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Preface

This guide discusses how to use Netscape Server Application Programmer's Interface (NSAPI) to build plug-ins that define Server Application Functions (SAFs) to extend and modify Sun[™] Java[™] System Web Server. The guide also provides a reference of the NSAPI functions you can use to define new plug-ins.

Who Should Use This Book

The intended audience for this guide is the person who develops, assembles, and deploys NSAPI plug-ins in a corporate enterprise. This guide assumes you are familiar with the following topics:

- HTTP
- HTML
- NSAPI
- C programming
- Software development processes, including debugging and source code control

Before You Read This Book

Web Server can be installed as a stand-alone product or as a component of Sun Java Enterprise System (Java ES), a software infrastructure that supports enterprise applications distributed across a network or Internet environment. If you are installing Web Server as a component of Java ES, you should be familiar with the system documentation at http://docs.sun.com/coll/1286.3.

Web Server Documentation Set

The Web Server documentation set describes how to install and administer the Web Server. You can access Web Server Update 1 documentation at http://docs.sun.com/coll/1653.1 For an introduction to Web Server Update 1, refer to the books in the order in which they are listed in the following table.

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Documentation Title	Contents
Sun Java System Web Server 7.0 Update 1 Documentation Center	Web Server documentation topics organized by tasks and subject
Sun Java System Web Server 7.0 Update 1 Release Notes	 Late-breaking information about the software and documentation Supported platforms and patch requirements for installing Web Server
Sun Java System Web Server 7.0 Update 1 Installation and Migration Guide	 Performing installation and migration tasks: Installing Web Server and its various components, Migrating data from Sun ONE Web Server 6.0 or 6.1 to Sun Java
Sun Java System Web Server 7.0 Update 1 Administrator's Guide	System Web Server 7.0 Performing the following administration tasks: Using the Administration GUI and command-line interface
	Configuring server preferencesUsing server instances
	 Monitoring and logging server activity
	• Using certificates and public key cryptography to secure the server
	 Configuring access control to secure the server
	 Using Java Platform Enterprise Edition (Java EE) security features
	 Deploying applications
	 Managing virtual servers
	 Defining server workload and sizing the system to meet performance needs
	 Searching the contents and attributes of server documents, and creating a text search interface
	• Configuring the server for content compression
	 Configuring the server for web publishing and content authoring using WebDAV
Sun Java System Web Server 7.0 Update 1 Developer's Guide	Using programming technologies and APIs to do the following:Extend and modify Sun Java System Web Server
	 Dynamically generate content in response to client requests and modify the content of the server
Sun Java System Web Server 7.0 Update 1 NSAPI Developer's Guide	Creating custom Netscape Server Application Programmer's Interface (NSAPI) plug-ins

Documentation Title	Contents
Sun Java System Web Server 7.0 Update 1 Developer's Guide to Java Web Applications	Implementing Java Servlets and JavaServer Pages TM (JSP TM) technology in Sun Java System Web Server
Sun Java System Web Server 7.0 Update 1 Administrator's Configuration File Reference	Editing configuration files
Sun Java System Web Server 7.0 Update 1 Performance Tuning, Sizing, and Scaling Guide	Tuning Sun Java System Web Server to optimize performance
Sun Java System Web Server 7.0 Update 1 Troubleshooting Guide	Troubleshooting Web Server

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 Books in the Web Server Documentation Set
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Related Books

The URL for all documentation about Sun Java Enterprise System (Java ES) and its components is http://docs.sun.com/coll/1286.3.

Default Paths and File Names

The following table describes the default paths and file names that are used in this book.

Placeholder	Description	Default Value
install-dir	Represents the base installation directory for Web Server	Sun Java Enterprise System (Java ES) installations on the Solaris TM platform:
		/opt/SUNWwbsvr7
		Java ES installations on the Linux and HP-UX platform:
		/opt/sun/webserver/
		Java ES installations on the Windows platform:
		<pre>system-drive:\Program Files\Sun\JavaES5\WebServer7</pre>
		Other Solaris, Linux, and HP-UX installations, non-root user:
		home-directory/sun/webserver7
		Other Solaris, Linux, and HP-UX installations, root user:
		/sun/webserver7
		Windows, all installations:
		<pre>system-drive:\Program Files\Sun\WebServer7</pre>
instance-dir	Directory that contains the instance-specific subdirectories.	For Java ES installations, the default location for instances on Solaris:
		/var/opt/SUNWwbsvr7
		For Java ES installations, the default location for instances on Linux and HP-UX:
		/var/opt/sun/webserver7
		For Java ES installations, the default location for instance on Windows:
		<pre>system-drive:\Program Files\Sun\JavaES5\WebServer7</pre>
		For stand-alone installations, the default location for instance on Solaris, Linux, and HP-UX: <i>install-dir</i>
		For stand-alone installations, the default location for instance on Windows:
		<pre>system-drive:\Program Files\sun\WebServer7</pre>

TABLE P-2 Default Paths and File Names

Typographic Conventions

The following table describes the typographic changes that are used in this book.

 TABLE P-3
 Typographic Conventions

Typeface	Meaning	Example
AaBbCc123	The names of commands, files, and directories, and onscreen computer output	Edit your . login file.
		Use ls -a to list all files.
		machine_name% you have mail.
AaBbCc123	What you type, contrasted with onscreen	machine_name% su
	computer output	Password:
AaBbCc123	A placeholder to be replaced with a real name or value	The command to remove a file is rm <i>filename</i>
AaBbCc123	<i>bCc123</i> Book titles, new terms, and terms to be emphasized (note that some emphasized items appear bold online)	Read Chapter 6 in the User's Guide.
		A <i>cache</i> is a copy that is stored locally.
	**	Do <i>not</i> save the file.

Symbol Conventions

The following table explains symbols that might be used in this book.

TABLE P-4	Symbol Conventions
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Symbol	Description	Example	Meaning
[]	Contains optional arguments and command options.	ls [-l]	The -l option is not required.
{ }	Contains a set of choices for a required command option.	-d {y n}	The -d option requires that you use either the y argument or the n argument.
\${ }	Indicates a variable reference.	\${com.sun.javaRoot}	References the value of the com.sun.javaRoot variable.
-	Joins simultaneous multiple keystrokes.	Control-A	Press the Control key while you press the A key.
+	Joins consecutive multiple keystrokes.	Ctrl+A+N	Press the Control key, release it, and then press the subsequent keys.

TABLE P-4	Symbol Conventions (0	Continued)	
Symbol	Description	Example	Meaning
\rightarrow	Indicates menu item selection in a graphical user interface.	$File \rightarrow New \rightarrow Templates$	From the File menu, choose New. From the New submenu, choose Templates.

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search-term site:docs.sun.com

For example, to search for "broker," type the following:

broker site:docs.sun.com

To include other Sun web sites in your search (for example, java.sun.com, www.sun.com, and developers.sun.com), use sun.com in place of docs.sun.com in the search field.

Third-Party Web Site References

Third-party URLs are referenced in this document and provide additional, related information.

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Technology Overview

This chapter summarizes the various APIs and programming technologies supported by Web Server.

