# Introduction to the Sausalito Architecture

# Objectives

After completing this module, you should be able to:

- Explain the Sausalito software architecture design goals
- Create and extend object schemas
- Use the Sausalito cceclient utility to activate systems changes from the command line
- Analyze Cobalt Configuration Engine (CCE) server log files
- Explain the contents of the /usr/sausalito directory tree
- Extend the Server Desktop with menu items, options, and pages
- Create languages for the Server Desktop using the I18n component
- Create and implement a new Server Desktop style

## Additional Resources



**Additional resources –** The following reference provides additional details on the topics discussed in this module:

- The Sun Cobalt<sup>TM</sup> Qube 3 Developer's Guide, which is available at http://developer.cobalt.com/sausalito/index.php
- For more information on PHP the widely-used, general-purpose scripting language that is especially suited for Web development and can be embedded into HTML see: [http://www.php.net/PHP]
- For more information on gettext' utilities which are a set of tools that provides a framework to help produce multi-lingual messages [http://www.gnu.org/software/gettext/gettext.html]

# What Is Important in This Module?

This module describes the Sausalito architecture and how to use it to extend the server appliance's out-of-the-box service features. The major topics in this module are:

- Sausalito Architecture Overview
- Sausalito Software Architecture
- SET Transaction Overview and Components
- SET Transaction Configuration
- Registering an Event Handler
- CSCP Communication
- GET Transactions
- Server Desktop Screen Generation
- Navigation Sub-system Overview
- Internationalization (i18n)
- User Interface Foundation Classes (UIFC)

As you read this module, look for answers to the following questions. See Appendix A for answers.

1.	What is the Sausalito software architecture designed to provide?
Ans	wer:
2.	What are the Sausalito processes?
Ans	wer:
3.	What are the main components of CCE?
Ans	wer:

4.	What are SET transactions and how are they triggered?
Ans	wer:
5.	What is the purpose of the Cobalt System Configuration Protocol?
Ans	wer:
6.	How is an Event Handler registered?
Ans	wer:
	What are GET transactions?
Ans	swer:
8.	What is the purpose of the Navigation sub-system?
Ans	swer:
9.	What is the function of Internationalization (i18n)?
Ans	swer:

#### Overview

Sausalito is the name of the Sun Cobalt Qube 3 Plus server appliance's software architecture, which is designed to provide an extensible development platform that enables third parties to customize and modularize the platform and quickly implement services, applications, and languages.

Having a clear understanding of Sausalito is helpful for maintaining the server appliance. This module describes the Sausalito architecture and the process for extending the server appliance's out-of-the-box service features.

Figure 17-1 shows that the Sausalito software layer lies between the Server Desktop, applications, and the Linux operating system.

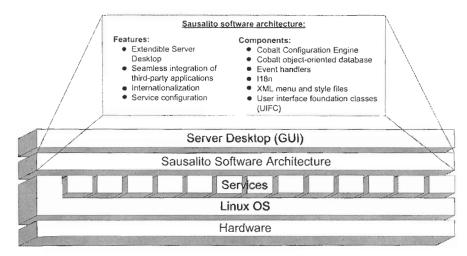


Figure 17-1 Sausalito on the server appliance platform layers

# Sausalito Handles System Changes

Sausalito handles operating system modifications, such as creating, deleting, and modifying users and groups. Sausalito also handles requests for changing system functionality, such as enabling SMTP, CGI scripts, and Microsoft FrontPage server extensions. Having Sausalito handle these requests helps hide the complexities of the operating system from the end user.

Sausalito's fully open Application Programming Interface (API) allows programmers to seamlessly integrate additional applications, giving them the look and feel of the server appliance.

## **Object-Oriented Programming**

Sausalito is based on object-oriented programming; everything in the system is an object that can be added, removed, changed, and extended. Object-oriented programming helps Sausalito live up to its goal of extensibility.

Figure 17-2 shows a block diagram of the Sausalito software architecture. This diagram expands later in this module to show more details about Sausalito's components and process flow.

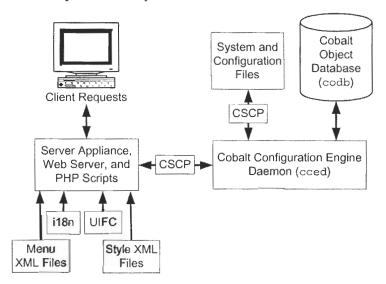


Figure 17-2 Sausalito software architecture block diagram

### Sausalito's Two Main Processes

Sausalito can be broken down into two main processes: SET transactions and GET requests. These two processes let you manipulate the system software through the Server Desktop, while keeping the system software and Server Desktop logically separate. Figure 17-3 shows the major Sausalito components and the process flow for the two main processes.

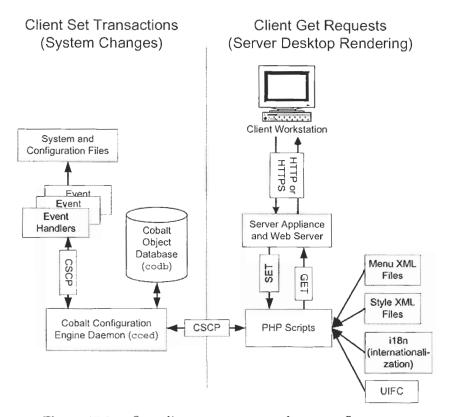


Figure 17-3 Sausalito components and process flow

# Cobalt Configuration Engine

The main component of Sausalito is the Cobalt Configuration Engine (CCE), which is responsible for both SET transactions and GET requests. CCE is designed to act as a buffer between the system and the Server Desktop to keep the two logically separate.

#### CCE has several components:

- The Cobalt Object-oriented Database (codb)
- The Cobalt System Configuration Protocol (CSCP)
- Event handlers

#### CCE maintains the configuration state of Sausalito by:

- Initiating event handlers to change the state of the system
- Changing codb information
- Delivering information from codb to the Server Desktop

#### **SET Transaction Overview**

This section provides an overview of the SET transaction process and components and their functions within Sausalito.

SET transactions are system changes performed by event handlers registered to objects or object properties being created, deleted, or modified. SET transactions are triggered by user input, such as:

- Adding a new object such as a user or group, or
- Modifying an existing object's properties, such as enabling or disabling a service or modifying user information

Then the event handlers registered to the object or the object properties are executed.

