

Administrator Guide

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eXo Platform

This guide describes how to get started with eXo Platform 3.5, especially for:

- **System Administrators** who want to use, deploy and manage the eXo Platform system in their enterprises.
- **Developers** who want to know how to leverage eXo Platform in their customer projects.

Throughout the guide, you can do many administrative tasks when implementing eXo Platform 3.5. The administration of eXo Platform 3.5 is categorized into the following chapters:

- **Installation and Startup**

Information about system requirements and profiles, as well as how to install the Tomcat bundle and JBoss EARS.

- **Configuration**

Understanding of configuration related to database, cache, users and gadget proxy, file system paths, mail server, WebDAV Cache Control, Chat Server, OpenOffice Server, Logs, JCR.

- **Deployment**

How-Tos of removing sample applications, deploying a custom extension, setting up Apache Front-end and configuring the session timeout for the web server.

- **Management**

Introduction to the eXo Platform management views.

- **Clustering**

Changes related to clustering, which are necessary for eXo Platform to work in the cluster mode.

- **Organization Integration**

Instructions on how to connect eXo Platform to a populated data source, such as LDAP server, MS ActiveDirectory, or Database.

- **Backup and Restore**

Backup of database and file systems for the JCR index and value storage.

- **Security**

Changes related to the JAAS realm.

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Installation and Startup

eXo Platform is packaged as a deployable enterprise archive defined by the Java EE specification, and as a configuration directory. In this chapter, you will see the following topics:

- **System requirements**

Specifications which are required for running eXo Platform 3.5.

- **Install the Tomcat bundle**

Instructions on how to start up/shut down the server, or to customize variables in Tomcat.

- **Install JBoss EARs**

Steps to install eXo Platform on JBoss.

- **Profiles of eXo Platform**

The runtime profiles which are used to enable/disable modules of eXo Platform.

1.1. System requirements

To run eXo Platform 3.5, your system is required to meet the following specifications or higher:

- CPU: Multi-core recommended, 2GHz Minimum
- Memory: 4GB physical RAM, at least 1GB free for JVM's max heap memory (see the JVM settings detailed in the [Install the Tomcat bundle](#) section)
- Disk: 1GB
- Java 6 (Set the JAVA_HOME environment variable)
- Browser Compatibility:
 - Mozilla Firefox 3.6+
 - Internet Explorer 7.0+
 - Safari 5.0+
 - Google Chrome 5.0+



Note

- The eXo server will run on the 8080 portal, so make sure this port is not currently in use.
- **CRaSH** opens two ports to establish connections by using TELNET or SSH protocols. To prevent having security threats, it is highly recommended that:
 - You change the default SSH and TELNET ports in *crash.war/WEB-INF/crash/crash.properties*.
 - You restrict connection to CRaSH ports on your firewall.

See also

- [Install the Tomcat bundle](#)
- [Install JBoss EARs](#)
- [Profiles of eXo Platform](#)

1.2. Install the Tomcat bundle

The easiest way to install eXo Platform is to use the Tomcat bundle. This is a ready-made package on top of the Tomcat 6 application server. First, you need to download and extract the package named *eXo-Platform-tomcat-3.5.x.zip* on your server.

Start up the server

eXo Platform leverages the application server on which it is deployed. This means that you only need to start and stop your application with the default commands.

- On Linux and OS X:

```
$PLATFORM_TOMCAT_HOME/start_eXo.sh
```

- On Windows:

```
%PLATFORM_TOMCAT_HOME%\start_eXo.bat
```

The server is started successfully when you see the following message in your log/console:

```
INFO: Server startup in 353590 ms
```

Shut down the server

- On Linux and OS X:

```
$PLATFORM_TOMCAT_HOME/stop_eXo.sh
```

- On Windows:

```
%PLATFORM_TOMCAT_HOME%\stop_eXo.bat
```

If you receive the message when you try to stop Tomcat as below, you must stop Tomcat by pressing **CtrlC** or by killing with the **-9** command. To perform the **kill** action automatically, you can run *stop_eXo.sh -force* that is only available on Linux and OS X systems.

```
Tomcat did not stop in time. The PID file was not removed.
```

The server has been stopped successfully when you see the following message in your log/console:

```
INFO: Stopping Coyote HTTP/1.1 on http-8080
```

Start up eXo Platform by running built-in startup scripts

You can start up eXo Platform by running one of the following built-in startup scripts:

- Linux & OS X: *start_eXo.sh*

- Windows: `start_eXo.bat`
- Linux and OS X in the developer mode: `start_eXo.sh` with the `-debug` option.
- Windows in the developer mode: `start_eXo.bat` with the `-debug` option.

In the normal mode, the `start_eXo` scripts launch eXo Platform with the following JVM options:

```
-Xms256m
-Xmx1024m
-XX:MaxPermSize=256m
-Djava.security.auth.login.config=../conf/jaas.conf
-Dexo.conf.dir.name=gatein/conf
-Dexo.profiles=default
```

Details:

<code>-Xms</code>	Minimal Heap Size (defaults to 256 MB).
<code>-Xmx</code>	Maximal Heap Size (defaults to 1 GB).
<code>-Djava.security.auth.login.config</code>	Path to the JAAS security file where the security domains and JAAS authentication modules are declared.
<code>-Dexo.conf.dir.name</code>	The name of the configuration directory relatively from "catalina.home", for example, <i>gatein/conf</i> .
<code>-Dexo.profiles</code>	List of comma-separated profiles of eXo Platform to activate.

In the developer mode, the `start_eXo` scripts launch eXo Platform in the developer mode with a few JVM options.

```
-Xdebug -Xrunjdwp:transport=dt_socket,address=8000,server=y,suspend=n
-Dcom.sun.management.jmxremote
-Dorg.exoplatform.container.configuration.debug
-Dexo.product.developing=true
```

Details:

<code>-Dcom.sun.management.jmxremote</code>	Activate the remote JMX monitoring.
<code>-Xdebug -Xrunjdwp:transport=dt_socket, address=8000, server=y, suspend=n</code>	Enable the remote debugging.
<code>-Dorg.exoplatform.container.configuration.debug</code>	The container will log in to the console which the <i>.xml</i> file loads.
<code>-Dexo.product.developing=true</code>	Deactivate JavaScript and CSS merging for debugging more easily. Next, activate a special language called Magic Locale "ma" showing the property keys instead of the translations.

Now, you can start and run the eXo Platform demo, but you will need to adjust these values for a production setup.

Customize environment variables in Tomcat

Previously, users got used to changing the *gatein.sh* file, but this file is no longer used since Platform 3.5.0-CR1. Now, to customize the environment variables and JVM memory parameters, you have to modify the *setenv.sh* file (*setenv.bat* file in Windows).

This file is located in:

- Linux & OS X:

```
$PLATFORM_TOMCAT_HOME/bin/setenv.sh
```

- Windows:

```
$PLATFORM_TOMCAT_HOME\bin\setenv.bat
```

The following is the content of this file:

```
# Sets some variables
LOG_OPTS="-Dorg.apache.commons.logging.Log=org.apache.commons.logging.impl.SimpleLog"
SECURITY_OPTS="-Djava.security.auth.login.config=../conf/jaas.conf"
EXO_OPTS="-Dexo.conf.dir.name=gatein/conf"
IDE_OPTS="-Djavasrc=$JAVA_HOME/src.zip -Djre.lib=$JAVA_HOME/jre/lib"
if [ "$EXO_PROFILES" = "" -o "$EXO_PROFILES" = "-Dexo.profiles=default" ] ; then
EXO_PROFILES="-Dexo.profiles=default"
fi

##### For XML Parser #####
# Define the preferred XML Parser
# If you run eXo Platform on IBM Java, you must use the first one
#EXO_XML="-Djavax.xml.stream.XMLOutputFactory=com.sun.xml.stream.ZephyrWriterFactory -
Djavax.xml.stream.XMLInputFactory=com.sun.xml.stream.ZephyrParserFactory -
Djavax.xml.stream.XMLEventFactory=com.sun.xml.stream.events.ZephyrEventFactory"
EXO_XML="-Djavax.xml.stream.XMLOutputFactory=com.sun.xml.internal.stream.XMLOutputFactoryImpl -
Djavax.xml.stream.XMLInputFactory=com.sun.xml.internal.stream.XMLInputFactoryImpl -
Djavax.xml.stream.XMLEventFactory=com.sun.xml.internal.stream.events.XMLEventsFactoryImpl"
#####

CATALINA_OPTS="-Xms256m -Xmx1024m -XX:MaxPermSize=256m $CATALINA_OPTS $LOG_OPTS $SECURITY_OPTS $EXO_OPTS
$IDE_OPTS $EXO_PROFILES $EXO_XML"
export CATALINA_OPTS
```

In the normal mode, the *setenv* scripts launch eXo Platform with the following JVM options:

```
-Xms256m
-Xmx1024m
-XX:MaxPermSize=256m
-Djava.security.auth.login.config=../conf/jaas.conf
-Dexo.conf.dir.name=gatein/conf
-Dexo.profiles=default
-Dorg.apache.commons.logging.Log=org.apache.commons.logging.impl.SimpleLog
-Djavasrc=$JAVA_HOME/src.zip
-Djre.lib=$JAVA_HOME/jre/lib
```

Details:

<code>-Xms</code>	Initial Heap Size (the default is 256 MB).
<code>-Xmx</code>	Maximal Heap Size (the default is 1 GB).
<code>-Djava.security.auth.login.config</code>	The path to the JAAS security file where the security domains and JAAS authentication modules are declared.
<code>-Dexo.conf.dir.name</code>	The path where eXo Platform will start looking at <i>configuration.properties</i> and <i>configuration.xml</i> .

<code>-Dexo.profiles</code>	List of comma-separated profiles of eXo Platform to activate.
<code>-Dorg.apache.commons.logging.Log</code>	A simple logging interface abstracting logging APIs.
<code>-Djavasrc</code>	The path to the JAVA source code.
<code>-Djre.lib</code>	The path to the JRE library.

About EXO_XML: it defines the preferred XML Parser.

- If you run eXo Platform on **IBM Java**, you must use the following:

```
EXO_XML="-Djavax.xml.stream.XMLOutputFactory=com.sun.xml.stream.ZephyrWriterFactory -
Djavax.xml.stream.XMLInputFactory=com.sun.xml.stream.ZephyrParserFactory -
Djavax.xml.stream.XMLEventFactory=com.sun.xml.stream.events.ZephyrEventFactory"
```

- Otherwise, you can use the following:

```
EXO_XML="-Djavax.xml.stream.XMLOutputFactory=com.sun.xml.internal.stream.XMLOutputFactoryImpl -
Djavax.xml.stream.XMLInputFactory=com.sun.xml.internal.stream.XMLInputFactoryImpl -
Djavax.xml.stream.XMLEventFactory=com.sun.xml.internal.stream.events.XMLEventsFactoryImpl"
```



Note

In Linux environments, the `ulimit` limits the system-wide resource used. When running eXo Platform, you may get the error message about "Too many open files" because the `ulimit` has limited the opened files. By default, the number of opened files is limited to "1024". You should execute the command: "`ulimit -n 8196`" as root before starting the server to avoid this issue.

See also

- [System requirements](#)
- [Install JBoss EARs](#)
- [Profiles of eXo Platform](#)

1.3. Install JBoss EARs

eXo distribution for JBoss (eXo-Platform-jboss-3.5.x.zip) allows you to deploy eXo Platform on your existing JBoss EAP server located in a folder named `JBOSS_HOME`.

Install eXo Platform on JBoss

1. Extract the content of the distribution to a local folder named `eXo-Platform-jboss-3.5.x`.
2. Copy the following folder and files from `eXo-Platform-jboss-3.5.x/ears/server/default/deploy` to `$PLATFORM_JBOSS_HOME/server/default/deploy`.

Folders

- `gatein.ear`
- `crash.war`

Files

- `exo-acme-website-$version.ear`

- `exo-collaboration-extension-$version.ear`
- `exo-default-portal-$version.ear`
- `exo-gadget-pack-$version.ear`
- `exo-knowledge-extension-$version.ear`
- `exo-platform-extension-$version.ear`
- `exo-social-extension-$version.ear`
- `exo-social-intranet-$version.ear`
- `exo-wcm-extension-$version.ear`
- `exo-webos-extension-$version.ear`
- `exo-workflow-extension-$version.ear`
- `gatein-ds.xml`
- `gatein-wsrp-extension-$version.ear`
- `starter-gatein-$version.ear`

3. Copy 2 files named `context.xml` and `server.xml` from `eXo-Platform-jboss-3.5.x/ears/server/default/deploy/jbossweb.sar` to `$PLATFORM_JBOSS_HOME/server/default/deploy/jbossweb.sar`.

4. Copy the following files and folders from `eXo-Platform-jboss-3.5.x/ears/server/default/conf/gatein` to the folder `$PLATFORM_JBOSS_HOME/server/default/conf/gatein`. You may need to create `gatein` folder if it does not exist.

- `cache`
- `idm`
- `jcr`
- `jgroups`
- `portal`
- `configuration.properties`
- `configuration.xml`
- `controller.xml`
- `portlet.xml`

5. Copy the `oauthkey.pem` file from `eXo-Platform-jboss-3.5.x/ears/server/default/data/gadgets` to `$PLATFORM_JBOSS_HOME/server/default/data/gadgets`. You may need to create folders if they do not exist.

6. Configure the JVM parameters.

- On **Linux**, add these lines to the end of `$PLATFORM_JBOSS_HOME/bin/run.conf`:

```
# Platform environment variables
EXO_PROFILES="-Dexo.profiles=default"
EXO_OPTS="-Dexo.product.developing=false -Dexo.conf.dir.name=gatein -Dgatein.data.dir=./gatein"
IDE_OPTS="-Djavasrc=$JAVA_HOME/src.zip -Djre.lib=$JAVA_HOME/jre/lib"
# Declare this variable in JAVA_OPTS to run in debug mode
REMOTE_DEBUG="-Xdebug -Xrunjdwp:transport=dt_socket,address=8000,server=y,suspend=n -Dcom.sun.management.jmxremote
-Dorg.exoplatform.container.configuration.debug"
# Here you can define your preferred xml parser - choose one or the other, or none
# If you run eXo Platform under IBM java, you must use the first one
#EXO_XML="-Djavax.xml.stream.XMLOutputFactory=com.sun.xml.stream.ZephyrWriterFactory
Djavax.xml.stream.XMLInputFactory=com.sun.xml.stream.ZephyrParserFactory
Djavax.xml.stream.XMLEventFactory=com.sun.xml.stream.events.ZephyrEventFactory"
EXO_XML="-Djavax.xml.stream.XMLOutputFactory=com.sun.xml.internal.stream.XMLOutputFactoryImpl
Djavax.xml.stream.XMLInputFactory=com.sun.xml.internal.stream.XMLInputFactoryImpl
Djavax.xml.stream.XMLEventFactory=com.sun.xml.internal.stream.events.XMLEventsFactoryImpl"
JAVA_OPTS="$JAVA_OPTS $EXO_OPTS $IDE_OPTS $EXO_PROFILES $EXO_XML"
```

- On **Windows**, add these lines to the end of `$PLATFORM_JBOSS_HOME/bin/run.conf.bat`:

```
rem # Platform environment variables
set "EXO_PROFILES=-Dexo.profiles=default"
set "EXO_OPTS=-Dexo.product.developing=false -Dexo.conf.dir.name=gatein -Dgatein.data.dir=./gatein"
set "IDE_OPTS=-Djavax.src=$JAVA_HOME/src.zip -Djre.lib=$JAVA_HOME/jre/lib"
set "REMOTE_DEBUG=-Xdebug -Xrunjdwp:transport=dt_socket,address=8000,server=y,suspend=n -Dcom.sun.management.jmxremote
-Dorg.exoplatform.container.configuration.debug"
rem # Here you can define your preferred xml parser - choose one or the other, or none
rem # If you run eXo Platform under IBM java, you must use the first one
rem      #      set      EXO_XML=-Djavax.xml.stream.XMLOutputFactory=com.sun.xml.stream.ZephyrWriterFactory      -
Djavax.xml.stream.XMLInputFactory=com.sun.xml.stream.ZephyrParserFactory      -
Djavax.xml.stream.XMLEventFactory=com.sun.xml.stream.events.ZephyrEventFactory
set      EXO_XML=-Djavax.xml.stream.XMLOutputFactory=com.sun.xml.internal.stream.XMLOutputFactoryImpl      -
Djavax.xml.stream.XMLInputFactory=com.sun.xml.internal.stream.XMLInputFactoryImpl      -
Djavax.xml.stream.XMLEventFactory=com.sun.xml.internal.stream.events.XMLEventsFactoryImpl
set "JAVA_OPTS=%JAVA_OPTS% %EXO_OPTS% %IDE_OPTS% %EXO_PROFILES% %EXO_XML%"
```



Note

- If you prefer using another implementation of SAX, change the class names in `EXO_XML` variable.
- You can activate the debug mode of eXo Platform by adding `$REMOTE_DEBUG` to the `JAVA_OPTS` variable.

7. Add the eXo Platform logging categories to `$PLATFORM_JBOSS_HOME/server/default/conf/jboss-log4j.xml`.

```
<!-- Limit the JSR170 categories -->
<category name="exo.jcr">
  <priority value="INFO"/>
</category>
<!-- Limit the JSR-168 and JSR-286 categories -->
<category name="org.exoplatform.services">
  <priority value="INFO"/>
</category>
```

8. Configure the `emptySessionPath` attribute.

From JBoss AS 4 or lower, to make Wiki work properly, you have to configure the `emptySessionPath` attribute in the `server.xml` file. If you are running Jboss with the "default" profile, this file will be located in `$PLATFORM_JBOSS_HOME/default/deploy/jbossweb.sar/server.xml` path.

Depending on the Connector you are using, you have to set the `emptySessionPath` attribute to "true" for that Connector respectively.

For example, if you are using the AJP Connector, the configuration should be as follows:

```
<!-- Define an AJP 1.3 Connector on port 8009 -->
<Connector port="8009" address="{jboss.bind.address}" protocol="AJP/1.3"
  emptySessionPath="true" enableLookups="false" redirectPort="8443" />
```

However, from JBoss AS 5 or higher, `emptySessionPath="true"` no longer sets the cookie path / by default. Instead, the cookie path is set via the following element in the `Context` element in the `server/default/deploy/jbossweb.sar/context.xml` file.

```
<SessionCookie path="/" />
```

Session cookies are now scoped to the context by default.

9. Start up the server.

- On Linux and OS X:

```
$PLATFORM_JBOSS_HOME/bin/run.sh
```

- On Windows:

```
%PLATFORM_JBOSS_HOME%\bin\run.bat
```

The server is started successfully when you see the following message in your log/console:

```
INFO [org.jboss.bootstrap.microcontainer.ServerImpl] (main) JBoss (Microcontainer) [5.1.1 (build: ...)] Started in 5m:29s:259ms
```

10. Shut down the server.

- On Linux and OS X:

```
$PLATFORM_JBOSS_HOME/bin/shutdown.sh
```

- On Windows:

```
%PLATFORM_JBOSS_HOME%\bin\shutdown.bat
```

The server has been stopped successfully when you see the following message in your log/console:

```
INFO [org.jboss.bootstrap.microcontainer.ServerImpl] (JBoss Shutdown Hook) Shutdown complete
```

See also

- [System requirements](#)
- [Install the Tomcat bundle](#)
- [Profiles of eXo Platform](#)

1.4. Profiles of eXo Platform

eXo Platform comes with different runtime profiles, enabling you to customize which modules you want to enable/disable in each eXo Platform instance.



Warning

Before modifying and developing eXo Platform, you should choose carefully the profiles that are suitable to your requirements. In particular, after you have done any modifications/developments on the server that you started up with your selected profiles, and then switched to another new profiles, you will not see such modifications/developments on eXo Platform.

