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Abstract

This guide describes how to use the Migration Toolkit for Applications CLI to simplify migration of Java applications.

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CHAPTER 1. INTRODUCTION

1.1. ABOUT THE CLI GUIDE

This guide is for engineers, consultants, and others who want to use the Migration Toolkit for Applications (MTA) to migrate Java applications or other components. It describes how to install and run the CLI, review the generated reports, and take advantage of additional features.

1.2. ABOUT THE MIGRATION TOOLKIT FOR APPLICATIONS

What is the Migration Toolkit for Applications?

The Migration Toolkit for Applications (MTA) is an extensible and customizable rule-based tool that simplifies the migration and modernization of Java applications.

MTA examines application artifacts, including project source directories and application archives, and then produces an HTML report highlighting areas needing changes. MTA supports many migration paths including the following examples:

- Upgrading to the latest release of Red Hat JBoss Enterprise Application Platform
- Migrating from Oracle WebLogic or IBM WebSphere Application Server to Red Hat JBoss Enterprise Application Platform
- Containerizing applications and making them cloud-ready
- Migrating from Java Spring Boot to Quarkus
- Updating from Oracle JDK to OpenJDK

For more information about use cases and migration paths, see the MTA for developers web page.

How does the Migration Toolkit for Applications simplify migration?

The Migration Toolkit for Applications looks for common resources and known trouble spots when migrating applications. It provides a high-level view of the technologies used by the application.

MTA generates a detailed report evaluating a migration or modernization path. This report can help you to estimate the effort required for large-scale projects and to reduce the work involved.

How do I learn more?

See the *Introduction to the Migration Toolkit for Applications* to learn more about the features, supported configurations, system requirements, and available tools in the Migration Toolkit for Applications.

1.3. ABOUT THE CLI

The CLI is a command-line tool in the Migration Toolkit for Applications that allows users to assess and prioritize migration and modernization efforts for applications. It provides numerous reports that highlight the analysis without the overhead of the other tools. The CLI includes a wide array of customization options, and allows you to finely tune MTA analysis options or integrate with external automation tools.

CHAPTER 2. INSTALLING AND RUNNING THE CLI

2.1. INSTALLING THE CLI

You can install the CLI on Linux, Windows, or macOS operating systems.

Prerequisites

- Java Development Kit (JDK) installed. MTA supports the following JDKs:
 - OpenJDK 1.8
 - OpenJDK 11
 - Oracle JDK 1.8
 - Oracle JDK 11
- 8 GB RAM
- macOS installation: the value of **maxproc** must be **2048** or greater.

Procedure

- 1. Navigate to the MTA Download page and download the Migration Toolkit CLI file.
- 2. Extract the .zip file to a directory of your choice.



NOTE

If you are installing on a Windows operating system:

- 1. Extract the .zip file to a folder named mta to avoid a Path too long error.
- 2. If a **Confirm file replace** window is displayed during extraction, click **Yes to** all.

The installation directory is referred to as **<MTA HOME>** in this guide.

2.2. RUNNING THE CLI

You can run MTA against your application.

Procedure

- 1. Open a terminal and navigate to the **<MTA_HOME>/bin/** directory.
- 2. Execute the mta-cli script, or mta-cli.bat for Windows, and specify the appropriate arguments:
 - \$./mta-cli --input /path/to/jee-example-app-1.0.0.ear \
 - --output /path/to/output --source weblogic --target eap:6 \
 - --packages com.acme org.apache
 - --input: The application to be evaluated.

- --output: The output directory for the generated reports.
- **--source**: The source technology for the application migration.
- **--target**: The target technology for the application migration.
- **--packages**: The packages to be evaluated. This argument is highly recommended to improve performance.
- 3. Access the report.

2.2.1. MTA command examples

Running MTA on an application archive

The following command analyzes the **com.acme** and **org.apache** packages of the jee-example-app-1.0.0.ear example EAR archive for migrating from JBoss EAP 5 to JBoss EAP 7:

- \$ <MTA HOME>/bin/mta-cli \
 - --input /path/to/jee-example-app-1.0.0.ear \
 - --output /path/to/report-output/ --source eap:5 --target eap:7 \
 - --packages com.acme org.apache

Running MTA on source code

The following command analyzes the **org.jboss.seam** packages of the seam-booking-5.2 example source code for migrating to JBoss EAP 6.

\$ <MTA_HOME>/bin/mta-cli --sourceMode --input /path/to/seam-booking-5.2/ \
--output /path/to/report-output/ --target eap:6 --packages org.iboss.seam

Running cloud-readiness rules

The following command analyzes the **com.acme** and **org.apache** packages of the jee-example-app-1.0.0.ear example EAR archive for migrating to JBoss EAP 7. It also evaluates for cloud readiness:

- \$ <MTA_HOME>/bin/mta-cli --input /path/to/jee-example-app-1.0.0.ear \
 - --output /path/to/report-output/ \
 - --target eap:7 --target cloud-readiness --packages com.acme org.apache

Overriding MTA properties

To override the default *Fernflower* decompiler, pass the **-Dwindup.decompiler** argument on the command line. For example, to use the *Procyon* decompiler, use the following syntax:

- \$ <MTA HOME>/bin/mta-cli -Dwindup.decompiler=procyon \
 - --input <INPUT_ARCHIVE_OR_DIRECTORY> --output <OUTPUT_REPORT_DIRECTORY> \
 - --target <TARGET_TECHNOLOGY> --packages <PACKAGE_1> <PACKAGE_2>

2.2.2. MTA CLI Bash completion

The MTA CLI provides an option to enable Bash completion for Linux systems, allowing the MTA command-line arguments to be auto completed by pressing the Tab key when entering the commands. For instance, when Bash completion is enabled, entering the following displays a list of available arguments.

\$ <MTA_HOME>/bin/mta-cli [TAB]

Enabling Bash completion

To enable Bash completion for the current shell, execute the following command:

\$ source <MTA_HOME>/bash-completion/mta-cli

Enabling persistent Bash completion

The following commands allow Bash completion to persist across restarts:

• To enable Bash completion for a specific user across system restarts, include the following line in that user's ~/.bashrc file.

source <MTA_HOME>/bash-completion/mta-cli

 To enable Bash completion for all users across system restarts, copy the Migration Toolkit for Applications CLI Bash completion file to the /etc/bash_completion.d/ directory as the root user.

cp <MTA_HOME>/bash-completion/mta-cli /etc/bash_completion.d/

2.2.3. Accessing MTA help

To see the complete list of available arguments for the **mta-cli** command, open a terminal, navigate to the **<MTA_HOME>** directory, and execute the following command:

\$ <MTA_HOME>/bin/mta-cli --help

2.2.4. Using OpenRewrite recipes



IMPORTANT

OpenRewrite recipe support is provided as Technology Preview only. Technology Preview features are not supported with Red Hat production service level agreements (SLAs), might not be functionally complete, and Red Hat does not recommend to use them for production. These features provide early access to upcoming product features, enabling customers to test functionality and provide feedback during the development process.

See Technology Preview features support scope on the Red Hat Customer Portal for information about the support scope for Technology Preview features.

You can refactor the source code of Java applications by using OpenRewrite recipes with the MTA CLI.

The OpenRewrite recipe **org.jboss.windup.JavaxToJakarta** renames imported **javax** packages to their **jakarta** equivalents.

