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Administering Apache Geronimo 2.x

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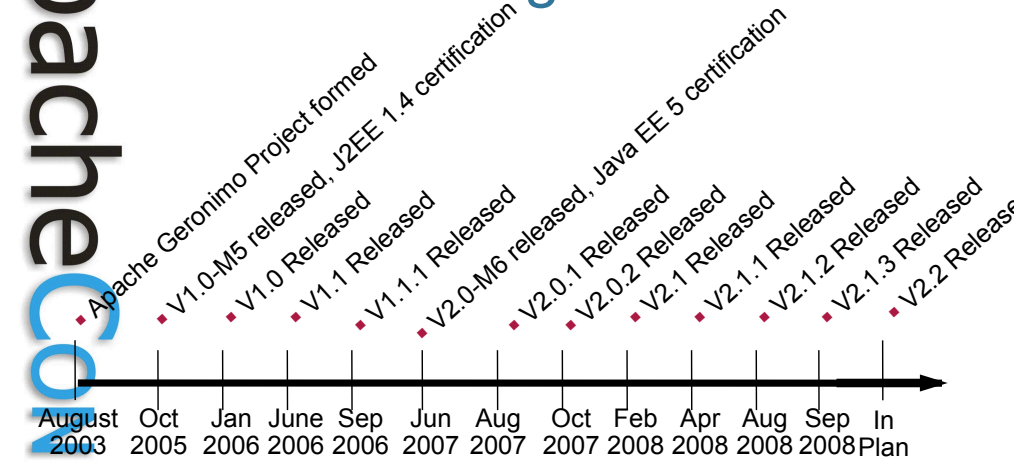
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Introduction to Geronimo

- J2EE/Java EE Application Server from Apache Software Foundation
- Brings together the best-of-breed technologies from open source to support J2EE/Java EE
- Small foot print/Highly customizable
- Modularity and ease of use are foremost guiding principles
- V2.1 Java EE 5 Certified – Feb/2008

- Geronimo does not believe in re-inventing the wheel. It brings together best-of-breed technologies like Tomcat, Jetty, OpenEJB, ActiveMQ, Derby, Axis2, etc to deliver a J2EE/Java EE compliant container.
- Significant mile stones for Geronimo
 1. V1.0-M5 is J2EE 1.4 certified in Oct-2005.
 2. V2.0-M6 is Java EE 5.0 certified in Jun-2007.
 3. V2.1, Java EE 5.0 certified in Feb-2008, is the latest release.
- **Ease of use** is the foremost guiding principle.
 - Powerful Geronimo Console for users.
 - Rich set of development tools for developers – Geronimo Eclipse Plugin, JBoss to Geronimo (J2G) migration tool

Geronimo History and Progress





Geronimo Philosophies

- Completely and uniformly modular
 - Servers are assembled completely out of plugins
- Extensible
 - Plugins can be added and removed at any time
- Predictable and amenable to version control
 - Plugins are normally only affected by the plugins they depend on
 - Plugins contain all their configuration information
 - Plugins are best constructed using a build system such as maven

Geronimo Architecture

- Two level structure
 - GBeans: Individual fine-grained services, such as TransactionManager, Servlets, EJBs...
 - Plugins: Groups of GBeans with a classloader, such as OpenEjb framework, Jetty container...
- Geronimo Kernel
 - A container for GBeans
 - Based on Inversion-of-Control/Dependency Injection
 - Provides Life Cycle management for GBeans and Plugins
- Loosely coupled system
 - Start/stop/remove Plugins on the fly
 - Integrate new Plugins on the fly
 - Dependency management makes sure everything needed is present

1. Geronimo Beans, GBeans in short, are the building blocks of Geronimo. In Geronimo, almost everything is a GBean. For e.g., Web Container, Application, Servlet, Connector etc. Configuration is a GBean that groups other GBeans.
2. Geronimo Kernel is a container for GBeans based on Inversion-of-Control/Dependency Injection. Kernel provides life cycle management for GBeans like start/stop, load/unload. GBeans can declare dependencies on other GBeans.
3. GBean architecture results in a loosely coupled system and enables starting/stopping/removing of components/services, integrating new components on the fly by way of plug-ins.

