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Document conventions

The document conventions describe text formatting conventions, command syntax conventions, and important notice formats used in Pulse Secure Secure technical documentation.

Text formatting conventions

Text formatting conventions such as boldface, italic, or Courier font may be used in the flow of the text to highlight specific words or phrases.

| Format | Description |
|---------------------------|---|
| bold text | Identifies command names |
| | Identifies keywords and operands |
| | Identifies the names of user-manipulated GUI elements |
| | Identifies text to enter at the GUI |
| <i>italic text</i> | Identifies emphasis |
| | Identifies variables |
| | Identifies document titles |
| <code>Courier Font</code> | Identifies command output |
| | Identifies command syntax examples |

Command syntax conventions

Bold and italic text identify command syntax components. Delimiters and operators define groupings of parameters and their logical relationships.

| Convention | Description |
|--------------------|--|
| bold text | Identifies command names, keywords, and command options. |
| <i>italic text</i> | Identifies a variable. |
| [] | Syntax components displayed within square brackets are optional. Default responses to system prompts are enclosed in square brackets. |

| Convention | Description |
|------------------------------------|---|
| { x y z } | A choice of required parameters is enclosed in curly brackets separated by vertical bars. You must select one of the options. |
| x y | A vertical bar separates mutually exclusive elements. |
| < > | Non-printing characters, for example, passwords, are enclosed in angle brackets. |
| ... | Repeat the previous element, for example, member[member...]. |
| \ | Indicates a “soft” line break in command examples. If a backslash separates two lines of a command input, enter the entire command at the prompt without the backslash. |

Notes and Warnings

Note, Attention, and Caution statements might be used in this document.

Note: A Note provides a tip, guidance, or advice, emphasizes important information, or provides a reference to related information.

ATTENTION

An Attention statement indicates a stronger note, for example, to alert you when traffic might be interrupted or the device might reboot.

CAUTION

A Caution statement alerts you to situations that can be potentially hazardous to you or cause damage to hardware, firmware, software, or data.

Requesting Technical Support

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- • Call 1-844 751 7629 (Toll Free, US).

For international or direct-dial options in countries without toll-free numbers, see <https://www.pulsesecure.net/support>.

Java Development

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About This Guide

The Pulse Secure Virtual Traffic Manager: Java Development Guide describes the Java features available in the Pulse Secure Virtual Traffic Manager (Traffic Manager).

The Traffic Manager allows you to embed Java Extensions in TrafficScript code, extending the Traffic Manager's capabilities with an extensive library of available Java code.

This guide introduces you to Java development, explains how to configure Java, how to write a Java extension, and explains how TrafficScript functions in the Java API.

Introduction

Java is a platform-independent, object-oriented programming language that has a large community of developers, libraries, and applications. The Traffic Manager supports the use of Java Extensions in TrafficScript, offering greater flexibility in traffic manipulation.

Extensions are modules that expand the functionality of virtual servers, working in a similar way to TrafficScript rules. Java Extensions are based on the Java Servlet API, which is a widely used API that can generate server responses.

Note: For more information about Java Servlet technology, see <http://www.oracle.com/technetwork/java/javaee/servlet/index.html>.

Using Java Extensions in TrafficScript makes it easy to offer functions like the following:

- Content processing: Improved XML/HTML processing using specialized Java libraries.
- Access to additional libraries: ISV libraries supplied as value-add solution.
- Authentication: Achieved by using protocols such as RADIUS, TACACS, or LDAP.

Available Features

The following standard features can be easily added using Java Extensions:

