Managing Repositories for Installation of WebSphere Application Server V8

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Overview of IBM Installation Manager and WebSphere Application Server V8.0 offerings





Introduction Installation Manager (IM)

- IBM® Installation Manager (IM) is an application that simplifies downloading, installing, updating, and uninstalling many IBM software products from a single user interface
- A single instance of IBM Installation Manager can manage the product life cycle for any IBM Installation Manager based product from WebSphere, Rational, Lotus and any other brand within IBM
- Provides a full graphical user interface for distributed platforms (excluding z/OS and IBM i systems)
- Provides a utility for all platforms to perform install operations silently, using either command-line options or a response file
- Operates on the local system where IBM products are installed, and can pull repositories from a remote system





Introduction to v8.0 offerings

- IBM WebSphere Application Server V8.0 has multiple product offering packages – Network Deployment, Base, Express, Developer's Edition
- These product packages are available on the IBM Passport Advantage site
- IBM Installation Manager V1.4.3 or later is required to install IBM WebSphere Application Server V8.0 offerings
- Same product offering package can be used to install to any supported distributed platforms
- IBM WebSphere Application Server GUI installation flow example:
 - 1. Install IBM Installation Manager
 - 2. Use IM to install WebSphere Application Server Network Deployment
 - 3. Add or remove optional features, and apply or roll-back fix packs
 - 4. Uninstall IBM WebSphere Application Server Network Deployment





Repositories concepts





Repositories

- Repositories are collections of files in a directory structure that contain product installation metadata and files
- Server repositories are locations where repositories are stored, remote from the Installation Manager's local system
- Repository topologies can be generalized in three categories:
 - Public repository (Web Repository) publicly accessible using a URL, typically on ibm.com
 - Local repository that is used by a single system and not shared with others
 - Enterprise repository created in-house, typically exists behind the firewall and is accessed only by systems within the enterprise intranet
- IBM Packaging Utility is available to copy offerings from one repository to another and retrieve offerings from remote repositories





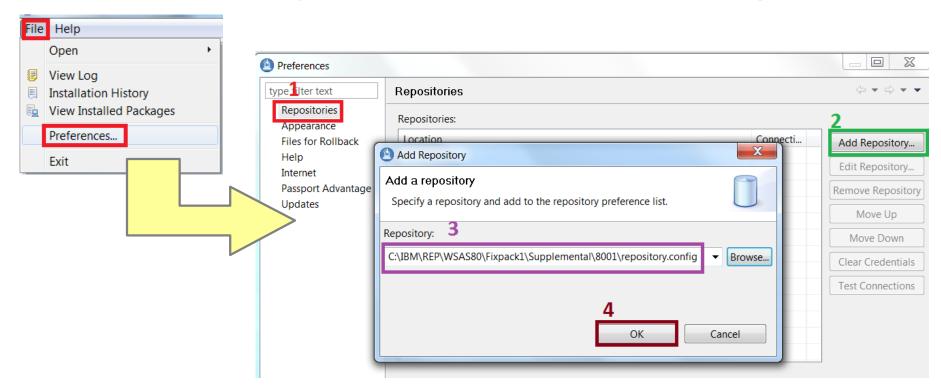
Repositories for V8.0

- Public (Web) repository Connecting to the public repository allows a product to be downloaded directly from ibm.com using Installation Manager, available for clients entitled with Passport Advantage
 - Example URLs for different editions of V8.0: http://www.ibm.com/software/repositorymanager/com.ibm.websphere.EXPRESS.v80 http://www.ibm.com/software/repositorymanager/com.ibm.websphere.BASE.v80 http://www.ibm.com/software/repositorymanager/com.ibm.websphere.ND.v80
- Local The repository is downloaded locally to the system prior to running Installation Manager. This requires access a Passport Advantage ID with entitlement to V8.0
 - Unzip the downloaded repository file (or multiple files) to a directory
 - Add that directory path to the repository list; e.g., C:\IBM\REP\WSAS80\WASND\80
- This presentation will focus on local repositories and creating Enterprise repositories from them





