



# Payara Server 5 Administration Cheat Sheet

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This is a reverse dictionary for frequently operations. See [Payara Server Documentation](#) for all commands and options.

## Start and Stop Domain

Use Case	Operations
Start Domain	<code>asadmin start-domain [domain-name] *<sup>1</sup></code>
Stop Domain	<code>asadmin stop-domain [domain-name] *<sup>1</sup></code> Use Admin Console : Common Tasks > server (Admin Server) > Stop
Restart Domain	<code>asadmin restart-domain [domain-name] *<sup>1</sup></code> Use Admin Console : Common Tasks > server (Admin Server) > Restart
View status of Domains	<code>asadmin list-domains</code>

\*1 : Assume setting **domain1** as default domain if *domain-name* is omitted.

## Start and Stop Standalone Instance

There are two types of standalone instance:

- “Local” Instance is an instance that is on same machine running DAS. (It’s basically on ‘CONFIG’ node.)
- “Remote” Instance is an instance on ‘SSH’ node or ‘DCOM’ node that is on different machine running DAS.

Use Case	Operations
Start Local Instance	<code>asadmin start-local-instance [--sync={normal full}] instance-name *<sup>1</sup> *<sup>2</sup></code>
Stop Local Instance	<code>asadmin stop-local-instance instance-name *<sup>1</sup></code>

Use Case	Operations
Restart Local Instance	<code>asadmin restart-local-instance <i>instance-name</i> *<sup>1</sup></code>
Start Local or Remote Instance	<code>asadmin start-instance [--sync={<u>normal</u> full}] <i>instance-name</i> *<sup>2</sup></code> Use Admin Console : Common Tasks > Instances
Stop Local or Remote Instance	<code>asadmin stop-instance <i>instance-name</i></code> Use Admin Console : Common Tasks > Instances
Restart Local or Remote Instance	<code>asadmin restart-instance <i>instance-name</i></code> Use Admin Console : Common Tasks > Instances
View status of Instances	<code>asadmin list-instances</code> Use Admin Console : Common Tasks > Instances

\*1 : Available when a domain is not running.

\*2 : Required to explicit --sync option when status of an instance isn't synchronous with DAS.  
 e.g. `asadmin start-instance --sync=full instance1`

## Start, Stop and Management Deployment Group

Use Case	Operations
Create Deployment Group	<code>asadmin create-deployment-group <i>deployment-group-name</i></code> Use Admin Console : Common Tasks > Deployment Groups
Delete Deployment Group	<code>asadmin delete-deployment-group <i>deployment-group-name</i></code> Use Admin Console : Common Tasks > Deployment Groups
View list of Deployment Groups	<code>asadmin list-deployment-groups</code> Use Admin Console : Common Tasks > Deployment Groups

Use Case	Operations
Add a Instance to Deployment Group	<pre>asadmin add-instance-to-deployment-group --instance <i>instance-name</i> --deploymentgroup <i>deployment-group-name</i></pre> <p>Use Admin Console : Common Tasks &gt; Deployment Groups</p>
Remove a Instance from Deployment Group	<pre>asadmin remove-instance-from-deployment-group --instance <i>instance-name</i> --deploymentgroup <i>deployment-group-name</i></pre> <p>Use Admin Console : Common Tasks &gt; Deployment Groups</p>
Start Deployment Group	<pre>asadmin start-deployment-group <i>deployment-group-name</i></pre> <p>Use Admin Console : Common Tasks &gt; Deployment Groups</p>
Restart Deployment Group	<pre>asadmin restart-deployment-group <i>deployment-group-name</i></pre> <p>Use Admin Console : Common Tasks &gt; Deployment Groups</p>
Stop Deployment Group	<pre>asadmin stop-deployment-group <i>deployment-group-name</i></pre> <p>Use Admin Console : Common Tasks &gt; Deployment Groups</p>

