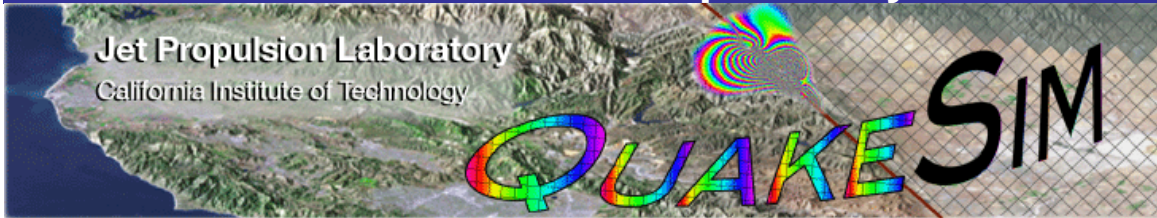


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Demonstrate integration of one external user application into the framework using the GRID framework wizards

Overview

This deliverable of Milestone K required the development of Grid framework portal wizards and Web Services that can be used to deploy and manage remote applications that are available to users through the portal. This capability was then demonstrated by adding an external user application to the portal. The following documentation describes the portal wizard framework (which we refer to as a "code wiki") and describes its functionality.

We have provided examples for using the code wizard to deploy applications. For our third party application, we chose an application based on the original Okada method that was provided by Assistant Professor Kristy Tiampo of the University of Western Ontario's Department of Earth Sciences. We also show how to add Disloc and various UNIX commands using the wizard interface.

[Code Wiki \(Wizard Interface\) Administrator Manual](#)

The portal code wiki is intended to simplify the process by which privileged users make applications available through the portal interface. We make the following limiting assumptions in the current version:

1. Only privileged portal users have access to the code wiki interface.
2. All code administrators have the same level of access to applications; we do not provide finer grained access control to specific applications.
3. The desired application is already installed on the host computer.
4. The host computer runs QuakeSim execution Web Services.
5. The execution Web Services for the host computer have been added to the system property file: GEMDSTEST.properties .
6. All applications will run under the same account as the execution Web Service on that particular host.
7. Applications correspond to single UNIX executables or scripts.
8. We do not generate specialized Web forms for authoring application-specific input files.

Several specific examples are given at the end of the document.

We do not currently support remote installation of applications through the browser, although this may be supported in the future. The necessary services to do this have been developed: the Apache Ant engine at the heart of the execution Web Services is an adaptation of build/make tool. While code compilation services are thus possible, there are many uncertainties, such as available compilers and gcc versions. For this reason we have chosen not to address implementation capability in the current version.

How it Works

The application administration services are based around Web Service operations, as discussed in more detail in the QuakeSim User Manual. We store data using simple “in-memory” XML datastores that are implemented using Castor. Data is stored persistently using XML files. This is documented more thoroughly in <http://www.servogrid.org/slide/GEM/Interop/AWS.doc>.

Information about applications is used to create simple, application specific web pages dynamically from templates. These application templates in turn are used to gather the information from users that is needed to run the remote application. This information is fed to an Apache Ant-based web service on the application’s execution hosts. The execution service runs an Ant build script template that is flexible enough to do most single step application executions.

The build script template is shown as follows:

```
<?xml version="1.0"?>
<project name="Template" default="all" basedir=".">

<target name="mkdir">
  <echo message="Making project directory"/>
  <echo message="${workDir.prop}"/>
  <mkdir dir="${workDir.prop}"/>
</target>

<target name="ExecTemplate">
  <echo message="Bindir is ${bindir.prop}"/>
  <echo message="Project Name is ${projectName.prop}"/>
  <echo message="Executable is ${executable.prop}"/>
  <echo message="Standard input is ${stdin.prop}"/>
  <echo message="Standard output is ${stdout.prop}"/>
  <echo message="Command line is ${commandLine.prop}"/>
  <exec executable="${executable.prop}"
        output="${stdout.prop}"
        dir="${workDir.prop}">
```

```
<arg line="{commandLine.prop}"/>
  <env key="PATH" path="{bindir.prop}:/bin:${PATH}"/>
</exec>
</target>
<target name="RunTemplate" depends="ExecTemplate">
  <echo message="Template run completed"/>
</target>
</project>
```

Parameter values (enclosed by \${}) are collected from the template web forms and passed to the script on the remote execution host via web service invocations.

Ant projects can include multiple targets, so we can develop sequential workflow engines that can process jobs with multiple steps. Specialized Ant script templates for specific codes (such as GeoFEST and Virtual California) were developed in the project. The current version does not support code sequencing but this may be developed in future versions.

Privileged Accounts for Code Administration

The code administration portlets allow users to make changes to application metadata that can potentially break portal applications, so these interfaces must be protected. We restrict access to these portlets by using Jetspeed role privileges, described in more detail in the accompanying Appendix A, “Jetspeed Role Configuration.”

For the application wiki, we use the role “code-admin-only” for application administrators. The role definition, given below, is located in the file security.xml, located in \$TOMCAT_HOME/webapp/jetspeed/WEB-INF/conf.

```
<security-entry name="code-admin-only">
  <meta-info>
    <title>Code-admin-only</title>
    <description>Access for code administrators.</description>
  </meta-info>
```

```
<access action="*">
  <allow-if          role="code-admin"          xsi:type="allow-if"
  xmlns:xsi="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema-instance"/>
</access>
```

The admin portlets are associated with this role in their .xreg definition file, as shown in the XML fragment below. This is given in cgl-local-portlets.xreg, also located in the conf directory.

```
<portlet-entry name="SERVO_Admin_Portal" hidden="false" type="ref"
  parent="WebFormPortlet" application="false">
  <security-ref parent="code-admin-only"/>
  <security role="code-admin"/>
  <meta-info>
    <title>SERVO Application Admin Portal</title>
    <description>Application Administration Interface </description>
  </meta-info>
  <classname>commgrids.jetspeed.portlets.WebFormPortlet</classname>
  <parameter name="portal_id" value="awsportal" hidden="true"
    cachedOnName="true" cachedOnValue="true"/>
  <parameter name="base_url"
    value="@HOST_URL@"
    hidden="false" cachedOnName="true" cachedOnValue="true"/>
  <parameter name="first_page"
    value="/jetspeed/GCWS/Admin/Main.jsp" hidden="true"
    cachedOnName="true" cachedOnValue="true"/>
  <url cachedOnURL="true"/>
</portlet-entry>
```

Specific users can be assigned to the code-admin-only role by the portal administrator, as described in “Jetspeed Role Configuration.”

Adding a New Application

First, log in to the portal using an account with “code-admin-only” privileges, as described above. A default account is provided. On the top tab listings, you should see a tab labeled “Code Admin.” Click this tab to get the code administration main page.

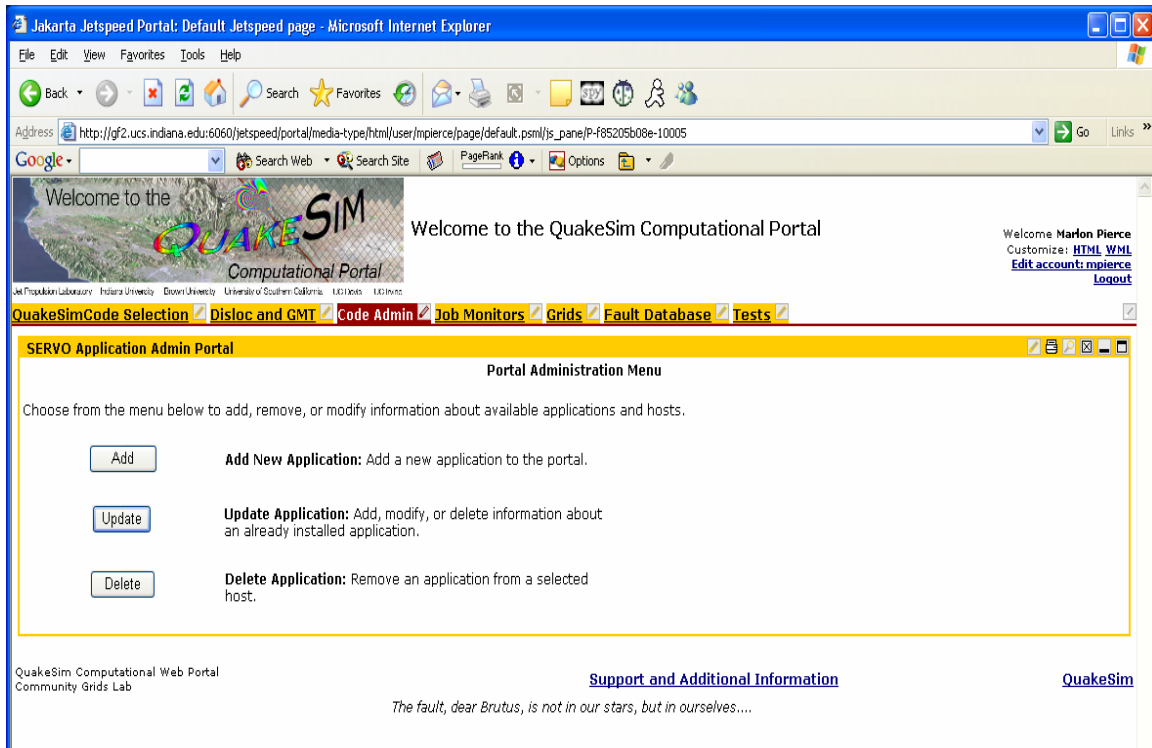


Figure 1. The Code Administration main page.

Click the “Add” button. You should see a screen similar to Figure 2. Fill out the web forms as follows:

1. Provide a useful name for the application.
2. Specify the number of input files and/or parameters (only 1 input file or parameter line is currently supported).
3. Specify the number of output files and/or parameters. There must be at least 1. The first output file is always assumed to hold the results of standard output.
4. Check the box if you wish to opt out of templating (not recommended).
5. Provide a brief description of your application. This can be either plain text or HTML, so you may, for example, include formatted instructions or links to more detailed documentation.

Click “Submit” when you are done.

The screenshot shows a web browser window titled "Jakarta Jetspeed Portal: Default Jetspeed page - Microsoft Internet Explorer". The address bar shows the URL: http://gf2.uccs.indiana.edu:6060/jetspeed/portal/media-type/html/user/impierce/page/default.psm1/js_pane/P-F85205b08e-10005. The page content includes a "Welcome to the QuakeSim Computational Portal" header with a logo and navigation links: "QuakeSimCode Selection", "Disloc and GMT", "Code Admin", "Job Monitors", "Grids", "Fault Database", and "Tests". Below this is a yellow-bordered section titled "SERVO Application Admin Portal" with the sub-heading "Add an Application". The form contains the following fields and options:

- Application Name:** Text input field containing "FileLister".
- Number of input parameters:** Dropdown menu set to "1".
- Number of output parameters:** Dropdown menu set to "1".
- Opt Out of Templating?:** A checkbox that is currently unchecked.
- Enter a brief description of the application:** A text area with the placeholder text "Enter Description".

