Web servers and WebSphere Portal

By default IBM[®] WebSphere[®] Portal uses the internal HTTP transport within IBM WebSphere Application Server to handle requests. However, because WebSphere Application Server also supports the use of an external Web server, you can access WebSphere Portal from your Web server.

You can use a local Web server on the same machine as WebSphere Portal, or you can use a remote Web server on a different machine. A remote Web server is typical for a production environment or other high-traffic configuration.

To enable communication between the Web server and WebSphere Application Server, a Web server plug-in is required. The Web server plug-in determines whether a request is handled by the Web server or by the application server. The plug-in can be installed into a Web server that is located either on the same machine as WebSphere Application Server or on a separate machine from the WebSphere Application Server. The Web server plug-in uses an XML configuration file (plugin-cfg.xml) containing settings that describe how to handle and pass on requests to the WebSphere Application Server made accessible through the plug-in.

In the WebSphere Application Server administrative console, the Web server is represented as a specific server type, and you can view or modify all of the configuration properties used in the plugin-cfg.xml file for the Web server plug-in from the administrative console. WebSphere Portal supports the following Web servers:

- Apache Server
- IBM HTTP Server (Supported versions 2.0.47.1, 6.0, 6.0.1, 6.0.2)
- Microsoft® Internet Information Server
- IBM Lotus® Domino®
- Sun Java System Web Server

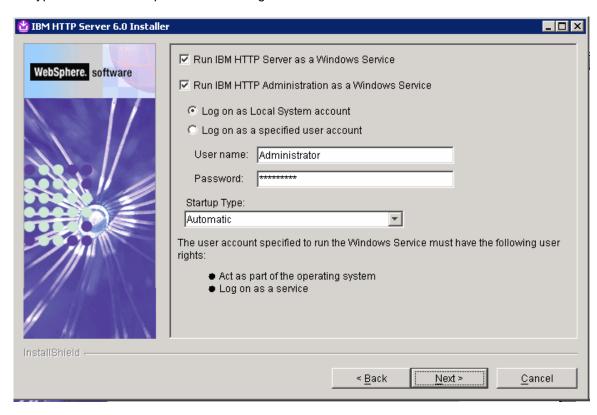
Configure IBM HTTP Web Server with Web Sphere Portal

In order to configure IBM HTTP Server with WebSphere Portal Server proceed with following steps:

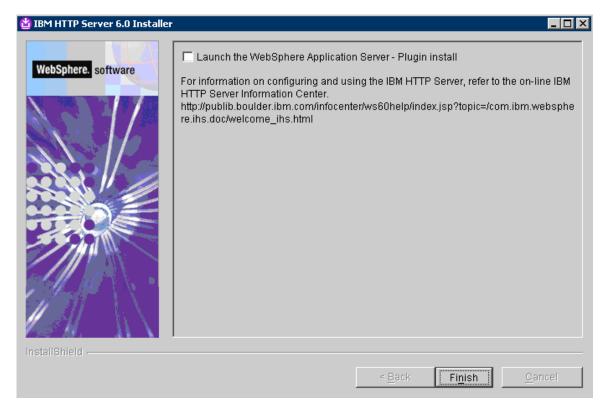
1. Install IBM HTTP Server v6.0.

- a. Run Install.exe file located at \portal installation source\W-
- 2\windows\ia32\extras\IHS
- b. Proceed with installation wizard and select appropriate options.

c. Type user name and password to configure HIS to run as windows service.



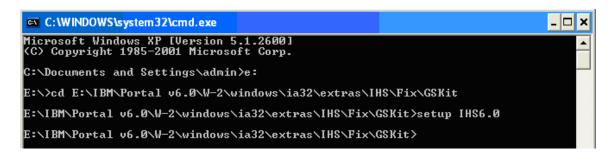
d. Uncheck WebSphere Application Server-Plugin install and click Finsh button.



2. Install Fix for HIS:

- a. Download PK13784 fix from http://www-
- 1.ibm.com/support/docview.wss?rs=177&context=SSEQTJ&q1=PK13784&uid=swg2401 1137&loc=en US&cs=utf-8&lang=en.
- b. Create a directory and name it to GSKit, unpack the fix files in to it. Where GSK stands for *Global Security Kit*.
- d. Open command prompt and change directory to GSKit.
- e. Run this command setup IHSxxxxx.

