

# Admin Guide and Admin Console Online Help

## Documentation Plan

### AS 9.1EE/GlassFish V2

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UI changes for 9.1

<http://www.glassfishwiki.org/gfwiki/attach/OnePagersOrFunctionalSpecs/AdminGuiUICh>

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## Schedule

The following schedule identifies the OnlineHelp and manpage deliverables for the AS9.1 SE & EE Beta release.

Task	Due Date
Final checkin of manpages for Milestone 4/Beta	January 22, 2007
Final checkin of OLH system files Beta	January 22, 2007

## Separate sources for Admin Guide and Online Help

The Admin Guide for 9.x and later will have a 'concept' oriented structure and information. The task based information will be in the Online help.

The Admin Guide will be published on docs.sun.com as HTML files and in PDF format. The online help of the Admin Console will be bundled with the Admin Console software as a JavaHelp.jar file. Man pages will be bundled with the product.

As the online help due date is several weeks before the Admin Guide due date, the guide will likely have more information.

## Intended Audience

The Admin Guide and the online help are for administrators in a production environment. In addition to running app servers, these administrators might also be responsible for running computer systems, networks, and databases. These administrators are familiar with operating system commands, and know how to perform basic tasks such as creating directories, locating files, and installing software. Because these administrators are not software developers, they are unfamiliar with Java and do not understand source code. To these administrators, a J2EE application is a black box. Their view of applications -- and of the app server itself -- is determined by the interface presented by the Admin Console.

## Topics Beyond the Scope of the Admin Guide and Online Help

- XML files (i.e., domain.xml and deployment descriptors, which are documented in the Reference Guide and Developer's Guide)

- app server internals (anything not exposed by the Admin Console)
- software development concepts; source code (covered in J2EE Tutorial and Blueprints)
- performance and tuning information (not required for PE; covered in a separate manual for SE/EE)
- asadmin syntax and examples (covered in man pages)

## Structure of Documentation

### Help Types

The online help will have these types of help:

- inline help - the short descriptions displayed below the fields on a page
- procedural - step-by-step instructions; for example: Deploying a Web Application
- conceptual - descriptive information

The procedural and conceptual help topics will appear in the help TOC. The Admin Console developers refer to these topics as "external help."

The help system in the Admin Console is context-sensitive: When the user clicks the help button, the help window displays the topic corresponding to the page that has keyboard focus. In most cases, the topic displayed will be procedural.

### Modularity

Modularity will help achieve the following:

- No overlap: Whenever possible, the help files will not contain duplicate information. For example, the procedural help will not repeat the inline help.

### Style for Online Help

We'll follow the guidelines used by the Studio help writers. See the style guide links on the [Sun ONE Studio Help Writers Home Page](#).

### Tools

- Lockhart v. 2.1 is the framework for the Admin Console
- Epic 9

- JavaHelp 2.0

## Writing Assignments

Each writer will be responsible for:

- All Admin Guide and online help docs for one or more subjects

For example, one person will write the chapter on deployment as well as the help documentation for the deployment pages of the Admin Console. This approach ensures that the documentation for a particular subject is consistent.

- Corresponding asadmin man pages

The Admin Guide will not contain asadmin examples, but will link to the man pages. For example, the deployment chapter in the guide will have a link to the manpage for the asadmin deploy command.

- The inline help of the JSP pages of the Admin Console for a particular subject.  
OWNER: Scott Fordin

Table 2: Admin Guide & Help Writing Assignments

Subject	PE, or SE/EE only	Priority	Size	Writer	Engineering Owner	Tes Ow
'user' Profiles	EE	1	small	?	Kedar	
Persistence	EE	1	small	June		
Grizzly integration	EE	2	small	Rajeev	Jean Francois Arcand	
JBI integration (+) in Admin Console	EE	1	large	Rajeev	Mike	
LB integration in Admin Console	EE	1	medium	Rajeev	Satish Viswanatham	
HADB GUI in online help	EE	2	medium	Hanan	Sivert Sorumgard,	

					Maitrayi Sabaratnam	
Web Services Mgmt	both	1	medium	Hanan/Chinmayee	Satish Viswanatham	
Management Rules	both	1	medium	Vipin	Sankara Rao Bhogi, Pankaj Jairath	
Diagnostic Service	both	1	medium	Hanan	Manisha Umbraje	
Asadmin appendix	both	3	small	Hanan	Jane Young, Prashanth Abbagani	Nga
Connectors	both	1	medium	Chinmayee	Sivakumar Thyagarajan, Ram Jeyaraman	Balaji Raghu
Getting Started; starting/stopping server, instances, domains, admin server; console app server General tab	both with differences	1	medium	Hanan	Jane Young, Prashanth Abbagani	Nga
HTTP and IIOP Service	both	2	small	Hanan	Prasad Subramanian HTTP; Ken Cavanaugh IIOP	TBD
JavaMail	both	2	small	Hanan	Bill Shannon	TBD
J2EE Containers	both	2	medium	Vipin	Ken Saks EJB, Jan Leuehe Web, Binod P.G.for MDB	TBD
IIOP	both	2	medium	Hanan	Binod P.C.	Balaji

JDBC	both	2	medium	Hanan Lang	Binod P.G.	Raghu
JNDI	both	2	medium	Hanan Lang	Sheetal Vartak	TBD
JMS	both	1	medium	Rajeev	Sivakumar Thyagarajan	TBD
JVM & Advanced Settings	both	1	medium	Hanan	Mark Basler, Sreenivas Munnangi	TBD
Logging	both	1	medium	Vipin	Ram Jeyaraman	Ramsh Rajha
Monitoring	both	1	medium	Vipin	Siraj Ghaffar	Sankar Periyat
Persistence Mgrs	both	1	medium	June	Larry White	Gopal Jorapu
ORB	both	2	medium	Chinmayee	Harold Carr, Ken Cavanaugh	TBD
Thread Pools	both	2	medium	Vipin	Binod P.G., Ken Cavanaugh	TBD
Transaction Service	both	2	medium	Rajeev	Sankara Rao, Servesh Singh	Ramsh Rajha
Security	both	1	medium	Vipin	Ron Monzillo	Jagade Munta

NOTE: HA Admin Guide is all "SE/EE only".

Table 3: HA Admin Guide & Help Writing Assignments

Subject	Priority	Size	Writer	Engineering Owner	Testing Owner
Overview	2	small	Hanan		
HADB Install & Setup	1	medium	Hanan	Maitrayi Sabaratnam, Rob Stephens, Kari Wedde	TBD

HADB Administration	1	medium	Hanan	Maitrayi Sabaratnam, Rob Stephens, Kari Wedde	TBD
Load Balancing	1	medium	Rajeev	Satish Vishwanatham	TBD
Clusters	2	medium	Hanan/Rajeev ?	Kedar Mhaswade	TBD
Configuration	1	medium	?	Alexandre Kravtchenko	Kazem Ardekanian
Node Agents	2	small	Hanan	Mark Basler, Kedar Mhaswade	
HA Session Persistence	1	med.	Rand	Larry White	
JMS Load Bal.	2	med.	Rajeev	Sivakumar Thyagarajan, George Tharakan	
RMI-IIOP Load Bal.	2	med.	Vipin	Harold Carr, Sheetal Vartak	