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# Overview

This guide provides an overview of the WebLogic Server installation process, summarizes the various installation options that are available, and walks you through the steps to perform a *lightweight installation* of WebLogic Server.

The following topics are included:


- "Products Included in the Installation Program" on page 2
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This guide is only a summary of select features of the installation process. For comprehensive details, see *Installing WebLogic Server*.

# Products Included in the Installation Program

The WebLogic Server installation program provides the ability to install the following products:

- WebLogic Server
- Workshop for WebLogic

The installation program also allows you to selectively install one or more subcomponents of each of these product offerings, explained in "Selecting the WebLogic Server Components to Be Installed" on page 4. In addition, on Windows and Linux platforms, the installation program also makes the JRockit and Sun JDKs available for installation as well.

# Obtaining the Installation Program

Oracle makes the WebLogic Server installation program available via Web distribution as well as DVD, which is available when you obtain the physical product media.

# Web Distribution

You can obtain the WebLogic Server installation program from the product download page, which is available at the following location:

`http://www.oracle.com/technology/software/products/ias/htdocs/wls_main.html`

Oracle makes several WebLogic Server installers available for download, described in the following sections:

- "Net Installer" on page 2
- "Package Installer" on page 3

## Net Installer

The Net installer is generally recommended when downloading WebLogic Server from the internet, providing key advantages with respect to download times, disk space usage, and tailoring an installation for its intended purpose.

Running the Net installer requires a direct internet connection between the Oracle download site and the machine on which WebLogic Server is being installed. When you use the Net installer, a small piece of software — about 40 MB — is downloaded onto your computer to initiate and manage the selection, download, and installation of the WebLogic Server components you choose.

The Net installer eliminates the need download the entire product before installing it, and thereby can significantly reduce:

- The time needed to complete the download and installation
- The disk space required both by the product, but during and after installation
- The RAM required by the WebLogic Server run time

The Net installer also allows you to avoid installing components that are not needed in the specific environment in which the product is being used. For example, an experienced developer who already has Eclipse and a suitable Java Runtime may need only the Core Application Server, the WebLogic JDBC drivers, and the examples. An administrator may choose to install only the Core Application Server, Administration Console, Configuration Wizard and Upgrade Framework, Web Server plug-ins, the third-party JDBC drivers, and the JRockit JDK.

The following Net installers are available:

- Generic Net installer

  The generic Net installer does not include the Java Runtime. The generic Net installer is recommended if you already have a suitable Java Runtime available in your environment.

- Operating system (OS) specific Net installer

  A Net installer specific to each operating system on which WebLogic Server is supported is available that includes the Java Runtime for that operating system. The OS-specific Net installer is recommended if you require the Java Runtime specific to your environment.

For information about the Java Runtime that is required in each operating system on which WebLogic Server is supported, see *Supported Configurations*.

## Package Installer

The Package installer is a standalone application available for download that includes the entire component set for WebLogic Server and Workshop for WebLogic. On Windows and Linux platforms, the Package installer also includes the JRockit and Sun JDKs. However, unlike the Net installer, the Package installer does not allow for you to limit the size of the download.

As with Net installers, Oracle provides the following Package installers:

- Generic Package installer — Does not include the Java Runtime
- OS-specific installer — Includes the Java Runtime specific to the operating system on which WebLogic Server is supported

When you run the Package installer, you can also select the specific product components you want to install, thereby also making a lightweight product installation possible. However, unlike the Net installer, the Package installer does not provide for any reduction in download time or the amount of disk space required for the installation files.

However, downloading the Package installer is recommended if you want to perform multiple WebLogic Server installations at your site. In a typical scenario, you download the Package installer only once, then make it available to each machine on which you wish to install the product. (You can run the installer from each machine directly over the local network, or copy the installer onto each machine and run it.)

## DVD Distribution

The product distribution box includes an OS-specific Package installer on DVD for each of the supported operating systems: Windows, Solaris, HP-UX, and Linux. When you install via DVD, you can also customize the specific product components that are installed on your machine, as appropriate for your operating environment.

**What do customers need to know about getting the physical media?**

# Selecting the WebLogic Server Components to Be Installed

All WebLogic Server installers give you the option to install the WebLogic Server and Workshop for WebLogic products. In addition, when installing these products, you have the option of selecting specific product subcomponents to install. Depending on your needs, installing only the subcomponents you need can help you minimize run-time resource requirements, and potentially start-up times as well.

The following sections describe each product component that can be installed:


- "WebLogic Server Product Components You May Select for Installation" on page 4
- "Workshop for WebLogic Product Components You May Install" on page 7


## WebLogic Server Product Components You May Select for Installation

The WebLogic Server installation program gives a number of fine-grained options for selecting the specific software components you want to install. For example, a fully functional Java Enterprise Edition 5 (JEE 5) compliant "Core Application Server" is available as a separately installable component giving you a lightweight product option that can be downloaded quickly and that uses minimal disk space when installed.

The ability to customize the set of components to be installed provides better flexibility to experienced users who want to have only the software components in which they are interested, thereby reducing the disk footprint and improving run time performance. For example, a developer more familiar with the WebLogic Server command-line tools might not use the Administration Console. He could choose

not to install Administration Console, thus reducing the installation footprint. In addition, because the Administration Console is not installed, it is also not deployed at server startup, thus improving the server memory consumption.

Table 1 lists and describes the individual components that may be selected for installation.

**Table 1 WebLogic Server Installation Options**

| Component | Description |
|---|---|
| **Core Application Server** | A complete application server that implements Java Enterprise Edition 5 (JEE 5) technologies, Web Services, and other leading Internet standards to provide a reliable framework for highly available, scalable, and secure applications and services. Includes the full set of components that comprise the essential WebLogic Server runtime with full JEE5 support.<br>This component does not include administration tools and add-on technologies, such as the Administration Console, Web Server plug-ins, Beehive runtime framework, JDBC drivers, and so on. |
| **Administration Console** | The WebLogic Server web application for configuring, administering, and monitoring WebLogic domains.<br>If you do not install the Administration Console, the console will not be available when you start the Administration Server.<br>For information, see "About the Administration Console" in *Introduction to Oracle WebLogic Server and BEA WebLogic Express*. |
| **Configuration Wizard and Upgrade Framework** | Guides you through the process of creating a domain for your target environment and selecting the configuration options you want to include. Also provides tools that convert a domain configuration from previous WebLogic Server releases to the current release.<br>If you choose not to install this component, you will not be able to create new domains or upgrade pre-Version 9.0 domains. However, you can still update existing domains. For example, you can create a new WebLogic Server instance in an existing domain without installing this particular component.<br>For information about the Configuration Wizard, see *Creating WebLogic Domains Using the Configuration Wizard*. For information about the upgrade tools, see *Upgrading WebLogic Application Environments*. |

**Table 1 WebLogic Server Installation Options (Continued)**

| Component | Description |
|---|---|
| **Web 2.0 HTTP Pub-Sub Server** | A channels based publish-subscribe mechanism for web-based clients to send and receive asynchronous messages over HTTP. The HTTP Publish-Subscribe server can be used by web clients to subscribe to channels (a representation in Bayeux for destinations) and publish messages to the channels. Developers are recommended to install the pub-sub sample, available by selecting the **Server Examples** product component.<br>If this component is not installed, you will not be able to take advantage of Web 2.0 HTTP Publish-Subscribe functionality.<br>For more information, see "Using the HTTP Publish-Subscribe Server" in *Developing Web Applications, Servlets, and JSPs for Oracle WebLogic Server*. |
| **WebLogic JDBC Drivers** | WebLogic implementation of JDBC drivers that are required by a WebLogic Server application that connects to an external database.<br>If this component is not installed, any applications that use WebLogic JDBC drivers will fail.<br>For more information about this component, see *Configuring and Managing WebLogic JDBC*. |
| **Third-Party JDBC Drivers** | Third-party JDBC drivers bundled with WebLogic Server that are required by a WebLogic Server applications that connect to an external database.<br>If this component is not installed, any applications that use the third-party JDBC drivers bundled with WebLogic Server will fail (for example, the Oracle Thin Driver 10g, `ojdbc14.jar`).<br>For more information about this component, see "Using Third-Party JDBC Drivers with WebLogic Server" in *Configuring and Managing WebLogic JDBC*. |
| **WebLogic Server Clients** | Thin-client JARs required for connecting to a WebLogic Server instance. Includes the JARs for the Web Services, JMS, Store and Forward, Weblogic RMI, JMS .NET, and JMX clients.<br>If you do not install this component, there is no effect on the server run time or deployed applications. However, if you have a thin client and need to distribute a smaller set of JARs, instead of all Weblogic JARs, you need to choose this installation option.<br>For more information about this component, see "Overview of Stand-alone Clients" in *Programming Stand-alone Clients*. |

**Table 1 WebLogic Server Installation Options (Continued)**

| Component | Description |
|---|---|
| **WebLogic Web Server Plug-Ins** | The WebLogic plug-ins for the Apache, Sun One and IIS web servers used for connecting to WebLogic Server.<br>If you do not install this component, there is no effect on the server run time or your deployed applications.<br>For more information about this component, see *Using Web Server Plug-Ins with WebLogic Server*. |
| **UDDI and Xquery Support** | The WebLogic Universal Description, Discovery and Integration (UDDI) and UDDI Explorer applications.<br>**The docs refer to "UDDI Server 2.0 packaged with WLS" and "UDDI Directory Explorer". Are these the same things?**<br>The UDDI Project is an industry initiative that is working to enable businesses to quickly, easily, and dynamically find and carry out transactions with one another. A populated UDDI registry contains cataloged information about businesses, the services that they offer, and communication standards and interfaces they use to conduct transactions. Built on the Simple Object Access Protocol (SOAP) data communication standard, UDDI creates a global, platform-independent, open architecture space that benefits businesses.<br>Also includes the WebLogic Xquery implementation JARs.<br>If you do not install this component, the WebLogic UDDI and UDDI Explorer applications will not be available in the server run time. If your application depends on the UDDI and UDDI Explorer applications, you need to choose this installation option. You will also need this option if you are using WebLogic Xquery libraries within your application.<br>For more information about this component, see "Publishing and Finding Web Services Using UDDI" in *Programming Advanced Features of WebLogic Web Services Using JAX-WS*. |
| **Server Examples** | Example applications that demonstrate key features of WebLogic Server. Selecting this component also causes an evaluation database to be installed. For more information, see Sample Application and Code Examples for Oracle® WebLogic Server 10g Release 3. |

# Workshop for WebLogic Product Components You May Install

Workshop for WebLogic is an integrated development environment (IDE) built on the Eclipse platform that simplifies the process of developing, building, deploying, and testing SOA components and

applications implemented with Oracle WebLogic Web services, Java, Java EE, Java Web applications, Spring, Oracle Kodo, OpenJPA, Hibernate, Apache Beehive and XML Beans, and other WebLogic enterprise products.

Table 2 lists and summarizes the individually selectable components of Workshop for WebLogic that you can install.

**Table 2 Workshop for WebLogic Installation Options**

| Component | Description |
|---|---|
| **Workshop for WebLogic** | The Eclipse-based IDE providing visual development tools for WebLogic Platform features and popular development frameworks such as JSF, Struts, Spring, and Apache Beehive.<br>For information, see the *Oracle Workshop for WebLogic User Guide*. |
| **Workshop Runtime Framework** | A framework for simplified J2EE development built on Apache Beehive, including WebLogic Server extensions to the framework. This is a required component for Workshop for WebLogic.<br>For information the components of the Workshop Runtime Framework, see the following documents:<br>• Introduction to NetUI Page Flows<br>• Control API Javadoc |

# Performing a Lightweight Installation

The following sections show the steps to perform a lightweight installation on Windows XP, using an example in which only the Core Application Server is downloaded and installed.

## Step 1: Download the Net Installer

As explained in "Obtaining the Installation Program" on page 2, navigate your Web browser to the following URL for the Oracle product download page for WebLogic Server:

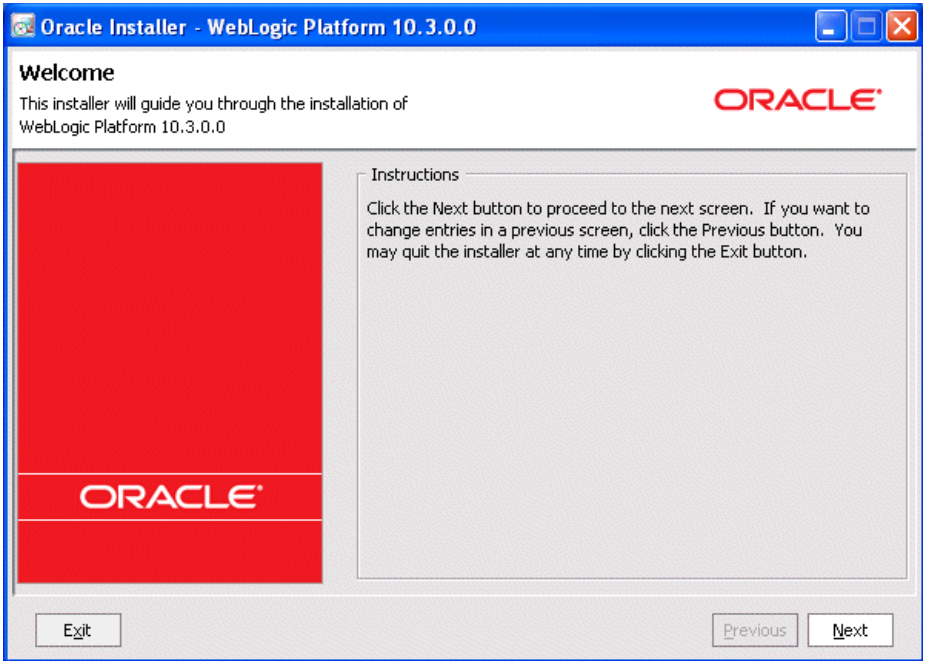
`http://www.oracle.com/technology/software/products/ias/htdocs/wls_main.html`

To download the Net installer:

1. Click the Generic or OS-specific Net installer, as appropriate for your operating environment.
2. When prompted whether to save the Net installer file, click **Save**.

## Step 2: Start the Installation Process

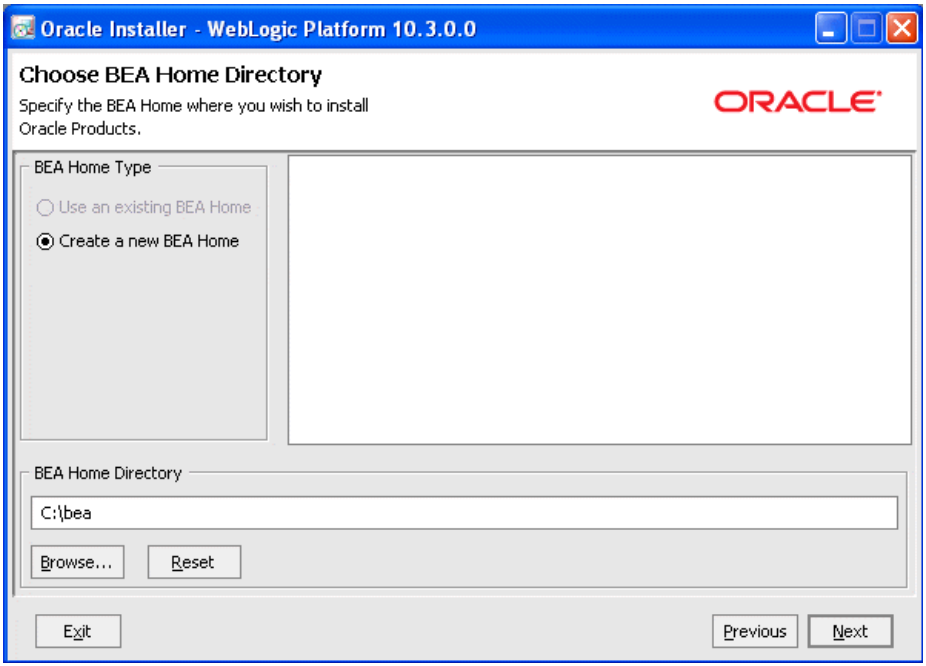
Start the WebLogic Server installation process by double clicking the downloaded installer executable file. The Welcome Screen appears.




Click **Next**.

## Step 3: Select an Installation Directory

In the next window, choose a directory on your machine into which the Oracle WebLogic software is to be installed. This directory is called the BEA Home directory.




If you have an existing directory into which one or more Oracle WebLogic products have been installed, that directory is selected by default. You may use that directory, or click **Create a new BEA Home** to specify a new directory to be created for the installation. By default, the BEA Home directory is named **bea**.

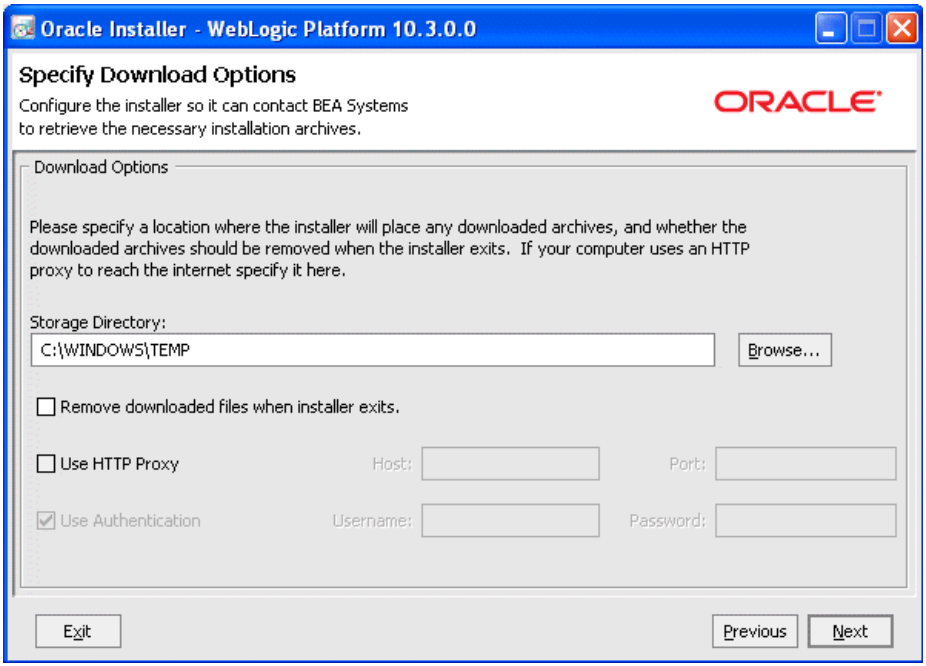
Click **Next**.

**Note:** If at any time you wish to back up to a previous window in the installation process, click **Previous**. This lets you undo any information or settings entered in the currently displayed window.

# Step 4: Specify Download Options

The installation program displays a dialog box in which you configure the following information for the installer:

- A local download directory to be used for storage of installation archive files, and whether those files should be deleted after installation is complete
- Optionally, HTTP proxy or perimeter authentication information required for your machine's access to the internet

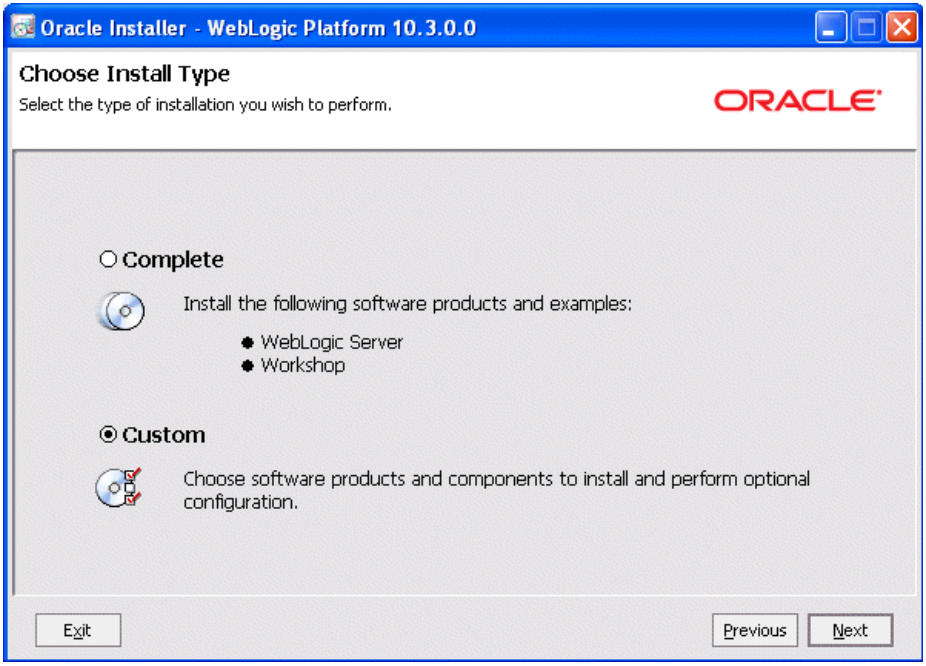



Specify download options as appropriate, and click **Next**.

# Step 5: Choose a Custom Installation

The installation program displays a window in which you are prompted to indicate whether you wish you perform a complete or a custom installation. By default, the Net installer does a complete installation of all WebLogic products identified in "Selecting the WebLogic Server Components to Be Installed" on page 4.

However, to do a lightweight installation, choose **Custom**.

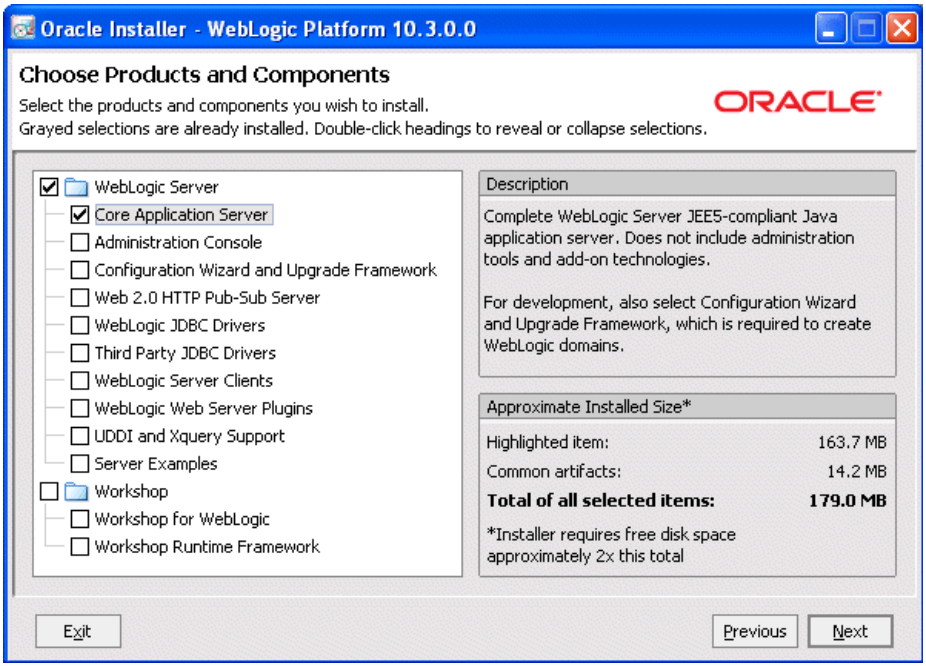



Click **Next**.

# Step 6: Choose Products and Components

The Net installer prompts you to customize the installation by selecting the specific products and components you want to download and install. By default, all products and components are selected.

To do a lightweight installation that includes only the Core Application Server, you must deselect all but that one component.



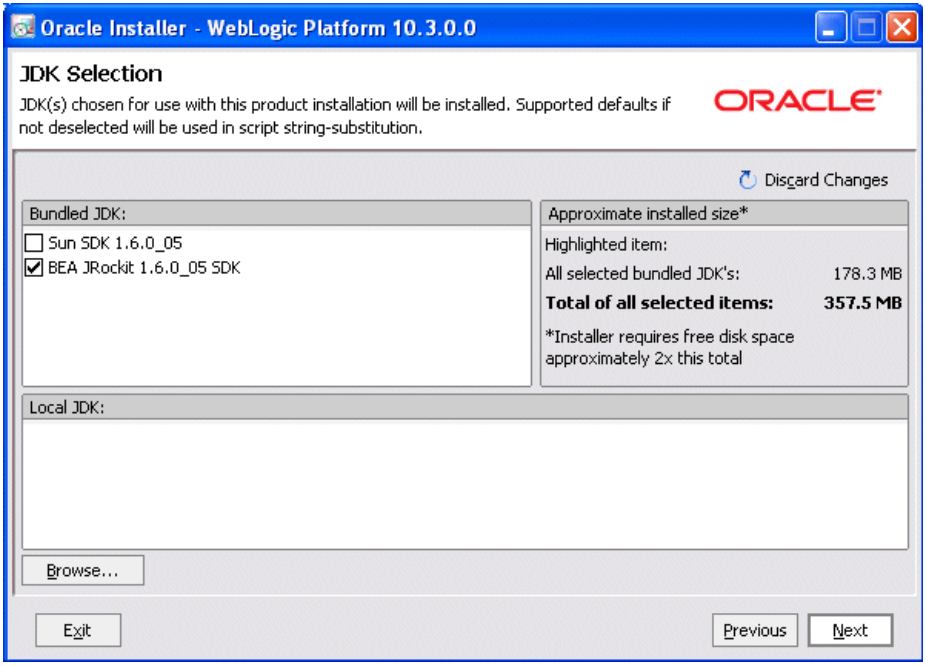

When performing an installation, note the following:

- A summary description of each component is displayed in the right when you click on that component.
- Some product components have dependencies on others. If you deselect a component upon which other components depend, those other components are automatically deselected as well. For example, if you deselect Configuration Wizard and Upgrade Framework, the Server Examples component is automatically deselected. This behavior prevents you from creating an installation with unusable components.
- An approximate size of the completed installation, based on selected components, is displayed in the lower right.

Once Core Application Server is the only component selected, click **Next**.

# Step 7: JDK Selection

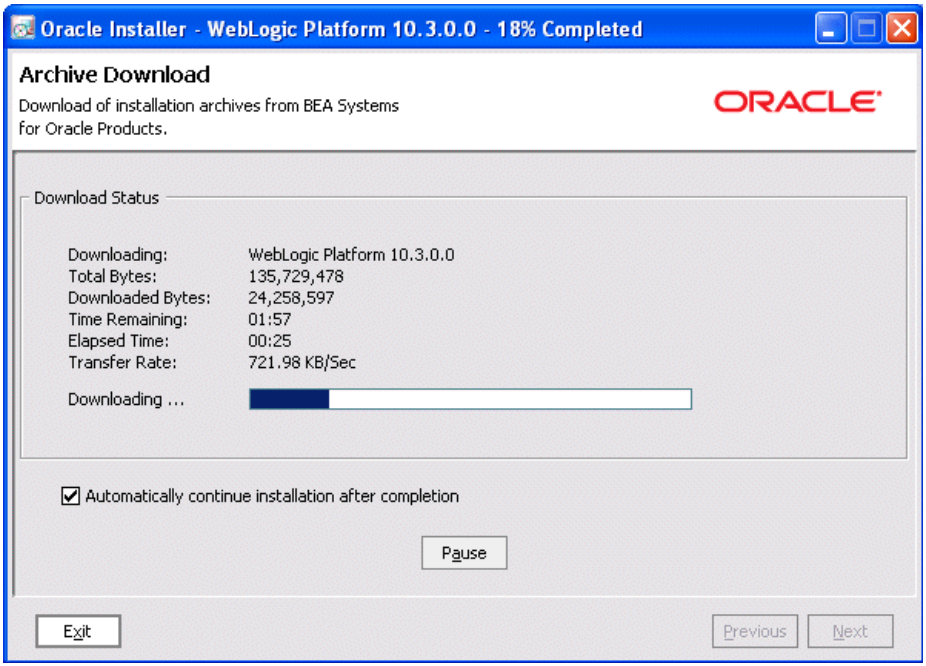
On Windows and Linux platforms, you have the option to select either or both the Sun or JRockit JDKs. (This window is not displayed by the Net installers for UNIX platforms.)




If a suitable Java Runtime is already installed on your machine, you may deselect both JDKs. Click **Next**.

# Step 8: Monitor Download Progress

The download of the Core Application Server component gets underway. The Net installer displays two progress windows in sequence: the Archive Integrity Check window is displayed while the integrity of the installation archive files is verified, and the Archive Download window is displayed while the installation files are downloaded.

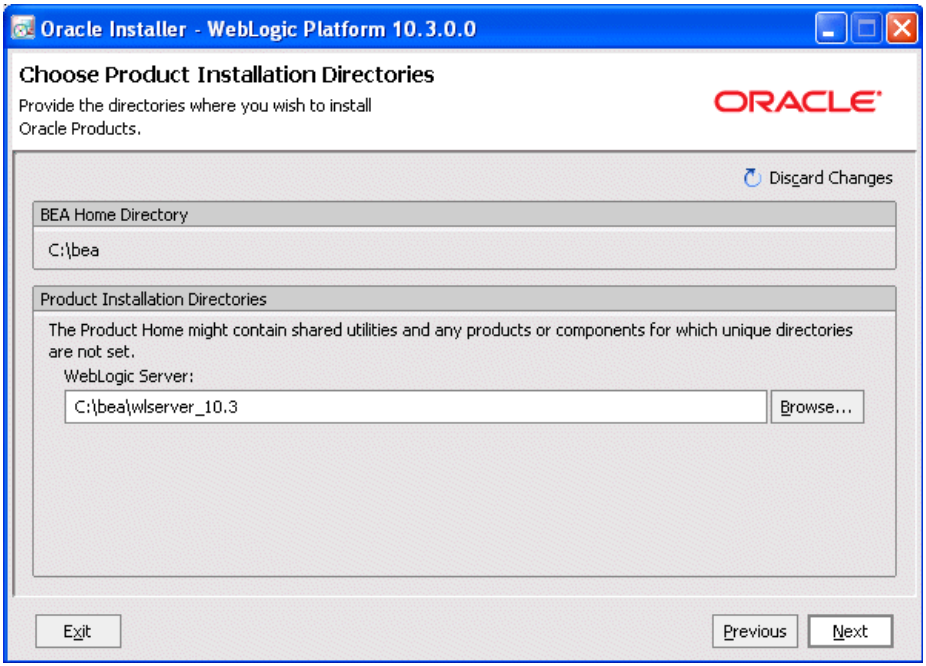



The Archive Download window provides two options you may choose, if desired:

- To automatically proceed with installation after the download of the install archives is complete. By default, this option is enabled.
- To pause the download. If you click **Pause**, the download is temporarily suspended, and the Archive Download window remains displayed until you click Resume or Exit.

# Step 9: Choose Product Installation Directory

By default, installation begins immediately after the download is complete. You are prompted to choose a product installation directory.

