



# **Red Hat JBoss Migration Toolkit 3.0 Windup Rules Development Guide**

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## Abstract

This guide describes how to create custom XML rules for Windup.

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# CHAPTER 1. INTRODUCTION

## 1.1. ABOUT THE WINDUP RULES DEVELOPMENT GUIDE

This guide is for engineers, consultants, and others who want to create custom XML-based rules for Windup.

If you are new to Windup, it is recommended that you start with the [Windup User Guide](#). It provides detailed information about system requirements and detailed instructions on how to install and execute Windup. It also contains tips to [optimize performance](#) and provides links to other sources of information about Windup.

If you would like to contribute to the Windup source code base or provide Java-based rule add-ons, see the [Windup Core Development Guide](#).

### 1.1.1. Use of WINDUP\_HOME in This Guide

This guide uses the **WINDUP\_HOME** replaceable value to denote the path to the Windup distribution. When you encounter this value in the guide, be sure to replace it with the actual path to your Windup installation.

- ✎ If you download and install the latest distribution of Windup, **WINDUP\_HOME** refers to the **windup-distribution-3.0.0.Final** folder extracted from the downloaded ZIP file.
- ✎ If you build Windup from GitHub source, **WINDUP\_HOME** refers to the **windup-distribution-3.0.0.Final** folder extracted from the **windup-distribution/target/windup-distribution-3.0.0-SNAPSHOT-offline.zip** file.

## 1.2. WINDUP RULES

Windup is a rule-based migration tool that analyzes the APIs, technologies, and architectures used by the applications you plan to migrate. In fact, the Windup analysis process is implemented using Windup rules. Windup uses rules internally to extract files from archives, decompile files, scan and classify file types, analyze XML and other file content, analyze the application code, and build the reports.

Windup builds a data model based on the rule execution results and stores component data and relationships in a graph database, which can then be queried and updated as needed by the migration rules and for reporting purposes.

Windup rules use the following rule pattern:

```
when(condition)
  perform(action)
otherwise(action)
```

Windup provides a comprehensive set of standard migration rules out-of-the-box. Because applications may contain custom libraries or components, Windup allows you to write your own rules to identify use of components or software that may not be covered by the existing ruleset.

## CHAPTER 2. GETTING STARTED

You can get started creating custom Windup rules by [walking through creating a rule](#) or by [reviewing the quickstarts](#).

### 2.1. CREATE YOUR FIRST XML RULE

This section guides you through the process of creating and testing your first Windup XML-based rule. This assumes that you have already installed Windup. See the [Windup User Guide](#) for installation instructions.

In this example, you will write a rule to discover instances where an application defines a **jboss-web.xml** file containing a **<class-loading>** element and provide a link to the documentation that describes how to migrate the code.

#### Create the Directory Structure for the Rule

Create a directory structure to contain your first rule and the data file to use for testing.

```
$ mkdir -p /home/USER_NAME/migration-rules/rules
$ mkdir -p /home/USER_NAME/migration-rules/data
```

This directory structure will also be used to hold the generated Windup reports.

#### Create Data to Test the Rule

1. Create a **jboss-web.xml** file in the **/home/USER\_NAME/migration-rules/data/** subdirectory.
2. Copy in the following content.

```
<!DOCTYPE jboss-web PUBLIC "-//JBoss//DTD Web Application 4.2//EN"
"http://www.jboss.org/j2ee/dtd/jboss-web_4_2.dtd">
<jboss-web>
  <class-loading java2ClassLoadingCompliance="false">
    <loader-repository>
      seam.jboss.org:loader=@projectName@
    <loader-repository-
config>java2ParentDelegation=false</loader-repository-config>
    </loader-repository>
  </class-loading>
</jboss-web>
```

#### Create the Rule

Windup XML-based rules use the following rule pattern:

```
when(condition)
  perform(action)
otherwise(action)
```



Ruleset and rule XML elements are covered in more detail in the [XML Rule Structure](#) section. See [Create a Basic XML Rule](#) for additional details about creating XML rules with example syntax.

1. Create an XML file in the `/home/USER_NAME/migration-rules/rules/` subdirectory named **JBoss5-web-class-loading.windup.xml**. Copy in the following content.

```
<?xml version="1.0"?>
<ruleset id="UNIQUE_RULESET_ID"
  xmlns="http://windup.jboss.org/schema/jboss-ruleset"
  xmlns:xsi="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema-instance"
  xsi:schemaLocation="http://windup.jboss.org/schema/jboss-
ruleset http://windup.jboss.org/schema/jboss-ruleset/windup-jboss-
ruleset.xsd">
  <metadata>
    <description>
      <!-- Ruleset Description -->
    </description>
    <dependencies>
      <!-- Ruleset Dependencies -->
    </dependencies>
    <sourceTechnology id="SOURCE_ID"
versionRange="SOURCE_VERSION_RANGE"/>
    <targetTechnology id="TARGET_ID"
versionRange="TARGET_VERSION_RANGE"/>
    <tag>Reviewed-2015-05-01</tag>
  </metadata>
  <rules>
    <rule id="UNIQUE_RULE_ID">
      <when>
        <!-- Test for a condition here -->
      </when>
      <perform>
        <!-- Perform an action -->
      </perform>
    </rule>
  </rules>
</ruleset>
```



#### Note

Windup identifies files with the **.windup.xml** extension as XML-based rules, so be sure to use this naming convention, otherwise the rule will not be evaluated!

2. Add the unique identifier for the ruleset and rule.
  - » Replace the **UNIQUE\_RULESET\_ID** with an appropriate ruleset ID, for example, **JBoss5-web-class-loading**.
  - » Replace the **UNIQUE\_RULE\_ID** with an appropriate rule ID, for example, **JBoss5-web-class-loading\_001**.
3. Add the following ruleset add-on dependencies.

```
<dependencies>
  <addon id="org.jboss.windup.rules,windup-rules-
javaee,3.0.0.Final"/>
  <addon id="org.jboss.windup.rules,windup-rules-
java,3.0.0.Final"/>
</dependencies>
```

4. Add the source and target technologies.

- ✳ Replace **SOURCE\_ID** with **eap**.
- ✳ Replace **TARGET\_ID** with **eap**.

5. Set the source and target technology versions.

- ✳ Replace **SOURCE\_VERSION\_RANGE** with **(4, 5)**.
- ✳ Replace **TARGET\_VERSION\_RANGE** with **[6, )**.

See the Apache Maven [version range specification](#) for help with this syntax.

6. Complete the **when** condition.

Because this rule tests for a match in an XML file, **xmlfile** is used to evaluate the files.

