

The wsconfig tool did its thing and installed the connector, but now Apache wouldn't start because the connector module library was made for Apache 2.0, not 2.2, hence the undefined symbol: ap_run_http_method message returned. As alluded to earlier, there is a `hotfix` containing a connector module appropriate for Apache 2.2, so I proceeded with hotfix installation.

```
[root@FC6DELL lib]# pwd
/opt/coldfusionmx7/runtime/lib
[root@FC6DELL lib]# ls -l wsconfig.jar
-rwxr-xr-x 1 nobody root 2419011 Oct 12 11:49 wsconfig.jar
[root@FC6DELL lib]# mv wsconfig.jar wsconfig_apache2.2.jar
[root@FC6DELL lib]# unzip wsconfig.zip
Archive: wsconfig.zip
  inflating: wsconfig.jar
[root@FC6DELL lib]# ls -l wsconfig.jar
-rw-rw-rw- 1 root root 2519507 May 18 2006 wsconfig.jar
```

Then with the new `wsconfig.jar`, I removed all traces of the bad connector, then ran the connector installation script again...

```
[root@FC6DELL connectors]# ./apache_connector.sh
Server version Apache/2.2.3
apachectl: configuration syntax error, will not run "restart":
Restarted Apache server.
The Apache connector was installed to /etc/httpd/conf
Syntax OK
```

Success, ok sort of. So the connector got installed again, and the Apache 2.2 problem was solved, but now there's something else causing Apache to not start when configured to load the connector module:

```
[root@FC6DELL connectors]# service httpd restart
Stopping httpd:                               [ OK ]
Starting httpd:                               [ FAILED]
```

Problem 5: SELinux prohibits Apache from loading ColdFusion connector

Having [past experience](#) with SELinux and "Permission Denied" problems when the connector module is not in the same security context as the `httpd` binary, I checked the logs for SELinux messages:

```
[root@FC6DELL connectors]# tail /var/log/messages | grep jrun
Dec  3 18:18:00 FC6DELL kernel: audit(1195360700.363:44): avc: denied { execute } for pid=11486 comm="httpd" name="/usr/sbin/httpd" dev=sda3 ino=887741 scontext=user_u:system_r:httpd_t:s0 tcontext=user_u:object_r:usr_t:s0
[root@FC6DELL connectors]#
```

The culprit is SELinux, as identified by the `avc: denied` message regarding `httpd`. As a quick test, I momentarily turned off SELinux on the fly, tested a `httpd` restart, then turned it back on for another test:

```
[root@FC6DELL connectors]# setenforce 0
[root@FC6DELL connectors]# service httpd start
Starting httpd:                               [ OK ]
Stopping httpd:                               [ OK ]
[root@FC6DELL connectors]# setenforce 1
[root@FC6DELL connectors]# service httpd start
Starting httpd:                               [ FAILED]
[root@FC6DELL connectors]#
```

This confirmed that SELinux was blocking Apache from loading the ColdFusion connector module. Following my [earlier instructions](#), I used `chcon` to change the security context of the connector module to be the same as the `httpd` binary:

```
[root@FC6DELL connectors]# chcon --reference=/usr/sbin/httpd /opt/coldfusionmx7/runtime/lib/wsconfig/1/mod_jrun2.so
[root@FC6DELL connectors]# ls -l /opt/coldfusionmx7/runtime/lib/wsconfig/1/mod_jrun2.so
-rwxr-xr-x 1 root root 51888 Sep 20 08:31 httpd_exec_t /opt/coldfusionmx7/runtime/lib/wsconfig/1/mod_jrun2.so
[root@FC6DELL connectors]# ls -l /usr/sbin/httpd
-rwxr-xr-x 1 root root 1048000 Sep 20 08:31 httpd_exec_t /usr/sbin/httpd
[root@FC6DELL connectors]# service httpd start
Starting httpd:                               [ FAILED]
```

But what happened? I fully expected this solution to resolve the problem, but no. I continued to get SELinux errors when attempting to start Apache.

Fedora Core 6 has a utility available (but not installed on my system) called `setroubleshoot` which runs as a daemon and attempts to intercept SELinux messages for clarification. It installs with a utility that can be run in GUI or CLI mode called `sealert` which is supposed to pop up a balloon to notify the user when an SELinux deny message is logged.

Based on [Dan Walsh's blog entry](#) I installed the utility:

```
[root@FC6DELL ~]# yum install setroubleshoot
[root@FC6DELL ~]# service setroubleshoot start
Starting setroubleshootd:                     [ OK ]
[root@FC6DELL ~]# sealert
could not attach to desktop process
```

Unfortunately, the `sealert` utility would not start in GUI mode. Checking the logs again, I found an improved version of the SELinux deny message:

```
[root@FC6DELL ~]# service httpd start
Starting httpd:                               [ FAILED]
[root@FC6DELL ~]# tail -1 /var/log/messages
Dec  3 13:08:47 FC6DELL setroubleshoot: SELinux is preventing the /usr/sbin/httpd from using potentially mislabeled files <Unknown> (httpd_t). For complete SELinux messages. run sealert -l 4d2a3d5e-cb8f-4f16-8c6
[root@FC6DELL ~]#
```

