

OZONE Widget Framework

Developer's Guide

December 10, 2013

Publication/Revision History

Release	Date
Revised – OWF 7.6.0	December 10, 2013
Revised – OWF 7.5.0	November 26, 2013
Revised – OWF 7.4.0	October 25, 2013
Revised – OWF 7.3	October 8, 2013
Revised – OWF 7.3	July 31, 2013
Revised – OWF 7.2	June 11, 2013
Revised – OWF 7	December 21, 2012
Revised – OWF 6	September 28, 2012
Revised – OWF 5	June 29, 2012
Initial Document - OWF 4.0	March 30, 2012

Contents

1 Introduction	1
1.1 Objectives	1
1.2 Document Scope	1
1.3 Related Documents	1
1.4 Source Code Examples.....	2
1.5 File Accessibility For Configuration and Development	2
2 Creating a Widget.....	4
2.1 Overview.....	4
2.2 Walkthrough.....	5
2.3 Additional Considerations	8
2.3.1 Utility JS API.....	8
2.3.2 Widget Best Practices	9
2.3.3 OWF Bundled JavaScript	9
2.3.3.1 Debug Version of the OWF Bundled JavaScript.....	9
2.3.4 OWF Bundled JavaScript and Dojo.....	10
3 Adding a Widget to OWF	11
3.2.1 Creating Descriptor Files for App Components.....	11
3.2.2 Sharing Widget Descriptor Files.....	13
4 Adding the Eventing API to the Widget	14
4.1 Overview.....	14
4.2 Walkthrough.....	14
4.3 Additional Considerations	21
4.3.1 Channel Conventions	21
4.3.2 Required Includes	21
4.3.3 Payload Conventions - Data Encoding and RESTful Eventing	21
4.3.4 Eventing Browser Limitations.....	23
4.3.5 Eventing API Enhancements	23
5 Adding the Preferences API to a Widget	24

5.1 Overview.....	24
5.2 Walkthrough.....	25
5.3 Additional Considerations	29
5.3.1 Browser Based Cross Domain Data Transfer	29
5.3.2 Required Includes	29
5.3.3 Payload Conventions – JSON/REST Data Encoding.....	30
6 Adding Logging to the Widget	31
6.1 Overview.....	31
6.2 Walkthrough.....	31
6.3 Additional Considerations	33
6.3.1 Logging Levels	33
6.3.2 Widget Load Time Logging	34
7 Widget Launcher API	35
7.1 Overview.....	35
7.2 Walkthrough.....	36
7.3 Additional Considerations	38
7.3.1 Required Includes	38
7.3.2 Alternative Ways to Find a Widget's GUID	39
7.3.2.1 Storing the Widget's GUID as a Preference.....	39
7.3.2.2 Using the Universal Name to Find the Widget	39
7.3.3 Using Regular Expression to change a Widget's Title	40
8 Widget Drag and Drop API	41
8.1 Overview.....	41
8.2 Walkthrough.....	41
8.3 Additional Considerations	44
8.3.1 Required Includes	44
8.3.2 Drag and Drop API Enhancements	44
9 Widget State API	46
9.1 Overview.....	46
9.2 Adding the Event Monitor Widget to OWF	46
9.3 Walkthrough for Listening to Widget Events.....	47
9.4 Additional Widget State API Functions.....	49

9.4.1 Register a State Event	49
9.4.2 Unregister a State Event	50
9.4.3 Retrieve a List of Registered Events for the Widget.....	51
9.4.4 Retrieve the Current State of the Widget.....	51
9.5 Additional Considerations	51
9.5.1 Required Includes	51
9.5.2 Discussion of State Events.....	52
10 Widget Chrome API	55
10.1 Overview.....	55
10.2 Walkthrough	56
10.3 Button Configuration.....	58
10.4 Menu Configuration.....	61
10.5 Grouping Menu Items.....	65
10.6 Changing the Widget's Title	66
10.7 Additional Considerations	66
10.7.1 Using the Widget State API with the Widget Chrome API	66
10.7.2 Required Includes.....	67
11 Widget Theme	68
11.1 Overview.....	68
11.2 Walkthrough	69
11.3 Additional Considerations	70
11.3.1 Accessing Theme Information from JavaScript	70
12 Widget Intents API	71
12.3 Additional Capabilities	74
12.3.1 WidgetProxy on Ready	74
12.3.2 Intent Launching Data.....	75
12.3.3 Send an Intent to a known set of app components	75
12.4 Additional Considerations	76
12.4.1 Recommended Intents data type conventions	76
13 Point-to-Point (Remote Procedure Call) API	77
13.1 Color Server Widget.....	77
13.2 Color Client Widget	78

