jndi-name>jdbc/iBank</jndi-name>
  </resource-ref>
</sun-web-app>
```

## Migrating Web Application Modules

Migrating applications from Application Server 6.x to Sun Java System Application Server 8.2 does not require any changes to the Java code or Java Server Pages. However, you must change the following files:

- web.xml
- ias-web.xml

The Application Server adheres to J2EE 1.4 standards, according to which, the web.xml file inside a WAR file must comply with the revised DTD at [http://java.sun.com/dtd/web-app\\_2\\_3.dtd](http://java.sun.com/dtd/web-app_2_3.dtd). This DTD is a superset of the previous versions' DTD, hence only the <! DOCTYPE definition needs to be changed inside the web.xml file, which is to be migrated. The modified <! DOCTYPE declaration looks like:

```
<!DOCTYPE web-app PUBLIC "-//Sun Microsystems, Inc.//
                        DTD Web Application 2.3//EN"
                        "http://java.sun.com/dtd/web-app_2_3.dtd">
```

In Application Server Platform Edition 8.2, the name of this file is changed to sun-web.xml.

This XML file must declare the Application Server-specific properties and resources that are required by the Web application.

See [“Potential Servlets and JSP Migration Problems”](#) on page 61 for information about important inclusions to this file.

If the ias-web.xml of the Application Server 6.5 application is present and does declare Application Server 6.5 specific properties, then this file needs to be migrated to Application Server standards. The DTD file name has to be changed to sun-web.xml. For more details, see URL [http://www.sun.com/software/dtd/appserver/sun-web-app\\_2\\_4-1.dtd](http://www.sun.com/software/dtd/appserver/sun-web-app_2_4-1.dtd)

Once you have made these changes to the web.xml and ias-web.xml files, the Web application (WAR file) can be deployed from the Application Server's deploytool GUI interface or from the command line utility asadmin. The deployment command must specify the type of application as web.

Invoke the asadmin command line utility by running asadmin.bat file or the asadmin.sh script in the Application Server's bin directory.

The command at the `asadmin` prompt is:

