Setup:Installation Guide/Webservices /LatexRenderer



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This document describes the installation of LatexRenderer for BlueSpice. LatexRenderer is an exclusive component of BlueSpice pro! Please note that Apache Tomcat server must be installed and configured on the BlueSpice server.

Tip for this Document

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- For editing the configuration files with a text editor, the files must be saved in UTF-8 coding without BOM (Byte Order Mark).
- The placeholder <installpath-bluespice> stands for the path to your BlueSpice installation, e.g C: \inetpub\wwwroot\bluespice (Windows) or /var/www/bluespice (Linux).
- The placeholder <tomcat-webapps> stands for the path to the Webapps directory of your Tomcat server, e.g. C:\Program Files\Apache Software Foundation\Tomcat 8.5\webapps (Windows) or /var/lib/tomcat8/webapps (Linux).

Installation of the LatexRenderer application

Move the file "BSLaTeX2PNG.war" from the directory <installpath-bluespice>/extensions /BlueSpiceLatexRenderer/LatexRenderer/webservices to <tomcat-webapps>

Restart Tomcat

Restart the Tomcat Webserver like described here.

This completes the installation of LatexRenderer.

Troubleshooting

If there is a problem with LatexRenderer in BlueSpice, first check the file system permissions.

File System Permissions

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For trouble-free usage of your BlueSpice installation, the web server requires write permissions to several folders of the file system. However, it is recommended to keep the rights for all other files and folders to a minimum. This document shows you the relevant folders and the correct permissions setting.

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Affected Folders

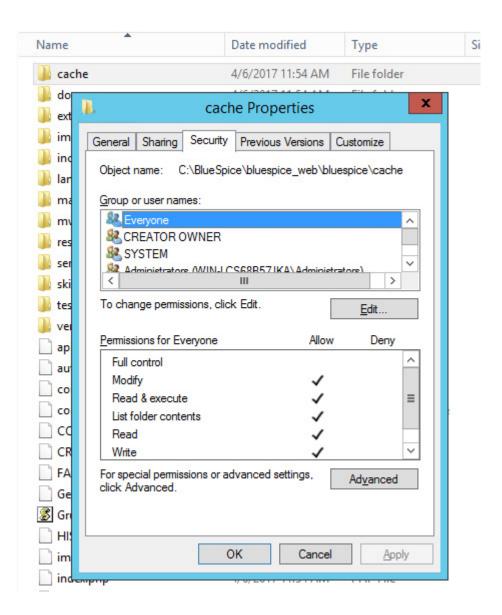
The folders, which require write permissions, are:

- <installpath-bluespice> /cache
- <installpath-bluespice> /images
- <installpath-bluespice> /extensions/BlueSpiceFoundation/config
- <installpath-bluespice> /extensions/BlueSpiceFoundation/data
- <installpath-bluespice> /extensions/Widgets/compiled_templates (only BlueSpice pro)

Assignment of Permissions with Windows

Assign "change" rights for this folder for the local user "Everyone".





Assignment of Permissions with Linux

Here you can assign rights much more strictly, which is also recommended. Transfer the directory <installpath-bluespice> recursively to the user root (CHMOD for Files 644, CHMOD for Directories 755) and after this, transfer the mentioned directory recursively to the user and the group, under which the Apache Web Server runs (Debian/Ubuntu e.g. "www-data").

In the following, we provide a bash script, which works through this tasks for you with only one command.

To do so, create the file /usr/local/bin/setWikiPerm and copy the following code into this file:

```
#!/bin/bash
WWW_USER="www-data"
WWW_GROUP="www-data"
WWW_HOME=`eval echo ~$WWW_USER`
```



```
WWW_CFG=$WWW_HOME/.config
if [ $# -eq 0 ]; then
        echo "You must enter the path of your MediaWiki installation."
        exit
elif [ ! -d $1 ]; then
        echo "$1 does not exist or is no path."
fi
if [ ! -f $1/LocalSettings.php ]; then
        echo "$1 contains no Localsettings.php"
fi
PATH=`echo "$1" | sed -e 's#/$##'`
/usr/bin/find $PATH -type d -exec /bin/chmod 755 {} \;
/usr/bin/find $PATH -type f -exec /bin/chmod 644 {} \;
/bin/chown -R root:root $PATH
"$PATH/images" \
        "$PATH/_sf_archive" \
"$PATH/_sf_instances" \
         "$PATH/extensions/BlueSpiceFoundation/data" \
         "$PATH/extensions/BlueSpiceFoundation/config"
         "$PATH/extensions/Widgets/compiled_templates" \
)
for i in "${pathes[@]}"; do
         if [ -d $i ]; then
                 /bin/chown -R $WWW_USER:$WWW_GROUP $i
done
if [ ! -d $WWW_CFG ]; then
        /bin/mkdir $WWW_CFG
fi
/bin/chown -R $WWW_USER:$WWW_GROUP $WWW_CFG
/usr/bin/find $PATH/extensions -iname 'create_pygmentize_bundle' -exec /bin/chmod +x
{} \;
/usr/bin/find $PATH/extensions -iname 'pygmentize' -exec /bin/chmod +x {} \; /usr/bin/find $PATH/extensions -name 'lua' -type f -exec /bin/chmod 755 {} \;
```

If needed, replace the content of the variables

```
WWW_USER="www-data"
WWW_GROUP="www-data"
```

with the approprate user and group of your distribution.