14 Example Widgets	81
14.1.1 Technologies	81
14.1.2 Building/Compilation	82
14.1.3 Updating OWF JavaScript Includes	82
14.1.4 Upgrade Eventing Relay File	82
14.1.5 Preference API behavior change	83
14.2 GWT Example	83
14.2.1 Technologies	83
14.2.2 Building/Compilation	83
14.2.3 Known Issues	85
14.3 .NET Example	85
14.3.1 Technologies	85
14.3.2 Building/Compilation	85
14.3.3 Known Issues	86
14.4 FLEX Example	86
14.4.1 Technologies	87
14.4.2 Building/Compilation	87
14.4.3 Supporting Drag and Drop in Flex Widgets	89
14.4.4 Known Issues	94
14.5 Silverlight Example	95
14.5.1 Technologies	96
14.5.2 Building/Compilation	96
14.5.3 Known Issues	96
14.6.1 Technologies	97
14.6.2 Building/Compilation	97
14.6.3 Known Issues	98
15 Additional Walkthroughs	100
15.1 Overview - Adding the Widget Launcher	100
15.2 Walkthrough - Simple Widget Launching	100
15.3 Walkthrough - Dynamic Widget Launching	103
Appendix A JVM Compatibility	A-1
Appendix B Supported Browsers	B-1

Appendix C Known Issues	C-1
C.1 User Interface Issues.....	C-1
C.2 Widget Technology Issues	C-1
C.3 Database Issues	C-2
Appendix D Contact Information	D-1
D.1 Discussion Group	D-1

Tables

Table 1: Related Documents.....	1
Table 2: Log Levels	33
Table 3: Event Monitor Widget Definition Text	46
Table 4: Widget State Events	52
Table 5: Data for Widget Chrome API	56
Table 6: HTML Widget Examples	81
Table 7: Data for GWT Widget Definition.....	84
Table 8: Data for .NET Widget Definition.....	86
Table 9: Flex Pan Widget Definition Text	88
Table 10: Flex Monitor Direct Widget Definition Text.....	88
Table 11: JavaApplet Widget Definition Text	98
Table 12: Tested Browsers.....	B-1

Figures

Figure 1: Configuration and Development File Locations.....	2
Figure 2: Directory Structure.....	5
Figure 3: Directory Structure with AnnouncingClock.html File	6
Figure 4: Simple Announcing Clock Widget.....	7
Figure 5: SecondTracker Widget.....	18
Figure 6: Preferences Dialog.....	24
Figure 7: Announcing Clock Widget With Preferences API	29

Figure 8: Log Window Screen.....	31
Figure 9: Drag and Drop.....	41
Figure 10: Widget Chrome Example	55
Figure 11: Channel Listener Shown in OWF's Four Default Themes.....	68
Figure 12: Color Server Widget.....	77
Figure 13: Color Client Widget	79

1 Introduction

1.1 Objectives

The purpose of this guide is to explain how to create a simple Widget application or integrate an existing application into the OZONE Widget Framework (OWF).

1.2 Document Scope

This guide is written for software developers who want to change an existing application into an OWF-compatible Widget (or Widgets) or understand the APIs available to them for building Widgets.

1.3 Related Documents

Table 1: Related Documents

Document	Purpose
User's Guide	Understanding the OWF user interface ; adding, deleting, modifying widgets and using widget intents ; accessing and using the Store ; creating, deleting, adding, switching, modifying dashboards ; using stacks ; defining accessibility features such as high-contrast themes
Administrator's Guide	Understanding administrative tools : adding, deleting, and editing widgets, users, groups, stacks and group dashboards; creating default content for users, groups and group dashboards
Developer's Guide	Creating Widget applications and integrating existing applications into OWF ; widget upgrade instructions; walkthroughs for creating widgets; adding the following components to widgets: intents, descriptor URLs, preference API; logging and launching API
Configuration Guide	Overview of basic architecture and security ; OWF installation instructions; instructions for modifying default settings; database set up and logging guidance; framework and theme customization instructions; OWF upgrade instructions ; directions for adding and deleting help content
Quick Start Guide	Walkthrough of basic OWF functions such as using widgets, dashboards and stacks; instructions for setting up a local instance of OWF , unpacking the OWF Bundle and installing security certificates ; Truststore/Keystore changes