## Deploy and Undeploy Application

Use Case	Operations
Deploy Application (to DAS)	<pre>asadmin deploy [--contextroot context-root] [--name=component-name] file-archive directory *<sup>1</sup></pre> <p>Use Admin Console : Common Tasks &gt; Applications</p>
Deploy Application to Deployment Group	<pre>asadmin deploy [--contextroot context-root] [--name=component-name] --enabled=true -- target=deployment-group-name file-archive</pre> <p>Use Admin Console : Common Tasks &gt; Applications</p>
Deploy Application to an Instance	<pre>asadmin deploy [--contextroot context-root] [--name=component-name] --enabled=true -- target=instance-name file-archive</pre> <p>Use Admin Console : Common Tasks &gt; Applications</p>
Deploy Application to an Instance (already deployed on other instance)	<pre>asadmin create-application-ref --target= instance-name component-name</pre> <p>Use Admin Console : Common Tasks &gt; Applications</p>
Deploy Application to multiple Instances	<pre>asadmin deploy [--contextroot context-root] --name=component-name --enabled=true --target= instance-name-1 file-archive</pre> <pre>asadmin create-application-ref --target= instance-name-2 component-name *<sup>2</sup></pre> <p>Use Admin Console : Common Tasks &gt; Applications</p>
Undeploy Application (from DAS)	<pre>asadmin undeploy [--target=server] component-name</pre> <p>Use Admin Console : Common Tasks &gt; Applications</p>
Undeploy Application from Deployment Group	<pre>asadmin undeploy --target=deployment-group-name component-name</pre> <p>Use Admin Console : Common Tasks &gt; Applications</p>
Undeploy Application from an Instance (remove application completely)	<pre>asadmin undeploy --target=instance-name component-name</pre> <p>Use Admin Console : Common Tasks &gt; Applications</p>

Use Case	Operations
Undeploy Application from an Instance (still deployed)	<pre>asadmin delete-application-ref --target=instance-name component-name</pre> <p>Use Admin Console : Common Tasks &gt; Applications</p>
Undeploy Application from multiple Instances	<pre>asadmin delete-application-ref --target=instance-name2 component-name *2</pre> <pre>asadmin undeploy --target=instance-name1 component-name</pre> <p>Use Admin Console : Common Tasks &gt; Applications</p>
View Deployed Applications	<pre>asadmin list-applications [target] *3</pre> <p>Use Admin Console : Common Tasks &gt; Applications</p>
View Deployed Applications (only on any Instances)	<pre>asadmin list-application-refs [target] *3</pre> <p>Use Admin Console : Common Tasks &gt; Applications</p>

\*1 : Not recommend to set *directory* on multiple instances because it's required that all instances can access to the *directory*.

\*2 : Repeat number of instances; for example, repeat 2 occurs if there's 3 instances.

\*3 : Assume setting **server** as default value if *target* is omitted.

## Create and Delete JDBC Connection Pool

Use Case	Operations
Install JDBC Driver	<pre>asadmin add-library [--type=app] jar-file</pre>
Create JDBC Connection Pool (as Non-XA Data Source)	<pre>asadmin create-jdbc-connection-pool [--data-sourceclassname=class-name] --restype=javax.sql.DataSource [-property name=value) [:name=value]*] pool-name *1</pre> <p>Use Admin Console : Common Tasks &gt; JDBC &gt; JDBC Connection Pools (Recommended)</p>

Use Case	Operations
Create JDBC Connection Pool as XA Data Source, e.g. for EJB Timer	<pre>asadmin create-jdbc-connection-pool [--data-sourceclassname=class-name] --restype=javax.sql.XADataSource [-property name=value) [:name=value]*] pool-name *1</pre> <p>Use Admin Console : Common Tasks &gt; JDBC &gt; JDBC Connection Pools (Recommended)</p>
Delete JDBC Connection Pool	<pre>asadmin delete-jdbc-connection-pool [--cascade={false true}] pool-name</pre> <p>Use Admin Console : Common Tasks &gt; JDBC &gt; JDBC Connection Pools</p>
Ping JDBC Connection Pool	<pre>asadmin ping-connection-pool pool-name</pre> <p>Use Admin Console : Common Tasks &gt; JDBC &gt; JDBC Connection Pools</p>
View list of JDBC Connection Pools	<pre>asadmin list-jdbc-connection-pools</pre> <p>Use Admin Console : Common Tasks &gt; JDBC &gt; JDBC Connection Pools</p>
Create JDBC Resource	<pre>asadmin create-jdbc-resources --connectionpoolid pool-name [--enabled={true false}] [--target={server domain deployment-group-name instance-name}] jndi-name</pre> <p>Use Admin Console : Common Tasks &gt; JDBC &gt; JDBC Resources</p>
Delete JDBC Resource	<pre>asadmin delete-jdbc-resources [--enabled={true false}] [--target={server domain instance-name}] jndi-name</pre> <p>Use Admin Console : Common Tasks &gt; JDBC &gt; JDBC Resources</p>
View list of JDBC Resources	<pre>asadmin list-jdbc-resources [--target={server domain instance-name}]</pre> <p>Use Admin Console : Common Tasks &gt; JDBC &gt; JDBC Resources</p>

\*1 : There are many options other else and most of them are important for good performance.