Procedure

1. Run`mta-cli`, specifying the recipe name and the application:

\$./mta-cli --openrewrite "-DactiveRecipes=<recipe_name>" \
--input </path/to/source/project> --goal dryRun

- "-DactiveRecipes=<recipe name>": Specify the OpenRewrite recipe, for example, org.jboss.windup.JavaxToJakarta.
- --input: Specify the application to be refactored.
- --goal: Optional: The OpenRewrite Maven goal to run.
 - **dryRun**: The script returns a list of proposed changes. Ignore the **"Run 'mvn** rewrite:run' to apply the recipes" message.
 - run: The script applies the changes.
- 2. Run **mta-cli** with **--goal run** to apply the recipe:

```
$ ./mta-cli --openrewrite "-DactiveRecipes=<recipe name>" \
--input </path/to/source/project> --goal run
```

2.3. ACCESSING REPORTS

When you run the Migration Toolkit for Applications, a report is generated in the **<OUTPUT_REPORT_DIRECTORY>** that you specify using the **--output** argument in the command line.

The output directory contains the following files and subdirectories:

Procedure

1. Obtain the path of the **index.html** file of your report from the output that appears after you run MTA:

2. Open the **index.html** file by using a browser. The generated report is displayed.

CHAPTER 3. REVIEWING THE REPORTS

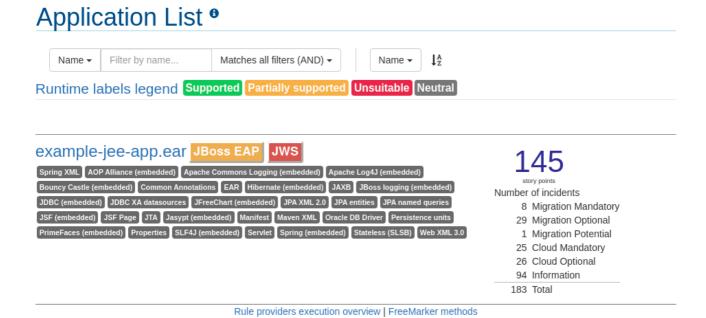
The report examples shown in the following sections are a result of analyzing the **com.acme** and **org.apache** packages in the jee-example-app-1.0.0.ear example application, which is located in the MTA GitHub source repository.

The report was generated using the following command.

\$ <MTA_HOME>/bin/mta-cli --input /home/username/mta-cli-source/test-files/jee-example-app-1.0.0.ear/ --output /home/username/mta-cli-reports/jee-example-app-1.0.0.ear-report --target eap:6 --packages com.acme org.apache

Use a browser to open the **index.html** file located in the report output directory. This opens a landing page that lists the applications that were processed. Each row contains a high-level overview of the story points, number of incidents, and technologies encountered in that application.

Figure 3.1. Application list





NOTE

The incidents and estimated story points change as new rules are added to MTA. The values here may not match what you see when you test this application.

The following table lists all of the reports and pages that can be accessed from this main MTA landing page. Click the name of the application, **jee-example-app-1.0.0.ear**, to view the application report.

Page	How to Access
Application	Click the name of the application.
Technologies report	Click the Technologies link at the top of the page.
Dependencies graph report	Click the Dependencies Graph link at the top of the page.

Page	How to Access
Archives shared by multiple applications	Click the Archives shared by multiple applications link. Note that this link is only available when there are shared archives across multiple applications.
Rule providers execution overview	Click the Rule providers execution overview link at the bottom of the page.
Used FreeMarker functions and directives	Click the FreeMarker methods link at the bottom of the page.
Send feedback form	Click the Send Feedback link in the top navigation bar to open a form that allows you to submit feedback to the MTA team.

Note that if an application shares archives with other analyzed applications, you will see a breakdown of how many story points are from shared archives and how many are unique to this application.

Figure 3.2. Shared archives



Information about the archives that are shared among applications can be found in the Archives Shared by Multiple Applications reports.

3.1. APPLICATION REPORT

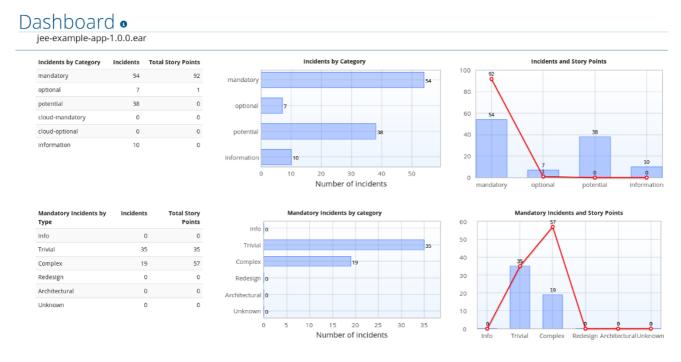
3.1.1. Dashboard

Access this report from the report landing page by clicking on the application name in the **Application List**

The dashboard gives an overview of the entire application migration effort. It summarizes:

- The incidents and story points by category
- The incidents and story points by level of effort of the suggested changes
- The incidents by package

Figure 3.3. Dashboard



The top navigation bar lists the various reports that contain additional details about the migration of this application. Note that only those reports that are applicable to the current application will be available.

Report	Description
Issues	Provides a concise summary of all issues that require attention.
Application details	Provides a detailed overview of all resources found within the application that may need attention during the migration.
Technologies	Displays all embedded libraries grouped by functionality, allowing you to quickly view the technologies used in each application.
Dependencies graph	Displays a graph of all Java-packaged dependencies found within the analyzed applications. This graph also demonstrates the relations of each dependency, allowing you to view nested and multiple dependencies.
Dependencies	Displays all Java-packaged dependencies found within the application.

Report	Description
Unparsable	Shows all files that MTA could not parse in the expected format. For instance, a file with a .xml or .wsdl suffix is assumed to be an XML file. If the XML parser fails, the issue is reported here and also where the individual file is listed.
Remote services	Displays all remote services references that were found within the application.
EJBs	Contains a list of EJBs found within the application.
JBPM	Contains all of the JBPM-related resources that were discovered during analysis.
JPA	Contains details on all JPA-related resources that were found in the application.
Hibernate	Contains details on all Hibernate-related resources that were found in the application.
Server resources	Displays all server resources (for example, JNDI resources) in the input application.
Spring Beans	Contains a list of Spring Beans found during the analysis.
Hard-coded IP addresses	Provides a list of all hard-coded IP addresses that were found in the application.
Ignored files	Lists the files found in the application that, based on certain rules and MTA configuration, were not processed. See the userIgnorePath option for more information.
About	Describes the current version of MTA and provides helpful links for further assistance.

3.1.2. Issues report

Access this report from the dashboard by clicking the **Issues** link.

This report includes details about every issue that was raised by the selected migration paths. The following information is provided for each issue encountered:

- A title to summarize the issue.
- The total number of incidents, or times the issue was encountered.
- The rule story points to resolve a single instance of the issue.
- The estimated level of effort to resolve the issue.

 The total story points to resolve every instance encountered. This is calculated by multiplying the number of incidents found by the story points per incident.

Figure 3.4. Issues report



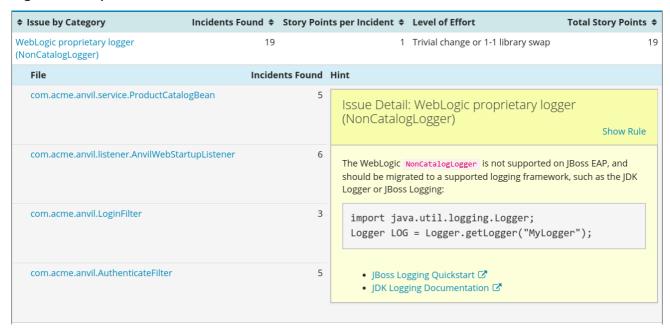
jee-example-app-1.0.0.ear



Each reported issue may be expanded, by clicking on the title, to obtain additional details. The following information is provided.

