

# Cayenne Guide

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# **Part I. Object Relational Mapping with Cayenne**



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# Chapter 1. Setup

## System Requirements

- *Java*: Cayenne runtime framework and CayenneModeler GUI tool are written in 100% Java, and run on any Java-compatible platform. Required JDK version is 1.5 or higher. The last version of Cayenne compatible with JDK 1.4 is 1.2.x/2.0.x; JDK 1.3 - 1.1.x)
- *JDBC Driver*: An appropriate DB-specific JDBC driver is needed to access the database. It can be included in the application or used in web container DataSource configuration.
- *Third-party Libraries*: Cayenne runtime framework has a minimal set of required and a few more optional dependencies on third-party open source packages. See "Including Cayenne in a Project" chapter for details.

## Running CayenneModeler

CayenneModeler GUI tool is intended to work with object relational mapping projects. While you can edit your XML by hand, it is rarely needed, as the Modeler is a pretty advanced tool included in Cayenne distribution. To obtain CayenneModeler, download Cayenne distribution archive from <http://cayenne.apache.org/download.html> matching the OS you are using. Of course Java needs to be installed on the machine where you are going to run the Modeler.

OS X distribution contains CayenneModeler.app at the root of the distribution disk image.

Windows distribution contains CayenneModeler.exe file in the bin directory.

Cross-platform distribution (targeting Linux, but as the name implies, compatible with any OS) contains a runnable CayenneModeler.jar in the bin directory. It can be executed either by double-clicking, or if the environment is not configured to execute jars, by running from command-line:

```
java -jar CayenneModeler.jar
```

The Modeler can also be started from Maven. While it may look like an exotic way to start a GUI application, it has its benefits - no need to download Cayenne distribution, the version of the Modeler always matches the version of the framework, the plugin can find mapping files in the project automatically. So is an attractive option to some developers. Maven option requires a declaration in the POM:

```
<build>
  <plugins>
    <plugin>
      <groupId>org.apache.cayenne.plugins</groupId>
      <artifactId>maven-cayenne-modeler-plugin</artifactId>
      <version>X.Y.Z</version>
    </plugin>
  </plugins>
```

</build>

And then can be run as

```
mvn cayenne-modeler:run
```

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## **Part II. Cayenne Framework**



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# Chapter 4. Including Cayenne in a Project

## Jar Files and Dependencies

Cayenne distribution contains the following core runtime jars in the distribution `lib` directory:

- *cayenne-server-x.x.jar* - contains full Cayenne runtime (DI, adapters, DB access classes, etc.). Most applications will use only this file.
- *cayenne-client-x.x.jar* - a subset of *cayenne-server.jar* trimmed for use on the client in an ROP application.
- Other *cayenne-\** jars - various Cayenne extensions.

When using *cayenne-server-x.x.jar* you'll need a few third party jars (all included in `lib/third-party` directory of the distribution):

- [Apache Velocity Template Engine](#), version 1.6.x (and all its dependencies bundled with *velocity-dep*)
- [Apache Commons Collections](#), version 3.2.1
- [Apache Commons Logging](#), version 1.1

Cayenne integrates with various caching, clustering and other frameworks. These optional integrations will require other third-party jars that the users will need to obtain on their own.

## Maven Projects

If you are using Maven, you won't have to deal with figuring out the dependencies. You can simply include *cayenne-server* artifact in your POM:

```
<dependency>
  <groupId>org.apache.cayenne</groupId>
  <artifactId>cayenne-server</artifactId>
  <version>X.Y.Z</version>
</dependency>
```

Additionally Cayenne provides a Maven plugin with a set of goals to perform various project tasks, such as synching generated Java classes with the mapping, described in the following subsection. The full plugin name is `org.apache.cayenne.plugins:maven-cayenne-plugin`.

### cgen

`cgen` is a `maven-cayenne-plugin` goal that generates and maintains source (.java) files of persistent objects based on a `DataMap`. By default, it is bound to the `generate-sources` phase. If "makePairs" is set to

"true" (which is the recommended default), this task will generate a pair of classes (superclass/subclass) for each ObjEntity in the DataMap. Superclasses should not be changed manually, since they are always overwritten. Subclasses are never overwritten and may be later customized by the user. If "makePairs" is set to "false", a single class will be generated for each ObjEntity.

