



BEA WebLogic Integration™

Using Application Integration

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About This Document

Using Application Integration is organized as follows:

- “Introduction to Application Integration” provides an overview of the BEA WebLogic Integration Framework and explains how it fits into the WebLogic Server environment and contributes to the BEA EAI solution.
- “Defining an Application View” explains how to log in to an adapter, and create and configure application views to represent your enterprise’s business processes.
- “Using Application Views in the Studio” explains how to use application views in the WebLogic Server environment by setting up workflows using the WebLogic Integration Studio.
- “Using Application Views by Writing Custom Code” explains how to use application views in the WebLogic Server environment by writing custom Java code.
- “Using the Application View Console” explains how to use namespaces to organize your application views by location or department instead of by adapter.
- Appendix A, “Migrating Application Integration Data” explains how to migrate application integration data between WebLogic Server domains.

What You Need to Know

This document is intended for the following users:

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- *Business Analysts*—Business analysts work with technical analysts to ensure accuracy of the business interface functionality, to create application views, and to use application views within an enterprise.
 - *Technical Analysts*—Technical analysts are responsible for configuring an adapter, for setting up WebLogic Integration services to execute information transfers with a legacy system, for configuring solutions using adapters, and for evaluating, mapping, deploying, and maintaining the WebLogic Server environment. This guide is based on the assumption that the technical analyst has thorough knowledge of the entire system.

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- BEA WebLogic Integration documentation (<http://edocs.bea.com>)
- XML Schema Specification (<http://www.w3c.org/TR/xmlschema-formal/>)
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- Your machine type and authorization codes

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Convention	Item
Ctrl+Tab	Indicates that you must press two or more keys simultaneously.
<i>italics</i>	Indicates emphasis or book titles.
monospace text	Indicates code samples, commands and their options, data structures and their members, data types, directories, and file names and their extensions. Monospace text also indicates text that you must enter from the keyboard. <i>Examples:</i> chmod u+w * c:\startServer .doc wls.doc BITMAP float
monospace boldface text	Identifies significant words in code. <i>Example:</i> void commit ()
<i>monospace italic text</i>	Identifies variables in code. <i>Example:</i> String <i>expr</i>

Convention	Item
UPPERCASE TEXT	Indicates device names, environment variables, and logical operators. <i>Examples:</i> LPT1 SIGNON OR
...	Indicates one of the following in a command line: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ That an argument can be repeated several times in a command line ■ That the statement omits additional optional arguments ■ That you can enter additional parameters, values, or other information <i>Example:</i> <pre>import com.sap.rfc.exception.*;</pre>
.	Indicates the omission of items from a code example or from a syntax line. The vertical ellipsis itself should never be typed.



1 Introduction to Application Integration

This document provides instructions for using adapters built with the BEA WebLogic Integration Adapter Development Kit (ADK). It explains how to define application view services and events and use them in your business processes in a WebLogic Integration environment.

This section provides the following topics:

- Before You Begin
- Creating an Interface to an Adapter
- Defining an Application View
- Using an Application View in a Workflow

Note: Because all adapters and applications are different, the instructions provided in this document are generic: they are not written for a specific adapter or application. For details about the adapters provided with the ADK, see [“The E-mail Adapter”](#) and [“The DBMS Adapter”](#) in *Developing Adapters*.

Before You Begin

Before you can begin using adapters to integrate your enterprise, you must set up your environment and learn about how WebLogic Integration uses adapters and application views to help achieve integration.

This section provides the following information:

- Software Prerequisites
- Familiarizing Yourself with Basic Concepts

Software Prerequisites

Make sure the following prerequisites are satisfied.

Note: For a detailed list of prerequisites, see the [BEA WebLogic Integration Release Notes](#).

- You have installed WebLogic Server, including Service Pack 2.
- You have installed JDK 1.3.1. The JDK 1.3 development kit is automatically installed when you install WebLogic Server 6.1. If you prefer, however, you may install your own version, as long as it is 1.3.1-compliant.
- You have installed BEA WebLogic Integration.
- You have deployed each adapter for which you will define application views.

Familiarizing Yourself with Basic Concepts

If you are not familiar with the basic concepts of application integration, we recommend that you take the time to read the overview of application integration provided in [Introducing Application Integration](#). Then you will be ready to learn how to address practical issues, such as when to use one application integration method rather than another, and how to implement the method you select.

Creating an Interface to an Adapter

For each adapter to be used in your enterprise, you must provide an interface to the services and events that it provides. You can create such an interface in either of two ways: by defining application views or by writing custom code.

Application views provide the most convenient method of accessing an adapter's resources. In most situations you will probably choose this method for exposing the application functions provided by each adapter. However, if you require more control over an adapter's functions than that afforded by application views, you may also write custom code.

You are responsible for deciding whether your enterprise can derive greater benefit from application views or custom code. The following sections provide basic guidelines for choosing between these two methods. For details, see Chapter 2, "Defining an Application View."

When to Define an Application View

Most enterprise information system (EIS) applications can be integrated easily by defining application views. In general, you should define application views if one or more of the following criteria are true:

- You have more than one EIS in your enterprise, and you lack developers with detailed, thorough knowledge of all systems.
- You want to construct business processes using the WebLogic Integration Studio.
- You need to update the parameters of an adapter or one of its processes.

When to Write Custom Code

You should write custom code as an interface to an adapter only if one or more of the following criteria are true:

- You have only one EIS in your enterprise.
- Your developer has thorough, detailed knowledge of each EIS involved in the business processes being coded.
- You do not need to use the business process management (BPM) functions provided by WebLogic Integration.
- Your code will never require changes.

Defining an Application View

An application view for an adapter is an XML-based interface between WebLogic Server and a particular EIS application. You must define an application view for each adapter used by your enterprise.

This section describes:

- What Is Defined by an Application View Definition
- How to Define an Application View

What Is Defined by an Application View Definition

When you define an application view, you must configure communication parameters for it, and then add services and/or events to it. The application view's services and events expose specific functions of the application. The communication parameters of the application view govern how the application view connects to the target EIS.

An application view definition specifies:

- A unique name for the application view
- Security privileges for users of the application view
- Parameters for the:
 - Application

- Network connections between the application and the application view
- Management of the pool of connections available to the application view
- Load balancing to be performed by the application view

How to Define an Application View

This section provides a high-level overview of the procedure you must complete to define application views for adapters. For detailed instructions, see Chapter 2, “Defining an Application View.”

Defining an application view involves the following steps:

- Step 1: Name and Configure Connection Parameters for an Application View
- Step 2: Add Services and Events to the Application View
- Step 3: Test Services and Events

Step 1: Name and Configure Connection Parameters for an Application View

The first step in defining an application view for an adapter is to log on to the Application View Console, select a folder in which the application view will reside, and configure EIS connection parameters for it.

For details about creating and configuring an application view, see the following topics:

- “Step 1: Log On to the Application View Console” on page 2-5
- “Steps 2 and 3: Define an Application View and Configure Connection Parameters” on page 2-6

Step 2: Add Services and Events to the Application View

Services and events support a subset of an application’s business processes by enabling WebLogic Server clients to interact with the application functions you specify. The services and events offered by an application view allow specific types of transactions between WebLogic Server and the EIS application.

For details about adding services and events to an application view, see the following topics:

- “Step 4A: Add a Service to an Application View” on page 2-9
- “Step 6B: Test an Application View’s Events” on page 2-21

Step 3: Test Services and Events

Verify that your services or events interact properly with the EIS application.

For details about testing services and events, see the following topics:

- “Step 6A: Test an Application View’s Services” on page 2-18
- “Step 6B: Test an Application View’s Events” on page 2-21

Using an Application View in a Workflow

Once you define an application view in your WebLogic Integration environment, you can deploy it on WebLogic Server and use it to implement your enterprise’s business processes in a business process workflow.

You can use application views in business processes in either of the following ways:

- By designing business process workflows in the WebLogic Integration Studio
- By writing custom code

When an application view is used in your business process workflow, the end result is a deployed electronic representation of your enterprise’s business process. The workflow specifies the transactions to be performed by your applications to accomplish the business processes. The application views perform the transactions themselves.

Using an Application View in the WebLogic Integration Studio

The most common way to use an application view in your enterprise's business processes is by designing a workflow in the WebLogic Integration Studio. The Studio is a graphical user interface (GUI) for designing business process workflows. These workflows can include application view services and events.

You can use an application view to support services and events in any of the following four ways:

- Task 1: Set Up a Task Node to Call an Application View Service
- Task 2: Set Up an Event Node to Wait for a Response from an Asynchronous Application View Service
- Task 3: Create a Workflow Started by an Application View Event
- Task 4: Set Up an Event Node to Wait for an Application View Event

For detailed information about each task, see Chapter 3, "Using Application Views in the Studio."

Using an Application View by Writing Custom Code

If you do not implement your business process by using an application view through the Studio, you must write custom Java code, instead. For instructions, see Chapter 4, "Using Application Views by Writing Custom Code."

Choosing a Method for Implementing a Business Process

WebLogic Integration allows you to implement your business processes by using either of two methods: by creating a workflow in the Studio or by writing custom code. Any business process can be implemented as a Studio workflow.

Custom coding, however, should be attempted only if the target business process is extremely simple and specialized. In this document, custom coding is described only as an alternate method to be used in situations that require it. For a list of such situations, see “When to Write Custom Java Code” on page 1-8.

When to Use the WebLogic Integration Studio

Use the WebLogic Integration Studio to implement a business process if one or more of the following criteria are true:

- Your business processes require complicated error management, persistent processes, and sophisticated conditional branching.

For example, if your business process must receive numerous events, select a subset of them, perform complex branched actions, generate many complex messages, and send the messages to various WebLogic Server clients, then you should use the Studio.

- Your business process requires periodic changes.

The Studio reduces the number of required compile/test/debug cycles.

- Your developers (like those in most organizations) are valuable and scarce.

When to Write Custom Java Code

Write custom code to implement a business process only if one or more of the following criteria are true:

- Your business process is simple; that is, it includes no complicated error recovery, long-lived processes, conditional branching, or joining of the process flow.

For example, if your business process performs a limited set of actions on an incoming message, and then routes the message to a small number of client applications, you can safely write custom code for it.

- You do not anticipate the need for frequent updates to the business process.

Whenever you update custom code, a full compile/test/debug cycle, which can be costly, is required.

- Your organization can afford to allocate developers for the job of implementing business processes in code.

2 Defining an Application View

This section presents the following topics:

- Before You Begin
- High-Level Procedure for Defining an Application View
- Sample Detailed Procedure for Defining an Application View
- Editing an Application View

Before You Begin

When you define an application view, you are creating an XML-based interface between WebLogic Server and a particular EIS application within your enterprise. Once you create the application view, a business analyst can use it to create business processes that use the application. For any adapter, you can create any number of application views, each of which may contain any number of services and events.

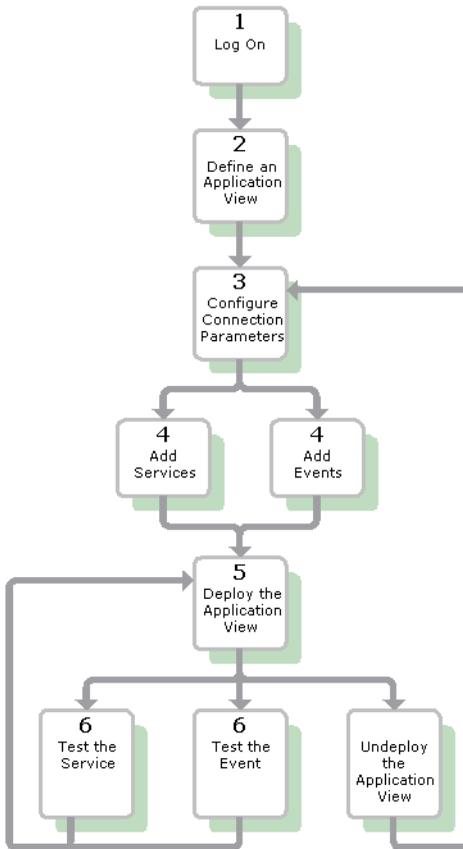
Before you attempt to define an application view, make sure the following prerequisites are satisfied:

- The appropriate adapter has been developed using the ADK. You can create and configure application views only for existing adapters.
- Determine which business processes need to be supported by the application view you are configuring. The required business processes determine the types of services and events you include in your application views. Therefore, you must gather information about the application's business requirements from the business analyst. Once you determine the necessary business processes, you can define and test the appropriate services and events.

High-Level Procedure for Defining an Application View

Figure 2-1 summarizes the procedure for defining and configuring an application view.

Figure 2-1 Procedure for Defining and Configuring an Application View



1. Log on to the WebLogic Integration Application View Console. For detailed information, see “Step 1: Log On to the Application View Console” on page 2-5.
2. Click Add Application View to create a new application view for the appropriate adapter. An application view enables a set of business processes for the specified adapter’s target EIS application. For detailed information, see “Steps 2 and 3: Define an Application View and Configure Connection Parameters” on page 2-6.
3. On the Configure Connection Parameters page, enter application connection parameters. For detailed information, see “Steps 2 and 3: Define an Application View and Configure Connection Parameters” on page 2-6.

The information is validated, and the application view is configured to connect to the specified system.

4. Click Add Event or Add Service to define the appropriate events and services for this application view.
5. Deploy the application view on WebLogic Server so other entities can interact with it according to your security settings.

Note: You cannot test an application view unless it is deployed.

6. Test all services and events to make sure they can properly interact with the target EIS application.

Once your services and events are tested and functioning, you can use the application view in workflows. For more information, see Chapter 3, “Using Application Views in the Studio.”

7. Undeploy the application view if you need to reconfigure its connection parameters or add services and events to it.

Note: When an application view is undeployed, no other entities can interact with it.

Sample Detailed Procedure for Defining an Application View

This section explains how to define and maintain application views using an EIS adapter for a hypothetical database EIS called simply *DBMS*. The steps in the procedure presented here correspond to the steps shown in Figure 2-1.

When you create application views for your enterprise, they may look different from these shown in this document. Such differences are to be expected, because the application view’s adapter determines the information required for each application view page, and each enterprise has its own specialized adapters. For details about an adapter used in your enterprise, consult the relevant technical analyst or EIS specialist.

