

WebSphere Business Space V7.0

Administration

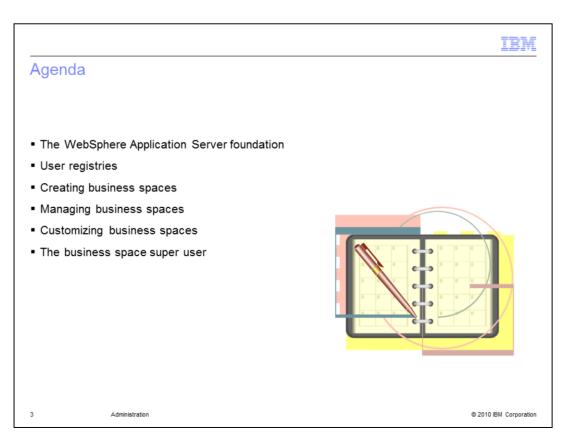


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This presentation provides an introduction to the administration functions of WebSphere® Business Space V7.0.



The goal of this presentation is to provide the basic information needed to configure a WebSphere Business space so that the business space owner can share it with other users.



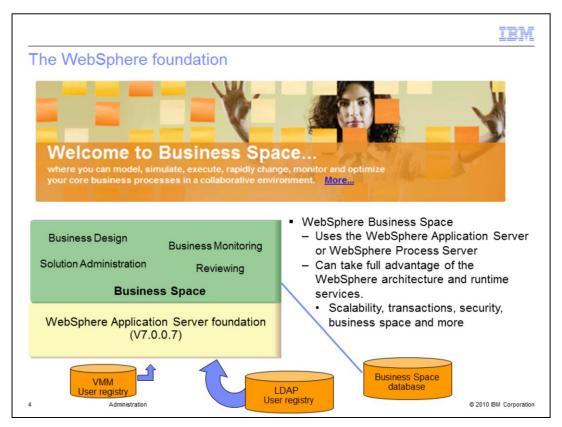
When learning about administering business spaces you must start with the WebSphere Application Server foundation. The business space users are managed using the user-registry associated with the underlying WebSphere Application Server.

Once the user-base has been established, you can then begin creating business spaces and making them available to your user communities.

As a business space owner you can manage who can see your business space and who can edit it.

The super user is a supervising administrator that can manage and customize all of the business spaces for a given installation.

All of these topics are covered in this presentation.



Shown here are the basic relationships between the WebSphere Application Server, the user-registries, the business spaces and the business space database.

The Virtual Member Manager is the default file based user registry that comes with WebSphere Application Server.

The LDAP user-registry is optional. Some form of LDAP user-registry is the preferred choice of most enterprise organizations for managing users and groups.

The WebSphere Business Space also uses a database for storing information about the business spaces. The database can be local or remote and if you don't have one of the supported databases, the Profile Management Tool configures Business Space with the Derby Embedded database.

The configuration shown here is a simple stand-alone server. Since the business spaces are extensions of WebSphere Application Server, there are many possible topological combinations and configuration options. For details on the advanced topologies refer to the product information center. See the topic, "Configuring Business Space".



User registries

- Administrative security is enabled by default during installation
- All users and groups are defined in the WebSphere Application Server user registry
 - The default user registry is the WebSphere Virtual Member manager (VMM) file based security
 - VMM can be federated with a custom registry or with an LDAP user registry.
 - Configured through the WebSphere Application Server Integrated Solutions Console
- Three levels of administration
 - WebSphere Application Server
 - · Business Space
 - Application



