Exec

Introduction

Rationale

Commons Exec is a 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 in 2008.
- The first release was in 2009.