Cluster Creation on Websphere Application Server 8.5

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1. Purpose

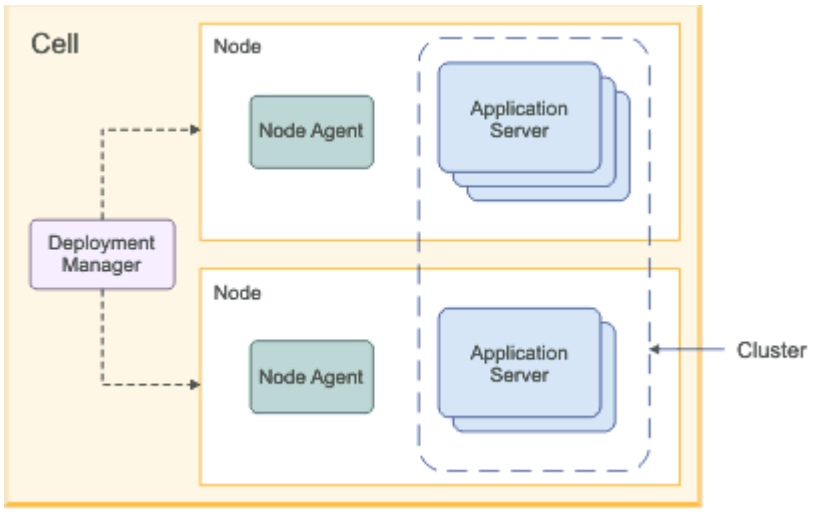
This document explains steps to create Cluster on Websphere Application Server 8.5 and also setup the proxy.

2. Introduction to Websphere

IBM websphere application server cluster deployment contains the below key elements

- Cell
- Nodes
  - Deployment Manager Node- “DMGR”
  - Node- “NodeXX”
  - Node Agent- “NAXX”
- Profiles
- Cluster
- Cluster Members
- Data Sources

Profile



- Cell: A cell is a grouping of nodes into a single administrative domain. In a Network Deployment environment, a cell can consist of multiple nodes (and node groups), which are all administered from a single point, the deployment manager.
- Node: A node is an administrative grouping of application servers for configuration and operational management within one operating system instance
- Node Agent: In distributed server configurations, each node has a node agent that works with the deployment manager to manage administration processes. A node agent is created automatically when you add (federate) a stand-alone node to a cell.

- Cluster: A cluster is a logical collection of application server processes that provides workload balancing and high availability. Application servers that belong to a cluster are members of that cluster and must all have identical application components deployed on them.
- A profile is a Websphere runtime environment formed by collection of User data and Product files. Product Files are shared application binaries for Websphere. User data is set of user customizations for a specific runtime environment.

  Prominent profile types are:

  - Stand-alone Application Server: An application server environment runs Enterprise Application. Application server is managed from its own administrative console and functions independently from other application server.
  - Deployment Manager: A Deployment Manager manages operations for a logical group or cell of other servers. It is the central administration point of a cell that consists of multiple nodes and node groups in a distributed server configuration. The deployment manager uses the node agent to manage the application servers within one node. A deployment manager provides management capability for multiple federated nodes and can manage nodes that span multiple systems and platforms. A node can only be managed by a single deployment manager and must be federated to the cell of that deployment manager.

Note ** Deployment Manager is part of Network Deployment Edition of Websphere.

3. Pre-requisites:

Before proceeding with the cluster setup ensure that the below resources are created

- JDBC Provider
- Datasource
- Queue Connection Factory
- JMS Queue

The instructions for resource creation are available in document <installer>\Docs\WEBSPHERE\Resource_Creation_WAS.doc

- For SSL configuration in Websphere, refer to the document SSL_Configuration_WAS.doc
- For application deployment, refer to document FCUBS_Application_WAS.doc
- For deployment of Gateway applications, refer to document GATEWAY_Applications_WAS.doc

4. Steps involved for Clustering

4.1 Create Profile

Go to Profile Management Tool

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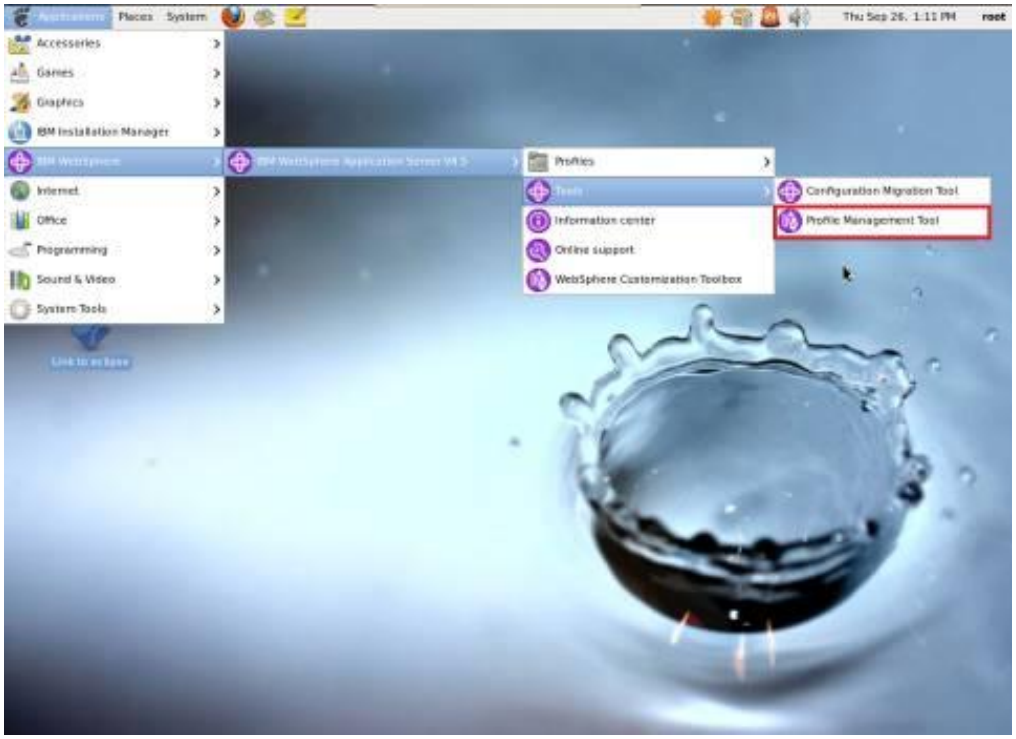

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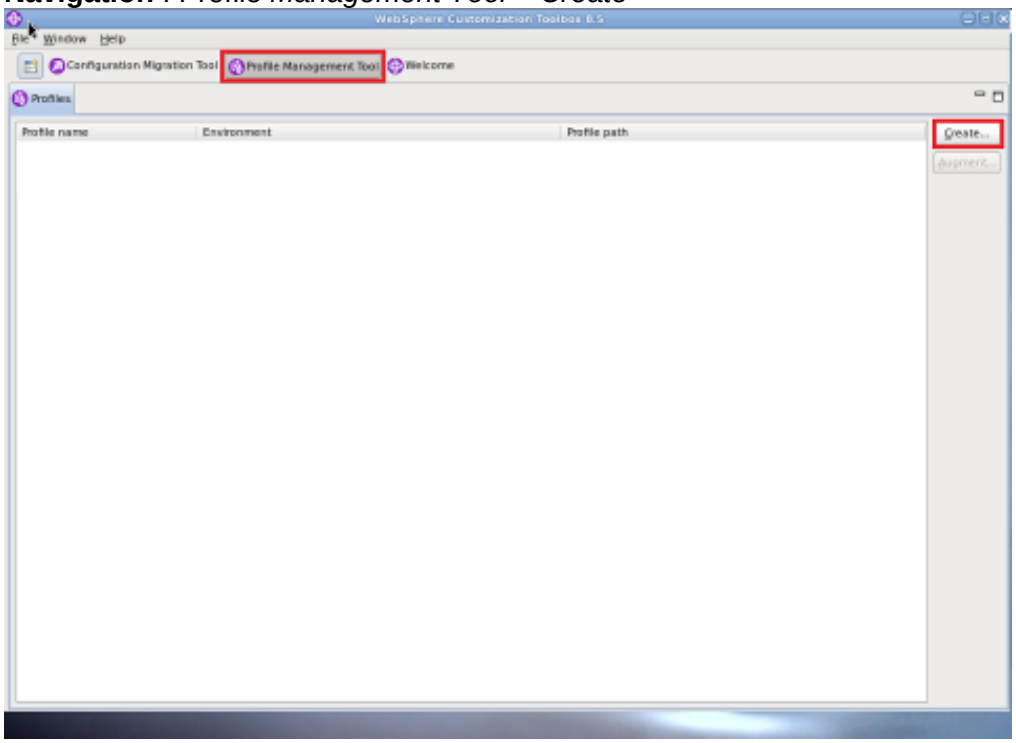

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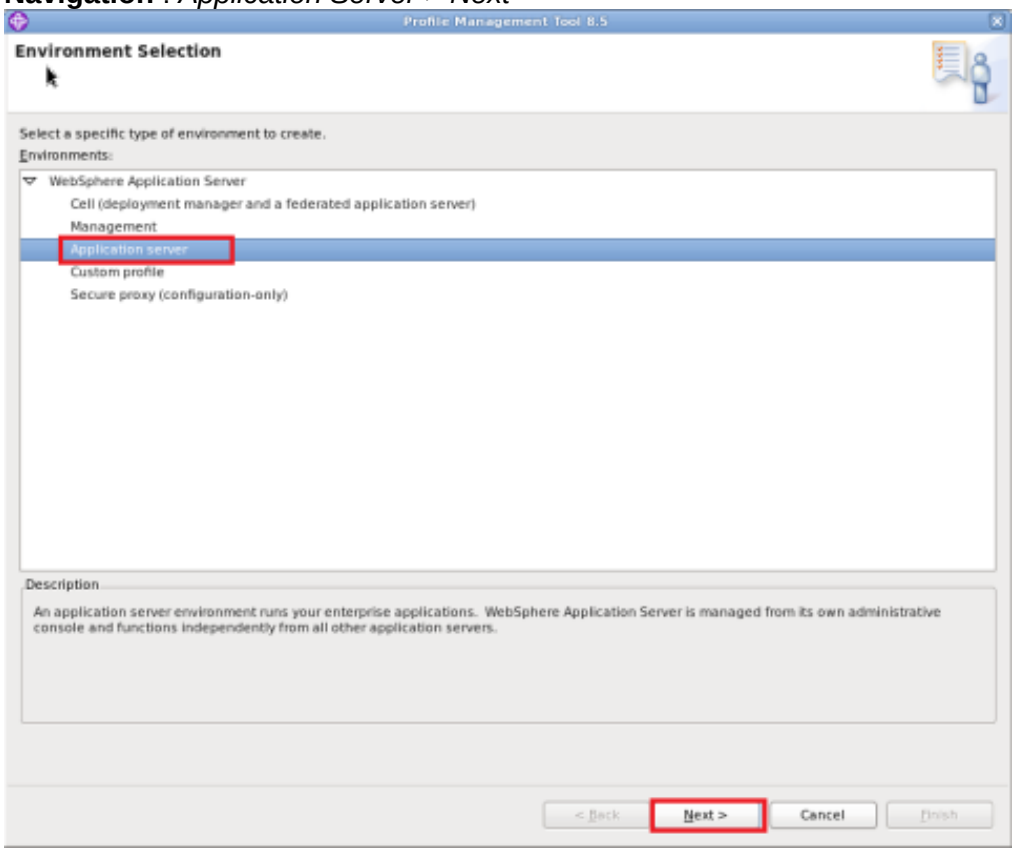

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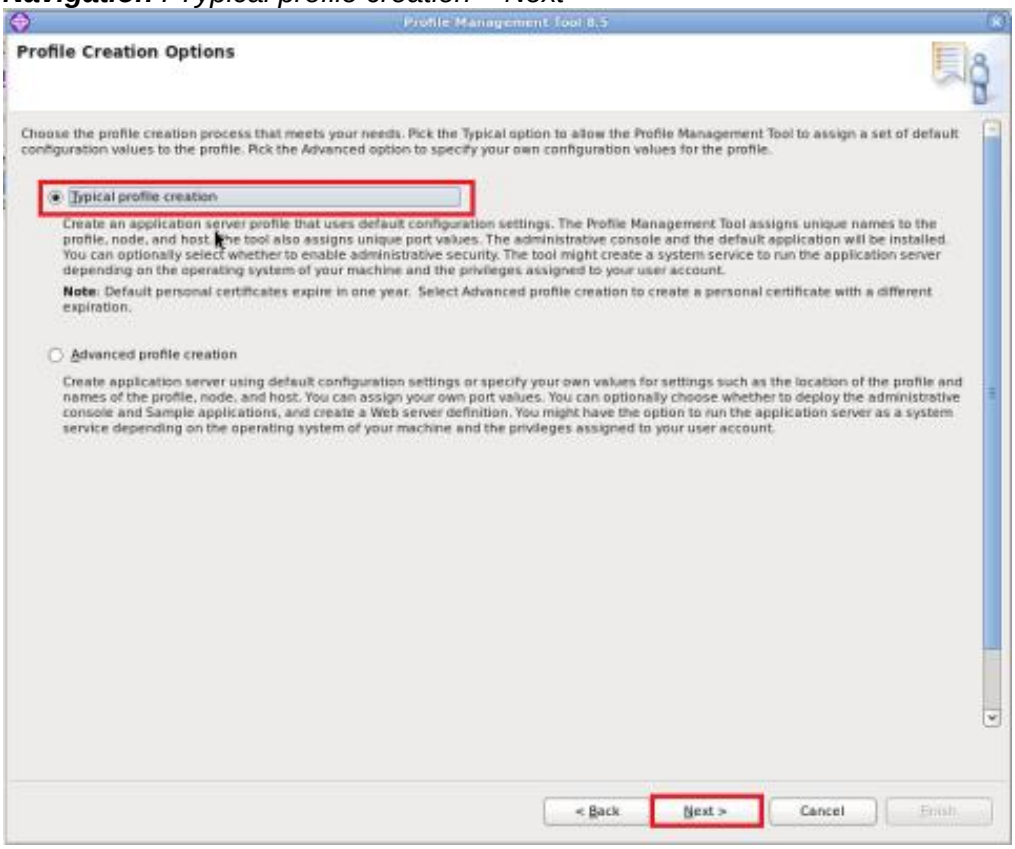

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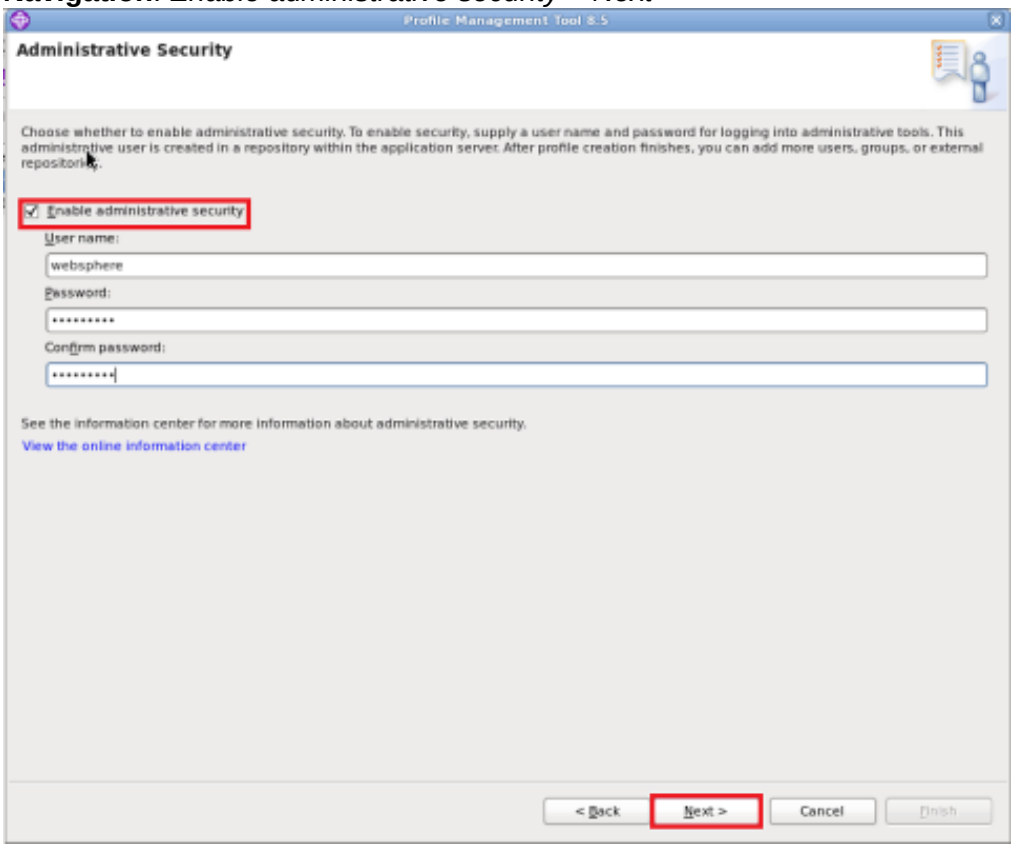