- When using Tomcat, you can use a comma-separated list of profiles.
- When using JBoss, you just need to edit *EXO_PROFILES* in the *run.conf(.bat)* file.

The following profiles are supported:

Profile	Description
collaboration	Enable the Collaboration module.
knowledge	Enable the Knowledge module.
social	Enable the Social module.
workflow	Enable the Workflow add-ons within the Content module.
webos	Enable the eXo WebOS module.

Additionally, you can use these composite profiles:

Profile	Description
minimal	Contain GateIn Content.
default	Contain all modules except workflow and webos (GateIn, eXo IDE, Collaboration, Social, Knowledge).
all	All available modules.

For example:

- Start default modules workflow:

```
./start_eXo.sh default,workflow
```

- Start eXo Platform with GateIn, Content, Collaboration and Knowledge enabled.

```
./start_eXo.sh collaboration,knowledge
```

- Start with Social, GateIn and Content.

```
./start_eXo.sh minimal,social
```

For the developer mode

- Start eXo Platform with your selected profiles in Linux and OS X:

```
./start_eXo.sh -debug [profiles]
```

- Start eXo Platform with your selected profiles in Windows:

```
.\start_eXo.bat -debug [profiles]
```

1.5. Common Reusable SHell (CRaSH)

CRaSH is deployed in the Java runtime and provides interactions with the JVM. Commands are written in Groovy and can be developed at runtime, making the extension of the shell with fast development cycle very easy. It can be run as a standalone application to control its own JVM or as an embedded service in an existing runtime like a web application.

In eXo Platform, CRaSH is deployed in a web container by using a standard web archive called *crash.war*. This *.war* file is used for its packaging capabilities and triggering the CRaSH life cycle, such as starting/stopping CRaSH. It is a useful tool that connects to the eXo Platform server to provide many features and services such as a set of JCR commands, and a Groovy Scripts launcher.

This tool is installed by default in Platform 3.5 (for both Tomcat and Jboss bundles). Please refer to [the notice about ports](#). In case your environment does not allow CRaSH usage, it can be removed from eXo Platform bundle (see the [Remove CRaSH \[37\]](#) section for more details).

See also

- [System requirements](#)
- [Install the Tomcat bundle](#)
- [Install JBoss EARs](#)

Configuration

This chapter covers the following topics:

- **eXo Platform configuration**

Explanation of eXo Platform configuration, its directory and some parts of eXo Platform internals.

- **Database configuration**

Introduction to a database configuration, steps to connect to a production database, and FAQs of database configuration.

- **File system paths**

Explanations of several paths in the local file system.

- **JCR system and default workspaces**

The configuration of workspaces for the JCR repository.

- **Transaction Service**

Information about the default timeout value of JCR transaction, and the value when your application runs longer transactions.

- **Mail server**

Introduction to the Email service of eXo Platform that requires the SMTP server to send emails, such as notifications or password reminders.

- **Email-notification configuration for watching a document**

Instructions on how to customize the email notification that allows you to receive email notifications of changes on your selected documents.

- **WebDAV cache control**

Introduction to the embedded WebDAV server that lets you control the cache-control HTTP header.

- **Chat server**

Information about XMPPMessenger, and Chat server configuration.

- **Office server**

Instructions on how to start the Office server through which users can view various types of documents directly in the Sites Explorer.

- **Logs**

Introduction to the logs of eXo Platform, and where to configure this function.

- **JCR**

Details of the set of properties which control the JCR behavior.

- **Cache configuration**

Overall introduction to the Cache configuration of eXo Platform, including: Portal, Social, and ECMS.

- **Users configuration**

Instructions on how to configure a super-user and to grant users access to toolbar.

- **Gadget configuration**

Information about the OAuth key that will be used in case the OAuth gadgets do not indicate a key.

- **Other properties**

Introduction to other properties, such as Navigation Controller, JNDI, IDM.

2.1. eXo Platform configuration

In eXo Platform, the configuration is performed in a folder whose location is controlled by a system property named *exo.conf.dir*. By default, the *gatein.sh* startup script sets this property as follows:

```
-Dexo.conf.dir.name=gatein/conf
```

So the main entry point for the eXo Platform configuration is */gatein/conf/*. This directory contains the following files:

- *configuration.properties*: the main system configuration.
- *configuration.xml*: contains the default portal container configuration.
- *portal/portal/configuration.xml*: the main external customization entry point for the default portal container.

This section explains some parts of the eXo Platform internals so that you can understand the roles of these configuration files.

The eXo Platform Kernel collects runtime components in the portal containers. A portal container holds all components to run a portal instance. It serves portal pages under the servlet context for its name.

The default portal container in eXo Platform is simply called "portal". This explains why the default URL of the samples is <http://localhost:8080/portal>.

The default portal container can be configured directly inside *exo.conf.dir*.

However, eXo Platform is capable of running several portal instances simultaneously on the same server. Each instance can be configured and customized independently via files located at: */gatein/conf/portal/\$PORTAL_NAME*, where *\$PORTAL_NAME* is the name of the portal container.



Note

The name of the configuration file can be altered. Please refer to the [PortalContainer](#) section in the Kernel reference for more details on portal containers and other options to modify the location of the properties.

Services that run inside a portal container are declared via the xml configuration files like *configuration.xml*. Such files exist in jars, wars and below *exo.conf.dir*.

The .xml configuration files also serve as the main way to customize the portal via the multiple plugins offered by the eXo Platform components.

Additionally, the .xml files may contain variables that are populated via properties defined in *configuration.properties*. Hence, the *configuration.properties* file serves as exposing some selected variables that are necessary to configure eXo Platform in a server environment.

[configuration.properties](#)

The system configuration is mostly done in the *configuration.properties* file. In most cases, this should be the only file for the system administrator to configure.

- In the Tomcat bundle, this file is located at */gatein/conf/configuration.properties*.
- In the JBoss server, this file is located at *server/default/conf/gatein/configuration.properties*.

configuration.xml

This file contains the built-in configuration for the "portal" portal container.

- In most cases, you should not change this file.
- In case you do not want to use "portal" as the default portal for your project, this file can be used to import another PortalContainerDefinition into the root container.



Note

To learn more about how to configure a new portal container, please refer to the [Kernel reference guide](#).

portal/portal/configuration.xml

This file is empty by default. This is where further customizations can be placed. Generally, custom configurations are provided by extension wars. However, this file is the last loaded by the kernel. It has a higher priority over any other configuration files, including extensions. So, you can override any internal component configuration.

This may turn handy services or configurations that are not exposed in *configuration.properties*.

For example, you can change the default WebDAV update policy by adding the following code to this *configuration.xml* file:

```
<component>
  <key>org.exoplatform.services.jcr.webdav.WebDavServiceImpl</key>
  <type>org.exoplatform.services.jcr.webdav.WebDavServiceImpl</type>
  <init-params>
    <value-param>
      <name>auto-mix-lockable</name>
      <value>>false</value>
    </value-param>
    <value-param>
      <name>def-folder-node-type</name>
      <value>nt:folder</value>
    </value-param>
    <value-param>
      <name>def-file-node-type</name>
      <value>nt:file</value>
    </value-param>
    <value-param>
      <name>def-file-mimetype</name>
      <value>text/plain</value>
    </value-param>
    <value-param>
      <name>update-policy</name>
      <value>replace</value>
    </value-param>
  </init-params>
</component>
```

See also

- [Database configuration](#)
- [File system paths](#)

2.2. Database configuration

- [Connect to a production database](#)

Steps to prepare your database server and to configure eXo Platform.

- [FAQs of database configuration](#)

Questions and answers about configuring eXo Platform to connect to other database systems, removing the idle MySQL connections, and enabling managed DataSource.

eXo Platform relies on the application server for its database access, so the database must be configured as a data source at the AS level. The data source is obtained by accessing the Enterprise Naming Context (ENC) through the Java Naming and Directory Interface (JNDI) service.

See also

- [eXo Platform configuration](#)
- [File system paths](#)

2.2.1. Connect to a production database

If you intend to bring your eXo Platform to production, the embedded hsql database will not be appropriate and you will need to configure your app server to use another one. You need to learn how to configure eXo Platform data sources and your app server. If you need to change the data sources name, read the [Rename the data source](#) section below.



Note

The steps below will show you how to configure eXo Platform to use a MySQL database. You need to adapt them to your actual production environment.



Tip

Refer to the [FAQs of database configuration](#) section to find out our sample configuration files for MySQL and other DB systems.

Step 1. Prepare your database server.

You need to prepare two database schema, then do as follows:

1. Connect to your database server using the **ssh** command:

```
ssh root@db.example.org
```

2. Verify that MySQL is running:

```
sudo /etc/init.d/mysql status
```

3. Connect to MySQL:

```
mysql -u root -p
```

In this step, you will be prompted for entering your password.

4. Create 2 databases: one for idm (*\$dbname-idm*) and the other for jcr (*\$dbname-jcr*). For example:

- i. Create the first database.

```
create database _$dbname_;
```

ii. Configure the user who has the remote access right (not only from the host server):

```
grant all on _$dbname_.* to '$_username_'@'$_$IP_' identified by '$_$password_';
```

In which, \$IP = AS host name, \$IP = IP with wildcard (eg 192.168.1.% = all IPs on 192.168.1.x network) and \$username = username that eXo Platform will connect with (i.e. 'dbnameuser').

5. Verify that both databases were created successfully.

```
show databases;
```

6. Quit the server with the **exit** command.



Note

eXo Platform does not require tables to be created before it starts because these tables are created automatically on the first startup. If you want to run the DDL script to create the database objects, please contact eXo Support to obtain the script for your database.

Step 2. Configure eXo Platform.

After the database is ready, you need to configure eXo Platform to connect to it. The configuration steps may be different, depending on the application server. Here, instructions are for Tomcat and JBoss.

Tomcat bundle:

In Tomcat, the data sources configuration requires you to edit the *server.xml* file.



Tip

Please refer to Tomcat's [JNDI Resources How To](#) for more details on the JNDI resources binding in Tomcat.

Edit the server.xml file

1. Open the `$PLATFORM_TOMCAT_HOME/conf/server.xml` file.
2. Declare the binding of the data sources in the GlobalNaming context:
 - Change the driver from `org.hsqldb.jdbcDriver` to `com.mysql.jdbc.Driver`.
 - Change the username and password to the values set above.
 - Change the URL to access your DataBase from `jdbc:hsqldb:file:../gatein/data/hsqldb/exo-jcr_portal` into `jdbc:mysql://_$_host_:3306/_$_dbname_`.

The code now should look like:

```
<!-- eXo JCR Datasource for portal -->
<Resource auth="Container" driverClassName="com.mysql.jdbc.Driver" logAbandoned="true" maxActive="20" maxIdle="10"
  maxWait="10000" minEvictableIdleTimeMillis="60000" name="exo-jcr_portal" password="$_$password_" removeAbandoned="true"
  removeAbandonedTimeout="10" type="javax.sql.DataSource" url="jdbc:mysql://_$_host_:3306/_$_dbname-jcr_" username="$_$username_"/>

<!-- eXo IDM Datasource for portal -->
```

```
<Resource auth="Container" driverClassName="com.mysql.jdbc.Driver" logAbandoned="true" maxActive="20" maxIdle="10"
maxWait="10000" minEvictableIdleTimeMillis="60000" name="exo-idm_portal" password="_$password_" removeAbandoned="true"
removeAbandonedTimeout="10" type="javax.sql.DataSource" url="jdbc:mysql://_${host}_:3306/_$dbname-idm_" username="_$username_" />
```

3. Add the JDBC driver. In this step, you need to add the MySQL connector to Tomcat by adding *mysql-connector-java-5.1.x.jar* to *\$PLATFORM_TOMCAT_HOME/lib/*.

JBoss:

Configure the data source for eXo Platform under JBoss

- Edit *gatein-ds.xml*
- Add the JDBC driver

1. Edit the *gatein-ds.xml* file.

i. Open the *\$PLATFORM_JBOSS_HOME/server/default/deploy/gatein-ds.xml* file.

ii. Declare the binding of the data sources in the GlobalNaming context:

- Change the driver: *org.hsqldb.jdbcDriver* into *com.mysql.jdbc.Driver*.
- Change the username and password to the values set earlier.
- Change the URL to access your database: *<connection-url>jdbc:hsqldb:\${jboss.server.data.dir}/exo/hypersonic/exo-xxx_portal-localDB</connection-url>* to *<connection-url>jdbc:mysql://_\${host}_:3306/_\$dbname_</connection-url>*.

The configuration should now look like:

```
<datasources>
  <no-tx-datasource>
    <jndi-name>exo-idm_portal</jndi-name>
    <connection-url>jdbc:mysql://_${host}_:3306/_$dbname-idm_</connection-url>
    <driver-class>com.mysql.jdbc.Driver</driver-class>
    <user-name>_${username}</user-name>
    <password>_${password}</password>

    <min-pool-size>5</min-pool-size>
    <max-pool-size>20</max-pool-size>
    <idle-timeout-minutes>0</idle-timeout-minutes>
    <prepared-statement-cache-size>32</prepared-statement-cache-size>
  </no-tx-datasource>
<!-- ... -->
  <no-tx-datasource>
    <jndi-name>exo-jcr_portal</jndi-name>
    <connection-url>jdbc:mysql://_${host}_:3306/_$dbname-jcr_</connection-url>
    <driver-class>com.mysql.jdbc.Driver</driver-class>
    <user-name>_${username}</user-name>
    <password>_${password}</password>

    <min-pool-size>5</min-pool-size>
    <max-pool-size>20</max-pool-size>
    <idle-timeout-minutes>0</idle-timeout-minutes>
    <prepared-statement-cache-size>32</prepared-statement-cache-size>
  </no-tx-datasource>
</datasources>
```

2. Add the JDBC driver. In this step, you need to add the MySQL connector library in JBoss by adding *mysql-connector-java-5.1.x.jar* to *\$PLATFORM_JBOSS_HOME/server/default/lib/*.

**Tip**

You can get the latest MySQL connector [here](#).

3. Rename the data source.

By default, eXo Platform defines two data sources:

- `exo-jcr_portal` - for the Java Content Repository (JCR).
- `exo-idm_portal` - for the organizational model.

You may want to rename the data source as follows:

i. Open and edit the *configuration.properties* file.

In this step, indicate eXo name of the data sources. The database schema of Hibernate service for IDM tables is optionally defined by the `gatein.idm.datasource.schema` property.

```
# JNDI name of the datasource that will be used by eXo JCR
gatein.jcr.datasource.name=java:/comp/env/exojcr
...
# JNDI Name of the IDM datasource
gatein.idm.datasource.name=java:/comp/env/exo-idm

# Optional database schema for use with IDM tables (empty by default), uncomment this line to specify required schema name
#gatein.idm.datasource.schema=EXO1
```

**Note**

eXo Platform automatically appends the portal container name ("`_portal`" by default) to these values before performing a JNDI lookup.

ii. Change the data source name in the application server.

In this step, you need to change the name under which the data sources are bound in the JNDI tree by the app server. This is a dependent application sever.

2.2.2. FAQs of database configuration

Q1. How to configure eXo Platform to connect to other database systems?

Configuring eXo Platform to connect to other database can be done easily. eXo Platform provides sample configuration files in the following folders:

- **eXo Platform-3.5.x.zip/conf/db/**
 - `mysql`
 - `oracle`
 - `postgres`

In each folder, you will find two sample xml files: *gatein-ds.xml* for JBoss and *server.xml* for Tomcat.

Each file contains 2 preconfigured data sources. For example: JCR data source in *mysql/server.xml*.

```
<Resource auth="Container" driverClassName="com.mysql.jdbc.Driver" maxActive="128" maxIdle="32" maxWait="10000" name="exo-jcr_portal" password="{db.password}" testWhileIdle="true" timeBetweenEvictionRunsMillis="30000" type="javax.sql.DataSource" url="jdbc:mysql://{db.host}:{db.port}/{db.jcr.name}" username="{db.username}" validationQuery="SELECT 1"/>
```

You simply replace the variables with the expected values:

Variables	Expected values
db.username	The username that connects to the database.
db.password	The password for the above username.
db.host	The hostname or IP address of the DB server.
db.port	The port to connect to the DB.
db.jcr.name	The DB name for the JCR datasource.
db.idm.name	The DB name for the IDM datasource.

Please remember to add the JDBC connector JAR to the classpath of your application server.

You can download the official JDBC connector JARs from the following websites:

- <http://www.mysql.com/downloads/connector/j/>
- <http://jdbc.postgresql.org/download.html>
- <http://www.oracle.com/technetwork/database/features/jdbc/index-091264.html>

Q2. How to remove the idle MySQL connections?

Some RDBMSs, like MySQL, close the idle connections after a period (8 hours on MySQL by default). Thus, a connection from the pool will be invalid and any application SQL command will fail, resulting in errors as below:

```
org.hibernate.SessionException: Session is closed!
at org.hibernate.impl.AbstractSessionImpl.errorIfClosed(AbstractSessionImpl.java:72)
at org.hibernate.impl.SessionImpl.getTransaction(SessionImpl.java:1342)
```

To avoid this, you can use DBCP to monitor the idle connections and drop them when they are invalid, with the **testWhileIdle**, **timeBetweenEvictionRunsMillis**, and **validationQuery** parameters.

The validation query is specific to your RDBMS. For example, on MySQL, you would use:

```
testWhileIdle="true" timeBetweenEvictionRunsMillis="30000" validationQuery="SELECT 1"
```

In which:

- **testWhileIdle** activates idle connections monitoring.
- **timeBetweenEvictionRunsMillis** defines the time interval between two checks in milliseconds (5 minutes in the example).
- **validationQuery** provides a simple SQL command to validate the connection to the RDBMS.

You can add these parameters to the data source configuration file of your application server, for example, *conf/server.xml* on Tomcat.

For more details on the configuration, or some examples on other RDBMS and applications servers, please refer to the following websites:

- <http://markmail.org/message/a3bszoyqbvi5qer4>

- <http://stackoverflow.com/questions/15949/javatomcat-dying-database-connection>
- <http://confluence.atlassian.com/display/JIRA/SurvivingConnectionClosures>

Q3. How to enable managed DataSource?

When you want to use a managed data source (which is the case under JBoss), set "true" for the `gatein.jcr.datasource.managed` property in the `configuration.properties` file.

```
# indicates if the jcr datasource is using managed transactions.
# false by default.
gatein.jcr.datasource.managed=true
```

2.3. File system paths

eXo Platform requires the read/write access to several paths in the local file system.

```
# Arjuna configuration
com.arjuna.ats.arjuna.objectstore.objectStoreDir=${gatein.data.dir}/jta
.....

# Directory for common data (in cluster, mount it as a network shared directory between nodes)
# On standalone JBoss app server it is assigned to ${jboss.server.data.dir} by default.
exo.shared.dir=../gatein

# Configuration directory (in cluster, this directory is per node)
# Usual locations of configuration directory:
# for Tomcat app server it is ${catalina.home}/gatein/conf.
# for JBoss app server it is ${jboss.server.home.dir}/conf/gatein.
gatein.conf.dir=${catalina.home}/${exo.conf.dir.name}

# Data directory
gatein.data.dir=${exo.shared.dir}/data

# path for any JCR data
gatein.jcr.data.dir=${gatein.data.dir}/jcr

# path for file data inserted in JCR
gatein.jcr.storage.data.dir=${gatein.jcr.data.dir}/values

# path for the jcr index
gatein.jcr.index.data.dir=${gatein.jcr.data.dir}/index
```

The following table explains what goes in which path. The **Temporary** column indicates if the data are temporary or persistent (V: temporary, X: persistent).