To the right of the form is an "Explanation" section:

- Application Name:** The name of the application in the code selection menu.
- Number of input parameters:** Give the number of input files and parameters needed by the application.
- Number of output parameters:** Give the number of output files and parameters needed by the application, including standard output. If you select "1", it will be standard output.
- Opt Out of Templating?:** Yes, I must develop some of the application web pages manually (expert only).

At the bottom of the form are "Submit" and "Cancel" buttons. The footer of the page includes "QuakeSim Computational Web Portal Community Grids Lab", a link to "Support and Additional Information", and the quote "The fault, dear Brutus, is not in our stars, but in ourselves....".

Figure 2. Web forms for adding a new application.

Your choices in the form shown in Figure 2 are used to generate the form shown in Figure 3. In this form, you should provide the following information for each input type:

1. A short name, or handle, for each input file/parameter.
2. The input mechanism (can be either a “c-style” space-separated command line or a UNIX-style standard input).
3. Whether the input is a file or parameter. Files are loaded as file names. Parameters are interpreted literally by the executable. For example, the `/bin/cat` requires an input file for execution, so the appropriate input type should be “File” since we must provide disloc with the name of a file to be reached. On the other hand, the executable `/bin/echo` takes a parameter that it interprets literally.

4. An input description that will be used in the generated template pages. The description can be plain text or HTML, and can include (for example) links to more detailed documentation.

For each output type, you must provide the following information:

1. Names for output fields. The first output field is always taken to be standard output.
2. An output description for use in the generated forms.

Finally, you must provide a host computer.

1. Select an available host from the drop down menu. This menu is generated from the available execution hosts specified in the GEMDSTEST.properties file.
2. Provide the IP address of the machine (this is not currently used but must be provided).
3. Give the full path of the code executable.

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The screenshot shows a web browser window titled "Jakarta Jetspeed Portal: Default Jetspeed page - Microsoft Internet Explorer". The address bar shows the URL: `http://gf2.ucs.indiana.edu:6060/jetspeed/portal?SERVO_Admin_Portal=%2Fjetspeed%2FGCWS%2FAdmin%2FActionManager.jsp&okcurl=SERVO_Admin_Po`. The page features a "Welcome to the QuakeSim Computational Portal" banner with a map of the United States. Below the banner is a navigation menu with links: "QuakeSimCode Selection", "Disloc and GMT", "Code Admin", "Job Monitors", "Grids", "Fault Database", and "Tests".

The main content area is titled "SERVO Application Admin Portal" and "Application Update Form". It contains the following sections:

- Input parameters:** A form with fields for "Input Field Handle", "InputMechanism" (set to "C-Style Arguments"), "File or Parameter:" (with radio buttons for "File" and "Parameter"), and "Input Description".
- Standard Output:** A form with fields for "Standard Output File" and "Output Description".
- Host Computer:** A section titled "Select and describe a host computer that will be used to run the application." containing a "Host Computer:" sub-section with fields for "Host Name:" (set to "kamet.ucs.indiana.edu"), "Host IP:", and "Executable Path:".

At the bottom of the form are two buttons: "Add Code" and "Cancel".

Figure 3. Application forms for specifying the input and output/error fields.

Click "Add Code" when you are done to commit the addition.

You may add hosts and modify setting using the update features described below.

Running the New Application

You can test out your application by clicking the “QuakeSim Code Selection” tab on the top horizontal tab listing. You should see the usual code selection menu with your application added to the list, similar to Figure 4. For example, the application “FileLister” may be added using the above forms. It will appear at the bottom of your list of applications.

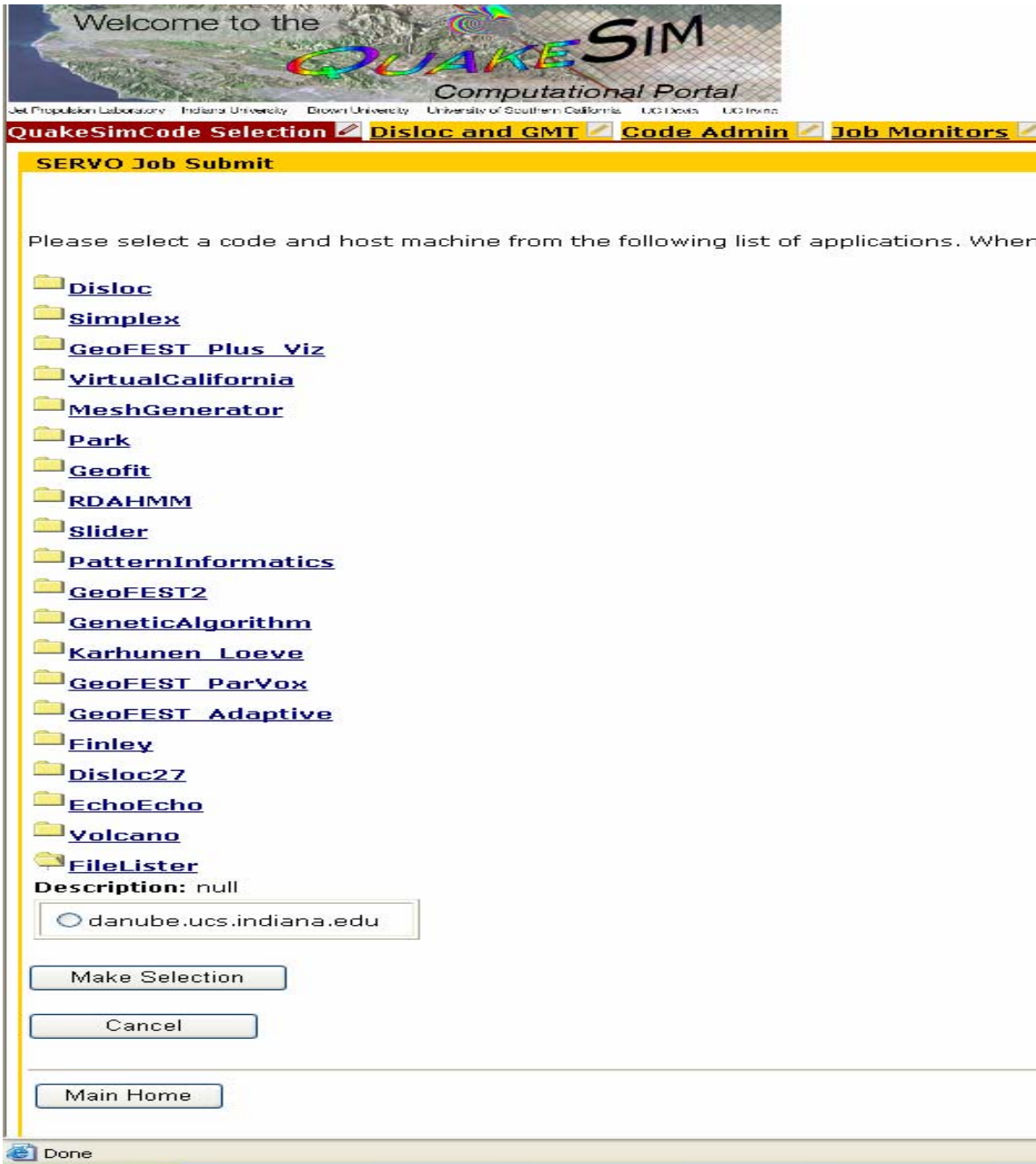


Figure 4. The code selection menu with the new application added to the listing.

Click the application and you will see the host that you selected. Click the round radio button next to the host and then click “Make Selection”. This will forward you to the templated page shown in Figure 5. From here you may perform the following operations:

1. Create New Project: Start with an empty project.
2. Load Project: List old projects, which may be loaded from the archive or deleted.
3. Access Archived Data: Access the output data from previous runs.

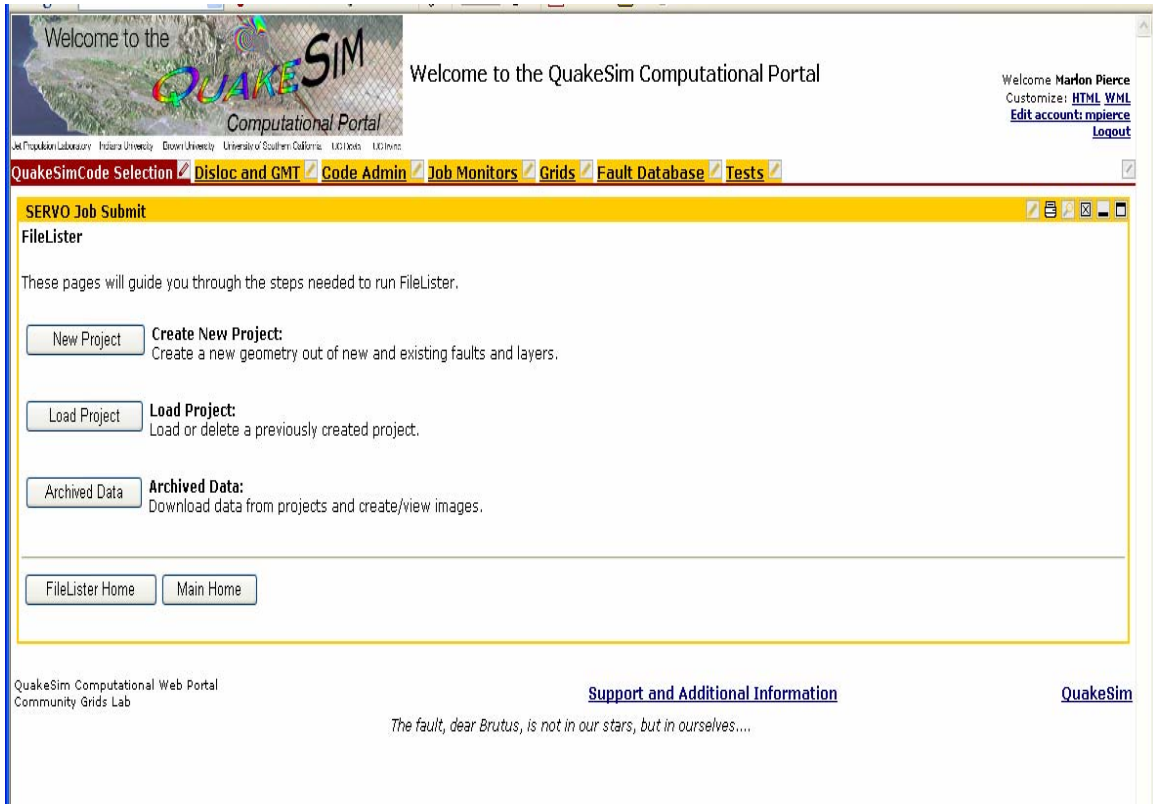


Figure 5. Main menu for newly deployed application.