1.4 Source Code Examples

All of the code examples listed in this document can be found in the `owf.war`. When unpacked or unzipped, the bundle will contain a `/owf-sample-widgets.zip` which contains `.zip` files of example widgets with source code built in different technology stacks. The examples included in the distribution are detailed in section [14: Example Widgets](#).

1.5 File Accessibility For Configuration and Development

In addition to often-modified files found in the `/etc` directory, OWF now delivers critical API related files outside the `.war` file for easy accessibility, as well. The directory structure is as follows:

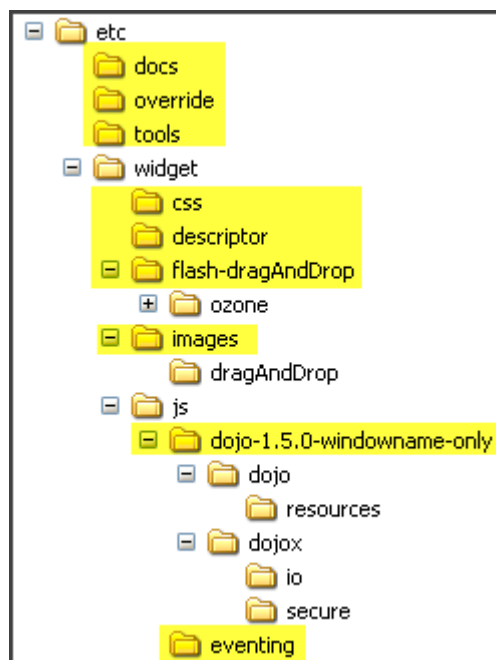


Figure 1: Configuration and Development File Locations

Within the highlighted folder structure, you will find the following:

- `/etc/docs` – OWF Performance Metrics `.doc`
- `/etc/override` – Customizable override files for behavioral changes within OWF
- `/etc/tools` – Executable files for the creation of certificates and theme bundles
- `/etc/widgets/css` – Stylesheet with implemented drag and drop feedback
- `/etc/widgets/descriptor` – Template for a widget descriptor file

- **/etc/widget/flash-dragAndDrop -DragAndDropSupport.as** that enables drag and drop in flash/flex widgets
- **/etc/widget/images** – Images required for drag and drop feedback
- **etc/widget/js** – contains the following:
 - **owf-widget-debug.js** (OWF API for development)
 - **owf-widget-min.js** (OWF API for production)
 - **dojo-1.5.0-windowname-only** (required for Preferences API to work; previously located in the javascript directory)
 - **eventing** (required for Eventing API to work in IE7; previously located in the javascript directory)

2 Creating a Widget

2.1 Overview

Widgets in OWF are lightweight Web applications wrapped with a metadata definition that provide a description to the framework of how the widget should load. The widget metadata definition contains a number of fields including a URL, Default Name, Default Height, and Default Width properties.

OWF provides a suite of APIs that enable the Widget developer to extend their Web application through the use of inter-widget communication, user preferences, and internationalization. Each API is written in JavaScript so that widgets can be built in a large variety of Web technologies.

Three key factors to keep in mind when creating a Widget are:

- OWF supports and encourages a decentralized deployment model. Widgets are not required to be deployed on the same server as OWF and can be distributed throughout the enterprise.
- OWF is Web-technology agnostic. Widgets can be written in the JavaScript capable technology of the developer's choice. Web enabled applications have been built in varied technologies such as JavaScript (EXTJS, Dojo), Java (JSPs, GWT, JSF, Groovy on Grails), .NET (ASP.NET, C# .NET), Scripting Languages (PHP, Perl, Ruby on Rails), and Rich UI Frameworks/Plugins (Flex, Silverlight, Google Earth Plugin, Java Applets).
- OWF 6.0 added DOCTYPE. In most browsers, widgets will not be affected, as they will still be rendered in the mode to which they would otherwise default. However, in IE9, the rendering mode of child iframes (which is what widgets are) is affected by the rendering mode of the parent page. Therefore, widgets that do not have a DOCTYPE, and which would expect to be rendered in quirks mode, will instead be rendered in standards mode in IE9. This may impact the appearance of some widgets. Note, this is an issue existing in IE9 and not OWF.