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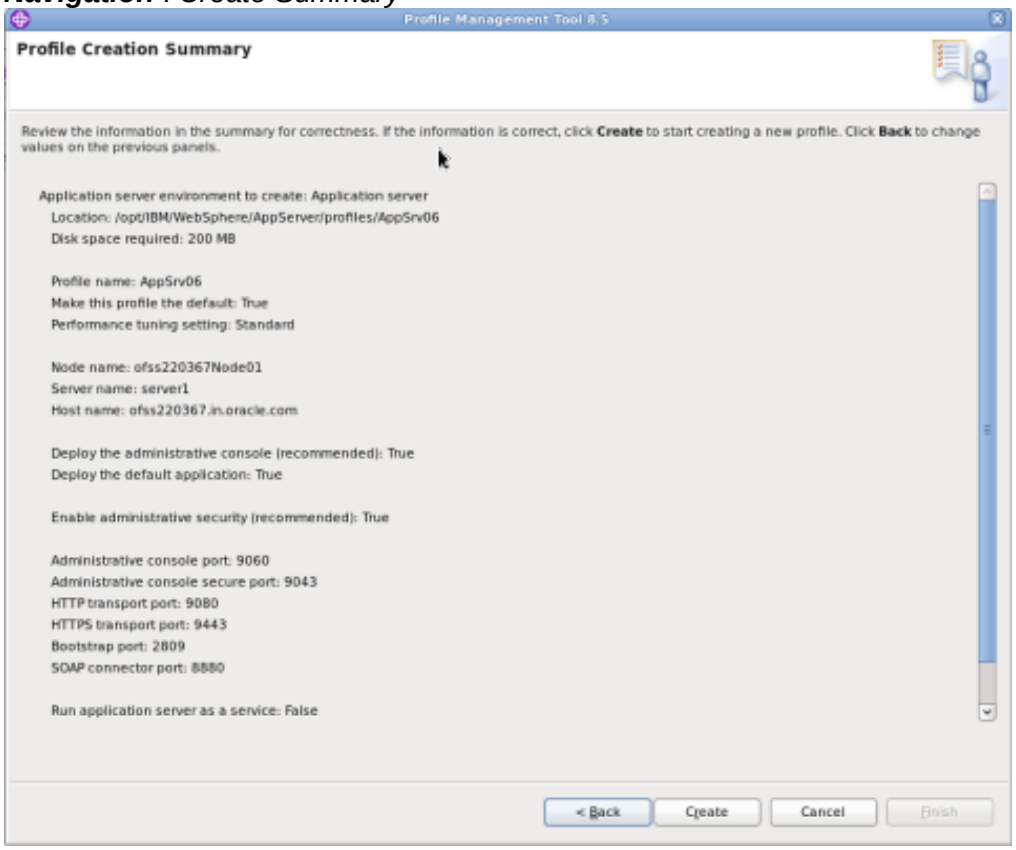

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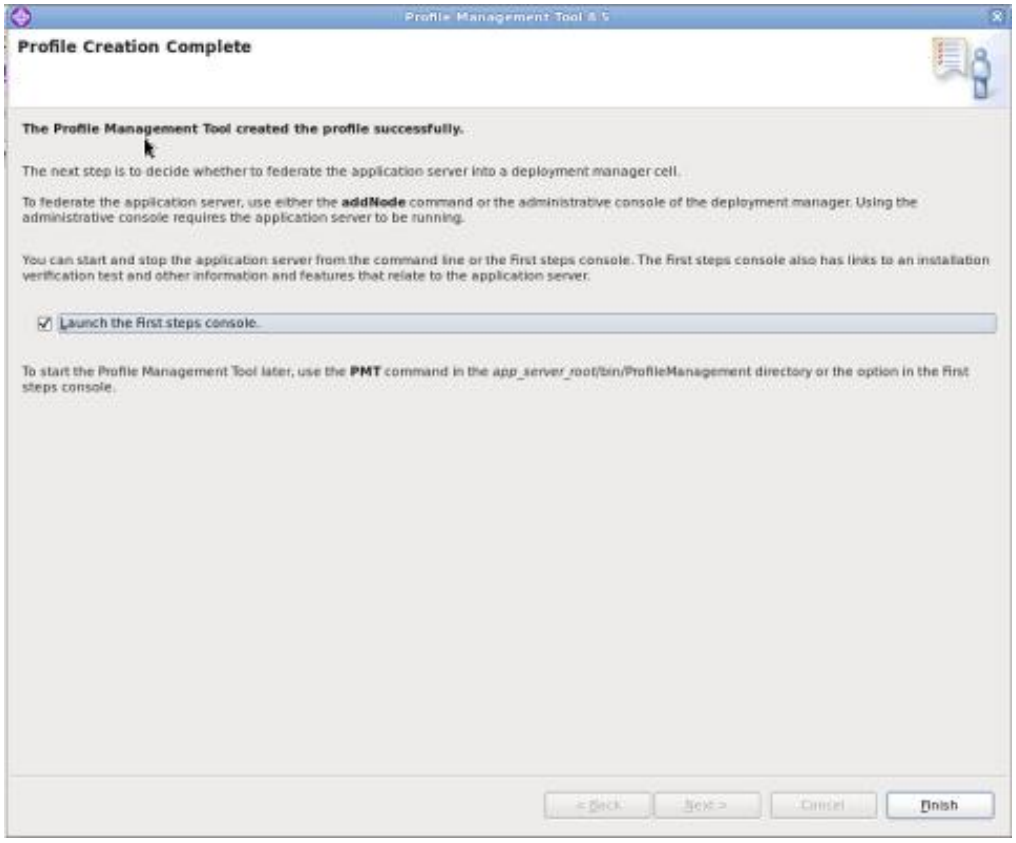

4.1.1 Create Deployment Manager Profile

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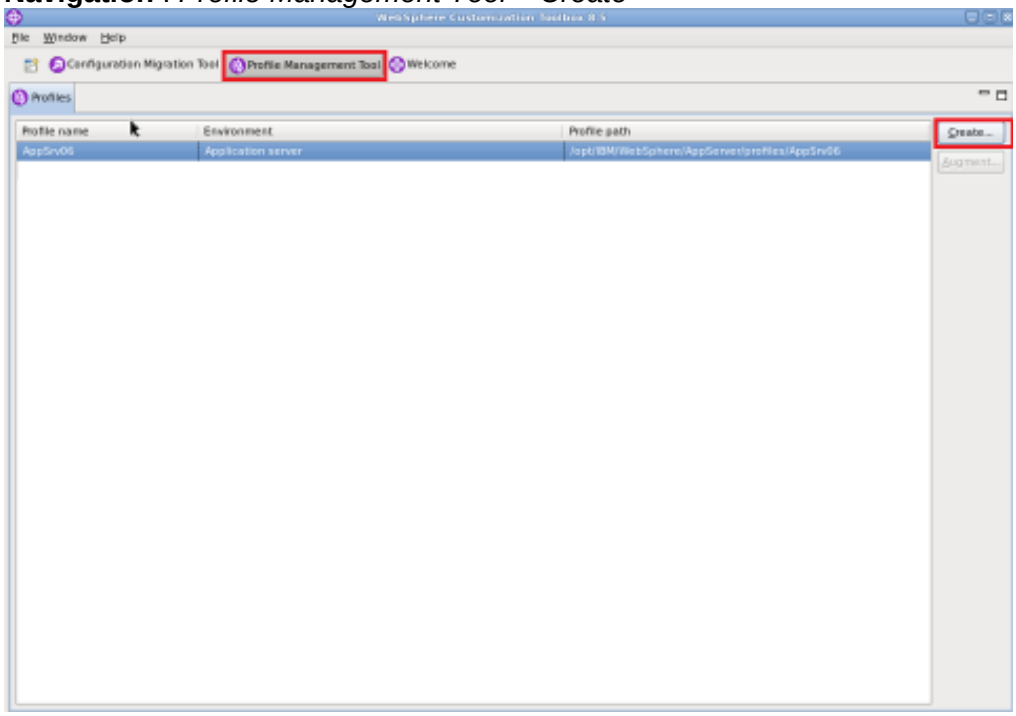

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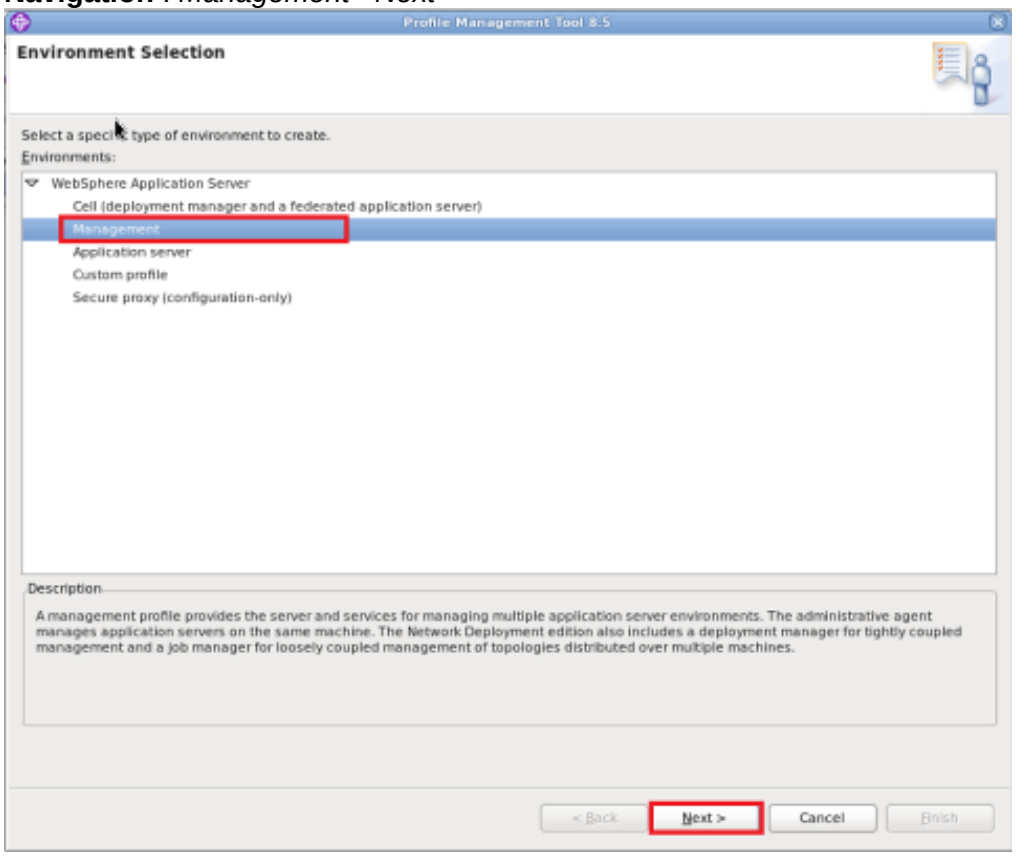

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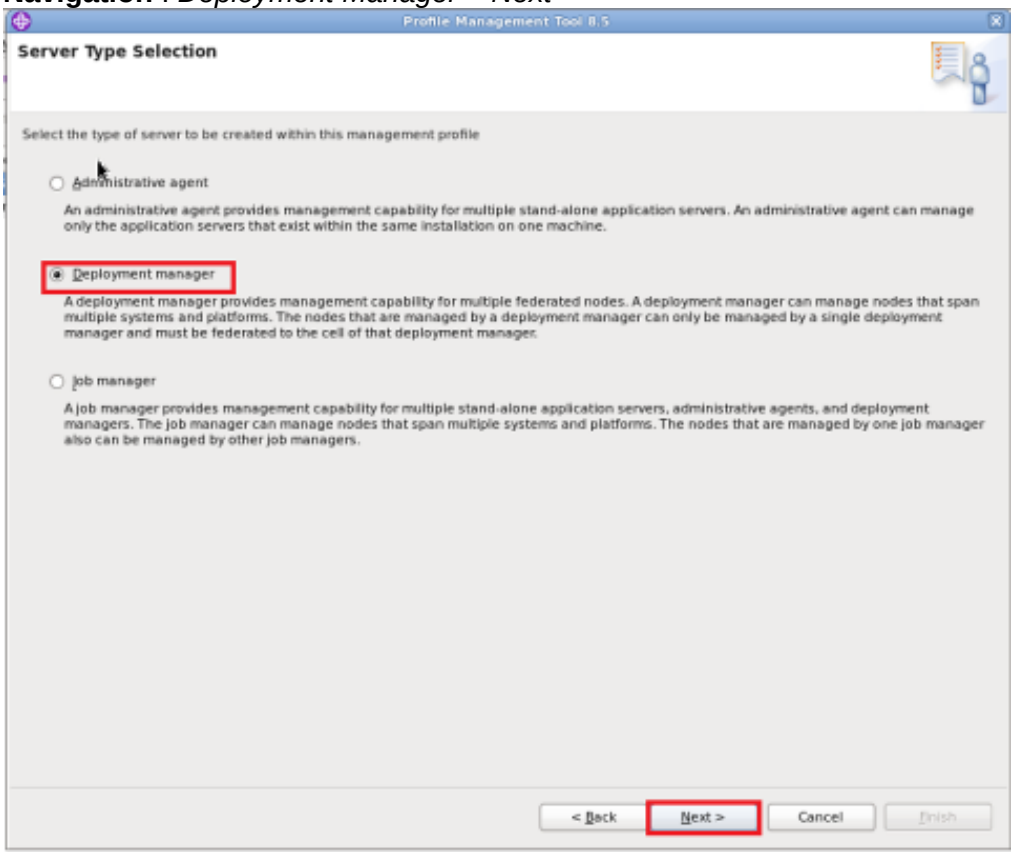

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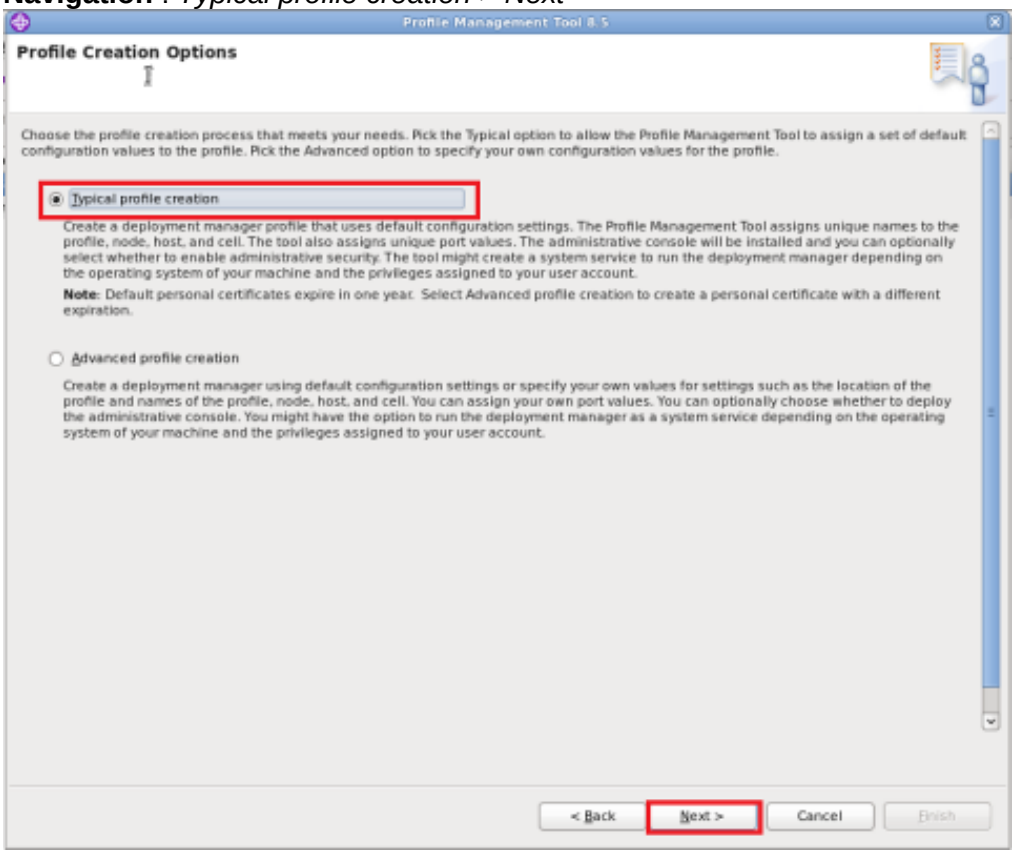

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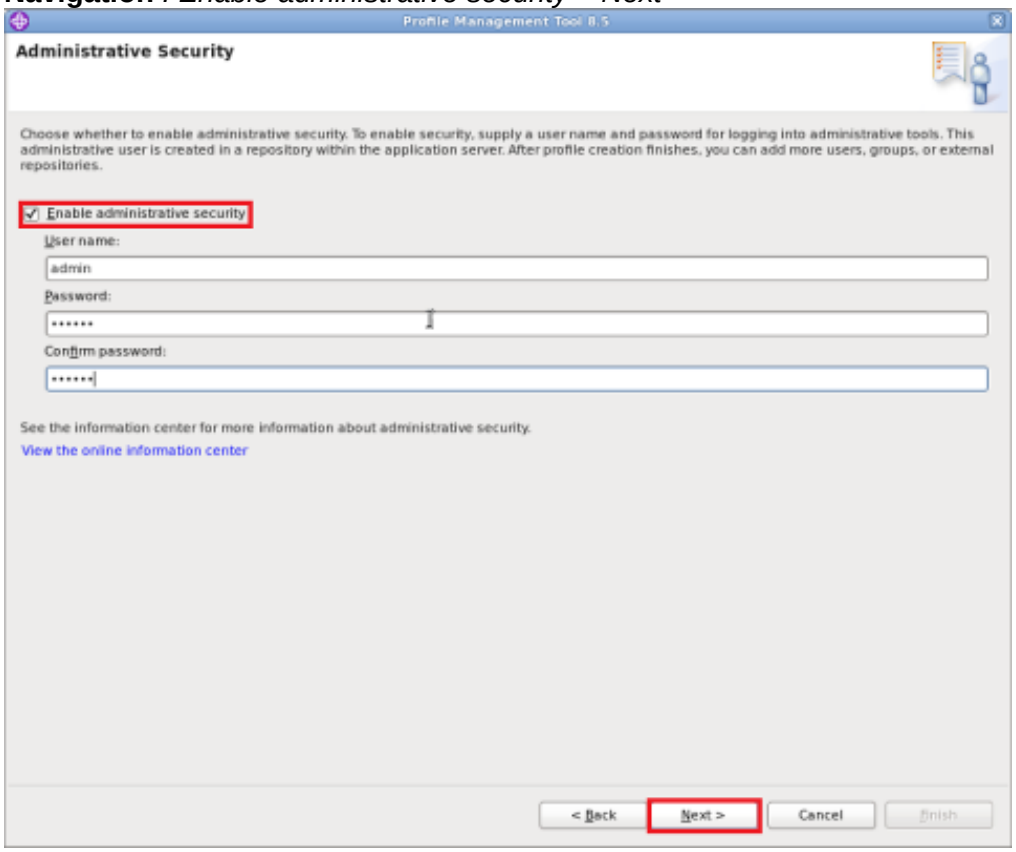