- A list of files where the incidents occurred, along with the number of incidents within each file. If the file is a Java source file, then clicking the filename will direct you to the corresponding Source report.
- A detailed description of the issue. This description outlines the problem, provides any known solutions, and references supporting documentation regarding either the issue or resolution.
- A direct link, entitled **Show Rule**, to the rule that generated the issue.

Figure 3.5. Expanded issue



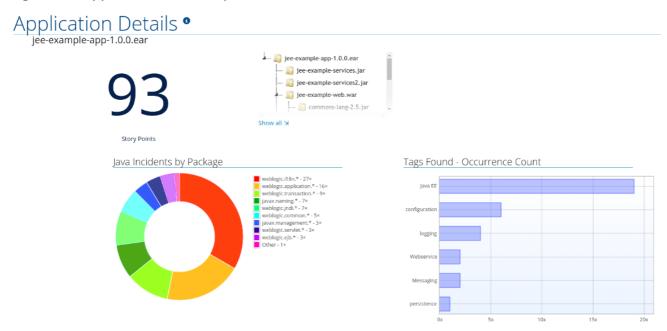
Issues are sorted into four categories by default. Information on these categories is available at ask Category.

3.1.3. Application details report

Access this report from the dashboard by clicking the **Application Details** link.

The report lists the story points, the Java incidents by package, and a count of the occurrences of the technologies found in the application. Next is a display of application messages generated during the migration process. Finally, there is a breakdown of this information for each archive analyzed during the process.

Figure 3.6. Application Details report



Expand the **jee-example-app-1.0.0.ear/jee-example-services.jar** to review the story points, Java incidents by package, and a count of the occurrences of the technologies found in this archive. This summary begins with a total of the story points assigned to its migration, followed by a table detailing the changes required for each file in the archive. The report contains the following columns.

Column Name	Description
Name	The name of the file being analyzed.
Technology	The type of file being analyzed, for example, Decompiled Java File or Properties .
Issues	Warnings about areas of code that need review or changes.
Story Points	Level of effort required to migrate the file.

Note that if an archive is duplicated several times in an application, it will be listed just once in the report and will be tagged with **[Included multiple times]**.

Figure 3.7. Duplicate archive in an application



The story points for archives that are duplicated within an application will be counted only once in the total story point count for that application.

3.1.4. Technologies report

Access this report from the dashboard by clicking the **Technologies** link.

The report lists the occurrences of technologies, grouped by function, in the analyzed application. It is an overview of the technologies found in the application, and is designed to assist users in quickly understanding each application's purpose.

The image below shows the technologies used in the **jee-example-app**.

Figure 3.8. Technologies in an application



3.1.5. Application dependencies graph report

The analyzed applications' dependencies are shown in this report, accessible from the **Dependencies Graph** link from the dashboard.

It includes a list of all WARs and JARs, including third-party JARs, and graphs the relations between each of the included files. Each circle in the graph represents a unique dependency defined in the application.

The below image shows the dependencies used in the **jee-example-app**, with the selected application in the center of the graph.

Figure 3.9. Graph of dependencies in an application

Dependencies Graph •

jee-example-app-1.0.0.ear

Selected: jee-example-app-1.0.0.ear





Interacting with the Dependencies graph

The dependencies graph may be adjusted by using any of the following.

- Clicking a dependency will display the name of the application in the upper-left corner. While
 selected the dependency will have a shaded circle identifying it, as seen on the center in the
 above image.
- Clicking and dragging a circle will reposition it. Releasing the mouse will fix the dependency to the cursor's location.
- Clicking on a fixed dependency will release it, returning the dependency to its default distance from the application.
- Double clicking anywhere will return the entire graph to the default state.

Clicking on any item in the legend will enable or disable all items of the selected type. For
instance, selecting the embedded WARs icon will disable all embedded WARs if these are
enabled, and will enable these dependencies if they are disabled.

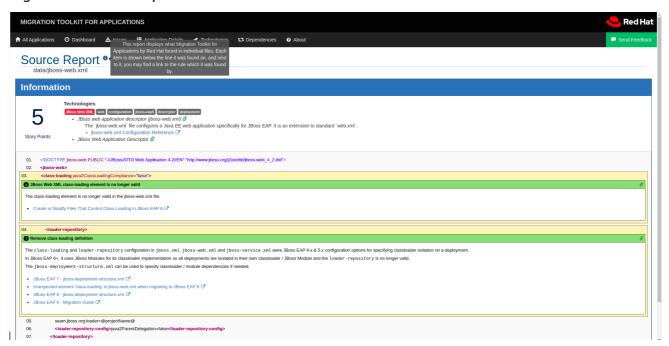
3.1.6. Source report

The analysis of the **jee-example-services.jar** lists the files in the JAR and the warnings and story points assigned to each one. Notice the **com.acme.anvil.listener.AnvilWebLifecycleListener** file, at the time of this test, has 22 warnings and is assigned 16 story points. Click the file link to see the detail.

- The **Information** section provides a summary of the story points.
- This is followed by the file source code. Warnings appear in the file at the point where migration is required.

In this example, warnings appear at various import statements, declarations, and method calls. Each warning describes the issue and the action that should be taken.

Figure 3.10. Source report



3.2. TECHNOLOGIES REPORT

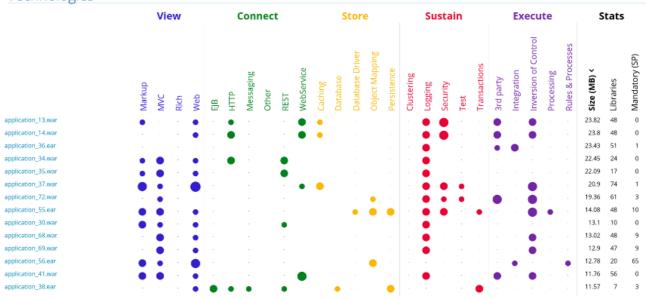
Access this report from the report landing page by clicking the **Technologies** link.

This report provides an aggregate listing of the technologies used, grouped by function, for the analyzed applications. It shows how the technologies are distributed, and is typically reviewed after analyzing a large number of applications to group the applications and identify patterns. It also shows the size, number of libraries, and story point totals of each application.

Clicking any of the headers, such as **Markup**, sorts the results in descending order. Selecting the same header again will resort the results in ascending order. The currently selected header is identified in bold, next to a directional arrow, indicating the direction of the sort.

Figure 3.11. Technologies used across multiple applications

Technologies •



3.3. DEPENDENCIES GRAPH REPORT

Access this report from the report landing page by clicking the **Dependencies Graph** link.

It includes a list of all WARs and JARs, and graphs the relations between each of the included files. Each circle in the graph represents a unique dependency defined in the application. If a file is included as a dependency in multiple applications, these are linked in the graph.

In the below image we can see two distinct groups. On the left half we see a single WAR that defines several JARs as dependencies. On the right half we see the same dependencies used by multiple WARs, one of which is the selected **overlord-commons-auth-2.0.11.Final.jar**.