Two Java EE 5.0 certified server assemblies:

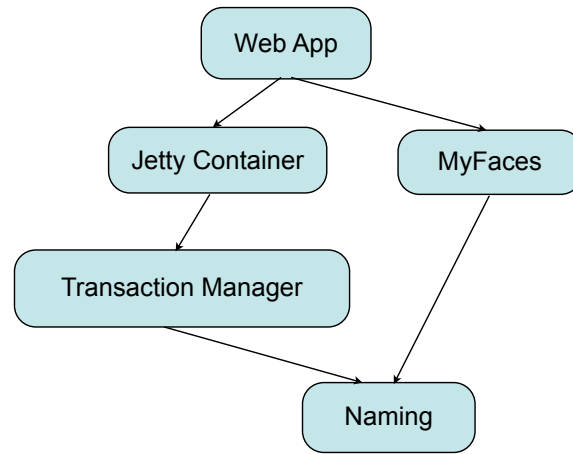
- Geronimo Tomcat distribution: Apache Tomcat web container + Apache Axis2 for Web Services
- Geronimo Jetty distribution: Jetty web container + Apache CXF for Web Services

Plugins

- Apache Directory, Apache Roller to name a few



Dependencies among Plugins





Administration Strategies

- Direct modification of config files or use of admin console (this talk)
 - Fine for experimentation and familiarizing yourself with geronimo
 - Good for emergency repairs
 - Not amenable to repeatability, version control, or multiple servers
- Building configuration into plugins and custom servers with maven (next talk)
 - Directly part of your build system
 - Under version control
 - Repeatable
 - Amenable to customization for dev, qa, and production



What it contains?

- Apache Tomcat
- Jetty (Mort Bay)
- Apache Derby
- Apache OpenEJB
- Apache ActiveMQ
- Apache OpenJPA
- Apache Axis
- Apache Axis2
- Apache CXF
- Apache Yoko
- Apache Commons
- Apache jUDDI
- Apache Log4J
- HOWL
- TRANQL
- Castor
- WADI
- CGLIB

And many more...

What's new in 2.1?

- Servers assembled out of plugins
- Custom server assemblies
 - Assemble a server around an app
- Flexible modular admin console
- Monitoring Console
- GShell
- WADI Clustering Support for Tomcat

- Starting with Geronimo 2.1, the servers are assembled entirely out of plugins.
- Lightweight server assemblies may be created that contain only the functional components required by your application(s). A new server containing a specified set of plugins can be assembled from an existing server using a gshell command or the admin console.
- The admin console is now component-based to mirror the server capabilities. This allows the admin console to provide flexible administrative capabilities that will mirror the capabilities of a custom server assembly.
- The monitoring console plugin provides monitoring support in the Geronimo admin console. The monitoring console can gather statistics and performance data from multiple Geronimo servers and graphically display this data to users.
- GShell is a command-line processing environment that can be used for the execution of Geronimo commands. GShell is an extensible environment and includes support for editing, command history, and tab completion.
- WADI can now be used to support clustering of web applications for Geronimo configurations which use the Tomcat Web Container (WADI support for Jetty was in previous releases). Applications can be deployed to administratively-defined groups of Geronimo servers

How to get involved?

- Geronimo project web site
 - <http://geronimo.apache.org/>
- Mailing lists
 - user@geronimo.apache.org
 - dev@geronimo.apache.org
- Wiki
 - <http://cwiki.apache.org/geronimo/>



Geronimo Installation

- <http://geronimo.apache.org/downloads.html>
- Geronimo Tomcat or Geronimo Jetty distributions
- Extract the archive to any directory
 - On windows, use a short directory name (for e.g. C:\ or C:\g) to avoid long-path problems.

Two Java EE 5.0 certified server assemblies available for download:

- Geronimo Tomcat distribution: Apache Tomcat web container + Apache Axis2 for Web Services
- Geronimo Jetty distribution: Jetty web container + Apache CXF for Web Services

On windows, extract the archive to root of a drive or use a short directory name with one or two letters (for e.g., **C:** or **C:\g**) to avoid problems due to long paths. **Note:** Extracting the archive and then moving the directory to a directory with short name does not help.

