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About This Book

Purpose

This book describes *accessory portlets* that you can use with Novell Identity Manager.

IMPORTANT: The accessory portlets are being deprecated and will not be supported in a future release.

Audience

The information in this book is for *administrators* of the Identity Manager user application interface.

Prerequisites

This book assumes that you are using the *default configuration* of the user interface. Your version of the user interface might have been customized to look or operate differently from examples shown in this book.

Before you get started, you should *check with your system administrator* for details on any customizations you might encounter.

Organization

This book organizes accessory portlet descriptions into three parts:

Part	Portlets
Mail-Oriented Accessory Portlets	Exchange, LotusNotes, and Webmail
File System Accessory Portlets	Net Storage and Network Files
Miscellaneous Accessory Portlets	Bookmark, NNTP News, HTML, HTML Message Editor, iFrame, Message, RSS News, and Shortcut

About Accessory Portlets

The Novell Identity Manager product supplies a set of accessory portlets to complement the functionality of the product portlets. The accessory portlets are pluggable user interface elements that supply content for user interface pages.

The accessory portlets are:

- ◆ Exchange
- ◆ Notes
- ◆ Webmail
- ◆ Net Storage
- ◆ Network File
- ◆ Bookmark
- ◆ NNTP News
- ◆ HTML
- ◆ HTML Message Editor
- ◆ iFrame
- ◆ Message
- ◆ RSS News
- ◆ Shortcut Launch

This book provides reference information for the accessory portlets. For more information on portlets and on managing portlets, see the *Identity Manager User Application Administration Guide*.

Mail-Oriented Accessory Portlets

These chapters describe mail-related accessory portlets:

- ♦ [Chapter 2, “Exchange Portlet,” on page 19](#)
- ♦ [Chapter 3, “Notes Portlet,” on page 23](#)
- ♦ [Chapter 4, “Webmail Portlet,” on page 25](#)

Exchange Portlet

This chapter gives information on using the *Exchange* portlet.

2.1 About the Exchange Portlet

The Exchange portlet gives users access to the Microsoft Exchange calendar and messaging functions from their portals.

Portlet preferences can be set to adjust size and appearance of the portlet, as well as user mailbox and login information.

2.2 Portlet Preferences

For each Exchange preference, specify a value and the following settings:

Preference settings	Description
Hide	When Hide is checked, this preference is not visible at runtime.
Required	When Required is checked, this preference must be set at runtime.
Read Only	When Read Only is checked, this preference cannot be changed at runtime.

You can set values for the following Exchange preferences:

Preference	What to specify
URL for Exchange Web Access Logon Form	<p>The URL for the Exchange Web Access Logon Form. This form enables users to log into Exchange. Your Exchange administrator can tell you the URL, which could be in a format similar to <code>http://exchange.company.com/exchange/logonfrm.asp</code></p> <p>If HTTP is used for the URL for Exchange Web Access Logon Form in the Exchange Portlet preferences, the logged in user's ID and Password could be exposed by a network sniffer. Novell recommends that HTTPS be used to avoid this situation.</p>
URL/Form Parameters	<p>Specify the parameters of the URL for the Exchange Web Access Logon Form. Use the format NAME=VALUE, for example <code>mode=edit</code>.</p> <p>If Form Post is set to True, these parameters are submitted to the destination URL as hidden form fields. Otherwise, they are passed as URL parameters. Portlet authentication credentials can be passed on a post (that is, Form Post is set to True) with the following substitution strings: <code>\$PORTLET_AUTH_IDS</code> and <code>\$PORTLET_AUTH_PWD\$</code></p>
Encode URL parameters	<p>Choose whether to encode the specified URL parameters when applicable. Encoding will be done as specified in the Encoding preference.</p>

Preference	What to specify
Encoding	<p>Defines the encoding scheme to use whenever URL encoding is appropriate. By default, this preference is set to nothing, and the portlet inherits its encoding scheme from the portal (for example, the JBoss application server).</p> <p>Change the encoding when you notice problems accessing an Exchange web application through the Exchange portlet. This is likely to happen when the character set encoding is wrong, for instance, the targeted Exchange web application uses a very different character encoding scheme from that of the portal hosting the JBoss application server. An example of this would be when the installed Identity Manager version 3 uses a Latin character set (ISO 8859-1) or the generic UTF-8 set, but the Exchange web application uses a Japanese character set.</p> <p>Before setting an Encoding value, investigate what character set encoding is expected by the targeted Exchange web application. Possible values for the Encoding preference are at http://www.iana.org/assignments/character-sets (http://www.iana.org/assignments/character-sets). These values are case sensitive. For instance, to force the encoding scheme to UTF-8, you must type UTF-8 and not utf-8.</p>
Form Post?	<p>Specify whether the portlet should do a post or get to the URL.</p> <p>If Form Post is set to True, then parameters are posted to the specified URL through hidden input fields in a form. For example, with Form Post set to True and form-based authentication implemented on the exchange server, the following Form Post parameters could allow authentication: username=mydomain\myusername, password=mypassword.</p> <p>If Form Post and Authentication Required are both set to True, values provided in the user-name and password fields can be required and used for form-based authentication using replacement strings. For example, setting username=\$PORTLET_AUTH_ID\$ and password=\$PORTLET_AUTH_PWD\$ posts these form parameters: username=usernamefieldvalue and password=passwordfieldvalue. Using replacement strings avoids storage of passwords.</p>
Authentication Required?	<p>Choose True or False. See Section 2.3.2, "Basic Authentication and Microsoft Internet Explorer Security Patch," on page 21 for important information.</p>
Username	<p>Specify the user name to use to access the Exchange server.</p>
Password	<p>Specify the password to use to access the Exchange server.</p>
Height of Exchange portlet (in pixels)	<p>Specify the height of the inline frame in pixels. For example, the height of a 640x480 display is 480.</p>
Width of Exchange portlet (in pixels)	<p>Specify the width in pixels (or %) of the inline frame (for example, 640x480 would be 640). You can also use percentages by using a percent at the end of the numeric value (for example 100%).</p>

Preference	What to specify
Margin Height (in pixels)	Specify the amount of space to maintain between the frame's contents and the frame's top and bottom margins.
Margin Width (in pixels)	Specify the amount of space to maintain between the frame's contents and the frame's left and right margins.
Border	Choose whether or not to show a border around the Exchange control.
Scrollbar	Enable scrolling of content within the Exchange control.
Non-iframe text link	The iFrame HTML tag creates an inline frame that contains another document. Not all browsers support the iFrame tag. Type a message to display as a hypertext link to the URL preference in non-iFrame compatible browsers.
Exchange mailbox:	Enter specific mailbox value. Leaving this value blank can allow access to shared/public folders.

2.3 Special Considerations

This section describes special considerations for using the Exchange portlet.

2.3.1 Internet Explorer 6

If you are using IE6 and the Exchange portlet does not accept single sign-on, enable third-party cookies in your browser as follows:

- 1 In IE6, select *Tools>Internet Options*.
- 2 Select the Privacy tab and then click *Advanced Settings*.
- 3 Select the *Override automatic cookie handling* check box.
- 4 Leave *First-party Cookies* at *Accept*.
- 5 Change *Third-party Cookies* to *Accept*.
- 6 Select the *Always allow session cookies* check box.
- 7 Click *OK* twice.

For more information, see the following Novell® support page:

<http://support.novell.com/cgi-bin/search/searchtid.cgi?/10069074.htm> (<http://support.novell.com/cgi-bin/search/searchtid.cgi?/10069074.htm>)

2.3.2 Basic Authentication and Microsoft Internet Explorer Security Patch

Microsoft Security Patch MS04-004 Cumulative Security Update negates basic authentication functionality in this case by disallowing URLs in the form `http://username:password@server`. See <http://support.microsoft.com/default.aspx?scid=kb;en-us;834489> (<http://support.microsoft.com/default.aspx?scid=kb;en-us;834489>) for details about uninstalling the patch. A more secure option is to implement form-based authentication (set Exchange *post* and *auth* preferences to *True*) if the destination server makes this available.

Notes Portlet

This chapter describes the *Notes* portlet.

3.1 About the Notes portlet

This portlet is a presentation view that lets you use a browser to access all your Lotus Notes features. These features include messages, calendars, personal information, and company information. Notes uses the Domino mail server, an architecture for e-mail, Web access, online calendaring, group scheduling, collaborative work spaces, and bulletin boards.

