

# JBoss Portal 2.6.7

## Quickstart User Guide

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# JBoss Portal - Overview

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Welcome Register

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**Current users**

No logged-in user

**Unbound Opportunity...**

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Many IT organizations look to achieve a competitive advantage for the enterprise by improving business productivity and reducing costs. Today's top enterprises are realizing this goal by deploying enterprise portals within their IT infrastructure. Enterprise portals simplify access to information by providing a single source of interaction with corporate information. Although today's packaged portal frameworks help enterprises launch portals more quickly, only JBoss® Portal can deliver the benefits of a zero-cost open source license, combined with a flexible and scalable underlying platform.

JBoss Portal provides an open source and standards-based environment for hosting and serving a portal's Web interface, publishing and managing its content, and customizing its experience. It is entirely standards-based, and supports the JSR-168 Portlet Specification [1], which allows you to easily plug-in standards-compliant portlets to meet your specific portal needs. JBoss Portal is available through the business-friendly LGPL [2] open source license, and is supported by JBoss Enterprise Middleware Professional Support and Consulting [3]. JBoss support services are available to assist you in designing, developing, deploying, and ultimately managing your portal environment. JBoss Portal is currently developed by JBoss Enterprise Middleware developers, and community contributors.

[1] <http://www.jcp.org/en/jsr/detail?id=168>

[2] <http://jboss.com/opensource/lgpl/faq>

[3] <http://www.jboss.com/services/index>

The JBoss Portal framework and architecture include the portal container, and support a wide range of features, including standard portlets, single sign-on, clustering, and internationalization. Portal themes and layouts are configurable. Fine-grained security administration -- down to portlet permissions -- rounds out the security model.

**JBoss Portal Resources:**

1. JBoss Portal Home Page [4]
2. Forums: User [5] | Design [6] | WSRP [7]
3. Wiki [8]
4. PortletSwap.com Portlet Exchange [9]
5. Our Roadmap [10]

The JBoss Portal team encourages you to use this guide to install and configure JBoss Portal. If you encounter any configuration issues or simply want to take part in our community, we would love to hear from you in our forums.

[4] <http://labs.jboss.com/jbossportal>

[5] <http://www.jboss.org/index.html?module=bb&op=viewforum&f=215>

[6] <http://www.jboss.org/index.html?module=bb&op=viewforum&f=205>

[7] <http://jboss.org/index.html?module=bb&op=viewforum&f=232>

[8] <http://www.jboss.com/wiki/Wiki.jsp?page=JBossPortal>

[9] <http://www.portletswap.com>

[10] <http://jira.jboss.com/jira/browse/JBPORTAL?report=com.atlassian.jira.plugin.system.project:roadmap-panel>

## Tutorial Forward

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Welcome to the JBoss Portal Quickstart tutorial. In this tutorial, you will:

- Download and unzip the JBoss Portal bundle
- Execute the JBoss Portal
- Interact with the default portal
- Create and edit content in the JBoss Portal
- Manage the JBoss Portal
- Add a new portlet to the JBoss Portal

Before we get started, a couple of notes about this tutorial:

- For those that are not familiar with portals or portlets, please start with this article on portals: <http://java.sys-con.com/read/131819.htm>
- This guide is not intended to show all of the features of JBoss Portal. The intention is to show how to use the basic functionality of JBoss Portal. There is also a user guide and reference guide that will assist you with further use of JBoss Portal.
- This guide was created with JBoss Portal 2.6.2. This guide is expected to be forward compatible with future versions of Portal (although the screenshots may vary slightly).
- JBoss Portal is platform independent, but this guide was developed using a Linux-based platform. This guide should work equally well for Unix/Linux/Windows installations because JBoss Portal is 100% Pure Java. Obviously, you may need use the run.bat instead of run.sh and use forward slashes instead of backslashes, etc.

## Installation

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### 2.1. Downloading and Installing

The JBoss Portal bundle contains everything needed to execute JBoss Portal with the exception of Java itself. The JBoss Application Server in the JBoss Portal bundle requires either JDK 1.5 or JDK 1.4. If you do not have one of these on the machine that JBoss Portal will be running on, please download it here: [http://java.sun.com/javase/downloads/index\\_jdk5.jsp](http://java.sun.com/javase/downloads/index_jdk5.jsp). Once you have Java installed, you are ready to download the JBoss Portal bundle. The following link has the list of downloads for JBoss Portal: <http://labs.jboss.com/portal/jbossportal/download> [2]. Download the "JBoss Portal + JBoss AS" bundle by clicking the "Download" link on the right of the page. From here, you will need to unzip it to your machine (Note: If you do not have a ZIP utility, please go to this link to get it: <http://sourceforge.net/projects/sevenzip> [3]). Once you have unzipped it, you should have a directory structure with the following folders under, jboss-portal-2.6.2-GA:

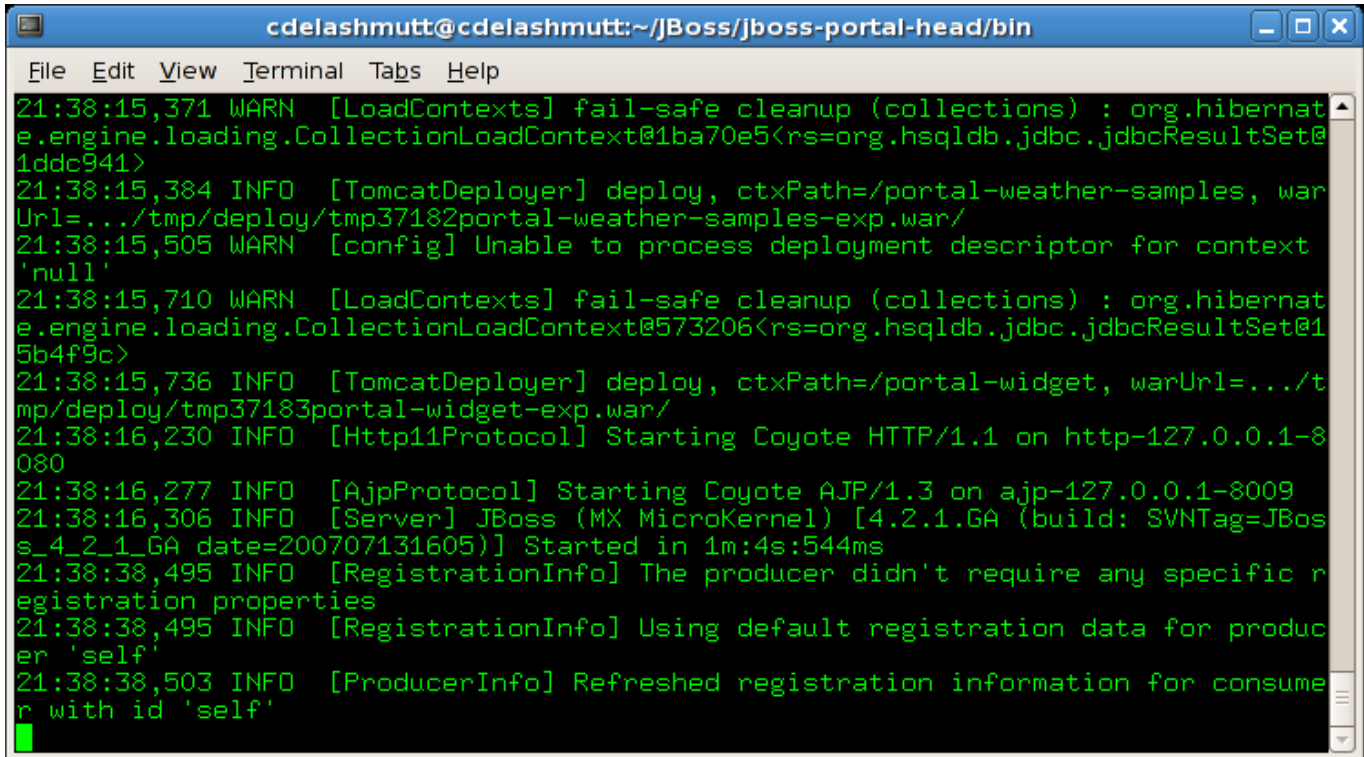
- **bin** - Contains the startup/shutdown commands for the JBoss Portal
- **client** - Contains client libraries
- **docs** - Contains documentation for the JBoss Portal
- **lib** - Contains libraries
- **server** - Contains JBoss Application Server configuration and the jboss-portal.sar file in the "deploy" directory

### 2.2. Starting JBoss Portal

Go to the bin directory and double click on the run.sh (or run.bat). A command window should come up displaying the startup messages for JBoss Portal (Figure 1).

[2] <http://labs.jboss.com/jbossportal/download>

[3] <http://sourceforge.net/projects/sevenzip/>

A screenshot of a terminal window titled "cdelashmutt@cdelashmutt:~/JBoss/jboss-portal-head/bin". The terminal displays a series of log messages from the JBoss Portal startup process. The messages include warnings about fail-safe cleanup, deployment of "portal-weather-samples" and "portal-widget" WAR files, and information about starting Coyote HTTP/1.1 and AJP/1.3 protocols. The server is identified as JBoss (MX MicroKernel) [4.2.1.GA] and started in 1m:4s:544ms. The logs also mention registration and producer/consumer information.

```
cdelashmutt@cdelashmutt:~/JBoss/jboss-portal-head/bin
File Edit View Terminal Tabs Help
21:38:15,371 WARN [LoadContexts] fail-safe cleanup (collections) : org.hibernate.engine.loading.CollectionLoadContext@1ba70e5<rs=org.hsqldb.jdbc.jdbcResultSet@1ddc941>
21:38:15,384 INFO [TomcatDeployer] deploy, ctxPath=/portal-weather-samples, warUrl=.../tmp/deploy/tmp37182portal-weather-samples-exp.war/
21:38:15,505 WARN [config] Unable to process deployment descriptor for context 'null'
21:38:15,710 WARN [LoadContexts] fail-safe cleanup (collections) : org.hibernate.engine.loading.CollectionLoadContext@573206<rs=org.hsqldb.jdbc.jdbcResultSet@15b4f9c>
21:38:15,736 INFO [TomcatDeployer] deploy, ctxPath=/portal-widget, warUrl=.../tmp/deploy/tmp37183portal-widget-exp.war/
21:38:16,230 INFO [Http11Protocol] Starting Coyote HTTP/1.1 on http-127.0.0.1-8080
21:38:16,277 INFO [AjpProtocol] Starting Coyote AJP/1.3 on ajp-127.0.0.1-8009
21:38:16,306 INFO [Server] JBoss (MX MicroKernel) [4.2.1.GA (build: SVNTag=JBoss_4_2_1_GA date=200707131605)] Started in 1m:4s:544ms
21:38:38,495 INFO [RegistrationInfo] The producer didn't require any specific registration properties
21:38:38,495 INFO [RegistrationInfo] Using default registration data for producer 'self'
21:38:38,503 INFO [ProducerInfo] Refreshed registration information for consumer with id 'self'
```

Figure 1: Portal console

**Note**

If the database tables do not exist, you may see a lot of messages the first time the portal runs and it creates the tables. This is not an error.

Now, bring up your web browser and go to the following URL: <http://localhost:8080/portal> . You should see the default page for JBoss Portal (Figure 2).

JBossPortal

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Figure 2. Default page for the JBoss Portal.



## Portal Terminology

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JBoss Portal is made up of portals, portal containers, portal pages, and portlets. What are these things? Here are some definitions:

- **Portal:** Hosts the presentation layer for personalization, single sign on and content aggregation.
- **Portlet Container:** A Portal can host multiple portlet containers and each portlet container has its own runtime environment.
- **Portal Page:** Aggregation of portlets, organized and displayed on a single page.
- **Portlet:** A portlet is a Java technology based web component, managed by a portlet container, that processes requests and generates dynamic content.
- **Portlet Instance:** A portlet instance can be placed on multiple pages and will show the same state.

