

# Using Cernunnos in Servlets & Portlets

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# **The Cernunnos Project**

Project History & Cernunnos Basics

# Cernunnos at a Glance

## Project Home Page:

<http://cernunnos.googlecode.com/>



## Discussion Group:

<http://groups.google.com/group/cernunnos-discussion/>

## Manual:

<http://cernunnos.googlecode.com/svn/manual/index.html>

## Project Status:

- Version 1.0.0 released September 14th, 2008
- 8 Project Members
- > 20k lines of source (code, comments, blanks)
- > 450 commits since February 2007

# What is Cernunnos?

- Cernunnos helps you be more productive
- *Here's how it works...*
  - You don't have to tell components, subsystems, or objects *how* to work together
  - You just have to tell them to do so
  - This simple difference reduces busywork and bulk dramatically
  - It's like a **hub airport** for code

# Welcome to *Java Airways*







# Jigsaw Puzzles vs. LEGO Bricks

- Consider another example: **jigsaw puzzles**
  - Puzzle pieces only combine in one way
  - If you want to reuse puzzle pieces, **you have to create new pieces** that will accept their unique shapes
- Each LEGO brick, however, already combines with every other LEGO brick -- past, present, and future
- Cernunnos is like *LEGO-typing for the Java Platform*



# Tasks & Phrases

- There are 2 types of components in Cernunnos
- A **Task** is:
  - A unit of work
  - Like a verb; it describes *what operation will be performed*
  - Represented by an XML element (e.g. `<xslt>`)
- A **Phrase** is:
  - An expression that evaluates to a value
  - Like a noun; it describes *who performs* an operation and *to, for, or upon whom it will be performed*
  - Usually represented by an XML attribute

```
value="$ {groovy (new TreeMap ( ) ) } "
```

# Request Attributes

- Cernunnos components do not maintain operational state; they are **reusable** & **thread-safe**
- Tasks and Phrases use Request Attributes to **manage state** and to **collaborate**
- Request Attributes have scope: they're only visible to **descendants**, not ancestors or siblings
- Many Tasks can create Request Attributes (e.g. `<with>`, `<with-attribute>`, `<sql-datasource>`)
- The most common way to access an attribute is like **this**: `${attributeName}`

# Cernunnos & JA-SIG Time Line

- (2007/02/14) Cernunnos Project created on GoogleCode
- (2007/04/23) Andrew Petro presents Import/Export at Johns Hopkins University dev meeting
- (2007/07/03) Implemented 'deployPortletApp' Ant target with Cernunnos for uPortal 2.6.0
- (Q4 2007) Yale University sponsored extension and integration of uPortal Import/Export
- (2008/01/10) Import/Export added to uPortal versions 2.5.4, 2.6.2, and 3.0.0

# Cernunnos & JA-SIG Time Line (cont.)

- (Q3 2008) Anthony Colebourne from University of Manchester develops XBEL export for CBookmarks
- (2008/08/29) Johns Hopkins University contributes the SmartLdapGroupStore to uPortal 3.1.0
- (2008/09/14) Cernunnos 1.0.0 released
- (2009/02/20) University of Illinois contributes Import/Export Portlet to uPortal 3.1.0
- (Q2? 2009) Cernunnos 1.1.0 released