#### The CCE Daemon

The CCE daemon (cced) listens on the cced. socket, which is a standard UNIX socket, and handles incoming connections and signals from the CSCP. The CCE daemon is the administrator of Sausalito: It initiates event handlers based on change requests and commits changes to codb, when applicable. When you check the system processes on the server appliance, you should see the cced process running. Figure 17-4 shows the cced responsibilities:

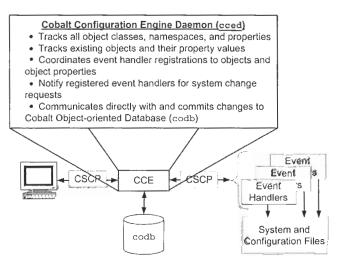


Figure 17-4 The cced responsibilities

## Cobalt Object-Oriented Database

In object-oriented programming, everything is an object. Objects have properties that contain values. For example, users and groups have names and disk quotas have sizes. In codb, the System object has properties for the server appliance's services. For example, the FTP service has a maximum-number-of-connections property, a maximum-number-of-megabytes-per-transfer property, and other properties.

Figure 17-5 shows a codb object expanded. Objects in codb are identified by numbers. Each object has a CLASS property that designates the type of the object (user, group, system, or network route, among others) and several other properties that contain configurable information. codb objects can be extended with additional properties.

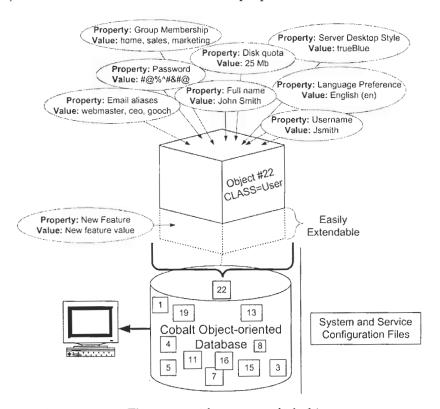


Figure 17-5 The codb with an expanded object

codb is a holding tank for objects and their property values. The information stored in codb is what is retrieved by CCE and viewed through the Server Desktop. For example, a user is an object and that user

object has property values that include user name, full name, maximum disk space, email aliases, and other properties. These object property values display in the Server Desktop when you view a specific user's details.

## Cobalt System Configuration Protocol

CSCP is a simple protocol used for communicating between clients and CCE, and between CCE and the event handlers. CSCP is the only mechanism by which CCE knows what actions to take. CSCP communicates requests from the client to CCE, and it communicates requests from CCE to the event handlers when system and service configuration files need to be added, removed, or modified. After the event handlers complete their work, either successfully or unsuccessfully, CSCP reports back to CCE with the status. Figure 17-6 shows the function of CSCP in Sausalito for handling the communication between requesting clients and CCE and between CCE and the event handlers.

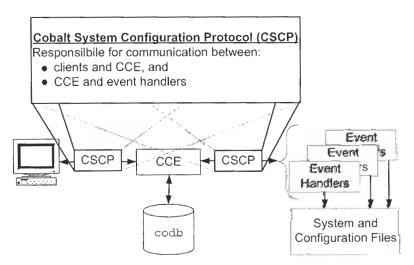


Figure 17-6 CSCP functions in Sausalito

#### **Event Handlers**

Event handlers are executable scripts that are triggered by CSCP. They have specific functions for changing system state, and registering services and applications. Services and applications register themselves in CCE by requesting notifications when specific codb objects and object property values are added, removed, or modified.

When these notifications take place, the event handlers make the changes to the system and report back, using CSCP, to CCE with the success or failure status.

Event handlers make it possible for software developers to apply changes to the system without affecting existing functionality, as long as guidelines are followed for adhering to the modularity of Sausalito. Figure 17-7 shows how the event handlers in Sausalito handle changes to the system and configuration files.

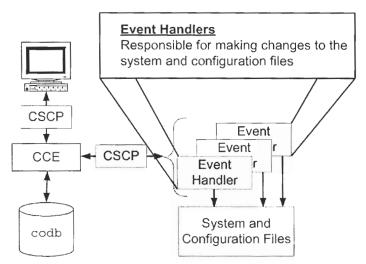
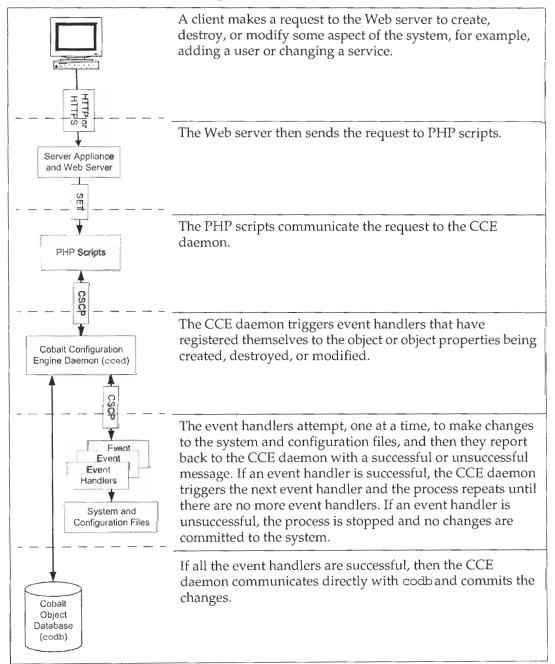


Figure 17-7 Event Handler functions in Sausalito

Table 17-1 on page 17-13 shows an overview of the process flow for SET transactions:

Table 17-1 SET transaction process



## **SET Transaction Configuration**

Before SET transactions can take place in Sausalito, the system must be configured to recognize requested changes and system changes that must be made. This means:

- Objects and object properties need to be defined
- Event handlers need to be created and registered to the objects and object properties

Objects and object properties need to be defined for program packages, such as Apache, Proftpd, Active Monitor, Sendmail, and others. Then the objects and object properties need to be registered with the event handlers.



Note – When an object is added, deleted, or modified, the event handlers registered to that object or that object's properties are notified to make the necessary system changes.

## Defining Objects and Object Properties

The structure of objects within codb is defined by . schema definition files. These definition files provide schema, class, property, and typedef information.

At system startup, the definition files are read; they define what objects can be created, the properties the objects can have, and the data type the object properties can contain. The schema definition files are located in the /usr/sausalito/schemas/base/service-type directories.

When cced is started, all files with a .schema file extension under the /usr/sausalito/schemas directory tree are used to build the object schemas.

The /usr/sausalito/schemas/base/service-name directories are strictly for organization. If you have installed third-party applications, you might also find /usr/sausalito/schema/vendor-name directories that contain schema definition files.

Table 17-2 contains the schema file elements and attributes discussed in this course. For a complete listing and description of the schema file elements and attributes, see the  $Sun\ Cobalt\ Qube^{TM}\ 3\ Developer's\ Guide$ , which is referenced in "Additional Resources" on page 17-2.

