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Installing an Actuate Java Component

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Understanding ActuateOne

ActuateOne™ includes Release 11 of Actuate® Corporation's value-added products for the Eclipse BIRT open source project. ActuateOne institutes a paradigm shift in Business Intelligence technology from individualized tools to a suite of integrated capabilities within a single environment. ActuateOne is one designer, one server, one integrated environment providing a single unified user experience. A common architecture is precisely what today's information-rich global environment requires for development and deployment. This unified Actuate technology continues to enable information management and delivery while supporting advanced security, massive scalability, flexibility through programming, and reuse. ActuateOne realizes our corporate vision of a single user experience by providing extended new analytics capabilities reaching a broader spectrum of users. The new dashboard functionality supports building gadgets to enhance the visual presentation of information. Export to Excel® and other formats integrates Actuate output with other tools on the end-user desktop. Actuate's cloud-ready server supports elastic clustering for dynamic provision of uninterrupted efficient service.

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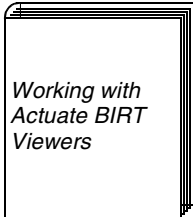

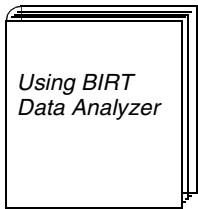
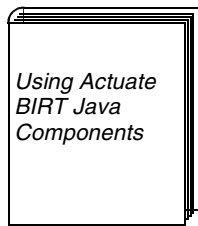

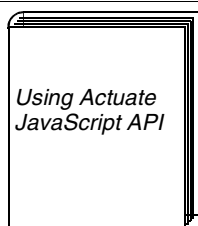
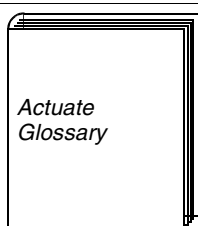
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Late-breaking information and documentation updates	Release notes and updated localization, HTML help, and PDF files posted on birt-exchange.com and Actuate Support
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Table I-1 Product documentation

For information about this topic	See the following resource
Using BIRT Data Analyzer Organizing and formatting a cross tab Filtering cross tab data Working with data cubes Working with charts	 <p><i>Using BIRT Data Analyzer</i></p>
Introduction to the Deployment Kit and Viewers, including concepts and online reporting Accessing files and folders; running reports	 <p><i>Using Actuate BIRT Java Components</i></p>
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Typographical conventions

Table I-2 describes the typographical conventions in this document.

Table I-2 Typographical conventions

Item	Convention	Example
Code examples	Monospace	<code>Dim Text1 As String</code>
File names	Initial capital letter, except where file names are case-sensitive	<code>Detail.roi</code>
Key combination	A + sign between keys means to press both keys at the same time	<code>Ctrl+Shift</code>
Menu items	Capitalized, no bold	<code>File</code>
Submenu items	Separated from the main menu item with a small arrow	<code>File➤New</code>
User input or user response	Monospace	<code>M*16*</code>
User input in XML and Java code	Monospace italics	<code>chkjava.exe</code> <code>cab_name.cab</code>

Syntax conventions

Table I-3 describes the symbols used to present syntax.

Table I-3 Syntax conventions

Symbol	Description	Example
[]	Optional item	[Alias<alias name>] <i>(continues)</i>

Table I-3 Syntax conventions (continued)

Symbol	Description	Example
	Array subscript	matrix[]
{ }	Groups two or more mutually exclusive options or arguments when used with a pipe	{While Until}
	Defines array contents	{0, 1, 2, 3}
	Delimiter of code block	public ACJDesigner(){ }
	Separates mutually exclusive options or arguments in a group	Exit {Do For Function Sub}
	Java OR operator	int length 4
< >	Argument you must supply	<expression to format>
	Delimiter in XML	<xsd:sequence>

About *Installing an Actuate Java Component*

Installing an Actuate Java Component includes the following chapters:

- *Introduction*. Provides an overview of this guide, a summary of Actuate Java Components documentation, and a list of the typographical conventions in this book.
- *Chapter 1. Before you begin*. Explains Java Components capabilities, installation prerequisites, and licensing.
- *Chapter 2. Deploying a Java Component*. Covers editing parameters for using Java Components and deploying the Java Components war file.
- *Chapter 3. Using a Java Component*. Describes testing, using, and licensing a Java Component.