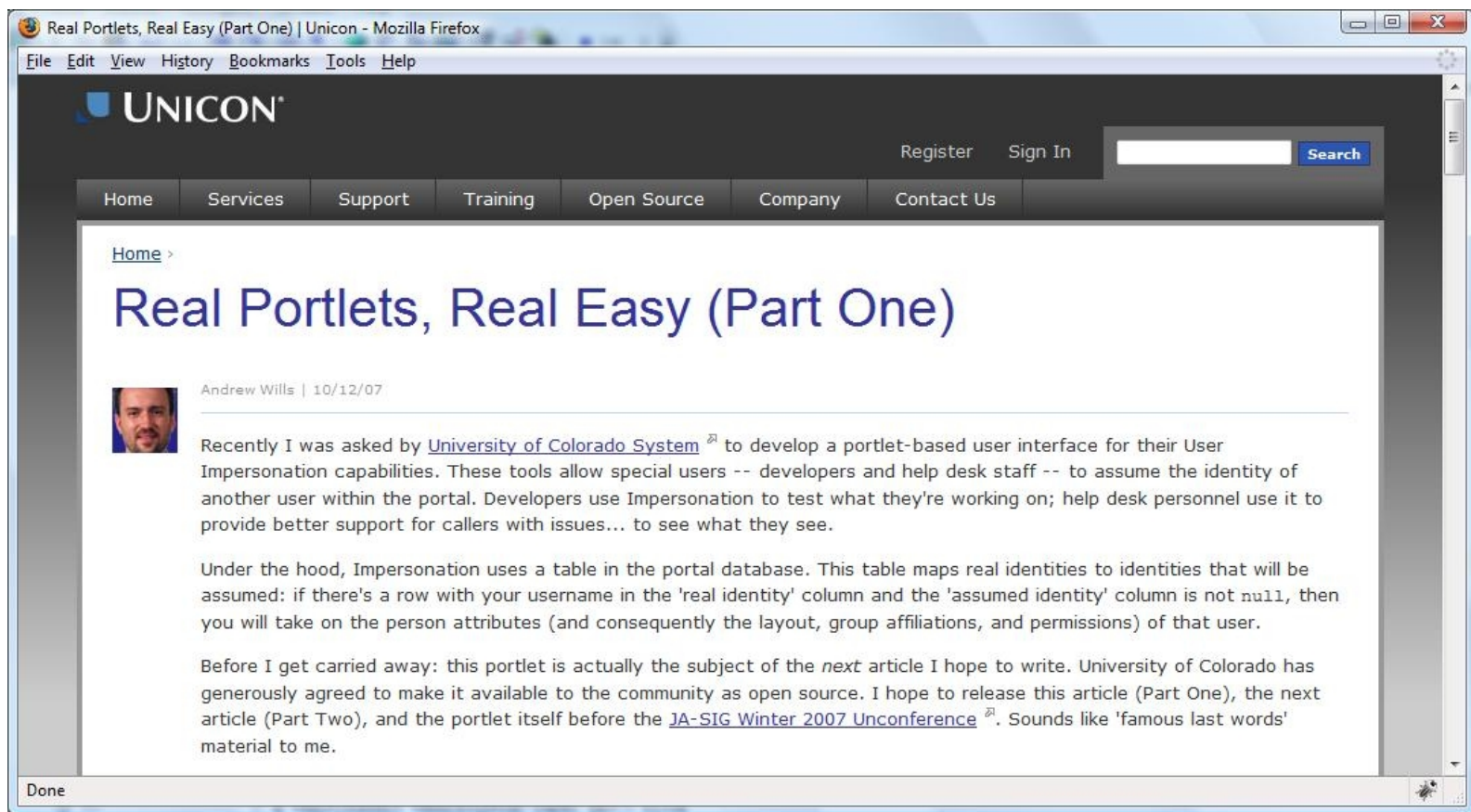
# Creating Servlets & Portlets

How-To



# On Line Article

- There's a helpful article on Cernunnos Portlets at <http://www.unicon.net/node/822>



The screenshot shows a Mozilla Firefox browser window with the address bar displaying "Real Portlets, Real Easy (Part One) | Unicon - Mozilla Firefox". The browser's menu bar includes "File", "Edit", "View", "History", "Bookmarks", "Tools", and "Help". The Unicon website header features the "UNICON" logo, navigation links for "Home", "Services", "Support", "Training", "Open Source", "Company", and "Contact Us", and a search bar with "Register" and "Sign In" options. The article title "Real Portlets, Real Easy (Part One)" is prominently displayed, followed by the author's name "Andrew Wills" and the date "10/12/07". The article text discusses the development of a portlet-based user interface for user impersonation at the University of Colorado System, explaining how it allows developers and help desk staff to assume the identity of other users within the portal. It also mentions that the portlet is open source and will be released before the JA-SIG Winter 2007 Unconference.

# Cernunnos Manual

- Defining Servlets & Portlets is discussed on the **Cernunnos & Maven** page in the manual

Cernunnos Manual - Mozilla Firefox

File Edit View History Bookmarks Tools Help

## Cernunnos Manual

### Introduction

The Cernunnos Project makes Java professionals more effective by helping them reuse their work extensively. Reused code has three very significant advantages: (1) it takes less time to write; (2) it's already been tested; and (3) there are more projects in which to discover and fix subtle bugs that make it through testing.

### How It Works

Contemporary software systems are mostly built like jigsaw puzzles: although they are made up of components, the components only really combine in one way. The reason for this condition is that industry-normal programming practices include designing the *shape* of components (i.e. the way in which they connect to other components) together and in accordance with their *function*. The result is components that look a lot like what they do. New components that collaborate with existing components must be written to fit them explicitly, and new collaborations among existing components always require one or more labor-intensive undertakings:

- writing "glue code"

Done

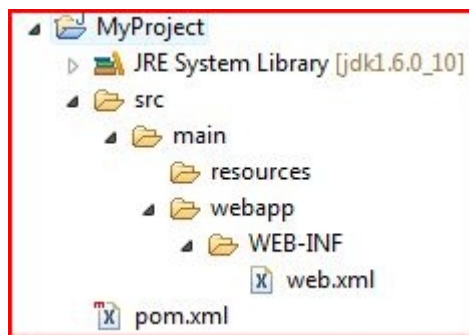
# Getting Started

- Things you *probably* want in your project:
  - Cernunnos jar and dependencies
  - JSTL jar
  - Jakarta Standard Taglib jar
  - A build file (Maven, Ant, *etc.*)
  - A Deployment Descriptor (web.xml) file

# Getting Started (cont.)

- Get all of these with this Maven command:

```
mvn archetype:create
-DarchetypeGroupId=com.googlecode.cernunnos
-DarchetypeArtifactId=cernunnos-webapp
-DarchetypeVersion=1.1.0-SNAPSHOT
-DgroupId=<your.groupId>
-DartifactId=<your.artifactId>
```



