

WHAT'S NEW AND DIFFERENT ABOUT COLDFUSION 10 ON TOMCAT

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INTRODUCTION

- CF10 now comes bundled atop Apache Tomcat, instead of Adobe JRun
 - Should mostly be transparent to most CF users/admins
 - But there are some differences
 - Alternately, can also deploy CF on native Tomcat, as CF EAR/WAR
 - Most people will not do that. More of an advanced option. Not focus here
- 3 main messages I want to communicate:
 - CF as bundled with Tomcat differs in some ways from CF atop JRun
 - Some things about native Tomcat don't apply to Tomcat underlying CF10
 - Lots more about Tomcat features than Adobe may ever document

INTRODUCTION (CONT.)

- 3 primary audiences:
 - For those familiar with CF running atop JRun
 - how CF is different running atop Tomcat
 - For those familiar with Tomcat
 - how Tomcat is different as bundled under CF10
 - For those familiar with CF but not Tomcat
 - what features of Tomcat may be useful to CFers
- This is indeed how the talk is organized, as sections for those audiences

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- 100+ presentations, 80+ articles, 400+ blog entries
- UGTV: recordings of 600+ presos by 300+ speakers
- CF411.com: 1800+ tools/resources, 150+ categories
- CF911.com: CF server troubleshooting resources
- Hosting courtesy of EdgeWeb Hosting
- Consulting: available for CF troubleshooting, tuning
 - Remote or on-site; on-demand, single instance is ok

NOTES BEFORE WE BEGIN

- These slides are available on my web site
 - Admittedly, rather text heavy
 - Want you to have details needed when viewing later
- There are recordings of me giving this talk last year
 - I've tweaked the session in a few ways since then of course
- I'll show files/folders as in Windows
 - I trust Mac/Linux/Unix folks can determine the equivalents! :-)
- Finally, even if you've used CF10 for months
 - I hope that you'll find you learn several useful new things!

FOR THOSE FAMILIAR WITH CF ATOP JRUN:
HOW CF IS DIFFERENT RUNNING ATOP TOMCAT

INSTALLATION/DEPLOYMENT

- JVM as deployed within CF10:
 - Is 1.6.0_29 by default, as of initial release of CF10
 - Is located at [cf10]\jre
 - Adobe added support for using Java 7 in early 2013, via update feature
 - You would then install Java update, point CF to it in jvm.config
 - See any of many blog entries, including my own, for more on doing that
- Version of Tomcat in initial release of CF10: 7.0.23.0
 - Both shown on CF Admin “System Info” page (“i” in top right corner)
 - (Tomcat version not shown if CF 10 is deployed atop native Tomcat)
 - Update to later Tomcat versions, if/when supported by Adobe, should be possible through new update feature

INSTALLATION/DEPLOYMENT (CONT)

- For all editions (Standard/Enterprise/Trial/Dev), initial “cfusion” instance
 - Logs, config files, etc. for the instance are in [cf10]\cfusion
- No longer separate Multiserver install option
 - Instead, use “Server” deployment option (on Ent/Trial/Dev)
 - Offers “Instance Manager” to create/manage instances/clusters
 - New instances no longer buried deep under many dirs
 - C:\JRun4\servers\instance1\cfusion.ear\cfusion.war\WEB-INF\cfusion\logs
 - but instead simply at [cf10]\[instance], as in
 - [cf10]\[instance]\logs
 - For remainder of talk, I refer to instance path as [cf10]\[instance]
- Option still offered during Ent/Trial/Dev installation to create EAR/WAR
 - To deploy on any of many supported JEE servers/servlet engines

OTHER MULTISERVER ENHANCEMENTS

- Each instance has its own JVM.config (yea!)
- Also, “Java & JVM page” now available within instances!
- New AdminAPI method to get instancename (versus old JRun API)
 - getInstanceName in runtime.cfc
 - http://www.carehart.org/blog/client/index.cfm/2012/6/30/get_instancename_in_cf10
- Of course, many other differences/changes in CF10
 - See my talk, “Hidden Gems in CF10” at carehart.org/presentations