```
asadmin deploy -u username -w password
-H hostname
-p adminport
--type web
[--contextroot contextroot]
[--force=true]
[--name component-name]
[--upload=true] filepath
```

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## Migrating Enterprise EJB Modules

Application Server 6.x supports EJB 1.1, and the Application Server supports EJB 2.0. Therefore, both can support:

- Stateful or stateless session beans
- Entity beans with bean-managed persistence (BMP), or container-managed persistence (CMP)

EJB 2.0, however, introduces a new type of enterprise bean, called a message-driven bean (MDB).

J2EE 1.4 specification dictates that the different components of an EJB must be grouped together in a JAR file with the following structure:

- `META-INF/` directory with an XML deployment descriptor named `ejb-jar.xml`
- The `.class` files corresponding to the home interface, remote interface, the implementation class, and the auxiliary classes of the bean with their package

Application Server 6.x use this archive structure. However, the EJB 1.1 specification leaves each EJB container vendor to implement certain aspects as they see fit:

- Database persistence of CMP EJBs (particularly the configuration of mapping between the bean's CMP fields and columns in a database table).
- Implementation of the custom finder method logic for CMP beans.
- Application Server 6.x and Application Server 8.2 do not handle migrations in the same way, which means that some XML files must be modified:
- The `<!DOCTYPE` definition must be modified to point to the latest DTD url (in the case of J2EE standard DDs, like `ejb-jar.xml`).
- Replace the `ias-ejb-jar.xml` file with the modified version of this file (for example, file `sun-ejb-jar.xml`, which is created manually according to the DTDs). For more information, see [http://www.sun.com/software/dtd/appserver/sun-\*ejb-jar\\_2\\_1-1.dtd\*](http://www.sun.com/software/dtd/appserver/sun-<i>ejb-jar_2_1-1.dtd</i>)

- Replace all the `<ejb-name>-ias-cmp.xml` files with one `sun-cmp-mappings.xml` file, which is created manually. For more information, see [http://www.sun.com/software/dtd/appserver/sun-cmp-mapping\\_1\\_2.dtd](http://www.sun.com/software/dtd/appserver/sun-cmp-mapping_1_2.dtd)
- Optionally, for CMP entity beans, use the `capture-schema` utility in the Application Server's `bin` directory to generate the `dbschema`. Then place it above the `META-INF` directory for the entity beans.

## EJB Migration

As mentioned in [Chapter 4](#), while Application Server 6.x supports the EJB 1.1 specification, Application Server also supports the EJB 2.0 specification. The EJB 2.0 specification introduces the following new features and functions to the architecture:

- Message Driven Beans (MDBs)
- Improvements in Container-Managed Persistence (CMP)
- Container-managed relationships for entity beans with CMP
- Local interfaces
- EJB Query Language (EJB QL)

Although the EJB 1.1 specification continues to be supported in the Application Server, the use of the EJB 2.0 architecture is recommended to leverage its enhanced capabilities.

For detailed information on migrating from EJB 1.1 to EJB 2.0, please refer to [Chapter 5](#)

## EJB Changes Specific to Application Server Platform Edition 8.2

Migrating EJBs from Application Server 6.x to Application Server 8.2 is done without making any changes to the EJB code. However, the following DTD changes are required.

### Session Beans

- The `<!DOCTYPE>` definition must be modified to point to the latest DTDs with J2EE standard DDs, such as `ejb-jar.xml`.
- Replace `ias-ejb-jar.xml` file with the modified version of this file, named `sun-ejb-jar.xml`, created manually according to the DDs. For more details, see [http://www.sun.com/software/dtd/appserver/sun-\*ejb-jar\*\\_2\\_1-1.dtd](http://www.sun.com/software/dtd/appserver/sun-<i>ejb-jar</i>_2_1-1.dtd)
- In the `sun-ejb-jar.xml` file, the JNDI name for all the EJBs must be added before `"ejb/"` in all the JNDI names. This is required because, in Application Server 6.5, the JNDI name of the EJB can only be `ejb/<ejb-name>` where `<ejb-name>` is the name of the EJB as declared inside the `ejb-jar.xml` file.



In the Application Server, a new tag has been introduced in the `sun-ejb-jar.xml`. This is where the JNDI name of the EJB is declared.

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**Note** – To avoid changing JNDI names throughout the application, declare the JNDI name of the EJB as `ejb/<ejb-name>` inside the `<jndi-name>` tag.

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## Entity Beans

- The `<!DOCTYPE>` definition must be modified to point to the latest DTDs containing J2EE standard DDs, such as `ejb-jar.xml`.
- Update the `<cmp-version>` tag with the value 1.1, for all CMPs in the `ejb-jar.xml` file.
- Replace all the `<ejb-name>-ias-cmp.xml` files with the manually created `sun-cmp-mappings.xml` file. For more information, see [http://www.sun.com/software/dtd/appserver/sun-cmp-mapping\\_1\\_2.dtd](http://www.sun.com/software/dtd/appserver/sun-cmp-mapping_1_2.dtd)
- Generate `dbschema` by using the `capture-schema` utility in the Application Server installation's bin directory and place it above `META-INF` folder for Entity beans.
- Replace the `ias-ejb-jar.xml` with the `sun-ejb.jar.xml` in Application Server.
- In Application Server 6.5, the finder's SQL was directly embedded into the `<ejb-name>-ias-cmp.xml`. In Application Server, mathematical expressions are used to declare the `<query-filter>` for the various finder methods.

## Message Driven Beans

Application Server provides seamless Message Driven Support through the tight integration of Sun Java System Message Queue with the Application Server, providing a native, built-in JMS Service.

This installation provides Application Server with a JMS messaging system that supports any number of Application Server instances. Each server instance, by default, has an associated built-in JMS Service that supports all JMS clients running in the instance.

Both container-managed and bean-managed transactions, as defined in the Enterprise JavaBeans Specification, v2.0, are supported.

Message Driven Bean support in iPlanet Application Server was restricted to developers, and used many of the older proprietary APIs. Messaging services were provided by iPlanet Message Queue for Java 2.0. An LDAP directory was also required under iPlanet Application Server to configure the `Queue Connection Factory` object.

The `QueueConnectionFactory`, and other elements required to configure Message Driven Beans in Application Server are now specified in the `ejb-jar.xml` file.

For more information on the changes to deployment descriptors, see “[Migrating Deployment Descriptors](#)” on page 58 For information on Message Driven Beans see “[Using Message-Driven Beans](#)” in *Sun Java System Application Server Platform Edition 8.2 Developer’s Guide*.

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## Migrating Enterprise Applications

According to the J2EE specifications, an enterprise application is an EAR file, which must have the following structure:

- A `META-INF/` directory containing the XML deployment descriptor of the J2EE application called `application.xml`
- The JAR and WAR archive files for the EJB modules and Web module of the enterprise application, respectively

In the application deployment descriptor, the modules that make up the enterprise application and the Web application’s context root are defined.

Application server 6.x and the Application Server 8.2 support the J2EE model wherein applications are packaged in the form of an enterprise archive (EAR) file (extension `.ear`). The application is further subdivided into a collection of J2EE modules, packaged into Java archives (JAR files, which have a `.jar` file extension) and EJBs and Web archives (WAR files, which have a `.war` file extension) for servlets and JSPs.

It is essential to follow the steps listed here before deploying an enterprise application:

### ▼ To Build an EAR File

- Steps**
1. **Package EJBs in one or more EJB modules.**
  2. **Package the components of the Web application in a Web module.**
  3. **Assemble the EJB modules and Web modules in an enterprise application module.**
  4. **Define the name of the enterprise application’s root context, which will determine the URL for accessing the application.**

The Application Server uses a newer class loader hierarchy than Application Server 6.x does. In the new scheme, for a given application, one class loader loads all EJB modules and another class loader loads Web modules. These two are related in a

parent child hierarchy where the JAR module class loader is the parent module of the WAR module class loader. All classes loaded by the JAR class loader are available/accessible to the WAR module but the reverse is not true. If a certain class is required by the JAR file as well as the WAR file, then the class file must be packaged inside the JAR module only. If this guideline is not followed it can lead to class conflicts.

## Application Root Context and Access URL

There is a major difference between Application Server 6.x and the Application Server 8.2, concerning the applications access URL (root context of the application's Web module). If `AppName` is the name of the root context of an application deployed on a server called `hostname`, the access URL for this application differs, depending on the application server used:

- With Application Server 6.x, which is always used jointly with a Web front-end, the access URL for the application takes the following form (assuming the Web server is configured on the standard HTTP port, 80):

