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# **WebSphere Application Server v8 Primer**

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# **WebSphere Application Server v8 Primer, part-8: Generate heap,Thread dumps from admin console**

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## How-to

In WebSphere Application Server v8, you can generate Java Dumps, Heap Dumps and System Dumps from the administration console.

To do this navigate to *Troubleshooting* → *java dumps and cores*

On the right hand side, you can see the list of servers. Select the server, for which you want the dumps and then select the type of dump.

The screenshot shows the WebSphere Administration Console interface. The left sidebar contains a navigation tree with 'Troubleshooting' expanded to 'Java dumps and cores'. The main content area displays the 'Java dumps and cores' configuration page. At the top, a message box indicates 'Java core request was sent successfully to server server1.'. Below this, there are sections for 'Java dumps and cores' (with instructions on file placement), 'Preferences' (including 'Maximum rows' set to 20 and 'Retain filter criteria'), and a table of servers. The table has columns for 'Select Server', 'Node', 'Host Name', 'Version', and 'Type'. One server is listed: 'server1' on 'Node01' at 'localhost' with 'Base 8.0.0.0' version and 'servers' type. The total count is 1.

Select Server	Node	Host Name	Version	Type
server1	Node01	localhost	Base 8.0.0.0	servers
Total 1				

**Heap dump** → A heap dump is a snapshot of JVM memory. It shows live objects in the memory and references between them.

**Java core** → Use this button to investigate why a server is hanging or investigate messages in the logs that indicate a thread has not completed its work in the expected amount of time.

**System dump** → Use this button to generate system native dumps of the server process.

The resulting dumps can be found under 'profiles' directory of your websphere installation.

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