Geronimo directory structure

```
+--bin
|-deploy
|-etc
|-lib
|-repository
|-schema
|-var
  +-config
  |-derby
  |-security
  |-shared
  +-il=instance-name
  +-deploy
  +-var
    +-config
    |-derby
    |-security
    | +-keystores
    |-shared
    +-classes
    |-lib
```

Directories that may contain sensitive information:

- repository
- var\config
- var\security
- var\derby

Geronimo Startup/Shutdown

- Requires Sun J2SE 5.0 JDK/JRE
- Environment variables
 - JAVA_HOME/JRE_HOME
 - GERONIMO_OPTS
 - JAVA_OPTS
- Run the server
 - `<g_home>/bin/gsh geronimo/start-server`
 - `<g_home>/bin/gsh geronimo/start-server -profile debug`
- Stop the server
 - Control+C in server console
 - `<g_home>/bin/gsh geronimo/stop-server`

Prerequisite for Geronimo 2.1 is Sun J2SE 5.0 JDK/JRE. Geronimo may run on higher version of JRE/JDK but has not been certified. Set JAVA_HOME or JRE_HOME environment variable to 5.0 JRE.

Use GERONIMO_OPTS to any system properties for the JVM.

For e.g. GERONIMO_OPTS=-Dorg.apache.geronimo.server.name=i1

Use JAVA_OPTS to set any non standard options for the JVM.

For e.g. JAVA_OPTS=-Xmx512m

Start the server using any of the following commands:

- To run in foreground: `<g_home>/bin/geronimo run`
- To run in background: `<g_home>/bin/geronimo start` or `<g_home>/bin/startup`
- To run in foreground under JPDA debugger: `<g_home>/bin/geronimo jpda run`
- To see help: `<g_home>/bin/geronimo`
- To run in G-shell: `<g_home>/bin/start-server`

pb:failover-jetty-demo-2.2-SNAPSHOT david\$./geronimo-jetty-farm-controller-2.2-SNAPSHOT/bin/gsh geronimo/start-server
Apache Geronimo (2.2-SNAPSHOT)

Type 'help' for more information.

```
-----
Launching Geronimo Server...
Booting Geronimo Kernel (in Java 1.5.0_16)...
Module 1/20 org.apache.geronimo.framework/j2ee-system/2.2-SNAPSHOT/car started in .000s
Module 2/20 org.apache.geronimo.framework/jee-specs/2.2-SNAPSHOT/car started in .000s
Module 3/20 org.apache.geronimo.framework/rmi-naming/2.2-SNAPSHOT/car started in .135s
Module 4/20 org.apache.geronimo.framework/j2ee-security/2.2-SNAPSHOT/car started in .122s
Module 5/20 org.apache.geronimo.framework/gshell-framework/2.2-SNAPSHOT/car started in .000s
Module 6/20 org.apache.geronimo.framework/gshell-remote/2.2-SNAPSHOT/car started in .000s
Module 7/20 org.apache.geronimo.framework/transformer-agent/2.2-SNAPSHOT/car started in .000s
Module 8/20 org.apache.geronimo.plugins.classloaders/geronimo-javaee-deployment_1.1MR3_spec/2.2-SNAPSHOT/car started in .033s
Module 9/20 org.apache.geronimo.framework/server-security-config/2.2-SNAPSHOT/car started in .076s
Module 10/20 org.apache.geronimo.framework/plugin/2.2-SNAPSHOT/car started in .000s
Module 11/20 org.apache.geronimo.framework/gshell-geronimo/2.2-SNAPSHOT/car started in .029s
Module 12/20 org.apache.geronimo.configs/j2ee-server/2.2-SNAPSHOT/car started in .228s
Module 13/20 org.apache.geronimo.configs/transaction/2.2-SNAPSHOT/car started in .006s
Module 14/20 org.apache.geronimo.configs/openjpa/2.2-SNAPSHOT/car started in .000s
Module 15/20 org.apache.geronimo.configs/derby/2.2-SNAPSHOT/car started in .641s
Module 16/20 org.apache.geronimo.configs/system-database/2.2-SNAPSHOT/car started in .135s
Module 17/20 org.apache.geronimo.configs/plugin-farm-datasource/2.2-SNAPSHOT/car started in .000s
Module 18/20 org.apache.geronimo.framework/xmlbeans/2.2-SNAPSHOT/car started in .266s
Module 19/20 org.apache.geronimo.framework/geronimo-gbean-deployer/2.2-SNAPSHOT/car started in .358s
Module 20/20 org.apache.geronimo.configs/plugin-farm/2.2-SNAPSHOT/car
Startup completed in 2.841s seconds
Listening on Ports:
 1099 127.0.0.1 RMI Naming
 1527 127.0.0.1 Derby Connector
 9999 127.0.0.1 JMX Remoting Connector

Started Application Modules:
RAR: org.apache.geronimo.configs/plugin-farm-datasource/2.2-SNAPSHOT/car
RAR: org.apache.geronimo.configs/system-database/2.2-SNAPSHOT/car
```