After this, assign CHMOD 755 to this file. Now you can run the script and let it do the complete permission setting automatically with the following command:

```
setWikiPerm <installpath-bluespice>
```





Note that when the update.php is executed on the console, the rights can be partially discarded. For this reason, set the rights to "update.php" again.

Apache Tomcat on Windows

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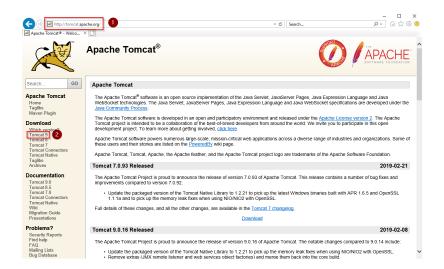
Apache Tomcat is required for the PDF export, VisualDiff (BlueSpice pro only) and the LaTeX renderer (BlueSpice pro only). The following steps are optional and only required if you want to use one or more of these services in your BlueSpice installation.



Operation of Apache Tomcat requires OpenJDK. If you have not installed it, follow the link above.

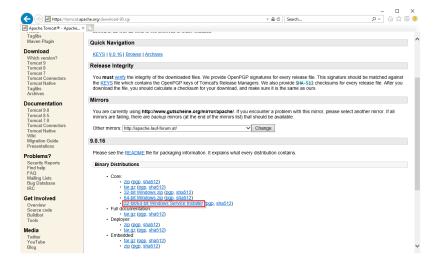
Download

Open the official download page (1) in your browser and go to the version 9 (2) download page.



Download the "32-bit/64-bit Windows Service Installer"







Please note that the download on your Windows server with Internet Explorer only works if you have configured the Internet Explorer Advanced Security Settings in the Server Manager. Please refer to the technical documentation from Microsoft.



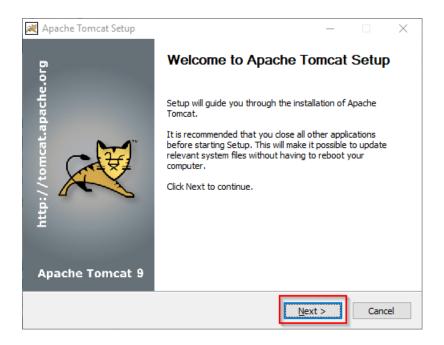
This guide uses version 9.0.16 of Apache Tomcat and is just an example of the latest version that you can download at the time of installation.

Installing Apache Tomcat

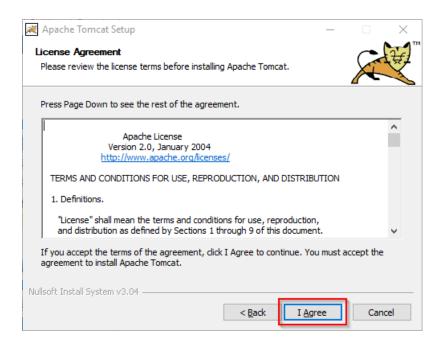
Open the downloaded file "apache-tomcat-9.0.16.exe".

Start the installation by clicking "Next >":



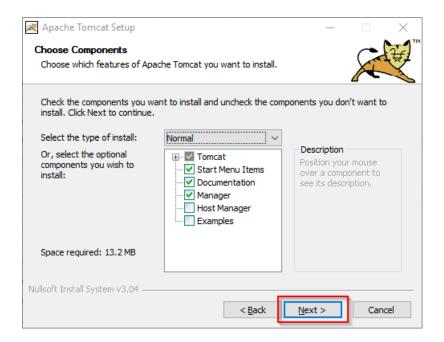


Confirm the license agreement by clicking "I Agree":

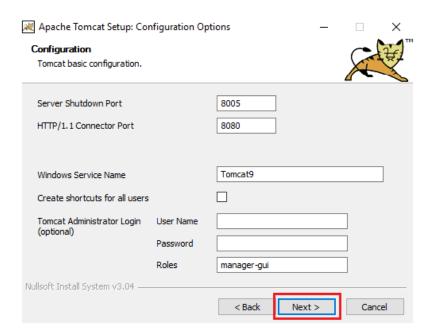


Click "Next >":



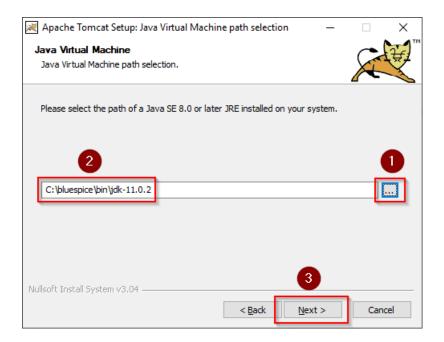


Click "Next >" again:

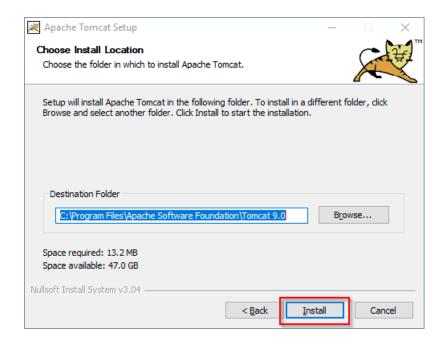


Select (1) the home directory of your OpenJDK Installation (2) and click "Next>" (3):



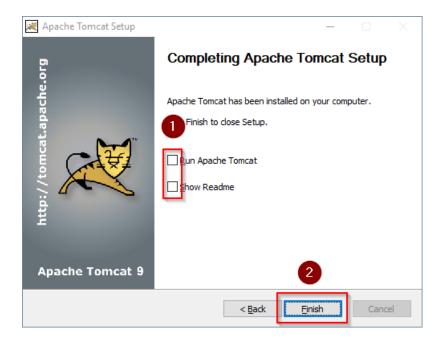


Start the Tomcat Installation:



At the end of the installation, leave both preselected checkboxes (1) and finish the setup (2)





Configuring Apache Tomcat

Change to the installation directory of Tomcat. By default, you can find it at C:\Program Files\Apache Software Foundation\Tomcat 9.0\conf.

Open the context.xml file in a text editor and replace the one-time line

<Context>

with

<Context mapperContextRootRedirectEnabled="true">



Save and close the file.

In the same directory, open the file server.xml in a text editor and make sure that the complete block

```
<Connector port="8080" protocol="HTTP/1.1"
... />
```

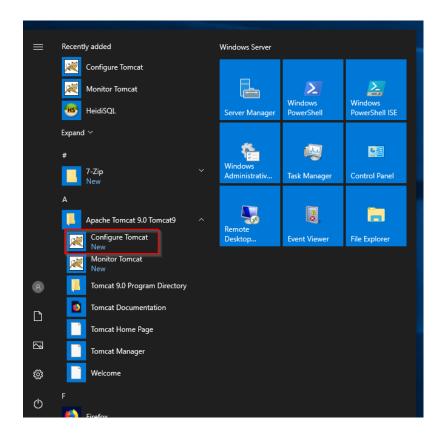
looks like this:

```
<Connector port="8080" protocol="HTTP/1.1"
    connectionTimeout="20000"
    URIEncoding="UTF-8"
    redirectPort="8443"
    address="127.0.0.1" />
```



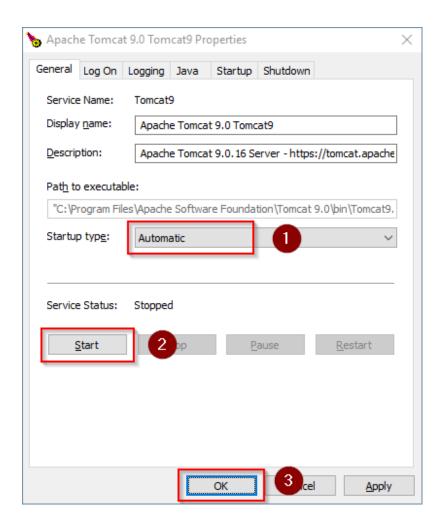
Save and close the file.

Find the entry "Configure Tomcat" in the start menu and open it:



Set "Startup type" to "Automatic" (1) and start Tomcat (2). Then exit the configuration console (3):



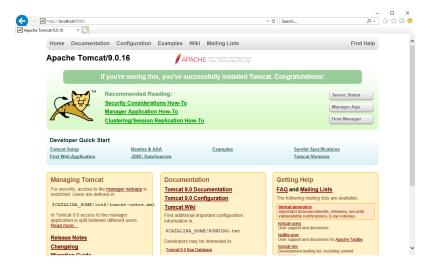


Reviewing the installation

To check if Tomcat is working correctly, open the address http://localhost:8080/ in a browser on the server.

You should now see the homepage of the Tomcat server:





Installing the web apps

After the successful installation of BlueSpice, please follow the next steps to install the web services and activate the respective BlueSpice extension:

- PDF-Export
- VisualDiff (BlueSpice pro only)
- LatexRenderer (nurBlueSpice pro only)

Next step

If you have completed all steps successfully, you can delete the previously downloaded "apachetomcat-9.0.16.exe" file from your hard drive and continue to the next step " Elasticsearch".