**maven**

# pom.xml File

```
10
11 <repositories>
12   <repository>
13     <id>jasig-repository</id>
14     <name>JA-SIG Maven2 Repository</name>
15     <url>http://developer.ja-sig.org/maven2</url>
16   </repository>
17 </repositories>
18
19 <dependencies>
20   <dependency>
21     <groupId>com.googlecode.cernunnos</groupId>
22     <artifactId>cernunnos</artifactId>
23     <version>1.1.0-SNAPSHOT</version>
24     <scope>compile</scope>
25   </dependency>
26   <dependency>
27     <groupId>javax.servlet</groupId>
28     <artifactId>jstl</artifactId>
29     <version>1.1.2</version>
30     <scope>runtime</scope>
31   </dependency>
32   <dependency>
33     <groupId>taglibs</groupId>
34     <artifactId>standard</artifactId>
35     <version>1.1.2</version>
36     <scope>runtime</scope>
37   </dependency>
38 </dependencies>
39
```



# web.xml File

```
1
2 <?xml version="1.0" encoding="ISO-8859-1"?>
3
4 <web-app version="2.4" xmlns="http://java.sun.com/xml/ns/j2ee"
5     xmlns:xsi="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema-instance"
6     xsi:schemaLocation="http://java.sun.com/xml/ns/j2ee
7         http://java.sun.com/xml/ns/j2ee/web-app_2_4.xsd">
8
9     <display-name>MyProject</display-name>
10
11 </web-app>
12
```

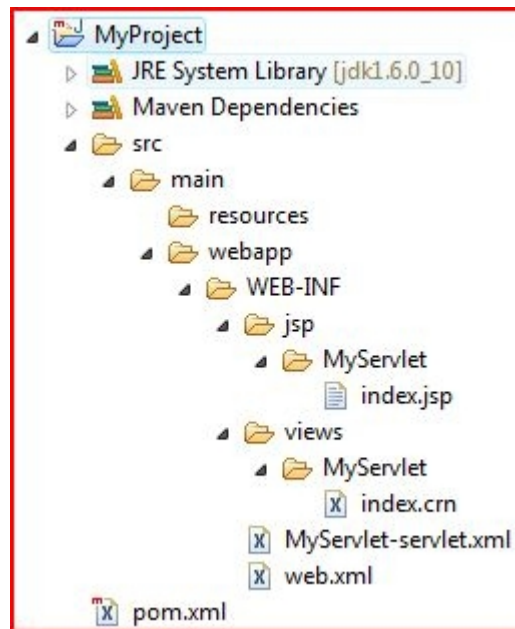
# Creating a New Servlet

- For a minimal Servlet example you may:
  - Define `<servlet>` and `<servlet-mapping>` in `web.xml`
  - Provide a JSP file for HTML markup
  - Provide a CRN file with a `<request-dispatcher>` that invokes your JSP
- You can get all of these with this Cernunnos command (requires 1.1.0):

```
>crn define-servlet.crn <servlet.name>
```

- You will also get a `*-servlet.xml` context file

# Project Directory Structure



# web.xml File

```
1
2 <web-app xmlns="http://java.sun.com/xml/ns/j2ee"
3         xmlns:xsi="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema-instance"
4         version="2.4" xsi:schemaLocation="http://java.sun.com/xml/ns/j2ee
5         http://java.sun.com/xml/ns/j2ee/web-app_2_4.xsd">
6
7     <display-name>MyProject</display-name>
8     <servlet>
9         <servlet-name>MyServlet</servlet-name>
10        <servlet-class>org.danann.cernunnos.runtime.web.CernunnosServlet</servlet-class>
11    </servlet>
12    <servlet-mapping>
13        <servlet-name>MyServlet</servlet-name>
14        <url-pattern>/MyServlet/*</url-pattern>
15    </servlet-mapping>
16</web-app>
```

# Notes on Defining a Servlet

- Specify `CernunnosServlet` for `<servlet-class>`
- You can specify `contextConfigLocation` as an init parameter
- If you don't specify a context file, the servlet will:
  - Look for a context in the default location (`WEB-INF/*-servlet.xml`)
  - Use all default settings



# Notes on Defining a Servlet (cont.)

- You can specify `scriptLocation` or `getScriptLocation/postScriptLocation` as init parameters
- If you don't specify scripts as init parameters the servlet will invoke:
  - One (optional) action (at `/WEB-INF/actions/${action}.crn` by default)
  - Followed by one view (at `/WEB-INF/views/${view}.crn` by default)
- The "default default" view name is 'index'; you can specify a different default in the context file

# index.jsp File

```
1
2<%@ taglib prefix="c" uri="http://java.sun.com/jsp/jstl/core"%>
3
4<html>
5
6<head>
7  <title>MyServlet Servlet</title>
8</head>
9
10<body>
11  <strong>Hello, and welcome to MyServlet!</strong>
12</body>
13
14</html>
15
```