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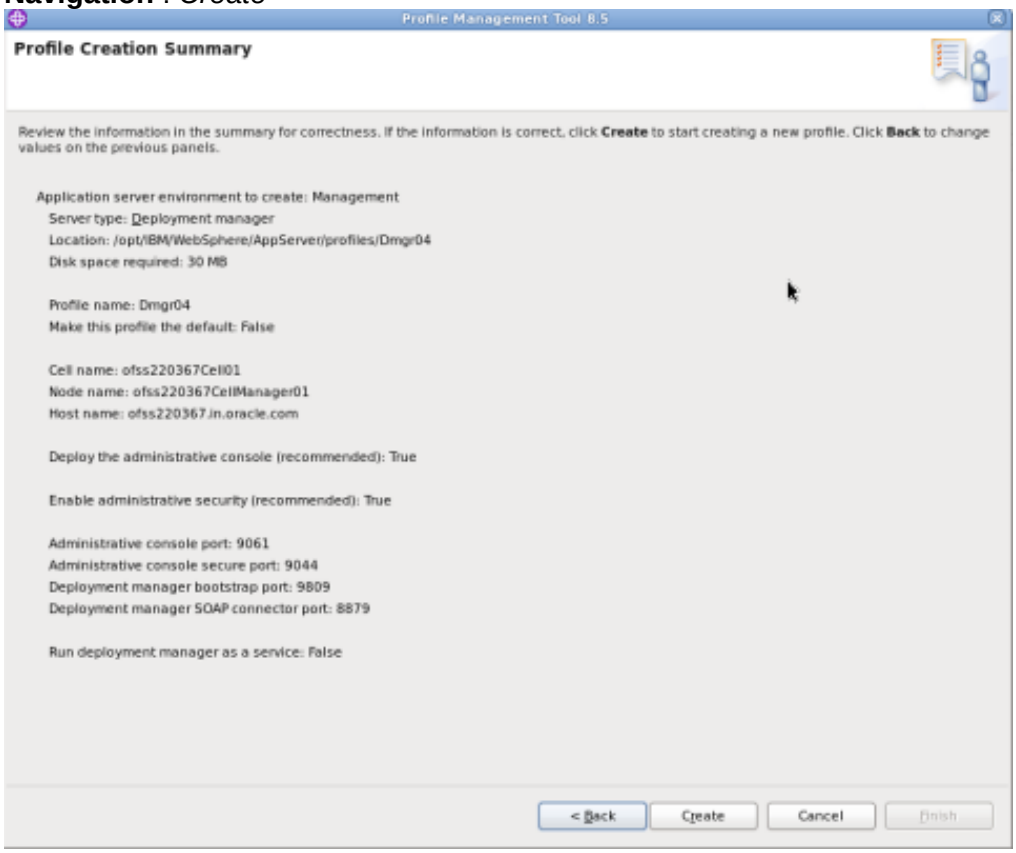

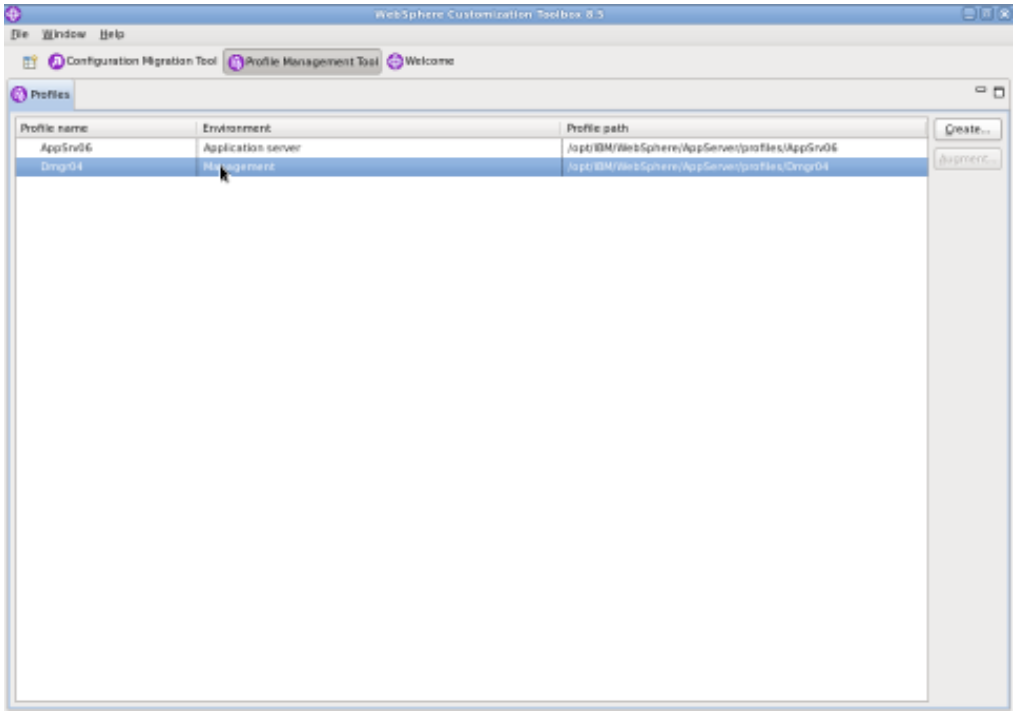

Start Deployment Manager & Open Administrative Console

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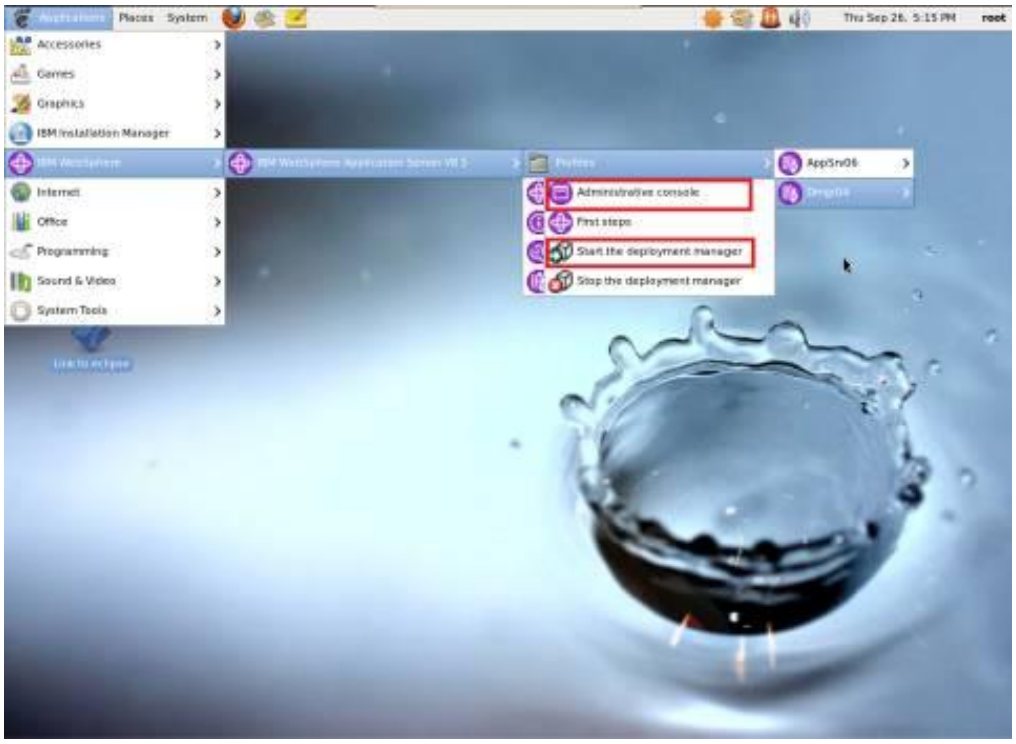

Log into Deployment Manger Console

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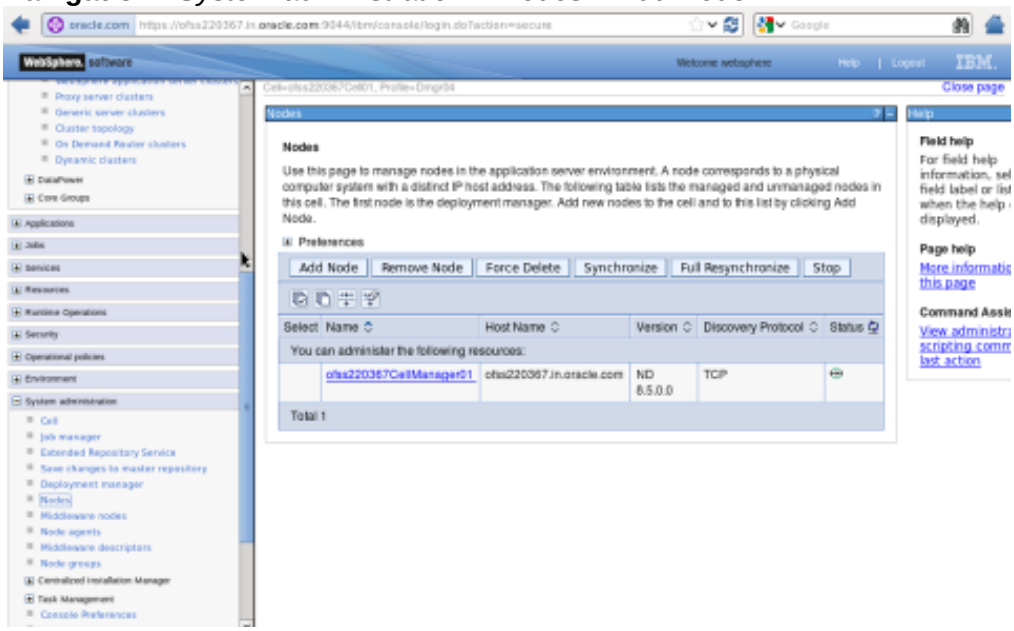

4.2 Create Node

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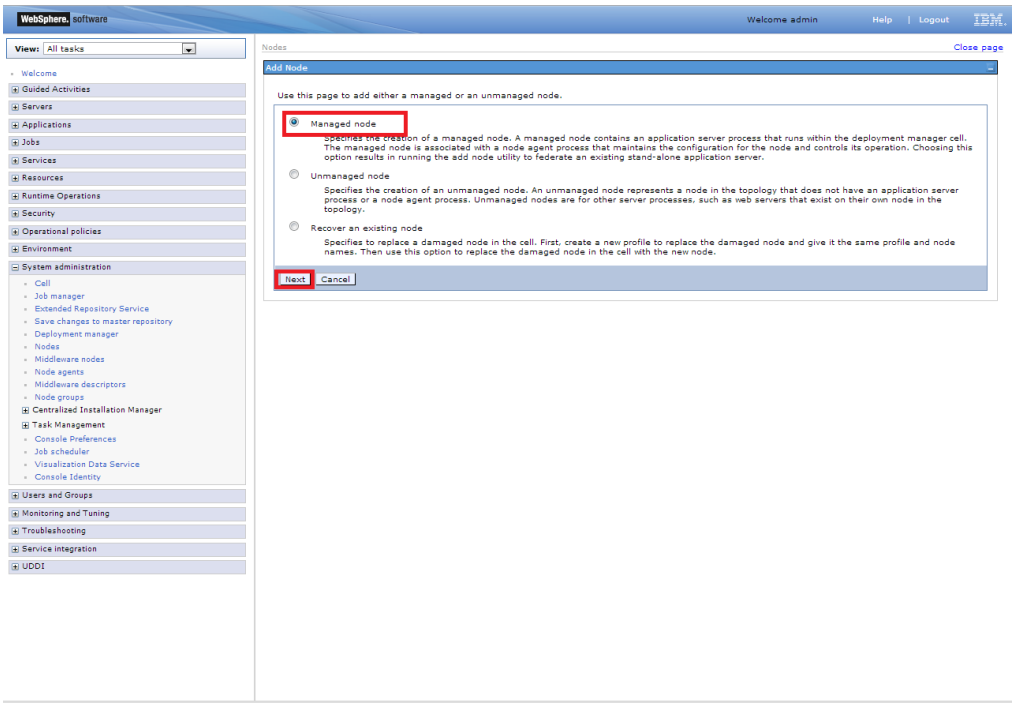
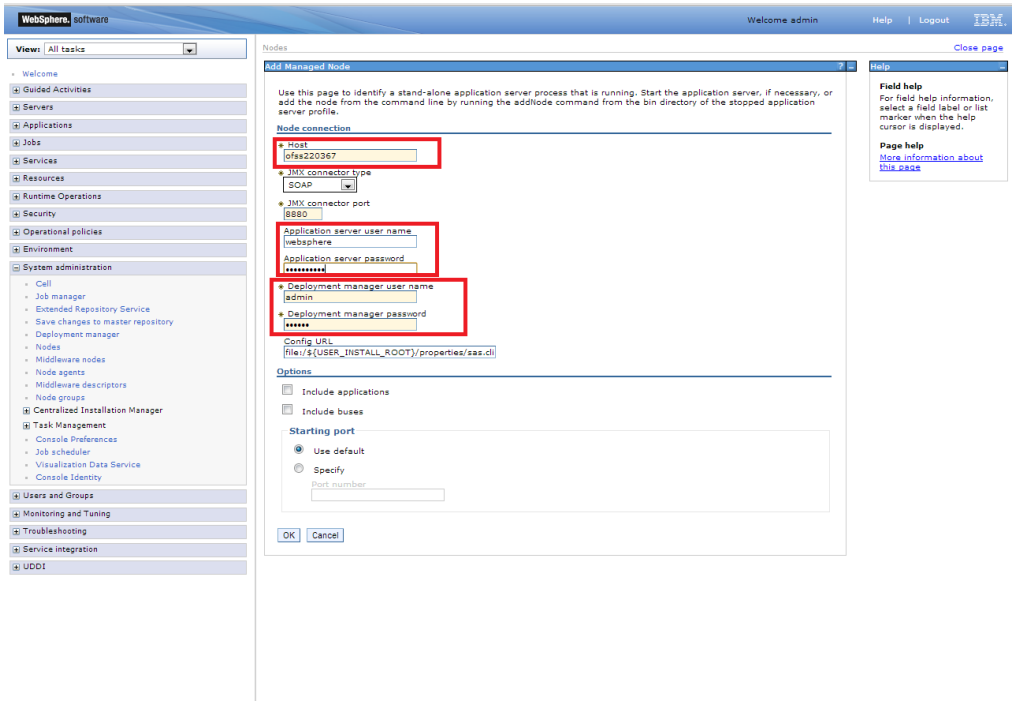
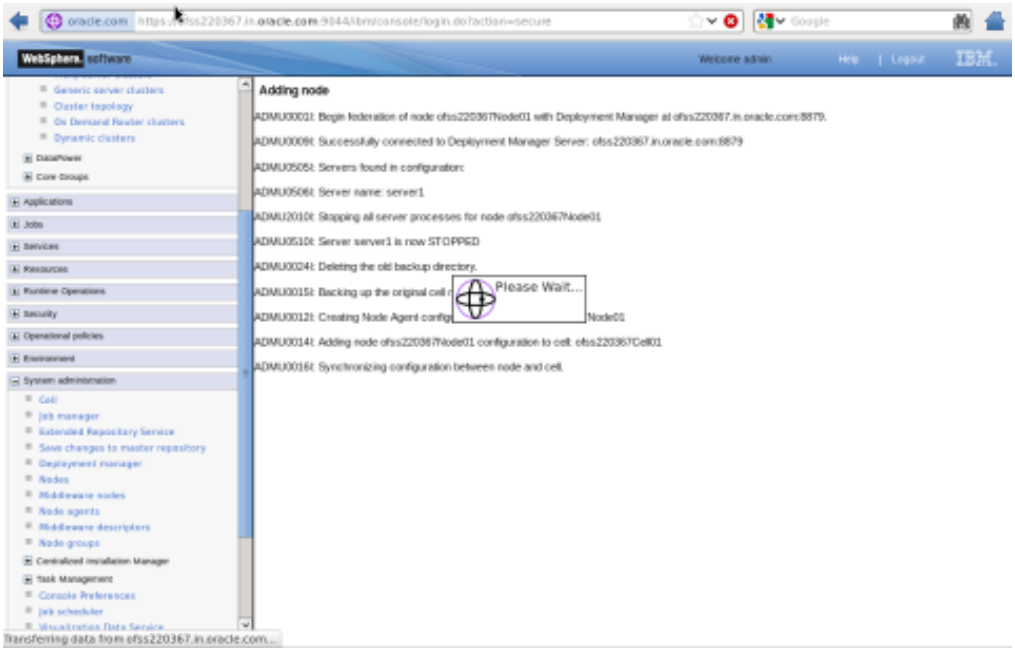
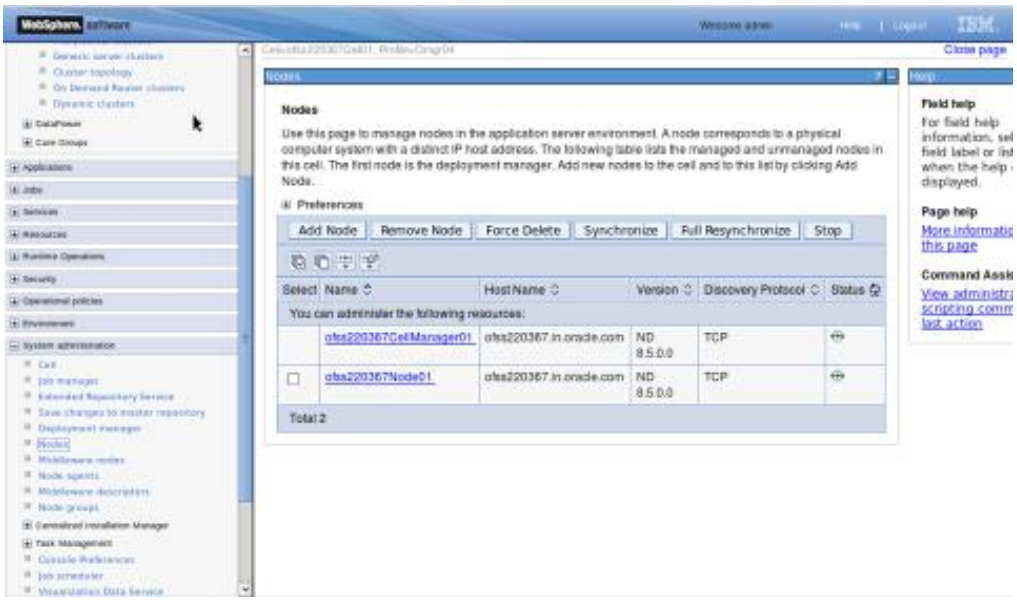