Step 1: Log On to the Application View Console

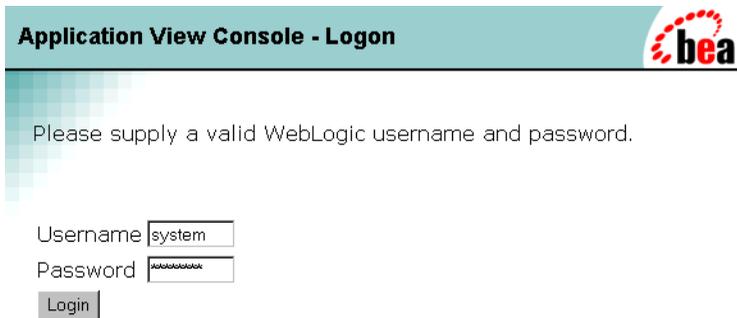
The Application View Console displays all the application views in your WebLogic Integration environment, organized in folders.

To log on to the Application View Console:

1. Open a new browser window.
2. Enter the URL for your system's Application View Console. The actual URL you enter depends on your system. It should conform to the following format:

`http://host:port/wlai`

The Application View Console - Logon page is displayed.



Application View Console - Logon 

Please supply a valid WebLogic username and password.

Username

Password

3. Enter your WebLogic Server username and password, then click Login. The Application View Console is displayed.

Application View Console

Folder: Root  

Name	Status	Action
 EastCoast		Remove
 WestCoast		Remove

Note: If you do not see a page such as this, consult the WebLogic Server administrator.

4. To add a folder, click the New Folder icon:



For more information, see “Creating a Folder” on page 5-3.

Steps 2 and 3: Define an Application View and Configure Connection Parameters

1. Add a new application view to the current folder by clicking Add Application View.

Note: Make sure you are working in the appropriate folder before performing this step. Once you define an application view, you cannot move it to another folder.

The Define New Application View page is displayed.

Define New Application View



[Glossary](#) [Logout](#)

This page allows you to define a new application view

Folder: [EastCoast.Sales](#)

Application View Name: *

Description:

Associated Adapter:

2. In the Application View Name field, enter a name. The name should describe the functions performed by this application. Each application view name must be unique to its adapter. Valid characters are a–z, A–Z, 0–9, and _ (underscore).
3. In the Description field, enter any relevant notes. These notes are read by people using this application view in workflows created in the WebLogic Integration Studio.
4. From the Associated Adapter list, select an adapter to be used to create this application view.
5. Click OK. The Configure Connection Parameters page is displayed.

Configure Connection Parameters

Application View Console WebLogic Console Glossary Logout

Configure Connection

Administration
Add Service
Add Event
Deploy Application View

On this page, you supply parameters to connect to your DBMS

WebLogic User Name*

WebLogic Password*

Data Source Name (JNDI)*

On the Configure Connection Parameters page, define the network-related information necessary for the application view to interact with the target EIS. You need to enter this information only once per application view.

6. Enter your WebLogic Server username and password.

Note: The fields displayed on the page you see may differ from those shown here. Which fields are displayed is determined by the adapter.

7. For the required information for any remaining fields, consult the relevant technical analyst or EIS specialist.
8. Click Continue. The Application View Administration page is displayed.

Application View Administration for EastCoast.Sales.CustomerManagement

Adapter Home | WLAI Home Page | WebLogic Console | Glossary | Logout

Configure Connection
Administration
 Add Service
 Add Event
 Deploy Application View

This page allows you to add events and/or services to an application view.

Description: Your description here. [Edit](#)

Connection Criteria

Additional Log Category:	CustomerManagement
Password:	system
Root Log Category:	BEA_WLS_DBMS_ADK
Log Configuration File:	BEA_WLS_DBMS_ADK.xml
Message Bundle Base:	BEA_WLS_DBMS_ADK
Username:	system
Data Source Name:	WLAI_DataSource

[Reconfigure connection parameters for CustomerManagement](#)

Events

CustomerInserted [Edit](#) [Remove Event](#) [View Summary](#) [View Event Schema](#)

Services

RetrieveAllCustomers [Edit](#) [Remove Service](#) [View Summary](#) [View Request Schema](#) [View Response Schema](#)

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Step 4A: Add a Service to an Application View

1. On the Application View Administration page, click Add in the Services row. The Add Service page is displayed.

Add Service

Adapter Home | WLP Home Page | WebLogic Console | Glossary | Logout

Configure Connection
 Administration
Add Service
 Add Event
 Deploy Application View

On this page, you add services to your application view.

Unique Service Name: *

Description:

SQL Statement: *

[Browse DBMS...](#)

Syntax Help: 1. Use fully qualified table name (i.e. catalog.schema.table); 2. to gather user input, bracket the column name and type as follows: "[ColumnName ColumnType]". Hint: browse to cut & paste ColumnName and ColumnType into your sql.

2 Defining an Application View

Note: The fields displayed on the page you see may differ from those shown here. Which fields are displayed is determined by the adapter.

2. In the Unique Service Name field, enter a name. The name should describe the function performed by this service. Each service name must be unique to its application view. Valid characters are a–z, A–Z, 0–9, and _ (underscore).
3. In the Description field, enter any relevant notes. These notes are read by people using this application view in workflows created in the WebLogic Integration Studio.
4. For the required information for any remaining fields, consult the relevant technical analyst or EIS specialist.
5. When finished, click Add.

Step 4B: Add an Event to an Application View

1. In the Application View Console, select Administration. The Application View Administration page is displayed.

Application View Administration for EastCoast.Sales.CustomerManagement

Adapter Home WLAI Home Page WebLogic Console

Configure Connection
Administration
Add Service
Add Event
Deploy Application View

This page allows you to add events and/or services to an application view.

Description: Your description here. [_Edit](#)

Connection Criteria
Additional Log Category: CustomerManagement
Password: system
Root Log Category: BEA_WLS_DBMS_ADK
Log Configuration File: BEA_WLS_DBMS_ADK.xml
Message Bundle Base: BEA_WLS_DBMS_ADK
Username: system
Data Source Name: WLAI_DataSource
[Reconfigure connection parameters for CustomerManagement](#)

Events

CustomerInserted [Edit](#) [Remove Event](#) [View Summary](#) [View Event Schema](#)

Services

RetrieveAllCustomers [Edit](#) [Remove Service](#) [View Summary](#) [View Request Schema](#) [View Response Schema](#)

2. Click Add in the Events row. The Add Event page is displayed.

Add Event

Adapter Home WLIF Home Page WebLogic Console Glossary Logout

Configure Connection
Administration
Add Service
Add Event
Deploy Application View

On this page, you add events to your application view.

Unique Event Name:*

Description:

Table Name:* [Browse DBMS...](#)

Please Select The Type Of Event To Create:

Insert Event
 Update Event
 Delete Event

Note: The fields displayed on the page you see may differ from those shown here. Which fields are displayed is determined by the adapter.

3. In the Unique Event Name field, enter a name. Each event name must be unique to its application view. Valid characters are a–z, A–Z, 0–9, and _ (underscore).
4. In the Description field, enter any relevant notes. These notes are read by people using this application view in workflows created in the WebLogic Integration Studio.
5. For the required information for any remaining fields, consult the relevant technical analyst or EIS specialist.
6. When finished, click Add. The Application View Administration page is displayed.
7. If you are finished adding services and events, click Continue to deploy the application view.

Step 5: Deploy an Application View

You may deploy an application view when you have added at least one event or service to it. You must deploy an application view before you can test its services and events or use the application view in the WebLogic Server environment. By deploying an application view, you place relevant metadata about its services and events into a run-time metadata repository. Deployment also makes the application view available to other WebLogic Server clients. As a result, business processes can interact with the application view, and you can test the application view's services and events.

To deploy an application view:

1. Open the application view as described in “Step 1: Log On to the Application View Console” on page 2-5. The Summary for Application View page is displayed.

The screenshot shows the 'Summary for Application View EastCoast.Sales.CustomerManagement' page. The page title is 'Summary for Application View EastCoast.Sales.CustomerManagement' and the BEA logo is in the top right. The page content includes a summary description, metadata fields (Name, Description, Status), and available actions (Edit, remove). Below this is a navigation bar with tabs for Connection, Security, Deploy, and Events and Services. The 'Connection' tab is selected, showing 'Additional Log Category' and 'Connection Criteria' details.

Additional Log Category:	Connection Criteria
Password:	CustomerManagement
Root Log Category:	system
Log Configuration File:	BEA_WLS_DBMS_ADK
Message Bundle Base:	BEA_WLS_DBMS_ADK.xml
Username:	BEA_WLS_DBMS_ADK
Data Source Name:	system
	WLAI_DataSource

2. Click Edit. The Application View Administration page is displayed.

Sample Detailed Procedure for Defining an Application View

Application View Administration for EastCoast.Sales.CustomerManagement

Adapter Home | WLAI Home Page | WebLogic Console | Glossary | Logout

Configure Connection
Administration
Add Service
Add Event
Deploy Application View

This page allows you to add events and/or services to an application view.

Description: Your description here. [Edit](#)

Connection Criteria

Additional Log Category:	CustomerManagement
Password:	system
Root Log Category:	BEA_WLS_DBMS_ADK
Log Configuration File:	BEA_WLS_DBMS_ADK.xml
Message Bundle Base:	BEA_WLS_DBMS_ADK
Username:	system
Data Source Name:	WLAI_DataSource

[Reconfigure connection parameters for CustomerManagement](#)

Events [Add](#)

CustomerInserted [Edit](#) [Remove Event](#) [View Summary](#) [View Event Schema](#)

Services [Add](#)

RetrieveAllCustomers [Edit](#) [Remove Service](#) [View Summary](#) [View Request Schema](#) [View Response Schema](#)

[Continue](#) [Save](#) ?

3. Click Continue. The Deploy Application View page is displayed.

Deploy Application View EastCoast.Sales.CustomerManagement to Server

Adapter Home WLAI Home Page WebLogic Console Glossary Logout

Configure Connection Administration
Add Service
Add Event
▶ **Deploy Application View**

On this page you deploy your application view to the application server.

Required Service Parameters
Enable asynchronous service invocation?

Required Event Parameters
Event Router URL*

Connection Pool Parameters
Use these parameters to configure the connection pool used by this application view

Minimum Pool Size*
Maximum Pool Size*
Target Fraction of Maximum Pool Size*
Allow Pool to Shrink?

Log Configuration
Set the log verbosity level for this application view.

Configure Security
[Restrict Access to CustomerManagement using J2EE Security](#)

Deploy persistently?

Note: Which fields you see on the Deploy Application View page depends on the adapter being used. For a description of all fields, consult the relevant technical analyst or EIS specialist.

4. To enable the WebLogic Integration Studio or other authorized clients to asynchronously call any services available from this application view, select Enable Asynchronous Service Invocation.

An entity that calls an application view service asynchronously continues its process without waiting for a response from the service.

5. If your application view supports events, enter the URL of the adapter's event router. For example:

http://localhost:7001/YourEIS_EventRouter/EventRouter

Note: This field is not displayed if no events are defined for this application view.

6. In the Minimum Pool Size field, enter the minimum number of connection pools to be used by this application view. For example: 1.

7. In the Maximum Pool Size field, enter the maximum number of connection pools to be used by this application view. For example: 10.
8. In the Target Fraction of Maximum Pool Size field, enter the ideal pool size, measured from 0 to 1.0. For example: 0.7. If the Maximum Pool Size is 10 and the Target Fraction is 0.7, this means the adapter will perform load balancing with the goal of maintaining the connection pool size at 70% of the maximum, which in this case means 7 connections.
9. To have unused connections deleted automatically, select Allow Pool to Shrink.
10. In the Log Configuration area, select one of the following options according to your logging preferences:
 - Log errors and audit messages
 - Log warnings, errors, and audit messages
 - Log informational messages, warnings, errors, and audit messages
 - Log all messages
11. If necessary, click Restrict Access to *your_application* using J2EE Security. The Application View Security page is displayed.

Application View Security

Adapter Home | WLIIF Home Page | WebLogic Console | Glossary | Logout

Configure Connection Administration
Add Service
Add Event
Deploy Application View

This form allows you to grant and revoke permissions for this application view.

Choose an Action: Grant Revoke

Specify a User or Group:*

Permission: Read (Invoke Service or Register for Event)
 Write (Deploy/Undeploy/Edit App View)

Principals with Read Access Granted	Principals with Read Access Revoked
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • everyone 	no person/group specified
Principals with Write Access Granted	Principals with Write Access Revoked
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • everyone 	no person/group specified

Apply Done

2 Defining an Application View

Use this page to grant or revoke read and write access to this application view for a WebLogic Server user or group.

12. When you finish setting up permissions, click Apply to save your changes.
13. Decide whether you want to deploy the application view now or later. To deploy the application view later, proceed to step 14. To deploy the application view now, proceed to step 15.
14. To deploy the application view later, click Done to return to the Deploy Application View page.

To save the Application View without deploying it, click Save.

To have this application view automatically redeployed whenever WebLogic Server is restarted, select Deploy Persistently.

Note: To save the application view to be completed later without deploying it now, click Save at any time.
15. To deploy the application view now, click Deploy Application View. The Summary for Application View page is displayed.

The screenshot shows the 'Summary for Application View EastCoast.Sales.CustomerManagement' page. The page title is 'Summary for Application View EastCoast.Sales.CustomerManagement'. The breadcrumb navigation includes 'VMLAI Home Page' and 'WebLogic Console'. The page content includes a description: 'This page shows the events and services defined for the EastCoast.Sales.CustomerManagement application view.' Below this, the following details are listed: Name: CustomerManagement, Description: Your description here., Status: Deployed, and Available actions: [Undeploy](#). The page has a navigation menu with tabs for 'Connection', 'Security', 'Deploy', and 'Events and Services'. Under the 'Events and Services' tab, there are two sections: 'Events' and 'Services'. The 'Events' section lists 'CustomerInserted' with links for 'Test', 'View Summary', and 'View Event Schema'. The 'Services' section lists 'RetrieveAllCustomers' with links for 'Test', 'View Summary', 'View Request Schema', and 'View Response Schema'. The BEA logo is visible in the top right corner.

Optional Step: Undeploy an Application View

You must undeploy an application view whenever you want to edit its connection parameters, add services and events to it, or disable clients from using it. For information about editing connection parameters, see “Steps 2 and 3: Define an Application View and Configure Connection Parameters” on page 2-6. When an application view is undeployed, no other WebLogic Server clients can interact with it, and you cannot test its services or events.

