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# Business Process Manager - Security

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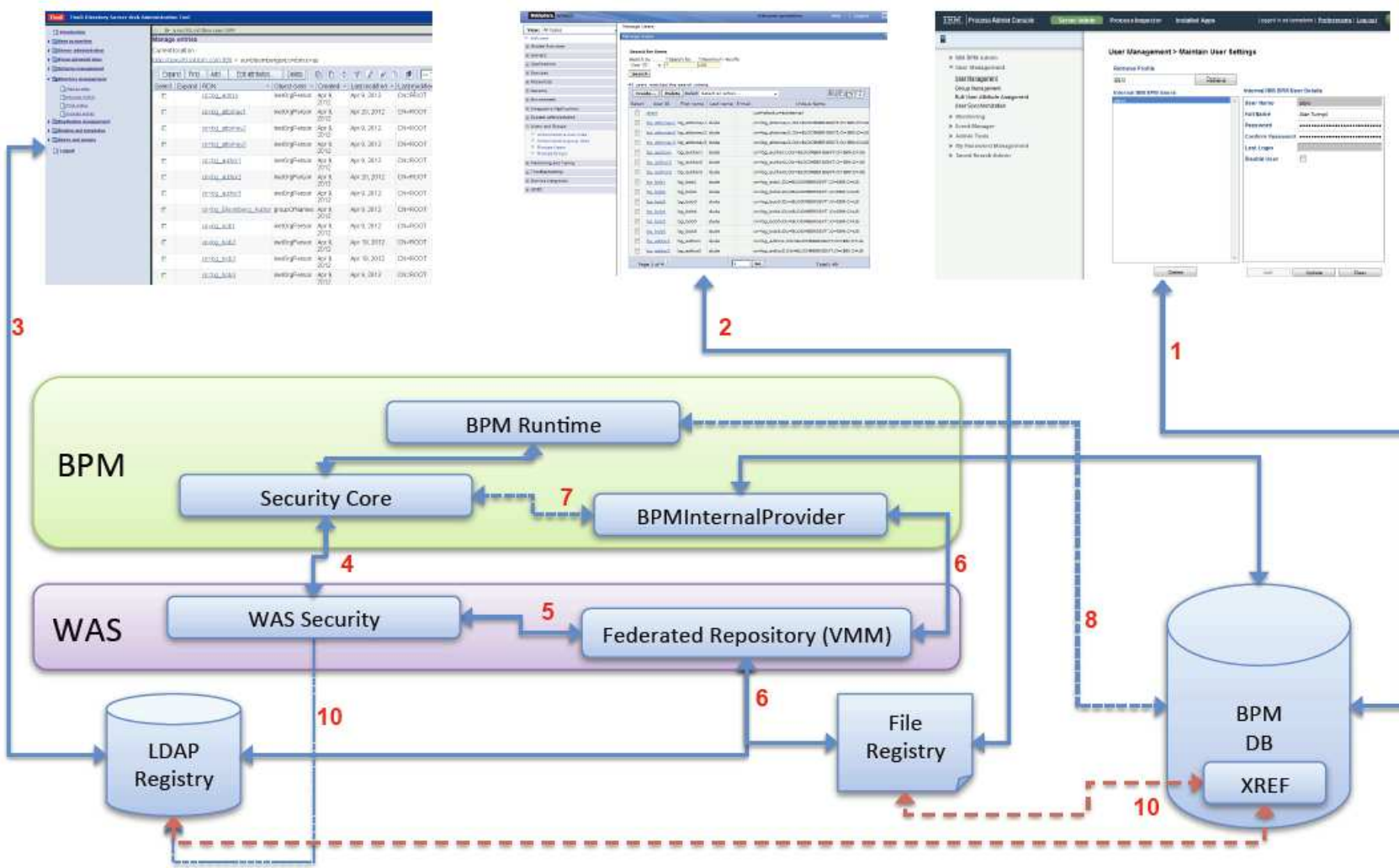
# Agenda