Add repository to Installation Manager



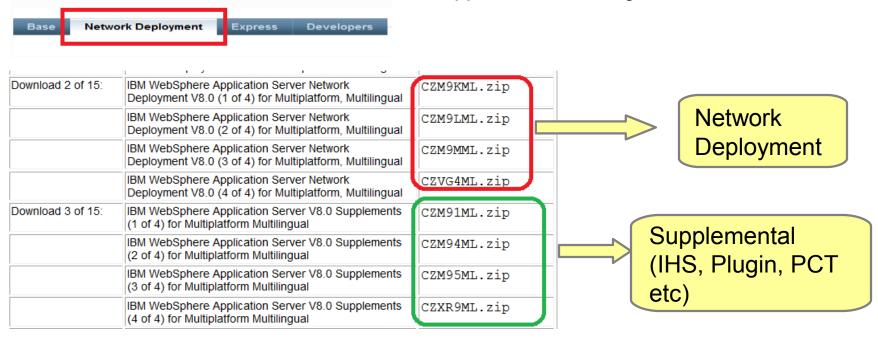
- Alternatively, repositories can be added to response file for silent install mode
- <server>
- <repository location='/opt/IBM/wasdepot/WAS/WAS8_ND/repository'/>
- <repository location='/opt/IBM/wasdepot/WAS/WAS8 ND/supplements V8'/>
- </server>





Local repositories – WSAS 8.0

- For guidance on which repositories ("part numbers") to download, visit: http://www.ibm.com/support/docview.wss?uid=swg27021166
- Download the part numbers grouped together for an offering
- 32-bit and 64-bit editions are included in the same downloads; no longer separate
- AIX, HP-UX, Linux®, Solaris, and Windows® editions are included in same downloads
 - Example of Network Deployment and Supplemental offerings:

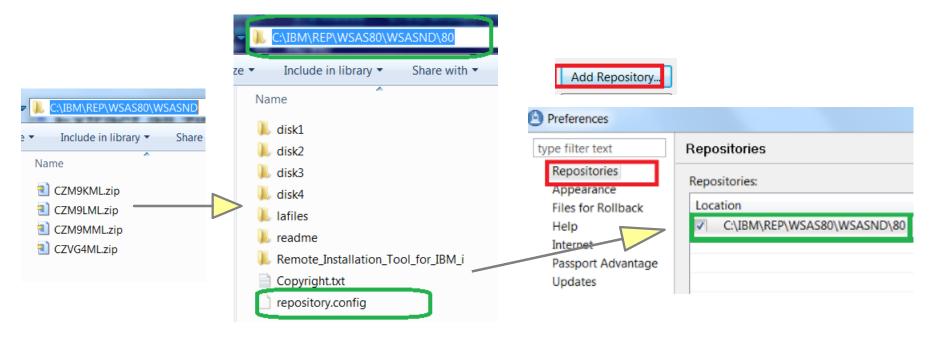






Extracting installation repositories

- Extract all zip files for same offering to same directory
- Don't extract files for different offerings to same directory
- Example for extracting and adding Network Deployment to IM:



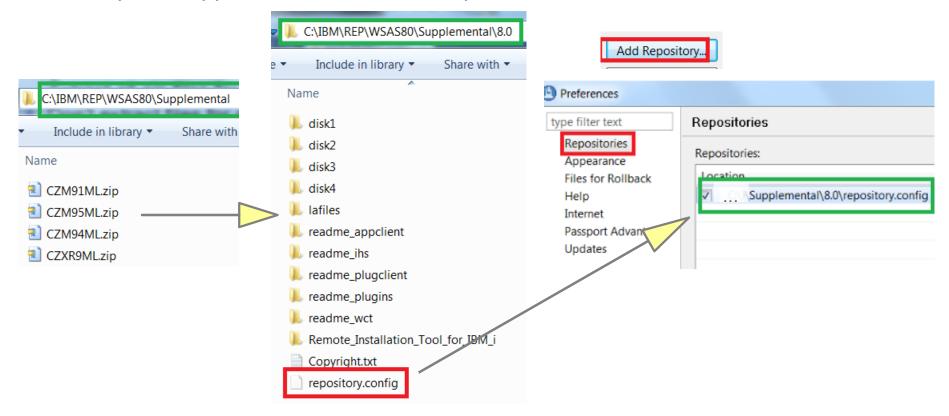
- It is okay to unzip repository files on one system (such as Windows) and move the files to a different system (such as Linux)
- But Installation Manager's installer files should be extracted directly on the targeted system.





