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Chapter 1. Introduction

This specification defines the Jakarta™ EE Web Profile (“Web Profile”), a profile of the Jakarta™ Platform, Enterprise Edition specifically targeted at web applications.

1.1. Target and Rationale for the Web Profile

The Web Profile is targeted at developers of modern web applications.

With the term “modern” we intend to highlight the fact that the world of web applications has made much progress since the introduction of the first Servlet specification. Inevitably, the number of technologies used to create even simple web applications had grown by leaps and bounds. In fact, few web applications today are written directly to the servlet API: most applications rely on standard or third-party frameworks and libraries, often developed as open source, which in turn use the services of the servlet container.

Besides managing HTTP interactions, most web applications have significant requirements in the areas of transaction management, security and persistence. Such requirements can be readily addressed by technologies that have been part of the Jakarta EE platform for quite some time, such as the Jakarta Enterprise Beans 3.x technology and the Jakarta Persistence, but that are rarely supported by “plain” servlet containers. By incorporating many of these APIs, the Web Profile aims at raising the bar for what should be considered a basic stack for the development of web applications using the Java platform.

Targeting “modern” web applications then implies offering a reasonably complete stack, composed of standard APIs, and capable out-of-the-box of addressing the needs of a large class of web applications. Furthermore, this stack should be easy to grow, so as to address any remaining developer needs.

Against this drive towards completeness, one wishes to balance a desire to limit the footprint of web containers, both in physical and in conceptual terms. From the point of view of developers learning the Web Profile, it is more valuable to have a small, focused profile, with as little overlap between technologies as possible, rather than a more powerful but overly complex one, with redundant APIs.

In defining the Web Profile we strove to find a middle ground between these two sets of requirements.

In terms of completeness, the Web Profile offers a complete stack, with technologies addressing presentation and state management (Jakarta Server Faces, Jakarta Server Pages), core web container functionality (Jakarta Servlet), business logic (Jakarta Enterprise Beans Lite), transactions (Jakarta Transactions), persistence (Jakarta Persistence) and more.

As for simplicity, it leaves out many of the enterprise backend APIs that are part of the Jakarta EE platform. It also relies on the pluggability features in the Servlet specification to allow applications to use libraries that extend the servlet container with minimal configuration overhead.

Finally, it is worth reminding that Web Profile products are allowed to ship with more technologies

than the required ones. It is conceivable that products will offer a choice at installation time between different configurations, some richer in extensions, or even allow for complete customization beyond the required core (“à la carte” installation).

1.2. Determining Applicable Requirements



Profile definitions can be quite terse, amounting to little more than a list of required technologies and a (possibly empty) set of additional requirements, beyond those entailed by all the referenced specifications. Being the first profile of the Java™ EE 6 Platform to be defined, we expect the Web Profile specification to be used as a model for future profiles. It will also be seen as a starting point for understanding how the requirements defined in the Jakarta EE Platform specification apply to a profile that subsets the platform itself, a significant innovation in this version of the platform. (The case of a profile that is a superset of the platform is much easier to picture.) To help with this process, this section attempts to shed light on how one should go from the definition of the Web Profile to figuring out the exact set of requirements that apply to it, and consequently to any product that implements it.

As dictated by the general rules for Jakarta EE profiles in the Platform specification, products that implement the Web Profile must honor:

1. all requirements of the Jakarta EE Platform specification that apply to all profiles;
2. all requirements of this specification;
3. all requirements of the individual component specifications;
4. all requirements in the Jakarta EE Platform specification that are conditional on the presence of a specific technology or combinations of technologies.

Let’s look at some examples of requirements from each grouping.

For the first one, the Jakarta EE Platform specification mandates support for the “*java:*” naming context in all profiles. Consequently, Web Profile products must support it. For a similar reason, all Web Profile 9.1 APIs must support the Java™ Platform, Standard Edition 8 API.

In the second category one can point out the requirement to support Jakarta EE web application modules (*.war* files) (see [Additional Requirements](#)).

The third category is hopefully self-explanatory. For example, Web Profile products must implement the Servlet API, which in turn means they need to satisfy all the requirements listed in the Jakarta Servlet specification.

The fourth category is the most complex. As a first example, since a Web Profile product is required to implement the Servlet technology, it must also follow all general requirements for Jakarta EE web containers in the Platform specification. Additionally, it must follow all security requirements in the Platform specification that pertain to Jakarta EE web containers, all interoperability requirements for

such containers, etc. Furthermore, since a Web Profile product must implement the Jakarta Transactions API, it must also satisfy all the Platform specification's transaction management-related requirements for web components, which indeed are conditional on the presence of Jakarta Servlet and Jakarta Transactions.

As a negative example for the fourth category of requirements, consider the Jakarta Messaging technology. Since it is not a required component of the Web Profile, Web Profile products are not required to include an implementation of Jakarta Messaging, nor do they have to support other Jakarta Messaging-related requirements, like the ability to inject message destination references. On the other hand, a Web Profile product that included an implementation of Jakarta Messaging would be required to honor all the Jakarta Messaging-related requirements in the Jakarta EE Platform specification.

Particular care should be taken when determining applicable requirements based on the presence of Jakarta Enterprise Beans Lite in the Web Profile. As described in the Jakarta Enterprise Beans specification, Jakarta Enterprise Beans Lite is a subset of the Jakarta Enterprise Beans API. When examining an Jakarta Enterprise Beans-related requirement in the Jakarta EE Platform spec, one must first of all determine which API classes, component types and Jakarta Enterprise Beans container services are mentioned in the requirement itself. Only if all of them fall inside the Jakarta Enterprise Beans Lite subset that requirement is considered applicable to Web Profile products.

For example, since Jakarta Enterprise Beans Lite does not include any remote functionality, the *EJB* annotation may not be used to inject a remote reference, something that should be kept in mind when evaluating the requirements in the Platform specification section "Jakarta Enterprise Beans References".

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Chapter 2. Web Profile Definition

This chapter defines the contents of the Jakarta™ EE 9.1 Web Profile.

2.1. Required Components

The following technologies are required components of the Web Profile:

- Jakarta Servlet 5.0
- Jakarta Server Pages 3.0
- Jakarta Expression Language 4.0
- Jakarta Debugging Support for Other Languages 2.0
- Jakarta Standard Tag Library 2.0
- Jakarta Server Faces 3.0
- Jakarta RESTful Web Services 3.0
- Jakarta WebSocket 2.0
- Jakarta JSON Processing 2.0
- Jakarta JSON Binding 2.0
- Jakarta Annotations 2.0
- Jakarta Enterprise Beans 4.0 Lite
- Jakarta Transactions 2.0
- Jakarta Persistence 3.0
- Jakarta Bean Validation 3.0
- Jakarta Managed Beans 2.0
- Jakarta Interceptors 2.0
- Jakarta Contexts and Dependency Injection 3.0
- Jakarta Dependency Injection 2.0
- Jakarta Security 2.0
- Jakarta Authentication 2.0

2.2. Optional Components

There are no optional components in the Web Profile.

Web Profile products may support some of the technologies present in the full Jakarta EE Platform and not already listed in [Required Components](#), consistently with their compatibility requirements.

2.3. Additional Requirements

Web Profile products must support the deployment of Jakarta EE web application modules (*.war* files). No other modules types are required to be supported.

Appendix A: Revision History

A.1. Changes in Final Release

A.1.1. Editorial Changes

- Updated [“Related Documents”](#) for the updated Specifications in Jakarta EE 9.1.

Appendix B: Related Documents

This specification refers to the following documents. The terms used to refer to the documents in this specification are included in parentheses.

Jakarta™ EE Platform Specification Version 9.1. Available at: <https://jakarta.ee/specifications/platform/9.1>

Java™ Platform, Standard Edition, v8 API Specification (Java SE specification). Available at: <https://docs.oracle.com/javase/8/docs/>

Java™ Platform, Standard Edition, v11 API Specification (Java SE specification). Available at: <https://docs.oracle.com/en/java/javase/11/>

Jakarta™ Enterprise Beans Specification, Version 4.0. Available at: <https://jakarta.ee/specifications/enterprise-beans/4.0>

Jakarta™ Server Pages Specification, Version 3.0. Available at: <https://jakarta.ee/specifications/pages/3.0>

Jakarta™ Expression Language Specification, Version 4.0. Available at: <https://jakarta.ee/specifications/expression-language/4.0>

Jakarta™ Servlet Specification, Version 5.0. Available at: <https://jakarta.ee/specifications/servlet/5.0>

Jakarta™ Transaction Specification, Version 2.0. Available at: <https://jakarta.ee/specifications/transactions/2.0>

Jakarta™ RESTful Web Services Specification, Version 3.0. Available at: <https://jakarta.ee/specifications/restful-ws/3.0>

Jakarta™ Annotations Specification, Version 2.0. Available at: <https://jakarta.ee/specifications/annotations/2.0>

Jakarta™ Debugging Support for Other Languages Specification, Version 2.0. Available at: <https://jakarta.ee/specifications/debugging/2.0>

Jakarta™ Standard Tag Library Specification, Version 2.0. Available at: <https://jakarta.ee/specifications/tags/2.0>

Jakarta™ Server Faces Specification, Version 3.0. Available at: <https://jakarta.ee/specifications/faces/3.0>

Jakarta™ Persistence Specification, Version 3.0. Available at: <https://jakarta.ee/specifications/persistence/3.0>

Jakarta™ Bean Validation Specification, Version 3.0. Available at: <https://jakarta.ee/specifications/bean-validation/3.0>

Jakarta™ Managed Beans Specification, Version 2.0. Available at: <https://jakarta.ee/specifications/managedbeans/2.0>

Jakarta™ Interceptors Specification, Version 2.0. Available at: <https://jakarta.ee/specifications/interceptors/2.0>

Jakarta™ Contexts and Dependency Injection Specification, Version 3.0. Available at: <https://jakarta.ee/specifications/cdi/3.0>

Jakarta™ Dependency Injection Specification, Version 2.0. Available at: <https://jakarta.ee/specifications/dependency-injection/2.0>

Jakarta™ WebSocket Specification, Version 2.0. Available at: <https://jakarta.ee/specifications/websocket/2.0>

Jakarta™ JSON Processing Specification, Version 2.0. Available at: <https://jakarta.ee/specifications/jsonp/2.0>

Jakarta™ JSON Binding Specification, Version 2.0. Available at: <https://jakarta.ee/specifications/jsonb/2.0>

Jakarta™ Security Specification, Version 2.0. Available at: <https://jakarta.ee/specifications/security/2.0>

Jakarta™ Authentication Specification, Version 2.0. Available at: <https://jakarta.ee/specifications/authentication/2.0>