This document assumes that the reader has a development background and is familiar with their chosen technology stack. The walkthrough found throughout this document will focus on building a simple HTML/JavaScript Web application deployed to a Java Application Server.

2.2 Walkthrough

This walkthrough explains the process of creating a simple Announcing Clock Widget using HTML and JavaScript, bundling the widget into a Web Application Archive (.war) file, and deploying that .war file to a server.

Note: All samples can be found in \owf-sample-widgets.zip

Step 1: Create the proper directory structure

All Web applications use a standard hierarchy of subdirectories and special files. The root of the hierarchy defines the document root of the Web Application. In this walkthrough the root directory will be the webapp directory. Accordingly, create a directory named **webapp**. (OWF ships with a webapp directory under \src\main in all the sample widget's folders.)

All files under the webapp directory can be served to the client, except for files under the special directory **WEB-INF**. Under the webapp directory create a directory named **WEB-INF**. The **WEB-INF** directory houses files that are integral to the running of the Web application, but are not directly accessible from a discrete URL.

Next, create a new file called **web.xml** in the **WEB-INF** directory. The **web.xml** is the Web application deployment descriptor that configures the Web application.

Copy and paste the following code into the **web.xml** file:

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<web-app version="2.4" xmlns="http://java.sun.com/xml/ns/j2ee"
  xmlns:xsi="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema-instance"
  xsi:schemaLocation="http://java.sun.com/xml/ns/j2ee
    http://java.sun.com/xml/ns/j2ee/web-app_2_4.xsd">
  <display-name>Simple Announcing Clock Widget</display-name>
</web-app>
```

The directory structure should read as follows:



Figure 2: Directory Structure

Step 2: Create the Simple Announcing Clock Widget

OWF ships with sample file found in **AnnouncingClock.html** which is located in the OWF Sample Widgets bundle under the following directory:

html-widget.zip\src\main\webapp\clock.

To create the **AnnouncingClock.html** file in the **webapp** directory instead of using the sample that ships with OWF, copy and paste the following code into the **AnnouncingClock.html** file:

```

<html>
<head>
<script type="text/javascript">
function updateClock ( )
{
    var currentTime = new Date ( );
    var currentHours = currentTime.getHours ( );
    var currentMinutes = currentTime.getMinutes ( );
    var currentSeconds = currentTime.getSeconds ( );

    // Pad the minutes and seconds with leading zeros, if required
    currentMinutes = ( currentMinutes < 10 ? "0" : "" ) + currentMinutes;
    currentSeconds = ( currentSeconds < 10 ? "0" : "" ) + currentSeconds;

    // Choose either "AM" or "PM" as appropriate
    var timeOfDay = ( currentHours < 12 ) ? "AM" : "PM";

    // Convert the hours component to 12-hour format if needed
    currentHours = ( currentHours > 12 ) ? currentHours - 12 : currentHours;

    // Convert an hours component of "0" to "12"
    currentHours = ( currentHours == 0 ) ? 12 : currentHours;

    // Compose the string for display
    var currentTimeString = currentHours + ":" + currentMinutes + ":" + currentSeconds + " " +
timeOfDay;

