



Developer Guide - Introduction

This *Developers Guide* is intended to drive you along the building process of all binary modules of the eXtraWay Platform. The source code will produce 32 bit binaries. Porting to 64 bit will follow.

Since the code is the same for both Windows and Unix/Linux compiling, please follow the proper instruction.

The documentation refers to experienced developing environments. Developers are free to experiment other environments but pay attention to unattended behaviour that may occur.

First of all the developer that approaches to eXtraWay Platform should take care of downloading the proper source code from the given SVN repository after required registration is done.

The code appears as a sequence of directories containing source code, documentation, instructions and compiler driven solutions. Let's take a look to some of them

- 3rdp: directory for 3rd party code used within eXtraWay Platform. See [3rd party](#) chapter for details.
- docs: contains some basic documentations and will be used to generate the *Developers Reference*;
- redistrib: contains all binaries and configuration needed to build up the first *eXtraWay Platform* installation;
- solutions: contains Visual Studio projects and Unix/Linux Makefiles.

Following chapter will drive you to configure the required environment to build *eXtraWay Platform* modules.

Common Configuration

Common configuration concerns the basic requirements that are:

- Access SVN repository;
- Generate code documentation

In both cases developer can operate using thier own tools but we now declare how to act using [Eclipse Indigo CDT](#).

Download and install the suitable version for your Operating System, in our example the 8.0.2 SR2 version, than install remaining parts as follows.

Access menù Help → Install New Software... and add the SVN plug-in. We use *Subversive* from <http://community.polarion.com/projects/subversive/download/eclipse/2.0/indigo-sr2-site/>.

The package contains many parts, the suggested ones are:

- Subversive SVN Connector;
- SVNKit 1.3.5 Implementation;
- Native JavaHL 1.6 Implementation.

We also suggest to update SVNKit to last available version at <http://eclipse.svnkit.com/1.3.x>

Access to SVN repository

Once the developer has the SVN Url and credential^[2], he can access the repository and Check Out all modules and files from SVN ROOT → trunk.

Than a `libs` directory should be created within the project. That directory will contain every `[.lib|.a]` files after compiling procedure.

During following development activities please take care to ignore every file that will be built into directories named 'libs', 'od' or 'or' inside source files directories. Those files must never get back to SVN.

Third Party

The eXtraWay Platform uses third party code. That code belongs to the Open Source World and most of it is part of every Unix/Linux environment.

Unfortunately we can't say the same for Windows where libraries as `libxml2` are not natively distributed with O.S.

To find a valid workaround to this problem, in order to maintain code as much similar as possible between Windows and Unix/Linux development, we searched for the equivalent Windows code that is actually stored in 3rdp directory.

That code is not from 3D Informatica but comes from their authors. We just distribute the code in order to use properly include files.
3rdp directory also includes a setup directory where you can find the *Dynamic Linked Libraries* ready to use in Windows accompanied by their license disclaimer and information concerning where and how to get the original code.

Generate code documentation

The whole code is properly commented in order to use [Doxygen](#) to generate the source code *Reference*.

Since the documentation was originally written in Italian and than translated, many parts could be incomplete or incorrect. Please tell us which documentation requires our attention.

First of all Download and Install a suitable version of Doxygen. We used 1.8.0 but even previous version should operate properly.

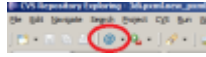
Now complete Eclipse setup adding Doxygen Plug-in as follows:

Access menù Help → Install New Software... and add the *Eclox* plug-in from <http://download.gna.org/eclox/update>. Select all

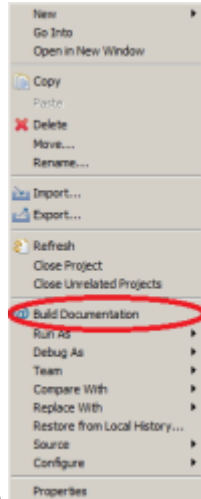


package parts.

After the setup end a new button appears:



Now you can build documentation by selecting the xw Open.doxyfile from docs directory and push that button or require the



documentation generation from context menu as follows

P.S.: *Eclox* plug-in should be configured to identify where Doxygen resides on you computer.

Windows Development

In order to build Win32 modules version you need to install the following software:

- Microsoft Visual C++ 2008 Express Edition SP1;
- Microsoft Windows SDK for Visual Studio 2008 SP1 Express Tools for Win32.

As told before, developers are free to adopt a different compiler but all provided material is verified in a similar environment.

Now open you *Microsoft Visual C++ 2008* and open the solution in `solution\ExtraWay Platform.sln`.

Set the xw project as primary one (project dependencies should be already set).

Chose the required configuration between Debug & Release and simply compile.

The result will produce:

- Debug Configuration:
 - a directory named `od` in each source dir containing `.obj` and other files;
 - one or more `<libnamed>.lib` file into `libs` directory;
 - a directory named `bin_d9` near to the project that will contain the produced binaries.
- Release Configuration:
 - a directory named `or` in each source dir containing `.obj` and other files;
 - one or more `<dirname>.lib` file into `libs` directory;
 - a directory named `bin9` near to the project that will contain the produced binaries.

Windows modules also uses 3rd party code that isn't commonly distributed on Windows. We're talking about libraries as:

- `libxml2`;
- `libxslt`;
- `libiconv`;
- `zlib`;
- `libzip`;
- `openssl...` and others.