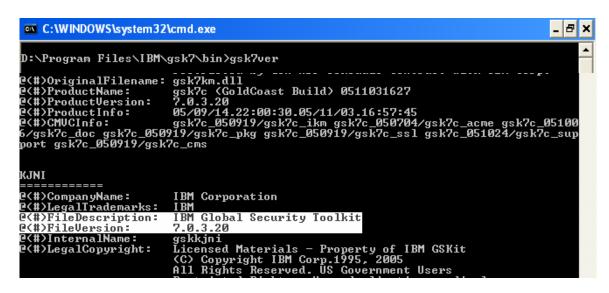
Where xxxxx is the installed version of IHS (either 1.3.28, 2.0.47, or 6.0). Example: "setup IHS1.3.28"



f. Browse to the folder where gsk will be installed.



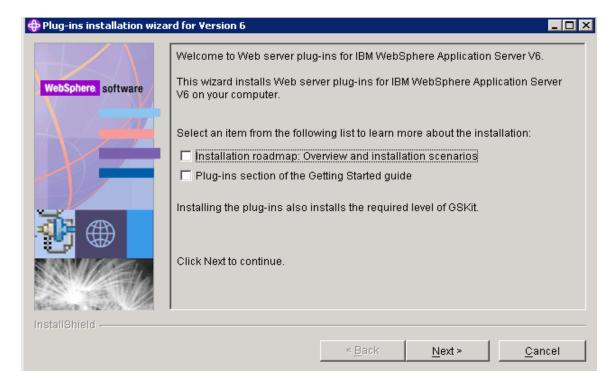
f. Change directory to *D:\Program Files\IBM\gsk7\bin*. Run the *gsk7ver* command to verify that the new version of GSKit is installed. This should report GSKit version 7.0.3.20.



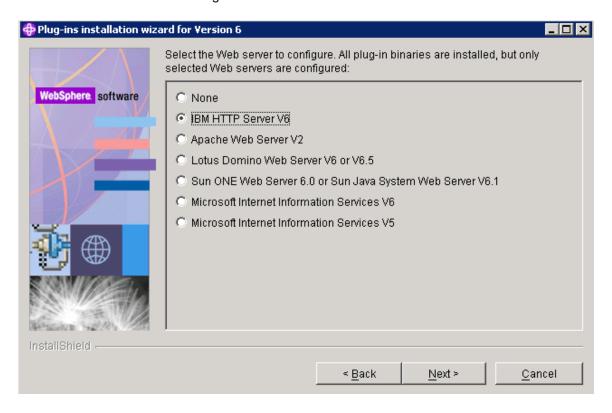
h. Start IHS again.

3. Install Plugin:

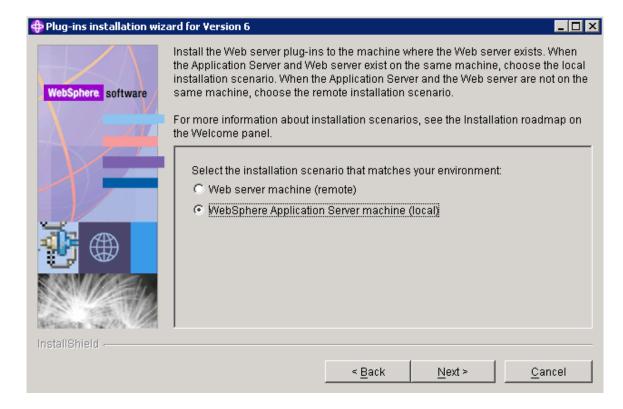
- a. Run install.exe file located at \portal installation source\W-2\windows\ia32\extras\IHS.
- b. Uncheck the *Installation roadmap* checkbox and click Next button.



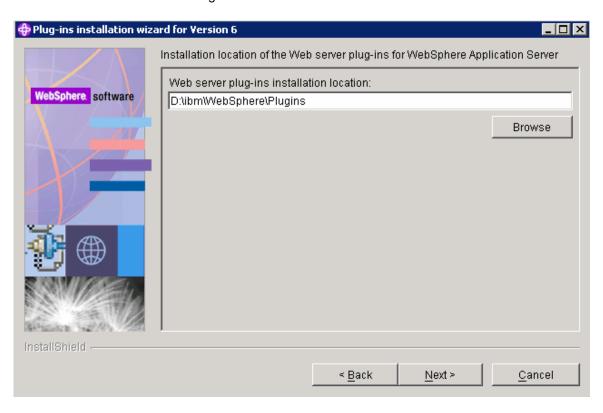
c. Select the Web Server to configure.