- **Light Weight Directory Access Protocol support:** LDAP is an Internet protocol that provides access to the information on a server, usually to look up personal contact information and additional data such as encryption certificates, pointers to printers, etc.
- **Active Directory support:** Active Directory support provides authentication, authorization, and allows Administrators to apply policies to networks.
- **RADIUS support:** RADIUS (Remote Authentication Dial in User Service) is a specialized Internet protocol used to control access to the network. It provides easy authentication, authorization, and accounting.
- **SQL Database interface support:** SQL is the standard programming language for querying and managing databases. It is supported by a number of software companies including Oracle and Microsoft.
- **SOAP support:** SOAP is a protocol for exchanging XML-based messages over computer networks, normally using HTTP or HTTPS. SOAP forms the foundation layer of the Web services protocol stack, providing a basic messaging framework upon which abstract layers can be built.
- **TACACS support:** Terminal Access Controller Access-Control System is an authentication protocol, mostly used in UNIX-like systems, that allows encrypted communication with a remote server.
- **Threading:** Java code that can run in the background, not just as a request-response code.
- **UDP communication:** User Datagram Protocol (UDP) is an Internet protocol that allows programs located on networked computers to communicate with other computers. UDP generates messages that are sometimes referred to as datagrams.
- **Advanced XML and HTML processing:** XML provides the gateway for advanced formatting and data-exchanging between different types of devices.
- **Persistence of resources between requests:** Resource persistence is linked with session persistence and is offered as a standard feature. See the *Pulse Secure Virtual Traffic Manager: User's Guide* for more information about maintaining persistence between requests.
- **Sessions using cookies:** Cookies are an easy way to identify the user, provide customization, and allow for session persistence, when needed.

Java API Documentation

Pulse Secure provides Javadoc-style documentation for the Traffic Manager's extensions to the Servlet API. To view this documentation, see the **Catalogs > Java** page of the Admin UI. From the Java page, click the **Java API Documentation** link.

Java Technical References

For technical information about Java and the extensions technology, see the links listed below.

- Java Servlet documentation: <http://www.oracle.com/technetwork/java/javasee/servlet/index.html>
- Extensions tutorials and essentials: <http://www.servlets.com>
- Eclipse software site: <http://www.eclipse.org/downloads/>

Configuring Java

This chapter contains information about configuring Java. This chapter contains the following sections:

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Java Requirements

Note: To use Java Extensions, you must install the Java run-time environment (JRE) version 6 (also known as 1.6) or later on the server hosting the Traffic Manager software. Traffic Manager appliance variants come with Java preinstalled.

To download the latest version of the Java Runtime Environment, see <http://www.java.com/getjava/>.

The Traffic Manager is available in a variety of software and appliance configurations. Java support might not be available on all product variants - contact your support provider for details.

How Java Extensions Work

To use a Java Extension, it must be initiated from a TrafficScript rule using the `java.run()` function. The `java.run()` function initiates a process called the Java Extension Runner. The Java Extension Runner maintains instances of all the Extensions uploaded in memory, and passes that information from TrafficScript to the instances when the `java.run()` function is initiated.

Setting Up the Traffic Manager

To use Java code in TrafficScript, first configure how Java operates.

To specify a Java runtime executable file, go to the System > Global Settings > Java Extension Runner section of the interface. Then click the Java radio button and set the `java!command` field to the name of the executable file (and the path if it is not on the systems default search path), along with any command line options that Java should use. By default, the `java!command` is set to `java -server`.

FIGURE 1 Main settings for an extension

Java Extension Settings

These settings control how Java Extensions are handled.

Whether or not Java support should be enabled. If this is set to **No**, then your traffic manager will not start any Java processes. Java support is only required if you are using the TrafficScript `java.run()` function.

java!enabled: Yes No Default: Yes

Java command to use when starting the Java runner, including any additional options.

java!command: Default: java -server

CLASSPATH to use when starting the Java runner.

java!classpath:

Java library directory for additional jar files. The Java runner will load classes from any `.jar` files stored in this directory, as well as the `*` jar files and classes stored in traffic manager's catalog.

java!lib:

Maximum number of simultaneous Java requests. If there are more than this many requests, then further requests will be queued until the earlier requests are completed. This setting is per-CPU, so if your traffic manager is running on a machine with 4 CPU cores, then each core can make this many requests at one time.

java!max_conns: Default: 256

Default time to keep a Java session.

java!session_age: seconds Default: 86400

Under Global Settings, you will find these Java-related fields:

- **java!lib** (optional): This setting identifies the system location where the third-party Java jar files are located, such as `/usr/share/java`.
All Java classes in this folder will be searched when the Java Extension runner starts, and whenever this setting is modified.
- **java!classpath** (optional): This setting can be used to specify a list of jar files that should be searched when the Java Extension runner starts.
This setting can be used to identify individual jar files that are not located in `java!lib`.

To check the setup, click **Diagnose**, and verify that the Java Extensions section does not report any errors. If error free, the Java Extensions are now ready for use.

