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Chapter 1.

Introduction

Starting from 3.0.0.Alpha1 version, JBoss set of plugins extends JBoss Portal features. Thus, this guide is intended to explain you how to manage the functionality JBoss Tools provide to ease the development with JBoss Portal.

1.1. Preface

JBoss Portal provides an open source platform for hosting and serving a portal's Web interface, publishing and managing its content, and customizing its experience. It supports a wide range of features, including standard portlets, single sign-on, clustering, and internationalization.

1.2. Key Features

The next table lists key features supplied by JBoss Portal Tools.

Table 1.1. Key Functionality of JBoss Portal Tools

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- JBoss Portal Home Page [http://www.jboss.org/jbossportal/]
- JBoss Tools Home Page [http://www.jboss.org/tools/]
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- **The latest JBossTools/JBDS documentation builds** [http://download.jboss.org/jbosstools/nightly-docs/]

- **Stable JBossTools/JBDS documentation** [http://www.jboss.com/products/devstudio/docs]
  (supplied with the latest JBDS release, 1.1.0 GA currently)
Chapter 2.

**Installation issues**

This section provides you with the steps on how to start with JBoss Portal and integrated features using JBoss Tools.

- First, you need to have Eclipse Ganymede with JBoss Tools 3.0.0.Alpha1 and higher installed.

  **Tip:**
  
  Read [JBoss Tools Installation](http://www.jboss.org/jbossportal/download/index.html#JBossToolsInstall) section in our Getting Started documentation to find out how to install JBoss Tools onto Eclipse.

- Next, download the JBoss Portal + JBoss AS bundle from [JBoss Portal Download page](http://www.jboss.org/jbossportal/download/index.html)

  **Note:**
  
  You need JBoss Portal 2.7 if you want to work with a Portlet 2.0

- Extract the bundle wherever you want on your hard drive

Now, when you have it installed, we are going to demonstrate some powerful features of JBoss Portal tooling for Eclipse.
Chapter 3.

Starting the Project with JBoss Portal

To get started with JBoss Portal and JBoss Tools, you should first have a Web Project pointed to the JBoss Portal Runtime. Thus, in this chapter we are going to show you how to create a Dynamic Web Project, add Java Portlet to it and deploy it to the JBoss Portal.

3.1. Creating a Dynamic Web Project

To create a Dynamic Web Project, go to File > New > Dynamic Web Project if you are in the Web Perspective or File > New > Other > Web > Dynamic Web Project in any other Perspective. The first page of the New Dynamic Web Project wizard looks as follows.
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Figure 3.1. New Dynamic Web Project

Fill out the name of your project. Next, click the New button in the Target Runtime section to specify a new Target Runtime. Click JBoss 4.2 Runtime and press Next.
Figure 3.2. New Server Runtime

On the next page you should give a name to the runtime. Let's call it *JBoss Portal 2.7 Runtime*, and then point it to the location of your JBoss AS + Portal installation.

**Note:**

The JBoss Tools Portlet feature has been tested using 2.6.5 and 2.7.0.ALPHA versions of *JBoss Portal*. Remember, if you want to use Portlet version 2.0 (JSR-268), you have to choose JBoss Portal 2.7.
Figure 3.3. Target Runtime

Click *Finish*.

On the next step you should click the *Modify* button next to the *Configuration* section to enable Portlet Facets for the project.
Figure 3.4. Setting the Project Configuration

On this page you should check the JBoss Core Portlet and press OK.
Figure 3.5. Enabling the Portlet Facet

The last wizard page is for configuring web modules. Here all values are set, so you can leave everything as it is.
Figure 3.6. The Project Web Modules

Press *Finish*.

That's it! Our base project is done.

3.2. The Project Structure Overview

Now, let's look at the structure of the just created project.
3.3. Adding a Java Portlet to the Project

At this point we'll show what the steps you need to proceed to add a new Java Portlet to the project.