# Notes on JSP Files

- The JSTL Core <taglib> is pre-defined by define-servlet.crn
- Request attributes that are in scope when <request-dispatcher> is invoked will be available in EL expressions

```
1
2 <select id="fragmentOwner" name="impersonateUser" title="Choose a fragment to edit">
3   <option value="NONE"> -- fragments -- </option>
4   <c:forEach items="${FRAGMENTS}" var="item">
5     <option value="${item.key}">${item.value}</option>
6   </c:forEach>
7 </select>
8
```

# index.crn File

```
1  
2<request-dispatcher resource="/WEB-INF/jsp/MyServlet/index.jsp"/>  
3
```

# Notes on CRN Files

- In MVC-mode, the Servlet uses two types of Cernunnos XML: *actions* (optional) and *views*
- Leverage all the features of Cernunnos (e.g. Groovy expressions, XML, Spring, *etc.*)
- Seamlessly interact with Java code, RDBMS, LDAP, Web Services, CVS, Facebook, *etc.*

# Notes on CRN Files (cont.)

- CernunnosServlet provides some important request attributes:
  - **WebAttributes.REQUEST**: `HttpServletRequest`
  - **WebAttributes.RESPONSE**: `HttpServletResponse`
- Use one of these methods to write Servlet output:
  - `<request-dispatcher>`: Renders the specified JSP
  - `<download>`: Sends the specified `String`, `byte[]`, or `InputStream`; you can specify content-type and even suggest a file name
  - `<xslt>`: Transform to HTML, then write to the `HttpServletResponse`

# MyServlet-servlet.xml

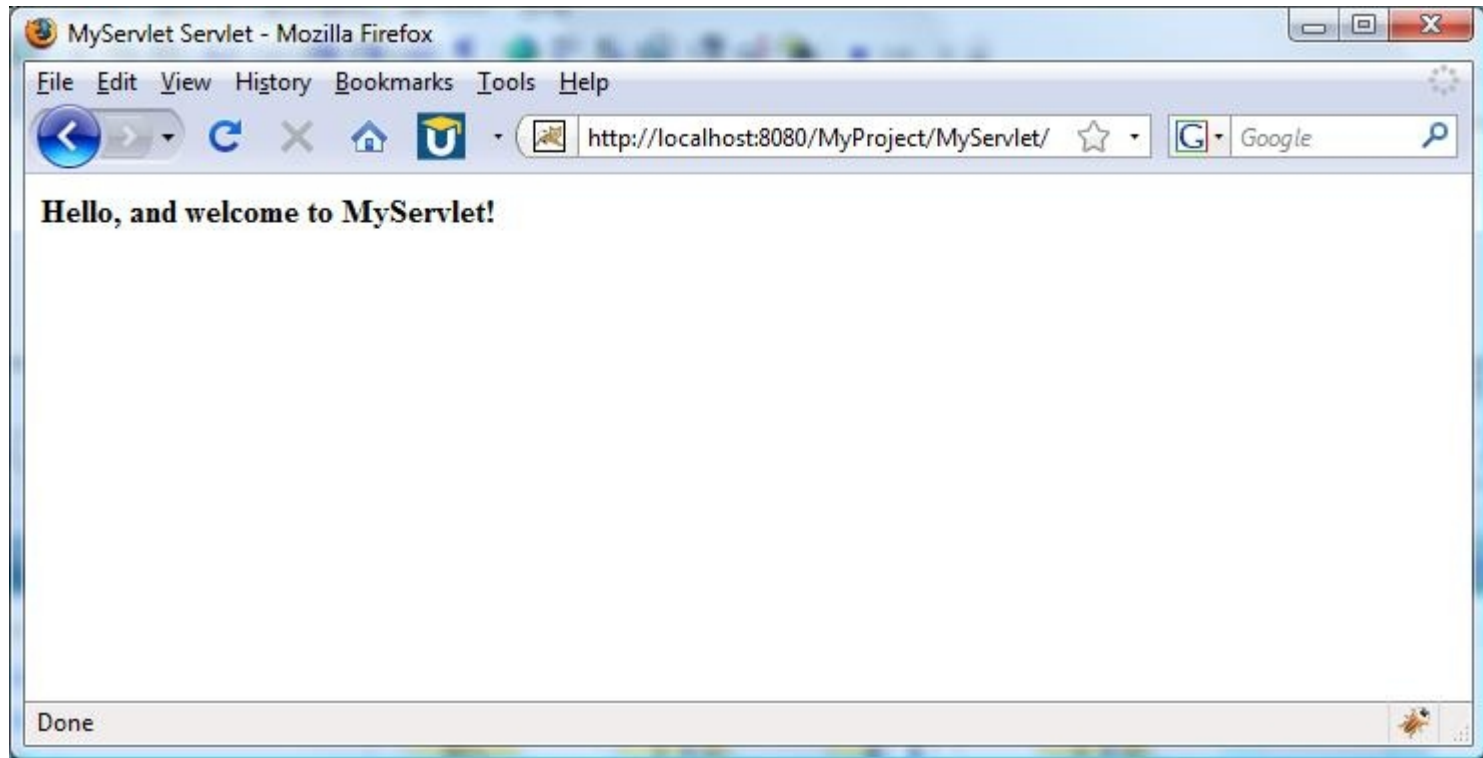
```
1
2<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
3<!DOCTYPE beans PUBLIC "-//SPRING//DTD BEAN//EN"
4  "http://www.springframework.org/dtd/spring-beans.dtd">
5
6<!--
7 | Contains the bean definitions and relationships that are available
8 | to the spring WebApplicationContext
9 +-->
10<beans>
11
12  <bean id="settings" class="java.util.HashMap">
13    <constructor-arg>
14      <map>
15        <entry key="CernunnosPortlet.ACTION_PREFIX"><value>/WEB-INF/actions/MyServlet/<
16        <entry key="CernunnosPortlet.VIEW_PREFIX"><value>/WEB-INF/views/MyServlet/</val
17      </map>
18    </constructor-arg>
19  </bean>
20
21  <!--
22  | Use a bean with id of 'settings' to configure CernunnosPortlet properties.
23  +-->
24  <!-- Example 'settings' bean shown below (no need to specify)...
25  <bean id="settings" class="java.util.HashMap">
26    <constructor-arg>
27      <map>
28        <entry key="CernunnosPortlet.ACTION_PARAMETER"><value>action</value></entry>
29        <entry key="CernunnosPortlet.ACTION_PREFIX"><value>/WEB-INF/actions/</value></e
30        <entry key="CernunnosPortlet.ACTION_SUFFIX"><value>.crp</value></entry>
```