This chapter has the following sections:

- "Sun Java System Web Server Architecture" on page 21
- "Configuration Files" on page 23
- "Sun Java System Web Server 7.0 APIs" on page 23
- "API Summary" on page 28
- "Changes From Previous Versions" on page 29

Sun Java System Web Server Architecture

Web Server incorporates a modular architecture that integrates seamlessly with all products in the Sun Java [™] System family of servers. In addition, Web Server supports a variety of APIs and programming technologies that enable you to do the following:

- Generate dynamic content in response to client requests
- Modify and extend the behavior of the server
- Modify the content that is stored in the server

Sun Java System Web Server includes a number of software modules, which are discussed in the following topics in this section:

- "Content Engines" on page 22
- "Server Extensions" on page 22
- "Runtime Environments" on page 23
- "Application Services" on page 23

Content Engines

Web Server content engines are designed for manipulating customer data. The following three content engines make up the Web Publishing layer of the Sun Java System Web Server architecture:

- HTTP (Web Server)
- Content Handling
- Search

The HTTP engine represents the core of Sun Java System Web Server. The Web Server architecture resides on top of this engine for performance and integration functionality.

The Content Handling engine enables you to manage your server's content. You can create and store HTML pages, JavaServer Pages files JSP[™], and other files such as graphics, text, sound, or video on your server. When clients connect to your server they can view your files provided they have access.

The Search engine enables Web Server users to search the contents and attributes of documents on the server. As a server administrator, you can create a customized text search interface that works with various types of document formats. Web Server converts many types of non-HTML documents into HTML as it indexes them, so users can use a web browser to view the documents that are found for their search.

Server Extensions

Web Server extensions enable you to extend or replace the function of the server to better suit your business operations. The following server extensions are part of the core Web Server architecture:

- Common Gateway Interface (CGI)
- NetscapeTMServer Application Programming Interface (NSAPI)
- Java Servlets and JavaServer Pages (JSP)

Common Gateway Interface (CGI) is a stand-alone application development interface that enables you to create programs that process your client requests dynamically.

Netscape Server Application Programming Interface (NSAPI) implements the functions and server calls when processing a request. Server Application Functions or SAFs these functions, provide the core and extended functionality of Web Server. They enable the server to process requests and divide the requests into small steps that can be arranged in a variety of ways for speed and flexible configuration.

Java servlets and JavaServer Pages extensions enable all servlet and JSP meta functions, including instantiation, initialization, destruction, access from other components, and configuration management. Servlets and JSP files are reusable Java applications that run on a web server rather than in a web browser.

Runtime Environments

Web Server includes a set of runtime environments that support the server extensions. These runtime environments include the following:

- CGI Processor
- NSAPI Engine
- Java Virtual Machine JVMTM for the Java platform tool interface.

Application Services

The Web Server architecture includes a set of application services for various application-specific functions. These application services include the following:

- Security and access control
- Session management service
- File system service
- Mail service

Configuration Files

You can configure the Web Server using the Administration user interfaces (UI) or through CLI. Most of the configuration files are in the directory *install_dir/https-instance/config* directory. For example, if Web Server is installed on a Windows machine in C:\Program Files\Sun\WebServer7, the configuration files for the server myserver.com are in:

C:\Program Files\Sun\WebServer7\https-*myserver*.com\config

The main configuration files are magnus.conf, server.xml, obj.conf, and mime.types. For more information about configuration files, see the *Sun Java System Web Server 7.0 Update 1 Administrator's Configuration File Reference*.

Sun Java System Web Server 7.0 APIs

This section summarizes the various APIs and programming technologies supported by Web Server, and describes how to get more information about them.

Enable you to dynamically generate responses or parts of responses to requests. The APIs and programming approaches are described in the following sections:

- "Server-Parsed HTML Tags" on page 24
- "CGI Programs" on page 24
- "Java Servlets and JavaServer Pages (JSP) Support" on page 24

- "NSAPI Plug-ins" on page 25
- "Access Control API" on page 26
- "Certificate-Mapping API" on page 27

To modify the content of the server by adding, removing, or modifying resources and directories, use remote file manipulation.

Server-Parsed HTML Tags

Web Server provides a C API for defining your own server-side tags. These tags can be used in addition to the standard server-side tags (such as config, include, and so on) in HTML files.

For more information about defining and using server-parsed tags, see Chapter 2, "Server-Parsed HTML Tags."

CGI Programs

Common Gateway Interface (CGI) programs run on the server and generate a response to return to the requesting client. CGI programs can be written in the C, C++, Java, and Perl languages and as shell scripts. CGI programs are invoked through URL invocation.

Web Server complies with the version 1.1 CGI specification.

For more information about using CGI with Web Server, see Chapter 2, "Server-Parsed HTML Tags"

Java Servlets and JavaServer Pages (JSP) Support

Web Server supports the Java Servlet 2.4 specification, including web application and the JavaServer Pages (JSP) 2.0 specification.

Java servlets are server-side Java programs that can be used to generate dynamic content in response to client requests in much the same way as CGI programs. Servlets are accessed through URL invocation.

You create servlets using the Java Servlets API. Web Server includes all of the files necessary for developing and running Java servlets.

For information about using the Java Servlet API, see the documentation from Sun at http://java.sun.com/products/servlet/index.jsp.

A JSP page is a page that can be viewed in a web browser, much like an HTML page. However, in addition to HTML tags, it can include a set of JSP tags and directives mixed with Java code that extend the ability of the web page designer to incorporate dynamic content in a page. These additional features provide functionality such as displaying property values and using simple conditionals.

For more information about creating web applications that use servlets and JSP files on Web Server, see the *Sun Java System Web Server 7.0 Update 1 Developer's Guide to Java Web Applications*.

For more information about using JavaServer Page files, see the documentation from Sun at http://java.sun.com/products/jsp/index.jsp.

NSAPI Plug-ins

Netscape Server Application Programming Interface (NSAPI) is a set of C functions for implementing extensions to the server. These extensions are known as *server plug-ins*.

Using NSAPI, you can write plug-ins and filters to extend the functionality of Web Server. An NSAPI plug-in defines one or more Server Application Functions (SAFs). You can develop SAFs for implementing custom authorization, custom logging, and other modifications to how Sun Java System Web Server handles requests. For more information, see the *Sun Java System Web Server 7.0 Update 1 NSAPI Developer's Guide*.

The file obj.conf contains instructions (known as *directives*) that tell the server how to process requests received from clients. Each instruction is enacted either during server initialization or during a particular stage of the request-handling process. Each instruction invokes a SAF.

For example, the following instruction is invoked when the request method is GET and the requested resource is of type text/html. This instruction calls the append-trailer function with a trailer argument of <H4>Served by 7.0</H4>. The append-trailer function returns the requested resource to the client, in this case an HTML file, and appends the given trailer to it.

Web Server has a set of predefined SAFs. It also has a library of NSAPI functions for developing your own SAFs to modify the way the server handles requests. For more information about predefined SAFs, see the *Sun Java System Web Server 7.0 Update 1 Administrator's Configuration File Reference*. For more information about custom SAFs, see the *Sun Java System Web Server 7.0 Update 1 NSAPI Developer's Guide*.

Note – The obj.conf file is essential for the operation of the server. If this file does not exist, the server cannot access instructions for how to handle requests. When defining new SAFs, include the header function nsapi.h (which is in *install_dir/*include) to have access to all NSAPI functions.

Installing NSAPI Plug-ins

To load new NSAPI plugins containing customized SAFs into the server, add an Init directive to magnus.conf to load the shared library file that defines the new SAFs. This directive must call the load-modules function, which takes the following arguments:

- shlib— The shared library to load.
- funcs— The functions to be made available to the server.