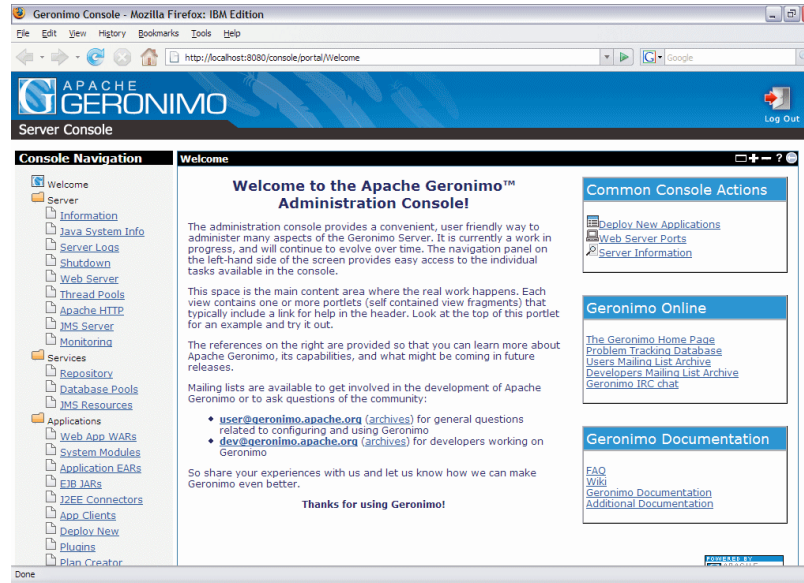
Geronimo Application Server started
Geronimo Server started in 0:00:05.433



Administration Console

- Web-based, Convenient, user-friendly
- Based on Apache Pluto (JSR-168)
- Access at <http://localhost:8080/console>
- Portlets for administration
 - Web Server, JMS Server, JMS Resources, DB Manager, Database Pools
 - Application portlets – Deploy New, Web App WARs, Plan Creator etc..
 - Security Realms, Keystores
- Portlets for monitoring server status
 - Information, Java System Info, Server Logs, Monitoring, etc.
- Don't forget the **Help** view in the portlets

- Web-based Geronimo Console provides a convenient and user-friendly way to administer many aspect of Geronimo.
- Based on Apache Pluto (JSR-168).
- Access at <http://localhost:8080/console> with default username **system** with a password **manager**.
- Flexible for v2.1 onwards. Add remove portlets dynamically.
- Portlets for administration
 - Web Server – To administer Tomcat/Jetty connectors
 - Shutdown – To shutdown Geronimo
 - JMS Server – To administer ActiveMQ connectors
 - JMS Resources – To administer JMS connection factories, queues, topics
 - Database Pools – To administer database pools for internal Derby and a whole lot of other database products.
 - Applications portlets
 - Deploy new applications/services
 - Start/stop/uninstall applications/services
 - Plan Creator – Lets you deploy an application by creating a deployment plan on the fly
 - Security Realms – Create/Edit security realms
 - Keystores – Manage keystores/digital certificates
 - DB Manager – Create/delete databases, view tables/table data, run SQL
- Provides portlets for monitoring server status
 - Information – Server version, uptime, JVM version and memory usage graph
 - Java System Info – Java System properties
 - Server Logs – Geronimo logs, Web server logs, Derby logs
 - Monitoring – Monitor remote Geronimo servers
 - DB Info – Details of Embedded Derby



