

Configuration Guide

Best Practices for Installing and Configuring IBM WebSphere Network Deployment 6.1 Before Running SAS Deployment Wizard

This document addresses the best practices to use in preparing IBM WebSphere Application Server Network Deployment before running SAS Deployment Wizard to install and configure SAS Web applications.

SAS Deployment Wizard provides two choices for configuring WebSphere Application Server: manual and automatic. As a result, this document indicates when a recommendation is appropriate for each of these choices. When not explicitly indicated, the recommendation applies to both.

Considerations for Configuring WebSphere Application Server

1. Be sure to check all software and hardware requirements for WebSphere Application Server based on your operating system:
 - [System Requirements for WebSphere Application Server V6.1](#)
 - [Hardware and software requirements](#)
2. Select only those links in the IBM documentation that apply to the operating system that will host your WebSphere Application Server 6.1 installation and follow the documented IBM recommendations. Refer to these links:
 - The AIX section can be found at: [Preparing AIX systems for installation](#)
 - The Linux section can be found at: [Preparing Linux systems for installation](#)
 - The Solaris section can be found at: [Preparing Solaris systems for installation](#)
 - The Windows section can be found at: [Preparing Windows systems for installation](#)
3. To avoid WebSphere Application Server port and name conflicts when you run SAS Deployment Wizard, it is preferable that the WebSphere Application Server installation that SAS Deployment Wizard uses have no other WebSphere Application Server profiles in it at the time that you run SAS Deployment Wizard and that no other WebSphere Application Server installations exist on the machine. See the next item to learn how to handle an exception to this best practice.
4. If you have separate SAS Web environments, such as one for a development configuration level, one for testing, and one for production, SAS recommends creating a WebSphere cell for each SAS Web environment. However, if the additional cells are on a single machine, you manually

configure WebSphere for all cells other than the first. You must manually configure subsequent SAS Web environments because you are given full control of port selections to avoid port conflicts. When SAS Deployment Wizard uses automatic configuration to install the first SAS Web environment and to configure the first cell, it selects default port numbers. However, during manual configuration, you have an opportunity to specify alternative port numbers for additional SAS Web environments.

If you know that you will need to add multiple WebSphere Application Server cells to a single machine, SAS recommends that you use SAS Deployment Wizard to create the first WebSphere environment. Once SAS Deployment Wizard configures this environment, the default port numbers become unavailable for any other use. For subsequent SAS Web environments, manually configure WebSphere Application Server using the IBM Profile Management Tool for Windows or Linux systems, or use the WebSphere Application Server `manageprofiles` command to construct the `dmgr` and `appserver` node profiles. You can then choose unique port numbers knowing that the default port numbers are unavailable. More information about ports and manual configuration is available in this document.

5. For Windows operating environments, install with a user account that has Administrative authority. For UNIX systems, as IBM recommends, install WebSphere Application Server using the root user account. If you are unable to use the root user account, IBM has documented limitations for nonroot installers in article, [“Limitations of nonroot installers.”](#) Similarly, SAS provides the article [“Running SAS Deployment Wizard on UNIX with WebSphere and a Nonroot User Account.”](#)
6. Install the product using the appropriate installation program for your operating environment. For example, for 32-bit Windows operating environments, `launchpad.bat` is typically used. However, because not all UNIX operating environments are supported by an equivalent `launchpad` script, use the installation executable found in the `WAS` directory on the install media or in an extracted installation archive (TAR file).
7. When you choose the WebSphere Application Server installation location, select the installation directory names carefully when the WebSphere Application Server installation program presents that opportunity.
 - The default location for Windows operating environments is the `Program Files` directory. This location might or might not be appropriate for your installation.
 - For UNIX operating environments, be aware of these considerations for the WebSphere Application Server installation directory name:
 - The default location (`/usr` or `/opt`) is typically a file system anchored by the root volume group. Disk space limitations imposed by your installation for this root volume group might make the default installation location inappropriate. Select the installation file system with disk space in mind. See the IBM hardware and software requirements for the specific disk space requirements.
 - Do not use spaces in names of the directories for WebSphere Application Server installation. Spaces in filenames and directories for UNIX operating environments are considered unconventional. In addition, spaces in directory names on UNIX operating environments complicate alteration of deployed SAS Web applications, if that becomes necessary.

8. During WebSphere Application Server installation, the WebSphere Application Server installation wizard displays a page containing a check box that you can use to enable WebSphere Application Server Administrative Security. This check box is selected by default and enables WebSphere Application Server Administrative Security.

SAS recommends that you deselect this check box to disable WebSphere Application Server Administrative Security if you plan to run SAS Deployment Wizard and to choose automatic WebSphere Application Server configuration. (You can easily enable WebSphere Application Server Administrative Security after SAS Deployment Wizard completes automatic configuration.) If you enable WebSphere Application Server Administrative Security before you run SAS Deployment Wizard with the automatic configuration choice, it unnecessarily complicates the WebSphere Application Server configuration that SAS Deployment Wizard performs. If you plan to manually configure WebSphere Application Server instead, enabling or disabling WebSphere Application Server Administrative Security during WebSphere Application Server installation is a matter of preference.

9. Among the final pages that the WebSphere Application Server installation wizard displays, a question appears about whether to create an environment for your WebSphere Application Server installation.

If you plan to use SAS Deployment Wizard to automatically configure WebSphere Application Server, SAS recommends that you select None. (Do not create any profiles at this time.) In this case, the WebSphere Application Server installation wizard might warn you that WebSphere Application Server will not be operational without definition of an environment. You can safely ignore this warning because the profiles necessary to make WebSphere Application Server operational for SAS Web applications are built during SAS Deployment Wizard automatic WebSphere Application Server configuration.

If you choose to configure WebSphere Application Server manually instead of letting SAS Deployment Wizard configure it automatically, the decision to build an environment has no consequence. For manual WebSphere Application Server configuration to support SAS Web applications, creation of the necessary profiles and servers, and customization of necessary WebSphere Application Server components (such as JMS, JDBC, MailSession, and JAAS Login Modules) is described in the Instructions.html file that SAS Deployment Wizard generates.

10. Check that IBM maintenance software has been applied. Use WebSphere Application Server 6.1 with Fix Pack 21. See the [Fix list for IBM WebSphere Application Server version 6.1](#).

Note: Before applying service to any WebSphere Application Server installation, make sure that all servers, node agents, and dmgrs are stopped. Also, perform a backupConfig operation for each profile that exists.

Considerations Before Running SAS Deployment Wizard

1. As mentioned in the previous section, if you choose to let SAS Deployment Wizard configure WebSphere Application Server automatically, then all necessary profiles, servers, and customization of components is completed automatically. The use of profiles enables WebSphere Application Server to isolate runtime files, which may be changed by WebSphere Application Server maintenance, from configuration files, which are not typically affected by WebSphere

Application Server maintenance. A profile defines the environment for WebSphere Application Server runtimes. This includes creating these items:

- A deployment manager profile that is used to contain the dmgr server and manage the SAS application server node.
 - An application server node profile that is used to contain the node agent and SAS application server(s) that host the SAS Web applications. The node is also automatically federated to the dmgr server.
 - Complete definitions for all the resources that the SAS Web applications require. These resources include JDBC, JMS, Service Integration Bus, Mail Server, JAAS Login Modules, and so on.
 - Customization of the servers (in particular the dmgr and application server hosting the SAS Web applications) with respect to customizing the JVM properties and generic JVM options tailored for performance of the SAS Web applications.
2. The steps that are required to manually configure WebSphere Application Server using the WebSphere Integrated Solutions Console (known as the *administrative console*) are described in an Instructions.html file that SAS Deployment Wizard generates. Follow these instructions carefully to ensure successful configuration of the WebSphere Application Server environment for SAS Web applications.

Note: Manual WebSphere Application Server configuration assumes a high level of skill in using the administrative console and good familiarity with customizing and configuring WebSphere Application Server.

3. When SAS Deployment Wizard automatically configures WebSphere Application Server, it builds two profiles:
- SASDmgr01 – this is the default dmgr profile name. You can alter the name in SAS Deployment Wizard.
 - SASAppSrv01 – this is default node agent and application server profile name. You can alter the name in SAS Deployment Wizard.

The profile names you choose are used to create names for these related WebSphere management objects:

- SASDmgr01Cell – this is the default cell name containing the objects to manage the SAS Web applications. This name is derived from the dmgr profile name, so SAS Deployment Wizard cannot configure it.
- SASDmgr01Node – this is the default node name containing the dmgr server. This name is derived from the dmgr profile name, so SAS Deployment Wizard cannot configure it.
- SASAppSrv01Node – this is the default node name containing the node agent and the application server used by SAS. This name is derived from the application server profile name, so SAS Deployment Wizard cannot configure it.
- SASServer1 (and possibly SASServer2, SASServer3, and SASServer4) – this is the default application server name for the application server that hosts the SAS Web applications. You can alter the name in SAS Deployment Wizard.

4. The automatic WebSphere Application Server configuration that SAS Deployment Wizard performs creates profiles with the names that are identified in the previous list. If a profile with the same name already exists, SAS Deployment Wizard reuses the profile. When SAS Deployment Wizard reuses a profile, it creates or updates the settings for the components related to SAS Web applications—such as JDBC, JMS, Mail Server, and JVM options. By reusing profiles, you can reuse any profiles that SAS Deployment Wizard created on a previous run if you need to add components on a subsequent SAS Deployment Wizard run.
5. If you deliberately want to reuse profiles that you created during a previous SAS Deployment Wizard automatic WebSphere Application Server configuration, be sure the corresponding cell and node names that are derived from your selected profile names are unique and also exist. For example, if you let the dmgr profile default to SASDmgr01, the derived cell name is SASDmgr01Cell and the derived node name for the dmgr profile is SASDmgr01Node. If you want to reuse an existing SASDmgr01 profile, then the associated cell and node entities with names of SASDmgr01Cell and SASDmgr01Node must also exist. If these associated cell and node entities with these names do not exist, unpredictable results can occur.
6. Before running SAS Deployment Wizard and choosing automatic WebSphere Application Server configuration, be sure that all application servers, node agents, and dmgr servers are stopped in all profiles. This is particularly important if they are components of profiles that SAS Deployment Wizard might reuse.
7. For automatic WebSphere Application Server configuration in SAS Deployment Wizard, the default ports for the dmgr server, WebSphere Application Server selects the nodeagent server and application servers from available ports. In [“Port number settings in WebSphere Application Server versions,”](#) IBM documents the default ports that are typically selected.

8. For automatic WebSphere Application Server configuration, SAS Deployment Wizard lets you alter some WebSphere Application Server server ports. The following table identifies ports that you can configure. SAS Deployment Wizard overlays port numbers with either the default values in this list or with port numbers that you provide in SAS Deployment Wizard.

Name Used in SAS Deployment Wizard	Name Used in WebSphere Application Server	SAS Deployment Wizard Default Value and Description
dmgr HTTP Port	WC_adminhost	9060 (alterable in SAS Deployment Wizard)
dmgr HTTPS Port	WC_adminhost_secure	9043 (alterable in SAS Deployment Wizard)
dmgr RMI port	BOOTSTRAP_ADDRESS	9809 (alterable in SAS Deployment Wizard)
SASServer1 HTTP Port	WC_defaulthost	9080 Default ports when you request multiple servers in SAS Deployment Wizard: 9081 = SASServer2 9082 = SASServer3 9083 = SASServer4 You can alter all ports in SAS Deployment Wizard.
SASServer1 HTTPS Port	WC_defaulthost_secure	9044 Default ports when you request multiple servers in SAS Deployment Wizard: 9045 = SASServer2 9046 = SASServer3 9047 = SASServer4 You can alter all ports in SAS Deployment Wizard.
SASServer1 RMI Port	BOOTSTRAP_ADDRESS	9811 Default RMI ports when you request multiple servers in SAS Deployment Wizard: 9812 = SASServer2 9813 = SASServer3 9814 = SASServer4 You can alter all ports in SAS Deployment Wizard.

9. Other than the ports in the previous table, you cannot alter named WebSphere Application Server ports using SAS Deployment Wizard. You must use the administrative console or manually edit the appropriate `serverindex.xml` file for the server to alter other ports.

10. If you plan to use nondefault ports and manually configure WebSphere Application Server, the recommended best practice is to create the necessary profiles before you run SAS Deployment Wizard. By doing this, you determine the complete list of the ports that the profiles use. When you run SAS Deployment Wizard, you are required to identify the five ports that are identified in Item 8 in this list. With this information and port usage in Instructions.html, you can determine which port numbers are used and which ports are available. Because you have already created your own profiles, you can ignore steps about creating profiles in Instructions.html. Also be aware that the cell name, dmgr node name, application server name, and node name in the Instructions.html all follow SAS naming conventions. (See Item 3 in this list.) It is unlikely that the profiles that you create in your WebSphere Application Server environment will match these names and follow this convention. As a result, when you read Instructions.html, you must perform simple substitution of your cell, node, and server names for the corresponding names identified in Instructions.html.
11. Remember that the Instructions.html documentation that SAS Deployment Wizard generates explains all configuration steps. If you choose an automatic configuration, it describes the steps that SAS Deployment Wizard takes. If you choose manual configuration, it describes the steps that you must take to configure WebSphere Application Server for use with SAS Web applications.

Recommended Reading

These URLs are current as of December 2008.

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