```
http://<hostname>/NASApp/AppName/
```

- With the Application Server 8.2, the URL takes the form:

```
http://<hostname>:<portnumber>/AppName/
```

The TCP port used as default by Application Server 8.2 is port 8080.

Although the difference in access URLs between Application Server 6.x and the Application Server might appear minor, it can be problematic when migrating applications that make use of absolute URL references. In such cases, it is necessary to edit the code to update any absolute URL references so that they are no longer prefixed with the specific marker used by the Web Server plug-in for Application Server 6.x.

## Applications With Form-based Authentication

Applications developed on Application Server 6.5 that use form-based authentication can pass the request parameters to the Authentication Form or the Login page. The Login page could be customized to display the authentication parameters based on the input parameters.

For example:

```
http://gatekeeper.uk.sun.com:8690/NASApp/test/secured/page.jsp?  
arg1=test&arg2=m
```

Application Server 8.2 does not support the passing of request parameters while displaying the Login page. The applications that uses form-based authentication, which passes the request parameters can not be migrated to Application Server 8.2.

Porting such applications to Application Server 8.2 requires significant changes in the code. Instead, you can store the request parameter information in the session, which can be retrieved while displaying the Login page.

The following code example demonstrates the workaround:

Before changing the code in 6.5:

```
-----index-65.jsp -----
<%@page contentType="text/html"%>
<html>
<head><title>JSP Page</title></head>
<body>
go to the <a href="secured/page.htm">secured area</a>
</body>
</html>
-----login-65.jsp-----
<%@page contentType="text/html"%>
<html>
<head> </head>
<body>
<!-- Print login form -->
<h3>Parameters</h3><br>
out.println("arg1 is " + request.getParameter("arg1"));
out.println("arg2 is " + request.getParameter("arg2"));
</body>
</html>
```

After changing the code in Application Server 8.2:

```
-----index-81.jsp -----
<%@page contentType="text/html"%>
<html>
<head><title>JSP Page</title></head>
<body>
<%session.setAttribute("arg1","test"); %>
<%session.setAttribute("arg2","me"); %>
go to the <a href="secured/page.htm">secured area</a>
</body>
</html>
```

The index-81.jsp shows how you can store the request parameters in a session.