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Before you begin

This chapter discusses the following topics:

- About Actuate Java Components
- About deployment formats
- Checking installation prerequisites
- About the license key file

About Actuate Java Components

Actuate Java Components provide a complete reporting technology consisting of a report designer, report distribution in files and folders, and viewing or interactive viewing of reports. The following list describes each component:

- **BIRT Data Analyzer**
A tool providing interactivity, such as displaying aggregate data values, filtering and sorting data, and pivoting axes, to a BIRT cross tab
- **BIRT Deployment Kit**
A file and folder browser that optimizes performance and viewing of BIRT reports
- **BIRT Interactive Viewer**
A viewer that you can use to customize and personalize a BIRT report to answer ad hoc business questions
- **BIRT Spreadsheet Deployment Kit**
A file and folder browser that optimizes performance and viewing of BIRT Spreadsheet reports
- **BIRT Studio**
A web-based BIRT report designer for creating reports that can include charts and graphs
- **BIRT Viewer**
A viewer for BIRT reports that extends the capabilities of BIRT to deliver rich dynamic content

About deployment formats

You can install Java Components on Windows, Linux, and UNIX. Actuate provides Java Components in WAR and EAR formats. These formats are suitable for deployment on application servers shown in Table 1-1.

Table 1-1 Java Component deployment formats

File	Application server
WL_TOMCAT_ ActuateBIRTJavaComponent.war	Apache Tomcat 6 BEA WebLogic 9.2 or 10.3
JBOSS_ ActuateBIRTJavaComponent.ear	JBoss 4.0.2 or 5.0

Table 1-1 Java Component deployment formats

File	Application server
WAS_ActuateBIRTJavaComponent.ear	IBM WebSphere 6.1 or 1.1.01

Apache Tomcat 6 application server does not support EAR deployment. Only the JBoss and WebSphere application servers support EAR deployment.

Checking installation prerequisites

Before you deploy a Java Component, ensure that your system meets the following requirements:

- Java Development Kit 5 or 6 (JDK)
You need to use the JAR utility included in the JDK to decompress and compress the Java Components archive. Java Components also require the Java Runtime Environment (JRE) included in the JDK.
- An application server
Java Components run as a web application in the application server, such as Apache Tomcat 6 or JBoss 4.0.2 or 5.0.
- Administrators group privileges on Windows, or root privileges on Linux or UNIX
- Permission to start and stop the application server

About the license key file

You can download Java Components from BIRT-Exchange or you can download purchased products from an ftp site. You can also obtain the purchased products on media. Included in the download from BIRT-Exchange is an evaluation license for using each of the components for a limited time.

If you install products using the evaluation license, you do not need to reinstall before you activate the permanent license. To arrange for a permanent license key file, contact Actuate Customer Care at customercare@actuate.com. If you are an international customer, your request routes to a team in international distribution. If you are not a direct Actuate customer, the partner or distributor who provides the product arranges for your license key file. The name for an Actuate Java Component license key file uses the following format:

```
Actuate_AJC_key_<ID>.xml
```

<ID> is a unique number generated by Actuate Licensing when it creates the license key file. You receive an e-mail that contains the permanent license key file information when Actuate processes your order.

If the license file does not exist, is invalid, or has expired, an error appears in the reportService log file, described later. When the license is invalid or expired, Java Components load, but any attempt to access an Actuate application, including the login page, results in an error. If you have a problem with a license key file, contact Actuate Customer Care at customer care@actuate.com.

Deploying a Java Component

This chapter discusses the following topics:

- Editing the web.xml file
- Compressing files and renaming the WAR file
- Deploying the WAR file

Editing the web.xml file

The first step in deploying the Java Component WAR file is editing the web.xml file. Extract web.xml from the WAR file, then edit web.xml to set configuration parameters for one or more components that you purchased or are evaluating. The tables in this section describe these parameters and actions you take. Perform these actions as you edit web.xml.

How to edit web.xml

To access web.xml for editing, first decompress the WAR file that contains web.xml. Next, configure parameters for the Java Components that you want to use.

- 1 Create a directory named /temp. Java Components writes temporary files to this directory after deployment.
- 2 Decompress the ActuateJavaComponent.war file in a subdirectory of /temp. Type the following command:

```
jar -xf ActuateJavaComponent.war
```

Use this command on Windows, Linux, and UNIX. The Java Component files appear in the subdirectory of /temp.

Figure 2-1 shows these files on Linux.

