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About This Guide

What This Guide Contains

The Release Notes contains important information on changes to JBoss Transactions 4.2.3 since the last release and information on any outstanding issues.

Audience

This guide is most relevant to engineers who are responsible for administering JBoss Transactions 4.2.3 installations.

Prerequisites

None.

Organization

This guide contains the following chapters:

- **Chapter 1, Release notes:** contains the actual release notes.

Documentation Conventions

The following conventions are used in this guide:

Convention	Description
<i>Italic</i>	In paragraph text, italic identifies the titles of documents that are being referenced. When used in conjunction with the Code text described below, italics identify a variable that should be replaced by the user with an actual value.
Bold	Emphasizes items of particular importance.
Code	Text that represents programming code.
Function Function	A path to a function or dialog box within an interface. For example, "Select File Open." indicates that you should select the Open function from the File menu.
() and	Parentheses enclose optional items in command syntax. The

	vertical bar separates syntax items in a list of choices. For example, any of the following three items can be entered in this syntax: <code>persistPolicy (Never OnTimer OnUpdate NoMoreOftenThan)</code>
Note:	A note highlights important supplemental information.
Caution:	A caution highlights procedures or information that is necessary to avoid damage to equipment, damage to software, loss of data, or invalid test results.

Table 1 Formatting Conventions

Additional Documentation

In addition to this guide, the following guides are available in the JBoss Transactions 4.2.3 documentation set:

- JBoss Transactions 4.2.3 *Administration Guide*: Provides information on administering JBoss Transactions 4.2.3.
- JBoss Transactions 4.2.3 *Installation Guide*: This guide provides instructions for installing JBoss Transactions 4.2.3.
- JBoss Transactions 4.2.3 *Programmer's Guide*: Provides guidance for writing applications.
- JBoss Transactions 4.2.3 *Quick Start Guide*: Getting started with JBossTS; not for a novice user.
- JBoss Transactions *API Programmer's Guide*: Provides guidance when using the JTA for building transactional applications.
- JBoss Transactions *Failure Recovery Guide*: Describes the failure recovery aspects of JBossTS.
- *TxCore Programmer's Guide*: Describes how to write transactional applications using the non-distributed transaction engine at the heart of JBossTS.

Contacting Us

Questions or comments about JBoss Transactions 4.2.3 should be directed to our support team.

Release notes

Enhancements

This is the first release of JBoss Transactions, formerly the JBoss Transaction Service. In order to facilitate migration of existing JBossTS users, there have been no changes to the structure or deployment in this release of JBossTS. However, in subsequent releases there will be modifications to the package structure and other updates, so please continue to check the Release Notes.

The following enhancements have been made to the 4.2 GA version of *JBossTS*:

- This release supports the Last Resource Commit Optimization for resources that are not two phase aware. This functionality is only supported by the JTS Transaction Manager.
- This release supports JBoss Application Server 4.0.3SP1, 4.0.4 and 4.0.5.

Fixed issues

The following issues have been identified and fixed:

1. [JBTM-71] - Bank example still refers to ArjunaTS
2. [JBTM-72] - Trail map neglects to remind reader to start recovery manager
3. [JBTM-73] - Update trailmap text to remove Arjuna references
4. [JBTM-85] - BasicXARecovery example class is broken
5. [JBTM-92] - Print error message when prepare fails in XAResource
6. [JBTM-96] - XARecoveryModule does not use I18N logger in all info cases
7. [JBTM-110] - Fix typo in timeout section of manual
8. [JBTM-119] - Release notes are inaccurate
9. [JBTM-120] - Error in not calling end before terminating suspended RMs
10. [JBTM-124] - atsintegration must have its own logging
11. [JBTM-125] - The transaction manager implementation in JNDI should implement the org.jboss.tm.TransactionTimeoutConfiguration interface
12. [JBTM-126] - JTS XATerminator references arjunacore classes
13. [JBTM-127] - UID must be a value for the maximum UID and enforce the ordering during comparison.
14. [JBTM-128] - warning with TransactionManager interface in JTS with external TM
15. [JBTM-130] - Validation of timeout values before calling the reaper
16. [JBTM-132] - Incorrect Uid values used in JTA/JTS XAResourceRecord
17. [JBTM-133] - Correct handling of one phase commit heuristics
18. [JBTM-135] - Null pointer exception in JCA XATerminator recover

