



# High Availability Guide

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# 1 Introduction to High Availability Services

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## 1.1 What are High Availability services?

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WildFly's High Availability services are used to guarantee availability of a deployed Java EE application.

Deploying critical applications on a single node suffers from two potential problems:

- loss of application availability when the node hosting the application crashes (single point of failure)
- loss of application availability in the form of extreme delays in response time during high volumes of requests (overwhelmed server)

WildFly supports two features which ensure high availability of critical Java EE applications:

- **fail-over:** allows a client interacting with a Java EE application to have uninterrupted access to that application, even in the presence of node failures
- **load balancing:** allows a client to have timely responses from the application, even in the presence of high-volumes of requests



These two independent high availability services can very effectively inter-operate when making use of `mod_cluster` for load balancing!

Taking advantage of WildFly's high availability services is easy, and simply involves deploying WildFly on a cluster of nodes, making a small number of application configuration changes, and then deploying the application in the cluster.

We now take a brief look at what these services can guarantee.



## 1.2 High Availability through fail-over

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Fail-over allows a client interacting with a Java EE application to have uninterrupted access to that application, even in the presence of node failures. For example, consider a Java EE application which makes use of the following features:

- session-oriented servlets to provide user interaction
- session-oriented EJBs to perform state-dependent business computation
- EJB entity beans to store critical data in a persistent store (e.g. database)
- SSO login to the application

If the application makes use of WildFly's fail-over services, a client interacting with an instance of that application will not be interrupted even when the node on which that instance executes crashes. Behind the scenes, WildFly makes sure that all of the user data that the application make use of (HTTP session data, EJB SFSB sessions, EJB entities and SSO credentials) are available at other nodes in the cluster, so that when a failure occurs and the client is redirected to that new node for continuation of processing (i.e. the client "fails over" to the new node), the user's data is available and processing can continue.

The Infinispan and JGroups subsystems are instrumental in providing these data availability guarantees and will be discussed in detail later in the guide.

## 1.3 High Availability through load balancing

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Load balancing enables the application to respond to client requests in a timely fashion, even when subjected to a high-volume of requests. Using a load balancer as a front-end, each incoming HTTP request can be directed to one node in the cluster for processing. In this way, the cluster acts as a pool of processing nodes and the load is "balanced" over the pool, achieving scalability and, as a consequence, availability. Requests involving session-oriented servlets are directed to the the same application instance in the pool for efficiency of processing (sticky sessions). Using `mod_cluster` has the advantage that changes in cluster topology (scaling the pool up or down, servers crashing) are communicated back to the load balancer and used to update in real time the load balancing activity and avoid requests being directed to application instances which are no longer available.

The `mod_cluster` subsystem is instrumental in providing support for this High Availability feature of WildFly and will be discussed in detail later in this guide.

## 1.4 Aims of the guide

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This guide aims to:

- provide a description of the high-availability features available in WildFly and the services they depend on
- show how the various high availability services can be configured for particular application use cases
- identify default behavior for features relating to high-availability/clustering





## 1.5 Organization of the guide

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As high availability features and their configuration depend on the particular component they affect (e.g. HTTP sessions, EJB SFSB sessions, Hibernate), we organize the discussion around those Java EE features. We strive to make each section as self-contained as possible. Also, when discussing a feature, we will introduce any WildFly subsystems upon which the feature depends.



## 2 HTTP Services

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This section summarises the HTTP-based clustering features.

### 2.1 Subsystem Support

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This section describes the key clustering subsystems, JGroups and Infinispan. Say a few words about how they work together.

#### 2.1.1 JGroups Subsystem

##### 2.1.2 Purpose

The JGroups subsystem provides group communication support for HA services in the form of JGroups channels.

Named channel instances permit application peers in a cluster to communicate as a group and in such a way that the communication satisfies defined properties (e.g. reliable, ordered, failure-sensitive). Communication properties are configurable for each channel and are defined by the protocol stack used to create the channel. Protocol stacks consist of a base transport layer (used to transport messages around the cluster) together with a user-defined, ordered stack of protocol layers, where each protocol layer supports a given communication property.

The JGroups subsystem provides the following features:

- allows definition of named protocol stacks
- view run-time metrics associated with channels
- specify a default stack for general use

In the following sections, we describe the JGroups subsystem.



JGroups channels are created transparently as part of the clustering functionality (e.g. on clustered application deployment, channels will be created behind the scenes to support clustered features such as session replication or transmission of SSO contexts around the cluster).

##### 2.1.3 Configuration example

What follows is a sample JGroups subsystem configuration showing all of the possible elements and attributes which may be configured. We shall use this example to explain the meaning of the various elements and attributes.



The schema for the subsystem, describing all valid elements and attributes, can be found in the Wildfly distribution, in the docs/schema directory.



```
<subsystem xmlns="urn:jboss:domain:jgroups:2.0" default-stack="udp">
  <stack name="udp">
    <transport type="UDP" socket-binding="jgroups-udp"
diagnostics-socket-binding="jgroups-diagnostics"
      default-executor="jgroups" oob-executor="jgroups-oob" timer-executor="jgroups-timer"
      shared="false" thread-factory="jgroups-thread-factory"
      machine="machine1" rack="rack1" site="site1"/>
    <protocol type="PING">
      <property name="timeout">100</property>
    </protocol>
    <protocol type="MERGE3"/>
    <protocol type="FD_SOCKET" socket-binding="jgroups-udp-fd"/>
    <protocol type="FD"/>
    <protocol type="VERIFY_SUSPECT"/>
    <protocol type="pbcast.NAKACK2"/>
    <protocol type="UNICAST2"/>
    <protocol type="pbcast.STABLE"/>
    <protocol type="pbcast.GMS"/>
    <protocol type="UFC"/>
    <protocol type="MFC"/>
    <protocol type="FRAG2"/>
    <protocol type="RSVP"/>
  </stack>
  <stack name="tcp">
    <transport type="TCP" socket-binding="jgroups-tcp"/>
    <protocol type="MPING" socket-binding="jgroups-mping"/>
    <protocol type="MERGE2"/>
    <protocol type="FD_SOCKET" socket-binding="jgroups-tcp-fd"/>
    <protocol type="FD"/>
    <protocol type="VERIFY_SUSPECT"/>
    <protocol type="pbcast.NAKACK2"/>
    <protocol type="UNICAST2"/>
    <protocol type="pbcast.STABLE"/>
    <protocol type="pbcast.GMS"/>
    <protocol type="MFC"/>
    <protocol type="FRAG2"/>
    <protocol type="RSVP"/>
  </stack>
  <stack name="udp-xsite">
    <transport type="UDP" socket-binding="jgroups-udp"/>
    <protocol type="PING" socket-binding="jgroups-mping"/>
    <protocol type="MERGE2"/>
    <protocol type="FD_SOCKET" socket-binding="jgroups-tcp-fd"/>
    <protocol type="FD"/>
    <protocol type="VERIFY_SUSPECT"/>
    <protocol type="pbcast.NAKACK2"/>
    <protocol type="UNICAST2"/>
    <protocol type="pbcast.STABLE"/>
    <protocol type="pbcast.GMS"/>
    <protocol type="MFC"/>
    <protocol type="FRAG2"/>
    <protocol type="RSVP"/>
    <relay site="LONDON">
      <remote-site name="SFO" stack="tcp" cluster="global"/>
      <remote-site name="NYC" stack="tcp" cluster="global"/>
    </relay>
  </stack>
</subsystem>
```



## **<subsystem>**

This element is used to configure the subsystem within a Wildfly system profile.

- `xmlns` This attribute specifies the XML namespace of the JGroups subsystem and, in particular, its version.
- `default-stack` This attribute is used to specify a default stack for the JGroups subsystem. This default stack will be used whenever a stack is required but no stack is specified.

## **<stack>**

This element is used to configure a JGroups protocol stack.

- `name` This attribute is used to specify the name of the stack.



## <transport>

This element is used to configure the transport layer (required) of the protocol stack.

- `type` This attribute specifies the transport type (e.g. UDP, TCP, TCPGOSSIP)
- `socket-binding` This attribute references a defined socket binding in the server profile. It is used when JGroups needs to create general sockets internally.
- `diagnostics-socket-binding` This attribute references a defined socket binding in the server profile. It is used when JGroups needs to create sockets for use with the diagnostics program. For more about the use of diagnostics, see the JGroups documentation for `probe.sh`.
- `default-executor` This attribute references a defined thread pool executor in the threads subsystem. It governs the allocation and execution of runnable tasks to handle incoming JGroups messages.
- `oob-executor` This attribute references a defined thread pool executor in the threads subsystem. It governs the allocation and execution of runnable tasks to handle incoming JGroups OOB (out-of-bound) messages.
- `timer-executor` This attribute references a defined thread pool executor in the threads subsystem. It governs the allocation and execution of runnable timer-related tasks.
- `shared` This attribute indicates whether or not this transport is shared amongst several JGroups stacks or not.
- `thread-factory` This attribute references a defined thread factory in the threads subsystem. It governs the allocation of threads for running tasks which are not handled by the executors above.
- `site` This attribute defines a site (data centre) id for this node.
- `rack` This attribute defines a rack (server rack) id for this node.
- `machine` This attribute defines a machine (host) id for this node.



site, rack and machine ids are used by the Infinispan topology-aware consistent hash function, which when using dist mode, prevents dist mode replicas from being stored on the same host, rack or site

## <property>

This element is used to configure a transport property.

- `name` This attribute specifies the name of the protocol property. The value is provided as text for the property element.



## <protocol>

This element is used to configure a (non-transport) protocol layer in the JGroups stack. Protocol layers are ordered within the stack.

- `type` This attribute specifies the name of the JGroups protocol implementation (e.g. MPING, pbcast.GMS), with the package prefix `org.jgroups.protocols` removed.
- `socket-binding` This attribute references a defined socket binding in the server profile. It is used when JGroups needs to create general sockets internally for this protocol instance.

## <property>

This element is used to configure a protocol property.

- `name` This attribute specifies the name of the protocol property. The value is provided as text for the property element.

## <relay>

This element is used to configure the RELAY protocol for a JGroups stack. RELAY is a protocol which provides cross-site replication between defined sites (data centres). In the RELAY protocol, defined sites specify the names of remote sites (backup sites) to which their data should be backed up. Channels are defined between sites to permit the RELAY protocol to transport the data from the current site to a backup site.

- `site` This attribute specifies the name of the current site. Site names can be referenced elsewhere (e.g. in the JGroups remote-site configuration elements, as well as backup configuration elements in the Infinispan subsystem)

## <remote-site>

This element is used to configure a remote site for the RELAY protocol.

- `name` This attribute specifies the name of the remote site to which this configuration applies.
- `stack` This attribute specifies a JGroups protocol stack to use for communication between this site and the remote site.
- `cluster` This attribute specifies the name of the JGroups channel to use for communication between this site and the remote site.



## 2.1.4 Use Cases

In many cases, channels will be configured via XML as in the example above, so that the channels will be available upon server startup. However, channels may also be added, removed or have their configurations changed in a running server by making use of the Wildfly management API command-line interface (CLI). In this section, we present some key use cases for the JGroups management API.

The key use cases covered are:

- adding a stack
- adding a protocol to an existing stack
- adding a property to a protocol



The Wildfly management API command-line interface (CLI) itself can be used to provide extensive information on the attributes and commands available in the JGroups subsystem interface used in these examples.

### Add a stack

```
/subsystem=jgroups/stack=mystack:add(transport={}, protocols={})
```

### Add a protocol to a stack

```
/subsystem=jgroups/stack=mystack/transport=TRANSPORT:add(type=<type>,  
socket-binding=<socketbinding>)
```

```
/subsystem=jgroups/stack=mystack:add-protocol(type=<type>, socket-binding=<socketbinding>)
```

### Add a property to a protocol

```
/subsystem=jgroups/stack=mystack/transport=TRANSPORT/property=<property>:add(value=<value>)
```

## Infinispan Subsystem





## 2.1.5 Purpose

The Infinispan subsystem provides caching support for HA services in the form of Infinispan caches: high-performance, transactional caches which can operate in both non-distributed and distributed scenarios. Distributed caching support is used in the provision of many key HA services. For example, the failover of a session-oriented client HTTP request from a failing node to a new (failover) node depends on session data for the client being available on the new node. In other words, the client session data needs to be replicated across nodes in the cluster. This is effectively achieved via a distributed Infinispan cache. This approach to providing fail-over also applies to EJB SFSB sessions. Over and above providing support for fail-over, an underlying cache is also required when providing second-level caching for entity beans using Hibernate, and this case is also handled through the use of an Infinispan cache.

The Infinispan subsystem provides the following features:

- allows definition and configuration of named cache containers and caches
- view run-time metrics associated with cache container and cache instances

In the following sections, we describe the Infinispan subsystem.



Infinispan cache containers and caches are created transparently as part of the clustering functionality (e.g. on clustered application deployment, cache containers and their associated caches will be created behind the scenes to support clustered features such as session replication or caching of entities around the cluster).

## 2.1.6 Configuration Example

In this section, we provide an example XML configuration of the infinispan subsystem and review the configuration elements and attributes.



The schema for the subsystem, describing all valid elements and attributes, can be found in the Wildfly distribution, in the docs/schema directory.



```
<subsystem xmlns="urn:jboss:domain:infinispan:2.0">
  <cache-container name="server" aliases="singleton cluster" default-cache="default"
module="org.wildfly.clustering.server">
    <transport lock-timeout="60000"/>
    <replicated-cache name="default" mode="SYNC" batching="true">
        <locking isolation="REPEATABLE_READ"/>
    </replicated-cache>
  </cache-container>
  <cache-container name="web" aliases="standard-session-cache" default-cache="repl"
module="org.wildfly.clustering.web.infinispan">
    <transport lock-timeout="60000"/>
    <replicated-cache name="repl" mode="ASYNC" batching="true">
        <file-store/>
    </replicated-cache>
    <replicated-cache name="sso" mode="SYNC" batching="true"/>
    <distributed-cache name="dist" mode="ASYNC" batching="true" ll-lifespan="0">
        <file-store/>
    </distributed-cache>
  </cache-container>
  <cache-container name="ejb" aliases="sfsb sfsb-cache" default-cache="repl"
module="org.jboss.as.clustering.ejb3.infinispan">
    <transport lock-timeout="60000"/>
    <replicated-cache name="repl" mode="ASYNC" batching="true">
        <eviction strategy="LRU" max-entries="10000"/>
        <file-store/>
    </replicated-cache>
    <!--
      ~ Clustered cache used internally by EJB subsystem for managing the client-mapping(s) of
      ~ the socketbinding referenced by the EJB remotng connector
    -->
    <replicated-cache name="remote-connector-client-mappings" mode="SYNC" batching="true"/>
    <distributed-cache name="dist" mode="ASYNC" batching="true" ll-lifespan="0">
        <eviction strategy="LRU" max-entries="10000"/>
        <file-store/>
    </distributed-cache>
  </cache-container>
  <cache-container name="hibernate" default-cache="local-query" module="org.hibernate">
    <transport lock-timeout="60000"/>
    <local-cache name="local-query">
        <transaction mode="NONE"/>
        <eviction strategy="LRU" max-entries="10000"/>
        <expiration max-idle="100000"/>
    </local-cache>
    <invalidation-cache name="entity" mode="SYNC">
        <transaction mode="NON_XA"/>
        <eviction strategy="LRU" max-entries="10000"/>
        <expiration max-idle="100000"/>
    </invalidation-cache>
    <replicated-cache name="timestamps" mode="ASYNC">
        <transaction mode="NONE"/>
        <eviction strategy="NONE"/>
    </replicated-cache>
  </cache-container>
</subsystem>
```



## **<cache-container>**

This element is used to configure a cache container.

- `name` This attribute is used to specify the name of the cache container.
- `default-cache` This attribute configures the default cache to be used, when no cache is otherwise specified.
- `listener-executor` This attribute references a defined thread pool executor in the threads subsystem. It governs the allocation and execution of runnable tasks in the replication queue.
- `eviction-executor` This attribute references a defined thread pool executor in the threads subsystem. It governs the allocation and execution of runnable tasks to handle evictions.
- `replication-queue-executor` This attribute references a defined thread pool executor in the threads subsystem. It governs the allocation and execution of runnable tasks to handle asynchronous cache operations.
- `jndi-name` This attribute is used to assign a name for the cache container in the JNDI name service.
- `module` This attribute configures the module whose class loader should be used when building this cache container's configuration.
- `start` This attribute configured the cache container start mode and has since been deprecated, the only supported and the default value is LAZY (on-demand start).
- `aliases` This attribute is used to define aliases for the cache container name.

This element has the following child elements: **<transport>**, **<local-cache>**, **<invalidation-cache>**, **<replicated-cache>**, and **<distributed-cache>**.



## <transport>

This element is used to configure the JGroups transport used by the cache container, when required.

- `stack` This attribute configures the JGroups stack to be used for the transport. If none is specified, the default-stack for the JGroups subsystem is used.
- `cluster` This attribute configures the name of the group communication cluster. This is the name which will be seen in debugging logs.
- `executor` This attribute references a defined thread pool executor in the threads subsystem. It governs the allocation and execution of runnable tasks to handle ? *<fill me in>*?
- `lock-timeout` This attribute configures the time-out to be used when obtaining locks for the transport.
- `site` This attribute configures the site id of the cache container.
- `rack` This attribute configures the rack id of the cache container.
- `machine` This attribute configures the machine id of the cache container.



The presence of the transport element is required when operating in clustered mode

The remaining child elements of **<cache-container>**, namely **<local-cache>**, **<invalidation-cache>**, **<replicated-cache>** and **<distributed-cache>**, each configures one of four key cache types or classifications.



These cache-related elements are actually part of an xsd hierarchy with abstract complexTypes **cache**, **clustered-cache**, and **shared-cache**. In order to simplify the presentation, we notate these as pseudo-elements **<abstract cache>**, **<abstract clustered-cache>** and **<abstract shared-cache>**. In what follows, we first describe the extension hierarchy of base elements, and then show how the cache type elements relate to them.

## <abstract cache>

This abstract base element defines the attributes and child elements common to all non-clustered caches.

- `name` This attribute configures the name of the cache. This name may be referenced by other subsystems.
- `start` This attribute configured the cache container start mode and has since been deprecated, the only supported and the default value is LAZY (on-demand start).
- `batching` This attribute configures batching. If enabled, the invocation batching API will be made available for this cache.
- `indexing` This attribute configures indexing. If enabled, entries will be indexed when they are added to the cache. Indexes will be updated as entries change or are removed.
- `jndi-name` This attribute is used to assign a name for the cache in the JNDI name service.
- `module` This attribute configures the module whose class loader should be used when building this cache container's configuration.



The `<abstract-cache>` abstract base element has the following child elements: `<indexing-properties>`, `<locking>`, `<transaction>`, `<eviction>`, `<expiration>`, `<store>`, `<file-store>`, `<string-keyed-jdbc-store>`, `<binary-keyed-jdbc-store>`, `<mixed-keyed-jdbc-store>`, `<remote-store>`.

### **`<indexing-properties>`**

This child element defines properties to control indexing behaviour.

### **`<locking>`**

This child element configures the locking behaviour of the cache.

- `isolation` This attribute the cache locking isolation level. Allowable values are NONE, SERIALIZABLE, REPEATABLE\_READ, READ\_COMMITTED, READ\_UNCOMMITTED.
- `striping` If true, a pool of shared locks is maintained for all entries that need to be locked. Otherwise, a lock is created per entry in the cache. Lock striping helps control memory footprint but may reduce concurrency in the system.
- `acquire-timeout` This attribute configures the maximum time to attempt a particular lock acquisition.
- `concurrency-level` This attribute is used to configure the concurrency level. Adjust this value according to the number of concurrent threads interacting with Infinispan.

### **`<transaction>`**

This child element configures the transactional behaviour of the cache.

- `mode` This attribute configures the transaction mode, setting the cache transaction mode to one of NONE, NON\_XA, NON\_DURABLE\_XA, FULL\_XA.
- `stop-timeout` If there are any ongoing transactions when a cache is stopped, Infinispan waits for ongoing remote and local transactions to finish. The amount of time to wait for is defined by the cache stop timeout.
- `locking` This attribute configures the locking mode for this cache, one of OPTIMISTIC or PESSIMISTIC.

### **`<eviction>`**

This child element configures the eviction behaviour of the cache.

- `strategy` This attribute configures the cache eviction strategy. Available options are 'UNORDERED', 'FIFO', 'LRU', 'LIRS' and 'NONE' (to disable eviction).
- `max-entries` This attribute configures the maximum number of entries in a cache instance. If selected value is not a power of two the actual value will default to the least power of two larger than selected value. -1 means no limit.



## <expiration>

This child element configures the expiration behaviour of the cache.

- `max-idle` This attribute configures the maximum idle time a cache entry will be maintained in the cache, in milliseconds. If the idle time is exceeded, the entry will be expired cluster-wide. -1 means the entries never expire.
- `lifespan` This attribute configures the maximum lifespan of a cache entry, after which the entry is expired cluster-wide, in milliseconds. -1 means the entries never expire.
- `interval` This attribute specifies the interval (in ms) between subsequent runs to purge expired entries from memory and any cache stores. If you wish to disable the periodic eviction process altogether, set `wakeupInterval` to -1.

The remaining child elements of the abstract base element **<cache>**, namely **<store>**, **<file-store>**, **<remote-store>**, **<string-keyed-jdbc-store>**, **<binary-keyed-jdbc-store>** and **<mixed-keyed-jdbc-store>**, each configures one of six key cache store types.



These cache store-related elements are actually part of an xsd extension hierarchy with abstract complexTypes **base-store** and **base-jdbc-store**. As before, in order to simplify the presentation, we notate these as pseudo-elements **<abstract base-store>** and **<abstract base-jdbc-store>**. In what follows, we first describe the extension hierarchy of base elements, and then show how the cache store elements relate to them.



### <abstract base-store>

This abstract base element defines the attributes and child elements common to all cache stores.

- `shared` This attribute should be set to true when multiple cache instances share the same cache store (e.g. multiple nodes in a cluster using a JDBC-based CacheStore pointing to the same, shared database) Setting this to true avoids multiple cache instances writing the same modification multiple times. If enabled, only the node where the modification originated will write to the cache store. If disabled, each individual cache reacts to a potential remote update by storing the data to the cache store.
- `preload` This attribute configures whether or not, when the cache starts, data stored in the cache loader will be pre-loaded into memory. This is particularly useful when data in the cache loader is needed immediately after start-up and you want to avoid cache operations being delayed as a result of loading this data lazily. Can be used to provide a 'warm-cache' on start-up, however there is a performance penalty as start-up time is affected by this process. Note that pre-loading is done in a local fashion, so any data loaded is only stored locally in the node. No replication or distribution of the preloaded data happens. Also, Infinispan only pre-loads up to the maximum configured number of entries in eviction.
- `passivation` If true, data is only written to the cache store when it is evicted from memory, a phenomenon known as *passivation*. Next time the data is requested, it will be 'activated' which means that data will be brought back to memory and removed from the persistent store. If false, the cache store contains a copy of the cache contents in memory, so writes to cache result in cache store writes. This essentially gives you a 'write-through' configuration.
- `fetch-state` This attribute, if true, causes persistent state to be fetched when joining a cluster. If multiple cache stores are chained, only one of them can have this property enabled.
- `purge` This attribute configures whether the cache store is purged upon start-up.
- `singleton` This attribute configures whether or not the singleton store cache store is enabled. SingletonStore is a delegating cache store used for situations when only one instance in a cluster should interact with the underlying store.
- `class` This attribute configures a custom store implementation class to use for this cache store.
- `properties` This attribute is used to configure a list of cache store properties.

The abstract base element has one child element: **<write-behind>**

**<write-behind>**

This element is used to configure a cache store as write-behind instead of write-through. In write-through mode, writes to the cache are also *synchronously* written to the cache store, whereas in write-behind mode, writes to the cache are followed by *asynchronous* writes to the cache store.

- `flush-lock-timeout` This attribute configures the time-out for acquiring the lock which guards the state to be flushed to the cache store periodically.
- `modification-queue-size` This attribute configures the maximum number of entries in the asynchronous queue. When the queue is full, the store becomes write-through until it can accept new entries.
- `shutdown-timeout` This attribute configures the time-out (in ms) to stop the cache store.
- `thread-pool` This attribute is used to configure the size of the thread pool whose threads are responsible for applying the modifications to the cache store.

**<abstract base-jdbc-store> extends <abstract base-store>**

This abstract base element defines the attributes and child elements common to all JDBC-based cache stores.

- `datasource` This attribute configures the datasource for the JDBC-based cache store.
- `entry-table` This attribute configures the database table used to store cache entries.
- `bucket-table` This attribute configures the database table used to store binary cache entries.

**<file-store> extends <abstract base-store>**

This child element is used to configure a file-based cache store. This requires specifying the name of the file to be used as backing storage for the cache store.

- `relative-to` This attribute optionally configures a relative path prefix for the file store path. Can be null.
- `path` This attribute configures an absolute path to a file if **`relative-to`** is null; configures a relative path to the file, in relation to the value for **`relative-to`**, otherwise.

**<remote-store> extends <abstract base-store>**

This child element of cache is used to configure a remote cache store. It has a child `<remote-servers>`.

- `cache` This attribute configures the name of the remote cache to use for this remote store.
- `tcp-nodelay` This attribute configures a TCP\_NODELAY value for communication with the remote cache.
- `socket-timeout` This attribute configures a socket time-out for communication with the remote cache.

**<remote-servers>**

This child element of cache configures a list of remote servers for this cache store.



**<remote-server>**

This element configures a remote server. A remote server is defined completely by a locally defined outbound socket binding, through which communication is made with the server.

- `outbound-socket-binding` This attribute configures an outbound socket binding for a remote server.