- Overview
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- Authorization - Access to what
  - ▶ Users and Groups
- Common security considerations
- Troubleshooting
- Q&A

## Panel of Experts

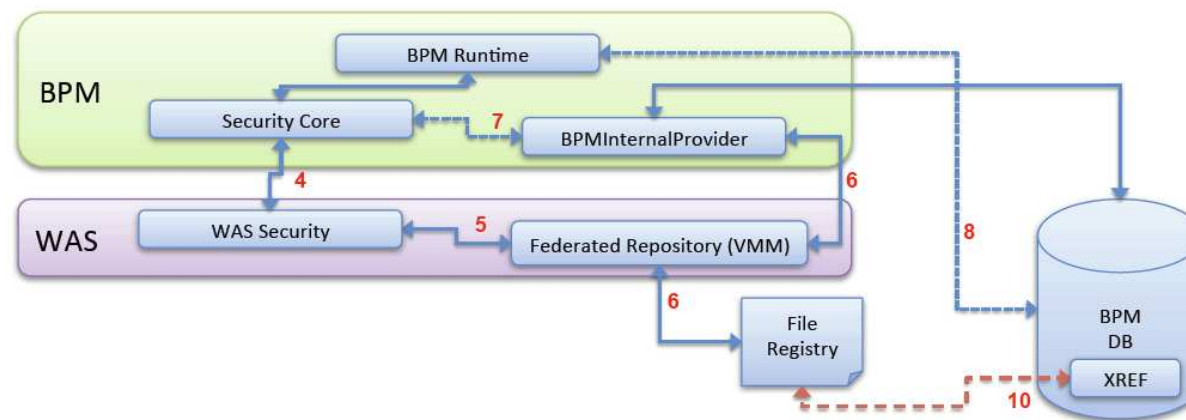
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| Sridhar Edam    | Sridhar Edam has been a long time support engineer for IBM BPM Products and has very good understanding of the architecture , design and operational aspects of the BPM Products.   |
| Dhamu Veluswamy | Dhamu Veluswamy has been working in WebSphere Support team for several year. In this role, he is responsible for customer support for WebSphere Adapters and Business Process Manager. He has good understating of Business Process Manager and its design. |

# Overview - Complexity



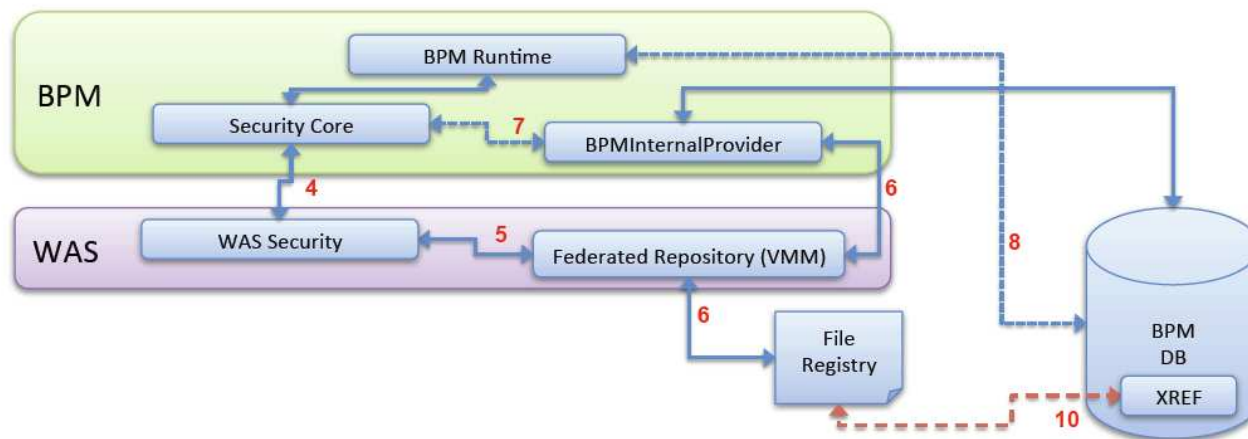
# Default Configuration

- By default, BPM is configured with Federated repositories (VMM)
  - ▶ This is the RECOMMENDED CONFIGURATION
- Standalone servers have two repositories in the federation
- Network Deployment environments by default only have one
- Internal Security Provider: Code which allows login to WAS for users that have been created in the BPM database