3.2 Portlet preferences

For each Notes preference, specify a value and settings.

Preference settings	Description
Hide	When Hide is checked, this preference is not visible at runtime.
Required	When Required is checked, this preference must be set at runtime.
Read Only	When Read Only is checked, this preference cannot be changed at runtime.

You can set values for the following Notes content preferences:

Preference	Value to specify
Notes server DNS name or IP address	The name or IP address of the Notes Domino Server. This address must be accessible from the client machine.
Notes server HTTP Port	The exposed HTTP Port of the Notes Domino Server. Also specify a minimum and maximum in the range of acceptable ports.
Protocol of the HTTP service	The protocol used by the Domino Server for HTTP traffic (either HTTP or HTTPS)
Authorization type	Choose one of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Basic HTTP Authentication: The browser displays an authentication dialog when you log on to the Domino/iNotes server, unless you also set the user name and password in the Portlet Preferences Editor. ◆ Form-Based Authentication: The browser displays a form when you log on to the Domino/iNotes server. You can use the preference store to get the user name and password. Then the browser can do a single sign-on using the POST method.

See [Section 3.3.1, "Basic Authentication and Microsoft Internet Explorer Security Patch," on page 24](#) for important information.

Preference	Value to specify
Width of the IFrame in pixels	For example, the width of an IFrame measuring 640x480 is 640 pixels.
Height of the IFrame in pixels	For example, the height of an IFrame measuring 640x480 is 480 pixels.
Username	The user ID set up in Domino.
Password	The Internet password set up in Domino.
Mail Database Path	The path (address) of the user's mail database. This is in the format <code>/mail/shortuserid.nsf</code> where <code>shortuserid</code> is at most eight characters.
Encoding	Give the encoding for the URL parameter Mail Database Path, if applicable.

3.3 Special considerations

This section describes considerations in authenticating Lotus Notes users.

3.3.1 Basic Authentication and Microsoft Internet Explorer Security Patch

Microsoft Security Patch MS04-004 Cumulative Security Update disallows URLs in the form `http://username:password@server`. This negates basic authentication functionality in this case. See <http://support.microsoft.com/default.aspx?scid=kb;en-us;834489> (<http://support.microsoft.com/default.aspx?scid=kb;en-us;834489>) for details on uninstalling the patch. A more secure option is to implement form-based authentication (set Notes preferences to form-based authentication) if the destination server makes this available.

3.3.2 Form Authentication and Notes Server R6+

Using an R6 or newer version of the Notes server and form authentication requires the installation of the `domcfg.nsf` database. See the Notes database administrator help for detailed instructions.

When using form authentication in current versions of Internet Explorer, the browser settings may need to be changed to *allow session cookies*.

Webmail Portlet

This chapter describes the *Webmail* portlet.

4.1 About the Webmail portlet

The Webmail portlet gives users access to a POP3 or IMAP mailbox and enables sending mail using SMTP. This portlet has the common features of a mail client:

- ♦ Displays list of received e-mail
- ♦ Reads e-mail
- ♦ Writes e-mail
- ♦ Attaches files to e-mail
- ♦ Sends e-mail
- ♦ Deletes e-mail (IMAP only)
- ♦ Replies to e-mail
- ♦ Forwards e-mail

4.2 Portlet preferences

Use portlet preferences to set server connections, e-mail addresses, display preferences, and user authentication.

For each Webmail preference, specify a value and settings.

Preference settings	Description
Hide	When Hide is checked, this preference is not visible at runtime.
Required	When Required is checked, this preference is required, and a value must be given.
Read Only	When Read Only is checked, this preference cannot be changed at runtime.

You can set values for the following Webmail Content preferences:

Preference	Value to specify
Mail protocol to use	Specify either Post-office Protocol (POP3) or Internet Mail Application Protocol (IMAP). You can use the Choices box to remove one of the two choices.
In-coming mail server	Specify the name or address of your incoming-mail server.
Out-going mail server	Specify the name or address of your outgoing-mail server.

Preference	Value to specify
E-mail address	Specify the e-mail address. The administrator can specify the following to extract user ID information from the portal (substituting a server name for the variable): <code>\${User/simpleid}@yourwebmailserver.com</code>
Username	The administrator enabling single sign-on can specify one of the following values for the Username preference: <code>\${User/simpleid}</code> <code>\${Application/login-user}</code>
Password	The administrator enabling single sign-on can specify the following value for the Password preference: <code>\${Application/login-pass}</code>
Inbox	Specify the name of your inbox. <code>Inbox</code> works for most mail servers.
Mail display limit	Specify the number of mails you want to be displayed. The number must be within the listed range. Specifying a limit helps to limit network traffic, prevent overload of the mail server, and avoid lengthy mail list displays. If you need to change the default listed range, change the novell-portlet.xml portlet descriptor file and rebuild and redeploy the WAR. You can also change the settings for this preference in novell-portlet.xml to allow or disallow changing the range online in the Preference interface. (The portlet descriptor files are novell-portlet.xml , containing extensions added by Novell, and portlet.xml , containing properties adhering to the JSR-000168 (portlet) standards.)
Common name	This setting will be used instead of your e-mail address to populate the from part of the e-mail. To extract your name, given name, and so on from the portal, you can use one of the following: <code>\${User/simpleid}</code> <code>\${Application/login-user}</code>

4.3 Special considerations

To make this portlet easier for users to access, use *single sign-on*, which automatically authenticates users. To do so, use

- Either `${User/simpleid}` or `${Application/login-user}` for the *UserName* preference
- `${Application/login-pass}` for the *Password* preference

Then, *enable* single sign-on.

To enable portlet Single Sign On, do the following:

- 1 In the User Application, open the Administration tab and choose *Application Configuration*.
- 2 Select *Password Module Setup > Login*.
- 3 Click the radio button that enables SSO.

NOTE: Accessory portlets that allow single sign-on authentication based on passwords currently do not support single sign-on when SAML assertions are used for User Application authentication.



File-Oriented Accessory Portlets

These chapters describe accessory portlets for accessing network files:

- ♦ [Chapter 5, “NetStorage Portlet,” on page 31](#)
- ♦ [Chapter 6, “Network File Portlet,” on page 35](#)

NetStorage Portlet

This chapter describes the *NetStorage* portlet.

5.1 About the NetStorage portlet

The NetStorage portlet provides simple, Internet-based access to file storage. NetStorage is a bridge between a company's protected Novell storage network and the Internet. It allows users secure file access from any Internet location - with nothing to download or install on the user's workstation. With Novell NetStorage, a user can securely access files from any Internet-enabled machine. A user can copy, move, rename, delete, read, and write files between a local workstation and a Novell storage network. This means that access is available from any Internet-attached workstation, anywhere in the world. There is no need to e-mail or copy data from one machine to another. The NetStorage portlet provides single sign-on access to Novell's NetStorage application.

5.2 Portlet preferences

For each NetStorage preference, specify a value and settings.

Preference settings	Description
Hide	When Hide is checked, this preference is not visible at runtime.
Required	When Required is checked, this preference must be set at runtime.
Read Only	When Read Only is checked, this preference cannot be changed at runtime.

You can set values for the following NetStorage Content preferences:

Preference	Value to specify
NetStorage Webserver URL	The URL for NetStorage Web Access, for example <code>http://myserver.com/</code> . This is the address the portlet uses to connect to NetStorage. A DNS host name is required for this preference if you want the portlet to single sign on to the NetStorage server.
Reference Webserver URL	Use Reference Webserver URL when the internal address for NetStorage is different from the external address, for example when a caching appliance is being used. The NetStorage Webserver URL is the address the portlet uses to connect to NetStorage. The Reference Webserver URL is the address for NetStorage that is sent to the client.
User Host Server?	If set to True , clients use the same address for NetStorage that is used to access the portal.
NetStorage Local Port	This preference applies only if Use Host Server is set to True . If the NetStorage server runs on a different port than the portal, specify that value here. Otherwise, the port of the portal is used to access the NetStorage server.