**<local-cache> extends <abstract cache>**

This element configures a local cache.

**<abstract clustered-cache> extends <abstract cache>**

This abstract base element defines the attributes and child elements common to all clustered caches. A clustered cache is a cache which spans multiple nodes in a cluster. It inherits from `<cache>`, so that all attributes and elements of `<cache>` are also defined for `<clustered-cache>`.

- `async-marshalling` This attribute configures async marshalling. If enabled, this will cause marshalling of entries to be performed asynchronously.
- `mode` This attribute configures the clustered cache mode, ASYNC for asynchronous operation, or SYNC for synchronous operation.
- `queue-size` In ASYNC mode, this attribute can be used to trigger flushing of the queue when it reaches a specific threshold.
- `queue-flush-interval` In ASYNC mode, this attribute controls how often the asynchronous thread used to flush the replication queue runs. This should be a positive integer which represents thread wakeup time in milliseconds.
- `remote-timeout` In SYNC mode, this attribute (in ms) used to wait for an acknowledgement when making a remote call, after which the call is aborted and an exception is thrown.

**<invalidation-cache> extends <abstract clustered-cache>**

This element configures an invalidation cache.



### **<abstract shared-cache> extends <abstract clustered-cache>**

This abstract base element defines the attributes and child elements common to all shared caches. A shared cache is a clustered cache which shares state with its cache peers in the cluster. It inherits from <clustered-cache>, so that all attributes and elements of <clustered-cache> are also defined for <shared-cache>.

#### **<state-transfer>**

- `enabled` If enabled, this will cause the cache to ask neighbouring caches for state when it starts up, so the cache starts 'warm', although it will impact start-up time.
- `timeout` This attribute configures the maximum amount of time (ms) to wait for state from neighbouring caches, before throwing an exception and aborting start-up.
- `chunk-size` This attribute configures the size, in bytes, in which to batch the transfer of cache entries.

#### **<backups>**

##### **<backup>**

- `strategy` This attribute configures the backup strategy for this cache. Allowable values are SYNC, ASYNC.
- `failure-policy` This attribute configures the policy to follow when connectivity to the backup site fails. Allowable values are IGNORE, WARN, FAIL, CUSTOM.
- `enabled` This attribute configures whether or not this backup is enabled. If enabled, data will be sent to the backup site; otherwise, the backup site will be effectively ignored.
- `timeout` This attribute configures the time-out for replicating to the backup site.
- `after-failures` This attribute configures the number of failures after which this backup site should go off-line.
- `min-wait` This attribute configures the minimum time (in milliseconds) to wait after the max number of failures is reached, after which this backup site should go off-line.

##### **<backup-for>**

- `remote-cache` This attribute configures the name of the remote cache for which this cache acts as a backup.
- `remote-site` This attribute configures the site of the remote cache for which this cache acts as a backup.

### **<replicated-cache> extends <abstract shared-cache>**

This element configures a replicated cache. With a replicated cache, all contents (key-value pairs) of the cache are replicated on all nodes in the cluster.

**<distributed-cache> extends <abstract shared-cache>**

This element configures a distributed cache. With a distributed cache, contents of the cache are selectively replicated on nodes in the cluster, according to the number of owners specified.

- `owners` This attribute configures the number of cluster-wide replicas for each cache entry.
- `segments` This attribute configures the number of hash space segments which is the granularity for key distribution in the cluster. Value must be strictly positive.
- `l1-lifespan` This attribute configures the maximum lifespan of an entry placed in the L1 cache. Configures the L1 cache behaviour in 'distributed' caches instances. In any other cache modes, this element is ignored.



## 2.1.7 Use Cases

In many cases, cache containers and caches will be configured via XML as in the example above, so that they will be available upon server start-up. However, cache containers and caches may also be added, removed or have their configurations changed in a running server by making use of the Wildfly management API command-line interface (CLI). In this section, we present some key use cases for the Infinispan management API.

The key use cases covered are:

- adding a cache container
- adding a cache to an existing cache container
- configuring the transaction subsystem of a cache



The Wildfly management API command-line interface (CLI) can be used to provide extensive information on the attributes and commands available in the Infinispan subsystem interface used in these examples.

### Add a cache container

```
/subsystem=infinispan/cache-container=mycontainer:add(default-cache=<default-cache-name>)  
/subsystem=infinispan/cache-container=mycontainer/transport=TRANSPORT:add(lock-timeout=<timeout>)
```

### Add a cache

```
/subsystem=infinispan/cache-container=mycontainer/local-cache=mylocalcache:add()
```

### Configure the transaction component of a cache

```
/subsystem=infinispan/cache-container=mycontainer/local-cache=mylocalcache/transaction=TRANSACTION
```

## 2.2 Clustered Web Sessions

## 2.3 Clustered SSO



## 2.4 Load Balancing

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This section describes load balancing via Apache + mod\_jk and Apache + mod\_cluster.

## 2.5 Load balancing with Apache + mod\_jk

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Describe load balancing with Apache using mod\_jk.

## 2.6 Load balancing with Apache + mod\_cluster

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Describe load balancing with Apache using mod\_cluster.

### 2.6.1 mod\_cluster Subsystem

The mod\_cluster integration is done via the [modcluster subsystem](#) it requires mod\_cluster-1.1.x.or mod\_cluster-1.2.x (since 7.1.0)

The modcluster subsystem supports several operations:



```
[standalone@localhost:9999 subsystem=modcluster] :read-operation-names
{
  "outcome" => "success",
  "result" => [
    "add",
    "add-custom-metric",
    "add-metric",
    "add-proxy",
    "disable",
    "disable-context",
    "enable",
    "enable-context",
    "list-proxies",
    "read-attribute",
    "read-children-names",
    "read-children-resources",
    "read-children-types",
    "read-operation-description",
    "read-operation-names",
    "read-proxies-configuration",
    "read-proxies-info",
    "read-resource",
    "read-resource-description",
    "refresh",
    "remove-custom-metric",
    "remove-metric",
    "remove-proxy",
    "reset",
    "stop",
    "stop-context",
    "validate-address",
    "write-attribute"
  ]
}
```

The operations specific to the modcluster subsystem are divided in 3 categories the ones that affects the configuration and require a restart of the subsystem, the one that just modify the behaviour temporarily and the ones that display information from the httpd part.

## operations displaying httpd informations

There are 2 operations that display how Apache httpd sees the node:



## read-proxies-configuration

Send a DUMP message to all Apache httpd the node is connected to and display the message received from Apache httpd.

```
[standalone@localhost:9999 subsystem=modcluster] :read-proxies-configuration
{
  "outcome" => "success",
  "result" => [
    "neo3:6666",
    "balancer: [1] Name: mycluster Sticky: 1 [JSESSIONID]/[jsessionid] remove: 0 force: 1
Timeout: 0 Maxtry: 1
node: [1:1],Balancer: mycluster,JVMRoute: 498bb1f0-00d9-3436-a341-7f012bc2e7ec,Domain: [],Host:
127.0.0.1,Port: 8080,Type: http,flushpackets: 0,flushwait: 10,ping: 10,smax: 26,ttl: 60,timeout:
0
host: 1 [example.com] vhost: 1 node: 1
host: 2 [localhost] vhost: 1 node: 1
host: 3 [default-host] vhost: 1 node: 1
context: 1 [/myapp] vhost: 1 node: 1 status: 1
context: 2 [/] vhost: 1 node: 1 status: 1
",
    "jfcpc:6666",
    "balancer: [1] Name: mycluster Sticky: 1 [JSESSIONID]/[jsessionid] remove: 0 force: 1
Timeout: 0 maxAttempts: 1
node: [1:1],Balancer: mycluster,JVMRoute: 498bb1f0-00d9-3436-a341-7f012bc2e7ec,LBGroup: [],Host:
127.0.0.1,Port: 8080,Type: http,flushpackets: 0,flushwait: 10,ping: 10,smax: 26,ttl: 60,timeout:
0
host: 1 [default-host] vhost: 1 node: 1
host: 2 [localhost] vhost: 1 node: 1
host: 3 [example.com] vhost: 1 node: 1
context: 1 [/] vhost: 1 node: 1 status: 1
context: 2 [/myapp] vhost: 1 node: 1 status: 1
"
  ]
}
```



## read-proxies-info

Send a INFO message to all Apache httpd the node is connected to and display the message received from Apache httpd.

```
[standalone@localhost:9999 subsystem=modcluster] :read-proxies-info
{
  "outcome" => "success",
  "result" => [
    "neo3:6666",
    "Node: [1],Name: 498bb1f0-00d9-3436-a341-7f012bc2e7ec,Balancer: mycluster,Domain: ,Host:
127.0.0.1,Port: 8080,Type: http,Flushpackets: Off,Flushwait: 10000,Ping: 10000000,Smax: 26,Ttl:
60000000,Elected: 0,Read: 0,Transferred: 0,Connected: 0,Load: -1
Vhost: [1:1:1], Alias: example.com
Vhost: [1:1:2], Alias: localhost
Vhost: [1:1:3], Alias: default-host
Context: [1:1:1], Context: /myapp, Status: ENABLED
Context: [1:1:2], Context: /, Status: ENABLED
",
    "jfcpc:6666",
    "Node: [1],Name: 498bb1f0-00d9-3436-a341-7f012bc2e7ec,Balancer: mycluster,LBGroup:
,Host: 127.0.0.1,Port: 8080,Type: http,Flushpackets: Off,Flushwait: 10,Ping: 10,Smax: 26,Ttl:
60,Elected: 0,Read: 0,Transferred: 0,Connected: 0,Load: 1
Vhost: [1:1:1], Alias: default-host
Vhost: [1:1:2], Alias: localhost
Vhost: [1:1:3], Alias: example.com
Context: [1:1:1], Context: /, Status: ENABLED
Context: [1:1:2], Context: /myapp, Status: ENABLED
"
  ]
}
```





## operations that handle the proxies the node is connected too

there are 3 operation that could be used to manipulate the list of Apache httpd the node is connected too.

### list-proxies:

Displays the httpd that are connected to the node. The httpd could be discovered via the Advertise protocol or via the proxy-list attribute.

```
[standalone@localhost:9999 subsystem=modcluster] :list-proxies
{
  "outcome" => "success",
  "result" => [
    "neo3:6666",
    "jfcpc:6666"
  ]
}
```

### remove-proxy

Remove a proxy from the discovered proxies or temporarily from the proxy-list attribute.

```
[standalone@localhost:9999 subsystem=modcluster] :remove-proxy(host=jfcpc, port=6666)
{"outcome" => "success"}
```

### proxy

Add a proxy to the discovered proxies or temporarily to the proxy-list attribute.

```
[standalone@localhost:9999 subsystem=modcluster] :add-proxy(host=jfcpc, port=6666)
{"outcome" => "success"}
```



## Context related operations

Those operations allow to send context related commands to Apache httpd. They are send automatically when deploying or undeploying webapps.

### enable-context

Tell Apache httpd that the context is ready receive requests.

```
[standalone@localhost:9999 subsystem=modcluster] :enable-context(context=/myapp,
virtualhost=default-host)
{"outcome" => "success"}
```

### disable-context

Tell Apache httpd that it shouldn't send new session requests to the context of the virtualhost.

```
[standalone@localhost:9999 subsystem=modcluster] :disable-context(context=/myapp,
virtualhost=default-host)
{"outcome" => "success"}
```

### stop-context

Tell Apache httpd that it shouldn't send requests to the context of the virtualhost.

```
[standalone@localhost:9999 subsystem=modcluster] :stop-context(context=/myapp,
virtualhost=default-host, waittime=50)
{"outcome" => "success"}
```

## Node related operations

Those operations are like the context operation but they apply to all webapps running on the node and operation that affect the whole node.

### refresh

Refresh the node by sending a new CONFIG message to Apache httpd.

### reset

reset the connection between Apache httpd and the node

## Configuration

### Metric configuration

There are 4 metric operations corresponding to add and remove load metrics to the dynamic-load-provider. Note that when nothing is defined a simple-load-provider is use with a fixed load factor of one.



```
[standalone@localhost:9999 subsystem=modcluster] :read-resource(name=mod-cluster-config)
{
  "outcome" => "success",
  "result" => {"simple-load-provider" => {"factor" => "1"}}
}
```

that corresponds to the following configuration:

```
<subsystem xmlns="urn:jboss:domain:modcluster:1.0">
  <mod-cluster-config>
    <simple-load-provider factor="1"/>
  </mod-cluster-config>
</subsystem>
```

## metric

Add a metric to the dynamic-load-provider, the dynamic-load-provider in configuration is created if needed.

```
[standalone@localhost:9999 subsystem=modcluster] :add-metric(type=cpu)
{"outcome" => "success"}
[standalone@localhost:9999 subsystem=modcluster] :read-resource(name=mod-cluster-config)
{
  "outcome" => "success",
  "result" => {
    "dynamic-load-provider" => {
      "history" => 9,
      "decay" => 2,
      "load-metric" => [{
        "type" => "cpu"
      }]
    }
  }
}
```

## remove-metric

Remove a metric from the dynamic-load-provider.

```
[standalone@localhost:9999 subsystem=modcluster] :remove-metric(type=cpu)
{"outcome" => "success"}
```



### custom-metric / remove-custom-metric

like the add-metric and remove-metric except they require a class parameter instead the type. Usually they needed additional properties which can be specified

```
[standalone@localhost:9999 subsystem=modcluster] :add-custom-metric(class=myclass,
property=[("pro1" => "value1"), ("pro2" => "value2")])
{"outcome" => "success"}
```

which corresponds the following in the xml configuration file:

```
<subsystem xmlns="urn:jboss:domain:modcluster:1.0">
  <mod-cluster-config>
    <dynamic-load-provider history="9" decay="2">
      <custom-load-metric class="myclass">
        <property name="pro1" value="value1"/>
        <property name="pro2" value="value2"/>
      </custom-load-metric>
    </dynamic-load-provider>
  </mod-cluster-config>
</subsystem>
```

### JVMRoute configuration

If you want to use your own JVM route instead of automatically generated one you can insert the following property:

```
...
</extensions>
<system-properties>
  <property name="jboss.mod_cluster.jvmRoute" value="myJvmRoute"/>
</system-properties>
<management>
...
```



## 3 EJB Services

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This chapter explains how clustering of EJBs works in WildFly 8.

### 3.1 EJB Subsystem

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## 4 EJB Timer

WildFly now supports clustered database backed timers. For details have a look to the [EJB3 reference section](#)

### 4.1 Marking an EJB as clustered

WildFly 8 allows clustering of stateful session beans. A stateful session bean can be marked with `@org.jboss.ejb3.annotation.Clustered` annotation or be marked as clustered using the `jboss-ejb3.xml`'s `<clustered>` element.

#### MyStatefulBean

```
import org.jboss.ejb3.annotation.Clustered;
import javax.ejb.Stateful;

@Stateful
@Clustered
public class MyStatefulBean {
    ...
}
```

#### jboss-ejb3.xml

```
<jboss xmlns="http://www.jboss.com/xml/ns/javaee"
        xmlns:jee="http://java.sun.com/xml/ns/javaee"
        xmlns:c="urn:clustering:1.0">

    <jee:assembly-descriptor>
        <c:clustering>
            <jee:ejb-name>DDBasedClusteredBean</jee:ejb-name>
            <c:clustered>true</c:clustered>
        </c:clustering>
    </jee:assembly-descriptor>
</jboss>
```



## 4.2 Deploying clustered EJBs

Clustering support is available in the HA profiles of WildFly 8. In this chapter we'll be using the standalone server for explaining the details. However, the same applies to servers in a domain mode. Starting the standalone server with HA capabilities enabled, involves starting it with the `standalone-ha.xml` (or even `standalone-full-ha.xml`):

```
./standalone.sh -server-config=standalone-ha.xml
```

This will start a single instance of the server with HA capabilities. Deploying the EJBs to this instance *doesn't* involve anything special and is the same as explained in the [application deployment chapter](#).

Obviously, to be able to see the benefits of clustering, you'll need more than one instance of the server. So let's start another server with HA capabilities. That another instance of the server can either be on the same machine or on some other machine. If it's on the same machine, the two things you have to make sure is that you pass the port offset for the second instance and also make sure that each of the server instances have a unique `jboss.node.name` system property. You can do that by passing the following two system properties to the startup command:

```
./standalone.sh -server-config=standalone-ha.xml -Djboss.socket.binding.port-offset=<offset of  
your choice> -Djboss.node.name=<unique node name>
```

Follow whichever approach you feel comfortable with for deploying the EJB deployment to this instance too.



Deploying the application on just one node of a standalone instance of a clustered server does **not** mean that it will be automatically deployed to the other clustered instance. You will have to do deploy it explicitly on the other standalone clustered instance too. Or you can start the servers in domain mode so that the deployment can be deployed to all the server within a server group. See the [admin guide](#) for more details on domain setup.

Now that you have deployed an application with clustered EJBs on both the instances, the EJBs are now capable of making use of the clustering features.

## 4.3 Failover for clustered EJBs

Clustered EJBs have failover capability. The state of the `@Stateful` `@Clustered` EJBs is replicated across the cluster nodes so that if one of the nodes in the cluster goes down, some other node will be able to take over the invocations. Let's see how it's implemented in WildFly 8. In the next few sections we'll see how it works for remote (standalone) clients and for clients in another remote WildFly server instance. Although, there isn't a difference in how it works in both these cases, we'll still explain it separately so as to make sure there aren't any unanswered questions.



## 4.3.1 Remote standalone clients

In this section we'll consider a remote standalone client (i.e. a client which runs in a separate JVM and *isn't* running within another WildFly 8 instance). Let's consider that we have 2 servers, server X and server Y which we started earlier. Each of these servers has the clustered EJB deployment. A standalone remote client can use either the [JNDI approach](#) or native JBoss EJB client APIs to communicate with the servers. The important thing to note is that when you are invoking clustered EJB deployments, you do **not** have to list all the servers within the cluster (which obviously wouldn't have been feasible due the dynamic nature of cluster node additions within a cluster).

The remote client just has to list only one of the servers with the clustering capability. In this case, we can either list server X (in `jboss-ejb-client.properties`) or server Y. This server will act as the starting point for cluster topology communication between the client and the clustered nodes.

Note that you have to configure the *ejb* cluster in the `jboss-ejb-client.properties` configuration file, like so:

```
remote.clusters=ejb
remote.cluster.ejb.connect.options.org.xnio.Options.SASL_POLICY_NOANONYMOUS=false
remote.cluster.ejb.connect.options.org.xnio.Options.SSL_ENABLED=false
```





## 4.3.2 Cluster topology communication

When a client connects to a server, the JBoss EJB client implementation (internally) communicates with the server for cluster topology information, if the server had clustering capability. In our example above, let's assume we listed server X as the initial server to connect to. When the client connects to server X, the server will send back an (asynchronous) cluster topology message to the client. This topology message consists of the cluster name(s) and the information of the nodes that belong to the cluster. The node information includes the node address and port number to connect to (whenever necessary). So in this example, the server X will send back the cluster topology consisting of the other server Y which belongs to the cluster.

In case of stateful (clustered) EJBs, a typical invocation flow involves creating of a session for the stateful bean, which happens when you do a JNDI lookup for that bean, and then invoking on the returned proxy. The lookup for stateful bean, internally, triggers a (synchronous) session creation request from the client to the server. In this case, the session creation request goes to server X since that's the initial connection that we have configured in our `jboss-ejb-client.properties`. Since server X is clustered, it will return back a session id and along with send back an "*affinity*" of that session. In case of clustered servers, the affinity equals to the name of the cluster to which the stateful bean belongs on the server side. For non-clustered beans, the affinity is just the node name on which the session was created. This *affinity* will later help the EJB client to route the invocations on the proxy, appropriately to either a node within a cluster (for clustered beans) or to a specific node (for non-clustered beans). While this session creation request is going on, the server X will also send back an asynchronous message which contains the cluster topology. The JBoss EJB client implementation will take note of this topology information and will later use it for connection creation to nodes within the cluster and routing invocations to those nodes, whenever necessary.

Now that we know how the cluster topology information is communicated from the server to the client, let see how failover works. Let's continue with the example of server X being our starting point and a client application looking up a stateful bean and invoking on it. During these invocations, the client side will have collected the cluster topology information from the server. Now let's assume for some reason, server X goes down and the client application subsequent invokes on the proxy. The JBoss EJB client implementation, at this stage will be aware of the affinity and in this case it's a cluster affinity. Because of the cluster topology information it has, it knows that the cluster has two nodes server X and server Y. When the invocation now arrives, it sees that the server X is down. So it uses a selector to fetch a suitable node from among the cluster nodes. The selector itself is configurable, but we'll leave it from discussion for now. When the selector returns a node from among the cluster, the JBoss EJB client implementation creates a connection to that node (if not already created earlier) and creates a EJB receiver out of it. Since in our example, the only other node in the cluster is server Y, the selector will return that node and the JBoss EJB client implementation will use it to create a EJB receiver out of it and use that receiver to pass on the invocation on the proxy. Effectively, the invocation has now failed over to a different node within the cluster.



### 4.3.3 Remote clients on another instance of WildFly 8

So far we discussed remote standalone clients which typically use either the EJB client API or the `jboss-ejb-client.properties` based approach to configure and communicate with the servers where the clustered beans are deployed. Now let's consider the case where the client is an application deployed another AS7 instance and it wants to invoke on a clustered stateful bean which is deployed on another instance of WildFly 8. In this example let's consider a case where we have 3 servers involved. Server X and Server Y both belong to a cluster and have clustered EJB deployed on them. Let's consider another server instance Server C (which may or may *not* have clustering capability) which acts as a client on which there's a deployment which wants to invoke on the clustered beans deployed on server X and Y and achieve failover.

The configurations required to achieve this are explained in [this chapter](#). As you can see the configurations are done in a `jboss-ejb-client.xml` which points to a remote outbound connection to the other server. This `jboss-ejb-client.xml` goes in the deployment of server C (since that's our client). As explained earlier, the client configuration need **not** point to all clustered nodes. Instead it just has to point to one of them which will act as a start point for communication. So in this case, we can create a remote outbound connection on server C to server X and use server X as our starting point for communication. Just like in the case of remote standalone clients, when the application on server C (client) looks up a stateful bean, a session creation request will be sent to server X which will send back a session id and the cluster affinity for it. Furthermore, server X asynchronously send back a message to server C (client) containing the cluster topology. This topology information will include the node information of server Y (since that belongs to the cluster along with server X). Subsequent invocations on the proxy will be routed appropriately to the nodes in the cluster. If server X goes down, as explained earlier, a different node from the cluster will be selected and the invocation will be forwarded to that node.

As can be seen both remote standalone client and remote clients on another WildFly 8 instance act similar in terms of failover.

### 4.3.4 Testcases for failover of stateful beans

We have testcases in WildFly 8 testsuite which test that whatever is explained above works as expected. The [RemoteEJBClientStatefulBeanFailoverTestCase](#) tests the case where a stateful EJB uses `@Clustered` annotation to mark itself as clustered. We also have [RemoteEJBClientDDBasedSFSBFailoverTestCase](#) which uses `jboss-ejb3.xml` to mark a stateful EJB as clustered. Both these testcases test that when a node goes down in a cluster, the client invocation is routed to a different node in the cluster.



## 5 Hibernate

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## 6 Related Issues

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This section describes additional issues related to the clustering subsystems.

### 6.1 Modularity And Class Loading

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Describe classloading and monitoring framework as it affects clustering applications.

### 6.2 Monitoring

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Describe resources available for monitoring clustered applications.



## 7 Changes From Previous Versions

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Describe here key changes between releases.

### 7.1 Key changes

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### 7.2 Migration to Wildfly

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## 8 WildFly 8 Cluster Howto

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# 11 Introduction To High Availability Services

## 11.1 What are High Availability services?

WildFly's High Availability services are used to guarantee availability of a deployed Java EE application.

Deploying critical applications on a single node suffers from two potential problems:

- loss of application availability when the node hosting the application crashes (single point of failure)
- loss of application availability in the form of extreme delays in response time during high volumes of requests (overwhelmed server)

WildFly supports two features which ensure high availability of critical Java EE applications:

- **fail-over:** allows a client interacting with a Java EE application to have uninterrupted access to that application, even in the presence of node failures
- **load balancing:** allows a client to have timely responses from the application, even in the presence of high-volumes of requests



These two independent high availability services can very effectively inter-operate when making use of `mod_cluster` for load balancing!

Taking advantage of WildFly's high availability services is easy, and simply involves deploying WildFly on a cluster of nodes, making a small number of application configuration changes, and then deploying the application in the cluster.

We now take a brief look at what these services can guarantee.



## 11.2 High Availability through fail-over

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Fail-over allows a client interacting with a Java EE application to have uninterrupted access to that application, even in the presence of node failures. For example, consider a Java EE application which makes use of the following features:

- session-oriented servlets to provide user interaction
- session-oriented EJBs to perform state-dependent business computation
- EJB entity beans to store critical data in a persistent store (e.g. database)
- SSO login to the application

If the application makes use of WildFly's fail-over services, a client interacting with an instance of that application will not be interrupted even when the node on which that instance executes crashes. Behind the scenes, WildFly makes sure that all of the user data that the application make use of (HTTP session data, EJB SFSB sessions, EJB entities and SSO credentials) are available at other nodes in the cluster, so that when a failure occurs and the client is redirected to that new node for continuation of processing (i.e. the client "fails over" to the new node), the user's data is available and processing can continue.

The Infinispan and JGroups subsystems are instrumental in providing these data availability guarantees and will be discussed in detail later in the guide.