Extracting installation repositories

- Example for extracting the Supplemental products and adding them to IM
- Remember: The zip files should be extracted to a separate directory from the WebSphere Application Server V8.0 repositories







Download fix pack

- AppServer and Java[™] SDK bundled together into same fix pack; no longer separate as in V7
- Each fix pack includes updates for AIX, HP-UX, Linux, Solaris, and Windows
- Download all parts listed for a fix pack
- Visit this resource: http://www.ibm.com/support/docview.wss?uid=swg24030916

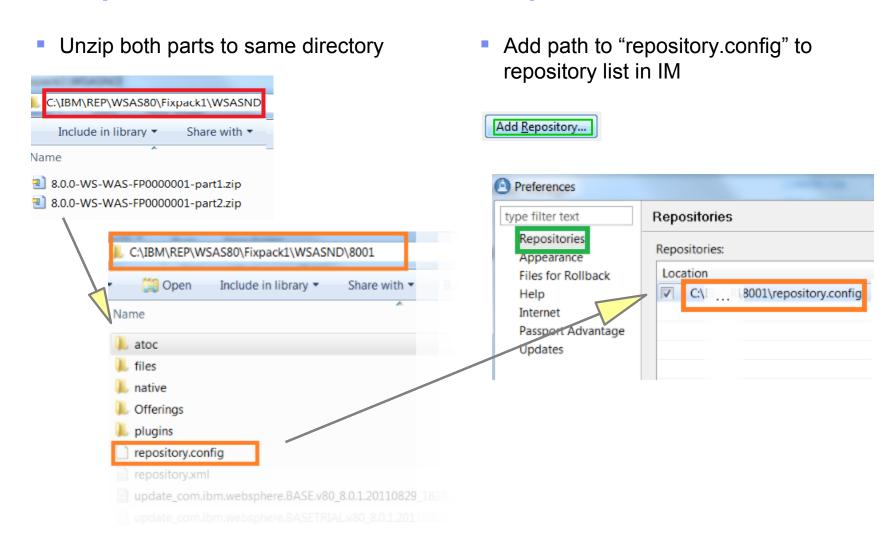
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Distributed	Supplements V8.0.0.1 local repository ZIP Files containing Application Client, Web server plug-ins, Pluggable Application Client, IBM HTTP Server, Java SDK	8.0.0-WS-WASSupplements-FP0000001- part1.zip 8.0.0-WS-WASSupplements-FP0000001- part2.zip
Distributed	WebSphere Customization Toolbox V8.0.0.1 local repository ZIP File	8.0.0-WS-WCT-FP0000001.zip
BM I	IBM Web Enablement for IBM i V8.0.0.1 local repository ZIP File	8.0.0-WS-WEBENAB-FP0000001.zip

- Red highlight: WSAS fix pack for ND, Base, Express, and Developer's editions Base
- Green highlight: Supplements fix pack for IBM HTTP Server, WebSphere plug-in, AppClient
- Yellow highlight: Fix pack for the WCT tool





Unzip Fix Pack Local Repositories

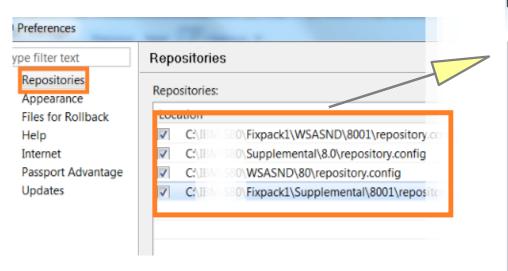




Multiple repositories in IM preferences

Put WSAS, Supplemental, and Fix Pack repositories in repository list

All offerings on the right will become available for install



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Overview of IBM Packaging Utility





The IBM Packaging Utility

- The IBM Packaging Utility is a free companion tool to Installation Manager
- IBM Packaging Utility and IBM Installation Manager can be used independently of each other
- IBM Packaging Utility capabilities:
 - Generate a new repository containing one or more product repositories
 - Delete packages from an existing repository, such as unneeded fix pack levels
 - Combine a split repository into a single repository (important for servers)
 - Can accept web repositories or local repositories as input, and produces a local repository at as output
 - Can extract offerings for a single operating system from a large repository, producing a smaller "platform-scoped" repository





Why process repositories?