Table 17-2 Schema definition file elements and attributes

Element	Attributes	Description
class	name	Name of the class being defined or extended
	version	Version number for the class structure
	namespace	Optional name of the class structure
property	name	Name of the property
	type	Data type of the property
	default	Default value for the property
	optional	Defines whether the property can be an empty string("") or a valid fact used to make a decision
	array	Defines whether the property is an array of the specified type, can be any string, or is unspecified
typedef	name	Symbolic name for type
	type	Validation class for typedef
	data	Data validator: re = regular expression and extern = path to external program
	errmsg	Error message returned by CCE

## Schema File Example

The following is an example of a fairly simple definition file that extends the System object with an FTP name space that has two properties: enabled and maxconnections. This file is written in XML. The first seven lines are comments that are opened by <! -- and closed by -->.

```
1
    <! --
2
            $Id: ftp.schema, v 1.5 2000/09/19 23:48:28 thockin Exp $
3
            Copyright(c) Cobalt Networks, Inc.
            Author: asun@cobalt.com
4
5
6
            This provides the schema for ftp.
7
    -->
8
9
    <class name="System" namespace="Ftp" version="1.0">
10
            cproperty name="enabled" type="boolean" default="true"/>
11
            cproperty name="maxConnections" type="int" default="25"/>
12 </class>
```

In line 9, class name="System" extends the System object with a new name space.

In line 10 and 11, the properties are defined for the System. Ftp object and name space. The enabled property has its type set to boolean and its default value set to true.

The maxConnections property has its type set to integer (type="int") and its default value set to 25.

# Type Definitions

Type definitions define what type of data is allowed for a certain property. For example, scalar data is used for full user names; it allows first and last names to be any combination of letters, numbers, and white space.

If you have installed third-party software applications, you might find more type definitions defined in the /usr/sausalito/schemas directory. Table 17-3 on page 17-17 lists the server appliance type definitions (typedef), defined in the /usr/sausalito/schemas/basetypes.schema file.

Table 17-3 Server appliance type definitions and descriptions

Typedef	Description
scalar	Zero or more characters of any value
word	One or more non-whitespace characters
alphanum	One or more alphanumeric characters
int	A positive integer; any integer except zero preceded by an optional unary minus (negative) sign, or zero
uint	An unsigned integer, which can be any positive integer greater than or equal to zero
boolean	A logical TRUE or FALSE; an empty string (""). Or, the value zero, which is a logical FALSE, and any other value, which is a logical TRUE
ipaddr	A set of four integers between 0 and 255 separated by periods, for example, 192.168.1.254
network	A network number, such as 10.9.0.0/16
email_address	The address of an email user; for example, harry@suncobalt.com
netmask	A number from 1 to 32, or a dot-quadded IP mask
fdqn	A fully qualified domain name; for example, www.suncobalt.com
hostname	A non-period host name; for example, www or smtp
domainname	A fully qualified domain name or a domain name; for example, www.suncobalt.com or suncobalt.com
password	Scalar data, masked in cced logs

## Exercise: Extending an Object's Schema

In this exercise you add functionality to your FTP server. The feature you add and make available to the admin user through the Server Desktop is root user access feature. This feature is disabled by default by the Proftpd application. Extending the schema is the first part of the process to add this feature to the Server Desktop. You extend the schema of the System object by adding a FtpRootLogin name space with an enabled property.

#### Tasks

Complete the following steps to set up a directory structure for your FTP feature:

 Open a telnet window and change to the /usr/sausalito/schemas directory, create new directory using your\_first\_name/ftp and then change to that directory:

```
# cd /usr/sausalito/schemas
# mkdir -p your_first_name/ftp
# cd your_first_name/ftp
```

Copy the ftp.schema file from the server-appliance-specific directory to your current directory and rename the file to ftproot.schema:

# cp /usr/sausalito/schemas/base/ftp/ftp.schema ftproot.schema

Complete the following steps to create and edit your new schema file:

1. Open the ftproot.schema file editing and switch to insert mode:

```
# vi ftproot.schema
i
```

- On the line that starts with <class name="System", change Ftp to FtpRootLogin.
- 3. On the line that starts with property name="enabled", change true to 0.
- 4. Switch to command mode by pressing the Escape key.

5. Move the cursor down one line and remove the line:

dd

Your final results should look like this, after the initial file comments:

6. Save and close the file.

:wq

Complete the following steps to restart the CCE server, making the new name space and property available. Then, check for errors:

1. Check for errors by restarting CCE and then make sure CCE restarted:

```
#/etc/rc.d/init.d/cced.init restart
Shutting down cced: done
Starting cced: cced
Running CCE constructors:
[root ftp]# ps -e | grep cced
8584 ? 00:00:00 cced
[root ftp]#
```

If you do not receive a similar result as above, make sure the syntax in your ftproot.schema file is correct.

## Registering an Event Handler

To register an event handler with the system, create an event handler configuration file with a .conf extension. The .conf file must contain the information that defines the class, name space, and properties for the object to which you want the event handler to be registered. Then, if the object is modified, the event handler will be triggered and make the necessary changes to the operating system. The .conf file must also contain the path to the executable script that is the event handler itself.

The .conf file can be placed anywhere under the /usr/sausalito/conf directory tree. This makes it possible for third-party software developers to create their own /usr/sausalito/conf/vendor-name directories, in which they can store their .conf files.

CCE finds all the .conf files in the /usr/sausalito/conf directory and subdirectories; however, all file names that begin with a period are ignored.

#### **Event Handler File Format**

The .conf file format is simple and can contain several lines with three fields per line. For example:

Class.Event Handler definition(File path) Execution stage

#### Class.Event

Class. Event is a string of text that defines:

- 1 An object
- 1 An optional name space
- A property or an object
- An optional name space (optional)
- An event based on the events listed in Table 17-4

Table 17-4 Valid class events

Event	Definition
_CREATE	When an object of the specified class is created

Table 17-4 Valid class events (Continued)

Event	Definition
DESTROY	When an object of the specified class is destroyed
propertyname	When the specified property of the specified class is changed
*	Wildcard, which means when any property of the specified class or class.namespace is changed

#### Handler Definition

The handler definition is the path to the event handler's executable script. This path is preceded by either perl: or exec:. The perl: text causes CCE to use a persistent Perl daemon, thereby expediting the execution request. The exec: text executes the script or binary.

#### **Execution Stage**

The execution stage allows the handler writer to suggest a relative order for event handler execution. The following five defined, case-sensitive execution stages are listed in priority from highest to lowest:

- 1 VALIDATE
- 1 CONFIGURE
- EXECUTE
- 1 TEST
- 1 CLEANUP

If the execution stage is not specified, the event handler is in the EXECUTE stage. Relative ordering between stages is guaranteed, but ordering within a given stage is not.