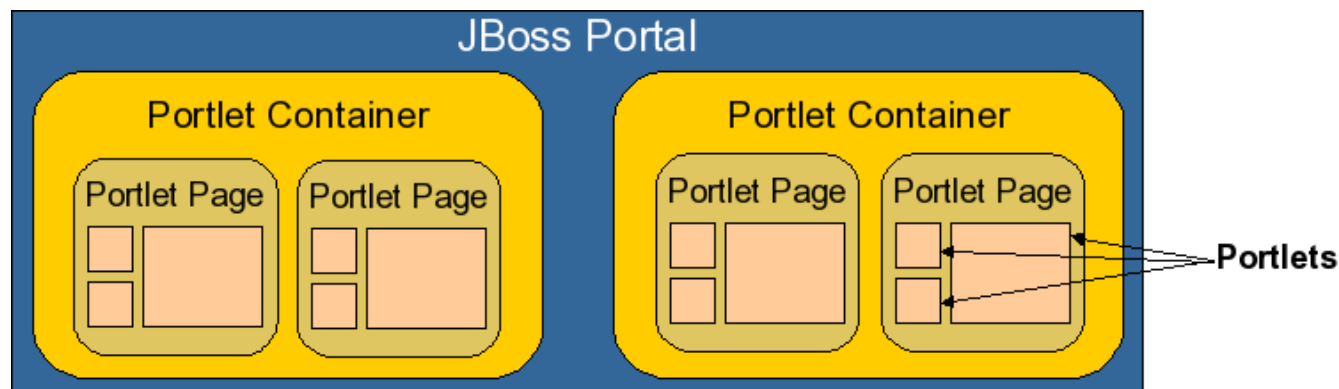


Figure 3. Portal Definition Diagram.

Now let's look at that default portal page again with these terms in mind (Figure 4).



Figure 4. The default portal page with components highlighted.

Now we see that the default portal we are looking at has five portal pages, and the default portal page has three portlets on it (greetings, user, and content view). In addition, we see that each portlet window is made up of decorations/controls and a portlet fragment (the content view does not have any decoration/controls). Each portlet can represent some fragment of information that you want to present to users. By having multiple portlets on a portal page, we can aggregate information from the portlets into a single browser window.

## Interaction with the Portal

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### 4.1. Window States

Each portlet in the portal page can be interacted with individually. Let's interact with a couple of portlets, and see the results. Click on the minimize icon on the "Greeting" portlet. The portlet is then minimized (Figure 5):

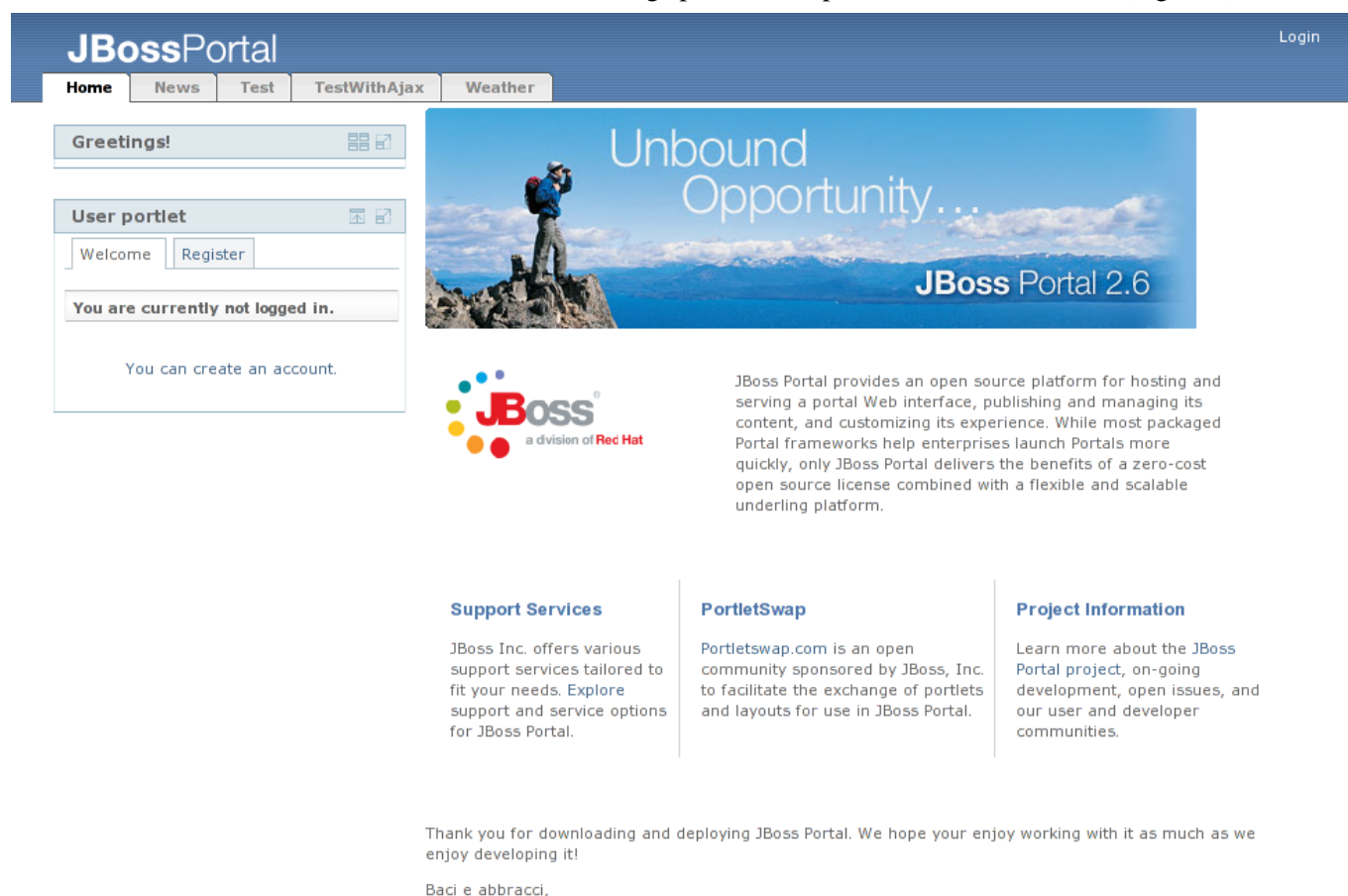


Figure 5. Default page with portlet minimized.

Click on the maximize button for that same portlet, and it now takes the entire page (Figure 6). Click on the "resize" icon to return the portlet to its starting size.

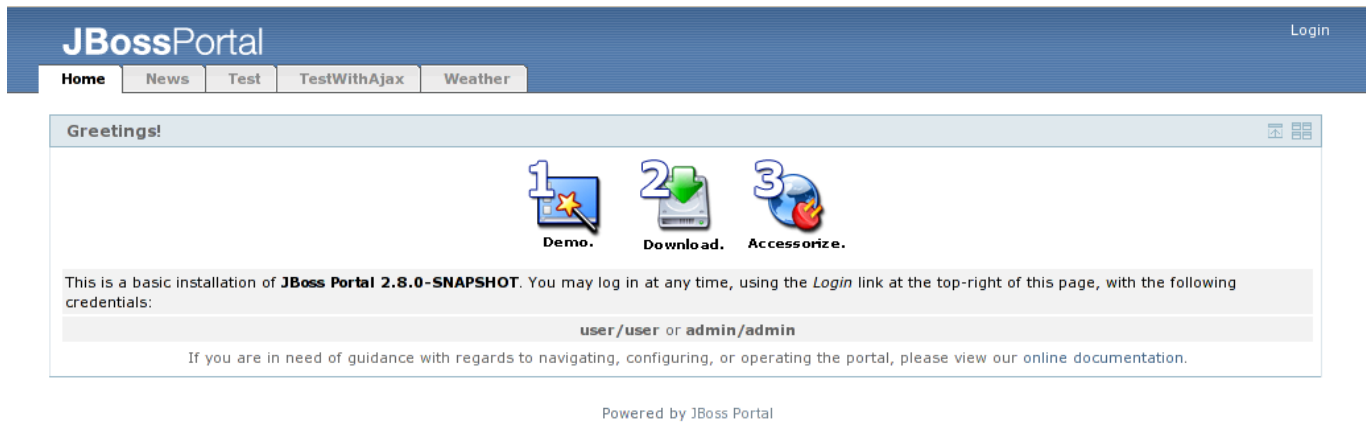


Figure 6. Portal with portlet maximized.

## 4.2. User Creation

Let's create a user for the portal. Click on the "Register" tab in the user portlet. The basic create user view now shows in the user portlet. Enter the information as shown in Figure 7 (password is starter). Once you have clicked "Submit" button, the user creation confirmation screen will show up (Figure 8). Validate the user information and then click on the "Submit" button to finish the creation of the new user.

The screenshot shows the 'User portlet' with the 'Register' tab selected. The 'Basic user information' form contains the following fields:

- Username \*: starter
- E-Mail \*: user@portal.com
- Password \*: [masked]
- Confirm Password \*: [masked]


Below the form, it states: '\* indicates a required field.' There are 'Submit' and 'Cancel' buttons at the bottom of the form.

To the right of the form, there are three sections:

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At the bottom of the page, it says 'Powered by JBoss Portal'.


Figure 7. The Create user view in the user portlet.




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**User portlet**

Welcome
Register

**Confirmation**

Username starter

E-Mail user@portal.com

Password \*\*\*\*\*

Edit
Submit
Cancel

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Figure 8. The user creation confirmation view.

This example models a user enrolling themselves in the portal security repository, and at this point the user could login and would have the default security role for the portal. Administrators can also control user administration from the Admin portion of the portal for more advanced user enrollment options. This will be covered in a later section.

## 4.3. Administrator Login

Now, click "Login". The login page will show (Figure 9). Log in with username and password of "admin"

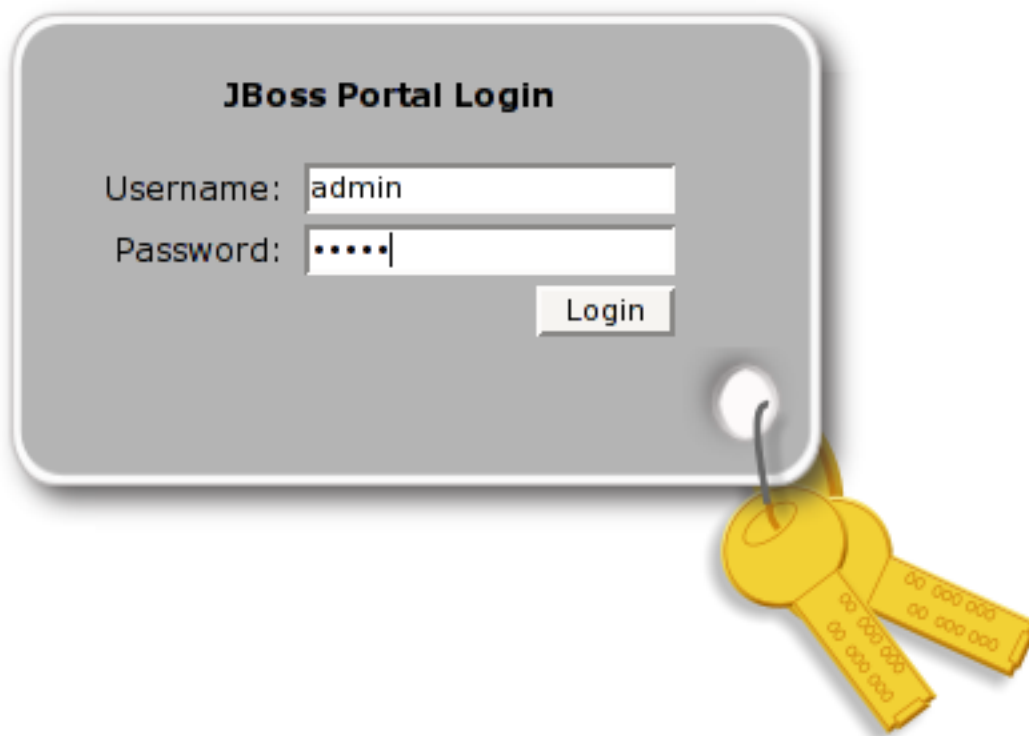


Figure 9. Portal login page.

Click "Login", and the portal will now show us a link to the Admin portal (top-right) (Figure 10).

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Home News Test TestWithAjax Weather

Logged in as: admin

Dashboard **Admin** Logout

**Greetings!**

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**User portlet**

View profile Edit profile

**View profile**

Username: admin  
E-Mail: admin@portal.com

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Figure 10. default portal page for administrator.

## 4.4. Content Management

Now that we are logged in, there is a portal page available for the content management and portal administration. Click on the "Admin" link, and then on the "CMS" tab. The CMS Admin portal page displays (Figure 11).