# Typical Configuration

- Most customers have an LDAP repository
  - No need for internal user management: the internal security provider can be removed
- Business users are maintained in LDAP
- A number of default users are “BPM Specific”
  - Some customers don't want them in LDAP
  - The file-based repository can be used instead
- This allows admins to login, when LDAP is down



# Supported Configuration

- There are many additional options, such as
  - ▶ Standalone LDAP configuration
  - ▶ (Discouraged: there is no reason to do that)
  - ▶ Federated Repositories with one or more LDAPs federated, no file-based repository
  - ▶ Custom User Registry
  - ▶ Others
- Note that some features in BPM require Federated Repositories
  - ▶ Substitution in Human Task Manager (Advanced Edition only)
  - ▶ User Chooser in Business Space (e.g. searching by last name)

# Tivoli LDAP

[Global security](#) > [Federated repositories](#) > [Manage repositories](#) > [MyTDS](#)

Specifies the configuration for secure access to a Lightweight Directory Access Protocol (LDAP) repository with optional failover servers.

## General Properties

Repository identifier

MyTDS

### LDAP server

Directory type

IBM Tivoli Directory Server

Primary host name

9.30.204.139

Port

389

Failover server used when primary is not available:

Delete

Select

Failover Host Name

Port

None

Add

Support referrals to other LDAP servers:

ignore

### Security

Bind distinguished name

CN=ldapbind,cn=users,o=myc

Bind password

\*\*\*\*\*

Login properties

uid

LDAP attribute for Kerberos principal name

krbPrincipalName

Certificate mapping

EXACT\_DN

Certificate filter

Require SSL communications

Centrally managed

[Manage endpoint security configurations](#)

Use specific SSL alias

NodeDefaultSSLSettings

[SSL configurations](#)

## Additional Properties

- [Performance](#)
- [LDAP entity types](#)
- [Group attribute definition](#)



# Tivoli LDAP

- log into admin console
  - ▶ **Security->Global Security-> Federated Repository -> Configure->Manage Repositories ->Add**  
**Bind distinguished name : CN=ldapbind,cn=users,o=mycompany.org**  
**Bind password: ldapbind**  
Save the setting.  
Go back to this repository and click on LDAP entity types  
Make sure you have the same value:
- **Go to Security->Global Security-> Federated Repository -> Configure->Add Base Entry to Realm**
  - ▶ Choose the repository which was created in previous step. In this case “MyTDS”  
apply and ok. Restart server.