## 11.3 High Availability through load balancing

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Load balancing enables the application to respond to client requests in a timely fashion, even when subjected to a high-volume of requests. Using a load balancer as a front-end, each incoming HTTP request can be directed to one node in the cluster for processing. In this way, the cluster acts as a pool of processing nodes and the load is "balanced" over the pool, achieving scalability and, as a consequence, availability. Requests involving session-oriented servlets are directed to the the same application instance in the pool for efficiency of processing (sticky sessions). Using `mod_cluster` has the advantage that changes in cluster topology (scaling the pool up or down, servers crashing) are communicated back to the load balancer and used to update in real time the load balancing activity and avoid requests being directed to application instances which are no longer available.

The `mod_cluster` subsystem is instrumental in providing support for this High Availability feature of WildFly and will be discussed in detail later in this guide.

## 11.4 Aims of the guide

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This guide aims to:

- provide a description of the high-availability features available in WildFly and the services they depend on
- show how the various high availability services can be configured for particular application use cases
- identify default behavior for features relating to high-availability/clustering



## 11.5 Organization of the guide

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As high availability features and their configuration depend on the particular component they affect (e.g. HTTP sessions, EJB SFSB sessions, Hibernate), we organize the discussion around those Java EE features. We strive to make each section as self-contained as possible. Also, when discussing a feature, we will introduce any WildFly subsystems upon which the feature depends.



## 12 HTTP Services

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This section summarises the HTTP-based clustering features.

### 12.1 Subsystem Support

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This section describes the key clustering subsystems, JGroups and Infinispan. Say a few words about how they work together.

#### 12.1.1 JGroups Subsystem

##### 12.1.2 Purpose

The JGroups subsystem provides group communication support for HA services in the form of JGroups channels.

Named channel instances permit application peers in a cluster to communicate as a group and in such a way that the communication satisfies defined properties (e.g. reliable, ordered, failure-sensitive). Communication properties are configurable for each channel and are defined by the protocol stack used to create the channel. Protocol stacks consist of a base transport layer (used to transport messages around the cluster) together with a user-defined, ordered stack of protocol layers, where each protocol layer supports a given communication property.

The JGroups subsystem provides the following features:

- allows definition of named protocol stacks
- view run-time metrics associated with channels
- specify a default stack for general use

In the following sections, we describe the JGroups subsystem.



JGroups channels are created transparently as part of the clustering functionality (e.g. on clustered application deployment, channels will be created behind the scenes to support clustered features such as session replication or transmission of SSO contexts around the cluster).

##### 12.1.3 Configuration example

What follows is a sample JGroups subsystem configuration showing all of the possible elements and attributes which may be configured. We shall use this example to explain the meaning of the various elements and attributes.



The schema for the subsystem, describing all valid elements and attributes, can be found in the Wildfly distribution, in the docs/schema directory.



```
<subsystem xmlns="urn:jboss:domain:jgroups:2.0" default-stack="udp">
  <stack name="udp">
    <transport type="UDP" socket-binding="jgroups-udp"
diagnostics-socket-binding="jgroups-diagnostics"
      default-executor="jgroups" oob-executor="jgroups-oob" timer-executor="jgroups-timer"
      shared="false" thread-factory="jgroups-thread-factory"
      machine="machine1" rack="rack1" site="site1"/>
    <protocol type="PING">
      <property name="timeout">100</property>
    </protocol>
    <protocol type="MERGE3"/>
    <protocol type="FD_SOCKET" socket-binding="jgroups-udp-fd"/>
    <protocol type="FD"/>
    <protocol type="VERIFY_SUSPECT"/>
    <protocol type="pbcast.NAKACK2"/>
    <protocol type="UNICAST2"/>
    <protocol type="pbcast.STABLE"/>
    <protocol type="pbcast.GMS"/>
    <protocol type="UFC"/>
    <protocol type="MFC"/>
    <protocol type="FRAG2"/>
    <protocol type="RSVP"/>
  </stack>
  <stack name="tcp">
    <transport type="TCP" socket-binding="jgroups-tcp"/>
    <protocol type="MPING" socket-binding="jgroups-mping"/>
    <protocol type="MERGE2"/>
    <protocol type="FD_SOCKET" socket-binding="jgroups-tcp-fd"/>
    <protocol type="FD"/>
    <protocol type="VERIFY_SUSPECT"/>
    <protocol type="pbcast.NAKACK2"/>
    <protocol type="UNICAST2"/>
    <protocol type="pbcast.STABLE"/>
    <protocol type="pbcast.GMS"/>
    <protocol type="MFC"/>
    <protocol type="FRAG2"/>
    <protocol type="RSVP"/>
  </stack>
  <stack name="udp-xsite">
    <transport type="UDP" socket-binding="jgroups-udp"/>
    <protocol type="PING" socket-binding="jgroups-mping"/>
    <protocol type="MERGE2"/>
    <protocol type="FD_SOCKET" socket-binding="jgroups-tcp-fd"/>
    <protocol type="FD"/>
    <protocol type="VERIFY_SUSPECT"/>
    <protocol type="pbcast.NAKACK2"/>
    <protocol type="UNICAST2"/>
    <protocol type="pbcast.STABLE"/>
    <protocol type="pbcast.GMS"/>
    <protocol type="MFC"/>
    <protocol type="FRAG2"/>
    <protocol type="RSVP"/>
    <relay site="LONDON">
      <remote-site name="SFO" stack="tcp" cluster="global"/>
      <remote-site name="NYC" stack="tcp" cluster="global"/>
    </relay>
  </stack>
</subsystem>
```



## **<subsystem>**

This element is used to configure the subsystem within a Wildfly system profile.

- `xmlns` This attribute specifies the XML namespace of the JGroups subsystem and, in particular, its version.
- `default-stack` This attribute is used to specify a default stack for the JGroups subsystem. This default stack will be used whenever a stack is required but no stack is specified.

## **<stack>**

This element is used to configure a JGroups protocol stack.

- `name` This attribute is used to specify the name of the stack.



## <transport>

This element is used to configure the transport layer (required) of the protocol stack.

- `type` This attribute specifies the transport type (e.g. UDP, TCP, TCPGOSSIP)
- `socket-binding` This attribute references a defined socket binding in the server profile. It is used when JGroups needs to create general sockets internally.
- `diagnostics-socket-binding` This attribute references a defined socket binding in the server profile. It is used when JGroups needs to create sockets for use with the diagnostics program. For more about the use of diagnostics, see the JGroups documentation for `probe.sh`.
- `default-executor` This attribute references a defined thread pool executor in the threads subsystem. It governs the allocation and execution of runnable tasks to handle incoming JGroups messages.
- `oob-executor` This attribute references a defined thread pool executor in the threads subsystem. It governs the allocation and execution of runnable tasks to handle incoming JGroups OOB (out-of-bound) messages.
- `timer-executor` This attribute references a defined thread pool executor in the threads subsystem. It governs the allocation and execution of runnable timer-related tasks.
- `shared` This attribute indicates whether or not this transport is shared amongst several JGroups stacks or not.
- `thread-factory` This attribute references a defined thread factory in the threads subsystem. It governs the allocation of threads for running tasks which are not handled by the executors above.
- `site` This attribute defines a site (data centre) id for this node.
- `rack` This attribute defines a rack (server rack) id for this node.
- `machine` This attribute defines a machine (host) id for this node.



site, rack and machine ids are used by the Infinispan topology-aware consistent hash function, which when using dist mode, prevents dist mode replicas from being stored on the same host, rack or site

## <property>

This element is used to configure a transport property.

- `name` This attribute specifies the name of the protocol property. The value is provided as text for the property element.





## <protocol>

This element is used to configure a (non-transport) protocol layer in the JGroups stack. Protocol layers are ordered within the stack.

- `type` This attribute specifies the name of the JGroups protocol implementation (e.g. MPING, pbcast.GMS), with the package prefix `org.jgroups.protocols` removed.
- `socket-binding` This attribute references a defined socket binding in the server profile. It is used when JGroups needs to create general sockets internally for this protocol instance.

## <property>

This element is used to configure a protocol property.

- `name` This attribute specifies the name of the protocol property. The value is provided as text for the property element.

## <relay>

This element is used to configure the RELAY protocol for a JGroups stack. RELAY is a protocol which provides cross-site replication between defined sites (data centres). In the RELAY protocol, defined sites specify the names of remote sites (backup sites) to which their data should be backed up. Channels are defined between sites to permit the RELAY protocol to transport the data from the current site to a backup site.

- `site` This attribute specifies the name of the current site. Site names can be referenced elsewhere (e.g. in the JGroups remote-site configuration elements, as well as backup configuration elements in the Infinispan subsystem)

## <remote-site>

This element is used to configure a remote site for the RELAY protocol.

- `name` This attribute specifies the name of the remote site to which this configuration applies.
- `stack` This attribute specifies a JGroups protocol stack to use for communication between this site and the remote site.
- `cluster` This attribute specifies the name of the JGroups channel to use for communication between this site and the remote site.



## 12.1.4 Use Cases

In many cases, channels will be configured via XML as in the example above, so that the channels will be available upon server startup. However, channels may also be added, removed or have their configurations changed in a running server by making use of the Wildfly management API command-line interface (CLI). In this section, we present some key use cases for the JGroups management API.

The key use cases covered are:

- adding a stack
- adding a protocol to an existing stack
- adding a property to a protocol



The Wildfly management API command-line interface (CLI) itself can be used to provide extensive information on the attributes and commands available in the JGroups subsystem interface used in these examples.

### Add a stack

```
/subsystem=jgroups/stack=mystack:add(transport={}, protocols={})
```

### Add a protocol to a stack

```
/subsystem=jgroups/stack=mystack/transport=TRANSPORT:add(type=<type>,  
socket-binding=<socketbinding>)
```

```
/subsystem=jgroups/stack=mystack:add-protocol(type=<type>, socket-binding=<socketbinding>)
```

### Add a property to a protocol

```
/subsystem=jgroups/stack=mystack/transport=TRANSPORT/property=<property>:add(value=<value>)
```

## Infinispan Subsystem



## 12.1.5 Purpose

The Infinispan subsystem provides caching support for HA services in the form of Infinispan caches: high-performance, transactional caches which can operate in both non-distributed and distributed scenarios. Distributed caching support is used in the provision of many key HA services. For example, the failover of a session-oriented client HTTP request from a failing node to a new (failover) node depends on session data for the client being available on the new node. In other words, the client session data needs to be replicated across nodes in the cluster. This is effectively achieved via a distributed Infinispan cache. This approach to providing fail-over also applies to EJB SFSB sessions. Over and above providing support for fail-over, an underlying cache is also required when providing second-level caching for entity beans using Hibernate, and this case is also handled through the use of an Infinispan cache.

The Infinispan subsystem provides the following features:

- allows definition and configuration of named cache containers and caches
- view run-time metrics associated with cache container and cache instances

In the following sections, we describe the Infinispan subsystem.



Infinispan cache containers and caches are created transparently as part of the clustering functionality (e.g. on clustered application deployment, cache containers and their associated caches will be created behind the scenes to support clustered features such as session replication or caching of entities around the cluster).

## 12.1.6 Configuration Example

In this section, we provide an example XML configuration of the infinispan subsystem and review the configuration elements and attributes.



The schema for the subsystem, describing all valid elements and attributes, can be found in the Wildfly distribution, in the docs/schema directory.



```
<subsystem xmlns="urn:jboss:domain:infinispan:2.0">
  <cache-container name="server" aliases="singleton cluster" default-cache="default"
module="org.wildfly.clustering.server">
    <transport lock-timeout="60000"/>
    <replicated-cache name="default" mode="SYNC" batching="true">
        <locking isolation="REPEATABLE_READ"/>
    </replicated-cache>
  </cache-container>
  <cache-container name="web" aliases="standard-session-cache" default-cache="repl"
module="org.wildfly.clustering.web.infinispan">
    <transport lock-timeout="60000"/>
    <replicated-cache name="repl" mode="ASYNC" batching="true">
        <file-store/>
    </replicated-cache>
    <replicated-cache name="sso" mode="SYNC" batching="true"/>
    <distributed-cache name="dist" mode="ASYNC" batching="true" ll-lifespan="0">
        <file-store/>
    </distributed-cache>
  </cache-container>
  <cache-container name="ejb" aliases="sfsb sfsb-cache" default-cache="repl"
module="org.jboss.as.clustering.ejb3.infinispan">
    <transport lock-timeout="60000"/>
    <replicated-cache name="repl" mode="ASYNC" batching="true">
        <eviction strategy="LRU" max-entries="10000"/>
        <file-store/>
    </replicated-cache>
    <!--
      ~ Clustered cache used internally by EJB subsystem for managing the client-mapping(s) of
      ~ the socketbinding referenced by the EJB remotng connector
    -->
    <replicated-cache name="remote-connector-client-mappings" mode="SYNC" batching="true"/>
    <distributed-cache name="dist" mode="ASYNC" batching="true" ll-lifespan="0">
        <eviction strategy="LRU" max-entries="10000"/>
        <file-store/>
    </distributed-cache>
  </cache-container>
  <cache-container name="hibernate" default-cache="local-query" module="org.hibernate">
    <transport lock-timeout="60000"/>
    <local-cache name="local-query">
        <transaction mode="NONE"/>
        <eviction strategy="LRU" max-entries="10000"/>
        <expiration max-idle="100000"/>
    </local-cache>
    <invalidation-cache name="entity" mode="SYNC">
        <transaction mode="NON_XA"/>
        <eviction strategy="LRU" max-entries="10000"/>
        <expiration max-idle="100000"/>
    </invalidation-cache>
    <replicated-cache name="timestamps" mode="ASYNC">
        <transaction mode="NONE"/>
        <eviction strategy="NONE"/>
    </replicated-cache>
  </cache-container>
</subsystem>
```



## **<cache-container>**

This element is used to configure a cache container.

- `name` This attribute is used to specify the name of the cache container.
- `default-cache` This attribute configures the default cache to be used, when no cache is otherwise specified.
- `listener-executor` This attribute references a defined thread pool executor in the threads subsystem. It governs the allocation and execution of runnable tasks in the replication queue.
- `eviction-executor` This attribute references a defined thread pool executor in the threads subsystem. It governs the allocation and execution of runnable tasks to handle evictions.
- `replication-queue-executor` This attribute references a defined thread pool executor in the threads subsystem. It governs the allocation and execution of runnable tasks to handle asynchronous cache operations.
- `jndi-name` This attribute is used to assign a name for the cache container in the JNDI name service.
- `module` This attribute configures the module whose class loader should be used when building this cache container's configuration.
- `start` This attribute configured the cache container start mode and has since been deprecated, the only supported and the default value is LAZY (on-demand start).
- `aliases` This attribute is used to define aliases for the cache container name.

This element has the following child elements: **<transport>**, **<local-cache>**, **<invalidation-cache>**, **<replicated-cache>**, and **<distributed-cache>**.



## <transport>

This element is used to configure the JGroups transport used by the cache container, when required.

- `stack` This attribute configures the JGroups stack to be used for the transport. If none is specified, the default-stack for the JGroups subsystem is used.
- `cluster` This attribute configures the name of the group communication cluster. This is the name which will be seen in debugging logs.
- `executor` This attribute references a defined thread pool executor in the threads subsystem. It governs the allocation and execution of runnable tasks to handle ? *<fill me in>*?
- `lock-timeout` This attribute configures the time-out to be used when obtaining locks for the transport.
- `site` This attribute configures the site id of the cache container.
- `rack` This attribute configures the rack id of the cache container.
- `machine` This attribute configures the machine id of the cache container.



The presence of the transport element is required when operating in clustered mode

The remaining child elements of **<cache-container>**, namely **<local-cache>**, **<invalidation-cache>**, **<replicated-cache>** and **<distributed-cache>**, each configures one of four key cache types or classifications.



These cache-related elements are actually part of an xsd hierarchy with abstract complexTypes **cache**, **clustered-cache**, and **shared-cache**. In order to simplify the presentation, we notate these as pseudo-elements **<abstract cache>**, **<abstract clustered-cache>** and **<abstract shared-cache>**. In what follows, we first describe the extension hierarchy of base elements, and then show how the cache type elements relate to them.

## <abstract cache>

This abstract base element defines the attributes and child elements common to all non-clustered caches.

- `name` This attribute configures the name of the cache. This name may be referenced by other subsystems.
- `start` This attribute configured the cache container start mode and has since been deprecated, the only supported and the default value is LAZY (on-demand start).
- `batching` This attribute configures batching. If enabled, the invocation batching API will be made available for this cache.
- `indexing` This attribute configures indexing. If enabled, entries will be indexed when they are added to the cache. Indexes will be updated as entries change or are removed.
- `jndi-name` This attribute is used to assign a name for the cache in the JNDI name service.
- `module` This attribute configures the module whose class loader should be used when building this cache container's configuration.



The `<abstract-cache>` abstract base element has the following child elements: `<indexing-properties>`, `<locking>`, `<transaction>`, `<eviction>`, `<expiration>`, `<store>`, `<file-store>`, `<string-keyed-jdbc-store>`, `<binary-keyed-jdbc-store>`, `<mixed-keyed-jdbc-store>`, `<remote-store>`.

### **`<indexing-properties>`**

This child element defines properties to control indexing behaviour.

### **`<locking>`**

This child element configures the locking behaviour of the cache.

- `isolation` This attribute the cache locking isolation level. Allowable values are NONE, SERIALIZABLE, REPEATABLE\_READ, READ\_COMMITTED, READ\_UNCOMMITTED.
- `striping` If true, a pool of shared locks is maintained for all entries that need to be locked. Otherwise, a lock is created per entry in the cache. Lock striping helps control memory footprint but may reduce concurrency in the system.
- `acquire-timeout` This attribute configures the maximum time to attempt a particular lock acquisition.
- `concurrency-level` This attribute is used to configure the concurrency level. Adjust this value according to the number of concurrent threads interacting with Infinispan.

### **`<transaction>`**

This child element configures the transactional behaviour of the cache.

- `mode` This attribute configures the transaction mode, setting the cache transaction mode to one of NONE, NON\_XA, NON\_DURABLE\_XA, FULL\_XA.
- `stop-timeout` If there are any ongoing transactions when a cache is stopped, Infinispan waits for ongoing remote and local transactions to finish. The amount of time to wait for is defined by the cache stop timeout.
- `locking` This attribute configures the locking mode for this cache, one of OPTIMISTIC or PESSIMISTIC.

### **`<eviction>`**

This child element configures the eviction behaviour of the cache.

- `strategy` This attribute configures the cache eviction strategy. Available options are 'UNORDERED', 'FIFO', 'LRU', 'LIRS' and 'NONE' (to disable eviction).
- `max-entries` This attribute configures the maximum number of entries in a cache instance. If selected value is not a power of two the actual value will default to the least power of two larger than selected value. -1 means no limit.



## <expiration>

This child element configures the expiration behaviour of the cache.

- `max-idle` This attribute configures the maximum idle time a cache entry will be maintained in the cache, in milliseconds. If the idle time is exceeded, the entry will be expired cluster-wide. -1 means the entries never expire.
- `lifespan` This attribute configures the maximum lifespan of a cache entry, after which the entry is expired cluster-wide, in milliseconds. -1 means the entries never expire.
- `interval` This attribute specifies the interval (in ms) between subsequent runs to purge expired entries from memory and any cache stores. If you wish to disable the periodic eviction process altogether, set `wakeupInterval` to -1.

The remaining child elements of the abstract base element **<cache>**, namely **<store>**, **<file-store>**, **<remote-store>**, **<string-keyed-jdbc-store>**, **<binary-keyed-jdbc-store>** and **<mixed-keyed-jdbc-store>**, each configures one of six key cache store types.



These cache store-related elements are actually part of an xsd extension hierarchy with abstract complexTypes **base-store** and **base-jdbc-store**. As before, in order to simplify the presentation, we notate these as pseudo-elements **<abstract base-store>** and **<abstract base-jdbc-store>**. In what follows, we first describe the extension hierarchy of base elements, and then show how the cache store elements relate to them.





### <abstract base-store>

This abstract base element defines the attributes and child elements common to all cache stores.

- `shared` This attribute should be set to true when multiple cache instances share the same cache store (e.g. multiple nodes in a cluster using a JDBC-based CacheStore pointing to the same, shared database) Setting this to true avoids multiple cache instances writing the same modification multiple times. If enabled, only the node where the modification originated will write to the cache store. If disabled, each individual cache reacts to a potential remote update by storing the data to the cache store.
- `preload` This attribute configures whether or not, when the cache starts, data stored in the cache loader will be pre-loaded into memory. This is particularly useful when data in the cache loader is needed immediately after start-up and you want to avoid cache operations being delayed as a result of loading this data lazily. Can be used to provide a 'warm-cache' on start-up, however there is a performance penalty as start-up time is affected by this process. Note that pre-loading is done in a local fashion, so any data loaded is only stored locally in the node. No replication or distribution of the preloaded data happens. Also, Infinispan only pre-loads up to the maximum configured number of entries in eviction.
- `passivation` If true, data is only written to the cache store when it is evicted from memory, a phenomenon known as *passivation*. Next time the data is requested, it will be 'activated' which means that data will be brought back to memory and removed from the persistent store. If false, the cache store contains a copy of the cache contents in memory, so writes to cache result in cache store writes. This essentially gives you a 'write-through' configuration.
- `fetch-state` This attribute, if true, causes persistent state to be fetched when joining a cluster. If multiple cache stores are chained, only one of them can have this property enabled.
- `purge` This attribute configures whether the cache store is purged upon start-up.
- `singleton` This attribute configures whether or not the singleton store cache store is enabled. SingletonStore is a delegating cache store used for situations when only one instance in a cluster should interact with the underlying store.
- `class` This attribute configures a custom store implementation class to use for this cache store.
- `properties` This attribute is used to configure a list of cache store properties.

The abstract base element has one child element: **<write-behind>**

**<write-behind>**

This element is used to configure a cache store as write-behind instead of write-through. In write-through mode, writes to the cache are also *synchronously* written to the cache store, whereas in write-behind mode, writes to the cache are followed by *asynchronous* writes to the cache store.

- `flush-lock-timeout` This attribute configures the time-out for acquiring the lock which guards the state to be flushed to the cache store periodically.
- `modification-queue-size` This attribute configures the maximum number of entries in the asynchronous queue. When the queue is full, the store becomes write-through until it can accept new entries.
- `shutdown-timeout` This attribute configures the time-out (in ms) to stop the cache store.
- `thread-pool` This attribute is used to configure the size of the thread pool whose threads are responsible for applying the modifications to the cache store.

**<abstract base-jdbc-store> extends <abstract base-store>**

This abstract base element defines the attributes and child elements common to all JDBC-based cache stores.

- `datasource` This attribute configures the datasource for the JDBC-based cache store.
- `entry-table` This attribute configures the database table used to store cache entries.
- `bucket-table` This attribute configures the database table used to store binary cache entries.

**<file-store> extends <abstract base-store>**

This child element is used to configure a file-based cache store. This requires specifying the name of the file to be used as backing storage for the cache store.

- `relative-to` This attribute optionally configures a relative path prefix for the file store path. Can be null.
- `path` This attribute configures an absolute path to a file if **`relative-to`** is null; configures a relative path to the file, in relation to the value for **`relative-to`**, otherwise.

**<remote-store> extends <abstract base-store>**

This child element of cache is used to configure a remote cache store. It has a child `<remote-servers>`.

- `cache` This attribute configures the name of the remote cache to use for this remote store.
- `tcp-nodelay` This attribute configures a TCP\_NODELAY value for communication with the remote cache.
- `socket-timeout` This attribute configures a socket time-out for communication with the remote cache.

**<remote-servers>**

This child element of cache configures a list of remote servers for this cache store.

**<remote-server>**

This element configures a remote server. A remote server is defined completely by a locally defined outbound socket binding, through which communication is made with the server.

- `outbound-socket-binding` This attribute configures an outbound socket binding for a remote server.

**<local-cache> extends <abstract cache>**

This element configures a local cache.

**<abstract clustered-cache> extends <abstract cache>**

This abstract base element defines the attributes and child elements common to all clustered caches. A clustered cache is a cache which spans multiple nodes in a cluster. It inherits from `<cache>`, so that all attributes and elements of `<cache>` are also defined for `<clustered-cache>`.

- `async-marshalling` This attribute configures async marshalling. If enabled, this will cause marshalling of entries to be performed asynchronously.
- `mode` This attribute configures the clustered cache mode, ASYNC for asynchronous operation, or SYNC for synchronous operation.
- `queue-size` In ASYNC mode, this attribute can be used to trigger flushing of the queue when it reaches a specific threshold.
- `queue-flush-interval` In ASYNC mode, this attribute controls how often the asynchronous thread used to flush the replication queue runs. This should be a positive integer which represents thread wakeup time in milliseconds.
- `remote-timeout` In SYNC mode, this attribute (in ms) used to wait for an acknowledgement when making a remote call, after which the call is aborted and an exception is thrown.

**<invalidation-cache> extends <abstract clustered-cache>**

This element configures an invalidation cache.



### **<abstract shared-cache> extends <abstract clustered-cache>**

This abstract base element defines the attributes and child elements common to all shared caches. A shared cache is a clustered cache which shares state with its cache peers in the cluster. It inherits from <clustered-cache>, so that all attributes and elements of <clustered-cache> are also defined for <shared-cache>.

#### **<state-transfer>**

- `enabled` If enabled, this will cause the cache to ask neighbouring caches for state when it starts up, so the cache starts 'warm', although it will impact start-up time.
- `timeout` This attribute configures the maximum amount of time (ms) to wait for state from neighbouring caches, before throwing an exception and aborting start-up.
- `chunk-size` This attribute configures the size, in bytes, in which to batch the transfer of cache entries.

#### **<backups>**

##### **<backup>**

- `strategy` This attribute configures the backup strategy for this cache. Allowable values are SYNC, ASYNC.
- `failure-policy` This attribute configures the policy to follow when connectivity to the backup site fails. Allowable values are IGNORE, WARN, FAIL, CUSTOM.
- `enabled` This attribute configures whether or not this backup is enabled. If enabled, data will be sent to the backup site; otherwise, the backup site will be effectively ignored.
- `timeout` This attribute configures the time-out for replicating to the backup site.
- `after-failures` This attribute configures the number of failures after which this backup site should go off-line.
- `min-wait` This attribute configures the minimum time (in milliseconds) to wait after the max number of failures is reached, after which this backup site should go off-line.