```
-----login-81.jsp-----
<%@page contentType="text/html"%>
<html>
<head> </head>
<body>
<!-- Print login form -->
<h3>Parameters</h3><br>
<!--retrieving the parameters from the session -->
out.println("arg1 is"+(String)session.getAttribute("arg1"));
out.println("arg2 is" + (String)session.getAttribute("arg2"));
</body>
</html>
```

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## Migrating Proprietary Extensions

A number of classes proprietary to the Application Server 6.x environment might have been used in applications. Some of the proprietary packages used by Application Server 6.x are listed below:

- `com.ipplanet.server.servlet.extension`
- `com.kivasoft.dlm`
- `com.ipplanetiplanet.server.jdbc`
- `com.kivasoft.util`
- `com.netscape.server.servlet.extension`
- `com.kivasoft`
- `com.netscape.server`

These APIs are not supported in the Application Server 8.2. Applications using any classes belonging to the above package must be rewritten to use standard J2EE APIs. Applications using custom JSP tags and UIF framework also need to be rewritten to use standard J2EE APIs.

For a sample migration walkthrough using the iBank application, see [Chapter 7](#).

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## Migrating UIF

The Application Server 8.2 does not support the use of Unified Integration Framework (UIF) API for applications. Instead, it supports the use of J2EE Connector Architecture (JCA) for integrating the applications. However, the applications developed in Application Server 6.5 use the UIF. In order to deploy such applications to the Application Server 8.2, migrate the UIF to the J2EE Connector Architecture. This section discusses the prerequisites and steps to migrate the applications using UIF to Application Server.

Before migrating the applications, ensure that the UIF is installed on Application Server 6.5. To check for the installation, follow either of the following approaches:

### Checking in the Registry Files

UIF is installed as a set of application server extensions. They are registered in the application server registry during the installation. Search for the following strings in the registry to check whether UIF is installed.

Extension Name Set:

- Extension DataObjectExt-cDataObject
- Extension RepositoryExt-cLDAPRepository
- Extension MetadataService-cMetadataService
- Extension RepoValidator-cRepoValidator
- Extension BSPRuntime-cBSPRuntime
- Extension BSPErrorLogExt-cErrorLogMgr
- Extension BSPUserMap-cBSPUserMap

The registry file on Solaris Operating Environment can be found at the following location:

*AS\_HOME/AS/registry/reg.dat*

## Checking for UIF Binaries in Installation Directories

UIF installers copy specific binary files in to the application server installation. Successfully finding the files listed below, indicates that UIF is installed.

The location of the following files on Solaris and Windows is:

*AS\_HOME/AS/APPS/bin*

List of files to be searched on Solaris:

- libcBSPRlop.so
- libcBSPRuntime.so
- libcBSPUserMap.so
- libcDataObject.so
- libcErrorLogMgr.so
- libcLDAPRepository.so
- libcMetadataService.so
- libcRepoValidator.so
- libjx2cBSPRuntime.so
- libjx2cDataObject.so
- libjx2cLDAPRepository.so
- libjx2cMetadataService.so

List of files to be searched on Windows:

- cBSPRlop.dll
- cBSPRuntime.dll
- cBSPUserMap.dll
- cDataObject.dll
- ErrorLogMgr.dll
- cLDAPRepository.dll
- cMetadataService.dll
- cRepoValidator.dll
- jx2cBSPRuntime.dll
- jx2cDataObject.dll

- `jx2cLDAPRepository.dll`
- `jx2cMetadataService.dll`

Before migrating the UIF to Application Server8.2, ensure that the UIF API is being used in the applications. To verify its usage:

- Check for the usage of `netscape.bsp` package name in the Java sources
- Check for the usage of `access_cBSPRuntime.getcBSPRuntime` method in the sources. You must call this method to acquire the UIF runtime.

Contact [appserver-migration@sun.com](mailto:appserver-migration@sun.com) for information about UIF migration to the Application Server8.2.

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## Migrating JDBC Code

With the JDBC API, there are two methods of database access:

- Establishing Connections Through the DriverManager Interface  
(JDBC 1.0 API), by loading a specific driver and providing a connection URL. This method is used by other Application Servers, such as IBM's WebSphere 4.0
- Using JDBC 2.0 Data Sources  
The `DataSource` interface (JDBC 2.0 API) can be used via a configurable connection pool. According to J2EE 1.2, a data source is accessed through the JNDI naming service

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**Note** – Application Server8.2 does not support the Native Type 2 JDBC drivers bundled with Application Server 6.x. Code that uses the Type 2 drivers to access third party JDBC drivers, must be manually migrated.

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## Establishing Connections Through the DriverManager Interface

Although this database access method is not recommended, as it is obsolete and is not very effective, there could be some applications that still use this approach.

In this case, the access code is similar to the following:

```
public static final String driver = "oracle.jdbc.driver.OracleDriver";
public static final String url =
    "jdbc:oracle:thin:tmb_user/tmb_user@ibcn:1521:tmbank";
```

```
Class.forName(driver).newInstance();
Properties props = new Properties();
props.setProperty("user", "tmb_user");
props.setProperty("password", "tmb_user");
Connection conn = DriverManager.getConnection(url, props);
```

This code can be fully ported from Application Server 6.x to Application Server 8.2, as long as the Application Server 8.2 is able to locate the classes needed to load the right JDBC driver. In order to make the required classes accessible to the application deployed in the Application Server, place the archive (JAR or ZIP) for the driver implementation in the `/lib` directory of the Application Server installation directory.

Modify the `CLASSPATH` by setting the path for the driver through the Admin Console GUI.

- Click the server instance `server1`.
- Click the tab "JVM Settings" from the right pane.
- Click the option Path Settings and add the path in the classpath suffix text entry box.
- Once the changes are made, click "Save."
- Apply the new settings.
- Restart the server to modify the configuration file, `server.xml`.

## Using JDBC 2.0 Data Sources

Using JDBC 2.0 data sources to access a database provides performance advantages, such as transparent connection pooling, enhanced productivity by simplifying code and implementation, and code portability.

If there is a datasource by the name "xyz" on Application Server 6.x application and you do not want any impact on your JNDI lookup code, make sure that the datasource you create for Application Server 8.2 is prefixed with `jdbc`. For example: `jdbc/xyz`.

For information on configuring JDBC Datasources, see Chapter 3, "JDBC Resources," in *Sun Java System Application Server Platform Edition 8.2 Administration Guide* Chapter 3, "JDBC Resources," in *Sun Java System Application Server Platform Edition 8.2 Administration Guide*.

## Looking Up the Data Source Using JNDI To Obtain a Connection

To obtain a connection from a data source, do the following:



## ▼ To Connect to a Data Source

**Steps** 1. **Obtain the initial JNDI context.**

To guarantee portability between different environments, the code used to retrieve an InitialContext object (in a servlet, in a JSP page, or an EJB) is as follows:

```
InitialContext ctx = new InitialContext();
```

2. **Use a JNDI lookup to obtain a data source reference.**

To obtain a reference to a data source bound to the JNDI context, look up the data source's JNDI name from the initial context object. The object retrieved in this way is cast as a DataSource type object:

```
ds = (DataSource) ctx.lookup(JndiDataSourceName);
```

3. **Use the data source reference to obtain the connection.**

This operation requires the following line of code:

```
conn = ds.getConnection();
```

Application Server 6.x and Application Server both follow these technique to obtain a connection from the data source.

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## Migrating Rich Clients

This section describes the steps for migrating RMI/IIOP and ACC clients developed in Planet Application Server 6.x to the Application Server 8.2.

### Authenticating a Client in Application Server 6.x

Application Server 6.x provides a client-side callback mechanism that enables applications to collect authentication data from the user, such as the username and the password. The authentication data collected by the iPlanet CORBA infrastructure is propagated to the application server via IIOP.

If ORBIX 2000 is the ORB used for RMI/IIOP, portable interceptors implement security by providing hooks, or interception points, which define stages within the request and reply sequence.

## Authenticating a Client in Sun Java System Application Server 8.2

The authentication is done based on JAAS (Java Authorization and Authentication System API). If a client does not provide a `CallbackHandler`, then the default `CallbackHandler`, called the `LoginModule`, is used by the ACC to obtain the authentication data.

For detailed instructions on using JAAS for authentication, see Chapter 9, "Configuring Security," in *Sun Java System Application Server Platform Edition 8.2 Administration Guide*.

## Using ACC in Application Server 6.x and Sun Java System Application Server 8.2

In Application Server 6.x, no separate appclient script is provided. You are required to place the `iasacc.jar` file in the classpath instead of the `iascleint.jar` file. The only benefit of using the ACC for packaging application clients in 6.x is that the JNDI names specified in the client application are indirectly mapped to the absolute JNDI names of the EJBs.

In case of Application Server 6.x applications, a standalone client uses the absolute name of the EJB in the JNDI lookup. That is, outside an ACC, the following approach is used to lookup the JNDI:

```
initial.lookup("ejb/ejb-name");  
initial.lookup("ejb/module-name/ejb-name");
```

If your application was developed using Application Server 6.5 SP3, you would have used the prefix `java:comp/env/ejb/` when performing lookups via absolute references.

```
initial.lookup("java:comp/env/ejb/ejb-name");
```

In Sun Java System Application Server 8.2, the JNDI lookup is done on the `jndi-name` of the EJB. The absolute name of the EJB must not be used. Also, the prefix, `java:comp/env/ejb` is not supported in Sun Java System Application Server 8.2. Replace the `iasclient.jar`, `iasacc.jar`, or `javax.jar` JAR files in the classpath with `appserv-ext.jar`.

If your application provides load balancing capabilities, in Sun Java System Application Server 8.2, load balancing capabilities are supported only in the form of `SIASCTXFactory` as the context factory on the client side and then specifying the alternate hosts and ports in the cluster by setting the `com.sun.appserv.iiop.loadbalancingpolicy` system property as follows:

```
com.sun.appserv.iiop.loadbalancingpolicy=  
roundrobin,host1:port1,host2:port2,...
```

This property provides the administrator with a list of host:port combinations to round robin the ORBs. These host names can also map to multiple IP addresses. If this property is used along with `org.omg.CORBA.ORBInitialHost` and `org.omg.CORBA.ORBInitialPort` as system properties, the round robin algorithm will round robin across all the values provided. If, however, a host name and port number are provided in your code, in the environment object, that value overrides any other system property settings.

The Provider URL to which the client is connected in Application Server 6.5 is the IIOP host and port of the CORBA Executive Engine (CXS Engine). In case of Sun Java System Application Server 8.2, the client needs to specify the IIOP listener Host and Port number of the instance. No separate CXS engine exists in Sun Java System Application Server 8.2.

The default IIOP port is 3700 in Sun Java System Application Server 8.2; the actual value of the IIOP port can be found in the `domain.xml` configuration file.



## Migrating a Sample Application

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This chapter describes the process for migrating the main components of a typical J2EE application from Sun ONE Application Server 6.x to Application Server 8.2. This chapter highlights some of the problems posed during the migration of each type of component and suggests practical solutions to overcome such problems.

For this migration process, the J2EE application presented is called *iBank* and is based on the actual migration of the iBank application from Sun ONE Application Server 6.x to Application Server 8.2. iBank simulates an online banking service and covers all of the aspects traditionally associated with a J2EE application.

The major points of the J2EE specification covered by the iBank application are:

- Servlets, especially with redirection to JSP pages (model-view-controller architecture)
- JSP pages, especially with static and dynamic inclusion of pages
- JSP custom tag libraries
- Creation and management of HTTP sessions
- Database access through the JDBC API
- Enterprise Java Beans: Stateful and Stateless session beans, CMP and BMP entity beans
- Assembly and deployment in line with the standard packaging methods of the J2EE application

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# Preparing for Migrating the iBank Application

Before starting the migration process, it is important to understand the differences in the deployment descriptors. For detailed information, see [“Migrating Deployment Descriptors” on page 58](#).

## Choosing the Target

To start, choose Application Server 8.2 as the target migration server. Install the server in the migration environment. For step-by-step instructions on how to install the software, see the *Sun Java System Application Server 8.2 Installation Guide*.

If you are using Migration Tool for Sun Java System Application Server 8.2 to migrate the components, install the tool. The Migration Tool can be downloaded from the following location:

<http://java.sun.com/j2ee/tools/migration>  
(<http://java.sun.com/j2ee/tools/migration>)

For information on how to use the Migration Tool for Sun Java System Application Server 8.2, see the Migration Tool online help. The iBank application is bundled with the tool.

## Identifying the Components of the iBank Application

The iBank application has the following directory structure:

`iBank/docroot/session/entity/misc`

- `/docroot` contains HTML, JSP's and Image files in its root. It also contains the source files for servlets and EJBs in the sub-folder `WEB-INF\classes` following the package structure `com.sun.bank.*`. A war file is generated using this directory.
- `/session` contains the source code for the session beans following the package structure `com.sun.bank.ejb.session`. This directory forms the EJB module for the session beans.
- `/entity` contains the entity beans following the package structure `com.sun.bank.ejb.entity`. This directory would form the EJB module for entity beans.

- `/misc` contain the SQL scripts for the database setup.

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## Manual Steps in the iBank Application Migration

Most of the migration is done by the Migration Tool. Some migration steps that must be done manually are documented in the Migration Tool's user's guide and in the documentation for the iBank sample application.

### Configuring Database Connectivity

To deploy an application to the target server, you must add a connection pool, add a JDBC resource and a persistence manager.

This section discusses the following topics:

- [“Adding a Connection Pool” on page 79](#)
- [“Adding a JDBC Resource” on page 80](#)
- [“Adding a Persistence Manager” on page 80](#)

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**Note** – Before you begin these steps, ensure that the domain to which the application will be deployed is in the running state. These instructions assume that the application will be deployed to the default domain, `domain1`.

Use the `asadmin` utility in the Application Server's `bin` directory to perform these tasks.

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### Adding a Connection Pool

A JDBC connection pool is a group of reusable connections for a particular database. Because creating each new physical connection is time consuming, the server maintains a pool of available connections to increase performance. When an application requests a connection, it obtains one from the pool. When an application closes a connection, the connection is returned to the pool.

Use the `asadmin create-jdbc-connection-pool` command to add a connection pool to the server. The syntax of the command is given below.