Preference	Value to specify
NetStorage Local Protocol	This preference applies only if Use Host Server is set to True . If the NetStorage server runs using a different protocol than the portal, specify that value here. Otherwise, the protocol of the portal is used to access the NetStorage server. Under most HTTPS configurations, it is not necessary to specify the SSL Port (generally port 443) above. This is configured at the server level instead.
Username	For portlet single sign-on to NetStorage, use one of the following values: <code>\${User/canonical}</code> <code>\${User/simpleid}</code> When you use <code>\${User/canonical}</code> , you must add the CN property to your Organization container in your eDirectory tree. See “How to add the CN property” on page 49. Read about enabling single sign-on at Section 5.3.3, “Using SSL with the NetStorage portlet,” on page 32.
Password	For portlet single sign-on to NetStorage, use the following value: <code>\${Application/login-pass}</code>

5.3 Special considerations

5.3.1 Exiting your NetStorage session

To end your NetStorage session and close access to the files you used, you must click the log-off button in the NetStorage web interface.

5.3.2 Required file

To use NetStorage portlet, the `gadget.html` file (available in the accessory portlets jar at `portal-general/netstorage`) must be accessible on the NetStorage server at the following location:

```
http://myserver.com/NetStorage/gadget.html.
```

5.3.3 Using SSL with the NetStorage portlet

If using a *Secure Socket Layer* (SSL) connection to NetStorage, you may need to install a certificate into the JVM running on the portal (otherwise, when the HTTP client tries to connect you will get an SSL exception rather than a trusted certificate):

- 1** Log in to NetStorage through the browser using SSL, and then:
 - 1a** Double-click the lock icon in the lower-right corner.
 - 1b** Select the *Details* tab.
 - 1c** Click *Copy to file*.
 - 1d** Click *Next*.

- 1e** Select *base 64*.
- 1f** Click *Next*.
- 1g** Enter a name for the file, such as *example.cer*.
- 1h** Click *Next*.
- 1i** Click *Finish*.
- 1j** Copy *example.cer* (from Step 1g) to the `.../novell/idm/jre/bin` directory on your portal.
- 2** On the portal, open a command window, navigate to the `.../novell/jre/bin` directory you are using and enter the following command:

```
keytool -import -trustcacerts -file example.cer -keystore ../lib/security/cacerts
```
- 3** Enter keystore password:

```
changeit
```
- 4** At the Trust This Certificate prompt, type *Yes*. Click *Enter*.

Network File Portlet

This chapter describes the *Network File* portlet.

6.1 About the Network File portlet

This portlet is a file storage and retrieval system that lets users access and upload files from any location. The portlet can access various file systems depending on the network file provider configured for the portlet. The portlet can be configured to use the following providers:

- ♦ NetWare file provider (NJCL) to access NetWare® volumes
- ♦ CIFS provider to access Linux or Windows SMB volumes

The administrator configures a top level reference (called the Initial Destination). From there, the portlet user can navigate throughout the directory structure. The user can create shortcuts to jump to subdirectories and can view, add, and delete files and directories.

6.2 Portlet preferences

For each Network File portlet preference, specify a value and settings.

Preference settings	Description
Hide	When Hide is checked, this preference is not visible at runtime.
Required	When Required is checked, this preference must be set at runtime.
Read Only	When Read Only is checked, this preference cannot be changed at runtime.

You can set values for the following Network File portlet Content preferences:

Preference	Value to specify
AllowNavigation	<p>Allows the user to use another InitialDestination, UserName and Password combination for the session in CIFS and NJCL provider modes.</p> <hr/> <p>WARNING: Possible security risk: when set to True, the AllowNavigation feature allows a user with the correct credentials to navigate above the base directory and onto other computers on the network.</p>
Initial Destination	<p>The base directory for the portlet. Use one of the following formats:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ For CIFS, use <code>//SMBServerName/ShareName/...</code> ♦ For NJCL, use <code>//NetWareServerName/volume/directory...</code> ♦ Or for NJCL, use <code>eDirTreeName</code> <hr/> <p>NOTE: When implementing the IDM user application portal on OES/Linux, a Network File portlet configured for NJCL must also use the RMI feature.</p>

Preference	Value to specify
ShortcutsUseFullyQualified Path	<p>If True, any shortcuts you specify in the Shortcuts preference must have fully qualified paths.</p> <p>If False, any shortcuts you specify in the Shortcuts preference must have paths relative to the InitialDirectory. Check False only if users will navigate only to subdirectories within the path.</p>
Shortcuts	<p>Allows the user to specify shortcut names for directory paths. The shortcut path is relative to the path defined in the initial destination.</p> <p>For example, if InitialDestination is <code>//MyServer/sys</code> and the directory path referenced by the shortcut is <code>//MyServer/sys/Users/MyFolder/Shared</code>, the shortcut is specified as follows:</p> <pre>ShortcutName=/Users/MyFolder/Shared</pre>
RMIServerAddress	Fully qualified host name or IP address for the RMI-enabled NetWare server being accessed by the portlet. Used to access NetWare volumes when running the NetworkFile portlet on non-NetWare platforms. Used in conjunction with NJCL provider. Not applicable for CIFS/SMB file systems.
Username	<p>User name, if authentication is required.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ The CIFS format is <code>DomainName\UserName</code> or <code>UserName</code>, for example: <pre>MyDomain\MyUserId</pre> ◆ The NJCL format is <code>UserName.OrganizationalUnit.Organization</code>, for example: <pre>MyUserId.Engineering.Company</pre>
Password	User password for authentication.
NetworkFileProvider	<p>The type of file being accessed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ CIFS (Common Internet File System. Linux or Windows SMB volumes) ◆ NJCL (NetWare File System)

NOTE: To former NPS gadget users: The Network File Portlet differs from the Network File gadget. The portlet does not support a preference to access files across the eDirectory context trees.

6.3 Running the NetworkFile portlet on Linux or Windows

To run the portlet on a application server hosted on Linux or Windows servers for accessing Samba or SMB accessed volumes:

- 1 In the portlet preferences editor, fill in *InitialDestination* as in the following possible example:
`//SMBServerName/ShareName/`
- 2 Next, select the *CIFS* provider for the NetworkFileProvider preference.
- 3 Click *Save Preferences*.

6.4 Running the NetworkFile portlet on Linux or Windows to access NetWare volumes

To run the portlet on Linux or Windows and access volumes on a NetWare server, install the clientless Novell Class Libraries for Java (NJCLc) on the NetWare server.

These libraries enable the NetWare server to run the Remote Method Invocation (RMI) protocol. The portlet uses the RMI protocol to talk between the non-NetWare portal and the NetWare server. Only one NetWare/RMI server is needed for each eDirectory tree. In addition, to initiate the RMI calls, the Java archive file named *njclv2r.jar* must be in the appropriate directory on your non-NetWare portal.

The next two procedures describe how to enable the RMI server and how to connect to the RMI server from Linux or Windows.

Enabling the RMI Server on the NetWare server

- 1 Open <http://developer.novell.com/ndk/njclc.htm> (<http://developer.novell.com/ndk/njclc.htm>). Make sure you are on the page with the title *Classes for Java and JNDI Providers (NJCL) - Clientless*.
 - 2 Download the following file listed under Netware:
novell-njclc-devel-2005.10.05-1netware.exe
 - 3 On a Windows workstation with *Java* and the *Novell Client* for NetWare installed, map a drive to the *sys* volume of the NetWare server that is going to be your RMI server. Execute
novell-njclc-devel-2005.10.05-1netware.exe
and select the NetWare server to use as your RMI server during the install.
 - 4 In the *sys:/etc* directory of your NetWare RMI server, create a *java.cfg* file. In this file add the following class path:
CLASSPATH=sys:\java\njclv2r\lib\njclv2r.jar
 - 5 Create the *njclv2r.policy* file in the *sys:/system* directory. Add the following lines to your *njclv2r.policy* file:
grant {
 permission java.security.AllPermission;
};
 - 6 Create a *startrmi.ncf* file in the *sys:/system* directory. Add the following command to your *startrmi.ncf* file (the command must be on one line, as shown below):
java -Djava.security.policy=sys:\system\njclv2r.policy
com.novell.service.session.spi.SessionManagerServiceImpl
Until you are sure it is working properly, run *startrmi.ncf* manually from the NetWare console prompt so that you can watch for exceptions. If the *startrmi* command fails, the portlet cannot authenticate to the RMI server and returns *NDSEException* or *LoginException*.
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- NOTE:** Remember to test your *startrmi.ncf* file manually before you add it to the server's *autoexec.ncf*. When *startrmi.ncf* loads successfully, you see the following Java class loaded when executing a `java -show` on the NetWare console:
com.novell.service.session.spi.SessionManagerServiceImpl
-
- 7 Open the *autoexec.ncf* file, then add the following lines:

```
search add sys:/java/njclv2r/bin
starttrmi.ncf
```

8 Reboot the NetWare server.

To connect your portal to the NetWare/RMI server,

- 1 Copy *njclv2r.jar* from *sys:\java\njclv2r\lib* on the NetWare/RMI server to the *User_App_Install_Folder/jboss/server/IDM/lib* directory on your portal platform.
- 2 In the Network File Portlet Preferences, add the host name or IP address for your NetWare/RMI server to *RMIserverAddress* preference.
- 3 Fill in the *InitialDestination* preference.
- 4 Select *NJCL* for the *NetworkFileProvider* preference.