By creating custom templates, you can use cgen to generate other output (such as web pages, reports, specialized code templates) based on DataMap information.

### Table 4.1. cgen required parameters

Name	Type	Description
map	File	DataMap XML file which serves as a source of metadata for class generation. E.g. <code>\${project.basedir}/src/main/resources/my.map.xml</code>
destDir	File	Root destination directory for Java classes (ignoring their package names).

### Table 4.2. cgen optional parameters

Name	Type	Description
additionalMaps	File	A directory that contains additional DataMap XML files that may be needed to resolve cross-DataMap relationships for the main DataMap, for which class generation occurs.
client	boolean	Whether we are generating classes for the client tier in a Remote Object Persistence application. "False" by default.
embeddableTemplate	String	Location of a custom Velocity template file for Embeddable class generation. If omitted, default template is used.
embeddableSuperTemplate	String	Location of a custom Velocity template file for Embeddable superclass generation. Ignored unless "makepairs" set to "true". If omitted, default template is used.
encoding	String	Generated files encoding if different from the default on current platform. Target encoding must be supported by the JVM running the build. Standard encodings supported by Java on all platforms are US-ASCII, ISO-8859-1, UTF-8, UTF-16BE, UTF-16LE, UTF-16. See javadocs for <code>java.nio.charset.Charset</code> for more information.
excludeEntities	String	A comma-separated list of ObjEntity patterns (expressed as a perl5 regex) to exclude from template generation. By default none of the DataMap entities are excluded.
includeEntities	String	A comma-separated list of ObjEntity patterns (expressed as a perl5 regex) to include from template generation. By default all DataMap entities are included.

Name	Type	Description
makePairs	boolean	If "true" (a recommended default), will generate subclass/superclass pairs, with all generated code placed in superclass.
mode	String	Specifies class generator iteration target. There are three possible values: "entity" (default), "datamap", "all". "entity" performs one generator iteration for each included ObjEntity, applying either standard to custom entity templates. "datamap" performs a single iteration, applying DataMap templates. "All" is a combination of entity and datamap.
overwrite	boolean	Only has effect when "makePairs" is set to "false". If "overwrite" os "true", will overwrite older versions of generated classes.
superPkg	String	Java package name of generated superclasses. Only has effect if "makepairs" and "usePkgPath" are set to "true" (both are true by default). Defines a common package for all generated Java classes. If omitted, each superclass will be placed in the same package as subclass.
superTemplate	String	Location of a custom Velocity template file for ObjEntity superclass generation. Only has effect if "makepairs" set to "true". If omitted, default template is used.
template	String	Location of a custom Velocity template file for ObjEntity class generation. If omitted, default template is used.
usePkgPath	boolean	If set to "true" (default), a directory tree will be generated in "destDir" corresponding to the class package structure, if set to "false", classes will be generated in "destDir" ignoring their package.

Example - a typical class generatio scenario, where pairs of classes are generated, and superclasses are placed in a separate package:

```
<plugin>
<groupId>org.apache.cayenne.plugins</groupId>
<artifactId>maven-cayenne-plugin</artifactId>
<version>X.Y.Z</version>

<!--
There's an intermittent problem when using Maven/cgen in Eclipse with m2eclipse plugin that
requires placing "configuration" section at the plugin level, instead of execution
level.
-->
<configuration>
<map>${project.basedir}/src/main/resources/my.map.xml</map>
<destDir>${project.basedir}/src/main/java</destDir>
<superPkg>org.example.model.auto</superPkg>
</configuration>
```

```
<executions>
  <execution>
    <goals>
      <goal>cgen</goal>
    </goals>
  </execution>
</executions>
</plugin>
```

## cdbgen

cdbgen is a maven-cayenne-plugin goal that drops and/or generates tables in a database on Cayenne DataMap. By default, it is bound to the pre-integration-test phase.

**Table 4.3. cdbgen required parameters**

Name	Type	Description
map	File	DataMap XML file which serves as a source of metadata for DB schema generation. E.g. <code>\${project.basedir}/src/main/resources/my.map.xml</code>
driver	String	A class of JDBC driver to use for the target database.
url	String	JDBC connection URL of a target database.