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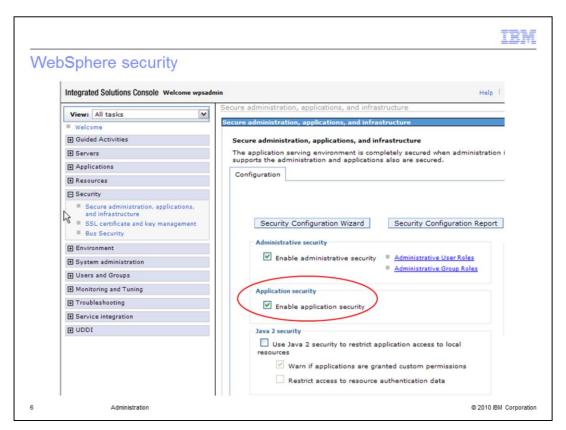
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All of the users and groups are defined in the WebSphere Application Server user-registry. The default WebSphere user registry uses the WebSphere Virtual Member Manager. The user-registry can be extended by federating it with a custom user-registry or an LDAP user-registry. The user-registries are configured using the WebSphere Integrated Solutions Console. If the WebSphere Virtual Member Manager is used then all the users and groups are managed using the Integrated Solutions Console. If the user-registry is federated with an LDAP registry, then the users and groups are administered using the interface provided by the LDAP registry. If a custom user-registry is used then the interface for managing the users and groups will need to be provided by the custom user-registry.

The user access control is composed of three layers, WebSphere Application Server, Business Space, and the application.

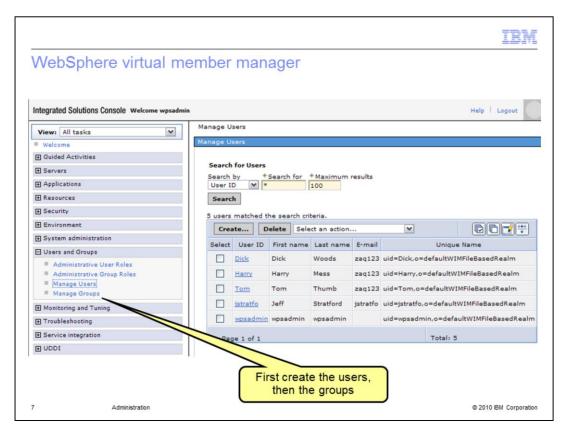
The next level to consider is the Business Space. A business space can be created by anyone that is in the user-registry. The person that creates the Business Space becomes the owner. The owner of the Business Space can then share the Business Space with other viewers or editors. A business space is created by using an existing template. Once the Business Space has been created, the owner of the Business Space can then manage which users or groups can view or edit the space.

The application level security will depend on the application. An application in Business Space is a composition of widgets that collaborate to provide specific functionality. For example, business process design, business monitoring or solution administration.



The WebSphere administrative security is enabled by default.

You might need to manually enable the application security using the WebSphere Integrated Solutions Console.

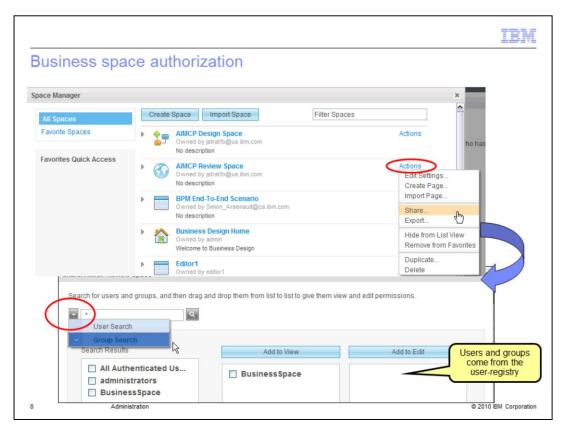


With the WebSphere Application Server virtual member manager, the users and groups are created using the Integrated Solutions Console. First create the users, then the groups and then add the users to the groups.

Before a user can log into the WebSphere Business Space, they must be defined here.

You do not need to do anything with the administrative user and group roles.

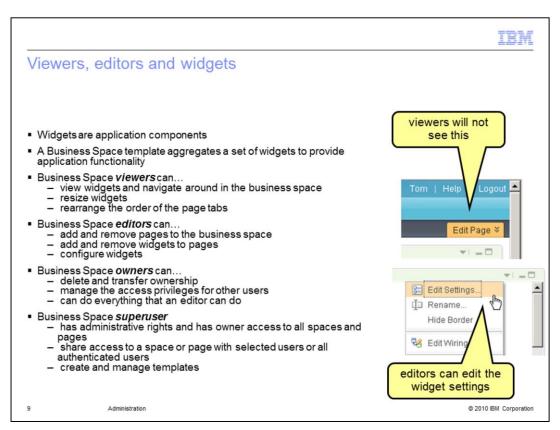
Working with the users and groups in the WebSphere Integrated Solutions Console is simple and easy. Be sure to save your work when you are done.



Any person that is defined in the user-registry can log into the WebSphere Business Space and create their own Business Space. If there are no Business Spaces associated with their name then they are presented with the Welcome Business Space. To create a new Business Space use one of the predefined templates available from the Space Manager dialog.

The owner of the Business Space can grant permissions to the entire business space or to individual pages using the share option from the action menu. To set the permissions for a page, expand the twisty to the left of the business space. This will display the list of pages and their action menus.

Any person or group that is in the user-registry can be added as a "viewer" or "editor". When adding a user or group, select the down arrow to set the search criteria to "user search" or "group search". To reduce search time in large user registries, use specific criteria for the user-search.



The business space is a collection of widgets. Each widget is an application component that can collaborate with other widgets to provide application functionality. The business space owner or editor can then customize the application function by using the widget configuration feature.

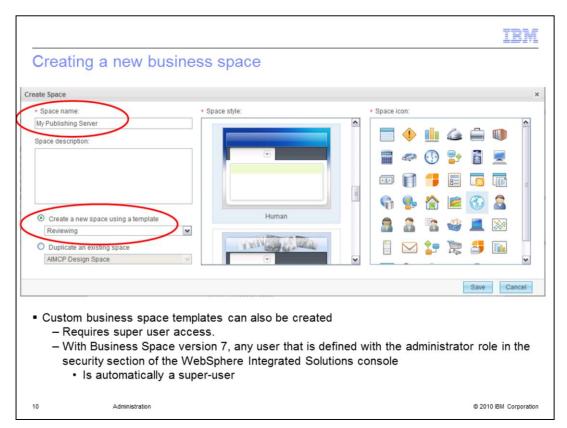
Viewer and editor privileges are for the Business Space only.

A person with *editor* privileges can add widgets and pages to the Business Space and can edit the settings of the individual widgets.

A person with *viewer* privileges will not see the 'edit pages' menu in the business space and therefore is not able to configure the individual widgets.

Business Space owners are administrators for their business space. They can manage the viewers and editors and do all the things that the editors can do also.

Superusers have access to all the business spaces that are part of the server topology. They also have the ability to create and manage templates.



When creating a new business space there are some minor customizations that you can do.

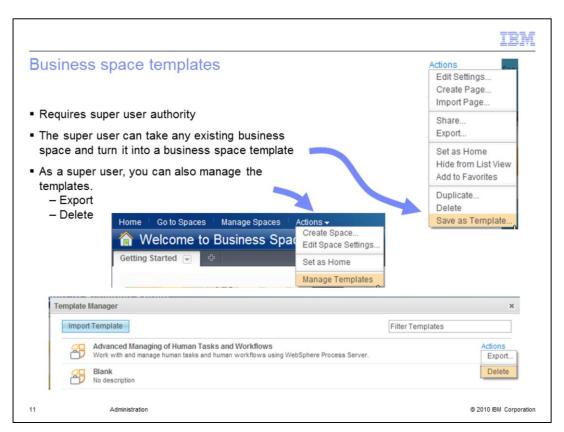
Space styles are a quick and easy way for you to make your Business Space distinctive. A style sets the basic color scheme, the title, and the header background image. WebSphere Business Space comes with a set of 11 styles including the default style.

The styles are implemented as Cascading Style Sheets. Instructions for extending the existing themes are provided in the product information center.

The space icons, in the far right column can be used to give your business space a personal touch. Just select one that represents your project in some way.

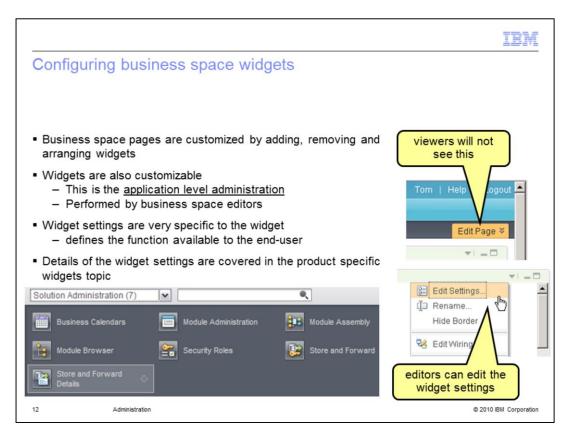
Custom business space templates can also be created by a user with the super user access.

With Business Space version 7, any user that is defined with the administrator role in the security section of the WebSphere Integrated Solutions console is automatically a super user.



Creating a business space template is as easy as pressing the 'Save as Template' button. The part that might be confusing is that you will not see this option unless you are logged in as a super user.

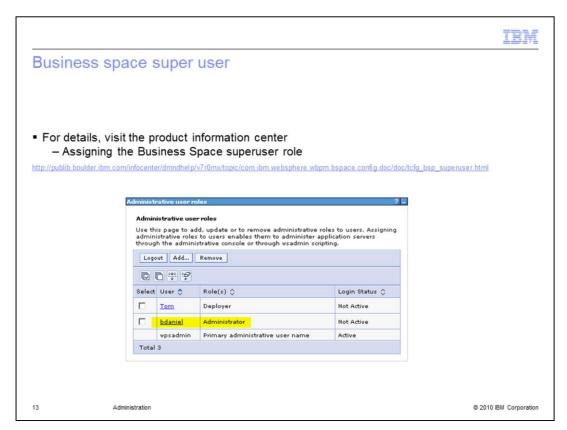
The manage templates option on the main Actions menu is also only available to the super-user. This is where you go to delete, import or export a template.



The widget settings represent the third level of administration available in WebSphere Business Space.

The settings that are available are very specific to each widget and can only be changed by a user that has been given editor privilege to the business space.

The 'edit page' tab at the right of the business space window provides that visual cue that the current-user is an editor. If the tab is not available, then the current-user is a business space viewer.

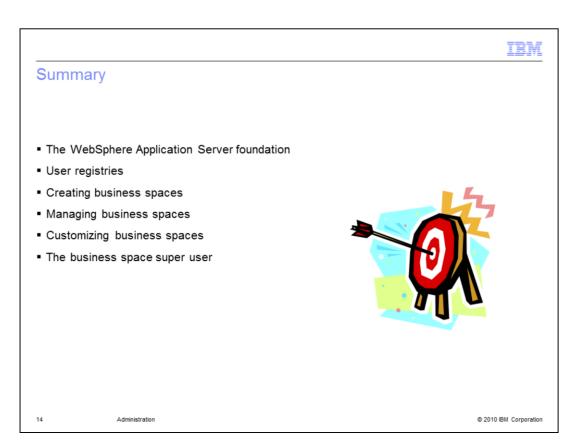


The business space super user has been mentioned several times during this discussion. It is worth mentioning one more time because the way it is defined is different from versions of business space before version 7.0.

With version 7.0 a business user is defined as anyone that has the *administrator* administrative role in the user-registry.

Here bdaniel has been given the Administrator role in the default, VMM user-registry. If you are using an LDAP user registry you will need to define the Administrator role there. For details on how to configure the administrator role when using an LDAP user-registry, refer to the product information center.

The user-id that is used when installing the secure server profile is automatically associated with the *administrator* roles.



The key to the business space administration is the underlying user-registry which is provided by the WebSphere Application Server foundation.

The WebSphere administration model introduces the concepts of users and the user-registry, along with the administrative roles. The administrative role of interest for business space administrators is the *administrator role*. This defines the business space super-user. The business space super-user authority spans all business spaces in the server topology. The super-user manages business space templates and home spaces.

The next level of administration is the business space owner. The business space owner can set the style and icon for the business space and manages who can use it and how. There are two kinds of users, viewers and editors. Viewers can use the business space but cannot make fundamental changes to the pages, add widgets or configure the widgets.

Business Space editors represent the application level administration. They can add pages, add widgets to pages and can configure the settings for the individual widgets.



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