After choosing a new project or loading an old project, you will be forwarded to a page similar to Figure 6. If you are using a loaded project, the previously provided values for that session will be displayed (and may be edited); for new projects, these forms will be blank. You must provide the name of the project and the input files and/or parameters. For file input, you may optionally upload files from your desktop using the upload button at the bottom of the form.

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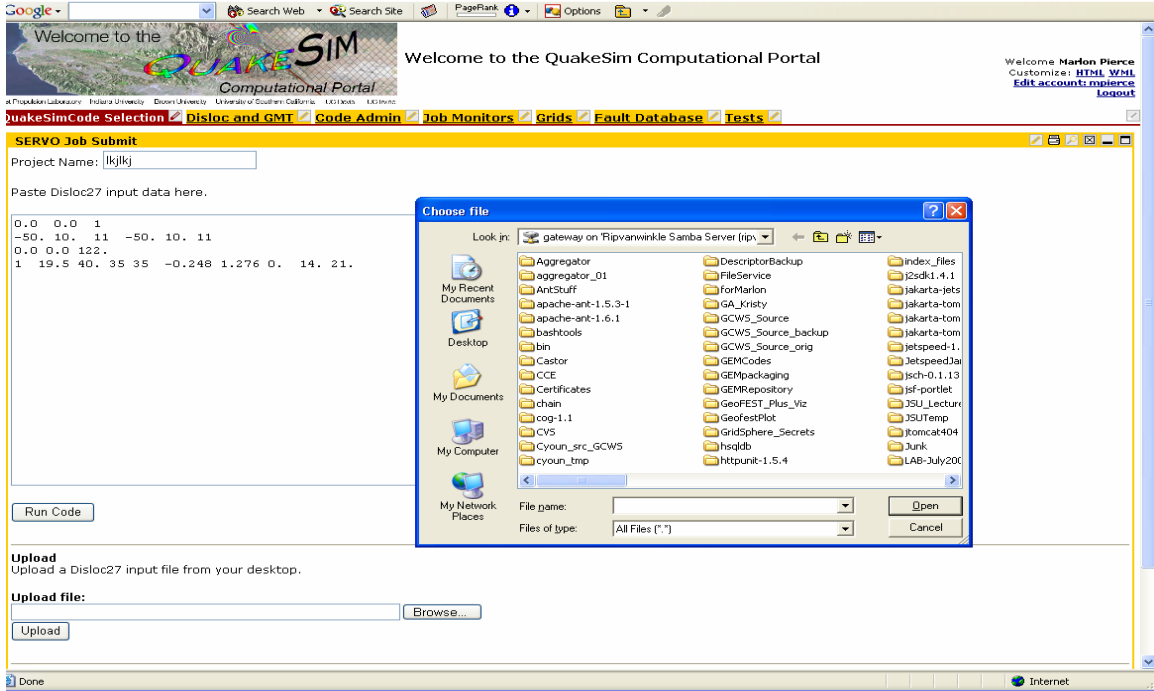


Figure 6. Project page example.

By selecting “Archived Data” for your project (Figure 4) you will get a listing of the output data from previous project runs (these correspond to the project listings seen on the “Load Project” menu.) A sample is shown in Figure 7. For each project, you will get one download link for each output type you selected (see Figure 2). The sample page shows Disloc deployed in this fashion. There are two download links: one for standard output (usually empty but required) and one for the output file. Clicking this link will download the file and open in a browser if the output is text.

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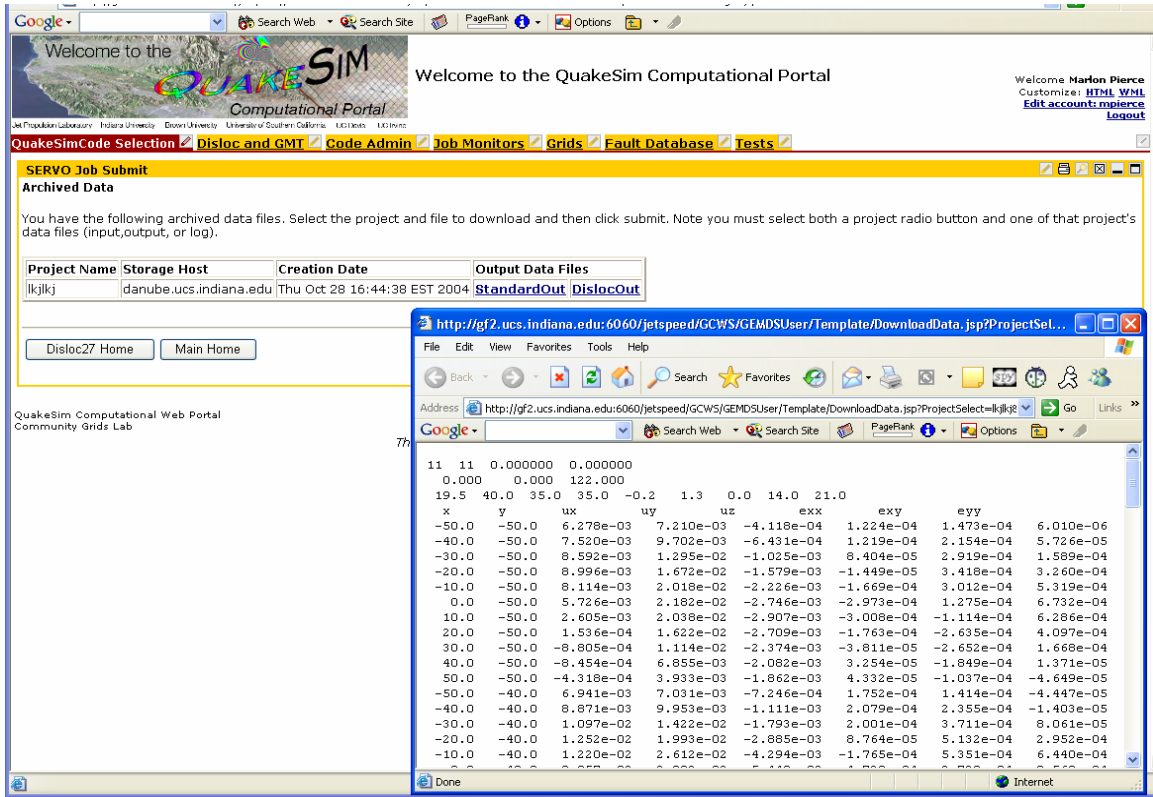


Figure 7. Templated download forms and sample download data.

Updating Applications

From the main administration menu shown in Figure 1, select the “Update” button to modify information about currently deployed applications. A sample display is shown in Figure 8.

The listings correspond to the application listings shown in the standard Code Selection menu (Figure 4). For each application, you may choose to

1. Update the information provided in Figure 3 for both the application and the available hosts.
2. Add a new host. This will add hosts to the list shown in the code selection menu (Figure 4).
3. Delete a host for the application. This will remove hosts from the application listings in the Code Selection menu (Figure 4).

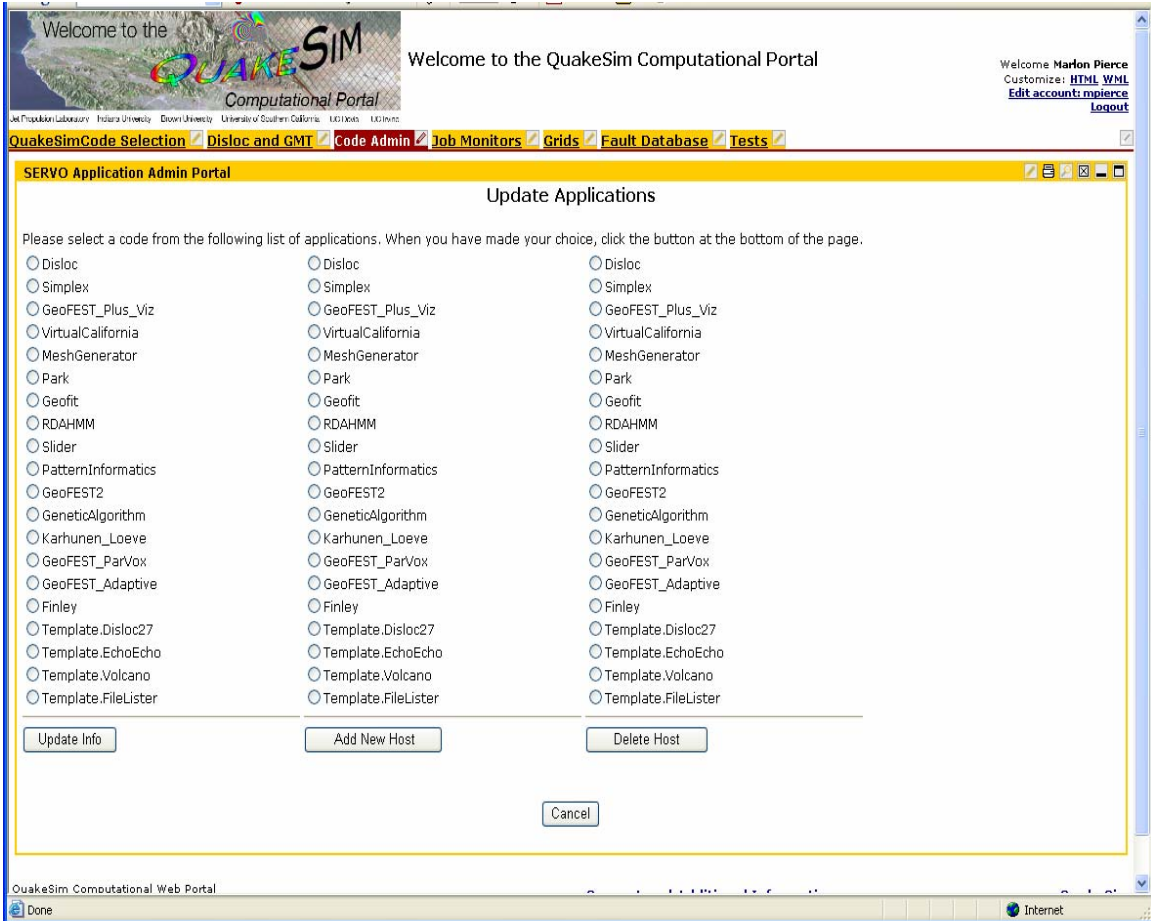


Figure 8. Updatable information selections.