**Table 4.4. cdbgen optional parameters**

Name	Type	Description
adapter	String	Java class name implementing org.apache.cayenne.dba.DbAdapter. While this a it is highly recommended to specify correct target adapter.
createFK	boolean	Indicates whether cdbgen should create foreign key constraints. Default is "true".
createPK	boolean	Indicates whether cdbgen should create Cayenne-specific auto PK objects. Defa
createTables	boolean	Indicates whether cdbgen should create new tables. Default is "true".
dropPK	boolean	Indicates whether cdbgen should drop Cayenne primary key support objects. De
dropTables	boolean	Indicates whether cdbgen should drop the tables before attempting to create new
password	String	Database user password.
username	String	Database user name.

Example - creating a DB schema on a local HSQLDB database:

```
<plugin>
  <groupId>org.apache.cayenne.plugins</groupId>
  <artifactId>maven-cayenne-plugin</artifactId>
  <version>X.Y.Z</version>

  <executions>
    <execution>
      <configuration>
```

```

<map>${project.basedir}/src/main/resources/my.map.xml</map>
<url>jdbc:hsqldb:hsql://localhost/testdb</url>
<adapter>org.apache.cayenne.dba.hsqldb.HSQLDBAdapter</adapter>
<driver>org.hsqldb.jdbcDriver</driver>
<username>sa</username>
</configuration>
<goals>
  <goal>cdbgen</goal>
</goals>
</execution>
</executions>
</plugin>

```

## cdbimport

cdbimport is a maven-cayenne-plugin goal that generates a DataMap based on an existing database schema. By default, it is bound to the generate-sources phase. This allows you to generate your DataMap prior to building your project, which may be necessary if you are also using the cgen task.

### Table 4.5. cdbimport required parameters

Name	Type	Description
map	File	DataMap XML file which is the destination of the schema import. Maybe an existing file. If this file does not exist, it is created when cdbimport is executed. E.g. <code>\${project.basedir}/src/main/resources/my.map.xml</code>
driver	String	A class of JDBC driver to use for the target database.
url	String	JDBC connection URL of a target database.

### Table 4.6. cdbimport optional parameters

Name	Type	Description
adapter	String	Java class name implementing org.apache.cayenne.dba.DbAdapter. highly recommended to specify correct target adapter.
importProcedures	boolean	Indicates whether stored procedures should be imported from the database.
meaningfulPk	boolean	Indicates whether primary keys should be mapped as attributes.
namingStrategy	String	The naming strategy used for mapping database names to object names. Default is org.apache.cayenne.map.naming.SmartNamingStrategy.
overwriteExisting	boolean	Indicates whether existing DB and object entities should be overwritten by CayenneModeler. Default is "true".
password	String	Database user password.
procedurePattern	String	Pattern to match stored procedure names against for import. importProcedures is true.
schemaName	String	Database schema to import tables/stored procedures from.

Name	Type	Description
tablePattern	String	Pattern to match table names against for import. Default is to match
username	String	Database user name.

Example - loading a DB schema from a local HSQLDB database (essentially a reverse operation compared to the cdbgen example above) :

```
<plugin>
<groupId>org.apache.cayenne.plugins</groupId>
<artifactId>maven-cayenne-plugin</artifactId>
<version>X.Y.Z</version>

<executions>
<execution>
<configuration>
<map>${project.basedir}/src/main/resources/my.map.xml</map>
<url>jdbc:hsqldb:hsqldb://localhost/testdb</url>
<adapter>org.apache.cayenne.dba.hsqldb.HSQLDBAdapter</adapter>
<driver>org.hsqldb.jdbcDriver</driver>
<username>sa</username>
</configuration>
<goals>
<goal>cdbimport</goal>
</goals>
</execution>
</executions>
</plugin>
```

## Ant Projects

**cgen**

**cdbgen**

**cdbimport**

**cdataport**



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# Chapter 5. Starting Cayenne

## Starting and Stopping ServerRuntime

In runtime Cayenne is accessed via

`org.apache.cayenne.configuration.server.ServerRuntime`. `ServerRuntime` is created simply by calling a constructor:

```
ServerRuntime runtime =  
    new ServerRuntime("com/example/cayenne-project.xml");
```

The parameter you pass to the constructor is a location of the main project file. Location is a '/'-separated path (same path separator is used on UNIX and Windows) that is resolved relative to the application classpath. The project file can be placed in the root package or in a subpackage (e.g. in the code above it is in "com/example" subpackage).