# IBM HTTP Server

- Add HTTP server to the WAS configuration.
- Generate the web server plug-in
- Map application modules to route through HTTP server.
- Customize the 100Custom.xml to point to the web server

```
authoring-environment merge="mergeChildren">
  <!--
    Prefix for serving images in the Authoring Environment
  -->
  <images-prefix merge="replace">http://My2008.usca.ibm.com/teamworks</images-prefix>

  <!-- Prefix for urls that refer to the portal -->
  <portal-prefix merge="replace">http://My2008.usca.ibm.com/portal</portal-prefix>

  <!-- Prefix for urls that refer to the repository view -->
  <repository-prefix merge="replace">http://My2008.usca.ibm.com/ProcessCenter</repository-prefix>

  <servlet-prefix merge="replace">http://My2008.usca.ibm.com/teamworks</servlet-prefix>

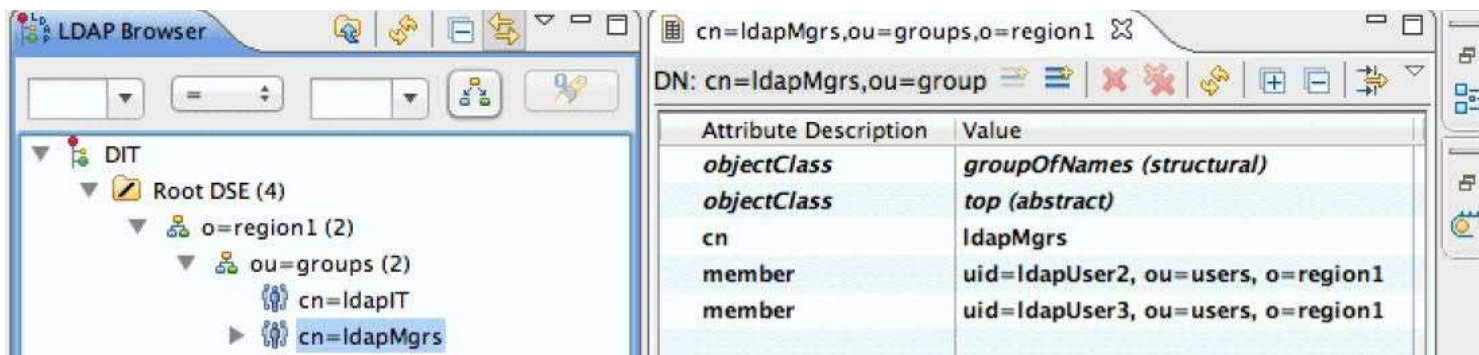
  <!-- Prefix for urls that refer to the webapi -->
  <webapi-prefix merge="replace">http://My2008.usca.ibm.com/webapi</webapi-prefix>

  <process-help-wiki-url-view
merge="replace">http://My2008.usca.ibm.com/processhelp/en/%TITLE%?teamworksTitle=%TEAMWORKS_TITLE%</process-help-wiki-url-view>
  <process-help-wiki-url-edit
merge="replace">http://My2008.usca.ibm.com/processhelp/en/Special:Edit?topic=%TITLE%&teamworksTitle=%TEAMWORKS_TITLE%</process-
help-wiki-url-edit>

</authoring-environment>
```

# Authorization: Groups

- Groups versus roles
- Grouping mechanisms
  - ▶ LDAP groups
  - ▶ VMM security groups



The screenshot shows the LDAP Browser interface. On the left, a tree view displays the directory structure: DIT > Root DSE (4) > o=region1 (2) > ou=groups (2) > cn=ldapMgrs. The right pane shows the details for the selected object, with the following table:

| Attribute Description | Value                              |
|-----------------------|------------------------------------|
| <i>objectClass</i>    | <i>groupOfNames (structural)</i>   |
| <i>objectClass</i>    | <i>top (abstract)</i>              |
| cn                    | ldapMgrs                           |
| member                | uid=ldapUser2, ou=users, o=region1 |
| member                | uid=ldapUser3, ou=users, o=region1 |

# Authorization: Process Admin groups

The screenshot displays the IBM Process Admin Console interface. At the top, the navigation bar includes 'Server Admin', 'Process Inspector', and 'Installed Apps'. The user is logged in as 'bpmadmin'. The main content area is titled 'User Management > Group Management'. A search field 'Select Group to Modify: %%' is present. A list of groups is shown, with 'IdapIT' selected. To the right, the 'IdapIT' configuration shows 'Team Manager Group: No Team Manager Group' and a list of users: 'IdapUser7 (IdapUser7)' and 'IdapUser8 (IdapUser8)'. A footer note states: 'Group Management Group Management creates groups that are used for security and cross process application security setup.'

# Authorization: Participant Groups

- Process Designer Swimlanes are authorized for a participant group
- Participant group users receive work items of their swimlane activities
- Role binding for a participant group is associated with process admin groups.