19. [JBTM-139] - The JTA UserTransaction does not disassociate the transaction from the current thread if it has been terminated through the transaction reaper as a consequence of a timeout.
20. [JBTM-140] - The JTS UserTransaction raises the wrong exception if the transaction has been terminated through the transaction reaper as a consequence of a timeout.
21. [JBTM-152] - wsarjtx ba terminator uses the AT NotificationType instead of the wsarjtc NotificationType
22. [JBTM-154] - SOAP processor access should be serialised
23. [JBTM-157] - ParticipantRecord does not update _complete flag after calling coordinator driven complete
24. [JBTM-158] - WS-A 2005 invocations which return a null (202) response should copy the incoming message before executing on a background thread
25. [JBTM-163] - ENABLE_STATISTICS invalid reference in Programmers Guide
26. [JBTM-165] - webservice.xml for the XTS demo application should have QNames for the wsdl-port elements

Known issues

Issues that are known in this release are:

27. When running within the JBoss Application Server, there has been no attempt at modifications of either JBossMQ or JBossMessaging to make use of JBoss Transactions.
28. The Last Resource Commit Optimization is not supported by the JTS Transaction Manager when interposition is being used. The value of the property `com.arjuna.ats.jts.contextPropMode` must be set to `CONTEXT`.
29. There is an issue with Oracle 9.2 (and some older versions of Oracle 8) to do with transaction serializability. It is not possible to set the transaction isolation level to serializable on JDBC connections used in global (XA) transactions. Normally transaction isolation levels are set on a connection obtained from an XAConnection. However, if the isolation level is changed from the default (read committed) to serializable, Oracle throws an XAException (XAER_RMERR and OracleXAException code 24776) whenever XAResource.start is called (even if only on a single resource). As such, if you want to use Oracle you can only do so with the default isolation level. If you are using the Arjuna JDBC driver, this can be obtained by setting the property `com.arjuna.ats.jdbc.isolationLevel` to `TRANSACTION_READ_COMMITTED`. We are investigating other solutions to this issue. (Note, see `misc/oraclexa.java` for example code that illustrates the issue.)
30. The current OTS contains corrections to several errors in the `CosTransactions idl` which have yet to be fixed. Although these errors do not cause problems in several of the leading commercial ORBs we have had to impose our own corrections to the `CosTransactions idl` in order to get *JBossTS* to run on other, more OMG compliant ORBs. It is unlikely that the modifications we have made will correspond exactly to the final changes the OMG will make. The `CosTransactions.idl` and `ArjunaOTS.idl` files used in this document are idealised versions, i.e., how they should be if all ORBs worked correctly. You should always examine the idl files installed with your version of *JBossTS* to determine any differences.
31. In previous drafts of the OTS, there were several name clashes between interface names and variable names. These include, the variable names `coordinator` and `terminator` in the `TransIdentity` structure. These have been changed to `coord`

and `term`. However, the variable `current` (used in the same structure), which clashes with the `Current` interface, has not been changed; we have changed this to `currentTransaction`.

32. Several ORBs cannot cope with anonymous sequences, i.e., `sequence <octet> tid`. Therefore, several `typedefs` have been added to the `idl` specifically for these ORBs.
33. The JacORB POA has a minimum and maximum number of threads available to it in its thread pool to process invocations. These values are set in the `jacorb.properties` file as `jacorb.poa.thread_pool_max` and `jacorb.poa.thread_pool_min`. If these variables are not tailored to your application the POA can get into a state where it cannot process requests because the pool has been exhausted and the 'in-use' request processors are waiting to make invocations on the same POA. This has the same apparent affect as your application being deadlocked.
34. The trail map accompanying JBossTS does not work correctly if it is installed in a directory containing spaces.
35. When doing explicit interposition on JDBC/XA connections, the calling order should be:

```
begin()
registerTransaction()
getConnection()

close()
unregisterTransaction()
commit() / rollback()
```

If the `close()` is done after the `unregisterTransaction()`, Oracle will throw a `oracle.jdbc.xa.OracleXAException()` when the next transaction is started.

36. The XTS trailmap demo application generates warning messages on the application server console if it is run in JBoss 4.0.4GA or 4.0.5GA. These warnings do not affect the functionality of the demo application. The warning is:
[JSR109ServerMetaDataBuilder] Cannot obtain SEI mapping for: