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Administering the Java Message Service (JMS)

The Java Message Service (JMS) API is a messaging standard that allows Java EE applications and components, including message-driven beans (MDBs), to create, send, receive, and read messages. It enables distributed communication that is loosely coupled, reliable, and asynchronous.

GlassFish Server supports JMS messaging by communicating with a *JMS provider* through a Java EE Connector resource adapter. By default, GlassFish Server provides JMS messaging through its built-in *jmsra* resource adapter communicating with Open Message Queue, which is included with GlassFish Server. This combination, known as the *JMS Service*, is tightly integrated with GlassFish Server, providing a rich set of asadmin subcommands and Administration Console pages to simplify JMS messaging administration tasks.

GlassFish Server also supports the Generic JMS Resource Adapter (GenericJMSRA), available as an Add-On in the Administration Console's Update Tool, for use as a resource adapter to connect to other JMS providers. The last section in this chapter, "Using the Generic JMS Resource Adapter to Integrate Supported External JMS Providers" on page 303, describes the GenericJMSRA and provides instructions for using it to make other supported JMS providers available to GlassFish Server.

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Instructions for accomplishing the task in this chapter by using the Administration Console are contained in the Administration Console online help.

About the JMS Service

To support JMS messaging, the JMS Service provides the following administrative objects:

JMS Service Configuration

The JMS service configuration is part of the overall configuration for a GlassFish standalone instance or cluster. It specifies how the JMS Service is to create and maintain connections with JMS Hosts.

IMS Hosts

JMS hosts are the message servers that host destinations, store messages, and interact with applications to send and receive messages across connections. In Message Queue, JMS hosts are called *brokers*.

The JMS service supports JMS hosts to be used in these modes:

- **Embedded** mode, in which the JMS host runs in the same JVM as the GlassFish instance; its operation is managed by the JMS service
- Local mode, in which the JMS host runs separately on the same host as the GlassFish instance; its operation is managed by the JMS service
- Remote mode, in which the JMS host represents a Message Queue broker or broker cluster that is external to the JMS service; its operation is managed using Message Queue administrative tools

For more information about JMS host modes, see "Administering JMS Hosts" on page 293

JMS Connection Factory Resources

JMS connection factory resources house the information that applications use to connect to a JMS provider. For each JMS connection factory, the JMS service automatically maintains a GlassFish connector resource and a GlassFish connector connection pool in order to support connection pooling and failover.

IMS Destination Resources

JMS destination resources house the information that applications use to specify the target of messages they produce and the source of messages they consume. For each JMS destination resource, the JMS service automatically maintains a GlassFish administered object.

JMS Physical Destinations

JMS physical destinations provide a means to create and manage JMS destinations statically instead of having them created dynamically when needed by an application. While dynamic creation of destinations is often sufficient during application development, statically created physical destinations are more efficient in production environments.

JMS Service High Availability

Just as GlassFish Server supports clusters of instances to provide high availability, Message Queue support clusters of brokers to provide high availability. The JMS service takes advantage of this capability and automatically creates and manages a Message Queue broker cluster when a GlassFish cluster's configuration specifies Embedded or Local mode JMS hosts. For more information about how the JMS service supports GlassFish clusters and Message Queue broker clusters, see Chapter 10, "Java Message Service Load Balancing and Failover," in *GlassFish Server Open Source Edition 3.1 High Availability Administration Guide*.

Updating the JMS Service Configuration

Because the JMS service configuration is part of the overall configuration for a standalone instance or cluster, it is created when the standalone instance or cluster is created. You can then update the JMS service configuration by using the Java Message Service page for the configuration in the Administration Console, or by using the set subcommand to change one of the following properties:

configs.config.config-name.jms-service.type

The JMS host mode the service is to use. Available choices are EMBEDDED, LOCAL and REMOTE.

See "About JMS Host Modes" on page 293 for more information.

configs.config.config-name.jms-service.init-timeout-in-seconds

The number of seconds GlassFish Server waits for the JMS service to start before aborting the startup.