The screenshot displays the 'Participant Group' configuration window for 'HiringManagers'. The interface is divided into several sections:

- Common:** Name: HiringManagers, Modified: tw\_admin (Jun 3, 2012), Documentation: (empty text area).
- Simulation Properties:** Capacity: Use Estimated Capa (dropdown), 2; % Availability: (empty); % Efficiency: (empty); Cost per Hour: 65.00, Select... (button).
- Members:** Select: Standard Members (dropdown), List: hr\_hiringMgrs, Add user, Add group, Remove (buttons).
- Properties:** Validation Errors, Where Used (tabs).
- Table:** A table with columns 'Property' and 'Value' is visible at the bottom.

The left sidebar shows a navigation tree with categories like 'HIRING SAMPLE', 'TOOLKITS', and 'SMART FOLDERS'. The bottom status bar indicates 'Revision History' with version '7.5.1'.

# Authorization: Process App Access

The screenshot displays the IBM Process Center interface for managing a process application. The top navigation bar includes 'Process Apps', 'Toolkits', and 'Servers'. The user is logged in as 'adUser8'. The main content area is titled 'adUser8 recruiting campaign (ADU8REC)' and includes a 'Manage' button. The configuration fields are:

- Process App Name: adUser8 recruiting campaign
- Acronym: ADU8REC
- Description: (empty text area)
- Allow users to create tracks in this process app:  (unchecked)
- Why Tracks: (link)

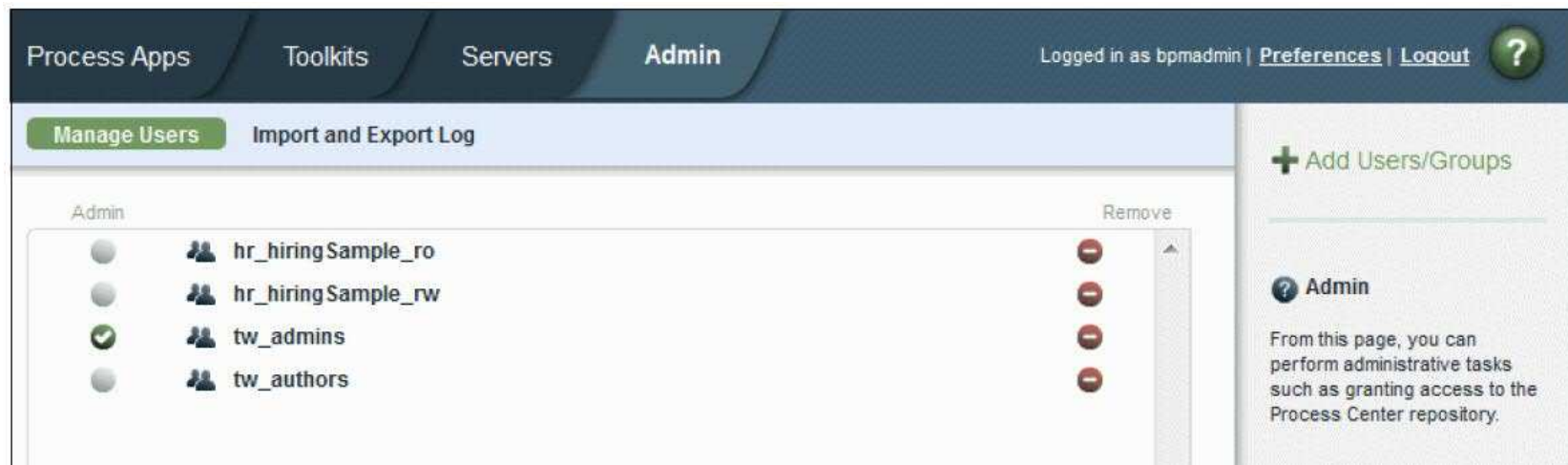
Below the configuration fields is the 'Manage Access to Process Library' section, which includes an 'Add Users/Groups' button and a table of access permissions:

| Read                                | Write                               | Admin                               | Remove                   |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| adUser8 (adUser8)                   |                                     |                                     |                          |

The right sidebar contains links for 'Archive Process App' and 'View Archived Tracks', along with a help section titled 'Managing process applications and toolkits'.