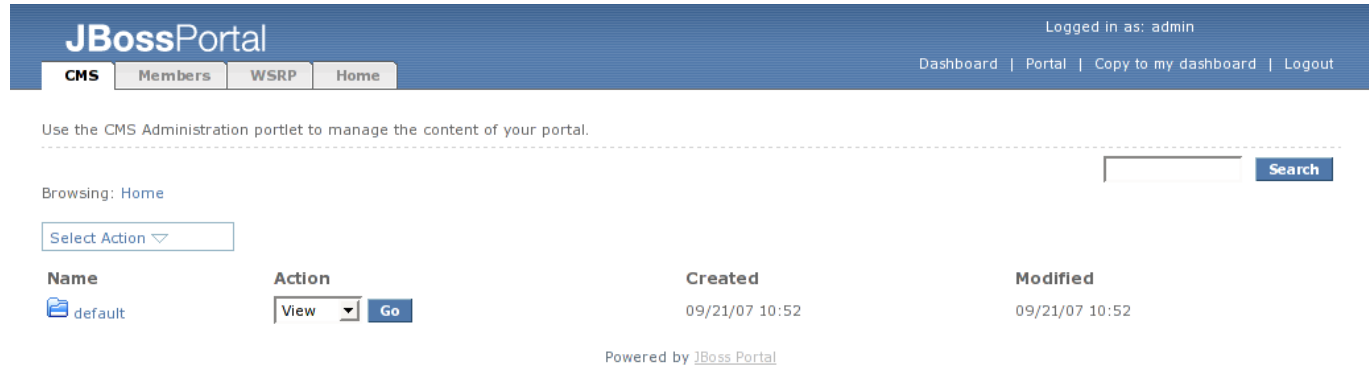


Figure 11. CMS Admin portal page.

The content management portlet allows users to create/delete files and folders, edit text/HTML files, and batch upload files. These files are then viewable through the content view portlet. HTML files can refer to other HTML files through the directory structure in the CMS. Different groups or departments in an organization can have their own area (directory structure) for the files/HTML pages they want to share on the Portal. Let's batch upload a set of HTML pages with images and style sheets. Mouse-over the "Select Action" dropdown menu, and click on the upload archive link. The upload archive view shows (Figure 12).

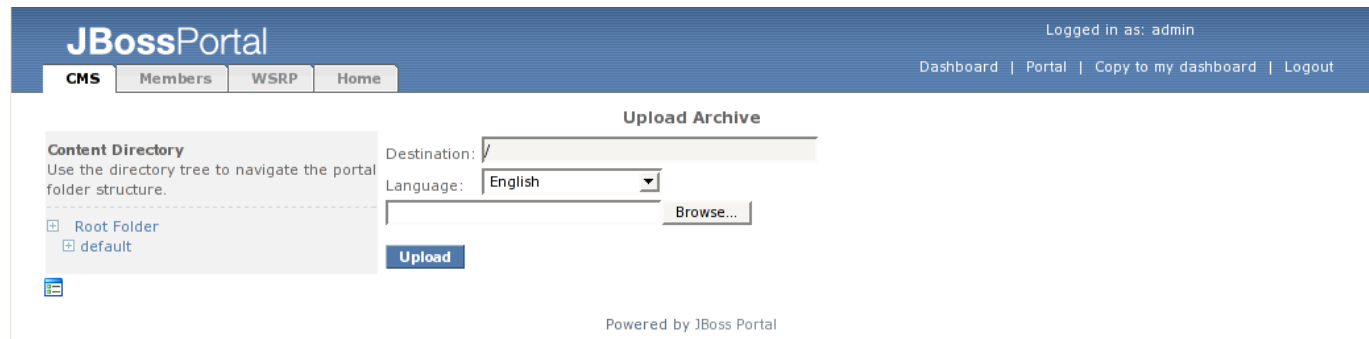


Figure 12. Upload Archive view.

### Note

Please use the quickstart.zip for the batch upload. You may also download it from here [1] .

You can choose the destination folder for the upload by selecting a folder from the tree control on the left side of the portlet. Then you can select the language of the files being uploaded from the drop down list. Finally, click "Browse" to find the file you want to upload (Figure 13).

[1] <http://docs.jboss.org/jbportal/v2.6/quickstartuser/quickstart.zip>

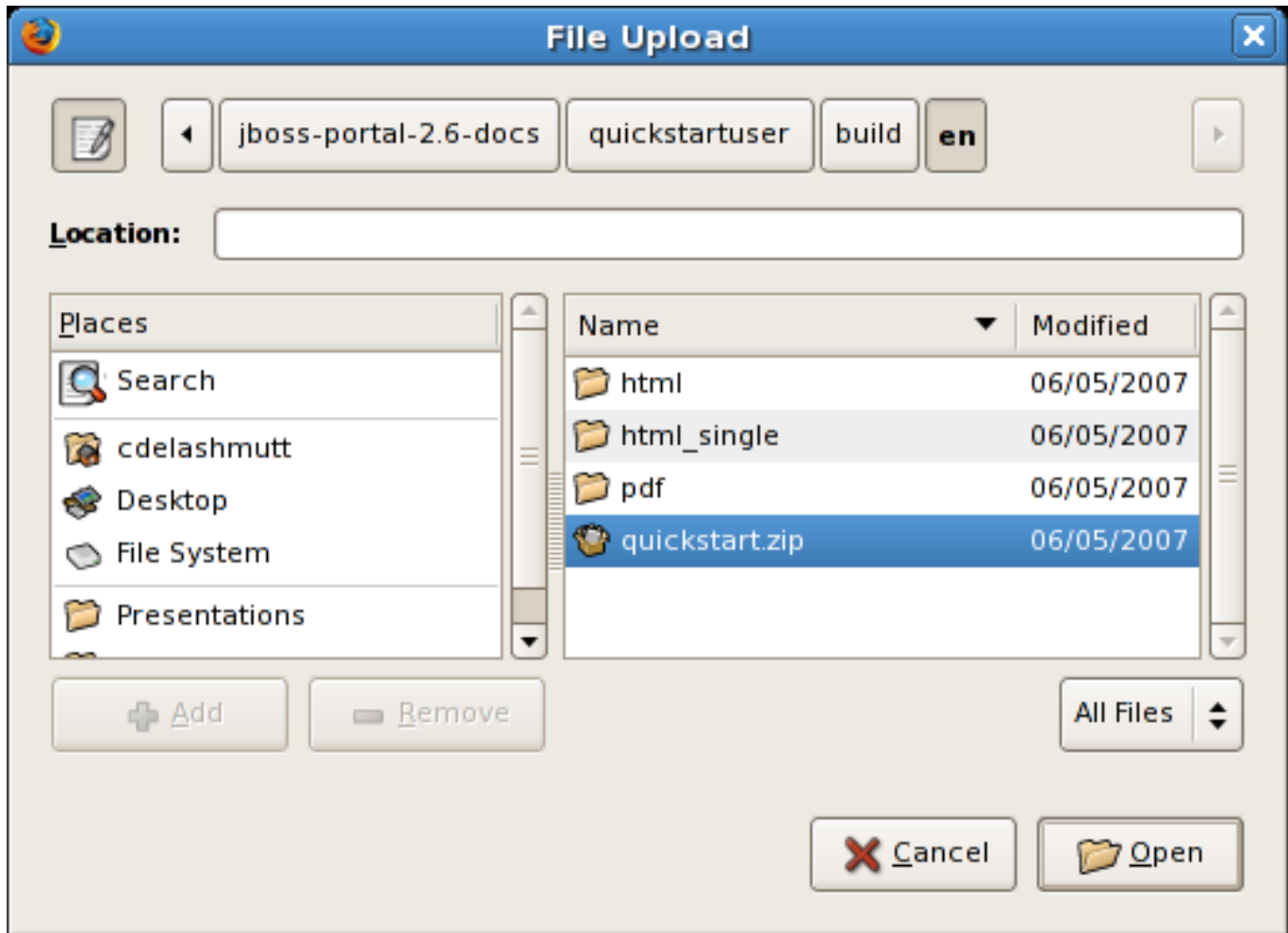


Figure 13. Choose file to batch upload.

Click on the quickstart.zip that you downloaded earlier (see note above) and select "Open". Finally, click the "Upload" button. The quickstart.zip file will be uploaded, extracted into the content repository, and the files and directories will now appear in the content management structure (see the new "quickstart" directory in Figure 14). This process may take a minute.

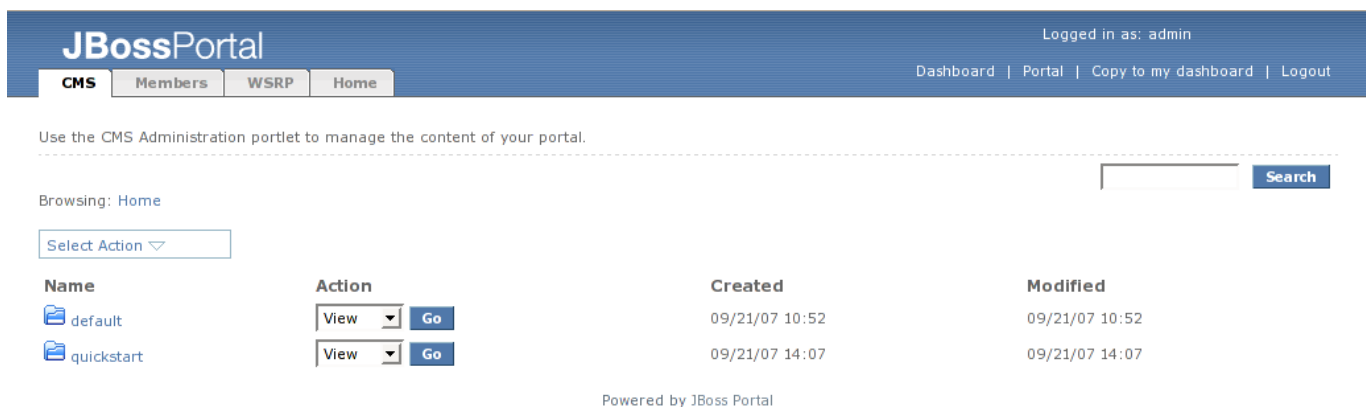


Figure 14. New quickstart directory shows in content management repository.

Click on the quickstart link to see the HTML files and sub-directories that were uploaded (Figure 15). Click on the "Home" link from the breadcrumbs at the top of the portlet to return to the top directory of the content manager repository (back to Figure 14).



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Logged in as: admin

Dashboard | Portal | Copy to my dashboard | Logout

Use the CMS Administration portlet to manage the content of your portal.

Browsing: Home > quickstart

Select Action ▾

Name	Action	Created	Modified
images	View ▾ Go	09/21/07 14:07	09/21/07 14:07
css	View ▾ Go	09/21/07 14:07	09/21/07 14:07
portalterminology.html	View ▾ Go	09/21/07 14:07	09/21/07 14:07
overview.html	View ▾ Go	09/21/07 14:07	09/21/07 14:07
interaction.html	View ▾ Go	09/21/07 14:07	09/21/07 14:07
installation.html	View ▾ Go	09/21/07 14:07	09/21/07 14:07
index.html	View ▾ Go	09/21/07 14:07	09/21/07 14:07
deployportlet.html	View ▾ Go	09/21/07 14:07	09/21/07 14:07
fin.html	View ▾ Go	09/21/07 14:07	09/21/07 14:07
forward.html	View ▾ Go	09/21/07 14:07	09/21/07 14:07

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Figure 15. HTML files and sub-directories that were uploaded into quickstart directory shows in content management repository.

Let's edit the default page to contain a link to our new pages. Clicking on the default link, we can see two directories, as well as three HTML files (Figure 16).

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Logged in as: admin

Dashboard | Portal | Copy to my dashboard | Logout

Use the CMS Administration portlet to manage the content of your portal.

Browsing: Home > default

Select Action ▾

Name	Action	Created	Modified
images	View ▾ Go	09/21/07 10:52	09/21/07 10:52
private	View ▾ Go	09/21/07 10:52	09/21/07 10:52
index.html	View ▾ Go	09/21/07 10:52	09/21/07 10:52
project.html	View ▾ Go	09/21/07 10:52	09/21/07 10:52
support.html	View ▾ Go	09/21/07 10:52	09/21/07 10:52

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Figure 16. Default directory listing.

Click on the index.html link. The file browser will show the versions of this file (Figure 17).