6.5 NetworkFile portlet tips & tricks

- ♦ [Section 6.5.1, “Configuring the portlet for accessing a user's home directory in a NetWare environment,” on page 38](#)
- ♦ [Section 6.5.2, “Configuring the portlet for accessing files in a user's home directory in a Linux or Windows environment,” on page 39](#)
- ♦ [Section 6.5.3, “Using Scoped Paths for Single Sign On \(SSO\),” on page 39](#)
- ♦ [Section 6.5.4, “How to add the CN property,” on page 40](#)

6.5.1 Configuring the portlet for accessing a user's home directory in a NetWare environment

You can use the NetworkFile portlet to access files in the user's home directory on a NetWare server. To do this type of configuration, set up the user's home directory attribute in eDirectory using iManager.

To set up the user's home directory in eDirectory:

- 1 Using iManager, select *eDirectory Administration -- > Modify Object*.
- 2 Browse/Select *User Object*.
- 3 On the *General* tab of the *User Object*, select the *Environment* link.
- 4 At the bottom are two fields for *Home* directory *Volume* and *Path*.
- 5 Specify these and click *Ok*.

To modify portlet settings:

- 1 Set the *InitialDestination* preference to a tree name or path, for example:
 - ♦ *yourtreename*
 - ♦ *//yourservername/sys/home/\${User/simpleid}*
- 2 If your portal is running on a Linux or Windows platform, fill in the *RmiServerAddress* preference. See [Section 6.4, “Running the NetworkFile portlet on Linux or Windows to access NetWare volumes,” on page 37](#) for details.
- 3 Select *NJCL* for the *NetworkFileProvider* preference.

6.5.2 Configuring the portlet for accessing files in a user's home directory in a Linux or Windows environment

To direct users to their home directories automatically, use `${User/simpleid}` in the *InitialDestination* preference of the Network File portlet. The following example shows how to use `${User/simpleid}` to provide the user's share name, using the CIFS provider and accessing Open Enterprise Server for Linux or Windows:

```
//servername/${User/simpleid}
```

6.5.3 Using Scoped Paths for Single Sign On (SSO)

To make this portlet easier for users to access, use *single sign-on*, which automatically authenticates users. To do so, use

- ♦ Either `${User/simpleid}` or `${Application/login-user}` for the *UserName* preference
- ♦ `${Application/login-pass}` for the *Password* preference

Then, *enable* single sign-on.

To enable portlet Single Sign On, do the following:

- 1 In the User Application, open the Administration tab and choose *Application Configuration*.
- 2 Select *Password Module Setup > Login*.
- 3 Click the radio button that enables SSO.

NOTE: Accessory portlets that allow single sign-on authentication based on passwords currently do not support single sign-on when SAML assertions are used for User Application authentication.

NJCL Provider

- ♦ When enabling single sign-on with the NJCL Provider, you must specify the following in the *UserName* preference:

```
${User/canonical}
```

- ♦ When you use `${User/canonical}`, you must add the *CN* property to your Organization container in your eDirectory tree. See [Section 6.5.4, “How to add the CN property,” on page 40](#).
- ♦ For the *Password* preference, specify:


```
${Application/login-pass}
```
- ♦ To test that these specifications deliver expected results, add them to the Message Portlet and access the Message Portlet. The Message Portlet displays the results.

CIFS Provider

Which value you use depends on the method of authentication you used when accessing the portal.

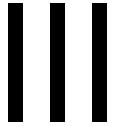
- ♦ If you log in to the portal using the Login Portlet, use `${Application/login-user}` for the *UserName* preference, and `${Application/login-pass}` for the *Password* preference.

- ♦ If NOT accessing the portal using the Login Portlet, use `${User/simpleid}` for the *UserName* preference, and `${Application/login-pass}` for the *Password* preference.
- ♦ To test results of these variables, add them to the Message Portlet and access the Message Portlet. The Message Portlet displays the values.

6.5.4 How to add the CN property

To add the CN property:

- 1 Using iManager, go to *Rights > Modify Trustees*
- 2 Search and select the *Organization* object in the tree, for example: *O=Novell*
- 3 Click *Assigned Rights* on the *Organization* object. Click *Add Property*.
- 4 In the *Add Property* window, check *Show all properties in schema*.
- 5 Select *CN* and click *OK*.
- 6 On the *Modify Trustees* page, find the *CN* property and check its box under *Inherit*.
- 7 Click *Done*.
- 8 Click *Apply*.



Miscellaneous Accessory Portlets

These chapters describe additional, miscellaneous accessory portlets.

- ♦ [Chapter 7, “Bookmark Portlet,” on page 43](#)
- ♦ [Chapter 8, “NNTP News Portlet,” on page 45](#)
- ♦ [Chapter 9, “HTML Portlet,” on page 47](#)
- ♦ [Chapter 10, “HTML Message Editor Portlet,” on page 51](#)
- ♦ [Chapter 11, “IFrame Portlet,” on page 53](#)
- ♦ [Chapter 12, “Message Portlet,” on page 57](#)
- ♦ [Chapter 13, “RSS Newsfeed Portlet,” on page 59](#)
- ♦ [Chapter 14, “Shortcut Launch Portlet,” on page 61](#)

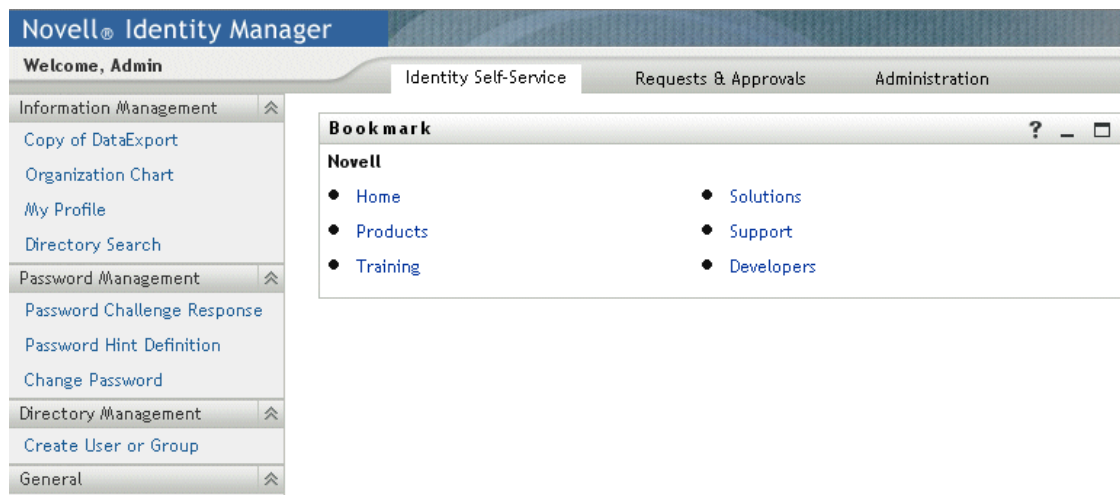
Bookmark Portlet

This chapter describes how to configure the *Bookmark* Portlet.

7.1 About the Bookmark portlet

The Bookmark portlet lets an administrator add a display of Web page links that might be of interest to users of the site. Each link consists of a display name and the address of the corresponding Web site. You can control display layout, number of columns, and styles by setting preferences in the Portlet Preferences Editor.

