

Dynamic Languages & Web Frameworks in GlassFish v3

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What is a Dynamic Language ?

- Broadly a language that allows a program to change its own code at runtime
 - Evaluate data as code ("The name is: #{@name}")
 - Manipulate code as data ({"name"=>"Duke"}.each {|data| puts data})
 - High order functions
 - Dynamic Typing
 - Closures, Continuations, Macros, ...
- Simple, human-readable syntax
- List, Ruby, Python, Groovy, ...



Web Frameworks

- Full-stack
 - Object relational mapping
 - MVC-pattern
 - Templating
 - JavaScript library
 - Extension points
- Agile Development
 - No compile, redeploy, restart cycles
 - Testing built into the framework



Design Principles

- Convention over Configuration (CoC)
 - Common cases easily served
 - Encourages standard practices
 - Everything simpler and smaller
- Don't Repeat Yourself (DRY)
 - Framework written around minimizing repetition



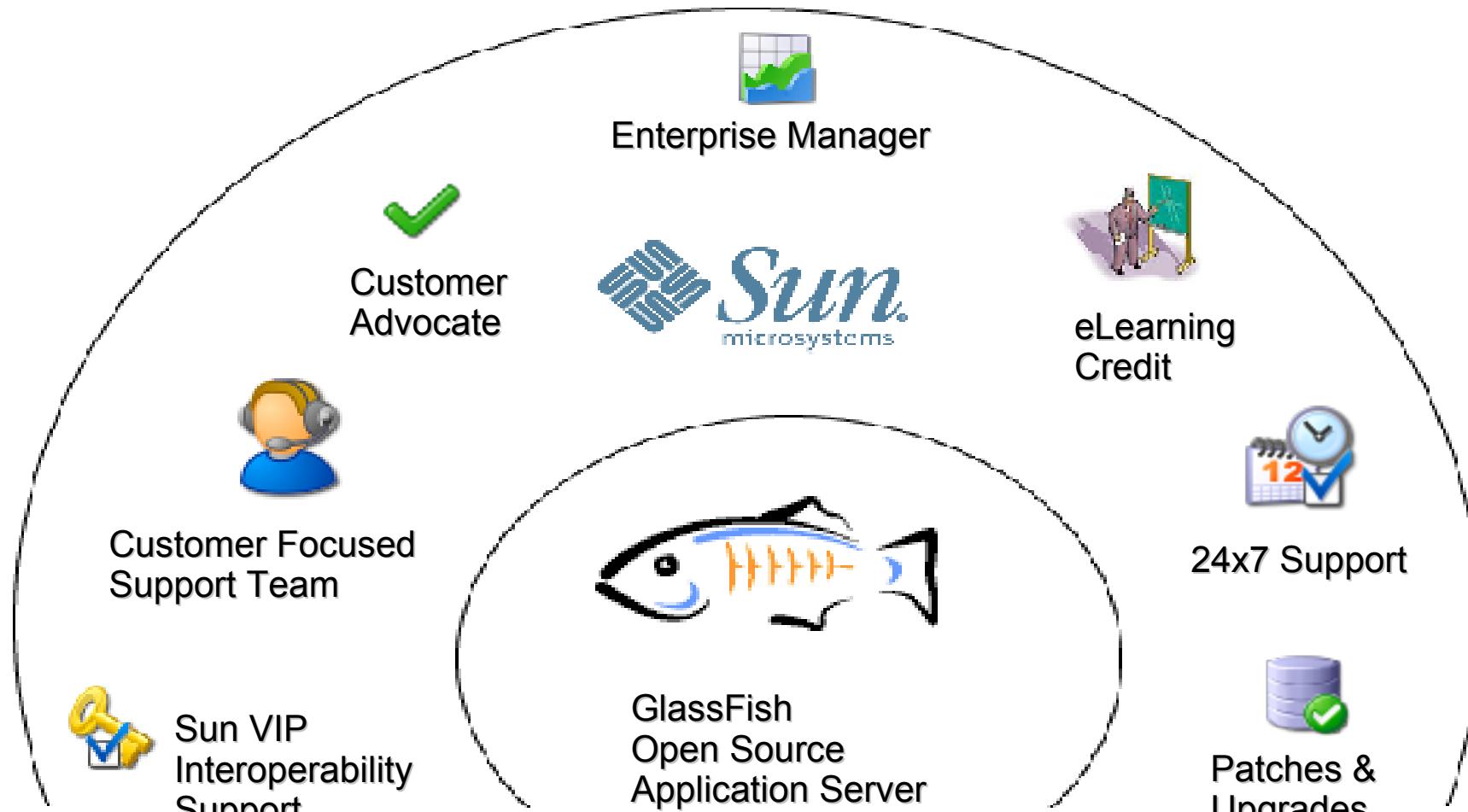
What is GlassFish ?



- A community
 - Users, Partners, Testers, Developers, ...
 - Started in 2005 on java.net
- Application Server
 - Enterprise Quality and Open Source
 - Java EE Reference Implementation
 - Full Commercial Support from Sun