To match on the **class-loading** element that is a child of **jboss-web**, use the xpath expression **jboss-web/class-loading**.

```
<when>
  <xmlfile matches="jboss-web/class-loading" />
</when>
```

7. Complete the **perform** action for this rule.

- ✳ Add a classification with a descriptive title and a level of effort of **1**.
- ✳ Provide a hint with an informative message and a link to documentation that describes the migration details.

```
<perform>
  <iteration>
    <classification title="JBoss Web Application Descriptor"
effort="1"/>
    <hint title="JBoss Web XML class-loading element is no
longer valid">
      <message>
        The class-loading element is no longer valid in the
jboss-web.xml file.
      </message>
      <link
href="https://access.redhat.com/documentation/en-
US/JBoss_Enterprise_Application_Platform/6.4/html-
single/Migration_Guide/index.html#Create_or_Modify_Files_That_Con
trol_Class_Loading_in_JBoss_Enterprise_Application_Platform_6"
title="Create or Modify Files That Control Class Loading in
```

```

JBoss EAP 6"/>
    </hint>
  </iteration>
</perform>

```

The rule is now complete and should look like the following example.

```

<?xml version="1.0"?>
<ruleset id="JBoss5-web-class-loading"
  xmlns="http://windup.jboss.org/schema/jboss-ruleset"
  xmlns:xsi="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema-instance"
  xsi:schemaLocation="http://windup.jboss.org/schema/jboss-ruleset
http://windup.jboss.org/schema/jboss-ruleset/windup-jboss-ruleset.xsd">
  <metadata>
    <description>
      This ruleset looks for the class-loading element in a jboss-
web.xml file, which is no longer valid in JBoss EAP 6
    </description>
    <dependencies>
      <addon id="org.jboss.windup.rules,windup-rules-
javaee,3.0.0.Final"/>
      <addon id="org.jboss.windup.rules,windup-rules-
java,3.0.0.Final"/>
    </dependencies>
    <sourceTechnology id="eap" versionRange="(4,5)"/>
    <targetTechnology id="eap" versionRange="[6, )"/>
  </metadata>
  <rules>
    <rule id="JBoss5-web-class-loading_001">
      <when>
        <xmlfile matches="jboss-web/class-loading" />
      </when>
      <perform>
        <iteration>
          <classification title="JBoss Web Application
Descriptor" effort="1"/>
          <hint title="JBoss Web XML class-loading element is
no longer valid">
            <message>
              The class-loading element is no longer valid in
the jboss-web.xml file.
            </message>
            <link
href="https://access.redhat.com/documentation/en-
US/JBoss_Enterprise_Application_Platform/6.4/html-
single/Migration_Guide/index.html#Create_or_Modify_Files_That_Control_Cla
ss_Loading_in_JBoss_Enterprise_Application_Platform_6" title="Create or
Modify Files That Control Class Loading in JBoss EAP 6"/>
            </hint>
          </iteration>
        </perform>
      </rule>
    </rules>
  </ruleset>

```

## Install the Rule

A Windup rule is installed by placing the rule into the appropriate directory. See [Add the Rule to Windup](#) for the possible locations to place a custom rule.

Copy the **JBoss5-web-class-loading.windup.xml** file to the **WINDUP\_HOME/rules/** directory.

```
$ cp /home/USER_NAME/migration-rules/rules/JBoss5-web-class-loading.windup.xml WINDUP_HOME/rules/
```

## Test the Rule

Open a terminal and execute the following command, passing the test file as an input argument and a directory for the output report.

```
$ WINDUP_HOME/bin/windup --sourceMode --input  
/home/USER_NAME/migration-rules/data --output  
/home/USER_NAME/migration-rules/reports --target eap:6
```

You should see the following result.

```
Windup report created: /home/USER_NAME/migration-  
rules/reports/index.html  
Access it at this URL: file:///home/USER_NAME/migration-  
rules/reports/index.html
```

## Review the Reports

Review the report to be sure that it provides the expected results. For a more detailed walkthrough of Windup reports, see the [Review the Reports](#) section of the *Windup User Guide*.

1. Open **/home/USER\_NAME/migration-rules/reports/index.html** in a web browser.
2. Verify that the rule executed.
  - a. From the main landing page, click the **Executed rules overview** link to open the Rule Provider Executions report.
  - b. Find the **JBoss5-web-class-loading\_001** rule and verify that its **Status?** is **Condition met** and its **Result?** is **success**.

**Figure 2.1. Test Rule Execution**

JBoss5-web-class-loading Phase: MigrationRulesPhase					
Rule-ID	Rule	Statistics	Status?	Result?	Failure Cause
JBoss5-web-class-loading_1000	<pre>&lt;rule id="JBoss5-web-class-loading_1000" xmlns="http://windup.jboss.org/schema/jboss-ruleset"&gt;   &lt;when&gt;     &lt;xmlfile matches="jboss-web/class-loading"/&gt;   &lt;/when&gt;   &lt;perform&gt;     &lt;iteration&gt;       &lt;classification effort="1" title="JBoss Web Application Descriptor"/&gt;       &lt;hint title="JBoss Web XML class-loading element is no longer valid"&gt;         &lt;message&gt;           The class-loading element is no longer valid in the jboss-web.xml file.         &lt;/message&gt;         &lt;link href="https://access.redhat.com/documentation/en-US/JBoss_Enterprise_Application_Platform/6.4/html-single/Migration_Guide/index.html#Create_or_Modify_Files_That_Control_Class_Loading_in_JBoss_Enterprise_Application_Platform_6" title="Create or Modify Files That Control Class Loading in JBoss EAP 6"/&gt;       &lt;/hint&gt;     &lt;/iteration&gt;   &lt;/perform&gt; &lt;/rule&gt;</pre>	Vertices Created: 6 Edges Created: 9 Vertices Removed: 0 Edges Removed: 0	Condition met.	success	

3. Verify that the rule matched on the test data.

- From the main landing page, click on the name of the application or input folder, which is **data** in this example.
- Click on the **Application Details** report link.
- Click on the **jboss-web.xml** link to view the **Source Report**.

You can see that the **<class-loading>** line is highlighted, and the hint from the custom rule is shown inline.

**Figure 2.2. Rule Match**

## Source Report

data/jboss-web.xml

This report displays what Windup found in individual files. Each item is shown below the line it was found on, and next to it, you may find a link to the rule which it was found by.

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#### Technologies

- JBoss Web XML**
  - JBoss web application descriptor (jboss-web.xml)*
  - The 'jboss-web.xml' file configures a Java EE web application specifically for JBoss EAP. It is an extension to standard 'web.xml'.
  - JBoss Web Application Descriptor*

```
01. <!DOCTYPE jboss-web PUBLIC "-//JBoss/DTD Web Application 4.2/EN" "http://www.jboss.org/j2ee/dtd/jboss-web_4_2.dtd">
02. <jboss-web>
03.   <class-loading java2ClassLoadingCompliance="false">
      JBoss Web XML class-loading element is no longer valid 
      The class-loading element is no longer valid in the jboss-web.xml file.
      • Create or Modify Files That Control Class Loading in JBoss EAP 6
    </class-loading>
04.   <loader-repository>
05.     seam.jboss.org.loader=@projectName@
06.     <loader-repository.config>java2ParentDelegation=false</loader-repository.config>
07.   </loader-repository>
08. </class-loading>
09. </jboss-web>
```

The top of the file lists the classifications for matching rules. You can use the link icon to view the details for that rule. Notice that in this example, the **jboss-web.xml** file matched on another rule (**JBoss web application descriptor (jboss-web.xml)**) that produced **1** story point. This, combined with the **1** story point from our custom rule, brings the total story points for this file to **2**.

## 2.2. REVIEW THE WINDUP QUICKSTARTS

The Windup quickstarts provide working examples of how to create custom Java-based rule additions and XML rules. You can use them as a starting point for creating your own custom rules.

You can [download a ZIP file](#) of the latest released version of the quickstarts. Or, if you prefer to work with the source code, you can [fork and clone the \*\*windup-quickstarts\*\* project repository](#).

Each quickstart has a **README.adoc** file that contains instructions for that quickstart.

## Download the Latest Quickstart ZIP

1. Open a browser and navigate to <https://github.com/windup/windup-quickstarts/releases>.
2. Click on the most recent release to download the ZIP file to your local file system.

## Fork and Clone the Quickstart GitHub Project

You must have the [git](#) client installed on your machine.