Lightning trip through the admin console





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Important configuration files

- Located in `<g_home>/var/config`
- `config.xml`
 - List of plugins to start
 - Overridden GBean attributes
 - New GBeans (deprecated, better to use a new plugin)
- `config-substitutions.properties`
 - Properties used in `config.xml`
- `artifact_aliases.properties`
 - Substitute one plugin or jar for another



Customizing a GBean

- jetty web connector gbean in a plan:

```
<gbean name="JettySSLConnector"  
class="org.apache.geronimo.jetty6.connector.HTTPSSelectChannelConnector">  
  <attribute name="host">localhost</attribute>  
  <attribute name="port">8443</attribute>  
  <attribute name="headerBufferSizeBytes">8192</attribute>  
  <attribute name="keyStore">geronimo-default</attribute>  
  <attribute name="keyAlias">geronimo</attribute>  
  <attribute name="trustStore">geronimo-default</attribute>  
  <attribute name="clientAuthRequired">false</attribute>  
  <attribute name="algorithm">Default</attribute>  
  <attribute name="secureProtocol">TLS</attribute>  
  <attribute name="maxThreads">50</attribute>  
  <reference name="JettyContainer">  
    <name>JettyWebContainer</name>  
  </reference>  
  <reference name="ThreadPool">  
    <name>DefaultThreadPool</name>  
  </reference>  
  <reference name="KeystoreManager">  
    <name>KeystoreManager</name>  
  </reference>  
</gbean>
```

Modifying GBean in var/config/config.xml

```
<module name="org.apache.geronimo.configs/jetty6/2.1.4-SNAPSHOT/car">
...
  <gbean name="JettySSLConnector">
    <attribute name="host">${ServerHostname}</attribute>
    <attribute name="port">${HTTPSPort + PortOffset}</attribute>
    <!-- added attribute -->
    <attribute name="clientAuthRequired">true</attribute>
    <!-- added attribute with new substitution variable -->
    <attribute name="maxThreads">${JettySSLMaxThreads}</attribute>
  </gbean>
</module>
```



Modifying values in var/config/config- substitutions.properties

#Existing variables, new values

HTTPSPort=8443

ServerHostname=10.11.55.1

PortOffset=10

#New variables values

JettySSLMaxThreads=55



Protecting passwords

- Pluggable Encryption Mechanism
 - demonstrates adding a gbean via config.xml
 - better to deploy a new plan

```
<gbean name="org.apache.geronimo.configs/rmi-naming/2.1/car?name=ConfiguredEncryption,j2eeType=GBean"
gbeanInfo="o.a.g.system.util.ConfiguredEncryption">
  <attribute name="path">
    var/security/ConfiguredSecretKey.ser
  </attribute>
  <reference name="ServerInfo">
    <pattern><name>ServerInfo</name></pattern>
  </reference>
</gbean>
```

By default, passwords are encrypted with a hard-coded key.

```
<gbean name="org.apache.geronimo.configs/rmi-naming/2.1/car?name=ConfiguredEncryption,j2eeType=GBean"
gbeanInfo="org.apache.geronimo.system.util.ConfiguredEncryption">
  <attribute name="path">var/security/ConfiguredSecretKey.ser</attribute>
  <reference name="ServerInfo">
    <pattern><name>ServerInfo</name></pattern>
  </reference>
</gbean>
```

This will create a key the first time its started, after that it will keep using the saved key at the location specified. If you put a serialized SecretKeySpec there it will use it instead.



Obscuring passwords is not secure

- User passwords should be in ldap not a file
- any “encryption” only obscures passwords from casual leaks.... key is on disk nearby
- For actual security you need whatever needs the key to authenticate
 - e.g. map user credentials to db credentials.