`ServerRuntime` encapsulates a single Cayenne stack. Most applications will just have one `ServerRuntime` using it to create as many `ObjectContexts` as needed, access the Dependency Injection (DI) container and work with other Cayenne features. Internally `ServerRuntime` is just a thin wrapper around the DI container. Detailed features of the container are discussed in "Customizing Cayenne Runtime" chapter. Here we'll just show an example of how an application might replace a default implementation of a built-in Cayenne service (in this case - `QueryCache`) with a different class:

```
public class MyExtensionsModule implements Module {  
    public void configure(Binder binder) {  
        binder.bind(QueryCache.class).to(EhCacheQueryCache.class);  
    }  
}  
  
Module extensions = new MyExtensionsModule();  
ServerRuntime runtime =  
    new ServerRuntime("com/example/cayenne-project.xml", extensions);
```

It is a good idea to shut down the runtime when it is no longer needed, usually before the application itself is shutdown:

```
runtime.shutdown();
```

When a runtime object has the same scope as the application, this may not be always necessary, however in some cases it is essential, and is generally considered a good practice. E.g. in a web container hot redeploy of a webapp will cause resource leaks and eventual `OutOfMemoryError` if the application fails to shutdown `CayenneRuntime`.

## Merging Multiple Projects

`ServerRuntime` requires at least one mapping project to run. But it can also take multiple projects and merge them together in a single configuration. This way different parts of a database can be mapped independently

from each other (even by different software providers), and combined in runtime when assembling an application. Doing it is as easy as passing multiple project locations to `ServerRuntime` constructor:

```
ServerRuntime runtime =
    new ServerRuntime(new String[] {
        "com/example/cayenne-project.xml",
        "org/foo/cayenne-library1.xml",
        "org/foo/cayenne-library2.xml"
    })
    );
```

When the projects are merged, the following rules are applied:

- The order of projects matters during merge. If there are two conflicting metadata objects belonging to two projects, an object from the *last* project takes precedence over the object from the first one. This makes possible to override pieces of metadata. This is also similar to how DI modules are merged in Cayenne.
- Runtime `DataDomain` name is set to the name of the last project in the list.
- Runtime `DataDomain` properties are the same as the properties of the last project in the list. I.e. *properties are not merged* to avoid invalid combinations and unexpected runtime behavior.
- If there are two or more `DataMaps` with the same name, only one `DataMap` is used in the merged project, the rest are discarded. Same precedence rules apply - `DataMap` from the project with the highest index in the project list overrides all other `DataMaps` with the same name.
- If there are two or more `DataNodes` with the same name, only one `DataNodes` is used in the merged project, the rest are discarded. `DataNode` coming from project with the highest index in the project list is chosen per precedence rule above.
- There is a notion of "default" `DataNode`. After the merge if any `DataMaps` are not explicitly linked to `DataNodes`, their queries will be executed via a default `DataNode`. This makes it possible to build mapping "libraries" that are only associated with a specific database in runtime. If there's only one `DataNode` in the merged project, it will be automatically chosen as default. A possible way to explicitly designate a specific node as default is to override `DataDomainProvider.createAndInitDataDomain()`.

## Web Applications

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# Chapter 11. Customizing Cayenne Runtime

## Dependency Injection Container

Cayenne runtime is built around a small powerful dependency injection (DI) container. Just like other popular DI technologies, such as Spring or Guice, Cayenne DI container manages sets of interdependent objects and allows users to configure them. These objects are regular Java objects. We are calling them "services" in this document to distinguish from all other objects that are not configured in the container and are not managed. DI container is responsible for service instantiation, injecting correct dependencies, maintaining service instances scope, and dispatching scope events to services.

The services are configured in special Java classes called "modules". Each module defines binding of service interfaces to implementation instances, implementation types or providers of implementation instances. There are no XML configuration files, and all the bindings are type-safe. The container supports injection into instance variables and constructor parameters based on the `@Inject` annotation. This mechanism is very close to Google Guice.

