

CRaSH guide

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Preface

CRaSH is a shell for [Java Content Repository](#) that comes bundled as a war file to deploy in eXo Portal 2.5 or [GateIn](#). It provides a file system view of a repository.

Chapter 1. Interacting with the shell

1.1. Deployment

Copy the crsh.war in server running eXo Portal 2.5 or GateIn.

1.2. Shell usage

1.2.1. Connection

You need to connect using telnet or SSH to use the shell.

Telnet connection is done on port 5000:

```
juliens-macbook-pro:webapps julien$ telnet localhost 5000
Trying 127.0.0.1...
Connected to localhost.
Escape character is '^]'.
Welcome to juliens-macbook-pro.local!
It is Mon Nov 23 15:53:44 CET 2009 now.
%
```

SSH connection is done on port 2000 with the password **crash** :

```
juliens-macbook-pro:~ julien$ ssh -p 2000 -l root localhost
root@localhost's password:
CRaSH 1.0.0-beta11 (http://crsh.googlecode.com)
Welcome to juliens-macbook-pro.local!
It is Fri Jan 08 21:12:53 CET 2010 now.
%
```

1.2.2. Features

- Line edition: the current line can be edited via left and right arrow keys
- History: the key up and key down enable history browsing
- Quoting: simple quotes or double quotes allow to insert blanks in command options and arguments, for instance *"old boy"* or *'old boy'*. One quote style can quote another, like *"ol' boy"*.

1.3. Commands

1.3.1. Getting basic help

The help command will display the list of known commands by the shell.

```
[/]% help
Try one of these commands with the -h or --help switch [addmixin, cd, checkin, checkout, commit, connect, discor
```

1.3.2. Connecting to a repository

You must first connect to a repository before any other JCR based operation. When you are connected the shell will maintain a JCR session and allows you to interact with the session in a shell oriented fashion. The `connect` command is used to perform the connection. The repository name must be specified and optionally you can specify a user name and password to have more privileges.

```
% connect -c portal portal-system
Connected to workspace portal-system
```

or

```
% connect -c portal -u root -p gtn portal-system
Connected to workspace portal-system
```

1.3.3. Listing the content of a node

The `ls` command shows the content of a node. By default it lists the content of the current node. It can accept a path argument that can be absolute or relative.

```
[/]% ls
/
+-properties
| +-jcr:primaryType: nt:unstructured
| +-jcr:mixinTypes: [exo:owneable,exo:privilegeable]
| +-exo:owner: '__system'
| +-exo:permissions: [any read,*/platform/administrators read,*/platform/administrators add_node,*/platform/a
+-children
| +-/workspace
| +-/contents
| +-/Users
| +-/gadgets
| +-/folder
```

1.3.4. Changing the current node

The `cd` command allows to change the current path. The command used with no argument, change to the root directory but you can provide a path argument that can be absolute or relative.

```
[/]% cd /gadgets
/gadgets
```

1.3.5. Printing the current node

The `pwd` command shows the current node path.

```
[/gadgets]% pwd
/gadgets
```

1.3.6. Copying a node

The `cp` command copies a node to a target location in the JCR tree.

```
[/registry]% cp Registry Registry2
```

1.3.7. Moving a node

The `mv` command can move a node to a target location in the JCR tree. It can be used also to rename a node.

```
[/registry]% mv Registry Registry2
```

1.3.8. Removing a node or property

The `rm` command removes a node or property specified by its path either absolute or relative. This operation is executed against the JCR session, meaning that it will not be effective until it is committed to the JCR server.

```
[/registry]% rm Administration
```

1.3.9. Updating a property

The `*set*` command updates the property of a node:

```
[/gadgets]% set
```

Create the property `foo` with the value `bar` on the root node:

```
[/]% set foo bar  
Property created
```

Update the existing `foo` property:

```
[/]% set foo juu  
Property updated
```

When a property is created and does not have a property descriptor that constraint its type, you can specify it with the `-t` option

```
[/]% set -t LONG long_property 3  
Property created
```

1.3.10. Committing or rolling back changes

The `commit` operation saves the current session. Conversely the `rollback` operation rollback session changes. For both operations It is possible to specify a path to commit a part of the tree.

1.3.11. Performing a SQL query

Queries in SQL format are possible via the `select` command. You can write a query with the same syntax defined by the specification and add options to control the number of results returned. By default the number of nodes is limited to 5 results:

```
[/]% select * from nt:base  
The query matched 1114 nodes  
+--/  
| +-properties  
| | +-jcr:primaryType: nt:unstructured  
| | +-jcr:mixinTypes: [exo:owneable,exo:privilegeable]
```

```
| | +-exo:owner: '__system'
| | +-exo:permissions: [any read,*:/platform/administrators read,*:/platform/administrators add_node,*:/platform
+-/workspace
| +-properties
| | +-jcr:primaryType: mop:workspace
| | +-jcr:uuid: 'a69f226ec0a80002007ca83e5845cdac'
...

```

Display 20 nodes from the offset 10:

```
[/]% select * from nt:base -o 10 -l 20
The query matched 1114 nodes
...

```

It is possible also to remove the limit of displayed nodes with the `-a` option (you should use this option with care) :

```
[/]% select * from nt:base -a
The query matched 1114 nodes
...

```

1.3.12. Performing an XPath query

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1.3.13. Exporting a node

It is possible to export a node as an nt file of the same workspace with the `exportnode` command. Then it is usually possible to access the nt file from webdav.

```
[/]% exportnode gadgets /gadgets.xml
The node has been exported

```

1.3.14. Importing a node

It is possible to import a node from an nt file located in the workspace with the `importnode` command.

```
[/]% importnode /gadgets.xml /
Node imported

```

1.3.15. Adding a mixin to a node

The `addmixin` command adds a mixin to an existing node.

```
[/gadgets]% addmixin . mix:versionable

```

1.3.16. Checkin / checkout of versionable nodes

Use the commands `checkin` and `checkout`.