Provide the following field information and Click ‘OK’

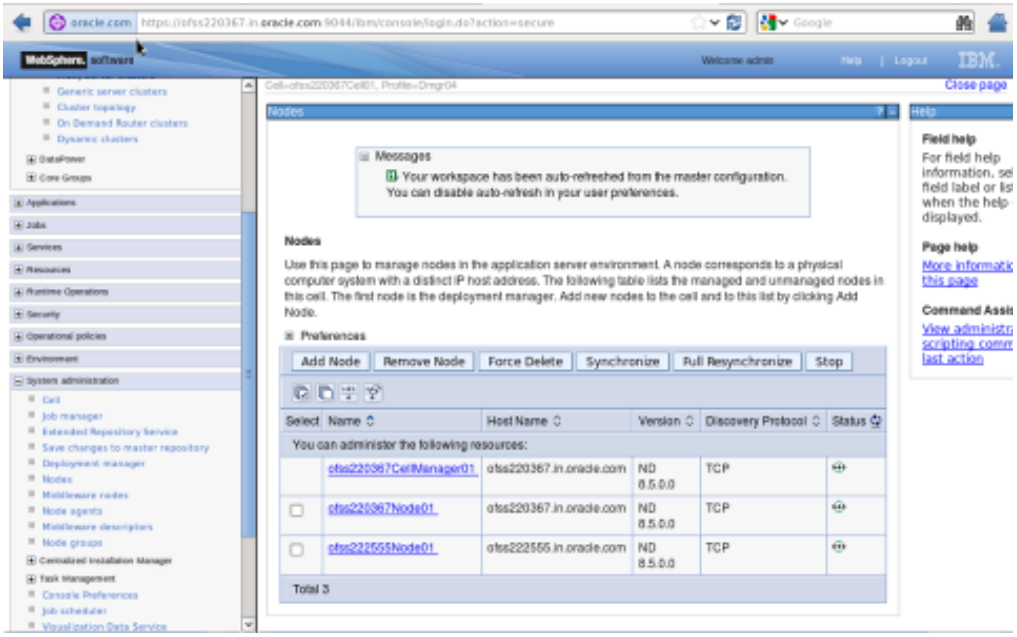
Host	: Host Machine with running Application Server
JMX Connector type	: SOAP
JMX Connector Port	: SOAP_CONNECTOR_ADDRESS of Application Server
Application server user name	: Application server user id
Application server password	: Application server password
Deployment manager user name	: Deployment manager user id
Deployment manager password	: Deployment manager password







Create necessary number of nodes following same instructions above:



4.2.1 Start Node Agents

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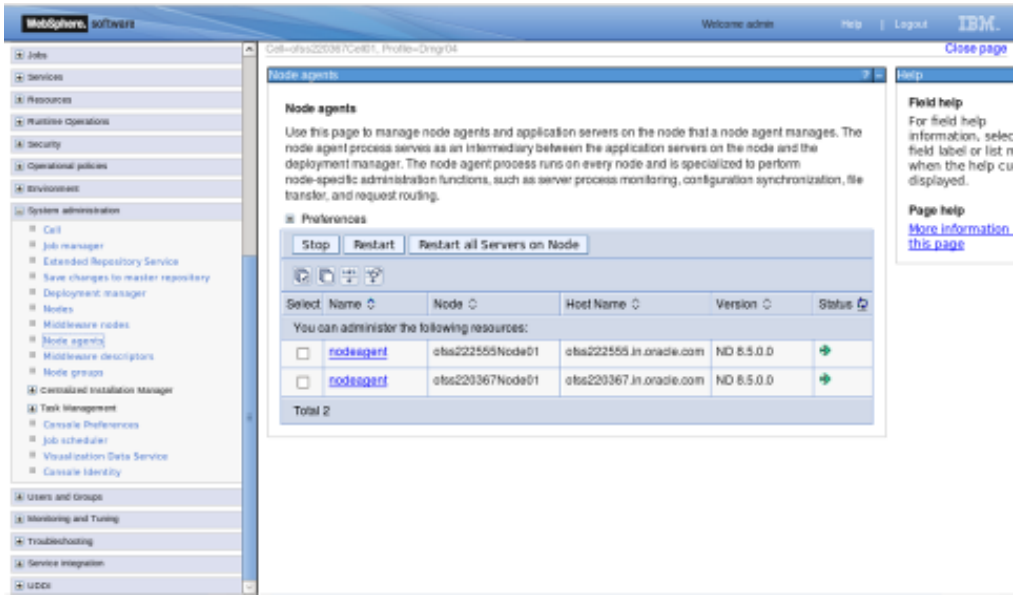

4.3 Create Cluster

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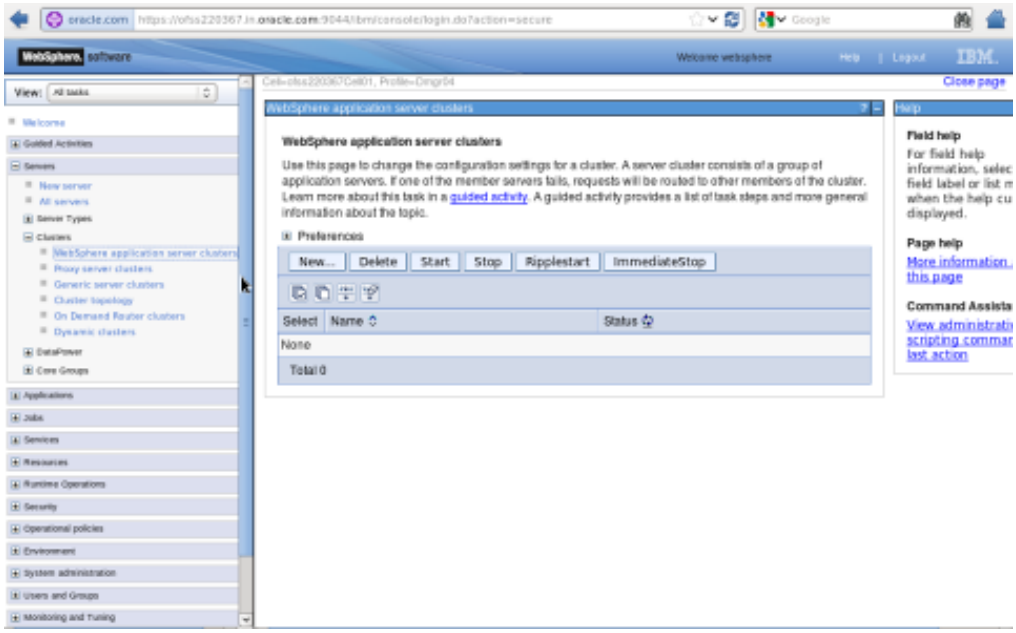

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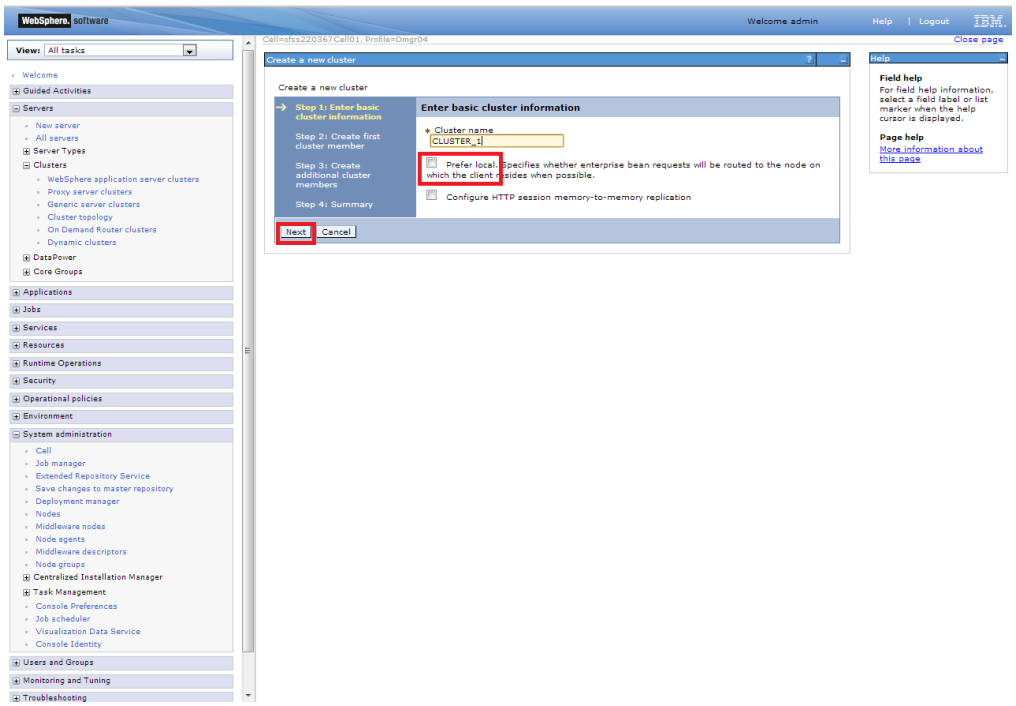
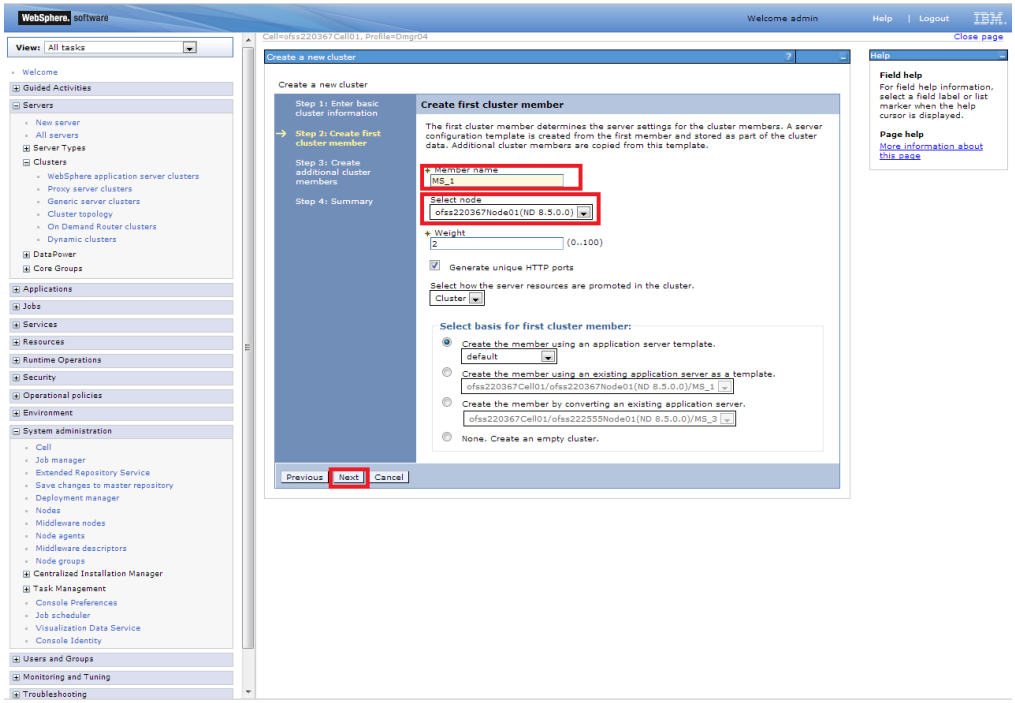
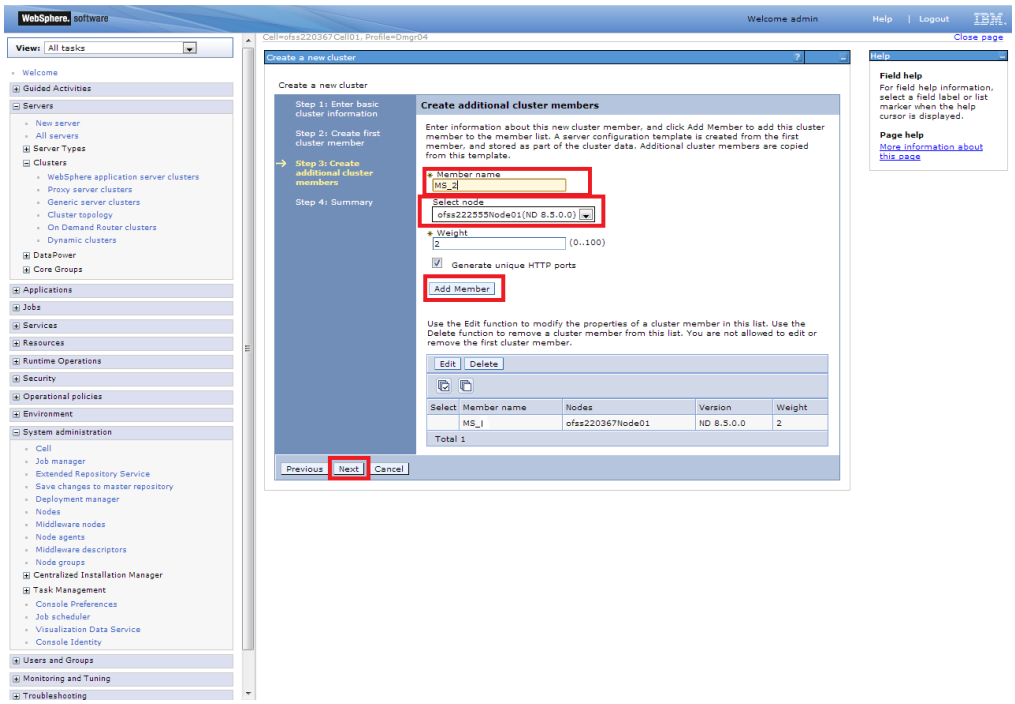


4.3.1 Add Cluster Members



Add required number of cluster members

Navigation : *Add Member > Next*



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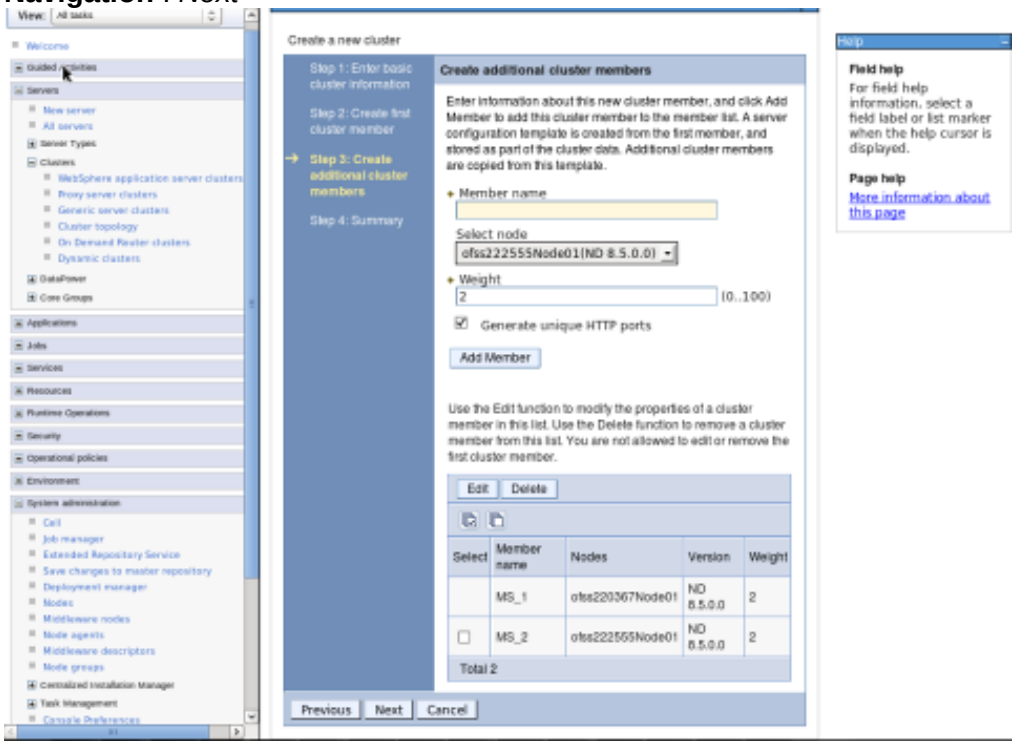