##### **<backup-for>**

- `remote-cache` This attribute configures the name of the remote cache for which this cache acts as a backup.
- `remote-site` This attribute configures the site of the remote cache for which this cache acts as a backup.

### **<replicated-cache> extends <abstract shared-cache>**

This element configures a replicated cache. With a replicated cache, all contents (key-value pairs) of the cache are replicated on all nodes in the cluster.

**<distributed-cache> extends <abstract shared-cache>**

This element configures a distributed cache. With a distributed cache, contents of the cache are selectively replicated on nodes in the cluster, according to the number of owners specified.

- `owners` This attribute configures the number of cluster-wide replicas for each cache entry.
- `segments` This attribute configures the number of hash space segments which is the granularity for key distribution in the cluster. Value must be strictly positive.
- `l1-lifespan` This attribute configures the maximum lifespan of an entry placed in the L1 cache. Configures the L1 cache behaviour in 'distributed' caches instances. In any other cache modes, this element is ignored.



## 12.1.7 Use Cases

In many cases, cache containers and caches will be configured via XML as in the example above, so that they will be available upon server start-up. However, cache containers and caches may also be added, removed or have their configurations changed in a running server by making use of the Wildfly management API command-line interface (CLI). In this section, we present some key use cases for the Infinispan management API.

The key use cases covered are:

- adding a cache container
- adding a cache to an existing cache container
- configuring the transaction subsystem of a cache



The Wildfly management API command-line interface (CLI) can be used to provide extensive information on the attributes and commands available in the Infinispan subsystem interface used in these examples.

### Add a cache container

```
/subsystem=infinispan/cache-container=mycontainer:add(default-cache=<default-cache-name>)  
/subsystem=infinispan/cache-container=mycontainer/transport=TRANSPORT:add(lock-timeout=<timeout>)
```

### Add a cache

```
/subsystem=infinispan/cache-container=mycontainer/local-cache=mylocalcache:add()
```

### Configure the transaction component of a cache

```
/subsystem=infinispan/cache-container=mycontainer/local-cache=mylocalcache/transaction=TRANSACTION
```

## 12.2 Clustered Web Sessions

## 12.3 Clustered SSO



## 12.4 Load Balancing

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This section describes load balancing via Apache + mod\_jk and Apache + mod\_cluster.

## 12.5 Load balancing with Apache + mod\_jk

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Describe load balancing with Apache using mod\_jk.

## 12.6 Load balancing with Apache + mod\_cluster

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Describe load balancing with Apache using mod\_cluster.

### 12.6.1 mod\_cluster Subsystem

The mod\_cluster integration is done via the [modcluster subsystem](#) it requires mod\_cluster-1.1.x.or mod\_cluster-1.2.x (since 7.1.0)

The modcluster subsystem supports several operations:



```
[standalone@localhost:9999 subsystem=modcluster] :read-operation-names
{
  "outcome" => "success",
  "result" => [
    "add",
    "add-custom-metric",
    "add-metric",
    "add-proxy",
    "disable",
    "disable-context",
    "enable",
    "enable-context",
    "list-proxies",
    "read-attribute",
    "read-children-names",
    "read-children-resources",
    "read-children-types",
    "read-operation-description",
    "read-operation-names",
    "read-proxies-configuration",
    "read-proxies-info",
    "read-resource",
    "read-resource-description",
    "refresh",
    "remove-custom-metric",
    "remove-metric",
    "remove-proxy",
    "reset",
    "stop",
    "stop-context",
    "validate-address",
    "write-attribute"
  ]
}
```

The operations specific to the modcluster subsystem are divided in 3 categories the ones that affects the configuration and require a restart of the subsystem, the one that just modify the behaviour temporarily and the ones that display information from the httpd part.

## operations displaying httpd informations

There are 2 operations that display how Apache httpd sees the node:





## read-proxies-configuration

Send a DUMP message to all Apache httpd the node is connected to and display the message received from Apache httpd.

```
[standalone@localhost:9999 subsystem=modcluster] :read-proxies-configuration
{
  "outcome" => "success",
  "result" => [
    "neo3:6666",
    "balancer: [1] Name: mycluster Sticky: 1 [JSESSIONID]/[jsessionid] remove: 0 force: 1
Timeout: 0 Maxtry: 1
node: [1:1],Balancer: mycluster,JVMRoute: 498bb1f0-00d9-3436-a341-7f012bc2e7ec,Domain: [],Host:
127.0.0.1,Port: 8080,Type: http,flushpackets: 0,flushwait: 10,ping: 10,smax: 26,ttl: 60,timeout:
0
host: 1 [example.com] vhost: 1 node: 1
host: 2 [localhost] vhost: 1 node: 1
host: 3 [default-host] vhost: 1 node: 1
context: 1 [/myapp] vhost: 1 node: 1 status: 1
context: 2 [/] vhost: 1 node: 1 status: 1
",
    "jfcpc:6666",
    "balancer: [1] Name: mycluster Sticky: 1 [JSESSIONID]/[jsessionid] remove: 0 force: 1
Timeout: 0 maxAttempts: 1
node: [1:1],Balancer: mycluster,JVMRoute: 498bb1f0-00d9-3436-a341-7f012bc2e7ec,LBGroup: [],Host:
127.0.0.1,Port: 8080,Type: http,flushpackets: 0,flushwait: 10,ping: 10,smax: 26,ttl: 60,timeout:
0
host: 1 [default-host] vhost: 1 node: 1
host: 2 [localhost] vhost: 1 node: 1
host: 3 [example.com] vhost: 1 node: 1
context: 1 [/] vhost: 1 node: 1 status: 1
context: 2 [/myapp] vhost: 1 node: 1 status: 1
"
  ]
}
```



## read-proxies-info

Send a INFO message to all Apache httpd the node is connected to and display the message received from Apache httpd.

```
[standalone@localhost:9999 subsystem=modcluster] :read-proxies-info
{
  "outcome" => "success",
  "result" => [
    "neo3:6666",
    "Node: [1],Name: 498bb1f0-00d9-3436-a341-7f012bc2e7ec,Balancer: mycluster,Domain: ,Host:
127.0.0.1,Port: 8080,Type: http,Flushpackets: Off,Flushwait: 10000,Ping: 10000000,Smax: 26,Ttl:
60000000,Elected: 0,Read: 0,Transferred: 0,Connected: 0,Load: -1
Vhost: [1:1:1], Alias: example.com
Vhost: [1:1:2], Alias: localhost
Vhost: [1:1:3], Alias: default-host
Context: [1:1:1], Context: /myapp, Status: ENABLED
Context: [1:1:2], Context: /, Status: ENABLED
",
    "jfcpc:6666",
    "Node: [1],Name: 498bb1f0-00d9-3436-a341-7f012bc2e7ec,Balancer: mycluster,LBGroup:
,Host: 127.0.0.1,Port: 8080,Type: http,Flushpackets: Off,Flushwait: 10,Ping: 10,Smax: 26,Ttl:
60,Elected: 0,Read: 0,Transferred: 0,Connected: 0,Load: 1
Vhost: [1:1:1], Alias: default-host
Vhost: [1:1:2], Alias: localhost
Vhost: [1:1:3], Alias: example.com
Context: [1:1:1], Context: /, Status: ENABLED
Context: [1:1:2], Context: /myapp, Status: ENABLED
"
  ]
}
```



## operations that handle the proxies the node is connected too

there are 3 operation that could be used to manipulate the list of Apache httpd the node is connected too.

### list-proxies:

Displays the httpd that are connected to the node. The httpd could be discovered via the Advertise protocol or via the proxy-list attribute.

```
[standalone@localhost:9999 subsystem=modcluster] :list-proxies
{
  "outcome" => "success",
  "result" => [
    "neo3:6666",
    "jfcpc:6666"
  ]
}
```

### remove-proxy

Remove a proxy from the discovered proxies or temporarily from the proxy-list attribute.

```
[standalone@localhost:9999 subsystem=modcluster] :remove-proxy(host=jfcpc, port=6666)
{"outcome" => "success"}
```

### proxy

Add a proxy to the discovered proxies or temporarily to the proxy-list attribute.

```
[standalone@localhost:9999 subsystem=modcluster] :add-proxy(host=jfcpc, port=6666)
{"outcome" => "success"}
```



## Context related operations

Those operations allow to send context related commands to Apache httpd. They are send automatically when deploying or undeploying webapps.

### enable-context

Tell Apache httpd that the context is ready receive requests.

```
[standalone@localhost:9999 subsystem=modcluster] :enable-context(context=/myapp,
virtualhost=default-host)
{"outcome" => "success"}
```

### disable-context

Tell Apache httpd that it shouldn't send new session requests to the context of the virtualhost.

```
[standalone@localhost:9999 subsystem=modcluster] :disable-context(context=/myapp,
virtualhost=default-host)
{"outcome" => "success"}
```

### stop-context

Tell Apache httpd that it shouldn't send requests to the context of the virtualhost.

```
[standalone@localhost:9999 subsystem=modcluster] :stop-context(context=/myapp,
virtualhost=default-host, waittime=50)
{"outcome" => "success"}
```

## Node related operations

Those operations are like the context operation but they apply to all webapps running on the node and operation that affect the whole node.

### refresh

Refresh the node by sending a new CONFIG message to Apache httpd.

### reset

reset the connection between Apache httpd and the node

## Configuration

### Metric configuration

There are 4 metric operations corresponding to add and remove load metrics to the dynamic-load-provider. Note that when nothing is defined a simple-load-provider is use with a fixed load factor of one.



```
[standalone@localhost:9999 subsystem=modcluster] :read-resource(name=mod-cluster-config)
{
  "outcome" => "success",
  "result" => {"simple-load-provider" => {"factor" => "1"}}
}
```

that corresponds to the following configuration:

```
<subsystem xmlns="urn:jboss:domain:modcluster:1.0">
  <mod-cluster-config>
    <simple-load-provider factor="1"/>
  </mod-cluster-config>
</subsystem>
```

## metric

Add a metric to the dynamic-load-provider, the dynamic-load-provider in configuration is created if needed.

```
[standalone@localhost:9999 subsystem=modcluster] :add-metric(type=cpu)
{"outcome" => "success"}
[standalone@localhost:9999 subsystem=modcluster] :read-resource(name=mod-cluster-config)
{
  "outcome" => "success",
  "result" => {
    "dynamic-load-provider" => {
      "history" => 9,
      "decay" => 2,
      "load-metric" => [{
        "type" => "cpu"
      }]
    }
  }
}
```

## remove-metric

Remove a metric from the dynamic-load-provider.

```
[standalone@localhost:9999 subsystem=modcluster] :remove-metric(type=cpu)
{"outcome" => "success"}
```



### custom-metric / remove-custom-metric

like the add-metric and remove-metric except they require a class parameter instead the type. Usually they needed additional properties which can be specified

```
[standalone@localhost:9999 subsystem=modcluster] :add-custom-metric(class=myclass,
property=[("pro1" => "value1"), ("pro2" => "value2")])
{"outcome" => "success"}
```

which corresponds the following in the xml configuration file:

```
<subsystem xmlns="urn:jboss:domain:modcluster:1.0">
  <mod-cluster-config>
    <dynamic-load-provider history="9" decay="2">
      <custom-load-metric class="myclass">
        <property name="pro1" value="value1"/>
        <property name="pro2" value="value2"/>
      </custom-load-metric>
    </dynamic-load-provider>
  </mod-cluster-config>
</subsystem>
```

### JVMRoute configuration

If you want to use your own JVM route instead of automatically generated one you can insert the following property:

```
...
</extensions>
<system-properties>
  <property name="jboss.mod_cluster.jvmRoute" value="myJvmRoute"/>
</system-properties>
<management>
  ...
```

## 12.7 Subsystem Support

This section describes the key clustering subsystems, JGroups and Infinispan. Say a few words about how they work together.

### 12.7.1 JGroups Subsystem



## 12.7.2 Purpose

The JGroups subsystem provides group communication support for HA services in the form of JGroups channels.

Named channel instances permit application peers in a cluster to communicate as a group and in such a way that the communication satisfies defined properties (e.g. reliable, ordered, failure-sensitive). Communication properties are configurable for each channel and are defined by the protocol stack used to create the channel. Protocol stacks consist of a base transport layer (used to transport messages around the cluster) together with a user-defined, ordered stack of protocol layers, where each protocol layer supports a given communication property.

The JGroups subsystem provides the following features:

- allows definition of named protocol stacks
- view run-time metrics associated with channels
- specify a default stack for general use

In the following sections, we describe the JGroups subsystem.



JGroups channels are created transparently as part of the clustering functionality (e.g. on clustered application deployment, channels will be created behind the scenes to support clustered features such as session replication or transmission of SSO contexts around the cluster).

## 12.7.3 Configuration example

What follows is a sample JGroups subsystem configuration showing all of the possible elements and attributes which may be configured. We shall use this example to explain the meaning of the various elements and attributes.



The schema for the subsystem, describing all valid elements and attributes, can be found in the Wildfly distribution, in the docs/schema directory.



```
<subsystem xmlns="urn:jboss:domain:jgroups:2.0" default-stack="udp">
  <stack name="udp">
    <transport type="UDP" socket-binding="jgroups-udp"
diagnostics-socket-binding="jgroups-diagnostics"
      default-executor="jgroups" oob-executor="jgroups-oob" timer-executor="jgroups-timer"
      shared="false" thread-factory="jgroups-thread-factory"
      machine="machine1" rack="rack1" site="site1"/>
    <protocol type="PING">
      <property name="timeout">100</property>
    </protocol>
    <protocol type="MERGE3"/>
    <protocol type="FD_SOCKET" socket-binding="jgroups-udp-fd"/>
    <protocol type="FD"/>
    <protocol type="VERIFY_SUSPECT"/>
    <protocol type="pbcast.NAKACK2"/>
    <protocol type="UNICAST2"/>
    <protocol type="pbcast.STABLE"/>
    <protocol type="pbcast.GMS"/>
    <protocol type="UFC"/>
    <protocol type="MFC"/>
    <protocol type="FRAG2"/>
    <protocol type="RSVP"/>
  </stack>
  <stack name="tcp">
    <transport type="TCP" socket-binding="jgroups-tcp"/>
    <protocol type="MPING" socket-binding="jgroups-mping"/>
    <protocol type="MERGE2"/>
    <protocol type="FD_SOCKET" socket-binding="jgroups-tcp-fd"/>
    <protocol type="FD"/>
    <protocol type="VERIFY_SUSPECT"/>
    <protocol type="pbcast.NAKACK2"/>
    <protocol type="UNICAST2"/>
    <protocol type="pbcast.STABLE"/>
    <protocol type="pbcast.GMS"/>
    <protocol type="MFC"/>
    <protocol type="FRAG2"/>
    <protocol type="RSVP"/>
  </stack>
  <stack name="udp-xsite">
    <transport type="UDP" socket-binding="jgroups-udp"/>
    <protocol type="PING" socket-binding="jgroups-mping"/>
    <protocol type="MERGE2"/>
    <protocol type="FD_SOCKET" socket-binding="jgroups-tcp-fd"/>
    <protocol type="FD"/>
    <protocol type="VERIFY_SUSPECT"/>
    <protocol type="pbcast.NAKACK2"/>
    <protocol type="UNICAST2"/>
    <protocol type="pbcast.STABLE"/>
    <protocol type="pbcast.GMS"/>
    <protocol type="MFC"/>
    <protocol type="FRAG2"/>
    <protocol type="RSVP"/>
    <relay site="LONDON">
      <remote-site name="SFO" stack="tcp" cluster="global"/>
      <remote-site name="NYC" stack="tcp" cluster="global"/>
    </relay>
  </stack>
</subsystem>
```





## **<subsystem>**

This element is used to configure the subsystem within a Wildfly system profile.

- `xmlns` This attribute specifies the XML namespace of the JGroups subsystem and, in particular, its version.
- `default-stack` This attribute is used to specify a default stack for the JGroups subsystem. This default stack will be used whenever a stack is required but no stack is specified.

## **<stack>**

This element is used to configure a JGroups protocol stack.

- `name` This attribute is used to specify the name of the stack.



## <transport>

This element is used to configure the transport layer (required) of the protocol stack.

- `type` This attribute specifies the transport type (e.g. UDP, TCP, TCPGOSSIP)
- `socket-binding` This attribute references a defined socket binding in the server profile. It is used when JGroups needs to create general sockets internally.
- `diagnostics-socket-binding` This attribute references a defined socket binding in the server profile. It is used when JGroups needs to create sockets for use with the diagnostics program. For more about the use of diagnostics, see the JGroups documentation for `probe.sh`.
- `default-executor` This attribute references a defined thread pool executor in the threads subsystem. It governs the allocation and execution of runnable tasks to handle incoming JGroups messages.
- `oob-executor` This attribute references a defined thread pool executor in the threads subsystem. It governs the allocation and execution of runnable tasks to handle incoming JGroups OOB (out-of-bound) messages.
- `timer-executor` This attribute references a defined thread pool executor in the threads subsystem. It governs the allocation and execution of runnable timer-related tasks.
- `shared` This attribute indicates whether or not this transport is shared amongst several JGroups stacks or not.
- `thread-factory` This attribute references a defined thread factory in the threads subsystem. It governs the allocation of threads for running tasks which are not handled by the executors above.
- `site` This attribute defines a site (data centre) id for this node.
- `rack` This attribute defines a rack (server rack) id for this node.
- `machine` This attribute defines a machine (host) id for this node.



site, rack and machine ids are used by the Infinispan topology-aware consistent hash function, which when using dist mode, prevents dist mode replicas from being stored on the same host, rack or site

## <property>

This element is used to configure a transport property.

- `name` This attribute specifies the name of the protocol property. The value is provided as text for the property element.



## <protocol>

This element is used to configure a (non-transport) protocol layer in the JGroups stack. Protocol layers are ordered within the stack.

- `type` This attribute specifies the name of the JGroups protocol implementation (e.g. MPING, pbcast.GMS), with the package prefix `org.jgroups.protocols` removed.
- `socket-binding` This attribute references a defined socket binding in the server profile. It is used when JGroups needs to create general sockets internally for this protocol instance.

## <property>

This element is used to configure a protocol property.

- `name` This attribute specifies the name of the protocol property. The value is provided as text for the property element.

## <relay>

This element is used to configure the RELAY protocol for a JGroups stack. RELAY is a protocol which provides cross-site replication between defined sites (data centres). In the RELAY protocol, defined sites specify the names of remote sites (backup sites) to which their data should be backed up. Channels are defined between sites to permit the RELAY protocol to transport the data from the current site to a backup site.

- `site` This attribute specifies the name of the current site. Site names can be referenced elsewhere (e.g. in the JGroups remote-site configuration elements, as well as backup configuration elements in the Infinispan subsystem)

## <remote-site>

This element is used to configure a remote site for the RELAY protocol.

- `name` This attribute specifies the name of the remote site to which this configuration applies.
- `stack` This attribute specifies a JGroups protocol stack to use for communication between this site and the remote site.
- `cluster` This attribute specifies the name of the JGroups channel to use for communication between this site and the remote site.



## 12.7.4 Use Cases

In many cases, channels will be configured via XML as in the example above, so that the channels will be available upon server startup. However, channels may also be added, removed or have their configurations changed in a running server by making use of the Wildfly management API command-line interface (CLI). In this section, we present some key use cases for the JGroups management API.

The key use cases covered are:

- adding a stack
- adding a protocol to an existing stack
- adding a property to a protocol



The Wildfly management API command-line interface (CLI) itself can be used to provide extensive information on the attributes and commands available in the JGroups subsystem interface used in these examples.

### Add a stack

```
/subsystem=jgroups/stack=mystack:add(transport={}, protocols={})
```

### Add a protocol to a stack

```
/subsystem=jgroups/stack=mystack/transport=TRANSPORT:add(type=<type>,  
socket-binding=<socketbinding>)
```

```
/subsystem=jgroups/stack=mystack:add-protocol(type=<type>, socket-binding=<socketbinding>)
```

### Add a property to a protocol

```
/subsystem=jgroups/stack=mystack/transport=TRANSPORT/property=<property>:add(value=<value>)
```

## Infinispan Subsystem



## 12.7.5 Purpose

The Infinispan subsystem provides caching support for HA services in the form of Infinispan caches: high-performance, transactional caches which can operate in both non-distributed and distributed scenarios. Distributed caching support is used in the provision of many key HA services. For example, the failover of a session-oriented client HTTP request from a failing node to a new (failover) node depends on session data for the client being available on the new node. In other words, the client session data needs to be replicated across nodes in the cluster. This is effectively achieved via a distributed Infinispan cache. This approach to providing fail-over also applies to EJB SFSB sessions. Over and above providing support for fail-over, an underlying cache is also required when providing second-level caching for entity beans using Hibernate, and this case is also handled through the use of an Infinispan cache.

The Infinispan subsystem provides the following features:

- allows definition and configuration of named cache containers and caches
- view run-time metrics associated with cache container and cache instances

In the following sections, we describe the Infinispan subsystem.



Infinispan cache containers and caches are created transparently as part of the clustering functionality (e.g. on clustered application deployment, cache containers and their associated caches will be created behind the scenes to support clustered features such as session replication or caching of entities around the cluster).

## 12.7.6 Configuration Example

In this section, we provide an example XML configuration of the infinispan subsystem and review the configuration elements and attributes.



The schema for the subsystem, describing all valid elements and attributes, can be found in the Wildfly distribution, in the docs/schema directory.



```
<subsystem xmlns="urn:jboss:domain:infinispan:2.0">
  <cache-container name="server" aliases="singleton cluster" default-cache="default"
module="org.wildfly.clustering.server">
    <transport lock-timeout="60000"/>
    <replicated-cache name="default" mode="SYNC" batching="true">
        <locking isolation="REPEATABLE_READ"/>
    </replicated-cache>
  </cache-container>
  <cache-container name="web" aliases="standard-session-cache" default-cache="repl"
module="org.wildfly.clustering.web.infinispan">
    <transport lock-timeout="60000"/>
    <replicated-cache name="repl" mode="ASYNC" batching="true">
        <file-store/>
    </replicated-cache>
    <replicated-cache name="sso" mode="SYNC" batching="true"/>
    <distributed-cache name="dist" mode="ASYNC" batching="true" ll-lifespan="0">
        <file-store/>
    </distributed-cache>
  </cache-container>
  <cache-container name="ejb" aliases="sfsb sfsb-cache" default-cache="repl"
module="org.jboss.as.clustering.ejb3.infinispan">
    <transport lock-timeout="60000"/>
    <replicated-cache name="repl" mode="ASYNC" batching="true">
        <eviction strategy="LRU" max-entries="10000"/>
        <file-store/>
    </replicated-cache>
    <!--
      ~ Clustered cache used internally by EJB subsystem for managing the client-mapping(s) of
      ~ the socketbinding referenced by the EJB remotng connector
    -->
    <replicated-cache name="remote-connector-client-mappings" mode="SYNC" batching="true"/>
    <distributed-cache name="dist" mode="ASYNC" batching="true" ll-lifespan="0">
        <eviction strategy="LRU" max-entries="10000"/>
        <file-store/>
    </distributed-cache>
  </cache-container>
  <cache-container name="hibernate" default-cache="local-query" module="org.hibernate">
    <transport lock-timeout="60000"/>
    <local-cache name="local-query">
        <transaction mode="NONE"/>
        <eviction strategy="LRU" max-entries="10000"/>
        <expiration max-idle="100000"/>
    </local-cache>
    <invalidation-cache name="entity" mode="SYNC">
        <transaction mode="NON_XA"/>
        <eviction strategy="LRU" max-entries="10000"/>
        <expiration max-idle="100000"/>
    </invalidation-cache>
    <replicated-cache name="timestamps" mode="ASYNC">
        <transaction mode="NONE"/>
        <eviction strategy="NONE"/>
    </replicated-cache>
  </cache-container>
</subsystem>
```



## **<cache-container>**

This element is used to configure a cache container.

- `name` This attribute is used to specify the name of the cache container.
- `default-cache` This attribute configures the default cache to be used, when no cache is otherwise specified.
- `listener-executor` This attribute references a defined thread pool executor in the threads subsystem. It governs the allocation and execution of runnable tasks in the replication queue.
- `eviction-executor` This attribute references a defined thread pool executor in the threads subsystem. It governs the allocation and execution of runnable tasks to handle evictions.
- `replication-queue-executor` This attribute references a defined thread pool executor in the threads subsystem. It governs the allocation and execution of runnable tasks to handle asynchronous cache operations.
- `jndi-name` This attribute is used to assign a name for the cache container in the JNDI name service.
- `module` This attribute configures the module whose class loader should be used when building this cache container's configuration.
- `start` This attribute configured the cache container start mode and has since been deprecated, the only supported and the default value is LAZY (on-demand start).
- `aliases` This attribute is used to define aliases for the cache container name.

This element has the following child elements: **<transport>**, **<local-cache>**, **<invalidation-cache>**, **<replicated-cache>**, and **<distributed-cache>**.



## <transport>

This element is used to configure the JGroups transport used by the cache container, when required.

- `stack` This attribute configures the JGroups stack to be used for the transport. If none is specified, the default-stack for the JGroups subsystem is used.
- `cluster` This attribute configures the name of the group communication cluster. This is the name which will be seen in debugging logs.
- `executor` This attribute references a defined thread pool executor in the threads subsystem. It governs the allocation and execution of runnable tasks to handle ? *<fill me in>?*.
- `lock-timeout` This attribute configures the time-out to be used when obtaining locks for the transport.
- `site` This attribute configures the site id of the cache container.
- `rack` This attribute configures the rack id of the cache container.
- `machine` This attribute configures the machine id of the cache container.