```
asadmin create-jdbc-connection-pool
  --user admin_user
  --password admin_password
```

```

--host localhost
--port portno
--datasourceclassname dsclassname
--property User=ibank_user:Password=ibank_user:URL_PROP=db_url TMB

```

where, *dsclassname* is:

- `oracle.jdbc.pool.OracleDataSource` for Oracle
- `com.pointbase.jdbc.jdbcDataSource` for PointBase

*URL\_PROP* is:

- `url` for Oracle
- `DatabaseName` for PointBase

*db\_url* is:

- `jdbc:oracle:thin:@ORACLE_HOST:1521:SID` for Oracle, where *ORACLE\_HOST* is the machine name/IP address on which the database is installed, and *SID* is the System ID of the Oracle database.
- `jdbc:pointbase:server://POINTBASE_HOST:9092/migration-samples` for Pointbase, where *POINTBASE\_HOST* is the machine name/IP address on which the database is installed. This will be localhost in most cases.

## Adding a JDBC Resource

A JDBC resource (data source) provides applications with a means of connecting to a database. Before creating a JDBC resource, you must first create a JDBC connection pool.

Use the `asadmin create-jdbc-resource` command to add resource.

```

asadmin create-jdbc-resource --user admin_user --password
admin_password --host localhost --port portno --connectionpoolid TMB
jdbc/IBank

```

## Adding a Persistence Manager

A persistence manager is required for backward compatibility. To run on version 7 of the Application Server, a persistent manager resource was required for applications with container-managed persistent beans (a type of EJB component).

Use the `asadmin create-persistence-resource` command.

```

asadmin create-persistence-resource --user admin_user --password
admin_password --host localhost --port portno --connectionpoolid TMB
--factoryclass
com.sun.jdo.spi.persistence.support.sqlstore.impl.
PersistenceManagerFactoryImpljdo/pmf

```



## Assembling Application for Deployment

Application Server 8.2 primarily supports the J2EE model wherein applications are packaged in the form of an enterprise archive (EAR) file (extension .ear). The application is further subdivided into a collection of J2EE modules, packaged into Java archives (JAR, extension .jar) for EJBs and web archives (WAR, extension .war) for servlets and JSPs.

All the JSPs and Servlets must be packaged into WAR file, all EJBs into the JAR file and finally the WAR and the JAR file together with the deployment descriptors in to the EAR file. This EAR file is a deployable component.

## Using the asadmin Utility to Deploy the iBank Application on Application Server

The last step is to deploy the application on Application Server 8.2. The process for deploying an application is described below:

The Application Server 8.2 asadmin command includes a help section on deployment that is accessible from the Help menu.

The command line utility asadmin can be invoked by executing asadmin.bat file in Windows and asadmin file in Solaris Operating Environment that is stored in Application Server installation's bin directory.

At asadmin prompt, the command for deployment looks like this:

```
asadmin> deploy -u username -w password -H hostname -p adminport  
absolute_path_to_application
```

After restarting the Application Server 8.2, open a browser, and go to the following URL to test the application:

```
http://<machine_name>:<port_number>/ibank
```

When prompted, enter one of the available user names and passwords. The main menu page of the iBank application displays.



## Migration Tools and Resources

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This chapter describes migration tools that help automate the migration process from earlier versions of Sun ONE Application Server, Sun Java System Application Server 7, Netscape Application Server (Kiva), NetDynamics Application Server, and competitive application servers to Application Server 8.2.

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### Migration Tool for Sun Java System Application Server 8.2

The Migration Tool for Sun Java System Application Server 8.2 (hereafter called Migration Tool) migrates J2EE applications from other server platforms to Application Server 8.2.

The following source platforms are supported for Application Server 8.2:

- Sun ONE Application Server 6.x
- Sun Java System Application Server 7
- Sun Java System Application Server 8.0/8.1
- J2EE Reference Implementation Application Server (RI) 1.3, 1.4 Beta1
- WebLogic Application Server (WLS) 5.1, 6.0, 6.1, 8.1
- WebSphere Application Server (WAS) 4.0, 5.x
- Sun ONE Web Server 6.0
- JBoss Application Server 3.0
- TomCat Web Server 4.1

Migration Tool automates the migration of J2EE applications to Application Server 8.2, without much modification to the source code.

The key features of the tool are:

- Migration of application server-specific deployment descriptors

- Runtime support for selected custom JavaServer Pages (JSP) tags and proprietary APIs
- Conversion of selected configuration parameters with equivalent functionality in Application Server 8.2
- Automatic generation of Ant based scripts for building and deploying the migrated application to the target server, Application Server 8.2
- Generation of comprehensive migration reports after achieving migration

Download the Migration Tool from the following location:

<http://java.sun.com/j2ee/tools/migration/index.html>  
(<http://java.sun.com/j2ee/tools/migration/index.html>)

For detailed information on how to install and use the tool, see online help.

The Migration Tool specifications and migration process change from time to time, so the sample migration using the tool is not included in this guide. The migration process of a sample application is discussed in the documentation for this tool.

## Redeploying Migrated Applications

Most of the applications that are migrated automatically through the use of the available migration tools utilize the standard deployment tasks described in the *Sun Java System Application Server 8.2 Administration Guide*.

In some cases, the automatic migration is not able to migrate particular methods or syntaxes from the source application. When this occurs, a message displays describing the steps needed to complete the migration. Once these steps are completed, the administrator is able to deploy the application in the standard manner.

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## J2EE Application Verification Kit

The Java Application Verification Kit (AVK) for the Enterprise helps build and test applications to ensure that they are using the J2EE APIs correctly and to migrate to other J2EE compatible application servers using specific guidelines and rules.

Download the Java Application Verification Kit (AVK) from the following location:

<http://java.sun.com/j2ee/verified/> (<http://java.sun.com/j2ee/verified/>)

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## More Migration Information

This section provides references to additional migration documents.

### Migrating from KIVA/NAS/NetDynamics Application Servers

For information about migrating KIVA/NAS/NetDynamics applications to Sun ONE Application Server 6.0, see the *Sun ONE Application Server Migration Guide* at the following URL:

<http://docs.sun.com/db/doc/816-5780-10>

For information about migrating KIVA/NAS/NetDynamics applications to Sun ONE Application Server 6.5, see the *Sun ONE Application Server 6.5 Migration Guide* at the following URL:

<http://docs.sun.com/db/doc/816-5793-11>

For information about migrating KIVA/NAS/NetDynamics applications to Sun Java System Application Server 7, see *Sun Java System Application Server 7 Migrating and Redeploying Server Applications Guide* at the following URL:

<http://docs.sun.com/db/doc/817-2158-10>



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