The discussion later in this chapter demonstrates a standalone DI container. But keep in mind that Cayenne already has a built-in Injector, and a set of default modules. A Cayenne user would normally only use the API below to write custom extension modules that will be loaded in that existing container when creating `ServerRuntime`. See "Starting and Stopping `ServerRuntime`" chapter for an example of passing an extension module to Cayenne.

Cayenne DI probably has ~80% of the features expected in a DI container and has no dependency on the rest of Cayenne, so in theory can be used as an application-wide DI engine. But its primary purpose is still to serve Cayenne. Hence there are no plans to expand it beyond Cayenne needs. It is an ideal "embedded" DI that does not interfere with Spring, Guice or any other such framework present elsewhere in the application.

## DI Bindings API

To have a working DI container, we need three things: service interfaces and classes, a module that describes service bindings, a container that loads the module, and resolves the dependencies. Let's start with service interfaces and classes:

```
public interface Service1 {
    public String getString();
}

public interface Service2 {
    public int getInt();
}
```

A service implementation using instance variable injection:

```
public class Service1Impl implements Service1 {
    @Inject
    private Service2 service2;

    public String getString() {
        return service2.getInt() + "_Service1Impl";
    }
}
```

Same thing, but using constructor injection:

```
public class Service1Impl implements Service1 {

    private Service2 service2;

    public Service1Impl(@Inject Service2 service2) {
        this.service2 = service2;
    }

    public String getString() {
        return service2.getInt() + "_Service1Impl";
    }
}

public class Service2Impl implements Service2 {
    private int i;

    public int getInt() {
        return i++;
    }
}
```

Now let's create a module implementing `org.apache.cayenne.tutorial.di.Module` interface that will contain DI configuration. A module binds service objects to keys that are reference. `Binder` provided by container implements fluent API to connect the key to implementation, and to configure various binding options (the options, such as scope, are demonstrated later in this chapter). The simplest form of a key is a Java Class object representing service interface. Here is a module that binds `Service1` and `Service2` to corresponding default implementations:

```
public class Module1 implements Module {

    public void configure(Binder binder) {
        binder.bind(Service1.class).to(Service1Impl.class);
        binder.bind(Service2.class).to(Service2Impl.class);
    }
}
```

Once we have at least one module, we can create a DI container.

`org.apache.cayenne.di.Injector` is the container class in Cayenne:

```
Injector injector = DIBootstrap.createInjector(new Module1());
```

Now that we have created the container, we can obtain services from it and call their methods:

```
Service1 s1 = injector.getInstance(Service1.class);
for (int i = 0; i < 5; i++) {
    System.out.println("S1 String: " + s1.getString());
}
```

```
}
```

This outputs the following lines, demonstrating that `s1` was `Service1Impl` and `Service2` injected into it was `Service2Impl`:

```
0_Service1Impl
1_Service1Impl
2_Service1Impl
3_Service1Impl
4_Service1Impl
```

There are more flavors of bindings:

```
// binding to instance - allowing user to create and configure instance
// inside the module class
binder.bind(Service2.class).toInstance(new Service2Impl());

// binding to provider - delegating instance creation to a special
// provider class
binder.bind(Service1.class).toProvider(Service1Provider.class);

// binding to provider instance
binder.bind(Service1.class).toProviderInstance(new Service1Provider());

// multiple bindings of the same type using Key
// injection can reference the key name in annotation:
// @Inject("i1")
// private Service2 service2;
binder.bind(Key.get(Service2.class, "i1")).to(Service2Impl.class);
binder.bind(Key.get(Service2.class, "i2")).to(Service2Impl.class);
```

Another types of configuration that can be bound in the container are lists and maps. They will be discussed in the following chapters.

## Service Lifecycle

An important feature of the Cayenne DI container is instance *scope*. The default scope (implicitly used in all examples above) is "singleton", meaning that a binding would result in creation of only one service instance, that will be repeatedly returned from `Injector.getInstance(...)`, as well as injected into classes that declare it as a dependency.