OTHER MULTISERVER ENHANCEMENTS (CONT)

- One feature lost, related to instances on CF10/Tomcat:
 - Can no longer create a CF instance, deploying an ear/war into it
 - For more, see “What’s the deal with Tomcat in CF10?”, Rupesh Kumar
 - <http://blogs.coldfusion.com/post.cfm/what-s-the-deal-with-tomcat-in-coldfusion-10>
- Again, can still deploy CF as EAR/WAR on any JEE server during install
 - Just no longer option in Instance Manager to use EAR/WAR when building a CF10 “instance”

LOGGING CHANGES

- Some other log locations are different
 - “Out” log(s), created when CF run as Windows service
 - previously in [jrun]\logs or [cf]\runtime\logs (but not [cf]\logs)
 - now in [cf10]\[instance]\logs, alongside other traditional CF logs
 - Web server connector logs: at/under [cf10]\config\wsconfig\
- Also, two new kinds of logs...

NEW “METRICS” LOGGING

- Similar to JRun metrics; enabled in CF Admin
 - “Debugging output settings” page, “Enable metrics logging”
- Writes to [cf10]\[instance]\logs\metrics.log
 - Or console if CF started from cmd line
- Writes a line every minute
 - Sample line:
 - "Information", "scheduler-2", "08/06/13", "16:08:50", "Max threads: 150
Current thread count: 4 Current thread busy: 1 Max processing time:
279876 Request count: 748 Error count: 3 Bytes received: 281578 Bytes
sent: 7375153 Free memory: 120128728 Total memory: 442957824 Active
Sessions: 9“

NEW “ACCESS” LOGS

- Enabled by default (in addition to your web server logs)
 - Stored in [cf10]\[instance]\runtime\logs
 - Name is in form: localhost_access_log.yyyy-mm-dd.txt
 - Format: [ip] - [date/time] "GET [path/file] HTTP/1.1" [statuscode] [bytessent]
- Written regardless of whether requests come from internal or external web server
 - (more on that in a moment)
- Can configure file location, extension, name pattern, request details logged
 - See later discussion of Tomcat Valves
- Solr access logs also enabled by default
 - In [cf10]\[instance]\jetty\logs\, name in form yyy_mm_dd.request.log
 - Configuration controlled similarly in [cf10]\[instance]\jetty\etc\jetty.xml

WEB SERVERS, INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL

- CF10, as before, asks during installation:
 - Whether to use external web server (IIS/Apache) or built-in one
 - In CF10, that internal one is Tomcat's own web server
 - Unlike JRun's built-in web server, Tomcat's is not for dev-only
- Can enable/disable built-in web server even after install, as well as:
 - Change default web root from [cf10]\[instance]\wwwroot
 - Add a virtual directory
 - Define custom error pages
 - Disabling directory browsing
- For more, see my blog entry on the topic

WEB SERVERS, INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL (CONT.)

- External web server support: IIS 5-7, Apache 2.2.21, IBM HTTPServer
 - Config tool in [cf10]\[instance]\runtime\bin (wsconfig.exe)
 - And of course via Start menu in Windows, though only for cfusion instance
 - Config tool within instance must be used to connect it to web server
 - Web server connector config files: [cf10]\config\wsconfig
 - Previously [cf9]\runtime\lib\wsconfig or [jrun4]\lib\wsconfig
 - One folder under this, per connection created
 - For more on configuration/use
 - See “Installing CF10” manual, section “Configuring web servers”
- May also want to consider Bilal Soylu’s “IIS to Tomcat Connector”
 - <http://tomcatiis.riaforge.org/>

MORE ON TOMCAT-RELATED CF10 CHANGES

- In addition to resources mentioned so far, see also the following
- “Working with Tomcat as the built-in application server”, by Kavya Maiya, Adobe
 - Technically, applies to more than just CF 10 on Tomcat web server
 - <http://www.adobe.com/devnet/coldfusion/articles/coldfusion-tomcat.html>
- “Getting Started with Tomcat in ColdFusion 10”, by Asha Kasala of Adobe
 - <http://blogs.coldfusion.com/post.cfm/getting-started-with-tomcat-in-coldfusion-10>
- Also covered some in part of Chapter 2, *Installing ColdFusion 10*