## Example: Event Handler Configuration File

The following /usr/sausalito/conf/ftp/ftp.conf file is provided as an example. When any of the properties are modified on the System.Ftp.\* or System.FileShare.\* object and name space, the /usr/sausalito/handlers/base/ftp/system.pl script is executed to handle the request.

This file also controls the script for enabling anonymous FTP, and for enabling and disabling FTP service monitoring using the Active Monitor.

```
# $Id: ftp.conf,v 1.10 2000/09/15 01:03:54 thockin Exp $
# handlers for ftp
#
System.FileShare.* perl:/usr/sausalito/handlers/base/ftp/guest.pl
System.Ftp.* perl:/usr/sausalito/handlers/base/ftp/system.pl
ActiveMonitor.FTP.enabled perl:base/am/am_enabled.pl EXECUTE
ActiveMonitor.FTP.monitor perl:base/am/am_enabled.pl EXECUTE
System.Ftp.enabled perl:base/ftp/enableAM.pl
```

# Exercise: Creating and Registering an Event Handler

In this exercise you continue the process started in "Exercise: Extending an Object's Schema" on page 17-18. There, you extended the properties of the FTP server by adding the FTP root user access feature though the Server Desktop. Now complete the tasks of creating the event handler configuration file and writing the executable script for modifying the FTP server configuration file.

#### Tasks

Complete the following steps to create the event handler configuration file:

 Open a telnet window and change to the /usr/sausalito/conf directory, create new directory using your\_first\_name/ftp and then change to that directory:

```
# cd /usr/sausalito/conf
# mkdir -p your_first_name/ftp
# cd your_first_name/ftp
```

Open for editing a ftpRootAccess.conf file and switch to insert mode:

```
# vi ftpRootLogin.conf
i
```

Add the following text (use a tab for the space between enabled and perl):

```
# handler for ftp root login
#
System.FtpRootLogin.enabled perl:/usr/sausalito/handlers/your_first
    name/ftp/rootLogin.pl
```

Make sure you replaced the *your\_first\_name*, with your real first name!

- 4. Switch to command mode by pressing the Escape key.
- 5. Save and close the file:

:wq

Complete the following steps to write the executable event handler Perl script for adding the root access directive to the FTP server configuration file:

 Change to the /usr/sausalito/handlers directory, create new directory using your\_first\_name/ftp and then change to that directory:

```
# cd /usr/sausalito/handlers
# mkdir -p your_first_name/ftp
# cd your first name/ftp
```

2. Open for editing a rootLogin.pl file and switch to insert mode:

```
# vi rootLogin.pl
i
```

3. Insert the following text exactly as shown into the file. Use the Tab key to indent lines. It might take several attempts to get the text exactly right, so take your time.



**Note** – This script is written to be streamlined and it does not follow good programming syntax guidelines for providing comments about the script's use.

```
#!/usr/bin/perl -w -I/usr/sausalito/perl -I.
# System.FtpRootLogin.enabled modify handler
use strict;
use Sauce::Config;
use Sauce::Util;
use CCE;
my $cce = new CCE;
$cce->connectfd();
my $oid = $cce->event oid();
my($ok, $obj) = $cce->get($oid, 'FtpRootLogin');
if (!$oid) {
        $cce->bye('FAIL');
        exit(1);
}
my $enabled = $obj->{enabled} ? "on" : "off";
my $fun = sub {
        my ($fin, $fout) = (shift, shift);
```

```
my $found = 0;
        my $conf = "RootLogin\t\t\t$enabled\n";
        while (defined($ = <$fin>)) {
                if(/^\s*RootLogin/) {
                        print $fout $conf;
                        found = 1;
                } else {
                        print $fout $_;
        print $fout $conf unless ($found);
        return 1;
};
my $ret = Sauce::Util::editfile("/etc/proftpd.conf",
$fun);
if ($ret) {
        $cce->bye('SUCCESS');
        exit(0);
} else {
        $cce->bye('FAIL');
        exit(1);
}
```

- 4. Switch to command mode by pressing the Escape key.
- 5. Save and close the file:

:wq

6. Execute the file at the command line to test the syntax:

```
# perl -cw rootLogin.pl
rootAccess.pl syntax OK
[root ftp]#
```

The -cw option tells Perl to compile, but not execute, the program and to display warnings about errors.

If you receive warnings, check the contents of the rootAccess.pl file and make any necessary changes until you receive no more warnings.

#### 7. Restart CCE:

#/etc/rc.d/init.d/cced.init restart
Shutting down cced: done
Starting cced: cced
Running CCE constructors:
[root ftp]#

## **CSCP Communication With CCE**

Communication to CCE is done through CSCP and there are two modes of communication: client mode and handler mode. The handler mode has more commands than the client mode.

#### **CCE Communication Modes**

CSCP is shown in Table 17-1 on page 17-13. CSCP is used in the *handler mode* for communication between CCE and the event handlers; it is also used for communication between CCE and the Server Desktop.

CSCP is used in the *client mode* to establish a direct connection to CCE. To establish a direct connection to CCE, the cceclient utility is executed from the command line: /usr/sausalito/bin/cceclient. Table 17-5 lists the commands used for both client and handler CCSP communication modes.

Table 17-5 The client and handler mode commands

Command	Description		
auth	Authenticates as a user to get that user's access privileges (starts a new session)		
authkey	Authenticates to an already existing session		
endkey	Expires the current sessionid		
whoami	Returns the oid (Object Identification) of the currently authenticated user		
bye	Closes the connection		
commit	Triggers any postponed handler activity		
create	Creates a new object of a certain class		
destroy	Destroys an object		
find	Finds all objects that match a given criteria		
get	Gets all properties for a certain object or object name space		
names	Lists name spaces associated with a class		
classes	Lists all classes		
set	Sets the properties of a certain object		

Table 17-6 contains additional commands that are available in the handler mode when the CCE is communicating with an event handler:

Table 17-6 Additional Handler Mode Commands

Command Description	
baddata	Reports that an unrecognized attribute or value was passed
info	Reports a piece of information
warn	Reports a warning or error

# CCE Response Codes

For every command given to CCE, a response code is returned. These response codes consist of a numeric code and a set of arguments. The value of the first digit of the numeric code defines whether the message is an informational message (1), a success message (2), a warning message (3), a failure message (4), or a system-issued message (9). Table 17-7 describes the response types.

Table 17-7 CCE Response Codes

Numeric Code Range	Type of Response	
100-199	Informational	
200-299	Success	
300-399	Warning	
400-499	Failure	
900-999	System-issued message (which can be sent at any time)	

# Exercise: Testing Systems Changes From cceclient

In this exercise you test the new feature added to the FTP server for root login access. This test must be successful before you extend the Server Desktop with new menu items.