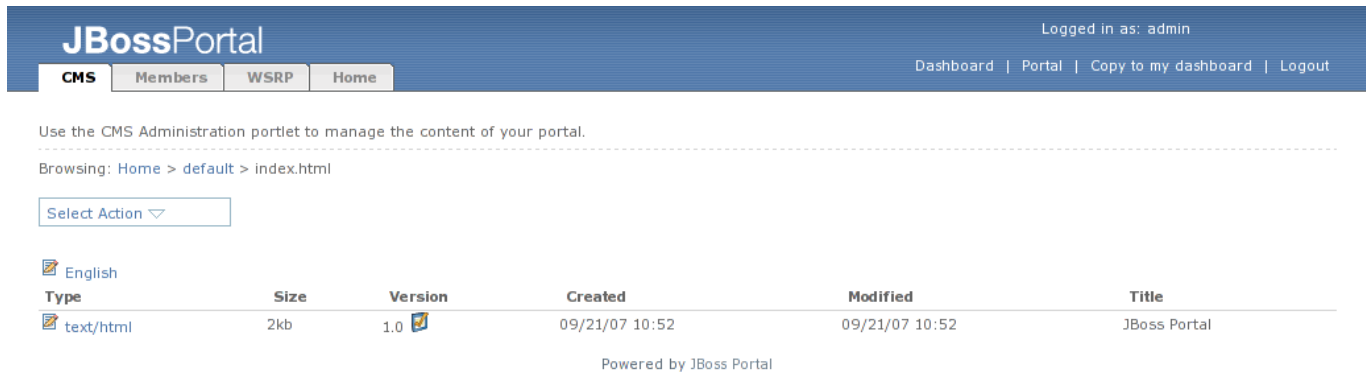


Figure 17. Version view for index.html.

To edit this HTML file, click on the "text/html" link. The WYSIWYG editor view will appear (Figures 18). Click on the maximize icon in the upper right corner of the WYSIWYG editor if needed to make the editor portlet take up the entire page. Note: The WYSIWYG editor is dependent on browser. Some browsers show a box to enter HTML.

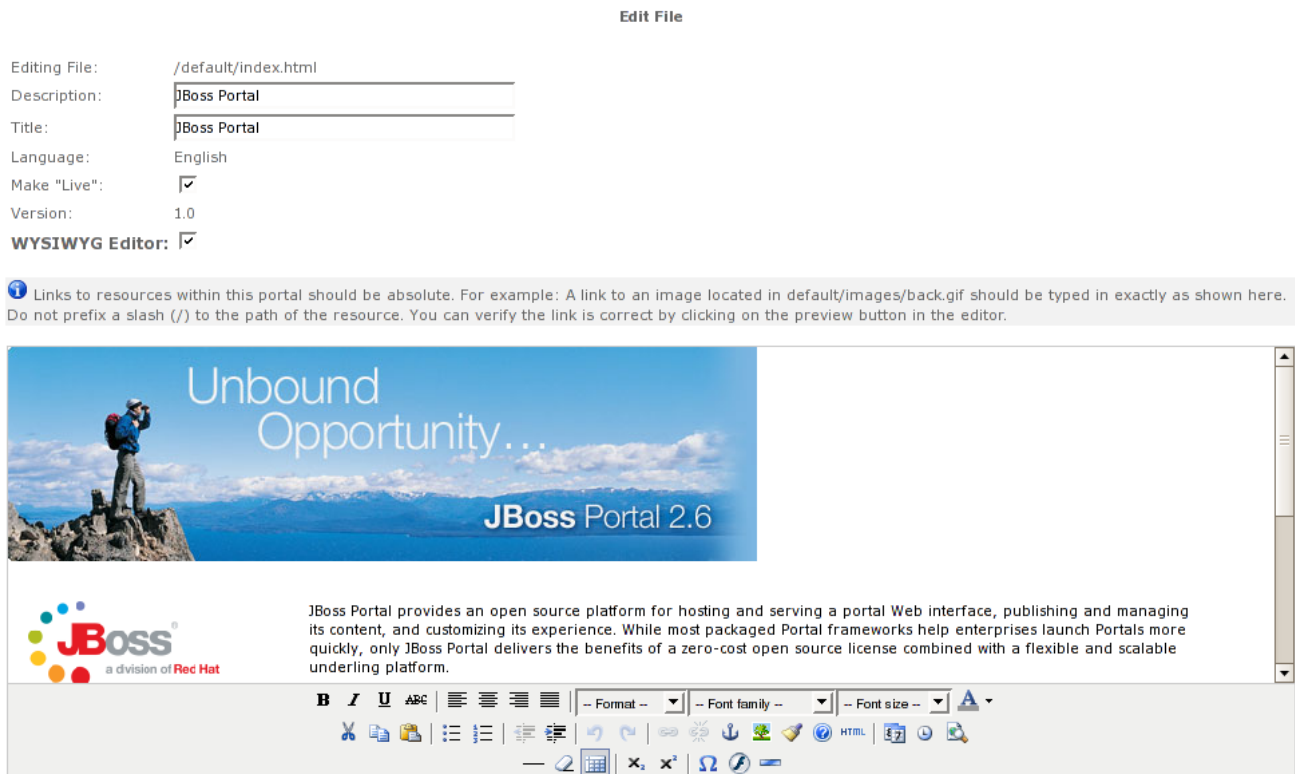


Figure 18. Content editor view.

HTML pages can be edited through this view. Let's change this page to point to our uploaded pages. Change the section title next to the PortletSwap table cell from "Project Information" to "Quickstart Guide" and change the text following the heading to be "Click here to see the Quickstart guide for JBoss Portal.". The updated text is in Figure 19.

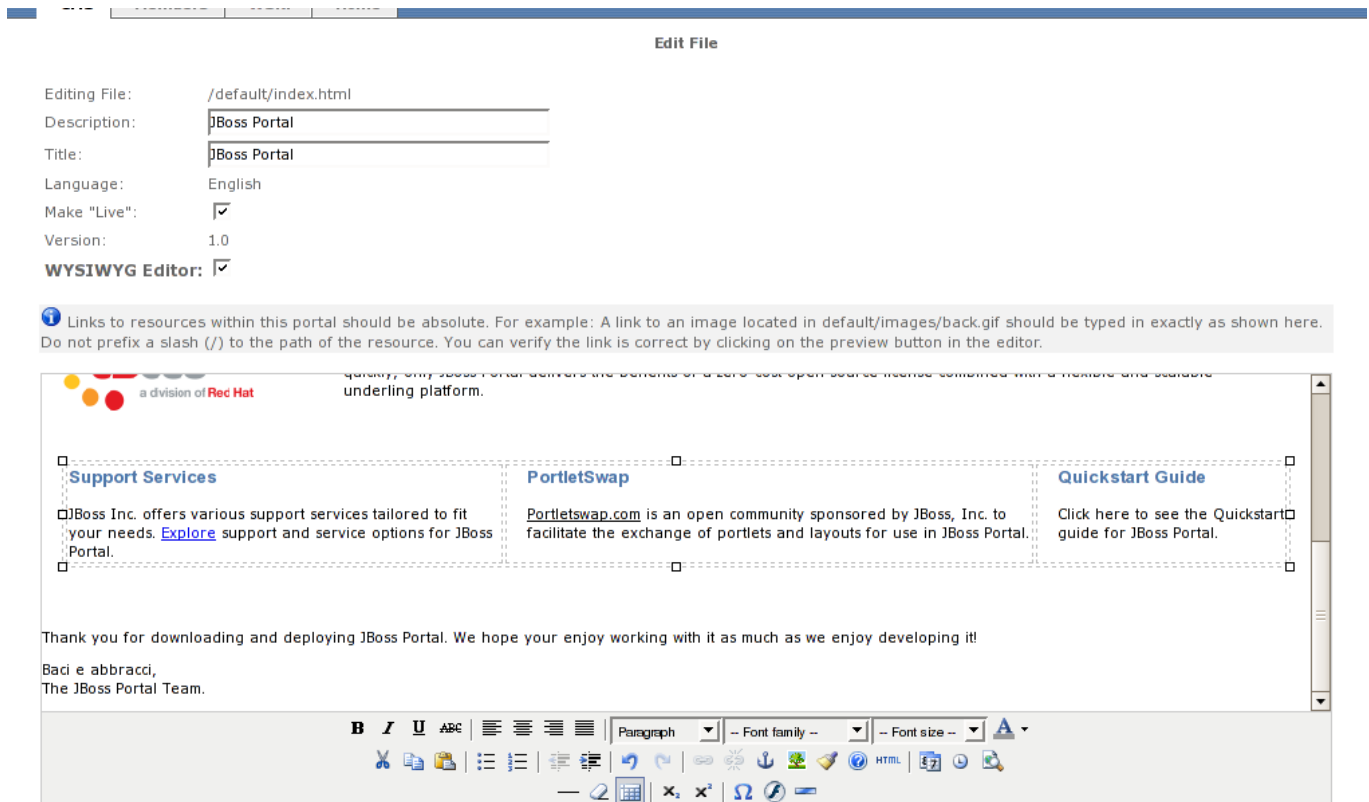


Figure 19. Updated text in HTML page.

Now let's create the link that will point to the index.html page in the quickstart directory. Select the "Click here" text under Portal Documentation, then on the edit link button (it looks like a chain). The insert/edit link window appears. Change the Link URL to "quickstart/index.html" (Figure 20).

General    Popup    Events    Advanced

**General properties**

Link URL

Anchors  ▼

Target  ▼

Title

Class  ▼

**Update** **Cancel**

Figure 20. Insert/edit link window with updated link URL

Click "Insert" button to create the link. Then click "Create" button at the bottom of the portlet window to create the new version of the HTML file. The CMS Administration view shows again with the new 1.1 version shown (Figure 21). The check icon next to the version number shows this is the live version.

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**CMS**    Members    WSRP    Home    [Dashboard](#) | [Portal](#) | [Copy to my dashboard](#) | [Logout](#)

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Browsing: [Home](#) > [default](#) > [index.html](#)

Select Action ▼

Type	Size	Version	Created	Modified	Title
text/html	2kb	1.0	09/21/07 10:52	09/21/07 10:52	JBoss Portal
text/html	2kb	1.1	09/21/07 14:15	09/21/07 14:15	JBoss Portal

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Figure 21. File browser with new version of index.html.

Click on the "Portal" link in the upper right corner of the browser page to see the changes we have made. The content view portlet shows the updated version of the index.html page we edited above (Figure 22).



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**User portlet**

View profile Edit profile

View profile

Username: admin  
E-Mail: admin@portal.com

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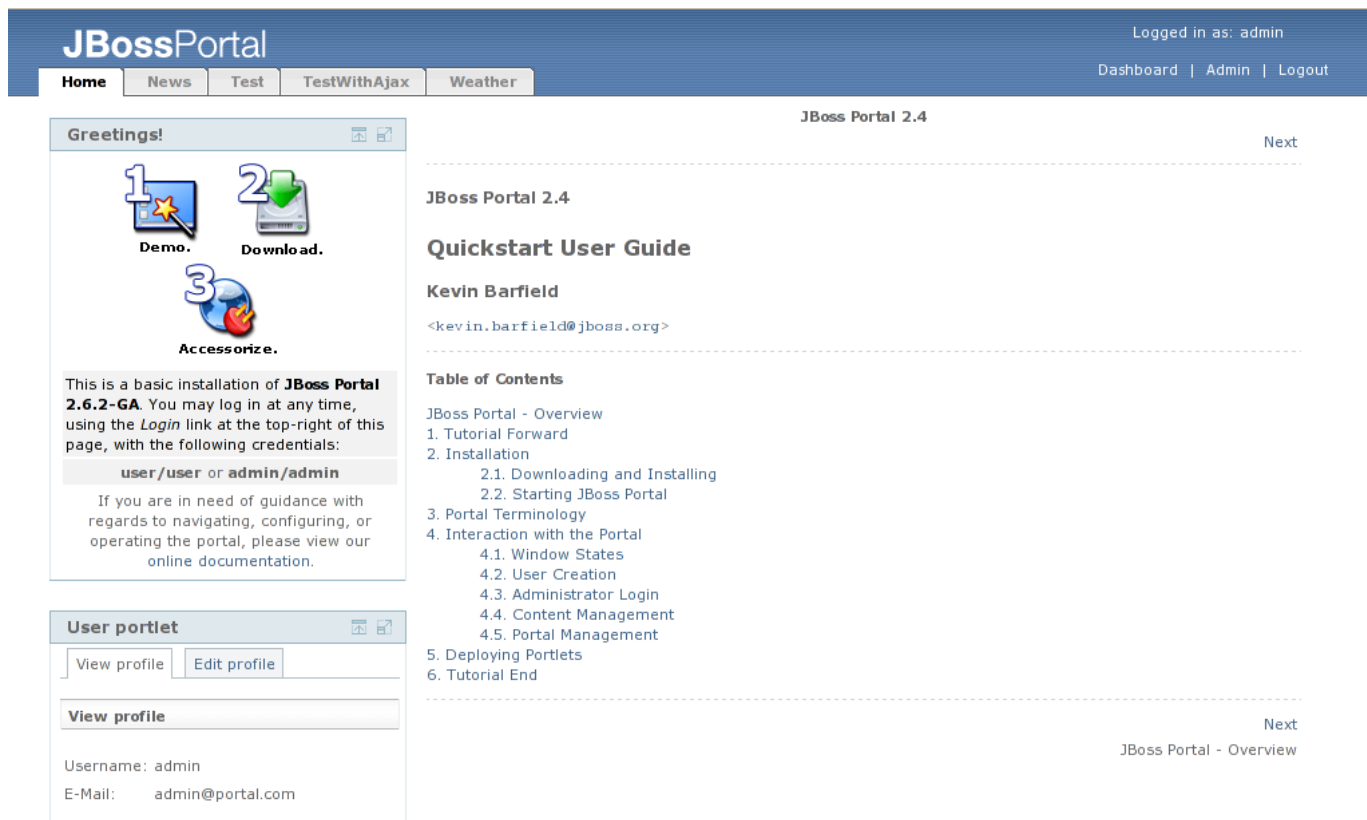
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The JBoss Portal Team

Figure 22. Content view portlet with the updated default page.