Sun GlassFish Enterprise Server

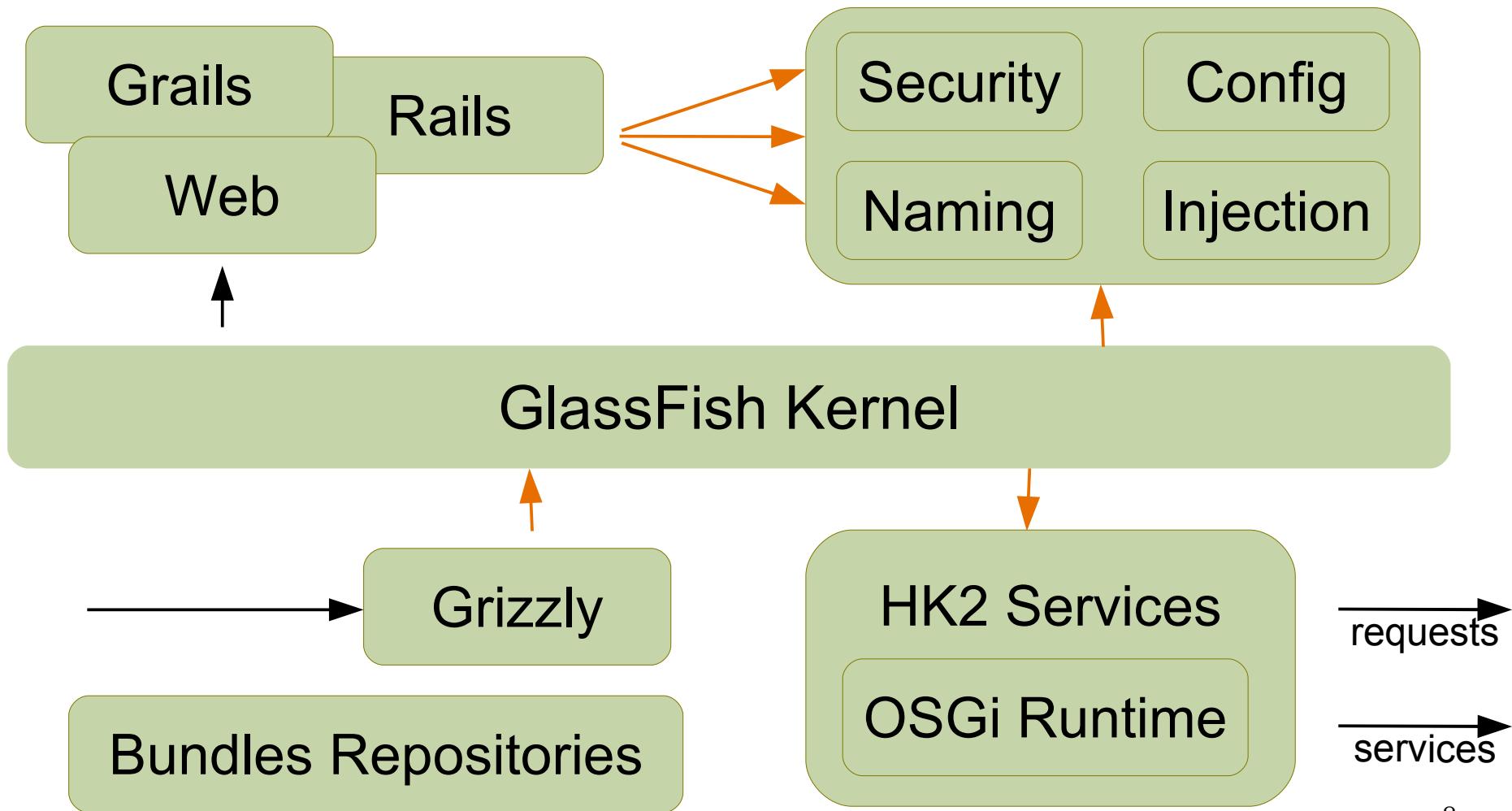


GlassFish v3

- Modular:
 - Maven 2 – Build & Module description
 - Felix – OSGi runtime (216 bundles)
 - Allow any type of Container to be plugged
 - Start Container and Services on demand
- Embeddable: runs in-VM
- Extensible
 - Rails, Grails, Django, ...



GlassFish v3 Architecture



Dynamic Languages & Frameworks



<http://glassfish-scripting.dev.java.net>



What is JRuby ?

- Ruby interpreter written in Java
- Current Version: 1.4.0
- Ruby 1.8.6 compatible
- Some Ruby 1.9 support
 - --1.9 flag
 - 80% of 1.9.1
- 9 Active committers

<http://jruby.kenai.com/presentations/JRubyConf%2009%20Keynote.pdf>





JRuby Compatibility

- ~37,000 passing rubyspecs
- ~22,000 passing assertions
- Continuous Integration
 - On commit ~3 Java versions * 4 vendors
 - Nightly: 30 minute “full” run





JRuby

- Solid performance (~Ruby 1.9)
 - Startup is poor, execution usually better than 1.9
- Runs native threads
- Foreign Function Interface (FFI) for C libraries
- Runs Rails great!

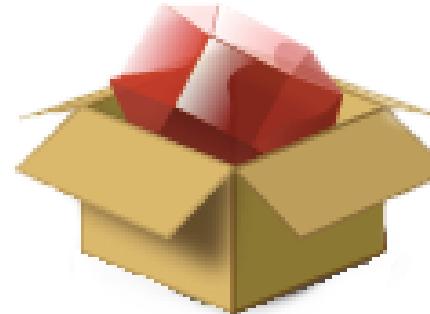
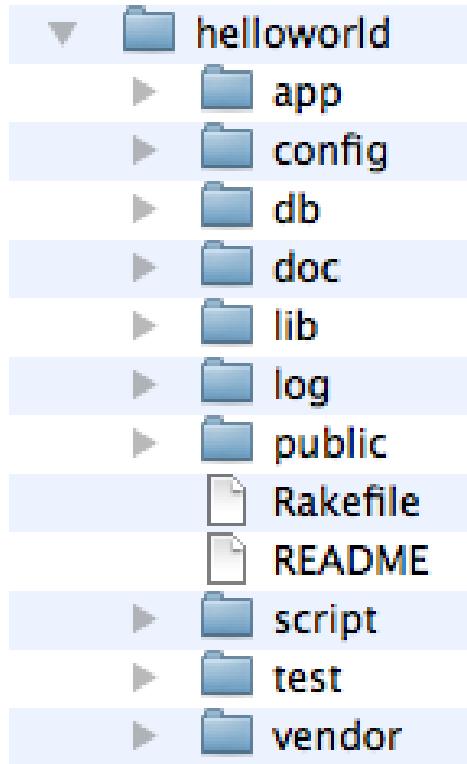


What is ?