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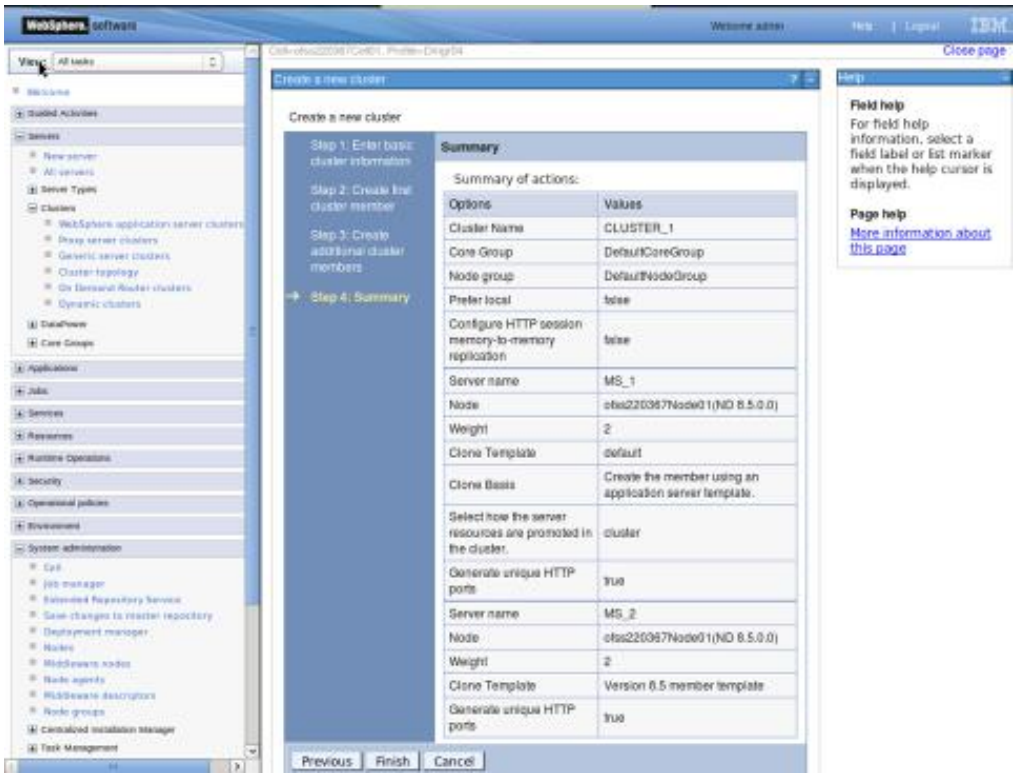

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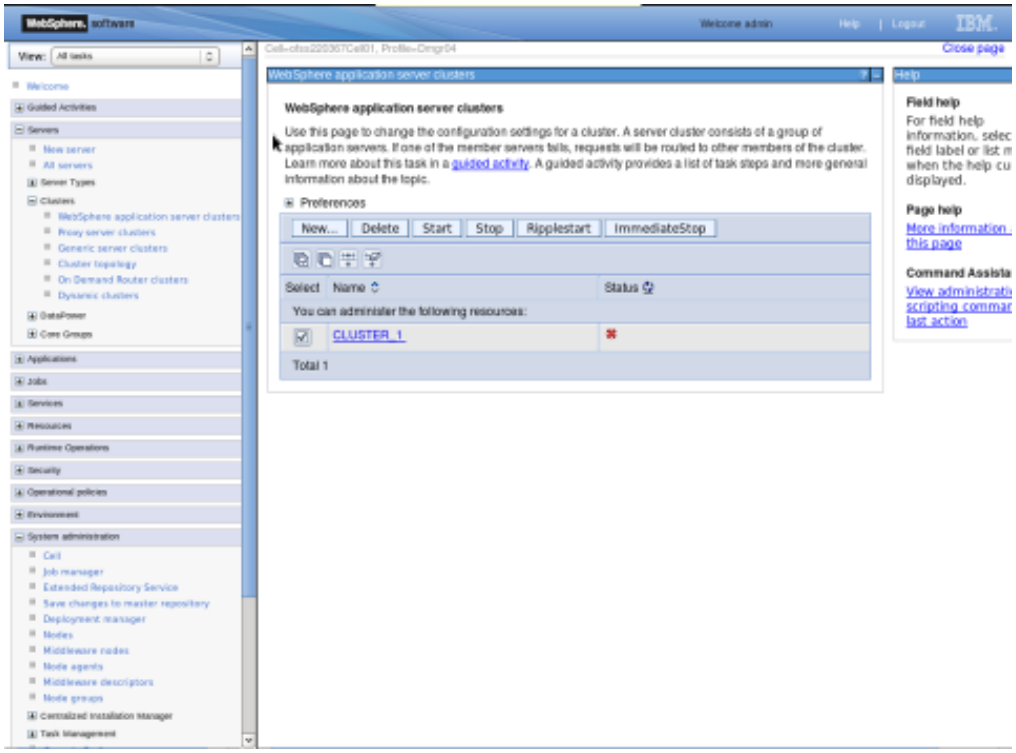

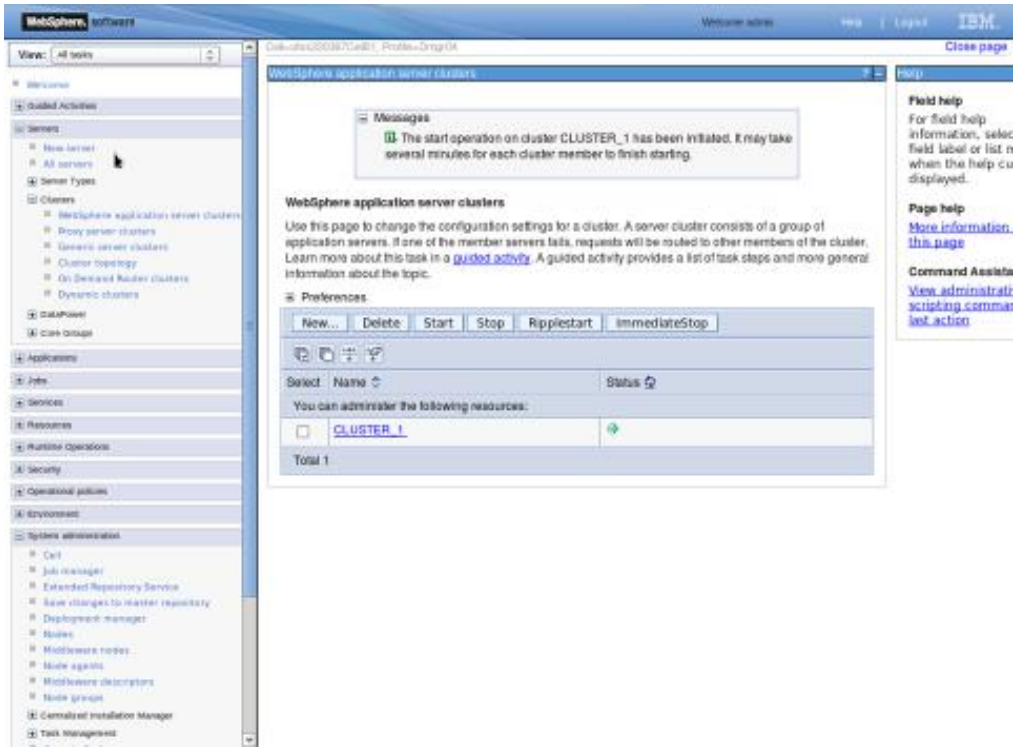

4.4 Create Proxy Server

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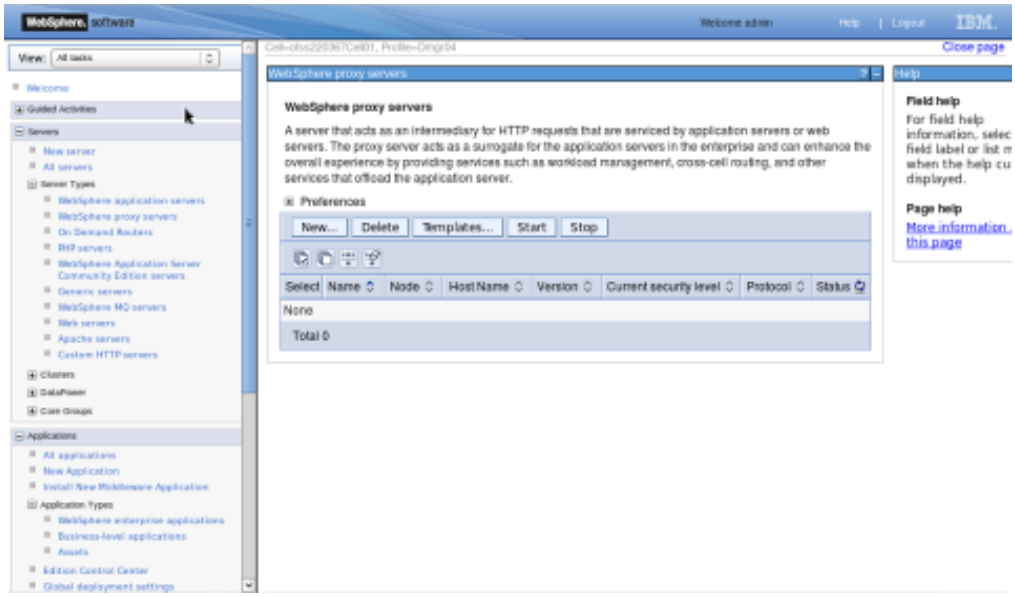
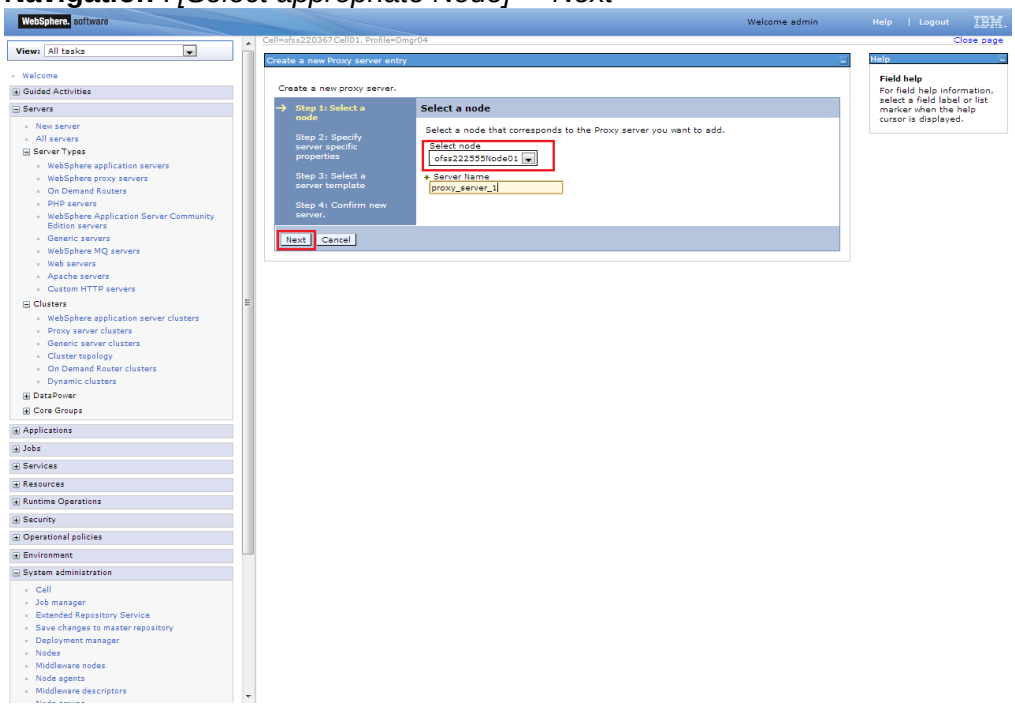
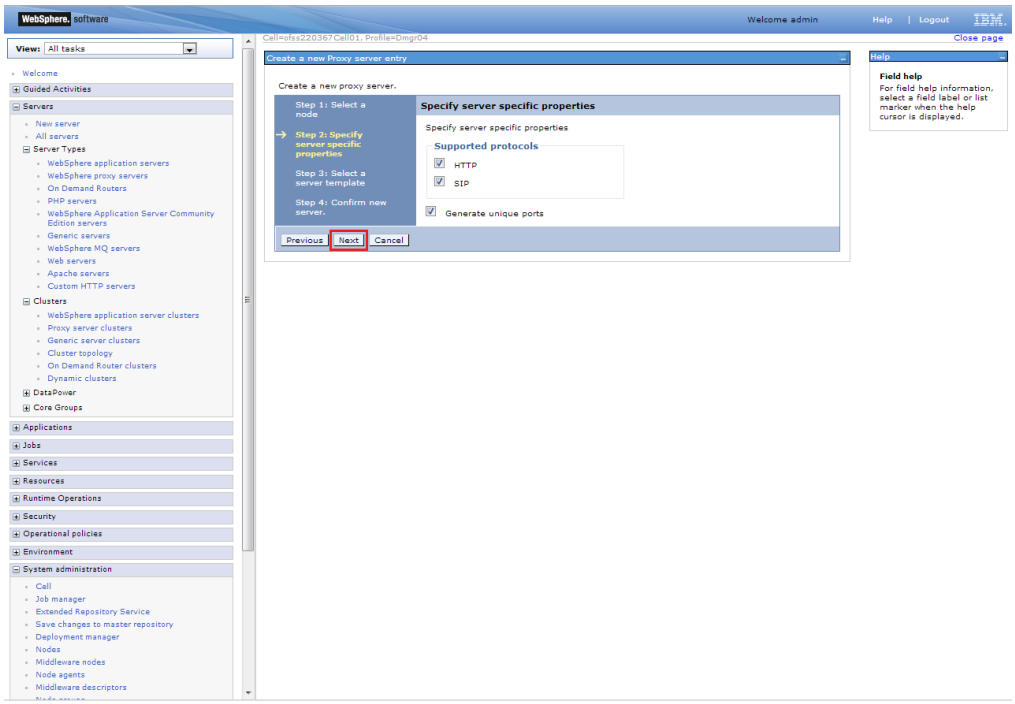