Variable	Content	Temporary
<code>com.arjuna.ats.arjuna.objectstore.objectStoreDir</code>	JTA transactional data	V
<code>gatein.jcr.data.dir</code>	Directory for JCR data.	X
<code>gatein.jcr.data.dir/swap</code>	Directory for swapped data of JCR	V
<code>gatein.jcr.storage.data.dir</code>	Binary value storage for JCR.	X
<code>gatein.jcr.index.data.dir</code>	Lucene index for JCR.	X

Each variable can be defined as an absolute or a relative path. The default configuration combines them to obtain a compact tree:

```
/gatein # gatein.data.dir
/data
/hsqldb
/jcr # gatein.jcr.data.dir
/index # gatein.jcr.index.data.dir
/swap
/values # gatein.jcr.storage.data.dir
/jta
```

See also

- [eXo Platform configuration](#)
- [Database configuration](#)

2.4. JCR system and default workspaces

The following is the configuration of workspaces (default and system) for JCR repository.

```
# JCR system and default workspaces
gatein.jcr.repository.default=repository
gatein.jcr.workspace.default=collaboration
gatein.jcr.workspace.system=system
```

See also

- [eXo Platform configuration](#)
- [Database configuration](#)
- [File system paths](#)
- [Transaction Service](#)
- [JCR](#)

2.5. Transaction Service

JCR transaction default timeout configured for 7 mins (420 sec) by default. If your application runs longer transactions, you might need a bigger timeout.

```
# JCR Transaction Service
# TransactionService default timeout (in seconds), set it to one hour here:
gatein.jcr.transaction.timeout=3600
```

See also

- [eXo Platform configuration](#)
- [Database configuration](#)
- [File system paths](#)
- [JCR system and default workspaces](#)
- [JCR](#)

2.6. Mail server



Note

The **Mail** portlet and its services are deprecated. It remains fully supported for eXo customers, however it will not receive any enhancement and will be removed from the product scope in the future.

eXo Platform requires the SMTP server to send emails, such as notifications or password reminders.

The Email service can use any SMTP account that needs to be configured in `/server/default/conf/gatein/configuration.properties` (Or `$PLATFORM_TOMCAT_HOME/gatein/conf/configuration.properties` if you are using Tomcat).

The relevant section looks like:

```
#EMail
# Domain name: Help for sending links from email notifications. The default domain name is http://localhost:8080.
gatein.email.domain.url=http://localhost:8080
# Email display in "from" field of email notification.
gatein.email.smtp.from=noreply@exoplatform.com
gatein.email.smtp.username=
gatein.email.smtp.password=
gatein.email.smtp.host=smtp.gmail.com
gatein.email.smtp.port=465
gatein.email.smtp.starttls.enable=true
gatein.email.smtp.auth=true
gatein.email.smtp.socketFactory.port=465
gatein.email.smtp.socketFactory.class=javax.net.ssl.SSLSocketFactory
```

Some authenticated SMTP systems, such as GMail, GMX, MS Exchange, require the value for 'sender' or 'from' in the email message that must be identical to the SMTP user and host.

The Forum application uses it in the notification phase as the default sender. If it is not set, the sender will be empty.

gatein.email.domain.url	Domain name.
gatein.email.smtp.from	Sender's email address.
gatein.email.smtp.host	SMTP hostname.
gatein.email.smtp.port	SMTP port.
gatein.email.smtp.starttls.enable	True to enable the secure (TLS) SMTP. See RFC 3207.
gatein.email.smtp.auth	True to enable the SMTP authentication.
gatein.email.smtp.username	Username to send for authentication.
gatein.email.smtp.password	Password to send for authentication.
gatein.email.smtp.socketFactory.port	Specify the port to connect to when using the specified socket factory.
gatein.email.smtp.socketFactory.class	This class will be used to create SMTP sockets.

To see more details, refer to [JavaMail API documentation](#).

For Knowledge, you have to modify the following properties to the configuration file `/gatein/conf/configuration.properties` to make sure that this mail service works with the authenticated SMTP systems:

```
gatein.email.domain.url=http://localhost:8080
gatein.email.smtp.from=noreply@exoplatform.com
```

**Note**

The value of email address should be in a valid format.

See also

- [eXo Platform configuration](#)
- [Database configuration](#)
- [File system paths](#)
- [Email-notification configuration for watching a document](#)

2.7. Email-notification configuration for watching a document

eXo Platform 3.5 provides the **Watch document** function in **Sites Explorer** that allows you to receive email notifications of changes on your selected documents.

To customize the email notification, simply change the configuration in the *configuration.properties* file.

Files location

File	Tomcat	JBoss
<i>configuration.properties</i>	<i>\$PLARFORM_TOMCAT_HOME/gatein/conf/configuration.properties</i>	<i>/server/default/conf/gatein/configuration.properties</i>

The relevant section looks like:

```
# Email content for WatchDocumentService
gatein.ecms.watchdocument.sender=support@exoplatform.com
gatein.ecms.watchdocument.subject=Your watching document is changed
gatein.ecms.watchdocument.mimetype=text/html
gatein.ecms.watchdocument.content=<![CDATA[Dear $user_name,<br><br>The document $doc_name ($doc_title) has changed.<br>
<br>Please go to <a href="$doc_url">$doc_title</a> to see this change.<br><br>]]>
```

Details:

Property	Default value	Description
gatein.ecms.watchdocument.sender	support@exoplatform.com	The email address of the sender.
gatein.ecms.watchdocument.subject	Your watching document is changed	The subject of the notification email.
gatein.ecms.watchdocument.mimetype	text/html	The mimeType which is used to write the notification email. There are two types: text/html and text/plain .
gatein.ecms.watchdocument.content	<![CDATA[Dear \$user_name, The document \$doc_name (\$doc_title) has changed. Please go to \$doc_title to see this change.]]>	The content of the notification email.

At present, eXo Platform provides 4 parameters below in the **gatein.ecms.watchdocument.content** property of the email:

- **\$user_name**: The full name of the receiver.

- **\$doc_name**: The name of the document.
- **\$doc_title**: The title of the document.
- **\$doc_url**: The link to view the document in **Sites Explorer**.

**Note**

If the values above are not set in the *configuration.properties* file, the server will use the [default values](#) defined in an *.xml* file.

See also

- [eXo Platform configuration](#)
- [Database configuration](#)
- [File system paths](#)
- [Mail server](#)

2.8. WebDAV cache control

The embedded WebDAV server lets you control the cache-control HTTP header that transmits to clients by the MIME type. This is useful for fine-tuning your website.

The configuration property is *exo.webdav.cache-control*.

```
exo.webdav.cache-control=text/*:max-age=3600;image/*:max-age=1800;/*:no-cache;
```

The property expects a comma-separated list of key=pair values, where keys are a list of MIME types followed by the cache-control value to set.

See also

- [eXo Platform configuration](#)
- [Database configuration](#)
- [File system paths](#)
- [Cache configuration](#)

2.9. Chat server

**Note**

The **Chat** portlet and its services are deprecated. It remains fully supported for eXo customers, however it will not receive any enhancement and will be removed from the product scope in the future.

XMPPMessenger

If you change the host name and port for the Chat server, you will need to edit two properties:

```
# IP or hostname for the eXo Chat XMPP server
exo.chat.server=127.0.0.1

# TCP port for where the eXo Chat server listens for XMPP calls
exo.chat.port=5222
```

Chat server configuration

The standalone Chat server is configured in the `$CHATSERVER/conf/openfire.xml` file.

Configuration is based on properties expressed in the XML syntax. For example, to set the `prop.name.is.blah=value` property, you would write this xml snippet:

```
<prop>
  <name>
    <is>
      <blah>value</blah>
    </is>
  </name>
</prop>
```

Openfire has an extensive list of configuration properties. Please read the list of all properties in [Openfire documentation](#) for more details.

The Chat server is an Openfire server bundled with plugins and configurations that allow connectivity to eXo Platform. The following properties are used to configure it.

Property	Description	Default value
env		
serverbaseURL	Base URL for all URLs below.	http://localhost:8080/
restContextName	Name of the rest context.	rest
provider		
authorizedUser.name	Username to authenticate against the HTTP REST service.	root
authorizedUser.password	Password matching with provider.authorizeduser.name.	password
eXoAuthProvider		
authenticationURL	URL to authenticate users.	/organization/authenticate/
authenticationMethod	HTTP method used to pass parameters.	POST
eXoUserProvider		
findUsersURL	URL to find all users.	/organization/xml/user/find-all/
findUsersMethod	HTTP method for user/find-all.	GET
getUsersURL	URL to retrieve a range of users.	/organization/xml/user/view-range/
getUsersMethod	HTTP method for user/view-range.	GET
usersCountURL	URL to count users.	/organization/xml/user/count/
usersCountMethod	HTTP method for user/count.	GET
userInfoURL	URL to get user information.	/organization/xml/user/info/
userInfoMethod	HTTP method for user/information.	GET
eXoGroupProvider		
groupInfoURL	URL to get group information.	/organization/xml/group/info/
groupInfoMethod	HTTP method for information.	GET
getGroupsAllURL	URL to view all groups.	/organization/xml/group/view-all/
getGroupsAllMethod	HTTP method for group/view-all.	GET

Property	Description	Default value
getGroupsRangeURL	URL to view a group range.	/organization/xml/group/view-from-to/
getGroupsRangeMethod	HTTP method for group/view-from-to.	GET
getGroupsForUserURL	URL to get groups for a user.	/organization/xml/group/groups-for-user/
getGroupsForUserMethod	HTTP method for groups-for-user.	GET
groupsCountURL	URL to count groups.	organization/xml/group/count
groupsCountMethod	HTTP method for group/count.	GET

Ports: To run the chat server properly, several ports must be opened in the firewall.

Port	Type	Description
5222 (1)	Client to server (xmpp)	The standard port for clients is to connect to the server. Connections may or may not be encrypted. You can update the security settings for this port with the <i>exo.chat.port</i> property.
9090 & 9091	Admin Console (http)	The ports used for accessing the unsecured and secured Openfire Admin Console respectively.
3478 & 3479	STUN service	The port used for the service that ensures connectivity between entities behind a NAT.

See also

- [eXo Platform configuration](#)
- [Database configuration](#)
- [File system paths](#)

2.10. Office server

eXo Platform allows users to view various types of documents directly in the **Sites Explorer** through the office server. To do so, the office application must be available in your local device first.

Since eXo Platform 3.5.4, this service has been manually enabled/disabled by setting value of the **wcm.jodconverter.enable** parameter in *configuration.properties*.

- **true:** Activate JODConverter service. It's the default value when this parameter is missing.
- **false:** Deactivate JODConverter service. This service maybe does not work in several environment like Microsoft Windows. The performance is also gained when Office service is turned off. **JODConverter** will use the [default values](#) below to start the office server.

You can customize the default values by adding the properties below in the *configuration.properties* file:

```
# JODConverter 3.0
wcm.jodconverter.portnumbers=8100,8101,8102,8103,8104
wcm.jodconverter.officehome=/usr/lib/libreoffice
wcm.jodconverter.taskqueuetimeout=30000
wcm.jodconverter.taskexecutiontimeout=120000
wcm.jodconverter.maxtasksperprocess=200
```

```
wcm.jodconverter.retrytimeout=120000
```

Key	Default value	Description
wcm.jodconverter.portnumbers	2002	List of ports, separated by commas, those used by each JODConverter processing thread. The number of office instances is equal to the number of ports.
wcm.jodconverter.officehome	See here	The absolute path to the office home on the current local device. It means that the office needs to be installed in the local device before using it.
wcm.jodconverter.taskqueuetimeout	30000	The maximum living time of a task in the conversation queue. The task will be removed out of the queue if the waiting time is longer than <i>taskQueueTimeout</i> .
wcm.jodconverter.taskexecutiontimeout	120000	The maximum time to process a task. If the processing time of a task is longer than <i>taskExecutionTimeout</i> , this task will be aborted and the next task is processed.
wcm.jodconverter.maxtasksperprocess	200	The maximum number of tasks are processed.
wcm.jodconverter.retrytimeout	120000	The interval time to try to restart the office services after an unexpected crash.

The default office home

- **Linux**

```
"/opt/openoffice.org3"
"/opt/libreoffice"
"/usr/lib/openoffice"
"/usr/lib/libreoffice"
```

- **Windows**

```
"<SYSTEM_PROGRAMFILES>/OpenOffice.org 3"
"<SYSTEM_PROGRAMFILES>/LibreOffice 3"
```

- **Mac**

```
"/Applications/OpenOffice.org.app/Contents"
"/Applications/LibreOffice.app/Contents"
```

See also

- [eXo Platform configuration](#)
- [Database configuration](#)

- [File system paths](#)

2.11. Logs

The logs of eXo Platform are controlled by the [Java Logging API](#).

By default, the logs are configured to:

- log errors and warnings on the console.
- log `/gatein/logs/gatein-YYYY-MM-DD.log`.

In Tomcat, the logs are configured via the `conf/logging.properties` file. Please refer to [Tomcat's Logging Documentation](#) for more information on how to adjust this file to your needs.

See also

- [eXo Platform configuration](#)
- [Database configuration](#)
- [File system paths](#)

2.12. JCR

The set of properties controls the JCR behaviour.

```
# Type of JCR configuration to use. Possible values are:
# local : local JBC configuration
# cluster : cluster JBC configuration
gatein.jcr.config.type=local

....

# JCR dialect.
# auto : enabled auto detection
gatein.jcr.datasource.dialect=auto

# JCR Session Registry configuration
# Define here the Max Age of the JCR Session in the session registry (in seconds)
gatein.jcr.sessionregistry.sessionmaxage=300

# JCR cache configuration
gatein.jcr.cache.config=file:${gatein.conf.dir}/jcr/jboss/cache/${gatein.jcr.config.type}/cache-config.xml
gatein.jcr.cache.expiration.time=15m

# JCR Locks configuration
gatein.jcr.lock.cache.config=file:${gatein.conf.dir}/jcr/jboss/cache/${gatein.jcr.config.type}/lock-config.xml

# JCR Index configuration
gatein.jcr.index.cache.config=file:${gatein.conf.dir}/jcr/jboss/cache/${gatein.jcr.config.type}/indexer-config.xml

# JGroups configuration
# for eXo Cache and IDM org-service (in cluster cache-config.xml files)
gatein.jgroups.config=${gatein.conf.dir}/jgroups/jgroups-udp.xml
# for JCR
gatein.jcr.jgroups.config=file:${gatein.jgroups.config}
```

Details:

gatein.jcr.config.type

Set to **cluster** if you want to use eXo Platform in the cluster mode. Otherwise, leave **local**.

<code>gatein.jcr.cache.config</code>	Path to the JBoss Cache configuration for the JCR cache.
<code>gatein.jcr.cache.expiration.time</code>	JCR cache expiration time.
<code>gatein.jcr.lock.cache.config</code>	Path to the JBoss Cache configuration for the JCR lock.
<code>gatein.jcr.index.cache.config</code>	Path to the JBoss Cache configuration for the JCR index.
<code>gatein.jgroups.config</code>	Path to the JGroups configuration to use for the cluster mode of eXo Cache and PicketLink IDM organization service (see below in <i>IDM caches</i>).
<code>gatein.jcr.jgroups.config</code>	Path to the JGroups configuration to use for the cluster mode.

For more details on configuring these files, please refer to the [eXo JCR Reference Guide](#).

See also

- [eXo Platform configuration](#)
- [Database configuration](#)
- [File system paths](#)

2.13. Cache configuration

Portal Cache Configuration

```
# Portal Cache Configuration - TemplateService
cache.exo.portal.TemplateService.capacity=3000
cache.exo.portal.TemplateService.liveTime=600

# Portal Cache Configuration - ResourceBundleData
cache.exo.portal.ResourceBundleData.capacity=3000
cache.exo.portal.ResourceBundleData.liveTime=600

# Portal Cache Configuration - MOPSessionManager
cache.exo.portal.MOPSessionManager.Capacity=5000
cache.exo.portal.MOPSessionManager.TimeToLive=600
```

Cache Name	Description
<code>TemplateService</code>	Cache all Groovy templates of portal by its template path and ResourceResolver.
<code>ResourceBundleData</code>	Cache all resource bundles by name and locale.
<code>MOPSessionManager</code>	Cache all model objects of portal by storagedId, such as pages, navigations, and preferences.

Social Cache Configuration

```
# Social Cache Configuration - IdentityCache
cache.exo.social.IdentityCache.Capacity:300
cache.exo.social.IdentityCache.TimeToLive:-1

# Social Cache Configuration - IdentityIndexCache
cache.exo.social.IdentityIndexCache.Capacity:300
cache.exo.social.IdentityIndexCache.TimeToLive:-1

# Social Cache Configuration - ProfileCache
cache.exo.social.ProfileCache.Capacity:300
cache.exo.social.ProfileCache.TimeToLive:-1
```



```

# Social Cache Configuration - IdentitiesCountCache
cache.exo.social.IdentitiesCountCache.Capacity:2000
cache.exo.social.IdentitiesCountCache.TimeToLive:86400

# Social Cache Configuration - IdentitiesCache
cache.exo.social.IdentitiesCache.Capacity:2000
cache.exo.social.IdentitiesCache.TimeToLive:86400

# Social Cache Configuration - RelationshipCache
cache.exo.social.RelationshipCache.Capacity:10000
cache.exo.social.RelationshipCache.TimeToLive:-1

# Social Cache Configuration - RelationshipFromIdentityCache
cache.exo.social.RelationshipFromIdentityCache.Capacity:10000
cache.exo.social.RelationshipFromIdentityCache.TimeToLive:-1

# Social Cache Configuration - RelationshipsCountCache
cache.exo.social.RelationshipsCountCache.Capacity:800
cache.exo.social.RelationshipsCountCache.TimeToLive:-1

# Social Cache Configuration - RelationshipsCache
cache.exo.social.RelationshipsCache.Capacity:800
cache.exo.social.RelationshipsCache.TimeToLive:-1

# Social Cache Configuration - ActivityCache
cache.exo.social.ActivityCache.Capacity:6000
cache.exo.social.ActivityCache.TimeToLive:-1

# Social Cache Configuration - ActivitiesCountCache
cache.exo.social.ActivitiesCountCache.Capacity:4000
cache.exo.social.ActivitiesCountCache.TimeToLive:-1

# Social Cache Configuration - ActivitiesCache
cache.exo.social.ActivitiesCache.Capacity:4000
cache.exo.social.ActivitiesCache.TimeToLive:-1

# Social Cache Configuration - SpaceCache
cache.exo.social.SpaceCache.Capacity:100
cache.exo.social.SpaceCache.TimeToLive:-1

# Social Cache Configuration - SpaceRefCache
cache.exo.social.SpaceRefCache.Capacity:400
cache.exo.social.SpaceRefCache.TimeToLive:-1

# Social Cache Configuration - SpacesCountCache
cache.exo.social.SpacesCountCache.Capacity:2000
cache.exo.social.SpacesCountCache.TimeToLive:86400

# Social Cache Configuration - SpacesCache
cache.exo.social.SpacesCache.Capacity:2000
cache.exo.social.SpacesCache.TimeToLive:86400

```

Cache Name	Description
<code>IdentityCache</code>	Cache identity by <i>IdentityKey</i> (based on the identity ID) .
<code>IdentityIndexCache</code>	Cache identity index by <i>IdentityCompositeKey</i> (based on the provider ID and the remote ID).
<code>ProfileCache</code>	Cache profile by <i>IdentityKey</i> (based on the identity ID).