Writing a Java Extension

This chapter describes the function of Java classes and Servlet APIs, describes how a Java Extension is used with a Servlet API, how to create Traffic Script functions using Java Extensions, and how to write (compile) and debug Java Extensions. This chapter contains the following sections:

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Java Classes and Servlet APIs

Java Extensions generate server responses, modify requests to backend servers, or alter responses from other servers.

To use the Servlet API, you must create a Java class that extends either the `GenericServlet` or one of its subclasses, such as the `HttpServlet` class.

Here's an example of a simple HTTP Servlet:

```
import java.io.*;
import javax.servlet.ServletException;
import javax.servlet.http.*;

public class MyServlet extends HttpServlet
{
    public void doGet( HttpServletRequest req, HttpServletResponse res )
        throws ServletException, IOException
    {
        res.setContentType( "text/plain" );
        PrintWriter out = res.getWriter();
        out.println( "Hello World!" );
    }
}
```

This is a standard Servlet that prints the phrase "Hello World!" whenever the Servlet is used.

The method `doGet()` is overridden from `HttpServlet` and is used whenever an HTTP GET request/response (depending if the Java Servlet is called in a TrafficScript response/request rule) is received. An identical function called `doPost` does the same for HTTP POST messages.

Note: By default, the `doGet/doPost` methods display the error message "HTTP method POST/GET is not supported by this URL". To avoid this error, override the `doGet/doPost` methods.

Traffic Manager Extensions to the Servlet API

The HTTP Servlet specification states that the `doGet()` and `doPost()` methods are passed in two arguments, an `HttpServletRequest` object (commonly named `req`) and an `HttpServletResponse` object (commonly named `res`).

The Traffic Manager's implementation passes in two subclassed objects of type `ZXTMHttpServletRequest` and `ZXTMHttpServletResponse`.

These implementations have several additional fields and methods used to access the additional capabilities in the Java Extensions API. To use these fields and methods, cast the `req` and `res` objects to the Traffic Manager subtype, as shown below:

```
import java.io.*;
import javax.servlet.ServletException;
import javax.servlet.http.*;
import com.zeus.ZXTMServlet.*;

public class MyServlet extends HttpServlet
{
    public void doGet( HttpServletRequest req, HttpServletResponse res )
        throws ServletException, IOException
    {
        ZXTMHttpServletRequest zreq = (ZXTMHttpServletRequest) req;
        ZXTMHttpServletResponse zres = (ZXTMHttpServletResponse) res;
        // Base Servlet API does not need to provide the ability to
        // query the content type of a response
        if( zres.getContentType() == null ||
            !zres.getContentType().equalsIgnoreCase("text/html") )
        {
            return; // We're not interested in non-html data
        }

        // Count how many times a html page has been sent
        // with SNMP counter 1
        zreq.incrementCounter( 1 );

        BufferedReader in = zres.getReader();
        PrintWriter out = zres.getWriter();

        String current = null;
        while( ( current = in.readLine() ) != null ) {
            if( current.indexOf( "<title>" ) != -1 ) {
                current = "<title>My New Title</title>";
            }
            out.println( current );
        }
    }
}
```

Note the following points about this example:

- This example increments a counter every time a request for an HTML page is made.

The counter value can be viewed through the Traffic Manager's SNMP interface. The Servlet also alters the content of the HTML page, changing its title to "My New Title".

- The example highlights one of the main differences between standard Servlets and Java Extensions. Specifically, Java Extensions have the ability to manipulate data received from other sources (in this case a Web server); whereas a normal Servlet is designed to only produce data.

Since the Java Extension alters data in a response, run the Java Extension from a TrafficScript response.

The online help contains Javadoc-style documentation for the Traffic Manager's extensions to the Servlet API. To access online help, use one of the following methods:

- Access the Traffic Manager Admin Interface, and press the **Help** button.
- Click the Manuals button on the on the Tool bar.
- Select the Java API Documentation link.

Modifying Responses and Writing Data From a Java Extension

It is possible to run several Java Extensions or TrafficScript rules to process a response before the response is written back to the client.

However, once a Java Extension begins modifying the response data (for example, using the `PrintWriter.println()` function), data is streamed back to the client. At this point, the HTTP headers are flushed to the client and you cannot make any more modifications to the HTTP headers.

Only one Java Extension may modify a response. You cannot modify response data using several Java Extensions in succession. Do not run any Java Extensions once the response data is written to the client.

Creating TrafficScript Functions Using Java Extensions

Java Extensions can be used to do more than just process traffic. You can use Java Extensions to implement new functions in TrafficScript, thus extending the TrafficScript language.