    // Update the time display
    document.getElementById("clock").firstChild.nodeValue = currentTimeString; }
</script>
</head>
<body onload="updateClock(); setInterval('updateClock()', 1000 )">
    The time is: <span id='clock'>&nbsp;</span>
</body>
</html>

```

With the addition of the `.html` file, the directory structure should now read as follows:



Figure 3: Directory Structure with AnnouncingClock.html File

When opened in a browser, the Announcing Clock Widget should look similar to [Figure 4: Simple Announcing Clock Widget](#), shown below.

Note: Use URL

`http(s)://servername.port/DIRECTORYFROMSTEP_2/announcing-clock/AnnouncingClock.html.`

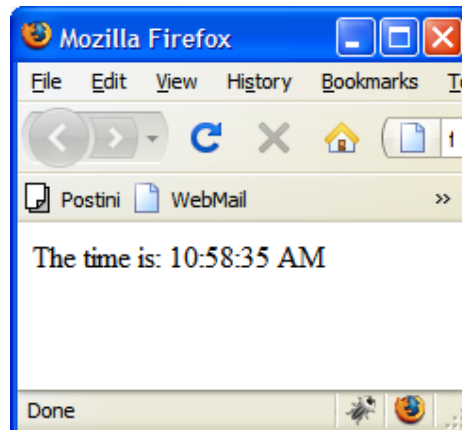


Figure 4: Simple Announcing Clock Widget

Step 3: Create a .war file

A **.war** file is a Web application compressed into a single file. While directories and files can be copied directly onto the Web server, it is easier and more common to use a **.war** file.

To create the **.war** file for the Announcing Clock Widget, open a command prompt and navigate to the **\webapp** directory created in [2.2: Walkthrough](#). From the directory, the following command should be run:

```
jar cvf announcing-clock.war .
```

*Note: The command path must contain a JDK bin folder. For example:
path=C:\Program Files\Java\jdk1.6.0_18\bin;%PATH%*

Step 4: Deploy the .war file to the Server

The deployment method used depends on the Web application server. For the prepackaged OWF Tomcat server, the process is as simple as copying the **.war** file into the **apache-tomcat-7.0.21\webapps** directory on the Web application server. In the event that a particular application server has different requirements, the appropriate Java application server documentation should be consulted for information on how the **.war** file should be deployed.

*Note: To create a sample widget using Jetty, an additional context file needs to be added to the **\jetty-6.1.11\contexts** folder. For this clock example, create a **clock-context.xml** with the following data:*

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="ISO-8859-1"?>
<!DOCTYPE Configure PUBLIC "-//Mort Bay Consulting//DTD Configure//EN"
"http://jetty.mortbay.org/configure.dtd">
<Configure class="org.mortbay.jetty.webapp.WebAppContext">
  <Set name="contextPath">/announcing-clock</Set>
  <Set name="war">
  <SystemProperty name="jetty.home" default="."/>/webapps/AnnouncingClock.war</Set>
```

</Configure>

2.3 Additional Considerations

2.3.1 Utility JS API

The JavaScript Utility API is provided to allow the widget developer to determine whether or not the widget is running inside OWF. This is useful if the widget needs to render differently or have different defaults depending on whether or not it is running internal or external to OWF. For instance, if a widget is supposed to turn on logging when running inside OWF, the widget developer can use the JavaScript Utility API to determine this.

Note: In some previous versions of OWF, a widget launched outside of OWF would spawn an error in an alert window. Now, a widget can be launched and used outside OWF. And while certain features, both specific and critical to OWF, such as the launch of security alert windows, widget preferences, and widget eventing, will not operate outside OWF, the error alert window will not launch, provided the widget URL is NOT appended with "owf=true". Moreover, APIs can often throw exceptions which can make a widget fail to load.

While originally defined in `js\util\widget_utils.js`, the interface object now resides within the `Ozone.util` namespace. The entire namespace has been included in the OWF Widget JS bundles (both debug and min) for convenience.

Namespace Summary

	<u>OWF.Util</u>
	Provides OWF utility methods for the widget developer

Method Summary

<static>	<u>OWF.Util.cloneDashboard()</u> Clones dashboard and returns a dashboard cfg object that can be used to create new dashboards.
<static>	<u>OWF.Util.getFlashApp(id)</u> This method returns flash/flex dom element from dom.
<static>	<u>OWF.Util.guid()</u> Returns a globally unique identifier (guid).
<static>	<u>OWF.Util.isInContainer()</u>

	This method informs a widget developer if their widget is running in a Container, like OWF
<code><static></code>	<p><code>OWF.Util.<u>isRunningInOWF</u>()</code></p> <p>This method informs a widget developer if their widget is running from the OWF or from a direct URL call.</p>

2.3.2 Widget Best Practices

Due to the complexity of the OWF APIs, a widget's ability to signal that it is ready to communicate with other widgets provides a helpful tool for developers. This ready signal is typically sent after the widget has subscribed to channels, registered RPC functions and Intents, etc. Starting with OWF 6, there is a standard way for widgets to signal this ready status.