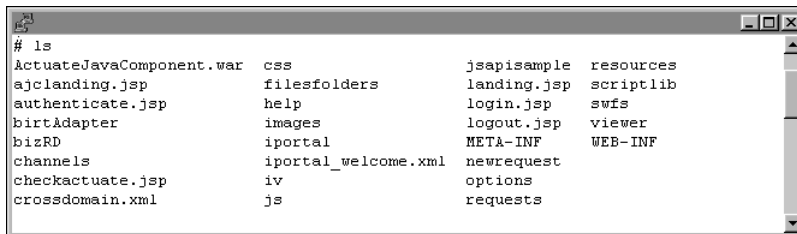


Figure 2-1 Files extracted from ActuateJavaComponent.war

Keep all downloaded files together in their original relative locations.

- 3 Using a text editor that accepts UTF-8 encoding, edit web.xml in /WEB-INF to configure the parameters for the Java Components you purchased or are evaluating.
- 4 Save and close web.xml.

Configuring locale parameters

The locale parameters, described in Table 2-1, are applicable to all Java Components.

Table 2-1 Locale parameters

Parameter name	Description	Action
DEFAULT_LOCALE	The value of this parameter determines the default locale. The default locale is en_US. Users can select a locale when they log in.	Use the default locale or a value from Localemap.xml in the WEB-INF directory.
DEFAULT_TIMEZONE	The value of this parameter determines the default time zone. The default time zone is Pacific Standard Time (PST).	Use the default time zone or a value from Timezonemap.xml in the WEB-INF directory.

Configuring parameters for Deployment Kit

The components for BIRT Deployment Kit and BIRT Spreadsheet Deployment Kit have additional core configuration parameters in web.xml. Table 2-2 describes these parameters. Update these parameters before deployment.

For BIRT Deployment Kit, also review the parameters described in Table 2-3.

Table 2-2 Deployment Kit parameters

Parameter name	Description	Action
LOG_FILE_LOCATION	The location of the files that log Deployment Kit activities.	You must create this physical location on the file system. The default value is /logs.
TEMP_FOLDER_LOCATION	The location where Deployment Kit creates temporary files.	You must create this physical location on the file system. There is no default value.
TRANSIENT_STORE_PATH	Another location where Deployment Kit creates temporary files.	You must create this physical location on the file system. The default value is /temp.

Configuring parameters for BIRT Viewer and BIRT Interactive Viewer

The BIRT Viewer and BIRT Interactive Viewer components also have core configuration parameters in web.xml. Table 2-3 describes these configuration parameters. Consider changing these parameters to optimize performance.

Table 2-3 BIRT Viewer parameters

Parameter name	Description	Action
BIRT_ARCHIVE_MEMORY_TOTALSIZE	Total memory available for BIRT report document files in kilobytes. The default value is 50 MB.	None required
REPOSITORY_CACHE_TIMEOUT_SEC	Specifies, in seconds, how long to retain temporary files that BIRT Viewer creates when a user modifies the appearance of a report. The default value is 900, which is 15 minutes.	None required

Configuring parameters for BIRT Studio

BIRT Studio component has one configuration parameter, shown in Table 2-4. Edit the parameter to change the path to BIRT resources. BIRT resources include libraries and templates for Actuate BIRT report designs and Actuate BIRT Studio.

Table 2-4 BIRT Studio parameter

Parameter name	Description	Action
BIRT_RESOURCE_PATH	Path to Actuate BIRT shared resources. The default value is the following directory: <pre><Tomcat install directory> /webapps/newJavaComponent /resources</pre>	None required

Compressing files and renaming the WAR file

After editing the web.xml file, compress and rename the archive. For example, rename the archive newJavaComponent.war. Compress the files into a WAR file of a different name to preserve your original WAR file.

How to compress files and rename the WAR file

- 1 After editing web.xml in the WEB-INF directory, move up one directory.
- 2 Check that files shown in Figure 2-1 are present in your current directory.
- 3 Compress the files and specify a new name for the WAR file. Type the following command:

```
jar -cf newJavaComponent.war *
```

Use this command on Windows, Linux, and UNIX. The WAR file containing the modified configuration values in web.xml appears.

Deploying the WAR file

This section discusses deploying a Java Component WAR file. For example purposes, deployment on Tomcat 6 is shown.

To deploy the WAR file on an application server other than Tomcat 6, use your application server's deployment tools. If your application server does not have deployment tools, add the Java Components context root to your application server. Typically, you modify the application server's configuration file.

Perform the steps in the following procedure to deploy the WAR file by putting it in the /webapps directory.

Deploying the WAR file on Apache Tomcat

- 1 Stop the Apache Tomcat service.
- 2 Copy the renamed Java Component WAR file from the working directory to the /webapps directory of your Tomcat installation files, as shown in Figure 2-2.