The following Java Extension implements the Soundex algorithm, which converts a name or other string into a phonetic representation.

Note: For more information about Soundex, see <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Soundex>.

You can use the algorithm to test if two words sound the same, as shown in the following example:

```
import java.io.IOException;
import javax.servlet.*;
import com.zeus.ZXTMServlet.ZXTMServletRequest;

public class Soundex extends GenericServlet {
    private static final long serialVersionUID = 1L;

    public void service( ServletRequest req, ServletResponse res )
        throws IOException
    {
```

```

String[] args = (String[])req.getAttribute( "args" );
String result = doSoundex( args[0] );
((ZXTMServletRequest)req).setConnectionData( "soundex", result );
}

static String soundex = "01230120022455012623010202";
String doSoundex( String s ) {
    s = s.toUpperCase();
    StringBuilder r = new StringBuilder();

    char last = '0';
    if( s.length() > 0 ) last = s.charAt( 0 );
    r.append( last );
    for( int i = 1; i < s.length(); i++ ) {
        int j = s.charAt( i )-'A';
        char next = ( j >= 0 && j < soundex.length() ) ?
            soundex.charAt( j ) : '0';
        if( next != last && next != '0' ) {
            r.append( next ); last = next;
        }
        if( r.length() >= 4 ) break;
    }
    while( r.length() < 4 ) r.append( '0' );
    return r.toString();
}
}

```

This Java Extension is based on the simple GenericServlet API. The Java Extension should be called (initiated) from TrafficScript, as shown below:

```
java.run( "Soundex", $word );
```

Note: Java Extensions cannot return values in the traditional sense.

The Java Extension inspects the first argument and then applies the Soundex algorithm.

The Servlet API does not provide a way for a servlet to return a value to its caller; you need to use the `ZXTMServletRequest.setConnectionData()` method to set a local connection variable that the TrafficScript rule can then use.

The following TrafficScript request rule, assigned to run every time on a simple client-first virtual server, illustrates the use of this Java Extension:

```

sub soundex( $word ) {
    java.run( "Soundex", $word );
    return connection.data.get( "soundex" );
}

$word = string.trim( request.getLine() );

request.sendResponse( "That sounds like " . soundex( $word ) . "\n" );

```


The following illustrates the rule in use:

```
localhost:/$ telnet localhost 7
Trying 127.0.0.1...
Connected to localhost.localdomain.
Escape character is '^]'.
Stingray
That sounds like Z200
Interface
That sounds like I536
Internet
That sounds like I536
quit
That sounds like Q300
bye
That sounds like B000
exit
That sounds like E230
^]
telnet>
```

Compiling a Java Extension

To compile Java Extensions for use with the Traffic Manager, you need the following items:

- Java Development Kit (JDK), which contains the Java compiler. This can be downloaded from <http://www.oracle.com/technetwork/java/index.html>.
- Java Servlet API, which can be found in the user interface by going to Catalogs > Java Extensions Catalog and clicking the Java Servlet API link.
- Java Extensions API, which can be found in the user interface under Catalogs > Java Extensions Catalog and clicking the Traffic Manager Java Extensions API link.

To compile a Java Extension, complete the following steps:

1. Copy the `servlet.jar` and `zxtm-servlet.jar` files to the directory where you are compiling the Java Extension.
2. Run the following command:

```
$ javac -cp servlet.jar:zxtm-servlet.jar MyServlet.java
```

This creates a class file called `MyServlet.class`.

Note: You can bundle a Java Extension with any other needed classes in a single `.jar` file. The Traffic Manager automatically searches `.jar` files for the Java Extensions to use.

Running a Java Extension

To run a Java Extension, you must first compile and upload the Java Extension.

To upload the Java Extension, go to the Catalogs > Java Extensions Catalog page of the user interface, and specify the class or `.jar` file in the Upload section.

Alternatively, you can copy the file(s) to the `$ZEUSHOME/zxtm/conf/jars` directory.

Whenever a Java Extension is uploaded, a new TrafficScript rule is created. The new TrafficScript rule contains the code `java.run` (using the “extension class name” convention).

The Extension user interface page should then show your Java Extension in the Java Extensions Catalog section, as shown below.