# Notes on Servlet Context Files

- These define standard Spring application contexts
- You may use the 'settings' bean to define:
  - ACTION\_PARAMETER:** Request param signaling an action (default 'action')
  - ACTION\_PREFIX:** Where action files reside (default '/WEB-INF/actions/')
  - ACTION\_SUFFIX:** File extension for actions (default '.crn')
  - VIEW\_PARAMETER:** Request param signaling a view (default 'view')
  - VIEW\_PREFIX:** Where view files reside (default '/WEB-INF/views/')
  - VIEW\_SUFFIX:** File extension for views (default '.crn')
  - DEFAULT\_VIEW:** View to display if none is specified (default 'index')
- You may use the 'requestAttributes' bean to define request attributes that apply to every action & view (e.g. 'dataSource')

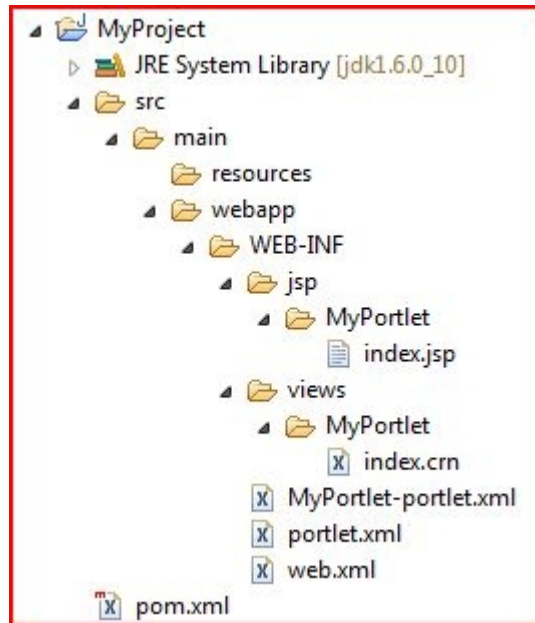
# MyServlet Screen Shot



# Creating a New Portlet

- For a minimal Portlet example you may:
  - **Provide a portlet.xml deployment descriptor**
  - Define a `<portlet>` in portlet.xml
  - Provide a JSP file for HTML markup
  - Provide a CRN file with a `<request-dispatcher>` that invokes your JSP
- You guessed it – there's a Cernunnos command (requires 1.1.0):
  - `>crn define-portlet.crn <portlet.name>`
- You will also get a `*-portlet.xml` context file (just like a Servlet)

# Project Directory Structure



# portlet.xml File

```
2<portlet-app xmlns="http://java.sun.com/xml/ns/portlet/portlet-app_1_0.xsd"
3  xmlns:xsi="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema-instance" version="1.0"
4  xsi:schemaLocation="http://java.sun.com/xml/ns/portlet/portlet-app_1_0.xsd
5  http://java.sun.com/xml/ns/portlet/portlet-app_1_0.xsd">
6
7  <portlet>
8    <portlet-name>MyPortlet</portlet-name>
9    <portlet-class>org.danann.cernunnos.runtime.web.CernunnosPortlet</portlet-class>
10   <supports>
11     <mime-type>text/html</mime-type>
12     <portlet-mode>view</portlet-mode>
13   </supports>
14   <portlet-info>
15     <title>MyPortlet</title>
16   </portlet-info>
17 </portlet>
18</portlet-app>
```

# Notes on Defining a Portlet

- Specify `CernunnosPortlet` for `<portlet-class>`
- You can specify `contextConfigLocation` as an init parameter
- If you don't specify a context file, the servlet will:
  - Look for a context in `WEB-INF/*-portlet.xml` (default location)
  - Use all default settings
- You *cannot* specify `scriptLocation` the way Servlets can