Navigation : *[Select appropriate Node] > Next*

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Step 3: Select a server template
Step 4: Confirm new server.
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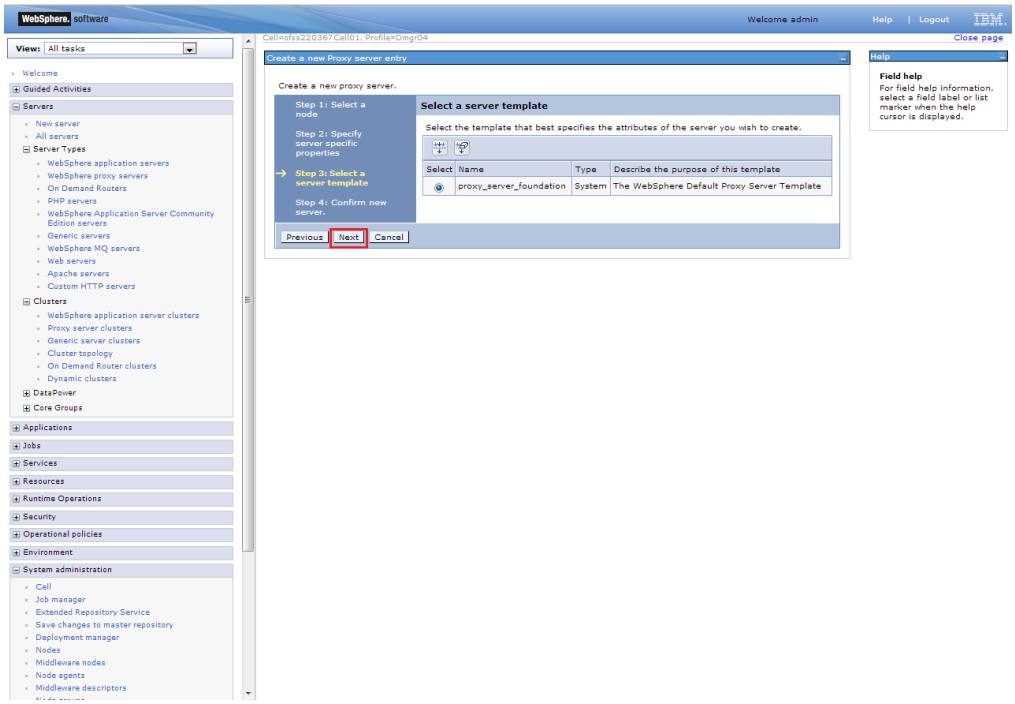
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Select the template that best specifies the attributes of the server you wish to create.
Select
Name
Type
Describe the purpose of this template
proxy_server_foundation
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The WebSphere Default Proxy Server Template
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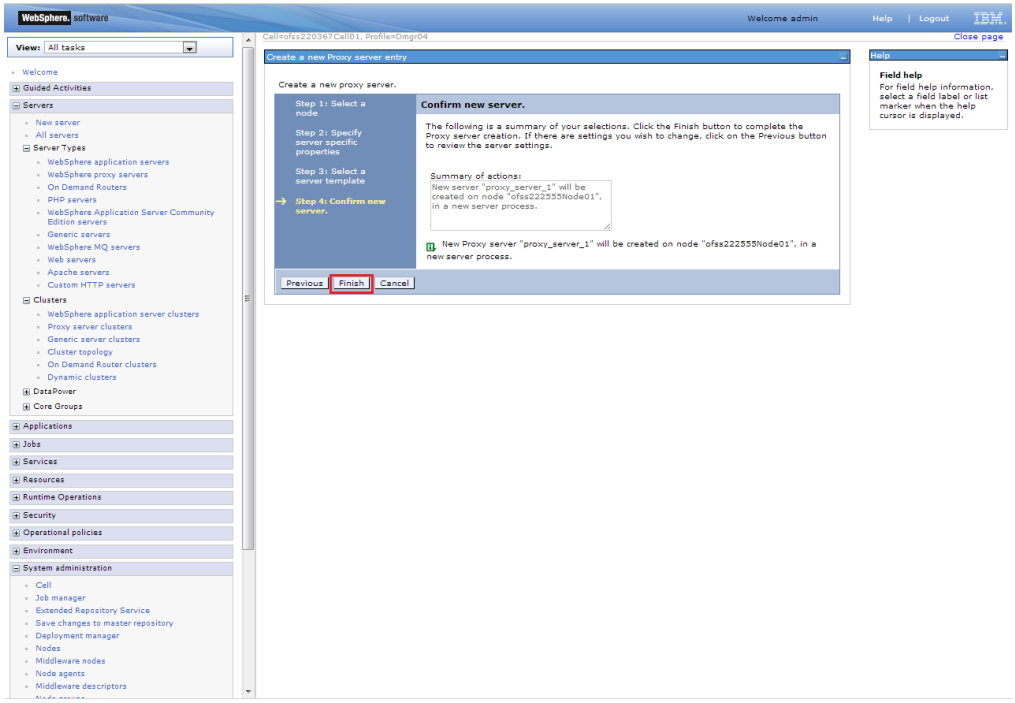
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Confirm new server.
The following is a summary of your selections. Click the Finish button to complete the Proxy server creation. If there are settings you wish to change, click on the Previous button to review the server settings.
Summary of actions:
New server "proxy_server_1" will be created on node "ofss222555Node01", in a new server process.
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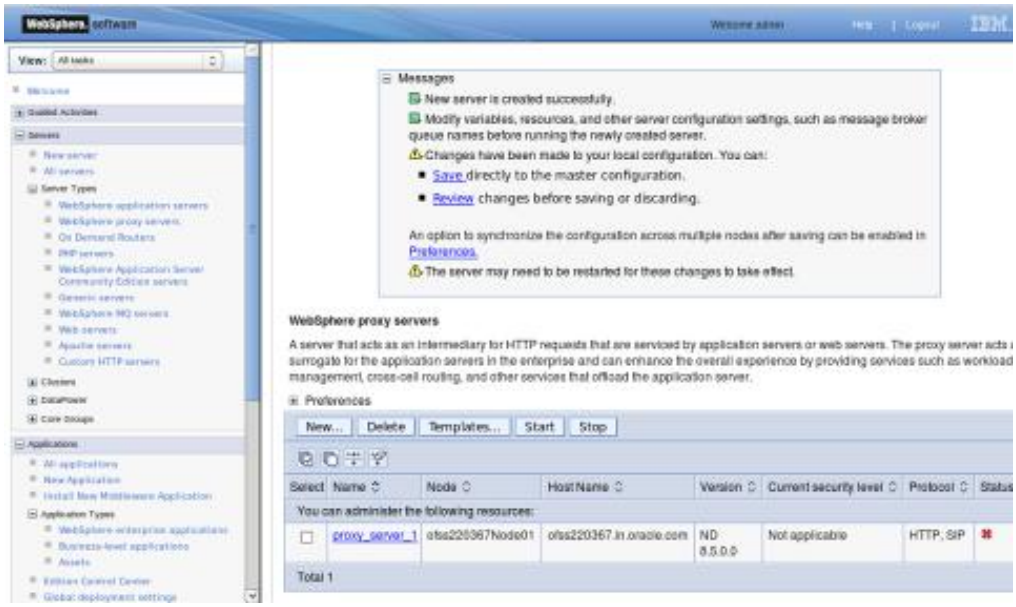
Messages
New server is created successfully.
Modify variables, resources, and other server configuration settings, such as message broker queue names before running the newly created server.
Changes have been made to your local configuration. You can:
Save directly to the master configuration.
Review changes before saving or discarding.
An option to synchronize the configuration across multiple nodes after saving can be enabled in Preferences.
The server may need to be restarted for these changes to take effect.
WebSphere proxy servers
A server that acts as an intermediary for HTTP requests that are serviced by application servers or web servers. The proxy server acts a surrogate for the application servers in the enterprise and can enhance the overall experience by providing services such as workload management, cross-cell routing, and other services that offload the application server.
Preferences
New...
Delete
Templates...
Start
Stop
Select
Name
Node
Host Name
Version
Current security level
Protocol
Status
You can administer the following resources:
proxy_server_1
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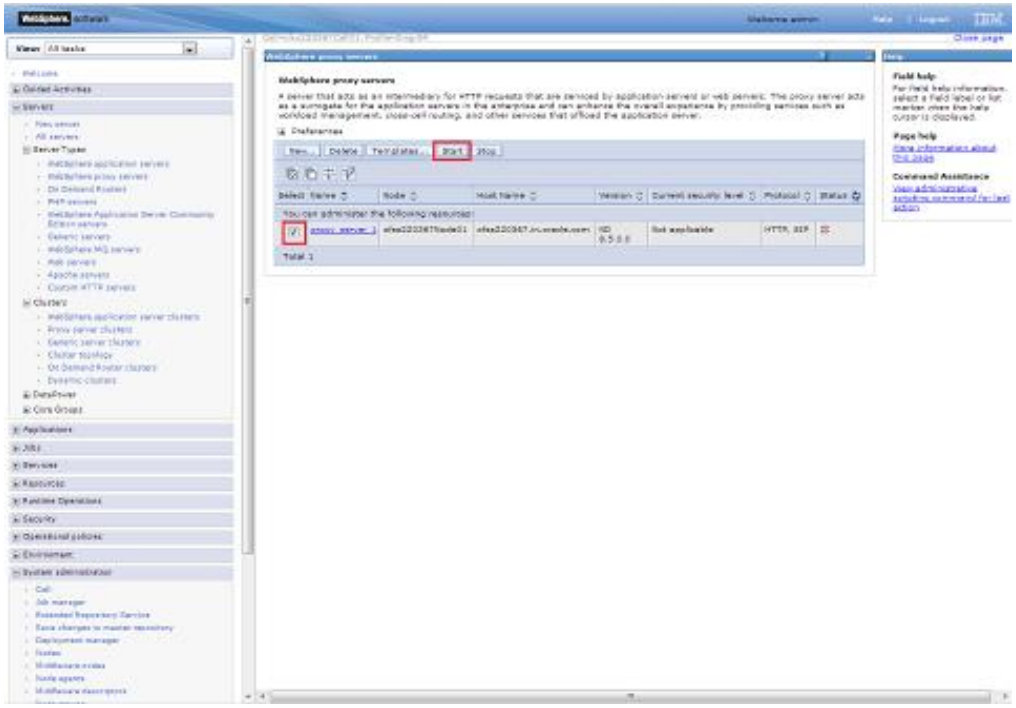
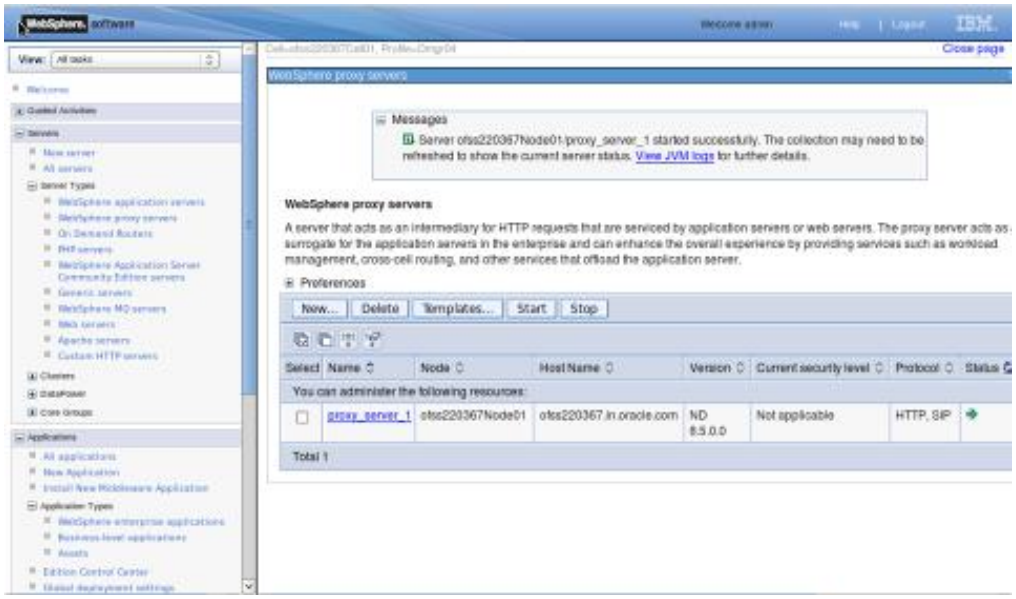
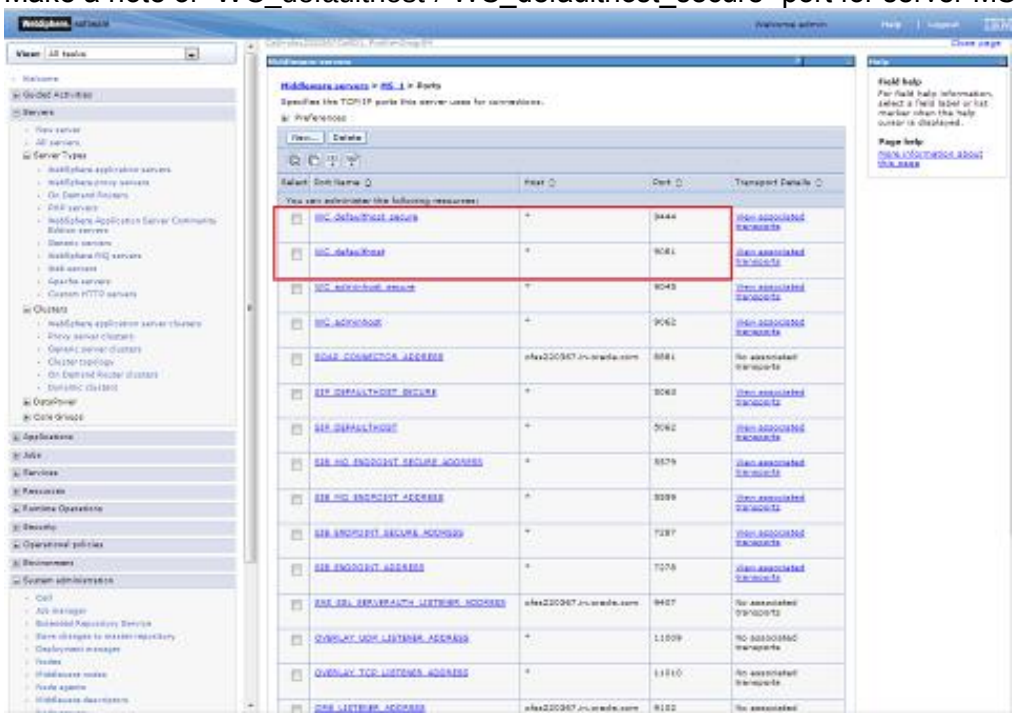
4.4.1 Start Proxy Server





4.5 Configure Virtual Host

Make a note of “WC_defaulthost”/”WS_defaulthost_secure” port for server MS1 : 9081/9444



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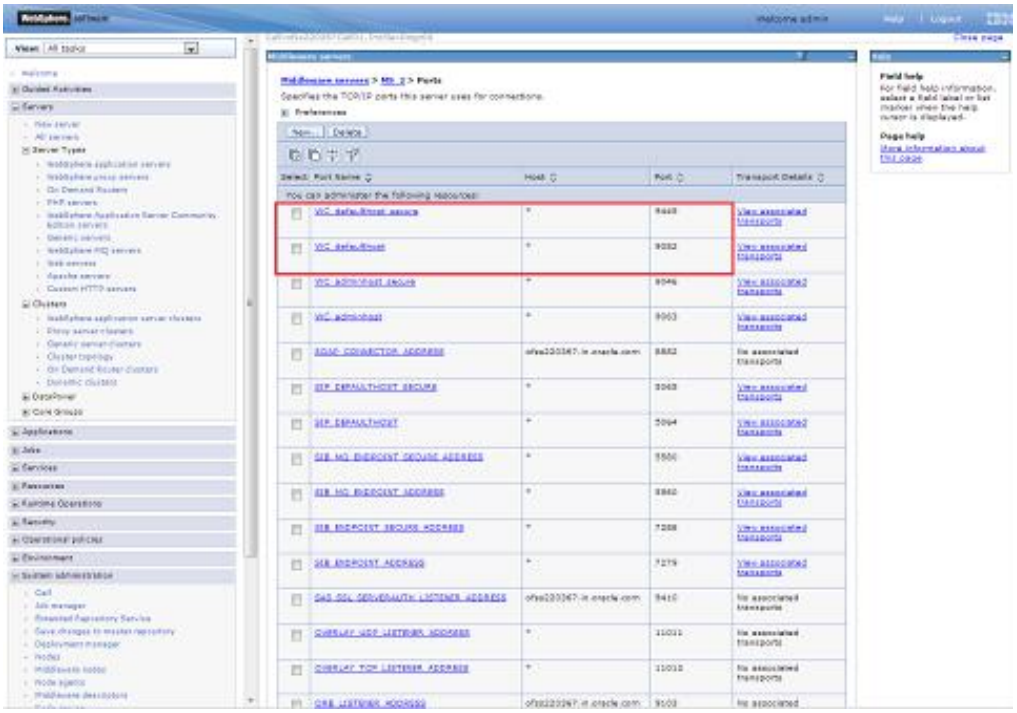
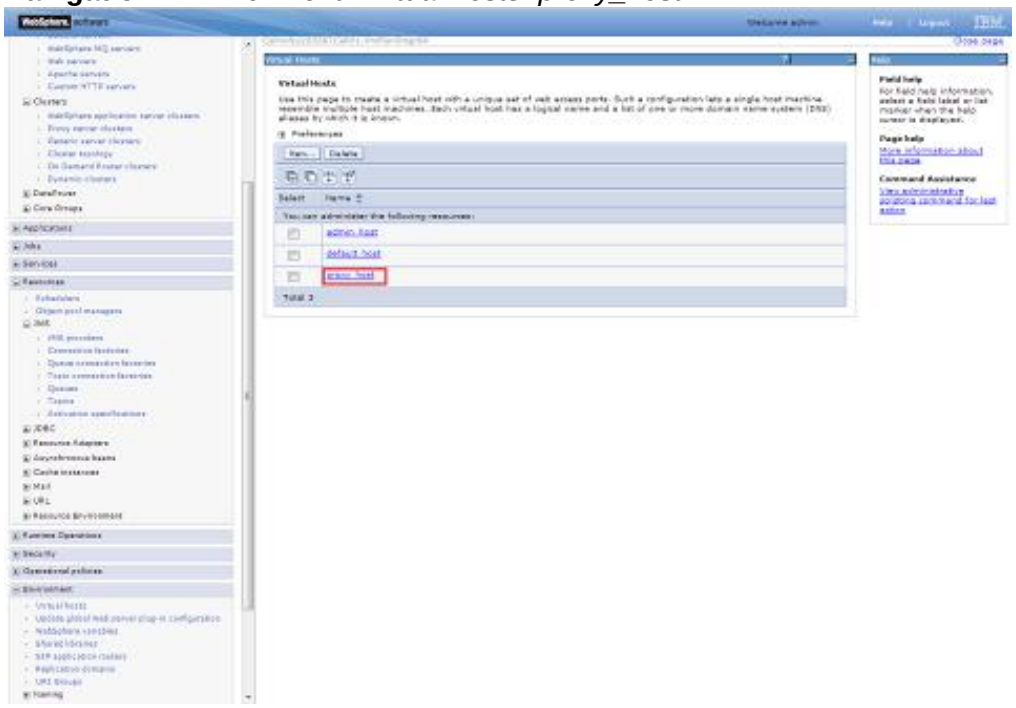
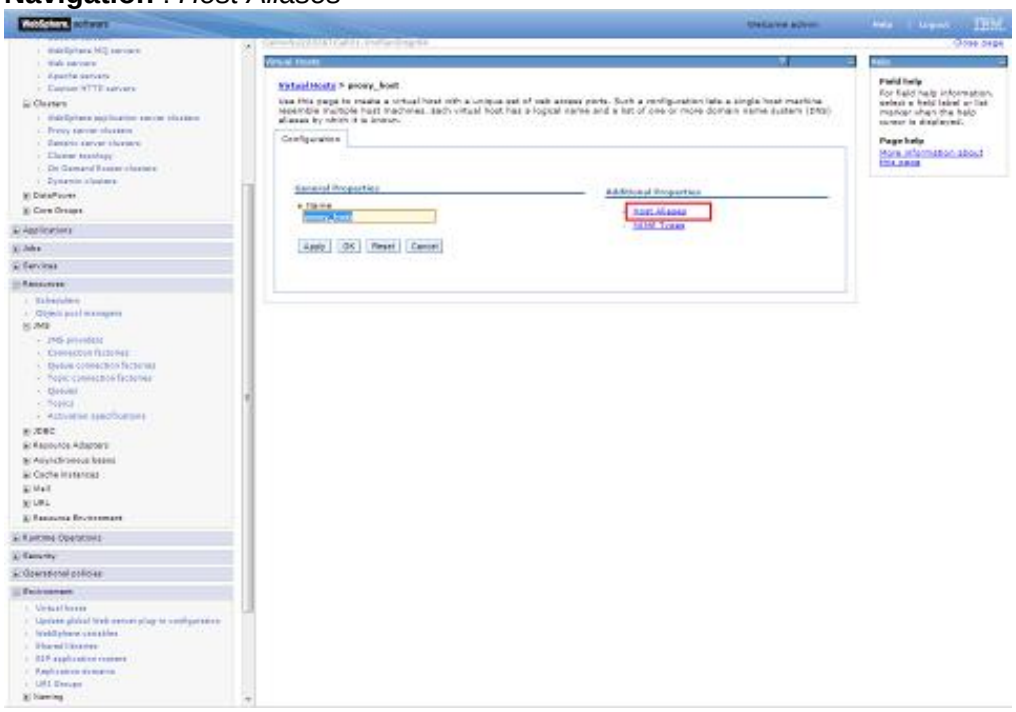