1.3.17. Disconnecting

The `disconnect` command disconnect from the repository.

1.3.18. Quitting

The `bye` command disconnect from the remote shell.

Chapter 2. SCP usage

Secure copy can be used to import or export content. The username/password prompted by the SSH server will be used for authentication against the repository when the import or the export is performed.

2.1. Export a JCR node

The following command will export the node */gadgets* in the repository *portal-system* of the portal container *portal*:

```
scp -P 2000 root@localhost:portal:portal-system:/production/app:gadgets .
```

The node will be exported as *app_gadgets.xml*.

Note that the portal container name is used for GateIn. If you do omit it, then the root container will be used.

2.2. Import a JCR node

The following command will reimport the node:

```
scp -P 2000 gadgets.xml root@localhost:portal:portal-system/production/app:gadgets
```

The exported file format use the JCR system view. You can get more information about that in the JCR specification.

Chapter 3. Configuring the shell

CRaSH can be configured by tweaking various files of the CRaSH web archive

- *WEB-INF/web.xml*
- *WEB-INF/groovy/login.groovy*

Note that to fully secure the server, you should remove the unauthenticated telnet access as describe below.

3.1. Change the SSH server key

The key can be changed by replacing the file *WEB-INF/sshd/hostkey.pem*. Alternatively you can configure the server to use an external file by using the *ssh.keypath* parameter. Uncomment the XML section and change the path to the key file.

```
<!--  
<context-param>  
  <param-name>ssh.keypath</param-name>  
  <param-value>/path/to/the/key/file</param-value>  
  <description>The path to the key file</description>  
</context-param>  
-->
```

3.2. Change the ports of the telnet or SSH server

The ports of the server are parameterized by the *ssh.port* and *telnet.port* parameters in the *web.xml* file

```
<context-param>  
  <param-name>ssh.port</param-name>  
  <param-value>2000</param-value>  
  <description>The SSH port</description>  
</context-param>
```

```
<context-param>  
  <param-name>telnet.port</param-name>  
  <param-value>5000</param-value>  
  <description>The telnet port</description>  
</context-param>
```

3.3. Remove the telnet or SSH access

To remove the telnet access, remove or comment the following XML from the *web.xml* file

```
<listener>  
  <listener-class>org.crsh.term.telnet.TelnetLifecycle</listener-class>  
</listener>
```

To remove the SSH access, remove or comment the following XML from the *web.xml* file

```
<listener>  
  <listener-class>org.crsh.term.sshd.SSHLifecycle</listener-class>  
</listener>
```

3.4. Configure the shell default message

The *login.groovy* file contains two closures that are evaluated each time a message is required

- The `prompt` closure returns the prompt message
- The `welcome` closure returns the welcome message

Those closure can be customized to return different messages.

Chapter 4. Extending the shell

4.1. Groovy command system

The shell command system is based on the [Groovy](#) language and can easily be extended.

4.1.1. Groovy file

Each command has a corresponding Groovy file that contains a command class that will be invoked by the shell. The files are located in the `/WEB-INF/groovy/commands` directory and new files can be added here.

In addition of that there are two special files called *login.groovy* and *logout.groovy* in the `/WEB-INF/groovy` directory that are executed upon login and logout of a user. Those files can be studied to understand better how the shell works.

4.1.2. Groovy execution

When the user types a command in the sell, the command line is parsed by the [args4j](#) framework and injected in the command class. A simple example, the command `connect -c portal -u root -p gtn portal-system` creates the connect command instance and args4j injects the options and arguments on the class:

```
@Description("Connect to a workspace")
class connect extends org.crsh.command.ClassCommand
{
    @Option(name="-u",aliases=["--username"],usage="user name")
    def String userName;

    @Option(name="-p",aliases=["--password"],usage="password")
    def String password;

    @Option(name="-c",aliases=["--container"],usage="portal container name (eXo portal specific)")
    def String containerName;

    @Argument(required=true,index=0,usage="workspace name")
    def String workspaceName;

    public Object execute() throws ScriptException {
        ...
    }
}
```

4.1.3. Shell context

A command is a Groovy object and it can access or use the contextual variables. A few variables are maintained by the shell and should be considered with caution. The shell also provides a few functions that can be used, those functions defined in *login.groovy*

4.1.3.1. Existing context variables

- The `session` variable is managed by the `connect` and `disconnect` commands. Commands should be able to use it for accessing JCR session but not update this variable.
- The `currentPath` variable contains the current path of the shell and it should not be used directly. Instead

one should use the function `getCurrentNode()` and `setCurrentNode(Node node)` to update the underlying path.

4.1.3.2. Existing functions

- The `assertConnected()` checks that the user is connected. It should be used at the beginning of a command that interacts with the session
- The `getCurrentNode()` returns the current node
- The `setCurrentNode(Node node)` updates the current node
- The `findNodeByPath()` functions returns a node based on the provided path. If the provided path is null then the "/" root path is considered. The path can be either relative or absolute. If the path is relative the current node will be used to find the node.
- The `formatValue(Value value)` formats a JCR value into a suitable text value.
- The `formatPropertyValue(Property property)` formats a JCR property value into a suitable text value. If the property is multiple then it will return a comma separated list surrounded by square brackets.

4.1.4. You want to contribute a command?

Drop me an email (see my @ on www.julienviet.com).