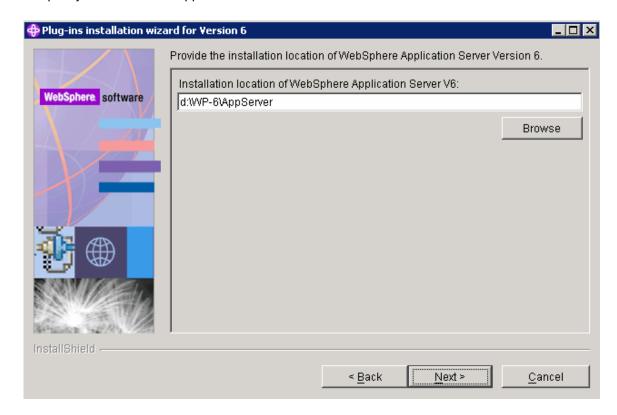
c. Specify either web server is installed on the same or remote machine.



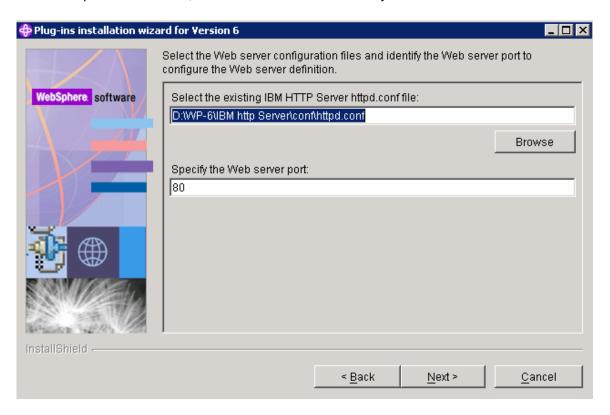
d. Browse the location where Plugin will be installed.



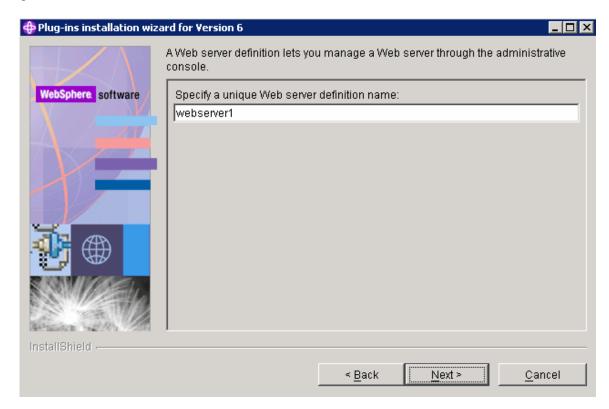
e. Specify location where Application Server is installed.



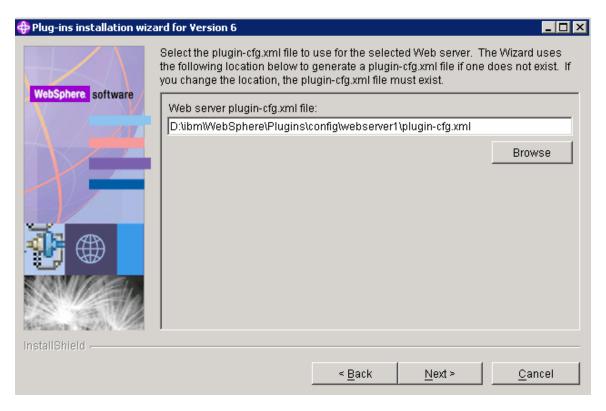
f. Select httpd.conf file of HIS, it's located at \IHS\conf directory.



g. Leave the default name for web server.



h. Leave the default path for plugin-cfg.xml file.



i. Proceed with the further installation option as appropriate.

4. Verify Configuration.

- a. Start Websphere portal server.
- b. Type the url to access wps: http://localhost/wps/portal.

References:

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