4.5.1 Virtual Host Setup

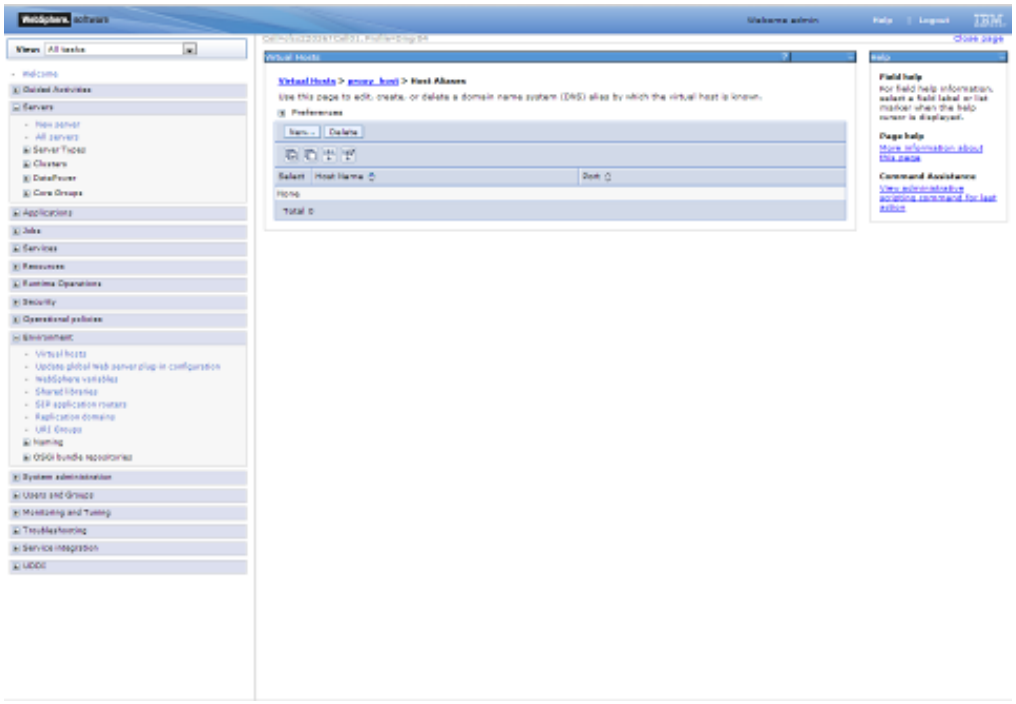
Navigation : *Environment>Virtual hosts>proxy_host*



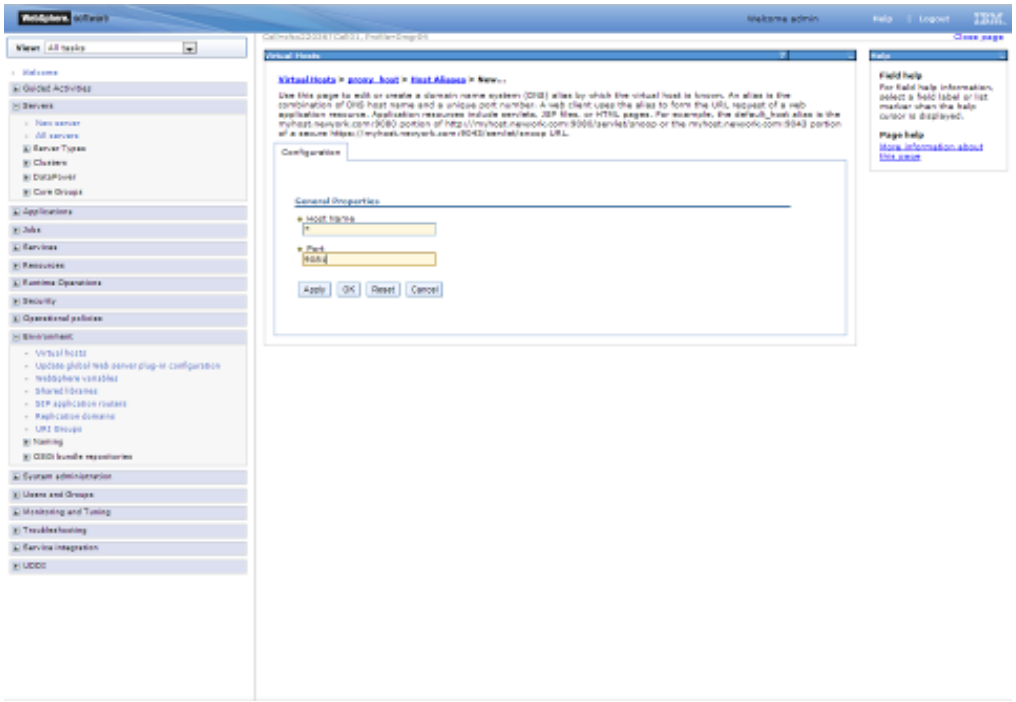
Navigation : *Host Aliases*

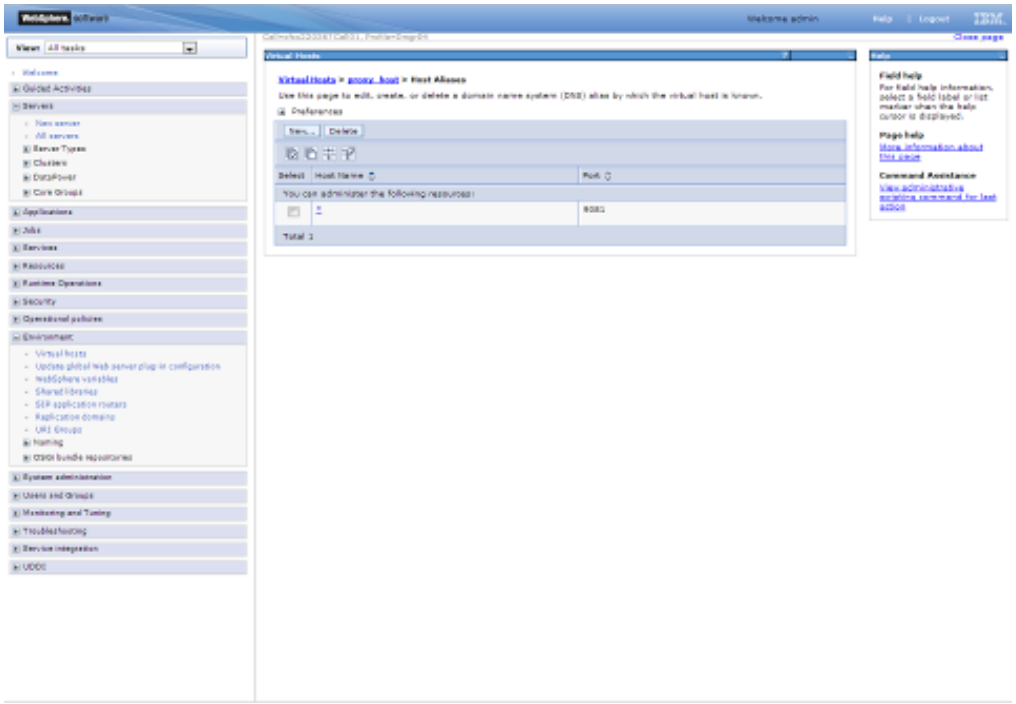


Navigation : *Environment>Virtual hosts>proxy_host>Host Aliases > New*

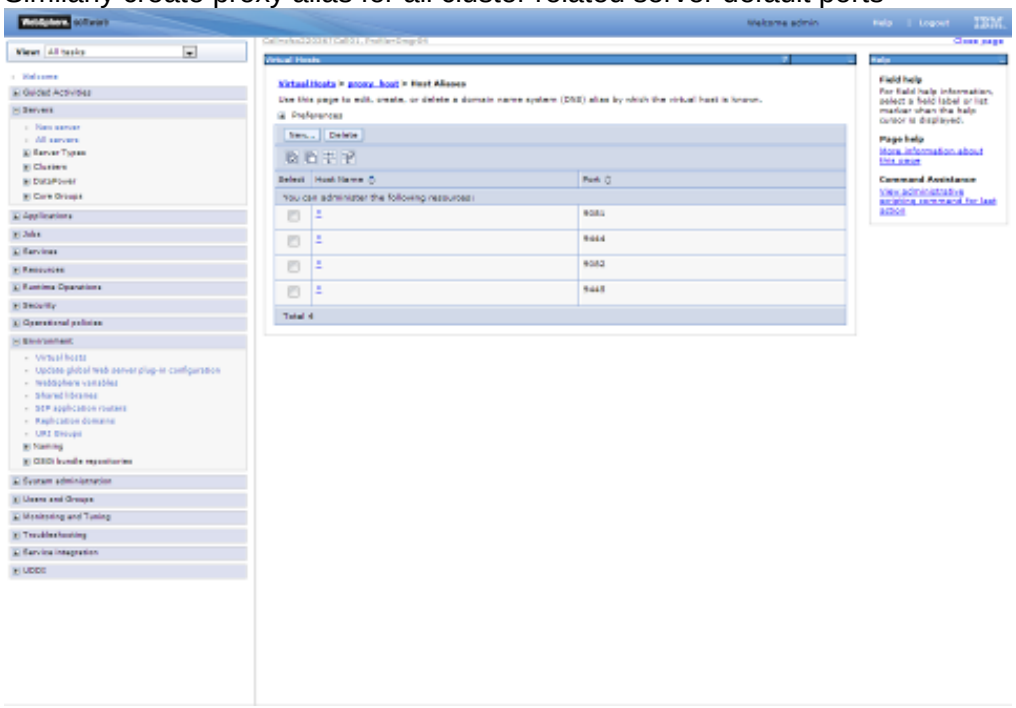


Create New Alias for default port in managed server <<9081>>:



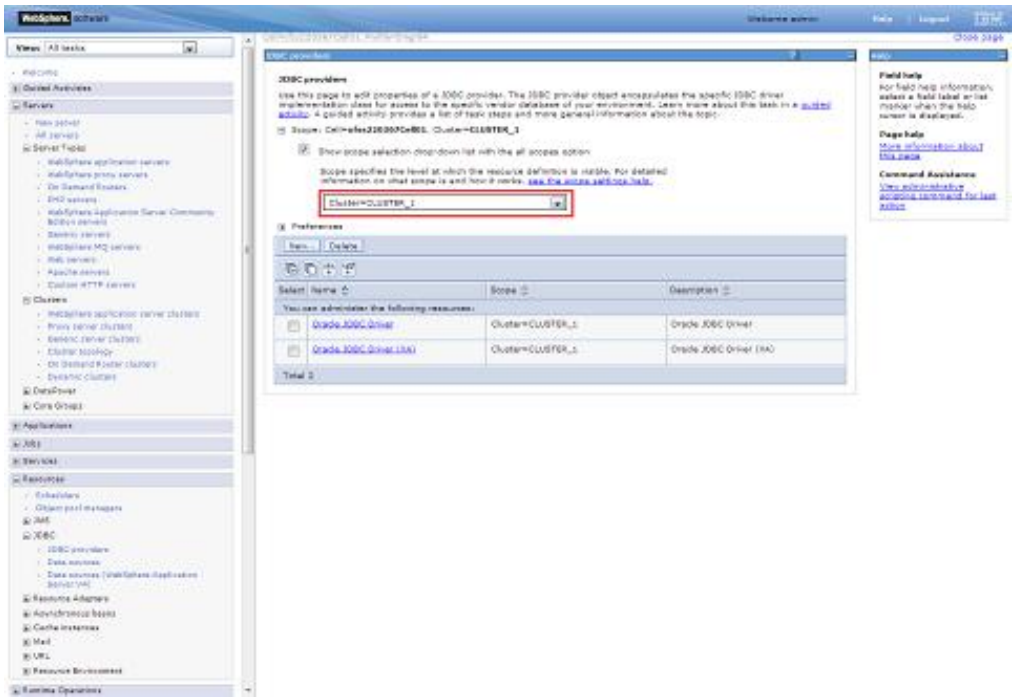


Similarly create proxy alias for all cluster related server default ports



5. Create Resources in Cluster Scope

JDBC Provider :



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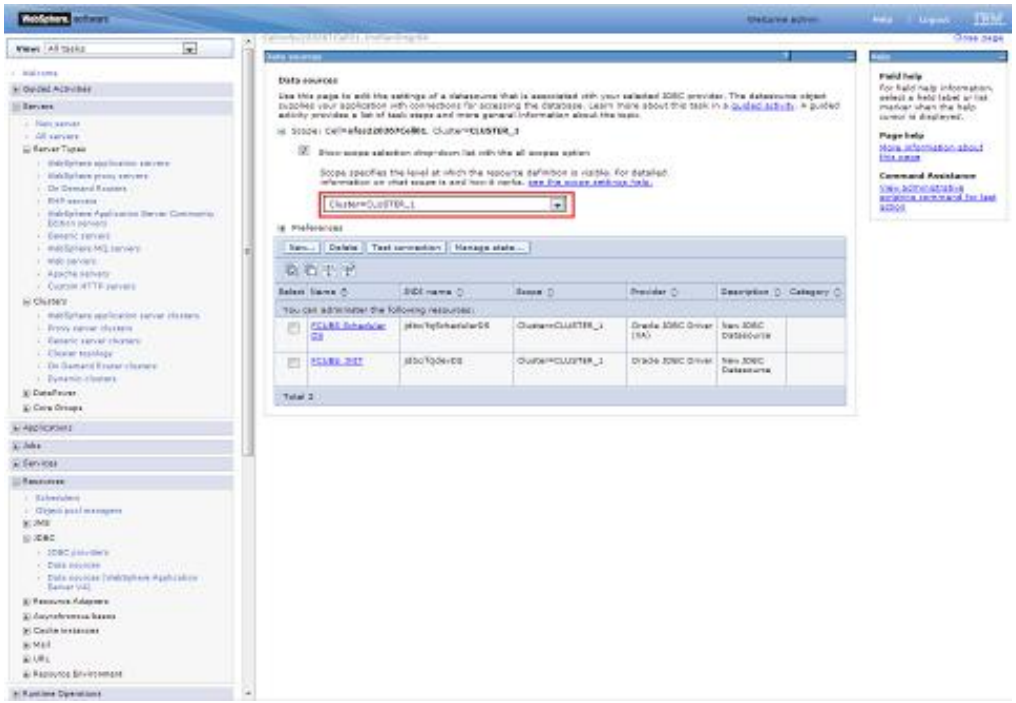
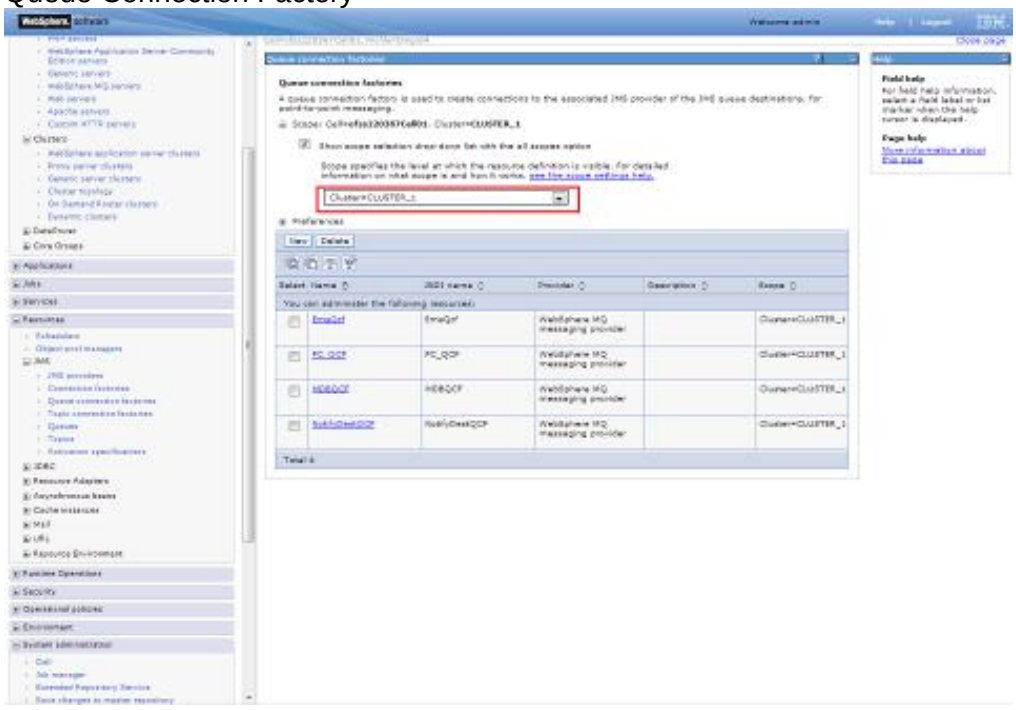