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Plans

- Deploying anything to geronimo needs a plan
- Includes id
- Includes classloader description
 - parent classloaders
 - jars
- Specifies services (GBeans)
 - plain gbean description
 - from javaee app components
 - custom namespaces



Writing plans

- use admin console to generate plan
 - jdbc pools, jms connectors
 - security realms
 - javaee apps
 - plan is not saved when you deploy directly from console
 - copy plan out of console and save it
 - Change the id to something appropriate
- copy one from somewhere such as a geronimo plugin



Deploying plans

- Console will encourage you to directly deploy a plan it wrote for you
- Console “deploy new”
 - supply plan and artifact if for javaee
- GShell
 - `./bin/gsh deploy/deploy <module> <plan>`
- “InPlace” option for javaee apps under development.



Datasource example

- Generate original plan in console
- Modify to set up both jta and non-jta datasources (e.g. for openjpa)
- edit transaction settings
- Use appropriate id.



```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<connector xmlns="http://geronimo.apache.org/xml/ns/j2ee/connector-1.2">
  <dep:environment xmlns:dep="http://geronimo.apache.org/xml/ns/deployment-1.2">
    <dep:moduleid>
      <dep:groupid>com.myco</dep:groupid>
      <dep:artifactid>derby-example</dep:artifactid>
      <dep:version>1.0</dep:version>
      <dep:type>car</dep:type>
    </dep:moduleid>
    <dep:dependencies>
      <dep:dependency>
        <dep:groupid>org.apache.geronimo.configs</dep:groupid>
        <dep:artifactid>system-database</dep:artifactid>
        <dep:version>2.1.4-SNAPSHOT</dep:version>
        <dep:type>car</dep:type>
      </dep:dependency>
    </dep:dependencies>
  </dep:environment>
  <resourceadapter>
    <outbound-resourceadapter>
      <connection-definition>
        <connectionfactory-interface>javax.sql.DataSource</connectionfactory-interface>
        <connectiondefinition-instance>
          <name>derby-example</name>
          <config-property-setting name="DatabaseName">derby-example</config-property-setting>
          <connectionmanager>
            <xa-transaction>
              <transaction-caching/>
            </xa-transaction>
            <single-pool>
              <max-size>20</max-size>
              <min-size>0</min-size>
              <idle-timeout-minutes>1</idle-timeout-minutes>
            </single-pool>
          </connectionmanager>
        </connectiondefinition-instance>
      </outbound-resourceadapter>
    </resourceadapter>
  </connector>
```

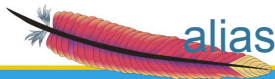



```
<connectiondefinition-instance>  
  <name>derby-example-notx</name>  
  <config-property-setting name="DatabaseName">derby-example</config-property-setting>  
  <connectionmanager>  
    <no-transaction/>  
    <single-pool>  
      <max-size>20</max-size>  
      <min-size>0</min-size>  
      <idle-timeout-minutes>1</idle-timeout-minutes>  
      <match-one/>  
    </single-pool>  
  </connectionmanager>  
</connectiondefinition-instance>  
</connection-definition>  
</outbound-resourceadapter>  
</resourceadapter>  
</connector>
```



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Why replace?

- Plugins form directed acyclic graph
- A plugin looks for services in its ancestor graph
- To replace a service, you need to get the plugin it's in into the ancestor graph of anything that uses it
- Provide an “alias” that lets your plugin substitute for the original
- Alias goes in var/config/artifact-aliases.properties



Replace Default Realm

- Default security realm - **geronimo-admin**
 - Used by JMX server, Admin Console, Online-deployer, MEJB application
 - credential editable but you probably don't want a properties realm on a production server.
- Replace default realm
 - Deploy desired realm with name **geronimo-admin**
 - Database or LDAP Realm recommended for production
 - you will get an error in command line console
 - Uninstall **geronimo-security-config** plugin
 - Add entry to **artifact-aliases.properties** to replace **server-security-config** with your replacement
 - Remove previous **artifact-aliases** entries for **server-security-config**

- Use OS provided security to restrict user access to `<g_home>`
 - `var/config/config.xml` may contain sensitive information.
 - `var/security` directory contains keystores and properties files used by default security realm.
- Default security realm **geronimo-admin** is used by JMX server, Admin Console, Online-deployer and MEJB application
- Edit `var/security/users.properties` to change the password. The format is `username=password` with each user on a new line.
- User should belong to **admin** group.