1. Click the **Fork** link on the [Windup quickstart](#) GitHub page to create the project in your own Git. The forked GitHub repository URL created by the fork should look like this:  
[https://github.com/YOUR\\_USER\\_NAME/windup-quickstarts.git](https://github.com/YOUR_USER_NAME/windup-quickstarts.git).

2. Clone your Windup quickstart repository to your local file system:

```
$ git clone https://github.com/YOUR_USER_NAME/windup-quickstarts.git
```

3. This creates and populates a **windup-quickstarts** directory on your local file system. Navigate to the newly created directory, for example

```
$ cd windup-quickstarts/
```

4. If you want to be able to retrieve the latest code updates, add the remote **upstream** repository so you can fetch any changes to the original forked repository.

```
$ git remote add upstream https://github.com/windup/windup-quickstarts.git
```

5. Get the latest files from the **upstream** repository.

```
$ git fetch upstream
```

## CHAPTER 3. CREATING XML RULES

### 3.1. XML RULE STRUCTURE

This section describes the basic structure of XML rules. All XML rules are defined as elements within rulesets. For more details, see the [Windup XML rule schema](#).

#### 3.1.1. Rulesets

A ruleset is a group of one or more rules that targets a specific area of migration. This is the basic structure of the `<ruleset>` element.

- ✎ `<ruleset id="UNIQUE_RULESET_ID">`: Defines this as a Windup ruleset and gives it a unique ruleset ID.
  - `<metadata>`: The metadata about the ruleset.
    - `<description>`: The description of the ruleset.
    - `<dependencies/>`: The rule add-ons required by this ruleset.
    - `<sourceTechnology/>`: The source technology.
    - `<targetTechnology/>`: The target technology.
    - `<overrideRules/>`: Setting to **true** indicates that rules in this ruleset override rules with the same ID from the core ruleset distributed with Windup. Both the ruleset id and the rule id must match a rule within the core ruleset or the rule will be ignored. This is **false** by default.
  - `<rules>`: A set of individual rules.
    - `<rule id="UNIQUE_RULE_ID">`: Defines the rule and gives it a unique ID. It is recommended to include the ruleset ID as part of the rule ID, for example, **UNIQUE\_RULESET\_ID\_UNIQUE\_RULE\_ID**. One or more rules can be defined for a ruleset.
      - `<when>`: The conditions to match on. For a detailed description of the elements allowed in a `<when>`, see [When Condition Syntax](#).
      - `<perform>`: The action to be performed when the rule condition is matched. For a detailed description of the elements allowed in a `<perform>`, see [Perform Action Syntax](#).
      - `<otherwise>`: The action to be performed when the rule condition is not matched. This element takes the same child elements as the `<perform>` element.
      - `<where>`: A string pattern defined as a parameter, which can be used elsewhere in the rule definition. For more information, see [Where Syntax](#).
    - `<file-mapping/>`: Maps an extension to a graph type.
    - `<package-mapping/>`: Maps from a package pattern (regular expression) to a organization name.

#### 3.1.2. Predefined Rules

Windup provides predefined rules for common migration requirements. These core Windup rules are located in the Windup installation at **WINDUP\_HOME/rules/migration-core/**.

The following is an example of a core Windup rule that matches on a proprietary utility class.

```
<?xml version="1.0"?>
<ruleset xmlns="http://windup.jboss.org/schema/jboss-ruleset"
id="weblogic" xmlns:xsi="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema-instance"
xsi:schemaLocation="http://windup.jboss.org/schema/jboss-ruleset
http://windup.jboss.org/schema/jboss-ruleset/windup-jboss-ruleset.xsd">

  <metadata>
    <description>
      This ruleset provides analysis of WebLogic proprietary
      classes and constructs that may require individual attention when
      migrating to JBoss EAP 6+.
    </description>
    <dependencies>
      <addon id="org.jboss.windup.rules,windup-rules-
javaee,2.0.1.Final" />
      <addon id="org.jboss.windup.rules,windup-rules-
java,2.0.0.Final" />
    </dependencies>
    <sourceTechnology id="weblogic" />
    <targetTechnology id="eap" versionRange="[6,)" />
    <tag>reviewed-2015-06-02</tag>
    <tag>weblogic</tag>
  </metadata>
  <rules>
    ...
    <rule id="weblogic-02000">
      <when>
        <javaclass references="weblogic.utils.StringUtils.{*}"
/>
      </when>
      <perform>
        <hint title="WebLogic StringUtils usage" effort="1"
category-id="mandatory">
          <message>Replace with the `StringUtils` class from
Apache Commons.</message>
          <link
href="https://commons.apache.org/proper/commons-lang/" title="Apache
Commons Lang" />
          <tag>weblogic</tag>
        </hint>
      </perform>
    </rule>
    ...
  </rules>
</ruleset>
```

## 3.2. CREATE A BASIC XML RULE

This section describes how to create a Windup XML rule. This assumes that you already have Windup installed. See the [Windup User Guide](#) for installation instructions.



### 3.2.1. Create the Basic XML Rule Template

Windup XML rules consist of *conditions* and *actions* and use the following rule pattern.

```
when(condition)
  perform(action)
otherwise(action)
```

Create a file with the following contents, which is the basic syntax for XML rules.



#### Important

The Windup XML rule file must use the **.windup.xml** extension, otherwise the rule will not be evaluated.

```
<?xml version="1.0"?>
<ruleset id="unique-ruleset-id"
  xmlns="http://windup.jboss.org/schema/jboss-ruleset"
  xmlns:xsi="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema-instance"
  xsi:schemaLocation="http://windup.jboss.org/schema/jboss-ruleset
http://windup.jboss.org/schema/jboss-ruleset/windup-jboss-ruleset.xsd">
  <metadata>
    <!-- Metadata about the rule including a description,
      source technology, target technology, and any
      add-on dependencies -->
  </metadata>
  <rules>
    <rule id="unique-ruleset-id-01000">
      <when>
        <!-- Test a condition... -->
      </when>
      <perform>
        <!-- Perform this action when condition is satisfied -->
      </perform>
      <otherwise>
        <!-- Perform this action when condition is not satisfied
-->
      </otherwise>
    </rule>
  </rules>
</ruleset>
```

### 3.2.2. Create the Ruleset Metadata

The XML ruleset **metadata** element provides additional information about the ruleset such as a description, the source and target technologies, and add-on dependencies. The metadata also allows for specification of tags, which allow you to provide additional information about a ruleset. For more information about ruleset metadata, see [XML Rule Structure](#).

#### Example Rule <metadata>

```
<ruleset id="unique-ruleset-id"
```

```

xmlns="http://windup.jboss.org/schema/jboss-ruleset"
xmlns:xsi="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema-instance"
xsi:schemaLocation="http://windup.jboss.org/schema/jboss-ruleset
http://windup.jboss.org/schema/jboss-ruleset/windup-jboss-ruleset.xsd">
  <metadata>
    <description>
      This is the description.
    </description>
    <dependencies>
      <addon id="org.jboss.windup.rules,windup-rules-
javaee,2.0.1.Final"/>
      <addon id="org.jboss.windup.rules,windup-rules-
java,2.0.0.Final"/>
    </dependencies>
    <sourceTechnology id="weblogic" versionRange="(10,12]"/>
    <sourceTechnology id="ejb" versionRange="(2,3]"/>
    <targetTechnology id="eap" versionRange="(5,6]"/>
    <targetTechnology id="ejb" versionRange="(2,3]"/>
    <tag>require-stateless</tag>
    <tag>require-nofilesystem-io</tag>
    <executeAfter>AfterRulesetId</executeAfter>
    <executeBefore>BeforeRulesetId</executeBefore>
  </metadata>
  <rules>
    ...
  </rules>
</ruleset>

```

### 3.2.3. Create the Rule

Individual rules are contained within the **<rules>** element and consist of one or more [when conditions](#) and [perform actions](#).