Selecting one of the applications on the left-hand column and clicking the “Update Info” button under the column takes you to a form similar to Figure 9. You can update any of the information in these fields.

The screenshot shows a web browser window titled "Jakarta Jetspeed Portal: Default Jetspeed page - Microsoft Internet Explorer". The address bar shows a URL from ucs.indiana.edu. The page content is titled "SERVO Application Admin Portal" and "Application Update Form". It contains a form for updating application information. The form includes a code field with the value "Template.Disloc27", a description field with the text "This is the disloc 27 description.", and three sections for input and output parameters. The "Input parameters, set 1" section has an input field handle of "InputField", mechanism of "C-Style Arguments", and a description. The "Output parameters, set 1" section has an output field handle of "StandardOut" and a description. The "Output parameters, set 2" section has an output field handle of "DislocOut" and a description. At the bottom, there is a "Host Computers" section with a table of host information.

Host Computers	
Host Name:	danube.ucs.indiana.edu
Host IP:	999.999
Application Working Directory:	/home/gateway/Template_WDIR/
Executable Path:	/home/gateway/GEMCodes/Disloc/disloc

Figure 9. Application update form displays the input, output, and host information.

Selecting an entry from the middle column and clicking “Add New Host” at the bottom takes you to a form similar to Figure 10. This will show the current list of available hosts and a form for adding a new host. Add the required information and click update.

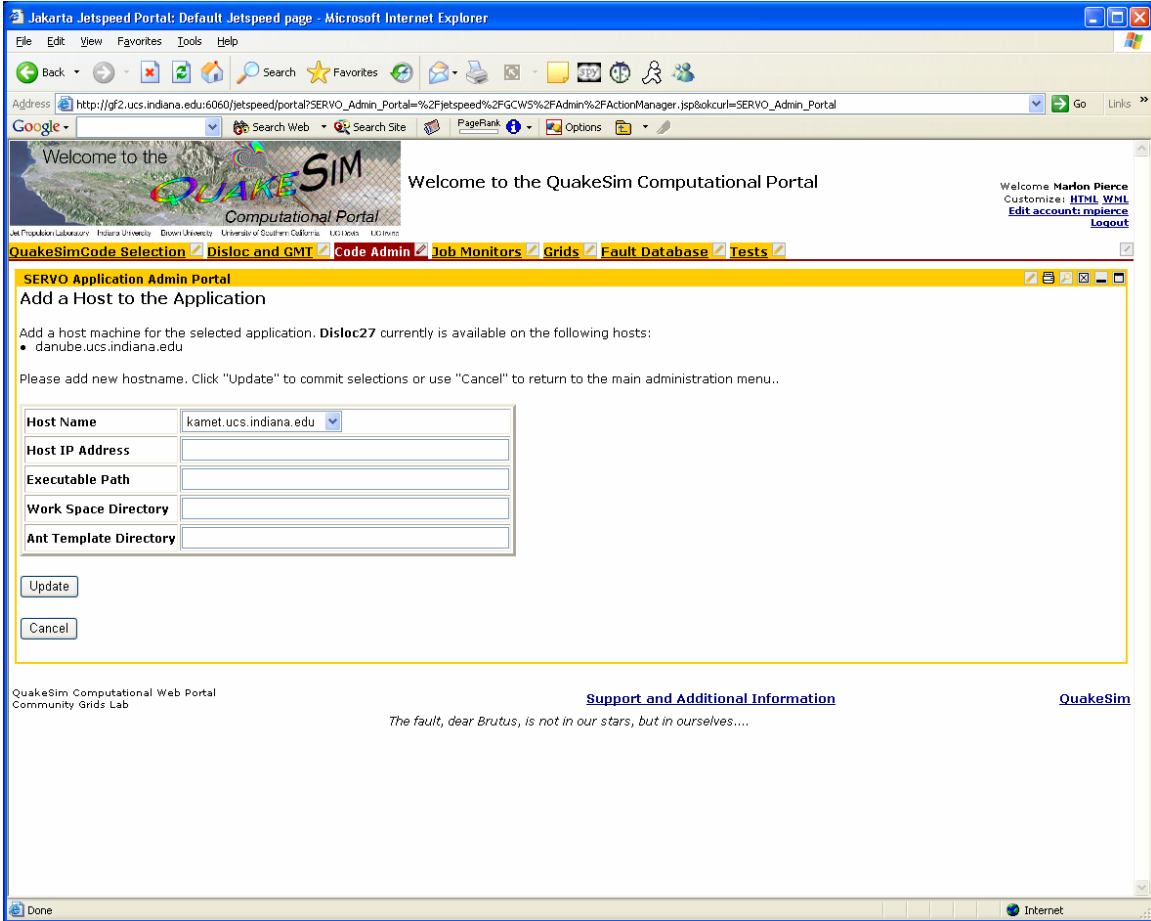


Figure 10. Forms for adding a host.

To delete a host from a selected application, choose it from the right most column (Figure 8) and click the “Delete Host” button underneath the column. This will take you to a page similar to Figure 11, which will show a list of currently deployed hosts.

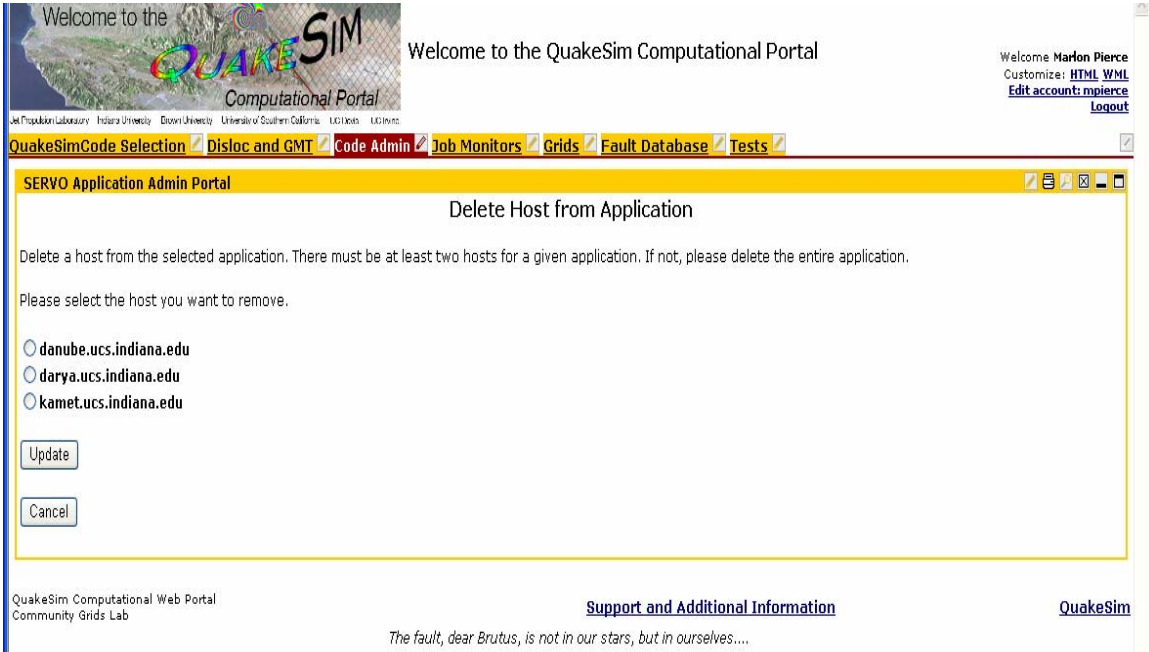


Figure 11. Sample page for deleting hosts for a particular application.

To delete a host, select the host and click “Update.” Applications are required to have at least one host.

Deleting Applications

Entire applications may be deleted using the Delete feature from the main administration menu, Figure 5. Choosing this button will forward you to a form similar to Figure 12. Select an application from the list by clicking it and then click the “Remove” button below the column. This will permanently remove the application from the Code Selection menu, Figure 4. It does not, however, delete the application from the host computer.

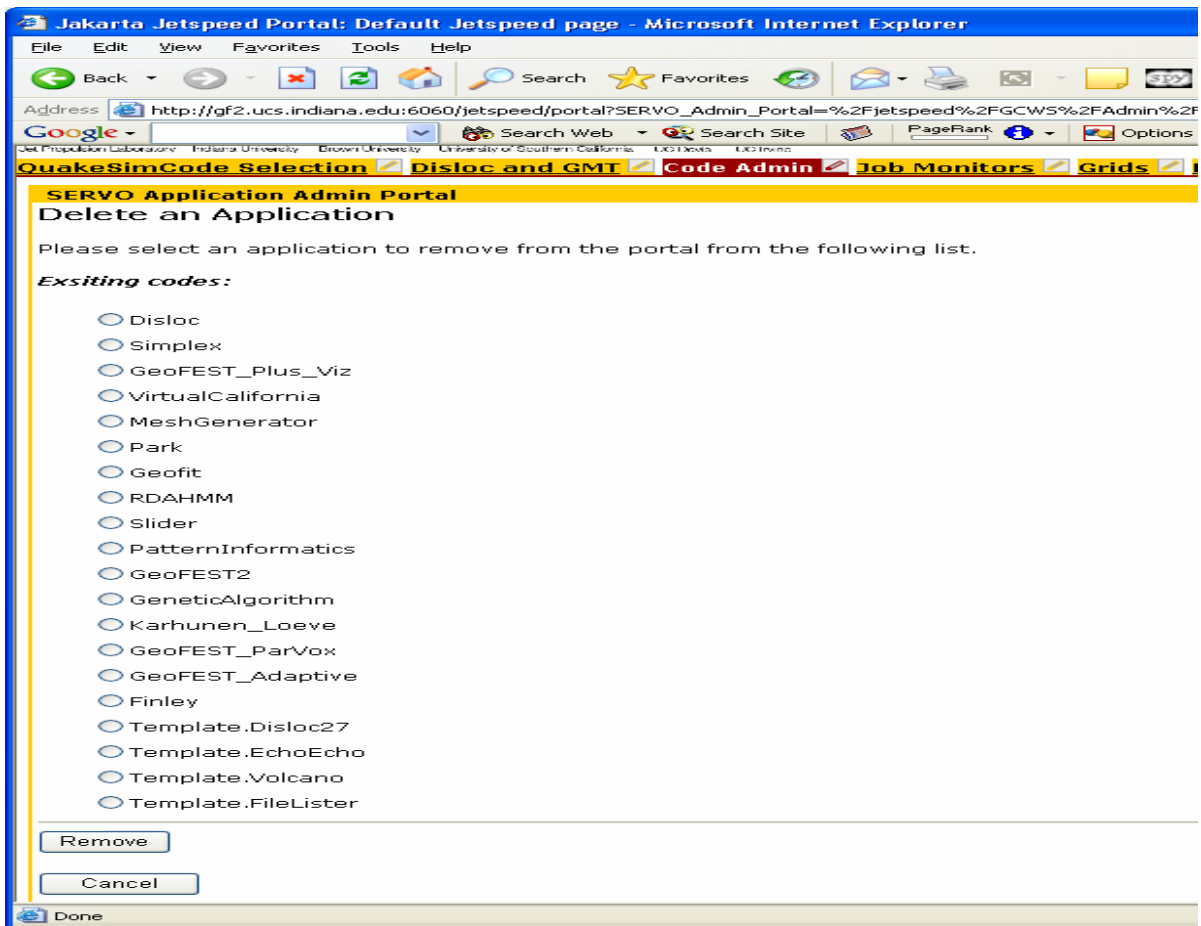


Figure 12. Selection options for deleting an application.