 $configs.config.{\it config-name}. {\tt jms-service.start-args}$

A list of arguments the JMS service passes to Local-mode JMS hosts on startup. Permissible arguments are the options supported by the Message Queue improkerd command, as described in "Broker Utility" in *Open Message Queue 4.5 Administration Guide*.

configs.config.config-name.jms-service.default-jms-host The name of the default JMS host.

configs.config.config-name.jms-service.reconnect-enabled When set to true, the JMS service attempts to reconnect to a JMS host (or one of the JMS hosts in the AddressList) when a connection is lost.

 $configs.config.{\it config-name}. {\tt jms-service.reconnect-attempts}$

The number of attempts to connect (or reconnect) for each JMS host in the AddressList before the JMS service tries the next address in the list. A value of -1 indicates that the number of reconnect attempts is unlimited (the JMS service attempts to connect to the first address until it succeeds).

 $configs. config. {\it config-name}. {\tt jms-service.reconnect-interval-in-seconds}$

The number of seconds between reconnect attempts. This interval applies for attempts on each JMS host in the AddressList and for successive addresses in the list. If it is too short, this time interval does not give a JMS host time to recover. If it is too long, the reconnect might represent an unacceptable delay.

configs.config.config-name.jms-service.addresslist-behavior The order of connection attempts. Available choices are:

random

Select a JMS host from the AddressList randomly. If there are many clients attempting a connection using the same connection factory, specify random to prevent them from all being connected to the same JMS host.

priority

Always try to connect to the first JMS host in the AddressList and use another one only if the first one is not available.

configs.config.config-name.jms-service.addresslist-iterations

The number of times the JMS service iterates through the AddressList in an effort to establish (or reestablish) a connection. A value of -1 indicates that the number of attempts is unlimited.

```
configs.config.config-name.jms-service.mq-scheme
configs.config.config-name.jms-service.mq-service
```

The Message Queue address scheme name and connection service name to use for the AddressList if a non-default scheme or service is to be used. See "Connection Handling" in *Open Message Queue 4.5 Administration Guide* for syntax information.

In addition to these properties, you can specify any Message Queue broker property in the JMS service configuration by adding it by name to the Additional Properties table on the Java Message Service page for the configuration in the Administration Console, or by using a set subcommand of the following form:

set configs.config.config-name.jms-service.property.broker-property-name=value

If the broker property name includes dots, preface the dots with backslashes (\); for example, to set the imq.system.max_count property, specify imq\.system\.max_count in the set subcommand.

Note – After making changes to the JMS service configuration, GlassFish Server instances that use the configuration must be restarted in order for the changes to be propagated.

Administering JMS Hosts

A *JMS host* represents a Message Queue broker. JMS contains a *JMS hosts list* (the AddressList property) that contains all the JMS hosts that are used by GlassFish Server. The JMS hosts list is populated with the hosts and ports of the specified Message Queue brokers and is updated whenever a JMS host configuration changes. When you create JMS resources or deploy message driven beans, the resources or beans inherit the JMS hosts list.

The following topics are addressed here:

- "About JMS Host Modes" on page 293
- "Configuring Embedded and Local JMS Hosts" on page 294
- "To Create a JMS Host" on page 294
- "To List JMS Hosts" on page 295
- "To Update a JMS Host" on page 295
- "To Delete a JMS Host" on page 295

About JMS Host Modes

The JMS service uses Message Queue (MQ) brokers as JMS hosts, integrating them in three ways:

Embedded Mode

When the JMS service configuration's type attribute is EMBEDDED, the MQ broker is co-located in the same JVM as the GlassFIsh server instance it services. The JMS service starts it in-process and manages its configuration and lifecycle.

In this mode, the JMS servuce uses lazy initialization to start the broker when the first JMS operation is requested instead of immediately when GlassFish instance is started. Additionally, if the GlassFish instance is a standalone instance (not a clustered instance), JMS operations use a Message Queue feature called *direct mode* to bypass the networking stack, leading to performance optimization.

Local Mode

When the JMS service configuration's type attribute is LOCAL, the JMS service starts the MQ broker specified in the configuration as the default JMS host on the same host as the GlassFish server instance. The JMS service manages its configuration and lifecycle.

