Enterprise Portal Logon Page Branding

Applies to:

This document applies to Enterprise Portal 6.0 based on NW04 and 2004s platforms.

Summary

This document describes a procedure that uses the NetWeaver Development Studio to deploy branding images for use on the Portal's logon page. This method avoids the need to redeploy image files that may be overwritten by patches.

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Description

Most customers I encounter seem to handle changing the images on their Enterprise Portal's logon page by manually placing image files under the J2EE server nodes. The main problems with this approach are:

1) The image files often have to be manually deployed to each server node (often multiple nodes on multiple hosts in a production system).

2) Applying portal patches often overwrite these images files, requiring re-deployment after patching.

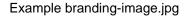
This document describes a procedure for creating and deploying the Branding Images of an Enterprise Portal's logon page. This procedure uses the NetWeaver Development Studio and eliminates the need to redeploy branding images that may be overwritten by Portal patching/upgrades. This method also avoids having to manually apply image files to each J2EE server node on a portal cluster.

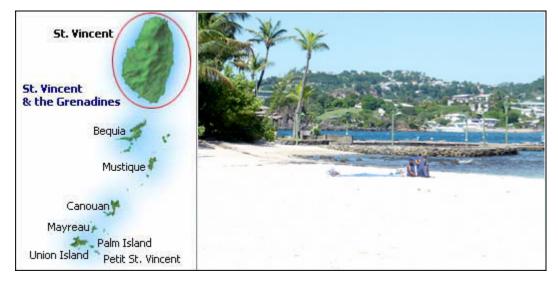
Create/Adjust Branding Image

As shown in the following figure, the standard logon screen in the portal displays two images placed on top of one another; together cover a screen area of 301 x 300 pixels (width by height). These are only guidelines; for optimal viewing your customized images should together cover the same screen area. Only browser supported graphic files such as jpg and gif are allowed.

Create your images or resize existing images to meet these specifications.

User ID * Branding Image #1 (Logo) Logon Branding Image #2 (Brand Name) 300 pixels 301 pixels





Example branding-text.gif



Create Image Directory

Create a directory with sub-directory "images". For example

C:\temp\branding example

C:\temp\branding example\images

In the images directory, place your two branding image files as created previously.

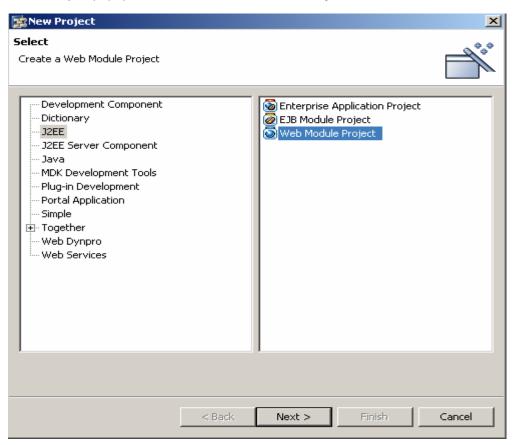
Address C:\temp\branding example\images			
Name 🔺	Size	Туре	Date Modified
💼 branding-image, jpg	34 KB	JPEG Image	9/27/2005 3:16 PM
📘 🖻 branding-text.GIF	2 KB	GIF Image	5/23/2006 9:20 PM

Build Web Archive of Images

Start NW Developer Studio

Select New->Project

From the New Project popup, select J2EE->Web Module Project



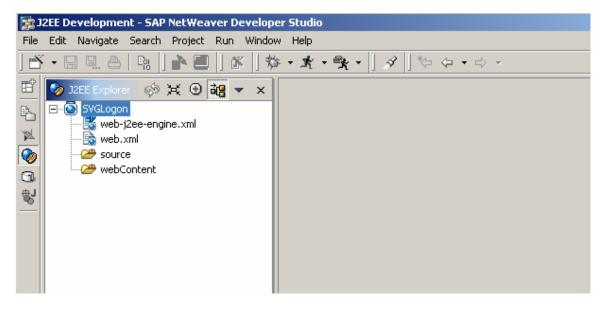
Click Next

Give your project a name such as <Customer>logon

😰 New Project	×
Web Module Project	
Create a new Web Module project	
Project name: SVGLogon	
Project contents:	
🔽 Use default	

Click Finish

You should now have a new project entry that you can expand to see components.