Cache Name	Description
<code>IdentitiesCountCache</code>	Cache identity count by <i>IdentityFilterKey</i> (based on the provider ID, remote ID, name, position, company, skills, first character of the identity, and the List<IdentityKey>).
<code>IdentitiesCache</code>	Cache identity list by <i>ListIdentitiesKey</i> (based on IdentityFilterKey, offset, limit).
<code>RelationshipCache</code>	Cache relationship by <i>RelationshipKey</i> (based on the ID of the relationship).
<code>RelationshipFromIdentityCache</code>	Cache relationship key by <i>RelationshipIdentityKey</i> (based on the identity ID of 2 users which have relationship).
<code>RelationshipsCountCache</code>	Cache relationship count by <i>RelationshipCountKey</i> .
<code>RelationshipsCache</code>	Cache list identity which have relation by <i>ListRelationshipsKey</i> .
<code>ActivityCache</code>	Cache activity by <i>ActivityKey</i> (based on the activity ID).
<code>ActivitiesCountCache</code>	Cache count of activities by activity ID, identity ID (the identity who makes request) and the type of activity.
<code>ActivitiesCache</code>	Cache activities list by <i>ListActivitiesKey</i> .
<code>SpaceCache</code>	Cache space by <i>SpaceKey</i> (based on the space ID).
<code>SpaceRefCache</code>	Cache ref space by <i>SpaceRefKey</i> (base on the display name, pretty name, group ID and the space URL).
<code>SpacesCountCache</code>	Cache spaces count by <i>spaceFilterKey</i> (based on the user ID, the first character of space name, the space name search condition, and space type (MEMBER,PENDING,INVITED,PUBLIC,ACCESSIBLE, VISIBLE, EDITABLE, ALL)).
<code>SpacesCache</code>	Cache list space by <i>ListSpacesKey</i> (based on <i>SpaceFilterKey</i> , offset and limit).

ECMS Cache Configuration

```
# ECMS Cache Configuration - Viewer
cache.exo.ecms.Viewer.PDFViewer.Capacity=300
cache.exo.ecms.Viewer.PDFViewer.TimeToLive=3600

# ECMS Cache Configuration - Drives
cache.exo.ecms.Drives.ManageDrive.Capacity=300
cache.exo.ecms.Drives.ManageDrive.TimeToLive=86400

# ECMS Cache Configuration - Scripts
cache.exo.ecms.Scripts.ScriptService.Capacity=300
cache.exo.ecms.Scripts.ScriptService.TimeToLive=86400

# ECMS Cache Configuration - Templates
cache.exo.ecms.Templates.TemplateService.Capacity=300
cache.exo.ecms.Templates.TemplateService.TimeToLive=86400

# ECMS Cache Configuration - Webcontent
cache.exo.ecms.Webcontent.InitialWebContentPlugin.Capacity=300
cache.exo.ecms.Webcontent.InitialWebContentPlugin.TimeToLive=600

# ECMS Cache Configuration - WCM Composer
```

```
cache.exo.ecms.WCMComposer.Capacity=1000
cache.exo.ecms.WCMComposer.TimeToLive=3600
```

Cache Name	Description
PDFViewerREST	Cache data of PDF files by the ObjectKey object.
ManageDrive	Cache all drives of Sites Explorer by the drive group name (String constant).
ScriptService	Cache all Groovy script files by the script name.
TemplateService	Cache all Groovy templates by the mechanism of org.exoplatform.groovyscript.text.TemplateService.
InitialWebContentPlugin	Cache all artifact data by sourcePath of deploymentDescriptor. These data are reused when a new portal is deployed.
WCMComposer	Cache published contents by the hash generated from path, version, remoteUser, language, recursive, orderBy, orderType, primaryType of cached nodes in Content.

**Note**

To further understand about the cache configuration, refer to the [Cache Levels](#) content in [eXo Platform User Guide](#) and the [Cache management view](#) section in this document.

PageRenderingCache Configuration

```
# Page rendering cache setting
cache.exo.wiki.PageRenderingCache.Capacity=1000
cache.exo.wiki.PageRenderingCache.TimeToLive=-1
```

Cache Name	Description
PageRenderingCache	Cache a rendered content of a wiki page.

See also

- [eXo Platform configuration](#)
- [Database configuration](#)
- [File system paths](#)
- [Users configuration](#)
- [Gadget configuration](#)

2.14. Users configuration

- [Super-user configuration](#)

Definition of a super-user and the way to set a user account as the super-user.

- [Grant users access to toolbar](#)

Steps to grant users access to toolbar in 2 usecases: access to toolbar but not CMS, and access to both the toolbar and the underlying CMS implementation.



Note

In eXo Platform, the default users, excluding Super-admin user, are defined in "Acme WebSite" and "Office Intranet" extensions. By deleting those extensions, the users "john", "demo", "james" and "mary" will not be created.

See also

- [eXo Platform configuration](#)
- [Database configuration](#)
- [File system paths](#)

2.14.1. Super-user configuration

Super-user is a special user who has full privileges and can do anything. However, only one user account may be declared as the super-user. By default, the super-user is set to the "root" user. The "root" user is preconfigured as below:

- Account details: Root, Root, root@localhost.
- Memberships: *member:/organization/management/executive-board*, **:/platform/administrators*, **:/platform/users*, **:/platform/web-contributors*, **:/organization/employees*.
- All permissions on folders and other users.
- Permission to use some locked features in eXo Platform.

For example, if you want to set a user account as the super-user, you can configure it as follows:



Note

You must do this configuration before the first boot of eXo Platform.

1. Modify the system property named *exo.super.user* defined in *configuration.properties* before starting eXo platform.

```
# Super User declaration
exo.super.user=root
```

2. Make sure the user whom you want to set as the "super-user" already exists into your configuration. By default, the users including "john", "demo", "james" and "mary" are created.

3. Remove the "root" user declaration defined in the *organization-configuration.xml* file:

```
<field name="user">
  <collection type="java.util.ArrayList">
    <value>
      <object type="org.exoplatform.services.organization.OrganizationConfig$User">
        <field name="userName">
          <string>${exo.super.user}</string>
        </field>
        <field name="password">
          <string>gtn</string>
        </field>
        <field name="firstName">
```

```

    <string>Root</string>
  </field>
  <field name="lastName">
    <string>Root</string>
  </field>
  <field name="email">
    <string>root@localhost</string>
  </field>
  <field name="groups">
    <string>*:/platform/administrators,*:/platform/users,*:/platform/web-contributors,*:/organization/employees
  </string>
</field>
</object>
</value>
</collection>
</field>

```

4. Add some privileges to your user into the *organization-configuration.xml* file.

Files location

File	Tomcat	JBoss
organization-configuration.xml	<code>\$PLATFORM_TOMCAT_HOME/webapps/platform-extension/WEB-INF/conf/organization/</code>	<code>\$PLATFORM_JBOSS_HOME/default/deploy/exo-platform-extension-\$PLF_Version.ear/WEB-INF/conf/organization/</code>

For example:

- Set the "demo" user as a super-user.

```

# Super User declaration
exo.super.user=demo

```

- Assign some privileges to the "demo" user:

```

<value>
  <object type="org.exoplatform.services.organization.OrganizationConfig$User">
    <field name="userName">
      <string>demo</string>
    </field>
    <field name="password">
      <string>gtn</string>
    </field>
    <field name="firstName">
      <string>Jack</string>
    </field>
    <field name="lastName">
      <string>Miller</string>
    </field>
    <field name="email">
      <string>jack.miller@acme.exoplatform.com</string>
    </field>
    <field name="groups">
      <string>*:/platform/administrators,*:/platform/users,*:/platform/web-contributors,*:/organization/employees</string>
    </field>
  </object>
</value>

```

2.14.2. Grant users access to toolbar

Grant all users access to toolbar but not CMS

If all new members require access to the toolbar (but NOT the Content Management System (CMS)), administrators can change the default portal behavior to meet your request by doing the following steps:

1. Define the group of new members in the *organization-configuration.xml* file defined in the path *tomcat/webapps/ecmdemo/WEB-INF/conf/sample-portal/portal/organization-configuration.xml*.

```
<component-plugin>
  <name>wcm.new.user.event.listener</name>
  <set-method>addListenerPlugin</set-method>
  <type>org.exoplatform.services.organization.impl.NewUserEventListener</type>
  <description>this listener assign group and membership to a new created user</description>
  <init-params>
    <object-param>
      <name>configuration</name>
      <description>description</description>
      <object type="org.exoplatform.services.organization.impl.NewUserConfig">
        <field name="group">
          <collection type="java.util.ArrayList">
            <value>
              <object type="org.exoplatform.services.organization.impl.NewUserConfig$JoinGroup">
                <field name="groupid"><string>/platform/users</string></field>
                <field name="membership"><string>member</string></field>
              </object>
            </value>
          </collection>
        </field>
        <field name="ignoredUser">
          <collection type="java.util.HashSet">
            <value><string>james</string></value>
          </collection>
        </field>
      </object>
    </object-param>
  </init-params>
</component-plugin>
```

The sample configuration above sets the group of new users to the */platform/users* group with the **member** role.

2. Customize the value of `<access-permissions>` in the *sharedlayout.xml* file defined in the path *tomcat/webapps/ecm-wcm-extension/WEB-INF/conf/portal/portal/sharedlayout.xml* file as follows:

```
<container template="system:/groovy/portal/webui/container/UIContainer.gtmpl">
  <container template="system:/groovy/portal/webui/container/UIToolbarContainer.gtmpl">
    <!-- users containing to the following group can see the top toolbar -->
    <access-permissions>*/platform/users</access-permissions>
    .....
  </container>
</container>
```

3. Restart the server.

Grant all new users access to toolbar and CMS

If all users require access to both the toolbar and the underlying CMS implementation, administrators can change the default portal behavior to grant the appropriate permissions to newly registered users:

1. Do the same as Step 1 and Step 2 of "[Grant all users access to toolbar but not CMS \[34\]](#)".

2. Edit the *organization-configuration.xml* file and add */platform/web-contributors* to **wcm.new.user.event.listener**. See the example below:

```
<component-plugin>
  <name>wcm.new.user.event.listener</name>
  <set-method>addListenerPlugin</set-method>
  <type>org.exoplatform.services.organization.impl.NewUserEventListener</type>
  <description>this listener assign group and membership to a new created user</description>
  <init-params>
    <object-param>
      <name>configuration</name>
      <description>description</description>
      <object type="org.exoplatform.services.organization.impl.NewUserConfig">
        <field name="group">
          <collection type="java.util.ArrayList">
            <value>
              <object type="org.exoplatform.services.organization.impl.NewUserConfig$JoinGroup">
                <field name="groupid"><string>/platform/users</string></field>
                <field name="membership"><string>member</string></field>
              </object>
            </value>
            <!-- new users should also be a member of the web-contributors group to see the top toolbar -->
            <value>
              <object type="org.exoplatform.services.organization.impl.NewUserConfig$JoinGroup">
                <field name="groupid"><string>/platform/web-contributors</string></field>
                <field name="membership"><string>member</string></field>
              </object>
            </value>
          </collection>
        </field>
        <field name="ignoredUser">
          <collection type="java.util.HashSet">
            <value><string>james</string></value>
          </collection>
        </field>
      </object>
    </object-param>
  </init-params>
</component-plugin>
```

3. Restart the server.

2.15. Gadget configuration

Default OAuth key configuration

In eXo Platform, OAuth gadgets use a OAuth key to authorize with external service providers. There is always a default key defined in the *oauthkey.pem* file. This key will be used in case the OAuth gadgets do not indicate a key. It is strongly recommended that you create your own *oauthkey.pem* file by using the **openssl** tool and some commands as follows:

```
openssl req -newkey rsa:1024 -days 365 -nodes -x509 -keyout testkey.pem -out testkey.pem -subj '/CN=mytestkey'
openssl pkcs8 -in testkey.pem -out oauthkey.pem -topk8 -nocrypt -outform PEM
```

After creating the new *oauthkey.pem* file, you can use it to replace the default *oauthkey.pem* file in the *data/gadgets/* folder.

Files location

File	Tomcat	JBoss
<i>oauthkey.pem</i>		

File	Tomcat	JBoss
	<code>\$PLATFORM_TOMCAT_HOME/gatein/gadgets</code>	<code>\$PLATFORM_JBOSS_HOME/server/<PROFILE>/data/gadgets</code>

See also

- [eXo Platform configuration](#)
- [Database configuration](#)
- [File system paths](#)

2.16. Other properties

```
# navigation controller file
gatein.portal.controller.config=${gatein.conf.dir}/controller.xml

# global portlet.xml
gatein.portlet.config=${gatein.conf.dir}/portlet.xml

# JNDI Name of the IDM datasource
# portal name will be appended to this name before the JNDI lookup
# example : java:/comp/env/exo-idm in "portal" portal will result in a JNDI lookup on context : java:/comp/env/exo-idm_portal
gatein.idm.datasource.name=java:exo-idm
# Optional database schema for use with IDM tables (empty by default), uncomment this line to specify required schema name
#gatein.idm.datasource.schema=EXO1

# IDM
gatein.portal.idm.createuserportal=false
gatein.portal.idm.destroyuserportal=true

# IDM caches
gatein.idm.api.cache.config=file:${gatein.conf.dir}/idm/jboss/cache/${gatein.jcr.config.type}/api-cache-config.xml
gatein.idm.store.cache.config=file:${gatein.conf.dir}/idm/jboss/cache/${gatein.jcr.config.type}/store-cache-config.xml

# Key files for gadget
gatein.gadgets.securitytokenkeyfile=${exo.shared.dir}/gadgets/key.txt
gatein.gadgets.signingkeyfile=${exo.shared.dir}/gadgets/oauthkey.pem
```

See also

- [eXo Platform configuration](#)
- [Database configuration](#)
- [File system paths](#)

Deployment

This chapter covers the following topics:

- **Remove sample applications**

Steps to remove a sample portal (Acme website/Acme Social Intranet) and a crash.

- **Deploy a custom extension**

Brief information which you need to concern when deploying a custom extension.

- **Set up Apache front-end**

Introduction to the base configuration for Apache, and methods to "glue" Apache HTTP Daemon and Tomcat application server.

- **Configure the session timeout for the web server**

Instructions on how to configure the session timeout of the Tomcat and Jboss servers.

3.1. Remove sample applications

eXo Platform comes with two sample portals that show the capabilities of the product. However, once implementing your own extensions, you may not need these sample portals. In some cases, you usually want to remove them before deploying your system in production.

The following instructions are used in cases where the hsqldb embedded database configuration is used.

Remove Acme website/Acme Social Intranet

Both Acme website and Acme Social Intranet are sample extensions demonstrating the intranet that you can implement with eXo Platform.

1. Stop the server using the `shutdown.sh` command.
2. Delete the following relevant files:

Tomcat

- For the Acme website: `webapps/acme-website.war`, `lib/exo.platform.sample.acme-website.config.jar`, `Tomcat/conf/Catalina/localhost/acme-website.xml` and `gatein/data`.
- For the Acme Social Intranet: `webapps/acme-intranet.war`, `lib/exo.platform.sample.acme-intranet.config.jar`, `Tomcat/conf/Catalina/localhost/acme-intranet.xml` and `gatein/data`.

JBoss

- For the Acme website: `server/default/deploy/exo-acme-website-3.5.1.ear`.
- For the Acme Social Intranet: `server/default/deploy/exo-social-intranet-3.5.1.ear`.

3. Restart the server.

Remove CRaSH

CRaSH is a complementary tool for development and maintenance. As it opens telnet and SSH sockets, it is highly recommended that you remove CRaSH for your production deployments.

1. Stop the server by using the `shutdown.sh` command.

2. Remove the cRaSH package.

- **eXo Platform Tomcat:** Remove *crash.war* file from `$PLATFORM_TOMCAT_HOME/webapps`
- **eXo Platform JBoss:** Remove *crash.war* folder from `$PLATFORM_JBOSS_HOME/server/default/deploy`

3. Restart the server.

See also

- [Deploy a custom extension](#)
- [Set up Apache front-end](#)
- [Configure the session timeout for the web server](#)

3.2. Deploy a custom extension

Extensions are packaged as the Java EE web applications and packaged as the normal `.war` files. To deploy the custom extension, you may do as for any other web apps.

In Tomcat, this ends up by copying the war archive to the *webapps* folder.

However, the GateIn extension mechanism imposes that the *starter.war* webapp starts after all extension wars.

This is the case for the sample applications bundled by default.

There are several ways to control the loading order of webapps in Tomcat. Please refer to [Tomcat's Deployer How To](#).

See also

- [Remove sample applications](#)
- [Set up Apache front-end](#)
- [Configure the session timeout for the web server](#)

3.3. Set up Apache front-end

- [Connect via HTTP protocol](#)
- [Connect via AJP protocol](#)

It may be necessary to use the HTTP server as a front-end for Tomcat. For example, you may want to keep more than one application server on the same host, and/or you want to access these app servers with the separate DNS names, without adding a port to the URL.

There are two methods that allow you to "glue" Apache HTTP Daemon and Tomcat application server:

- via the HTTP protocol using [proxy module](#).
- via the [Apache JServ Protocol](#) using [Tomcat connector](#) or [HTTPD AJP proxy module](#).

Base configuration for Apache

First, you need to configure a new virtual host in Apache HTTPD for the application server. This is the simplest example of a virtual host:

```
<VirtualHost *:80>
  ServerName    Enter your server DNS name here
  RedirectMatch permanent "^/?$" "/portal/"
</VirtualHost>
```

You can find more information on the Apache HTTP daemon host [here](#).

See also

- [Remove sample applications](#)
- [Deploy a custom extension](#)
- [Configure the session timeout for the web server](#)

3.3.1. Connect via HTTP protocol (Apache mod_proxy)

With the *glue* method, it is necessary to configure the Apache HTTP daemon to work as the **reverse** proxy, which will redirect the client's requests to the app server's HTTP connector.

For this connection type, you need to include the **mod_proxy** module in the HTTP daemon configuration file. This can be found in the *httpd.conf* file, which is usually located at */etc/httpd/conf/*. However, depending on your OS, this path may vary. You will then need to add some directives to your virtual host configuration.

```
ProxyRequests Off
ProxyPass "/" http://YOUR_AS_HOST:AS_HTTP_PORT/
ProxyPassReverse "/" http://YOUR_AS_HOST:AS_HTTP_PORT/
```

Details:

- *YOUR_AS_HOST* - host (IP or DNS name) is the location of your application server. If you run the HTTP daemon on the same host as your app server, you can change this to **localhost**.
- *AS_HTTP_PORT* - port is the location where your app server will listen to incoming requests. For Tomcat, this value is 8080 by default. You can find the value at *tomcat/conf/server.xml*.

In the above example, the HTTP daemon will work in the **reverse proxy** mode (ProxyRequests Off) and will redirect all requests to the tcp port 8080 on the localhost. So, the configuration of a virtual host looks like the following:

```
<VirtualHost *:80>
  ServerName      Enter your server DNS name here
  RedirectMatch permanent "^/?$" "/portal/"
  ProxyRequests Off
  ProxyPass       "/" http://localhost:8080/
  ProxyPassReverse "/" http://localhost:8080/
</VirtualHost>
```

For more detail on **mod_proxy**, refer to this [documentation](#).

3.3.2. Connect via AJP protocol

As described above, the 'glue' method can be implemented via one of the following ways:

- **The first way:** Use the native Apache HTTP Daemon's [AJP proxy module](#).
- **The second way:** Use the native Apache Tomcat's [AJP connector](#).

With the first method, you only need the HTTP daemon and application server, but settings are limited.

With the second method, you can obtain more settings, but you will need to download and install additional modules for the HTTP Daemon that are not included in the default package.

AJP proxy module

Make sure that *mod_proxy_ajp.so* is included in the list of loadable modules. Add the following to your virtual host configuration setting:

```
ProxyPass / ajp://localhost:8009/
```

In this example, the app server is located on the same host as the Apache HTTP daemon, and accepts incoming connections on the port 8009 (the default setting for the Tomcat application server). You can find the full list of virtual host configurations here:

```
<VirtualHost *:80>
  ServerName      Enter your server DNS name here
  RedirectMatch permanent "^/?$" "/portal/"
  ProxyRequests    Off
  ProxyPass / ajp://localhost:8009/
</VirtualHost>
```

Apache Tomcat's AJP connector

1. Download AJP connector module [here](#).
2. Move the downloaded *mod_jk.so* file to the HTTPD's module directory, for example */etc/httpd/modules*. The directory may be different, depending on the OS.
3. Create the configuration file for the *mod_jk.conf* module.

```
LoadModule jk_module modules/mod_jk.so
<IfModule jk_module>
  # ---- Where to find workers.properties
  JkWorkersFile  conf.d/workers.properties
  # ---- Where to put jk logs
  JkLogFile      logs/mod_jk.log
  # ---- Set the jk log level [debug/error/info]
  JkLogLevel     info
  # ---- Select the timestamp log format
  JkLogStampFormat "[%a %b %d %H:%M:%S %Y] "
  JkRequestLogFormat "%w %R %T"
  # ---- Send everything for context /examples to worker named worker1 (ajp13)
  JkMountFileReload "0"
</IfModule>
```

For more details, see the [Tomcat documentation](#).