Singleton scope dispatches a "BeforeScopeEnd" event to interested services. This event occurs before the scope is shutdown, i.e. when `Injector.shutdown()` is called. Note that the built-in Cayenne injector is shutdown behind the scenes when `ServerRuntime.shutdown()` is invoked. Services may register as listeners for this event by annotating a no-argument method with `@BeforeScopeEnd` annotation. Such method should be implemented if a service needs to clean up some resources, stop threads, etc.

Another useful scope is "no scope", meaning that every time a container is asked to provide a service instance for a given key, a new instance will be created and returned:

```
binder.bind(Service2.class).to(Service2Impl.class).withoutScope();
```

Users can also create their own scopes, e.g. a web application request scope or a session scope. Most often than not custom scopes can be created as instances of

`org.apache.cayenne.di.spi.DefaultScope` with startup and shutdown managed by the application (e.g. singleton scope is a `DefaultScope` managed by the Injector).

## Overriding Services

Cayenne DI allows to override services already defined in the current module, or more commonly - some other module in the the same container. Actually there's no special API to override a service, you'd just bind the service key again with a new implementation or provider. The last binding for a key takes precedence. This means that the order of modules is important when configuring a container. The built-in Cayenne injector ensures that Cayenne standard modules are loaded first, followed by optional user extension modules. This way the application can override the standard services in Cayenne.

## Customization Strategies

The previous section discussed how Cayenne DI works in general terms. Since Cayenne users will mostly be dealing with an existing Injector provided by `ServerRuntime`, it is important to understand how to build custom extensions to a preconfigured container. As shown in "Starting and Stopping `ServerRuntime`" chapter, custom extensions are done by writing an application DI module (or multiple modules) that configures service overrides. This section shows all the configuration possibilities in detail, including changing properties of the existing services, contributing services to standard service lists and maps, and overriding service implementations. All the code examples later in this section are assumed to be placed in an application module "configure" method:

```
public class MyExtensionsModule implements Module {
    public void configure(Binder binder) {
        // customizations go here...
    }
}

Module extensions = new MyExtensionsModule();
ServerRuntime runtime =
    new ServerRuntime("com/example/cayenne-mydomain.xml", extensions);
```

## Changing Properties of Existing Services

Many built-in Cayenne services change their behavior based on a value of some environment property. A user may change Cayenne behavior without even knowing which services are responsible for it, but setting a specific value of a known property. Supported property names are listed in "Appendix A".

There are two ways to set service properties. The most obvious one is to pass it to the JVM with `-D` flag on startup. E.g.

```
java -Dorg.apache.cayenne.sync_contexts=false ...
```

A second one is to contribute a property to

```
org.apache.cayenne.configuration.DefaultRuntimeProperties.properties
```



map (see the next section on how to do that). This map contains the default property values and can accept application-specific values, overriding the defaults.

Note that if a property value is a name of a Java class, when this Java class is instantiated by Cayenne, the container performs injection of instance variables. So even the dynamically specified Java classes can use `@Inject` annotation to get a hold of other Cayenne services.

If the same property is specified both in the command line and in the properties map, the command-line value takes precedence. The map value will be ignored. This way Cayenne runtime can be reconfigured during deployment.

## Contributing to Service Collections

Cayenne can be extended by adding custom objects to named maps or lists bound in DI. We are calling these lists/maps "service collections". A service collection allows things like appending a custom strategy to a list of built-in strategies. E.g. an application that needs to install a custom `DbAdapter` for some database type may contribute an instance of custom `DbAdapterDetector` to a `org.apache.cayenne.configuration.server.DefaultDbAdapterFactory.detectors` list:

```
public class MyDbAdapterDetector implements DbAdapterDetector {
    public DbAdapter createAdapter(DatabaseMetaData md) throws SQLException {
        // check if we support this database and return custom adapter
        ...
    }
}

// since build-in list for this key is a singleton, repeated
// calls to 'bindList' will return the same instance
binder.bindList(DefaultDbAdapterFactory.DETECTORS_LIST)
    .add(MyDbAdapterDetector.class);
```

Maps are customized using a similar "bindMap" method.

The names of built-in collections are listed in "Appendix B".