Example: Deploying Disloc

The Disloc application may be deployed on any of the example hosts. The location of the Disloc executable on all hosts in the test bed is

```
/home/gateway/GEMCodes/Disloc/disloc
```

Disloc is run from the command line by using the command

```
[shell]>disloc <input.txt> <output.txt>
```

That is, you must specify an input file and an output file on the command line. Disloc under correct operation will generate no standard output but will create standard error.

To deploy this with the code wiki, login to a privileged account, click the “Code Admin” tab across the top, and fill out the form as described above.

The screenshot shows a web browser window with the following elements:

- Navigation tabs: QuakeSimCode Selection, Disloc and GMT, Code Admin (selected), Job Monitors, Grids, Fault Database, Tests.
- Page Title: SERVO Application Admin Portal
- Section: Add an Application
- Instruction: Please enter the following information. You will be prompted for more detailed application information on the following page.
- Form Fields:
 - Application Name: DislocTest
 - Number of input parameters: 1
 - Number of output parameters: 2 (circled and pointed to by a callout box)
 - Opt Out of Templating?:
 - Enter a brief description of the application: Enter Description
- Buttons: Submit, Cancel
- Callout Box: Must choose "2" here since we need one standard out and one outputfile
- Explanation text:
 - Explanation**
 - The name of the applicaiton in the code selection menu.
 - Give the number of input files and parameters needed by the application.
 - Give the number of output files and parameters needed by the application, including standard output. If you select "1", it will be standard output.
 - Yes, I must develop some of the application web pages manually (expert only).

Figure 13. Adding DislocTest as an application

For Disloc, you must choose “2” for the “Number of output parameters” field, because Disloc generates both standard output/error (implicitly) as well as output to a file (explicitly).

Click the submit button on the form. You will then need to specify the input and output parameters. For Disloc to be deployed correctly, you must enter the correct information for “Input Parameters” and give the correct path for the “Executable Path” parameter in the Host form. See Figure 14.

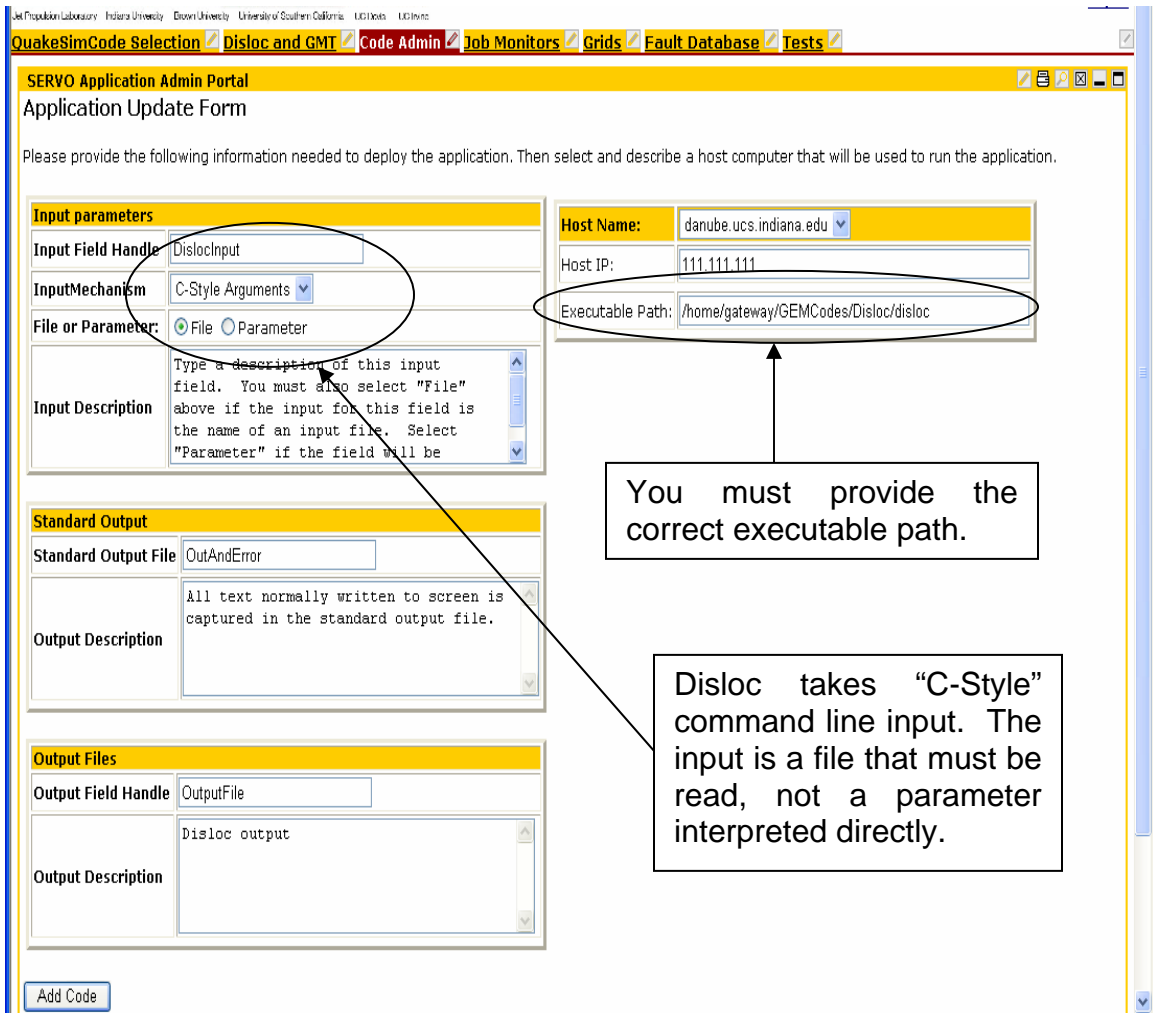


Figure 14. Specifying Disloc input and output.

As described in the introduction, Disloc expects an input file that is read as a "C-Style" command line argument. That is, the input field is not read from standard input and is not interpreted directly as a parameter value, but instead a file that contains parameter values.

You may now run the Disloc application and download the application as described in previous sections.

Example: Deploying Third Party Applications

Disloc is an example application of the Okada method (Ref. 1). Various implementations of this method exist, and it has been applied to a number of different problems. In order to test the application management interfaces, we obtained an alternative Okada application from Prof. Kristy Tiampo (University of Western Ontario, <http://www.uwo.ca/earth/Tiampo.html>) used to simulate

volcanic stresses. This application makes use of subroutines obtained directly from Prof. Okada.

Tiampo's code was successfully installed on all test bed resources. To run from the command line, use the following command:

```
[shell> /home/gateway/GEMCodes/Okada/volcanic_stress < input.data >
output.data
```

The file mayon.dat is provided as a sample input file that can be uploaded to run the application.

To add this application, you should log in as a privileged user, select the "Code Admin" tab, and then choose "Add Application" as shown in Figure 1. For this particular application, input comes from Standard Input and output is directed to Standard Output, so you should use the settings shown in Figure 15.

The screenshot shows a web browser window with the title 'SERVO Application Admin Portal'. The browser's address bar and tabs are visible at the top. The main content area is titled 'Add an Application'. Below the title, there is a paragraph: 'Please enter the following information. You will be prompted for more detailed application information on the following page.' The form contains several fields: 'Application Name' with the value 'VolcanicStress'; 'Number of input parameters' with a dropdown menu set to '1'; 'Number of output parameters' with a dropdown menu set to '1'; 'Opt Out of Templating?' with an unchecked checkbox; and a text area labeled 'Enter a brief description of the application:'. To the right of the form is an 'Explanation' section with three paragraphs. A callout box with a black border and white background points to the 'Number of input parameters' and 'Number of output parameters' fields, containing the text: 'This application requires only 1 input and 1 output file.' At the bottom left of the form are 'Submit' and 'Cancel' buttons.

Figure 15. Specifying input for the Volcanic Stress application of the Okada method.

To deploy this correctly, you must specify that the application takes 1 input and 1 output. Note that the one output field is standard output, so code output and/or any error messages will be written to the same file.

Click submit to further specify the input fields, as shown in Figure 16. For the application to be deployed correctly, you must specify the correct input mechanism.

The screenshot shows the 'SERVO Application Admin Portal' with the 'Application Update Form'. The form is divided into two main sections: 'Input parameters' and 'Standard Output'. In the 'Input parameters' section, the 'Input Field Handle' is 'VSInput', the 'Input Mechanism' is 'Standard Input' (highlighted by a callout box), and the 'File or Parameter' radio buttons are set to 'File'. The 'Standard Output' section has 'VSOutput' as the 'Standard Output File' and a description: 'All text normally written to screen is captured in the standard output file.' At the bottom, there are 'Add Code' and 'Cancel' buttons.

Figure 16. Specify the input fields and host.

The input mechanism for this application is “Standard Input” rather than “C-Style.” The input field is a file of parameters rather than a parameter, so select this.

You may now add the code. A sample data file, mayon.dat, is provided to test the upload form, Figure 6.

Example: Running UNIX Commands

You may also deploy UNIX commands as applications. These run with the permission of the “gateway” user on testbed accounts. That is, they have the same permissions and restrictions as the user account that runs the Web Server.

The procedure is the same as the previous examples. We describe the “ls” command here since this illustrates the use of parameter input fields instead of file input files as shown previously.