Right click on the Project name and select Import File

Browse to your previously created directory containing sub-directory "images" and select it. (E.g. select "branding example")

Import from directory	? ×
Select a directory to import from.	
 sappcadm SECUDE ssh System Volume Information temp branding example images PlatinGUI-Win32-700beta1 	•
Folder: branding example Make New Folder OK Cano	:el

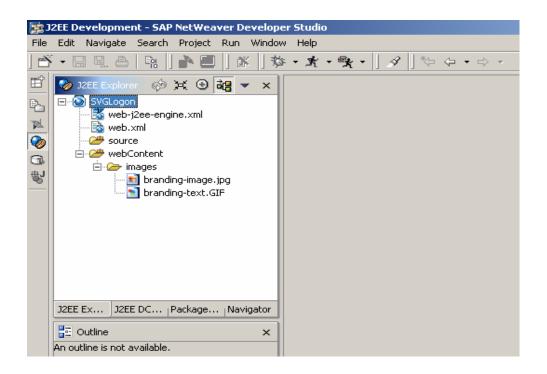
Click OK

Check your "images" directory

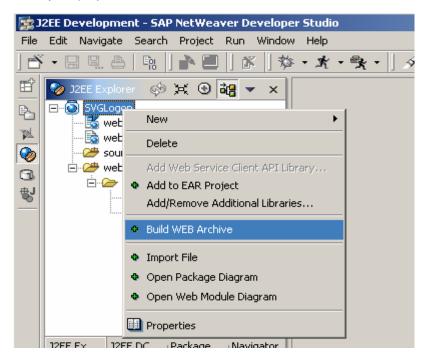
🕵 Import	×
File system Import resources from the local file system.	
From directory: C:\temp\branding example Image:	Browse
Filter Types Select All Into folder: SVGLogon/webContent	Browse
Options: Overwrite existing resources without warning C Create complete folder structure C Create selected folders only	
Finish	Cancel

Leave other default settings and click Finish

You will now have added your "images" to the *webContent* folder of the project



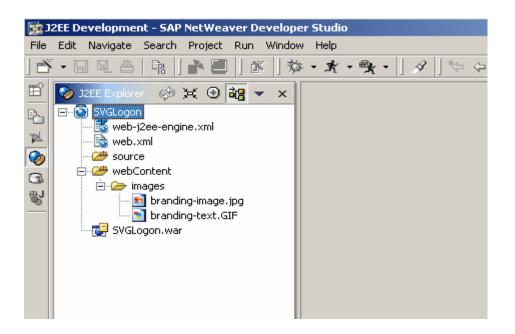
Right click on your project name and select Build WEB Archive



Click OK on success message



You will now have a <project_name>.war file in your project.



Build Enterprise Application Project

Next build a new Enterprise Application project to deploy the Web Archive.

In NW Developer Studio, select New->Project

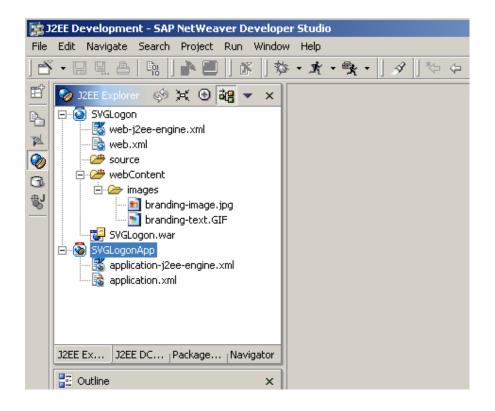
Select J2EE->Enterprise Application Project and click Next

1 New		×
Select Create an Enterprise Application Project		****
 Datasource Aliases Development Component Dictionary J2EE J2EE server Component Java MDK Development Tools Persistence Plug-in Development Portal Application Repository Framework 7.1.5 SAP Connectivity Simple Templates Together Web Dynpro Web Services Examples 	Enterprise Application Project EJB Module Project Web Module Project Web Module Project	
< Back	Next > Finish	Cancel

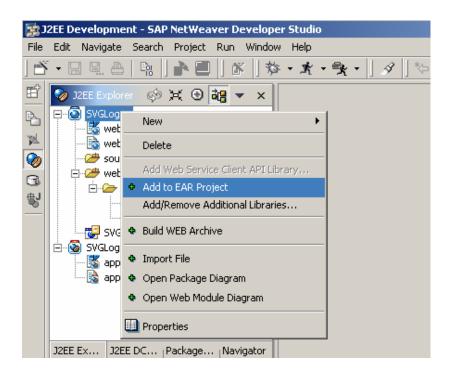
Enter an application name, such as <Customer>logonApp and click Finish

😰 New Project	×
Enterprise Application Project Create a new Enterprise Application project	
Project name: SVGLogonApp	
Project contents:	

You will now have a new project



Right click on first Web Archive project name and select Add to EAR Project.