# Notes on Defining a Portlet (cont.)

- Cernunnos Portlets always operate in MVC-mode:
  - One (optional) action script (at `/WEB-INF/actions/${action}.crn` by default)
  - Followed by one view script (at `/WEB-INF/views/${view}.crn` by default)
- The "default default" view name is 'index'; you can specify a different default in the context file



# index.jsp File

```
1
2<%@ taglib prefix="c" uri="http://java.sun.com/jsp/jstl/core"%>
3<%@ taglib prefix="portlet" uri="http://java.sun.com/portlet"%>
4
5<portlet:defineObjects/>
6
7<strong>Hello, and welcome to MyPortlet!</strong>
8
```

# Notes on JSP Files

- The following resources are pre-defined by `define-portlet.crn`
  - JSTL Core `<taglib>`
  - JSR-168 Portlet `<taglib>`
  - `<portlet:defineObjects/>` at top of page
- Request attributes that are in scope when `<request-dispatcher>` is invoked will be available in EL expressions (just like Servlets)

# Notes on CRN Files

- Portlet CRN files work pretty much like Servlet CRN files

```
2<request-dispatcher resource="/WEB-INF/jsp/MyPortlet/index.jsp"/>  
3
```

- Exception: `<download>` is not available
- CernunnosPortlet provides some important request attributes:
  - **WebAttributes.REQUEST**: PortletRequest (Action- or Render-)
  - **WebAttributes.RESPONSE**: PortletResponse (Action- or Render-)

# **Servlets & Portlets in uPortal**

# Servlets & Portlets in uPortal 3.1.0

- The uPortal 3.1.0 release includes these Cernunnos-based Servlets & Portlets:
  - FragmentAdministration (Portlet)
  - ExitFragmentAdministration (Portlet)
  - ImportExportPortlet
  - ImportExportServlet

# Fragment Administration

- FragmentAdministration allows authorized users to *impersonate* DLM fragment owner accounts with one click



- ExitFragmentAdministration helps them become themselves again



# FragmentAdministration index.crn

```
1<with>
2  <attribute key="dlmConfigLoader">${groovy(org.jasig.portal.layout.dlm.ConfigurationLoader.load())}</attribute>
3  <attribute key="USERNAME">${jexl(WebAttributes.REQUEST.getRemoteUser())}</attribute>
4  <attribute key="PERMISSIONS">${groovy([])}</attribute>
5  <subtasks>
6    <groovy>
7      <script>
8        def authServ = org.jasig.portal.security.provider.AuthorizationImpl.singleton();
9        def principal = authServ.newPrincipal('${USERNAME}', org.jasig.portal.security.IPerson.class);
10       def grants = authServ.getAllPermissionsForPrincipal(principal, null, 'IMPERSONATE', null);
11       for (g in grants) {
12         PERMISSIONS.add(g);
13       }
14     </script>
15   </groovy>
16   <with-attribute key="FRAGMENTS" value="${groovy(new TreeMap())}">
17     <for-each attribute-name="frag" items="${groovy(dlmConfigLoader.getFragments())}">
18       <groovy>
19         <script>
20           for (p in PERMISSIONS) {
21             if (p.getType().equals(org.jasig.portal.security.IPermission.PERMISSION_TYPE_GRANT)
22                 && frag.getOwnerId().matches(p.getTarget())) {
23               FRAGMENTS.put(frag.getOwnerId(), frag.getName());
24             }
25           }
26         </script>
27       </groovy>
28     </for-each>
29     <request-dispatcher resource="/WEB-INF/jsp/FragmentAdministration/index.jsp"/>
30   </with-attribute>
31 </subtasks>
32</with>
```



# FragmentAdministration index.jsp

```
1<%@ taglib prefix="c" uri="http://java.sun.com/jsp/jstl/core"%>
2<%@ taglib prefix="portlet" uri="http://java.sun.com/portlet"%>
3
4<portlet:defineObjects/>
5
6<div id="portalFragAdminList" class="block">
7  <div class="block-inner">
8
9    <h2 class="block-title">Fragment Administration</h2>
10   <div class="block-content">
11
12     <!-- Renders a select dropdown.-->
13     <form method="POST" name="fragmentAdminForm" action="<portlet:actionURL>
14       <portlet:param name="action" value="becomeFragmentOwner"/></portlet:actionURL">
15       <select id="fragmentOwner" name="impersonateUser" title="Choose a fragment to edit">
16         <option value="NONE"> -- fragments -- </option>
17         <c:forEach items="${FRAGMENTS}" var="item">
18           <option value="${item.key}">${item.value}</option>
19         </c:forEach>
20       </select>
21       <input type="Button" value="GO" onclick="if (document.fragmentAdminForm
22         .fragmentOwner.options[document.fragmentAdminForm.fragmentOwner
23         |.selectedIndex].value != 'NONE') document.fragmentAdminForm.submit()"/>
24     </form>
25
26   </div>
27 </div>
28</div>
```