Queue Connection Factory



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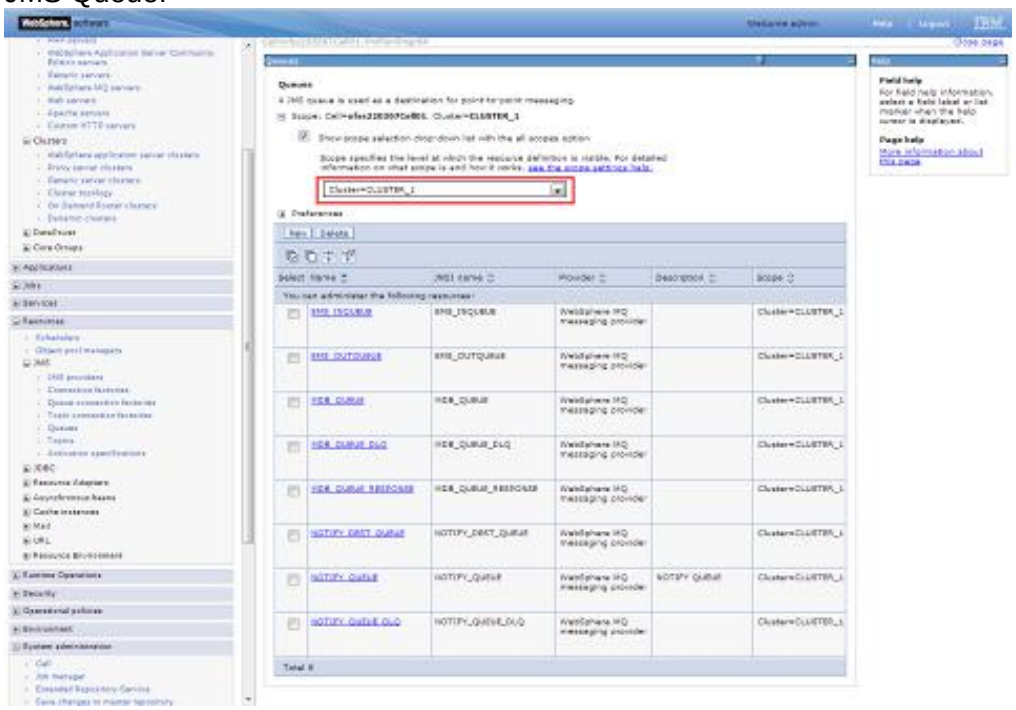
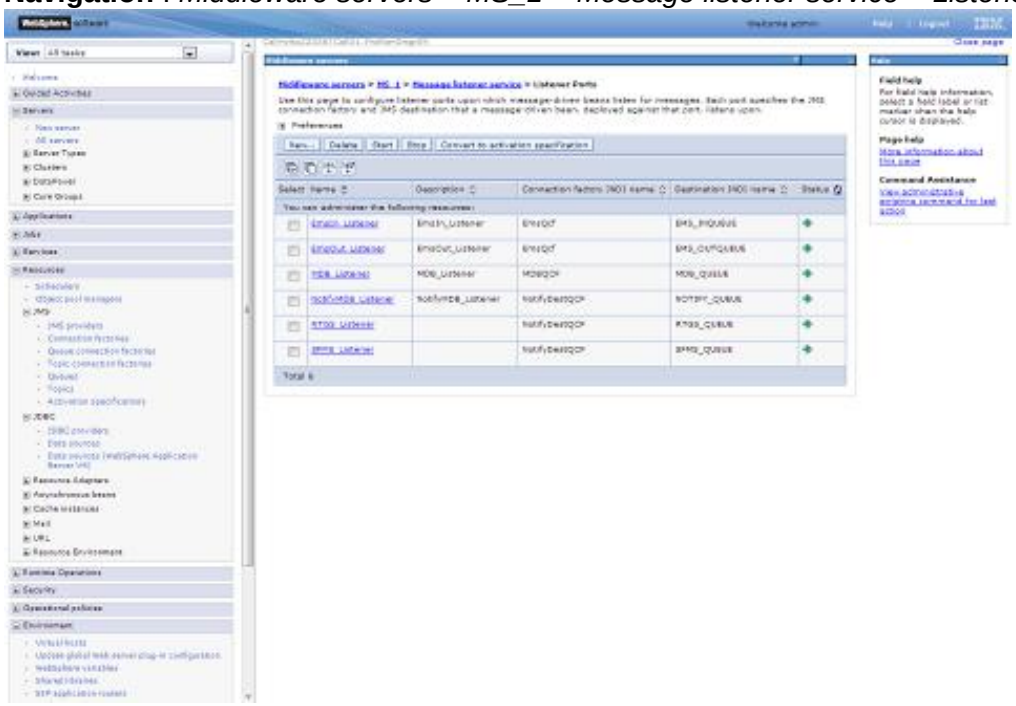
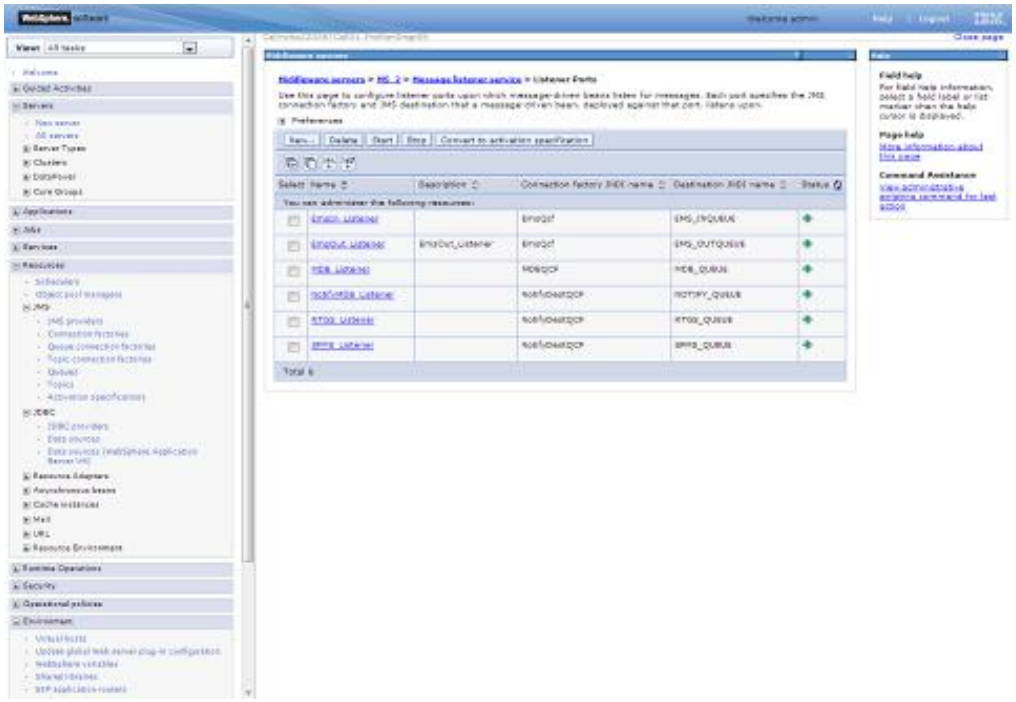


Create Message Listeners for individual Servers in Cluster

Navigation : *Middleware servers > MS_1 > Message listener service > Listener Ports*

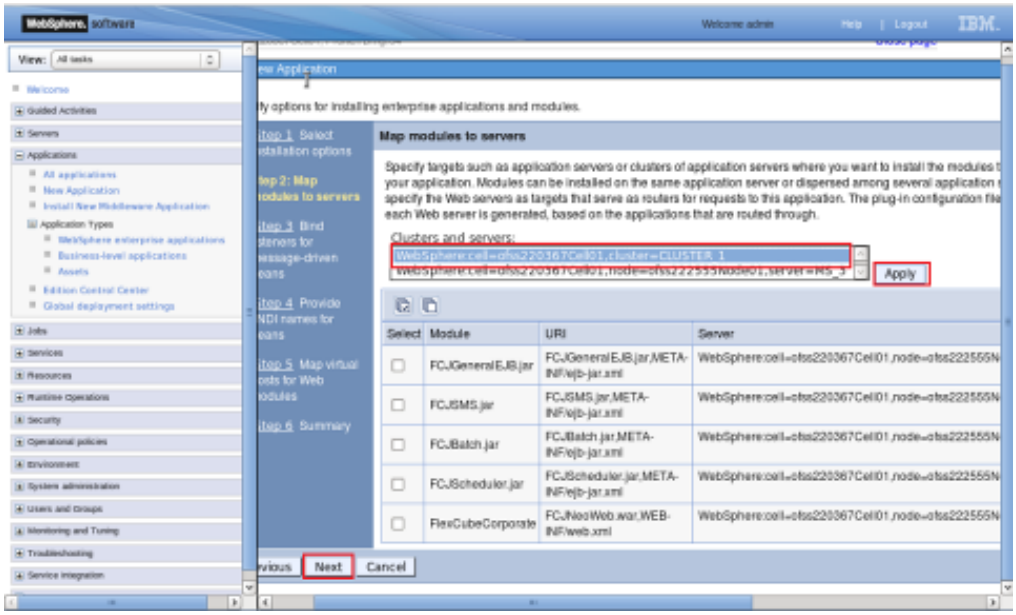


Navigation *: Middleware servers > MS_2 > Message listener service > Listener Ports*

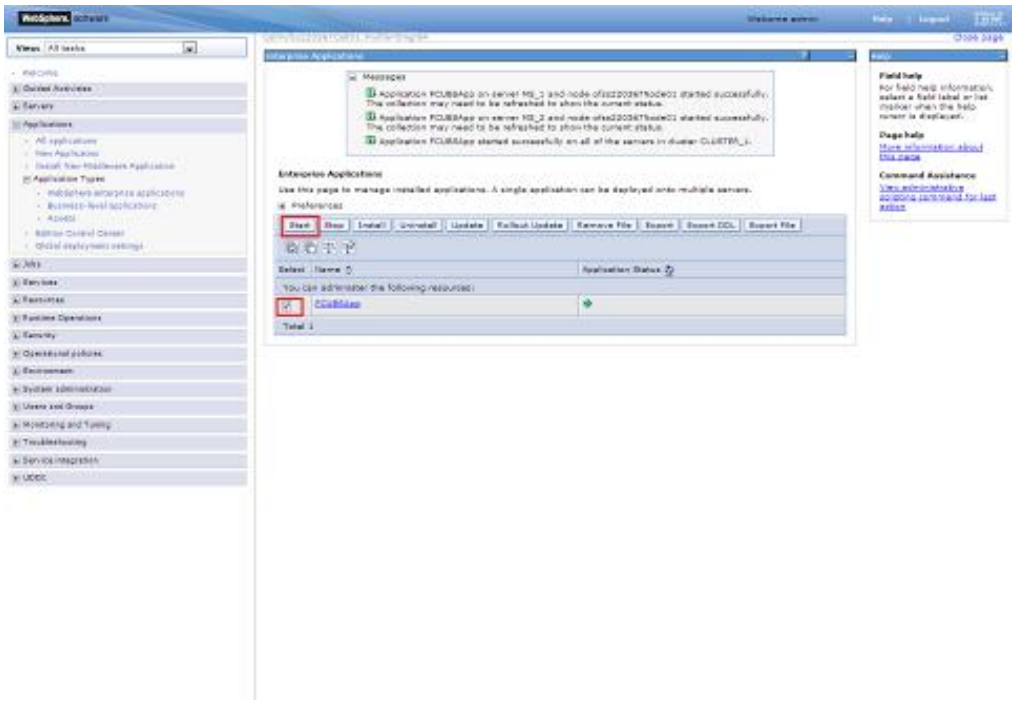


6. Deploy Application to Cluster

While deploying ensure the application is installed to Cluster



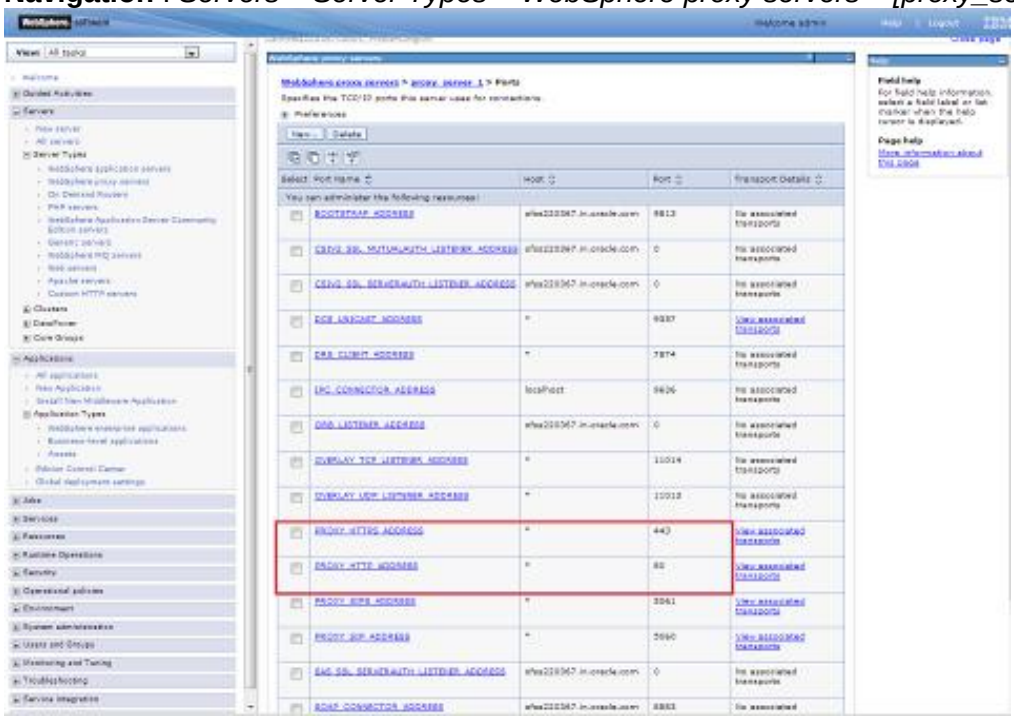
Start FCUBS application



6.1.1 Test the application

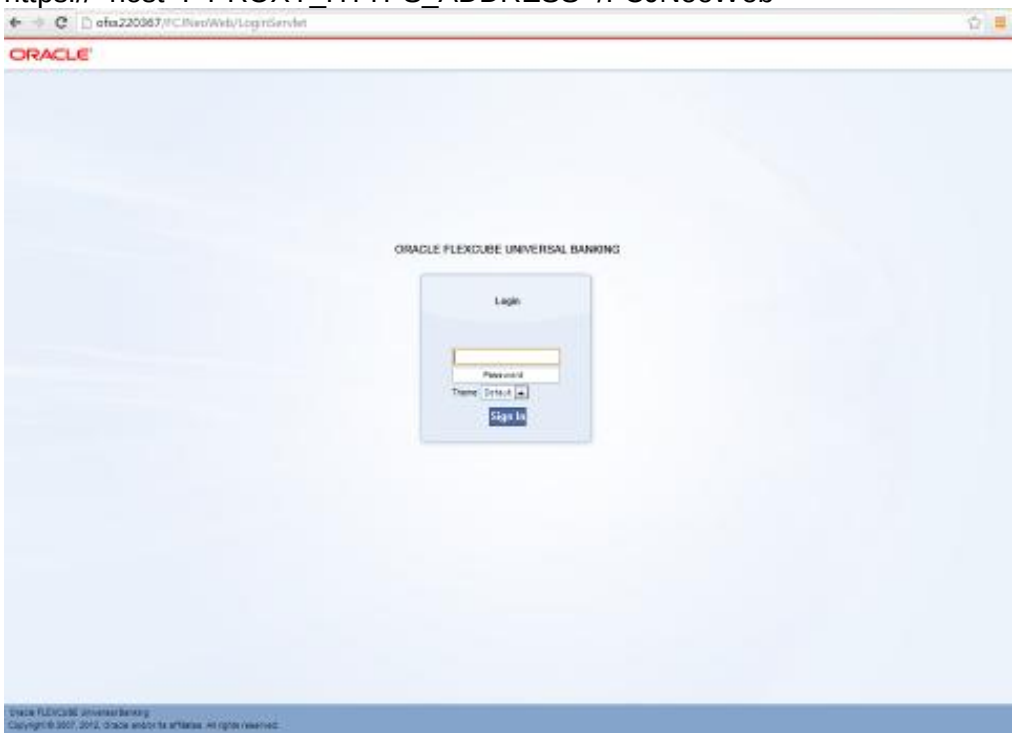
Make a note of the ports *PROXY_HTTPS_ADDRESS/ PROXY_HTTP_ADDRESS* to access the application.

Navigation : *Servers > Server Types > WebSphere proxy servers > [proxy_server_1] > Ports*



Launch Application:

URL : http://<host>:<PROXY_HTTP_ADDRESS>/FCJNeoWeb or
https://<host>:<PROXY_HTTPS_ADDRESS>/FCJNeoWeb



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