FIGURE 2 Java Extensions Catalog Page

The screenshot shows the 'Java' tab selected in the navigation menu. Below the menu, there are sub-tabs for 'Protection', 'Persistence', 'Bandwidth', 'SLM', 'Rate', 'Cloud Credentials', and 'Extra Files'. The main content area is titled 'Java Extensions Catalog' and includes a help icon and a link to 'Java API documentation'. A table lists three extensions: 'TestServlets.Counter', 'TestServlets.DBAccess', and 'TestServlets.ImageFilter', all with 'Unused' status. Below the table are buttons for 'Reload selected', 'Delete selected', and a 'Confirm operation' checkbox. The 'Java Libraries & Data Catalog' section shows a message that no additional files have been uploaded. The 'Upload Extension / Data File' section includes a file upload area with a 'Browse...' button, a checked checkbox for 'Automatically create TrafficScript rule', and an 'Upload' button with an 'Overwrite if file already exists' checkbox.

| Extension | Path | Used By | Select (all / none) |
|--------------------------|-----------------|---------|--------------------------|
| TestServlets.Counter | Counter.jar | Unused | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| TestServlets.DBAccess | DBAccess.jar | Unused | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| TestServlets.ImageFilter | ImageFilter.jar | Unused | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Unrecognized Extensions

If an Extension is listed in the Java Libraries & Data Catalog section, it means that the Extension has not been recognized. The Extension will be listed as invalid, along with an error message detailing why it failed to load.

Ensure that the class extends the `GenericServlet` (or a subclass of `GenericServlet`, such as `HttpServlet`) and that any JAR libraries required to run the Extension have been uploaded, or are present in the `javallib` directory specified on the Global Settings page.

Replacing Extensions

Extensions are cached in memory when they are being used. If you replace an Extension with an updated version by copying the Extension directly into the Traffic Manager configuration instead of using the management interface, you may need to tell the Traffic Manager to reload the new Extension.

To do this, go to the Extension catalog, select your Extension, check confirm, and click **Reload selected**.

Note: Reloading the Extension causes the Extension Runner to remove your Servlet from memory, so any information the Servlet was storing will be lost.

Extensions are not applied directly to virtual servers; Extension must be called (initiated) from within rules. You can create a default Rulebuilder rule when uploading the Extension, which allows you to use the Extension in a virtual server.

Alternatively, you can run your Extension from TrafficScript using the function:

```
java.run( "MyPackage.MyServlet" );
```

Extension Parameters

You can pass parameters to an Extension by using the following command:

```
java.run( "MyPackage.MyServlet", "Hey there!" );
```

The Extension can access these parameters using the following code:

```
String[] args = (String[]) req.getAttribute( "args" );
```

You can also specify parameters through the Extensions catalog by using the Catalogs > Extensions menu and selecting the Extension you want to edit. These parameters are set every time an Extension is used, and, therefore, are useful for defining global settings. The parameters can also be accessed from inside your Extension using the following command:

```
ServletConfig config=getServletConfig();
```

```
String param = config.getInitParameter( "param_name" );
```

Debugging Extensions

Printing Debug Information

A simple way to view information about a running Extension is to print statements detailing the Extensions status.

To print debugging information, you can use the log function (a member function of GenericServlet) as shown below:

```
log( "Hello log!" );
```

This will output the string "Hello log!" to the main event log, where it will appear as shown below:

```
INFO: MyPackage.MyServlet: Hello log!
```

Java Exception Stack Traces

Java exception stack traces are useful for identifying where your code is failing. The main doGet/doPost functions can only “throw” (send) IOExceptions or ServletExceptions (and any type of RuntimeException). Be sure to address code failures before proceeding. Print an error report that you can use for debugging the code or print a stack trace to the event log.

This example shows how to “catch” an exception and write its stack to the event log:

```
public void doGet( HttpServletRequest req, HttpServletResponse res )
    throws ServletException, IOException
{
    try {

        throw new IOException( "Hello" );

    } catch( Exception e ) {
        res.sendError( 500, e.toString() );

        // Save stack trace as a string and print to the log
        StringWriter sw = new StringWriter();
        e.printStackTrace( new PrintWriter( sw ) );
        log( sw.toString() );
    }
}
```

Remote Debugging

Java has a remote debugging facility that allows you to use a Java debugger on an Extension running on the Traffic Manager.

Setting up the Traffic Manager to Accept Debugging

Note: In this section, Eclipse is used but any Java debugger that supports remote debugging can be used.