Call the Create Portlet wizard by selecting New > Other > JBoss Tools Web > Portlet > Java Portlet.

Figure 3.8. New Java Portlet

The wizard fills in the Web Project and Source Folder fields for you. Then you need to specify the Java package and the Class name and click Next.

Figure 3.9. Specifying Class File Destination

On the other page you will be able to set the display name of the Portlet, a title, a description, the supported modes and init parameters.

Figure 3.10. Specifying Class File Destination
On the next screen you can define which methods from *GenericPortlet* you want to override.

**Figure 3.11. Specifying Class File Destination**

The last screen lets you build *JBoss Portal* specific descriptors to create an instance during the deployment and place it directly on the Portal.

**Figure 3.12. Specifying Class File Destination**

**Tip:**
If you uncheck the *Create Portlet Instance* checkbox, *JBoss Tools* won’t create the deployment elements in the *default-object.xml* and *portlet-instances.xml* files.

Once Java Portlet is created, new resources have been added to the project structure. As you can see on the figure below, it adds a Java Portlet class (*TestPortlet.java* in our case), *default-object.xml* and *portlet-instances.xml* files and updates *portlet.xml* as well.

**Figure 3.13. The structure of Web Project with Java Portlet created**

Thus, now the Project is ready to be built and deployed.

**3.4. Deploying a Portlet to JBoss Portal**

You can deploy the created project in the way you deploy any other Web Application. Right click on the project and do *Run As > Run On Server* and accept the defaults. On the *Add and Remove Projects* page move the created Project to the right and click *Finish*.

**Figure 3.14. Deploying the Portlet Application**

It will deploy the Portlet Web Application and start *JBoss AS*.

**Tip:**
You should use *http://localhost:8080/portal* URL to see your Portlet in the Browser.

In the Browser the Portlet looks as follows:
Figure 3.15. Java Portlet in the Browser Window

Consequently, here you learnt how to create a Dynamic Web Project, add Java Portlet to it and deploy the project to JBoss Portal.
Chapter 4.

Creating JSF Portlet

This chapter will explain how you can configure JSF Portlet within Dynamic Web Project and JSF Project by using the wizards JBoss Tools provides.

4.1. Adding JSF Portlet to Dynamic Web Project

To add JSF Portlet to a Dynamic Web Project, you should set the Configuration to JavaServer Faces v1.1 Project or JavaServer Faces v1.2 Project and configure the JSF Portlet Facets in the New Dynamic Web Project wizard by clicking the Modify button.

![Figure 4.1. Setting the JSF Configuration](image)

On the Project Facets dialog you should select JBoss Core Portlet and JBoss JSF Portlet check boxes.
Figure 4.2. Enabling the Portlet Facets

Next wizard page is for configuring JSF Capabilities. You can leave everything as it is here.
Figure 4.3. JSF Capabilities

To support Portlets in JSF/Seam applications JBoss Tools works with JBoss Portlet Bridge. Thus on the next page you should add JSF Portlet capabilities by pointing to the Portletbridge Runtime location.
Figure 4.4. JSF Capabilities

Tip:
You can download JBoss Portlet Bridge 1.0.0.B4 from here [http://www.jboss.org/portletbridge/download/].

Next click Finish to organize the Project.

To add JSF Portlet to generated project you should call the Create Portlet wizard by navigating to New > Other > JBoss Tools Web > Portlet > JSF/Seam Portlet.
Figure 4.5. Calling New Portlet Wizard

As you see, the Seam and JSF Portlet wizards are merged into one. We set JSF Configuration for the project, so default values in this wizard will be set as for a JSF portlet.
Figure 4.6. Creating JSF Portlet

Click **Finish** to complete JSF Portlet creation. Now you can deploy the project the same way as it was **described above**.