Replace default realm:

1. Deploy a new realm with realm-name **geronimo-admin**
 - Either using offline deployer or online-deployer
2. Edit `config.xml` to disable the default-realm.

```
<module name="org.apache.geronimo.framework/server-security-config/2.1/car">
  <gbean name="geronimo-admin" load="false"/>
</module>
```

Use a Database or LDAP realm.



```
<module xmlns="http://geronimo.apache.org/xml/ns/deployment-1.2">
<!--generated in console -->
<environment>
  <moduleid>
    <groupid>com.myco</groupid>
    <artifactid>replacement</artifactid>
    <version>1.0</version>
    <type>car</type>
  </moduleid>
  <dependencies>
    <dependency>
      <groupid>org.apache.geronimo.framework</groupid>
      <artifactid>j2ee-security</artifactid>
      <type>car</type>
    </dependency>
  </dependencies>
</environment>
<gbean name="replacement" class="org.apache.geronimo.security.realm.GenericSecurityRealm"
xsi:type="dep:gbeanType" xmlns:dep="http://geronimo.apache.org/xml/ns/deployment-1.2" xmlns:xsi="http://
www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema-instance">
  <attribute name="realmName">geronimo-admin</attribute>
  <reference name="ServerInfo">
    <name>ServerInfo</name>
  </reference>
  <xml-reference name="LoginModuleConfiguration">
    <log:login-config xmlns:log="http://geronimo.apache.org/xml/ns/loginconfig-2.0">
      <log:login-module control-flag="REQUIRED" wrap-principals="false">
        <log:login-domain-name>properties-login</log:login-domain-name>
        <log:login-module-class>org.apache.geronimo.security.realm.providers.PropertiesFileLoginModule</
log:login-module-class>
        <log:option name="usersURI">var/security/myusers.properties</log:option>
        <log:option name="groupsURI">var/security/mygroups.properties</log:option>
      </log:login-module>
    </log:login-config>
  </xml-reference>
</gbean>
```



```
<!--copied from geronimo default plan -->
<gbean name="CredentialStore"
class="org.apache.geronimo.security.credentialstore.SimpleCredentialStoreImpl"/>
<gbean name="geronimo-default" class="org.apache.geronimo.security.keystore.FileKeystoreInstance">
  <attribute name="keystoreName">geronimo-default</attribute>
  <attribute name="keystorePath">var/security/kestores/geronimo-default</attribute>
  <attribute name="keystorePassword">secret</attribute>
  <attribute name="keystoreType">JKS</attribute>
  <attribute name="keyPasswords">geronimo=secret</attribute>
  <reference name="ServerInfo"><name>ServerInfo</name></reference>
</gbean>
</module>
```



artifact alias entries

```
org.apache.geronimo.framework/server-security-config//car=com.myco/  
replacement/1.0/car  
org.apache.geronimo.framework/server-security-config/2.1.4-  
SNAPSHOT/car=com.myco/replacement/1.0/car
```



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Managing Keystores

- Add keystores
- Lock/unlock keystores
- Create/delete private keys
- Change keystore/key passwords
- Add/delete trust certificates
- Manage private keys/certificates
- Support for all keystore types in v2.1

Keystores portlet provides an easy way to manage keystores, digital certificates, private keys and certificates.

Configuring HTTPS connectors.

Geronimo 2.1 has support for all types of keystores. Only JKS keystores supported in v2.0 and prior releases.



Certificate administration

- CA admin in console
 - set up certificate authority in server
 - validate client cert requests
 - fulfill client cert requests
- CAHelper app for client certificates
 - generates certificate signing requests
 - retrieves signed certificates
 - installs servers CA certificate into browser.



Monitoring

- Servers - Local and remote servers
 - EJB and JMX protocols
- Graphs
 - Select MBean and statistic
 - Based on two statistics from the MBean
- Views
 - Compose multiple graphs into views
- Agent stores history in database even when console is not on.

Monitor local and remote Geronimo servers.