To set up the Traffic Manager to accept debugging connections, complete the following steps:

1. Go to the Catalogs > Java Extensions Catalog page of the user interface.
2. Add the following line to the end of java!command, setting the following content:

```
-Xdebug -Xnoagent
-Xrunjdwp:transport=dt_socket,address=8000,server=y,suspend=n
```

Note: This code must be entered on a single line.

The *address* value sets the port on which the Java runner “listens” for debugging connections. You can set this port to whatever port you choose.

After applying these settings, the Java Extension Runner restarts and prints the following line:

```
WARN: Java: Listening for transport dt_socket at address: 8000
```

This message shows that the Traffic Manager is now ready to receive debugging connections. Next, “point” your Java debugger at the Traffic Manager server on the correct port. To do this using Eclipse, complete the following steps:

1. Add your Extension code to a Java project and ensure that the project compiles correctly. (If you are developing your Extension in Eclipse, you may have already completed this step.)
2. Go to the debugger and select **Open Debug Dialog...**
3. Right-click Remote Java Application and click **New**.
4. Under Connection Properties, enter the Traffic Manager’s hostname and the port you set as the remote debugging port (for example, 8000).
5. Click **Debug**.

Eclipse connects to the Java Extension Runner process, and the debugger can now be used as if the code was being used locally.

Remote debugging also has the ability to “hot swap” altered code into the running system. Therefore, altering and saving code in Eclipse also updates the Java Extension in use.

Note: However, this change only lasts until the debugging session ends. You have to upload the changes manually if you want them to be permanent.

TrafficScript Functions in the Java Extension API

This chapter details how to use the TrafficScript functionality in a Java Extension. This chapter includes the following sections:

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- [Attributes List](#) 25

Note: To find more information about Java, see [“Java API Documentation”](#) on page 8.

Equivalent TrafficScript Functions in the Java Extension API

This table lists TrafficScript functions and the equivalent Java Extension API.

| TrafficScript Function | Java Extension API |
|---|---|
| connection.close()/discard() | ZXTMServletResponse.dropConnection() |
| connection.getMemoryUsage() | No equivalent. |
| connection.getNode() | ServletRequest.getAttribute("node") |
| connection.get/setPersistence() | ServletRequest.get/setAttribute("persistence") |
| connection.getPool() | ServletRequest.getAttribute("pool") |
| connection.get/ setServiceLevelClass() | ServletRequest.get/setAttribute("servicelevel") |
| connection.getVirtualServer() | ServletRequest.getAttribute("virtualserver") |
| connection.setPersistenceKey() | ServletRequest.setAttribute("persistencekey") |
| connection.setPersistenceNode() | ServletRequest.setAttribute("persistencenode") |
| connection.sleep() | Thread.sleep() |
| connection.data.get/set() | ZXTMServletRequest.get/setConnectionData() |
| counter.increment() | ZXTMServletRequest.incrementCounter() |
| data.get/set() | ZXTMServletRequest.get/setData() |
| data.getMemoryUsage() | No equivalent. |
| data.reset() | No equivalent. |
| event.emit(event, message) | ZXTMServletRequest.emitEvent(event, message) |
| http.add/remove/setHeader() | ZXTMHttpRequest.add/remove/setHeader() |
| http.addResponseHeader() | HttpServletResponse.addHeader() |
| http.changeSite() | HttpServletResponse.sendRedirect() |

