

# Getting Sessions

## Using org.openntf.domino.utils.Factory

The standard way to get a Session is using `Factory.getSession(SessionType)`. `Factory.getSession()` still works for getting the current session, but is discouraged in favour of more explicit usage of SessionTypes. There are a number of standard SessionTypes, the most common developers use are `SessionType.CURRENT` and `SessionType.NATIVE` (a session running as the server). XPages developers will be used to `SessionType.SIGNER` and `SessionType.SIGNER_FULL_ACCESS`, but in personal experience the server typically has relevant access in order for replication etc to work effectively.

The full list of SessionTypes is:

- `CURRENT` - A named Session for the current user
- `CURRENT_FULL_ACCESS` - A named Session for the current user but with full access
- `SIGNER` - A named Session for whichever Notes ID is defined as the current application's signer
- `SIGNER_FULL_ACCESS` - A named Session for whichever Notes ID is defined as the current application's signer with full access
- `NATIVE` - A Session based on the current server's access
- `TRUSTED` - Returns a Trusted Session, not yet implemented
- `FULL_ACCESS` - A Session equivalent to Full Access Administration setting in Domino Administrator
- `PASSWORD` - A Session based on a specific Notes Client user ID and password

## XPages Factory Setup

The Factory is automatically initialised with various current, signer and native SessionTypes. So you can just use the various `Factory.getSession(SessionType)` methods. In addition, global implicit variables are set up for every request. You will already be aware of some of these implicit variables that are set up by the XPages runtime - `session`, `sessionAsSigner`, `sessionAsSignerWithFullAccess` and `database`. If the "godmode" switch is enabled, ODA overrides these implicit variables to replace them with the corresponding ODA session and database objects. Otherwise, ODA creates `openSession`, `openSessionAsSigner`, `openSessionAsSignerWithFullAccess` and `openDatabase`.

## ODA Starter Servlet

ODA Starter Servlet has an `ODAServlet` class which manages all the setup and tear down of the Factory, adding `SessionType.CURRENT`. `SessionType.NATIVE` is automatically available. If other session types are required, you will need to set them up for each request here.

## CrossWorlds

CrossWorlds uses a Filter to filter all HTTP requests for any web application, see `org.openntf.xworlds.core` bundle's `org.openntf.xworlds.appservers.webapp.XWorldsRequestFilter`. This uses configuration to set up Sessions for the current user and the application signer, see `org.openntf.xworlds.appservers.webapp.config.DefaultXWorldsApplicationConfig`. You can extend this class in your web application to change the base functionality.

## OsgiWorlds

If you want to use ODA in a web servlet with Vaadin development, [OsgiWorlds](#) can be used. This uses an approach specifically for Vaadin development, extending the `VaadinServlet` class and its service method, see `org.openntf.osgiworlds.ODA_VaadinServlet`. This uses configuration to set up Sessions for the current user and the application signer, see `org.openntf.osgiworlds.DefaultDominoApplicationConfig`. Remember to register the servlet in the normal Vaadin way (the older method is in `web.xml`, the newer method is using `@Annotations` in the application's main UI class).

## OSGi Web Applications

For a web application, if it uses a REST servlet as the entry point, you can use `ODAServlet` from the ODA Starter Servlet as a basis to initialise the `NotesThread` and set up the Factory and ODA sessions. If it uses an `HttpServlet` entry point, you can use the `ODA_VaadinServlet` from `OsgiWorlds` as a basis (the `VaadinServlet` class extends `javax.servlet.HttpServlet`).

## DAS Servlet

The ODA graph REST API uses an extension to `com.ibm.domino.das.service.RestService`, implementing the REST service extension `com.ibm.domino.das.service.IRestServiceExt`, see `org.openntf.domino.rest.service.ODAGraphService` class. This class's `beforeDoService` method initialises the thread for ODA and creates a Session as the current user using the `org.openntf.domino.xsp`.

`session.DasCurrentSessionFactory` class to retrieve the current user and current database from the Domino browser session. The `beforeDoService` method terminates the thread for ODA. The same classes can be used for custom REST servlets and was a basis for ODA Starter Servlet.