- Packaging utility can create your own custom repositories, called Enterprise Repositories
- Combining installation and fix pack repositories into single repository reduces the overall size of the repository
- Repositories can be made available to your own organization using a Web Server or FTP Server
- Hosting a single repository containing multiple packages means fewer repositories need to be added to Installation Manager's preferences





Why process repositories?

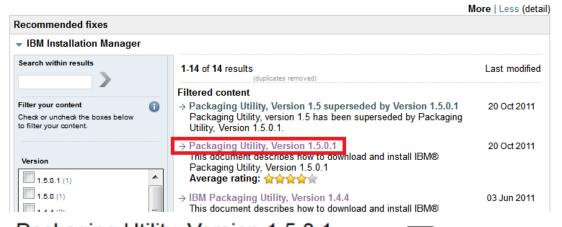
- Repositories generated or combined using the IBM Packaging
 Utility are made suitable for being served from Web or FTP Servers
 - Repositories downloaded from IBM which are split into multiple "disks" cannot be served from a Web or FTP server
 - Packaging Utility processes these kinds of repositories so they can be consumed by IM when downloading repositories from server
- Repositories generated using IBM Packaging Utility are always full installation repositories, capable of installing a product from scratch
 - Generated enterprise repository can have fix pack included
 - That repository is capable of installing product from scratch, automatically updated to that fix pack level
 - Same repository can upgrade an existing product installation to that fix pack level





Download and install IBM Packaging Utility

http://www.ibm.com/support/entry/portal/Recommended_fix/Software/Rational/IBM_Installation_Manager

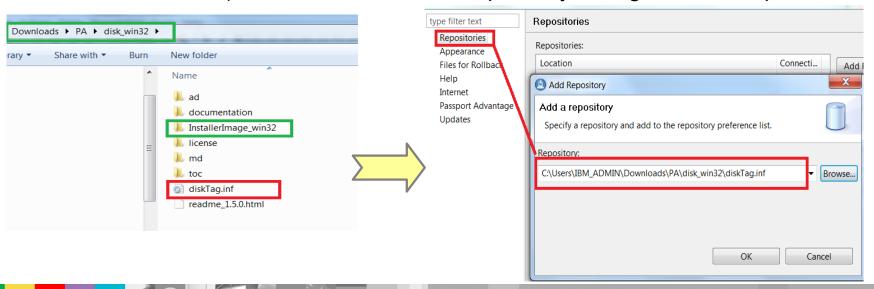




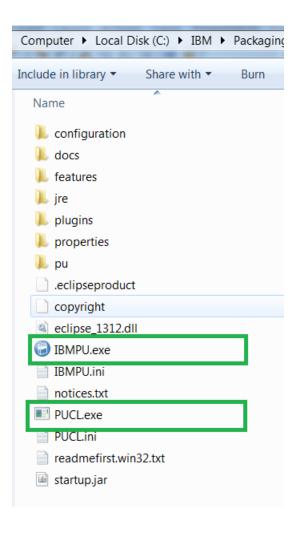
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- Download zip file; e.g., pu.offering.disk.win32_1.5.1000.20111130_0726.zip
- Extract the zip to an empty directory
 - A self-installation kit is included in the package (highlighted in green)
 - In this example, the self-installation kit is not needed. We will use an existing IM to install the Packaging Utility
- Use IM to install Packaging Utility in the same way other products are installed
 - Add the path to the diskTag.inf file of the extracted package (highlighted in red at the left); this is similar to the "repository.config" in other repositories



Running IBM Packaging Utility



- Start IBM Packaging Utility in graphical mode using IBMPU.exe (or ./IBMPU on UNIX®)
- Alternatively, use PUCL.exe for command-line mode
 - Command-line mode is necessary for generating platform-scoped repositories



Creating Repositories using Packaging Utility





Create a repository with complete V8.0 offerings

- Download and extract repositories (part numbers) and fix packs as discussed in the "Repositories Concepts" section of this presentation
- Start Packaging Utility and choose the "Copy Packages" option