The presence of the transport element is required when operating in clustered mode

The remaining child elements of **<cache-container>**, namely **<local-cache>**, **<invalidation-cache>**, **<replicated-cache>** and **<distributed-cache>**, each configures one of four key cache types or classifications.



These cache-related elements are actually part of an xsd hierarchy with abstract complexTypes **cache**, **clustered-cache**, and **shared-cache**. In order to simplify the presentation, we notate these as pseudo-elements **<abstract cache>**, **<abstract clustered-cache>** and **<abstract shared-cache>**. In what follows, we first describe the extension hierarchy of base elements, and then show how the cache type elements relate to them.

## <abstract cache>

This abstract base element defines the attributes and child elements common to all non-clustered caches.

- `name` This attribute configures the name of the cache. This name may be referenced by other subsystems.
- `start` This attribute configured the cache container start mode and has since been deprecated, the only supported and the default value is LAZY (on-demand start).
- `batching` This attribute configures batching. If enabled, the invocation batching API will be made available for this cache.
- `indexing` This attribute configures indexing. If enabled, entries will be indexed when they are added to the cache. Indexes will be updated as entries change or are removed.
- `jndi-name` This attribute is used to assign a name for the cache in the JNDI name service.
- `module` This attribute configures the module whose class loader should be used when building this cache container's configuration.





The `<abstract-cache>` abstract base element has the following child elements: `<indexing-properties>`, `<locking>`, `<transaction>`, `<eviction>`, `<expiration>`, `<store>`, `<file-store>`, `<string-keyed-jdbc-store>`, `<binary-keyed-jdbc-store>`, `<mixed-keyed-jdbc-store>`, `<remote-store>`.

### **`<indexing-properties>`**

This child element defines properties to control indexing behaviour.

### **`<locking>`**

This child element configures the locking behaviour of the cache.

- `isolation` This attribute the cache locking isolation level. Allowable values are NONE, SERIALIZABLE, REPEATABLE\_READ, READ\_COMMITTED, READ\_UNCOMMITTED.
- `striping` If true, a pool of shared locks is maintained for all entries that need to be locked. Otherwise, a lock is created per entry in the cache. Lock striping helps control memory footprint but may reduce concurrency in the system.
- `acquire-timeout` This attribute configures the maximum time to attempt a particular lock acquisition.
- `concurrency-level` This attribute is used to configure the concurrency level. Adjust this value according to the number of concurrent threads interacting with Infinispan.

### **`<transaction>`**

This child element configures the transactional behaviour of the cache.

- `mode` This attribute configures the transaction mode, setting the cache transaction mode to one of NONE, NON\_XA, NON\_DURABLE\_XA, FULL\_XA.
- `stop-timeout` If there are any ongoing transactions when a cache is stopped, Infinispan waits for ongoing remote and local transactions to finish. The amount of time to wait for is defined by the cache stop timeout.
- `locking` This attribute configures the locking mode for this cache, one of OPTIMISTIC or PESSIMISTIC.

### **`<eviction>`**

This child element configures the eviction behaviour of the cache.

- `strategy` This attribute configures the cache eviction strategy. Available options are 'UNORDERED', 'FIFO', 'LRU', 'LIRS' and 'NONE' (to disable eviction).
- `max-entries` This attribute configures the maximum number of entries in a cache instance. If selected value is not a power of two the actual value will default to the least power of two larger than selected value. -1 means no limit.



## <expiration>

This child element configures the expiration behaviour of the cache.

- `max-idle` This attribute configures the maximum idle time a cache entry will be maintained in the cache, in milliseconds. If the idle time is exceeded, the entry will be expired cluster-wide. -1 means the entries never expire.
- `lifespan` This attribute configures the maximum lifespan of a cache entry, after which the entry is expired cluster-wide, in milliseconds. -1 means the entries never expire.
- `interval` This attribute specifies the interval (in ms) between subsequent runs to purge expired entries from memory and any cache stores. If you wish to disable the periodic eviction process altogether, set `wakeupInterval` to -1.

The remaining child elements of the abstract base element **<cache>**, namely **<store>**, **<file-store>**, **<remote-store>**, **<string-keyed-jdbc-store>**, **<binary-keyed-jdbc-store>** and **<mixed-keyed-jdbc-store>**, each configures one of six key cache store types.



These cache store-related elements are actually part of an xsd extension hierarchy with abstract complexTypes **base-store** and **base-jdbc-store**. As before, in order to simplify the presentation, we notate these as pseudo-elements **<abstract base-store>** and **<abstract base-jdbc-store>**. In what follows, we first describe the extension hierarchy of base elements, and then show how the cache store elements relate to them.



### <abstract base-store>

This abstract base element defines the attributes and child elements common to all cache stores.

- `shared` This attribute should be set to true when multiple cache instances share the same cache store (e.g. multiple nodes in a cluster using a JDBC-based CacheStore pointing to the same, shared database) Setting this to true avoids multiple cache instances writing the same modification multiple times. If enabled, only the node where the modification originated will write to the cache store. If disabled, each individual cache reacts to a potential remote update by storing the data to the cache store.
- `preload` This attribute configures whether or not, when the cache starts, data stored in the cache loader will be pre-loaded into memory. This is particularly useful when data in the cache loader is needed immediately after start-up and you want to avoid cache operations being delayed as a result of loading this data lazily. Can be used to provide a 'warm-cache' on start-up, however there is a performance penalty as start-up time is affected by this process. Note that pre-loading is done in a local fashion, so any data loaded is only stored locally in the node. No replication or distribution of the preloaded data happens. Also, Infinispan only pre-loads up to the maximum configured number of entries in eviction.
- `passivation` If true, data is only written to the cache store when it is evicted from memory, a phenomenon known as *passivation*. Next time the data is requested, it will be 'activated' which means that data will be brought back to memory and removed from the persistent store. If false, the cache store contains a copy of the cache contents in memory, so writes to cache result in cache store writes. This essentially gives you a 'write-through' configuration.
- `fetch-state` This attribute, if true, causes persistent state to be fetched when joining a cluster. If multiple cache stores are chained, only one of them can have this property enabled.
- `purge` This attribute configures whether the cache store is purged upon start-up.
- `singleton` This attribute configures whether or not the singleton store cache store is enabled. SingletonStore is a delegating cache store used for situations when only one instance in a cluster should interact with the underlying store.
- `class` This attribute configures a custom store implementation class to use for this cache store.
- `properties` This attribute is used to configure a list of cache store properties.

The abstract base element has one child element: **<write-behind>**

**<write-behind>**

This element is used to configure a cache store as write-behind instead of write-through. In write-through mode, writes to the cache are also *synchronously* written to the cache store, whereas in write-behind mode, writes to the cache are followed by *asynchronous* writes to the cache store.

- `flush-lock-timeout` This attribute configures the time-out for acquiring the lock which guards the state to be flushed to the cache store periodically.
- `modification-queue-size` This attribute configures the maximum number of entries in the asynchronous queue. When the queue is full, the store becomes write-through until it can accept new entries.
- `shutdown-timeout` This attribute configures the time-out (in ms) to stop the cache store.
- `thread-pool` This attribute is used to configure the size of the thread pool whose threads are responsible for applying the modifications to the cache store.

**<abstract base-jdbc-store> extends <abstract base-store>**

This abstract base element defines the attributes and child elements common to all JDBC-based cache stores.

- `datasource` This attribute configures the datasource for the JDBC-based cache store.
- `entry-table` This attribute configures the database table used to store cache entries.
- `bucket-table` This attribute configures the database table used to store binary cache entries.

**<file-store> extends <abstract base-store>**

This child element is used to configure a file-based cache store. This requires specifying the name of the file to be used as backing storage for the cache store.

- `relative-to` This attribute optionally configures a relative path prefix for the file store path. Can be null.
- `path` This attribute configures an absolute path to a file if **`relative-to`** is null; configures a relative path to the file, in relation to the value for **`relative-to`**, otherwise.

**<remote-store> extends <abstract base-store>**

This child element of cache is used to configure a remote cache store. It has a child `<remote-servers>`.

- `cache` This attribute configures the name of the remote cache to use for this remote store.
- `tcp-nodelay` This attribute configures a TCP\_NODELAY value for communication with the remote cache.
- `socket-timeout` This attribute configures a socket time-out for communication with the remote cache.

**<remote-servers>**

This child element of cache configures a list of remote servers for this cache store.

**<remote-server>**

This element configures a remote server. A remote server is defined completely by a locally defined outbound socket binding, through which communication is made with the server.

- `outbound-socket-binding` This attribute configures an outbound socket binding for a remote server.

**<local-cache> extends <abstract cache>**

This element configures a local cache.

**<abstract clustered-cache> extends <abstract cache>**

This abstract base element defines the attributes and child elements common to all clustered caches. A clustered cache is a cache which spans multiple nodes in a cluster. It inherits from `<cache>`, so that all attributes and elements of `<cache>` are also defined for `<clustered-cache>`.

- `async-marshalling` This attribute configures async marshalling. If enabled, this will cause marshalling of entries to be performed asynchronously.
- `mode` This attribute configures the clustered cache mode, ASYNC for asynchronous operation, or SYNC for synchronous operation.
- `queue-size` In ASYNC mode, this attribute can be used to trigger flushing of the queue when it reaches a specific threshold.
- `queue-flush-interval` In ASYNC mode, this attribute controls how often the asynchronous thread used to flush the replication queue runs. This should be a positive integer which represents thread wakeup time in milliseconds.
- `remote-timeout` In SYNC mode, this attribute (in ms) used to wait for an acknowledgement when making a remote call, after which the call is aborted and an exception is thrown.

**<invalidation-cache> extends <abstract clustered-cache>**

This element configures an invalidation cache.

**<abstract shared-cache> extends <abstract clustered-cache>**

This abstract base element defines the attributes and child elements common to all shared caches. A shared cache is a clustered cache which shares state with its cache peers in the cluster. It inherits from <clustered-cache>, so that all attributes and elements of <clustered-cache> are also defined for <shared-cache>.

**<state-transfer>**

- `enabled` If enabled, this will cause the cache to ask neighbouring caches for state when it starts up, so the cache starts 'warm', although it will impact start-up time.
- `timeout` This attribute configures the maximum amount of time (ms) to wait for state from neighbouring caches, before throwing an exception and aborting start-up.
- `chunk-size` This attribute configures the size, in bytes, in which to batch the transfer of cache entries.

**<backups>****<backup>**

- `strategy` This attribute configures the backup strategy for this cache. Allowable values are SYNC, ASYNC.
- `failure-policy` This attribute configures the policy to follow when connectivity to the backup site fails. Allowable values are IGNORE, WARN, FAIL, CUSTOM.
- `enabled` This attribute configures whether or not this backup is enabled. If enabled, data will be sent to the backup site; otherwise, the backup site will be effectively ignored.
- `timeout` This attribute configures the time-out for replicating to the backup site.
- `after-failures` This attribute configures the number of failures after which this backup site should go off-line.
- `min-wait` This attribute configures the minimum time (in milliseconds) to wait after the max number of failures is reached, after which this backup site should go off-line.

**<backup-for>**

- `remote-cache` This attribute configures the name of the remote cache for which this cache acts as a backup.
- `remote-site` This attribute configures the site of the remote cache for which this cache acts as a backup.

**<replicated-cache> extends <abstract shared-cache>**

This element configures a replicated cache. With a replicated cache, all contents (key-value pairs) of the cache are replicated on all nodes in the cluster.

**<distributed-cache> extends <abstract shared-cache>**

This element configures a distributed cache. With a distributed cache, contents of the cache are selectively replicated on nodes in the cluster, according to the number of owners specified.

- `owners` This attribute configures the number of cluster-wide replicas for each cache entry.
- `segments` This attribute configures the number of hash space segments which is the granularity for key distribution in the cluster. Value must be strictly positive.
- `l1-lifespan` This attribute configures the maximum lifespan of an entry placed in the L1 cache. Configures the L1 cache behaviour in 'distributed' caches instances. In any other cache modes, this element is ignored.



## 12.7.7 Use Cases

In many cases, cache containers and caches will be configured via XML as in the example above, so that they will be available upon server start-up. However, cache containers and caches may also be added, removed or have their configurations changed in a running server by making use of the Wildfly management API command-line interface (CLI). In this section, we present some key use cases for the Infinispan management API.

The key use cases covered are:

- adding a cache container
- adding a cache to an existing cache container
- configuring the transaction subsystem of a cache



The Wildfly management API command-line interface (CLI) can be used to provide extensive information on the attributes and commands available in the Infinispan subsystem interface used in these examples.

### Add a cache container

```
/subsystem=infinispan/cache-container=mycontainer:add(default-cache=<default-cache-name>)  
/subsystem=infinispan/cache-container=mycontainer/transport=TRANSPORT:add(lock-timeout=<timeout>)
```

### Add a cache

```
/subsystem=infinispan/cache-container=mycontainer/local-cache=mylocalcache:add()
```

### Configure the transaction component of a cache

```
/subsystem=infinispan/cache-container=mycontainer/local-cache=mylocalcache/transaction=TRANSACTION
```





## 12.7.8 JGroups Subsystem

### Purpose

The JGroups subsystem provides group communication support for HA services in the form of JGroups channels.

Named channel instances permit application peers in a cluster to communicate as a group and in such a way that the communication satisfies defined properties (e.g. reliable, ordered, failure-sensitive). Communication properties are configurable for each channel and are defined by the protocol stack used to create the channel. Protocol stacks consist of a base transport layer (used to transport messages around the cluster) together with a user-defined, ordered stack of protocol layers, where each protocol layer supports a given communication property.

The JGroups subsystem provides the following features:

- allows definition of named protocol stacks
- view run-time metrics associated with channels
- specify a default stack for general use

In the following sections, we describe the JGroups subsystem.



JGroups channels are created transparently as part of the clustering functionality (e.g. on clustered application deployment, channels will be created behind the scenes to support clustered features such as session replication or transmission of SSO contexts around the cluster).

### Configuration example

What follows is a sample JGroups subsystem configuration showing all of the possible elements and attributes which may be configured. We shall use this example to explain the meaning of the various elements and attributes.



The schema for the subsystem, describing all valid elements and attributes, can be found in the Wildfly distribution, in the docs/schema directory.



```
<subsystem xmlns="urn:jboss:domain:jgroups:2.0" default-stack="udp">
  <stack name="udp">
    <transport type="UDP" socket-binding="jgroups-udp"
diagnostics-socket-binding="jgroups-diagnostics"
      default-executor="jgroups" oob-executor="jgroups-oob" timer-executor="jgroups-timer"
      shared="false" thread-factory="jgroups-thread-factory"
      machine="machine1" rack="rack1" site="site1"/>
    <protocol type="PING">
      <property name="timeout">100</property>
    </protocol>
    <protocol type="MERGE3"/>
    <protocol type="FD_SOCKET" socket-binding="jgroups-udp-fd"/>
    <protocol type="FD"/>
    <protocol type="VERIFY_SUSPECT"/>
    <protocol type="pbcast.NAKACK2"/>
    <protocol type="UNICAST2"/>
    <protocol type="pbcast.STABLE"/>
    <protocol type="pbcast.GMS"/>
    <protocol type="UFC"/>
    <protocol type="MFC"/>
    <protocol type="FRAG2"/>
    <protocol type="RSVP"/>
  </stack>
  <stack name="tcp">
    <transport type="TCP" socket-binding="jgroups-tcp"/>
    <protocol type="MPING" socket-binding="jgroups-mping"/>
    <protocol type="MERGE2"/>
    <protocol type="FD_SOCKET" socket-binding="jgroups-tcp-fd"/>
    <protocol type="FD"/>
    <protocol type="VERIFY_SUSPECT"/>
    <protocol type="pbcast.NAKACK2"/>
    <protocol type="UNICAST2"/>
    <protocol type="pbcast.STABLE"/>
    <protocol type="pbcast.GMS"/>
    <protocol type="MFC"/>
    <protocol type="FRAG2"/>
    <protocol type="RSVP"/>
  </stack>
  <stack name="udp-xsite">
    <transport type="UDP" socket-binding="jgroups-udp"/>
    <protocol type="PING" socket-binding="jgroups-mping"/>
    <protocol type="MERGE2"/>
    <protocol type="FD_SOCKET" socket-binding="jgroups-tcp-fd"/>
    <protocol type="FD"/>
    <protocol type="VERIFY_SUSPECT"/>
    <protocol type="pbcast.NAKACK2"/>
    <protocol type="UNICAST2"/>
    <protocol type="pbcast.STABLE"/>
    <protocol type="pbcast.GMS"/>
    <protocol type="MFC"/>
    <protocol type="FRAG2"/>
    <protocol type="RSVP"/>
    <relay site="LONDON">
      <remote-site name="SFO" stack="tcp" cluster="global"/>
      <remote-site name="NYC" stack="tcp" cluster="global"/>
    </relay>
  </stack>
</subsystem>
```



## **<subsystem>**

This element is used to configure the subsystem within a Wildfly system profile.

- `xmlns` This attribute specifies the XML namespace of the JGroups subsystem and, in particular, its version.
- `default-stack` This attribute is used to specify a default stack for the JGroups subsystem. This default stack will be used whenever a stack is required but no stack is specified.

## **<stack>**

This element is used to configure a JGroups protocol stack.

- `name` This attribute is used to specify the name of the stack.



## <transport>

This element is used to configure the transport layer (required) of the protocol stack.

- `type` This attribute specifies the transport type (e.g. UDP, TCP, TCPGOSSIP)
- `socket-binding` This attribute references a defined socket binding in the server profile. It is used when JGroups needs to create general sockets internally.
- `diagnostics-socket-binding` This attribute references a defined socket binding in the server profile. It is used when JGroups needs to create sockets for use with the diagnostics program. For more about the use of diagnostics, see the JGroups documentation for `probe.sh`.
- `default-executor` This attribute references a defined thread pool executor in the threads subsystem. It governs the allocation and execution of runnable tasks to handle incoming JGroups messages.
- `oob-executor` This attribute references a defined thread pool executor in the threads subsystem. It governs the allocation and execution of runnable tasks to handle incoming JGroups OOB (out-of-bound) messages.
- `timer-executor` This attribute references a defined thread pool executor in the threads subsystem. It governs the allocation and execution of runnable timer-related tasks.
- `shared` This attribute indicates whether or not this transport is shared amongst several JGroups stacks or not.
- `thread-factory` This attribute references a defined thread factory in the threads subsystem. It governs the allocation of threads for running tasks which are not handled by the executors above.
- `site` This attribute defines a site (data centre) id for this node.
- `rack` This attribute defines a rack (server rack) id for this node.
- `machine` This attribute defines a machine (host) id for this node.



site, rack and machine ids are used by the Infinispan topology-aware consistent hash function, which when using dist mode, prevents dist mode replicas from being stored on the same host, rack or site

## <property>

This element is used to configure a transport property.

- `name` This attribute specifies the name of the protocol property. The value is provided as text for the property element.



### **<protocol>**

This element is used to configure a (non-transport) protocol layer in the JGroups stack. Protocol layers are ordered within the stack.

- `type` This attribute specifies the name of the JGroups protocol implementation (e.g. MPING, pbcast.GMS), with the package prefix `org.jgroups.protocols` removed.
- `socket-binding` This attribute references a defined socket binding in the server profile. It is used when JGroups needs to create general sockets internally for this protocol instance.

### **<property>**

This element is used to configure a protocol property.

- `name` This attribute specifies the name of the protocol property. The value is provided as text for the property element.

### **<relay>**

This element is used to configure the RELAY protocol for a JGroups stack. RELAY is a protocol which provides cross-site replication between defined sites (data centres). In the RELAY protocol, defined sites specify the names of remote sites (backup sites) to which their data should be backed up. Channels are defined between sites to permit the RELAY protocol to transport the data from the current site to a backup site.

- `site` This attribute specifies the name of the current site. Site names can be referenced elsewhere (e.g. in the JGroups remote-site configuration elements, as well as backup configuration elements in the Infinispan subsystem)

### **<remote-site>**

This element is used to configure a remote site for the RELAY protocol.

- `name` This attribute specifies the name of the remote site to which this configuration applies.
- `stack` This attribute specifies a JGroups protocol stack to use for communication between this site and the remote site.
- `cluster` This attribute specifies the name of the JGroups channel to use for communication between this site and the remote site.



## Use Cases

In many cases, channels will be configured via XML as in the example above, so that the channels will be available upon server startup. However, channels may also be added, removed or have their configurations changed in a running server by making use of the Wildfly management API command-line interface (CLI). In this section, we present some key use cases for the JGroups management API.

The key use cases covered are:

- adding a stack
- adding a protocol to an existing stack
- adding a property to a protocol



The Wildfly management API command-line interface (CLI) itself can be used to provide extensive information on the attributes and commands available in the JGroups subsystem interface used in these examples.

### Add a stack

```
/subsystem=jgroups/stack=mystack:add(transport={}, protocols={})
```

### Add a protocol to a stack

```
/subsystem=jgroups/stack=mystack/transport=TRANSPORT:add( type=<type>,  
socket-binding=<socketbinding> )
```

```
/subsystem=jgroups/stack=mystack:add-protocol( type=<type> , socket-binding=<socketbinding> )
```

### Add a property to a protocol

```
/subsystem=jgroups/stack=mystack/transport=TRANSPORT/property=<property>:add( value=<value> )
```



## 12.7.9 Infinispan Subsystem

### Purpose

The Infinispan subsystem provides caching support for HA services in the form of Infinispan caches: high-performance, transactional caches which can operate in both non-distributed and distributed scenarios. Distributed caching support is used in the provision of many key HA services. For example, the failover of a session-oriented client HTTP request from a failing node to a new (failover) node depends on session data for the client being available on the new node. In other words, the client session data needs to be replicated across nodes in the cluster. This is effectively achieved via a distributed Infinispan cache. This approach to providing fail-over also applies to EJB SFSB sessions. Over and above providing support for fail-over, an underlying cache is also required when providing second-level caching for entity beans using Hibernate, and this case is also handled through the use of an Infinispan cache.

The Infinispan subsystem provides the following features:

- allows definition and configuration of named cache containers and caches
- view run-time metrics associated with cache container and cache instances

In the following sections, we describe the Infinispan subsystem.



Infinispan cache containers and caches are created transparently as part of the clustering functionality (e.g. on clustered application deployment, cache containers and their associated caches will be created behind the scenes to support clustered features such as session replication or caching of entities around the cluster).

### Configuration Example

In this section, we provide an example XML configuration of the infinispan subsystem and review the configuration elements and attributes.



The schema for the subsystem, describing all valid elements and attributes, can be found in the Wildfly distribution, in the docs/schema directory.



```
<subsystem xmlns="urn:jboss:domain:infinispan:2.0">
  <cache-container name="server" aliases="singleton cluster" default-cache="default"
module="org.wildfly.clustering.server">
    <transport lock-timeout="60000"/>
    <replicated-cache name="default" mode="SYNC" batching="true">
        <locking isolation="REPEATABLE_READ"/>
    </replicated-cache>
  </cache-container>
  <cache-container name="web" aliases="standard-session-cache" default-cache="repl"
module="org.wildfly.clustering.web.infinispan">
    <transport lock-timeout="60000"/>
    <replicated-cache name="repl" mode="ASYNC" batching="true">
        <file-store/>
    </replicated-cache>
    <replicated-cache name="sso" mode="SYNC" batching="true"/>
    <distributed-cache name="dist" mode="ASYNC" batching="true" ll-lifespan="0">
        <file-store/>
    </distributed-cache>
  </cache-container>
  <cache-container name="ejb" aliases="sfsb sfsb-cache" default-cache="repl"
module="org.jboss.as.clustering.ejb3.infinispan">
    <transport lock-timeout="60000"/>
    <replicated-cache name="repl" mode="ASYNC" batching="true">
        <eviction strategy="LRU" max-entries="10000"/>
        <file-store/>
    </replicated-cache>
    <!--
      ~ Clustered cache used internally by EJB subsystem for managing the client-mapping(s) of
      ~ the socketbinding referenced by the EJB remotng connector
    -->
    <replicated-cache name="remote-connector-client-mappings" mode="SYNC" batching="true"/>
    <distributed-cache name="dist" mode="ASYNC" batching="true" ll-lifespan="0">
        <eviction strategy="LRU" max-entries="10000"/>
        <file-store/>
    </distributed-cache>
  </cache-container>
  <cache-container name="hibernate" default-cache="local-query" module="org.hibernate">
    <transport lock-timeout="60000"/>
    <local-cache name="local-query">
        <transaction mode="NONE"/>
        <eviction strategy="LRU" max-entries="10000"/>
        <expiration max-idle="100000"/>
    </local-cache>
    <invalidation-cache name="entity" mode="SYNC">
        <transaction mode="NON_XA"/>
        <eviction strategy="LRU" max-entries="10000"/>
        <expiration max-idle="100000"/>
    </invalidation-cache>
    <replicated-cache name="timestamps" mode="ASYNC">
        <transaction mode="NONE"/>
        <eviction strategy="NONE"/>
    </replicated-cache>
  </cache-container>
</subsystem>
```





## **<cache-container>**

This element is used to configure a cache container.

- `name` This attribute is used to specify the name of the cache container.
- `default-cache` This attribute configures the default cache to be used, when no cache is otherwise specified.
- `listener-executor` This attribute references a defined thread pool executor in the threads subsystem. It governs the allocation and execution of runnable tasks in the replication queue.
- `eviction-executor` This attribute references a defined thread pool executor in the threads subsystem. It governs the allocation and execution of runnable tasks to handle evictions.
- `replication-queue-executor` This attribute references a defined thread pool executor in the threads subsystem. It governs the allocation and execution of runnable tasks to handle asynchronous cache operations.
- `jndi-name` This attribute is used to assign a name for the cache container in the JNDI name service.
- `module` This attribute configures the module whose class loader should be used when building this cache container's configuration.
- `start` This attribute configured the cache container start mode and has since been deprecated, the only supported and the default value is LAZY (on-demand start).
- `aliases` This attribute is used to define aliases for the cache container name.