- Full-stack Web development MVC framework in Ruby
- Current Version: Rails 2.3.4
- Getting Started
 - Install Rails: “jruby -S gem install rails”
 - Generate Rails app: “jruby -S rails helloworld”



Rails Deployment Choices



Credits: <http://birdwatchersdigest.com>

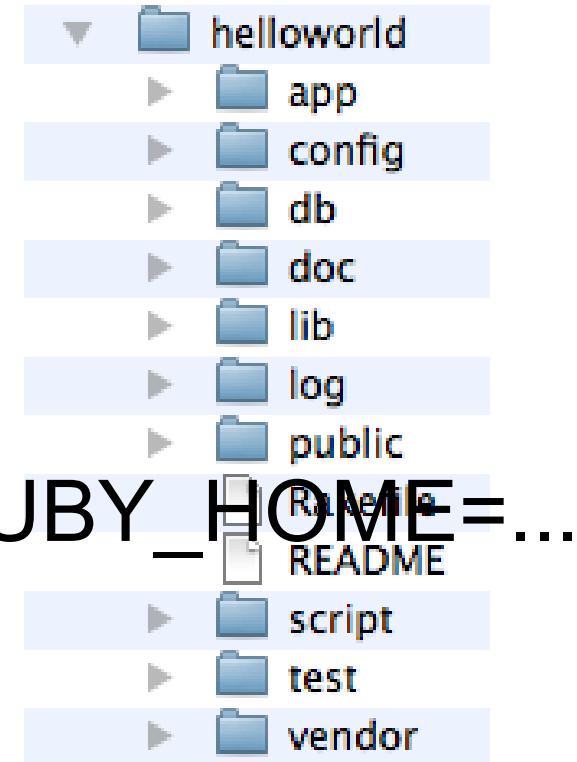
Directory-based Deployment: How ?

jruby -S rails helloworld

asadmin start-domain

asadmin create-jvm-options -DJRUBY_HOME=...

asadmin deploy railsconf



Directory-based: Capistrano Recipes

```
set :context_root, "/" # You can obviously change this if you want to
set :glassfish_location, "/path/to/your/glassfish"

namespace :deploy do
  desc "Cold start Glassfish v3"
  task :cold do
    run "#{glassfish_location}/bin/asadmin start-domain domain1"
    start
  end

  desc "Stop a server running Glassfish v3"
  task :stop do
    run "#{glassfish_location}/bin/asadmin undeploy #{current_dir} || true"
    run "#{glassfish_location}/bin/asadmin stop-domain domain1"
  end

  desc "update and deploy to Glassfish v3"
  task :start do
    update
    run "#{glassfish_location}/bin/asadmin deploy --contextroot #{context_root}"
  end
end
```

<http://wiki.glassfish.java.net/Wiki.jsp?page=DeployUsingCapistrano>



Rails Development using NetBeans 6.8

The screenshot shows the NetBeans IDE 6.8 interface with the title bar "NetBeans IDE 6.8". The central editor area displays a Ruby file with Rails code. A red highlight covers the line "check = params[:id]". Below the code editor is a "Local Variables" table:

Name	Type	Value
flash	ActionController::Flash::FlashHash	Empty ActionFlash Hash (2 elements)
header	Hash	{} (With nil)
params	Hash#WithDifferentAccess	{} (With nil)
controller	String	ICW
action	String	&ActionFrom
request	ActionController::Request	ActionFrom
response	ActionController::Response	ActionFrom

http://blogs.sun.com/arungupta/entry/screencast_26_develop_run_debug



Rails Deployment: GlassFish Gem

Files	Classes	Methods
History.txt LICENSE.txt README.txt script/asadmin.rb script/command_line_parser.rb script/config.rb	GlassFish GlassFish::ASAdmin GlassFish::CommandLineParser GlassFish::Config GlassFish::Server RDoc	fail (GlassFish::Config) init_OPTS (GlassFish::CommandLineParser) parse (GlassFish::CommandLineParser) startup (GlassFish::Server) usage_on_exit (RDoc) validate (GlassFish::Config)

README.txt

Path: README.txt
Last Update: Sun Mar 15 22:43:02 -0700 2009

GlassFish v3 server for Rack based web frameworks (Rails, Merb, ...)

GlassFish gem is a lightweight and robust deployment solution for Ruby on Rails applications deployed on JRuby runtime. It is based on GlassFish v3 application server.

GlassFish v3 is a Java based application server that allows deployment, administration and monitoring of JavaEE as well as dynamic languages based web frameworks such as Ruby On Rails, Grails etc.

GlassFish gem is based on GlassFish v3 nucleus. GlassFish v3 nucleus is the core module of GlassFish v3.

For more information on GlassFish v3 application server see glassfish.dev.java.net/v3.

Requires JDK 6

Get JDK 6 from [here](#)

Supported Rack based frameworks

- Rails
- Merb
- ...



