

Getting The Training Workspace

The workspace for the training is here:

<https://github.com/liferay/liferay-course-building-enterprise-websites/>

Open up the terminal of your choice (Git Bash, Powershell, etc.). From your command line, navigate to the folder that you would like to clone your repository. Clone the workspace using the command:

```
git clone https://github.com/liferay/liferay-course-building-enterprise-websites.git
```

Once cloned, navigate into the project's folder.

```
cd liferay-course-building-enterprise-websites
```

In the next step, we will download the resources needed to run Liferay locally as we will be using it during the training. Run the following command (this may take a few minutes depending on your network speed):

```
blade gw initBundle
```

When completed, the message you see should resemble the following:

```
BUILD SUCCESSFUL in 1m 14s
3 actionable tasks: 3 executed
```

If the Blade command is not working, you may use the shell or batch Gradle scripts instead:

Unix-based systems:

```
./gradlew initBundle
```

Windows systems:

```
.\gradlew.bat initBundle
```

This performs two critical downloads. First, it downloads the Gradle version used for the workspace so all of the commands function correctly. Second, it downloads the Liferay Tomcat Bundle that will be used for the classroom training.

Completing this in advance will ensure that your local environment has any necessary large downloads already completed and will not rely on the hotel wifi.

To start your Liferay installation, run the following command:

```
blade server run
```

If the Blade command is not working, you may use the shell or batch scripts instead:

Unix-based systems:

```
./bundles/tomcat/bin/catalina.sh run
```

Windows systems:

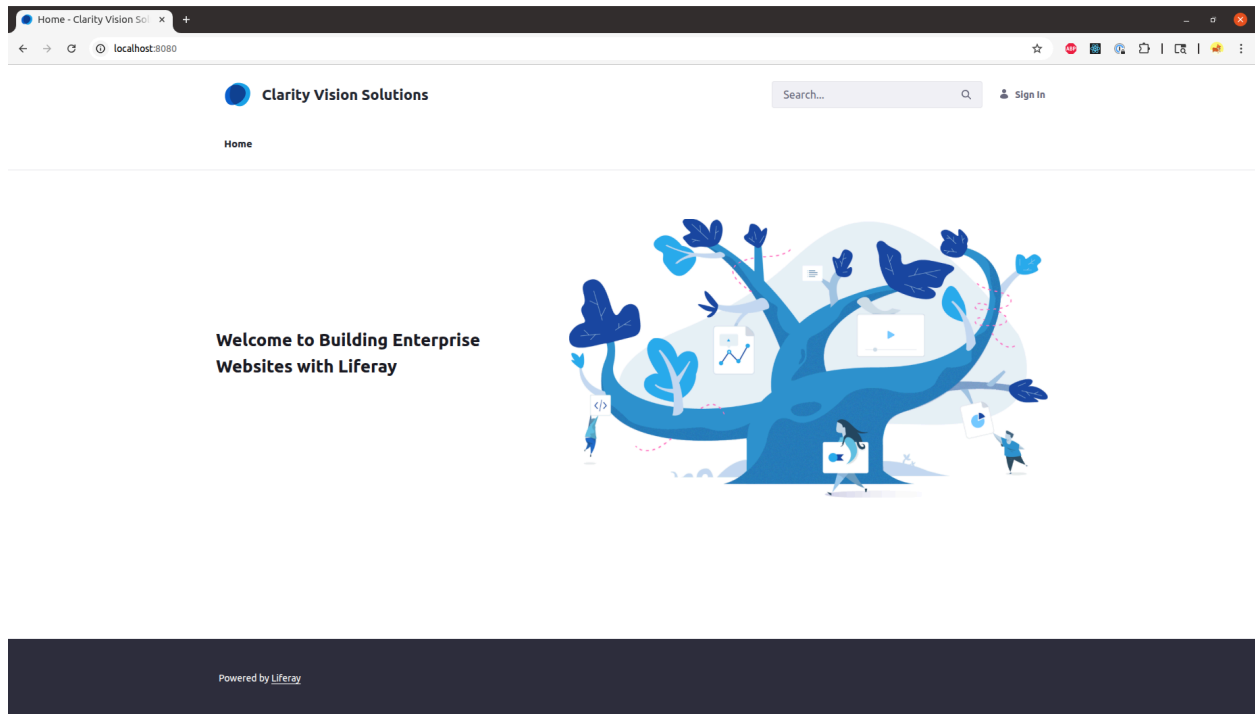
```
cd bundles\tomcat\bin  
.\startup.bat
```

This script will now start up a Liferay instance from the bundle you downloaded just prior. When starting Liferay for the first time, the process may take a little longer to complete. You will see different messages and logs in your console window as Liferay starts up. The startup is completed when you see a message that resembles the following in your console:

```
19-Sep-2025 16:45:33.722 INFO [main] org.apache.catalina.startup.Catalina.start Server  
startup in [77341] milliseconds
```

Finally, to confirm that your Liferay instance is running, open any browser and navigate to the URL `http://localhost:8080/`

If Liferay started up correctly, you should see a landing page welcoming you to the BEWL course.



You have now set up your environment. To shut down your Liferay instance, use the following instructions:

Open a new terminal (Git Bash, Powershell, etc.) and navigate to your repository's directory. If you did not choose a particular location as you cloned the repository in the first step, you should be able to run the following command to reach the repository:

```
cd liferay-course-building-enterprise-websites
```

If you used Blade to start up your Liferay instance:

Run the following command to stop the Liferay instance:

```
blade server stop
```

Note: if the terminal that has Liferay running does not respond to the blade server stop command, click on said terminal and press (Ctrl + C) to force shut down.

If you used the scripts:

Unix-based systems:

```
./bundles/tomcat/bin/catalina.sh stop
```

Windows systems:

```
cd bundles\tomcat\bin  
.\shutdown.bat
```

Congratulations! You have successfully set up your environment for the classroom training!

On the second day of the Customer Summit, our classroom trainers will be hosting a check-in & pre-training setup in the Maximillian Room from 4:45-6pm. Please make sure to visit our booth for the pre-training setup. It's a quick way to ensure you're all set for the training. If you have any setup questions or run into issues, this is the perfect time to get hands-on support from our team.

We hope to see you soon!