This element has the following child elements: **<transport>**, **<local-cache>**, **<invalidation-cache>**, **<replicated-cache>**, and **<distributed-cache>**.



## <transport>

This element is used to configure the JGroups transport used by the cache container, when required.

- `stack` This attribute configures the JGroups stack to be used for the transport. If none is specified, the default-stack for the JGroups subsystem is used.
- `cluster` This attribute configures the name of the group communication cluster. This is the name which will be seen in debugging logs.
- `executor` This attribute references a defined thread pool executor in the threads subsystem. It governs the allocation and execution of runnable tasks to handle ? *<fill me in>?*.
- `lock-timeout` This attribute configures the time-out to be used when obtaining locks for the transport.
- `site` This attribute configures the site id of the cache container.
- `rack` This attribute configures the rack id of the cache container.
- `machine` This attribute configures the machine id of the cache container.



The presence of the transport element is required when operating in clustered mode

The remaining child elements of **<cache-container>**, namely **<local-cache>**, **<invalidation-cache>**, **<replicated-cache>** and **<distributed-cache>**, each configures one of four key cache types or classifications.



These cache-related elements are actually part of an xsd hierarchy with abstract complexTypes **cache**, **clustered-cache**, and **shared-cache**. In order to simplify the presentation, we notate these as pseudo-elements **<abstract cache>**, **<abstract clustered-cache>** and **<abstract shared-cache>**. In what follows, we first describe the extension hierarchy of base elements, and then show how the cache type elements relate to them.

## <abstract cache>

This abstract base element defines the attributes and child elements common to all non-clustered caches.

- `name` This attribute configures the name of the cache. This name may be referenced by other subsystems.
- `start` This attribute configured the cache container start mode and has since been deprecated, the only supported and the default value is LAZY (on-demand start).
- `batching` This attribute configures batching. If enabled, the invocation batching API will be made available for this cache.
- `indexing` This attribute configures indexing. If enabled, entries will be indexed when they are added to the cache. Indexes will be updated as entries change or are removed.
- `jndi-name` This attribute is used to assign a name for the cache in the JNDI name service.
- `module` This attribute configures the module whose class loader should be used when building this cache container's configuration.



The `<abstract-cache>` abstract base element has the following child elements: `<indexing-properties>`, `<locking>`, `<transaction>`, `<eviction>`, `<expiration>`, `<store>`, `<file-store>`, `<string-keyed-jdbc-store>`, `<binary-keyed-jdbc-store>`, `<mixed-keyed-jdbc-store>`, `<remote-store>`.

#### `<indexing-properties>`

This child element defines properties to control indexing behaviour.

#### `<locking>`

This child element configures the locking behaviour of the cache.

- `isolation` This attribute the cache locking isolation level. Allowable values are NONE, SERIALIZABLE, REPEATABLE\_READ, READ\_COMMITTED, READ\_UNCOMMITTED.
- `striping` If true, a pool of shared locks is maintained for all entries that need to be locked. Otherwise, a lock is created per entry in the cache. Lock striping helps control memory footprint but may reduce concurrency in the system.
- `acquire-timeout` This attribute configures the maximum time to attempt a particular lock acquisition.
- `concurrency-level` This attribute is used to configure the concurrency level. Adjust this value according to the number of concurrent threads interacting with Infinispan.

#### `<transaction>`

This child element configures the transactional behaviour of the cache.

- `mode` This attribute configures the transaction mode, setting the cache transaction mode to one of NONE, NON\_XA, NON\_DURABLE\_XA, FULL\_XA.
- `stop-timeout` If there are any ongoing transactions when a cache is stopped, Infinispan waits for ongoing remote and local transactions to finish. The amount of time to wait for is defined by the cache stop timeout.
- `locking` This attribute configures the locking mode for this cache, one of OPTIMISTIC or PESSIMISTIC.

#### `<eviction>`

This child element configures the eviction behaviour of the cache.

- `strategy` This attribute configures the cache eviction strategy. Available options are 'UNORDERED', 'FIFO', 'LRU', 'LIRS' and 'NONE' (to disable eviction).
- `max-entries` This attribute configures the maximum number of entries in a cache instance. If selected value is not a power of two the actual value will default to the least power of two larger than selected value. -1 means no limit.



### <expiration>

This child element configures the expiration behaviour of the cache.

- `max-idle` This attribute configures the maximum idle time a cache entry will be maintained in the cache, in milliseconds. If the idle time is exceeded, the entry will be expired cluster-wide. -1 means the entries never expire.
- `lifespan` This attribute configures the maximum lifespan of a cache entry, after which the entry is expired cluster-wide, in milliseconds. -1 means the entries never expire.
- `interval` This attribute specifies the interval (in ms) between subsequent runs to purge expired entries from memory and any cache stores. If you wish to disable the periodic eviction process altogether, set `wakeupInterval` to -1.

The remaining child elements of the abstract base element **<cache>**, namely **<store>**, **<file-store>**, **<remote-store>**, **<string-keyed-jdbc-store>**, **<binary-keyed-jdbc-store>** and **<mixed-keyed-jdbc-store>**, each configures one of six key cache store types.



These cache store-related elements are actually part of an xsd extension hierarchy with abstract complexTypes **base-store** and **base-jdbc-store**. As before, in order to simplify the presentation, we notate these as pseudo-elements **<abstract base-store>** and **<abstract base-jdbc-store>**. In what follows, we first describe the extension hierarchy of base elements, and then show how the cache store elements relate to them.



### <abstract base-store>

This abstract base element defines the attributes and child elements common to all cache stores.

- `shared` This attribute should be set to true when multiple cache instances share the same cache store (e.g. multiple nodes in a cluster using a JDBC-based CacheStore pointing to the same, shared database) Setting this to true avoids multiple cache instances writing the same modification multiple times. If enabled, only the node where the modification originated will write to the cache store. If disabled, each individual cache reacts to a potential remote update by storing the data to the cache store.
- `preload` This attribute configures whether or not, when the cache starts, data stored in the cache loader will be pre-loaded into memory. This is particularly useful when data in the cache loader is needed immediately after start-up and you want to avoid cache operations being delayed as a result of loading this data lazily. Can be used to provide a 'warm-cache' on start-up, however there is a performance penalty as start-up time is affected by this process. Note that pre-loading is done in a local fashion, so any data loaded is only stored locally in the node. No replication or distribution of the preloaded data happens. Also, Infinispan only pre-loads up to the maximum configured number of entries in eviction.
- `passivation` If true, data is only written to the cache store when it is evicted from memory, a phenomenon known as *passivation*. Next time the data is requested, it will be 'activated' which means that data will be brought back to memory and removed from the persistent store. If false, the cache store contains a copy of the cache contents in memory, so writes to cache result in cache store writes. This essentially gives you a 'write-through' configuration.
- `fetch-state` This attribute, if true, causes persistent state to be fetched when joining a cluster. If multiple cache stores are chained, only one of them can have this property enabled.
- `purge` This attribute configures whether the cache store is purged upon start-up.
- `singleton` This attribute configures whether or not the singleton store cache store is enabled. SingletonStore is a delegating cache store used for situations when only one instance in a cluster should interact with the underlying store.
- `class` This attribute configures a custom store implementation class to use for this cache store.
- `properties` This attribute is used to configure a list of cache store properties.

The abstract base element has one child element: **<write-behind>**

### <write-behind>

This element is used to configure a cache store as write-behind instead of write-through. In write-through mode, writes to the cache are also *synchronously* written to the cache store, whereas in write-behind mode, writes to the cache are followed by *asynchronous* writes to the cache store.

- `flush-lock-timeout` This attribute configures the time-out for acquiring the lock which guards the state to be flushed to the cache store periodically.
- `modification-queue-size` This attribute configures the maximum number of entries in the asynchronous queue. When the queue is full, the store becomes write-through until it can accept new entries.
- `shutdown-timeout` This attribute configures the time-out (in ms) to stop the cache store.
- `thread-pool` This attribute is used to configure the size of the thread pool whose threads are responsible for applying the modifications to the cache store.



**<abstract base-jdbc-store> extends <abstract base-store>**

This abstract base element defines the attributes and child elements common to all JDBC-based cache stores.

- `datasource` This attribute configures the datasource for the JDBC-based cache store.
- `entry-table` This attribute configures the database table used to store cache entries.
- `bucket-table` This attribute configures the database table used to store binary cache entries.

**<file-store> extends <abstract base-store>**

This child element is used to configure a file-based cache store. This requires specifying the name of the file to be used as backing storage for the cache store.

- `relative-to` This attribute optionally configures a relative path prefix for the file store path. Can be null.
- `path` This attribute configures an absolute path to a file if **relative-to** is null; configures a relative path to the file, in relation to the value for **relative-to**, otherwise.

**<remote-store> extends <abstract base-store>**

This child element of cache is used to configure a remote cache store. It has a child `<remote-servers>`.

- `cache` This attribute configures the name of the remote cache to use for this remote store.
- `tcp-nodelay` This attribute configures a TCP\_NODELAY value for communication with the remote cache.
- `socket-timeout` This attribute configures a socket time-out for communication with the remote cache.

**<remote-servers>**

This child element of cache configures a list of remote servers for this cache store.

**<remote-server>**

This element configures a remote server. A remote server is defined completely by a locally defined outbound socket binding, through which communication is made with the server.

- `outbound-socket-binding` This attribute configures an outbound socket binding for a remote server.

**<local-cache> extends <abstract cache>**

This element configures a local cache.

**<abstract clustered-cache> extends <abstract cache>**

This abstract base element defines the attributes and child elements common to all clustered caches. A clustered cache is a cache which spans multiple nodes in a cluster. It inherits from <cache>, so that all attributes and elements of <cache> are also defined for <clustered-cache>.

- `async-marshalling` This attribute configures async marshalling. If enabled, this will cause marshalling of entries to be performed asynchronously.
- `mode` This attribute configures the clustered cache mode, ASYNC for asynchronous operation, or SYNC for synchronous operation.
- `queue-size` In ASYNC mode, this attribute can be used to trigger flushing of the queue when it reaches a specific threshold.
- `queue-flush-interval` In ASYNC mode, this attribute controls how often the asynchronous thread used to flush the replication queue runs. This should be a positive integer which represents thread wakeup time in milliseconds.
- `remote-timeout` In SYNC mode, this attribute (in ms) used to wait for an acknowledgement when making a remote call, after which the call is aborted and an exception is thrown.

**<invalidation-cache> extends <abstract clustered-cache>**

This element configures an invalidation cache.

**<abstract shared-cache> extends <abstract clustered-cache>**

This abstract base element defines the attributes and child elements common to all shared caches. A shared cache is a clustered cache which shares state with its cache peers in the cluster. It inherits from <clustered-cache>, so that all attributes and elements of <clustered-cache> are also defined for <shared-cache>.

**<state-transfer>**

- **enabled** If enabled, this will cause the cache to ask neighbouring caches for state when it starts up, so the cache starts 'warm', although it will impact start-up time.
- **timeout** This attribute configures the maximum amount of time (ms) to wait for state from neighbouring caches, before throwing an exception and aborting start-up.
- **chunk-size** This attribute configures the size, in bytes, in which to batch the transfer of cache entries.

**<backups>****<backup>**

- **strategy** This attribute configures the backup strategy for this cache. Allowable values are SYNC, ASYNC.
- **failure-policy** This attribute configures the policy to follow when connectivity to the backup site fails. Allowable values are IGNORE, WARN, FAIL, CUSTOM.
- **enabled** This attribute configures whether or not this backup is enabled. If enabled, data will be sent to the backup site; otherwise, the backup site will be effectively ignored.
- **timeout** This attribute configures the time-out for replicating to the backup site.
- **after-failures** This attribute configures the number of failures after which this backup site should go off-line.
- **min-wait** This attribute configures the minimum time (in milliseconds) to wait after the max number of failures is reached, after which this backup site should go off-line.

**<backup-for>**

- **remote-cache** This attribute configures the name of the remote cache for which this cache acts as a backup.
- **remote-site** This attribute configures the site of the remote cache for which this cache acts as a backup.

**<replicated-cache> extends <abstract shared-cache>**

This element configures a replicated cache. With a replicated cache, all contents (key-value pairs) of the cache are replicated on all nodes in the cluster.





### **<distributed-cache> extends <abstract shared-cache>**

This element configures a distributed cache. With a distributed cache, contents of the cache are selectively replicated on nodes in the cluster, according to the number of owners specified.

- **owners** This attribute configures the number of cluster-wide replicas for each cache entry.
- **segments** This attribute configures the number of hash space segments which is the granularity for key distribution in the cluster. Value must be strictly positive.
- **l1-lifespan** This attribute configures the maximum lifespan of an entry placed in the L1 cache. Configures the L1 cache behaviour in 'distributed' caches instances. In any other cache modes, this element is ignored.

## **Use Cases**

In many cases, cache containers and caches will be configured via XML as in the example above, so that they will be available upon server start-up. However, cache containers and caches may also be added, removed or have their configurations changed in a running server by making use of the Wildfly management API command-line interface (CLI). In this section, we present some key use cases for the Infinispan management API.

The key use cases covered are:

- adding a cache container
- adding a cache to an existing cache container
- configuring the transaction subsystem of a cache



The Wildfly management API command-line interface (CLI) can be used to provide extensive information on the attributes and commands available in the Infinispan subsystem interface used in these examples.

### **Add a cache container**

```
/subsystem=infinispan/cache-container=mycontainer:add(default-cache=<default-cache-name>)  
/subsystem=infinispan/cache-container=mycontainer/transport=TRANSPORT:add(lock-timeout=<timeout>)
```

### **Add a cache**

```
/subsystem=infinispan/cache-container=mycontainer/local-cache=mylocalcache:add()
```

### **Configure the transaction component of a cache**

```
/subsystem=infinispan/cache-container=mycontainer/local-cache=mylocalcache/transaction=TRANSACTION
```



## 12.8 Clustered Web Sessions

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## 12.9 Clustered SSO

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## 12.10 Load Balancing

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This section describes load balancing via Apache + mod\_jk and Apache + mod\_cluster.

### 12.10.1 Load balancing with Apache + mod\_jk

Describe load balancing with Apache using mod\_jk.

### 12.10.2 Load balancing with Apache + mod\_cluster

Describe load balancing with Apache using mod\_cluster.

#### **mod\_cluster Subsystem**

The mod\_cluster integration is done via the [modcluster subsystem](#) it requires mod\_cluster-1.1.x.or mod\_cluster-1.2.x (since 7.1.0)

The modcluster subsystem supports several operations:



```
[standalone@localhost:9999 subsystem=modcluster] :read-operation-names
{
  "outcome" => "success",
  "result" => [
    "add",
    "add-custom-metric",
    "add-metric",
    "add-proxy",
    "disable",
    "disable-context",
    "enable",
    "enable-context",
    "list-proxies",
    "read-attribute",
    "read-children-names",
    "read-children-resources",
    "read-children-types",
    "read-operation-description",
    "read-operation-names",
    "read-proxies-configuration",
    "read-proxies-info",
    "read-resource",
    "read-resource-description",
    "refresh",
    "remove-custom-metric",
    "remove-metric",
    "remove-proxy",
    "reset",
    "stop",
    "stop-context",
    "validate-address",
    "write-attribute"
  ]
}
```

The operations specific to the modcluster subsystem are divided in 3 categories the ones that affects the configuration and require a restart of the subsystem, the one that just modify the behaviour temporarily and the ones that display information from the httpd part.

### operations displaying httpd informations

There are 2 operations that display how Apache httpd sees the node:



## read-proxies-configuration

Send a DUMP message to all Apache httpd the node is connected to and display the message received from Apache httpd.

```
[standalone@localhost:9999 subsystem=modcluster] :read-proxies-configuration
{
  "outcome" => "success",
  "result" => [
    "neo3:6666",
    "balancer: [1] Name: mycluster Sticky: 1 [JSESSIONID]/[jsessionid] remove: 0 force: 1
Timeout: 0 Maxtry: 1
node: [1:1],Balancer: mycluster,JVMRoute: 498bb1f0-00d9-3436-a341-7f012bc2e7ec,Domain: [],Host:
127.0.0.1,Port: 8080,Type: http,flushpackets: 0,flushwait: 10,ping: 10,smax: 26,ttl: 60,timeout:
0
host: 1 [example.com] vhost: 1 node: 1
host: 2 [localhost] vhost: 1 node: 1
host: 3 [default-host] vhost: 1 node: 1
context: 1 [/myapp] vhost: 1 node: 1 status: 1
context: 2 [/] vhost: 1 node: 1 status: 1
",
    "jfcpc:6666",
    "balancer: [1] Name: mycluster Sticky: 1 [JSESSIONID]/[jsessionid] remove: 0 force: 1
Timeout: 0 maxAttempts: 1
node: [1:1],Balancer: mycluster,JVMRoute: 498bb1f0-00d9-3436-a341-7f012bc2e7ec,LBGroup: [],Host:
127.0.0.1,Port: 8080,Type: http,flushpackets: 0,flushwait: 10,ping: 10,smax: 26,ttl: 60,timeout:
0
host: 1 [default-host] vhost: 1 node: 1
host: 2 [localhost] vhost: 1 node: 1
host: 3 [example.com] vhost: 1 node: 1
context: 1 [/] vhost: 1 node: 1 status: 1
context: 2 [/myapp] vhost: 1 node: 1 status: 1
"
  ]
}
```



## read-proxies-info

Send a INFO message to all Apache httpd the node is connected to and display the message received from Apache httpd.

```
[standalone@localhost:9999 subsystem=modcluster] :read-proxies-info
{
  "outcome" => "success",
  "result" => [
    "neo3:6666",
    "Node: [1],Name: 498bb1f0-00d9-3436-a341-7f012bc2e7ec,Balancer: mycluster,Domain: ,Host:
127.0.0.1,Port: 8080,Type: http,Flushpackets: Off,Flushwait: 10000,Ping: 10000000,Smax: 26,Ttl:
60000000,Elected: 0,Read: 0,Transferred: 0,Connected: 0,Load: -1
Vhost: [1:1:1], Alias: example.com
Vhost: [1:1:2], Alias: localhost
Vhost: [1:1:3], Alias: default-host
Context: [1:1:1], Context: /myapp, Status: ENABLED
Context: [1:1:2], Context: /, Status: ENABLED
",
    "jfcpc:6666",
    "Node: [1],Name: 498bb1f0-00d9-3436-a341-7f012bc2e7ec,Balancer: mycluster,LBGroup:
,Host: 127.0.0.1,Port: 8080,Type: http,Flushpackets: Off,Flushwait: 10,Ping: 10,Smax: 26,Ttl:
60,Elected: 0,Read: 0,Transferred: 0,Connected: 0,Load: 1
Vhost: [1:1:1], Alias: default-host
Vhost: [1:1:2], Alias: localhost
Vhost: [1:1:3], Alias: example.com
Context: [1:1:1], Context: /, Status: ENABLED
Context: [1:1:2], Context: /myapp, Status: ENABLED
"
  ]
}
```



## operations that handle the proxies the node is connected too

there are 3 operation that could be used to manipulate the list of Apache httpd the node is connected too.

### list-proxies:

Displays the httpd that are connected to the node. The httpd could be discovered via the Advertise protocol or via the proxy-list attribute.

```
[standalone@localhost:9999 subsystem=modcluster] :list-proxies
{
  "outcome" => "success",
  "result" => [
    "neo3:6666",
    "jfcpc:6666"
  ]
}
```

### remove-proxy

Remove a proxy from the discovered proxies or temporarily from the proxy-list attribute.

```
[standalone@localhost:9999 subsystem=modcluster] :remove-proxy(host=jfcpc, port=6666)
{"outcome" => "success"}
```

### proxy

Add a proxy to the discovered proxies or temporarily to the proxy-list attribute.

```
[standalone@localhost:9999 subsystem=modcluster] :add-proxy(host=jfcpc, port=6666)
{"outcome" => "success"}
```



## Context related operations

Those operations allow to send context related commands to Apache httpd. They are send automatically when deploying or undeploying webapps.

### enable-context

Tell Apache httpd that the context is ready receive requests.

```
[standalone@localhost:9999 subsystem=modcluster] :enable-context(context=/myapp,
virtualhost=default-host)
{"outcome" => "success"}
```

### disable-context

Tell Apache httpd that it shouldn't send new session requests to the context of the virtualhost.

```
[standalone@localhost:9999 subsystem=modcluster] :disable-context(context=/myapp,
virtualhost=default-host)
{"outcome" => "success"}
```

### stop-context

Tell Apache httpd that it shouldn't send requests to the context of the virtualhost.

```
[standalone@localhost:9999 subsystem=modcluster] :stop-context(context=/myapp,
virtualhost=default-host, waittime=50)
{"outcome" => "success"}
```

## Node related operations

Those operations are like the context operation but they apply to all webapps running on the node and operation that affect the whole node.

### refresh

Refresh the node by sending a new CONFIG message to Apache httpd.

### reset

reset the connection between Apache httpd and the node

## Configuration

### Metric configuration

There are 4 metric operations corresponding to add and remove load metrics to the dynamic-load-provider. Note that when nothing is defined a simple-load-provider is use with a fixed load factor of one.



```
[standalone@localhost:9999 subsystem=modcluster] :read-resource(name=mod-cluster-config)
{
  "outcome" => "success",
  "result" => {"simple-load-provider" => {"factor" => "1"}}
}
```

that corresponds to the following configuration:

```
<subsystem xmlns="urn:jboss:domain:modcluster:1.0">
  <mod-cluster-config>
    <simple-load-provider factor="1"/>
  </mod-cluster-config>
</subsystem>
```

### metric

Add a metric to the dynamic-load-provider, the dynamic-load-provider in configuration is created if needed.

```
[standalone@localhost:9999 subsystem=modcluster] :add-metric(type=cpu)
{"outcome" => "success"}
[standalone@localhost:9999 subsystem=modcluster] :read-resource(name=mod-cluster-config)
{
  "outcome" => "success",
  "result" => {
    "dynamic-load-provider" => {
      "history" => 9,
      "decay" => 2,
      "load-metric" => [{
        "type" => "cpu"
      }]
    }
  }
}
```

### remove-metric

Remove a metric from the dynamic-load-provider.

```
[standalone@localhost:9999 subsystem=modcluster] :remove-metric(type=cpu)
{"outcome" => "success"}
```





### custom-metric / remove-custom-metric

like the add-metric and remove-metric except they require a class parameter instead the type. Usually they needed additional properties which can be specified

```
[standalone@localhost:9999 subsystem=modcluster] :add-custom-metric(class=myclass,
property=[("pro1" => "value1"), ("pro2" => "value2")]
{"outcome" => "success"})
```

which corresponds the following in the xml configuration file:

```
<subsystem xmlns="urn:jboss:domain:modcluster:1.0">
  <mod-cluster-config>
    <dynamic-load-provider history="9" decay="2">
      <custom-load-metric class="myclass">
        <property name="pro1" value="value1"/>
        <property name="pro2" value="value2"/>
      </custom-load-metric>
    </dynamic-load-provider>
  </mod-cluster-config>
</subsystem>
```

### JVMRoute configuration

If you want to use your own JVM route instead of automatically generated one you can insert the following property:

```
...
</extensions>
<system-properties>
  <property name="jboss.mod_cluster.jvmRoute" value="myJvmRoute"/>
</system-properties>
<management>
  ...
```



### 12.10.3 Apache httpd

The recommended front-end module is `mod_cluster` but `mod_jk` or `mod_proxy` could be used as in Tomcat or other AS version.

To use AJP define a `ajp` connector in the web subsystem like:

```
<subsystem xmlns="urn:jboss:domain:web:1.0">
  <connector name="http" protocol="HTTP/1.1" socket-binding="http"/>
  <connector name="ajp" protocol="AJP/1.3" socket-binding="ajp"/>
</subsystem>
```

To the `ajp` in the in the `socket-binding-group` like:

```
<socket-binding-group name="standard-sockets" default-interface="public">
  ....
  <socket-binding name="http" port="8080"/>
  <socket-binding name="ajp" port="8009"/>
  <socket-binding name="https" port="8443"/>
</socket-binding-group>
```

### 12.10.4 mod\_cluster Subsystem

The `mod_cluster` integration is done via the [modcluster subsystem](#) it requires `mod_cluster-1.1.x` or `mod_cluster-1.2.x` (since 7.1.0)

The `modcluster` subsystem supports several operations:



```
[standalone@localhost:9999 subsystem=modcluster] :read-operation-names
{
  "outcome" => "success",
  "result" => [
    "add",
    "add-custom-metric",
    "add-metric",
    "add-proxy",
    "disable",
    "disable-context",
    "enable",
    "enable-context",
    "list-proxies",
    "read-attribute",
    "read-children-names",
    "read-children-resources",
    "read-children-types",
    "read-operation-description",
    "read-operation-names",
    "read-proxies-configuration",
    "read-proxies-info",
    "read-resource",
    "read-resource-description",
    "refresh",
    "remove-custom-metric",
    "remove-metric",
    "remove-proxy",
    "reset",
    "stop",
    "stop-context",
    "validate-address",
    "write-attribute"
  ]
}
```

The operations specific to the modcluster subsystem are divided in 3 categories the ones that affects the configuration and require a restart of the subsystem, the one that just modify the behaviour temporarily and the ones that display information from the httpd part.