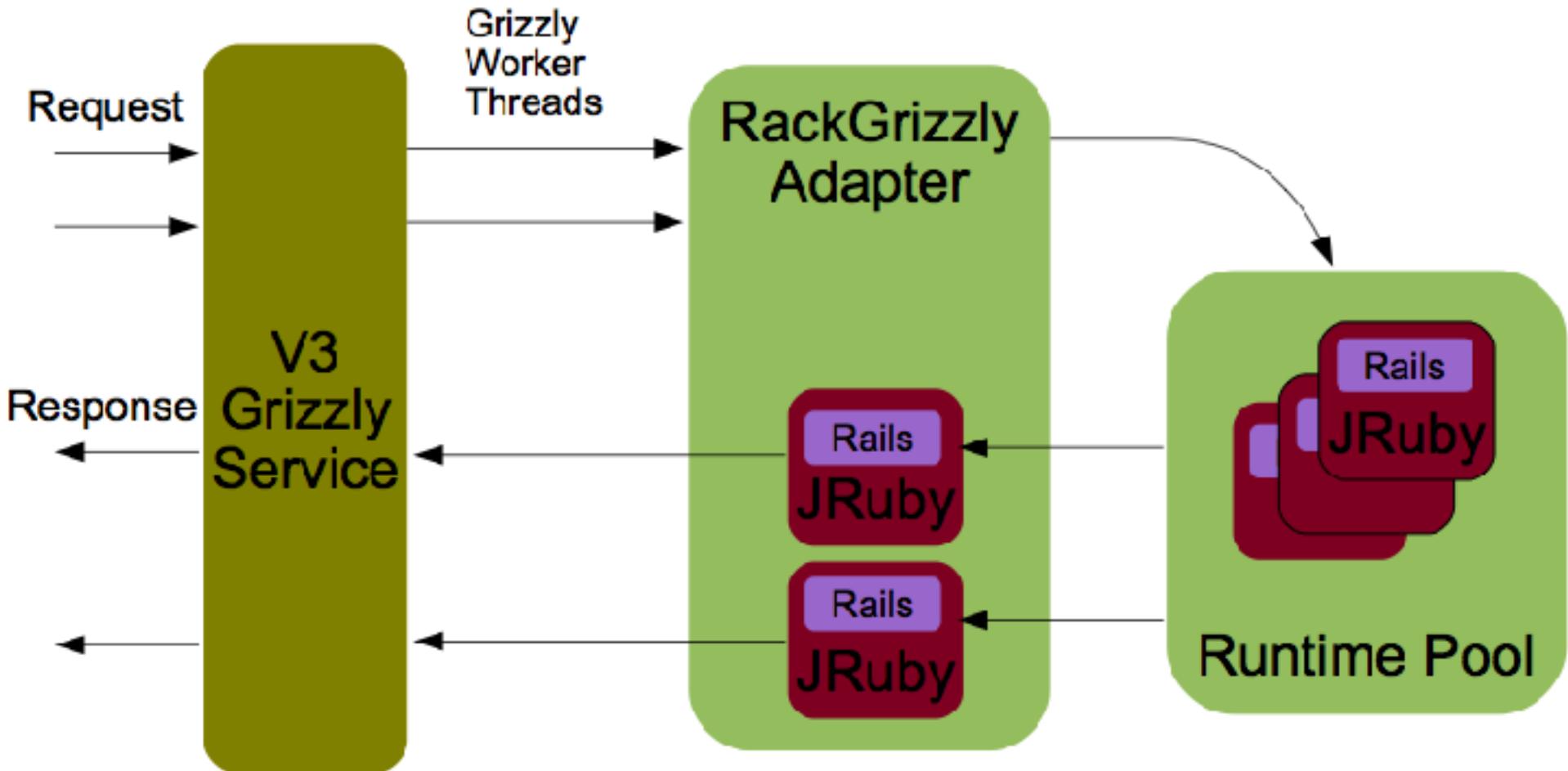
GlassFish Gem: How ?

jruby -S rails helloworld

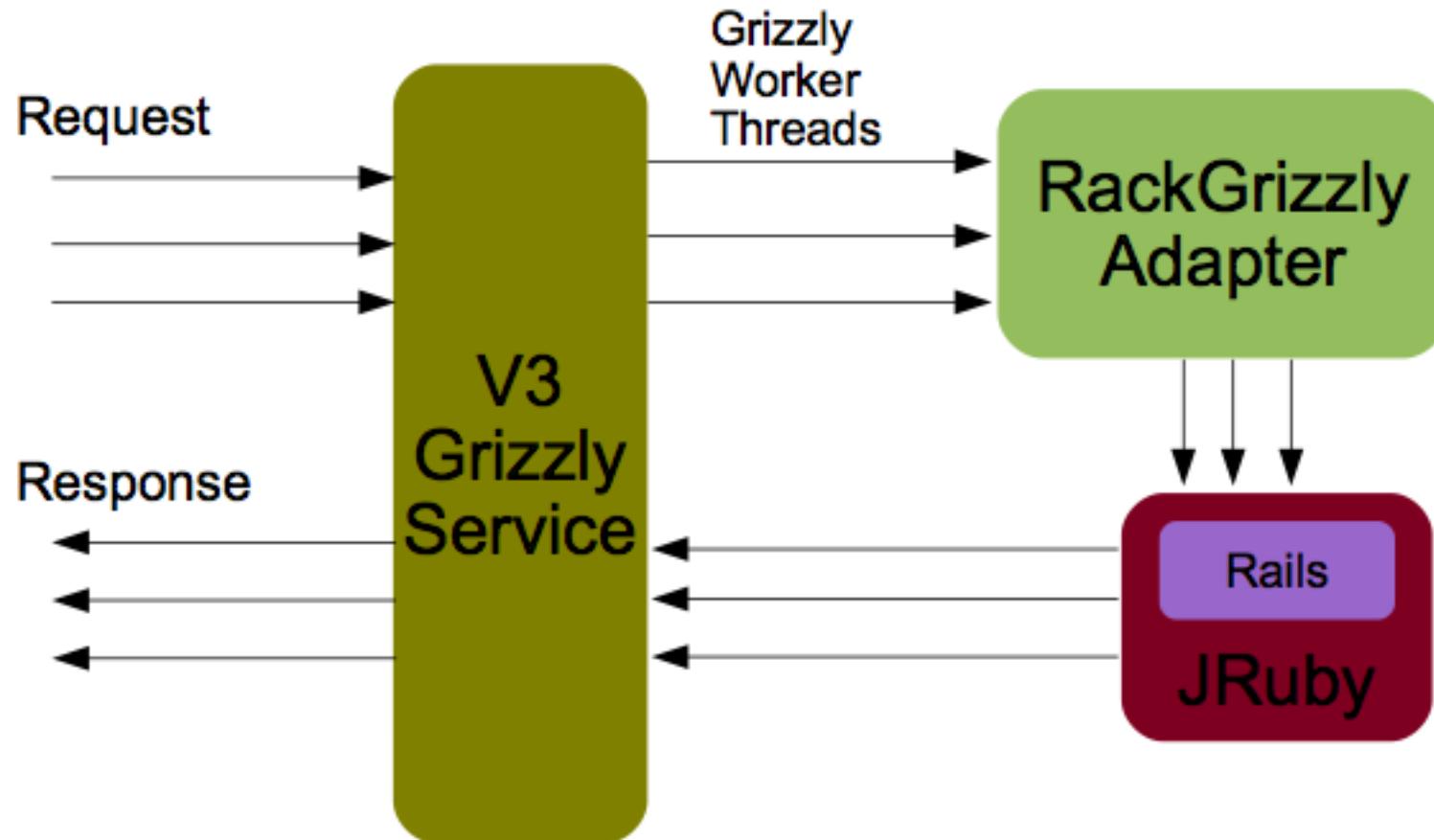


```
jruby -S gem install glassfish  
cd helloworld  
jruby -S glassfish
```

Single Threaded Rails < v 2.2



Multi Threaded Rails or Merb or ...