Figure 3.12. Dependencies graph across multiple applications

Selected: overlord-commons-auth-2.0.11.Final.jar





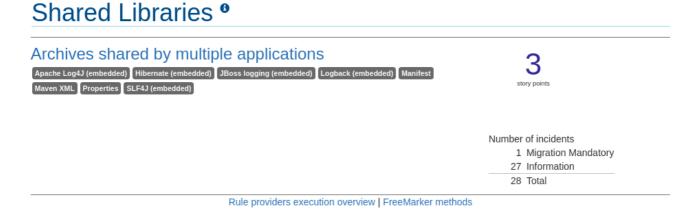
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- Clicking on any item in the legend will enable or disable all items of the selected type. For instance, selecting the embedded WARs icon will disable all embedded WARs if these are enabled, and will enable these dependencies if they are disabled.

3.4. ARCHIVES SHARED BY MULTIPLE APPLICATIONS

Access these reports from the report landing page by clicking the **Archives shared by multiple applications** link. Note that this link is only available if there are applicable shared archives.

Figure 3.13. Archives shared by multiple applications



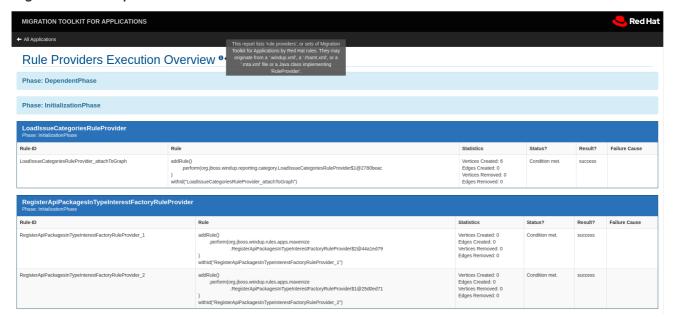
This allows you to view the detailed reports for all archives that are shared across multiple applications.

3.5. RULE PROVIDERS EXECUTION OVERVIEW

Access this report from the report landing page by clicking the Rule providers execution overview link.

This report provides the list of rules that ran when running the MTA migration command against the application.

Figure 3.14. Rule providers execution overview

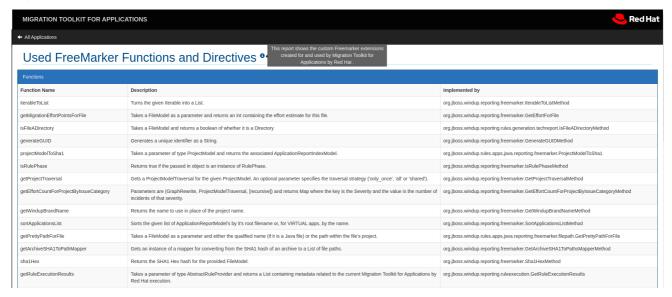


3.6. USED FREEMARKER FUNCTIONS AND DIRECTIVES

Access this report from the report landing page by clicking the FreeMarker methods link.

This report lists all the registered functions and directives that were used to build the report. It is useful for debugging purposes or if you plan to build your own custom report.

Figure 3.15. Used FreeMarker functions and directives

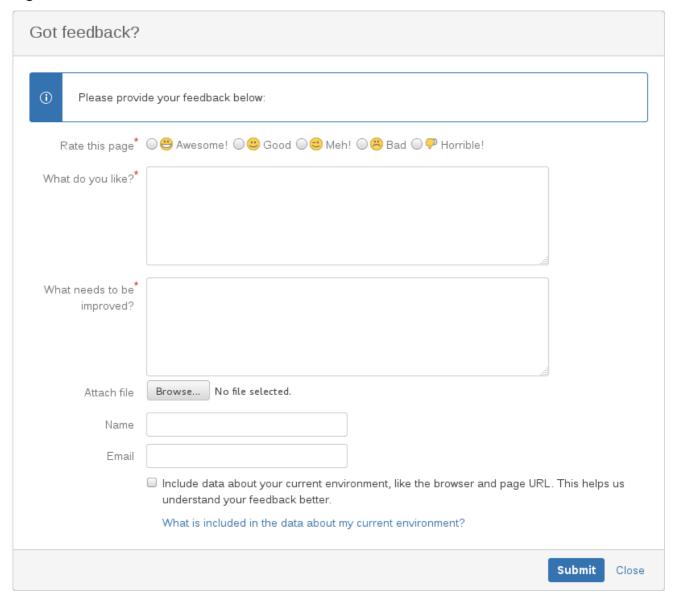


3.7. SEND FEEDBACK FORM

Access this feedback form from the report landing page by clicking the **Send feedback** link.

This form allows you to rate the product, talk about what you like, and make suggestions for improvements.

Figure 3.16. Send feedback form



CHAPTER 4. EXPORTING THE REPORT IN CSV FORMAT

MTA provides the ability to export the report data, including the classifications and hints, to a flat file on your local file system. The export function currently supports the CSV file format, which presents the report data as fields separated by commas (,).

The CSV file can be imported and manipulated by spreadsheet software such as Microsoft Excel, OpenOffice Calc, or LibreOffice Calc. Spreadsheet software provides the ability to sort, analyze, evaluate, and manage the result data from an MTA report.

4.1. EXPORTING THE REPORT

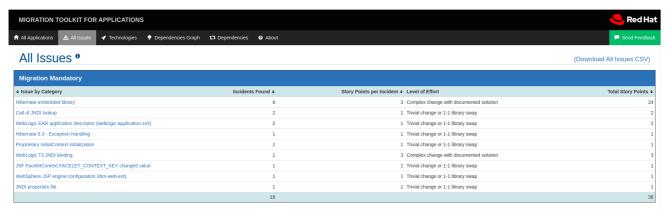
To export the report as a CSV file, run MTA with the **--exportCSV** argument. A CSV file is created in the directory specified by the **--output** argument for each application analyzed.

All discovered issues, spanning all the analyzed applications, are included in the **AllIssues.csv** file that is exported to the root directory of the report.

Accessing the report from the application report

If you have exported the CSV report, you can download all of the CSV issues in the Issues Report. To download these issues, click **Download All Issues CSV** in the Issues Report.

Figure 4.1. Issues report with CSV download



4.2. IMPORTING THE CSV FILE INTO A SPREADSHEET PROGRAM

- 1. Launch the spreadsheet software, for example, Microsoft Excel.
- 2. Choose File → Open.
- 3. Browse to the CSV exported file and select it.
- 4. The data is now ready to analyze in the spreadsheet software.

4.3. ABOUT THE CSV DATA STRUCTURE

The CSV formatted output file contains the following data fields:

Rule Id

The ID of the rule that generated the given item.

Problem type

hint or classification

Title

The title of the *classification* or *hint*. This field summarizes the issue for the given item.

Description

The detailed description of the issue for the given item.

Links

URLs that provide additional information about the issue. A link consists of two attributes: the link and a description of the link.

Application

The name of the application for which this item was generated.

File Name

The name of the file for the given item.

File Path

The file path for the given item.

Line

The line number of the file for the given item.

Story points

The number of story points, which represent the level of effort, assigned to the given item.

CHAPTER 5. MAVENIZING YOUR APPLICATION

MTA provides the ability to generate an Apache Maven project structure based on the application provided. This will create a directory structure with the necessary Maven Project Object Model (POM) files that specify the appropriate dependencies.

Note that this feature is not intended to create a final solution for your project. It is meant to give you a starting point and identify the necessary dependencies and APIs for your application. Your project may require further customization.

5.1. GENERATING THE MAVEN PROJECT STRUCTURE

You can generate a Maven project structure for the provided application by passing in the **--mavenize** flag when executing MTA.

