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Abstract

This document describes the demonstrator version of the ACTIVE SDK (software development kit). With ACTIVE SDK it is possible to develop software which extends the ACTIVE knowledge workspace functionality. By using the ACTIVE SDK other programs can make use of workspace features. All ACTIVated applications are developed by using the ACTIVE SDK and also ACTIVE services communicate by using the interfaces published in the SDK. ACTIVE SDK consists of the documentation in HTML form, of the Web service interface definitions, ACTIVE event bus message schemas and ACTIVE client library for C#.

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Executive summary

ACTIVE knowledge workspace provides its functionality to the users through its GUI components in the ACTIVE web portal and ACTIVE Taskbar. In addition, software programs can interface the ACTIVE knowledge workspace by using the APIs described in the ACTIVE SDK. Most of the Workspace features are accessed and can be controlled through the APIs.

ACTIVE SDK consists of the

- API documentation in HTML form
- Web service interface definitions
- ACTIVE event bus message definitions
- ACTIVE client library for C#.

By using the ACTIVE SDK other programs can make use of workspace features. All ACTIVated applications are developed by using the ACTIVE SDK and also ACTIVE services communicate by using the interfaces published in the SDK. With ACTIVE SDK it is possible to develop software which extends the ACTIVE knowledge workspace functionality.

Note that the purpose of this document is to provide the index of the various parts of the SDK and provides the instructions how to access them in the ACTIVE SVN repository. The SDK documentation is delivered in HTML format and is not included directly in this deliverable document.

Note that this is software deliverable and is thus subject to the software deliverable review process, described on the ACTIVE project Wiki in the deliverable D13.1 under 'Software development guidelines'.

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Abbreviations

AKWS – ACTIVE knowledge workspace

API – Applications Programming Interface

GUI – graphical user interface

HTML – Hyper Text Markup Language

IE – Internet Explorer

SDK – software development kit

RDOC – Ruby programs documentation format in HTML form

Definitions

Not applicable

1 Introduction

Programs can interface the ACTIVE knowledge workspace by using the APIs described in the ACTIVE SDK. Most of the Workspace features are accessed and can be controlled through the APIs.

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- API documentation in HTML form
- Workspace Web service interface definitions
- ACTIVE event bus message definitions
- ACTIVE client library for C#.

API documentation in HTML form is composed of the chapters which describe the workspace services and their functionality and some chapters which describe particular application interfaces or the structure of Event bus messages. In addition some examples of the interfacing code with explanations are provided in the HTML documentation.

Web service interface definitions can be accessed online when the ACTIVE workspace is running. Programmers can generate the interfacing code for those WSDLs by using the appropriate tools of their choice.

Ruby interface methods of the infrastructure, context and metadata services are described in RDOC format in the HTML documentation, interface methods of the task service are available in automatically generated HTML pages and context mining and metadata recommender services are described in plain HTML format.

ACTIVE event bus message structures and topics are described in HTML documentation and for most PrimitiveEvents there are XML schemas available in the active_server.zip package. ACTIVE event bus messages can be processed by using the low level Apache ActiveMQ libraries for the respective platform and language. For Windows XP those are Apache.NMS.dll and Apache.NMS.ActiveMQ.dll. For convenience reasons they are included in the ACTIVE client package (AKWS_Client.zip).

ACTIVE client library for C# provides some convenience C# methods which are useful when developing ACTIVated applications in C#. They are documented in a separate section of the HTML documentation. They are provided in the ACTIVE client package (AKWS_Client.zip) in form of 2 DLLs: AKWSLib.dll and AKWSUtil.dll.

In order to experiment with the SDK it is necessary to install the ACTIVE knowledge software, provided by deliverable D5.3.1[2].

2 Location of SDK components in repository

SDK documentation in HTML form is located in the ACTIVE project subversion repository

<http://svn.active-project.eu/active/repos>

in

akws/bin/demonstrator

directory.

Documentation is available in a zip package and in the related “readme” file:

- active_sdk_doc.zip
- active_sdk_doc_readme.docx

Note that for convenience reasons the *active_sdk_doc.zip* is also contained in the ACTIVE server package *active_server.zip* in SVN.

Low level libraries for accessing the **ACTIVE event bus** are available from the Apache website (visit link related to the ActiveMQ software). For Windows XP platform those are Apache.NMS.dll and Apache.NMS.ActiveMQ.dll. For convenience reasons they are included in the ACTIVE client package (AKWS_Client.zip).

Schemas for most **PrimitiveEvent bus messages** are located in the server package (events/demo/ActiveMQConsumerSource/*.xsd).

ACTIVE client C# libraries AKWSLib.dll and AKWSUtil.dll are located in the ACTIVED client package.

For proper operation ACTIVE C# client libraries assume that client configuration file, client registry key and certain folder structure is present on developer’s system. These requirements are normally deployed on system during AKWS Client package installation. However if ACTIVE Client is not deployed, developer must add configuration file, folder and one registry key manually. The following section describes how to manually perform these settings.

1. Create ACTIVE Client configuration file.

Create new text file and give it name *akws_desktop_config.cfg*. This file must contain all ACTIVE Client configuration parameters. Here is example of this file.

```
AKWS_SERVER activeserver
AKWS_PORT 3000
AKWS_WS_TIMEOUT 7
AKWS_MAXFILESIZE 5
AKWS_USER root
AKWS_PASSWORD root
AKWS_USERANDDOMAINNAME rootuser,rootuserdomain
AKWS_ACTIVEMQURI tcp://activeserver:61616
```

You can adjust values for these parameters to match you configuration.

2. Create ACTIVE Client registry key.

When used ACTIVE Client libraries will lookup for ACTIVE registry key to get client installation folder. Name of this registry key is AKWS and it is located under HKEY_CURRENT_USER\Software\. Create new string value named AKWS_DESKTOP_DIRECTORY under that key, and set its value to path to some folder on your system. By default ACTIVE Client installation will set this value to C:\Program Files\ACTIVE\AKWS_Client\. If this folder does not exist you will need to create it.

3. Copy config file to ACTIVE Client folder

If folder from previous step create subfolder named 'config'. Then copy akws_desktop_config.cfg file you created in step 1 to this subfolder.

4. Create log, temp and data folders

Under ACTIVE Client folder create subfolders three more subfolders with names log, temp and data.

References

- [1] <http://www.active-project.eu> : Project external website
- [2] ACTIVE deliverable D5.3.1: Demonstrator version of ACTIVE Knowledge Workspace