In this mode, the JMS service provides the MQ broker an additional port to start the RMI registry. This port number is be equal to the broker's JMS port plus 100. For example, if the JMS port number is 37676, then the additional port's number will be 37776. Additionally, the start-args property of the JMS service configuration can be used to specify MQ broker startup options.

Remote Mode

When the JMS service configuration's type attribute is REMOTE, the JMS service uses the information defined by the default JMS host to communicate with an MQ broker or broker cluster that has been configured and started using Message Queue tools, as described in the *Open Message Queue 4.5 Administration Guide*. Ongoing administration and tuning of the broker or broker cluster are also performed using Message Queue tools.

Configuring Embedded and Local JMS Hosts

Because the JMS service, not Message Queue, manages Embedded and Local JMS hosts automatically, you should avoid using Message Queue utilities to configure them. Instead, specify broker properties in the JMS service configuration, as described in "Updating the JMS Service Configuration" on page 291.

Should the need to use Message Queue utilities arise, you must use the -varhome option when running the Message Queue utility to specify the location where the JMS service stores configuration information for Embedded and Local JMS hosts. This location is <code>domain-root-dir/domain-name/imq</code>. For example:

> as-install-parent/mq/bin/imqusermgr -varhome as-install/domains/domain1/imq add -u testuser

To Create a JMS Host

The default JMS service configuration includes a JMS host, default_JMS_host. For most situations, this host is sufficient, so replacing it or creating additional JMS hosts is not often necessary and is a task for advanced users. Use the create-jms-host subcommand in remote mode to create an additional JMS host.

1 Ensure that the server is running.

Remote subcommands require a running server.

2 Create the JMS host by using the create-jms-host(1) subcommand.

Example 16–1 Creating a JMS Host

This example creates a JMS host named MyNewHost.

asadmin> **create-jms-host --mqhost pigeon --mqport 7677 MyNewHost** Command create-jms-host executed successfully.

See Also You can also view the full syntax and options of the subcommand by typing asadmin help create-jms-host at the command line.

▼ To List JMS Hosts

Use the list-jms-hosts subcommand in remote mode to list the existing JMS hosts.

1 Ensure that the server is running.

Remote subcommands require a running server.

2 List the JMS hosts by using the list-jms-hosts(1) subcommand.

Example 16–2 Listing JMS Hosts

The following subcommand lists the existing JMS hosts.

```
asadmin> list-jms-hosts
default_JMS_host
MyNewHost
Command list-jmsdest executed successfully
```

▼ To Update a JMS Host

- 1 List the JMS hosts by using the list-jms-hosts(1) subcommand.
- 2 Use the set(1) subcommand to modify a JMS host.

Example 16–3 Updating a JMS Host

This example changes the value of the host attribute of the JMS host default_JMS_Host. By default this value is localhost.

```
asadmin> set configs.config.server-config.jms-service.jms-host.default_JMS_host.host=
"server1.middleware.example.com"
```

▼ To Delete a JMS Host

Use the delete-jms-host subcommand in remote mode to delete a JMS host from the JMS service. If you delete the only JMS host, the JMS service will not be able to start until you create a new JMS host.

1 Ensure that the server is running.

Remote subcommands require a running server.

2 List the JMS hosts by using the list-jms-hosts(1) subcommand.

3 Delete a JMS host by using the delete-jms-host(1) subcommand.

Example 16–4 Deleting a JMS Host

This example deletes a JMS host named MyNewHost.

asadmin> delete-jms-host MyNewHost Command delete-jms-host executed successfully.

See Also You can also view the full syntax and options of the subcommand by typing asadmin help delete-jms-host at the command line.

Administering JMS Connection Factories and Destinations

The JMS API uses two kinds of administered objects. *Connection factory objects* allow an application to create other JMS objects programmatically. *Destination objects* serve as repositories for messages. How these objects are created is specific to each implementation of JMS. In GlassFish Server, JMS is implemented by performing the following tasks:

- Creating a connection factory
- Creating a destination, which requires creating a physical destination and a destination resource that refers to the physical destination

JMS applications use the Java Naming and Directory Interface (JNDI) API to access the connection factory and destination resources. A JMS application normally uses at least one connection factory and at least one destination. By studying the application or consulting with the application developer, you can determine what resources must be created. The order in which the resources are created does not matter.