The following example runs MTA using the jee-example-app-1.0.0.ear test application:

\$ <MTA_HOME>/bin/mta-cli --input /path/to/jee-example-app-1.0.0.ear --output /path/to/output --target eap:6 --packages com.acme org.apache --mavenize

This generates the Maven project structure in the /path/to/output/mavenized directory.



NOTE

You can only use the **--mavenize** option when providing a compiled application for the **--input** argument. This feature is not available when running MTA against source code.

You can also use the **--mavenizeGroupId** option to specify the **<groupId>** to be used for the POM files. If unspecified, MTA will attempt to identify an appropriate **<groupId>** for the application, or will default to **com.mycompany.mavenized**.

5.2. REVIEWING THE MAVEN PROJECT STRUCTURE

The /path/to/output/mavenized/<APPLICATION_NAME>/ directory contains the following items:

- A root **POM** file. This is the **pom.xml** file at the top-level directory.
- A BOM file. This is the **POM** file in the directory ending with **-bom**.
- One or more application POM files. Each module has its POM file in a directory named after the
 archive.

The example **jee-example-app-1.0.0.ear** application is an EAR archive that contains a WAR and several JARs. There is a separate directory created for each of these artifacts. Below is the Maven project structure created for this application.

/path/to/output/mavenized/jee-example-app/ jee-example-app-bom/pom.xml jee-example-app-ear/pom.xml jee-example-services2-jar/pom.xml jee-example-services-jar/pom.xml jee-example-web-war/pom.xml pom.xml Review each of the generated files and customize as appropriate for your project. To learn more about Maven POM files, see the Introduction to the POM section of the Apache Maven documentation.

Root POM file

The root POM file for the **jee-example-app-1.0.0.ear** application can be found at /path/to/output/mavenized/jee-example-app/pom.xml. This file identifies the directories for all of the project modules.

The following modules are listed in the root POM for the example **jee-example-app-1.0.0.ear** application.

```
<modules>
<module>jee-example-app-bom</module>
<module>jee-example-services2-jar</module>
<module>jee-example-services-jar</module>
<module>jee-example-web-war</module>
<module>jee-example-app-ear</module>
</module>jee-example-app-ear</module>
```



NOTE

Be sure to reorder the list of modules if necessary so that they are listed in an appropriate build order for your project.

The root POM is also configured to use the Red Hat JBoss Enterprise Application Platform Maven repository to download project dependencies.

BOM file

The Bill of Materials (BOM) file is generated in the directory ending in **-bom**. For the example **jee-example-app-1.0.0.ear** application, the BOM file can be found at **/path/to/output/mavenized/jee-example-app-bom/pom.xml**. The purpose of this BOM is to have the versions of third-party dependencies used by the project defined in one place. For more information on using a BOM, see the Introduction to the dependency mechanism section of the Apache Maven documentation.

The following dependencies are listed in the BOM for the example **jee-example-app-1.0.0.ear** application

```
<dependencyManagement>
  <dependencies>
  <dependency>
    <groupId>log4j</groupId>
    <artifactId>log4j</artifactId>
    <version>1.2.6</version>
  </dependency>
  <dependency>
  <groupId>commons-lang</groupId>
    <artifactId>commons-lang</artifactId>
    <version>2.5</version>
  </dependency>
  </dependency>
  </dependency>
  </dependency>
  </dependencyManagement>
```

Application POM files

Each application module that can be mavenized has a separate directory containing its POM file. The directory name contains the name of the archive and ends in a **-jar**, **-war**, or **-ear** suffix, depending on the archive type.

Each application POM file lists that module's dependencies, including:

- Third-party libraries
- Java EE APIs
- Application submodules

For example, the POM file for the **jee-example-app-1.0.0.ear** EAR, **/path/to/output/mavenized/jee-example-app/jee-example-app-ear/pom.xml**, lists the following dependencies.

```
<dependencies>
 <dependency>
  <groupId>log4j
  <artifactId>log4j</artifactId>
  <version>1.2.6</version>
 </dependency>
 <dependency>
  <groupId>org.jboss.seam</groupId>
  <artifactId>jee-example-web-war</artifactId>
  <version>1.0</version>
  <type>war</type>
 </dependency>
 <dependency>
  <groupId>org.jboss.seam</groupId>
  <artifactId>jee-example-services-jar</artifactId>
  <version>1.0</version>
 </dependency>
 <dependency>
  <groupId>org.jboss.seam
  <artifactId>jee-example-services2-jar</artifactId>
  <version>1.0</version>
 </dependency>
</dependencies>
```

CHAPTER 6. OPTIMIZING MTA PERFORMANCE

MTA performance depends on a number of factors, including hardware configuration, the number and types of files in the application, the size and number of applications to be evaluated, and whether the application contains source or compiled code. For example, a file that is larger than 10 MB may need a lot of time to process.

In general, MTA spends about 40% of the time decompiling classes, 40% of the time executing rules, and the remainder of the time processing other tasks and generating reports. This section describes what you can do to improve the performance of MTA.

6.1. DEPLOYING AND RUNNING THE APPLICATION

Try these suggestions first before upgrading hardware.

- If possible, run MTA against the source code instead of the archives. This eliminates the need to decompile additional JARs and archives.
- Specify a comma-separated list of the packages to be evaluated by MTA using the --packages argument on the <MTA_HOME>/bin/mta-cli command line. If you omit this argument, MTA will decompile everything, which has a big impact on performance.
- Specify the **--excludeTags** argument where possible to exclude them from processing.
- Avoid decompiling and analyzing any unnecessary packages and files, such as proprietary packages or included dependencies.
- Increase your ulimit when analyzing large applications. See this Red Hat Knowledgebase article for instructions on how to do this for Red Hat Enterprise Linux.
- If you have access to a server that has better resources than your laptop or desktop machine, you may want to consider running MTA on that server.

6.2. UPGRADING HARDWARE

If the application and command-line suggestions above do not improve performance, you may need to upgrade your hardware.

- If you have access to a server that has better resources than your laptop/desktop, then you may want to consider running MTA on that server.
- Very large applications that require decompilation have large memory requirements. 8 GB RAM is recommended. This allows 3 4 GB RAM for use by the JVM.
- An upgrade from a single or dual-core to a quad-core CPU processor provides better performance.
- Disk space and fragmentation can impact performance. A fast disk, especially a solid-state drive (SSD), with greater than 4 GB of defragmented disk space should improve performance.

6.3. CONFIGURING MTA TO EXCLUDE PACKAGES AND FILES

6.3.1. Excluding packages

You can exclude packages during decompilation and analysis to increase performance. References to these packages remain in the application's source code but excluding them avoids the decompilation and analysis of proprietary classes.

Any packages that match the defined value are excluded. For example, you can use **com.acme** to exclude both **com.acme.example** and **com.acme.roadrunner**.

You can exclude packages by either of the following methods:

- Using the **--excludePackages** argument.
- Specifying the packages in a file contained within one of the ignored locations. Each package should be included on a separate line, and the file must end in .package-ignore.txt. For example, see <MTA_HOME>/ignore/proprietary.package-ignore.txt.

6.3.2. Excluding files

MTA can exclude specific files, such as included libraries or dependencies, during scanning and report generation. Excluded files are defined in a file with the .mta-ignore.txt or .windup-ignore.txt extension within one of the ignored locations.