See the [XML rule schema](#) for valid rule syntax.

#### 3.2.3.1. Create the Rule When Condition

The XML rule **<when>** element tests for a condition. The following is a list of valid **<when>** conditions.

Element	Description
<and>	The standard logical <i>and</i> operator.
<filecontent>	Find strings or text within files, for example, properties files.
<file-mapping>	Define file names to internal stored File model.

Element	Description
<javaclass>	Test for a match in a Java class.
<javaclass-ignore>	Exclude javaclass which you would like to ignore in processing discovery.
<not>	The standard logical <i>not</i> operator.
<or>	The standard logical <i>or</i> operator.
<package-mapping>	Define package names to organization or libraries.
<project>	Test for project characteristics, such as dependencies.
<true>	Always match.
<xmlfile>	Test for a match in an XML file.

The specific syntax is dependent on whether you are creating a rule to evaluate Java class, an XML file, a project, or file content. This is described in more detail in [When Condition Syntax](#).

### 3.2.3.2. Create the Rule Perform Action

The XML rule **<perform>** element performs the action when the condition is met. Operations allowed in this section of the rule include the classification of application resources, in-line hints for migration steps, links to migration information, and project lineitem reporting. The following is a list of valid **<perform>** actions.

Element	Description
<classification>	This operation adds metadata that is intended to apply to the entire file. For example, if the Java Class is a JMS Message Listener, you might want to add a Classification with the title "JMS Message Listener". Information that would apply to the entire file would go here. Also, if an effort level is set, that information would apply to the entire file.

Element	Description
<hint>	This operation adds metadata to a line within the file. This provides a hint or inline information about how to migrate a section of code.
<iteration>	This specifies to iterate over an implicit or explicit variable defined within the rule.
<lineitem>	This provides a high-level message that will appear in the application overview page.
<link>	This provides an HTML link to additional information or documentation that provides more information about the migration task.
<xslt>	This specifies how to transform an XML file.

The syntax is described in more detail in [Perform Action Syntax](#).

## 3.3. XML RULE SYNTAX

### 3.3.1. When Condition Syntax

Conditions allowed in the **when** portion of a rule must extend [GraphOperation](#) and currently include evaluation of Java classes, XML files, projects, and file content. Because XML rules are modeled after the Java-based rule add-ons, links to JavaDocs for the related Java classes are provided for a better understanding of how they behave.

The complete XML rule schema is located here: <http://windup.jboss.org/schema/windup-jboss-ruleset.xsd>.

The following sections describe the more common XML **when** rule conditions.

- ✳ [<javaclass> condition syntax](#)
- ✳ [<xmlfile> condition syntax](#)
- ✳ [<project> condition syntax](#)
- ✳ [<filecontent> condition syntax](#)
- ✳ [<file> condition syntax](#)

#### 3.3.1.1. <javaclass> Syntax

##### 3.3.1.1.1. Summary


Use the `<javaclass>` element to find imports, methods, variable declarations, annotations, class implementations, and other items related to Java classes. For a better understanding of the `<javaclass>` condition, see the JavaDoc for the [JavaClass](#) class.

The following is an example of a rule that tests for WebLogic-specific Apache XML packages.

```
<rule id="weblogic-03000">
  <when>
    <javaclass references="weblogic.apache.xml.*" />
  </when>
  <perform>
    <hint title="WebLogic Specific Apache XML Package" effort="1"
category-id="mandatory">
      <message>
        Code using this package should be replaced with code
        using the org.apache.xml package from [Apache
        Xerces](http://xerces.apache.org/).
      </message>
    </hint>
  </perform>
</rule>
```

### 3.3.1.1.2. Construct a `<javaclass>` Element

#### 3.3.1.1.2.1. `<javaclass>` Element Attributes

Attribute Name	Type	Description
references	CLASS_NAME	<p>The package or class name to match on. Wildcard characters can be used. This attribute is required.</p> <div>  <p><b>Note</b></p> <p>For performance reasons, you should not start the reference with wildcard characters. For example, use <code>weblogic.apache.xml.*</code> instead of <code>{web}.apache.xml.*</code>.</p> </div> <pre>references="weblogic.apache.xml.*"</pre>
matchesSource	STRING	<p>An exact regex to match. This is useful to distinguish hard-coded strings. This attribute is required.</p> <pre>matchesSource="log4j.logger"</pre>

Attribute Name	Type	Description
as	VARIABLE_NAME	A variable name assigned to the rule so that it can be used as a reference in later processing. See the <b>from</b> attribute below.  <pre>as="MyEjbRule"</pre>
from	VARIABLE_NAME	Begin the search query with the filtered result from a previous search identified by its <b>as</b> VARIABLE_NAME.  <pre>from="MyEjbRule"</pre>
in	PATH_FILTER	Filter input files matching this regex (regular expression) naming pattern. Wildcard characters can be used.  <pre>in="{*}File1"</pre>

### 3.3.1.1.2.2. <javaclass> Child Elements

Child Element	Description
<location>	The location where the reference was found in a Java class. Location can refer to annotations, field and variable declarations, imports, and methods. For the complete list of valid values, see the JavaDoc for <a href="#">TypeReferenceLocation</a> .  <pre>&lt;location&gt;IMPORT&lt;/location&gt;</pre>
<annotation-literal>	Match on literal values inside of annotations. The below example would match on <code>@MyAnnotation(myvalue="test")</code> .  <pre>&lt;javaclass references="org.package.MyAnnotation"&gt;   &lt;location&gt;ANNOTATION&lt;/location&gt;   &lt;annotation-literal name="myvalue" pattern="test"/&gt; &lt;/javaclass&gt;</pre> Note that in this case, the <b>&lt;javaclass&gt;</b> refers to an annotation ( <code>@MyAnnotation</code> ), so the top-level annotation filter, <b>&lt;annotation-literal&gt;</b> must specify the <b>name</b> attribute. If the <b>&lt;javaclass&gt;</b> referred to a class that is annotated, then the top-level annotation filter used would be <b>&lt;annotation-type&gt;</b> .

Child Element	Description
<annotation-type>	<p>Match on a particular annotation type. You can supply subconditions to be matched against the annotation elements.</p> <p>The below example would match on a <b>Calendar</b> field declaration annotated with <b>@MyAnnotation(myvalue="test")</b>.</p> <pre> &lt;javaclass references="java.util.Calendar"&gt;   &lt;location&gt;FIELD_DECLARATION&lt;/location&gt;   &lt;annotation-type pattern="org.package.MyAnnotation"&gt;     &lt;annotation-literal name="myvalue" pattern="test"/&gt;   &lt;/annotation-type&gt; &lt;/javaclass&gt; </pre>
<annotation-list>	<p>Match on an item in an array within an annotation. If an array index is not specified, the condition will be matched if it applies to any item in the array. You can supply subconditions to be matched against this element.</p> <p>The below example would match on <b>@MyAnnotation(mylist={"one", "two"})</b>.</p> <pre> &lt;javaclass references="org.package.MyAnnotation" &gt;   &lt;location&gt;ANNOTATION&lt;/location&gt;   &lt;annotation-list name="mylist"&gt;     &lt;annotation-literal pattern="two"/&gt;   &lt;/annotation-list&gt; &lt;/javaclass&gt; </pre> <p>Note that in this case, the <b>&lt;javaclass&gt;</b> refers to an annotation (<b>@MyAnnotation</b>), so the top-level annotation filter, <b>&lt;annotation-list&gt;</b> must specify the <b>name</b> attribute. If the <b>&lt;javaclass&gt;</b> referred to a class that is annotated, then the top-level annotation filter used would be <b>&lt;annotation-type&gt;</b>.</p>

### 3.3.1.2. <xmlfile> Syntax

#### 3.3.1.2.1. Summary

Use the **<xmlfile>** element to find information in XML files. For a better understanding of the **<xmlfile>** condition, see the [XmlFile](#) JavaDoc.