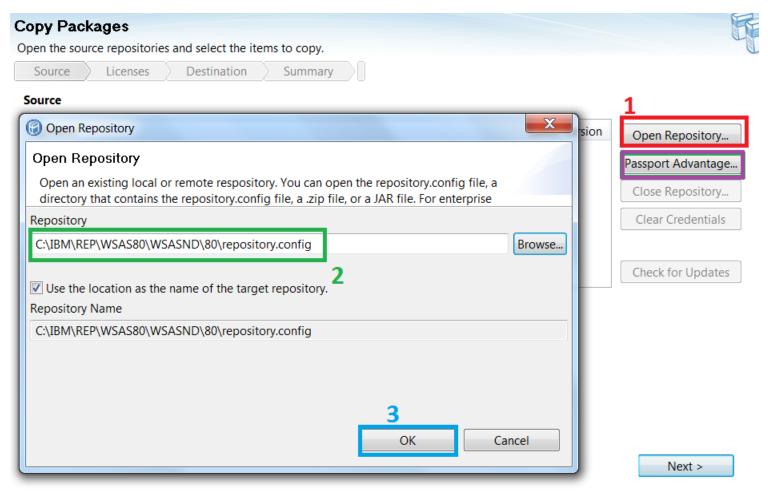
NOTE: Examples in this presentation will focus on using local repositories as input. Using web repositories is the same process. Add URLs to the package copy list instead of local repositories.





Select the source repositories

This is similar to adding repositories to the list in IM

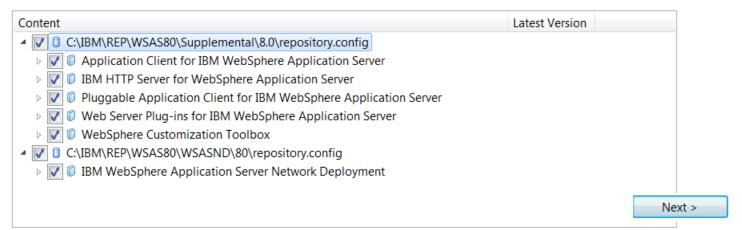






After adding multiple repositories, select individual offerings from them

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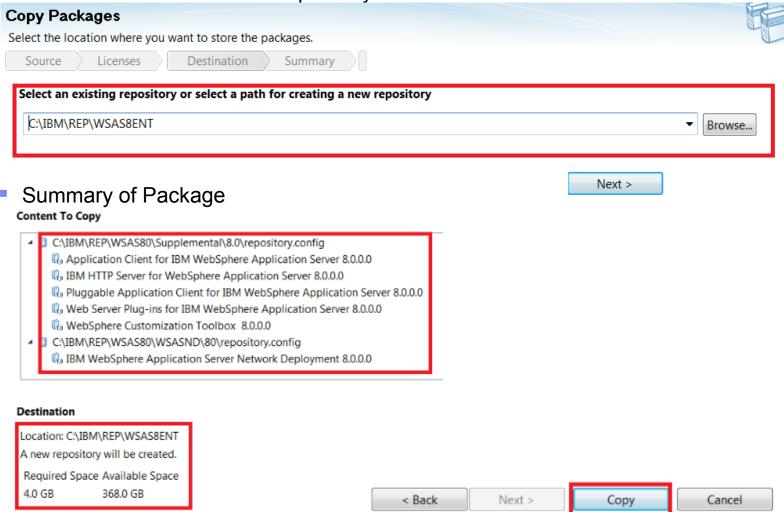
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Select location to store the repository







Adding a fix pack to the repository

- Fix pack can be merged initially, or added later
- In this case, we are adding it to the repository generated in the previous step
- Be careful to only select updates for components in the original repository



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Passport Advantage...

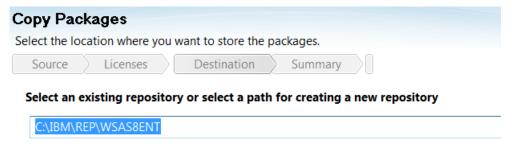
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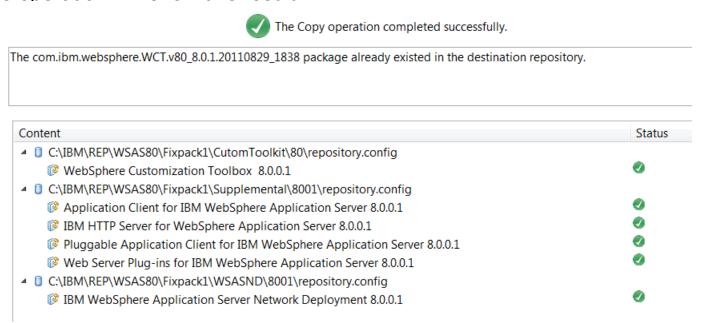
Check for Updates