GlassFish Gem: Capistrano Recipes

```
namespace :gem do

  desc "Start Glassfish Gem from a shutdown state"

  task :cold do
    start
  end

  desc "Stop a server running Glassfish Gem"
  task :stop do
    run "kill -INT $(cat #{current_path}/capistrano-#{application}.pid)"
  end

  desc "Starts a server running Glassfish Gem"
  task :start do
    run "#{jruby_location}bin/jruby -S glassfish --contextroot"
  end

  desc "Restarts a server running Glassfish Gem"
end
```

<http://wiki.glassfish.java.net/Wiki.jsp?page=DeployUsingCapsitrano>



GlassFish Gem Options

jruby -S glassfish -h

- n:** Number of JRuby runtimes to create initially
- runtimes-min:** Minimum runtimes
- runtimes-max:** Maximum runtimes
- c:** change the context root
- e:** environment
- d:** Runs as daemon
- P:** location of PID file
- l:** log file location
- log-level:** Logging level (0-7)



Demo

GlassFish Gem

http://blogs.sun.com/arungupta/entry/totd_76_jruby_1_2



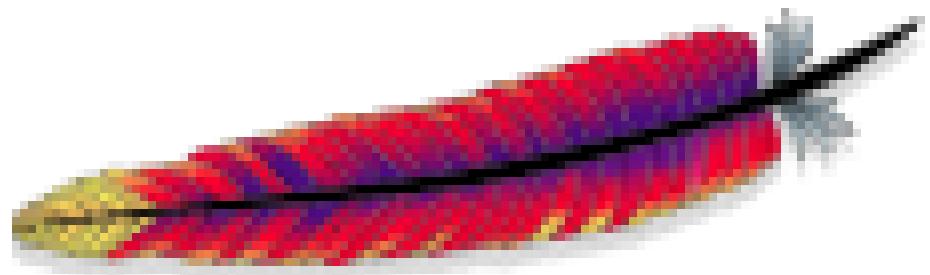
GlassFish Gem in Production

- Easy, **green** deployment
 - Reverse proxy not required
 - JRuby runtime pool provides required scaling
 - Rails is single threaded by default
 - MT frameworks scales automatically
 - JRuby and JVM support native threads
- Configuration using “glassfish.yml”



Optional front-ending

NGINX



http://blogs.sun.com/arungupta/entry/totd_81_how_to_use
http://blogs.sun.com/arungupta/entry/totd_84_using_apache_mod



Rails Deployment: WAR-based



WAR-based: How ?

jruby -S rails helloworld

jruby -S gem install warbler
cd helloworld

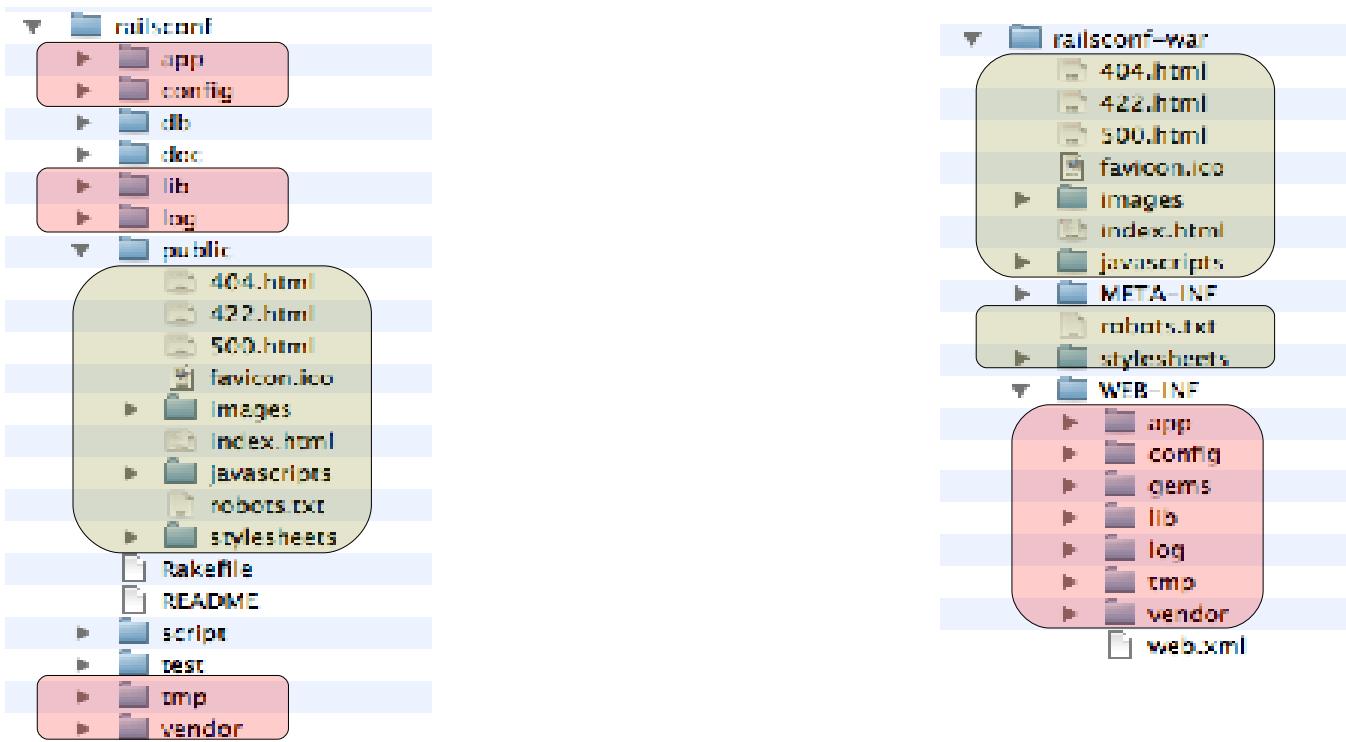
jruby warble config
Edit “config/warble.rb”