The following is an example of a rule that tests for an XML file.

```

<rule id="UNIQUE_RULE_ID">
  <when>
    <xmlfile matches="/w:web-app/w:resource-ref/w:res-auth[text() =
'Container']">
      <namespace prefix="w"
uri="http://java.sun.com/xml/ns/javaee"/>

```

```

        </xmlfile>
    </when>
    <perform>
        <hint title="Title for Hint from XML">
            <message>Container Auth</message>
        </hint>
        <xslt description="Example XSLT Conversion" extension="-
converted-example.xml"
            template="/exampleconversion.xsl"/>
    </perform>
</rule>

```

### 3.3.1.2.2. Construct an <xmlfile> Element

#### 3.3.1.2.2.1. <xmlfile> Element Attributes

Attribute Name	Type	Description
matches	XPATH	Match on an XML file condition.  <pre>matches="/w:web-app/w:resource-ref/w:res-auth[text() = 'Container']"</pre>
xpathResultMatch	XPATH_RESULT_STRING	Return results that match the given regex.  <pre>&lt;xmlfile matches="//foo/text()"   xpathResultMatch="Text from foo."/&gt;</pre>
as	VARIABLE_NAME	A variable name assigned to the rule so that it can be used as a reference in later processing. See the <b>from</b> attribute below.  <pre>as="MyEjbRule"</pre>
in	PATH_FILTER	Used to filter input files matching this regex (regular expression) naming pattern. Wildcard characters can be used.  <pre>in="{* }File1"</pre>



Attribute Name	Type	Description
from	VARIABLE_NAME	Begin the search query with the filtered result from a previous search identified by its <b>as</b> VARIABLE_NAME.  <pre>from="MyEjbRule"</pre>
public-id	PUBLIC_ID	The DTD public-id regex.  <pre>public-id="public"</pre>

### 3.3.1.2.2.2. <xmlfile> matches Custom Functions

The **matches** attribute may use several built-in custom XPath functions, which may have useful side effects, like setting the matched value on the rule variables stack.

Function	Description
<b>windup:matches()</b>	Match a XPath expression against a string, possibly containing Windup parameterization placeholders.  <pre>matches="windup:matches(//foo/@class, '{javaclassname}')</pre> This will match all <b>&lt;foo/&gt;</b> elements with a <b>class</b> attribute and store their value into <b>javaclassname</b> parameter for each iteration.

### 3.3.1.2.2.3. <xmlfile> Child Elements

Child Element	Description
<namespace>	The namespace referenced in XML files. This element contains two optional attributes: The <b>prefix</b> and the <b>uri</b> .  <pre>&lt;namespace prefix="abc" uri="http://maven.apache.org/POM/4.0.0"/&gt;</pre>

### 3.3.1.3. <project> Syntax

### 3.3.1.3.1. Summary

Use the **<project>** element to query the Maven POM file for the project characteristics. For a better understanding of the **<project>** condition, see the JavaDoc for the [Project](#) class.

The following is an example of a rule that checks for a JUnit dependency version between 2.0.0.Final and 2.2.0.Final.

```
<rule id="UNIQUE_RULE_ID">
  <when>
    <project>
      <artifact groupId="junit" artifactId="junit"
fromVersion="2.0.0.Final" toVersion="2.2.0.Final"/>
    </project>
  </when>
  <perform>
    <lineitem message="The project uses junit with the version
between 2.0.0.Final and 2.2.0.Final"/>
  </perform>
</rule>
```

### 3.3.1.3.2. Construct a <project> Element

#### 3.3.1.3.2.1. <project> Element Attributes

The **<project>** element is used to match against the project's Maven POM file. You can use this condition to query for dependencies of the project. It does not have any attributes itself.

#### 3.3.1.3.2.2. <project> Child Elements

Child Element	Description
<artifact>	Subcondition used within <b>&lt;project&gt;</b> to query against project dependencies. The <b>&lt;artifact&gt;</b> element attributes are described below.

#### 3.3.1.3.2.3. <artifact> Element Attributes

Attribute Name	Type	Description
groupId	PROJECT_GROUP_ID	Match on the project <b>&lt;groupId&gt;</b> of the dependency.
artifactId	PROJECT_ARTIFACT_ID	Match on the project <b>&lt;artifactId&gt;</b> of the dependency.

Attribute Name	Type	Description
fromVersion	FROM_VERSION	Specify the lower version bound of the artifact. For example <b>2.0.0.Final</b> .
toVersion	TO_VERSION	Specify the upper version bound of the artifact. For example <b>2.2.0.Final</b> .

### 3.3.1.4. <filecontent> Syntax

#### 3.3.1.4.1. Summary

Use the **<filecontent>** element to find strings or text within files, for example, a line in a Properties file. For a better understanding of the **<filecontent>** condition, see the JavaDoc for the [FileContent](#) class.

#### 3.3.1.4.2. Construct a <filecontent> Element

##### 3.3.1.4.2.1. <filecontent> Element Attributes

Attribute Name	Type	Description
pattern	String	Match the file contents against the provided parameterized string. This attribute is required.
filename	String	Match the file names against the provided parameterized string.
as	VARIABLE_NAME	A variable name assigned to the rule so that it can be used as a reference in later processing. See the <b>from</b> attribute below.  <div> <div></div> as="MyEjbRule" </div>
from	VARIABLE_NAME	Begin the search query with the filtered result from a previous search identified by its <b>as</b> VARIABLE_NAME.  <div> <div></div> from="MyEjbRule" </div>

### 3.3.1.5. <file> Syntax

### 3.3.1.5.1. Summary

Use the **<file>** element to find the existence of files with a specific name, for example, an **ibm-webservices-ext.xml** file. For a better understanding of the **<file>** condition, see the JavaDoc for the [File](#) class.

### 3.3.1.5.2. Construct a <file> Element

#### 3.3.1.5.2.1. <file> Element Attributes

Attribute Name	Type	Description
filename	String	Match the file names against the provided parameterized string. This attribute is required.
as	VARIABLE_NAME	<p>A variable name assigned to the rule so that it can be used as a reference in later processing. See the <b>from</b> attribute below.</p> <pre>as="MyEjbRule"</pre>
from	VARIABLE_NAME	<p>Begin the search query with the filtered result from a previous search identified by its <b>as</b> VARIABLE_NAME.</p> <p><i>Example:</i></p> <pre>from="MyEjbRule"</pre>

## 3.3.2. Perform Action Syntax

Operations available in the **perform** section of the rule include the classification of application resources, in-line hints for migration steps, links to migration information, and project lineitem reporting. Because XML rules are modeled after the Java-based rule add-ons, links to JavaDocs for the related Java classes are provided for a better understanding of how they behave.

The complete XML rule schema is located here: <http://windup.jboss.org/schema/windup-jboss-ruleset.xsd>.

The following sections describe the more common XML rule perform actions.