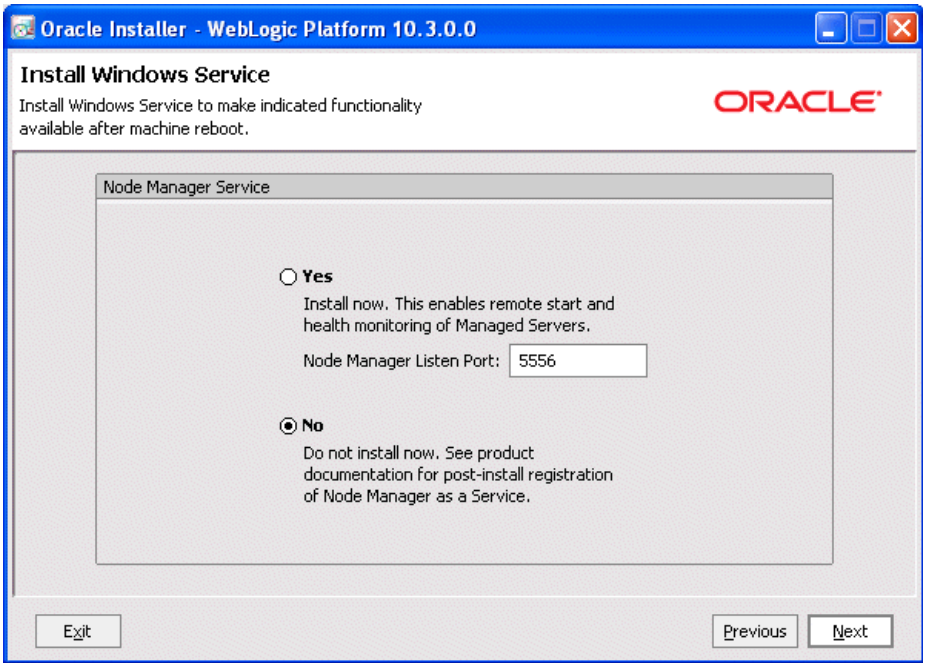



By default, WebLogic Server is installed in the BEA Home directory chosen in "Step 3: Select an Installation Directory" on page 9. You may click Browse... to choose a non-default location for the product installation directory.

Click **Next**.

# Step 10: Install Node Manager Windows Service

Optionally, on Windows systems you may choose to install the WebLogic Server Node Manager as a window service.



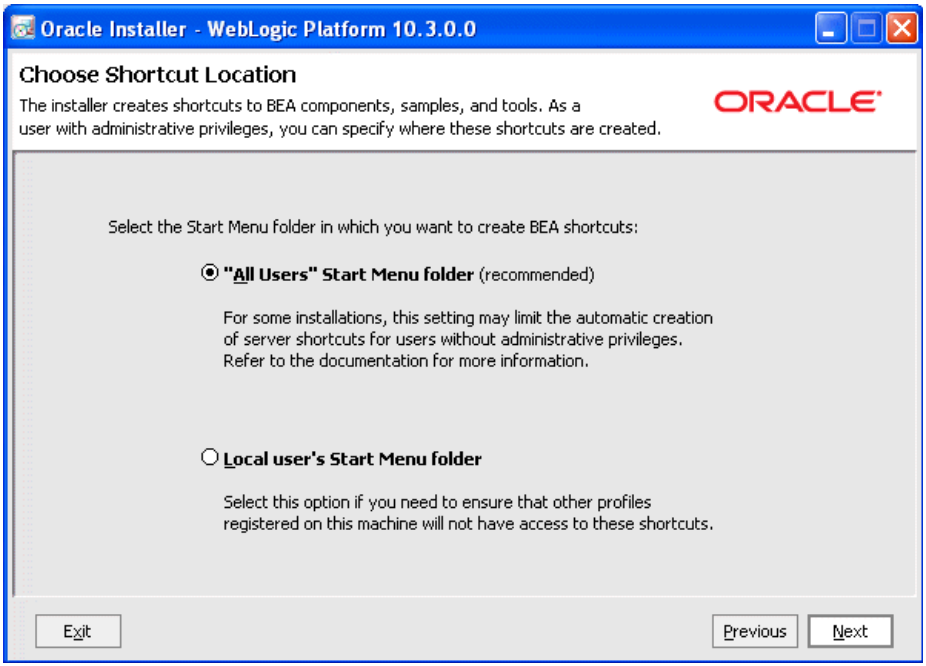

Node Manager is a WebLogic Server utility that enables you to start, shut down, and restart Administration Server and Managed Server instances from a remote location. Although Node Manager is optional, it is recommended if your WebLogic Server environment hosts applications with high availability requirements.

For more information about the Node Manager, see *Node Manager Administrator's Guide*. For more information about how to install Node Manager as a Windows service, see *Installing WebLogic Server*.

Click **Next**.

# Step 11: Choose Shortcut Location

When you install your software on a Windows system, the installation program automatically creates shortcut entries on the Start Menu. If you have Administrator privileges, you can choose to have the shortcut entries created in the All Users Start menu folder or in the user's local Start menu folder.