In the Browser JSF Portlet looks as follows.
Adding JSF Portlet to JSF Project

4.2. Adding JSF Portlet to JSF Project

How to organize a JSF Project you can find out in our JSF Tools Reference Guide [../jsf_tools_ref_guide/html_single/index.html#new_jsf_project]. Just remember to point Target Runtime to JBoss Portal directory location.

Figure 4.7. JSF Portlet in the Browser
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Figure 4.8. Creating New JSF Project

Before adding a Portlet to the project you should enable necessary facets for it. Right-click the created project and click Preferences to open the Project Preferences screen.

On the Project Facets page select the JBoss Core Portlet and JBoss JSF Portlet checkboxes. And then the screen will ask you to enable JavaServer Faces facet as well.
Figure 4.9. Project Facets

Notice, "Further configuration required..." warning appears at the bottom of the screen. It means that you should click it to configure JSF and JSF Portlet Capabilities in the project.
Figure 4.10. JSF Capabilities
Figure 4.11. Project Facets

After setting the path to Portletbridge Runtime location, click OK and then OK again.

Now you can add JSF Portlet to the generated JSF Project. How to do it we showed in the previous section [18].
Creating Seam Portlet

This chapter covers the steps on how to configure Seam Portlet within Dynamic Web Project and Seam Project by using the wizards JBoss Tools provides.

5.1. Adding Seam Portlet to Dynamic Web Project

To add Seam Portlet to a Dynamic Web Project first you should organize New Dynamic Web Project with the Configuration setting to JBoss Seam Portlet Project v2.0.

![Figure 5.1. Calling New Portlet Wizard](image)

It will add all needed facets to your project. By clicking the Modify button you can observe the chosen configuration of facets as well as modify it. As you can see, all JBoss Portlets are checked.
Figure 5.2. Project Facets

Next wizard pages are for adjusting the Project Web Modules and JSF Configuration. They include default values, so you can skip them by pressing Next.

On the Seam Facet page set Connection Profile [../../seam/html_single/index.html#seamFacet] and hit Next.
Adding Seam Portlet to Dynamic Web Project

Figure 5.3. Seam Facet Settings

Last wizard page will prompt you to set the path to Portletbridge Runtime location.
Tip:

Thus you should have JBoss Portlet Bridge downloaded and extracted somewhere on your hard drive. You can download JBoss Portlet Bridge 1.0.0.B4 from here [http://www.jboss.org/portletbridge/download/].

Now, to add Seam Portlet to the project you should follow to New > Other > JBoss Tools Web > Portlet > JSF/Seam Portlet. This will call the wizard for creating JSF/Seam Portlets.

Figure 5.4. Setting the Portletbridge Runtime
As we set Seam Configuration for the Dynamic Web Project, the wizard puts the values as for Seam Portlet.
After creating the Seam Portlet, you should deploy the project to JBoss Portal and start the Server. In a Browser you’ll see the following:
5.2. Adding Seam Portlet to Seam Project

First start a Seam Project by following to  New > Other > Seam > Seam Web Project. On the first wizard page specify JBoss Portal directory location as Target Runtime and  JBoss Seam Portlet Project v2.0  as Configuration.
Next steps will be the same as we did for the Dynamic Web Project in the Adding Seam Portlet to Dynamic Web Project section.
Adding Portlets to non-WTP Projects

Starting from JBoss Tools 3.0.0.Beta1 version the JBoss Portlet wizards no longer require a WTP project to be able to create Portlets.

Note:
Please note, if the project does not have the proper portlet API jar’s, the generated classes will have compile errors.

In conclusion, with this document you've learnt how to get started with JBoss Portal using JBoss Tools suite of Eclipse plugins. The above chapters walked you through the steps on how to organize a web project with portlets which includes a sample staff and deploy it onto the JBoss Portal.

If you still have questions or suggestions you are always welcome on our Forum [http://www.jboss.com/index.html?module=bb&op=viewforum&f=201]. Your feedback will be very much appreciated.