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| http.doesFormParamExist()/ getFormParam()/ getQueryString() | HttpServletRequest.getQueryString() |
| http.getBody() | ServletRequest.getInputStream()/getReader() |
| http.getCookie() | HttpServletRequest.getCookies() |
| http.getHeader()/headerExists() | HttpServletRequest.getHeader() |
| http.getHeaderNames() | HttpServletRequest.getHeaderNames() |
| http.getHostHeader() | HttpServletRequest.getHeader() |
| http.getMethod() | HttpServletRequest.getMethod() |
| http.getMultipartAttachment() | Servlet can read the body data itself |
| http.getPath() | HttpServletRequest.getRequestURL() |
| http.getRawURL() | No equivalent. |
| http.getResponseBody() | ZXTMHttpResponse.getInputStream()/ getReader() |
| http.getResponseCode() | ZXTMHttpResponse.getStatus() |
| http.setResponseCode() | HttpResponse.setStatus() |
| http.getResponseCookie() | ZXTMHttpResponse.getCookies() |
| http.getResponseHeader()/ responseHeaderExists() | ZXTMHttpResponse.getHeader() |
| http.getResponseHeaderNames() | ZXTMHttpResponse.getHeaderNames() |
| http.getVersion() | ServletRequest.getProtocol() |
| http.normalisePath() | No equivalent. |
| http.redirect() | HttpServlet.sendRedirect() |
| http.removeCookie()/ setCookie() | ZXTMHttpServletRequest.removeCookie() |
| http.removeResponseCookie() | ZXTMHttpResponse.removeCookie() |
| http.removeResponseHeader() | ZXTMHttpResponse.removeHeader() |
| http.scrubRequest/ ResponseHeaders() | No equivalent. |
| http.sendResponse() | HttpResponse.sendError() |
| http.setBody() | ZXTMHttpResponse.getWriter().print() |
| http.setCookie() | HttpResponse.addCookie() |
| http.setIdempotent() | ServletRequest.setAttribute("idempotent") |
| http.setMethod() | ZXTMHttpServletRequest.setMethod() |
| http.setPath() | ZXTMHttpServletRequest.setRequestURI() |
| http.set/setRawQueryString() | ZXTMHttpServletRequest.setQueryString() |
| http.setResponseBody() | ServletResponse.getOutputStream()/getWriter() |

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| http.setResponseCode() | HttpServletResponse.setStatus() |
| http.setResponseCookie() | HttpServletResponse.addCookie() |
| http.stream.startResponse() | HttpServletResponse.addHeader(), followed by HttpServletResponse.setStatus() |
| http.stream.readResponse()/readBulkResponse() | ZXTMHttpServletResponse.getInputStream()/getReader() |
| http.stream.writeResponse() | ServletResponse.getOutputStream().write()/ServletResponse.getWriter().print() |
| http.stream.finishResponse() | Servlet completes |
| http.stream.continueFromBackend | No equivalent |
| http.cache.disable()/enable() | ServletRequest.getAttribute("cache") |
| http.cache.setKey() | ServletRequest.getAttribute("cachekey") |
| http.compress.disable()/enable() | ServletRequest.getAttribute("compress") |
| http.request.get()/head()/post() | Use built in Java functions. |
| geo.getCity() | ZXTMServletRequest.geoGetCity() |
| geo.getCountry() | ZXTMServletRequest.geoGetCountry() |
| geo.getCountryCode() | ZXTMServletRequest.geoGetCountryCode() |
| geo.getDistanceKM() | ZXTMServletRequest.geoGetDistanceKM() |
| geo.getDistanceMiles() | ZXTMServletRequest.geoGetDistanceMiles() |
| geo.getIPDistanceKM() | ZXTMServletRequest.geoGetIPDistanceKM() |
| geo.getIPDistanceMiles() | ZXTMServletRequest.geoGetIPDistanceMiles() |
| geo.getLatitude()/getLongitude() | ZXTMServletRequest.geoGetLatLon() |
| geo.getRegion() | ZXTMServletRequest.geoGetRegion() |
| geo.getRegionCode() | ZXTMServletRequest.geoGetRegionCode() |
| lang.* | Use built in Java functions. |
| math.* | Use built in Java functions. |
| net.dns.resolveHost()/IP() | java.net.InetAddress.getByName()/getHostName() |
| pool.activeNodes() | ZXTMServletRequest.getActiveNodes() |
| pool.select()/use() | ServletRequest.setAttribute("pool") and ServletRequest.setAttribute("proxy") |
| rate.getBacklog() | ZXTMServletRequest.getRateBacklog() |
| rate.use() | No equivalent. |
| request.avoidNode() | ServletRequest.setAttribute("avoidnodes") |
| request.endsAt()/endsWith() | No equivalent |
| request.get()/getLine() | ZXTMServletRequest.getInputStream()/getReader() |