#### Tasks

Complete the following steps to determine the object number for the System object and test the FTP server changes performed by the event handler:

1. In telnet, communicate to CCE using the cceclient utility and fine the number for the System object:

# #/usr/sausalito/bin/cceclient 100 CSCP/0.80 200 READY find System 104 OBJECT 1 201 OK

Open another telnet session and list the /etc/proftpd.conf file contents:

```
# cat /etc/proftpd.conf
```

Notice that no RootLogin directive is listed in the file.

 In the first telnet session that has cceclient running, for the System object (object 1), set the FtpRootLogin name space's enabled property to 0. (Zero equals off.)

```
set 1.FtpRootLogin enabled="0"
201 OK
```

4. In the other telnet session, list the /etc/proftpd.conf file:

```
# cat /etc/proftpd.conf
```

Notice the last line of the file reads RootLogin off

5. Try to log in to the FTP server as root and exit:

#### # ftp localhost

Connected to localhost.

220 ProFTPD 1.2.0 Server (ProFTPD)

[www.server appliance.com]

Name (localhost:admin): root

331 Password required for root.

Password: your\_password

530 Login incorrect.

Login failed.

ftp> exit

Notice the Login Failed.

6. In the telnet window that has cceclient running, set the System object's FtpRootLogin name space's enabled property to 1. (One equals on.)

set 1.FtpRootLogin enabled="1"

201 OK

7. In the other telnet session, list the /etc/proftpd.conf file:

# cat /etc/proftpd.conf

Notice that the last line of the file reads RootLogin

on

8. Log in to the FTP server as root and exit:

#### # ftp localhost

Connected to localhost.

220 ProfTPD 1.2.0 Server (ProfTPD)

[www.server appliance.com]

Name (localhost:admin): root

331 Password required for root.

Password: your\_password

230 User root logged in.

Remote system type is UNIX.

Using binary mode to transfer files.

ftp> exit

Notice the 230 User root logged in.

## **GET Requests**

GET transactions deliver Hypertext Markup Language (HTML) content to the end-user's browser. This is done using a combination I18n (internationalization) components, PHP scripting, and XML menu item and style files.

The Server Desktop (Figure 17-8) in the server appliance is a dynamic structure. It is generated from a set of files that define its menu items, language, and style. Whenever a user logs in to the Server Desktop, these files are examined and the Server Desktop is generated.

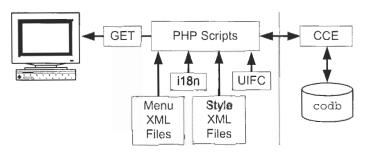


Figure 17-8 Sausalito Server Desktop rendering

To explain the components and processes involved in generating the Server Desktop, the remaining sections of this module examine the following items.

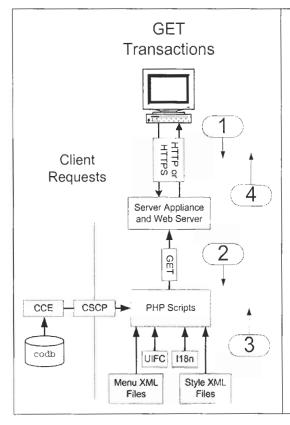
- Server Desktop screen-generation process
- Server Desktop configuration file
- Server Desktop menu structure
- I18n components
- User Interface Foundation Classes (UIFC)
- 1 HTML Component Factory
- Style definition files

# Server Desktop Screen-Generation Process

To display data and images on the monitor, the client browser sends a request to the Apache Web server with PHP compiled in. The Apache Web server executes PHP scripts, reads the Server Desktop configuration

file, retrieves object information and property values from codb, retrieves menu structure and style information from XML files, retrieves language preferences from the browser or user object, and retrieves the Server Desktop elements from the UIFC.

The Apache Web server then creates HTML code and sends it to the client browser to render the Server Desktop. Figure 17-9 describes the Server Desktop screen-generation process.



- The client requests the administration pages by logging in. The request is handled by the Web server.
- The Web server in turn passes the request to PHP scripts.
- The PHP scripts gather the information to form the Server Desktop from:
  - CCE (for the users, groups, system, and services status)
  - language text for menu items and help text)
  - XML files (for the style and the menu structure)
  - UIFC (for the Server Desktop widget information and behavior)
- 4. After everything is pulled together by the PHP scripts, it is sent back to the client as HTML code.

Figure 17-9 The screen-generation process

# Server Desktop Configuration File

The PHP scripts determine the file-system locations for the menu and style definitions by reading the /usr/sausalito/ui/conf/ui.cfg Server Desktop configuration file. This file defines locations for the Server Desktop screen generation.

## Navigation Sub-System Overview

The navigation system within the Server Desktop manages the site maps. Users can modify site maps by adding and removing nodes, which are then interpreted by navigation managers.

## Server Desktop Rendering

The structure and contents, known as the site map, of the Server Desktop are generated from XML files that are simple and contain one menu item, also known as nodes, per file. These XML files are located under the /usr/sausalito/ui/menu/ directory and subdirectories.

To add a node to the site map, create a new XML file under the /usr/sausalito/ui/menu/ directory. To remove a node from the site map, remove the node's XML file. The names of the XML files and the subdirectories in the /usr/sausalito/ui/menu/ directory have no impact on the site map definition. The subdirectories are merely used for organizing the XML site map node files.

For organizational purposes, the Server Desktop XML menu item files are located in <code>service-name</code> and <code>function-name</code> subdirectories (for example, addressbook/, maillist/, and backup/) under the /usr/sausalito/ui/menu/base directory.

Third-party software developers can create new directories under the /usr/sausalito/ui/menu directory to keep their menu item files organizationally separate.

## Menu Item File Examples

Figure 17-10 shows an expanded FTP Menu. You can access this menu from the Server Desktop by clicking Administration tab ‰ File & Print ‰ FTP menu. The callouts on Figure 17-10 refer to the text below the figure. These are the actual XML files that define the Administration tab, the File & Print menu group, and the FTP menu item (or site map nodes).

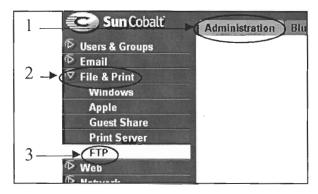


Figure 17-10 Server Desktop, File Services % FTP Menu expanded

1. Administration tab file: administration.xml (these code lines wrap)

#### 3. FTP menu item file: ftp.xml

#### Menu Item File Attributes

The administration.xml file contains the text <access require="systemAdministrator"/>. This text indicates that, for a user to access the Administration tab, the user's uiRights property must be set to systemAdministrator.

Also, to gain access to any XML menu file that uses the administration.xml file's base\_administration item ID, the parent menu item file also has to meet the same uiRights property requirement.