To undeploy an application view:

1. In the Application View Console, click Summary. The Summary for Application View page is displayed.

The screenshot displays the 'Summary for Application View EastCoast.Sales.CustomerManagement' page in the WebLogic console. The page includes a navigation bar with 'WLA Home Page' and 'WebLogic Console', and a 'bea' logo. The main content area shows the application name, description, and status as 'Deployed'. An 'Undeploy' link is visible. Below this, there are tabs for 'Connection', 'Security', 'Deploy', and 'Events and Services'. The 'Events and Services' section is expanded, showing a table with two rows: 'CustomerInserted' and 'RetrieveAllCustomers'. Each row has links for 'Test', 'View Summary', and 'View Event Schema' or 'View Request Schema' and 'View Response Schema'.

2. To undeploy the application view from WebLogic Server, click Undeploy. The Undeploy Application View window is displayed.



Undeploy Application View

This page confirms that you want to UNDEPLOY the application view.

Are you sure you want to undeploy
EastCoast.Sales.CustomerManagement?

Confirm

Cancel

3. Click Confirm. The Summary for Application View page is displayed, giving you an opportunity to deploy the application view again.

Step 6A: Test an Application View's Services

The purpose of testing an application view service is to evaluate whether or not that service interacts properly with the target EIS. You can test an application view only if it is deployed and it contains at least one event or service. To test an application view service:

1. In the navigation area (on the left side of the window), select Summary. The Summary for Application View page is displayed.

Summary for Application View EastCoast.Sales.CustomerManagement

This page shows the events and services defined for the EastCoast.Sales.CustomerManagement application view.

Name: CustomerManagement
Description: Your description here.
Status: Deployed
Available actions [Undeploy](#)

Connection Security Deploy Events and Services

Events

CustomerInserted [Test](#) [View Summary](#) [View Event Schema](#)

Services

RetrieveAllCustomers [Test](#) [View Summary](#) [View Request Schema](#) [View Response Schema](#)

- In the Services area of the Events and Services tab, find the appropriate service and click Test. The Test Service page is displayed.

Test Service: InsertCustomer

Please fill in any inputs to the service query and click Test

Application View: InsertCustomer EastCoast.Sales.CustomerManagement

insert into wipi.dbo.Customer_Table (firstname,lastname,dob) values([firstname varchar],[lastname varchar],[dob varchar])

Input

firstname text

lastname text

dob text

- If necessary, enter the required data in the appropriate fields.

Note: The fields displayed on your Test Service page may differ from those show here. Which fields are displayed is determined by the application view

service. For a description of all fields, consult the relevant technical analyst or EIS specialist.

4. Click Test. If the application view service processes the input data that you provided in step 3 correctly, the test is successful. The Test Result page is displayed. It shows the input and output documents.

Test Result for InsertCustomer

Adapter Home WLIIF Home Page WebLogic Console  Glossary Logout

Summary *This page shows the results from testing a service.*

Input to service InsertCustomer on application view EastCoast.Sales.CustomerManagement

```
<?xml version="1.0"?>
<!DOCTYPE Input>
<Input>
  <firstname>Jane</firstname>
  <lastname>Doe</lastname>
  <dob>12/31/00</dob>
</Input>
```

Output from service InsertCustomer on application view EastCoast.Sales.CustomerManagement

```
<?xml version="1.0"?>
<!DOCTYPE RowsAffected>
<RowsAffected>1</RowsAffected>
```

Execution time: 40 (ms)

5. Repeat the test procedure (steps 1-4) for each service you want to test.
6. After you finish testing the application view's services, you may keep the application view deployed or, if you want to edit it, you may undeploy it.

Step 6B: Test an Application View's Events

The purpose of testing your application view events is to evaluate whether or not the application view responds correctly to the EIS application. You can test an application view only if it is deployed and it contains at least one event or service. To test an application view event:

1. In the navigation area (on the left side of the window), click Summary. The Summary for Application View page is displayed.

The screenshot shows the 'Summary' page for the application view 'EastCoast.Sales.CustomerManagement'. The page title is 'Summary for Application View EastCoast.Sales.CustomerManagement'. The breadcrumb navigation includes 'WLAI Home Page', 'WebLogic Console', and 'Glossary Logout'. The main content area displays the following information:

- Name:** CustomerManagement
- Description:** Your description here.
- Status:** Deployed
- Available actions:** [Undeploy](#)

Below this information are tabs for 'Connection', 'Security', 'Deploy', and 'Events and Services'. The 'Events and Services' tab is active, showing two sections:

- Events:** A table with one entry: 'CustomerInserted'. Below the entry are links: [Test](#), [View Summary](#), and [View Event Schema](#).
- Services:** A table with one entry: 'RetrieveAllCustomers'. Below the entry are links: [Test](#), [View Summary](#), [View Request Schema](#), and [View Response Schema](#).

2. In the Events area on the Events and Services tab, find your event and click Test. The Test Event page is displayed.

Test Event: CustomerInserted

Adapter Home WLJIF Home Page WebLogic Console Glossary Logout

Summary

This page allows you to test an event. This page allows you to create the event by invoking a service that will cause the event, or manually using EIS-specific tools.

If you want to use a service invocation to create the event, select the 'Service' option below, and select the service to invoke. Otherwise, you can create the event manually using any tools your EIS provides (for example an interactive SQL tool for the DBMS adapter used to insert a new row and create the event).

How do you want to create the event?

Service

Manual

How long should we wait to receive the event?

Time (in milliseconds):

Note: The fields displayed on your Test Event page may differ from those shown here. Which fields are displayed is determined by the application view event. For a description of all fields, consult the relevant technical analyst or EIS specialist.

3. Select a method for generating the test event:
 - **Service:** Select Service when you want to use one of the application view's own services to generate a *canned* event. Then complete the procedure in "If You Select Service" on page 2-22.
 - **Manual:** Select Manual when you want to generate the event by logging on to an EIS application and performing the appropriate event-generating function. Then complete the procedure in "If You Select Manual" on page 2-25.

If the application view event responds correctly before the specified amount of time elapses, the test is successful.

If You Select Service

1. From the Service menu, select a service that triggers the event you are testing. For example, if you are testing the NewCustomer event, select a service that invokes it, such as Insert Customer.

2. In the Time field, enter a reasonable period of time to wait, specified in milliseconds. (One minute = 60,000 milliseconds.) If the specified period elapses before the event succeeds, the test times out and a failure message is displayed.
3. Click Test. The triggering service is executed.

If the service requires input data, an input page is displayed.

Test Service: InsertCustomer

Adapter Home WLI Home Page WebLogic Console  Glossary Logout

Summary *Please fill in any inputs to the service query and click Test*

Test Event: InsertCustomer EastCoast.Sales.CustomerManagement

insert into wipi.dbo.Customer_Table (firstname,lastname,dob) values([firstname varchar],[lastname varchar],[dob varchar])

Input

firstname text

lastname text

dob text

4. If service input data is required, enter it in the appropriate fields, and click Test.
- The service is executed. If the test succeeds, the Test Result page is displayed, showing the event document, the service input document, and the service output document.

Test Result for CustomerInserted

Adapter Home WLIJ Home Page WebLogic Console  Glossary Logout

Summary *This page shows the results from testing an event.*

Generated event of type CustomerInserted on application view EastCoast.Sales.CustomerManagement

```
<?xml version="1.0"?>
<!DOCTYPE Customer_Table.insert|
<Customer_Table.insert>
<Address1/>
<Address2/>
<Address3/>
<City/>
<Country/>
<DOB>Dec 31 1999 12:00AM</DOB>
<Email/>
<Fax/>
<FirstName>John</FirstName>
<LastName>Doe</LastName>
<MiddleName/>
<Phone/>
```

Input to service InsertCustomer on application view EastCoast.Sales.CustomerManagement

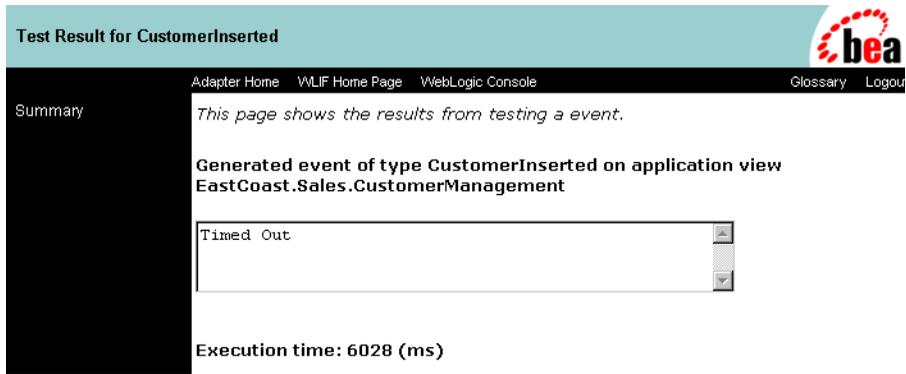
```
<?xml version="1.0"?>
<!DOCTYPE Input>
<Input>
  <firstname>John</firstname>
  <lastname>Doe</lastname>
  <dob>12/31/99</dob>
</Input>
```

Output from service InsertCustomer on application view EastCoast.Sales.CustomerManagement

```
<?xml version="1.0"?>
<!DOCTYPE RowsAffected>
<RowsAffected>1</RowsAffected>
```

Execution time: 3034 (ms)

If the test fails, the Test Result page displays only a Timed Out message.



5. If the test fails, edit the event definition, or contact the system administrator or application manager.
6. If the test succeeds, repeat the test procedure for each remaining event you want to test.
7. When finished, save the application view.

If You Select Manual

1. In the Time field, enter a reasonable time to wait, specified in milliseconds. (One minute = 60,000 milliseconds.) If this period elapses before the event succeeds, the test times out and a failure message is displayed.
2. If the application you will use to trigger the event is not already open, open it now.
3. Click Test. The test waits for an event to trigger it.
4. Using the triggering application, perform an action that executes the service that, in turn, tests the application view event.

If the test succeeds, the Test Result page is displayed, showing the event document from the application, the service input document, and the service output document.

Test Result for CustomerInserted

Adapter Home WJIF Home Page WebLogic Console  Glossary Logout

Summary *This page shows the results from testing an event.*

Generated event of type CustomerInserted on application view EastCoast.Sales.CustomerManagement

```
<?xml version="1.0"?>
<!DOCTYPE Customer_Table.insert>
<Customer_Table.insert>
<Address1/>
<Address2/>
<Address3/>
<City/>
<Country/>
<DOB>Dec 31 1999 12:00AM</DOB>
<Email/>
<Fax/>
<FirstName>John</FirstName>
<LastName>Doe</LastName>
<MiddleName/>
<Phone/>
```

Input to service InsertCustomer on application view EastCoast.Sales.CustomerManagement

```
<?xml version="1.0"?>
<!DOCTYPE Input>
<Input>
  <firstname>John</firstname>
  <lastname>Doe</lastname>
  <dob>12/31/99</dob>
</Input>
```

Output from service InsertCustomer on application view EastCoast.Sales.CustomerManagement

```
<?xml version="1.0"?>
<!DOCTYPE RowsAffected>
<RowsAffected>1</RowsAffected>
```

Execution time: 3034 (ms)

If the test fails or takes too long, the Test Result page is displayed, showing a Timed Out message.

The screenshot shows a web interface titled "Test Result for CustomerInserted". At the top right is the BEA logo. Below the title is a navigation bar with links: "Adapter Home", "WLIF Home Page", "WebLogic Console", "Glossary", and "Logout". The main content area has a "Summary" section on the left and a text area on the right. The text area contains the message: "This page shows the results from testing a event." followed by "Generated event of type CustomerInserted on application view EastCoast.Sales.CustomerManagement". Below this is a text box containing "Timed Out" with a dropdown arrow on the right. At the bottom, it says "Execution time: 6028 (ms)".

5. If the test fails, edit the event definition, or contact the system administrator or application manager.
6. If the test succeeds, repeat the test procedure for each remaining event you want to test.
7. When finished, save the application view.

The screenshot shows a web interface titled "Summary for Application View EastCoast.Sales.CustomerManagement". At the top right is the BEA logo. Below the title is a navigation bar with links: "WLIF Home Page", "WebLogic Console", "Glossary", and "Logout". The main content area has a "Summary" section on the left and a text area on the right. The text area contains the message: "This page shows the events and services defined for the EastCoast.Sales.CustomerManagement application view." followed by "Name: CustomerManagement", "Description: Your description here.", "Status: Deployed", and "Available actions" with a link "Undeploy". Below this is a tabbed interface with tabs: "Connection", "Security", "Deploy", and "Events and Services". The "Events and Services" tab is active. Under "Events", there is a table with one row: "CustomerInserted" with links "Test", "View Summary", and "View Event Schema". Under "Services", there is a table with one row: "RetrieveAllCustomers" with links "Test", "View Summary", "View Request Schema", and "View Response Schema".

Editing an Application View

When you define an application view, you must configure its connection parameters. After you add and test services and events, you may want to reconfigure the connection parameters or remove services and events.

To edit an existing application view:

1. Open the application view.
2. Click Summary. The Summary for Application View page is displayed.

The screenshot shows the 'Summary for Application View EastCoast.Sales.CustomerManagement' page. The page title is 'Summary for Application View EastCoast.Sales.CustomerManagement'. The breadcrumb navigation includes 'WLAI Home Page', 'WebLogic Console', 'Glossary', and 'Logout'. The main content area displays the following information:

- Name:** CustomerManagement
- Description:** Your description here.
- Status:** Not Deployed
- Available actions:** [Edit](#) and [remove](#)

Below this information are four tabs: 'Connection', 'Security', 'Deploy', and 'Events and Services'. The 'Connection' tab is selected, showing the following configuration details:

Property	Value
Additional Log Category:	CustomerManagement
Password:	system
Root Log Category:	BEA_WLS_DBMS_ADK
Log Configuration File:	BEA_WLS_DBMS_ADK.xml
Message Bundle Base:	BEA_WLS_DBMS_ADK
Username:	system
Data Source Name:	WLAI_DataSource

3. Click Edit. The Application View Administration page is displayed.

Application View Administration for EastCoast.Sales.CustomerManagement

Adapter Home WLAJ Home Page WebLogic Console Glossary Logout

Configure Connection
Administration
 Add Service
 Add Event
 Deploy Application View

This page allows you to add events and/or services to an application view.