Click on the "Click here" link that was updated to go to the new uploaded content (Figure 23).



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Figure 23. Content view portlet with docs page shown.

The links on the quickstart HTML page that you uploaded will go to the other pages that were uploaded to the content repository with it. Try them out to see for yourself.

## 4.5. Portal Management

Click on the Admin link in the upper right of the browser page. From this Admin Portal, you should have access to the CMS, Members, WSRP and Portal management interfaces. (Figure 24).

The screenshot shows the JBossPortal Admin Portal interface. At the top, there's a header with the JBossPortal logo and a login status 'Logged in as: admin'. Below the header, there are tabs for 'CMS', 'Members', 'WSRP', and 'Home'. The 'Portal Objects' tab is selected, showing a sub-navigation bar with 'Portal Objects', 'Portlet Instances', 'Portlet Definitions', and 'Dashboards'. The main content area is titled 'Portals' and includes a 'Manage portals' section. There's a 'Create a portal named:' input field with a 'Create portal' button. Below this, a table lists existing portals: 'admin', 'default', and 'template'. Each portal has a set of actions: 'Security', 'Properties', 'Theme', 'Delete', and 'Make Default'. At the bottom right, there's a link to 'Switch to wizard mode' and a footer that says 'Powered by JBoss Portal'.

Figure 24. Admin portal page.

Click the "Members" tab to access the member management page. Click on the "Search users" link to see all of the users currently enrolled in the portal security repository (Figure 25).

The screenshot shows the JBossPortal Admin Portal interface with the 'Members' tab selected. The header shows 'Logged in as: admin' and navigation links for 'Dashboard', 'Portal', 'Copy to my dashboard', and 'Logout'. The 'Members' tab is active, showing a sub-navigation bar with 'User Management' and 'Role Management'. The 'User Management' section is expanded, showing a 'Search users' form with a search button and a dropdown menu. Below the search form, a table lists users: 'admin', 'starter', and 'user'. The table has columns for 'Username', 'E-Mail', 'Firstname', 'Lastname', 'Enabled', and 'Actions'. The 'starter' user is highlighted. At the bottom right, there's a link to 'Switch to wizard mode' and a footer that says 'Powered by JBoss Portal'.

Figure 25. User portlet with user list view.

The starter user we created is shown in the list. Click on the "Roles" link next to the starter user to see the available roles (Figure 26).

The screenshot shows the JBossPortal interface. The top navigation bar includes 'CMS', 'Members', 'WSRP', and 'Home'. The user is logged in as 'admin'. The breadcrumb trail is 'User Management > Assign roles > starter'. Below this, there are checkboxes for 'Administrators' (unchecked) and 'Users' (checked). At the bottom right, there are 'Submit' and 'Cancel' buttons.

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Figure 26. User portlet with available roles view.

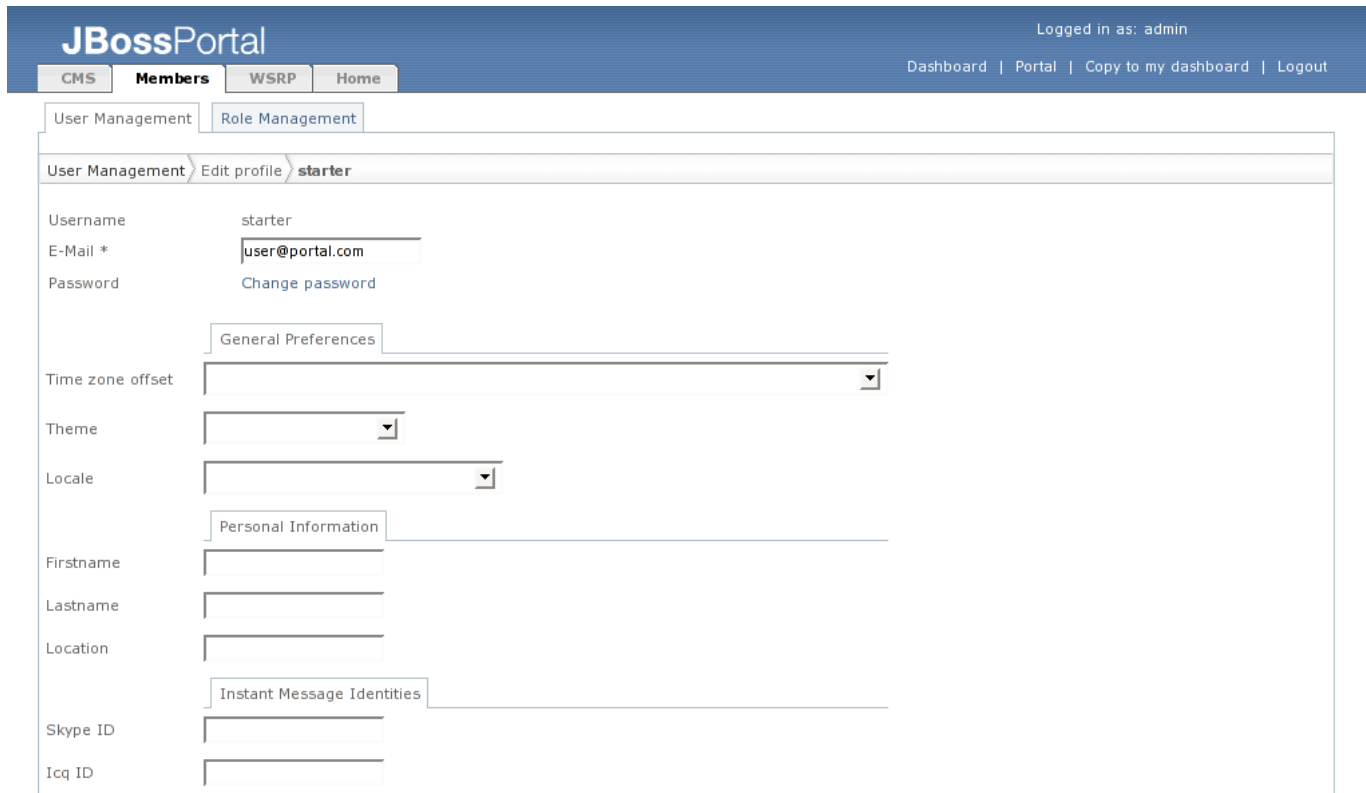
Add the "Administrators" role to this user by checking the check box next to the "Administrators" label. Click the "Submit" button to apply the new role to the user. This brings us back to the main User Management view (Figure 27).

The screenshot shows the JBossPortal interface. The top navigation bar includes 'CMS', 'Members', 'WSRP', and 'Home'. The user is logged in as 'admin'. The breadcrumb trail is 'User Management > Role Management'. Below this, there are links for 'Search users' and 'Create new user account'. A 'Matrix' section shows 'Registered users' as 3. A 'Subscription Modes' section shows 'Subscription mode' and 'Admin subscription mode' both set to 'Automatic - no e-mail validation, no admin approval.' At the bottom right, there are 'Submit' and 'Cancel' buttons.

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Figure 27. User portlet menu view.

Now let's look at the user profile for the starter user. Click on "Search Users" again to get back to the user result list, and then click on the "Edit user" link next to the starter user. The user profile view appears (Figure 28).

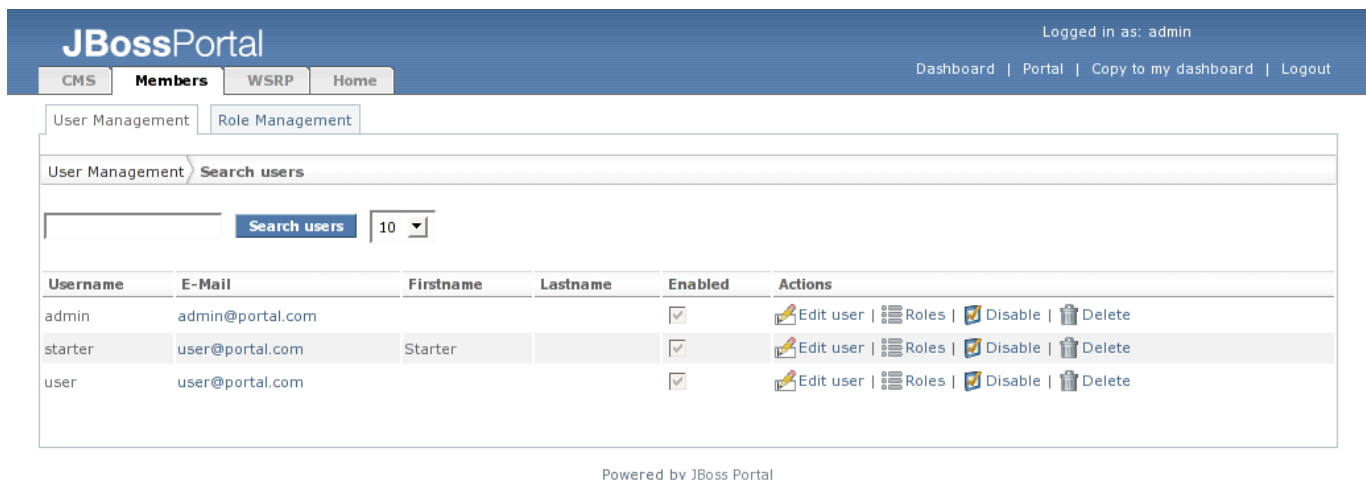


The screenshot shows the JBossPortal user profile view. The top navigation bar includes 'CMS', 'Members', 'WSRP', and 'Home'. The user is logged in as 'admin'. The 'User Management' tab is active, and the 'Edit profile' sub-tab is selected for the user 'starter'. The profile form contains the following fields:

- Username:** starter
- E-Mail \*:** user@portal.com
- Password:** Change password
- General Preferences:**
  - Time zone offset:** [Dropdown menu]
  - Theme:** [Dropdown menu]
  - Locale:** [Dropdown menu]
- Personal Information:**
  - Firstname:** [Text input]
  - Lastname:** [Text input]
  - Location:** [Text input]
- Instant Message Identities:**
  - Skype ID:** [Text input]
  - Icq ID:** [Text input]

Figure 28. User profile view.

This shows all of the fields available in the user profile. Under the "Personal Information" section, enter the first name of "Starter" and click the "Submit" button at the bottom of the page. The user list is redisplayed with the updated first name for the "starter" user (Figure 29).



The screenshot shows the JBossPortal user search results. The top navigation bar is the same as in Figure 28. The 'User Management' tab is active, and the 'Search users' sub-tab is selected. A search bar with the text 'Search users' and a dropdown menu set to '10' is visible. Below the search bar is a table of users:

Username	E-Mail	Firstname	Lastname	Enabled	Actions
admin	admin@portal.com			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Edit user   Roles   Disable   Delete
starter	user@portal.com	Starter		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Edit user   Roles   Disable   Delete
user	user@portal.com			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Edit user   Roles   Disable   Delete

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Figure 29. User search results with updated user first name.

Now, let's explore the management portlet, by clicking on the "Home" tab. This portlet shows a view of the portals, portal pages and portlet instances (Figure 30).