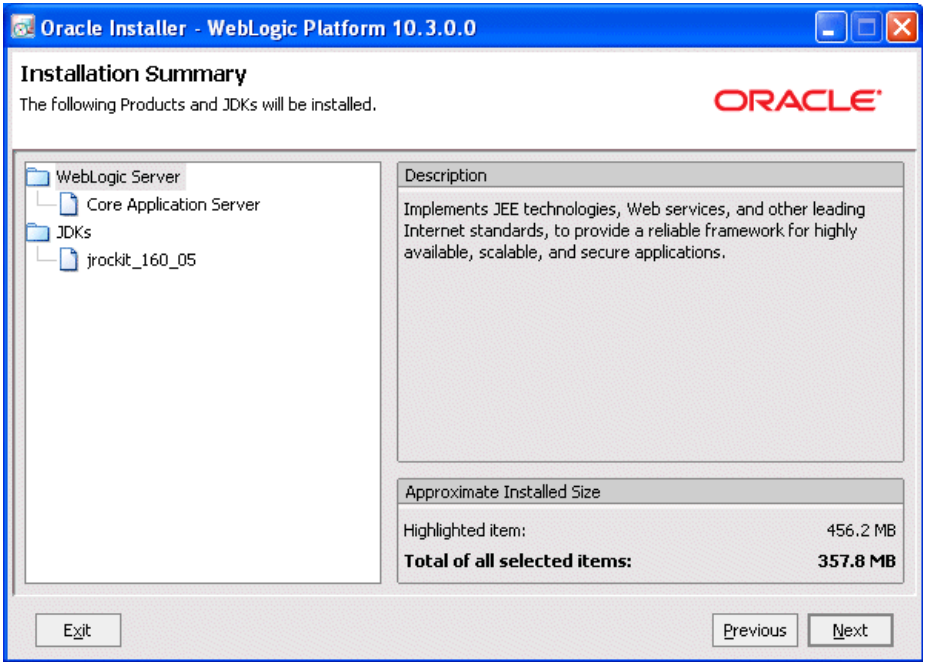



By default, the Windows shortcuts for WebLogic Server is added to the Start menu for all users. For more information about shortcut locations, see "Understanding the Windows Shortcuts" in *Installing WebLogic Server*.

Click **Next**.

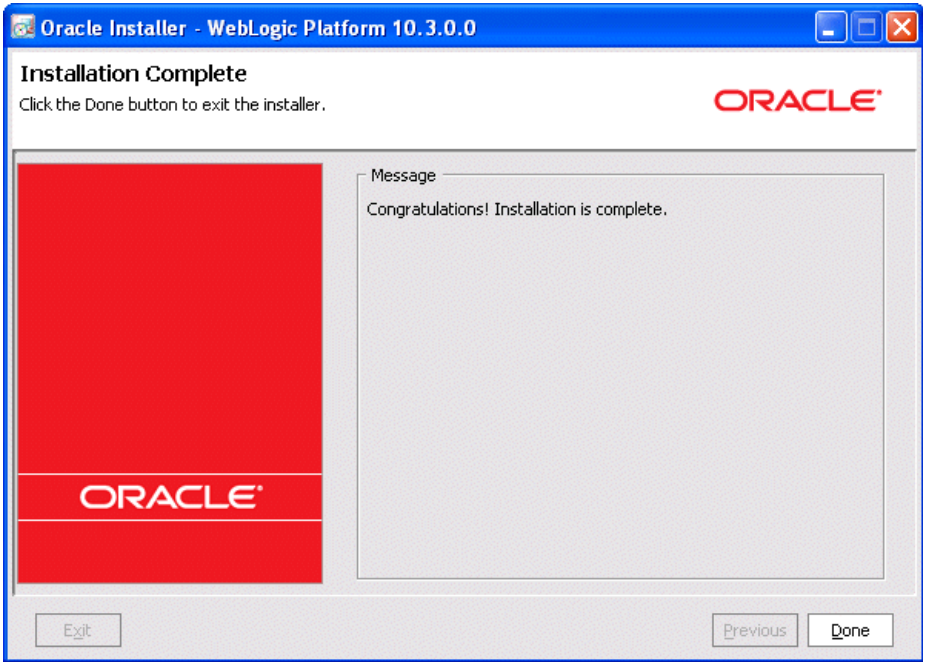
# Step 12: View Installation Summary

When the download is complete, the Installation Summary window is displayed. This window contains a list of the components you selected for installation, along with the approximate amount of disk space to be used by the selected components once installation is complete.




You can also click on an individual component to display its approximate installed size.

Click **Next** to begin the installation of the downloaded components. When the installation is complete, the following window is displayed:




# Adding Product Components to an Existing Installation

If at a later time you decide that you want to install additional product components to an existing installation, you can simply re-run the Net installer. It is not necessary to obtain a new one from the product download directory.

If you choose the same installation directory as before, only those components that are not already installed can be selected. Installed components are greyed out. For example:

# Other Installation Features

The WebLogic Server installation program provides additional features you can use, depending on your needs and environment, including the following:

- Choice of installation mode

  This guide shows the graphical-mode installation, the interactive, GUI-based method for installation. Installers also can be run in console mode, which is an interactive, text-based method used from the command line; and silent-mode, which is a non-interactive method that can be run from a script as well as the command line.

- Option to create a detailed installation log

- Uninstallation program

  A separate uninstallation program is included in the BEA Home directory that can be run in graphical, console, or silent mode to remove the WebLogic Server software. This program does not remove any user-created configuration files, application files, or domains.

Complete details about each of these installation features are provided in *Installing WebLogic Server*.

# Supported Configurations

For complete details about the hardware and software configurations supported by WebLogic Server and Workshop for WebLogic, see *Oracle WebLogic Server Supported Configurations*. This document describes supported operating systems, web servers, browsers, firewalls, database configurations, and other tools and configurations.

# Upgrading WebLogic Server

If you are upgrading your WebLogic Server installation from an earlier version, see *Upgrading WebLogic Application Environments*. This document explains how to upgrade the entire WebLogic Server environment, including applications, the WebLogic domains in which they are deployed, and any application data associated with the domain, and may include external resources, such as database servers, firewalls, load balancers, and LDAP servers.

# Installing Patches and Maintenance Updates

Smart Update is a standalone Java application that is automatically installed in the BEA Home directory and that simplifies the process of applying patches and maintenance updates to your WebLogic Server installation. When support makes a patch or maintenance update available for an installed version of WebLogic Server, you use Smart Update to obtain that update and apply it to your installation. Smart

Update organizes all available maintenance for you, and has several features that allow a great deal of customizing in the way various patches and other maintenance updates are applied and managed in your environment.

For information about using Smart Update, see *Installing Patches and Maintenance Packs*.