4. Place the *mod_jk.conf* file into the directory where other configuration files for Apache HTTP daemon are located. For example, */etc/httpd/conf.d/*.
5. Create the *workers.properties* file, which defines the [AJP workers](#) for the HTTP daemon.

```
worker.list=status, WORKER_NAME
# Main status worker
worker.stat.type=status
worker.stat.read_only=true
worker.stat.user=admin
# Your AJP worker configuration
worker.WORKER_NAME.type=ajp13
worker.WORKER_NAME.host=localhost
worker.WORKER_NAME.port=8109
worker.WORKER_NAME.socket_timeout=120
worker.WORKER_NAME.socket_keepalive=true
```



Note

In the example above, you can change *WORKER_NAME* to any value.

6. Put this file in the same directory as the *mod_jk.conf* file.

7. Update the virtual host configuration.

```
<VirtualHost *:80>
  ServerName      Enter your server DNS name here
  RedirectMatch permanent "^/?$" "/portal/"
  ProxyRequests   Off
  JkMount         /* WORKER_NAME
</VirtualHost>
```

3.4. Configure the session timeout for the web server

The session timeout defines the validation period of a session. In the portal environment, such as eXo Platform, it is highly recommended that all web applications have the same session timeout value.

The session timeout is configurable individually for each web application in the *web.xml* file:

```
<!-- ===== Default Session Configuration ===== -->
<!-- You can set the default session timeout (in minutes) for all newly -->
<!-- created sessions by modifying the value below. -->
<session-config>
  <session-timeout>30</session-timeout>
</session-config>
```

Configure the session timeout of the Tomcat and JBoss servers

1. Stop the server by the *shutdown.sh* command.
2. Open the *web.xml* file.

Files location

File	Tomcat	JBoss
web.xml	<i>\$PLATFORM_TOMCAT_HOME/conf/web.xml</i>	<i>\$Jboss_home/server/default/deployers/jbossweb.deployer/web.xml</i>

3. Change the value of the session-timeout.
4. Save and then restart the server by the *gatein.sh* command.

See also

- [Remove sample applications](#)
- [Deploy a custom extension](#)
- [Set up Apache front-end](#)

Management

In this chapter, the following topics are included:

- **Introduction to eXo Platform management**

Overall information about managing resources of eXo Platform, JMX and REST interfaces.

- **Management views of eXo Platform**

Introduction to the following set of management view types of eXo Platform and their JMX name templates:

- **PortalContainer management view**
- **Cache management view**
- **Content management view**
- **JCR management view**
- **Portal management view**
- **Knowledge management view**
- **Collaboration management view**

4.1. Introduction to eXo Platform management

Managing resources of eXo Platform is critical for IT operators and system administrators to monitor and supervise the production system.

The eXo Platform product is exposed as a manageable set of resources that can be inspected at runtime to monitor and manage servers.

When it comes to Java, the Java Management Extension (also known as JMX) is the de-facto standard to expose managed resources externally.

This chapter explains various resources provided by the eXo Platform server, possible management actions, and how to obtain relevant metrics.

JMX interface

The resources management is exposed via the JMX layer. eXo Platform registers a set of MBean entities in an MBeanServer.

At runtime, MBeans are registered by the eXo Kernel in the MBeanServer and directly viewable in the JMX console. However, it is strongly recommended that you use a better JMX client, such as JVisualVM, available since Java 6.

To enable JMX monitoring in Tomcat, you need to pass the following system property to the VM: - `Dcom.sun.management.jmxremote`.

REST interface

The built-in REST Management Provider of eXo Platform makes some of the MBeans operations accessible as REST endpoints. Administrators can handle the system simply with a browser without performing any complex configurations.

Only members of the `platform/administrators` group are given permission to work on the REST management. The authentication requires you to log in by your own account.

The base URL to access the REST endpoints is <http://localhost:8080/rest/management>, with the last one followed by the parameter parsed in the managed resource's `@RESTEndpoint` annotation, leading slash then targeted operation. Consider

the SkinService, which is annotated @RESTEndpoint("skinservice"); the full URL to access JMX 'getSkinList' method through the REST request is <http://localhost:8080/rest/management/skinservice/getSkinList>.

See also

- [Management views of eXo Platform](#)

4.2. Management views of eXo Platform

- [PortalContainer management view](#)

The management view of all objects and configurations of a given portal.

- [Cache management view](#)

The management view of eXo Platform caches at several levels that provides the critical performance information, especially useful for tuning the server.

- [Content management view](#)

The management view of WCMComposer, FriendlyService, WCMServlet.

- [JCR management view](#)

The management view of SessionRegistry, SessionRegistry, Repository, and Workspace that allow you to monitor sessions, locks, repository configurations, and workspace configurations respectively.

- [Portal management view](#)

A set of the Portal management views, including Template statistics, Template statistics, Template statistics, TokenStore, Portal statistics, and Application statistics.

- [Knowledge management view](#)

A set of the Knowledge management views, including Forum, Job, Plugin, Storage that allows you to control rules, statistics, information of data storage.

- [Collaboration management view](#)

The Collaboration management view that allows you to view some state information of Jobs used in itself.

See also

- [Introduction to eXo Platform management](#)

4.2.1. PortalContainer management view

PortalContainer manages all objects and configurations of a given portal.

- The JMX name template of PortalContainer MBeans: `exo:container=portal,name="portal"`.

Attribute	Description
ConfigurationXML	Configuration information of the specified portal container in the XML format.
Name	The name of the portal container.
RegisteredComponentNames	The list of the registered component names.
Started	Indicate the portal container is started or not.

Operation	Description
getConfigurationXML	

Operation	Description
	Return configuration information of the portal container calculated by the loading mechanism. The returned value is an XML document in the eXo Kernel format.
<code>getName</code>	Return the portal container name.
<code>getRegisteredComponentNames</code>	Return the list of all registered component names.
<code>isStarted</code>	Check if the portal container is started or not. The portal container is only started once all its components have been started.

**Note**

PortalContainer can be controlled through the following path:

- <http://localhost:8080/rest/management/pcontainer>.

4.2.2. Cache management view

eXo Platform uses caches at several levels. Monitoring them can provide the critical performance information, especially useful for tuning the server. Each cache is exposed with statistics and management operations.

- The JMX name template of Cache MBeans: `exo:service=cache,name={CacheName}` where *CacheName* is the name of each [cache instance](#).

Attribute	Description
<code>Name</code>	The name of the cache.
<code>Capacity</code>	The maximum capacity of the cache.
<code>HitCount</code>	The total number of times the cache was successfully queried.
<code>MissCount</code>	The total number of times the cache was queried without success.
<code>Size</code>	The number of entries in the cache.
<code>TimeToLive</code>	The valid period of the cache entry in seconds. If the value is set to <code>-1</code> , the entries are never expired.

Operation	Description
<code>clearCache()</code>	Evict all entries from the cache. This method can be used to force a programmatic flush of the cache.
<code>getName</code>	Return the cache name.
<code>getLiveTime</code>	Return the valid lifetime of an entry in the cache in seconds.
<code>setLiveTime</code>	Set the valid lifetime of an entry in the cache in seconds.
<code>getCacheHit</code>	Return the total number of successful hits.
<code>getCacheMiss</code>	Return the total number of unsuccessful hits.
<code>getMaxSize</code>	Return the maximum capacity of the cache.
<code>setMaxSize</code>	Set the maximum capacity of the cache.
<code>getCacheSize</code>	Return the number of entries in the cache.

CacheManager

The CacheManager management view enables you to control different caches.

- The JMX name template of CacheManager Mbeans: `exo:service=cachemanager`.

Operation	Description
<code>clearCaches()</code>	Force a programmatic flush of all the registered caches.

PicketLinkIDMCacheService

PicketLinkIDMCacheService is the default implementation for the organization model.

- The JMX name template of PicketLinkIDMCacheService MBeans:

`exo:portal="portal",service=PicketLinkIDMCacheService,name=plidmcache`.

Operation	Description
<code>invalidateAll</code>	Invalidate all caches.
<code>invalidate(namespace)</code>	Invalidate a specific cache namespace.



Note

PicketLinkIDMCacheService can be controlled through the following path:

- `http://localhost:8080/rest/management/plidmcache`.

However, the REST View managements of Cache instances and CacheManager are not currently exposed in this version.

4.2.3. Content management view

WCMComposer

WCMComposer is responsible for assembling pages, and is key for serving pages efficiently.

- The JMX name template of WCMComposer MBeans: `exo:portal="portal",service=composer,view=portal,type=content`.

Attribute	Description
<code>Cached</code>	Indicate the cache is used or not.
<code>CachedEntries</code>	The number of nodes in the cache.
<code>UsedLanguages</code>	The list of all languages accessible in the composer.
<code>UsedOrderBy</code>	The list of OrderBy properties accessible in the composer.
<code>UsedPrimaryTypes</code>	The list of primary types accessible in the composer.

Operation	Description
<code>cleanTemplates</code>	Clean all templates in the composer.
<code>setCached(iscached)</code>	Enable/Disable caching in the composer.
<code>useDefaultLanguage</code>	Check if the default language is used in case the translation is not published.
<code>getUsedPrimaryTypes</code>	Return the list of primary types accessible in the composer.
<code>getCachedEntries</code>	Return the number of nodes in the cache.

Operation	Description
<code>isCached</code>	Check if the cache is used in the composer.
<code>getUsedLanguages</code>	Return the list of all languages accessible in the composer.
<code>getUsedOrderBy</code>	Return the list of OrderBy properties accessible in the composer.

FriendlyService

FriendlyService is to make URIs more friendly.

- The JMX name template of FriendlyService MBeans: `exo:portal="portal",service=friendly,view=portal,type=content`.

Attribute	Description
<code>Enabled</code>	Indicate the service is enabled or not.
<code>Friendlylies</code>	The list of registered Friendly URIs.
<code>ServletName</code>	The name of the servlet referenced in the service.

Operation	Description
<code>addFriendly(friendlyUri, unfriendlyUri)</code>	Add a new Friendly Uri to the list with two parameters: <code>friendlyUri</code> and <code>unfriendlyUri</code> . The value entered in the friendlyUri field replaces that of the unfriendlyUri field.
<code>removeFriendly(friendlyUri)</code>	Remove a friendly URI from the list by entering that Uri into the friendlyUri field.
<code>isEnabled</code>	Check if the service is enabled or not. If the value is returned as "True", the service is enabled. If "False", the service is disabled.
<code>setEnabled(isEnabled)</code>	Set the service as activated or deactivated by entering "True" or "False" respectively into the isEnabled field.
<code>getServletName</code>	Return the name of servlet referenced in the service.
<code>getFriendlylies</code>	Return the list of registered friendly URIs.

WCMService

- The JMX name template of WCMService MBeans: `exo:portal="portal",service=wcm,view=portal,type=content`.

Attribute	Description
<code>PortletExpirationCache</code>	The expiration period of portlet cache in seconds.

Operation	Description
<code>getPortletExpirationCache</code>	Return the expiration period of portlet cache in seconds.
<code>setPortletExpirationCache (expirationCache)</code>	Set the expiration period of portlet cache by entering the value into the expirationCache field.



Note

WCMComposer, FriendlyService, and WCMService can be controlled through the following paths respectively:

- `http://localhost:8080/rest/management/wcmcomposerservice/`.

- `http://localhost:8080/rest/management/friendlyservice/`.
- `http://localhost:8080/rest/management/wcmservice/`.

4.2.4. JCR management view

Java Content Repository (JCR) provides a management view to monitor sessions, locks, repository configurations, and workspace configurations.

SessionRegistry

- The JMX name template of SessionRegistry MBeans: `exo:portal="portal",service=SessionRegistry,repository="portal-repository"`.

Attribute	Description
<code>TimeOut</code>	The expiration period of a JCR session.
<code>Size</code>	The number of currently active sessions.

Operation	Description
<code>runCleanup</code>	Clean all JCR sessions timed out.
<code>getTimeout</code>	Return the timeout of a JCR session.
<code>getSize</code>	Return the number of currently active sessions.

LockManager

LockManager stores lock objects and is responsible for removing expired locks.

- The JMX name template of LockManager MBeans: `exo:portal="portal",service=lockmanager,repository="repository",workspace={WorkspaceName}` where `WorkspaceName` is the name of each workspace.

Attribute	Description
<code>NumLocks</code>	The number of active locks.

Operation	Description
<code>cleanExpiredLocks</code>	Remove all expired JCR locks.
<code>getNumLocks</code>	Return the number of active JCR locks.

- Each LockManager instance controls all locks of each corresponding workspace, including:

Workspace Name	Description
<code>backup</code>	Data backed up.
<code>collaboration</code>	Data of collaboration, such as sites content, documents, groups, records space, tags, and users.
<code>dev-monit</code>	Data of the IDE application.
<code>dms-system</code>	Data of DMS, including node types, templates, views, taxonomy trees.
<code>knowledge</code>	Data of knowledge, including <code>exo:applications</code> , and groups.

Workspace Name	Description
pc-system	State information of producer portlets and remote portlet registry.
portal-system	Data of the Portal model objects, such as navigations, pages, portals, application registry.
portal-work	Information of Gadget token and Remember me token.
social	Data of Social, including activity, identity, profile, relationship and space.
system	Data of system, including versions storage, node types, namespaces.
wsrp-system	Data of remote portlets.

Repository

- The JMX name template of Repository MBeans: `exo:portal="portal",container=repository,name="repository"`.

Attribute	Description
Name	The name of the repository container.
RegisteredComponentNames	The list of registered component names in the repository.

Operation	Description
getName	Return the repository container name.
getRegisteredComponentNames	Return the list of registered component names in the repository.

Workspace

- The JMX name template of Workspace MBeans: `exo:portal="portal",container=workspace,repository="repository",name= {WorkspaceName}` where *WorkspaceName* is the name of each workspace.

Attribute	Description
Name	The name of the workspace container.
RegisteredComponentNames	The list of registered component names in the workspace.

Operation	Description
getName	Return the workspace container name.
getRegisteredComponentNames	Return the list of registered component names in the workspace.



Note

Currently, the REST View managements of SessionRegistry, LockManager, Repository and Workspace are not exposed in this version.

4.2.5. Portal management view

Template statistics

Template statistics exposes various templates used by the portal and its components to render markups. Various statistics are available for individual templates, and aggregated statistics, such as the list of the slowest templates. Most management operations are performed on a single template; those operations take the template identifier as an argument.

- The JMX name template of Template statistics MBeans:
exo:portal="portal",service=statistic,view=portal,type=template.

Attribute	Description
TemplateList	The list of templates loaded.
SlowestTemplates	The list of the 10 slowest templates.
MostExecutedTemplates	The list of the 10 most used templates.
FastestTemplates	The list of 10 fastest templates.

Operation	Description
getAverageTime(templateId)	Return the average rendering time of a specified template in seconds.
getExecutionCount(templateId)	Return the number of times the specified template has been executed.
getMinTime(templateId)	Return the minimum rendering time of the specified template in seconds.
getMaxTime(templateId)	Return the maximum rendering time of the specified template in seconds.
getSlowestTemplates	Return the list of the 10 slowest templates.
getMostExecutedTemplates	Return the list of the 10 most used templates.
getTemplateList	Return the list of templates loaded.
getFastestTemplates	Return the list of the 10 fastest templates.

Template management

Template management provides the capability to force the reload of a specified template.

- The JMX name template of Template management MBeans:
exo:portal="portal",service=management,view=portal,type=template.

Operation	Description
reloadTemplates	Clear the template cache.
listCachedTemplates	List identifiers of the cached templates.
reloadTemplate(templateId)	Clear the template cache for a specified template identifier.

Skin management

- The JMX name template of Skin management MBeans:
exo:portal="portal",service=management,view=portal,type=skin.

Attribute	Description
SkinList	The list of loaded skins by the skin service.

Operation	Description
reloadSkin(skinId)	Force a reload of the specified skin and the operation.

Operation	Description
<code>reloadSkins</code>	Force a reload of the loaded skins.
<code>getSkinList</code>	Return the list of loaded skins by the skin service.

TokenStore

- The JMX name template of TokenStore MBeans: `exo:service=TokenStore, name={Name}` where *Name* is the name of each specific token.

Attribute	Description
<code>Name</code>	The name of one specific token.
<code>ValidityTime</code>	The expiration period of one specific token in seconds.
<code>PeriodTime</code>	The expiration daemon period of one specific token in seconds. The token is deleted after the specified period.

Operation	Description
<code>cleanExpiredTokens</code>	Remove all expired tokens.
<code>size</code>	Return the number of tokens, including valid tokens and expired tokens undeleted yet.
<code>getName</code>	Return the token name.
<code>getValidityTime</code>	Return the expiration time of one specific token in seconds.
<code>getPeriodTime</code>	Return the expiration daemon period of one specific token in seconds.

eXo Platform provides the following TokenStore instances:

Token Name	Description
<code>gadget-token</code>	Store tokens of the Oauth gadget into the JCR node, such as org.exoplatform.portal.gadget.core.GadgetTokenInfoService .
<code>jcr-token</code>	Store common tokens into the JCR node, such as org.exoplatform.web.security.security.CookieTokenService , and org.exoplatform.web.security.security.RemindPasswordTokenService .
<code>memory-token</code>	Store temporary tokens into the transient memory, such as org.exoplatform.web.security.security.TransientTokenService .
<code>getPortalList</code>	Return the list of identifiers of all loaded portals.

Portal statistics

- The JMX name template of Portal statistics MBeans: `exo:portal="portal",service=statistic,view=portal,type=portal`.

Attribute	Description
<code>PortalList</code>	The list of identifiers of loaded portals.

Operation	Description
<code>getThroughput(portalId)</code>	Return the number of requests for the specified portal per second.
<code>getAverageTime(portalId)</code>	Return the average execution time of the specified portal in seconds.
<code>getExecutionCount(portalId)</code>	Return the number of times the specified portal has been executed.
<code>getMinTime(portalId)</code>	Return the minimum time of the specified portal in seconds.
<code>getMaxTime(portalId)</code>	Return the maximum time of the specified portal in seconds.
<code>getPortalList</code>	Return the list of identifiers of loaded portals.

Application statistics

Various applications are exposed to provide relevant statistics.

- The JMX name template of Application statistics MBeans:
exo:portal="portal",service=statistic,view=portal,type=application.

Attribute	Description
<code>ApplicationList</code>	The list of loaded applications.
<code>SlowestApplications</code>	The list of the 10 slowest applications.
<code>MostExecutedApplications</code>	The list of the 10 most executed applications.
<code>FastestApplications</code>	The list of the 10 fastest applications.

Operation	Description
<code>getAverageTime(applicationId)</code>	Return the average time spent of the specified application.
<code>getExecutionCount(applicationId)</code>	Return the number of times the specified application has been executed.
<code>getMinTime(applicationId)</code>	Return the minimum time spent of the specified application.
<code>getMaxTime(applicationId)</code>	Return the maximum time spent of the specified application.
<code>getSlowestApplications</code>	Return the list of the 10 slowest applications.
<code>getMostExecutedApplications</code>	Return the list of the 10 most executed applications.
<code>getFastestApplications</code>	Return the list of the 10 fastest applications.
<code>getApplicationList</code>	Return the list of application identifiers classified in the alphabetic order.