FOR THOSE FAMILIAR WITH TOMCAT:
HOW IT IS DIFFERENT AS BUNDLED UNDER CF10

SOME KEY DIFFERENCES FROM NATIVE TOMCAT

- There are key files that Tomcat users may often want to tweak
 - Where are they within CF (as bundled with Tomcat on CF10)?
- [cf10]\[instance]\runtime\conf\
 - server.xml, context.xml, web.xml
 - catalina.properties
 - (More on these later, if you're new to Tomcat)
- External web server connector properties
 - Again, [cf10]\config\wsconfig\[n]
 - Where [n] is a number from 1 to # of sites/hosts configured by CF
 - Holds especially: workers.properties, uriworkermap.properties, isapi_redirect.properties
- Last key difference: “Manager” app cannot be enabled within CF10 atop Tomcat

SOME KEY TOMCAT MODIFICATIONS BY CF TEAM

- CF team tweaked deployment of Tomcat, to be more familiar to CFers
- Many aspects of configuration added in Tomcat as it exists under CF:
 - Support for certain CGI scope variables
 - Multiple webroot support (internal CF webroot supplements external)
 - Session replication supported in cluster
 - Search-Engine Safe/SES URL support, long in CF, now added to Tomcat
- These are all discussed in:
 - “What’s the deal with Tomcat in ColdFusion 10?”
 - <http://blogs.coldfusion.com/post.cfm/what-s-the-deal-with-tomcat-in-coldfusion-10>

FEATURES LOST IF CF DEPLOYED ON NATIVE TOMCAT

- What if you decide to install CF WAR/EAR on Native Tomcat?
 - As opposed to normal deploy of CF (with Tomcat bundled under it)
- You lose those items mentioned previously:
 - some CGI vars, multiple webroot support, CF session replication, SES URLs
 - Still, can tweak web.xml to at least get SES to work
 - See Rupesh's article for needed XML changes
- You do get things **not** in CF10's bundled Tomcat, like the Manager app
- Issues related to which web connector you use (if running CF WAR/EAR on Tomcat)
 - If you use Tomcat web server, that's supported
 - If you use Adobe's modified Tomcat web server connectors, that's supported
 - If you use Tomcat's IIS/Apache connector, that's not supported

3 STEPS TO INSTALLING CF ON TOMCAT

- Really pretty simple to do, if you're interested, assuming default config options are acceptable
- 1) Download/install Java (required for Tomcat, whereas it's provided by CF)
- 2) Download Tomcat (tomcat.apache.org)
 - Available either as installer, or a zip you simply extract
 - If using zip, set java_home env. variable pointing to your above-installed java JRE
 - For example set java_home=C:\Program Files\Java\jre7
 - Start Tomcat: in its \bin directory, run startup script
 - Test it as localhost:8080
- 3) Run CF Installer (CF7 or greater), choose option to create WAR file
 - From resulting directory created, copy cfusion.war file to Tomcat webapps dir
 - for example, C:\tomcat-7.0.27\webapps
 - After a few mins, test it as <http://localhost:8080/cfusion/CFIDE/administrator/index.cfm>
- See "Installing CF" manual for more details, alternative config options
- Caution: Some have found that an EAR/WAR created from CF Admin's "Packaging & Deployment" feature does not install as readily

FOR THOSE FAMILIAR WITH CF BUT NOT TOMCAT:
WHAT FEATURES OF TOMCAT MAY BE USEFUL TO CFERS

FIRST SOME FUNDAMENTALS

- Some terms you'll hear
 - “Apache” is an overarching entity encompassing many projects
 - It's also the name of the Apache web server. Don't confuse these
 - Tomcat is a servlet container, includes a web server / can connect to others
 - JBoss
 - JEE Application Server which bundles Tomcat
- Main components underlying Tomcat
 - Catalina: servlet container (Tomcat engine)
 - Coyote: http connector (Tomcat's built-in web server)
 - Jasper: JSP engine
- ...

