

Web Services-Controlling WSDL Service Location

This documentation was written by Andrew Lindesay (<http://www.lindesay.co.nz>) in 2006 as part of supported code in the LEWOSTuff framework, but this material has been transcribed here. It was written around the time of WebObjects 5.2 and 5.3 on the 1.4 JVM.

AXIS provides a number of handlers for ultimately executing the WS. This generally works in the WebObjects environment out of the box. However, in the case of a servlet deployment, the URLs are manipulated by the servlet container so they look something like this.

```
...ects/FOO.woa/ws/FooService;jsessionid=abc.i1?wsdl
```

If a client starts a session on a WS invocation then you want all subsequent requests to return to this same servlet container (Here we assume a redundant deployment where there are a number of servlet containers.) where the session resides. However the servlet-container's HTTP adaptor typically only knows this by looking at the modified URL. Unfortunately, the default WSDL generated by AXIS would have a section like this.

```
...
<wsdl:service name="FooService">
  <wsdl:port name="FooService" binding="impl:FooService SoapBinding">
    <wsdlsoap:address
location="http://foo.co.nz/FOO/WebObjects/FOO.woa/ws/FooService"/>
    </wsdl:port>
  </wsdl:service>
...
```

A WSDL like this does not contain the modified URL caused by the context having a session in the location for the service. The example handler *LEWOWebServicesWSDLLocationHandler* below which is supplied in LEWOSTuff will correct the location supplied in the WSDL to contain the session information. To install this handler for use in WebObjects, locate the *server.wsdl* file within your project and modify the following section so that it appears as follows.

```
...
<transport name="http">
  <requestFlow>
    <handler type="HTTPActionHandler"/>
    <handler type="URLMapper"/>
    <handler
type="java:nz.co.lindesay.common.webobjects.LEWOWebServicesWSDLLocationHan
dler"/>
  </requestFlow>
</transport>
```

You then need to put the following class into your project.

```
package nz.co.lindesay.common.webobjects;

/*
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*/

```
import com.webobjects.foundation.*;  
import com.webobjects.appserver.*;
```

```
import org.apache.axis.*;
```

```
/**
```

```
 * <P>This class is an AXIS request handler that is designed to  
 * manipulate the outbound WSDL that is generated for a  
 * request. The manipulation undertaken here is to modify the  
 * location of the actual service. The reason for doing this is  
 * that if you have a web service deployed into a servlet  
 * container as a WO application, the session'ed URLs can look  
 * a bit like this.</P>
```

```
 *  
 *
```

```
<P><TT>http://foo.co.nz/FOO/WebObjects/FOO.woa/ws/FooService;jsessionId=abc.il?wsdl</TT></P>
```

```
 *
```

```
 * <P>However, once the URL is returned as a location for a service  
 * from AXIS, the session part at the end is removed and if you are  
 * using a multi-container deployment, the subsequent requests will
```

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* not arrive at the correct servlet container.</P>
*
* <P>By installing this AXIS handler, this problem is resolved.
* To install it, locate the "<TT>server.wsdd</TT>" file in your
* WO project and add the following line to the "<I>requestFlow</I>"
* handler list as the last item in the list. This should be the
* request flow in the HTTP transport section.</P>
*
* <P><TT><handler
type="java:nz.co.lindesay.common.webobjects.LEWOWebServicesWSDLLocationHan
dler"/></TT></P>
*
* <P>This should also work with the "<I>wotaskd</I>" deployment
* style as well.</P>
*/

public class LEWOWebServicesWSDLLocationHandler extends
org.apache.axis.handlers.BasicHandler
{

// -----

    public LEWOWebServicesWSDLLocationHandler() { super(); }

// -----

/**
* <P>This is the AXIS hook where we can manipulate the outbound
* WSDL.</P>
*/

    public void generateWSDL(MessageContext msgContext) throws
AxisFault
    {
        WOContext context =
WOWebServiceUtilities.currentWOContext();
        WORequest request = context.request();
        String host =
LEWOHelper.getExternalHostnameFromInboundRequest(request);
        int port =
LEWOHelper.getExternalPortFromInboundRequest(request);
        int appi = request.applicationNumber();

        if((null==host)|| (0==host.length()))
            throw new IllegalStateException("the host cannot be
determined from the inbound request.");

        if(context.hasSession())
            context.session();

        StringBuffer sb = new StringBuffer();

        sb.append("http://");

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        sb.append(host);

        if(-1!=port)
        {
            sb.append(":");
            sb.append(Integer.toString(port));
        }

        String path = context.urlWithRequestHandlerKey(
            request.requestHandlerKey(),
            request.requestHandlerPath(),
            null);

// Unless the context has a session, we can't get it to come back
// to a specific instance, but in the case of a 'wotaskd' deploy,
// there is no way to specify the session for a WSDL request, so
// we'll do a nasty hack to make this work.

        if((-1!=appi)&&!context.hasSession())
        {
            String webServiceRequestHandlerKey =
WOApplication.application().webServiceRequestHandlerKey();
            String startPath =
request.adaptorPrefix()+"/"+request.applicationName()+".woa"; //
'/cgi-bin/WebObjects/Foo.woa'

            if(!path.startsWith(startPath))
                throw new IllegalStateException("The path
"+path+" should have started with '"+startPath+"'");

if(path.startsWith(startPath+"/"+webServiceRequestHandlerKey))
        {
            StringBuffer pathSB = new StringBuffer();

            pathSB.append(startPath);
            pathSB.append("/");
            pathSB.append(Integer.toString(appi));

pathSB.append(path.substring(startPath.length()));

            path = pathSB.toString();
        }
    }

    sb.append(path);

msgContext.setProperty(MessageContext.WSDLGEN_SERV_LOC_URL, sb.toString());
    }

// -----

```

```
/**
 * <P>Basically there is nothing to do here because we are not
 * interested in messing with the request/response cycle - rather
 * we want only to manipulate the WSDL.</P>
 */

    public void invoke(MessageContext msgContext) throws AxisFault
    {
    }

// -----
```

```
}
```

Although this is slightly crude, it should produce the correct result in the WSDL.