FiveMinuteTutorial

This tutorial will get you up and running with Excalibur Fortress. We'll first download a full binary distribution and run the provided example.

Prerequisites

You'll need:

- A Java Virtual Machine

Step One: Download the Distribution

First, download the Fortress binary distribution:

- http://people.apache.org/~farra/excalibur/excalibur-fortress-platform-1.2.tar.gz
- http://people.apache.org/~farra/excalibur/excalibur-fortress-platform-1.2.zip

Now, unzip the distribution to a directory, for example, your home directory. You should now have:

```
~/excalibur-fortress-platform-1.2
```

Step Two: Run the Example

Open a terminal and move into the platform directory. You can run the example by:

- For windows:
  ```
  bin/fortress.bat console
  ```

- For linux:
  ```
  bin/fortress.sh
  ```

- For OS X:
  ```
  bin/run.sh
  ```

  Note: you may need to adjust the run.sh script until we get a full distribution for OS X

About the Binary Distribution

The binary distribution provides a fully working Fortress 1.2 install. All of the necessary jars and libraries are in the `/lib` directory. Executable scripts for running Fortress as a daemon or NT service are in the `/bin` directory (these use the Java Service Wrapper). Example configuration files are in `/conf`.

NOTE: this binary distribution is **ALPHA** quality at the moment. Please test and report any issues to the Excalibur mailing list.