MORE TERMS

- Web server connectors: various choices
 - HTTP 1.1 (Tomcat's built-in web server: Coyote)
 - AJP (used with external web servers)
- Great resources for learning more on Tomcat at <http://tomcat.apache.org/>
 - Including history of previous releases
 - Focus on v7: <http://tomcat.apache.org/tomcat-7.0-doc/index.html>
- Still, be careful in reading Tomcat resources. Many concepts don't apply...

SOME THINGS TO CONSIDER WHILE READING ABOUT TOMCAT (AS A CF'ER)

1. Some things apply only on a native Tomcat deployment, not the version within CF
2. Some things may apply only to a specific version of Tomcat, perhaps earlier than 7
3. Some things apply only to using Tomcat's built-in web server (vs IIS/Apache)
4. Some things can be used in Tomcat but maybe better configured in your web server
 - Such as SSL, compression, IP blacklists
5. Some things may exist in Tomcat from before JEE spec defined a new approach
 - Such as Valves vs Filters (more in a moment)
6. Some things refer to features of Tomcat already provided or handled by CF
 - JDBC connectivity, connection pooling, sessions, etc.
7. Some things refer to doing native JEE development
 - And don't generally apply to CFers doing deployment of CF on Java...

JEE CONCEPTS THAT DON'T GENERALLY APPLY TO CF'ERS USING TOMCAT

- All these were also part of JRun
 - We didn't need to worry about them then; don't now
- JSPs and servlets: Java way of web application development
 - Our way: CFML
- Use of WAR/EAR packaging, application "deployment", Tomcat's "Admin" application (for deployment)
 - Advanced CF Admins may use these things, but pretty rare to hear
- Other general or detailed JEE concepts we can ignore, to start:
 - JNDI, JMS, JTA, JAXP, JAAS (generally don't need to use)
 - APR, NIO (advanced features we don't need to worry about initially)
 - Realms (security concept in Tomcat we don't generally interact with)

SOME TOMCAT FILES YOU MIGHT EXPLORE

- You may want to explore some Tomcat-related configuration options/files
- Server.xml
 - Found in [cf10]\[instance]\runtime\conf\server.xml
- Note that Tomcat has a hierarchy of components, seen in that file
 - Server > service > engine > host > context
 - Configurable, may be useful to understand for some needs
- More: <http://tomcat.apache.org/tomcat-7.0-doc/config/server.html>
 - <http://tomcat.apache.org/tomcat-7.0-doc/config/service.html>
 - <http://tomcat.apache.org/tomcat-7.0-doc/config/engine.html>
 - <http://tomcat.apache.org/tomcat-7.0-doc/config/host.html>

SOME TOMCAT FILES YOU MIGHT EXPLORE (CONT.)

- Context.xml
 - Lowest level of that hierarchy
 - Represents a web application (in our case, our ColdFusion code)
 - Found in [cf10]\[instance]\runtime\conf\context.xml
 - Nothing really interesting in there, though
 - See also other context configuration in:
 - [cf10]\[instance]\wwwroot\WEB-INF\web.xml
 - [cf10]\[instance]\runtime\conf\web.xml
 - More: <http://tomcat.apache.org/tomcat-7.0-doc/config/context.html>

SOME TOMCAT FILES YOU MIGHT EXPLORE (CONT.)

- Catalina.properties
 - Where various low-level (internals) configuration is done
 - Sessions, logging, security, and other things
 - In [cf10]\[instance]\runtime\conf\catalina.properties
 - <http://tomcat.apache.org/tomcat-7.0-doc/config/systemprops.html>

SOME TOMCAT FILES YOU MIGHT EXPLORE (CONT.)