 [<classification> Syntax](#)

 [<link> Syntax](#)

 [<hint> Syntax](#)

 [<xslt> Syntax](#)

 [<lineitem> Syntax](#)

## ✶ <iteration> Syntax

### 3.3.2.1. <classification> Syntax

#### 3.3.2.1.1. Summary

The **<classification>** element is used to identify or classify application resources that match the rule. It provides a title that is displayed in the report, a level of effort, and it can also provide links to additional information about how to migrate this resource classification. For a better understanding of the **<classification>** action, see the JavaDoc for the [Classification](#) class.

The following is an example of a rule that classifies a resource as a WebLogic EAR application deployment descriptor file.

```
<rule id="XmlWebLogicRules_10vvyf">
  <when>
    <xmlfile as="default" matches="/*[local-name()='weblogic-
application']"></xmlfile>
  </when>
  <perform>
    <iteration>
      <classification title="Weblogic EAR Application Descriptor"
effort="3"/>
    </iteration>
  </perform>
</rule>
```

#### 3.3.2.1.2. <classification> Element Attributes

Attribute Name	Type	Description
title	STRING	The title given to this resource. This attribute is required.  title="JBoss Seam Components"
effort	BYTE	The level of effort assigned to this resource.  effort="2"
category-id	STRING	A reference to a category as defined in <b>WINDUP_HOME/rules/migration-core/core.windup.categories.xml</b> . The default categories are <b>mandatory</b> , <b>optional</b> , and <b>potential</b> .  category-id="mandatory"

Attribute Name	Type	Description
of	VARIABLE_NAME	Create a new classification for the given reference.  of="MySeamRule"

### 3.3.2.1.3. <classification> Child Elements

Child Element	Description
<link>	Provides a link URI and text title for additional information.  <pre>&lt;classification title="Websphere Startup Service" effort="4"&gt;   &lt;link href="http://docs.oracle.com/javaee/6/api/javax/ejb/Singleton.html" title="EJB3.1 Singleton Bean"/&gt;   &lt;link href="http://docs.oracle.com/javaee/6/api/javax/ejb/Startup.html" title="EJB3.1 Startup Bean"/&gt; &lt;/classification&gt;</pre>
<tag>	Provides additional custom information for the classification.  <pre>&lt;tag&gt;Seam3&lt;/tag&gt;</pre>
<description>	Description of this resource  <pre>&lt;description&gt;JBoss Seam components must be replaced&lt;/description&gt;</pre>

### 3.3.2.2. <link> Syntax

#### 3.3.2.2.1. Summary

The **<link>** element is used in classifications or hints to provide links to informational content. For a better understanding of the **<link>** action, see the JavaDoc for the [Link](#) class.

The following is an example of a rule that creates links to additional information.

```
<rule id="SeamToCDIRules_2fmb">
  <when>
    <javaclass references="org.jboss.seam.*" as="default"/>
```

```

    </when>
    <perform>
      <iteration>
        <classification title="SEAM Component" effort="1">
          <link
href="http://www.seamframework.org/Seam3/Seam2ToSeam3MigrationNotes"
title="Seam 2 to Seam 3 Migration Notes"/>
          <link
href="http://docs.jboss.org/weld/reference/latest/en-
US/html/example.html" title="JSF Web Application Example"/>
          <link
href="http://docs.jboss.org/weld/reference/latest/en-
US/html/contexts.html" title="JBoss Context Documentation"/>
          <link href="http://www.andygibson.net/blog/tutorial/cdi-
conversations-part-2/" title="CDI Conversations Blog Post"/>
        </classification>
      </iteration>
    </perform>
  </rule>

```

### 3.3.2.2.2. <link> Element Attributes

Attribute Name	Type	Description
href	URI	The URI for the referenced link.  <pre>href="https://access.redhat.com/articles/1249423"</pre>
title	STRING	A title for the link.  <pre>title="Migrate WebLogic Proprietary Servlet Annotations"</pre>

### 3.3.2.3. <hint> Syntax

#### 3.3.2.3.1. Summary

The **<hint>** element is used to provide a hint or inline information about how to migrate a section of code. For a better understanding of the **<hint>** action, see the JavaDoc for the [Hint](#) class.

The following is an example of a rule that creates a hint.

```

<rule id="WebLogicWebServiceRules_8jyqn">
  <when>
    <javaclass
references="weblogic.wsee.connection.transport.http.HttpTransportInfo.set
Username({*})" as="default">

```

```

        <location>METHOD</location>
      </javaclass>
    </when>
    <perform>
      <iteration>
        <hint title="Proprietary web-service" category-
id="mandatory" effort="3">
          <message>Replace proprietary web-service authentication
with JAX-WS standards.</message>
          <link href="http://java-x.blogspot.com/2009/03/invoking-
web-services-through-proxy.html" title="JAX-WS Proxy Password Example"/>
        </hint>
      </iteration>
    </perform>
  </rule>

```

### 3.3.2.3.2. <hint> Element Attributes

Attribute Name	Type	Description
title	STRING	Title this hint using the specified string. This attribute is required.  <pre>title="JBoss Seam Component Hint"</pre>
category-id	STRING	A reference to a category as defined in <b>WINDUP_HOME/rules/migration-core/core.windup.categories.xml</b> . The default categories are <b>mandatory</b> , <b>optional</b> , and <b>potential</b> .  <pre>category-id="mandatory"</pre>
in	VARIABLE_NAME	Create a new Hint in the FileLocationModel resolved by the given variable.  <pre>in="Foo"</pre>
effort	BYTE	The level of effort assigned to this resource.  <pre>effort="2"</pre>

### 3.3.2.3.3. <hint> Child Elements



Child Element	Description
<message>	A message describing the migration hint.  <pre>&lt;message&gt;EJB 2.0 is deprecated&lt;/message&gt;</pre>
<link>	Identify or classify links to informational content. See the section on <a href="#">&lt;link&gt; Syntax</a> for details.  <pre>&lt;link href="http://docs.oracle.com/javaee/6/api/" title="Java Platform, Enterprise Edition 6 API Specification" /&gt;</pre>
<tag>	Define a custom tag for this <b>hint</b> .  <pre>&lt;tag&gt;Needs review&lt;/tag&gt;</pre>
<quickfix>	Contains information to be used by the Windup Eclipse Plugin to perform quick fixes when the rule condition is met.  <pre>&lt;quickfix name="slink-qf" type="REPLACE"&gt;   &lt;replacement&gt;h:link&lt;/replacement&gt;   &lt;search&gt;s:link&lt;/search&gt; &lt;/quickfix&gt;</pre>

### 3.3.2.4. <xslt> Syntax

#### 3.3.2.4.1. Summary

The **<xslt>** element specifies how to transform an XML file. For a better understanding of the **<xslt>** action, see the JavaDoc for the [XSLTTransformation](#) class.

The following is an example of rule that defines an XSLT action.

```
<rule id="XmlWebLogicRules_6bcvk">
  <when>
    <xmlfile as="default" matches="/weblogic-ejb-jar"/>
  </when>
  <perform>
    <iteration>
      <classification title="Weblogic EJB XML" effort="3"/>
      <xslt title="JBoss EJB Descriptor (Windup-Generated)"
template="transformations/xslt/weblogic-ejb-to-jboss.xml" extension="-
```

```
jboss.xml"/>
    </iteration>
  </perform>
</rule>
```

### 3.3.2.4.2. <xslt> Element Attributes

Attribute Name	Type	Description
title	STRING	Sets the title for this XSLTTransformation in the report. This attribute is required.  <pre>title="XSLT Transformed Output"</pre>
of	STRING	Create a new transformation for the given reference.  <pre>of="testVariable_instance"</pre>
extension	STRING	Sets the extension for this XSLTTransformation. This attribute is required.  <pre>extension="-result.html"</pre>
template	STRING	Sets the XSL template. This attribute is required.  <pre>template="simpleXSLT.xsl"</pre>
effort	BYTE	The level of effort required for the transformation.

### 3.3.2.4.3. <xslt> Child Elements

Child Element	Description
<xslt-parameter>	Specify XSLTTransformation parameters as property value pairs  <pre>&lt;xslt-parameter property="title" value="EJB Transformation"/&gt;</pre>

### 3.3.2.4.3.1. <lineitem> Syntax

#### 3.3.2.4.4. Summary

The **<lineitem>** element is used to provide general migration requirements for the application, such as the need to replace deprecated libraries or the need to resolve potential class loading issues. This information is displayed on the project or application overview page. For a better understanding of the **<lineitem>** action, see the JavaDoc for the [LineItem](#) class.

The following is an example of a rule that creates a lineitem message.

```
<rule id="weblogic_servlet_annotation_1000">
  <when>
    <javaclass references="weblogic.servlet.annotation.WLServlet"
as="default">
      <location>ANNOTATION</location>
    </javaclass>
  </when>
  <perform>
    <hint effort="1">
      <message>Replace the proprietary WebLogic @WLServlet
annotation with the Java EE 6 standard @WebServlet annotation.</message>
      <link href="https://access.redhat.com/articles/1249423"
title="Migrate WebLogic Proprietary Servlet Annotations" />
      <lineitem message="Proprietary WebLogic @WLServlet
annotation found in file."/>
    </hint>
  </perform>
</rule>
```

#### 3.3.2.4.5. <lineitem> Element Attributes

Attribute Name	Type	Description
message	STRING	A lineitem message. <pre>message="Proprietary code found."</pre>

### 3.3.2.5. <iteration> Syntax

#### 3.3.2.5.1. Summary

The **<iteration>** element specifies to iterate over an implicit or explicit variable defined within the rule. For a better understanding of the **<iteration>** action, see the JavaDoc for the [Iteration](#) class.

The following is an example of a rule that performs an iteration.

```
<rule id="jboss-eap5-xml-19000">
  <when>
```

```

        <xmlfile as="jboss-app" matches="/jboss-app"/>
        <xmlfile as="jboss-app-no-DTD" matches="/jboss-app" public-
id=""/>
    </when>
    <perform>
        <iteration over="jboss-app">
            <classification title="JBoss application Descriptor"
effort="5"/>
        </iteration>
        <iteration over="jboss-app-no-DTD">
            <classification title="JBoss application descriptor with
missing DTD" effort="5"/>
        </iteration>
        <iteration over="jboss-app-no-DTD">
            <xslt title="JBoss application descriptor - JBoss 5 (Windup-
generated)" template="transformations/xslt/jboss-app-to-jboss5.xsl"
extension="-jboss5.xml"/>
        </iteration>
    </perform>
</rule>

```

### 3.3.2.5.2. <iteration> Element Attributes

Attribute Name	Type	Description
over	VARIABLE_NAME	Iterate over the condition identified by this VARIABLE_NAME.  over="jboss-app"

### 3.3.2.5.3. <iteration> Child Elements

Child Element	Description
<iteration>	Child elements include a <b>when</b> condition, along with the actions <b>iteration</b> , <b>classification</b> , <b>hint</b> , <b>xslt</b> , <b>lineitem</b> , and <b>otherwise</b> .

## 3.3.3. Where Syntax

You can define parameters that specify a matching pattern to be used in other elements of an XML rule. This can help simplify the patterns for complex matching expressions.

Use the **<where>** element to define a parameter. Specify the parameter name using the **param** attribute and supply the pattern using the **<matches>** element. This parameter can then be referenced elsewhere in the rule definition using the syntax **{PARAM\_NAME}**.

The complete XML rule schema is located here: <http://windup.jboss.org/schema/windup-jboss-ruleset.xsd>.

The following example rule defines a parameter named **subpackage** that specifies a pattern of **(activeio|activemq)**.

```
<rule id="generic-catchall-00600">
  <when>
    <javaclass references="org.apache.{subpackage}.{*}">
      </javaclass>
    </when>
    <perform>
      ...
    </perform>
  <where param="subpackage">
    <matches pattern="(activeio|activemq)" />
  </where>
</rule>
```

The pattern defined by **subpackage** will then be substituted in the **<javaclass> references** attribute. This causes the rule to match on **org.apache.activeio.\*** and **org.apache.activemq.\*** packages.

## CHAPTER 4. TESTING XML RULES

### 4.1. ADD THE RULE TO WINDUP

A Windup rule is installed by copying the rule to the appropriate Windup folder. Windup scans for rules, which are files that end with `.windup.xml`, in the following locations.

- ✧ The directory specified by the `--userRulesDirectory` argument on the Windup command line.
- ✧ The `WINDUP_HOME/rules/` directory. `WINDUP_HOME` is the directory where you install and run the Windup executable.
- ✧ The `${user.home}/.windup/rules/` directory. This directory is created by Windup the first time it is executed and contains rules, add-ons, and the Windup log.



#### Note

For Windows, this directory would be `\Documents and Settings\USER_NAME\.windup\rules\` or `\Users\USER_NAME\.windup\rules\`.

### 4.2. TEST THE XML RULE

Test the XML rule against your application file by running Windup in a terminal.

```
$ WINDUP_HOME/bin/windup [--sourceMode] --input INPUT_ARCHIVE_OR_FOLDER
--output OUTPUT_REPORT_DIRECTORY --target TARGET_TECHNOLOGY --packages
PACKAGE_1 PACKAGE_2 PACKAGE_N
```

You should see the following result:

```
Windup report created: OUTPUT_REPORT_DIRECTORY/index.html
      Access it at this URL:
file:///OUTPUT_REPORT_DIRECTORY/index.html
```

More examples of how to run Windup are located in the [Windup User Guide](#).

## CHAPTER 5. OVERRIDING RULES

You can override core rules distributed with Windup or even custom-written rules. For example, you might want to change the matching conditions, effort, or hint text for a rule. This is done by making a custom copy of the original rule, marking it as a rule override, and making the necessary adjustments. You can also disable a rule in this same manner.

### 5.1. OVERRIDE A RULE

You can override a rule using the following steps.

1. Copy the XML file that contains the rule you want to override to the custom rules directory.

Custom rules can be placed in either **WINDUP\_HOME/rules**, **\${user.home}/.windup/rules/**, or the directory specified by the **--userRulesDirectory** command-line argument.

2. Edit the XML file and only keep the **<rule>** elements for the rules that you want to override.

Note that the rules from the original ruleset that are not overridden in the new ruleset will be executed as normal.

3. Ensure that you keep the same rule and ruleset IDs. When you copy the original rule XML, this ensures that the IDs match.
4. Add the **<overrideRules>true</overrideRules>** entry to the ruleset metadata.
5. Make the adjustments to the rule as necessary.

You can change anything in the rule definition. This rule will override the entire original rule.

The below is an example of an overridden rule. Notice the **<overrideRules>true</overrideRules>** element in the ruleset metadata. The rule and ruleset IDs match the original. This rule override changed the effort needed from a **1** to a **3**.

```
<?xml version="1.0"?>
<ruleset id="weblogic"
  xmlns="http://windup.jboss.org/schema/jboss-ruleset"
  xmlns:xsi="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema-instance"
  xsi:schemaLocation="http://windup.jboss.org/schema/jboss-ruleset
http://windup.jboss.org/schema/jboss-ruleset/windup-jboss-ruleset.xsd">
  <metadata>
    ...
    <overrideRules>true</overrideRules>
  </metadata>
  <rules>
    <rule id="weblogic-02000"
  xmlns="http://windup.jboss.org/schema/jboss-ruleset">
      <when>
        <javaclass references="weblogic.utils.StringUtils.{*}" />
      </when>
      <perform>
        <hint effort="3" category-id="mandatory" title="WebLogic
StringUtils Usage">
          <message>Replace with the StringUtils class from
```

```

Apache Commons.</message>
      <link
href="https://commons.apache.org/proper/commons-lang/" title="Apache
Commons Lang"/>
      <tag>weblogic</tag>
    </hint>
  </perform>
</rule>
</rules>
</ruleset>

```

When you run Windup, this rule will now be used in place of the original rule with the matching rule ID. You can verify that the new rule was used by viewing the contents of the Rule Provider Executions Report.

## 5.2. DISABLE A RULE

To disable a rule, follow the same steps as above to override a rule, except provide an empty **<rule>** element.

```

<?xml version="1.0"?>
<ruleset id="weblogic"
  xmlns="http://windup.jboss.org/schema/jboss-ruleset"
  xmlns:xsi="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema-instance"
  xsi:schemaLocation="http://windup.jboss.org/schema/jboss-ruleset
http://windup.jboss.org/schema/jboss-ruleset/windup-jboss-ruleset.xsd">
  <metadata>
    ...
    <overrideRules>true</overrideRules>
  </metadata>
  <rules>
    <rule id="weblogic-02000"
xmlns="http://windup.jboss.org/schema/jboss-ruleset">
      <!-- Empty so that the original rule is disabled -->
    </rule>
  </rules>
</ruleset>

```



## CHAPTER 6. USING CUSTOM RULE CATEGORIES

As of Windup 3.0, a new category field has been added that replaces the concept of the severity field in Windup rules. The default categories are the same that were available in the severity field: **mandatory**, **optional**, and **potential**. However, you can now [add your own custom rule categories](#) and [assign Windup rules to them](#).



### Important

Although Windup can still process rules that use the legacy **severity** field, it is recommended to update your custom rules to use the new **category-id** field.

### Add a Custom Category

1. Edit the rule category file, which is located at **WINDUP\_HOME/rules/migration-core/core.windup.categories.xml**.
2. Add a new **<category>** element and fill in the following fields:
  - » **id**: The ID that Windup rules will use to reference the category.
  - » **priority**: The sorting priority compared to other categories. The category with the lowest value is displayed first.
  - » **name**: The display name of the category.
  - » **description**: The description of how the category is intended to be used.

### Example Custom Rule Category

```
<?xml version="1.0"?>
<categories>
  ...
  <category id="custom-category" priority="4000">
    <name>Custom Category</name>
    <description>This is a custom category.</description>
  </category>
</categories>
```

This category is now ready to be referenced by Windup rules.

### Assign a Rule to a Custom Category

In your Windup rule, use the custom category's **id** value in the rule's **category-id** field.

### Example Rule Using a Custom Rule Category

```
<rule id="rule-id">
  <when>
    ...
  </when>
```

```
<perform>
  <hint title="Rule Title" effort="1" category-id="custom-
category">
    <message>Hint message.</message>
  </hint>
</perform>
</rule>
```

Now when you run Windup and this rule's condition is met, incidents identified by this rule will use your custom category. The custom category can be seen in the Windup report in places such as the Report Index and Migration Issues report.

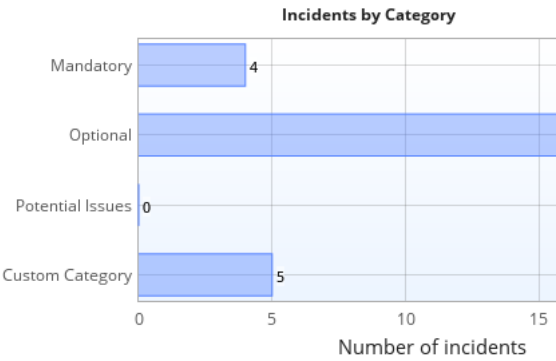
Figure 6.1. Custom Category on Report Index Page

# Report Index

test-application.ear

ⓘ This report provides summary information about findings from the migration analysis, as well as links to additional

Incidents by Category	Incidents	Total Story Points
Mandatory	4	8
Optional	20	3
Potential Issues	0	0
Custom Category	5	5



## APPENDIX A. REFERENCE MATERIAL

### A.1. RULE STORY POINTS

#### A.1.1. What are Story Points?

*Story points* are an abstract metric commonly used in Agile software development to estimate the *level of effort* needed to implement a feature or change.

Windup uses story points to express the level of effort needed to migrate particular application constructs, and the application as a whole. It does not necessarily translate to man-hours, but the value should be consistent across tasks.

#### A.1.2. How Story Points are Estimated in Rules

Estimating the level of effort for the story points for a rule can be tricky. The following are the general guidelines Windup uses when estimating the level of effort required for a rule.

Level of Effort	Story Points	Description
Information	0	An informational warning with very low or no priority for migration.
Trivial	1	The migration is a trivial change or a simple library swap with no or minimal API changes.
Complex	3	The changes required for the migration task are complex, but have a documented solution.
Redesign	5	The migration task requires a redesign or a complete library change, with significant API changes.
Rearchitecture	7	The migration requires a complete rearchitecture of the component or subsystem.
Unknown	13	The migration solution is not known and may need a complete rewrite.

#### A.1.3. Task Severity

In addition to the level of effort, you can categorize migration tasks to indicate the severity of the task. The following categories are used to indicate whether a task must be completed or can be postponed.

### **Mandatory**

The task must be completed for a successful migration. If the changes are not made, the resulting application will not build or run successfully. Examples include replacement of proprietary APIs that are not supported in the target platform.

### **Optional**

If the migration task is not completed, the application should work, but the results may not be the optimal. If the change is not made at the time of migration, it is recommended to put it on the schedule soon after migration is completed. An example of this would be the upgrade of EJB 2.x code to EJB 3.

For more information on categorizing tasks, see [Using Custom Rule Categories](#).

## **A.2. ADDITIONAL RESOURCES**

### **A.2.1. Review the Existing Windup XML Rules**

Windup XML-based rules are located on GitHub at the following location:  
<https://github.com/windup/windup-rulesets/tree/master/rules-reviewed>.

Instructions to [fork and clone the Windup rulesets repository](#) to your local machine are provided on the Wiki.

Rules are grouped by target platform and function. When you create a new rule, it is helpful to find a rule that is similar to the one you need and use it as a starting template.

New rules are continually added, so it is a good idea to check back frequently to review the updates.

### **A.2.2. Important Links**

- ✉ Windup wiki: <https://github.com/windup/windup/wiki>
- ✉ Windup Javadoc: <http://windup.github.io/windup/docs/latest/javadoc>
- ✉ Windup forums: <https://developer.jboss.org/en/windup>
- ✉ Windup JIRA issue trackers
  - Core Windup: <https://issues.jboss.org/browse/WINDUP>
  - Windup Rules: <https://issues.jboss.org/browse/WINDUPRULE>
- ✉ Windup Mailing Lists
  - Windup Users: [windup-users@lists.jboss.org](mailto:windup-users@lists.jboss.org)
  - Windup Developers: [windup-dev@lists.jboss.org](mailto:windup-dev@lists.jboss.org)
  - Windup Commits: [windup-commits@lists.jboss.org](mailto:windup-commits@lists.jboss.org)
- ✉ Windup on Twitter: [@JBossWindup](#)

✂ Windup IRC channel: Server FreeNode (**irc.freenode.net**), channel **#windup** ([transcripts](#))

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