## operations displaying httpd informations

There are 2 operations that display how Apache httpd sees the node:



## read-proxies-configuration

Send a DUMP message to all Apache httpd the node is connected to and display the message received from Apache httpd.

```
[standalone@localhost:9999 subsystem=modcluster] :read-proxies-configuration
{
  "outcome" => "success",
  "result" => [
    "neo3:6666",
    "balancer: [1] Name: mycluster Sticky: 1 [JSESSIONID]/[jsessionid] remove: 0 force: 1
Timeout: 0 Maxtry: 1
node: [1:1],Balancer: mycluster,JVMRoute: 498bb1f0-00d9-3436-a341-7f012bc2e7ec,Domain: [],Host:
127.0.0.1,Port: 8080,Type: http,flushpackets: 0,flushwait: 10,ping: 10,smax: 26,ttl: 60,timeout:
0
host: 1 [example.com] vhost: 1 node: 1
host: 2 [localhost] vhost: 1 node: 1
host: 3 [default-host] vhost: 1 node: 1
context: 1 [/myapp] vhost: 1 node: 1 status: 1
context: 2 [/] vhost: 1 node: 1 status: 1
",
    "jfcpc:6666",
    "balancer: [1] Name: mycluster Sticky: 1 [JSESSIONID]/[jsessionid] remove: 0 force: 1
Timeout: 0 maxAttempts: 1
node: [1:1],Balancer: mycluster,JVMRoute: 498bb1f0-00d9-3436-a341-7f012bc2e7ec,LBGroup: [],Host:
127.0.0.1,Port: 8080,Type: http,flushpackets: 0,flushwait: 10,ping: 10,smax: 26,ttl: 60,timeout:
0
host: 1 [default-host] vhost: 1 node: 1
host: 2 [localhost] vhost: 1 node: 1
host: 3 [example.com] vhost: 1 node: 1
context: 1 [/] vhost: 1 node: 1 status: 1
context: 2 [/myapp] vhost: 1 node: 1 status: 1
"
  ]
}
```



## read-proxies-info

Send a INFO message to all Apache httpd the node is connected to and display the message received from Apache httpd.

```
[standalone@localhost:9999 subsystem=modcluster] :read-proxies-info
{
  "outcome" => "success",
  "result" => [
    "neo3:6666",
    "Node: [1],Name: 498bb1f0-00d9-3436-a341-7f012bc2e7ec,Balancer: mycluster,Domain: ,Host:
127.0.0.1,Port: 8080,Type: http,Flushpackets: Off,Flushwait: 10000,Ping: 10000000,Smax: 26,Ttl:
60000000,Elected: 0,Read: 0,Transferred: 0,Connected: 0,Load: -1
Vhost: [1:1:1], Alias: example.com
Vhost: [1:1:2], Alias: localhost
Vhost: [1:1:3], Alias: default-host
Context: [1:1:1], Context: /myapp, Status: ENABLED
Context: [1:1:2], Context: /, Status: ENABLED
",
    "jfcpc:6666",
    "Node: [1],Name: 498bb1f0-00d9-3436-a341-7f012bc2e7ec,Balancer: mycluster,LBGroup:
,Host: 127.0.0.1,Port: 8080,Type: http,Flushpackets: Off,Flushwait: 10,Ping: 10,Smax: 26,Ttl:
60,Elected: 0,Read: 0,Transferred: 0,Connected: 0,Load: 1
Vhost: [1:1:1], Alias: default-host
Vhost: [1:1:2], Alias: localhost
Vhost: [1:1:3], Alias: example.com
Context: [1:1:1], Context: /, Status: ENABLED
Context: [1:1:2], Context: /myapp, Status: ENABLED
"
  ]
}
```



## operations that handle the proxies the node is connected too

there are 3 operation that could be used to manipulate the list of Apache httpd the node is connected too.

### list-proxies:

Displays the httpd that are connected to the node. The httpd could be discovered via the Advertise protocol or via the proxy-list attribute.

```
[standalone@localhost:9999 subsystem=modcluster] :list-proxies
{
  "outcome" => "success",
  "result" => [
    "neo3:6666",
    "jfcpc:6666"
  ]
}
```

### remove-proxy

Remove a proxy from the discovered proxies or temporarily from the proxy-list attribute.

```
[standalone@localhost:9999 subsystem=modcluster] :remove-proxy(host=jfcpc, port=6666)
{"outcome" => "success"}
```

### proxy

Add a proxy to the discovered proxies or temporarily to the proxy-list attribute.

```
[standalone@localhost:9999 subsystem=modcluster] :add-proxy(host=jfcpc, port=6666)
{"outcome" => "success"}
```



## Context related operations

Those operations allow to send context related commands to Apache httpd. They are send automatically when deploying or undeploying webapps.

### enable-context

Tell Apache httpd that the context is ready receive requests.

```
[standalone@localhost:9999 subsystem=modcluster] :enable-context(context=/myapp,
virtualhost=default-host)
{"outcome" => "success"}
```

### disable-context

Tell Apache httpd that it shouldn't send new session requests to the context of the virtualhost.

```
[standalone@localhost:9999 subsystem=modcluster] :disable-context(context=/myapp,
virtualhost=default-host)
{"outcome" => "success"}
```

### stop-context

Tell Apache httpd that it shouldn't send requests to the context of the virtualhost.

```
[standalone@localhost:9999 subsystem=modcluster] :stop-context(context=/myapp,
virtualhost=default-host, waittime=50)
{"outcome" => "success"}
```

## Node related operations

Those operations are like the context operation but they apply to all webapps running on the node and operation that affect the whole node.

### refresh

Refresh the node by sending a new CONFIG message to Apache httpd.

### reset

reset the connection between Apache httpd and the node

## Configuration

### Metric configuration

There are 4 metric operations corresponding to add and remove load metrics to the dynamic-load-provider. Note that when nothing is defined a simple-load-provider is use with a fixed load factor of one.



```
[standalone@localhost:9999 subsystem=modcluster] :read-resource(name=mod-cluster-config)
{
  "outcome" => "success",
  "result" => {"simple-load-provider" => {"factor" => "1"}}
}
```

that corresponds to the following configuration:

```
<subsystem xmlns="urn:jboss:domain:modcluster:1.0">
  <mod-cluster-config>
    <simple-load-provider factor="1"/>
  </mod-cluster-config>
</subsystem>
```

## metric

Add a metric to the dynamic-load-provider, the dynamic-load-provider in configuration is created if needed.

```
[standalone@localhost:9999 subsystem=modcluster] :add-metric(type=cpu)
{"outcome" => "success"}
[standalone@localhost:9999 subsystem=modcluster] :read-resource(name=mod-cluster-config)
{
  "outcome" => "success",
  "result" => {
    "dynamic-load-provider" => {
      "history" => 9,
      "decay" => 2,
      "load-metric" => [{
        "type" => "cpu"
      }]
    }
  }
}
```

## remove-metric

Remove a metric from the dynamic-load-provider.

```
[standalone@localhost:9999 subsystem=modcluster] :remove-metric(type=cpu)
{"outcome" => "success"}
```





## custom-metric / remove-custom-metric

like the add-metric and remove-metric except they require a class parameter instead the type. Usually they needed additional properties which can be specified

```
[standalone@localhost:9999 subsystem=modcluster] :add-custom-metric(class=myclass,
property=[("pro1" => "value1"), ("pro2" => "value2")])
{"outcome" => "success"}
```

which corresponds the following in the xml configuration file:

```
<subsystem xmlns="urn:jboss:domain:modcluster:1.0">
  <mod-cluster-config>
    <dynamic-load-provider history="9" decay="2">
      <custom-load-metric class="myclass">
        <property name="pro1" value="value1"/>
        <property name="pro2" value="value2"/>
      </custom-load-metric>
    </dynamic-load-provider>
  </mod-cluster-config>
</subsystem>
```

## JVMRoute configuration

If you want to use your own JVM route instead of automatically generated one you can insert the following property:

```
...
</extensions>
<system-properties>
  <property name="jboss.mod_cluster.jvmRoute" value="myJvmRoute"/>
</system-properties>
<management>
...
```



## 13 EJB Services

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This chapter explains how clustering of EJBs works in WildFly 8.

### 13.1 EJB Subsystem

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### 13.2 EJB Timer

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Wildfly now supports clustered database backed timers. For details have a look to the [EJB3 reference section](#)

#### 13.2.1 Marking an EJB as clustered

WildFly 8 allows clustering of stateful session beans. A stateful session bean can be marked with `@org.jboss.ejb3.annotation.Clustered` annotation or be marked as clustered using the `jboss-ejb3.xml`'s `<clustered>` element.

##### MyStatefulBean

```
import org.jboss.ejb3.annotation.Clustered;
import javax.ejb.Stateful;

@Stateful
@Clustered
public class MyStatefulBean {
    ...
}
```

##### jboss-ejb3.xml

```
<jboss xmlns="http://www.jboss.com/xml/ns/javaee"
  xmlns:jee="http://java.sun.com/xml/ns/javaee"
  xmlns:c="urn:clustering:1.0">

  <jee:assembly-descriptor>
    <c:clustering>
      <jee:ejb-name>DDBasedClusteredBean</jee:ejb-name>
      <c:clustered>true</c:clustered>
    </c:clustering>
  </jee:assembly-descriptor>
</jboss>
```



## 13.2.2 Deploying clustered EJBs

Clustering support is available in the HA profiles of WildFly 8. In this chapter we'll be using the standalone server for explaining the details. However, the same applies to servers in a domain mode. Starting the standalone server with HA capabilities enabled, involves starting it with the `standalone-ha.xml` (or even `standalone-full-ha.xml`):

```
./standalone.sh -server-config=standalone-ha.xml
```

This will start a single instance of the server with HA capabilities. Deploying the EJBs to this instance *doesn't* involve anything special and is the same as explained in the [application deployment chapter](#).

Obviously, to be able to see the benefits of clustering, you'll need more than one instance of the server. So let's start another server with HA capabilities. That another instance of the server can either be on the same machine or on some other machine. If it's on the same machine, the two things you have to make sure is that you pass the port offset for the second instance and also make sure that each of the server instances have a unique `jboss.node.name` system property. You can do that by passing the following two system properties to the startup command:

```
./standalone.sh -server-config=standalone-ha.xml -Djboss.socket.binding.port-offset=<offset of  
your choice> -Djboss.node.name=<unique node name>
```

Follow whichever approach you feel comfortable with for deploying the EJB deployment to this instance too.



Deploying the application on just one node of a standalone instance of a clustered server does **not** mean that it will be automatically deployed to the other clustered instance. You will have to do deploy it explicitly on the other standalone clustered instance too. Or you can start the servers in domain mode so that the deployment can be deployed to all the server within a server group. See the [admin guide](#) for more details on domain setup.

Now that you have deployed an application with clustered EJBs on both the instances, the EJBs are now capable of making use of the clustering features.

## 13.2.3 Failover for clustered EJBs

Clustered EJBs have failover capability. The state of the `@Stateful` `@Clustered` EJBs is replicated across the cluster nodes so that if one of the nodes in the cluster goes down, some other node will be able to take over the invocations. Let's see how it's implemented in WildFly 8. In the next few sections we'll see how it works for remote (standalone) clients and for clients in another remote WildFly server instance. Although, there isn't a difference in how it works in both these cases, we'll still explain it separately so as to make sure there aren't any unanswered questions.



## Remote standalone clients

In this section we'll consider a remote standalone client (i.e. a client which runs in a separate JVM and *isn't* running within another WildFly 8 instance). Let's consider that we have 2 servers, server X and server Y which we started earlier. Each of these servers has the clustered EJB deployment. A standalone remote client can use either the [JNDI approach](#) or native JBoss EJB client APIs to communicate with the servers. The important thing to note is that when you are invoking clustered EJB deployments, you do **not** have to list all the servers within the cluster (which obviously wouldn't have been feasible due the dynamic nature of cluster node additions within a cluster).

The remote client just has to list only one of the servers with the clustering capability. In this case, we can either list server X (in `jboss-ejb-client.properties`) or server Y. This server will act as the starting point for cluster topology communication between the client and the clustered nodes.

Note that you have to configure the *ejb* cluster in the `jboss-ejb-client.properties` configuration file, like so:

```
remote.clusters=ejb
remote.cluster.ejb.connect.options.org.xnio.Options.SASL_POLICY_NOANONYMOUS=false
remote.cluster.ejb.connect.options.org.xnio.Options.SSL_ENABLED=false
```



## Cluster topology communication

When a client connects to a server, the JBoss EJB client implementation (internally) communicates with the server for cluster topology information, if the server had clustering capability. In our example above, let's assume we listed server X as the initial server to connect to. When the client connects to server X, the server will send back an (asynchronous) cluster topology message to the client. This topology message consists of the cluster name(s) and the information of the nodes that belong to the cluster. The node information includes the node address and port number to connect to (whenever necessary). So in this example, the server X will send back the cluster topology consisting of the other server Y which belongs to the cluster.

In case of stateful (clustered) EJBs, a typical invocation flow involves creating of a session for the stateful bean, which happens when you do a JNDI lookup for that bean, and then invoking on the returned proxy. The lookup for stateful bean, internally, triggers a (synchronous) session creation request from the client to the server. In this case, the session creation request goes to server X since that's the initial connection that we have configured in our `jboss-ejb-client.properties`. Since server X is clustered, it will return back a session id and along with send back an *"affinity"* of that session. In case of clustered servers, the affinity equals to the name of the cluster to which the stateful bean belongs on the server side. For non-clustered beans, the affinity is just the node name on which the session was created. This *affinity* will later help the EJB client to route the invocations on the proxy, appropriately to either a node within a cluster (for clustered beans) or to a specific node (for non-clustered beans). While this session creation request is going on, the server X will also send back an asynchronous message which contains the cluster topology. The JBoss EJB client implementation will take note of this topology information and will later use it for connection creation to nodes within the cluster and routing invocations to those nodes, whenever necessary.

Now that we know how the cluster topology information is communicated from the server to the client, let see how failover works. Let's continue with the example of server X being our starting point and a client application looking up a stateful bean and invoking on it. During these invocations, the client side will have collected the cluster topology information from the server. Now let's assume for some reason, server X goes down and the client application subsequent invokes on the proxy. The JBoss EJB client implementation, at this stage will be aware of the affinity and in this case it's a cluster affinity. Because of the cluster topology information it has, it knows that the cluster has two nodes server X and server Y. When the invocation now arrives, it sees that the server X is down. So it uses a selector to fetch a suitable node from among the cluster nodes. The selector itself is configurable, but we'll leave it from discussion for now. When the selector returns a node from among the cluster, the JBoss EJB client implementation creates a connection to that node (if not already created earlier) and creates a EJB receiver out of it. Since in our example, the only other node in the cluster is server Y, the selector will return that node and the JBoss EJB client implementation will use it to create a EJB receiver out of it and use that receiver to pass on the invocation on the proxy. Effectively, the invocation has now failed over to a different node within the cluster.



## Remote clients on another instance of WildFly 8

So far we discussed remote standalone clients which typically use either the EJB client API or the `jboss-ejb-client.properties` based approach to configure and communicate with the servers where the clustered beans are deployed. Now let's consider the case where the client is an application deployed another AS7 instance and it wants to invoke on a clustered stateful bean which is deployed on another instance of WildFly 8. In this example let's consider a case where we have 3 servers involved. Server X and Server Y both belong to a cluster and have clustered EJB deployed on them. Let's consider another server instance Server C (which may or may *not* have clustering capability) which acts as a client on which there's a deployment which wants to invoke on the clustered beans deployed on server X and Y and achieve failover.

The configurations required to achieve this are explained in [this chapter](#). As you can see the configurations are done in a `jboss-ejb-client.xml` which points to a remote outbound connection to the other server. This `jboss-ejb-client.xml` goes in the deployment of server C (since that's our client). As explained earlier, the client configuration need **not** point to all clustered nodes. Instead it just has to point to one of them which will act as a start point for communication. So in this case, we can create a remote outbound connection on server C to server X and use server X as our starting point for communication. Just like in the case of remote standalone clients, when the application on server C (client) looks up a stateful bean, a session creation request will be sent to server X which will send back a session id and the cluster affinity for it. Furthermore, server X asynchronously send back a message to server C (client) containing the cluster topology. This topology information will include the node information of server Y (since that belongs to the cluster along with server X). Subsequent invocations on the proxy will be routed appropriately to the nodes in the cluster. If server X goes down, as explained earlier, a different node from the cluster will be selected and the invocation will be forwarded to that node.

As can be seen both remote standalone client and remote clients on another WildFly 8 instance act similar in terms of failover.

## Testcases for failover of stateful beans

We have testcases in WildFly 8 testsuite which test that whatever is explained above works as expected. The [RemoteEJBClientStatefulBeanFailoverTestCase](#) tests the case where a stateful EJB uses `@Clustered` annotation to mark itself as clustered. We also have [RemoteEJBClientDDBasedSFSBFailoverTestCase](#) which uses `jboss-ejb3.xml` to mark a stateful EJB as clustered. Both these testcases test that when a node goes down in a cluster, the client invocation is routed to a different node in the cluster.

## 13.3 EJB Timer

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Wildfly now supports clustered database backed timers. For details have a look to the [EJB3 reference section](#)



## 14 Hibernate

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## 15 Related Issues

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This section describes additional issues related to the clustering subsystems.

### 15.1 Modularity And Class Loading

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Describe classloading and monitoring framework as it affects clustering applications.

### 15.2 Monitoring

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Describe resources available for monitoring clustered applications.





## 16 Changes From Previous Versions

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Describe here key changes between releases.

### 16.1 Key changes

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### 16.2 Migration to Wildfly

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## 17 WildFly 9 Cluster Howto

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In this article, I'd like to show you how to setup WildFly 9 in domain mode and enable clustering so we could get HA and session replication among the nodes. It's a step to step guide so you can follow the instructions in this article and build the sandbox by yourself 😊

### 17.1 Preparation & Scenario

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#### 17.1.1 Preparation

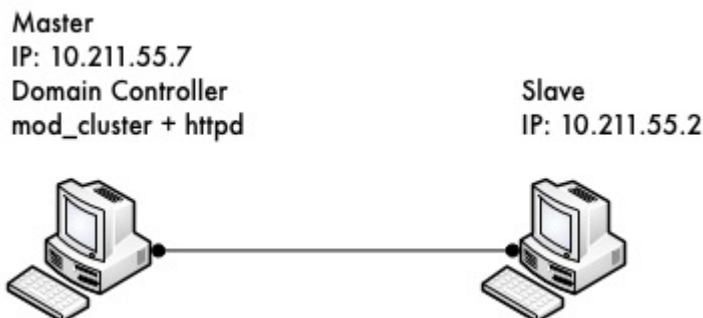
We need to prepare two hosts (or virtual hosts) to do the experiment. We will use these two hosts as following:

- Install Fedora 16 on them (Other linux version may also fine but I'll use Fedora 16 in this article)
- Make sure that they are in same local network
- Make sure that they can access each other via different TCP/UDP ports(better turn off firewall and disable SELinux during the experiment or they will cause network problems).

#### 17.1.2 Scenario

Here are some details on what we are going to do:

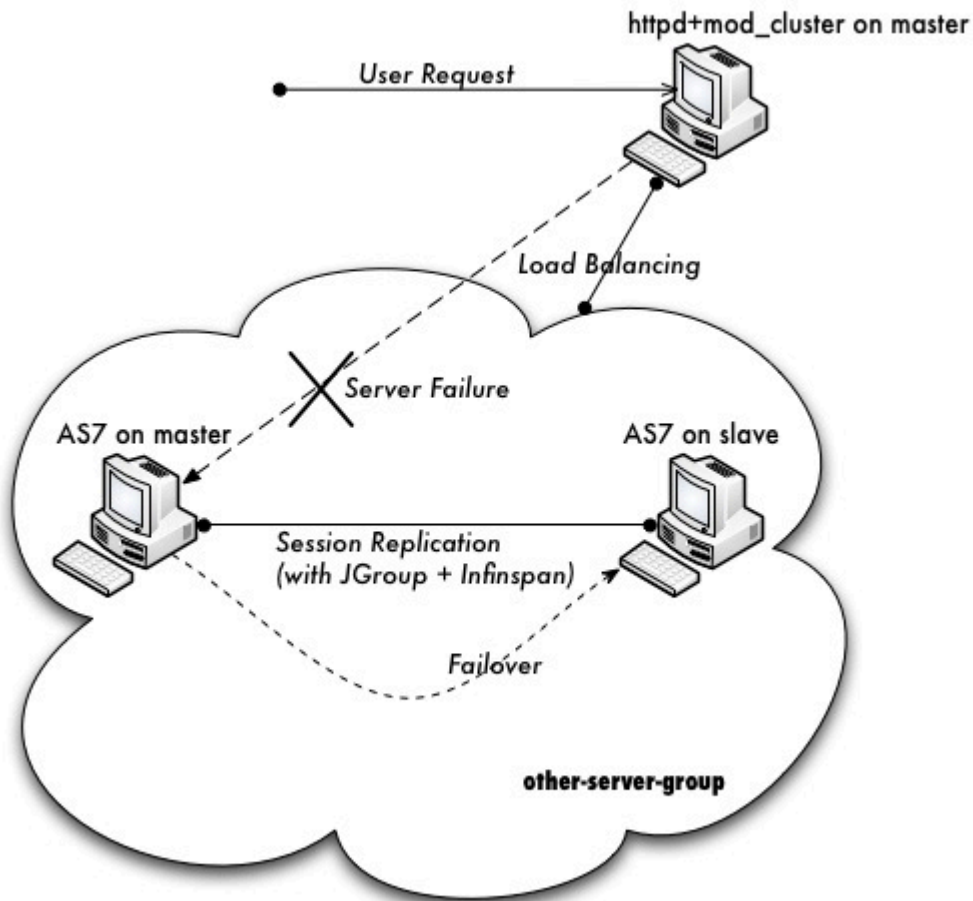
- Let's call one host as 'master', the other one as 'slave'.
- Both master and slave will run WildFly 9, and master will run as domain controller, slave will under the domain management of master.
- Apache httpd will be run on master, and in httpd we will enable the mod\_cluster module. The WildFly 9 on master and slave will form a cluster and discovered by httpd.





- We will deploy a demo project into domain, and verify that the project is deployed into both master and slave by domain controller. Thus we could see that domain management provide us a single point to manage the deployments across multiple hosts in a single domain.
- We will access the cluster URL and verify that httpd has distributed the request to one of the WildFly host. So we could see the cluster is working properly.
- We will try to make a request on cluster, and if the request is forwarded to master, we then kill the WildFly process on master. After that we will go on requesting cluster and we should see the request is forwarded to slave, but the session is not lost. Our goal is to verify the HA is working and sessions are replicated.
- After previous step finished, we reconnect the master by restarting it. We should see the master is registered back into cluster, also we should see slave sees master as domain controller again and connect to it.

#### Test Scenario



Please don't worry if you cannot digest so many details currently. Let's move on and you will get the points step by step.



## 17.2 Download WildFly 9

First we should download WildFly 9 from the website:

```
http://wildfly.org/downloads/
```

The version I downloaded is WildFly 9.0.0.Final.

After download finished, I got the zip file:

```
wildfly-9.0.0.Final.zip
```

Note: The name of your archive will differ slightly due to version naming conventions.

Then I unzipped the package to master and try to make a test run:

```
unzip wildfly-9.0.0.Final.zip
cd wildfly-9.0.0.Final/bin
./domain.sh
```

If everything ok we should see WildFly successfully startup in domain mode:

```
wildfly-9.0.0.Final/bin$ ./domain.sh
=====

JBoss Bootstrap Environment

JBOSS_HOME: /Users/weli/Downloads/wildfly-9.0.0.Final

JAVA: /Library/Java/Home/bin/java

JAVA_OPTS: -Xms64m -Xmx512m -XX:MaxPermSize=256m -Djava.net.preferIPv4Stack=true
-Dorg.jboss.resolver.warning=true -Dsun.rmi.dgc.client.gcInterval=3600000
-Dsun.rmi.dgc.server.gcInterval=3600000 -Djboss.modules.system.pkgs=org.jboss.byteman
-Djava.awt.headless=true

=====
...

[Server:server-two] 14:46:12,375 INFO [org.jboss.as] (Controller Boot Thread) JBAS015874:
WildFly 9.0.0.Final "Kenny" started in 8860ms - Started 210 of 258 services (89 services are
lazy, passive or on-demand)
```

Now exit master and let's repeat the same steps on slave host. Finally we get WildFly 9 run on both master and slave, then we could move on to next step.



## 17.3 Domain Configuration

### 17.3.1 Interface config on master

In this section we'll setup both master and slave for them to run in domain mode. And we will configure master to be the domain controller.

First open the host.xml in master for editing:

```
vi domain/configuration/host.xml
```

The default settings for interface in this file is like:

```
<interfaces>
  <interface name="management">
    <inet-address value="${jboss.bind.address.management:127.0.0.1}"/>
  </interface>
  <interface name="public">
    <inet-address value="${jboss.bind.address:127.0.0.1}"/>
  </interface>
  <interface name="unsecured">
    <inet-address value="127.0.0.1" />
  </interface>
</interfaces>
```

We need to change the address to the management interface so slave could connect to master. The public interface allows the application to be accessed by non-local HTTP, and the unsecured interface allows remote RMI access. My master's ip address is 10.211.55.7, so I change the config to:

```
<interfaces>
  <interface name="management">
    <inet-address value="${jboss.bind.address.management:10.211.55.7}"/>
  </interface>
  <interface name="public">
    <inet-address value="${jboss.bind.address:10.211.55.7}"/>
  </interface>
  <interface name="unsecured">
    <inet-address value="10.211.55.7" />
  </interface>
</interfaces>
```

### 17.3.2 Interface config on slave

Now we will setup interfaces on slave. Let's edit host.xml. Similar to the steps on master, open host.xml first:



```
vi domain/configuration/host.xml
```

The configuration we'll use on slave is a little bit different, because we need to let slave connect to master. First we need to set the hostname. We change the name property from:

```
<host name="master" xmlns="urn:jboss:domain:3.0">
```

to:

```
<host name="slave" xmlns="urn:jboss:domain:3.0">
```

Then we need to modify domain-controller section so slave can connect to master's management port:

```
<domain-controller>
  <remote protocol="remote" host="10.211.55.7" port="9999" />
</domain-controller>
```

As we know, 10.211.55.7 is the ip address of master.