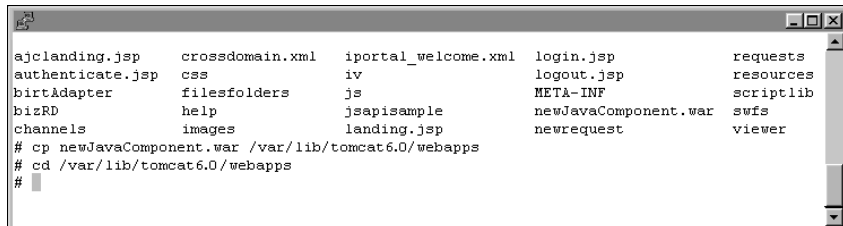


Figure 2-2 Copying the WAR file to /webapps on Linux

- 3 Start Tomcat.

The Tomcat log confirms the deployment of the WAR file and the location of the /temp directory that you created earlier.

Figure 2-3 shows an example of a Tomcat log file on Linux.

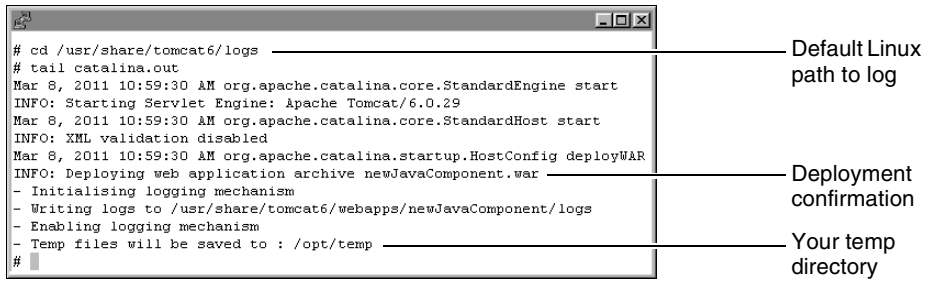


Figure 2-3 Tomcat log file confirms deployment

Using a Java Component

This chapter discusses the following topics:

- Testing the installation
- Using Java Components
- Licensing a Java Component in a WAR file
- Setting JVM properties

Testing the installation

To test the Java Component install, open the Java Components landing page. Go to the following URL to access the landing page shown in Figure 3-1:

```
http://host:8080/newJavaComponent/ajclanding.jsp?
userid=anonymous
```

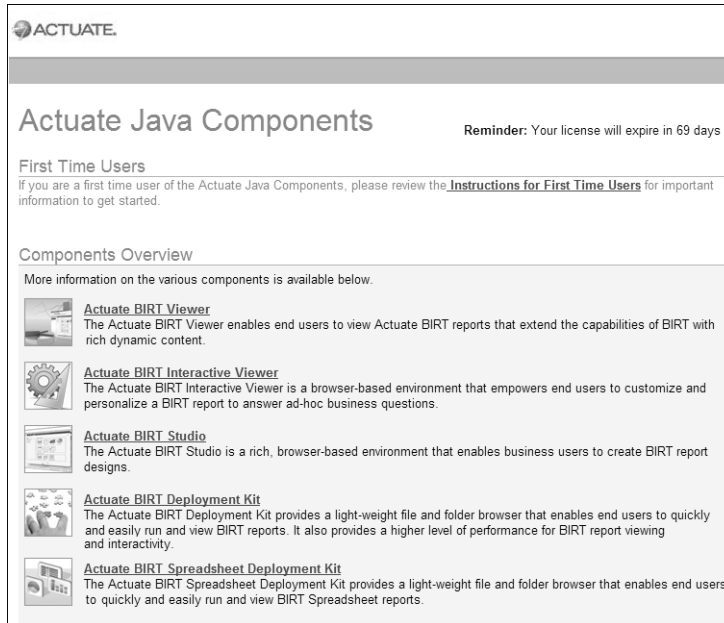


Figure 3-1 Actuate Java Components landing page

Using Java Components

If you are evaluating Java Components, use all products for the evaluation period. If you purchased particular Java Components, you can use only those products.

Using BIRT Viewer and BIRT Interactive Viewer

BIRT Viewer is the default viewer that BIRT uses when you open a report. To use BIRT Interactive Viewer, open a report, and choose Enable Interactivity.

Figure 3-2 shows Enable Interactivity.