The following example shows a sample bookmark portlet.



7.2 Portlet preferences

To open Bookmark portlet preferences:

- 1 Log in to the Identify Manager as an administrator.
- 2 Open the *Administrator* tab.
- 3 Select the page to work with.
- 4 Under *Page Tasks*, choose *Select Content*.
- 5 Set the *Filter* to either *All Categories* or *Accessory Portlets*.
- 6 Under *Available Content*, click *Bookmark*.
- 7 Click *Add*.
- 8 Under *Selected Content*, click *Bookmark*, then *Content Preferences*. The *Content Preferences* dialog box opens.
- 9 For each Bookmark preference:
 - 9a Specify a Preference Value.

9b Choose whether to check the Preference Setting:

Preference settings	Description
Hide	When Hide is checked, this preference is not visible at runtime.
Required	When Required is checked, this preference must be set at runtime.
Read Only	When Read Only is checked, this preference cannot be changed at runtime.

You can set values for the following Bookmark preferences:

Preference	What to do
Bookmarks (title~url):	<p>To add a bookmark:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Click Add to add a bookmark at the end of the list. Click Ins to insert a bookmark above the currently selected bookmark. An input box opens. 2. Select the new input box. 3. Type the bookmark title, a ~ character, and the URL, for example <code>Yahoo~http://www.yahoo.com</code>. Unless the link is relative (such as <code>../././PAC</code>), include the complete URL, for example <code>http://www.novell.com</code>. <p>To remove a bookmark, select the bookmark and click Del next to the bookmark.</p>
Number of Columns	Enter the number of columns to use. Specify the minimum and maximum number of columns allowed.
Width (in pixels or %)	Specify the width of the portlet on the page. To specify a percentage of the total page width, use a number followed by a percent sign, for example <code>75%</code> . To specify absolute width, use the number of pixels, for instance half the width of a 640x480 display would be 320.
Height (in pixels)	Specify the height of the inline frame in pixels. For example, the height of a 640x480 display is 480.
Border	Size of border around each column. Specify 0 for no border.
Bullets	Show bookmarks in a bulleted list
Show Header?	Show the header.
Header	The text heading to display above the bookmarks.
Header Style	Style setting for the header
Header Shading	Background color for the header
Bookmark Style	Specify a style for the bookmark. The theme page shows you the styles that are available.

NNTP News Portlet

This chapter describes the *NNTP News* portlet.

8.1 About the NNTP News portlet

The NNTP News portlet lets users view the list of their favorite newsgroups, read newsgroups, and retain their favorite newsgroups selected from their favorite NNTP (Network News Transfer Protocol) news servers.

The NNTP News portlet launches the external client utility configured as the default newsgroup reader (for example, GroupWise®, Outlook Express, Internet Explorer, and so on) and sets the last-accessed date for the newsgroup.

This portlet supports Edit mode. If the user is logged in, and switches to edit, the user can select a newsgroup and delete it or can add newsgroups by server. Newsgroups are stored as complex portlet preferences. In the portlet, the user cannot add servers. In the Portlet Preferences Editor, the user can add, edit, and remove servers and newsgroups but cannot set the last-accessed date. The NNTP package requires that the *NetComponents.jar* file be added to the application server and class path.

8.2 Portlet preferences

For each NNTP News portlet preference, specify a value and settings.

Preference settings	Description
Hide	When Hide is checked, this preference is not visible at runtime.
Required	When Required is checked, this preference must be set at runtime.
Read Only	When Read Only is checked, this preference cannot be changed at runtime.

You can set values for the following NNTP News portlet content preferences:

Preference	Value to specify
server-newsgroup details	Click the View/Edit Custom Preference link to access the preference editor for this complex preference. Then select your locale and specify details (see following rows).
News Server URI	Specify a URL and port for a news server, for example <code>support-forums.novell.com</code> . Click the Plus or X icons in the gray News Server rows to add or remove news servers.
News Group ID	To add a newsgroup to the server, click the plus sign beside Add Newsgroup . Then specify the newsgroup ID. You can also lick the Plus or X icons in the pale gray News Groups rows to add or remove news groups from a server.
Show Header?	Click True to display text header in the component.
Header?	Select text header to display over links.

Preference	Value to specify
Header Style?	Select a header style-sheet class.

HTML Portlet

This chapter describes the *HTML* portlet and how to configure it.

9.1 About the HTML portlet

Use the HTML portlet to obtain and display content from HTML pages.

The HTML Portlet enables you do the following:

- ♦ Obtain content from HTML pages.
- ♦ Pass URL parameters with *post* or *get*.
- ♦ Implement single sign-on.
- ♦ Personalize content by dividing pages by tag, and selecting only desired sections.
- ♦ Search and replace regular expressions with a string.
- ♦ Cache content and specify its expiration frequency.
- ♦ Specify whether links are opened within the portal or in a separate browser window.

The following table presents several use scenarios:

Scenario	Information
Post parameters	<p>URL Configuration: Manual configuration</p> <p>Simple Web URL: <code>http://support.novell.com/servlet/filefinder</code></p> <p>URL parameters: <code>name=IDM</code></p> <p>Post: True</p>
Basic authentication using variable for user name	<p>URL Configuration: Manual configuration</p> <p>Simple Web URL: <code>http://localhost/Director/WebDAV/folder/file.html</code></p> <p>Use Basic Authentication: True</p> <p>Username: <code>\${User/id}</code></p> <p>Password: admin</p>
Using replacement strings to remove a flash object	<p>URL Configuration: Manual configuration</p> <p>Simple Web URL: <code>http://www.novell.com</code></p> <p>Parse Data: True</p> <p>Search and replace strings in URL content:</p> <p><code><object~<!--object</object>~</object--></code></p>

Scenario	Information
Character encoding	<p>URL Configuration: Manual configuration</p> <p>Simple Web URL: <code>http://chinese.yahoo.com</code></p> <p>Character Encoding: BIG5</p>

9.2 Portlet preferences

HTML-portlet-specific preferences can be set to personalize many options. For details on each preference, click *Show Descriptions* in the Portlet Preferences Editor. Furthermore, you may use the wizard to record the URL and URL parameter settings and divide up the page (see [Section 9.3.1, “Using the Wizard,” on page 50](#)). In order for the wizard's settings to take effect, the URL Configuration preference must be set to Wizard-generated configuration.

For each HTML portlet preference, specify a value and settings.

Preference settings	Description
Hide	When Hide is checked, this preference is not visible at runtime.
Required	When Required is checked, this preference must be set at runtime.
Read Only	When Read Only is checked, this preference cannot be changed at runtime.

You can set values for the following HTML portlet content preferences:

Preference	Value to specify
URL Configuration	Specifies whether you define the URL, parameters, and post values using Wizard or Manual preferences.
Wizard	Choose View or Edit Custom Preferences . Use the wizard to record the URL and URL parameters, then divide the target Web page into content areas. You can select any of these areas individually for display in the HTML portlet window. This option is required for using Wizard-generated configuration.
Fully qualified Web URL	URL of the HTML portlet to display. It must include the URL scheme (protocol) such as HTTP or HTTPS. Required for manual configuration. To use <code>\$_PORTLET_AUTH_ID\$</code> or <code>\$_PORTLET_AUTH_PWD\$</code> substitution strings, change the URL here. To change the URL and rerun the wizard, click the Restart icon.
Parameters to pass to URL	Specifies and passes URL Parameters in the format of NAME=VALUE . Portlet authentication credentials can be passed with the following substitution strings: <code>\$_PORTLET_AUTH_ID\$</code> and <code>\$_PORTLET_AUTH_PWD\$</code> . The values in Username and Password preferences are used. This parameter is used with manual configuration.
Encode URL parameters	Specifies whether to encode the URL parameters using UTF-8 (if applicable).