Table 17-8 XML file elements and attributes

Element	Attribute	Description
item	id	The iditem must be unique among the XML files. Therefore, it is advisable to prepend a vendor tag to the id.
	label	The label item is a short readable string that labels the node. Navigation managers can display a list of labels for users to navigate to.
	description	A label can sometimes be too short. A description is used complement the label by describing what the node is about.
	type	The type item is used by navigation managers to distinguish items. Navigation managers can then act on the items differently.
	url	The url points to the content page of this node.

Table 17-8 XML file elements and attributes (Continued)

Element	Attribute	Description
parent	id	This is the id of the parent node, as described in the item id element. Nodes can have multiple parents.
	order	When there are several children nodes under a parent node, the navigation managers might need to know which child to use first. The smaller the order integer, the more important the node.
	access require	This attribute is used to specify the access rights for the resource (the XML menu item file). If the value of the user object's uiRights property does not equal the value of this attribute, the user can not view the menu item, and therefore the user can not administrate or modify the system for that resource.

#### Parent Access Attribute

In the ftp.xml file listing, there is a line that says <access require="adminFtpServer">. Access to the parent elements is controlled by this access require element:

- If there is no access require element, the parent link has no access control and anyone can traverse the link.
- If there is one access require element, access is granted if and only if this requirement is met.
- If there is more than one access require element, access is granted if any one of the multiple requirements is met. In other words, this is an "or" condition.

You learn about the access require element in "Defining Administration Capabilities for Users" on page 17-48.

# Exercise: Extending Server Desktop Menu Items

In this exercise you create the necessary XML files to add a menu item to the Server Desktop for your application.

#### Tasks

Complete the following steps to create the ftp.xml file:

 In a telnet window navigate to the /usr/sausalito/ui/menu/ directory, create a new directory using your\_first\_name/servicename and change into that directory:

```
# cd /usr/sausalito/ui/menu/
# mkdir -p your_first_name/ftp
# cd your_first_name/ftp
```

2. Copy the /usr/sausalito/ui/menu/base/ftp/ftp.xml file into your new ftp directory and open for editing:

```
# cp /usr/sausalito/ui/menu/base/ftp/ftp.xml ftp.xml
# vi ftp.xml
```

3. Use the following three commands to make text changes in the file:

```
:s/base/your_first_name/g
:%s/50/60/g
:%s/Server/RootLogin/g
```

Leave the parent id="base\_fileSharing" text alone, because you are building off the existing server appliance menu navigation item.

4. Save and close the file:

:wq

Complete the following steps to view your menu item:

 Open your browser and log in as admin to the Server Desktop. If you are logged into your Server Desktop already, log out and then log back in.

#### 2. Click File & Print.

Your results should similar to Figure 17-11.

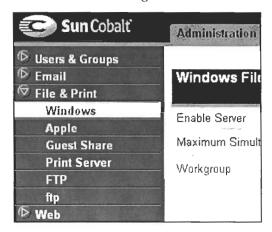


Figure 17-11 Server Desktop added menu item

### Internationalization

Sausalito has integrated internationalization. (Internationalization is often referred to as "I18n," which stands for "I - eighteen letters - n.") I18n is the process of planning and implementing products and services so that they can easily be adapted to different languages.

Localization is also part of the I18n component. ("Localization" is often referred to as "L10n," which stands for "L - ten letters - n.") L10n is the process of adapting a product or service to a particular language, culture, and look and feel.

Usually, programs are written and documented in English, and they use English at execution time to interact with users. This is not the case with Sausalito on the server appliance platform. The I18n implementation in Sausalito is based on the GNU gettext tools, and it is designed to minimize the impact of I18n.

### 118n Components

The I18n directories are located under the /usr/share/locale/directory. A listing of the /usr/share/locale/ shows the locale directories, whose names are equal to the ISO-636 language codes and ISO-3166 country codes.

By using the ISO codes, languages are packaged as components. L10n components contain only locale-sensitive data that specifies a particular locale. For example, strings, currency format, date format, and number format are packaged into locale components. Strings are stored in <code>domain.mo</code> files under /usr/share/locale/ISO <code>code/LC\_MESSAGES/</code> directories.

# Selecting a Language

By logging in and navigating to Personal Profile ‰ Account ‰ Account Settings, users can change their language preference from the Language Preference drop-down list.

By default, when users are created, their language preference is set to *Set From Browser Options>*, which means the server appliance determines which language to use by the language to which the user's browser is set.

If the language to which the browser is set is not available on the server appliance, the server appliance uses the default language setting defined in the /usr/sausalito/ui/conf/ui.cfg file. By default, this is set to defaultLocale=en (English).

In Sausalito, which language to use for the Server Desktop is based on the two-letter ISO-639 language codes, the two-letter ISO-3166 country codes, and optional variant codes. Figure 17-12 shows the Sausalito language selection process.

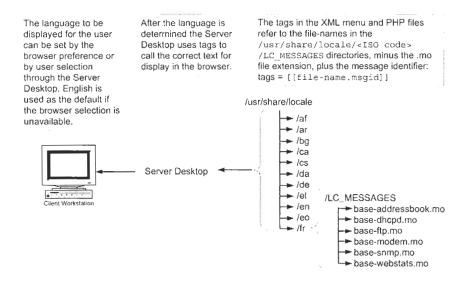


Figure 17-12 Server Desktop language selection process

### Adding New Languages

Adding new languages is straightforward. The difficulty is keeping track of all the message IDs available through the Server Desktop and where they are all placed. Figure 17-13 shows the process for making I18n components available for Sausalito GET transactions.

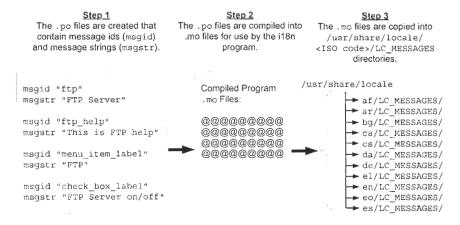


Figure 17-13 I18n language availability process

# Exercise: Adding an I18n Server Desktop Message File

In this exercise you create text for your new feature in the Server Desktop that uses the I18n component for language expandability.