## Alternative Service Implementations

As mentioned above, custom modules are loaded by `ServerRuntime` after the built-in modules. So it is easy to redefine a built-in service in Cayenne by rebinding desired implementations or providers. To do that, first we need to know what those services to redefine are. While we describe some of them in the following sections, the best way to get a full list is to check the source code of the Cayenne version you are using and namely look in `org.apache.cayenne.configuration.server.ServerModule` - the main built-in module in Cayenne.

Now an example of overriding `QueryCache` service. The default implementation of this service is provided by `MapQueryCacheProvider`. But if we want to use `EhCacheQueryCache` (a Cayenne wrapper for the `EhCache` framework), we can define it like this:

```
binder.bind(QueryCache.class).to(EhCacheQueryCache.class);
```

## Noteworthy Built-in Services

### JdbcEventLogger

`org.apache.cayenne.log.JdbcEventLogger` is the service that defines logging API for Cayenne internals. It provides facilities for logging queries, commits, transactions, etc. The default implementation is `org.apache.cayenne.log.CommonsJdbcEventLogger` that performs logging via commons-logging library. Cayenne library includes another potentially useful logger - `org.apache.cayenne.log.FormattedCommonsJdbcEventLogger` that produces formatted multiline SQL output that can be easier to read.

### DataSourceFactory

### DataChannelFilter

### QueryCache

### ExtendedTypes

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# **Part III. Cayenne Framework**

## **- Remote Object Persistence**



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# **Chapter 12. Introduction to ROP**

## **What is ROP**

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# **Chapter 13. ROP Setup**

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# Chapter 14. Implementing ROP Server



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# Chapter 15. Implementing ROP Client



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# **Chapter 16. ROP Deployment**

**Deploying ROP Server**

**Deploying ROP Client**

**Security**



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# Chapter 17. Current Limitations





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# Appendix A. Configuration Properties

Note that the property names below are defined as constants in `org.apache.cayenne.configuration.Constants` interface.

**Table A.1. Configuration Properties Recognized by ServerRuntime and/or ClientRuntime**

Property	Possible Values	Default Value
<code>cayenne.jdbc.driver[.domain_name.node_name]</code> - defines a JDBC driver class to use when creating a <code>DataSource</code> . If domain name and optionally - node name are specified, the setting overrides <code>DataSource</code> info just for this domain/node. Otherwise the override is applied to all domains/nodes in the system.		none, project <code>DataNode</code> configuration is used
<code>cayenne.jdbc.url[.domain_name.node_name]</code> - defines a DB URL to use when creating a <code>DataSource</code> . If domain name and optionally - node name are specified, the setting overrides <code>DataSource</code> info just for this domain/node. Otherwise the override is applied to all domains/nodes in the system.		none, project <code>DataNode</code> configuration is used
<code>cayenne.jdbc.username[.domain_name.node_name]</code> - defines a DB user name to use when creating a <code>DataSource</code> . If domain name and optionally - node name are specified, the setting overrides <code>DataSource</code> info just for this domain/node. Otherwise the override is applied to all domains/nodes in the system.		none, project <code>DataNode</code> configuration is used
<code>cayenne.jdbc.password[.domain_name.node_name]</code> - defines a DB password to use when creating a <code>DataSource</code> . If domain name and optionally - node name are specified, the setting overrides <code>DataSource</code> info just for this domain/node. Otherwise the override is applied to all domains/nodes in the system		none, project <code>DataNode</code> configuration is used
<code>cayenne.jdbc.min_connections[.domain_name.node_name]</code> - defines the DB connection pool minimal size. If domain name and optionally - node name are specified, the setting overrides <code>DataSource</code> info just for this domain/node. Otherwise the override is applied to all domains/nodes in the system		none, project <code>DataNode</code> configuration is used
<code>cayenne.jdbc.max_connections[.domain_name.node_name]</code> - defines the DB connection pool maximum size. If domain name and optionally - node name are specified, the setting overrides <code>DataSource</code> info just for this domain/node. Otherwise the override is applied to all domains/nodes in the system		none, project <code>DataNode</code> configuration is used
<code>cayenne.querycache.size</code> - An integer defining the maximum number of entries in the query cache. Note that not all <code>QueryCache</code> providers may respect this property. <code>MapQueryCache</code> uses it, but the rest would use alternative methods.	any positive int value	2000