Description: Your description here. [Edit](#)

Connection Criteria	
Additional Log Category:	CustomerManagement
Root Log Category:	BEA_WLS_DBMS_ADK
Password:	system
Message Bundle Base:	BEA_WLS_DBMS_ADK
Log Configuration File:	BEA_WLS_DBMS_ADK.xml
Username:	system
Data Source Name:	WLAJ_DataSource
Reconfigure connection parameters for CustomerManagement	

Events Add

Services Add

Save

4. To reconfigure the application view’s connection parameters, select Configure Connection in the left pane. The Configuration Connection Parameters page is displayed. Follow the instructions beginning with step 6 in “Steps 2 and 3: Define an Application View and Configure Connection Parameters” on page 2-6.
5. To add services and events, click Add Service or Add Event. Follow the instructions in “Step 4A: Add a Service to an Application View” on page 2-9 or “Step 4B: Add an Event to an Application View” on page 2-10.

3 Using Application Views in the Studio

This section presents the following topics:

- Before You Begin
- Task 1: Set Up a Task Node to Call an Application View Service
- Task 2: Set Up an Event Node to Wait for a Response from an Asynchronous Application View Service
- Task 3: Create a Workflow Started by an Application View Event
- Task 4: Set Up an Event Node to Wait for an Application View Event

Before You Begin

After you create all the application view services and events that are required for your enterprise, you can use the resulting application views to execute your business processes. The simplest way to do this is by using the WebLogic Integration Studio to design business process workflows that use your application view services and events.

The WebLogic Integration Studio is a graphical user interface (GUI) for designing business process workflows. These workflows can include application view services and events defined using WebLogic Integration. For details, see [Using the WebLogic Integration Studio](#).

Before you can invoke an application view service or receive an application view event in the WebLogic Integration Studio, you must make sure the following prerequisites have been met:

- You have created an application view and defined services and events for it.
- The application view and its adapter are functional and saved. If you plan to call application view services and events from a running workflow, the application view must be deployed, as well.
- BPM is running.
- Application integration is running.
- The application integration plug-in has been loaded.
- You have received information about the required business logic for the workflows you are defining from the appropriate business analyst.
- A workflow template definition is open.

Workflow Setup Tasks

The following sections describe four tasks you may perform to set up your workflow to use application view services and events:

- Task 1: Set Up a Task Node to Call an Application View Service

- Task 2: Set Up an Event Node to Wait for a Response from an Asynchronous Application View Service
- Task 3: Create a Workflow Started by an Application View Event
- Task 4: Set Up an Event Node to Wait for an Application View Event

You can perform any combination of these tasks to create your own workflows.

This document does not fully explain how to use the business process management (BPM) functions provided by WebLogic Integration; for complete information, see *Learning to Use BPM with WebLogic Integration* or go to <http://edocs.bea.com>.

Task 1: Set Up a Task Node to Call an Application View Service

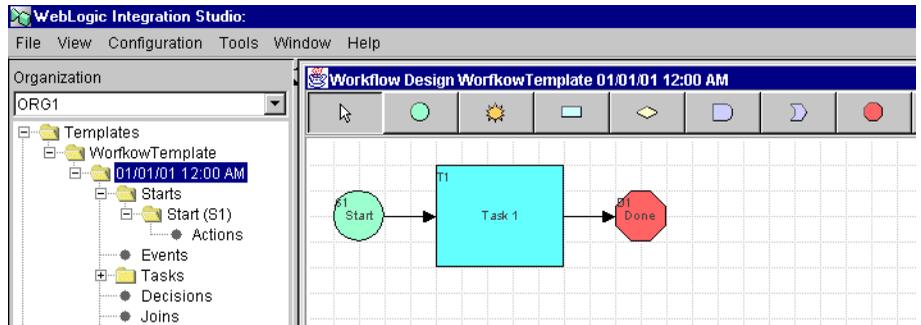
In your organization, there may be situations in which you want to call an application view service from within a workflow. To do this, add a task node to the workflow, then add an appropriate Application View Service action to the task node. Once the workflow is saved and activated, the application view service is called whenever the task node executes.

Steps for Setting up a Task Node to Call an Application View Service

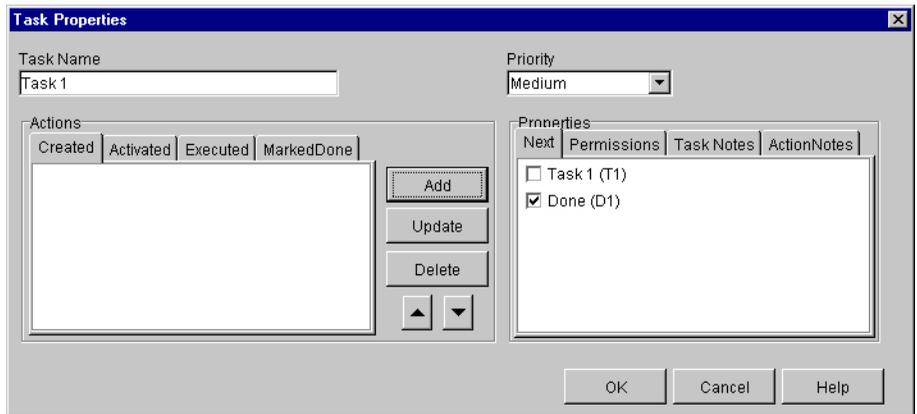
To create a task node that calls an application view service, complete the following procedure:

1. In the WebLogic Integration Studio, open a template definition. The Workflow Design window is displayed.

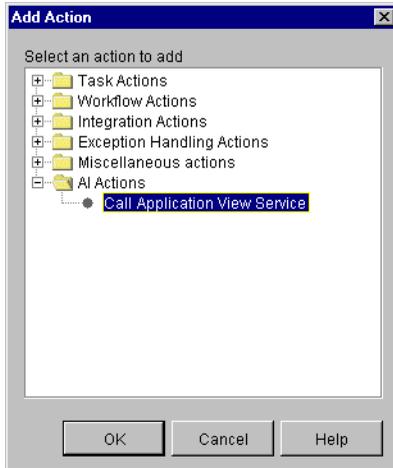
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2. If there is no task node, create one.
3. Double-click the task node that calls the application view service. The Task Properties dialog box is displayed.

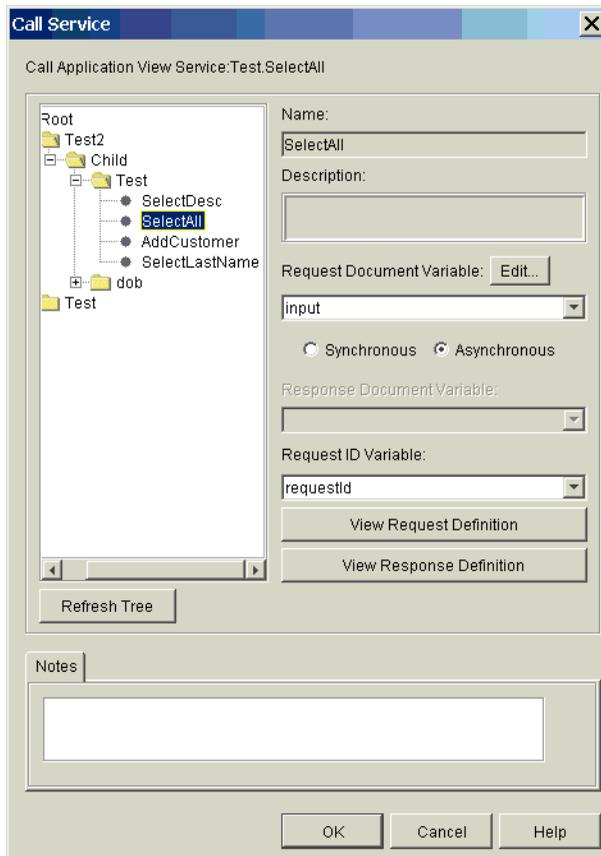


4. In the Actions area, select the tab from which you want the service to be called. Your tab choice depends on your business processes.
5. Click Add. The Add Action dialog box is displayed.



6. Choose AI Actions→Call Application View Service and click OK. The Call Service dialog box is displayed.

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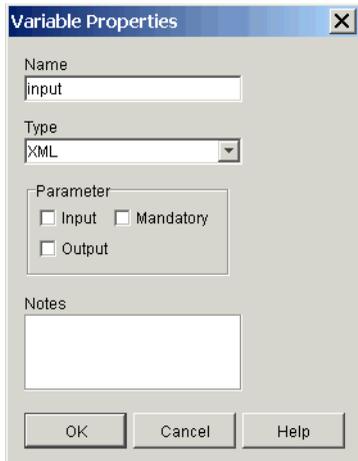
7. In the navigation tree, find and select the service you want to call.

The navigation tree organizes application view services by folder (for example, Test2) and application view (for example, Test). All application view services are at the lowest level of the navigation tree.

Note: To check for recently saved application views and events at any time, select the Refresh Tree option.

If the navigation tree is missing or appears too narrow, it may include an overly long XML or string variable name. Try renaming your XML or string variables with shorter names.

8. In the Request Document Variable list, select an existing XML variable that contains input data for the application view service.
9. If no suitable XML variable exists, select <new> to open the Variable Properties dialog box, in which you can create a new XML variable.

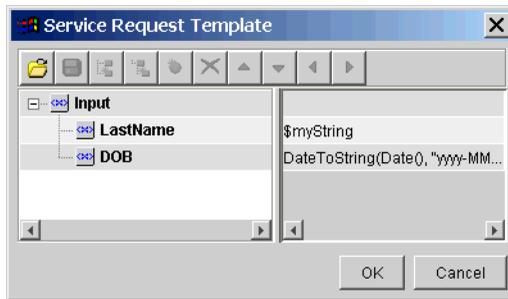


10. In the Name field, enter a name for the variable.
11. In the Type menu, select XML. (XML is the only menu option.)

For details about defining new variables, see [Using the WebLogic Integration Studio](#).
12. Click OK to return to the Call Service dialog box.
13. To create a service request template for the specified service, or to modify an existing service request template, select one of the following:
 - Set—to create a template
 - Edit—to modify an existing template

Whichever option you select, the Service Request Template dialog box is displayed.

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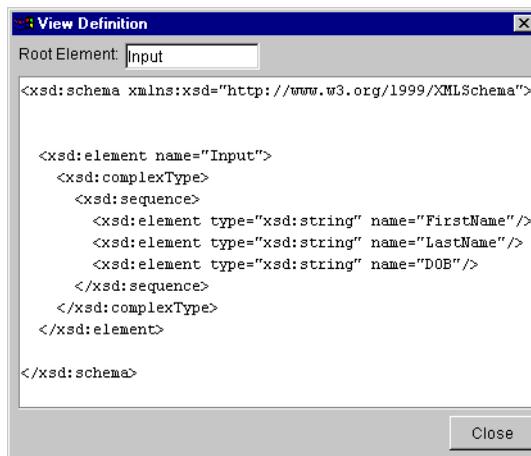


The Service Request Template dialog box displays the template to be used for all service requests of the type specified in step 11. This template is based on the input schema for the service.

When this action is executed, the template data is assigned to the specified request document variable and used as the input document for the service. This template overrides any previous setting for the variable.

For details about using the Service Request Template dialog box, see [Using the WebLogic Integration Studio](#).

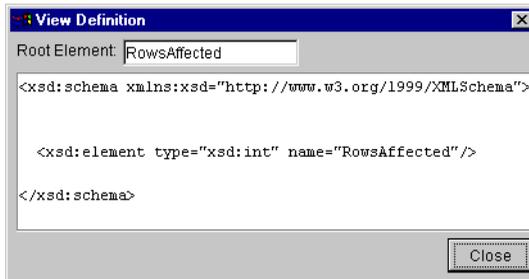
14. Click OK to return to the Call Service dialog box.
15. If you need to examine the XML schema of the input document, select View Request Definition. The View Definition dialog box is displayed.



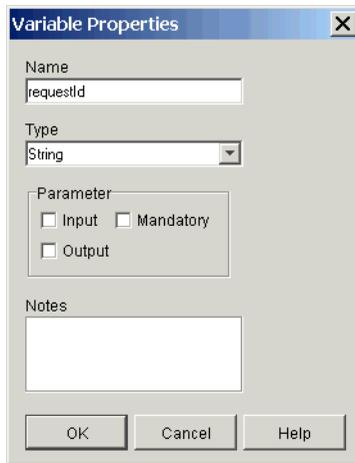
16. Click Close when finished.
17. Call the application view synchronously or asynchronously by selecting Synchronous or Asynchronous, respectively.

Note: When a node calls a service synchronously, the workflow waits until the service returns a response document before continuing. If a node calls a service asynchronously, the workflow continues processing.
18. For synchronous services that require storage of the response, select a predefined XML variable from the Response Document Variable list. When the Studio receives a response from the application view service, the response is stored in the response document variable. If you do not care about the response data, leave this field empty.
19. If no suitable XML variable exists, select <new> to open the Variable Properties dialog box, in which you can create a new XML variable. For details, see step 9. in “Steps for Setting up a Task Node to Call an Application View Service”.

For details about defining new variables, see [Using the WebLogic Integration Studio](#).
20. If you need to examine the XML schema of the response document, select View Response Definition. The View Definition dialog box is displayed.



21. Click Close when finished.
22. For asynchronous services that require storage of the request ID, select a predefined string variable from the Request ID Variable list.
23. If no suitable string variable exists, select <new> to open the Variable Properties dialog box, in which you can create a new string variable.



24. In the Name field, enter a name for the variable.

25. In the Type menu, select String. (String is the only menu option.)

For details about defining new variables, see [Using the WebLogic Integration Studio](#).

Note: When you set up a task node to call an asynchronous application view service, the result is returned to the Studio. The workflow identifies this response using the request ID variable you selected. To set up an event node to receive the response, make sure to use the same request ID variable for the event node. For more information about creating such an event node, see “Task 2: Set Up an Event Node to Wait for a Response from an Asynchronous Application View Service” on page 3-11.

26. Click OK to save the action.

27. In the Task Properties dialog box, click OK to save the node.

Task 2: Set Up an Event Node to Wait for a Response from an Asynchronous Application View Service

This section explains how to receive an asynchronous application view service response and handle any errors it may contain.