In order to work properly all this code, belonging to the Open Source World, must be set up before you try to execute modules from *eXtraWay Platform*.

Please go to `3rdp\setup` directory and follow instruction into `README.TXT` file to generate the `xw3rdp-setup.exe` file.

You will need WinRAR or you can build your own set-up procedure.

Some other steps must be done, please see the “[Completing the Environment](#)” chapter.

Unix/Linux Development

In order to build Unix/Linux modules version you need to install the following software:

- `build-essential`;
- GCC version 4.1.2 and proper `g++` package;
- `libxml2-dev`;
- `libxslt-dev`;
- `libssl-dev`;



As told before, developers are free to adopt a different compiler but all provided material is verified in a similar environment.

Now go to solution directory and simply run make using the local Makefile.

The following parameters can be used:

- 'free': all intermediate and final files will be removed and following build will occur from scratch;
- 'deb' or nothign as default: the etire project will be built in Debug mode;
- 'rel': the entire project will be built in Release mode;
- 'out': all the output produced from single build processes will feed a single couple of files: make.outd for Debug configuration and make.out r for Release configuration

Please run a make free before any other make command in order to create intermediate files output directories.

Since we use to build for different platform and in different configuration (older gcc, various glibc version and so on), the result will generate separate directory for each hostname.

Say that you computer's name is develXw the result will produce:

- Debug Configuration: a directory named develXw/od in each source dir containing .o and other files. Libraries (.a) and executable will built into the same directories;
- Release Configuration: a directory named develXw/or in each source dir containing .o and other files. Libraries (.a) and executable will built into the same directories.

Changing Environment

Each module that composes eXtraWay Platform has it's own Makefile. The Makefile in solutions directory just execute make for each module.

There's an interesting file into the include directory that the developer could examine: macros.mkh.

This file is used by each Makefile and try to adapt the building procedure to the environment.

We've experienced compiling the module on variuos platforms (Sun Solaris, Linux, Aix). The developers are invited to follow this style in order to let the modules' Makefile as unchanged as possibile.

Completing the Environment

Now that the binaries have been compiled succesfully, let's see how those files should be used to set up an eXtraWay Platform *simple installation*.

Take a look to redist directory. It contains some other directories with the minimum amount of files you need to set up the whole environment³⁾.

- bin directory contains a few files. Put here the xw3rdp-setup.exe. You can run it before running eXtraWay Server or just run the server that will check for library presence and run that setup if needed.
While msg.dat must be used both in Windows and Linux installation there are some differences between the Operating Systems:
 - vcredis_x86.exe and vcredis_x64.exe are needed in proper Windows O.S. in order to provide the computer of required run-time lberies;
 - xw.rc is required only in Unix/Linux installations.
- conf directory contains the basic configuration files. The content of this file is documented into eXtraWay common documentation available at [3D Informatica documentation site](#);
- context directory will bring some information concerning the environmnet in which archives are generated and handled in order to mark each *Information Unit* with environment meta data;
- logs directory will contain each kind of log the modules will produce, please refer to [Logs configuration and documentation](#) for details. Natively empty;
- wd directory will be used from WatchDoc procedure to import data from XML files. Natively empty.

The next step to do is to copy binary files(xw[.exe], xwls[.exe] and shared libraries (libxwwd[.dll|.so]) from they compiler directory into the bin directory than we're ready to start.

Starting eXtraWay in Windows

You can act in two different ways:

- Simply esecute eXtraWay Server (xw.exe) from a simple command line. The server will verify if it's installed as a service or not so it can take up to 20/30" to start. Use the -noserv parameter to declare it's been run manually and reduce startup time.
You can also use the -p<port> parameter to force eXtraWay starting on a socket port different from the default that is **4859**;
- Install eXtraWay Server as a Winodws Service. Use the command line parameter -service_install to install and start the service, and -service_uninstall to stop and uninstall the service. You can also use -service_start & -service_stop to governate the service.

If eXtraWay Server is started manually you'll see it's icon into the *try bar*. You can click on it and view version and other



informations. You can also register the server in order to complete context set-up. This step is required in order to insert and modify records containing context meta-data.

Starting eXtraWay in Unix/Linux

“Ça va sans dire”: pay attention to user and rights of the provided files. We're used to choose an `ext raway` user and use it to develop and install packages.

The Unix/Linux distribution is accompanied by a `xwctl` script. As any other Service script it supports the following commands:

- start
- stop
- restart
- status

You can *simlink* this script into your `/etc/init.d` directory in order to set and use `eXtraWay Server` as a service.

Other commands are also available:

- `vstatus` : provides a verbose status telling the Process ID of each module.
- `version` : provides the version list for all the modules.

The `xwctl` script uses `hwadmin` to send the server specific commands⁴⁾ and the `../conf/xwctl.conf` file to choose default startup parameters.

If you need to run manually the server you can specify the `-p<port>` parameter to set the socket port to use. Default is **4859**.

In order to register the server and complete the context set-up, needed to insert and modify records with context meta-data, please run `./xw -r` and follow the instruction.

Registering the Server

The registration process is quite simple and only requires 3 values:

- A serial number: normally used by 3D Informatica to identify each installation and identify the environment;
- A User Name;
- A Company/Organization Name.

After the registration ends the server will close and must be run again.

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Pay attention to the url that refers to SR2 version

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i.e.: something as `svn+ssh://devname@host.foo.bar/var/opt/svn/xwopen`

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Complete installation is richer

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i.e. to stop the server