- Provide location for existing repository to be updated with new fix packs
- In this example, we are adding fix packs to the repository which was "output" from the previous operation of combining multiple repositories together



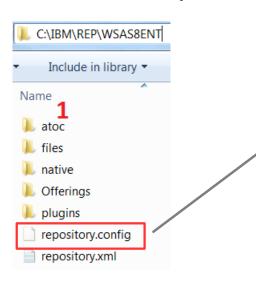
The operation will show this result:





Using the new repository

 Locate the "repository.config" file in the main directory



Add the repository to IM's repository list

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Creating Platform-scoped Repositories





Platform-scoped Repositories

- IBM Packaging Utility V1.5.0.1 offers a technology preview feature to create "platform-scoped repositories"
 - The packages for an offering on a specific operating system and architecture can be extracted from one repository and copied into a different repository
 - The resulting repository is a "platform-scoped repository"; that is, it contains an offering meant for a specific platform
 - ▶ The feature will be refined in future releases be aware that some limitations discussed here may change in future versions of Packaging Utility
 - Please see the WebSphere Install Architect's article for complete details: http://www.ibm.com/developerworks/websphere/library/techarticles/1201_se elemann/1201_seelemann.html
- WebSphere Application Server V8.0 platform-scoped repositories are significantly smaller than the full standard V8.0 installation repositories





Capabilities and Limitations

- Platform-scoped repositories can be installed by Installation Manager, similarly to web or local repositories
 - Installation Manager descriptions will not indicate that repository is reduced to a single-platform scope
 - Recommend storing the platform-scoped repositories in appropriately-named directories
- We recommend performing a platform-scoping step to be the last step in the process of generating a repository
 - Currently, as part of the technology preview, we do not recommend using a platform-scoped repository as input to merge with another platform-scoped repository
 - Keep a copy of the complete repositories for product installers and fix packs, and generate platform-scoped repositories from those





PUCL command with -platform parameter

- pucl copy packageID_version -acceptLicense -repositories SOURCE_PATHS
 -target TARGET_PATH -platform os=OS_CHOICE, arch=ARCH_CHOICE
- packageID_version Represents the packageID and version, separated by an underscore character (_). The underscore and version is optional; if not specified, the latest available version will be used from the package.
 Refer to a repository's repository.xml file to find the offeringID and version values.
- SOURCE_PATHS List the paths to the source repositories, separated by comma characters
- TARGET_PATH Specify the destination path for the generated repository
- -prompt Specify this parameter if the repository requires authentication, such as on ibm.com





PUCL command with -platform parameter

- pucl copy packageID_version -acceptLicense -repositories SOURCE_PATHS
 -target TARGET_PATH -platform os=OS_CHOICE, arch=ARCH_CHOICE
- OS_CHOICE Specify which operating system you want to extract from the specified source repositories. Valid values are:

aix solaris hpux win32 linux os400

ARCH_CHOICE - Specify which architecture (associated with the OS_CHOICE) you want to extract. This is an optional parameter; specify only the os=OS_CHOICE parameter if you omit this.

Valid values for os=linux are: x86 ppc s390

Valid values for os=solaris are: x86 sparc

Note that there is only one architecture choice for all other OS options, therefore ARCH_CHOICE can be omitted for other operating systems.

-platform parameter and 32/64-bit repos

- Note that both 64-bit and 32-bit repositories (if available) are both included in the generated platform-scoped repository. In V8.0, the 32-bit and 64-bit packages cannot be separated.
- This statement is also true for the Windows platform, despite the fact that it is referred to as "win32". The "win32" OS choice encompasses both 32-bit and 64-bit Windows packages.