## Enable or Disable Monitoring

Use Case	Operations
Enable Monitoring Service <sup>*1</sup>	<pre>asadmin set configs.config.\${config-name}. monitoring-service.monitoring-enabled=true</pre> <pre>asadmin set configs.config.\${config-name}. monitoring-service.mbean-enabled=true</pre> <p>Use Admin Console : Configuration &gt; \${config-name} &gt; Monitoring &gt; General (Tab) &gt; Monitoring Service → Check Enabled</p> <p>Use Admin Console : Configuration &gt; \${config-name} &gt; Monitoring &gt; General (Tab) &gt; Monitoring MBeans → Check Enabled</p>
Disable Monitoring Service <sup>*1</sup>	<pre>asadmin set configs.config.\${config-name}. monitoring-service.mbean-enabled=false</pre> <pre>asadmin set configs.config.\${config-name}. monitoring-service.monitoring-enabled=false</pre> <p>Use Admin Console : Configuration &gt; \${config-name} &gt; Monitoring &gt; General (Tab) &gt; Monitoring Service → Uncheck Enabled</p> <p>Use Admin Console : Configuration &gt; \${config-name} &gt; Monitoring &gt; General (Tab) &gt; Monitoring MBeans → Uncheck Enabled</p>
Change Monitoring Level (for All Components) <sup>*1*2</sup>	<p>Use Admin Console : Configuration &gt; \${config-name} &gt; Monitoring &gt; General (Tab) &gt; Component Level Settings;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Select All Modules</li> <li>2. Level → "HIGH" (Enabled) or "OFF" (Disabled), and then click "Change Level"</li> <li>3. Click "Save"</li> </ol>

Use Case	Operations
Change Monitoring Level (for Each Components) <sup>*1*2</sup>	<pre>asadmin set configs.config.\${config-name}. monitoring-service.module-monitoring-levels. \${module-name}=HIGH (Enabled)</pre> <p>or</p> <pre>asadmin set configs.config.\${config-name}. monitoring-service.module-monitoring-levels. \${module-name}=OFF (Disabled)</pre> <p>Use Admin Console : Configuration &gt; \${config-name}                      &gt; Monitoring &gt; General (Tab) &gt; Component                      Level Settings;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Select \${module-name}</li> <li>2. \${module-name} &gt; Monitoring Level → "HIGH"                      (Enabled) or "OFF" (Disabled)</li> <li>3. Click "Save"</li> </ol>
View Monitoring Settings <sup>*1</sup>	<pre>asadmin get configs.config.\${config-name}. monitoring-service.*</pre> <p>Use Admin Console : Configuration &gt; \${config-name}                      &gt; Monitoring &gt; General (Tab) &gt; Component Level                      Settings</p>

\*1 : \${config-name} is e.g. "server-config".

\*2 : See "Table 1. Components and Services" about \${module-name}.

## Server Monitoring

Use Case	Operations
Monitor Server <sup>*1</sup>	<pre>asadmin get server.\${module-name}.* <sup>*2</sup></pre> <p>Use Admin Console : Common Tasks &gt; server (Admin Server) &gt; Monitor (Tab) &gt; Server (Tab)</p> <p>Use JMX or MicroProfile Metrics <sup>*3</sup></p>

\*1 : Require to enable monitoring service with one or more monitored components/services.

\*2 : See “Table 1. Component and Services” about `module-name`.

\*3 : Require additional settings (environment dependent). See Payara Server Documentation and Payara Blog in detail.

