



Introducing the CF Administrator (BC107)

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Overview

- ✓ Different audiences for the CF Admin
- ✓ Settings and tasks by categories
- ✓ Differences in Standard, Enterprise
- ✓ Changes in recent releases
- ✓ Additional Topics
- ✓ Learning More

About Charlie Arehart

- ✓ Independent consultant since April 2006
- ✓ 10 yrs CF experience (25 in Enterprise IT)
 - Member, Adobe Community Experts
 - Certified Adv CF Developer (4 - 7), Cert. Adobe Instructor
 - Frequent speaker to user groups, conferences worldwide
 - Contributor to Ben Forta's CF8 books, past *ColdFusion MX Bible*
 - Run the Online ColdFusion Meetup (coldfusionmeetup.com)
 - Living in Alpharetta, Georgia (north of Atlanta)
- ✓ Web home at www.carehart.org
 - Hosts 175+ blog entries, 50+ articles, 70+ presentations, more
 - UGTV: recordings of presentations by over 100 CFUG speakers
 - AskCharlie: per-minute telephone & web-based CF support

Speaking Schedule

Tuesday

- Daylong class, "New in CFMX 6/7, what did you miss?"
- 8pm Minimax talk, "Hidden Gems in CF8"

Wed

- 8pm: Birds of a Feather session, "Solo Coding" (co-leading)

Thurs

- 3:15: Bootcamp session, "Introducing the CF Admin"

Fri

- 8:30a: CF8 session, "Step Debugging in CF 6/7/8 with FusionDebug or the new CF8 Debugger"
- 12pm: Vendor presentation, "FusionReactor and FusionDebug - Professional Monitoring and Debugging tools for CF 6,7 and 8!"

Sat

- 8:30a: Repeat, "Step Debugging in CF 6/7/8 with FusionDebug or the new CF8 Debugger"

Different Audiences for the CF Admin

- ✓ A full-time administrator doing nothing but CF administration
- ✓ An administrator with responsibility for many (or all) aspects of the server environment
- ✓ Someone who supports CF only as a side role, perhaps reluctantly
- ✓ A CF developer who also administers the CF Server
- ✓ A CF developer with no admin rights but interested in how the server is configured

Settings and Tasks by Categories

- ✓ Server Settings
- ✓ Data & Services
- ✓ Debugging & Logging
- ✓ Extensions
- ✓ Event Gateways
- ✓ Security
- ✓ Packaging & Deployment

Differences in Standard, Enterprise

- ✓ Limitations in Standard
 - Resource Security (sandboxing, for entire server)
- ✓ Additional features in Enterprise
 - Enterprise database drivers
 - Performance related enhancements for
 - a) Mail, reporting, charting, pdf generation, Verity
 - Charting: caching, offline storage/retrieval of graphs
 - Backup mail servers, multi-threaded email delivery
 - Multi-server instance manager
 - Cluster manager
 - J2EE Package Deployment
 - ColdFusion Archives (CAR files)
 - Security Sandbox
 - Log analysis, probes

Changes in CFMX 6/6.1

- ✓ **Some Hidden Gems**
 - J2EE Session variables option
 - UUID for CFTOKEN
 - Backup mail servers, multi-threaded email delivery
 - Web service features (aliases, refreshing stubs)
 - Ability to control log file max size and archival/rotation
 - Those previously mentioned enterprise tuning features for mail, charts

Changes in CFMX 7

- ✓ **Support for Prominent Features**
 - Event gateways
 - Multiserver Instance Manager, cluster manager
 - Admin API
 - Sourceless deployment
 - J2EE Package Deployment
 - Those enterprise tuning features for reporting, pdf generation, Verity
- ✓ **Some Hidden Gems**
 - Ability to flush template cache
 - Getting Started Experience
 - Setting default location for CFFORM's scriptSrc attribute
 - New Font management page
 - License Scanner
- ✓ **Discussed these (and much more) in my day-long class, “New in CFMX 6/7: What did you miss?”**
 - Planning to offer this in the future as an online or on-site class

Changes in CF 8

- ✓ More Hidden Gems
 - Can now define users who can access CF Admin
 - Can access all new monitoring info via Admin AP
 - New throttles for different kinds of requests
 - a) Flash remoting, web services, cfc methods (called from http), report threads, cfthread threads
 - New request queue timeout feature
 - a) Optional page to show users on timeout
 - New max running and queued jrun threads
 - New "Disable CFC Type Check"
 - New "Disable access to internal ColdFusion Java components"
 - Pages for new debugger, flex integration
 - Can now clear the template cache for one or more files (admin api)
 - Can enable/disable per-application settings feature
 - Can now pause scheduled tasks

Additional Topics

- ✓ Accessing system info, docs, getting started resources & more from Admin
- ✓ Online help within Admin
- ✓ Accessing a remote datasource from your local development workstation
- ✓ Extensibility of the Admin
 - Adding new functionality of your own or from 3rd parties

Learning More

- ✓ Learning more, staying updated
- ✓ RTFM: read the fine manuals
 - Local docs, livedocs.adobe.com
- ✓ Resources for learning more
 - Adobe ColdFusion DevCenter areas
 - a) http://www.adobe.com/support/coldfusion/general_admin.html
 - b) http://www.adobe.com/support/coldfusion/data_source.html
 - CFDJ Admin articles

Evaluations

- ✓ We really appreciate these
- ✓ Form fields:
 - Arehart, Charlie
 - BC107

Questions on presentation

- ✓ Charlie Arehart
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- ✓ I'd really appreciate your feedback
 - <http://carehart.org/feedback/>

- ✓ Also available for setup and implementation consulting
 - Also other developer productivity coaching, system admin and tuning support, and more
 - Remote or on-site