Select your newly create EAR project and click **OK**

🧝 Add Modules	X
Select an EAR project	
SVGLogonApp	
	OK Cancel

You will now see your application under application.xml

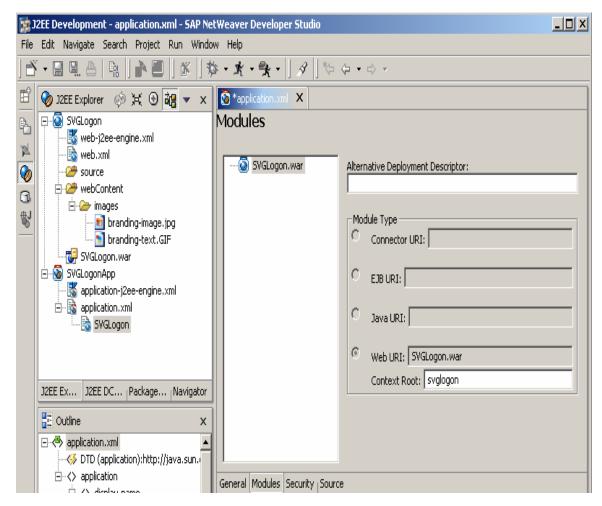


Expand application.xml and double click on your application (<customer>logon)

In the right work area, bottom tabs, click on the *Modules* tab

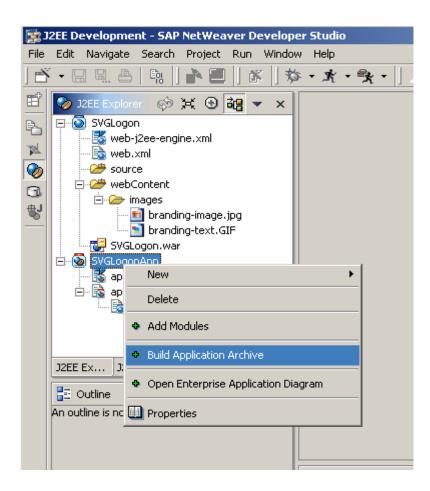
Click on the <project_name>.war entry

In the field *Context Root*, change the default to a meaning full name (such as *<customer>logon*). This is the root that is used to access the images from within the J2EE engine.

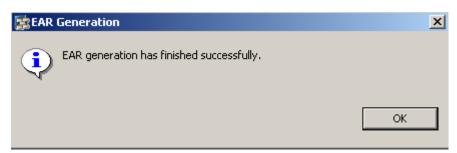


Click the **Save** icon (disk image) or select menu option **File->Save**

Right click on your EAR project and select **Build Application Archive**



Click OK on success popup



You will now have an <project_name>.ear file



If your NW Developer Studio is configured to connect to your portal, you may deploy directly. Otherwise locate the generated EAR file and deploy via the SDM.

Portal Configuration

After deployment, you can configure the portal branding parameters *ume.logon.branding_image* and *ume.logon.branding_text* to the values using the *Context Root* you specified in your EAR project, such as,

ume.logon.branding_image=/<customer>logon/images/branding-image.jpg

ume.logon.branding_text=/<customer>logon/images/branding-text.gif

For example,

ume.logon.branding_image=/svglogon/images/branding-image.jpg

ume.logon.branding_text=/svglogon/images/branding-text.gif

To change these parameters:

- 1) In NW04 based portal:
 - a. From within the portal select System Administration->System Configuration->UM Configuration->Direct Editing.
 - b. Save your changes
 - c. Restart the portal
- 2) In NW04 or 2004s based portal, use the Visual Administrator
 - a. Start the Visual Administrator and log on
 - b. Select tab Global Configuration->Server
 - c. Expand Services
 - d. Select UME Provider
 - e. Update the listed parameters.
 - f. Save your settings
 - g. Restart the portal

Result

You will now have a portal logon page with the branding images you chose. These settings will not be overwritten by patching.



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