The error is more intuitive, and recommends a specific command to generate detailed information based on that particular entry:

```
[root@FC6DELL ~]# sealert -l 4d2a3d5e-cb8f-4f16-8c6-c09247d09d25
Summary:
SELinux is preventing the /usr/sbin/httpd from using potentially mislabeled files <Unknown> (httpd_t).
SELinux has denied the /usr/sbin/httpd access to potentially mislabeled files <Unknown>. This means that SELinux will not allow httpd to use these files. Many third party apps install their files in directories that SELinux policy can not predict. These directories have to be labeled with a file context which httpd can access.
If you want to change the file context of <Unknown> so that the httpd daemon can access it, you need to execute it using chcon.
httpd logs content: <Unknown>. You can look at the httpd selinux map page for additional information.
Target Context: user_u:system_r:httpd_t
Target Process: httpd
Target RPM Packages: httpd-2.2.3-8
Policy RPM: selinux-policy-3.14-10
SELinux Enabled: True
Policy Type: targeted
MLS Enabled: True
Enforcing Mode: Enforcing
Plugin Name: Plugins:Httpd_bad_labels
Platform: Linux FC6DELL 2.6.18-1.2798.fc6 #1 SMP Mon Oct 16 14:54:20 EDT 2006 i686 i686
Alert Count: 4
Line Number: 4
Raw Audit Messages: <br><br>Raw Audit Messages: <br><br>avc: denied { execstack } for comm="httpd" egid=0 euid=0 exe="/usr/sbin/httpd" exit=-13 fgid=0 fsuid=0 items=0 pid=3574 scontext=use
```

While having all this information is a big improvement for SELinux administration, I was still baffled especially since the Source Context and the Target Context were identical.

Consulting the man pages for `httpd_selinux`, I found some hints for how to manually configure specific security contexts on files:

```
httpd_selinux(8) - httpd Selinux Policy documentation
httpd_selinux(8) <br><br>NAME
httpd_selinux - httpd Selinux Enhanced Linux Policy for the httpd daemon
DESCRIPTION
Security-Enhanced Linux secures the httpd server via flexible mandatory access control.
SELinux requires files to have an extended attribute to define the file type. Policy governs the access daemons have to these files. SELinux httpd policy is very flexible allowing users to setup their web services in as secure a method as possible.
The following file contexts types are defined for httpd:
...
httpd_unconfined_script_exec_t - Set cgi scripts with httpd_unconfined_script_exec_t to allow them to run without any SELinux protection. This should only be used for a very complex httpd scripts, after exhausting all other options
```

There were many `FILE_CONTEXTS` listed which I omit here, but the most extreme option is shown, `httpd_unconfined_script_exec_t`. I decided to try that security context first, knowing that if it worked I could change it to one of the more restrictive options. The `httpd_unconfined_script_exec_t` option effectively disables SELinux for the executable script. Yes, the connector module is not a web cgi script, but its the least restrictive of all the httpd security context options, so why not?

```
[root@FC6DELL ~]# chcon -t httpd_unconfined_script_exec_t /opt/coldfusionmx7/runtime/lib/wsconfig/1/mod_jrun22.so
[root@FC6DELL ~]# ls -l /opt/coldfusionmx7/runtime/lib/wsconfig/1/mod_jrun22.so
-rwxr-xr-x root root system_u:object_r:httpd_unconfined_script_exec_t /opt/coldfusionmx7/runtime/lib/wsconfig/1/mod_jrun22.so
```

Drumroll please.... Restart Apache, and....

```
[root@FC6DELL ~]# service httpd start
Starting httpd: [FAILED]
[root@FC6DELL ~]# tail -1 /var/log/messages
Dec  3 12:30:12 FC6DELL setrouble@ssoc: SELinux is preventing the /usr/sbin/httpd from using potentially mislabeled files <Unknown> (httpd_t).  For complete SELinux messages. run sealert -l 4d2a3d5e-cb8f-4f16-846
```

Doh!

Still, Apache will not start. For now, until I figure this out, I will have to put SELinux in permissive mode when using Apache for ColdFusion. Again this is done on the fly with `setenforce 0`, or the `/etc/selinux/config` file can be modified to put SELinux in permissive mode rather than enforcing mode. Permissive mode prohibits nothing but only logs warnings about what would have been prohibited if it were enforcing. (Do not totally disable SELinux as new files created will not be able to participate in SELinux if it is later re-enabled).

The very [purpose of setroubleshoot](#) was to improve SELinux usability because it has been known to be so baffling to sysadmins that they would just turn it off always. But here we are again with a disabled SELinux because all known solutions (known to me at least) fail to resolve the unwanted security conflict.

Red Hat Magazine has had some reviews of Fedora Core 6, and [it was mentioned](#) that an upcoming article will contain more information about the *supposed* ease of SELinux administration.... we'll see about that.

Summary

To summarize this article, the problems required to be resolved for running ColdFusion on Fedora included:

- **Problem 1:** Hacking the coldfusion install binary in order to remove the error about libc.so.6
Solution: Run the string replace command shown above to rewrite the install file
- **Problem 2:** Installing the libxp library to resolve the Graphing Service error
Solution: yum install libxp
- **Problem 3:** Adjusting the `/etc/hosts` syntax to permit wsconfig to run
Solution: replace `::1` with `127.0.0.1` in `/etc/hosts`
- **Problem 4:** Installing the wsconfig hotfix to get support for Apache 2.2
Solution: install the wsconfig hotfix for Apache 2.2

Unresolved problems included:

- **Problem 5:** Changing the security context on the connector module for httpd to start. Apache cannot be used with ColdFusion unless SELinux is off or until the context change can be made correctly
Workaround: `setenforce 0`
- Using the `sealert` utility in GUI mode