Include gems, Change RAILS_ENV

jruby warble
asadmin deploy helloworld.war



WAR Deployment: Packaging



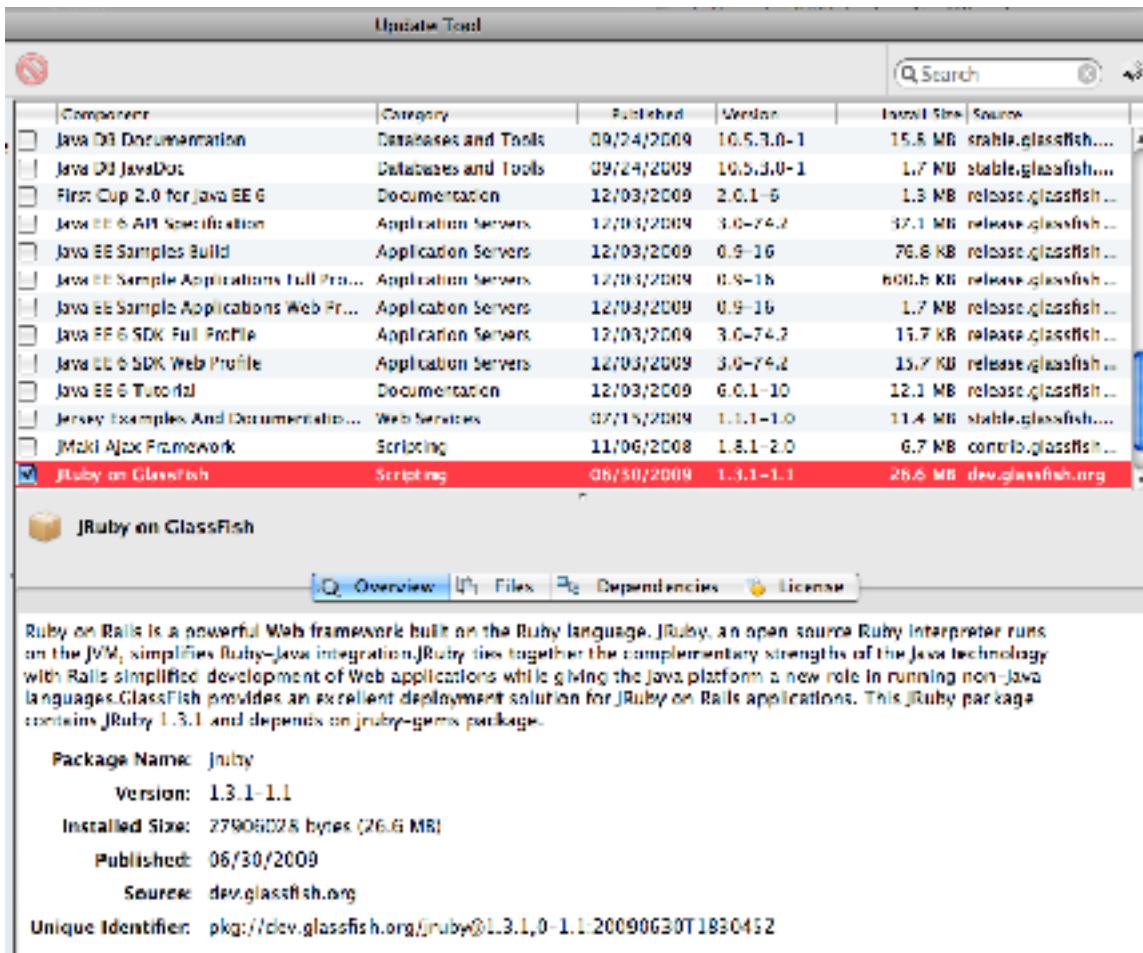
Demo

WAR-based Deployment

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JRuby Module on GlassFish Update Center



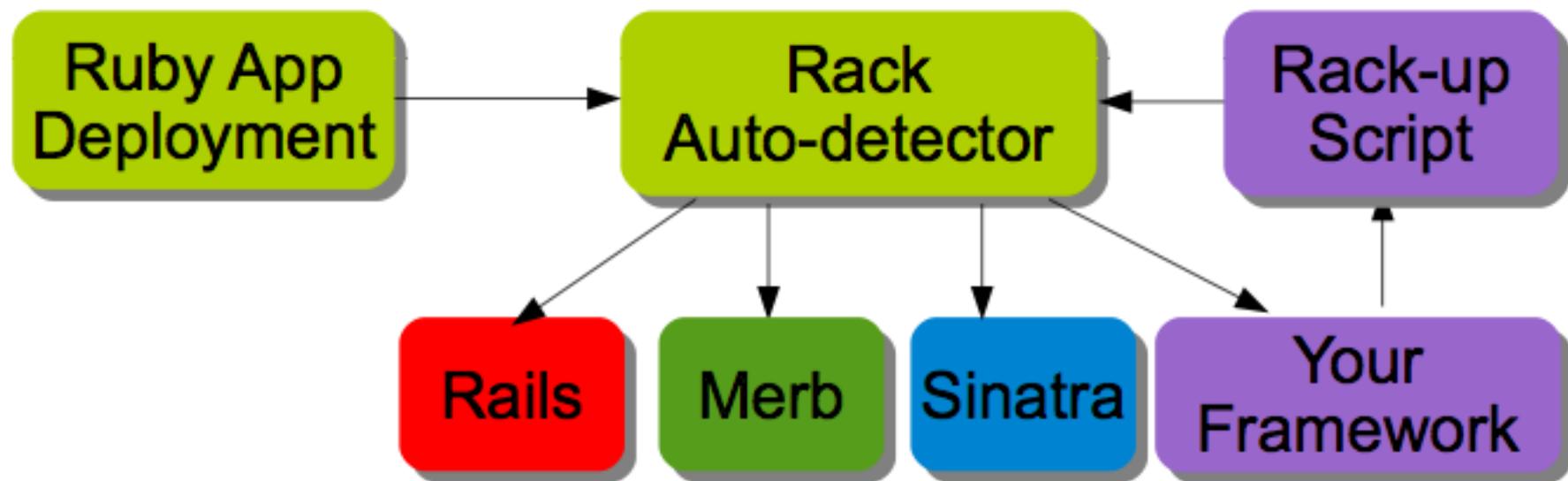
Ruby Rack Support



- A Ruby Web server interface
- Plugin any Rack compliant framework
 - Rails, Merb, Sinatra, Ramaze, Campsite, ...
- Rack support in GlassFish
 - GlassFish Gem
 - Plugin any Rack metal (such as RackCache)
 - GlassFish v2 & v3 through Warbler
- Use your own framework
 - Rackup script
 - jruby.applicationType property

```
class MyApp
  def self.Run
    "Hello World"
  end
end
```

