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About This Guide

What This Guide Contains

The Error! Reference source not found. contains information describing the Loan Broker Scenario deployed with the JBoss ESB 4.0 Beta 1. The information in this document is meant to help understand how to use the ESB in a “real-world” scenario not unlike what many developers and architects might face in their day to day project work.

Note: For the beta release, we recommend that you use this manual in conjunction with the Programmers Guide, the user forum (http://www.jboss.com/index.html?module=bb&op=viewforum&f=246) and the javadocs associated with the code.

Audience

This guide is most relevant to engineers who are responsible for using JBoss ESB 4.0 Beta 1 installations and want to know how it relates to SOA and ESB principles.

Prerequisites

None.

Organization

This guide contains the following chapters:

Chapter 1, Scenario Overview: What is the “problem” we are applying the JBoss ESB against.
Chapter 2, How to Deploy: A step-by-step how-to deploy the trailblazer and run it.

Documentation Conventions

The following conventions are used in this guide:
### Formatting Conventions

| **Italic** | 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. |
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### Additional Documentation

In addition to this guide, the following guides are available in the JBoss ESB 4.0 Beta 1 documentation set:

1. **JBoss ESB 4.0 Beta 1 Programmer’s Guide:** Provides guidance for writing applications.
2. **JBoss ESB 4.0 Beta 1 Getting Started Guide:** Provides a quick start reference to configuring and using the ESB.
3. **JBoss ESB 4.0 Beta 1 Configuring Hypersonic Guide:** This is necessary for setting up the Hypersonic database if you want to use it within the trailblazer.

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Chapter 1

Scenario Overview

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The purpose of an ESB, as part of an SOA strategy and architecture, is to be the central command and control through which disparate applications communicate, publish, and ultimately consume data to and from the enterprise systems in an organization. It is also ideally suited to allow your in-house systems to communicate with your partners systems.

Now that we created the JBoss ESB 4.0 Beta 1 release, we needed a scenario, or a problem domain to address. A tool is only as good as the problem it solves the saying goes. With that in mind, we needed some sort of scenario which would allow you to easily see the features and capabilities of the JBoss ESB, and how it could aid you in your enterprise with your particular needs. One such scenario has already been documented and prototypes by other ESB vendors, because it is such an obvious scenario that anyone can relate to. The scenario is the Loan Broker, as described in the EAI Patterns website. Why come up with a different scenario? If it’s good enough for the EAI Patterns guys, it’s good enough for us as well.

The scenario in summary is the following:

A Loan Broker system is responsible for collecting Loan Requests from Customers and then forwarding those Requests to Banks for Processing. Once the Banks have processed those Requests, Quote Responses, if any from each of the banks is sent back to the Customer for their review, and hopefully for the bank’s sake, acceptance from the Customer.

The Loan Broker needs to collect the data required by each of the banks, log it, and then forward it to each of the banks using the communication protocol and data format that each bank expects to receive such data. Once the bank has decided to issue a Quote, the Loan Broker must receive the data, again in a unique format and communication protocol specified by each of the banks.

In a nutshell, the Loan Broker is required to: collect, transform, and ship data around to various systems; an ideal candidate for an ESB solution.

The JBoss ESB Beta 1 Trailblazer will have the following components:

- A JSr-181 Web Service endpoint – this is the “entry point” into the ESB
- a simulated set of Banks (2) which will receive and transmit data in 2 distinct format and communication channels.
- Communication protocols: JMS and File
• Data Formats: XML and flat file delimited
• For more detailed information on how the simulated Banks work, please look at the source code found in the source packages through SVN access. Remember please that the Banks are a simulation.

The diagram below shows the scenario provided in the Trailblazer:
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How to Deploy

Overview

Deploying and running the Trailblazer consists of the following steps:

1. Deploy the JBoss ESB 4.0 Beta 1 as per the Getting Started Guide
2. Configure the Loan Broker ESB Listeners and other property settings related to launching the Loan Broker process in your environment
3. Configure and deploy the simulated Bank application in your environment
4. Deploy the sample JSP page into your JBoss AS installation.