In a workflow, whenever an action calls an application view service asynchronously, the application view service returns a response. If you need the response, you must set up a corresponding asynchronous event node to wait for it. This section describes a highly simplified scenario in which an event node receives an application view service response without checking for errors.

To set up an asynchronous event node to wait for a response from an asynchronous application view service, create an event node and configure it to wait for an event of type AI Async Response.

Configuring Receipt of a Response

To set up the event node to receive an asynchronous service response, you can use either of the following methods:

- Select the Response Document tab (preferred method). Then select a request ID variable (a string) and a response document variable (of type XML). For details about using this method, see “Procedure for Configuring Receipt of an Asynchronous Service Response (Preferred Method)” on page 3-13.
- Select the Asynchronous Variable tab (legacy method). Then select a request ID variable and an asynchronous service response variable (a string) and an asynchronous service response variable (of type AsyncServiceResponse). For details about using this method, see “Procedure for Configuring Receipt of an Asynchronous Service Response (Legacy Method)” on page 3-15.

Note: Use of the Response Document tab is preferred because it provides a universal means of receiving both asynchronous and synchronous

responses. When you use this method, an XML document is received regardless of whether the response is asynchronous or synchronous, and you do not need to query the value of the asynchronous service response variable.

We recommend using a response document variable to receive asynchronous service responses whenever possible. To configure a service to wait for an event of type AI Async Response, you use the Event Properties dialog box. This dialog box may or may not offer you the choice of using an asynchronous variable to receive the response. Whether this choice is available depends on the following conditions:

- If you edit an existing AI Async Response event node that was previously set up to use an Asynchronous Service Response variable to receive the response, then two tabs are displayed in the Event Properties dialog box: an Asynchronous Variable tab (legacy method) and a Response Document tab (preferred method). Thus you have a choice of two methods you can use to configure receipt of the service response.
- If you edit an existing AI Async Response event node that does not use an Asynchronous Service Response variable, or if you are creating a new AI Async Response event node, then the Event Properties dialog box displays a dialog box without tabs. In this case you must set up a response document to receive the service response (preferred method).

Handling Errors in an Asynchronous Application View Service Response

Although this task does not include the configuration of error handling for the application view service response, you may want to handle errors in your own workflows. To handle asynchronous service response errors in workflows that use an AsyncServiceResponse variable, you can use the features provided by the application integration plug-in.

The application integration plug-in includes the variable type AsyncServiceResponse and three functions:

- `AIHasError()`
- `AIGetErrorMsg()`
- `AIGetResponseDocument()`

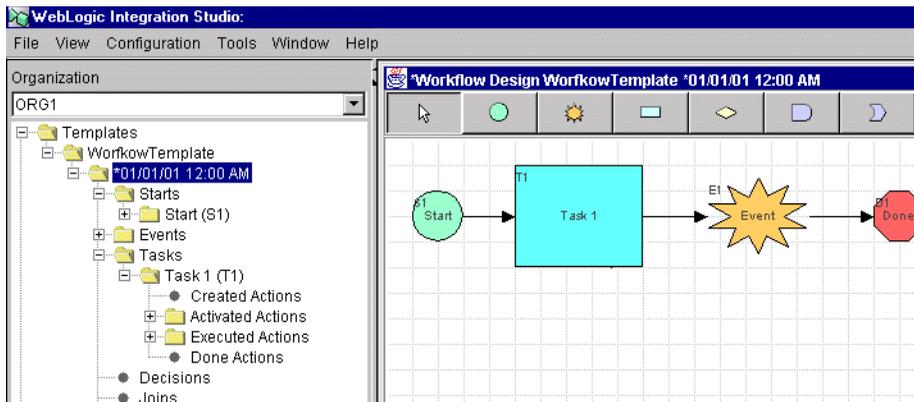
For a complete description of these functions, see “Functions Provided by the Application Integration Plug-In” on page 3-18.

Procedure for Configuring Receipt of an Asynchronous Service Response (Preferred Method)

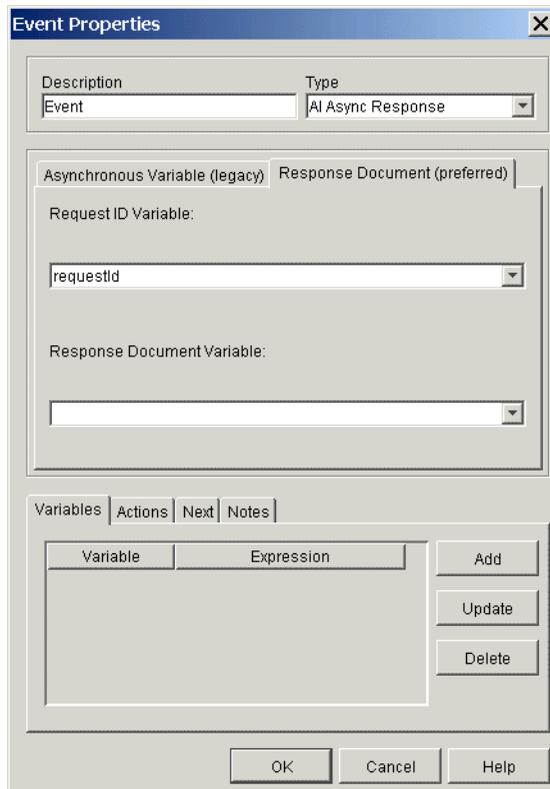
To set up an asynchronous event node to wait for a response from an asynchronous application view service, create an event node and configure it to wait for an event of type AI Async Response.

To set up an event node to use an XML variable to receive an asynchronous service response, complete the following procedure:

1. In the WebLogic Integration Studio, open a workflow template definition. The Workflow Design window is displayed.



2. If no event node exists, create one now. This event node will wait for an asynchronous response from a designated application view service.
3. Double-click the event node. The Event Properties dialog box is displayed.



4. (Optional) In the Description field, enter a name.
5. In the Type list, select AI Async Response.
6. Select the Response Document (preferred) tab.

Note: If your workflow does not use an `AsyncServiceResponse` variable, or if you are creating a new AI Async Response event node, then the Event Properties dialog box displays a dialog box without tabs instead. Use this dialog box to set up a response document to receive the service response. (This is the preferred method.)

7. In the Request ID Variable list, select a string variable that is already defined. The WebLogic Integration process engine listens for an asynchronous response with an ID matching the ID stored in this variable.

8. If no suitable string variable exists, select <new> to open the Variable Properties dialog box, in which you can create a new string variable. For details, see step 23. in “Steps for Setting up a Task Node to Call an Application View Service”

For details about defining new variables, see [Using the WebLogic Integration Studio](#).

Note: The purpose of this event node is to wait for a response to a Call Application View Service action that was called asynchronously earlier in the workflow. The Call Application View Service action sets the request ID variable. The action and this event node can work together only if both use the same request ID variable. For more information about setting up the Call Application View Service action, see “Task 1: Set Up a Task Node to Call an Application View Service” on page 3-3.

9. For asynchronous services that require storage of the response, select a predefined XML variable in the Response Document Variable list. When WebLogic Integration receives a response from the application view service, the response document variable stores the response. If you do need the response data, skip this step.
10. If no suitable XML variable exists, select <new> to open the Variable Properties dialog box, in which you can create a new variable. For details, see step 9. in “Steps for Setting up a Task Node to Call an Application View Service”.

For details about defining new variables, see [Using the WebLogic Integration Studio](#).

11. Click OK to save the event node.

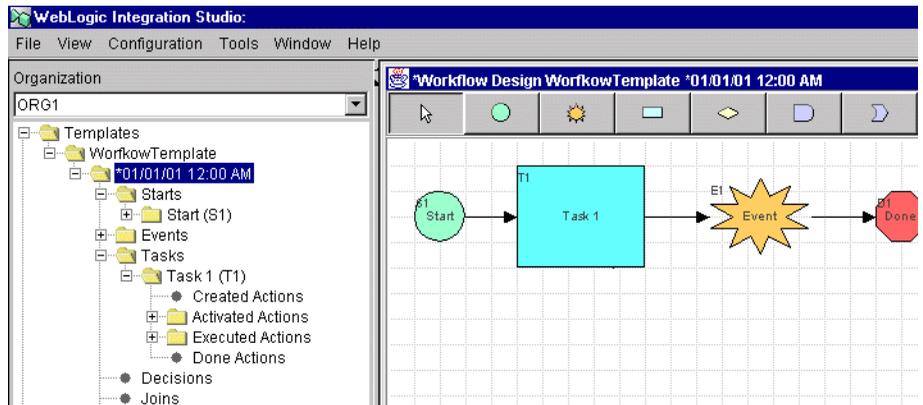
Procedure for Configuring Receipt of an Asynchronous Service Response (Legacy Method)

The preferred method for receiving an asynchronous service response is to use a response document variable of type XML. However, if an existing workflow contains an asynchronous event node that was previously set up to use an AsyncServiceResponse variable (to wait for a response from an asynchronous application view service), you can modify the event node.

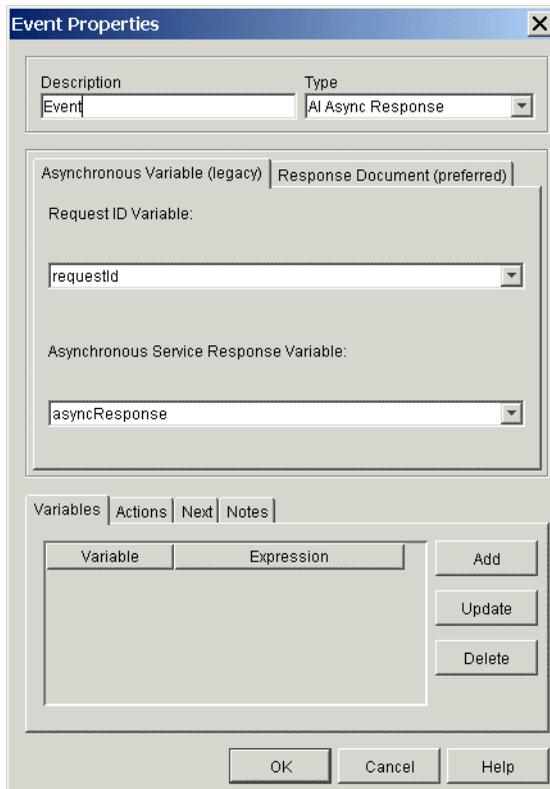
To modify an event node that uses an AsyncServiceResponse variable to receive an asynchronous service response, complete the following procedure:

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1. In the WebLogic Integration Studio, open a workflow template definition. The Workflow Design window is displayed.



2. Double-click the asynchronous event node. The Event Properties dialog box is displayed.



3. Select the Asynchronous Variable (legacy) tab.
4. From the Request ID Variable list, select a string variable that is already defined. WebLogic Integration listens for an asynchronous response with an ID matching the ID stored in this variable.

Note: The purpose of this event node is to wait for a response to a Call Application View Service action that was invoked asynchronously earlier in the workflow. The Call Application View Service action sets the request ID variable. The action and this event node can work together only if both use the same request ID variable. For more information about setting up the Call Application View Service action, see “Task 1: Set Up a Task Node to Call an Application View Service” on page 3-3.

5. From the Asynchronous Service Response Variable list, select an `AsyncServiceResponse` variable to store the response data.

Note: Because you are modifying an existing asynchronous event node, the asynchronous service response variable field is already populated. If you do not need the response, select the Response Document (preferred) tab. For details about using the preferred method, see “Procedure for Configuring Receipt of an Asynchronous Service Response (Preferred Method)” on page 3-13.

6. Click OK to save the event node.

Functions Provided by the Application Integration Plug-In

If your enterprise includes AI Async Response variables and you want to interrogate those variables while using the application integration plug-in, use the following functions:

- `AIHasError()`
- `AIGetErrorMsg()`
- `AIGetResponseDocument()`

Using these functions, you can set up decision nodes to handle success and failure conditions.

Note: These functions are available only if the application integration plug-in is installed, and they support only the asynchronous variable method for receiving asynchronous service responses. For details, see “Procedure for Configuring Receipt of an Asynchronous Service Response (Legacy Method)” on page 3-15.

`AIHasError()`

Use `AIHasError()` to determine the status of an asynchronous service response. The following table provides details about this function.

Operands	AsyncServiceResponse variable
Preconditions	<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ You have created a variable of type AsyncServiceResponse.■ You have called an asynchronous application view service.■ The application view service has returned a response, which is stored in your AsyncServiceResponse variable.
Returns	Boolean
Output explanation	False: The asynchronous application view service call was successful. True: The asynchronous application view service call failed.

AIGetErrorMsg()

Use `AIGetErrorMsg()` to retrieve the error message string returned by an asynchronous application view service. The following table provides details about this function.

Operands	AsyncServiceResponse variable
Preconditions	<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ You have created a variable of type AsyncServiceResponse.■ You have called an asynchronous application view service.■ The application view service has returned a response, which is stored by your AsyncServiceResponse variable.
Returns	String
Output explanation	Error string: Returns an error string explaining why the asynchronous application view response failed. Empty string: There was no error.

AIGetResponseDocument()

Use `AIGetResponseDocument()` to retrieve the XML response document returned by an asynchronous application view service. The following table provides details about this function.

Operands	AsyncServiceResponse variable
Preconditions	<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ You have created a variable of type AsyncServiceResponse.■ You have called an asynchronous application view service.■ The application view service has returned a response, which is stored by your AsyncServiceResponse variable.
Returns	XML
Output explanation	<p>XML document: Returns an XML document representing the asynchronous service response.</p> <p>Null: No response document was returned because an error occurred.</p>

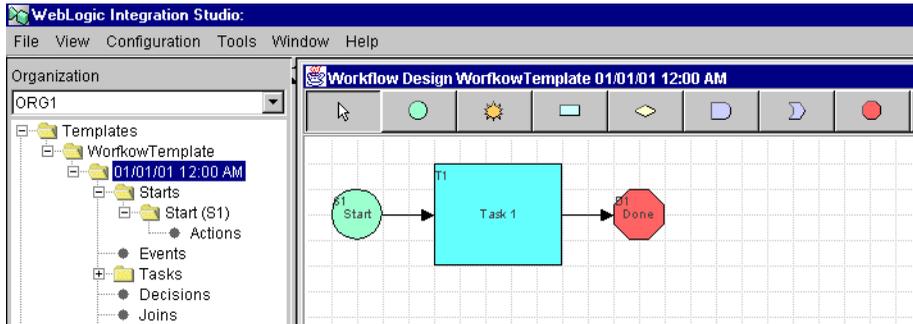
Task 3: Create a Workflow Started by an Application View Event

It is sometimes desirable to have a workflow that is started whenever a designated application view event occurs. To create such a workflow, edit the workflow's start node so it responds to an event of type AI Start, then select the appropriate application view event. If necessary, you can set up conditions with which the event can be filtered. After you save and activate the workflow, the start node is executed each time the application view event occurs.