GlassFish Server provides the following types of connection factory objects:

- QueueConnectionFactory objects, used for point-to-point communication
- TopicConnectionFactory objects, used for publish-subscribe communication
- ConnectionFactory objects, which can be used for both point-to-point and publish-subscribe communications (recommended for new applications)

GlassFish Server provides the following types of destination objects:

- Queue objects, used for point-to-point communication
- Topic objects, used for publish-subscribe communication

The following topics are addressed here:

- "To Create a Connection Factory or Destination Resource" on page 297
- "To List JMS Resources" on page 298

"To Delete a Connection Factory or Destination Resource" on page 299

The subcommands in this section can be used to administer both the connection factory resources and the destination resources. For information on JMS service support of connection pooling and failover, see "Connection Pooling and Failover" in *GlassFish Server Open Source Edition 3.1 High Availability Administration Guide*. For instructions on administering physical destinations, see "Administering JMS Physical Destinations" on page 299.

To Create a Connection Factory or Destination Resource

For each JMS connection factory that you create, GlassFish Server creates a connector connection pool and connector resource. For each JMS destination that you create, GlassFish Server creates a connector admin object resource. If you delete a JMS resource, GlassFish Server automatically deletes the connector resources.

Use the create-jms-resource command in remote mode to create a JMS connection factory resource or a destination resource.

Tip - To specify the addresslist property (in the format

host:mqport,host2:mqport,host3:mqport) for the asadmin create-jms-resource command, escape the:by using \\. For example,

 $host1\:mqport,host2\:mqport,host3\:mpqport.$ For more information about using escape characters, see the asadmin(1M) concepts page.

To update a JMS connection factory, use the set subcommand for the underlying connector connection pool, See "To Update a Connector Connection Pool" on page 247.

To update a destination, use the set subcommand for the admin object resource. See "To Update an Administered Object" on page 261.

Ensure that the server is running.

Remote subcommands require a running server.

2 Create a JMS resource by using the create-jms-resource(1) command.

Information about the properties for the subcommand is included in this help page.

3 (Optional) If needed, restart the server.

Some properties require server restart. See "Configuration Changes That Require Server Restart" on page 35. If your server needs to be restarted, see "To Restart a Domain" on page 89.

Example 16–5 Creating a JMS Connection Factory

This example creates a connection factory resource of type <code>javax.jms.ConnectionFactory</code> whose JNDI name is <code>jms/DurableConnectionFactory</code>. The <code>ClientId</code> property sets a client ID on the connection factory so that it can be used for durable subscriptions. The JNDI name for a JMS resource customarily includes the <code>jms/</code> naming subcontext.

```
asadmin> create-jms-resource --restype javax.jms.ConnectionFactory --description "connection factory for durable subscriptions" --property ClientId=MyID jms/DurableConnectionFactory Command create-jms-resource executed successfully.
```

Example 16–6 Creating a JMS Destination

This example creates a destination resource whose JNDI name is jms/MyQueue.

```
asadmin> create-jms-resource --restype javax.jms.Queue --property Name=PhysicalQueue jms/MyQueue Command create-jms-resource executed successfully.
```

See Also You can also view the full syntax and options of the subcommand by typing asadmin help create-ims-resource at the command line.

▼ To List JMS Resources

Use the list-jms-resources subcommand in remote mode to list the existing connection factory and destination resources.

Ensure that the server is running.

Remote subcommands require a running server.

2 List the existing JMS resources by using the list-jms-resources(1) subcommand.

Example 16–7 Listing All JMS Resources

This example lists all the existing JMS connection factory and destination resources.

```
asadmin> list-jms-resources
jms/Queue
jms/ConnectionFactory
jms/DurableConnectionFactory
jms/Topic
Command list-jms-resources executed successfully
```

Example 16–8 Listing a JMS Resources of a Specific Type

This example lists the resources for the resource type javax.

asadmin> list-jms-resources --restype javax.jms.TopicConnectionFactory jms/DurableTopicConnectionFactory jms/TopicConnectionFactory Command list-jms-resources executed successfully.