### Table 1. Components and Services

asadmin	Admin Cosole	asadmin	Admin Console
jvm	Jvm	jpa	Java Persistence
transaction-service	Transaction Service	jdbc-connection-pool	Jdbc Connection Pool
connector-service	Connector Service	thread-pool	Thread Pool
jms-service	Jms Service	ejb-container	Ejb Container
security	Security Service	orb	ORB (Object Request Broker)
web-container	Web Container	connector-connection-pool	Connector Connection Pool
jersey	Jersey (Restful Web Services)	deployment	Deployment
web-services-container	Web Services Container	http-service	Http Service

## Configure and View Log

Use Case	Operations
View and Configure Server Logger Settings	<p>Edit <code>\${install-dir}/glassfish/domains/\${domain-name}/config/logging.properties</code> file directly (Not Recommended)</p> <p>Use Admin Console : Configuration &gt; <code>\${config-name}</code> &gt; Logger Settings &gt; General (Tab)</p>
View Server Log	<p>Use Admin Console : Common Tasks &gt; server (Admin Server) &gt; General (Tab) &gt; Click "View Log Files" (Log Viewer)</p> <p>Use Admin Console : Common Tasks &gt; server (Admin Server) &gt; General (Tab) &gt; Click "View Raw Log" (Raw Log Viewer)</p> <p>Open "server.log" file directly. Default Location is as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>DAS: <code>\${install-dir}/glassfish/domains/\${domain-name}/logs/server.log</code></li> <li>Instance: <code>\${install-dir}/glassfish/nodes/\${node-name}/\${instance-name}/logs/server.log</code></li> </ul>
Rotate Log (Force)	<p><code>asadmin rotate-log</code></p> <p>Use Admin Console : Common Tasks &gt; server (Admin Server) &gt; General (Tab) &gt; Click "Rotate Log"</p>
Enable Access Logging <sup>*1</sup>	<p><code>asadmin set configs.config.\${config-name}.http-service.access-logging-enabled=true</code></p> <p>Use Admin Console : Configuration &gt; <code>\${config-name}</code> &gt; HTTP Service &gt; Access Logging → Check "Enabled"</p>
Disable Access Logging <sup>*1</sup>	<p><code>asadmin set configs.config.\${config-name}.http-service.access-logging-enabled=true</code></p> <p>Use Admin Console : Configuration &gt; <code>\${config-name}</code> &gt; HTTP Service &gt; Access Logging → Uncheck "Enabled"</p>

Use Case	Operations
View Access Log	Open "access.log" file directly. Default Location is as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• DAS: <code>\${install-dir}/glassfish/domains/\${domain-name}/logs/access/server_access_log.YYYY-MM-DD.txt</code></li> <li>• Instance: <code>\${install-dir}/glassfish/nodes/\${node-name}/\${instance-name}/logs/access/server_access_log.YYYY-MM-DD.txt</code></li> </ul>

\*1 : In default, access logging is disabled.

## Connect to DAS with Secure Admin

Use Case	Machine	Operations
Setup Enable Secure Admin	Local	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <code>asadmin start-domain [--domain-name]</code></li> <li>2. <code>asadmin change-admin-password</code></li> <li>3. <code>asadmin enable-secure-admin</code></li> <li>4. <code>asadmin restart-domain</code></li> </ol> Use Admin Console <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Common Tasks &gt; Domain &gt; Administrator Password (Tab) → Set "New Password" and Click "Save"</li> <li>2. Common Tasks &gt; server (Admin Server) &gt; Click "Secure Administration..." &gt; Click "Enable Secure Admin"</li> <li>3. Restart Domain</li> </ol>

Use Case	Machine	Operations
Access to Admin Console	Local	Open https://localhost:4848/ <sup>*1</sup> With enter admin user and password
	Remote	Open https://das-hostname:4848/ <sup>*1</sup> With enter admin user and password
Use asadmin command (before Login)	Local	asadmin [--host localhost] [--user admin-user-name] <i>command options</i> <sup>*2</sup> With enter admin user and password
	Remote	asadmin --host das-hostname [--user admin-user-name] <i>command options</i> <sup>*2</sup> With enter admin user and password
Login	Local	asadmin [--host localhost] [--user admin-user-name] login <sup>*2</sup> With enter admin user and password
	Remote	asadmin --host das-hostname [--user admin-user-name] login <sup>*2</sup> With enter admin user and password
Use asadmin command after Login	Local	asadmin [--host localhost] [--user admin-user-name] <i>command options</i> <sup>*2</sup> <b>Without</b> enter admin user and password
	Remote	asadmin --host das-hostname [--user admin-user-name] <i>command options</i> <sup>*2</sup> <b>Without</b> enter admin user and password

\*1 : It should be "HTTPS" access if secure admin is enabled.

\*2 : In default, admin-user-name is "admin".



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