EJB (using MEJB application) and JMX protocols. Note: JMX protocol needs JMX Agent to be running in the remote JVM.

Create Graphs for single statistic or two statistics using an arithmetic operation.

Views can be created by composing graphs.

Debug Views

- JMX Viewer
- LDAP Viewer
 - for serious ldap work use Apache Directory Studio
- ClassLoader Viewer
- JNDI Viewer
- Dependency Viewer

JMX Viewer – Integrated JMX client to view and operate on Geronimo MBeans.

LDAP Viewer – To browse an LDAP server.

ClassLoader Viewer – View classLoader hierarchies and search classes.

JNDI Viewer – To view the JNDI context of various modules.

Dependency Viewer – To view the dependency hierarchy of the configurations in Geronimo.

Plugins

- Plugins portlet
 - Add plugin repositories
 - Search for plugins
 - Install plugins
 - Export config as plugin
 - Assemble a server
- GShell
 - list-plugins installs plugins from plugin repositories
 - assemble-server creates new server

Both remote and file system based repositories are supported.

Currently installed configurations can be exported as plugins.

Assemble a server by selecting just the components you want. Geronimo will extract a server with just those components and required dependencies.

Multiple Instances in one Installation

- Shared directories
 - bin, lib, repository
 - Should not be modified by users
- Server instance specific directory
 - var
 - contains all server specific configuration, data, logs, etc etc
- Normally more threads in one vm will give better performance

- Multiple instances share the bin, lib and repository directories
- Make a directory with the instance name under <g_home> (i.e. <g_home>/<inst_name>, call this <inst_home>) and copy <g_home>/var directory to <inst_home>/var.
- Each instance will have its own copy of **var** directory.
- Change PortOffset in <inst_home>/var/config/config-substitutions.properties. Use a different PortOffset (e.g. 10, 20, ...) with each instance.
- The server instance to be run is specified using the system property **org.apache.geronimo.server.name**. Set GERONIMO_OPTS=-Dorg.apache.geronimo.server.name=<inst_name>
- Run the server using <g_home>/bin/geronimo



Creating Multiple Instances

- just copy var directory
 - to server1/var, server2/var, etc
 - copies all local modifications
- use gshell command (trunk)
 - creates a new server1/ directory and installs all the plugins from existing server on new server
 - does not copy customizations
 - untested (new in trunk)



Starting multiple instances

- Specify server name and PortOffset on command line
 - bin/gsh geronimo/start-server \
 - G config.substitution.PortOffset=10 \
 - G server.name=server1
- Possible to override other config substitution properties on command line if necessary



Agenda

- Introduction to Geronimo
- Modifying stuff in Geronimo
- Adding stuff to Geronimo
- Replacing stuff in Geronimo
- Looking at stuff in Geronimo
- Summary



A typical scenario

- Set up certificates
- Set up security realm
- Set up database connection pools
- Configure Activemq broker and connection pools
- Deploy Applications
- Check server Logs
- Set up monitoring



Do's

- Geronimo instances are cheap, your configuration is not: find some way to save it somewhere.
- Replace the default security if you use the admin console.
- Turn off stuff you aren't using.
- Consider using custom server assemblies instead of manual configuration.

Use OS provided security to protect the geronimo installation directory.

Use Database/LDAP Realms

Use digested passwords with Database realm



Don'ts

- Do not enable logging to console when running in background in Linux
- Do not direct console output to file
- Do not use passwords in the command line with
 - bin\deploy
 - bin\shutdown

Running in background results in output being written to a file which get locked until the server process is killed. This may result in a situation where the output file fills the disk and server need to be brought down to rotate the output file.

Using deploy and shutdown commands provide `–password` option, it is not recommended to use this option as the passwords may appear in command history.

Administering Apache Geronimo 2.x

Q & A

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Resources

- <http://geronimo.apache.org>
- <http://cwiki.apache.org/geronimo/>
- Geronimo Mailing lists
 - user@geronimo.apache.org
 - dev@geronimo.apache.org
- IBM developerWorks
 - <http://www.ibm.com/developerworks/opensource/top-projects/geronimo.html>