See the *Sun Java System Web Server 7.0 Update 1 NSAPI Developer's Guide* for more information about the following topics:

- Directives in obj. conf and how they determine how the server handles requests
- NSAPI functions available for writing custom SAFs
- Writing custom SAFs
- Loading custom SAFs into Sun Java System Web Server by adding an Init directive to magnus.conf that calls load-modules

For more information about the predefined SAFs that are included with Web Server, see the *Sun Java System Web Server 7.0 Update 1 Administrator's Configuration File Reference.*

Access Control API

The Access Control API is a C API that enables you to programmatically control the access privileges on Web Server.

Access control lists (ACLs) determine the access privileges to the resources on the server. Each ACL contains a list of access control entries. The following access control entry, for example, specifies that all access is denied to everyone for any resource having a URI that starts with /private.

```
acl "uri=/private/*";
deny (all)
(user = "anyone");
```

To Create an ACL

- 1 Login to Admin Console
- 2 From the Common Task screen select the configuration from the drop-down list and click Edit Configurations tab.
- 3 Click the Access Control tab in the configuration screen.

4 Click the Access Control Lists (ACL) tab in the Authentication Databases screen.

5 Click New to create an ACL.

The default access control list resides in the directory *install_dir*/admin-server/config. The default ACL file is default.acl.

With Web Server you can configure and reference multiple ACL files. For more information about configuring ACL files for virtual servers, see the *Sun Java System Web Server 7.0 Update 1 Administrator's Guide*.

You can use the Access Control API to manipulate ACLs, read and write ACL files, and evaluate and test access to resources on the server.

You can also define your own attributes for authentication. The following example shows how you could authenticate users based on an e-mail address or on the URL that referred them to the resource:

allow (read) referrer="*www.acme.com*"

You can also authenticate the client based on your own authentication methods and databases.

Registering New Authentication Services

You must define your own Loadable Authentication Service (LAS), which is an NSAPI plug-in in order for the server to use your attributes for authentication. Load this plug-in into the server manner by adding the following directives to magnus.conf:

- An Init directive that invokes the load-modules function to load the shared library
- An Init directive that calls the initialization function

For information about changes to the Access Control API in Web Server, see the comments in the *install_dir/*include/nsacl/aclapi.h file.

Certificate-Mapping API

The Certificate-Mapping API consists of data structures and functions used to manage certificate mapping.

When a user authenticates to the Web Server by sending a client certificate, the server uses information in the certificate to search the user directory for the user's entry.

You can configure some parts of this process by editing the certmap.conf file. This file specifies the following:

- Instructs the server searches the directory for the user's entry.
- Determines whether the server goes through an additional step of verifying that the user's certificate matches the certificate presented to the server.

For more information about certmap.conf, see the Sun Java System Web Server 7.0 Update 1 Administrator's Configuration File Reference.

You can also modify this process programmatically. Web Server includes a set of API functions, the Certificate-Mapping API functions that enable you to control this process. You can write your own functions to customize how certificate subject entries are found in the directory.

To use this API, you must have a copy of the Directory SDK. You can download a copy of this SDK from http://developers.sun.com/index.html.

API Summary

The following table lists the APIs available in Web Server.

API/Interface/Protocol	Language	Documentation
Interfaces for Generating Dynamic Content		
Custom Server-parsed HTML Tags	С	Chapter 2, "Server-Parsed HTML Tags"
Java Servlets	Java	"About Servlets" in Sun Java System Web Server 7.0 Update 1 Developer's Guide to Java Web Applications
JavaServer Pages	HTML with additional JSP tags	"Introducing JSPs" in Sun Java System Web Server 7.0 Update 1 Developer's Guide to Java Web Applications
CGI (one process per request)	C, C++, Perl, shell, and other languages	The Common Gateway Interface: http://hoohoo.ncsa.uiuc.edu/ cgi/overview.html
APIs for Writing ServerPlugins		
NSAPI (in-process shared object/DLL)	C, C++	Sun Java System Web Server 7.0 Update 1 NSAPI Developer's Guide

Changes From Previous Versions

Changes from previous versions of Web Server are summarized in this section.

- "API Changes Since iPlanet Web Server 3.0" on page 29
- "API Changes Since iPlanet Web Server 4.0" on page 29
- "API Changes Since iPlanet Web Server 4.1" on page 29
- "API Changes Since Sun ONE Web Server 6.0" on page 30
- "API Changes Since Sun Java System Web Server 6.1" on page 30

API Changes Since iPlanet Web Server 3.0

- A new API for defining customized server-parsed tags as NSAPI plug-ins has been added. For more information, see Chapter 2, "Server-Parsed HTML Tags."
- Server-side Java applets (HttpApplets) are not supported. Use Java servlets instead.
- The Agents API is not supported.
- NSAPI has new features.

API Changes Since iPlanet Web Server 4.0

- Java Servlets 2.2.1 and JavaServer Pages 1.1 specifications are supported.
- HTTP/1.1 cookies are supported.
- Descriptions of CGI variables have been added to "CGI Variables" on page 58.
- You can invoke servlets as SSI in HTML pages by using the <SERVLET\> tag, as discussed in Chapter 2, "Server-Parsed HTML Tags."
- NSAPI has new features.

API Changes Since iPlanet Web Server 4.1

- Programs such as servlets modify a virtual server instead of the server as a whole. (To add programs as in iPlanet Web Server 4.1, you can configure only one virtual server.)
- Web applications are now supported as described in the Java Servlet 2.2 API specification.
- NSAPI has new features. For details, see the NSAPI Programmer's Guide for Sun ONE Web Server.
- Some configuration files have changed. For details, see the iPlanet Web Server 6.0 Programmer's Guide (http://docs.sun.com/source/816-5687-10/index.html).
- The Access Control API has changed. For details, see the comments in the server_root/plugins/include/nsacl/aclapi.h file.

API Changes Since Sun ONE Web Server 6.0

- Java Servlets 2.3 and JavaServer Pages 1.2 specifications are supported.
- HTTP extensions for the WebDAV protocol in compliance with RFC 2518 are supported.
- NSAPI filters that enable the custom processing of HTTP request and response streams are supported.
- HTTP compression through the use of native HTTP request and response stream filters is supported.
- Legacy servlets, that is servlets configured through the servlets.properties, contexts.properties, and rules.properties files are not supported.

For information about migrating legacy servlets to web applications, see the Sun Java System Web Server 7.0 Developer's Guide to Web Applications.*Sun Java System Web Server 7.0 Update 1 Developer's Guide to Java Web Applications.*

API Changes Since Sun Java System Web Server 6.1

Java Servlets 2.4 and JavaServer Pages 2.0 specifications are supported.

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Server-Parsed HTML Tags

HTML files can contain tags that are executed on the server. In addition to supporting the standard server-side tags, Web Server allows you to embed servlets and define your own server-side tags.

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- "Using Server-Side HTML Commands" on page 32
- "Environment Variables in Server-side HTML Commands" on page 35
- "Embedding Servlets" on page 35
- "Defining Custom Server-Parsed HTML Tags" on page 37
- "Time Formats" on page 42

Enabling Server-Side HTML

The server parses server-side tags only if server-side parsing has been enabled. The following procedure describes how to enable server-side parsing using the Administration interface.

Enable Server-Side HTML

- 1 Login to Admin Console
- 2 Access the Edit Virtual Server, and click the Content Handling tab.
- 3 Click the General tab in the Content Handling screen.
- 4 Select the options to enable the server-parsed HTML and with exec tag.

5 In the parsed files drop-down list, select a resource for which the server will parse HTML.

Choose the virtual server or a specific directory within the virtual server. If you choose a directory, the server will parse HTML only when the server receives a URL for that directory or any file in that directory.