Property	Possible Values	Default Value
<code>cayenne.server.contexts_sync_strategy</code> - defines whether peer ObjectContexts should receive snapshot events after commits from other contexts. If true (default), the contexts would automatically synchronize their state with peers.	true, false	true
<code>cayenne.server.object_retain_strategy</code> - defines fetched objects retain strategy for ObjectContexts. When weak or soft strategy is used, objects retained by ObjectContext that have no local changes can potentially get garbage collected when JVM feels like doing it.	weak, soft, hard	weak
<code>cayenne.rop.service_url</code> - defines the URL of the ROP server		
<code>cayenne.rop.service_username</code> - defines the user name for an ROP client to login to an ROP server.		
<code>cayenne.rop.service_password</code> - defines the password for an ROP client to login to an ROP server.		
<code>cayenne.rop.shared_session_name</code> - defines the name of the shared session that an ROP client wants to join on an ROP server. If omitted, a dedicated session is created.		
<code>cayenne.rop.service.timeout</code> - a value in milliseconds for the ROP client-server connection read operation timeout	any positive long value	
<code>cayenne.rop.channel_events</code> - defines whether client-side DataChannel should dispatch events to child ObjectContexts. If set to true, ObjectContexts will receive commit events and merge changes committed by peer contexts that passed through the common client DataChannel.	true, false	false
<code>cayenne.rop.context_change_events</code> - defines whether object property changes in the client context result in firing events. Client UI components can listen to these events and update the UI. Disabled by default.	true, false	false
<code>cayenne.rop.context_lifecycle_events</code> - defines whether object commit and rollback operations in the client context result in firing events. Client UI components can listen to these events and update the UI. Disabled by default.	true, false	false
<code>cayenne.server.rop_event_bridge_factory</code> - defines the name of the <code>org.apache.cayenne.event.EventBridgeFactory</code> that is passed from the ROP server to the client. I.e. server DI would provide a name of the factory, passing this name to the client via the wire. The client would instantiate it to receive events from the server. Note that this property is		

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**Property****Possible  
Values**   **Default  
Value**

stored in "cayenne.server.rop\_event\_bridge\_properties" map, not in the main "cayenne.properties".



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# Appendix B. Service Collections

Note that the collection keys below are defined as constants in `org.apache.cayenne.configuration.Constants` interface.

## Table B.1. Service Collection Keys Present in `ServerRuntime` and/or `ClientRuntime`

`cayenne.properties` - `Map<String,String>` of properties used by built-in Cayenne services. The keys in this map are the property names from the table in Appendix A. Separate copies of this map exist on the server and ROP client.

`cayenne.server.adapter_detectors` - `List<DbAdapterDetector>` that contains objects that can discover the type of current database and install the correct `DbAdapter` in runtime.

`cayenne.server.domain_filters` - `List<DataChannelFilter>` storing `DataDomain` filters.

`cayenne.server.project_locations` - `List<String>` storing locations of the one or more project configuration files.

`cayenne.server.default_types` - `List<ExtendedType>` storing default adapter-agnostic `ExtendedTypes`. Default `ExtendedTypes` can be overridden / extended by DB-specific `DbAdapters` as well as by user-provided types configured in another collection (see "`cayenne.server.user_types`").

`cayenne.server.user_types` - `List<ExtendedType>` storing a user-provided `ExtendedTypes`. This collection will be merged into a full list of `ExtendedTypes` and would override any `ExtendedTypes` defined in a default list, or by a `DbAdapter`.

`cayenne.server.type_factories` - `List<ExtendedTypeFactory>` storing default and user-provided `ExtendedTypeFactories`. `ExtendedTypeFactory` allows to define `ExtendedTypes` dynamically for the whole group of Java classes. E.g. Cayenne supplies a factory to map all Enums regardless of their type.

`cayenne.server.rop_event_bridge_properties` - `Map<String, String>` storing event bridge properties passed to the ROP client on bootstrap. This means that the map is configured by server DI, and passed to the client via the wire. The properties in this map are specific to `EventBridgeFactory` implementation (e.g. JMS or XMPP connection parameters). One common property is "`cayenne.server.rop_event_bridge_factory`" that defines the type of the factory.