# Authorization: Process Designer

- A user with full administrative rights to the /ProcessCenter can grant Process Designer access
- This can be done on /ProcessCenter Admin tab, by adding the appropriate group / user.



## Common security holes with authorization

- Overuse of administrator privileges
- Failure to map participant groups
- Overpopulation of groups
- Overuse of tw\_authors, tw\_admins
- Faith in firewalls



## Common security holes with authentication

- Weak password policies
- Failure to change default passwords
- Faith in firewalls
- Insecure LDAP connections
- Insecure SSO solutions

# Common security considerations

- Firewalls
- SSL between BPM and database server
- SSL between Process Center and Process Server
- Encrypt data at rest
- Change - default BPM accounts
- Change - trust in certificate authorities

# Q&A - Who can install to process server

## 1.1.1 Online Servers

By default, users with the following process application privileges can install snapshots to online servers:

| Server Type                         | Privilege    |
|-------------------------------------|--------------|
| Production                          | <u>Admin</u> |
| <u>Non-Production</u> (Test, Stage) | Write        |
| Development (Process Center)        | Read         |

```
<properties>
  <server merge="mergeChildren">
    <process-center-install-group>[group_name]</process-center-install-group>
  </server>
</properties>
```

## 1.1.2 Offline Servers

When you install offline runtime servers, you should always set up security such that only members of a certain group can install new snapshot installation packages. This can be done by creating a 100Custom-style XML configuration that specifies the group that can perform installs.

```
<properties>
  <server >
    <offline-install-group merge="replace">BPM_Installer</offline-install-group>
  </server>
</properties>
```

## Q&A – How to secure portal functions to a set of users

- Done through changes in 100Custom.xml
- Eg: `<portal> <default-action-policy> <action type="ACTION_REASSIGN_TASK_USER_ROLE" merge="replace"> <role>project_managers</role> </action> </default-action-policy> </portal>`
- [http://publib.boulder.ibm.com/infocenter/dmndhelp/v7r5m1/index.jsp?topic=%2Fcom.ibm.wbpm.admin.doc%2Ftopics%2Frestricting\\_access\\_to\\_portal\\_functions.html](http://publib.boulder.ibm.com/infocenter/dmndhelp/v7r5m1/index.jsp?topic=%2Fcom.ibm.wbpm.admin.doc%2Ftopics%2Frestricting_access_to_portal_functions.html)

## Q&A – Password change and issues

- [http://publib.boulder.ibm.com/infocenter/dmndhelp/v7r5m1/index.jsp?topic=%2Fcom.ibm.wbpm.imuc.ebpm.doc%2Ftopics%2Fchanging\\_admin\\_password.html](http://publib.boulder.ibm.com/infocenter/dmndhelp/v7r5m1/index.jsp?topic=%2Fcom.ibm.wbpm.imuc.ebpm.doc%2Ftopics%2Fchanging_admin_password.html)
- Check for the db2admin password expiry and change the J2C Authentication aliases accordingly
- Copy the old password from the db to the password field of LSW\_USERS tables

# Summary



## References and Useful Links (Optional)

- Reference 1:  
<http://www.ibm.com/developerworks/websphere/community/>
- Reference 2:  
[http://www.ibm.com/software/websphere/events\\_1.html](http://www.ibm.com/software/websphere/events_1.html)
- Reference 3:  
<http://www.websphere.org>
- Reference 4:  
<http://www.ibm.com/software/info/education/assistant>
- Reference 5:  
<http://www.ibm.com/software/websphere/support/d2w.html>
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<http://www.redbooks.ibm.com/redbooks/pdfs/sg248027.pdf>

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