Ruby Application Auto-detection



Performance

- Need JVM tuning for production
 - Use Server profile where possible (-server)
- GC settings
 - -XX:+DisableExplicitGC, -XX:NewRatio=2
- Memory settings
 - Use large settings for -Xmx -Xms and -XX:MaxPermSize
 - Use at least 20 MB perm gen space for each JRuby runtime



Scaling

- Rails is single-threaded by default
- Setup JRuby runtime pool
 - With gem
 - glassfish -n 3 –runtime-min 2 –runtime-max 4
- 2 HTTP Worker Threads per runtime
- Turn on file caching
 - network-config>protocols>protocol>http>file-cache#enabled
- MT frameworks (Rails > 2.2, Merb)
 - No configuration needed



Rails Monitoring

- Basic Monitoring
 - **jinfo**: System properties and VM CLI flags
 - **jmap**: Shared object memory map
 - **jstack**: Stack traces of Java threads
 - **jstat**: Performance stats on class, JIT compiler, GC
- Advanced
 - jconsole / Visual VM
 - NewRelic, FiveRuns, ...



Rails Monitoring in GlassFish v3

- asadmin enable-monitoring –level jruby-container=HIGH
- asadmin list –monitor=true “*”
- asadmin list –monitor=true “*jruby*”
- asadmin list-probes | grep jruby
- dtrace or JavaScript-based monitoring

http://blogs.sun.com/arungupta/entry/totd_104_glassfish_v3_monitoring



Endorsements

Look like the **best deploying option** I ever found for Rails, GREAT!

had **no reliability and performance issues** with Glassfish

money is on **JRuby (and Glassfish) for the long haul**; if you haven't checked out Glassfish yet, you're doing yourself a disservice!

nice way to deploy and manage my app while **leaving things open for scaling**

the **easiest rails stack** in the world, jruby 1.2rc, rails 2.3rc, glassfish v3

...
too easy to run jruby/rack/glassfish behind nginx

leading the way to simple, scalable, no-hassle hosting for Ruby web applications.

...
it's true one-step deployment.

Who loves Rails on GlassFish ?



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What is ?

- Agile dynamic language for the JVM
- Seamlessly integrates with all existing Java objects & libraries
 - Compiles straight to bytecode
- Current version: 1.6.7
- `groovy -e "println 'Hello ' + args[0]" World`



What is GRAILS ?

- MVC Web framework for the Java platform
 - Persistence framework (Hibernate)
 - Templating using GSP (Groovy Server Pages)
 - Tag libraries to create web page components
 - Good Ajax support
 - Web server & automatic resources reload
- Current Version: 1.1.2, 1.2 RC1 released 12/5



Grails “Hello World”

- Create app: “grails create-app bookstore”
 - Create domain class: “grails create-domain-class book”
 - Edit “grails-app/domain/Book.groovy” and add attributes
 - Create controller: “grails create-controller Book”
 - Edit “grails-app/controllers/BookController.groovy”
 - Add scaffold: “def scaffold = Book”
- Run app: “grails run-app”



Grails on GlassFish App Server

- Create WAR: “grails war”
- Deploy: “asadmin deploy helloworld-0.1.war”



Demo

Grails & GlassFish

http://blogs.sun.com/arungupta/entry/getting_started_with_grails_on
http://blogs.sun.com/arungupta/entry/tod_75_getting_started_with
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Update Tool

Component	Category	Published	Version	Installed Size	Source
GlassFish XP Transaction Support 1...	Application Servers	11/10/2009	3.0-32.1	56.6 KB	static.glassfish...
GlassFish Nucleus Localization	Application Servers	11/10/2009	3.0-32.1	371.6 KB	static.glassfish...
GlassFish JDBC HTTP Service	Application Servers	12/03/2009	3.0-74.2	57.8 KB	static.glassfish...
GlassFish Scripting Localization	Application Servers	11/10/2009	3.0-32.1	56.5 KB	static.glassfish...
GlassFish Upgrade Tool Localization	Application Servers	11/30/2009	3.0-32.1	238.1 KB	static.glassfish...
GlassFish Webster Tool	Application Servers	12/03/2009	3.0-74.2	1.4 MB	static.glassfish...
GlassFish Web Container Localization	Application Servers	11/10/2009	3.0-32.1	149.1 KB	static.glassfish...
GlassFish support for Grails framew...	Scripting	06/15/2009	1.0.5-13	50.0 MB	contrib.glassfish...
Hibernate JPA	Frameworks	11/25/2009	5.5.0-0.2	5.5 MB	contrib.glassfish...
Jav怠 DB Driver	Databases and Tools	09/24/2009	10.2.3.0-1	3.9 MB	static.glassfish...
Jav怠 DB Documentation	Databases and Tools	09/24/2009	10.2.3.0-1	15.8 MB	static.glassfish...
Jav怠 DB JavaDB	Databases and Tools	09/24/2009	10.2.3.0-1	1.7 MB	static.glassfish...
First Cup 2.0 for Java EE 6	Documentation	12/03/2009	2.0.1-6	1.3 MB	velocity.glassfish...

GlassFish support for Grails framework

Overview Files Dependencies License

Grails aims to bring the 'coding by convention' paradigm to Java. It's an open-source web application framework that leverages the Groovy language and complements Java Web development. You can use Grails as a standalone development environment that hides all configuration details or integrate your Java business logic. Grails aims to make development as simple as possible and hence should appeal to a wide range of developers not just those from the Java community. GlassFish Support For Grails Framework adds Grails Framework to GlassFish application server and allows development and easy deployment of Grails applications. Applications can be deployed in shared or stand-alone mode. Shared mode allows library reuse and results in much smaller war files.