- 6 Choose the files to parse.
 - Files with the extension .shtml. The server parses only files with the extension . shtml. This option is the most common (and default) choice.
 - Files with the execute bit and the extension .html. (Unix and Linux only) The server parses files whose UNIX and Linux permissions specify that the execute bit is on. Using the execute permissions can be unreliable because in some cases the bit is set on files that are not executable.
 - All HTML files. The server parses all HTML files. Choosing this option can slow server performance.
- 7 Click Save.
- 8 Add the following directives are added to the magnus.conf file.Set NativeThread="no" for Web Server.

In addition, these functions now originate from Shtml.dll (or libShtml.so on UNIX), which is located in *install_dir*C:\Program Files\Sun\WebServer7 for Windows, and *install_dir*/sun/webserver7 for UNIX.

9 To enable parsing of server-side tags for files with extensions other than .shtml, add the extension to the appropriate line in the mime.types file.

For example, the following line in mime.types indicates that files with either a .shtml or .jbhtml extension are parsed for server-side tags:

type=magnus-internal/parsed-html exts=shtml,jbhtml

Using Server-Side HTML Commands

This section describes the HTML commands for including server-parsed tags in HTML files. These commands are embedded into HTML files, which are processed by the built-in SAF parse-html.

The server replaces each command with data determined by the command and its attributes.

The format for a command is:

<!--#command attribute1 attribute2 [Please define the ellipsis text entity] -->

The format for each attribute is a name-value pair such as:

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name="value"

Commands and attribute names should be in lower case.

The commands are hidden within HTML comments so they are ignored if not parsed by the server. The standard server-side commands are listed below, and described in this section:

- "config Command" on page 33
- "include Command" on page 33
- "echo Command" on page 34
- "fsize Command" on page 34
- "flastmod Command" on page 34
- "exec Command" on page 34

config Command

The config command initializes the format for other commands.

- The errmsg attribute defines a message sent to the client when an error occurs while parsing the file. This error is also logged in the error log file.
- The timefmt attribute determines the format of the date for the flastmod command. It uses the same format characters as the util_strftime function. The default time format is: "%A, %d-%b-%y %T". For more information about time formats, see the "Time Formats" on page 42.
- The sizefmt attribute determines the format of the file size for the fsize command. It can have one of these values:
 - bytes to report file size as a whole number in the format 12,345,678.
 - abbrev (the default) to report file size as a number of KB or MB.

Example

<!--#config timefmt="%r %a %b %e, %Y" sizefmt="abbrev"-->

This example sets the date format to a value such as 10:45:35 AM Wed Apr 21, 2006, and the file size format to the number of KBytes or MBytes of characters used by the file.

include Command

The include command inserts a file into the parsed file. You can nest files by including another parsed file, which then includes another file, and so on. The client requesting the parsed document must also have access to the included file if your server uses access control for the directories in which they reside.

In Web Server, you can use the include command with the virtual attribute to include a CGI program file. You must also use an exec command to execute the CGI program.

- The virtual attribute is the URI of a file on the server.
- The file attribute is a relative path name from the current directory. It cannot contain elements such as . . / and it cannot be an absolute path.

Example

```
<!--#include file="bottle.gif"-->
```

echo Command

The echo command inserts the value of an environment variable. The var attribute specifies the environment variable to insert. If the variable is not found, "(none)" is inserted. For a list of environment variables, see "Environment Variables in Server-side HTML Commands" on page 35.

Example

<!--#echo var="DATE_GMT"-->

fsize Command

The fsize command sends the size of a file. The attributes are the same as those for the include command (virtual and file). The file size format is determined by the sizefmt attribute in the config command.

Example

<!--#fsize file="bottle.gif"-->

flastmod Command

The flastmod command prints the date a file was last modified. The attributes are the same as those for the include command (virtual and file). The date format is determined by the timefmt attribute in the config command.

Example

```
<!--#flastmod file="bottle.gif"-->
```

exec Command

The exec command runs a shell command or CGI program.

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- The cmd attribute (UNIX only) runs a command using /bin/sh. You may include any special environment variables in the command.
- The cgi attribute runs a CGI program and includes its output in the parsed file.

Example

<!--#exec cgi="workit.pl"-->

Environment Variables in Server-side HTML Commands

In addition to the standard set of environment variables used in CGI, you can include the following variables in your parsed commands:

- DOCUMENT_NAME File name of the parsed file
- DOCUMENT_URI Virtual path to the parsed file, for example, /shtml/test.shtml
- QUERY_STRING_UNESCAPED Unescaped version of any search query the client sent with all shell-special characters escaped with the slash character
- DATE_LOCAL Current date and local time
- DATE_GMT Current date and time expressed in GMT (Greenwich Mean Time)
- LAST_MODIFIED Date the file was last modified

Embedding Servlets

Web Server supports the <servlet> tag. This tag enables you to embed servlet output in an .shtml file. No configuration changes are necessary to enable this behavior. If SSI and servlets are both enabled, the <servlet> tag is enabled.

The <servlet> tag syntax is slightly different from that of other SSI commands in that it resembles the <APPLET> tag syntax:

```
<servlet name=
    name code=
    code codebase=
    path iParam1=
    v1
        iParam2=
    v2>
<param name=
        param1 value=
    v3>
<param name=
    param2 value=
    param2 value=
    </pre>
```

```
v4>
.
.
</servlet>
```

If the servlet is part of a web application, the code parameter is required and other parameters are ignored. The code parameter must include:

- The value of the url-pattern element defined in the web.xml file for the web application.
 For more information about web.xml, see the Java Servlet 2.4 specification (chapter SRV .13, "Deployment Descriptor"). You can find the specification at http://java.sun.com/products/servlet/download.html.
- The value of the uri attribute defined in the web-apps.xml file for the web application.
 For example, say you want to include the following servlet in your .shtml SHTML file:

```
<servlet name=pparams code="/PrintApp/PrintParams">
</servlet></servlet>
```

You need to include the following definition in your web-apps.xml file:

```
<web-app uri="/PrintApp"
dir="/iws60/https-server.iplanet.com/acme.com/webapps/PrintApp"/>
```

You also need to include the following definition in your web.xml file:

```
<servlet>
    <servlet-name> pparams </servlet-name>
    <servlet-class> PrintPackage.PrintParams </servlet-class>
</servlet>
    <servlet-mapping>
        <servlet-name> pparams </servlet-name>
        <url-pattern> /PrintParams </url-pattern>
</servlet-mapping>
```

You must also include any servlet initialization parameters in the web.xml file.

For legacy servlets, the code parameter specifies the .class file for the servlet and is required. The codebase parameter is required if the servlet is *not* defined in the servlets.properties file and the .class file is *not* in the same directory as the HTML file containing the <servlet> tag. Legacy servlets must be configured in the default virtual server and do not require a web.xml file.

Defining Custom Server-Parsed HTML Tags

In Web Server, you can define your own server-side tags. For example, you could define the tag HELLO to invoke a function that prints "Hello World!" You could have the following code in your hello.shtml file:

```
<html>
<head>
<title>shtml custom tag example</title>
</head>
<body>
<!--#HELLO-->
</body>
</html>
```

When the browser displays this code, each occurrence of the HELLO tag calls the function.

To Define Customized Server-parsed Tag

1 "Defining the Functions that Implement a Tag" on page 37.

You must define the tag execution function. You must also define other functions that are called on tag loading and unloading and on page loading and unloading.

2 "Registering a New Tag" on page 41.

Write an initialization function that registers the tag using the shtml_add_tag function.