JBossPortal

Logged in as: admin

Dashboard | Portal | Logout

CMS Members WSRP Home

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**Portals**

Manage portals

Properties

Manage sub-portals

Create a portal named:  **Create portal**

Portal	Actions
admin	Security   Properties   Theme   Delete   Make Default
default	Security   Properties   Theme   Delete   Default
template	Security   Properties   Theme   Delete   Make Default

Switch to wizard mode

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Figure 30. Management portlet page view.

Let's create a new portal page. Click on the "default" portal link in the "Portals" list at the bottom of the page. In the resulting view, enter "Starter" in the text field next to the "Create a page named:" label. Your portal page view should match the following figure (Figure 31).

JBossPortal

Logged in as: admin

Dashboard | Portal | Logout

CMS Members WSRP Home

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Portals **default portal**

Manage default portal

Security | Properties | Theme | Delete

Manage sub-pages within default portal

Create a page named:  **Create page**

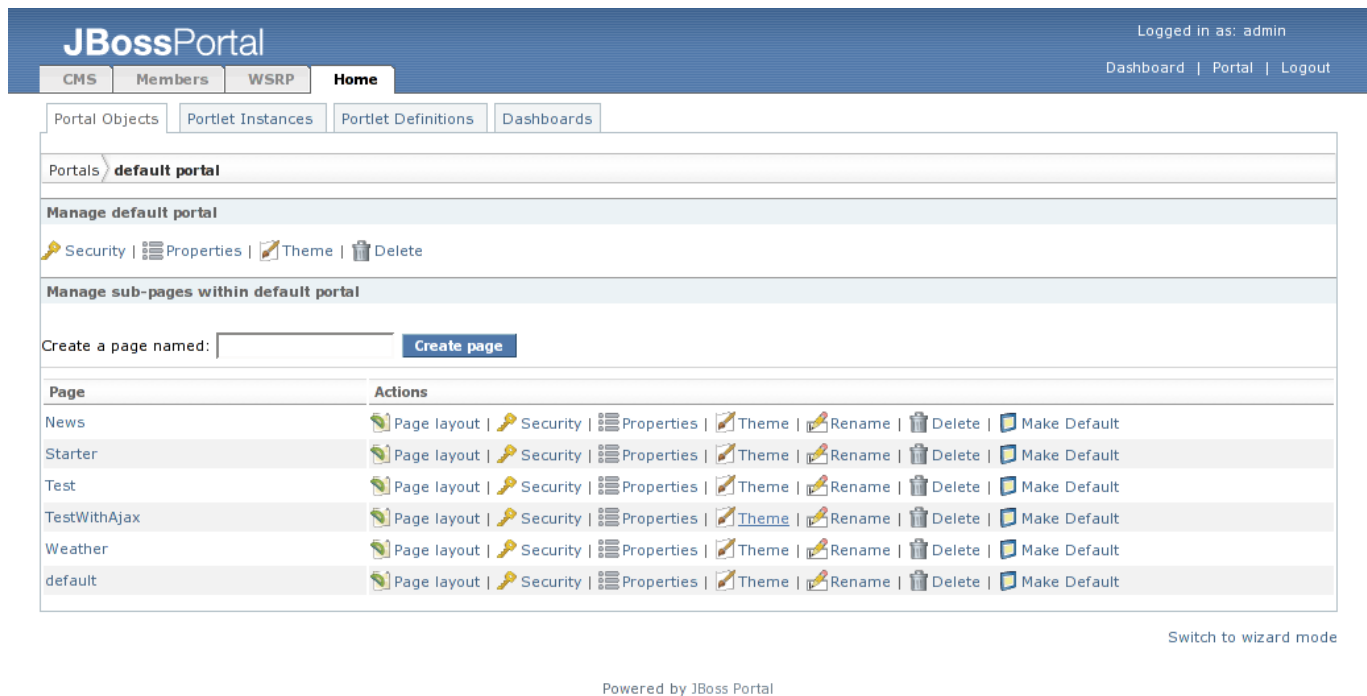
Page	Actions
News	Page layout   Security   Properties   Theme   Rename   Delete   Make Default
Test	Page layout   Security   Properties   Theme   Rename   Delete   Make Default
TestWithAjax	Page layout   Security   Properties   Theme   Rename   Delete   Make Default
Weather	Page layout   Security   Properties   Theme   Rename   Delete   Make Default
default	Page layout   Security   Properties   Theme   Rename   Delete   Make Default

Switch to wizard mode

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Figure 31. Management portlet add page view.

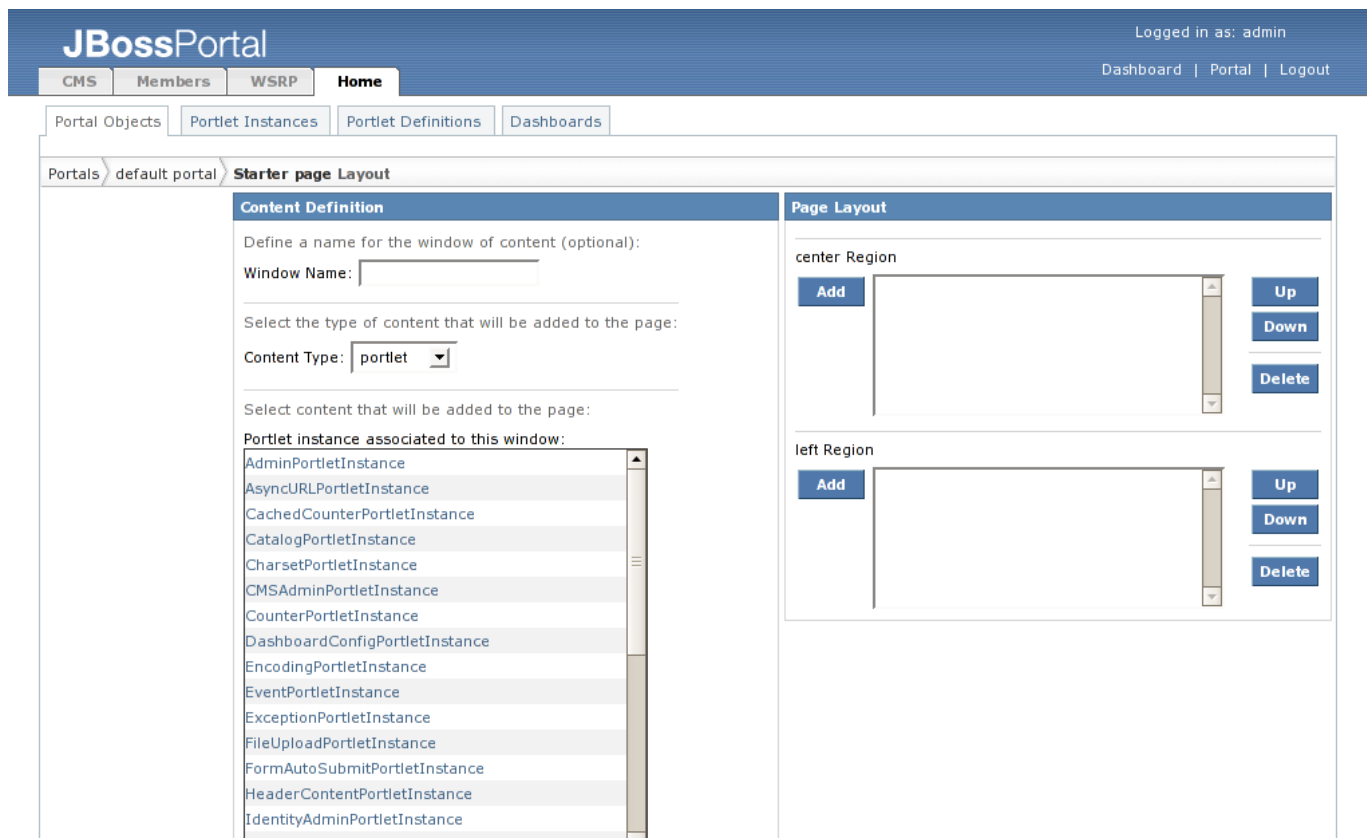
Click the "Create Page" button to create the new page. We now see the "Starter" page in the list of portal pages (Figure 32).



The screenshot shows the JBossPortal management console. The top navigation bar includes 'CMS', 'Members', 'WSRP', and 'Home'. The user is logged in as 'admin'. The main content area is titled 'default portal' and contains a 'Manage default portal' section with links for 'Security', 'Properties', 'Theme', and 'Delete'. Below this is a 'Manage sub-pages within default portal' section with a 'Create a page named:' form and a 'Create page' button. A table lists existing pages: News, Starter, Test, TestWithAjax, Weather, and default. Each page has a set of actions: 'Page layout', 'Security', 'Properties', 'Theme', 'Rename', 'Delete', and 'Make Default'. The 'Starter' page is highlighted. At the bottom right, there is a 'Switch to wizard mode' link and a 'Powered by JBoss Portal' footer.

Figure 32. Starter portal page has been added.

Now let's add some portlet instances to the portal page. Click on "Page layout" link of the "Starter" entry in the Management Portlet, and the details for that portal page are shown (Figure 33).



The screenshot shows the JBossPortal management console for the 'Starter page Layout'. The left pane, titled 'Content Definition', contains a 'Window Name' field, a 'Content Type' dropdown set to 'portlet', and a list of 'Portlet instance associated to this window'. The right pane, titled 'Page Layout', shows two regions: 'center Region' and 'left Region'. Each region has an 'Add' button, a list of portlets, and 'Up', 'Down', and 'Delete' buttons. The 'center Region' currently contains one portlet instance, and the 'left Region' is empty.

Figure 33. Management portlet for Starter portal page.

First, let's add a weather portlet. It's a good idea to give the new portlet window a name instead of relying on the portal to generate one for you, so enter "weather" in the "Window Name" field. The weather portlet is a JSR-168 portlet, so we can leave the "Content Type" drop-down set to "portlet". In the list labeled "Portlet instance associ-

ated to this window:", select the "WeatherPortletInstance" portlet instance. You can verify that you have the proper portlet instance selected by viewing the details that show up below the Portlet Instance list at the bottom of the portlet (Figure 34).

**Content Definition**

Define a name for the window of content (optional):  
 Window Name:

Select the type of content that will be added to the page:  
 Content Type:

Select content that will be added to the page:  
 Portlet instance associated to this window:

- AdminPortletInstance
- AsyncURLPortletInstance
- CachedCounterPortletInstance
- CatalogPortletInstance
- CharsetPortletInstance
- CMSAdminPortletInstance
- CounterPortletInstance
- DashboardConfigPortletInstance
- EncodingPortletInstance
- EventPortletInstance
- ExceptionPortletInstance
- FileUploadPortletInstance
- FormAutoSubmitPortletInstance
- HeaderContentPortletInstance
- IdentityAdminPortletInstance
- IdentityUserPortletInstance
- WeatherPortletInstance

Portlet instance: WeatherPortletInstance  
 Portlet name: Weather Portlet  
 Portlet description: Portlet providing weather forecast  
 Portlet title: Weather Portlet  
 Portlet keywords: sample,news

**Page Layout**

center Region

Add Up Down Delete

left Region

Add Up Down Delete

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Figure 34. Choosing the "WeatherPortletInstance" portlet instance from the list.

Scroll up to the list box that is labeled "center Region". Click the "Add" button to the left of that list box. The "weather" portlet instance is now shown under the "center Region" (Figure 35).

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Portals > default portal > Starter page Layout

**Content Definition**

Define a name for the window of content (optional):  
Window Name:

Select the type of content that will be added to the page:  
Content Type:

Select content that will be added to the page:  
Portlet instance associated to this window:

- AdminPortletInstance
- AsyncURLPortletInstance
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- CharsetPortletInstance
- CMSAdminPortletInstance
- CounterPortletInstance
- DashboardConfigPortletInstance
- EncodingPortletInstance
- EventPortletInstance
- ExceptionPortletInstance
- FileUploadPortletInstance
- FormAutoSubmitPortletInstance
- HeaderContentPortletInstance
- IdentityAdminPortletInstance

**Page Layout**

center Region

Add weather Up Down Delete

left Region

Add Up Down Delete

Figure 35. Weather portlet instance is added.

Let's change the theme for the weather portlet window we just added so that the weather portlet window doesn't display any decorations. Just below the "Portal Objects" tab near the top of the page is a breadcrumbs list that shows us we are in the "Portals" management section, in the "default" portal, and in the "Starter" page layout. Each of the elements in the breadcrumbs list is a link that will allow you to navigate back to other portal components. Click on the "Starter page" link in the breadcrumbs. In the resulting view under the "Manage windows within Starter page" section, click on the "theme" action link next to the "weather" window. Let's set the Window Renderer, Decoration Renderer, and Portlet Renderer to "emptyRenderer" (Figure 36).