Note

Template statistics, Template management, Skin management, Portal statistics and Application statistics can be controlled through the following paths respectively:

- <http://localhost:8080/rest/management/templatestatistics>.
- <http://localhost:8080/rest/management/templateservice>.
- <http://localhost:8080/rest/management/skinservice>.
- <http://localhost:8080/rest/management/portalstatistic>.
- <http://localhost:8080/rest/management/applicationstatistic>

However, the REST View management of TokenStore is currently not exposed in this version.

4.2.6. Knowledge management view

The Knowledge application provides a management view, enabling you to control rules, statistics, information of data storage in Forum and Answers.

Forum

With the Forum Service management view, you can view ADMIN rules, statistics, such as the number of online users, and information of Mail Service configuration.

- The JMX name template of Forum MBeans: `exo:portal="portal",service=forum`.

Attribute	Description
<code>AdminRules</code>	The list of rules defining administrators.
<code>ContactProvider</code>	The string containing the specific ContactProvider implementation name which provides user profile to the forum, including: org.exoplatform.ks.common.user.BusinessProfileContactProvider, org.exoplatform.ks.common.user.DefaultContactProvider, org.exoplatform.ks.common.user.PersonalProfileContactProvider.
<code>MailServiceConfig</code>	The string containing the configuration of the Mail service used for the notifications in Knowledge.
<code>OnlineUsers</code>	The list of currently online users.

Operation	Description
<code>countOnlineUsers</code>	Return the number of currently online users.
<code>hasForumAdminRole(String username)</code>	Check if the user is the forum administrator or not.
<code>getAdminRules</code>	Return the list of rules defining administrators.
<code>getOnlineUsers</code>	Return the list of online users.
<code>getContactProvider</code>	Return the name of a specific ContactProvider implementation.
<code>setContactProvider(String contactProviderClassName)</code>	Set a specific ContactProvider implementation. The user profile on portal is obtained to populate into that of Forum.
<code>getMailServiceConfig</code>	Return the Mail service configuration used to send notifications in Knowledge.

Job

The Job management view enables you to view state information of Jobs used in Knowledge.

- The JMX name template of Job MBeans: `exo:portal="portal",service=forum,view=jobs,name={Name}` where *Name* is the name of each specific Job instance.

Attribute	Description
<code>DataMap</code>	The map containing the state information for Job instances.
<code>Name</code>	The name of the Job.

Operation	Description
<code>getName</code>	Return the names of Job instances.
<code>getDataMap</code>	Return the state information of Job instances.

Knowledge provides the following Job instances:

Job	Description
<code>DeactiveJob</code>	Deactivate topics which meet TWO predefined deactivation properties: <i>inactiveDays</i> and <i>forumName</i> in Forum.
<code>LoginJob</code>	Update information of users logged in, serving for statistics.
<code>NotifyJob</code>	Send email notifications in Answers.
<code>RecountActiveUserJob</code>	Indicate the number of active users in Forum.
<code>SendMailJob</code>	Send email notifications in Forum.
<code>UpdateDataJob</code>	Update Forum statistics, such as posts or topics of users.

Plugin

The Knowledge application provides the following plugins:

- **RoleRulesPlugin**

The JMX name template of RoleRulesPlugin MBeans:
`exo:portal="portal",service=forum,view=plugins,name="add.role.rules.plugin"`.

Attribute	Description
<code>AllRules</code>	The list of all rules of RoleRulesPlugin. For example, the rule defining 'root' user as an administrator follows the form of ADMIN= root .
<code>Description</code>	The brief description of RoleRulesPlugin functions.
<code>Name</code>	The name of RoleRulesPlugin.
<code>RuleNames</code>	The list of possible rule names; for example, the rule defining administrators is named ADMIN.

Operation	Description
<code>addRule</code>	Add a rule. For example, to add the ADMIN rule for the 'demo' user, you need to input two parameters: ADMIN in the p1 and demo in the p2.
<code>getRules</code>	Return the list of rules defining the user with the role inputed in p1.
<code>getName</code>	Return the name of the plugin.
<code>getRuleNames</code>	Return the list of possible rule names. For example, if 'demo' and 'mary' are defined as ADMIN (ADMIN= demo , mary), the list of returned rule names will be ADMIN .
<code>getDescription</code>	Return the brief description of the plugin.
<code>getAllRules</code>	Return all rules added to the plugin.

- **BBCodePlugin**

The JMX name template of BBCodePlugin MBeans: `exo:portal="portal",service=ks,view=plugins,name="forum.default.bbcodes"`.

Attribute	Description
BBCodes	The list of BBCodes defined in the plugin.

Operation	Description
getBBCodes	Return the list of BBCodes. The Forum application currently provides the following BBCodes: [URL], [JUSTIFY], [B], [HIGHLIGHT], [I], [U], [RIGHT], [EMAIL], [LIST], [COLOR], [CENTER], [CODE], [QUOTE], [CSS], [LEFT], [FONT], [GOTO], [SIZE], [SLIDESHARE], [IMG], [WIKI].

- **ForumInitialDataPlugin**

The JMX name template of ForumInitialDataPlugin MBeans: `exo:portal="portal",service=forum,view=plugins,name={Name}`.

Attribute	Description
Location	The location where the Forum export file is stored.

Operation	Description
getLocation	Return the location where the Forum export file is stored, for example <code>war:/data/forum/data-full-forum.zip</code> .

- **InitialDataPlugin**

The JMX name template of InitialDataPlugin MBeans: `exo:portal="portal",service=faq,view=plugins,name={Name}`.

Attribute	Description
Location	The location where the FAQ export file is stored.

Operation	Description
getLocation	Return the location where the FAQ export file is stored, for example <code>war:/data/Technical-FAQ.zip</code> .
isForceXML	Indicate if the data loaded from the FAQ export file should override any data found in the existing database.

Storage

The Storage management view enables you to get storage information in Knowledge, such as data path, repository and workspace.

- The JMX name template of Forum Storage MBeans: `exo:portal="portal",service=forum,view=storage`.

Attribute	Description
Path	The JCR data path of the Forum Storage.
Repository	The name of repository containing the workspace where Forum data are stored.
Workspace	The name of workspace containing Forum data.

Operation	Description
<code>getRepository</code>	Return the name of repository of the Forum Storage.
<code>getWorkspace</code>	Return the name of workspace of the Forum Storage.
<code>getPath</code>	Return the JCR data path of the Forum Storage.

**Note**

Currently, the REST View managements of Forum, Job, Plugin, Storage are not exposed in this version.

4.2.7. Collaboration management view

The Collaboration application provides a management view, enabling you to view some state information of Jobs used in itself.

Attribute	Description
<code>DataMap</code>	The map containing the state information for the Job instances.
<code>Name</code>	The name of the Job.

Operation	Description
<code>getName</code>	Return the name of Job instances.
<code>getDataMap</code>	Return the state information of Job instances.

The Collaboration application provides the following Job instances:

Job Name	Description
<code>PopupReminderJob</code>	Show pop-up reminders in the Calendar application.
<code>ReminderJob</code>	Send email reminders in the Calendar application.
<code>messageToHistoricalMessageJob</code>	Save messages in the Chat application in the data storage of Collaboration.

**Note**

Currently, the REST View management of Collaboration is not exposed.

Clustering

Clustering allows eXo Platform users to run various portal instances on several parallel servers which are also called nodes. The load is distributed across different servers, so the portal is still accessible via other cluster nodes in case of any failed servers. Thanks to adding more nodes to the cluster, eXo Platform's performance can be much improved. In this chapter, you will see the following topics:

- [Set up eXo Platform cluster](#)

Information and characteristics of eXo Platform cluster, and steps to do a typical setup.

- [FAQs of clustering](#)

Common questions and answers that are useful for administrators when doing a clustering on eXo Platform.

A cluster is a set of nodes which are managed together and participate in the workload management. Installing eXo Platform in the cluster mode is considered in the following main cases:

- **Load Balancing:** when a single server node is not enough for handling the load.
- **High Availability:** if one of nodes is failed, the rest of nodes in the cluster can assume the workload of the system. It means that no access is interrupted.

These characteristics should be handled by the overall architecture of your system. The Load Balancing is typically achieved by a front server or device that distributes the request to the cluster nodes. Also, the High Availability on the data layer can be typically achieved using the native replication implemented by Relation Database Management System (RDBMS) or Shared File Systems, such as SAN and NAS.

5.1. Set up the eXo Platform cluster

- [Shared file system](#)

Introduction to the shared file system which is necessary for the embedded JCR server.

- [Typical setup](#)

Steps to do a typical setup of eXo Platform cluster.

- [Advanced configuration](#)

Introduction to the advanced configuration which is optional and not required in general cases, including JBossCache and shared file system.

- [Local JCR index in cluster](#)

Description of changes which will be applied if the cluster is used with the local JCR index on each node.

See also

- [FAQs of clustering](#)

5.1.1. Shared file system

In eXo Platform, the persistence mostly relies on JCR, which is a middleware between the eXo Platform applications (including the Portal) and the database. Hence, this component must be configured to work in the cluster mode.

The embedded JCR server requires a portion of its state to be shared on a file system shared among the cluster nodes:

- The values storage.
- The index (in case of shared index usage).

**Note**

Since Platform 3.5, a local JCR index can be used on each node of the cluster. It is a new feature and it needs a special configuration in Platform (described below).

All nodes must have the read/write access to the shared file system.

**Note**

It is strongly recommended that you use a mount point on a SAN.

5.1.2. Typical setup

The following steps describe a typical setup of eXo Platform cluster:

- Switch to a *cluster* configuration. This step is done in the *configuration.properties* file. This *configuration.properties* file must be set in the same way on all the cluster nodes. First, point the *exo.shared.dir* variable to a directory shared between cluster nodes.

```
exo.shared.dir=/PATH/TO/SHARED/FS
```

The path is shared, so all nodes will need the *read/write* access to this path. Then, switch the JCR to the cluster mode.

```
gatein.jcr.config.type=cluster
```

In this step, JCR enables the automatic network replication and discovery between other cluster nodes.

- Switch to the *cluster* profile. You need to indicate the *cluster* kernel profile to eXo Platform. This can be done by editing the startup script in the *bin/gatein.sh* folder as below:

```
EXO_PROFILES="-Dexo.profiles=default,cluster"
```

or use the *start_eXo.sh* script with such parameters:

```
./start_eXo.sh default,cluster
```

- Do the initial startup. For the initial startup of your JCR cluster, you should only start a single node. This node will initialize the internal JCR database and create the system workspace. Once the initial node is definitely started, you can start the other nodes.

**Note**

This constraint is only for the initial start. As above, you can start the cluster in any order, but it should be started fully from the single node. After that, others can start in any order or in parallel.

- Start up and shut down.

**Note**

It is recommended that you always start the cluster from a single node, as on initial startup, and then start all others in any order or in parallel. Nodes of the cluster will automatically try to join others at startup. Once they have discovered each other, they will synchronize their state. During the synchronization, the node is not ready to serve requests.

5.1.3. Advanced configuration

The cluster mode is preconfigured to work out of the box. The eXo Platform clustering fully relies on the JBossCache replication which uses JGroups internally. The default configuration of JBossCache lies in *exo.portal.component.common-x.x.x.jar*. Since eXo Platform 3.5, the JCR's JBossCache configuration is externalized to the *gatein.conf.dir* configuration folder:

- *jcr* - folder with cache configuration for JCR
- *cache* - folder with cache configuration for eXo Cache
- *idm* - folder with cache configuration for PicketLink IDM organization service
- *jgroups* - folder with JGroups configuration used in all caches

**Note**

The advanced configuration is optional and is not required in general cases. It is recommended to do an advanced configuration only in case of a need.

JBossCache

The JBossCache configuration is done in the *configuration.properties* file using following properties:

```
# JCR cache configuration
gatein.jcr.cache.config=file:${gatein.conf.dir}/jcr/jboss/cache/${gatein.jcr.config.type}/cache-config.xml
gatein.jcr.cache.expiration.time=15m

# JCR Locks configuration
gatein.jcr.lock.cache.config=file:${gatein.conf.dir}/jcr/jboss/cache/${gatein.jcr.config.type}/lock-config.xml

# JCR Index configuration
gatein.jcr.index.cache.config=file:${gatein.conf.dir}/jcr/jboss/cache/${gatein.jcr.config.type}/indexer-config.xml

# JGroups configuration
gatein.jgroups.jmxstatistics.enable=true
# for eXo Cache and IDM org-service (in cluster cache-config.xml files)
gatein.jgroups.config=${gatein.conf.dir}/jgroups/jgroups-udp.xml
# for JCR
gatein.jcr.jgroups.config=file:${gatein.jgroups.config}
```

By default, the nodes discovery is based on *UDP*, in which **JGroups** is responsible for the nodes identification through the UDP transport. The administrator can change the configuration of detection and ports in *jgroups-udp.xml*.

Shared file system

Optionally, if you need separate physical storage for JCR indexes and value storage files, it is possible to configure related paths, each to a separate shared file system:

```
gatein.jcr.storage.data.dir=/PATH/TO/SHARED/VALUES_FS/values
gatein.jcr.index.data.dir=/PATH/TO/SHARED/INDEX_FS/index
```

5.1.4. Local JCR index in cluster



Note

JCR clustering with local index on each node is a new feature. Find more information about *Indexing in clustered environment* in JCR reference documentation.

If the cluster is used with the local JCR index on each node, apply the following changes to the steps described above:

- configure index data to a local directory on each node:

```
gatein.jcr.index.data.dir=/PATH/TO/LOCAL/INDEX
```

- run the cluster with the additional profile named "`cluster-index-local`" by adding the following profile to the startup script in the `bin/gatein.sh` file;

```
EXO_PROFILES="-Dexo.profiles=default,cluster,cluster-index-local"
```

Or, by using the following command with this additional profile.

```
./start_eXo.sh default,cluster,cluster-index-local
```

5.2. FAQs of clustering

Q1. How to migrate from local to the cluster mode?

If you intend to migrate your production system from the local (non-cluster) to the cluster mode, follow these steps:

1. Update the configuration to the cluster mode as explained above on your main server.
2. Use the same configuration on other cluster nodes.
3. Move the index and value storage to the shared file system.
4. Start the cluster.

Q2. Why is startup failed with the "Port value out of range" error?

On Linux, your startup is failed if you encounter the following error:

```
[INFO] Caused by: java.lang.IllegalArgumentException: Port value out of range: 65536
```

This problem happens under specific circumstances when the JGroups networking library behind the clustering attempts to detect the IP to communicate with other nodes.

You need to verify:

- The host name is a valid IP address, served by one of the network devices, such as `eth0`, and `eth1`.
- The host name is NOT defined as `localhost` or `127.0.0.1`.

Q3. How to solve the "failed sending message to null" error?

If you encounter the following error when starting up in the cluster mode on Linux:

```
Dec 15, 2010 6:11:31 PM org.jgroups.protocols.TP down
SEVERE: failed sending message to null (44 bytes)
java.lang.Exception: dest=/228.10.10.10:45588 (47 bytes)
```

Be aware that clustering on Linux only works with IPv4. Therefore, when using a cluster under Linux, add the following property to the JVM parameters:

```
-Djava.net.preferIPv4Stack=true
```

Q3. How to hide JGroups protocol warnings in the log?

In the cluster mode, several eXo Platform subsystems, such as JCR, various caches, and organization service use shared JGroups transport; and in case of being used by the default UDP transport, it might cause a side effect (a lot of warnings) like these below:

```
WARNING: discarded message from different group "gatein-idm-api-cluster" (our group is "gatein-idm-store-cluster"). Sender was
192.168.1.55:54232
Dec 16, 2011 4:46:09 PM org.jgroups.protocols.TP passMessageUp
WARNING: discarded message from different group "gatein-idm-store-cluster" (our group is "gatein-idm-api-cluster"). Sender was
192.168.1.55:63364
Dec 16, 2011 4:46:10 PM org.jgroups.protocols.TP passMessageUp
```

To hide such warnings, need to configure the Application Server logger in an appropriate way:

- Apache Tomcat: add the following lines to the `${CATALINA_HOME}/conf/logging.properties` file:

```
org.jgroups.level = SEVERE
org.jgroups.handlers = java.util.logging.ConsoleHandler,6gatein.org.apache.juli.FileHandler
```

- JBoss Application Server: for the "all" server profile, add the following lines to the `${jboss_server}/server/all/conf/jboss-log4j.xml` file:

```
<category name="org.jgroups.protocols.UDP">
  <priority value="ERROR"/>
</category>
```

See also

- [Set up the eXo Platform cluster](#)

Organization Integration

The eXo Platform integration with other systems is very important. To make eXo Platform work with *predefined organizational data* properly, it is necessary to initialize some backend settings for each *organizational element*. Operations involved in synchronizing eXo Platform's backend settings with the organizational entities are called **organizational model integration**.

By default, the integration with an enterprise directory is done via picketlink IDM. You can refer to the [PicketLink IDM Integration](#) section for further details. The goal of this chapter is to instruct you how to connect eXo Platform to a populated organizational data source, such as LDAP Server, MS ActiveDirectory, or Database, via the following topics:

- **Terminology**

The commonly used terms when integrating the organizational model.

- **Synchronize eXo Platform with an existing directory**

Instructions on how to activate the service, sync usecases, Scheduled/Periodic sync by using REST or JMX.

- **Use Legacy Organization Models**

Steps to configure Legacy Organization Services, to hibernate Organization Service configuration; and introduction to LDAP Organization Service and AD Organization Service configurations.

6.1. Terminology

Before learning about how to integrate the organizational model, you should be aware of the following terms:

- **Organizational data** are information of users, user profiles, groups, memberships and membership types.
- **Organizational element** refers to a user, user profile, group, membership or membership type.
- **Active organizational element** is an *organizational element* that eXo Platform has already integrated, and so can be used by eXo Platform's features.
- **Predefined organizational data** are organizational data which are fulfilled in the data source without using eXo Services.
- **Listener** is a part of eXo Platform organization management. When an organizational element is added, a set of listeners is triggered to integrate it into eXo Platform. For example, when a user is added to eXo Platform, there is a listener which will add its private and public drives.

See also

- [Synchronize eXo Platform with an existing directory](#)
- [Use Legacy Organization Models](#)

6.2. Synchronize eXo Platform with an existing directory

- **Activate the service**

The typical ways to activate a Kernel component named *OrganizationIntegrationService*.

- **Sync usecases**

Instructions on how to synchronize at startup, login time, and on demand.

- [Scheduled/Periodic sync](#)

Instructions on how to do a Scheduled/Periodic sync by using REST or JMX.

When an external organizational data source (LDAP server, MS ActiveDirectory) is used, eXo Platform must be notified of any changes on organizational entities, including addition, deletion and update. These changes are reflected in the backend settings of eXo Platform. These notifications are performed thanks to several means provided by eXo Platform.

Pick up one of the following use cases of integration execution related to your needs.

See also

- [Terminology](#)
- [Use Legacy Organization Models](#)

6.2.1. Activate the service

Out of the box, eXo Platform is configured to leverage the IDM database. If you want to integrate eXo Platform with a user directory, you will need to synchronize this remote directory by activating a Kernel component named *OrganizationIntegrationService*.

There are 2 typical ways to activate it.