See Also You can also view the full syntax and options of the subcommand by typing asadmin help list-jms-resources at the command line.

▼ To Delete a Connection Factory or Destination Resource

Use the delete-jms-resource subcommand in remote mode to remove the specified connection factory or destination resource.

Before You Begin

Ensure that you remove all references to the specified JMS resource before running this subcommand.

1 Ensure that the server is running.

Remote subcommands require a running server.

- 2 List the existing JMS resources by using the list-jms-resources(1) subcommand.
- 3 Delete the JMS resource by using the delete-jms-resource(1) subcommand.

Example 16–9 Deleting a JMS Resource

This example deletes the jms/Queue resource.

```
asadmin> delete-jms-resource jms/Queue
Command delete-jms-resource executed successfully
```

See Also

You can also view the full syntax and options of the subcommand by typing asadmin help delete-jms-resource at the command line.

Administering JMS Physical Destinations

Messages are delivered for routing and delivery to consumers by using *physical destinations* in the JMS provider. A physical destination is identified and encapsulated by an administered object (such as a Topic or Queue destination resource) that an application component uses to specify the destination of messages it is producing and the source of messages it is consuming. For instructions on configuring a destination resource, see "To Create a Connection Factory or Destination Resource" on page 297.

If a message-driven bean is deployed and the physical destination it listens to does not exist, GlassFish Server automatically creates the physical destination and sets the value of the maxNumActiveConsumers property to -1. However, it is good practice to create the physical destination beforehand. The first time that an application accesses a destination resource, Message Queue automatically creates the physical destination specified by the Name property of the destination resource. The physical destination is temporary and expires after a period specified by a Message Queue configuration property.

The following topics are addressed here:

- "To Create a JMS Physical Destination" on page 300
- "To List JMS Physical Destinations" on page 301
- "To Purge Messages From a Physical Destination" on page 301
- "To Delete a JMS Physical Destination" on page 302

▼ To Create a JMS Physical Destination

For production purposes, always create physical destinations. During the development and testing phase, however, this step is not required. Use the create-jmsdest subcommand in remote mode to create a physical destination.

Because a physical destination is actually a Message Queue object rather than a server object, you use Message Queue broker commands to update properties. For information on Message Queue properties, see *Open Message Queue 4.5 Administration Guide*.

Ensure that the server is running.

Remote subcommands require a running server.

2 Create a JMS physical destination by using the create-jmsdest(1) subcommand.

Information about the properties for the subcommand is included in this help page.

3 (Optional) If needed, restart the server.

Some properties require server restart. See "Configuration Changes That Require Server Restart" on page 35. If your server needs to be restarted, see "To Restart a Domain" on page 89.

Example 16–10 Creating a JMS Physical Destination

This example creates a queue named Physical Queue.

```
asadmin> create-jmsdest --desttype queue --property User=public:Password=public PhysicalQueue Command create-jmsdest executed successfully.
```

See Also You can also view the full syntax and options of the subcommand by typing asadmin help create-jmsdest at the command line.

▼ To List JMS Physical Destinations

Use the list-jmsdest subcommand in remote mode to list the existing JMS physical destinations.

Ensure that the server is running.

Remote subcommands require a running server.

2 List the existing JMS physical destinations by using the List-jmsdest(1) subcommand.

Example 16–11 Listing JMS Physical Destinations

This example lists the physical destinations for the default server instance.

```
asadmin> list-jmsdest
PhysicalQueue queue {}
PhysicalTopic topic {}
Command list-jmsdest executed successfully.
```

See Also You can also view the full syntax and options of the subcommand by typing asadmin help list-jmsdest at the command line.

▼ To Purge Messages From a Physical Destination

Use the flush-jmsdest subcommand in remote mode to purge the messages from a physical destination in the specified target's JMS service configuration.

1 Ensure that the server is running.

Remote subcommands require a running server.