Preference	Value to specify
Do a post to URL	Specifies whether the portlet should do a <code>post</code> or <code>get</code> to the URL. Applies for Manual configuration
Parse Data and Change Links	<p>Specifies whether the portlet should parse the HTML content.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> When True, the portlet reconciles relative links in the HTML content and lets you specify any valid value for the Link Destination preference. When False, the portlet displays the HTML content as is and requires that you set Link Destination to Leave to leave the links unchanged. To optimize the server, you can set this parameter to False and then see if you can view the page through the portlet.
Link Destination	Specifies where links will be shown when clicked. You must select Leave to leave the links unchanged when Parse Data and Change Links = false .
URL host to use when parsing relative paths	Specifies the URL host to use when parsing relative paths such as <code>www.wtcrelief.info</code> .
URL protocol to use when parsing relative paths	Specifies the URL scheme (protocol) to use, such as HTTP or HTTPS, when parsing relative paths.
URL relative path to use when parsing relative paths.	<p>Specifies the URL relative path to use when parsing relative paths. It must begin and end with a slash (/), for example</p> <p><code>/Charities/Information/pages/</code></p>
Forward cookies back to separate browser window	<p>Specifies whether to forward cookies when Link Destination = Separate Window.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> When True, link content is displayed within a maximized HTML portlet in a separate browser window. When False, link content is displayed directly in a separate browser window. Cookies are always forwarded when Link Destination = Within the Portlet or Within the Portlet Maximized.
Character encoding	Specifies the character encoding for this URL. Use this setting if the characters are not appearing correctly.
Use basic authentication	Select True when the URL forwards basic authentication parameters. When True , you must also specify the Username for basic authentication and Password for basic authentication preferences.
Username	Specifies the user name that the portlet passes when the target URL requires basic authentication or when using substitution authentication strings. Portal macros may be used, for example: <code>\${User/id}</code> to pass portal ID or if SSO is enabled in the login portlet <code>\${Application/login-user}</code> . Required when Use basic authentication = True .
Password	Specifies the password that the portlet passes when the target URL requires basic authentication or when using substitution authentication strings. Portal macros may be used, for example: if SSO is enabled in the login portlet <code>\${Application/login-pass}</code> . Required when Use basic authentication = True .
Search and replace strings in URL content	Enter the search criteria followed by the replacement string separated by <code>~</code> . You can use regular expressions for the search criteria. For example, <code>nove?l+.com~something else</code> .

Preference	Value to specify
Display HTML only within BODY tags	Specify True to maintain compliance with the Java Portlet 1.0 Specification, but this means that you lose all scripting and styling done within the HEAD tags. The Parse Data and Change Links preference must be true if you want to set this preference to True .
Cache URL for quicker display	Specifies whether the portlet should cache the HTML content for faster display. Set to False when Wizard-generated Configuration is selected and you have divided the portlet to display only sections of interest.
Frequency to refresh cache (minutes)	Specifies the amount of time, in minutes, before the HTML cached data expires. Required when Cache URL for quicker display = true .
Do a post for any form submission	Specify True if the HTML form uses the <code>post</code> method. Specify True if the HTML form uses the <code>get</code> method.

9.3 Special considerations

- ♦ [Section 9.3.1, “Using the Wizard,” on page 50](#)

9.3.1 Using the Wizard

To use the Preference Wizard:

- 1 In the Portlet Preferences Editor set URL Configuration to Wizard-generated configuration.
- 2 Access the wizard preference.
- 3 Click *Restart* to enter a new URL.
- 4 Enter the starting URL, then click *Continue*.
- 5 Navigate until you have reached the desired page, then click *Continue*.
- 6 If you are done, you can skip to the *Save* step, otherwise click *Divide-Page*.
- 7 You may change the *Start* and *End Tags* and click *Restart-Divide* if you wish to divide by another tag.
- 8 You may click *Divide-Lower* until the desired divisions have been sectioned off.
- 9 Select the check boxes next to the desired sections and click *Finish-Divide*.
- 10 Click *Save*. Be sure to *Return* to List View and click *Save Preferences*.

HTML Message Editor Portlet

This chapter describes the *HTML Message Editor* portlet.

10.1 About the HTML Message Editor portlet

Use the HTML Editor portlet to create, edit, and view an HTML page or plain text page.

10.2 Portlet preferences

You can personalize many options for the HTML Message Editor portlet by setting portlet preferences. Details about each preference are available in this section, or by clicking *Show Descriptions* in the Portlet Preferences Editor.

For each HTML Message Editor portlet preference, specify a value and settings.

Preference settings	Description
Hide	When Hide is checked, this preference is not visible at runtime.
Required	When Required is checked, this preference must be set at runtime.
Read Only	When Read Only is checked, this preference cannot be changed at runtime.

You can set values for the following HTML Message Editor portlet content preferences:

Preference	Value to specify
Message for view mode	Click View/Edit Custom Preference to begin creating a message. You must then select a locale, click Go , and create a message. See Section 10.2.1, "Editing a message," on page 51 .
Stylesheet	Specify a style sheet for the page.
Height	Specify the height of the inline frame in pixels. For example, the height of a 640x480 display is 480.
Width	Specify the width of the portlet on the page. To specify a percentage of the total page width, use a number followed by a percent sign, for example 75%. To specify absolute width, use the number of pixels, for instance half the width of a 640x480 display would be 320.

10.2.1 Editing a message

To edit a message:

- 1 Open the HTML Editor portlet preferences window.
- 2 Click *View/Edit Custom Preference*.
- 3 Choose a locale from the drop-down list, and click *Go*.

- 4 Click in the text area. Use the text area and the tools (including *Custom Dropdown Text* menu) available in the palette to create or edit a page.
- 5 Optionally, create, edit, or delete *Custom Controls*. See [Section 10.2.2, “Custom controls,” on page 52](#).
- 6 Optionally, check *View Source* to view and edit the html source for the message. Uncheck *View Source* to return to view mode.
- 7 Click *Return to List View* to return to Preferences without saving changes, or click *Save* to save the changes and then click *Return to List View* to return to Preferences.

10.2.2 Custom controls

When you edit a message, you can save text strings or functions for use in messages. To do so, create a *Custom Key* and associate a value (text string or function) with the key.

To add a new Custom Control item:

- 1 In the *Define Custom Dropdown Text Menu* area, under *Custom Key*, enter text to use as the key.
- 2 Enter a *Value* to associate with the key.
- 3 Click *Add*. The key shows up in the *Custom Dropdown Text* drop-down box. If the custom key already exists, the new corresponding value overwrites the old one. If you want to add a name variable to *Custom Dropdown Text*, use `${path}`. Do not use `{path}`

To delete a Custom Control item

- 1 In the *Define Custom Dropdown Text Menu* area, under *Custom Key*, enter the key to delete
- 2 Click *Delete*.

IFrame Portlet

This chapter describes the *iFrame* portlet.

11.1 About the iFrame portlet

The iFrame portlet invokes an URL inside an iFrame control within the portlet.

The portlet supports passing parameters and variable expressions to implement single sign-on. This allows users who access a link through the portlet to be signed in automatically by the portal to Web pages that require authentication.

11.2 Portlet preferences

For each iFrame portlet preference, specify a value and settings.

Preference settings	Description
Hide	When Hide is checked, this preference is not visible at runtime.
Required	When Required is checked, this preference must be set at runtime.
Read Only	When Read Only is checked, this preference cannot be changed at runtime.

You can set values for the following iFrame preferences:

Preference	Value to specify
URL	URL to display in iFrame portlet. Unless the link is relative (for example <code>../../../../PAC</code>), include the URL schema (for example <code>http://www.yahoo.com</code>)
URL/Form Parameters	URL Parameters in the format of <code>NAME=VALUE</code> (for example <code>mode=edit</code>). If Form Post is set to True , these parameters will be submitted to the destination URL as hidden form fields. Otherwise, they are passed as URL parameters. Portlet authentication credentials can be passed on a <code>post</code> (when Form Post is set to True) with the following substitution strings: <code>\$PORTLET_AUTH_ID\$</code> and <code>\$PORTLET_AUTH_PWD\$</code>
Encode URL parameters	Encode the specified URL parameters using the Encoding preference (if applicable).
Encoding	State the encoding for URL parameters.