These files contain a regex string detailing the name to exclude, with one file listed per line. For example, you can exclude the library **ant.jar** and any Java source files beginning with **Example** with a file containing the following:

- .*ant.jar .*Example.*\.java
- 6.3.3. Searching locations for exclusion

MTA searches the following locations:

- ~/.mta/ignore/
- ~/.windup/ignore/
- <MTA_HOME>/ignore/
- Any files and folders specified by the --userlgnorePath argument

Each of these files must conform to the rules specified for excluding packages or files, depending on the type of content to be excluded.

APPENDIX A. REFERENCE MATERIAL

A.1. ABOUT MTA COMMAND-LINE ARGUMENTS

The following is a detailed description of the available MTA command line arguments.



NOTE

To run the MTA command without prompting, for example when executing from a script, you must use the following arguments:

- --batchMode
- --overwrite
- --input
- --target

Table A.1. MTA CLI arguments

Argument	Description
additionalClassPath	A space-delimited list of additional JAR files or directories to add to the class path so that they are available for decompilation or other analysis.
addonDir	Add the specified directory as a custom add-on repository.
batchMode	Flag to specify that MTA should be run in a non-interactive mode without prompting for confirmation. This mode takes the default values for any parameters not passed in to the command line.
debug	Flag to run MTA in debug mode.
disableTattletale	Flag to disable generation of the Tattletale report. If both enableTattletale and disableTattletale are set to true, then disableTattletale will be ignored and the Tattletale report will still be generated.
discoverPackages	Flag to list all available packages in the input binary application.
enable Class Not Found Analysis	Flag to enable analysis of Java files that are not available on the class path. This should not be used if some classes will be unavailable at analysis time.
enableCompatibleFilesReport	Flag to enable generation of the Compatible Files report. Due to processing all files without found issues, this report may take a long time for large applications.

Argument	Description
enableTattletale	Flag to enable generation of a Tattletale report for each application. This option is enabled by default when eap is in the included target. If both enableTattletale and disableTattletale are set to true, then disableTattletale will be ignored and the Tattletale report will still be generated.
excludePackages	A space-delimited list of packages to exclude from evaluation. For example, entering com.mycompany.commonutilities would exclude all classes whose package name begins with com.mycompany.commonutilities .
excludeTags	A space-delimited list of tags to exclude. When specified, rules with these tags will not be processed. To see the full list of tags, use the listTags argument.
explodedApp	Flag to indicate that the provided input directory contains source files for a single application.
exportCSV	Flag to export the report data to a CSV file on your local file system. MTA creates the file in the directory specified by the output argument. The CSV file can be imported into a spreadsheet program for data manipulation and analysis.
help	Display the MTA help message.
immutable Addon Dir	Add the specified directory as a custom read-only add-on repository.
includeTags	A space-delimited list of tags to use. When specified, only rules with these tags will be processed. To see the full list of tags, use the listTags argument.
input	A space-delimited list of the path to the file or directory containing one or more applications to be analyzed. This argument is required.
install	Specify add-ons to install. The syntax is <group_id>:</group_id> <artifact_id>[:<version>]</version></artifact_id> . For example, install core-addon-x or install org.example.addon:example:1.0.0 .
keepWorkDirs	Flag to instruct MTA to not delete temporary working files, such as the graph database and extracted archive files. This is useful for debugging purposes.
list	Flag to list installed add-ons.

Argument	Description	
listSourceTechnologies	Flag to list all available source technologies.	
listTags	Flag to list all available tags.	
listTargetTechnologies	Flag to list all available target technologies.	
mavenize	Flag to create a Maven project directory structure based on the structure and content of the application. This creates pom.xml files using the appropriate Java EE API and the correct dependencies between project modules. See also the mavenizeGroupId option.	
mavenizeGroupId	When used with the mavenize option, all generated pom.xml files will use the provided value for their <groupld></groupld> . If this argument is omitted, MTA will attempt to determine an appropriate <groupld></groupld> based on the application, or will default to com.mycompany.mavenized .	
online	Flag to allow network access for features that require it. Currently only validating XML schemas against external resources relies on Internet access. Note that this comes with a performance penalty.	
output	Specify the path to the directory to output the report information generated by MTA.	
overwrite	Flag to force delete the existing output directory specified by output. If you do not specify this argument and theoutput directory exists, you are prompted to choose whether to overwrite the contents.	
	IMPORTANT Do not overwrite a report output directory that contains important information.	
packages	A space-delimited list of the packages to be evaluated by MTA. It is highly recommended to use this argument.	
remove	Remove the specified add-ons. The syntax is <group_id></group_id> : <artifact_id></artifact_id> [: <version></version>]. For example, remove core-addon-x or remove org.example.addon:example:1.0.0 .	
skipReports	Flag to indicate that HTML reports should not be generated. A common use of this argument is when exporting report data to a CSV file using exportCSV .	

Argument	Description
source	A space-delimited list of one or more source technologies, servers, platforms, or frameworks to migrate from. This argument, in conjunction with the target argument, helps to determine which rulesets are used. Use the listSourceTechnologies argument to list all available sources.
sourceMode	Flag to indicate that the application to be evaluated contains source files rather than compiled binaries.
target	A space-delimited list of one or more target technologies, servers, platforms, or frameworks to migrate to. This argument, in conjunction with the source argument, helps to determine which rulesets are used. Use the listTargetTechnologies argument to list all available targets.
userlgnorePath	Specify a location, in addition to \${user.home}/.mta/ignore/ , for MTA to identify files that should be ignored.
userLabelsDirectory	Specify a location for MTA to look for custom Target Runtime Labels. The value can be a directory containing label files or a single label file. The Target Runtime Label files must use either the .windup.label.xml or .mta.label.xml suffix. The shipped Target Runtime Labels are defined within \$MTA_HOME/rules/migration-core/core.windup.label.xml.
userRulesDirectory	Specify a location, in addition to <mta_home>/rules/ and \${user.home}/.mta/rules/, for MTA to look for custom MTA rules. The value can be a directory containing ruleset files or a single ruleset file. The ruleset files must use the .windup.xml or .mta.xml suffix.</mta_home>
version	Display the MTA version.

A.1.1. Specifying the input

A space-delimited list of the path to the file or directory containing one or more applications to be analyzed. This argument is required.

Usage

--input <INPUT_ARCHIVE_OR_DIRECTORY> [...]

Depending on whether the input file type provided to the **--input** argument is a file or directory, it will be evaluated as follows depending on the additional arguments provided.

Directory

explodedApp	sourceMode	Neither Argument
The directory is evaluated as a single application.	The directory is evaluated as a single application.	Each subdirectory is evaluated as an application.

File

explodedApp	sourceMode	Neither Argument
Argument is ignored; the file is evaluated as a single application.	The file is evaluated as a compressed project.	The file is evaluated as a single application.

A.1.2. Specifying the output directory

Specify the path to the directory to output the report information generated by MTA.

Usage

--output <OUTPUT_REPORT_DIRECTORY>

- If omitted, the report will be generated in an **<INPUT_ARCHIVE_OR_DIRECTORY>.report** directory.
- If the output directory exists, you will be prompted with the following (with a default of N).

Overwrite all contents of "/home/username/<OUTPUT_REPORT_DIRECTORY>" (anything already in the directory will be deleted)? [y,N]

However, if you specify the **--overwrite** argument, MTA will proceed to delete and recreate the directory. See the description of this argument for more information.

A.1.3. Setting the source technology

A space-delimited list of one or more source technologies, servers, platforms, or frameworks to migrate from. This argument, in conjunction with the **--target** argument, helps to determine which rulesets are used. Use the **--listSourceTechnologies** argument to list all available sources.