- 2 Purge messages from the a JMS physical destination by using the flush-jmsdest(1) subcommand.
- 3 (Optional) If needed, restart the server.

Some properties require server restart. See "Configuration Changes That Require Server Restart" on page 35. If your server needs to be restarted, see "To Restart a Domain" on page 89.

Example 16–12 Flushing Messages From a JMS Physical Destination

This example purges messages from the queue named PhysicalQueue.

```
asadmin> flush-jmsdest --desttype queue PhysicalQueue Command flush-jmsdest executed successfully
```

See Also

You can also view the full syntax and options of the subcommand by typing asadmin help flush-jmsdest at the command line.

▼ To Delete a JMS Physical Destination

Use the delete-jmsdest subcommand in remote mode to remove the specified JMS physical destination.

1 Ensure that the server is running.

Remote subcommands require a running server.

- 2 List the existing JMS physical destinations by using the list-jmsdest(1) subcommand.
- 3 Delete the physical resource by using the delete-jmsdest(1) subcommand.

Example 16–13 Deleting a Physical Destination

This example deletes the queue named PhysicalQueue.

```
asadmin> delete-jmsdest --desttype queue PhysicalQueue Command delete-jmsdest executed successfully
```

See Also

You can also view the full syntax and options of the subcommand by typing asadmin help delete-jmsdest at the command line.

Troubleshooting the JMS Service

When you start GlassFish Server, the JMS service is available but is not loaded until it is needed (for example, when you create a JMS resource). Use the jms-ping(1) subcommand to check if the JMS service is running or, if it is not yet running, to start it. If the jms-ping subcommand is unable to contact the JMS service, an error message is displayed.

If you encounter problems, consider the following:

- View the GlassFish Server log file, typically located at domain-dir/logs/server.log.
 If a the log file indicates that a Message Queue broker did not respond to a message, stop the broker and then restart it.
- View the broker log, typically available at domain-dir/imq/instances/imqbroker/log/log.txt.
- For Remote mode JMS hosts, be sure to start Message Queue brokers first, then GlassFish Server instances.

• If all Message Queue brokers are down, it can take up to 30 minutes for GlassFish Server to go down or up when you are using the default values in JMS. You can change the default values for this timeout. For example:

asadmin set domain1.jms-service.reconnect-interval-in-seconds=5

Using the Generic JMS Resource Adapter to Integrate Supported External JMS Providers

GlassFish Server supports the integration and use of Oracle WebLogic JMS and IBM WebSphere MQ JMS providers through the use of the Generic Resource Adapter for JMS, and is available from the GlassFish Server Update Center. This Java EE connector 1.5 resource adapter, named Generic JMSRA, can wrap the JMS client library of Oracle WebLogic JMS and IBM WebSphere MQ. The adapter is a . rar archive that can be deployed and configured using GlassFish Server administration tools.

The following topics are addressed here:

- "Configuring the Generic JMS Resource Adapter for Supported External JMS Providers" on page 303
- "Using the Generic JMS Resource Adapter with WebLogic JMS" on page 310
- "Using the Generic JMS Resource Adapter with IBM WebSphere MQ" on page 320

Configuring the Generic JMS Resource Adapter for Supported External JMS Providers

The generic resource adapter can be configured to indicate whether the JMS provider supports XA or not. It is also possible to indicate what mode of integration is possible with the JMS provider. Two modes of integration are supported by the generic resource adapter. The first one uses JNDI as the means of integration. In this situation, administered objects are set up in the JMS provider's JNDI tree and will be looked up for use by the generic resource adapter. Depending on the JMS provider being used, you may need to use either JNDI or JavaBean mode or have the choice of both. If that mode is not suitable for integration, it is also possible to use the Java reflection of JMS administered object Javabean classes as the mode of integration.

To Download and Configure the Generic JMS Resource Adapter

Before deploying the generic resource adapter, JMS client libraries must be made available to GlassFish Server. For some JMS providers, client libraries might also include native libraries. In such cases, these native libraries must be made available to any GlassFish Server JVMs.

1 Download the genericra.rar archive from the GlassFish Server Update Center.