# FragAdmin becomeFragmentOwner.crn

```
1<with>
2  <attribute key="loginUrl">${jexl(WebAttributes.REQUEST.getPreferences().getValue('loginUrl', 'Login'))}</at
3  <attribute key="USERNAME">${jexl(WebAttributes.REQUEST.getRemoteUser())}</attribute>
4  <attribute key="TARGET_USER">${jexl(WebAttributes.REQUEST.getParameter('impersonateUser'))}</attribute>
5  <attribute key="REQ">${WebAttributes.REQUEST}</attribute>
6  <attribute key="RESP">${WebAttributes.RESPONSE}</attribute>
7  <subtasks>
8    <groovy>
9      <script>
10         def authServ = org.jasig.portal.security.provider.AuthorizationImpl.singleton();
11         def principal = authServ.newPrincipal('${USERNAME}', org.jasig.portal.security.IPerson.class);
12         def grants = authServ.getAllPermissionsForPrincipal(principal, null, 'IMPERSONATE', null);
13         for (g in grants) {
14           if (g.getType().equals(org.jasig.portal.security.IPermission.PERMISSION_TYPE_GRANT)
15             &&& '${TARGET_USER}'.matches(g.getTarget())) {
16             REQ.getPortletSession().setAttribute(org.jasig.portal.LoginServlet.SWAP_TARGET_UID,
17             '${TARGET_USER}', javax.portlet.PortletSession.APPLICATION_SCOPE);
18             RESP.sendRedirect('${loginUrl}');
19             break;
20           }
21         }
22       </script>
23     </groovy>
24   </subtasks>
25</with>
```

# ImportExport Portlet

- This Portlet provides access to uPortal Import/Export capabilities from the portal UI



The screenshot shows a web portlet window titled "ImportExportPortlet" with "Maximize" and "Remove" buttons in the top right. Below the title bar is a navigation menu with links for "Import", "Export", and "Delete". The main content area contains the text "Use this form to import portal entities through this Portlet." followed by a horizontal line. Below the line is a "File:" label, an empty text input field, and a "Browse..." button. Another horizontal line follows. Below that is an "Import" button. At the bottom, there is a "NOTE: You can allow/disallow entity types using Portlet Preferences. See uPortal's portlet.xml file for details."

- You can restrict allowable operations at deploy/publish time with Portlet Preferences



# ImportExportServlet doDownload.crn

```
1<properties location="constants.properties">
2
3  <download source="{groovy(WebAttributes.REQUEST.getSession(true)
4                      .getAttribute(DOCUMENT_ATTRIBUTE))}"
5          to-file="{groovy(WebAttributes.REQUEST.getSession(true)
6                      |.getAttribute(FILENAME_ATTRIBUTE))}"/>
7
8  <groovy>
9    <script>
10     javax.servlet.http.HttpSession session = WebAttributes.REQUEST.getSession(true);
11     session.removeAttribute(DOCUMENT_ATTRIBUTE);
12     session.removeAttribute(FILENAME_ATTRIBUTE);
13   </script>
14 </groovy>
15
16</properties>
```

# Some Metrics

I have argued this approach **reduces busywork and bulk dramatically**... is there any way we can test that claim?