You may use discovery options to define multiple mechanisms to connect to the remote domain controller :

```
<domain-controller>
  <remote security-realm="ManagementRealm" >
    <discovery-options>
      <static-discovery name="master-native" protocol="remote" host="10.211.55.7" port="9999" />
      <static-discovery name="master-https" protocol="https-remoting" host="10.211.55.7"
port="9993" security-realm="ManagementRealm"/>
      <static-discovery name="master-http" protocol="http-remoting" host="10.211.55.7"
port="9990" />
    </discovery-options>
  </remote>
</domain-controller>
```

Finally, we also need to configure interfaces section and expose the management ports to public address:

```
<interfaces>
  <interface name="management">
    <inet-address value="{jboss.bind.address.management:10.211.55.2}" />
  </interface>
  <interface name="public">
    <inet-address value="{jboss.bind.address:10.211.55.2}" />
  </interface>
  <interface name="unsecured">
    <inet-address value="10.211.55.2" />
  </interface>
</interfaces>
```



10.211.55.2 is the ip address of the slave. Refer to the domain controller configuration above for an explanation of the management, public, and unsecured interfaces.



It is easier to turn off all firewalls for testing, but in production, you need to enable the firewall and allow access to the following ports: 9999.

## 17.3.3 Security Configuration

If you start WildFly on both master and slave now, you will see the slave cannot be started with following error:

```
[Host Controller] 20:31:24,575 ERROR [org.jboss.remoting.remote] (Remoting "endpoint" read-1)
JBREM000200: Remote connection failed: javax.security.sasl.SaslException: Authentication failed:
all available authentication mechanisms failed
[Host Controller] 20:31:24,579 WARN  [org.jboss.as.host.controller] (Controller Boot Thread)
JBAS010900: Could not connect to remote domain controller 10.211.55.7:9999
[Host Controller] 20:31:24,582 ERROR [org.jboss.as.host.controller] (Controller Boot Thread)
JBAS010901: Could not connect to master. Aborting. Error was: java.lang.IllegalStateException:
JBAS010942: Unable to connect due to authentication failure.
```

Because we haven't properly set up the authentication between master and slave. Now let's work on it:

### Master

In bin directory there is a script called add-user.sh, we'll use it to add new users to the properties file used for domain management authentication:



```
./add-user.sh

Enter the details of the new user to add.
Realm (ManagementRealm) :
Username : admin
Password recommendations are listed below. To modify these restrictions edit the
add-user.properties configuration file.
- The password should not be one of the following restricted values {root, admin,
administrator}
- The password should contain at least 8 characters, 1 alphabetic character(s), 1 digit(s), 1
non-alphanumeric symbol(s)
- The password should be different from the username
Password : passw0rd!
Re-enter Password : passw0rd!
The username 'admin' is easy to guess
Are you sure you want to add user 'admin' yes/no? yes
About to add user 'admin' for realm 'ManagementRealm'
Is this correct yes/no? yes
Added user 'admin' to file
'/home/weli/projs/wildfly-9.0.0.Final/standalone/configuration/mgmt-users.properties'
Added user 'admin' to file
'/home/weli/projs/wildfly-9.0.0.Final/domain/configuration/mgmt-users.properties'
```

As shown above, we have created a user named 'admin' and its password is 'passw0rd!'. Then we add another user called 'slave':





```
./add-user.sh

Enter the details of the new user to add.
Realm (ManagementRealm) :
Username : slave
Password recommendations are listed below. To modify these restrictions edit the
add-user.properties configuration file.
- The password should not be one of the following restricted values {root, admin,
administrator}
- The password should contain at least 8 characters, 1 alphabetic character(s), 1 digit(s), 1
non-alphanumeric symbol(s)
- The password should be different from the username
Password : passw0rd!
Re-enter Password : passw0rd!
What groups do you want this user to belong to? (Please enter a comma separated list, or leave
blank for none)[ ]:
About to add user 'slave' for realm 'ManagementRealm'
Is this correct yes/no? yes
Added user 'slave' to file
'/home/weli/projs/wildfly-9.0.0.Final/standalone/configuration/mgmt-users.properties'
Added user 'slave' to file
'/home/weli/projs/wildfly-9.0.0.Final/domain/configuration/mgmt-users.properties'
Added user 'slave' with groups  to file
'/home/weli/projs/wildfly-9.0.0.Final/standalone/configuration/mgmt-groups.properties'
Added user 'slave' with groups  to file
'/home/weli/projs/wildfly-9.0.0.Final/domain/configuration/mgmt-groups.properties'
Is this new user going to be used for one AS process to connect to another AS process?
e.g. for a slave host controller connecting to the master or for a Remoting connection for
server to server EJB calls.
yes/no? yes
To represent the user add the following to the server-identities definition <secret
value="cGFzc3cwcmQh" />
```

We will use this user for slave host to connect to master. The add-user.sh will let you choose the type of the user. Here we need to choose 'Management User' type for both 'admin' and 'slave' account.



## Slave

In slave we need to configure host.xml for authentication. We should change the security-realms section as following:

```
<security-realms>
  <security-realm name="ManagementRealm">
    <server-identities>
      <secret value="cGFzc3cwcmQh" />
      <!-- This is required for SSL remoting -->
      <ssl>
        <keystore path="server.keystore" relative-to="jboss.domain.config.dir"
keystore-password="jbossas" alias="jboss" key-password="jbossas"/>
      </ssl>
    </server-identities>
    <authentication>
      <properties path="mgmt-users.properties" relative-to="jboss.domain.config.dir"/>
    </authentication>
  </security-realm>
</security-realms>
```

We've added server-identities into security-realm, which is used for authentication host when slave tries to connect to master. In secret value property we have 'cGFzc3cwcmQh', which is the base64 code for 'passw0rd!'. You can generate this value by using a base64 calculator such as the one at <http://www.webutils.pl/index.php?idx=base64>.

Then in domain controller section we also need to add security-realm property:

```
<domain-controller>
  <remote protocol="remote" host="10.211.55.7" port="9999" username="slave"
security-realm="ManagementRealm" />
</domain-controller>
```

So the slave host could use the authentication information we provided in 'ManagementRealm'.

## Dry Run

Now everything is set for the two hosts to run in domain mode. Let's start them by running domain.sh on both hosts. If everything goes fine, we could see from the log on master:

```
[Host Controller] 21:30:52,042 INFO [org.jboss.as.domain] (management-handler-threads - 1)
JBAS010918: Registered remote slave host slave
```

That means all the configurations are correct and two hosts are run in domain mode now as expected. Hurrah!



## 17.4 Deployment

Now we can deploy a demo project into the domain. I have created a simple project located at:

```
https://github.com/liweinan/cluster-demo
```

We can use git command to fetch a copy of the demo:

```
git clone git://github.com/liweinan/cluster-demo.git
```

In this demo project we have a very simple web application. In web.xml we've enabled session replication by adding following entry:

```
<distributable/>
```

And it contains a jsp page called put.jsp which will put current time to a session entry called 'current.time':

```
<%  
    session.setAttribute("current.time", new java.util.Date());  
%>
```

Then we could fetch this value from get.jsp:

```
The time is <%= session.getAttribute("current.time") %>
```

It's an extremely simple project but it could help us to test the cluster later: We will access put.jsp from cluster and see the request are distributed to master, then we disconnect master and access get.jsp. We should see the request is forwarded to slave but the 'current.time' value is held by session replication. We'll cover more details on this one later.

Let's go back to this demo project. Now we need to create a war from it. In the project directory, run the following command to get the war:

```
mvn package
```

It will generate cluster-demo.war. Then we need to deploy the war into domain. First we should access the http management console on master(Because master is acting as domain controller):

```
http://10.211.55.7:9990
```



It will popup a windows ask you to input account name and password, we can use the 'admin' account we've added just now. After logging in we could see the 'Server Instances' window. By default there are three servers listed, which are:

- server-one
- server-two
- server-three

We could see server-one and server-two are in running status and they belong to main-server-group; server-three is in idle status, and it belongs to other-server-group.

All these servers and server groups are set in domain.xml on master as7. What we are interested in is the 'other-server-group' in domain.xml:

```
<server-group name="other-server-group" profile="ha">
  <jvm name="default">
    <heap size="64m" max-size="512m"/>
  </jvm>
  <socket-binding-group ref="ha-sockets"/>
</server-group>
```

We could see this server-group is using 'ha' profile, which then uses 'ha-sockets' socket binding group. It enable all the modules we need to establish cluster later(including infinispn, jgroup and mod\_cluster modules). So we will deploy our demo project into a server that belongs to 'other-server-group', so 'server-three' is our choice.



In newer version of WildFly, the profile 'ha' changes to 'full-ha':

```
<server-group name="other-server-group" profile="full-ha">
```

Let's go back to domain controller's management console:

```
http://10.211.55.7:9990
```

Now server-three is not running, so let's click on 'server-three' and then click the 'start' button at bottom right of the server list. Wait a moment and server-three should start now.

Now we should also enable 'server-three' on slave: From the top of menu list on left side of the page, we could see now we are managing master currently. Click on the list, and click 'slave', then choose 'server-three', and we are in slave host management page now.

Then repeat the steps we've done on master to start 'server-three' on slave.



server-three on master and slave are two different hosts, their names can be different.

After server-three on both master and slave are started, we will add our cluster-demo.war for deployment. Click on the 'Manage Deployments' link at the bottom of left menu list.

The screenshot shows the JBoss Management console interface. The left sidebar contains a menu with options like Domain Status, Server Instances (selected), JVM Status, Subsystem Metrics, Runtime Operations, and Deployments. The main content area is titled 'Server Instances' and shows the 'Server Status (Host: master)'. A table lists three server instances: 'server-one' in 'main-server-group', 'server-three' in 'other-server-group', and 'server-two' in 'main-server-group'. All are marked as 'Active'. Below the table, the 'Status' section for 'server-three' shows 'Running?: true'.

Server	Server Group	Status	Active
server-one	main-server-group		✓
server-three	other-server-group		✓
server-two	main-server-group		✓

(We should ensure the server-three should be started on both master and slave)

After enter 'Manage Deployments' page, click 'Add Content' at top right corner. Then we should choose our cluster-demo.war, and follow the instruction to add it into our content repository.

Now we can see cluster-demo.war is added. Next we click 'Add to Groups' button and add the war to 'other-server-group' and then click 'save'.

Wait a few seconds, management console will tell you that the project is deployed into 'other-server-group'.



The screenshot shows the JBoss Management console interface. The browser address bar displays `http://10.211.55.7:9990/console/App.html#domain-deployments`. The page title is "JBoss Application Server 7.1". The left sidebar contains a navigation menu with sections: "Domain Status" (Server Instances, JVM Status), "Subsystem Metrics" (Datasources, JPA, JMS Destinations, Transactions, Web), "Runtime Operations" (OSGi), and "Deployments" (Manage Deployments, Webservices). The "Manage Deployments" option is highlighted. The main content area has tabs for "Deployment Content" and "Server Group Deployments". Under "Server Group Deployments", there is a "Server Groups" table and a "Deployments for other-server-group" table.

Server Group	Profile
main-server-group	full
other-server-group	full-ha

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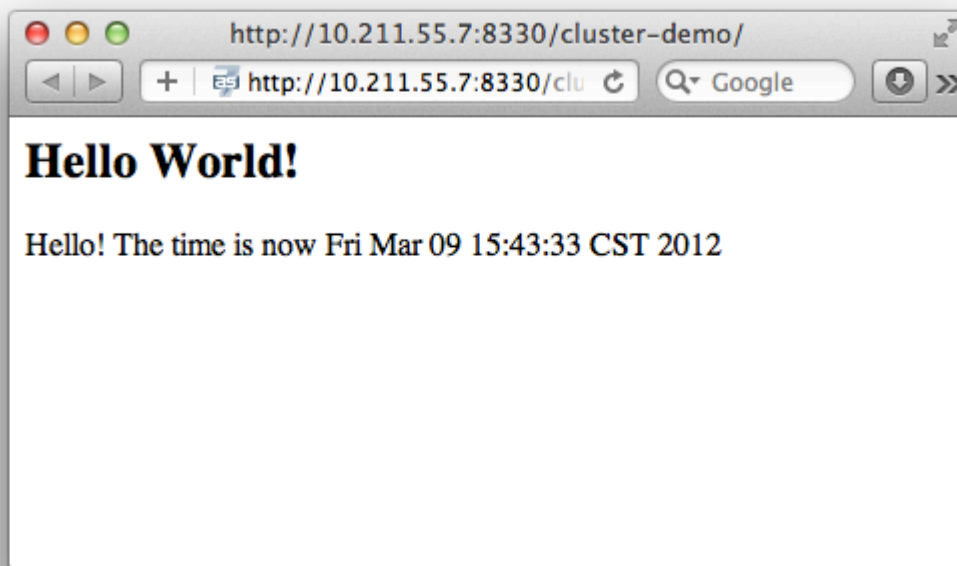
Name	Runtime Name	Enabled	En/Disable	Remove
cluster-demo.war	cluster-demo.war	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<button>Disable</button>	<button>Remove</button>

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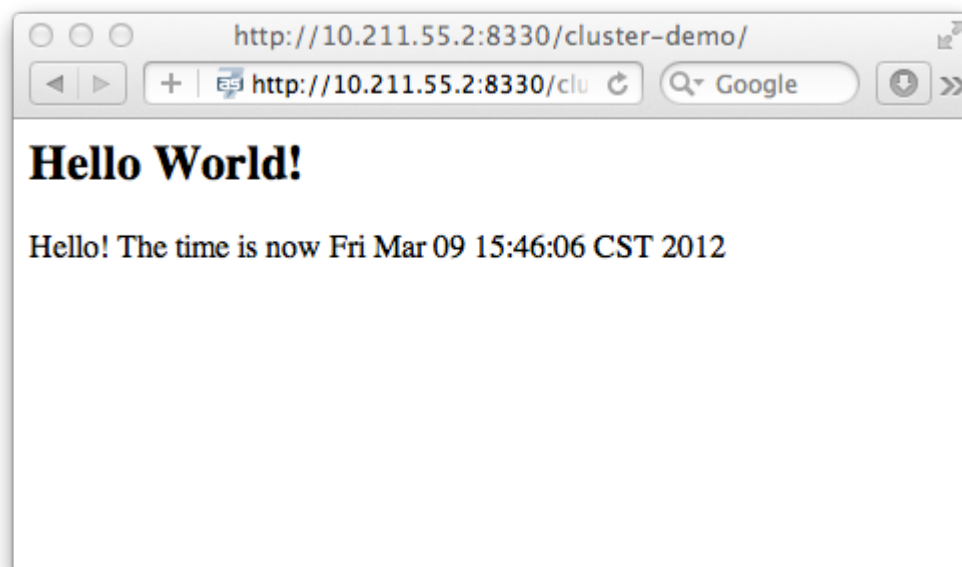
Please note we have two hosts participate in this server group, so the project should be deployed in both master and slave now - that's the power of domain management.

Now let's verify this, trying to access cluster-demo from both master and slave, and they should all work now:

```
http://10.211.55.7:8330/cluster-demo/
```



`http://10.211.55.2:8330/cluster-demo/`



Now that we have finished the project deployment and see the usages of domain controller, we will then head up for using these two hosts to establish a cluster 😊



Why is the port number 8330 instead of 8080? Please check the settings in host.xml on both master and slave:

```
<server name="server-three" group="other-server-group" auto-start="false">
  <!-- server-three avoids port conflicts by incrementing the ports in
        the default socket-group declared in the server-group -->
  <socket-bindings port-offset="250"/>
</server>
```

The port-offset is set to 250, so  $8080 + 250 = 8330$

Now we quit the WildFly process on both master and slave. We have some work left on host.xml configurations. Open the host.xml of master, and do some modifications the servers section from:

```
<server name="server-three" group="other-server-group" auto-start="false">
  <!-- server-three avoids port conflicts by incrementing the ports in
        the default socket-group declared in the server-group -->
  <socket-bindings port-offset="250"/>
</server>
```

to:

```
<server name="server-three" group="other-server-group" auto-start="true">
  <!-- server-three avoids port conflicts by incrementing the ports in
        the default socket-group declared in the server-group -->
  <socket-bindings port-offset="250"/>
</server>
```

We've set auto-start to true so we don't need to enable it in management console each time WildFly restart. Now open slave's host.xml, and modify the server-three section:

```
<server name="server-three-slave" group="other-server-group" auto-start="true">
  <!-- server-three avoids port conflicts by incrementing the ports in
        the default socket-group declared in the server-group -->
  <socket-bindings port-offset="250"/>
</server>
```

Besides setting auto-start to true, we've renamed the 'server-three' to 'server-three-slave'. We need to do this because mod\_cluster will fail to register the hosts with same name in a single server group. It will cause name conflict.


After finishing the above configuration, let's restart two as7 hosts and go on cluster configuration.





## 17.5 Cluster Configuration

We will use mod\_cluster + apache httpd on master as our cluster controller here. Because WildFly 8 has been configured to support mod\_cluster out of box so it's the easiest way.

 The WildFly 8 domain controller and httpd are not necessary to be on same host. But in this article I just install them all on master for convenience.

First we need to ensure that httpd is installed:


```
sudo yum install httpd
```

And then we need to download newer version of mod\_cluster from its website:

```
http://www.jboss.org/mod_cluster/downloads
```

The version I downloaded is:

```
http://downloads.jboss.org/mod_cluster/1.1.3.Final/mod_cluster-1.1.3.Final-linux2-x86-so.tar.gz
```

 Jean-Frederic has suggested to use mod\_cluster 1.2.x. Because 1.1.x it is affected by CVE-2011-4608

With mod\_cluster-1.2.0 you need to add EnableMCPMReceive in the VirtualHost.

Then we extract it into:

```
/etc/httpd/modules
```

Then we edit httpd.conf:

```
sudo vi /etc/httpd/conf/httpd.conf
```

We should add the modules:

```
LoadModule slotmem_module modules/mod_slotmem.so
LoadModule manager_module modules/mod_manager.so
LoadModule proxy_cluster_module modules/mod_proxy_cluster.so
LoadModule advertise_module modules/mod_advertise.so
```



Please note we should comment out:

```
#LoadModule proxy_balancer_module modules/mod_proxy_balancer.so
```

This is conflicted with cluster module. And then we need to make httpd to listen to public address so we could do the testing. Because we installed httpd on master host so we know the ip address of it:

```
Listen 10.211.55.7:80
```

Then we do the necessary configuration at the bottom of httpd.conf:

```
# This Listen port is for the mod_cluster-manager, where you can see the status of mod_cluster.
# Port 10001 is not a reserved port, so this prevents problems with SELinux.
Listen 10.211.55.7:10001
# This directive only applies to Red Hat Enterprise Linux. It prevents the temporary
# files from being written to /etc/httpd/logs/ which is not an appropriate location.
MemManagerFile /var/cache/httpd

<VirtualHost 10.211.55.7:10001>

    <Directory />
        Order deny,allow
        Deny from all
        Allow from 10.211.55.
    </Directory>

    # This directive allows you to view mod_cluster status at URL
    http://10.211.55.4:10001/mod_cluster-manager
    <Location /mod_cluster-manager>
        SetHandler mod_cluster-manager
        Order deny,allow
        Deny from all
        Allow from 10.211.55.
    </Location>

    KeepAliveTimeout 60
    MaxKeepAliveRequests 0

    ManagerBalancerName other-server-group
    AdvertiseFrequency 5

</VirtualHost>
```



For more details on mod\_cluster configurations please see this document:

```
http://docs.jboss.org/mod\_cluster/1.1.0/html/Quick\_Start\_Guide.html
```



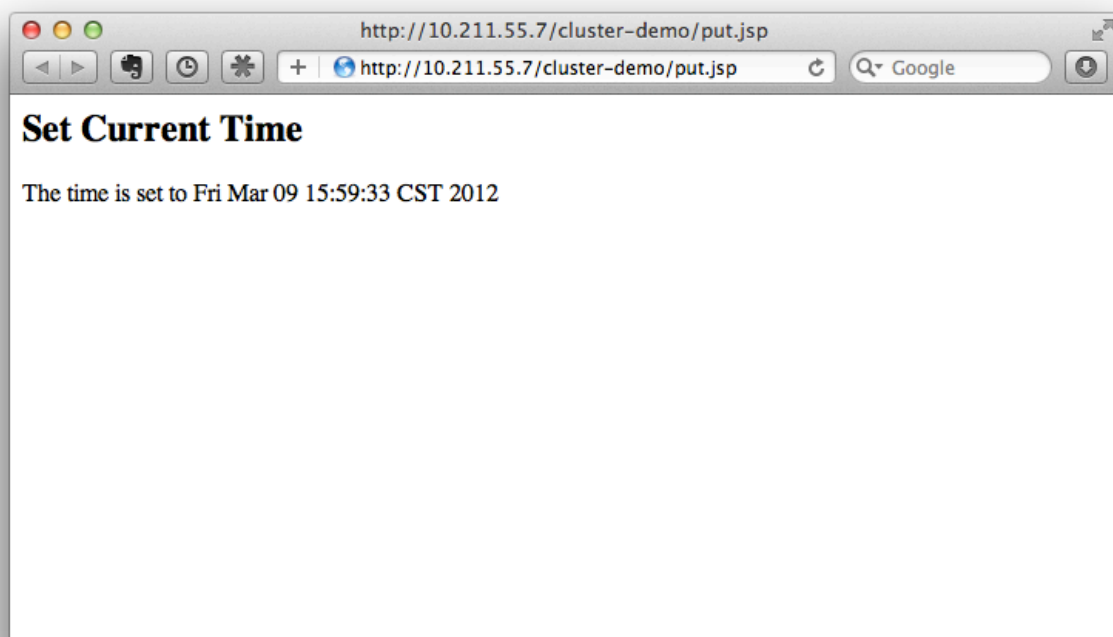
## 17.6 Testing

If everything goes fine we can start httpd service now:

```
service httpd start
```

Now we access the cluster:

```
http://10.211.55.7/cluster-demo/put.jsp
```



We should see the request is distributed to one of the hosts(master or slave) from the WildFly log. For me the request is sent to master:

```
[Server:server-three] 16:06:22,256 INFO [stdout] (http-10.211.55.7-10.211.55.7-8330-4) Putting date now
```

Now I disconnect master by using the management interface. Select 'runtime' and the server 'master' in the upper corners.

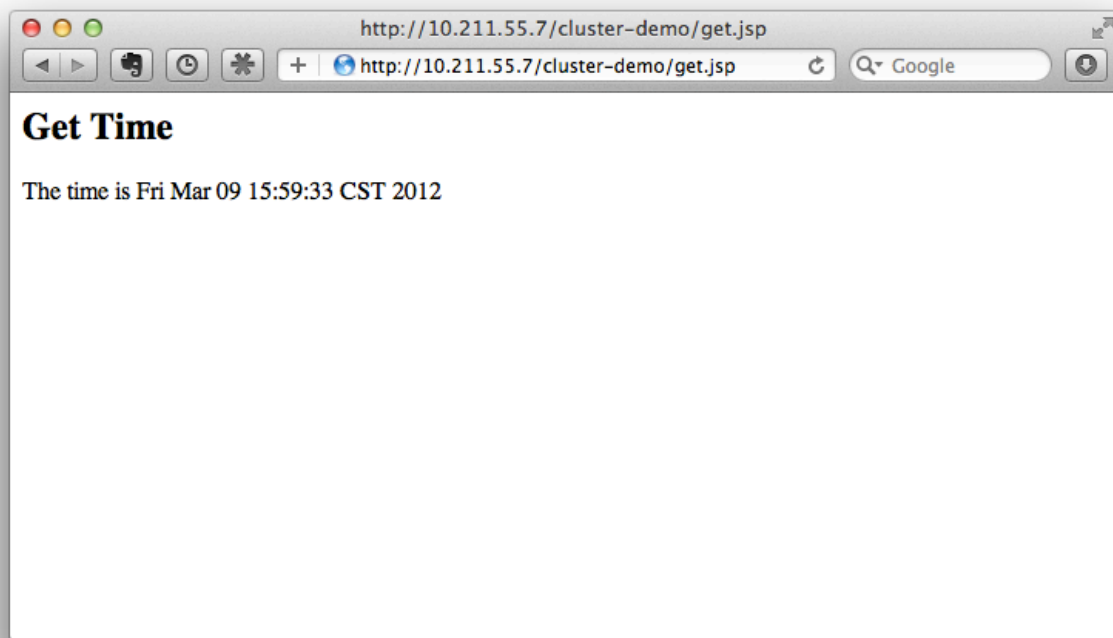
Select 'server-three' and kick the stop button, the active-icon should change.

Killing the server by using system commands will have the effect that the Host-Controller restart the instance immediately!



Then wait for a few seconds and access cluster:

```
http://10.211.55.7/cluster-demo/get.jsp
```




Now the request should be served by slave and we should see the log from slave:

```
[Server:server-three-slave] 16:08:29,860 INFO [stdout] (http-10.211.55.2-10.211.55.2-8330-1)
Getting date now
```

And from the `get.jsp` we should see that the time we get is the same we've put by '`put.jsp`'. Thus it's proven that the session is correctly replicated to slave.

Now we restart master and should see the host is registered back to cluster.

 It doesn't matter if you found the request is distributed to slave at first time. Then just disconnect slave and do the testing, the request should be sent to master instead. The point is we should see the request is redirect from one host to another and the session is held.



## 17.7 Special Thanks

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