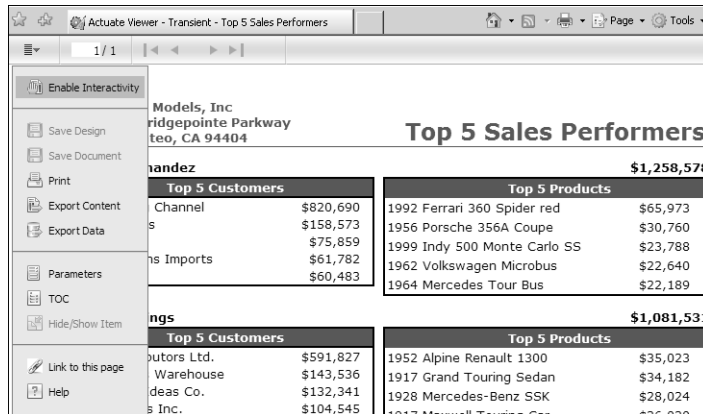


Figure 3-2 Choosing Enable Interactivity

Using BIRT Studio

Launch BIRT Studio by going to the following URL:

<http://host:8080/newJavaComponent/wr?&iportal>

Figure 3-3 shows the BIRT Studio opening page.

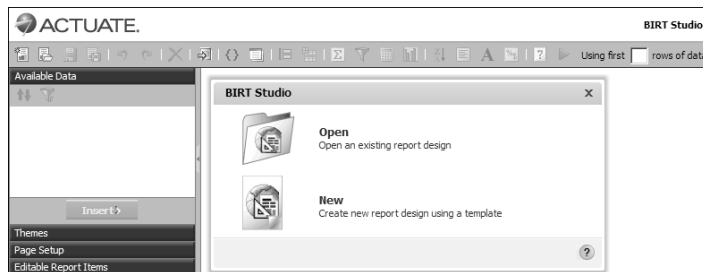


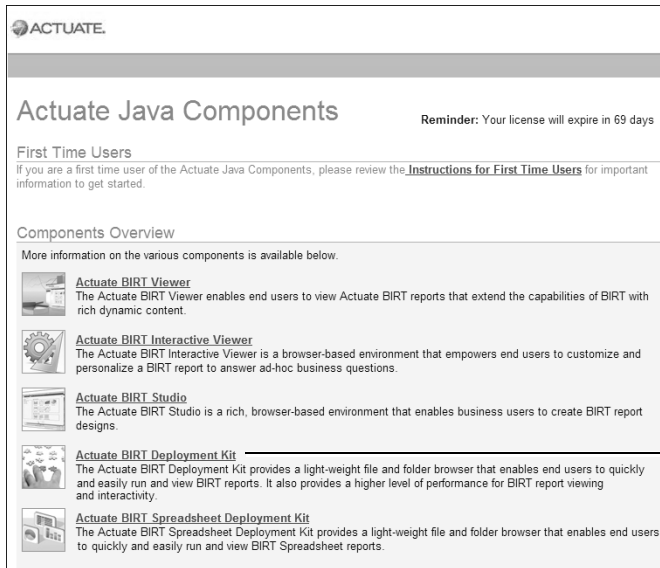
Figure 3-3 Launching the BIRT Studio Component

Using the Deployment Kits

Launch BIRT Deployment Kit and BIRT Spreadsheet Deployment Kit from the Actuate Java Components landing page.

How to launch BIRT Deployment Kit

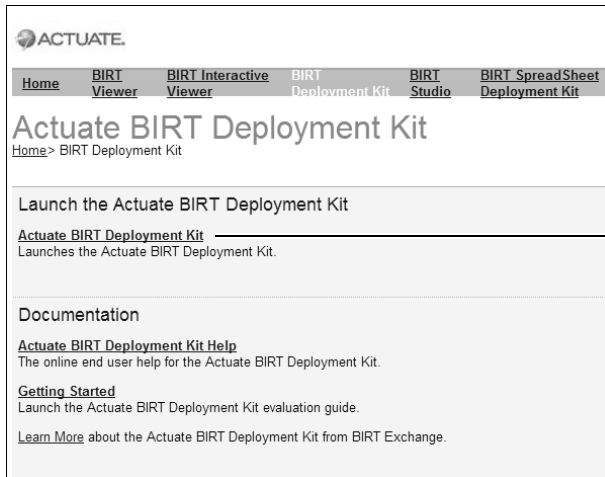
- 1 On the landing page, choose Actuate BIRT Deployment Kit, as shown in Figure 3-4.



Deployment Kit

Figure 3-4 Actuate Java Components landing page

The Actuate BIRT Deployment Kit appears, as shown in Figure 3-5.