3 "Loading a New Tag Into the Server" on page 41.

These actions are described in the sections that follow.

Defining the Functions that Implement a Tag

Define the functions that implement the tags in C, using NSAPI.

- Include the header shtml_public.h, which is in the directory install_dir/libinclude/shtml.
- Link against the shtml shared library. On Windows, shtml.dll is in *install_dir*/lib On UNIX platforms, libShtml.so or .sl is in *install_dir*/lib

ShtmlTagExecuteFunc is the actual tag handler. It gets called with the usual NSAPI pblock, Session, and Request variables. In addition, it also gets passed the TagUserData created from the result of executing the tag loading and page loading functions (if defined) for that tag.

The signature for the tag execution function is:

typedef int (*ShtmlTagExecuteFunc)(pblock*, Session*, Request*, TagUserData, TagUserData);

Write the body of the tag execution function to generate the output to replace the tag in the .shtml page. Do this by using the net_write NSAPI function. This function writes a specified number of bytes to a specified socket from a specified buffer.

For more information about NSAPI plugins and functions, see the *Sun Java System Web Server 7.0 Update 1 NSAPI Developer's Guide.*

The tag execution function must return an int that indicates whether the server should proceed to the next instruction in obj.conf:

- REQ_PROCEED: Execution was successful
- REQ_NOACTION— Nothing happened
- REQ_ABORTED— An error occurred
- REQ_EXIT— The connection was lost

The other functions you must define for your tag are:

- ShtmlTagInstanceLoad— Called when a page containing the tag is parsed. It is not called if
 the page is retrieved from the browser's cache. This function basically serves as a
 constructor, the result of which is cached and is passed into ShtmlTagExecuteFunc
 whenever the execution function is called.
- ShtmlTagInstanceUnload— Gets passed the result that was originally returned from the ShtmlTagInstanceLoad function.
- ShtmlTagPageLoadFunc— This is called when a page containing the tag is executed, regardless of whether the page is still in the browser's cache. This function enables you to make information persistent between occurrences of the same tag on the same page.
- ShtmlTagPageUnLoadFn— Called after a page containing the tag has executed and gets passed the result returned from the ShtmlTagPageLoadFunc.

The signatures for these functions are:

```
#define TagUserData void*
typedef TagUserData (*ShtmlTagInstanceLoad)(
    const char* tag, pblock*, const char*, size_t);
typedef void (*ShtmlTagInstanceUnload)(TagUserData);
typedef int (*ShtmlTagExecuteFunc)(
    pblock*, Session*, Request*, TagUserData, TagUserData);
typedef TagUserData (*ShtmlTagPageLoadFunc)(
    pblock* pb, Session*, Request*);
typedef void (*ShtmlTagPageUnLoadFunc)(TagUserData);
```

The following example implements the HELLO tag:

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```
/*
 * mytag.c: NSAPI functions to implement #HELLO SSI calls
 *
 *
 */
#include "nsapi.h"
#include "shtml/shtml public.h"
/* FUNCTION : mytag con
*
* DESCRIPTION: ShtmlTagInstanceLoad function
*/
#ifdef __cplusplus
extern "C"
#endif
TagUserData
mytag_con(const char* tag, pblock* pb, const char* c1, size_t t1)
{
    return NULL;
}
/* FUNCTION : mytag des
*
* DESCRIPTION: ShtmlTagInstanceUnload
*/
#ifdef __cplusplus
extern "C"
#endif
void
mytag des(TagUserData v1)
{
}
/* FUNCTION : mytag load
 * DESCRIPTION: ShtmlTagPageLoadFunc
*/
#ifdef __cplusplus
extern "C"
#endif
TagUserData
mytag_load(pblock *pb, Session *sn, Request *rq)
{
   return NULL;
}
```

```
/* FUNCTION : mytag unload
 *
 * DESCRIPTION: ShtmlTagPageUnloadFunc
 */
#
#ifdef cplusplus
extern "C"
#endif
void
mytag unload(TagUserData v2)
{
}
/* FUNCTION : mytag
 *
 * DESCRIPTION: ShtmlTagExecuteFunc
 */
#ifdef cplusplus
extern "C"
#endif
int
mytag(pblock* pb, Session* sn, Request* rq, TagUserData t1, TagUserData t2)
{
    char* buf;
    int length;
    char* client;
    buf = (char *) MALLOC(100*sizeof(char));
    length = util_sprintf(buf, "<h1>Hello World! </h1>", client);
    if (net write(sn->csd, buf, length) == IO ERROR)
    {
        FREE(buf);
        return REQ ABORTED;
    }
    FREE(buf);
    return REQ PROCEED;
}
/* FUNCTION : mytag_init
*
* DESCRIPTION: initialization function, calls shtml add tag() to
 * load new tag
*/
#
#ifdef __cplusplus
extern "C"
#endif
int
```

```
mytag_init(pblock* pb, Session* sn, Request* rq)
{
    int retVal = 0;
// NOTE: ALL arguments are required in the shtml_add_tag() function
    retVal = shtml_add_tag("HELLO", mytag_con, mytag_des, mytag, mytag_load, mytag_unload);
    return retVal;
}
/* end mytag.c */
```

Note - To Reviewer: please review the above given code.

Registering a New Tag

In the initialization function for the shared library that defines the new tag, register the tag using the function shtml_add_tag. The signature is:

```
NSAPI_PUBLIC int shtml_add_tag (
    const char* tag,
    ShtmlTagInstanceLoad ctor,
    ShtmlTagInstanceUnload dtor,
    ShtmlTagExecuteFunc execFn,
    ShtmlTagPageLoadFunc pageLoadFn,
    ShtmlTagPageUnLoadFunc pageUnLoadFn);
```

Any of these arguments can return NULL except for tag and execFn.

Loading a New Tag Into the Server

After creating the shared library that defines the new tag, you load the library into Web Server by adding the following directives to the configuration file magnus.conf:

 An Init directive whose fn parameter is load-modules and whose shlib parameter is the shared library to load.

For example, if you compiled your tag into the shared object *install_dir* /hello.so, would be:Init funcs="mytag,mytag_init" shlib="*install_dir*/hello.so" fn="load-modules"

 An Init directive whose fn parameter is the initialization function in the shared library that uses shtml_add_tag to register the tag. For example:

```
Init fn="mytag init"
```

Time Formats

The following table describes the format strings for dates and times used by server-parsed HTML.

Symbol	Meaning	
%a	Abbreviated weekday name (3 characters)	
%d	Day of month as decimal number (01-31)	
%S	Second as decimal number (00-59)	
%M	Minute as decimal number (00-59)	
%H	Hour in 24-hour format (00-23)	
%Y	Year with century, as decimal number, up to 2099	
%b	Abbreviated month name (3 characters)	
%h	Abbreviated month name (3 characterss)	
%Т	Time "HH:MM:SS"	
%X	Time "HH:MM:SS"	
%A	Full weekday name	
%B	Full month name	
%C	"%a %b %e %H:%M:%S %Y"	
%с	Date & time ''%m/%d/%y %H:%M:%S''	
%D	Date "%m/%d/%y"	
%e	Day of month as decimal number (1-31) without leading zeros	
%I	Hour in 12-hour format (01-12)	
%j	Day of year as decimal number (001-366)	
%k	Hour in 24-hour format (0-23) without leading zeros	
%l	Hour in 12-hour format (1-12) without leading zeros	
%m	Month as decimal number (01-12)	
%n	Line feed	
%p	A.M./P.M. indicator for 12-hour clock	
%R	Time "%H:%M"	

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 Time Formats

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TABLE 2-1 Time Formats (Continued)				
Symbol	Meaning			
%r	Time "%I:%M:%S %p"			
%t	Tab			
%U	Week of year as decimal number, with Sunday as first day of week (00-51)			
%w	Weekday as decimal number (0-6; Sunday is 0)			
%W	Week of year as decimal number, with Monday as first day of week (00-51)			
%x	Date "%m/%d/%y"			
%у	Year without century, as decimal number (00-99)			
%%	% Percent sign			

◆ ◆ CHAPTER 3

Using Common Gateway Interface

Common Gateway Interface (CGI) programs run on the server and generate a response to return to the requesting client. CGI programs can be written in various languages, including C, C++, Java, Perl, and as shell scripts. CGI programs are executed through URL invocation.

For information about writing CGI programs, see:

http://hoohoo.ncsa.uiuc.edu/cgi/overview.html

Sun Java System Web Server 7.0 complies with the CGI specification version 1.1.

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Configuring CGI Settings

You can configure the Web Server to recognize and execute CGI programs.

This section discusses the following topics:

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- "Enabling CGI" on page 46
- "Specifying CGI Directories" on page 46

"Specifying CGI File Extensions" on page 47

Enabling CGI

- Using the Admin Console:
 - a. Select Common Tasks tab > CGI Directories from the Virtual Server Tasks list. The CGI Settings page is displayed.
 - b. Select the CGI as file type Enabled box.

Specifying CGI Directories

You can specify a directory that contains only CGI programs. All files are run as programs regardless of the file extensions.

1 Using the Admin Console:

a. Select Common Tasks tab > CGI Directories from the Virtual Server Tasks list.

The CGI Directory window is displayed.

b. Click New.

The Add CGI Directory window is displayed.

c. Specify the URI and path where the CGI programs are stored.

For example, if you enter cgi-bin as the URL prefix, then all URLs to these CGI programs have the following structure:

http://yourserver.domain.com/cgi-bin/

2 Using the Command-Line Interface (CLI):

a. You can also specify the CGI directory using the create-cgi-dir command.

The syntax of the command is as follows:

```
create-cgi-dir [--user|-u admin-user] [--password-file|-w admin-pswd-file]
[--host|-h admin-host] [--port|-p admin-port] [--no-ssl|-N] [--echo|-e]
[--rcfile|-R rcfile] [--no-prompt|-Q] [--verbose|-v] --config|-c name --vs|-s
name [--shell-cgi=boolean] --uri-prefix|-r prefix --directory|-d dir
```

Example:

```
./wadm create-cgi-dir --user=admin --password-file=admin.pwd
--host=serverhost --port=8989 --config=config1 --vs=config1_vs_1
--uri-prefix=/config1_urlprefix --directory=/cgi-dir
```

More Information Changes to the obj.conf File

For each CGI directory, the file obj.conf contains a NameTrans directive that associates the name cgi with each request for a resource in that directory. These directives are automatically added to obj.conf when you specify CGI directories.

For example, the following instruction interprets all requests for resources in http://server-name/cgi-local as requests to invoke CGI programs in the directory C:/Sun/Servers/docs/mycgi:

```
NameTrans fn="pfx2dir" from="/cgi-local" dir="C:/Sun/Servers/docs/mycgi"
name="cgi"
```

The obj.conf file must contain the following named object:

```
<Object name="cgi">
ObjectType fn="force-type" type="magnus-internal/cgi"
Service fn="send-cgi"
</Object>
```

Note – Do not remove this object from obj.conf. If you do, the server will not recognize CGI directories, regardless of whether you specify them in the Administration Console or manually add more NameTrans directives to obj.conf.

Specifying CGI File Extensions

You can associate the file types for CGI programs. That is, you can configure the CGI programs to have the file extensions .cgi, .exe, or .bat. The programs can be located in any directory in or under the document root directory of the virtual server.

By default, the file extensions for CGI programs are .cgi, .exe and .bat. However, you can change which extensions indicate CGI programs by modifying the MIME types file.

1 Modify the following line in the mime.types file to specify the desired extensions.

```
type=magnus-internal/cgi exts=cgi,exe,bat
```

2 Restart the server after editing mime.types.

When the server is enabled to treat all files with an appropriate extensions as CGI programs, the obj.conf file contains the following Service directive:

Service fn="send-cgi" type="magnus-internal/cgi"

Creating Custom Execution Environments for CGI Programs

Creating custom execution environment includes the following steps:

- 1. Installing suid and Cgistub
- 2. Creating a cgi-bin directory
- 3. Specifying a chroot directory for virtual server

To Install suid and Cgistub Directories

1 Login as a superuser.

2 Create the private directory for Cgistub:

cd *install_dir*/https-*instance*

mkdir private

Note – Installing Cgistub in the *install_dir*/https-*instance*/private directory is recommended. If you install it anywhere else, you must specify the path to Cgistub in the init-cgi function in magnus.conf. For details, see the *Sun Java System Web Server 7.0 Update 1 Administrator's Configuration File Reference.*

Note – It is not possible to install the suid Cgistub program on an NFS mount. If you wish to use an suid Cgistub, you must install your server instance to a local file system.

3 Copy Cgistub to the private directory:

cd private

cp ../../lib/Cgistub.

4 Set the owner of private to the server user:

chown user .

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See Also For more information on configuring CGI for your server, see the "Configuring CGI Subsystem for Your Server" in *Sun Java System Web Server 7.0 Update 1 Administrator's Guide*.

- 5 Set the permissions on private: chmod 500.
- 6 Set the owner of Cgistub to root: chown root Cgistub
- 7 Set the permissions on Cgistub:

chmod 4711 Cgistub

8 You can give each reference to the send-cgi SAF in obj.conf a user parameter.

For example: Service fn="send-cgi" user="user"

You can use variable substitution. For example, in server.xml, give a virtual-server element the following variable subelement:

<variable user="user"\>

This modification to the server.xml allows you to write the send-cgi SAF line in the obj.conf as follows:

Service fn="send-cgi" user="\$user"

For more information about server.xml and send-cgi in the obj.conf file and, see the *Sun Java System Web Server 7.0 Update 1 Administrator's Configuration File Reference*.

9 Restart the server to apply the changes.

Cgistub enforces the following security restrictions:

- The user the CGI program executes as must have a uid of 100 or greater. This prevents anyone from using Cgistub to obtain root access.
- The CGI program must be owned by the user it is executed as and must not be writable by anyone other than its owner. This makes it difficult for anyone to covertly inject and then remotely execute programs.
- Cgistub creates its UNIX listen socket with 0700 permissions.

Note – Socket permissions are not respected on a number of UNIX variants, including current versions of Sun operating systems/Solaris. To prevent a malicious user from exploiting Cgistub, ensure that the server's temporary directory is set (using the server.xml temp-path element) to a directory accessible only to the server user.

To Create a cgi-bin Directory and Define User and Group

To prevent a virtual server's CGI programs from interfering with other users, the CGI programs must be stored in a unique directory and executed with the permissions of a unique UNIX user and group.

Before You Begin Create the UNIX user and group. The exact steps required to create a user and group vary by operating system. For instructions, refer your operating systems' documentation.

- 1 Login as a superuser.
- 2 Change to the document root directory for the virtual server. cd *document-root*
- 3 Create the cgi-bin directory and set appropriate permissions.
 - **a.** mkdir cgi-bin
 - **b.** chown *user*:*group* cgi-bin
 - c. chmod 755 cgi-bin
- 4 Set the virtual server's CGI directory, user, and group in one of the following ways:
 - Modify the obj.conf file.

Use the user and group parameters of the send-cgi Service SAF in the obj.conf file. For detailed instructions, see the *Sun Java System Web Server 7.0 Update 1 Administrator's Configuration File Reference*.

- Use the Admin Console.
 - a. Select Common Tasks tab > CGI Directories from the Virtual Server Tasks list. The CGI Settings window is displayed.
 - b. Enter the user and the group who can execute CGI programs.

For more information on CGI directory, see the *Sun Java System Web Server 7.0 Update 1 Administrator's Guide.*

Use the set-cgi-prop command to define a unique CGI directory, UNIX user and group for a virtual server.

The syntax of the command is:

```
./wadm set-cgi-prop [--user|-u admin-user] [--password-file|-w
admin-pswd-file] [--host|-h admin-host] [--port|-p admin-port] [--no-ssl|-N]
[--echo|-e] [--rcfile|-R rcfile] [--no-prompt|-Q] [--verbose|-v] --config|-c
name [--vs|-s name] (propertyname=value)
```

For example:

```
/wadm set-cgi-prop --user=admin --password-file=admin.pwd --host=serverhost
--port=8989 --config=config1 user=admin group=group
```

Specifying a Chroot Directory for a Virtual Server

To further improve security, the CGI scripts must be prevented from accessing data above and outside of the *document-root* directory.

Before You Begin Set up the chroot environment. The exact steps required to set up the chroot environment vary by operating system. For instructions, refer your operating system's documentation. The man pages for ftpd and chroot are often a good place to start.

Steps required for Solaris versions 2.8 through 10 are described in the following procedure:

1 Login as a superuser.

2 Change to the chroot directory.

chroot is typically the *document-root* directory of the virtual server.

cd chroot

3 Create tmp in the chroot directory and set appropriate permissions.

mkdir tmp

chmod 1777 tmp

4 Create dev in the chroot directory and set appropriate permissions.

mkdir dev chmod 755 dev

5 List /dev/tcp, and note the major and minor numbers of the resulting output.

ls -lL /dev/tcp

crw-rw-rw- 1 root sys 11, 42 Apr 9 1998 /dev/tcp

In this example, the major number is 11 and the minor number is 42.

6 Create the tcp device using the major and minor numbers.

mknod dev/tcp c 11 42

chmod 666 dev/tcp

7 Repeat steps 4, 5 and 6 for each of the following devices.

Note – Each device will have a different major and minor number combination.

/dev/udp /dev/ip /dev/kmem /dev/kstat /dev/ksyms /dev/mem /dev/null /dev/stderr /dev/stdin /dev/stdout /dev/ticotsord /dev/zero

- 8 Set permissions on the devices in dev in the chroot directory: chmod 666 dev/*
- 9 Create and populate lib and usr/lib in the chroot directory:
 - **a.** mkdir usr
 - **b.** mkdir usr/lib
 - c. ln -s /usr/lib
 - **d.** ln /usr/lib/* usr/lib

You can ignore the messages this command generates.

If the /usr/lib directory is on a different file system, use the following command: cp -rf /usr/lib/* usr/lib

10 Create and populate bin and usr/bin in the chroot directory:

- a. mkdir usr/bin
- **b.** ln -s /usr/bin
- c. ln /usr/bin/* usr/bin

You can ignore the messages this command generates.

- If the /usr/bin directory is on a different file system, use the following command: cp -rf /usr/bin/* usr/bin
- 11 Create and populate etc in the chroot directory. mkdir etc

ln /etc/passwd /etc/group /etc/netconfig etc

12 Test the chroot environment.

chroot chroot bin/ls -l

total 14

The output should look something like this:

cocat al			
lrwxrwxrwx	1 root	other	8 Jan 13 03:32 bin -\> /usr/bin
drwxr-xr-x	2 user	group	512 Jan 13 03:42 cgi-bin
drwxr-xr-x	2 root	other	512 Jan 13 03:28 dev
drwxr-xr-x	2 user	group	512 Jan 13 03:26 docs
drwxr-xr-x	2 root	other	512 Jan 13 03:33 etc
lrwxrwxrwx	1 root	other	8 Jan 13 03:30 lib -\> /usr/lib
drwxr-xr-x	4 root	other	512 Jan 13 03:32 usr

13 Set the virtual server's chroot directory in one of the following ways:

Modify the obj.conf file.

Use the chroot parameter of the send-cgi Service SAF in the obj. conf file. For detailed instructions, see the *Sun Java System Web Server 7.0 Update 1 Administrator's Configuration File Reference*.

Use the Admin Console.

a. Select Common Tasks tab > CGI Directories from the Virtual Server Tasks list.

The CGI Settings window is displayed.

b. Enter the Chroot directory.

For detailed instructions, see the *Sun Java System Web Server 7.0 Update 1 Administrator's Guide*.

Use the set-cgi-prop command.

```
Example: ./wadm set-cgi-prop --user=admin --password-file=admin.pwd
--host=serverhost --port=8989 --config=config1 chroot=vs_dir
```

For information on the set-cgi-prop command, see the *Sun Java System Web Server 7.0 Update 1 Administrator's Configuration File Reference.*

Adding CGI Programs to the Server

To add CGI programs to the server, do one of the following:

- Store the program file in a CGI directory (if there are any).
- Give it a file name that the server recognizes as a CGI program and put it in any directory at or below the document root (if CGI file type recognition has been activated).

Note - On UNIX platforms, make sure the program file has execute permissions set.

Setting the Priority of a CGI Program

The priority of a CGI program can be set using the nice parameter of the send-cgi function. This is a UNIX-only parameter and accepts an increment that determines the CGI program's priority relative to the priority of the server process. Typically, the server is run with a nice value of 0 and the nice increment can be between 0 and 19.

- 0 The CGI program runs at the same priority as server
- 19 The CGI program runs at a much lower priority than the server

As with all other CGI variables, the nice value can be configured per virtual server.

Note – While it is possible to increase the priority of the CGI program above that of the server by specifying a nice increment of -1, Sun does not recommended you to do so.

For more information about send-cgi, see the Sun Java System Web Server 7.0 Update 1 Administrator's Configuration File Reference.

To Configure CGI Properties for a Virtual Server

You can configure CGI variables for a virtual server either using the Admin Console or using the CLI. The following procedure describes the steps:

Configure CGI variables.

- Using the Admin Console:
 - a. Select Common Tasks tab > CGI Directories from the Virtual Server Tasks list.

The CGI Settings window is displayed.

- b. Specify the nice value as desired.
- c. Click Save to apply your changes.
- Using the set-cgi-prop command.
 Example:

```
./wadm set-cgi-prop --user=admin --password-file=admin.pwd --host=serverhost
--port=8989 --config=config1 nice=5
```

Shell CGI Programs

Shell CGI is a text file that contains commands for the Bourne Shell command interpreter. You can use any text editor to create a shell CGI program. Shell CGI programs are typically given the suffix . sh.

For information about installing CGI and shell CGI programs on Windows using the Admin Console, see the *Sun Java System Web Server 7.0 Update 1 Administrator's Guide*.

Perl CGI Programs

Web Server 7.0 bundles a Perl interpreter to run CGI programs that are written in the Perl programming language. The Perl interpreter is located at *install_dir/lib/perl*.

On Windows platform, file associations need to be in place for CGI programs to run. Files with a .pl filename extension need to be associated with the Perl interpreter executable before they can be executed as CGI programs. To create an association for Perl programs to run as CGI programs, perform the following steps:

- Open a command-line window from start-> run -> cmd.
- Create an association for Perl programs.
 - C:\>assoc .pl=perl
 - C:\>ftype perl="c:\WS7\lib\perl\perl.exe" "%1"

Note – You cannot run CGIs using Perl 5.6.*x* with the -w flag. Instead, include the following code in the Perl script:

use warnings;

This section describes the steps to configure the server to execute Perl programs as CGI programs.

To Configure Perl Programs to Execute as CGI Programs

- 1 Create a simple Perl program called hello.pl.
 - a. Use a text editor to create a file called hello.pl and copy the following lines into it:

```
#!<server_root>/lib/perl/perl
print "Content-type:text/html\n\n";
print "Hello World!";
```

2 Create a directory for this program. By convention, this directory is named as the cgi-bin directory though you can name it whatever you like.

It is recommended that you create the cgi-bin directory under the instance configuration directory. For example:

```
mkdir /var/opt/SUNWwbsvr7/cgi-bin
```

- 3 Copy the hello.pl file into the /var/opt/SUNWwbsvr7/cgi-bin directory.
- 4 Select Common Tasks tab > CGI Directories from the Virtual Servers Tasks list. The CGI Settings window is displayed.
- 5 Click the New button in the CGI Directories section. The Add CGI Directories window is displayed.
- 6 Enter the Prefix and the CGI Directory path. Choose whether the program is a CGI or a ShellCGI program.

For example (On UNIX platforms):

Prefix:/cgi-bin

CGI Directory:/var/opt/SUNWwbsvr7/cgi-bin

On Windows platforms:

Prefix: \cgi-bin

CGI Directory: c:\sun\webserver7\cgi-bin

Note – The CGI directory you specified must have execute permissions.

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7 Click Save to save the changes. Access the program from a browser window.

Open a browser window. If your server is called acme, running on port 2222), type http://acme:2222/cgi-bin/hello.pl.

Displays the message "Hello World" on the browser window.

Global CGI Settings

You can change the CGI settings globally for all available virtual servers. You can either use the Administration Console or the CLI.

To Change Global CGI Settings

- You can use either the Admin Console or the CLI to change the global CGI settings:
 - Using the Admin Console:
 - a. Click the Configuration tab. List of available configurations is displayed.
 - b. Select a configuration from the list.
 - c. Select Performance tab > CGI subtab.

The CGI Settings window is displayed.

d. Specify the values for the following settings:

CGI Timeout Settings:

- **Timeout** (*CGIExpirationTimeout*) Specifies the time in seconds after which the server terminates a long-running CGI program.
- Idle Timeout(CGIStubIdleTimeout) Causes the server to kill any CGIStub processes that have been idle for the number of seconds set by this directive. Once the number of processes is at MinCGIStubs, the server does not kill any more processes.

CGI Stub Process Settings:

- **Timeout** Time in seconds after which an unused CGI stub process is terminated.
- CGI Stub Excecutable Controls the number of processes that are started by default. The first CGIStub process is not started until a CGI program has been accessed. The default value is 2. If you have a init-cgi directive in the magnus.conf file, the minimum number of CGIStub processes are spawned at startup. Controls the number of processes that are started by default.
- Minimum Stub Size Controls the maximum number of CGIStub processes the server can spawn. This is the maximum concurrent CGIStub processes in execution, not the maximum number of pending requests. The value must be less than the Maximum Stub Size.
- Maximum Stub Size Controls the maximum number of CGIStub processes the server can spawn. This is the maximum concurrent CGIStub processes in execution, not the maximum number of pending requests.

For more information about these global CGI settings, see the description of the magnus.conf file in the *Sun Java System Web Server 7.0 Update 1 Administrator's Configuration File Reference*.

- e. Click Save to apply your changes.
- Using the set-cgi-prop command.

Example:

```
./wadm set-cgi-prop --user=admin --password-file=admin.pwd --host=serverhost
--port=8989 --config=config1 timeout=10 max-cgistubs=20 idle-timeout=600
min-cgistubs=10 cgistub-idle-timeout=60 cgistub-path=../../lib/Cgistub
```

For more information on the set-cgi-prop command, see the *Sun Java System Web Server 7.0 Update 1 CLI Reference Manual.*

CGI Variables

In addition to the standard CGI variables, you can use the Sun Java System Web Server CGI variables in CGI programs to access information about the client certificate if the server is running in secure mode. The CLIENT_CERT and REVOCATION variables are available only when client certificate-based authentication is enabled.

The following table lists the CGI variables.

TABLE 3–1 CGI Variables

Variable	Description
SERVER_URL	URL of the server that the client requested
HTTP_xxx	An incoming HTTP request header, where <i>xxx</i> is the name of the header
HTTPS	ON if the server is in secure mode, otherwise OFF
HTTPS_KEYSIZE	Keysize of the SSL handshake (available if the server is in secure mode)
HTTPS_SECRETKEYSIZE	Keysize of the secret part of the SSL handshake (available if the server is in secure mode)
HTTPS_SESSIONID	Session ID for the connection (available if the server is in secure mode)
CLIENT_CERT	Certificate the client provided (binary DER format)
CLIENT_CERT_SUBJECT_DN	Distinguished Name of the subject of the client certificate
CLIENT_CERT_SUBJECT_OU	Organization Unit of the subject of the client certificate
CLIENT_CERT_SUBJECT_0	Organization of the subject of the client certificate
CLIENT_CERT_SUBJECT_C	Country of the subject of the client certificate
CLIENT_CERT_SUBJECT_L	Location of the subject of the client certificate
CLIENT_CERT_SUBJECT_ST	State of the subject of the client certificate
CLIENT_CERT_SUBJECT_E	E-mail of the subject of the client certificate
CLIENT_CERT_SUBJECT_UID	UID part of the CN of the subject of the client certificate
CLIENT_CERT_ISSUER_DN	Distinguished Name of the issuer of the client certificate
CLIENT_CERT_ISSUER_OU	Organization Unit of the issuer of the client certificate
CLIENT_CERT_ISSUER_0	Organization of the issuer of the client certificate
CLIENT_CERT_ISSUER_C	Country of the issuer of the client certificate
CLIENT_CERT_ISSUER_L	Location of the issuer of the client certificate
CLIENT_CERT_ISSUER_ST	State of the issuer of the client certificate
CLIENT_CERT_ISSUER_E	E-mail of the issuer of the client certificate
CLIENT_CERT_ISSUER_UID	UID part of the CN of the issuer of the client certificate

TABLE 3-1 CGI Variables (Continued)				
Variable	Description			
CLIENT_CERT_VALIDITY_START	Start date of the certificate			
CLIENT_CERT_VALIDITY_EXIRES	Expiration date of the certificate			
CLIENT_CERT_EXTENSION_xxx	Certificate extension, where <i>xxx</i> is the name of the extension			
REVOCATION_METHOD	Name of the certificate revocation method if it exists			
REVOCATION_STATUS	Status of certificate revocation if it exists			

FastCGI

FastCGI is an enhancement to the CGI, which is a standard for interfacing external applications with Web Servers. Like CGI, FastCGI applications run in separate, isolated processes. FastCGI plug-in allows Web Server to safely work with popular third-party dynamic content generation technologies (such as Perl and Python) in a scalable way.

For information on creating FastCGI applications, see the FastCGI Plug-in chapter in the *Sun Java System Web Server 7.0 Update 1 Administrator's Guide*.

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