Example PUCL command for "win32"

- pucl copy com.ibm.websphere.ND.v80 -acceptLicense
 - -repositories C:\IBM\REP\WSAS80\WSASND\80
 - -target C:\IBM\REP\WAS80\WSASND_Windows\80
 - -platform os=win32
- This generates a V8.0 Network Deployment repository using the highest version available in the C:\IBM\REP\WSAS80\WSASND\80 location. In this example, that repository only contains V8.0.0.0.
- The repository contains 32-bit and 64-bit packages for Windows (identified here as "win32"), but not other operating systems
- The generated repository is written to C:\IBM\REP\WAS80\WSASND_Windows\80





Example PUCL command for "win32"

- This follows the previous example. This time, two source repositories are specified: The V8.0.0.0 Network Deployment repository, and the V8.0 Fix Pack 1 repository.
- Again, this generates a V8.0 Network Deployment repository using the highest version available in both repositories. In this example, the result is V8.0.0.1.
- The repository contains 32-bit and 64-bit packages for Windows (identified here as "win32"), but not other operating systems
- The generated repository is merged with the repository at the target location, which had already been generated at V8.0.0.0 per the previous example.



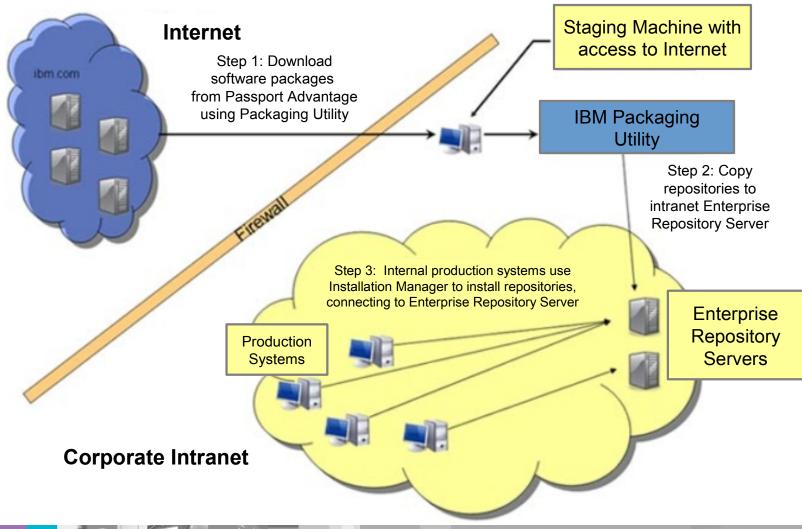


Enterprise Repository Servers





Repositories in Enterprise







Options for serving repositories

- Web Server
 - Can host repositories via HTTP or HTTPS
- FTP Server
 - Similar concept to hosting repositories via HTTP
- Networked Filesystem (NFS) / Windows Mapped Network Drive
 - Similar to using local repositories, except path specified in IM's repository list refers to a remote filesystem
- Manually copy files to local filesystems on targeted systems





Serving repositories via Web server

- Web Server can be used to host repositories via your company intranet
 - IM can pull repositories from these locations without having to connect to external servers like ibm.com
 - Repositories are under your control, can populate them with (or exclude) any offerings or fix packs you choose
 - Do not have to pre-copy repositories to a production system or mount networked filesystems
- Repository data is static content which can be served by simply copying it under the "document root" of a Web server
 - Web server can be configured to require authentication, and IM will ask for credentials when connecting to that server





Serving repositories via Web server

- Update repositories for Installation Manager itself are available
 - Can be hosted from an Enterprise Repository Server, allowing individual Installation Managers to use the "automatic update" function without connecting to ibm.com.
- IBM Packaging Utility capabilities are not required for making most repositories available on an Web server, but its ability to combine multiple repositories and pull repositories from ibm.com works well with this concept
 - Can merge all packages in different repositories into a single repository using Packaging Utility. Packages can be accessed from a single location on the host.
 - Reminder: Cannot serve "split" repositories ("disk1", "disk2" ...). These kinds of repositories do need to be copied into a new repository by using the "copy repository" option in Packaging Utility first.





Simple configuration for repository server

- Example: Set the Document Root on IBM HTTP Server to host a repository generated by IBM Packaging Utility
 - Make changes to httpd.conf as below :
 - DocumentRoot "C:\IBM\REP\WSAS8ENT"
 - <Directory "C:\IBM\REP\WSAS8ENT">
 - DirectoryIndex repository.config
 - Using "DirectoryIndex repository.config" is optional; it allows you to add URLs without "repository.config" at the end of the URL
 - ▶ Add the URL <a href="http://<HOSTNAME">http://<HOSTNAME to repository list in Installation Manager
- Alternative: Set the document root the same way, but add multiple individual repositories to different paths under the document root
 - Add URLs using the convention <a href="http://<HOSTNAME">http://<HOSTNAME>/path to repository list in Installation Manager





Why use a server instead of NFS?