Preference	Value to specify
Form Post?	<p>Specifies whether the portlet should do a <code>post</code> or <code>get</code> to the URL.</p> <p>If Form Post is set to True, then parameters are posted to the specified URL through hidden input fields in a form. For example, with <code>post</code> set to True and form-based authentication implemented on the destination server, the following post parameters could allow authentication: <code>username=myusername</code>, <code>password=mypassword</code>.</p> <p>If Form Post and Authentication Required are both set to True, values provided in the Username and Password fields can be required and used for form-based authentication using replacement strings. For example, setting <code>username=\$PORTLET_AUTH_ID\$</code> and <code>password=\$PORTLET_AUTH_PWD\$</code> results in form parameters <code>username=usernamefieldvalue</code> and <code>password=passwordfieldvalue</code> being posted. Using replacement strings avoids storage of passwords.</p>
Authentication Required?	<p>Microsoft Security Patch MS04-004 Cumulative Security Update negates basic authentication functionality (Authentication Required = True, Form Post = false), in this case by disallowing URLs in the form <code>http://username:password@server</code>. See http://support.microsoft.com/default.aspx?scid=kb;en-us;834489 (http://support.microsoft.com/default.aspx?scid=kb;en-us;834489) for details with regards to uninstalling the patch. A more secure option is to implement form-based authentication (Authentication Required = True, Form Post = True) if the destination server makes this available.</p>
Username	<p>User name to be passed when utilizing basic or form-based authentication. Portal macros may be used, for example: <code>#{User/id}</code> to pass portal ID.</p>
Password	<p>Password to be passed when utilizing basic or form-based authentication.</p>
Height (in pixels)	<p>Specify the height in pixels of the inline frame. The height of a 640x480 frame is 480.</p>
Width (in pixels or %)	<p>The width in pixels (or %) of the inline frame (the width of 640x480 would be 640). You can also use percentages by using a percent at the end of the numeric value (for example, 100%)</p>
Margin Height (in pixels)	<p>Specifies the amount of space to be left between the frame's contents in its top and bottom margins</p>
Margin Width (in pixels)	<p>Specifies the amount of space to be left between the frame's contents in its left and right margins</p>
Border?	<p>Check True to show a border around the iFrame control.</p>
Scrollbar?	<p>Enable scrolling of content within the iFrame control.</p>
Non iframe text link	<p>Not all browsers support the iFrame HTML tag. This message is displayed as a hypertext link to the URL preference in non-iFrame compatible browsers.</p>

11.3 Special considerations

This section describes a special consideration when using the iFrame portlet.

11.3.1 Basic Authentication and Microsoft Internet Explorer Security Patch

Microsoft Security Patch MS04-004 Cumulative Security Update negates basic authentication functionality in this case by disallowing URLs in the form `http://username:password@server`. See <http://support.microsoft.com/default.aspx?scid=kb;en-us;834489> (<http://support.microsoft.com/default.aspx?scid=kb;en-us;834489>) for details about uninstalling the patch. A more secure option is to implement form-based authentication (set Exchange *post* and *auth* preferences to *True*) if the destination server makes this available.

11.3.2 Using the iFrame Portlet for Single Sign-On to the User Application

You can use the iFrame portlet to perform single sign-on to the User Application from another application, such as a second User Application. Here are the steps to follow if you want to do this:

- 1 Go to *Administration* -> *Application Configuration* -> *Password Module Setup* -> *Login*.
- 2 In the Login Settings panel, set *Enable SSO* setting to *True*.
- 3 Create a shared page and add iFrame portlet on it with the following parameters:

Parameter	Value
URL	<code>http://host:port/context/login.do</code>
URL/Form Parameters	<code>userName=\$PORTLET_AUTH_ID\$</code> <code>password=\$PORTLET_AUTH_PWD\$</code>
Encode URL Parameters	True
Encoding	(Leave this parameter empty.)
Form Post?	True
Authentication Required?	True
Username	<code>\${Application/login-user}</code> Instead of using <code>\${Application/login-user}</code> , you can use one of the other scoped paths that best suits your needs/requirements: <code>\${User/id}</code> <code>\${User/canonical}</code> <code>\${User/simpleid}</code>
Password	<code>\${Application/login-pass}</code>

Message Portlet

This chapter describes the *Message* portlet.

12.1 About the Message portlet

Use the Message portlet to create and display messages in HTML or regular text. The Admin, Welcome, Sample, and Task Message portlets are instances of the Message portlet.

In HTML, messages display on the portlet as they would on a Web browser. The height and width of the portlet can be set in the Portlet Preferences Editor.

You can use certain variable expressions, also called *portal macros*, in the portlet preference values for substitution parameters.

12.2 Portlet preferences

You can personalize options for the Message portlet by setting portlet preferences. Details about each preference are available in this section, or by clicking *Show Descriptions* in the Portlet Preferences Editor.

For each Message portlet preference, specify a value and settings.

Preference settings	Description
Hide	When Hide is checked, this preference is not visible at runtime.
Required	When Required is checked, this preference must be set at runtime.
Read Only	When Read Only is checked, this preference cannot be changed at runtime.

You can set values for the following Message portlet content preferences:

Preference	Value to specify
Message	<p>Click View/Edit Custom Preference to begin creating a message. You must then select a locale, click Go, and create a message.</p> <p>The message displayed by the portlet can include text, HTML markup, and portal macro substitution syntax. For example, to display a message that includes the user's first and last name, you can use the following syntax: <code>Welcome back \${User/fname} \${User/lname}</code>. To include content from the Content Management System, you can use syntax like the following: <code>\${CM/default/MyFolder/MyPage.html}</code>.</p>
Height	Desired height of table containing the message, in pixels.
Width	Desired width of table containing the message, in pixels or percentage.

RSS Newsfeed Portlet

This chapter describes the *RSS Newsfeed* portlet.

13.1 About the RSS Newsfeed portlet

The RSS Newsfeed portlet provides an *RSS* mechanism for subscribing to and publishing information from an RSS feed.

The RSS Newsfeed portlet uses the *Resource Description Framework* (RDF). An RDF includes the authors of the resource, the date of creation or update, and the organization of the pages on a site (the site map). It also contains information that describes content in terms of audience or content rating, keywords for search engine data collection, subject categories, and so on.

Using RDF data, many Web content providers create *RDF Site Summary* (RSS) files about their Web content and provide this data as an RSS feed. The portlet provides an RSS mechanism for subscribing to and publishing information from RSS feeds. You can configure the portlet to display content from multiple RSS feeds. The portlet displays the topic and items from each defined RSS feed onto a single display. The portlet can also be configured to allow users to select their own RSS feeds.

The portlet supports RSS versions 0.91, 1.0, and 2.0 extensions.

13.2 Portlet preferences

For each RSS portlet preference, specify a value and the following settings:

Preference settings	Description
Hide	When Hide is checked, this preference is not visible at runtime.
Required	When Required is checked, this preference must be set at runtime.
Read Only	When Read Only is checked, this preference cannot be changed at runtime.

You can set values for the following RSS portlet preferences:

Preference	Value to specify
Number of items	Specify the number of items to show per channel. You can also specify a permitted range of number of items to show.
Open in a new browser window	Click True to open links in a new browser window.
Show News Descriptions	Version 0.91 feeds only. Click True to show the tool tip of the individual News items Descriptions .
User News Feeds URLs	Give the URL of the news feed .xml file from the newsfeed provider. User news feeds are cached at the portlet level using the User Feeds Refresh Frequency preference setting.

Preference	Value to specify
User Maximum number of news feeds	Specify a maximum number of URLs allowed for the user. You can also set an allowed range.
User Feeds Refresh Frequency (Minutes)	Specify a reload interval in minutes for the user newsfeeds
System News Feed URLs	<p>Specify system-controlled URLs to newsfeeds generally set at the administrator level.</p> <p>Click Ins or Add to insert another entry box. Click Del to delete an entry.</p> <p>Administrators can update this setting at definition or registration time to hide or restrict other users from modifying this preference within the registered instance of the portlet. System news feeds will be cached at the framework level using the System Feeds Refresh Frequency preference.</p>
System Feeds Refresh Frequency (Minutes)	Specify a reload interval in minutes for the system newsfeeds. You can also set an allowed range.
System Maximum number of news feeds	Specify a maximum number of URLs allowed for the system. You can also set an allowed range.

Shortcut Launch Portlet

This chapter describes the *Shortcut Launch* portlet.

14.1 About the Shortcut Launch Portlet

The Shortcut Launch portlet offers a list of shortcut links to Web resources and local applications. Shortcut links can:

- ♦ Be simple Web links
- ♦ Link to local applications such as Windows *calc.exe* and server launch. The link can pass local application parameters.
- ♦ Link to Web sites or local Web applications requiring basic HTTP authentication. The link can include portal macros.
- ♦ Post to an URL with specified parameters, including portal macros.
- ♦ Link to a form for gathering credentials.
- ♦ Allow users to re-set credentials.

To format the portlet and its links, set the Shortcut Launch preferences.

14.2 Portlet preferences

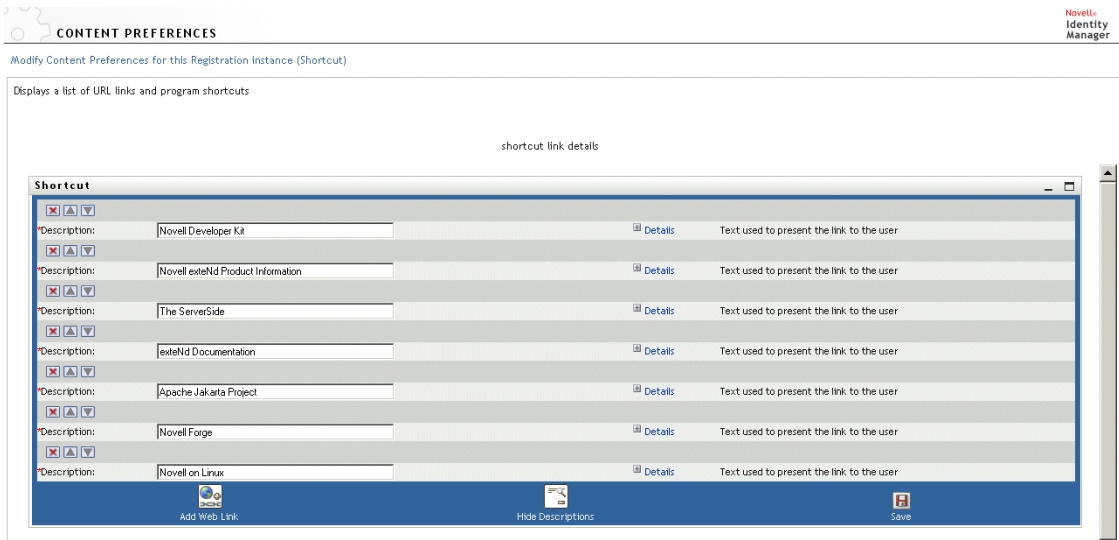
For each Shortcut Launch preference, specify a value and choose whether to check any settings.

Preference settings	Description
Hide	When Hide is checked, this preference is not visible at runtime.
Required	When Required is checked, this preference must be set at runtime.
Read Only	When Read Only is checked, this preference cannot be changed at runtime.

Set the following preferences:

Content Preference	What to do
Layout	This preference determines if shortcut links are presented in a horizontal or vertical arrangement.
Shortcut link details	Click View/Edit Custom Preference . Then, under Shortcut Link Details , select the locale and click Go . The Portlet Preference Editor opens.

When you access Shortcut link Details, the Portlet Preference Editor displays zero or more links, similar to the following:



Use the preference editor to add, remove, re-order, or edit the shortcut links.

To do the following in a list of links	Take this action
Add a link.	Click the Add Web Link button.
Delete a link.	Click the red X icon.
Change the position of the link in the list.	Click the up or down arrow icon.
Edit the link name.	Click in the link name field and edit the text string.
Edit the preferences for the link.	Click Details for the link.

After you click Details for a link, you can edit the following preference values for the link:

Shortcut Link Details Preferences	What to do
Image	Type a relative or absolute URL to an image to use as a link icon.
Additional Description	Type an additional description to appear below the link.
URL	Type the URL for this link. If you are launching a web application, enter a value here. You can use an absolute URL or an application-relative URL.
URL/Post Parameters	URL Parameters in the format of NAME=VALUE (for example, mode=edit). If Form Post is set to True , these parameters are submitted to the destination URL as hidden form fields; otherwise, they are passed as URL parameters. Portlet authentication credentials can be passed on a post (that is, Form Post is set to True) with the following substitution strings: \$PORTLET_AUTH_ID\$ and \$PORTLET_AUTH_PWD\$
Encode URL	Encode the specified URL parameters using Encoding preference (if applicable)

Shortcut Link Details Preferences	What to do
Encoding	Encoding for URL parameters
Post	Specifies whether the portlet should do a post or get to the URL. If Form Post is set to True , then parameters are posted to the specified URL through hidden input fields in a form. For example, with post set to True and form-based authentication implemented on the destination server, the following post parameters could allow authentication: username=myusername , password=mypassword . If Form Post and Authentication Required are both set to True , values provided in the Username and Password fields can be required and used for form-based authentication using replacement strings. For example, setting username=\$PORTLET_AUTH_ID\$ and password=\$PORTLET_AUTH_PWD\$ posts the form parameters username=usernamefieldvalue and password=passwordfieldvalue . Using replacement strings avoids storage of passwords.
Authentication Required	Specifies whether to require authentication. If you (the user or administrator) specify basic authentication for a given link and provide credentials (user name and password), the shortcut popup should appear without credentials being requested. If you (the user or administrator) specify basic authentication for a given link but do not provide credentials (user name and password), the form triggers when the user launches the link. The user has the option to store credentials for the session or permanently. If per session, the user is not asked for credentials for the rest of the browser session. Please read Section 14.3.3, "Basic Authentication and Microsoft Internet Explorer Security Patch," on page 65 for information on the interaction of authentication and MS Internet Explorer.
User	User name to be passed when utilizing basic or form-based authentication. Portal macros may be used, for example: <code>\${User/id}</code> to pass portal ID.
Password	Password to be passed when utilizing basic or form-based authentication.
Height	The height of the window launched by the shortcut in pixels. If left blank, along with width, user defaults will be used when the window is launched. This value must be a valid integer.
Width	The width of the window launched by the shortcut in pixels. If left blank, along with height, user defaults will be used when the window is launched. This value must be a valid integer.
Hide Link	Hides the URL from the user by posting back to the portlet.
Auto Launch	Selecting True will cause the link to be launched when the portal page loads.
Window Name	By providing a window name, the shortcut can be opened in an existing window with the same name.

Shortcut Link Details Preferences	What to do
Windows Features	These features are JavaScript <code>window.open()</code> features. For example, selecting scrollbars will result in the launched window containing scrollbars if needed. Titlebar may be ignored in some cases.

14.3 Special considerations

This section describes a dependency, scenarios for authenticating shortcuts, and the effect of a Microsoft Internet Explorer security patch on authentication.

14.3.1 Dependency

The *resourceset.xml* file must contain the following entry:

```
<ext active="true">.CAB</ext>
```

14.3.2 Scenarios for authenticating shortcuts.

This table gives scenarios for authenticating shortcuts.

Scenario	Information
Basic authentication	Provide basic authentication parameters. The shortcut popup should appear without credentials being requested.
Basic authentication with no credentials	Specify basic authentication, but do not provide user name and password. When you click on the shortcut link, you should be redirected to a form to gather credentials. If put on a shared page, users should be able to store individualized preferences: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. If you elect to save credentials, you should not be asked for credentials again, even with a new browser session. The window should open with no further entry required. 2. If you elect not to save credentials, your credentials should be stored for the session but cleared after a new session has been started.
Resetting credentials	Shortcut links with stored basic authentication credentials (stored in the session or stored as a preference) will have an arrow icon next to the link. The user should be able to reset credentials using this button.
Post	Provide post parameters to a shortcut URL. The appropriate page should be shown as a popup.
Validation for user credential capture	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. If a user name exists in the session or preference, it should be pulled into the form. 2. Password and password confirm mismatch should be trapped. 3. Omitted fields should be trapped.

Scenario	Information
Validation for complex preference entry	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. User should not be able to enter both URL and application path. 2. Height and width must both be blank or both contain an integer. 3. URL parameters must be of type parameter=value. 4. Description is required. 5. User can select post and basic authorization as True. This results in a post of authentication credentials in parameters include authentication replacement strings such as: \$PORTLET_AUTH_ID\$ and \$PORTLET_AUTH_PWD\$ 6. WindowName cannot contain spaces.
See that portal macros are used for link parameters such as user name, password, and so on.	For example, <code>\${User/id}</code> to pass portal ID.

14.3.3 Basic Authentication and Microsoft Internet Explorer Security Patch

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