Usage

--source <SOURCE_1> <SOURCE_2>

The **--source** argument now provides version support, which follows the Maven version range syntax. This instructs MTA to only run the rulesets matching the specified versions. For example, **--source eap:5**.



WARNING

When migrating to JBoss EAP, be sure to specify the version, for example, **eap:6**. Specifying only **eap** will run rulesets for all versions of JBoss EAP, including those not relevant to your migration path.

See Supported migration paths in *Introduction to the Migration Toolkit for Applications* for the appropriate JBoss EAP version.

A.1.4. Setting the target technology

A space-delimited list of one or more target technologies, servers, platforms, or frameworks to migrate to. This argument, in conjunction with the **--source** argument, helps to determine which rulesets are used. If you do not specify this option, you are prompted to select a target. Use the **-- listTargetTechnologies** argument to list all available targets.

Usage

--target <TARGET_1> <TARGET_2>

The **--target** argument now provides version support, which follows the Maven version range syntax. This instructs MTA to only run the rulesets matching the specified versions. For example, **--target eap:7**.



WARNING

When migrating to JBoss EAP, be sure to specify the version in the target, for example, **eap:6**. Specifying only **eap** will run rulesets for all versions of JBoss EAP, including those not relevant to your migration path.

See Supported migration paths in Introduction to the Migration Toolkit for Applications for the appropriate JBoss EAP version.

A.1.5. Selecting packages

A space-delimited list of the packages to be evaluated by MTA. It is highly recommended to use this argument.

Usage

--packages <PACKAGE_1> <PACKAGE_2> <PACKAGE_N>

 In most cases, you are interested only in evaluating custom application class packages and not standard Java EE or third party packages. The <PACKAGE_N> argument is a package prefix; all subpackages will be scanned. For example, to scan the packages com.mycustomapp and **com.myotherapp**, use **--packages com.mycustomapp com.myotherapp** argument on the command line.

While you can provide package names for standard Java EE third party software like
 org.apache, it is usually best not to include them as they should not impact the migration effort.



WARNING

If you omit the **--packages** argument, every package in the application is scanned, which can impact performance.

A.2. SUPPORTED TECHNOLOGY TAGS

The following technology tags are supported in MTA 5.2.1:

- OMQ Client (embedded)
- 3scale (embedded)
- Acegi Security (embedded)
- AcrlS Security (embedded)
- ActiveMQ (embedded)
- Airframe (embedded)
- Airlift Log Manager (embedded)
- AKKA JTA (embedded)
- Akka Testkit (embedded)
- Amazon SQS Client (embedded)
- AMQP Client (embedded)
- Anakia (embedded)
- AngularFaces (embedded)
- ANTLR StringTemplate (embedded)
- AOP Alliance (embedded)
- Apache Accumulo Client
- Apache Aries (embedded)
- Apache Axis (embedded)
- Apache Axis2 (embedded)

- Apache Camel (embedded)
- Apache Commons JCS (embedded)
- Apache Commons Logging (embedded)
- Apache Commons Validator (embedded)
- Apache CXF (embedded)
- Apache Flume (embedded)
- Apache Geronimo (embedded)
- Apache Hadoop (embedded)
- Apache HBase Client
- Apache Ignite (embedded)
- Apache Karaf (embedded)
- Apache Log4J (embedded)
- Apache Mahout (embedded)
- Apache Meecrowave JTA (embedded)
- Apache Santuario (embedded)
- Apache Shiro (embedded)
- Apache Sirona JTA (embedded)
- Apache Struts (embedded)
- Apache Synapse (embedded)
- Apache Tapestry (embedded)
- Apache Wicket (embedded)
- Apiman (embedded)
- Arquillian (embedded)
- AspectJ (embedded)
- Atomikos JTA (embedded)
- Avalon Logkit (embedded)
- Axion Driver
- BabbageFaces (embedded)
- Bean Validation

- BeanInject (embedded)
- Blaze (embedded)
- Blitz4j (embedded)
- BootsFaces (embedded)
- Bouncy Castle (embedded)
- ButterFaces (embedded)
- Cache API (embedded)
- Cactus (embedded)
- Camel Messaging Client (embedded)
- Camunda (embedded)
- Cassandra Client
- CDI
- CDI (embedded)
- Cfg Engine (embedded)
- Chunk Templates (embedded)
- Cloudera (embedded)
- Clustering EJB
- Clustering Web Session
- Coherence (embedded)
- Common Annotations
- Composite Logging JCL (embedded)
- Concordion (embedded)
- Cucumber (embedded)
- Dagger (embedded)
- DbUnit (embedded)
- Debugging Support for Other Languages
- Decompiled Java File
- Demoiselle JTA (embedded)
- Derby Driver

- Drools (embedded)
- DVSL (embedded)
- Dynacache (embedded)
- EAR
- Easy Rules (embedded)
- EasyMock (embedded)
- EclipseLink (embedded)
- EJB
- EJB XML
- Ehcache (embedded)
- Elasticsearch (embedded)
- Enterprise Web Services
- Entity Bean
- EtlUnit (embedded)
- Everit JTA (embedded)
- Evo JTA (embedded)
- FreeMarker (embedded)
- Geronimo JTA (embedded)
- GFC Logging (embedded)
- GIN (embedded)
- GlassFish JTA (embedded)
- Google Guice (embedded)
- Grails (embedded)
- Grapht DI (embedded)
- Guava Testing (embedded)
- GWT (embedded)
- H2 Driver
- Hamcrest (embedded)
- Handlebars (embedded)

- HavaRunner (embedded)
- Hazelcast (embedded)
- Hdiv (embedded)
- Hibernate (embedded)
- Hibernate Cfg
- Hibernate Mapping
- Hibernate OGM (embedded)
- HighFaces (embedded)
- HornetQ Client (embedded)
- HSQLDB Driver
- HTTP Client (embedded)
- HttpUnit (embedded)
- ICEfaces (embedded)
- Ickenham (embedded)
- Ignite JTA (embedded)
- Ikasan (embedded)
- iLog (embedded)
- Infinispan (embedded)
- Injekt for Kotlin (embedded)
- Iroh (embedded)
- Istio (embedded)
- JACC
- Jamon (embedded)
- Jasypt (embedded)
- Java EE
- Java EE Batch
- Java EE Batch API
- Java EE JSON-P
- Java EE Security

- Java Source
- Java Transaction API (embedded)
- JavaMail
- Javax Inject (embedded)
- JAX-RPC
- JAX-RS
- JAX-WS
- JAXB
- JAXR
- JayWire (embedded)
- JBehave (embedded)
- JBoss Cache (embedded)
- JBoss EJB XML
- JBoss logging (embedded)
- JBoss Transactions (embedded)
- JBoss Web XML
- JBossMQ Client (embedded)
- JBPM (embedded)
- JCA
- Jcabi Log (embedded)
- JCache (embedded)
- JCunit (embedded)
- JDBC (embedded)
- JDBC datasources
- JDBC XA datasources
- Jersey (embedded)
- Jetbrick Template (embedded)
- Jetty (embedded)
- JFreeChart (embedded)

- JFunk (embedded)
- JMock (embedded)
- JMockit (embedded)
- JMS
- JMS Connection Factory
- JMS Queue
- JMS Topic
- JMustache (embedded)
- JPA
- JPA entities
- JPA Matchers (embedded)
- JPA named queries
- JPA XML
- JSecurity (embedded)
- JSF (embedded)
- JSF Page
- JSilver (embedded)
- JSON-B
- JSP Page
- JSTL (embedded)
- JTA
- Jukito (embedded)
- JUnit (embedded)
- Ka DI (embedded)
- Keyczar (embedded)
- Kibana (embedded)
- KLogger (embedded)
- Kodein (embedded)
- Kotlin Logging (embedded)