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Dashboard | Portal | Logout

CMS Members WSRP Home

Portal Objects Portlet Instances Portlet Definitions Dashboards

Portals > default portal > Starter page > weather window Theme

**Window theme properties**

Name	Description	Setting
Window Renderer	Name of the render engine to use to render windows	emptyRenderer
Decoration Renderer	Name of the render engine to use to render window decorations	emptyRenderer
Portlet Renderer	Name of the render engine to use to render portlets	emptyRenderer

Cancel Update

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Figure 36. Theme details for the weather portlet instance.

Click the "Update" button to apply the theme changes. Finally, let's take a look at security in the Management Portlet. Click on the "Starter page" link in the breadcrumbs below the "Portal Objects" tab. Next click the "Security" link just under the "Manage Starter page" section title, and the list of available roles and actions is shown for the

"Starter" portal page.(Figure 37).

**JBossPortal** Logged in as: admin  
Dashboard | Portal | Logout

CMS Members WSRP **Home**

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Portals > default portal > **Starter page Security**

**Please set the page permissions**

Roles	Permissions
Role Administrators:	<input type="checkbox"/> View <input type="checkbox"/> View Recursive <input type="checkbox"/> Personalize <input type="checkbox"/> Personalize Recursive
Role Users:	<input type="checkbox"/> View <input type="checkbox"/> View Recursive <input type="checkbox"/> Personalize <input type="checkbox"/> Personalize Recursive
Role Unchecked:	<input type="checkbox"/> View <input type="checkbox"/> View Recursive <input type="checkbox"/> Personalize <input type="checkbox"/> Personalize Recursive

**Update** **Cancel**

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Figure 37. Security for the "Starter" portal page.

Let's take a look at the Starter portal page we created. Click on the "Portal" link, and then the "Starter" tab at the top to go to the "Starter" portal page (Figure 38).

**JBossPortal** Logged in as: admin  
Dashboard | Admin | Copy to my dashboard | Logout

Home News Test TestWithAjax Weather **Starter**

Miami, FL, US

Currently	Thu	Fri
Partly Cloudy 82F	Isolated Thunderstorms 76F/89F	Thundershowers 77F/88F

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Figure 38. The Starter portal page.

## Deploying Portlets

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Let's add a portlet from Portletswap to the JBoss Portal we have running. Open a browser to the following URL: <http://www.portletswap.com> [1] (Figure 39).

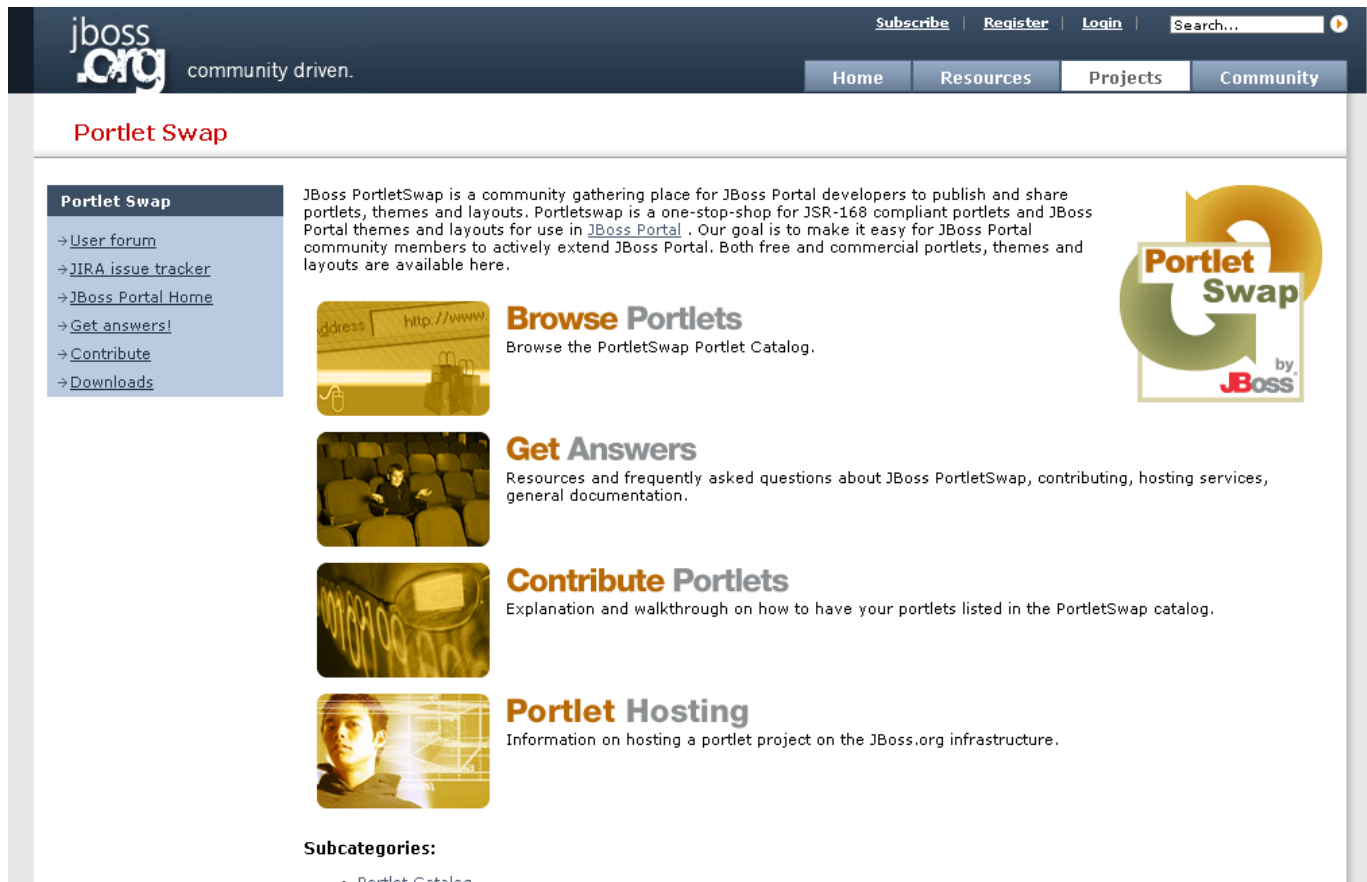



Figure 39. Portletswap website

Click on the "Browse Portlets" link to see the categories of portlets available (Figure 40).

[1] <http://www.portletswap.com>


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### PortletSwap Portlet Catalog - Main

This is the main category for the JBoss Portlet Swap catalog. Here you will find a community-maintained exchange of portlets and themes/layouts. Although the portlets are all JSR-168 compliant (unless otherwise noted), JBoss Portal deployment descriptors are included for ease-of-pluggability to this portal framework. Many of the themes and layouts are specific for use in JBoss Portal, however.

You can find further information about JBoss Portal [here](#).

Name	Description	Browse
<a href="#">Tutorial Portlets</a>	These portlets are linked from our JBoss Portal documentation and provide a template for developers when starting out in portlet development.	<a href="#">Browse</a>
<a href="#">Framework Portlets</a>	Portlets implementing common web frameworks, such as AJAX, JSF, Spring, Tapestry, and Seam. Portlets in this category are meant as examples for developers.	<a href="#">Browse</a>
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<a href="#">Miscellaneous Portlets</a>	Portlet bundles that do not fit under any specific category. (RSS Feeds, IFrame, Flash, etc...)	<a href="#">Browse</a>

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Figure 40. Portlet categories on portletswap.

Click on the Miscellaneous Portlets browse link to see a list of portlets (Figure 41).

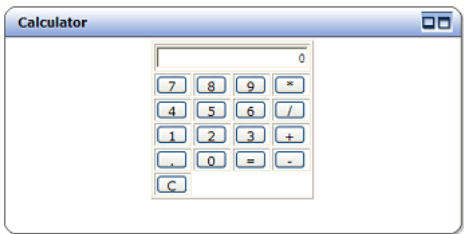
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### PortletSwap Portlet Catalog - Miscellaneous Portlets

Portlet bundles that do not fit under any specific category. (RSS Feeds, IFrame, Flash, etc...)

**Calculator Portlet**  
  
License      LGPL  
Compatibility JSR168. Preconfigured for JBoss Portal 2.2+, 2.4+  
Description    A ui-based calculator.  
Download      [Zip](#) | [SVN](#)



**Flash Portlet**  
  
License      LGPL  
Compatibility JSR168. Preconfigured for JBoss Portal 2.2+, 2.4+  
Description    allows for a user-defined url pointing to a Flash (.swf) movie to be displayed and sized within a portlet window.  
Download      [Zip](#) | [SVN](#)

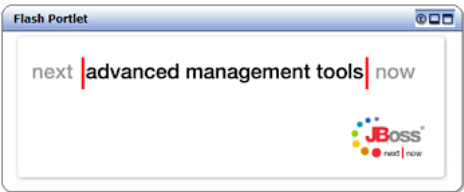


Figure 41. List of portlets on portletswap.

Click on the "Zip" link below the description for the Flash Portlet. The download dialog will appear (Figure 42).

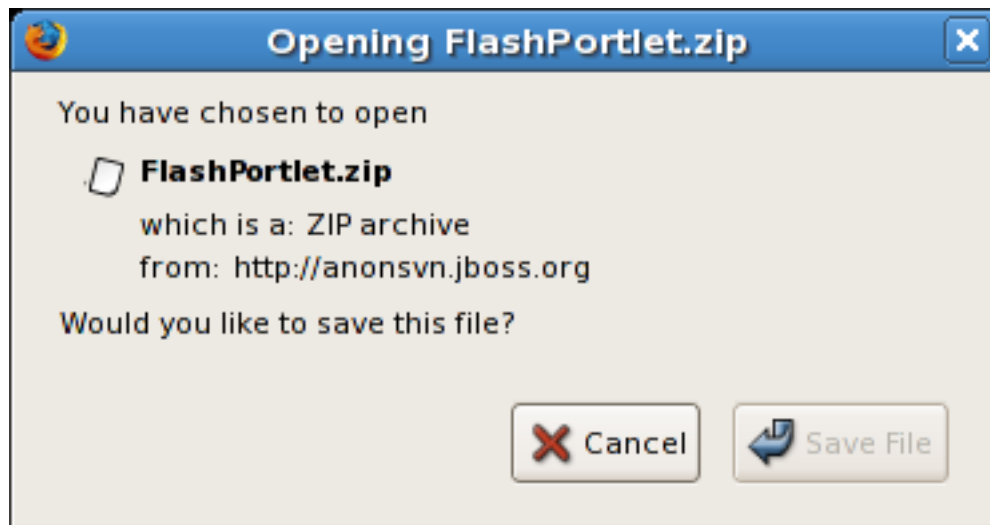


Figure 42. Download dialog.

This ZIP file contains both the binary and the source for the portlet. Open the zip and extract the flash.war file. Place this file in the \$JBOSS\_HOME/server/default/deploy directory. The console for the JBoss Portal will show the portlet being deployed (Figure 43).