#### Tasks

Complete the following steps to create a vendor-specific .po file:

 Navigate to the /opt directory, create a new directory using your\_first\_name/il8n/po-files/en and then change to that directory:

```
# cd /opt
# mkdir -p your_first_name/i18n/po-files/en
# cd your first name/i18n/po-files/en
```

2. Open for editing a your\_first\_name-ftp.po file:

```
# vi your_first_name-ftp.po
i
```

3. Enter the following message identifiers (msgid) and strings (msgstr), starting the file with one blank line on top:

```
[blank line, no text]
msgid "ftp"
msgstr "FTP Root Login"
msgid "ftp help"
msgstr ""
"Turn the FTP root user login on or off, by enabling "
"the above check box, and saving the changes"
msgid "nameTagHelp"
msgstr "Can manage FTP root login feature"
msgid "nameTag"
msgstr "Manage FTP Root Login"
msgid "ftpSettings"
msgstr "FTP Server Root User Login Setting"
msgid "enableRootLogin"
msgstr "Enable Root User Login"
msgid "enableRootLogin help"
msgstr "[[jeff-ftp.ftp help]]"
```

4. Save and close the file:

:wq

Complete the following steps to compile the .po file into the .mo file, copy to the I18n directory, and restart the Server Desktop server to make the new text available for use.

1. Compile the your\_first\_name-ftp.po file into the English (en) I18n component directory as your first name-ftp.mo:

```
# msgfmt -e your_first_name-ftp.po -o
/usr/share/locale/en/LC MESSAGES/your first name-ftp.mo
```

2. Restart the Server Desktop server (admserv):

```
# /etc/rc.d/init.d/admserv restart
Stopping admin web server: ahttpd
Starting admin web server: ahttpd
[root po-files]#
```

In upcoming labs, the correctness of your I18n component programming is checked.

### User Interface Foundation Classes

The User Interface Foundation Classes (UIFC) is a comprehensive set of class libraries for the Server Desktop components. The UIFC is made from the PHP and JavaScript<sup>TM</sup> files located in the /usr/sausalito/ui/libPhp/uifc and /usr/sausalito/ui/web/libJs/uifc directories, respectively.

These directories contain files that generate HTML code for page rendering and JavaScript code for error checking. The /usr/sausalito/ui/libPhp/uifc directory contains the \*.php files used for HTML code generation to build the Server Desktop elements. The /usr/sausalito/ui/web/libJs/uifc directory contains the \*.js files used for data-entry error checking.

The UIFC make object classes available to software developers to simplify Server Desktop creation. These class libraries contain the templates for building visual components, such as buttons, bars, Boolean components, form fields, domain names, email addresses, IP addresses, scroll lists, radio buttons, time zone formats, and so on. The UIFC are designed for seamless integration with I18n.

### HTML Component Factory

The HTML Component Factory simplifies the task of instantiating and initializing the Server Desktop elements. This factory is a template file for what you see in the Server Desktop, and it handles most cases of instantiating and initializing objects.



**Note** – To use the UIFC, you need to understand object-oriented design and programming, as well as PHP. This is because the UIFC classes are object-oriented and implemented in PHP. Detailed information about the use of the UIFC with PHP programming is beyond the scope of this course.

# Exercise: Building Pages Using the UIFC and I18n

In this exercise you build Server Desktop pages for your FTP root access feature. You modify existing PHP code and test its functionality as follows:

#### Tasks

Complete the following steps to create a Server Desktop page file for your new FTP server feature:

1. In telnet, navigate to the /usr/sausalito/ui/web directory and create a new directory using your first name and then change to that directory.

```
# cd /usr/sausalito/ui/web
# mkdir -p your_first_name/ftp
# cd your first name/ftp
```

2. Copy the /usr/sausalito/ui/web/base/ftp/ftp.php file into your new ftp directory and open the file for editing:

```
# cp /usr/sausalito/ui/web/base/ftp/ftp.php ftp.php
# vi ftp.php
```

3. Enter the following three commands to change text in the file:

```
:%s/base/your_first_name/g
:%s/"Ftp"/"FtpRootLogin"/g
:%s/ServerField/RootLogin/g
```

4. Remove the following four lines from the file:

```
$block->addFormField(
   $factory->getInteger("maxUserField", $ftp["maxConnections"], 1, 1024),
   $factory->getLabel("maxUserField")
);
```

5. Save and close the file:

:wq

Complete the following steps to create the Server Desktop page handler file for your new feature:

1. Copy the /usr/sausalito/ui/web/base/ftp/ftpHandler.php file into your ftp directory and open the file for editing:

```
# cp /usr/sausalito/ui/web/base/ftp/ftpHandler.php
ftpHandler.php
# vi ftpHandler.php
```

2. Enter the following three commands to change text in the file:

```
:%s/ServerField,/RootLogin);/g
:%s/"Ftp"/"FtpRootLogin"/g (Make sure you use capital 'F')
:%s/base/your_first_name/g
```

3. Remove the line, which reads "maxConnections" ..., then save and exit:

```
/max
dd
:wq
```

Complete the following steps to view your page in the Server Desktop:

- 1. Open your browser log out and back in as admin.
- 2. Click File & Print.
- 3. Click FTP Root Access.

Your results should look similar to:

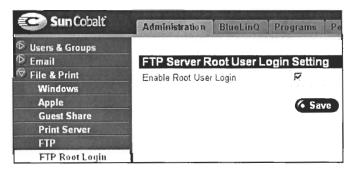


Figure 17-14 Successful I18n Server Desktop text addition

If you do not receive the results as above, go back and verify that your file syntax is correct, and repeat the process until you receive the results shown in Figure 17-14.

Complete the following steps to test the FTP root access feature:

1. In telnet, view the last line of the /etc/proftpd.conf file:

- 2. In your browser, uncheck the Enable Root User Access feature, and click Save.
- 3. In telnet, view the last line of the /etc/proftpd.conf file:

# Defining Administration Capabilities for Users

One feature on the server appliance is the ability to distribute the administration tasks, known as capabilities, to regular users. Distributing capabilities to regular users is handled within the Sausalito.

Capabilities are made available in the Server Desktop by creating a capability object. When the admin accesses a users Administration tab > Users and Groups % User List % Modify User % Capabilities tab, all capability objects are displayed as shown in Figure 17-15.

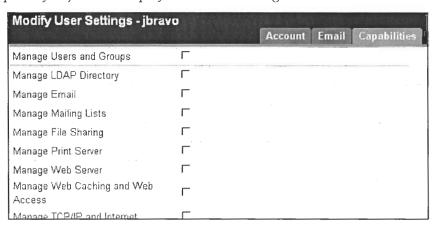


Figure 17-15 User capability settings

Once the admin has selected the capabilities for a user, the access to administrator the capability is handled in Sausalito. What happens is the user allowed to access the administration screens associated with the capability. The user does not actually receive admin permissions to the service, but is allowed access through the Server Desktop to modify the feature or service.

If a regular user is giving the capability to Manage Users and Groups, the user can pass along the capability other users, for which the user has access. However, the user can not pass along capability access for which the user is not granted.

# Exercise: Defining Administrative Capability for Users

In this exercise you make available the FTP root login feature available as a capability. This involves creating a new object in codb and defining the object's properties.

