IBM WebSphere
System Administrator skills for IBM WebSphere Application Server V8.5.5.x

Role
The WebSphere system administrator performs the installation, configuration, and day-to-day tasks associated with ensuring the smooth and efficient operation of a WebSphere runtime environment. This includes product installation, configuration and deployment of Java EE applications, connecting to back-end resources, and basic troubleshooting.

The system administrator is generally self-sufficient and able to perform most of the tasks involved in the role with limited assistance from peers, product documentation, and vendor support services.

Assumptions
It is assumed that the individual following this roadmap has basic skills in the following areas:
- Good understanding of the Java EE application model, including EJBs, JSP, HTTP sessions, and servlets
- Good understanding of Java EE technologies, such as JDBC, JMS, JNDI, JTA, and JAAS
- Good understanding of HTTP server concepts
- Experience in system administration on operating systems such as Windows 2000/XP, UNIX, z/OS, OS/400, or Linux
- Good understanding of basic Internet concepts (for example, firewalls, Web browsers, TCP/IP, SSL, HTTP, and so forth)
- Good understanding of standard markup languages such as XML and HTML
- Basic knowledge of Web services, including SOAP, UDDI, and WSDL
- Basic knowledge of bean scripting framework languages

1 Technical Overview (optional)

Objectives
After completing this step, students should be able to:
- Overview of WebSphere Application Server
- WebSphere Application Server packaging
- WebSphere Application Server profiles
- WebSphere Application Server full profile concepts
- Liberty profile concepts
- Development and testing of applications
- Integration with other products
- Summary of programming support
- Summary of capabilities

2 Liberty Profile administration skills

Objectives
After completing this step, students should be able to:
- Overview of the Liberty profile for administrators
- Installing and updating the Liberty profile
- Working with Liberty profile servers
- Accessing databases
- Runtime scenarios
- Messaging applications
- Monitoring the Liberty profile server environment
- Problem determination tools

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Core administration skills

Objectives

After completing this step, students should be able to:
- Explain how WebSphere Application Server relates to the WebSphere family of products
- Describe the architectural concepts related to WebSphere Application Server V8.5.5
- Install and configure IBM Installation Manager (IIM)
- Install and configure WebSphere Application Server and IBM HTTP Server (IHS)
- Assemble and install server-side Java enterprise applications
- Use WebSphere Application Server administrative tools to configure and manage enterprise applications
- Configure security for server-side application resources
- Use log files to troubleshoot problems
- Describe the Intelligent Management Pack
- Describe WebSphere Batch features
- Describe the Liberty profile
- Install and configure the Liberty profile
- Use the job manager to administer Liberty servers

Supplemental resources
1. Configuring and Deploying Open Source with WebSphere Application Server Liberty Profile
2. WebSphere Application Server V8.5 Administration Guide for the Liberty Profile
3. Getting Started with IBM Bluemix: Web Application Hosting Scenario on Java Liberty

Note:
Those using IBM i can also take this course

WebSphere Application Server V8.5.5 Administration

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Certification test

See certification Web site
For test preparation

Test 401
IBM Certified System Administrator - WebSphere Application Server Network Deployment V8.5.5 and Liberty Profile
4 Problem determination skills

Objectives
After completing this step, students should be able to:

- Apply problem determination techniques and analyses
- Use problem determination tools
- Use problem determination tools and analysis techniques to identify problems
- Identify common problems
- Use IBM Support Assistant
- Communicate effectively with IBM support teams

5 Scripting and automation skills

Objectives
After completing this step, students should be able to:

- Describe the support in WebSphere Application Server for scripting and automation
- Use Jython and the IBM Assembly and Deploy Tools (IADT) to develop automated scripts
- Identify the administrative objects and programming APIs needed for administrative scripting
- Use the wsadmin tool to prototype and run scripts
- Write scripts to automate common WebSphere Application Server administration tasks
- Describe the use of Ant to automate tasks
- Use Jython scripting to submit jobs to the job manager

6 WebSphere Application Server performance tuning skills

Objectives
After completing this step, students should be able to:

- Apply performance tuning methods to WebSphere Application Servers
- Perform load testing using the Apache JMeter
- Monitor application server performance using WebSphere and the IBM Support Assistant (ISA)
- Monitor and tune the JVM for optimum throughput and response time
- Monitor and tune connection pools for optimum performance
- Implement best practices for general WebSphere runtime performance
- Use the Apache JMeter to profile and tune Java EE applications

Note: Those using IBM i can also take this course
7 (optional) Migration skills to WebSphere Application Server

Objectives
After completing this step, students should be able to:

- Migration strategy and planning
- Common migration issues
- Installation and configuration of the Application Migration Tools
- Differences between Eclipse and Rational Application Developer
- Migrating from Oracle WebLogic
- Migrating from Oracle Application Server
- Migrating from JBoss
- Migrating from Apache Tomcat
- Application Framework migration
- Installation and configuration of the Application Migration Tool - WebSphere Version to Version
- Migrating from earlier versions of WebSphere Application Server

Supplemental resources
1. What are the Migration Steps that are involved?
2. WebSphere® Application Server Competitive Migration using Migration Toolkit

8 Intelligent Management configuration skills

Objectives
After completing this step, students should be able to:

- Explain the concept of middleware virtualization
- Describe the architecture of the runtime components that Intelligent Management uses
- Use Intelligent Management monitoring
- Configure application server dynamic operations and explain their behavior
- Configure health management and explain its behavior
- Configure application edition management and explain its behavior
- Explain the behavior of on demand router dynamic clusters
- Use the features of centralized log management
- Configure a highly available deployment manager and explain its behavior
- Make some of the design and deployment decisions that are associated with Intelligent Management

Supplemental resources
WebSphere Application Server V8.5, using Intelligent Management
WA880 Classroom (3 days)
9 WebSphere batch application processing skills

Objectives
After completing this step, students should be able to:

- Explain WebSphere Batch and batch environment
- Use JVM launcher
- Explain Java batch complexity
- Use batch programming model
- Use Job Control Language - xJCL
- Describe parallel batch features
- Describe configurable transaction model
- Schedule a batch job
- Integrate with external job scheduler

Administering Java Batch in WebSphere Application Server V8.5.5
VW976
Web-based (1 day)

10 Skills with WebSphere eXtreme Scale and DataPower XC10 appliance

Objectives
After completing this step, students should be able to:

- Introduction to WebSphere eXtreme Scale
- Architecture and topologies
- Application scenarios
- Developing with WebSphere eXtreme Scale
- Deployment scenarios
- Extended HTTP session management with WebSphere eXtreme Scale
- Basic administration

Take in any sequence

Introduction to WebSphere eXtreme Scale V8.6
VX899
Web-based (1/2 day)

WebSphere eXtreme Scale v8.6: Key Concepts and Usage Scenarios
SG24-7683-01
Redbook

WebSphere eXtreme Scale V8.6
WX860
Instructor-led (1.5 day)

Note:
Contact your preferred training provider for WX860

11 Additional resources

Supplemental resources
1 WebSphere Application Server V8.5 Concepts, Planning, and Design Guide
2 WebSphere Application Server V8.5 Administration and Configuration Guide for Liberty Profile
3 From Development to Production with the IBM WebSphere Application Server Liberty Profile
4 WebSphere Application Server Liberty Profile Guide for Developers
5 WebSphere Application Server V8.5 Administration and Configuration Guide for the Full Profile