Steps for Creating a Workflow Started by an Application View Event

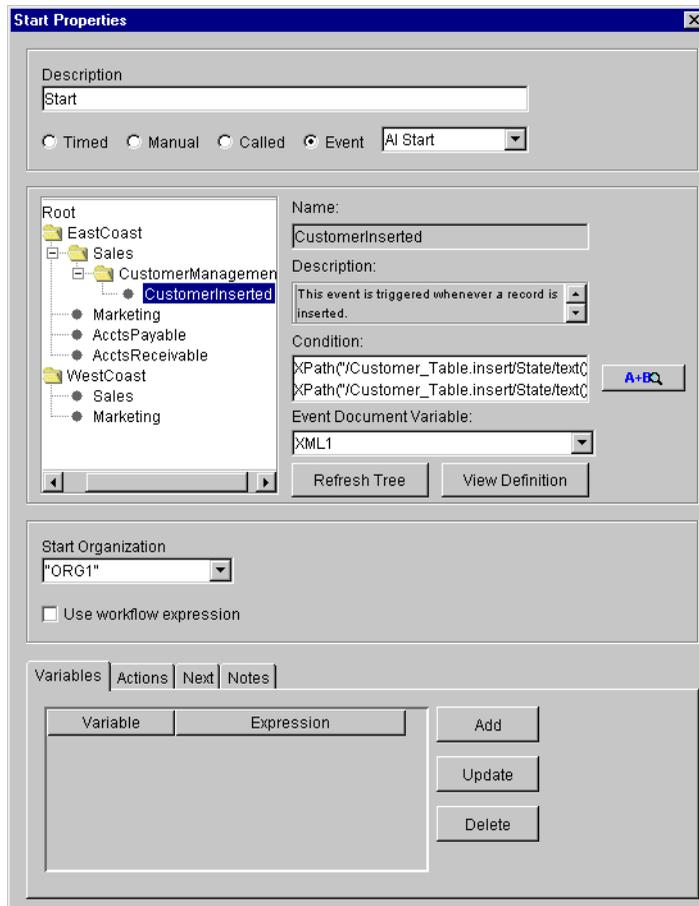
To set up a workflow with a start node that is triggered by an application view event, complete the following procedure.

1. In the WebLogic Integration Studio, open a template definition. The Workflow Design window is displayed.



2. If no start node exists, create one now. This start node will respond to an application view event that you specify.
3. Double-click the start node. The Start Properties dialog box is displayed.

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4. (Optional) In the Description field, enter a name.
5. Click Event.
6. From the Event list, select AI Start.
7. In the navigation tree, select an application view event.

The navigation tree organizes application view events by folder (such as the EastCoast and Sales folders shown in the preceding Start Properties dialog box) and application view (for example, CustomerManagement). All application view events are at the lowest level of the hierarchy.

Note: To check for recently saved application views and events at any time, select Refresh Tree.

If the navigation tree is missing or appears too narrow, it may be because an XML or string variable name is too long. Try renaming your XML or string variables so they are shorter.

8. If necessary, filter the event in one of the following ways: enter a condition in the Condition field, or click the A + B button to display the Expression Builder dialog box, and then create an appropriate expression.

For information about setting up conditions and XPath expressions, see [Using the WebLogic Integration Studio](#).

9. From the Event Document Variable list, select an XML variable. Data from the application view event that is received by the start node is stored in this variable. If you do not need the event data, skip this step.
10. If no suitable XML variable exists, select <new> to open the Variable Properties dialog box, in which you can create a new variable. For details, see step 9. in “Steps for Setting up a Task Node to Call an Application View Service”.

For details about defining new variables, see [Using the WebLogic Integration Studio](#).

11. If you need to examine the XML schema for the event document, click View Definition. The View Definition dialog box is displayed.



12. Click Close to return to the Start Properties dialog box.

13. In the Start Properties dialog box, click OK. The new or modified start node is saved.

Task 4: Set Up an Event Node to Wait for an Application View Event

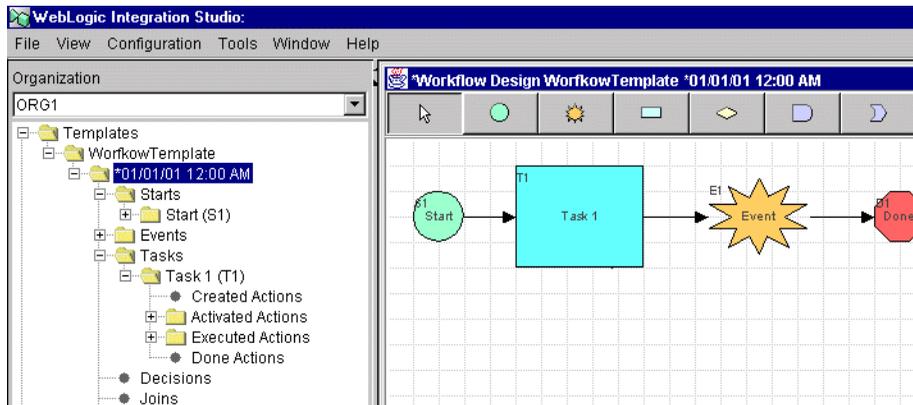
In a workflow, it is sometimes desirable to have an event node that is triggered by an application view event. To create such an event node, edit an event node so it responds to an event of type AI Event, then select the appropriate application view event. If

necessary, you can set up conditions with which to filter the application view event. After you save and activate the workflow, the workflow progresses to this event node, waits for a specified application view event, and continues processing.

Steps for Setting Up a Node to Wait for an Application View Event

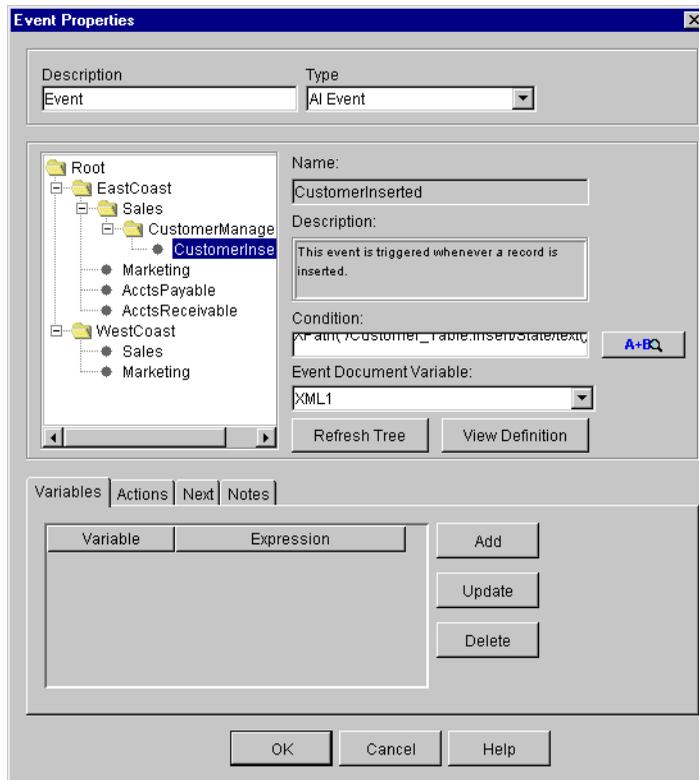
To set up an event node to be triggered by an application view event, complete the following procedure:

1. In the WebLogic Integration Studio, open a template definition. The Workflow Design window is displayed.



2. If no event node exists, create one now. This event node will be triggered by a designated application view event.
3. Double-click the event node. The Event Properties dialog box is displayed.

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4. (Optional) In the Description field, enter a name.
5. From the Type list, select AI Event.
6. In the navigation tree, select an application view event.

The navigation tree organizes application view events by folder (such as the EastCoast and Sales folders shown in the preceding Start Properties dialog box) and application view (for example, CustomerManagement). All application view events are at the lowest level of the hierarchy.

Note: To check for recently saved application views and events at any time, select Refresh Tree.

If the navigation tree is missing or appears too narrow, it may be because an XML or string variable name is too long. Try renaming your XML or string variables so they are shorter.

7. If necessary, filter the event in one of the following ways: enter a condition in the Condition field, or click the A + B button to display the Expression Builder dialog box, and then create an appropriate expression.

For information about setting up conditions and XPath expressions, see [Using the WebLogic Integration Studio](#).

In the Event Properties dialog box, select an XML variable from the Event Document Variable list. Data from the application view event that is received by the start node is stored in this variable. If you do not need the event data, skip this step.

8. If no suitable XML variable exists, select <new> to open the Variable Properties dialog box, in which you can create a new variable. For details, see step 9. in “Steps for Setting up a Task Node to Call an Application View Service”.

For details about defining new variables, see [Using the WebLogic Integration Studio](#).

9. If you need to examine the XML schema for the event document, click View Definition. The View Definition dialog box is displayed.

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10. Click Close when finished.

11. In the Event Properties dialog box, click OK.

4 Using Application Views by Writing Custom Code

If you are a developer, you may want to modify an application view by writing custom code. You can use most application view features through the Application View Console, but some features can only be used through custom coding.

This section presents two sample scenarios in which custom code is used:

- Scenario 1: Creating Connections with Specific Credentials
- Scenario 2: Custom Coding a Business Process

Scenario 1: Creating Connections with Specific Credentials

If you need to set a security level on an application view before invoking services on it, you can do so by setting credentials for the appropriate EIS. To do so, use the `ApplicationView` methods `setConnectionSpec()` and `getConnectionSpec()`. Both methods use a `ConnectionSpec` object. To instantiate a `ConnectionSpec` object, you can use the `ConnectionRequestInfoMap` class provided by the BEA

WebLogic Integration Adapter Development Kit (ADK), or you can implement your own class. If you implement your own class, you must include the following four interfaces: `ConnectionSpec`, `ConnectionRequestInfo`, `Map`, and `Serializable`.

Implementing `ConnectionSpec`

Before you can use `setConnectionSpec()` or `getConnectionSpec()`, you must instantiate a `ConnectionSpec` object. Use the `ConnectionRequestInfoMap` class provided by the ADK, or derive your own class.

To implement `ConnectionSpec`:

1. Decide whether to use the `ConnectionRequestInfoMap` class, provided by the ADK, or to implement your own class.
2. If you are implementing your own `ConnectionSpec` class, include the following interfaces in it:
 - `ConnectionSpec` (JCA class)
 - `ConnectionRequestInfo` (JCA class)
 - `Map` (SDK class)
 - `Serializable` (SDK class)

Calling `setConnectionSpec()` and `getConnectionSpec()`

After you implement the `ConnectionSpec` class and instantiate a `ConnectionSpec` object, you can use both with the following `ApplicationView` methods:

- `setConnectionSpec()`
- `getConnectionSpec()`

The following listing provides the code for `setConnectionSpec()`.

Listing 4-1 Complete Code for setConnectionSpec()

```
/**
 * Sets the connectionSpec for connections made to the EIS. After the
 * ConnectionSpec is set it will be used to make connections to the
 * EIS when invoking a service. To clear the connection spec, and use
 * the default connection parameters, call this method using null.
 *
 * @params connectionCriteria connection criteria for the EIS.
 */
public void setConnectionSpec(ConnectionSpec connectionCriteria)
{
    m_connCriteria = connectionCriteria;
}
```

The following listing provides the code for getConnectionSpec().

Listing 4-2 Complete Code for getConnectionSpec()

```
/**
 * Returns the ConnectionSpec set by setConnectionSpec. If no
 * ConnectionSpec has been set null is returned.
 *
 * @returns ConnectionSpec
 */
public ConnectionSpec getConnectionSpec()
{
    return m_connCriteria;
}
```

Using the ConnectionSpec Class

To set the ConnectionSpec class, pass it a properly initialized ConnectionSpec object. To clear the ConnectionSpec class, pass it a ConnectionSpec object with a null value.

Listing 4-3 shows an example for use of ConnectionSpec.

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Listing 4-3 Example Use of ConnectionSpec Class

```
Properties props = new Properties();
ApplicationView applicationView = new
ApplicationView(getInitialContext(props), "appViewTestSend");

ConnectionRequestInfoMap map = new ConnectionRequestInfoMap();
// map properties here
map.put("PropertyOne", "valueOne");
map.put("PropertyTwo", "valueTwo");
.
.
.
//set new connection spec
applicationView.setConnectionSpec(map);

IDocumentDefinition requestDocumentDef =
applicationView.getRequestDocumentDefinition("serviceName");

SOMSchema requestSchema = requestDocumentDef.getDocumentSchema();

DefaultDocumentOptions options = new DefaultDocumentOptions();
options.setForceMinOccurs(1);
options.setRootName("ROOTNAME");
options.setTargetDocument(DocumentFactory.createDocument());
IDocument requestDocument = requestSchema.createDefaultDocument(options);

requestDocument.setStringInFirst("//ROOT/ElementOne", "value");
requestDocument.setStringInFirst("//ROOT/ElementTwo", "value");
.
.
.
// the service invocation will use the connection spec set to connect to the EIS
IDocument result = applicationView.invokeService("serviceName",
requestDocument);
System.out.println(result.toXML());
```

Scenario 2: Custom Coding a Business Process

Although the simplest way of using application views in business processes is through the WebLogic Integration Studio, you always have the alternative of writing custom Java code to represent your business processes. If you are a developer who writes custom code, we recommend that you familiarize yourself with the simple example presented in this section to demonstrate how a custom business process can be written.

For a thorough comparison of the two methods for using application views, see “Choosing a Method for Implementing a Business Process” on page 1-7.