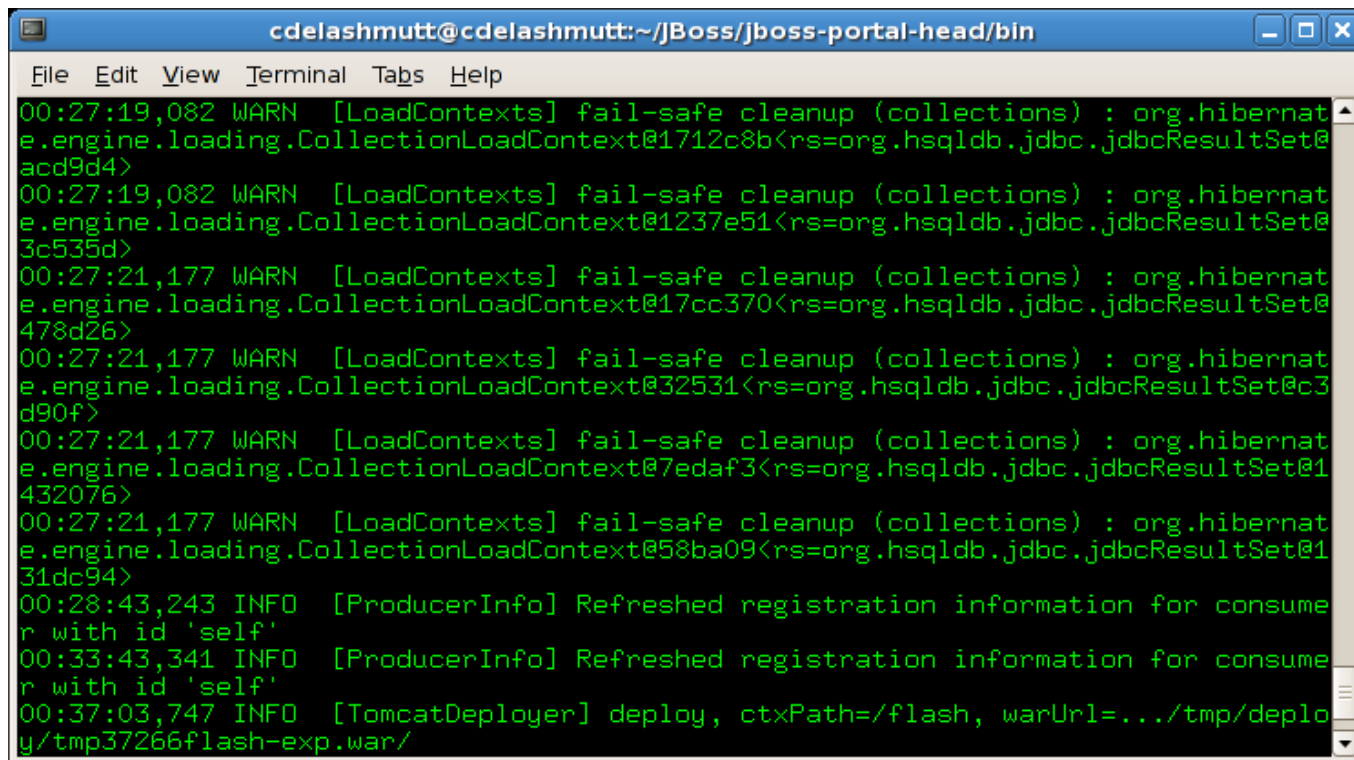


Figure 43. Flash Portlet deployed.

To see the deployed portlet, we need to add it to our Starter portal page. First, we need to create an instance of the portlet. Go to the Management Portlet and click "Portlet Definitions" tab (Figure 44).



The screenshot shows the JBossPortal Admin interface. At the top, there's a header with the JBossPortal logo, navigation tabs (CMS, Members, WSRP, Home), and user information (Logged in as: admin, Dashboard | Portal | Logout). Below the header, there are sub-tabs (Portal Objects, Portlet Instances, Portlet Definitions, Dashboards). The main content area displays a table of portlets provided by the 'local' provider. The table has columns for Name, Description, Remote, Remotable, and Actions. The 'Flash Portlet' is highlighted, and its 'Create instance' link is circled in red.

Name	Description	Remote	Remotable	Actions
Administration Portlet	Administration Portlet	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Create instance
Async URL Portlet	Async URL Portlet	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Create instance
Basic Portlet		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Create instance
Cached Counter Portlet	Counter Portlet with cache support	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Create instance
Charset Portlet	Portlet showing different ways to properly display and submit unicode text	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Create instance
Content Management System Administration Portlet	Administration Portlet for CMS	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Create instance
Counter Portlet	Portlet displaying the number of it's action/render calls	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Create instance
Current Users Portlet	Current users portlet	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Create instance
Dashboard Configurator Portlet	Dashboard Configurator Portlet	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Create instance
Encoding Portlet	Portlet for testing encoding	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Create instance
Event Portlet	Event Portlet	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Create instance
Exception Portlet	Portlet for testing behaviour on exceptions	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Create instance
File Upload Portlet	File Upload Portlet	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Create instance
Flash Portlet		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Preferences   Create instance
Form auto submit Portlet	Portlet which performs a programmatic submit of a form	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Create instance
Header Content Portlet	Portlet to test modification of head content	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Create instance
Identity admin portlet	Identity admin portlet	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Preferences

Figure 44. Admin portal page.

A list of all portlets will be displayed. Click on the "Create Instance" action link for the "Flash Portlet". This will bring up a view similar to Figure 45 that will allow you to name the new portlet instance.

The screenshot shows the 'Flash Portlet instance creation' page in the JBossPortal Admin interface. The page has a header with the JBossPortal logo, navigation tabs (CMS, Members, WSRP, Home), and user information (Logged in as: admin, Dashboard | Portal | Logout). Below the header, there are sub-tabs (Portal Objects, Portlet Instances, Portlet Definitions, Dashboards). The main content area displays a form with a text input field labeled 'Create an instance named:' and a 'Create instance' button. The page is powered by JBoss Portal.

Figure 45. Portlets administration.

Type in "Flash Portlet" as the instance name in the textbox at the bottom of the page, and click on the "Create Instance" button. The resulting view will show the summary information about the "Flash Portlet" portlet instance that we created. (Figure 46).

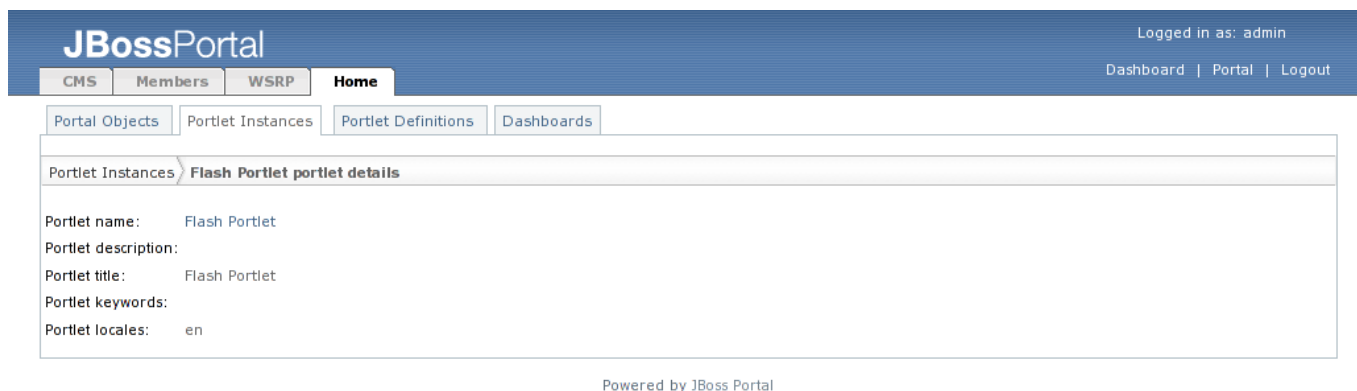


Figure 46. Portlet instances summary.

Now you can add this portlet instance to the Starter portal page. Click on the "Portal Objects" tab and navigate to the "Page layout" page of "Starter" portal page as we did in the last section. Select "Flash Portlet" from the portlet list, click the "Select" button, and add it to center of the "Starter" portal page with a name of "flash" (Figure 47).

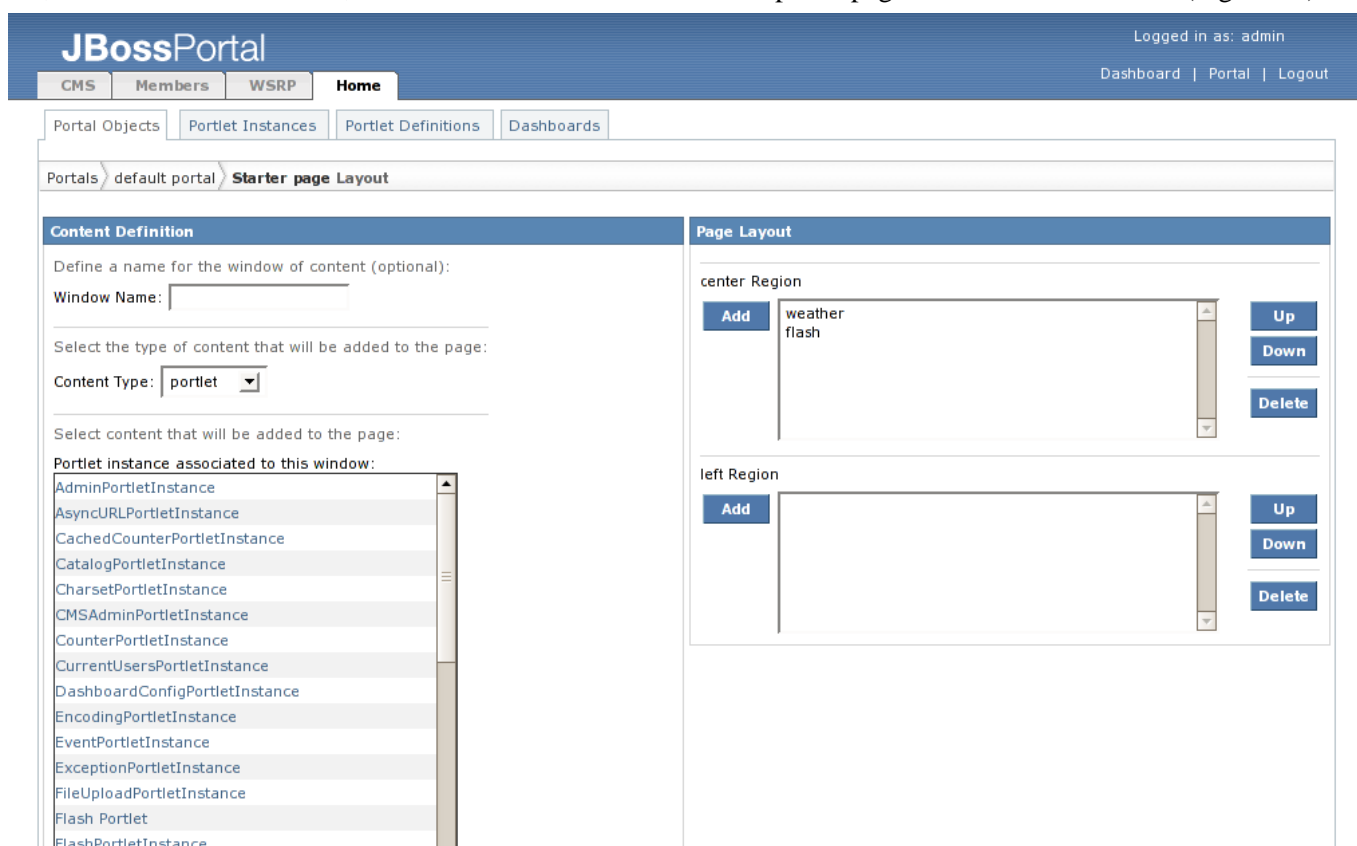



Figure 47. Starter portal page with "flash" portlet added.

Click on the "Portal" link in the upper right of the page. Click on the Starter portal page, and the "flash" portlet is displayed (Figure 48).



The image shows the JBossPortal Starter page. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the JBossPortal logo and a user login status 'Logged in as: admin'. Below the navigation bar, there are several tabs: Home, News, Test, TestWithAjax, Weather, Flash, and Starter. The Starter tab is currently selected. The main content area displays weather information for Miami, FL, US. It includes a 'Currently' section showing 'Mostly Cloudy' at 90F, and a forecast for Friday ('Thundershowers' at 77F/87F) and Saturday ('Scattered Thunderstorms' at 77F/88F). Below the weather section, there is a 'Complete Forecast' link. A 'Flash Portlet' is embedded in the page, showing the JBoss logo and the text 'JBoss is what's next | now'. The portlet has an 'Edit' button and a small icon. At the bottom of the page, it says 'Powered by JBoss Portal'.

JBossPortal

Logged in as: admin

Home News Test TestWithAjax Weather Flash Starter

Dashboard | Admin | Copy to my dashboard | Logout

Miami, FL, US

**Currently** **Fri** **Sat**

Mostly Cloudy 90F

Thundershowers 77F/87F

Scattered Thunderstorms 77F/88F

[Complete Forecast](#)

Flash Portlet Edit

JBoss is what's next | now

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Figure 48. Starter portal page with "flash" portlet.

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## Tutorial End

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Congratulations! You have completed the JBoss Portal Quickstart Tutorial. During this tutorial, you:

- Downloaded and unzipped the JBoss Portal bundle
- Executed the JBoss Portal
- Interacted with the default portal
- Created and edited content in the JBoss Portal
- Managed the JBoss Portal
- Added a new portlet to the JBoss Portal

Next steps: Next, take a look at the user guide for JBoss Portal. This will give you more information about using JBoss Portal. There is also a reference guide for developers using JBoss Portal. Both guides are accessible from our Documentation Page [1]

[1] <http://labs.jboss.com/portal/jbossportal/docs>