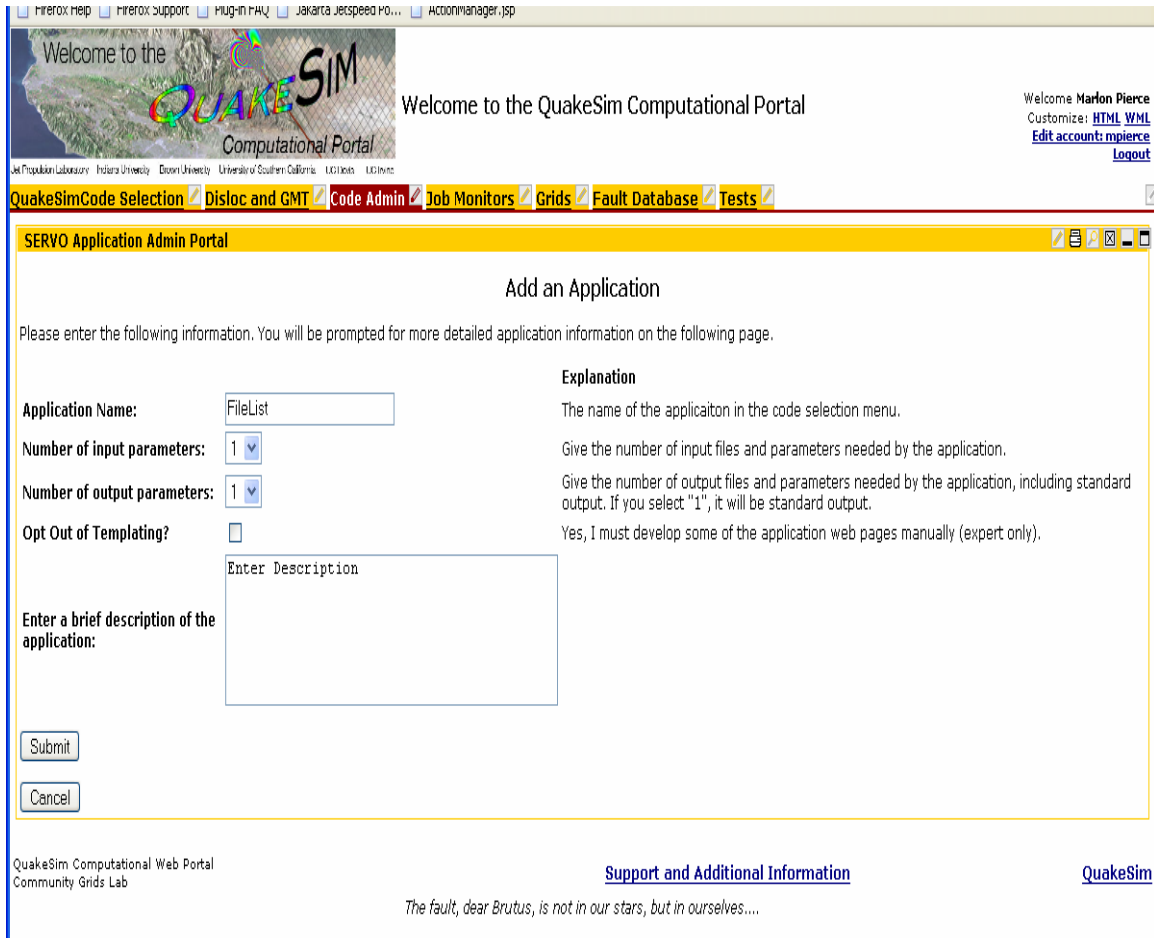


Figure 17. Specifying input and output fields when wrapping the UNIX ls command.

This is as before. The ls command takes one input field and generates one output field (standard out).

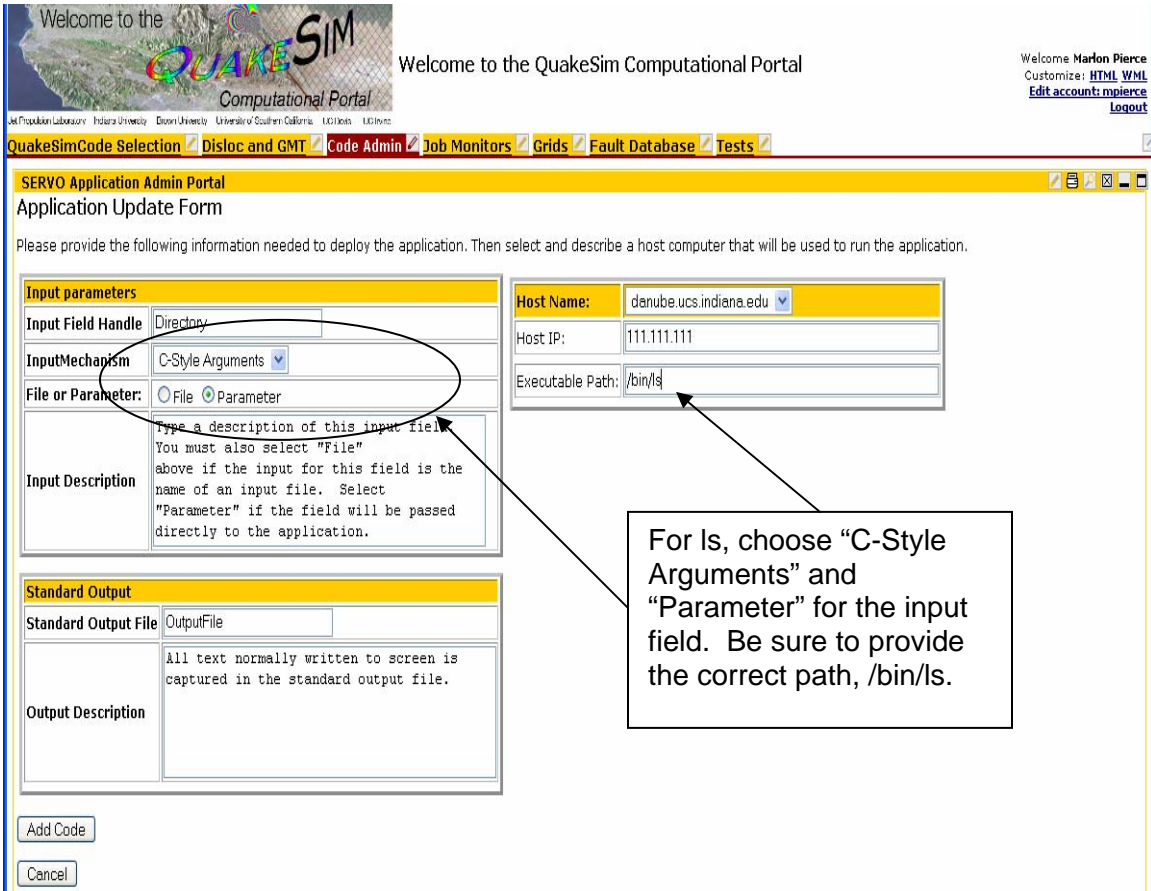


Figure 18. Describe the FileLister input and output fields.

The input field for /bin/ls is the directory or file that is to be listed. This is an input parameter, not a file, since it is interpreted directly.

After deployment, you can run the ls command on different directories and download the content through the download page, Figure 7.

Note that the “input parameter” can include multiple parts: the entire set of input fields is passed to the executable as a single argument. So valid input values for this parameter include “/tmp/” and “-ltr /tmp/”.

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Issue testable 5-year earthquake forecast for M>5 for Southern California

One of the primary goals of the QuakeSim project was to develop the technology to issue 5-year and longer forecasts for earthquake activity. Furthermore, we developed software technology through the web services component of the QuakeSim portal to allow users to make forecasts using a grid computing approach to the problem. As a result, we optimized the process for producing the forecasts, and issued forecast maps through both the QuakeSim portal and through the web site: http://hirsute.cse.ucdavis.edu/~rundle/EQ_FORECASTS/. Furthermore, we are presently finalizing two papers on earthquake forecasting, one using Virtual California that has been accepted in Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences [1], and one on the Pattern Informatics (PI) method that is being finalized for submission to Nonlinear Processes in Geophysics. We have published other papers on these techniques as well.

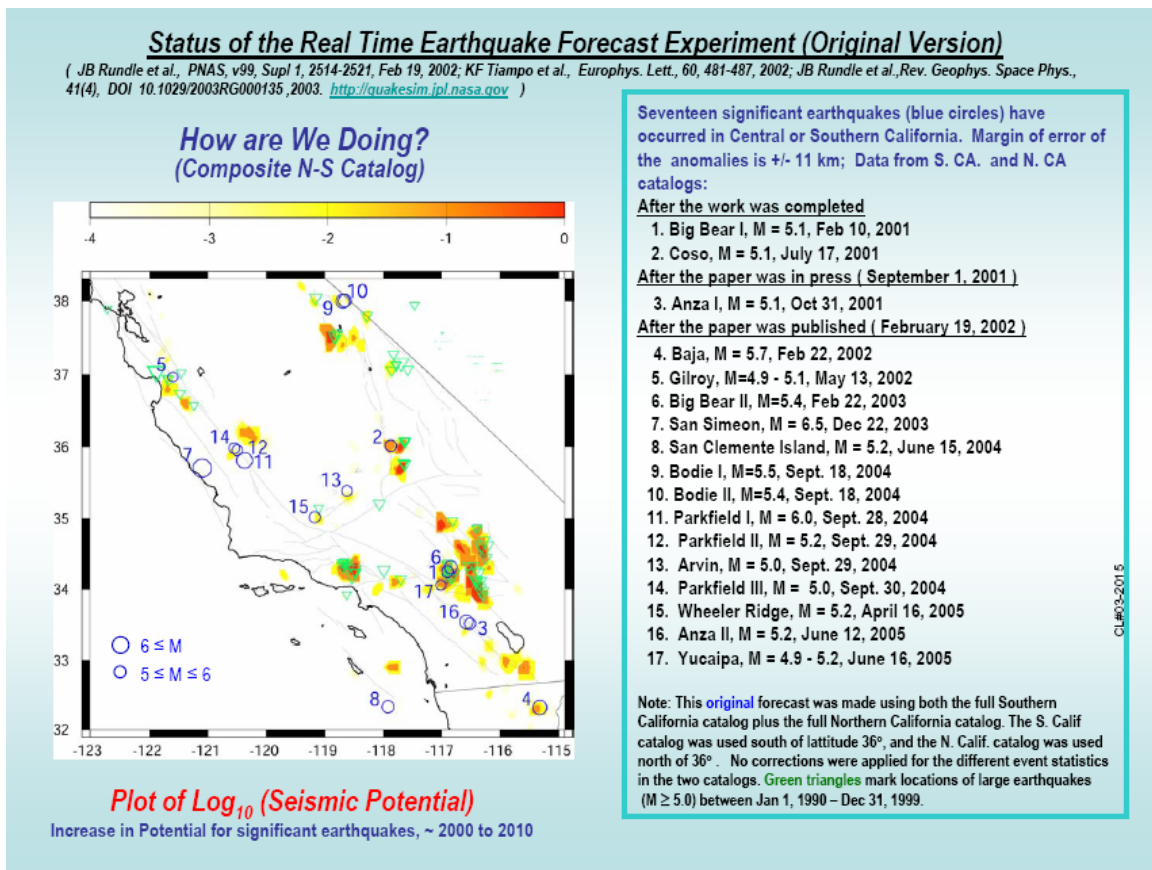


Figure 19. Earthquake forecast (and performance results) issued on the QuakeSim website at <http://quakesim.jpl.nasa.gov/scorecard.html>.

Specifically, PI method quantifies temporal variations in seismicity patterns. The result is a map of areas in a seismogenic region (hot spots) where earthquakes are likely to occur during a specified time window in the future. The method does not predict earthquakes, but it does forecast the regions (hot spots) where earthquakes are most likely to occur in the relatively near future (typically five to ten years). The objective is to reduce the areas of earthquake risk relative to those given by long-term hazard assessments. A forecast for California was published by our group in 2002 and reproduced on the QuakeSim web site. The period of validity was the time period January 1, 2000 - 2010.

More recently, the Relative Earthquake Likelihood group of the Southern California Earthquake Center has solicited 5-year forecasts of future activity to be posted as of September 1, 2005. The corresponding papers will be published in Seismological Research Letters. We plan to participate in this activity. Furthermore, our current forecast and methods will be reviewed by the California Earthquake Prediction Evaluation Council on September 20, 2005. This group includes representatives from the state and federal governments, as well as private organizations.

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Publish the availability of the Portal to the Earthquake community in a peer reviewed periodical such as "Concurrency: Practice and Experience," or "EOS" or an AGU journal.

The availability of the QuakeSim Portal has been published twice in the peer-reviewed periodical *Computing in Science and Engineering*:

Grant, L.B.; Gould, M.M.; Donnellan, A.; McLeod, D.; Chen, A.Y.-A.; Sang-Soo Sung; Pierce, M.; Fox, G.C.; Rundle, P.; **"A Web Services-Based Universal Approach to Heterogeneous Fault Databases."** *Computing in Science & Engineering* [see also IEEE Computational Science and Engineering] Volume 7, Issue 4, July-Aug. 2005 (51 – 57).

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Appendix A

Jetspeed Access Control Mechanisms

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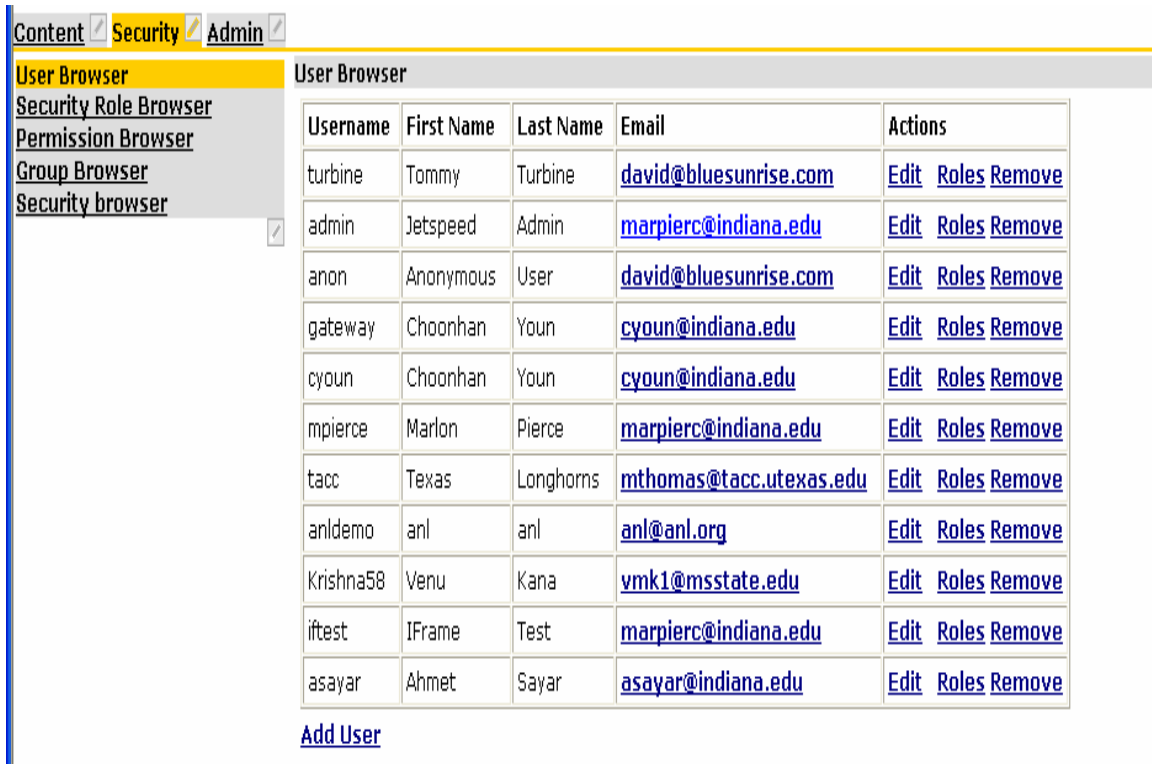
Overview

This document provides a step-by-step guide for defining new Jetspeed roles that can be associated with different users. These roles can be used to restrict access to certain portlets (and thus their content).

Jetspeed Users, Groups, and Roles

Jetspeed allows users to possess one or more roles and belong to one or more groups. We'll first review the basic concepts, which are used in Jetspeed default settings to restrict access to administration portlets. We'll then describe the process for adding new roles with restricted access. A bit of Jetspeed's design to support this reviewed in the Appendix.

The following screen shot gives a sample listing of users for a particular Jetspeed portal. This is just the standard User Browser available to the site administrator.



The screenshot shows the Jetspeed User Browser interface. At the top, there are navigation tabs for 'Content', 'Security', and 'Admin'. Below these, a sidebar on the left contains a list of menu items: 'User Browser' (highlighted), 'Security Role Browser', 'Permission Browser', 'Group Browser', and 'Security browser'. The main content area displays a table of users with the following columns: Username, First Name, Last Name, Email, and Actions. Each row represents a user, and the Actions column contains links for 'Edit', 'Roles', and 'Remove'.

Username	First Name	Last Name	Email	Actions
turbine	Tommy	Turbine	david@bluesunrise.com	Edit Roles Remove
admin	Jetspeed	Admin	marpierc@indiana.edu	Edit Roles Remove
anon	Anonymous	User	david@bluesunrise.com	Edit Roles Remove
gateway	Choonhan	Youn	cyou@indiana.edu	Edit Roles Remove
cyou	Choonhan	Youn	cyou@indiana.edu	Edit Roles Remove
mpierce	Marlon	Pierce	marpierc@indiana.edu	Edit Roles Remove
tacc	Texas	Longhorns	mthomas@tacc.utexas.edu	Edit Roles Remove
anldemo	anl	anl	anl@anl.org	Edit Roles Remove
Krishna58	Venu	Kana	vmk1@msstate.edu	Edit Roles Remove
ifttest	IFrame	Test	marpierc@indiana.edu	Edit Roles Remove
asayar	Ahmet	Sayar	asayar@indiana.edu	Edit Roles Remove

[Add User](#)

Figure 1. Jetspeed user browser displays a list of accounts.

Clicking the “Roles” link for the user mpierce gives the following screen, indicating that this user participates in the user role only. The user mpierce may be added to the admin role by simply clicking the link.

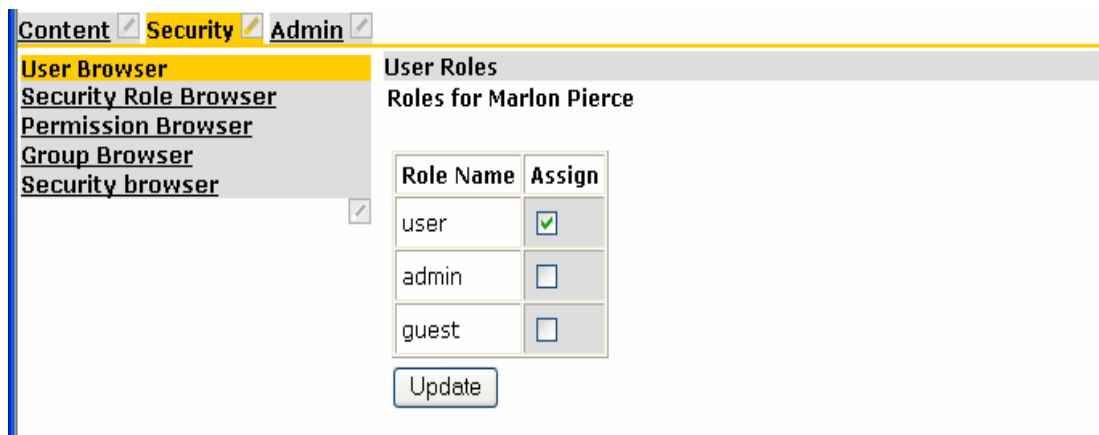


Figure 2. Default user roles.

The administration portlets are specified in the admin.xreg configuration file and may be examined for security examples. The sample entry below illustrates how the JavaRuntimePortlet is associated with the admin role and the admin-only security definition.

```
<portlet-entry name="JavaRuntimePortlet" hidden="true"
  type="instance" application="false">
  <security role="admin"/>
  <security-ref parent="admin-only"/>
  <meta-info>
    <title>Java Runtime Portlet</title>
  </meta-info>
  <classname>org.apache.jetspeed.portal.portlets.admin.JavaRuntimePortlet
  </classname>
  <media-type ref="html"/>
  <url cachedOnURL="true"/>
  <category group="Jetspeed">admin</category>
</portlet-entry>
```

The important tags for the current discussion are in bold. These define the security role and the security-refs that are allowed to view this portlet. The security-refs are used to associate allowed (or prohibited) actions that are associated with a particular Jetspeed role. The definitions of role access privileges are stored in the configuration file security.xreg. For example, the entry for the admin-only security entry is

```

<security-entry name="admin-only">
  <meta-info>
    <title>Admin-only</title>
    <description>Full access to user with the admin role.</description>
  </meta-info>
  <access action="*">
    <allow-if role="admin"/>
  </access>
</security-entry>

```

This means that the admin-only entry allows all access actions to the role “admin”. The <allow-if role> tag can be repeated. For example, one could define a “monitor-only” security entry that would allow some management portlets to be viewed by both admins and a newly defined “monitor” role.

The full list of options that can be used to express a <security-entry> are given in the appendix. A list of Jetspeed actions is also given in the appendix.

Step-by-Step Guide for Restricted Areas

We will now take a specific example of how to specify restrictions to portlets so that they can only be viewed by a new role, manager. All steps must be done by a user with administrator privileges, so log in as admin first.

1. Create a new role for the manager. Go to the “Security Roles” link under the “Security” tab.



Figure 3 Create a new Jetspeed role through the admin interface.

Select “Add Role” and enter the new role name.

2. Shutdown Jetspeed so that you can edit registry entries. Add a security-entry for the manager role to the security.xml configuration file. This is

located in \$JETSPEED_HOME/WEB-INF/conf/ directory. The following XML snippet can be used:

```
<security-entry name="manager-restricted">
  <meta-info>
    <title>Manager Restricted</title>
    <description>Restricted to those with manager roles.</description>
  </meta-info>
  <access action="*">
    <allow-if role="manager"/>
  </access>
</security-entry>
```



Figure 4. Create a new role.

3. Use the security role browser to add permissions for the manager role. You should add at least "View".

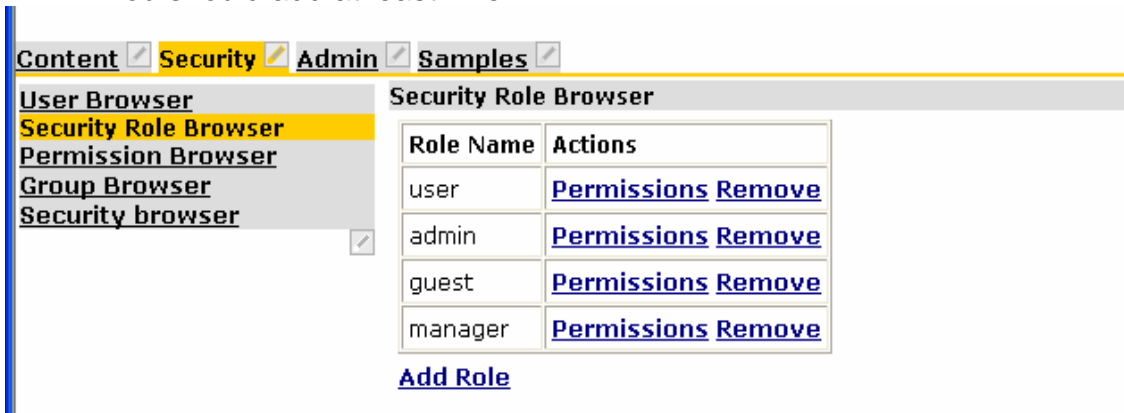


Figure 5. Use the security role browser to view and modify role permissions.

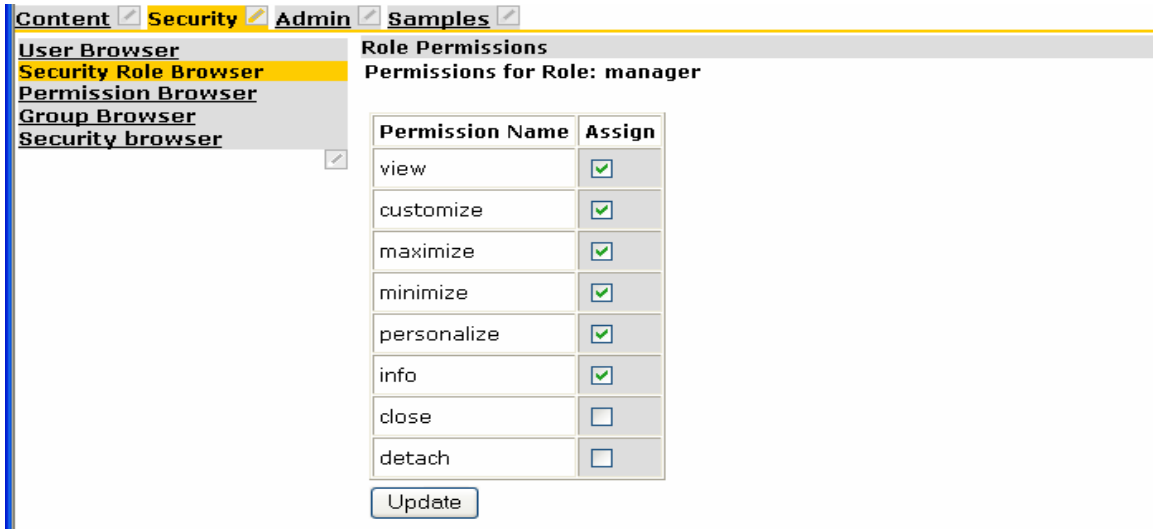
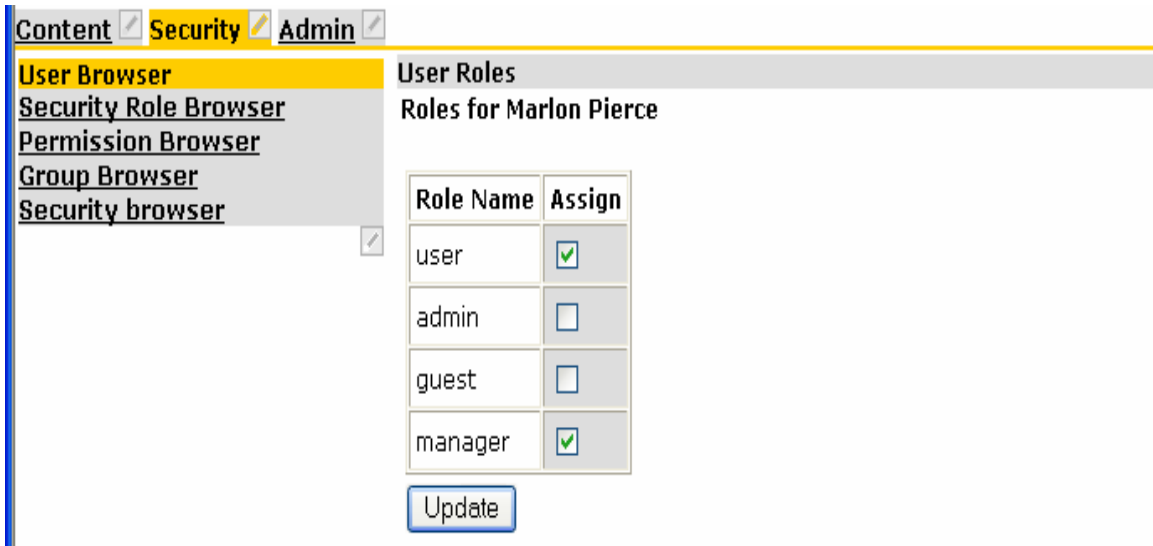


Figure 6. Permissions for the manager role.

- Assign one or more users to the new role. Go to the User Browser and select the “Roles” link next to the user to be modified. See the screen shot below. Note that you will want to assign both user and manager roles to a regular user.



- Add or modify an existing portlet instance entry so that it is only accessible by the manager role. For example, you may wish to collect all manager portlets in a single registry entry in \$JETSPEED_HOME/WEB-INF/conf called manager-portlets.xreg with the following contents.

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<registry>
  <portlet-entry name="ManagersOnly" hidden="false" type="ref"
    parent="WebPagePortlet" application="false">
```

```
<security role="manager"/>
<security-ref parent="manager-restricted"/>
<meta-info>
  <title>Managers Only</title>
  <description>Manager Only</description>
</meta-info>

<classname>org.apache.jetspeed.portal.portlets.WebPagePortlet</classname>
  <parameter name="dont_remove_applet" value="yes" hidden="false"
    cachedOnName="true" cachedOnValue="true"/>
  <url cachedOnURL="true">http://sportsillustrated.cnn.com/</url>
</portlet-entry>
</registry>
```

You should of course do this while the server is stopped and restart it after editing.

6. Restart everything and log in as the new user with the manager role. Customize and add the restricted portlet “Managers Only” to your view. If you do not see the portlet in the portlet list, this has possibly been caused by a typo in one of the registry files that you edited.

Also log in as any other user without manager permissions. You should not see the manager-restricted portlet in the selection choices.

Appendix

Jetspeed Security Overview

Jetspeed follows the interface/implementation pattern for its security framework, allowing custom implementations to be added in a well defined way. These interfaces express generically various security concepts (authentication and access control) and define an interface “contract” that must be used by different security implementations.

The following sets of interfaces describe services that need to be implemented (Jetspeed provides default implementations).

Interface	Description
PortalAuthentication	Defines the contract between the portal and security provider required for authentication a Jetspeed User.
PortalAccessController	Defines the contract between the portal and security provider required for authorized access control for priveleged portal actions.
UserManagement	Defines the contract between the portal and security provider required for managing users.
RoleManagement	Defines the contract between the portal and security provider required for managing roles.
GroupManagement	Defines the contract between the portal and security provider required for managing groups.
PermissionManagement	Defines the contract between the portal and security provider required for managing permissions.
CredentialsManagement	Defines the contract between the portal and security provider required for managing credentials.

These service interfaces interact with the object model classes listed below. The object model classes abstractly define various “data objects” which possess specific parameters.

Interface	Description
JetspeedUser	Defines the minimal attributes of a user in the portal system.
Role	Defines the minimal attributes of a role in the portal system.
Group	Defines the minimal attributes of a group in the portal system.
Permission	Defines the minimal attributes of a permission in the portal system.

All service component and object model interfaces come with standard implementations and can be overridden by adding a new service implementation to the JetspeedSecurity.properties file located in \$JETSPEED_HOME/conf.

Security Ref Schema Attributes and Elements

The following tables show attributes and elements that may be used to define a security ref entry (given in the security.xml configuration file).

Security Ref Base Attributes	
Attribute	Description
name	Required. The unique name of the security reference.

Security Ref Base Elements	
Element	Description

access	0..n access elements may be defined. If no element is specified, then everyone is denied access.
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Access Attributes

Attribute	Description
action	Defines the action which we are controlling access to. '*' represents all actions.

Access Elements

Element	Description
allow-if	Defines which role will be granted access for the associated action. If not defined, access is denied to everyone for the associated action.
allow-if-owner	Defines the owner granted access for the associated action.







Allow-if Attributes

Attribute	Description
role	Defines the security role required for this security constraint.

Jetspeed Actions

The following table lists Jetspeed access actions. All except view are associated with visible portlet icons.

Access Actions

Icon	Action	Description
N/A	view	Allows to select a portlet in customizer and view its contents
	customize	Allows to customize a portlet once selected in profile
	info	Allows to view any additional information about a portlet
	maximize	Allows to view portlet in full screen mode
	minimize	Allows to minimize portlet (hide its content) and display its caption only
	close	Allows to temporarily close a portlet (hide its caption and content)
	print	Allows to display current portlet in "print friendly format" (without navigation and portlet control). Note that the default screen template/layout used may be overridden by setting <code>action.print.template</code> property in <code>jr.props</code> to your custom screen template.