- **The first way:** Adding the entry below to the *configuration.xml* file which is in the following paths:

Tomcat	JBoss
<code>\$PLATFORM_TOMCAT_HOME/gatein/conf/portal/portal/configuration.xml</code>	<code>\$PLATFORM_JBOSS_HOME/server/default/conf/gatein/portal/portal/configuration.xml</code>

```
<component>
  <type>org.exoplatform.platform.organization.integration.OrganizationIntegrationService</type>
  <init-params>
    <value-param>
      <name>workspace</name>
      <value>collaboration</value>
    </value-param>
    <value-param>
      <name>homePath</name>
      <value>/</value>
    </value-param>
    <value-param>
      <name>synchronizeGroups</name>
      <value>true</value>
    </value-param>
  </init-params>
</component>

<external-component-plugins>
  <target-component>org.exoplatform.services.organization.OrganizationService</target-component>
  <component-plugin>
    <name>organization.initializer.group.event.listener</name>
    <set-method>addListenerPlugin</set-method>
    <type>org.exoplatform.platform.organization.integration.NewGroupListener</type>
    <description>This Listener is invoked when a Group is updated/added. Its purpose is to ensure that OrganizationServiceIntegration does not
    apply Organization Model Data listeners twice.</description>
  </component-plugin>
  <component-plugin>
    <name>organization.initializer.user.event.listener</name>
    <set-method>addListenerPlugin</set-method>
```

```

<type>org.exoplatform.platform.organization.integration.NewUserListener</type>
<description>This Listener is invoked when a User is updated/added. Its purpose is to ensure that OrganizationServiceIntegration does not
apply Organization Model Data listeners twice.</description>
</component-plugin>
<component-plugin>
  <name>organization.initializer.membership.event.listener</name>
  <set-method>addListenerPlugin</set-method>
  <type>org.exoplatform.platform.organization.integration.NewMembershipListener</type>
  <description>This Listener is invoked when a Membership is updated/added. Its purpose is to ensure that OrganizationServiceIntegration does
not apply Organization Model Data listeners twice.</description>
</component-plugin>
<component-plugin>
  <name>organization.initializer.profile.event.listener</name>
  <set-method>addListenerPlugin</set-method>
  <type>org.exoplatform.platform.organization.integration.NewProfileListener</type>
  <description>This Listener is invoked when a User Profile is updated/added. Its purpose is to ensure that OrganizationServiceIntegration does
not apply Organization Model Data listeners twice.</description>
</component-plugin>
</external-component-plugins>

```

- **The second way:** Add the same entry as in the first way to the *WEB-INF/conf/configuration.xml* file through a custom extension. The path to the file is independent on JBoss and Tomcat.



Note

In case the *configuration.xml* file does not exist, you might create a new one.

Next, you can start synchronizing your directory with eXo Platform by using one of the methods described below.

6.2.2. Sync usecases

Sync at startup

At the start-up of eXo Platform, all groups are synchronized. This means that the groups which have been added/deleted will be integrated. This operation is mandatory because some of eXo Platform features require some system groups to be integrated, such as the system group of Social **spaces**.



Note

You can skip the synchronization when restarting the server by modifying the *synchronizeGroups* parameter as below in the configuration to activate *OrganizationIntegrationService*.

```

<component>
  <type>org.exoplatform.platform.organization.integration.OrganizationIntegrationService</type>
  <init-params>
    ...
    <value-param>
      <name>synchronizeGroups</name>
      <value>>false</value>
    </value-param>
  </init-params>
</component>

```

Sync at login time

Once users have logged in, their profile, memberships and related groups will be auto-synchronized. Also, administrators can activate the synchronization process manually without depending on the users' login. (See the next sections for more details).

Sync on demand

You could enforce the integration of some *organizational elements* via REST or JMX. See the operations you can perform in the following table.

Operation	Description
invokeAllListeners	Synchronize and integrate all organizational elements.
invokeGroupsListeners	Synchronize and integrate all groups stored in the data source.
invokeGroupListeners	Synchronize and integrate a selected group stored in the data source.
invokeUsersListeners	Synchronize and integrate all users stored in the data source.
invokeUserListeners	Synchronize and integrate a selected user stored in the data source.
invokeMembershipListeners	Synchronize and integrate a specific membership.



Note

For invokeAllListeners, invokeGroupsListeners and invokeUsersListeners, it may take few hours if the organizational data source contains thousands of users.

6.2.3. Scheduled/Periodic sync

You can select the periodic integration of the whole *organizational elements* which are not integrated yet. This feature is not activated automatically in the eXo Platform distribution. To do so, you will have to add this configuration:

```
<external-component-plugins>
  <target-component>org.exoplatform.services.scheduler.JobSchedulerService</target-component>
  <component-plugin>
    <name>OrgInitializerCronJob</name>
    <set-method>addCronJob</set-method>
    <type>org.exoplatform.services.scheduler.CronJob</type>
    <description>Schedule the organization integration operation</description>
    <init-params>
      <properties-param>
        <name>cronjob.info</name>
        <description>Invoke initializer periodically</description>
        <property name="jobName" value="OrgInitializerCronJob"/>
        <property name="groupName" value="group"/>
        <property name="job" value="org.exoplatform.platform.organization.integration.OrganizationIntegrationJob"/>
        <property name="expression" value="0 45 23 * * ? */>
      </properties-param>
    </init-params>
  </component-plugin>
</external-component-plugins>
```

You need to modify the **expression** property value to change the period according to the [CRON Expression documentation](#). The value presented above means that this job is executed at 23:45:00 everyday.

Use REST

The organization integration management API is also exposed as REST. You need to login as an administrator first, then use one of those links:

- </portal/rest/management/orgsync/syncUser?username=USERNAME&eventType=EVENT>

Para-value	Description
USERNAME	Select a username.
EVENT	<p>Select one of the following values.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - ADDED - Select this option if the user is not yet integrated into eXo Platform. This will integrate the use and his/her memberships and groups. - UPDATED - Select this option if the user field or membership has been modified/added/deleted. This will update the user profiles integrated into eXo Platform and all related memberships. - DELETED - Select this option if the user has been deleted from the organization data source. So the user profile will be deleted from eXo Platform.

- </portal/rest/management/orgsync/syncAllUsers?eventType=EVENT>

Para-value	Description
EVENT	<p>Select one of the following values:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - ADDED - Search for users who are added to the Organization data source, but not yet integrated. Those users will then be synchronized. - UPDATED - Search for users that are present in the Organization data source and already integrated into eXo Platform. Those profiles will be updated. - DELETED - Search for users that are deleted from the Organization data source, but their profiles are still always existing in eXo Platform. Those profiles are then deleted.

Also, you can request for synchronizing all users.

- /portal/rest/management/orgsync/syncGroup?groupId=GROUP_ID&eventType=EVENT

Para-value	Description
GROUP_ID	Select a groupId, such as /platform/users.
EVENT	<p>Select one of the following values:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - ADDED - Select this option if the group is not yet integrated into eXo Platform. This will integrate the group. - UPDATED - This option is not used any longer.

Para-value	Description
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - DELETED - Select this option if the group has been deleted from Organization data source. The group profile is then deleted from eXo Platform.

- `/portal/rest/management/orgsync/syncAllGroups?eventType=EVENT`

Para-value	Description
EVENT	<p>Select one of the following values:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - ADDED - Search for groups that are added to the Organization data source, but not yet integrated into eXo Platform. Those groups will be integrated. - UPDATED: This option is not used any longer. - DELETED - Search for groups that are deleted from the Organization data source, but their profiles are still existed in eXo Platform. Those profiles are then deleted.

You can also request for synchronizing all groups.

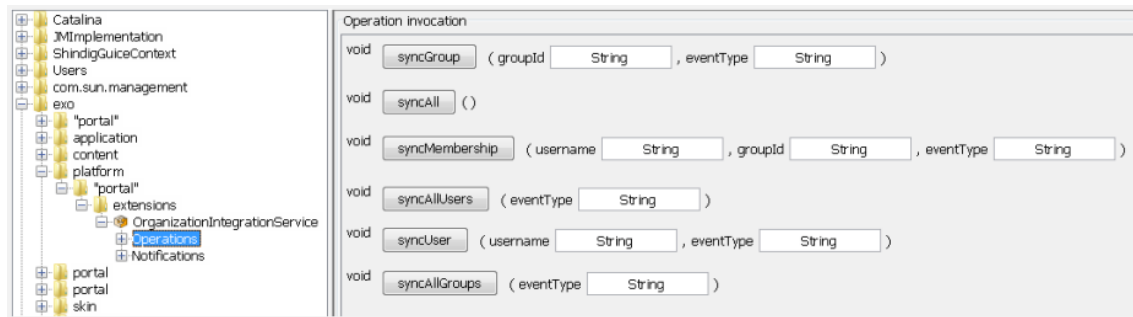
- `/portal/rest/management/orgsync/syncMembership?groupId=GROUP_ID&username=USERNAME&eventType=EVENT`

Para-value	Description
GROUP_ID	Select a groupId, such as <code>/platform/users</code> .
USERNAME	Select a username.
EVENT	<p>Select one of the following values:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - ADDED - Search for memberships that are added to the Organization data source, but not yet integrated into eXo Platform. Those memberships will be integrated. - UPDATED - This option is not used any longer. - DELETED - Search for memberships that are deleted from the Organization data source. This will synchronize user's memberships related to the selected group.

- `/portal/rest/management/orgsync/syncAll`: This will synchronize all groups and users.

Use JMX

To access the Integration Service features via JMX, you can use JMX-compliant monitoring tools, such as [JConsole](#). The name of the MBean is: `exo:portal="portal",service=extensions,name=OrganizationIntegrationService,type=platform`.



6.3. Use Legacy Organization Models

If you use one of the Organization Data Models (LDAP Organization Service, Active Directory or Hibernate) in a previous version of eXo Platform, you will be able to keep working with them on eXo Platform 3.5.

Configure Legacy Organization Services

1. Add a new file named *configuration.xml* in *\${exo.conf.dir.name}/portal/portal/* with the following configuration.

```
<configuration xmlns="http://www.exoplatform.org/xml/ns/kernel_1_2.xsd" xmlns:xsi="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema-instance"
xsi:schemaLocation="http://www.exoplatform.org/xml/ns/kernel_1_2.xsd http://www.exoplatform.org/xml/ns/kernel_1_2.xsd">

  <import>legacy-organization-configuration.xml</import>

  <!-- Remove unnecessary Picket LINK Services -->
  <remove-configuration>org.exoplatform.services.organization.idm.PicketLinkIDMCacheService</remove-configuration>
  <remove-configuration>org.exoplatform.services.organization.idm.PicketLinkIDMService</remove-configuration>
</configuration>
```

2. Add a new file named *legacy-organization-configuration.xml* in *\${exo.conf.dir.name}/portal/portal/* with one of the contents below.

Hibernate Organization Service configuration

```
<configuration xmlns="http://www.exoplatform.org/xml/ns/kernel_1_2.xsd" xmlns:xsi="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema-instance"
xsi:schemaLocation="http://www.exoplatform.org/xml/ns/kernel_1_2.xsd http://www.exoplatform.org/xml/ns/kernel_1_2.xsd">
  <component>
    <key>org.exoplatform.services.organization.OrganizationService</key>
    <type>org.exoplatform.services.organization.hibernate.OrganizationServiceImpl</type>
  </component>
  <external-component-plugins>
    <target-component>org.exoplatform.services.database.HibernateService</target-component>
    <component-plugin>
      <name>add.hibernate.mapping</name>
      <set-method>addPlugin</set-method>
      <type>org.exoplatform.services.database.impl.AddHibernateMappingPlugin</type>
      <init-params>
        <values-param>
          <name>hibernate.mapping</name>
          <value>org/exoplatform/services/organization/impl/UserImpl.hbm.xml</value>
          <value>org/exoplatform/services/organization/impl/MembershipImpl.hbm.xml</value>
          <value>org/exoplatform/services/organization/impl/GroupImpl.hbm.xml</value>
          <value>org/exoplatform/services/organization/impl/MembershipTypeImpl.hbm.xml</value>
          <value>org/exoplatform/services/organization/impl/UserProfileData.hbm.xml</value>
        </values-param>
      </init-params>
    </component-plugin>
  </external-component-plugins>
```

```
<import>classpath:/conf/portal/organization-configuration.xml</import>
</configuration>
```

Configure LDAP Organization Service

```
<configuration xmlns="http://www.exoplatform.org/xml/ns/kernel_1_2.xsd" xmlns:xsi="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema-instance"
xsi:schemaLocation="http://www.exoplatform.org/xml/ns/kernel_1_2.xsd http://www.exoplatform.org/xml/ns/kernel_1_2.xsd">
  <component>
    <key>org.exoplatform.services.ldap.LDAPService</key>
    <type>org.exoplatform.services.ldap.impl.LDAPServiceImpl</type>
    <init-params>
      <object-param>
        <name>ldap.config</name>
        <description>Default ldap config</description>
        <object type="org.exoplatform.services.ldap.impl.LDAPConnectionConfig">
          <field name="providerURL"><string>ldap://127.0.0.1:389,10.0.0.1:389</string></field>
          <field name="rootdn"><string>CN=Manager,DC=exoplatform,DC=org</string></field>
          <field name="password"><string>secret</string></field>
          <field name="version"><string>3</string></field>
          <field name="minConnection"><int>5</int></field>
          <field name="maxConnection"><int>10</int></field>
          <field name="referralMode"><string>follow</string></field>
          <field name="serverName"><string>default</string></field>
        </object>
      </object-param>
    </init-params>
  </component>
  <component>
    <key>org.exoplatform.services.organization.OrganizationService</key>
    <type>org.exoplatform.services.organization.ldap.OrganizationServiceImpl</type>
    <component-plugins>
      <component-plugin>
        <name>init.service.listener</name>
        <set-method>addListenerPlugin</set-method>
        <type>org.exoplatform.services.organization.ldap.OrganizationLdapInitializer</type>
        <description>this listener populate organization ldap service create default dn</description>
      </component-plugin>
    </component-plugins>
    <init-params>
      <value-param>
        <name>ldap.userDN.key</name>
        <description>The key used to compose user DN</description>
        <value>cn</value>
      </value-param>
      <value-param>
        <name>ldap.attribute.mapping</name>
        <description>ldap attribute mapping</description>
        <object type="org.exoplatform.services.organization.ldap.LDAPAttributeMapping">
          <field name="userLDAPClasses"><string>top,person,organizationalPerson,inetOrgPerson</string></field>
          <field name="profileLDAPClasses"><string>top,organizationalPerson</string></field>
          <field name="groupLDAPClasses"><string>top,organizationalUnit</string></field>
          <field name="membershipTypeLDAPClasses"><string>top,organizationalRole</string></field>
          <field name="membershipLDAPClasses"><string>top,groupOfNames</string></field>
          <field name="baseURL"><string>dc=exoplatform,dc=org</string></field>
          <field name="groupsURL"><string>ou=groups,ou=portal,dc=exoplatform,dc=org</string></field>
          <field name="membershipTypeURL"><string>ou=memberships,ou=portal,dc=exoplatform,dc=org</string></field>
          <field name="userURL"><string>ou=users,ou=portal,dc=exoplatform,dc=org</string></field>
          <field name="profileURL"><string>ou=profiles,ou=portal,dc=exoplatform,dc=org</string></field>
          <field name="userUsernameAttr"><string>uid</string></field>
          <field name="userPassword"><string>userPassword</string></field>
          <field name="userFirstNameAttr"><string>givenName</string></field>
          <field name="userLastNameAttr"><string>sn</string></field>
          <field name="userDisplayNameAttr"><string>displayName</string></field>
        </object>
      </value-param>
    </init-params>
  </component>
</configuration>
```

```

    <field name="userMailAttr"><string>mail</string></field>
    <field name="userObjectClassFilter"><string>objectClass=person</string></field>
    <field name="membershipTypeMemberValue"><string>member</string></field>
    <field name="membershipTypeRoleNameAttr"><string>cn</string></field>
    <field name="membershipTypeNameAttr"><string>cn</string></field>
    <field name="membershipTypeObjectClassFilter"><string>objectClass=organizationalRole</string></field>
    <field name="membershiptypeObjectClass"><string>organizationalRole</string></field>
    <field name="groupObjectClass"><string>organizationalUnit</string></field>
    <field name="groupObjectClassFilter"><string>objectClass=organizationalUnit</string></field>
    <field name="membershipObjectClass"><string>groupOfNames</string></field>
    <field name="membershipObjectClassFilter"><string>objectClass=groupOfNames</string></field>
    <field name="ldapCreatedTimeStampAttr"><string>createdTimeStamp</string></field>
    <field name="ldapModifiedTimeStampAttr"><string>modifiedTimeStamp</string></field>
    <field name="ldapDescriptionAttr"><string>description</string></field>
  </object>
</object-param>
</init-params>
</component>

<external-component-plugins>
  <target-component>org.exoplatform.services.database.HibernateService</target-component>
  <component-plugin>
    <name>add.hibernate.mapping</name>
    <set-method>addPlugin</set-method>
    <type>org.exoplatform.services.database.impl.AddHibernateMappingPlugin</type>
    <init-params>
      <values-param>
        <name>hibernate.mapping</name>
        <value>org/exoplatform/services/organization/impl/UserProfileData.hbm.xml</value>
      </values-param>
    </init-params>
  </component-plugin>
</external-component-plugins>
</configuration>

```

AD Organization Service configuration

```

<configuration xmlns="http://www.exoplatform.org/xml/ns/kernel_1_2.xsd" xmlns:xsi="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema-instance"
  xsi:schemaLocation="http://www.exoplatform.org/xml/ns/kernel_1_2.xsd http://www.exoplatform.org/xml/ns/kernel_1_2.xsd">
  <component>
    <key>org.exoplatform.services.ldap.LDAPService</key>
    <type>org.exoplatform.services.ldap.impl.LDAPServiceImpl</type>
    <init-params>
      <object-param>
        <name>ldap.config</name>
        <description>Default ldap config</description>
        <object type="org.exoplatform.services.ldap.impl.LDAPConnectionConfig">
          <field name="providerURL"><string>ldap://192.168.2.88:389</string></field>
          <field name="rootdn"><string>CN=Administrator,CN=Users,DC=exoplatform,DC=org</string></field>
          <field name="password"><string>Secret1234</string></field>
          <field name="version"><string>3</string></field>
          <field name="minConnection"><int>5</int></field>
          <field name="maxConnection"><int>10</int></field>
          <field name="referralMode"><string>ignore</string></field>
          <field name="serverName"><string>active.directory</string></field>
        </object>
      </object-param>
    </init-params>
  </component>
  <component>
    <key>org.exoplatform.services.organization.OrganizationService</key>
    <type>org.exoplatform.services.organization.ldap.OrganizationServiceImpl</type>
    <component-plugins>

```

```

<component-plugin>
  <name>init.service.listener</name>
  <set-method>addListenerPlugin</set-method>
  <type>org.exoplatform.services.organization.Ldap.OrganizationLdapInitializer</type>
  <description>this listener populate organization Ldap service create default dn</description>
</component-plugin>
</component-plugins>
<init-params>
  <object-param>
    <name>ldap.attribute.mapping</name>
    <description>ldap attribute mapping</description>
    <object type="org.exoplatform.services.organization.Ldap.LDAPAttributeMapping">
      <field name="userLDAPClasses"><string>top,person,organizationalPerson,user</string></field>
      <field name="profileLDAPClasses"><string>top,organizationalPerson</string></field>
      <field name="groupLDAPClasses"><string>top,organizationalUnit</string></field>
      <field name="membershipTypeLDAPClasses"><string>top,group</string></field>
      <field name="membershipLDAPClasses"><string>top,group</string></field>
      <field name="baseURL"><string>DC=test,DC=man</string></field>
      <field name="groupsURL"><string>ou=groups,ou=portal,DC=test,DC=man</string></field>
      <field name="membershipTypeURL"><string>ou=memberships,ou=portal,DC=test,DC=man</string></field>
      <field name="userURL"><string>ou=users,ou=portal,DC=test,DC=man</string></field>
      <field name="profileURL"><string>ou=profiles,ou=portal,DC=test,DC=man</string></field>
      <field name="userUsernameAttr"><string>sAMAccountName</string></field>
      <field name="userPassword"><string>unicodePwd</string></field>
      <field name="userFirstNameAttr"><string>givenName</string></field>
      <field name="userLastNameAttr"><string>sn</string></field>
      <field name="userDisplayNameAttr"><string>displayName</string></field>
      <field name="userMailAttr"><string>mail</string></field>
      <field name="userObjectClassFilter"><string>objectClass=user</string></field>
      <field name="membershipTypeMemberValue"><string>member</string></field>
      <field name="membershipTypeRoleNameAttr"><string>cn</string></field>
      <field name="membershipTypeNameAttr"><string>cn</string></field>
      <field name="membershipTypeObjectClassFilter"><string>objectClass=group</string></field>
      <field name="membershiptypeObjectClass"><string>group</string></field>
      <field name="groupObjectClass"><string>organizationalUnit</string></field>
      <field name="groupObjectClassFilter"><string>objectClass=organizationalUnit</string></field>
      <field name="membershipObjectClass"><string>group</string></field>
      <field name="membershipObjectClassFilter"><string>objectClass=group</string></field>
      <field name="ldapCreatedTimeStampAttr"><string>createdTimeStamp</string></field>
      <field name="ldapModifiedTimeStampAttr"><string>modifiedTimeStamp</string></field>
      <field name="ldapDescriptionAttr"><string>description</string></field>
    </object>
  </object-param>
</init-params>
</component>
<external-component-plugins>
  <target-component>org.exoplatform.services.database.HibernateService</target-component>
  <component-plugin>
    <name>add.hibernate.mapping</name>
    <set-method>addPlugin</set-method>
    <type>org.exoplatform.services.database.impl.AddHibernateMappingPlugin</type>
    <init-params>
      <values-param>
        <name>hibernate.mapping</name>
        <value>org/exoplatform/services/organization/impl/UserProfileData.hbm.xml</value>
      </values-param>
    </init-params>
  </component-plugin>
</external-component-plugins>
</configuration>

```

See also

- [Terminology](#)

- Synchronize eXo Platform with an existing directory

Backup and Restore

The backup of eXo Platform instance involves backing up the databases and the file systems for the JCR index and value storage. The following topics are covered in this chapter:

- **Pre-backup**

Preparations for backing up JCR data, Organization service database, and Transaction service files; basic principles of eXo Platform backup and how to create your backup implementation.