- Files related to web server config (created/configured by CF, may want to tweak)
- workers.properties
 - In [cf10]\config\wsconfig\[n]\workers.properties
 - <http://tomcat.apache.org/connectors-doc/reference/workers.html>
- uriworkermap.properties
 - Handles reception of requests from web server. Rules-based
 - In [cf10]\config\wsconfig\[n]\URIWorkermap.properties
 - <http://tomcat.apache.org/connectors-doc/reference/uriworkermap.html>
- See also http://tomcat.apache.org/connectors-doc/webserver_howto/iis.html
 - http://tomcat.apache.org/connectors-doc/webserver_howto/apache.html

SOME TOMCAT CONCEPTS YOU MIGHT EXPLORE

- Valves and Filters
- Listeners
- Clustering and Load Balancing
- Virtual hosting
- Connectors
- Session Managers
- More on these, to follow. See also docs starting at:
 - <http://tomcat.apache.org/tomcat-7.0-doc/config/index.html>

VALVES

- General concept of valves and filters
 - They can inspect/modify incoming request, outgoing response
 - Similar in some ways to CF's onrequeststart/onrequestend processing
 - Filters are JEE spec approach, but Tomcat long had (still has) valves
 - More: <http://tomcat.apache.org/tomcat-7.0-doc/config/valve.html>
- We saw one valve enabled by default for CF10, AccessLogValve
 - Is listed in [cf10]\[instance]\runtime\conf\server.xml
 - Can tweak valve in various ways. See link above for its details
 - Might want to add time-taken (%D), request method (%m)

VALVES (CONT.)

- Consider also:
 - CrawlerSessionManagerValve
 - Sets requests from listed crawler “user agents” to share single session
 - ExtendedAccessLogValve, RemoteAddrValve (block/allow certain IPs), RemoteHostValve, SingleSignOn, RemoteIpValve
 - BasicAuthenticator, DigestAuthenticator, FormAuthenticator, SSLAuthenticator
 - StuckThreadDetectionValve – similar to CF Admin’s “log slow pages”
- These could be configured in [cf10]\[instance]\runtime\conf\server.xml
 - Again, more at <http://tomcat.apache.org/tomcat-7.0-doc/config/valve.html>

FILTERS

- Filters are similar in concept to valves. Just the JEE spec equivalent
 - Can often find ones created by various JEE developers
 - and which should work across all JEE servers/servlet containers
 - See my “Fun with Filters”: http://www.carehart.org/articles/#2003_2
- Can consider other built-in Tomcat ones:
 - AddDefaultCharsetFilter, CSRFPreventionFilter, ExpiresFilter, RemoteAddrFilter, RemoteHostFilter, RemoteIpFilter, RequestDumperFilter, SetCharacterEncodingFilter, FailedRequestFilter
- These can be configured in [cf10]\[instance]\runtime\conf\web.xml
 - More at <http://tomcat.apache.org/tomcat-7.0-doc/config/filter.html>

LISTENERS

- Components that fire on given events
 - Some already implemented in CF10:
 - `AprLifecycleListener`, `GlobalResourcesLifecycleListener`
 - `JreMemoryLeakPreventionListener`: provides work-arounds for known jvm classloading leaks
 - Others to consider:
 - `SecurityListener`, `ThreadLocalLeakPreventionListener`, `JmxRemoteLifecycleListener`
 - These would be configured in `[cf10]\[instance]\runtime\conf\server.xml`
 - Details at <http://tomcat.apache.org/tomcat-7.0-doc/config/listeners.html>

AND ALSO THOSE OTHER CONCEPTS LISTED...

- Clustering
 - <http://tomcat.apache.org/tomcat-7.0-doc/cluster-howto.html>
 - <http://tomcat.apache.org/tomcat-7.0-doc/config/cluster.html>
- Load Balancing
 - <http://tomcat.apache.org/tomcat-7.0-doc/balancer-howto.html>
 - http://tomcat.apache.org/connectors-doc/generic_howto/loadbalancers.html
- Virtual Hosting
 - <http://tomcat.apache.org/tomcat-7.0-doc/virtual-hosting-howto.html>
- Connectors (external web server connectors)
 - <http://tomcat.apache.org/tomcat-7.0-doc/connectors.html>

FINAL CONCEPT: “SESSION MANAGERS”