Launch BIRT Deployment Kit

Figure 3-5 Launching the Actuate BIRT Deployment

- 2 Launch the Actuate BIRT Deployment Kit. Figure 3-6 shows the folders of report documents that you can browse.



Figure 3-6 Accessing folders of report documents

Licensing a Java Component in a WAR file

Included in the download from BIRT-Exchange is an evaluation license for using each of the components for a limited time. After installation, check the evaluation license expiration date by opening the reportService log in the following directory:

`<Tomcat install directory>/webapps/newJavaComponent/logs`

Figure 3-7 shows the reportService log on Windows.

```

Jun 6, 2011 12:30:06 PM com.actuate.portal.license.LicenseManager initialize
SEVERE: ***** Actuate Java Component License Information *****
License Type: CPUBased
Usage Type: Beta
License ID: 3
IsDevelopment: true
IsNodeLocked: false
CPU Limit: unlimited
Major Release: 11
ServicePack: 2
Mode: Workgroup
Expiration Date: Sat Aug 20 00:00:00 PDT 2011

Supported options: Spread BIRTReport BIRTInteractiveViewer BIRTReportStudio DeploymentKit
BIRTDataAnalyzer
Non-Supported options:
Jun 6, 2011 12:30:06 PM com.actuate.reportcast.servlets.StartupServlet startJREM

```

Figure 3-7 Checking the license expiration date and supported options

When you complete the evaluation, replace the evaluation license with a permanent license. After obtaining a new license key file, as explained earlier, perform the steps in the following procedure:

How to license a Java Component

- 1 Rename the Java Component license file that Actuate sent you to `ajclicense.xml`.
- 2 Decompress the Java Component WAR file.

```
jar -xf ActuateJavaComponent.war
```

The Java Component files appear.

- 3 Copy the ajcllicense.xml file into the extracted <context root>\WEB-INF directory. For example, assuming you named the file newJavaComponent.war, the path to access the WEB-INF directory is:

```
<Tomcat install directory>/webapps/newJavaComponent/WEB-INF
```

- 4 Assuming WEB-INF is your current directory, move up one directory and type the following command on Windows, Linux, or UNIX:

```
jar -cf MyJavaComponent.war *
```

This command creates MyJavaComponent.war. This WAR file contains the license. The WAR file now has the context root MyJavaComponent.

- 5 Deploy MyJavaComponent.war to the application server or servlet engine as an application, as described earlier.
- 6 Restart the application server or servlet engine.

Setting JVM properties

Deploying Actuate Java Components within some application server environments can result in the Java Virtual Machine (JVM) reporting PermGen space errors. If an error occurs, Actuate recommends setting the following JVM properties:

- Initial heap size
Include -Xms64m as a Java option.
- Maximum heap size
Include -Xmx512m as a Java option.
- Maximum size for the permanent generation heap
Include -XX:MaxPermSize=128m as an option.

How to configure JVM properties for Tomcat 5.x on Windows

- 1 Navigate to the following directory:

```
<Tomcat install directory>\bin
```
- 2 Open catalina.bat.
- 3 Add -Xms64m -Xmx512m and -XX:MaxPermSize=128m to the JAVA_OPTS variable specification.
- 4 Save and close catalina.bat.
- 5 Restart Tomcat.

How to configure JVM properties for Tomcat 6.x on Windows

- 1 From the Windows Start menu, choose All Programs→Apache Tomcat 6.x→Configure Tomcat.
- 2 On Apache Tomcat 6.x Properties, choose Java.
- 3 Change the value of the Initial memory pool to 64.
- 4 Change the value of the Maximum memory pool to 512.
- 5 Add -XX:MaxPermSize=128m to Java Options
- 6 Choose OK.
- 7 Restart Tomcat.

How to configure JVM properties for JBoss on Windows

- 1 Navigate to the following directory:
`<JBoss install directory>\bin`
- 2 Open run.bat.
- 3 Add -Xms64m -Xmx512m and -XX:MaxPermSize=128m to the JAVA_OPTS variable specification.
- 4 Save and close run.bat.
- 5 Restart Tomcat.

How to configure JVM properties for Tomcat on Linux

- 1 Navigate to the following directory:
`/etc/tomcat6`
- 2 Open tomcat6.conf.
- 3 Add -XMs64m -XMx512m and -XX:MaxPermSize=128m to the JAVA_OPTS variable specification.
- 4 Save and close tomcat6.conf.
- 5 Restart Tomcat.

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