

# Exec

## Introduction

### Rationale

Commons Exec is library to execute external processes from within a Java application. Doing so without using a library is a error prone task therefore many developers used the following approaches

- using ANT internally which is overkill
- ripping ANT apart to get the desired functionality
- writing their home-grown library
- using plexux-utils

### Initial source

The project is based on the ANT source code being the most mature implementation

### History

- The project was accepted to join the sandbox in 2005 but was more or less dormant.
- Activity picked up again 2008
- The first release was 2009