- Hidden gem in Tomcat (and CF10)
- Ability to save sessions over restarts. Yes!
 - Some important pros and cons to seriously consider
- Takes some knowledge of configuration within Tomcat (which you now have)
 - More: <http://tomcat.apache.org/tomcat-7.0-doc/config/manager.html>
 - Need to modify [cf10]\[instance]\runtime\conf\context.xml
- Adobe doc’s brief discussion in “Installing CF 10” is confused, sadly
 - See p20, “Enabling persistent session” (sic)
 - Says to uncomment an already uncommented line of XML
 - Key is, if uncommented, MANAGER element must not have blank PATH, so:
 - Can either comment it (it’s not commented by default in CF10, but PATH is blank)
 - Or can set a PATH value. PATH=“sessions.ser” would save sessions to sessions.ser file
 - In [cf10]\[instance]\runtime\work\Catalina\localhost\tmp

PERSISTENT SESSIONS (CONT.)

- CF needs to be restarted after change to take effect
 - Test: config/restart/create sessions/restart again/test if saved
- Good news: even complex variables persist (queries, CFCs, structs, etc.)
- Gotcha: only saves sessions at normal CF shutdown
 - If CF crashes/is killed, sessions are NOT saved/restored
 - But then no different than things are now. Just bad if you “expect” save
- Also, can be a lot of I/O at shutdown, then startup, esp. if many sessions
 - You may have more sessions than you think, due to spiders, bots, etc.
- May confuse you: sessions.ser file will not appear while CF is up
 - Is created on shutdown, deleted after startup

PERSISTENT SESSIONS (CONT.)

- Yet another opportunity:
 - Tomcat has several different “managers” (session managers)
 - Default is StandardManager
 - Can instead enable PersistentManager
 - Configuring it causes persistence of sessions during run of CF/Tomcat
 - Saves one file per session instead of all in one file
 - Can also be configured to save to a database. Much better performance
 - Both options still have potential I/O, shutdown/startup considerations
 - More: <http://tomcat.apache.org/tomcat-7.0-doc/config/manager.html>

FINALLY, MOBILE APPS FOR MONITORING TOMCAT

- Watchdog for Tomcat (IOS)
 - <https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/watchdog-for-tomcat/id388474856>
- Tomcat Administrator (Android)
 - <https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.neven.tomcat>
- FusionReactor also offers mobile monitoring apps
 - For monitoring both CF, and native Tomcat (any JEE server)
 - For both IOS and Andriod
 - <http://www.fusion-reactor.com/fr/mobile/>

WHERE TO LEARN MORE

- Tomcat docs
 - <http://tomcat.apache.org/>
- Tomcat books
 - Apress has “Apache Tomcat 7” by Vukotic and Goodwill (modern, slim)
 - Wrox had “Pro Apache Tomcat 6”, by Chopra, et al (really useful info)
 - O’Really had “Tomcat: The Definitive Guide”, not updated since 2007

WHERE TO LEARN MORE (CONT.)

- “Getting Started with Tomcat in ColdFusion 10”, by Asha Kasala of Adobe
 - <http://blogs.coldfusion.com/post.cfm/getting-started-with-tomcat-in-coldfusion-10>
- “Working with Tomcat as the built-in application server”, by Kavya Maiya, Adobe
 - <http://www.adobe.com/devnet/coldfusion/articles/coldfusion-tomcat.html>
- “What’s the deal with Tomcat in ColdFusion 10?”, by Rupesh Kumar, Adobe
 - <http://blogs.coldfusion.com/post.cfm/what-s-the-deal-with-tomcat-in-coldfusion-10>
- Matt Woodward’s “Definitive Guide to Running CFML on Tomcat”
 - <http://bit.ly/cfmlontomcat>

CONCLUSION

- Hope you feel that there's a lot more to CF10 on Tomcat than you thought
 - How many features/resources do you think we covered?
 - Over 100!
- How many were valuable to you?
 - Share your opinion by your applause! :-) and please do your evals
- With that, enjoy the rest of the event!
 - Questions, if we have time?
 - And if I can help you with CF Server Troubleshooting, contact me below!