Package Name: grails
Version: 1.0.5-13
Installed Size: 52480437 bytes (50.0 MB)
Published: 06/15/2009
Source: contrib.glassfish.org
Unique Identifier: pkg://contrib.glassfish.org/grails@1.0.5.0-1.3:20090615T185519Z



Efficient Deployment

- Grails Application WAR
 - Large
 - Over 48 Grails dependent JARs
 - ~20MB for a simple app
 - Expensive to bundle in single WAR
 - Issues when hot deployment is required



GlassFish proposes light-weight WAR

- Don't package dependencies!
- Smaller WAR file: ~200KB vs ~20MB
- GlassFish knows how to find dependencies
- Only one copy of dependencies in GlassFish
 - Less memory consumption and deployment speed-up

\$ grails shared-war

With Grails 1.1 use –nojars option

\$ asadmin deploy helloworld-0.1.war



GlassFish/Grails: Coming up ...

- Use “grails –nojars”
 - JIRA-5174, JIRA-5175
- “grails install-plugin glassfish –global”
 - grails run-app
- “asadmin deploy grailsApp”





What is Jython ?

- Implementation of Python in Java
 - Seamless integration of Python and Java
 - Java <==> Python
 - Just Python
 - Dynamic compilation to Java bytecodes
- Jython 2.5.1 released (Sep 2009)
- Works with Django 1.0



What is **django** ?

- MVC-based framework written in Python
 - Object-relational mapper
 - A lightweight, standalone Web server
 - A regular expression based URL dispatcher
 - A templating system
 - A caching framework
 - An internationalization system
 - . . .



GlassFish Deployment

- Deploy as WAR
 - Modjy
 - Servlet, ServletContextListener + WSGI Implementation
 - Integrated with Jython 2.5
- Pure Django Deployment
 - Grizzly + WSGI => Django
 - No WAR, no packaging
 - asadmin deploy myDjangoApp

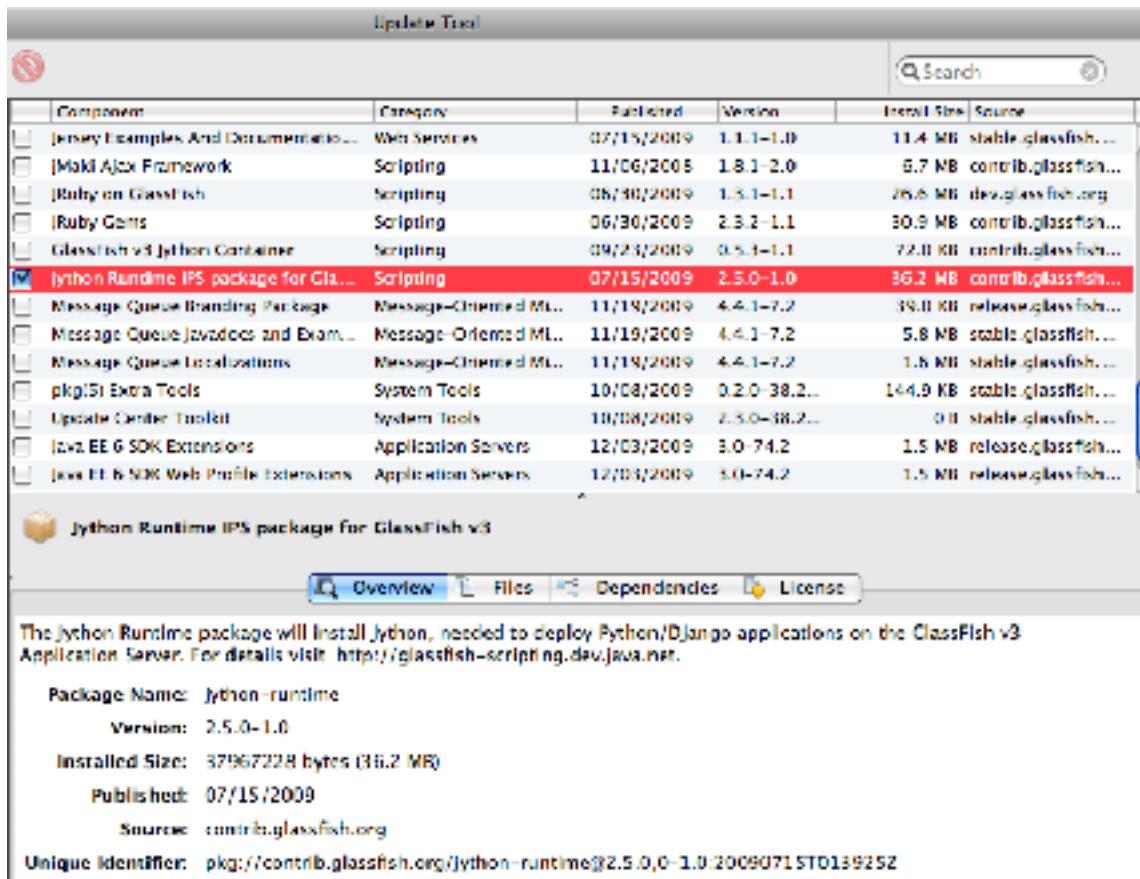


How does it work ?

- Download Jython
- Install Django (`jython25 setup.py install`)
- GlassFish v3 Jython OSGi module from UC
- `asadmin create-jvm-options -Djython.home=...`
- `cd DjangoApp`
- `asadmin deploy .`



Jython Module on GlassFish Update Center



Demo

Django & GlassFish

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Java EE & Dynamic Languages

- JavaEE is a mature and robust platform
 - Servlet, EJB, JMS, JAX-RS, JAX-WS...
- Hybrid Rails and Servlet/JSP application
 - Forward to and from Rails to Servlet/JSP
 - HttpSession as Rails session
 - HttpServletRequest/Response API available to Rails
- JDBC connection pool
- JMS: Async messaging in Rails



Servlet 3.0 Pluggability

- JavaEE 6 and Dynamic Languages
 - No boilerplate web.xml
 - Dynamically add ServletFilter and ServletContextListener
- Simple packaging
 - No need to package as WAR, No Warbler
 - Place application inside WEB-INF directory



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