#### Tasks

Complete the following steps to create a administrative capability object:

 In telnet, access the cceclient, create a CapabilityGroup object for the FTP root login feature, set the object's property values (replace the object number '60' below with the object number produce by your server appliance) and exit:

```
# /usr/sausalito/bin/cceclient
100 CSCP/0.80
200 READY
create CapabilityGroup name="adminFtpRootLogin"
104 OBJECT 60
201 OK
set 60 nameTagHelp="[[jeff-ftp.nameTagHelp]]"
201 OK
set 60 nameTag="[[jeff-ftp.nameTag]]"
201 OK
set 60 capabilities="modifyFtpRootLogin"
201 OK
bye
202 GOODBYE
```



Note – Instead of using one create command and three set commands, you could have typed one create command and set the property values on one line.

Complete the following steps to add delegate the administrative FTP root login feature to a user and verify the capability:

- 1. In your browser, click on Users and Groups.
- 2. Click the green modify pencil to the right of the user jbravo.
- 3. Click jbravo's Capabilities tab.
- 4. Select the Manage FTP Server Root Login capability and Save.

- 5. Log out as the admin user, by clicking the open door icon located in the upper right-hand side of the Server Desktop and log in as jbravo by entering jbravo for the username, suncobalt for the password and click Login.
- 6. Select the Files Services menu item.
- 7. In telnet, verify the /etc/proftpd.conf files RootLogin line:
  - # tail -1 /etc/proftpd.conf
- 8. In your browser, enable the Enable Root User Login, by placing a check in the check box and click Save.
- 9. In telnet, verify the /etc/proftpd.conf files RootLogin line:
  - # tail -1 /etc/proftpd.conf

# Style Definition Files

Sausalito also enables software developers to customize the visual appearance of the Server Desktop by defining their own styles. To define the Server Desktop style, the UIFC uses an XML file. By default, the server appliance uses the /usr/sausalito/ui/style/trueBlue.xml file. By adding more XML style files, you can define additional Server Desktop styles.

### The trueBlue.xml Style File

By default, the server appliance uses the file called trueBlue.xml for its style definition. This file contains the definitions for the visual appearance that the UIFC use; it is located in the /usr/sausalito/ui/style directory.

Sausalito is designed for extensibility, so do not be surprised if you find a server appliance that uses a style other than the standard style defined by the /usr/sausalito/ui/style/trueBlue.xml file.

The code below is part of the /usr/sausalito/ui/style/trueBlue.xml style file, which defines the style for the Server Desktop elements. This file defines the Server Desktop colors of backgrounds, frames, dividers, text; font size, weight and emphasis, and the images used for buttons, logo, tabs, tiles, bars, icons, arrows, and so on.

This course does not go into details concerning XML programming for the /usr/sausalito/ui/style/trueBlue.xml file.

### Selecting Your Server Desktop Style

Additional styles are defined by the presence of more XML files than just the trueBlue.xml file in the /usr/sausalito/ui/style directory. If additional XML files are present, users can select which style they want to use in the Style drop-down list on the Account Settings page. From the Server Desktop, click Personal Profile Tab % Account page. If only one XML file is present in the /usr/sausalito/ui/style directory, the Style drop-down list is unavailable.

# Exercise: Creating and Applying Server Desktop Styles

In this exercise you adding a green color style to the Server Desktop. This is one step in the process of adding your own look and feel to the server appliance, and it is part of the extensible features of Sausalito.

#### **Tasks**

Complete the following steps to create and edit a new style file:

 In your console window, navigate to the /usr/sausalito/ui/style directory, create your new style file, and open the file for editing:

```
# cd /usr/sausalito/ui/style
# cp trueBlue.xml testGreen.xml
# vi testGreen.xml
```

2. Remove the reference to the True Blue style name, change some of the Server Desktop colors from blue to green, and exit the file:

```
:%s/trueBlue/TestGreen/g
:%s/FFFFF/66CC00/g
28 substitutions on 28 lines
:wq
```

Complete the following steps to add the I18n text for your newly defined style:

1. Navigate to the /opt/your\_first\_name/i18n/po-files/en directory, create and open for editing a TestGreen.po file:

```
# cd /opt/your_first_name/il8n/po-files/en
# vi TestGreen.po
```

2. Enter the following message identifier (msgid) and string (msgstr), starting the file with one blank line on top, save and exit the file:

```
[blank line, no text]
msgid "TestGreen"
msgstr "Test Green"
```

3. Save and exit the file:

:wq

Complete the following steps to compile the testGreen.po file and restart the Server Desktop server to make the new text available for use.

1. Compile the .po file into the .mo file and restart the admserv:

```
# msgfmt -e TestGreen.po -o
/usr/share/locale/en/LC_MESSAGES/TestGreen.mo
# /etc/rc.d/init.d/admserv restart
Stopping admin web server: ahttpd
Starting admin web server: ahttpd
#
```

Complete the following steps to enable the new style you created:

- 1. From your browser, log out, then log back in and navigate to the Personal Profile tab.
- 2. Click the Account menu item.
- Now select the Test Green style in the Style drop-down list, and click Save.

You should receive a pop-up window that looks like Figure 17-16:



Figure 17-16 Style Change Pop-up Message

#### 4. Click OK.

The result should be that the text in left menu bar and in the window background on the pages is now green.

# Module Wrap-up

Make sure that you can answer the following questions. See Appendix A for answers.

1.	What is the key benefit that Sausalito offers for the server appliance?
Ans	wer:
2.	What is the concept of object-oriented programming?
Ans	swer:
3.	What are the benefits of SET transactions and GET requests?
Ans	swer:
4.	What is the purpose of the Cobalt Configuration Engine (CCE)?
Ans	swer:
5.	What are the responsibilities of CCE?
Ans	swer:
6.	What administers Sausalito and is responsible for initiating event handlers?
Ans	swer:

Answer:
9. How do services and applications register themselves in CCE?  Answer:  10. How can you benefit by using event handlers?  Answer:  11. What is the purpose of Type Definitions?  Answer:
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12. What fields are in the registration .conf files?
Answer:
12. What does the handler execution stage normit?
13. What does the handler execution stage permit?  Answer:

14.	What are the handler execution stages?
Ans	wer:
15.	What happens if the handler execution field is left off during the execution stage?
Ans	wer:
16.	What is the /usr/sausalito/bin/cceclient command used for?
Ans	wer:
17.	How do GET requests deliver HTML content to the end-user?
Ans	wer:
18.	What is the purpose of the /usr/sausalito/ui/conf/ui.cfg file?
Ans	wer:
19.	What kind of files are located in the /usr/sausalito/ui/menu directory?
Ans	wer:
20.	What tool is I18n based on in the Sausalito architecture and what benefit does it provide?
Ans	wer:

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	21. How can users change their language preference?
	Answer: