

## How to modify the Generic JVM Arguments and Java system properties for a WAS server

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### +++ Question

You read in a document related to WebSphere MQ Classes for JMS or WebSphere Application Server (such as a technote or an APAR) that an environment variable needs to be set for the Java Virtual Machine (JVM) under the application server. How do you configure such variable?

Some examples of such variables are (this is not an exhaustive list)

java.library.path (for specifying the MQ Native Libraries path):

<http://www.ibm.com/support/docview.wss?uid=swg27017881>

WebSphere MQ V5.3, V6 and V7 as JMS Provider for WebSphere Application Server V5, V6.0, V6.1 and V7

com.ibm.mq.jms.tuning.startupReconnectionRetryCount APAR IZ76343

<http://www.ibm.com/support/docview.wss?uid=swg1IZ76343>

IZ76343: WEBSHERE MQ 7: EJB MODULE DOES NOT START IF ANY OF THE MESSAGE ENDPOINTS TO AN ACTIVATION SPECIFICATION FAILS TO ACTIVATE

com.ibm.mq.jms.tuning.eoqTimeout

<http://www-1.ibm.com/support/docview.wss?uid=swg21228320>

Messages remain on JMS destinations for a long time before they are delivered to message-driven beans (MDBs)

com.ibm.mq.tuning.socketGrainTimeout from APAR IC74652:

<http://www-01.ibm.com/support/docview.wss?uid=swg1IC74652>

IC74652: WMQ V7 JVM THREADS STUCK, HUNG, WAITING WHEN HEARTBEAT INTERVAL HBINT IS SET TO 0

com.ibm.mq.jms.tuning.QATVersion

<http://www-01.ibm.com/support/docview.wss?uid=swg21291639>

MDB listener does not retrieve all messages or suffers delays retrieving messages from a WebSphere MQ queue

com.ibm.msg.client.wmq.overrideProviderVersion APAR PM28998

<http://www-01.ibm.com/support/docview.wss?uid=swg1PM28998>

PM28998: WEBSPHERE MQ V7 JMSCMQ0001: MQ CALL FAILED WITH CODE 2 REASON CODE 2298 MQRC\_FUNCTION\_NOT\_SUPPORTED

+++ Answer:

There are 2 methods. If the document explicitly mentions one of the methods, then follow that one.

++ Method 1 - How to modify "Generic JVM arguments" field for a WAS server.

+ Summary:

Servers -> Server Types -> <server name> -> Java and Process Management -> Process definition -> Java Virtual Machine -> Generic JVM arguments

+ Details

Bring up the WebSphere Administrative Console, and log in.

In the left hand panel, expand Servers->Server Types and click on WebSphere application servers.

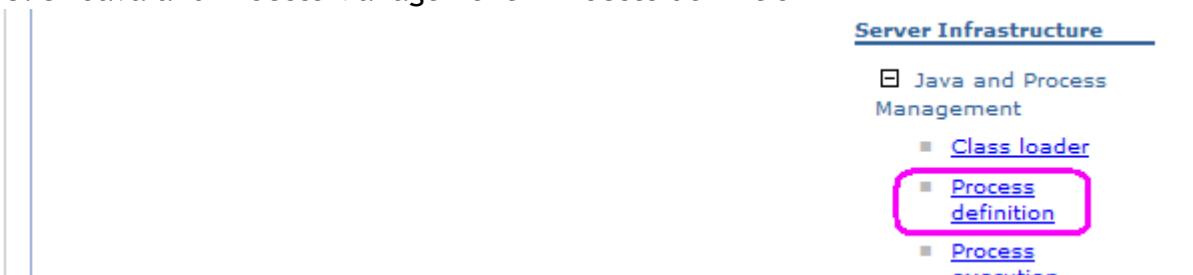
In the main panel in the Administrative Console, click on the entry for your server

The screenshot shows the WebSphere Administrative Console interface. On the left, there is a navigation tree with categories like Guided Activities, Servers, Applications, Services, Resources, Security, Environment, System administration, Users and Groups, Monitoring and Tuning, and Troubleshooting. Under the Servers category, the 'Server Types' node is expanded, and 'WebSphere application servers' is selected. This selection is highlighted with a pink rectangle. In the main panel, the title bar says 'Cell=veracruzNode01Cell, Profile=AppSrv01'. Below it, the 'Application servers' section shows a single server entry: 'Application servers > server1'. A pink rectangle highlights the 'server1' link. The right side of the screen displays the 'Runtime' tab of the server configuration page. It includes sections for 'General Properties' (Name: server1, Node name: veracruzNode01, checkboxes for Run in development mode, Parallel start, Start components as needed, and Access to internal server classes set to Allow) and 'Container Settings' (Session management, SIP Container Settings, Web Container Settings, Portlet Container Settings, EJB Container Settings, and Container Services). The 'Configuration' tab is also visible at the top of the main panel.

You will need to scroll down and under “Server Infrastructure”, click Java and Process Management

The screenshot shows a menu structure. At the top, there is a link labeled 'SIB service'. Below it, the 'Server Infrastructure' menu is shown, which is highlighted with a pink rectangle. This menu has two items: 'Java and Process Management' and 'Administration'. At the bottom of the menu, there is a link labeled 'Communications'.

Click Java and Process Management > Process definition



Select “Java Virtual Machine”

The screenshot shows the 'Integrated Solutions Console' interface. The left sidebar has a 'View' dropdown set to 'All tasks' and lists categories like 'Welcome', 'Guided Activities', 'Servers', 'Applications', 'Services', 'Resources', 'Security', 'Environment', and 'Logs'. The main panel is titled 'Application servers' and shows a sub-section 'Process definition' for 'server1'. It contains tabs for 'Configuration' and 'Script'. Under 'Configuration', there are sections for 'General Properties' (with 'Executable name' and 'Executable arguments' fields) and 'Additional Properties' (with 'Java Virtual Machine' (highlighted with a pink rectangle), 'Environment Entries', 'Process execution', and 'Process Logs' listed). A status bar at the top indicates 'Cell=veracruzNode01Cell, Profile=AppSrv01'.

You will see:

Application servers > server1 > Process definition > Java Virtual Machine

Use this page to configure advanced Java(TM) virtual machine settings.

Configuration    **Runtime**

**General Properties**

Classpath

Boot Classpath

**Additional Properties**

- Custom properties

Scroll down to find "Generic JVM arguments."

Debug Mode

Debug arguments  
-agentlib:jdwp=transport=dt\_socket,server=y,suspend=n,address=7777

**Generic JVM arguments** -Xquickstart -Djava.library.path=/opt/mqm/java/lib:/opt/mqm/java/lib64

Executable JAR file name

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Under “Generic JVM arguments”, enter the desired variables.

For example:

-Djava.library.path=library\_path

For Linux 32-bit, it should be:

-Djava.library.path=/opt/mqm/java/lib

For Linux 64-bit, HP-UX and Solaris, the string is:

-Djava.library.path=/opt/mqm/java/lib:/opt/mqm/java/lib64

For AIX, the string is:

-Djava.library.path=/usr/mqm/java/lib:/usr/mqm/java/lib64

Other examples:

-Dcom.ibm.mq.jms.tuning.startupReconnectionRetryCount=<value>

-Dcom.ibm.mq.jms.tuning.startupReconnectionRetryInterval=<time in milliseconds>

- Save the changes, and restart the application server.

## ++ Method 2 - Custom Properties

In WebSphere Application Server, the JVM system property can be set using the Administrative console:

Servers-> Application Servers (from the left hand menu) then select:  
<server name> -> Server Infrastructure -> Java and Process Management -> Process Definition -> Java Virtual Machine -> Custom Properties

### + Details

Follow the steps mentioned in Method 1 and at the "Java Virtual Machine" section, select "Custom properties".

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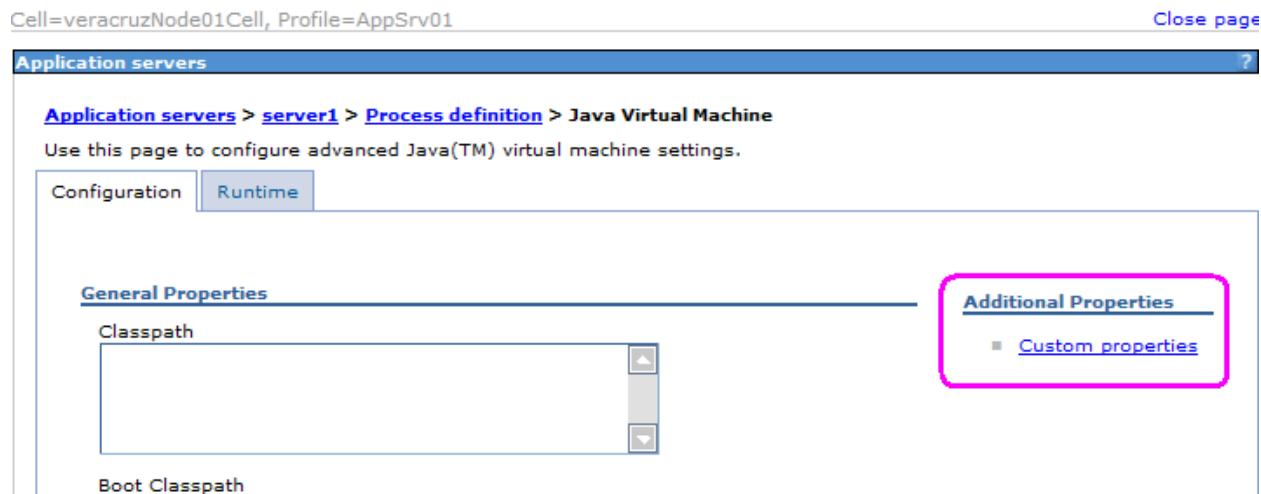
**General Properties**

Classpath  
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Boot Classpath

**Additional Properties**

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You will see the Custom Properties.

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[+ Preferences](#)

Select	Name	Value	Description
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<input type="checkbox"/>	<a href="#">com.ibm.security.krb5.Krb5Debug</a>	off	

Total 2

Click on New. Then you can create the new entry:

**Application servers**

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**Configuration**

General Properties	
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Description	
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[Apply](#) [OK](#) [Reset](#) [Cancel](#)

Name=com.ibm.msg.client.wmq.overrideProviderVersion  
Value=6

- Save the changes, and restart the application server.

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