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| request.get/setBandwidthClass() | ServletRequest.get/setAttribute("bandwidth") |
| request.getDestIP()/Port() | No equivalent. |
| request.getLength() | No equivalent. |
| request.getLocalIP()/Port() | ServletRequest.getAttribute("dstip"/"dstport") |
| request.get/setRemotelIP()/Port() | ServletRequest.get/setAttribute("srcip"/"srcport") |
| request.getRetries() | ServletRequest.getAttribute("retries") |
| request.get/setToS() | ServletRequest.get/setAttribute("tos") |
| request.getFD() | No equivalent. |
| request.isResendable() | ServletRequest.getAttribute("resendable") |
| request.retry() | ZXTMServletRequest.retry() |
| request.sendResponse() | ServletResponse.getOutputStream()/getWriter() |
| request.set() | ZXTMServletRequest.getOutputStream()/getWriter() |
| resource.exists()/get()/getMD5()/getMTime() | Use Java built in functions. |
| response.append() | Not provided, Extension can read/write its own response |
| response.close() | ZXTMServletResponse.dropConnection() |
| response.flush() | ServletResponse.getOutputStream().flush() |
| response.get()/getLine() | ZXTMServletResponse.getInputStream()/getReader() |
| response.get/setBandwidthClass() | ServletRequest.get/setAttribute("serverbandwidth") |
| response.getLength() | No equivalent. |
| response.getLocalIP()/Port() | ServletRequest.getAttribute("serverdstip" / "serverdstport") |
| response.getRemotelIP()/Port() | ServletRequest.getAttribute("serversrcip" / "serversrcport") |
| response.get/setToS() | ServletRequest.get/setAttribute("servertos") |
| response.getFD() | No equivalent. |
| response.set() | ServletResponse.getOutputStream()/getWriter() |
| rule.getName() | ServletRequest.get/setAttribute("rule") |
| rule.getState() | ZXTMServletResponse.isResponseRule() - 'true' if this is in a response rule |
| slm.conforming() | ZXTMServletRequest.getSLMConforming() |
| slm.isOK() | ZXTMServletRequest.isSLMOK() |
| slm.threshold() | ZXTMServletRequest.getSLMThreshold() |

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| ssl.clientCert*() | ServletRequest.getAttribute("javax.servlet.request.X509Certificate") |
| ssl.clientCipher() | ServletRequest.getAttribute("javax.net.ssl.cipher_suite") |
| ssl.isSSL() | ServletRequest.getAttribute("SSL_PROTOCOL") is set. |
| ssl.sessionID() | ServletRequest.getAttribute("SSL_SESSIONID") |
| string.* | Use built in Java functions. |
| sys.* | Use built in Java functions. |
| xml.* | Use built in Java functions. |

Attributes List

Attributes are parameters that can be used with the `ServletRequest.get/setAttribute()` methods to view and alter the connection information.

| Attribute | Description |
|-----------------|---|
| args | Any arguments passed to the Servlet from TrafficScript |
| avoidnodes | Space separated list of nodes to avoid with the load balancing |
| bandwidth | Get/set the bandwidth class to use |
| cache | Set to 0 for <code>http.cache.disable()</code> , 1 for <code>http.cache.enable()</code> |
| cachekey | Set the cache key. |
| compress | Set to 0 for <code>http.compress.disable()</code> , 1 for 'default' and 2 for <code>http.compress.enable()</code> . |
| dstip | Destination IP address (i.e. the address on the traffic manager). |
| dstport | Destination port (i.e. the port on the traffic manager) . |
| idempotent | Get/set whether this request is idempotent - 0/1 for no/yes |
| node | Node used by this connection - readable by a response rule only. |
| persistence | Get/set the persistence class to use . |
| persistencekey | Set the persistence data to use for universal session persistence |
| persistencenode | Set the node to persist on |
| pool | Get/set the pool to use |
| proxy | Set the machine to forward proxy on to. This should be set to IP:Port (i.e. the servlet does any DNS lookup) |
| resendable | Read-only: is the request is resendable to another node. Valid in response rules only. Returns 0/1 |

| Attribute | Description |
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| retries | Read the number of retries - request.getRetries() |
| rule | The name of the TrafficScript rule that called this extension. |
| serverbandwidth | Get/set the bandwidth class to use for server-side data |
| serverdstip | The IP address the server (node) sent to. |
| serverdstport | The port the server (node) sent to. |
| serversrcip | The IP address of the server (node). |
| serversrcport | The server's (node's) source port. |
| servertos | IP Type-Of-Service flag to use for the server connection - takes same args as request.getToS() |
| servicelevel | Get/set the SLM class to use |
| srcip | Client's IP address |
| srcport | Client's source port |
| tos | IP Type-Of-Service flag to use for the client connection |
| virtualserver | Read the virtual server name |