- **Back up eXo Platform**

Instructions on how to back up eXo Platform.

- **Restore**

Instructions on how to restore from the backup that can be used in the failure or site duplication cases.

- **Third-party tools**

Additional information of third-party tools which can be used in the backup period, such as *rsync* tool for Unix platforms, or the Backup utility for Microsoft Windows.



Note

The *gatein.data.dir* variable is defined in the *configuration.properties* file and by default points to the *\$APPSEVERHOME/gatein/data* folder.

You can use the `.tar` command for the file backup from your application server home dir:

```
tar cvjf gatein-backup.tar.bz gatein/data
```

7.1. Pre-backup

You can start your backup strategy with the concept of a data repository. It is required to store and arrange backup data properly. The backup of one eXo Platform instance produces a set of files which can be located on various storage media (hard disk, tape, optical or solid storages, or even special remote backup services).

The files are organized in catalogs (folders) or used in different media to the concrete Platform implementation. However, it is highly recommended that you apply the [Backup rotation scheme](#) to make the backup implementation effective and reliable.

Also, be sure that your available backup solution of Operating System and Database software are always used, allowing you to simplify the backup organization and avoid mistakes and data loss.

In the pre-backup, you need to stop the whole eXo Platform server.



Warning

In case of the eXo Platform clustering, every node should be stopped before the backup is performed.

The backup of eXo Platform consists of the following parts:

- Backup of the JCR data:

- JCR index files, pointed by the configuration property: *gatein.jcr.index.data.dir*.
- JCR value storage files, pointed by the configuration property: *gatein.jcr.storage.data.dir*.
- JCR database backup, database specified in the JDNI configuration of Application server with the *exo-jcr_portal* name.
- Backup of Organization service database specified in the JDNI configuration of Application server with the *exo-idm_portal* name.
- Backup of Transaction service files pointed by the configuration property: *com.arjuna.ats.arjuna.objectstore.objectStoreDir*.

In the pre-backup, it is recommended that you prepare for tools, such as scripts, to restore data quickly and safely.



Note

eXo Platform indicates to one Portal application in this context, which is set by default. However, if your eXo Platform instance runs several portals, each of which has its own JCR, Organization and Transaction services, you should back up data of each portal separately.

Information provided in this chapter only describes the backup of the single-portal Platform. The backup can be repeated for each portal in your system. Only two types of JCR files are important in the backup: index and value storages.

The *gatein.jcr.data.dir* folder (*\$gatein.data.dir/jcr* by default) also contains the *swap* sub-folder. The *swap* folder is used for temporary files in case BLOBs are stored in the database and has no meaning for backup. For more details, see the [eXo JCR configuration](#) section.

To learn more about the basic principles of eXo Platform backup and how to create your backup implementation, see the following **Backup Planning** example:

Environment

- The eXo Platform server runs on the RedHat Linux server. eXo Platform provides the remote database server MySQL 5.1:
 - JCR database - *jcrdb*.
 - Organization service database - *idmdb*.
- The eXo Platform files are on the network mounted storage */mnt/netfs/platform*:
 - JCR value storage files in */mnt/netfs/platform/jcr/values*.
 - JCR index files in */mnt/netfs/platform/jcr/index*.
 - Transaction service stored in */mnt/netfs/platform/jta*.
- The backup storage is located on the dedicated network mounted storage: */mnt/backups/my_plf_backup*.

Naming and Rotation

It is a general case when the backup is organized in the two-cycle rotation: backup files are stored everyday and older data are stored weekly, and the data storage history will be planned for three years.

To implement this approach, the daily backup is run (at night when the site is not in use) and stores result files (database and JCR files) on the network storage in the following structure:

- */my_plf_backup/2010/...* - The archive folder of the previous year.
- */my_plf_backup/current/* - The archive folder of the current year.
- */my_plf_backup/current/weeks* - The weekly archive folder of the current year.

- /my_plf_backup/current/weeks/01 - The archive folder of the first week of the current year.
- /my_plf_backup/current/weeks/02 - The archive folder of the second week of the current year.
- /my_plf_backup/current/weeks/N - The archive folder of the week named N of the current year.

The backup files are named to the [ISO 8601](#) date format:

- yyyy-MM-dd_mysql_jcrdb.tar.gz - For the JCR database.
- yyyy-MM-dd_mysql_idmdb.tar.gz - For the Organization service database.
- yyyy-MM-dd_jcr_values.tar.gz - For the JCR value storage files.
- yyyy-MM-dd_jcr_index.tar.gz - For the JCR index files.
- yyyy-MM-dd_jta.tar.gz - For the Transaction service files.

For the files backup, eXo Platform provides a shell script running on the eXo Platform server. This script does the following actions:

- Stop the eXo Platform server to ensure the full stop by the log sniffing.
- Run the database backup tool against *jcrdb* and store the result file in the archive /mnt/backups/my_plf_backup/current/yyyy-MM-dd_mysql_jcrdb.tar.gz.
- Run the database backup tool against *idmdb* and store the result file in the archive /mnt/backups/my_plf_backup/current/yyyy-MM-dd_mysql_idmdb.tar.gz.
- Copy the JCR value files to the archive /mnt/backups/my_plf_backup/current/yyyy-MM-dd_jcr_values.tar.gz.
- Copy the JCR index files to the archive /mnt/backups/my_plf_backup/current/yyyy-MM-dd_jcr_index.tar.gz.
- Copy the Transaction service files to the archive /mnt/backups/my_plf_backup/current/yyyy-MM-dd_jta.tar.gz.
- Copy all old archive files of 7 days to a week folder, for example /my_plf_backup/current/weeks/02.
- Delete older files of 7 days as from /my_plf_backup/current/.
- Create a folder for the previous year in /my_plf_backup/ if it is the [first week](#) of a new year, such as /my_plf_backup/2010, and then move content of /my_plf_backup/current/weeks there.
- Start the eXo Platform server.
- Send email to the administrator in case of any errors on any step.



Note

Examples of the script implementation are out of the scope of this guide.

See also

- [Back up eXo Platform](#)
- [Restore](#)
- [Third-party tools](#)

7.2. Back up eXo Platform

1. Stop the whole eXo Platform instance by using the shell command: `stop_eXo`. To see more details, see the [Installation and Startup](#) chapter.
2. Run the backup procedure, including:
 - The JCR database.
 - The Organization service database.
 - The JCR value storage files.

- The JCR index files.
- The Transaction service files.

3. Archive the backup files to your backup storage.

4. Start the eXo Platform server.

**Note**

In case of the eXo Platform clustering, start the backup to the steps described in the [Clustering](#) chapter.

See also

- [Pre-backup](#)
- [Restore](#)
- [Third-party tools](#)

7.3. Restore

Restoring from the backup can be used in several cases, such as failure, or site duplication. Similar to the backup, it is important to stop the whole eXo Platform before restoring. Next, do the main steps to start restoring from the backup of eXo Platform:

1. Unarchive the backup files from the backup storage to the temporary location.
2. Stop the whole eXo Platform instance by using the shell command `stop_eXo`. To see more details, see the [Installation and Startup](#) chapter.
3. Run the restoring procedure to restore from the backup local files for:
 - The JCR database.
 - The Organization service database.
 - The JCR value storage files.
 - The JCR index files.
 - The Transaction service files.
4. Start the eXo Platform server.

**Note**

In case of the eXo Platform clustering, start restoring to the steps described in the [Clustering](#) chapter.

See also

- [Pre-backup](#)
- [Back up eXo Platform](#)
- [Third-party tools](#)

7.4. Third-party tools

Steps described above are based on the whole backup of data. However, the [incremental backup approach](#) allows you to preserve data by creating multiple copies that are based on the differences in those data. The successive copy of data only contains the portion which has been changed since the preceding copy has been created.

In steps described above, it is also possible to implement an incremental backup against the eXo Platform data.

Users of the Unix platforms can use the *rsync* tool for files synchronization and implement the incremental backup for JCR value and index files. Meanwhile, Microsoft Windows users can use the Backup utility (*Ntbackup.exe*).

These tools can be used in conjunction with a database incremental backup feature of your RDBMS to implement the eXo Platform incremental backup solution. However, all backup targets described above should be counted.

In case of the example, it is possible to organize the full backup weekly (on Sunday) and incrementals daily. The incremental backup will be faster, and reduce your site maintenance daily.

**Note**

It is also possible to use the ready solutions as backula.org.

See also

- [Pre-backup](#)
- [Back up eXo Platform](#)
- [Restore](#)

Security

This chapter presents the topics related to security configuration in eXo Platform:

- **Changes on the JAAS realm**

Changes on the JAAS realm in the Tomcat bundle, and common changes in **configuration.properties**, **portal.war**, and **rest.war**.

- **Gadget proxy configuration**

Instructions on how to configure the ProxyFilterService, and information of how the proxy service works.

- **HTTPS configuration**

Steps to configure the HTTPS configuration to run in the HTTPS mode.

- **Update the password encryption key of the RememberMe token**

Information about the file location and steps to update the key of the **RememberMe** token.

8.1. Changes on the JAAS realm

eXo Platform relies on JAAS for propagating the user identity and roles to the different applications deployed on the server.

The JAAS realm is used by all eXo Platform applications and even propagated to the JCR for [Access Control](#).

By default, eXo Platform uses the JAAS realm named "gatein-domain". If your IT operation rules require you to use another JAAS realm, you will need to modify several files so that eXo Platform can work on your JAAS realm.

Since the security configuration is highly dependent of the app server, each application server is represented separately.

Tomcat

In the Tomcat bundle, the JAAS configuration is controlled by the `$PLATFORM_TOMCAT_HOME/conf/jaas.conf`.

```
gatein-domain {  
  org.gatein.wci.security.WCILoginModule optional;  
  org.exoplatform.services.security.jaas.SharedStateLoginModule required;  
  org.exoplatform.services.security.j2ee.TomcatLoginModule required;  
};
```

Replace gatein-domain with your own domain name.



Note

The PortalLoginModule module was designed to support the 'Remember me' feature. The password wrapped in PasswordCallback is the cookie token key. The PortalLoginModule module uses the token key to retrieve Credential object from CookieTokenService, then injects the correct username/password into the shared state (accessible from subsequent login modules). For the moment, to keep the authentication work properly, the PortalLoginModule module is mandatory. On the other hand, to ensure that correct password is visible to other login modules, it should be the first one in the JAAS configuration file. The custom login module could retrieve the real password through the shared state instead of PasswordCallback.

**Tip**

To learn more about the syntax, or realms in Tomcat, refer to the [JAAS tutorial](#) or [Tomcat Realm How-To](#) respectively.

For JBoss, you need to edit the default JAAS security domain in the *portal.war!WEB-INF/jboss-web.xml* file.

```
<jboss-web>
  <security-domain>java:/jaas/gatein-domain</security-domain>
</jboss-web>
```

Additionally, you need to edit the application-policy to match the security-domain in the *gatein.ear!META-INF/gatein-jboss-beans.xml*.

```
<deployment xmlns="urn:jboss:bean-deployer:2.0">
  <application-policy xmlns="urn:jboss:security-beans:1.0" name="gatein-domain">
    <authentication>
      <login-module code="org.exoplatform.web.security.PortalLoginModule" flag="required">
        <module-option name="portalContainerName">portal</module-option>
        <module-option name="realmName">gatein-domain</module-option>
      </login-module>
      <login-module code="org.exoplatform.services.security.jaas.SharedStateLoginModule" flag="required">
        <module-option name="portalContainerName">portal</module-option>
        <module-option name="realmName">gatein-domain</module-option>
      </login-module>
      <login-module code="org.exoplatform.services.security.j2ee.JbossLoginModule" flag="required">
        <module-option name="portalContainerName">portal</module-option>
        <module-option name="realmName">gatein-domain</module-option>
      </login-module>
    </authentication>
  </application-policy>
</deployment>
```

**Tip**

To learn more about the JBoss security configuration, refer to [JBoss Web Docs](#).

Common changes

Finally, you need to do some common changes on both app servers as follows:

configuration.properties

First, change the JAAS realm to match your own security constraints and then identify the entry named *exo.security.domain* inside the *configuration.properties* file.

```
# Realm name
exo.security.domain=gatein-domain
```

**Note**

Internally, eXo Platform uses this setting to set a new variable named "portal.container.realm" that is then used in the Kernel configuration files, such as *platform-extension/WEB-INF/conf/platform/repository-configuration.xml*.

portal.war

Inside *portal.war*, you should declare the Realm name in the *web.xml* file:

```
<login-config>
  <auth-method>FORM</auth-method>
  <realm-name>gatein-domain</realm-name>
  <form-login-config>
    ...
  </form-login-config>
</login-config>
```

rest.war

You also need to modify *rest.war* to provide secured REST services properly.

```
<login-config>
  <auth-method>BASIC</auth-method>
  <realm-name>gatein-domain</realm-name>
</login-config>
```

**Note**

This change is very important, allowing you to secure the file downloads via WEBDAV.

See also

- [Gadget proxy configuration](#)
- [HTTPS configuration](#)
- [Update the password encryption key of the RememberMe token](#)

8.2. Gadget proxy configuration

In eXo Platform, you could allow gadgets to load remote resources. However, this could be a potential security risk, as it will make the Gadget deployed as an open web proxy. So, you can set up the anonymous proxy to accept or deny certain hosts via configuring the *ProxyFilterService*.

Configure the ProxyFilterService

By default, the proxy is closed to any host except the domain on which the gadget server is installed.

To modify the filtering of domain names, modify the *portal.war/WEB-INF/conf/common/common-configuration.xml* file.

The default configuration is set as below:

```
<component>
  <key>org.exoplatform.web.security.proxy.ProxyFilterService</key>
  <type>org.exoplatform.web.security.proxy.ProxyFilterService</type>
  <init-params>
    <values-param>
      <!-- The white list -->
      <name>white-list</name>
      <!-- Accept anything not black listed -->
      <value/>
    </values-param>
    <values-param>
      <name>black-list</name>
      <value/>
    </values-param>
  </init-params>
```

```

</values-param>
</init-params>
</component>

```

How does it work?

The proxy service will deny access to any domain that is in the blacklist. If the domain name does not match any of the blacklist, the proxy filter will verify if the domain name is on the white list. If the domain name is not defined in either the white list or black list, access will be denied. Multiple values can be added for each list and wildcards can also be used.

The following is an example of a valid configuration:

```

<component>
  <key>org.exoplatform.web.security.proxy.ProxyFilterService</key>
  <type>org.exoplatform.web.security.proxy.ProxyFilterService</type>
  <init-params>
    <values-param>
      <name>white-list</name>
      <value>*.example.com</value>
      <value>www.example.net</value>
    </values-param>
    <values-param>
      <name>black-list</name>
      <value>evil.example.com</value>
    </values-param>
  </init-params>
</component>

```

See also

- [Changes on the JAAS realm](#)
- [HTTPS configuration](#)
- [Update the password encryption key of the RememberMe token](#)

8.3. HTTPS configuration

By default, eXo Platform runs in the HTTP mode. However, for the security purposes, you can configure it to run in the HTTPS mode. This section explains how to configure HTTPS mode.

1. Generate your key.

If you do not have an X.509 certificate, you can make a simple certificate using the *keytool* command.

i. Change the variables in the following command to suit your circumstances, then run it a terminal:

```
keytool -genkey -alias serverkeys -keyalg RSA -keystore server.keystore -storepass 123456 -keypass 123456 -dname "CN=localhost, OU=MYOU, O=MYORG, L=MYCITY, ST=MYSTATE, C=MY"
```

Your key will be stored in *server.keystore*.

ii. Import your key into the Sun JDK keystore (this is required to help running gadget features) with the following command:

```
keytool -importkeystore -srckeystore server.keystore -destkeystore $JAVA_HOME/jre/lib/security/cacerts
```

2. Set up the Jboss configuration to use your new key.

i. Comment the following lines in *PLATFORM_JBOSS_HOME/server/<PROFILE>/deploy/jbossweb.sar/server.xml*:


```
<Connector URIEncoding="UTF-8" acceptCount="100" address="${jboss.bind.address}" compressableMimeType="text/html,text/xml,text/plain,text/css,text/javascript" compression="on" compressionMinSize="2048" connectionTimeout="20000" disableUploadTimeout="true" emptySessionPath="true" enableLookups="false" maxHttpHeaderSize="8192" maxSpareThreads="75" maxThreads="150" minSpareThreads="25" noCompressionUserAgents=".*MSIE 6.*" port="8080" protocol="HTTP/1.1" redirectPort="8443"/>
```

ii. Uncomment the following line:

```
<Connector SSLEnabled="true" address="${jboss.bind.address}" clientAuth="false" keystoreFile="${jboss.server.home.dir}/conf/chap8.keystore" keystorePass="rmissl" port="8443" protocol="HTTP/1.1" scheme="https" secure="true" sslProtocol="TLS"/>
```

Then, change the values of *keystoreFile* and *keystorePass* to values of your key.

3. Restart your server. You can now access the portal via `https://<ServerAddress>:8443/portal`.

See also

- [Changes on the JAAS realm](#)
- [Gadget proxy configuration](#)
- [Update the password encryption key of the RememberMe token](#)

8.4. Update the password encryption key of the RememberMe token

In eXo Platform, the password encryption key of the RememberMe token is always a default key defined in the *codekey.txt* file and this key is generated at the first bootstrap.

File location

File	Tomcat	Jboss
<i>codekey.txt</i>	<code>\$PLATFORM_TOMCAT_HOME/gatein/conf/codec.</code>	<code>\$PLATFORM_JBOSS_HOME/server/<PROFILE>/conf/gatein/codec.</code>

Update the key

The administrators can simply update the key without doing any configuration as follows:

1. Remove the *codekey.txt* file.
2. Restart the server.

See also

- [Changes on the JAAS realm](#)
- [Gadget proxy configuration](#)
- [HTTPS configuration](#)