- Koulnject (embedded)
- KumuluzEE JTA (embedded)
- LevelDB Client
- Liferay (embedded)
- LiferayFaces (embedded)
- Lift JTA (embedded)
- Log.io (embedded)
- Log4s (embedded)
- Logback (embedded)
- Logging to file system
- Logging to Socket Handler
- Logging Utils (embedded)
- Logstash (embedded)
- Lumberjack (embedded)
- Macros (embedded)
- Manifest
- MapR (embedded)
- Maven XML
- MckoiSQLDB Driver
- MEJB
- Memcached client (embedded)
- Message (MDB)
- Micro DI (embedded)
- Microsoft SQL Driver
- MinLog (embedded)
- Mixer (embedded)
- Mockito (embedded)
- MongoDB Client
- Monolog (embedded)

- Morphia
- MRules (embedded)
- Mule (embedded)
- Mule Functional Test Framework (embedded)
- MultithreadedTC (embedded)
- Mycontainer JTA (embedded)
- MyFaces (embedded)
- MySQL Driver
- Narayana Arjuna (embedded)
- Needle (embedded)
- Neo4j (embedded)
- NLOG4J (embedded)
- Nuxeo JTA/JCA (embedded)
- OACC (embedded)
- OAUTH (embedded)
- OCPsoft Logging Utils (embedded)
- OmniFaces (embedded)
- OpenFaces (embedded)
- OpenPojo (embedded)
- OpenSAML (embedded)
- OpenWS (embedded)
- OPS4J Pax Logging Service (embedded)
- Oracle ADF (embedded)
- Oracle DB Driver
- Oracle Forms (embedded)
- Orion EJB XML
- Orion Web XML
- Oscache (embedded)
- OTR4J (embedded)

- OW2 JTA (embedded)
- OW2 Log Util (embedded)
- OWASP CSRF Guard (embedded)
- OWASP ESAPI (embedded)
- Peaberry (embedded)
- Pega (embedded)
- Persistence units
- Petals EIP (embedded)
- PicketBox (embedded)
- PicketLink (embedded)
- PicoContainer (embedded)
- Play (embedded)
- Play Test (embedded)
- Plexus Container (embedded)
- Polyforms DI (embedded)
- Portlet (embedded)
- PostgreSQL Driver
- PowerMock (embedded)
- PrimeFaces (embedded)
- Properties
- Qpid Client (embedded)
- RabbitMQ Client (embedded)
- RandomizedTesting Runner (embedded)
- Resource Adapter (embedded)
- REST Assured (embedded)
- Restito (embedded)
- RichFaces (embedded)
- RMI
- RocketMQ Client (embedded)

- Rythm Template Engine (embedded)
- SAML (embedded)
- Scalate (embedded)
- Scaldi (embedded)
- Scribe (embedded)
- Seam (embedded)
- ServiceMix (embedded)
- Servlet
- ShiftOne (embedded)
- Silk DI (embedded)
- SLF4J (embedded)
- Snippetory Template Engine (embedded)
- SNMP4J (embedded)
- SOAP (SAAJ)
- Spark (embedded)
- Specsy (embedded)
- Spock (embedded)
- Spring (embedded)
- Spring Batch (embedded)
- Spring Boot (embedded)
- Spring Data (embedded)
- Spring Integration (embedded)
- Spring Messaging Client (embedded)
- Spring MVC (embedded)
- Spring Security (embedded)
- Spring Test (embedded)
- Spring Transactions (embedded)
- Spring XML
- SQLite Driver

- SSL (embedded)
- Stateful (SFSB)
- Stateless (SLSB)
- Sticky Configured (embedded)
- Stripes (embedded)
- SubCut (embedded)
- Swagger (embedded)
- SwarmCache (embedded)
- SwitchYard (embedded)
- Syringe (embedded)
- Talend ESB (embedded)
- Teiid (embedded)
- TensorFlow (embedded)
- Test Interface (embedded)
- TestNG (embedded)
- Thymeleaf (embedded)
- TieFaces (embedded)
- tinylog (embedded)
- Tomcat (embedded)
- Tornado Inject (embedded)
- Trimou (embedded)
- Trunk JGuard (embedded)
- Twirl (embedded)
- Twitter Util Logging (embedded)
- UberFire (embedded)
- Unirest (embedded)
- Unitils (embedded)
- Vaadin (embedded)
- Velocity (embedded)

- Vlad (embedded)
- Water Template Engine (embedded)
- Web XML
- WebLogic Web XML
- Webmacro (embedded)
- WebSphere EJB
- WebSphere EJB Ext
- WebSphere Web XML
- WebSphere WS Binding
- WebSphere WS Extension
- Weka (embedded)
- Weld (embedded)
- WF Core JTA (embedded)
- Winter (embedded)
- WS Metadata
- WSDL (embedded)
- WSO2 (embedded)
- WSS4J (embedded)
- XACML (embedded)
- XFire (embedded)
- XMLUnit (embedded)
- Zbus Client (embedded)

A.3. ABOUT RULE STORY POINTS

A.3.1. 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.

The Migration Toolkit for Applications 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 manhours, but the value should be consistent across tasks.

A.3.2. 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 quidelines MTA 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.3.3. Task category

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 group issues to help prioritize the migration effort.

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

Potential

The task should be examined during the migration process, but there is not enough detailed information to determine if the task is mandatory for the migration to succeed. An example of this would be migrating a third-party proprietary type where there is no directly compatible type.

Information

The task is included to inform you of the existence of certain files. These may need to be examined or modified as part of the modernization effort, but changes are typically not required. An example of this would be the presence of a logging dependency or a Maven **pom.xml**.

For more information on categorizing tasks, see Using custom rule categories.

A.4. ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

A.4.1. Getting involved

To help the Migration Toolkit for Applications cover most application constructs and server configurations, including yours, you can help with any of the following items.

- Send an email to jboss-migration-feedback@redhat.com and let us know what MTA migration rules should cover.
- Provide example applications to test migration rules.
- Identify application components and problem areas that may be difficult to migrate.
 - Write a short description of these problem migration areas.
 - Write a brief overview describing how to solve the problem migration areas.
- Try Migration Toolkit for Applications on your application. Be sure to report any issues you encounter.
- Contribute to the Migration Toolkit for Applications rules repository.
 - Write a Migration Toolkit for Applications rule to identify or automate a migration process.
 - Create a test for the new rule.
 - Details are provided in the *Rules Development Guide*.
- Contribute to the project source code.
 - Create a core rule.
 - Improve MTA performance or efficiency.
 - See the *Core Development Guide* for information about how to configure your environment and set up the project.

Any level of involvement is greatly appreciated!

A.4.2. Resources

- MTA forums: https://developer.jboss.org/en/windup
- MTA Jira issue trackers
 - Core MTA: https://issues.redhat.com/projects/WINDUP
 - MTA Rules: https://issues.redhat.com/projects/WINDUPRULE
- MTA mailing list: jboss-migration-feedback@redhat.com
- MTA IRC channel: Server FreeNode (irc.freenode.net), channel #windup (transcripts).

A.4.3. Reporting issues

MTA uses Jira as its issue tracking system. If you encounter an issue executing MTA, submit a Jira issue.

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