- ImportExportPortlet

**Java**: 0 files, 0 lines / **XML**: 5 files, 177 lines / **CRN**: 10 files, 399 lines

- BookmarksPortlet

**Java**: 47 files, 4540 lines / **XML**: 9 files, 949 lines

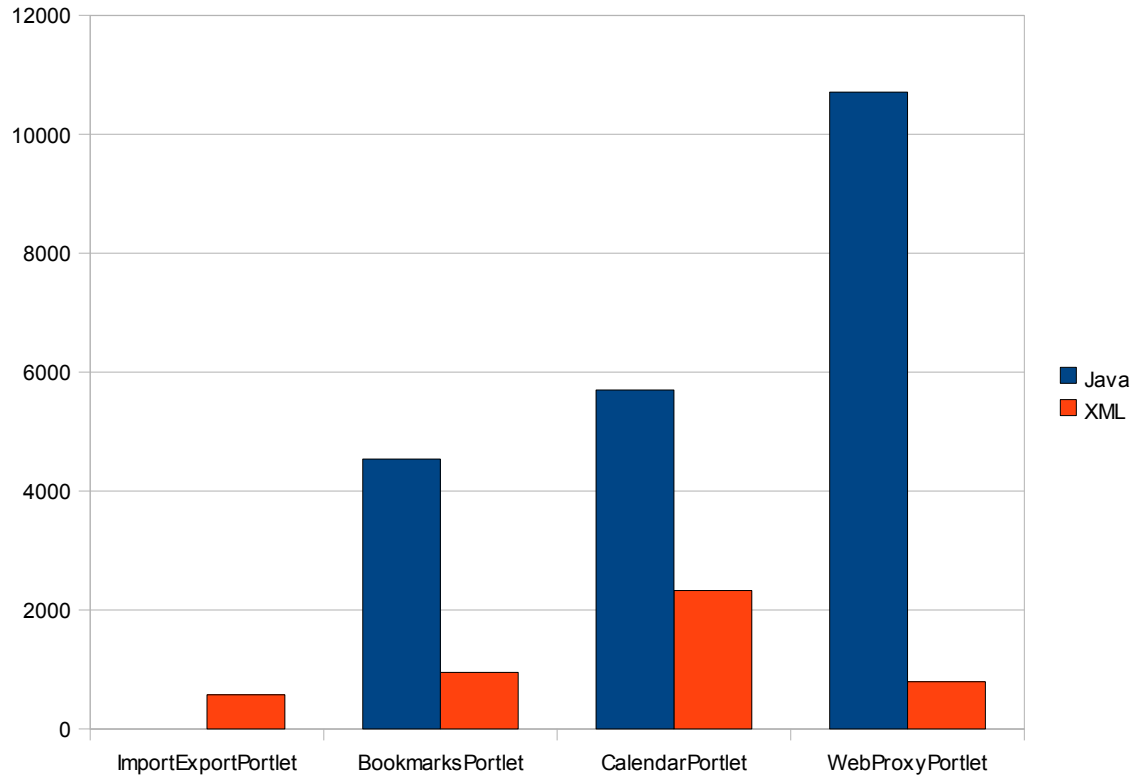
- CalendarPortlet

**Java**: 50 files, 5700 lines / **XML**: 13 files, 2330 lines

- WebProxyPortlet

**Java**: 64 files, 10710 lines / **XML**: 5 files, 793 lines

# Some Metrics (cont.)





# Questions?

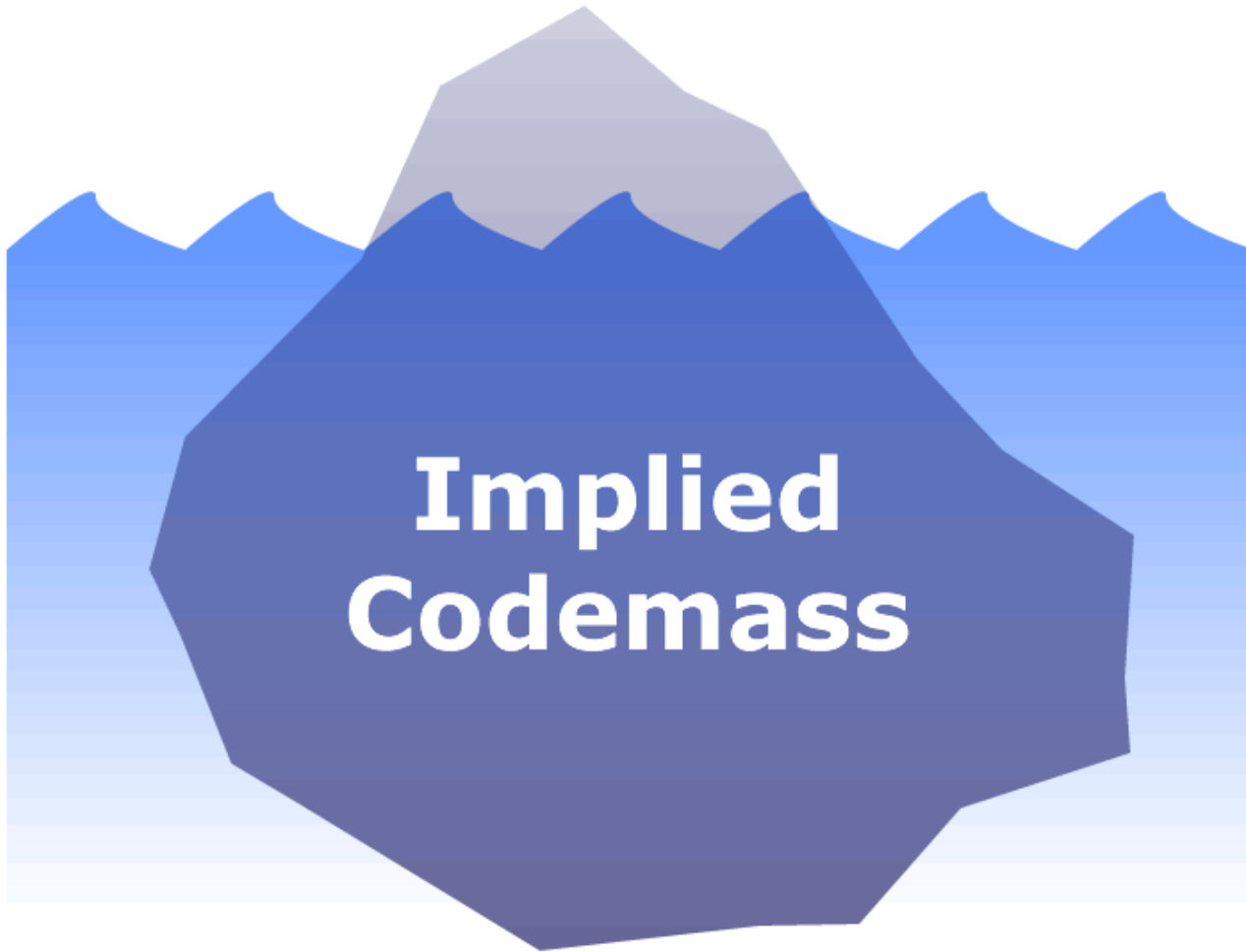


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# Hidden Bulk



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