The configuration script

Run ant with the configure target (ant configure in the bankloanbrokerdemo directory). Using the answers supplied, the script automatically configures the following files:

- loanbroker.properties
- conf/LoanBrokerConfig.xml (this is the biggest win)
- banks/bank.properties

Sample output is shown below.

Buildfile: build.xml

compile-antx:

configure:

[input] This script will help you configure your local project for running the JBoss ESB LoanBroker Trailblazer. You can reconfigure the Trailblazer at any time by re-running this script.

[input] Press enter to start...

[input] Enter the host address of the JBoss Application Server on which your deployed JBoss ESB is running (for "localhost" simply press return):

[input] Enter the path to the root of your local JBoss Application Server Installation (required for access to JBoss libraries):
/tfennelly/home/jboss-4.0.4.GA

[input] The following questions will configure the email notification parameters required by the Trailblazer.

[input] Press enter to continue...

[input] Enter the SMTP Host Name (for "localhost" simply press return):
smtp.gmail.com

[input] Enter the SMTP Host Port (for "25" simply press return):

[input] Enter the SMTP User Name of your user account on "smtp.gmail.com":

tom.fennelly@gmail.com

[input] Enter the password associated with your SMTP User account "tom.fennelly@gmail.com":

xxxxxxxxxxx

[input] Is authentication of the SMTP User account "tom.fennelly@gmail.com" required by your SMTP host "smtp.gmail.com":(true,false)

true

[input] Enter the "From" address for email notifications from your user account "tom.fennelly@gmail.com" on "smtp.gmail.com":

tom.fennelly@gmail.com

filter-file:

[copy] Copying 1 file to
/home/tfennelly/JBoss/ESB/product/docs/samples/trailblazer/bankloanbrokerdemo

filter-file:

[copy] Copying 1 file to
/home/tfennelly/JBoss/ESB/product/docs/samples/trailblazer/bankloanbrokerdemo
/conf

filter-file:

[copy] Copying 1 file to
/home/tfennelly/JBoss/ESB/product/docs/samples/trailblazer/bankloanbrokerdemo
/banks

[input] That's it, the Trailblazer is now configured! You can reconfigure the Trailblazer at any time by re-running this script.

[input] Press enter to finish...

BUILD SUCCESSFUL

Total time: 1 minute 56 seconds

Deploying the JBoss ESB

Please see the Getting Started Guide for more information on how to do this.
Loan Broker ESB-TrailBlazer Configuration

Some general notes on settings in the cong/LoanBrokerConfig.xml file:

- Uses a JMS “message selector” property for each of the various listeners. Listeners will only accepts JMS messages which have the correct message selector specified in it’s `listenMsgSelector` property.
- Uses Queues A/B/C/D provided out of the box by the default JBoss AS installation.
- Notifications take place at the App. Server, so the URI properties set must be visible and are relative to your JBoss AS server instance.
- As per the Getting Started Guide, JBoss ESB 4.0 Beta 1 requires EJB3.

Deploying the Trailblazer

1. Deploy the sample web page and web service client end-point to your JBoss AS installation:
   - `<Trailblazer_HOME> ant deploy`
2. Run the LoanBroker Listener process:
   - `<Trailblazer_HOME> ant runListener`
3. Run the simulation Banks:
   - `<Trailblazer_HOME>/banks run “ant runFileBank” and “ant runJMSBank”`
Execute the Loan Broker Web Application

Open a browser and navigate to http://localhost:8080/loanbroker.

Click “submit loan request”. The browser will display

Request was submitted

Fill out another request
General notes on deploying and running the Trailblazer:

- Assumes you have JBoss AS deployed on the default port 8080 – if different, alter the url in step 4 above
- Assumes you have ANT/bin directory in your PATH