- Installation Manager supports a "resume" function in case a network disconnection disrupts a download from web servers
- Retrieving a repository from a networked filesystem (NFS) requires the local system to mount the NFS
 - Web and FTP server connections do not require filesystem mounting
 - Useful when using the WSAS V8 Job Manager's Centralized Installation feature
 - Job Manager Centralized Installation is capable of installing Installation Manager on remote systems
 - Also capable of instructing remote Installation Manager to install products and updates. This works best if the remote IM can connect to a web or FTP server to pull repositories specified for installation.
- Useful for authentication and audit trail





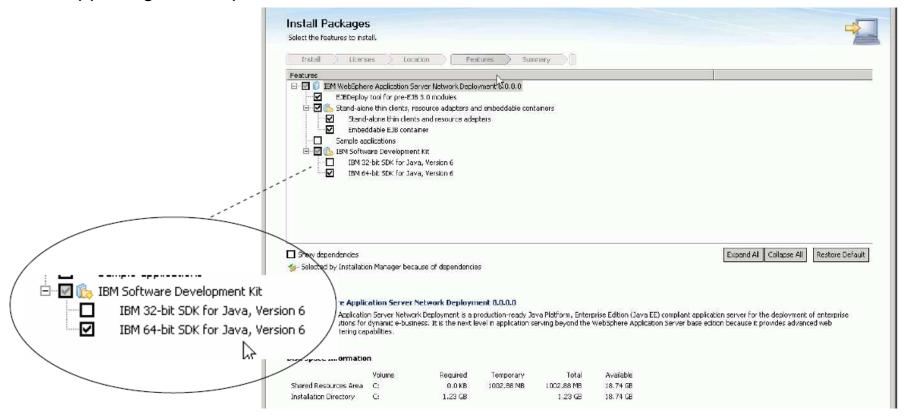
Tips for Installing Repositories





32-bit and 64-bit installations

- V8.0 repositories always contain both 32-bit and 64-bit offerings for a product
- IM will only display the option to choose 32-bit or 64-bit install on operating systems capable
 of supporting either option





32-bit and 64-bit installations

 On a 32-bit system, the option to choose 32-bit versus 64-bit Java SDK is completely omitted





32-bit and 64-bit installations

- Silent mode requires an explicit choice of either the 32-bit or 64-bit Java SDK
- Sample response files are documented in each product's respective section in the Information Center
- WebSphere Application Server V8.0 (Express, Base, ND editions)
 32-bit: Features='core.feature,ejbdeploy,thinclient,com.ibm.sdk.6_32bit'
 64-bit: Features='core.feature,ejbdeploy,thinclient,com.ibm.sdk.6_64bit'
- WebSphere Plugin V8.0

32-bit: features='core.feature,com.ibm.jre.6 32bit'

64-bit: features='core.feature,com.ibm.jre.6_64bit'

- IBM HTTP Server V8.0
 - 32-bit: features='core.arch.32bit'
 - 32-bit is available on: AIX, Linux, Solaris on SPARC, Windows
 - 64-bit: features='core.arch.64bit'

64-bit is available on: AIX, HP-UX, Linux, Solaris on SPARC, Solaris on x86-64, zOS





The IMCL command-line tool

- Located under "tools" subdirectory of Installation Manager
- Can use command-line options, response file, or interactive mode
- Interactive mode is not yet supported by V8.0
- Silent Install (using response file)

Command Line option





Summary

- Use IBM Installation Manager to install and update WebSphere Application Server V8.0 products
- Use IBM Packaging Utility to retrieve and combine offerings into new Enterprise Repositories
- Use the "-platform" parameter with PUCL command to generate smaller repositories
- Use a Web server (or other remote access method) to allow Installation Manager to retrieve repositories within a corporate intranet





Additional WebSphere Product Resources

- Learn about upcoming WebSphere Support Technical Exchange webcasts, and access previously recorded presentations at: http://www.ibm.com/software/websphere/support/supp_tech.html
- Discover the latest trends in WebSphere Technology and implementation, participate in technically-focused briefings, webcasts and podcasts at: http://www.ibm.com/developerworks/websphere/community/
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