About This Scenario

In the simple example presented in this section, the following business logic is implemented:

An enterprise has a customer relationship management (CRM) system and an order processing (OP) system. You want a business process that coordinates the synchronization of customer information between these two systems. That means that whenever a customer is created on the CRM system, the creation of a corresponding customer record on the OP system is triggered. The attached Java class `SyncCustomerInformation` implements this business logic.

This example does not cover everything you can do using custom code. It simply demonstrates the basic steps you take when you implement your own organization’s business processes.

Use this example code as a template for custom coding your own business processes.

This scenario uses a concrete example class called `SyncCustomerInformation` to explain how to write custom code. In general, you must do the following two steps to create custom code that uses an application view in a business process:

1. Make sure you have a Java class representing the application that implements the business process.

2. Within this Java class, supply the code to implement the business logic.

Before You Begin

The following prerequisites must be met before you start writing custom code to implement a business process:

- Create an application view and define one or more events or services within the application view.
- Obtain information, from the appropriate business analyst, about the required business logic for the business process workflow you are defining. Make sure you also get all the information needed to connect to WebLogic Server, including the host server name and port number, and a user ID and password.

In addition, this scenario is based on the assumption that the following prerequisites have been met:

- Application views for the source CRM system and the target OP system are defined and working. For details about defining application views, see “Defining an Application View” on page 2-1.
- Both application views reside in the East Coast folder. The source application view is named East Coast.Customer Mgmt and the target application view is named East Coast.Order Processing.

Note: Your organization must have its own folders and application views.

- You are familiar with the application integration API, or you are working closely with a Java programmer who is familiar with it.
- You have all the information necessary to connect to the application integration server that hosts the application views.

Note: Get the information specific to your organization from your system administrator.

Creating the SyncCustomerInformation Class

Before you can start writing custom code, you must have a Java class representing each application required for the business process. Create the necessary Java classes if they do not exist already. This example calls for one application class called `SyncCustomerInformation`. Of course, your own code will use different variable names. To create the `SyncCustomerInformation` Java class:

1. See “Code for Sample Java Class” on page 4-9 for the complete source code for the Java application class.

Note: For your own projects, use the `SyncCustomerInformation` code as a template or guide. The `SyncCustomerInformation` example code is annotated with detailed comments.

2. Create code to listen for `EastCoast.New Customer`.
3. Obtain references to the `NamespaceManager` (variable name `m_namespaceMgr`) and `ApplicationViewManager` (variable name `m_appViewMgr`) within `WebLogic Server`. To perform this step, use a JNDI lookup from `WebLogic Server`.
4. Using the `NamespaceManager` to call `nm.getRootNamespace()`, obtain a reference to the root namespace. This reference is stored in a variable called `root`.
5. Using the `root` variable to call `root.getNamespaceObject("East Coast")`, obtain a reference to the East Coast namespace. This reference is stored into a variable called `eastCoast`.
6. Using the `eastCoast` variable, obtain a temporary reference to the `Customer Management Application View` and store it in a variable called `custMgmtHandle`.
7. This `custMgmtHandle` temporary reference is used to obtain a reference to an `Application View` instance for `Customer Management`. To perform this step, call the `ApplicationViewManager` as `avm.getApplicationViewByIdInstance(custMgmtHandle.getQualifiedName())`. Store the returned reference in a variable called `custMgmt`.

8. Begin listening for New Customer events by calling `custMgmt.addEventListener("New Customer", listener)`, replacing `listener` with the name of an object that can respond to New Customer events. (See the application integration API for a full discussion of event listeners and the `EventListener` interface.)

9. Implement the `onEvent` method of the listener class.

When a New Customer event is received, the `onEvent` method of the listener is called.

The `onEvent` method calls a method to respond to the event. In this example, the `onEvent` method provides the event object that contains the data associated with the event. The method called to respond to the event is called `handleNewCustomer`.

10. Implement the `handleNewCustomer` method that will respond to the New Customer event. Specifically, write code that implements the following sequence of actions:
 - a. The `handleNewCustomer` method transforms the XML document referenced in the event to the form expected by the `East Coast.Order Processing.Create Customer` service. This transformation may be performed using XSLT or manually, using custom transformation code. The end result of the transformation is an XML document that conforms to the schema for the request document of the `East Coast.Order Processing.Create Customer` service. Store this document in a variable called `createCustomerRequest`.
 - b. `handleNewCustomer` obtains a reference to an instance of the `East Coast.Order Processing` application view in the same way described for the `East Coast.Customer Management` application view. This reference is stored in a variable called `orderProc`.
 - c. `handleNewCustomer` invokes the `Create Customer` service on the `East Coast.Order Processing` application view by calling `orderProc.invokeService("Create Customer", createCustomerRequest)`. Recall that `createCustomerRequest` is the variable holding the request document for the `Create Customer` service. The response document for this service is stored in a variable named `createCustomerResponse`.
 - d. `handleNewCustomer` finishes executing and becomes available for the next incoming New Customer event.

When you are finished, you have a new Java class called `SyncCustomerInformation`. This class implements the Sync Customer Information business logic. The `SyncCustomerInformation` class uses the application integration API to get events from the CRM system and to invoke services on the OP system.

Code for Sample Java Class

The following listing contains the full source code for the `SyncCustomerInformation` Java class. This code implements the business logic for the scenario described earlier in this section. Use it as a template for writing code to implement your enterprise's business processes.

Listing 4-4 Full Class Source Code for `SyncCustomerInformation`

```
import java.util.Hashtable;
import javax.naming.*;
import java.rmi.RemoteException;
import com.bea.wlai.client.*;
import com.bea.wlai.common.*;
import com.bea.document.*;

/**
 * This class implements the business logic for the 'Sync Customer Information'
 * business process. It uses the WLAI API to listen to events from the CRM
 * system, and to invoke services on the OP system. It assumes that there
 * are two ApplicationViews defined and deployed in the 'EastCoast'
 * namespace. The application views and their required events and services
 * are shown below.
 *
 * CustomerManagement
 *   events (NewCustomer)
 *   services (none)
 *
 * OrderProcessing
 *   events (none)
 *   services (CreateCustomer)
 */

public class SyncCustomerInformation
    implements EventListener
{
```

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```
/**
 * Main method to start this application. No args are required.
 */
public static void
main(String[] args)
{
    // Check that we have the information needed to connect to the server.

    if (args.length != 3)
    {
        System.out.println("Usage: SyncCustomerInformation ");
        System.out.println("      <server url> <user id> <password>");
        return;
    }

    try
    {
        // Create an instance of SyncCustomerInformation to work with

        SyncCustomerInformation syncCustInfo =
            new SyncCustomerInformation(args[0], args[1], args[2]);

        // Get a connection to WLAI

        InitialContext initialContext = syncCustInfo.getInitialContext();

        // Get a reference to an instance of the 'EastCoast.CustomerManagement'
        // Application View

        ApplicationView custMgmt =
            new ApplicationView(initialContext, "EastCoast.CustomerManagement");

        // Add the listener for 'New Customer' events. In this case we have
        // our application class implement EventListener so it can listen for
        // events directly.

        custMgmt.addEventListener("NewCustomer", syncCustInfo);

        // Process up to 10 events and then quit.

        syncCustInfo.setMaxEventCount(10);
        syncCustInfo.processEvents();
    }
    catch (Exception e)
    {
        e.printStackTrace();
    }

    return;
}
```

```
}

/**
 * EventListener method to respond to 'New Customer' events
 */
public void
onEvent(IEvent newCustomerEvent)
{
    try
    {
        // Print the contents of the incoming 'New Customer' event.

        System.out.println("Handling new customer: ");
        System.out.println(newCustomerEvent.toXML());

        // Handle it

        IDocument response = handleNewCustomer(newCustomerEvent.getPayload());

        // Print the response

        System.out.println("Response: ");
        System.out.println(response.toXML());

        // If we have processed all the events we want to, quit.

        m_eventCount++;
        if (m_eventCount >= m_maxEventCount)
        {
            quit();
        }
    }
    catch (Exception e)
    {
        e.printStackTrace();
        System.out.println("Quitting...");
        quit();
    }
}

/**
 * Handles any 'New Customer' event by invoking the 'Create Customer'
 * service on the 'Order Processing' Application View. The response
 * document from the service is returned as the return value of this
 * method.
 */
public IDocument
handleNewCustomer(IDocument newCustomerData)
    throws Exception
```

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```
{
    // Get an instance of the 'OrderProcessing' Application View.
    if (m_orderProc == null)
    {
        m_orderProc =
            new Application View(m_initialContext, "EastCoast.OrderProcessing");
    }

    // Transform the data in newCustomerData to be appropriate for the
    // request document for 'Create Customer' on the 'Order Processing'
    // Application View.

    IDocument createCustomerRequest =
        transformNewCustomerToCreateCustomerRequest(newCustomerData);

    // Invoke the service

    IDocument createCustomerResponse =
        m_orderProc.invokeService("CreateCustomer", createCustomerRequest);

    // Return the response

    return createCustomerResponse;
}

// -----
// Member Variables
// -----

/**
 * The url for the WLAI server (e.g. t3://localhost:7001)
 */
private String m_url;

/**
 * The user id to use when logging into WLAI.
 */
private String m_userID;

/**
 * The password to use when logging in to WLAI as the user given in
 * m_userID.
 */
private String m_password;

/**
 * The initial context to use when communicating with WLAI
 */
}
```

```
private InitialContext m_initialContext;

/**
 * An instance of the 'East Coast.Order Processing' Applicationview for
 * use in handleNewCustomer.
 */
private Applicationview m_orderProc;

/**
 * Hold the maximum number of events to be processed in handleNewCustomer
 */
private int m_maxEventCount;

/**
 * Count of the events processed in handleNewCustomer
 */
private int m_eventCount;

/**
 * A monitor variable to enable us to wait until we are asked to quit
 */
private String m_doneMonitor = new String("Done Monitor");

/**
 * A flag indicating we are done or not.
 */
private boolean m_done = false;

// -----
// Utility Methods
// -----

/**
 * Constructor.
 */
public SyncCustomerInformation(String url, String userID, String password)
{
    m_url = url;
    m_userID = userID;
    m_password = password;
}

/**
 * Establish an initial context to WLAI.
 */
public InitialContext
getInitialContext()
    throws NamingException
{
```

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```
// Set up properties for obtaining an InitialContext to the WLAI server.
Hashtable props = new Hashtable();

// Fill in the properties with the WLAI host, port, user id, and password.
props.put(Context.INITIAL_CONTEXT_FACTORY,
           "weblogic.jndi.WLInitialContextFactory");
props.put(Context.PROVIDER_URL, m_url);
props.put(Context.SECURITY_PRINCIPAL, m_userID);
props.put(Context.SECURITY_CREDENTIALS, m_password);

// Connect to the WLAI server

InitialContext initialContext = new InitialContext(props);

// Store this for later

m_initialContext = initialContext;

return initialContext;
}

/**
 * Transform the document in the 'New Customer' event to the document
 * required by the 'Create Customer' service.
 */
public IDocument
transformNewCustomerToCreateCustomerRequest(IDocument newCustomerData)
    throws Exception
{
    // We could do an XSLT transform here, or manually move data from the
    // source to the target document. The details of this transformation
    // are out of the scope of this sample. For information on XSLT see
    // http://www.w3.org/TR/xslt. For more information on manually moving
    // data between documents, see the JavaDoc documentation for the
    // com.bea.document.IDocument interface.

    return newCustomerData;
}

/**
 * Event processing/wait loop
 */
public void
processEvents()
{
    synchronized(m_doneMonitor)
```

```
{
    while (!m_done)
    {
        try
        {
            m_doneMonitor.wait();
        }
        catch (Exception e)
        {
            // ignore
        }
    }
}

/**
 * Sets the max number of events we want to process.
 */
public void
setMaxEventCount(int maxEventCount)
{
    m_maxEventCount = maxEventCount;
}

/**
 * Method to force this application to exit (cleanly)
 */
public void
quit()
{
    synchronized(m_doneMonitor)
    {
        m_done = true;
        m_doneMonitor.notifyAll();
    }
}
}
```

5 Using the Application View Console

The Application View Console is a graphical user interface (GUI) that offers an easy way to access, organize, and edit all the application views in your enterprise. You can use the Application View Console to create new folders and to add new application views to them. By storing your application views in folders, you can organize them according to your own navigation scheme, regardless of the adapters to which the individual application views belong.

This section presents the following topics:

- Logging On to the Application View Console
- Creating a Folder
- Removing an Application View
- Removing a Folder

Logging On to the Application View Console

To log on to the Application View Console:

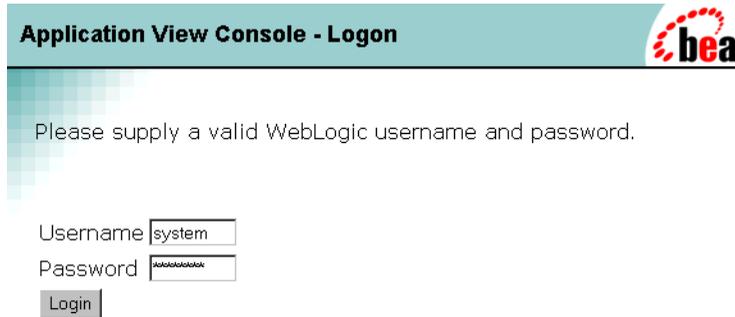
1. Launch a browser window.
2. Enter the URL for your system's Application View Console in the following format:

```
http://yourserver:yourport/wlai
```

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For example: `http://wli1:7001/wlai`

The logon page is displayed.



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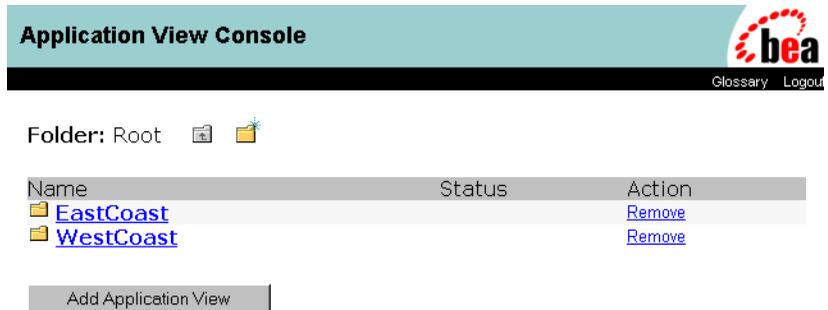
Please supply a valid WebLogic username and password.

Username

Password

Note: If you have already logged on to WebLogic Server with the username `system`, the Application View Console logon page is not displayed. Instead, the Application View Console is displayed.

3. Enter your WebLogic Server username and password, then click OK. The Application View Console is displayed.



Application View Console  Glossary Logout

Folder: Root  

Name	Status	Action
 EastCoast		Remove
 WestCoast		Remove

Creating a Folder

The application views in your enterprise are organized in folders that may contain application views and other folders. Once you create a folder, you cannot move it to another folder. Before removing a folder, you must remove all application views and subfolders.

Once you create an application view in a folder, you can remove the application view, but you cannot move it to another folder.

To create a folder:

1. While logged on to the Application View Console, navigate to the folder in which you want to create the new folder.



2. Click the New Folder icon:



The Add Folder page is displayed.



Add Folder

New Folder

3. In the New Folder field, enter a name. Valid characters are a–z, A–Z, 0–9, and _ (underscore).
4. Click Save.

Removing an Application View

Remove application views when they become obsolete or when the application to which they belong is retired.

You can remove an application view only if both of the following conditions are true:

- You have undeployed the application view. (See “Optional Step: Undeploy an Application View” on page 2-17.) Make sure the application view status is Not Deployed.
- You are logged on to WebLogic Server with a user account with the appropriate write privileges.

To remove an application view:

1. While logged on to the Application View Console, navigate to the folder in which the target application view is located.



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Glossary Logout

Folder: [Root](#) -> [EastCoast](#) -> Sales  

Name	Status	Action
 CustomerManagement	Not Deployed	Remove

2. Click Remove to delete the application view.

Removing a Folder

Remove folders that are no longer needed. To remove a folder:

1. Remove all application views and subfolders from the target folder.
2. Log on to the Application View Console and go to the folder in which the target folder resides.

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Folder: [Root](#) -> EastCoast  

Name	Status	Action
 Sales		
 Marketing		Remove
 AcctsPayable		Remove
 AcctsReceivable		Remove

3. Click Remove. A confirmation page is displayed.



**Are you sure you want to remove?
'AcctsReceivable'?**

4. Click Confirm. The folder is deleted.

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This section presents the following topics:

- Overview of Migrating Data
- Migrating Data Within a Single EIS Instance
- Migrating Data Within Multiple EIS Instances
- Recommended Practices

Overview of Migrating Data

Configuration data for application integration is stored in the same repository as configuration data for business process management (BPM). Therefore, you can use the same tools to migrate data for both types of functions. However, several special considerations apply to the migration of application integration data and deployment of that data in the target environment.

Migrating application integration data is straightforward when you are migrating between WebLogic Server domains within a single Enterprise Information System (EIS) instance. When you migrate application data between WebLogic Server domains in different EIS instances, however, you must then perform special procedures to ensure a working solution in the target environment.

This section provides information about migrating application integration data between WebLogic Server domains in the following scenarios:

- Migrating Data Within a Single EIS Instance
- Migrating Data Within Multiple EIS Instances

Migrating Data Within a Single EIS Instance

This section describes how to migrate application integration data between WebLogic Server domains, within a single EIS instance. For example, you might move application view definitions between repositories for different domains of WebLogic Integration. In this case, only the WebLogic Integration domain changes; the target EIS instances referred to in the application views remain the same.

In this case, the workflow package import/export utility (accessible from the WebLogic Integration Studio) makes migrating data simple. It involves exporting a package from the Studio in the source domain, and importing that package into the Studio in the target domain.

For more information about this import/export utility, see [“Importing and Exporting Workflow Packages”](#) in *Using the WebLogic Integration Studio*.

How an Application View is Exported

When you export a workflow that includes application integration functionality, the export tool automatically identifies the application views and other resources on which the workflow depends. Listing A-1 and Listing A-2 show general values identifying an application view and the resources on which it depends in the export tool. In general, the application view is located (in the export tool) in the location shown in Listing A-1.

Listing A-1 Application View Location in the BPM Export Tool

```
All Workflow Objects
|-- XML Repository
   |-- Folder: WLAI.Namespace.Root
      |-- Folder: WLAI.Namespace.Root.firstfolder
         |-- Folder: WLAI.Namespace.Root.firstfolder.nthfolder
```

```
|-- Entity: WLAI.ApplicationView.Root.firstfolder.  
    nthfolder.appviewname
```

In general, entities related to the application view can be found under the *nth_folder*, and are named according to the convention shown in Listing A-2. Not all application views follow this convention, however.

Listing A-2 Application View Resource Locations in BPM Export Tool

```
Entity: WLAI.entity_type.Root.firstfolder.nthfolder.appviewname_  
event/servicename_adapterspecific
```

To fully export an application view, you *must* select all entities that are related to it, including entities of Schema and ConnectionFactory types.

Example Application View Export

The `EastCoast.Sales` folder contains an application view named `CustomerManagement`. It is displayed in the BPM export tool at the location shown in Listing A-3.

Listing A-3 Application View in the BPM Export Tool

```
All Workflow Objects  
|-- XML Repository  
  |-- Folder: WLAI.Namespace.Root  
    |-- Folder: WLAI.Namespace.Root.EastCoast  
      |-- Folder: WLAI.Namespace.Root.EastCoast.Sales  
        |-- Entity:WLAI.ApplicationView.Root.EastCoast.  
          Sales.CustomerManagement
```

To fully export the `CustomerManagement` application view, the export tool automatically selects all entities that conform to the following pattern:

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Entity: `WLAI.entitytype.Root.EastCoast.Sales.CustomerManagement`

The `CustomerManagement` application view contains several events and services: the export utility shows one `Schema` type entity for each event and two `Schema` type entities for each service. The `CustomerManagement` application view also uses the DBMS adapter, and includes one event named `CustomerCreated` and one service named `CreateCustomer`. Therefore, the entities shown in Listing A-4 are listed by the export utility.

Listing A-4 Entities Used by the Application View

Entity: `WLAI.Schema.Root.EastCoast.Sales.CustomerManagement_CustomerCreated_CUSTOMER_TABLE_insert`

Entity: `WLAI.Schema.Root.EastCoast.Sales.CustomerManagement_CreateCustomer_input`

Entity: `WLAI.Schema.Root.EastCoast.Sales.CustomerManagement_CreateCustomer_output`

The `CustomerManagement` application view also includes a single connection factory. The entity name for this connection factory is as follows:

Entity: `WLAI.ConnectionFactory.Root.EastCoast.Sales.CustomerManagement.ConnectionFactory`

For the `CustomerManagement` application view to be exported properly, all the entities shown in Listing A-4 must be selected.

Importing an Application View

To import an application view, perform the following steps:

1. Using the workflow package import utility (accessible from the WebLogic Integration Studio), import a package containing application integration data. The utility automatically imports all the entities you exported into the package earlier.
2. Deploy your imported application views using the WebLogic Integration Application View Console (generally located at `http://server:port/wlai`).
3. Navigate through the imported folders to find the imported application view.

4. Select the appropriate application view. Then select the Deploy option on the Application View Summary page.

The application view is now ready for use in the target environment.

Migrating Data Within Multiple EIS Instances

Be careful when migrating data among WebLogic Server domains and between multiple instances of an EIS, because application views defined for a particular EIS instance contain identifiers and other data specific to that instance. This advice also applies to the connection factory used by the application view.

To prevent possible errors, you must manually change EIS-instance-specific data in your application view or connection factory by performing the following steps:

1. Open the Application View Console.
2. Navigate to the appropriate application view and edit it as necessary:
 - a. Identify and update all EIS-specific data in the application view and its events, services and associated connection factory.
 - b. Search for any EIS-instance-specific references, and replace them with references to the new EIS instance in the target environment.

Be sure to edit the application view and connection factory definitions. The following parameters of the application view definitions may need to be changed:

- The `EventRouterURL` parameter of the `ApplicationView` deploy screen must refer to the event router in the target environment.
- Parameters in the service definitions. These are adapter-specific data that might refer to EIS-instance-specific data. Change any EIS instance-specific parameters for the service as necessary.
- Parameters in the event definitions. These are adapter-specific data that may refer to EIS-instance-specific data. Use the Edit feature on the Application View Summary page to change any EIS instance-specific parameters for the service.

Example Application View Import

The `CustomerManagement` example includes a database called `CUST`, in the source environment, and a database called `CustDB` in the target environment. Listing A-5 shows the XML text that represents the application view and connection factory. Specifically, this listing shows the application view descriptor for the `CustomerManagement` application view. When you use the Application View Console, you must use the appropriate fields in the design-time UI forms to view and edit this information.

Listing A-5 Example XML Text for the Application View and Connection Factory

```
<?xml version="1.0"?>
<!DOCTYPE applicationView>
<applicationView asyncEnabled="true"
connectionFactory="com.bea.wlai.connectionFactories.EastCoast.Sales.
CustomerManagement_connectionFactoryInstance"
connectionFactoryName="EastCoast.Sales.CustomerManagement_connectionFactory"
eventRouterURL="http://localhost:7001/DbmsEventRouter/EventRouter"
    name="CustomerManagement"
    ownsConnectionFactory="true">
  <description>Manages customers in the east coast sales database</description>
  ...
  <service interactionSpecClass="com.bea.adapter.dbms.cci.InteractionSpecImpl"
    name="CreateCustomer"
    ownsRequestSchema="true"
    ownsResponseSchema="true"
requestDocumentType="EastCoast.Sales.CustomerManagement_CreateCustomer_input/In
put"
responseDocumentType="EastCoast.Sales.CustomerManagement_CreateCustomer_output/
RowsAffected">
    <description>create a new customer in database</description>
    <interactionSpecProperty
name="functionName">executeUpdate</interactionSpecProperty>
    <interactionSpecProperty name="sql">insert into CUST.dbo.CUSTOMER_TABLE
(FirstName, LastName, DOB) values ([FirstName varchar], [LastName varchar], [DOB
timestamp])</interactionSpecProperty>
    </service>

    <event name="CustomerCreated"
      ownsSchema="true"
```

```
rootElementName="CUSTOMER_TABLE.insert"

schemaName="EastCoast.Sales.CustomerManagement_CustomerCreated_CUSTOMER_TABLE_i
nsert">
  <description>New customer created in database</description>
  <eventProperty name="tableName">CUSTOMER_TABLE</eventProperty>
  <eventProperty name="triggerType">insert</eventProperty>
  <eventProperty name="catalogName">CUST</eventProperty>
  <eventProperty name="schemaName">dbo</eventProperty>
</event>

</applicationView>
```

This application view contains:

- Explicit reference to the event router URL (The URL is probably different in the target domain from that in the original domain if you changed EIS instances.)
- `interactionSpecProperty` elements with explicit SQL statements (expressed with the `<service>` element) that refer to the `CUST` database, the `dbo` schema, and the `CUSTOMER_TABLE` table.
- `eventProperty` elements that refer to `catalogName` as `CUST` and `schemaName` as `dbo`. In this example, all references to `CUST` (highlighted in the preceding text) must be changed to `CustDB`. If a different schema is used, the schema references must also be changed.

Each adapter puts different properties in the service and event descriptors of application view descriptors it creates. For information about which properties must be changed to operate successfully against a new EIS instance, see your adapter documentation.

You must also change the connection factory descriptor so that it refers to the new EIS instance. Listing A-6 shows a sample connection factory.

Listing A-6 Example Connection Factory

```
<?xml version="1.0"?>
<!DOCTYPE connection-factory-dd>
<connection-factory-dd name="CustomerManagement_connectionFactory">
  <jndi-
name>com.bea.wlai.connectionFactories.EastCoast.Sales.CustomerManagement_connec
```

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```
tionFactoryInstance</jndi-name>
  <pool-params allowPoolToShrink="true"
    maxPoolSize="10"
    minPoolSize="0"
    targetFractionOfMaxPoolSize="0.1"/>
  <mcf-param name="MessageBundleBase">
    <mcf-param-value>BEA_WLS_DBMS_ADK</mcf-param-value>
  </mcf-param>
  <mcf-param name="DataSourceName">
    <mcf-param-value>eventSource</mcf-param-value>
  </mcf-param>
  <mcf-param name="AdditionalLogContext">
    <mcf-param-value>CustomerManagement</mcf-param-value>
  </mcf-param>
  <mcf-param name="UserName">
    <mcf-param-value>system</mcf-param-value>
  </mcf-param>
  <mcf-param name="Password">
    <mcf-param-value>security</mcf-param-value>
  </mcf-param>
  <mcf-param name="RootLogContext">
    <mcf-param-value>BEA_WLS_DBMS_ADK</mcf-param-value>
  </mcf-param>
  <mcf-param name="PingTable">
    <mcf-param-value>CUST.dbo.CUSTOMER_TABLE</mcf-param-value>
  </mcf-param>
  <mcf-param name="LogLevel">
    <mcf-param-value>WARN</mcf-param-value>
  </mcf-param>
  <mcf-param name="LogConfigFile">
    <mcf-param-value>BEA_WLS_DBMS_ADK.xml</mcf-param-value>
  </mcf-param>
  <adapter-logical-name>BEA_WLS_DBMS_ADK</adapter-logical-name>
</connection-factory-dd>
```

As shown in the preceding code, this connection factory descriptor refers directly to the `CUST` database and to a JDBC data source named `eventSource`. To make sure that this connection factory operates properly in the target environment, you must make the following changes:

- change the reference to `CUST` to `CustDB`
- change the `eventSource` JDBC data source reference so it refers to a valid JDBC data source (pointing at the new DBMS hosting `CustDB`) in the target domain

At this point, you have modified all necessary references and ensured that all the resources needed by the application view and connection factory exist in the target domain. You may now deploy all the application views you imported, using the Application View Console (generally located at `http://host:port/wlai`).

Recommended Practices

The following suggestions are offered to help you reduce the effort needed to migrate application integration data between environments.

- Wherever possible, set up identical EIS instances in both the source and target domains. For example, in the application view in which the DBMS adapter is used, you might use two instances of MS SQL Server (with the same name, the same user accounts, and the same database object), for both your source and target databases. This type of setup eliminates the need to edit application view and connection factory descriptors manually.
- Change the event router URL to reflect the event router's location in the target environment. To do so, edit the application view in the Application View Console.
- Deploy your application views, after they are imported, using the Application View Console.

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