In order to signal that it is ready, a widget calls `OWF.notifyWidgetReady()` after it is finished setting up any communication mechanisms. The OWF Development Team recommends that any widget that uses OWF APIs makes the call. However, widgets that use the [Widget Intents API](#)'s receive method must make this call.

2.3.3 OWF Bundled JavaScript

All required OWF JavaScript is now minified and bundled into one JavaScript file, found in `apache-tomcat-7.0.21\webapps\owf.war\js-min`. This will shield widget developers from future changes or upgrades to the underlying JavaScript files. This file can be included in a local `.war` file and referenced from a relative URL, helping make widgets less dependent on a specific instance of OWF. In the absence of said `.war` file, the minified bundle may be included from the location below:

```
<script type="text/javascript" src="https://servername:port/owf/js-min/owf-widget-min.js"></script>
```

2.3.3.1 Debug Version of the OWF Bundled JavaScript

A debug version of OWF Bundled JavaScript is also provided. Developers can find `owf-widget-debug.js` and `owf-widget-min.js` in `apache-tomcat-7.0.21\webapps\owf.war\js-min`. The files are not minified and are useful for debugging. The version of OWF Bundled JavaScript may be included from the location below:

```
<script type="text/javascript" src="https://servername:port/owf/js-min/owf-widget-debug.js"></script>
```

Note: As a best practice, developers should include the file in the local .war file and referenced from a relative URL; this helps make the widget's .war file less dependent on a specific OWF instance.

2.3.3.2 Full Listing of JavaScript files

It is recommended that developers use the OWF bundled JavaScript file. However, to aid in development a full list of all JavaScript files included in the bundle is below:

```
<script type="text/javascript" src="https://servername:port/owf/js-lib/dojo-1.5.0-windowname-only/dojo/owfdojo.js.uncompressed.js "></script>
<script type="text/javascript" src="https://servername:port/owf/js/util/pageload.js"></script>
<script type="text/javascript" src="https://servername:port/owf/js/util/version.js"></script>
<script type="text/javascript" src="https://servername:port/owf/js/util/util.js"></script>
<script type="text/javascript" src="https://servername:port/owf/js/util/guid.js"></script>
<script type="text/javascript" src="https://servername:port/owf/js/components/keys/HotKeys.js"></script>
<script type="text/javascript"
src="https://servername:port/owf/js/components/keys/KeyEventSender.js"></script>
<script type="text/javascript" src="https://servername:port/owf/js/lang/ozone-lang.js"></script>
<script type="text/javascript" src="https://servername:port/owf/js/lang/DateJs/globalization/en-US.js"></script>
<script type="text/javascript" src="https://servername:port/owf/js/util/transport.js"></script>
<script type="text/javascript" src="https://servername:port/owf/js/util/widget_utils.js"></script>
<script type="text/javascript" src="https://servername:port/owf/js-lib/shindig/util.js"></script>
<script type="text/javascript" src="https://servername:port/owf/js-lib/shindig/json.js"></script>
<script type="text/javascript" src="https://servername:port/owf/js-lib/shindig/rpc.js"></script>
<script type="text/javascript" src="https://servername:port/owf/js-lib/shindig/pubsub.js"></script>
<script type="text/javascript" src="https://servername:port/owf/js-lib/log4javascript/log4javascript.js"></script>
<script type="text/javascript" src="https://servername:port/owf/js/util/log.js"></script>
<script type="text/javascript" src="https://servername:port/owf/js/pref/preference.js"></script>
<script type="text/javascript" src="https://servername:port/owf/js/eventing/Widget.js"></script>
<script type="text/javascript" src="https://servername:port/owf/js/intents/WidgetIntents.js"></script>
<script type="text/javascript" src="https://servername:port/owf/js/chrome/WidgetChrome.js"></script>
<script type="text/javascript" src="https://servername:port/owf/js/dd/WidgetDragAndDrop.js"></script>
<script type="text/javascript" src="https://servername:port/owf/js/launcher/WidgetLauncher.js"></script>
<script type="text/javascript"
src="https://servername:port/owf/js/state/WidgetStateHandler.js"></script>
<script type="text/javascript" src="https://servername:port/owf/js/state/WidgetState.js"></script>
<script type="text/javascript" src="https://servername:port/owf/js/eventing/WidgetProxy.js"></script>
<script type="text/javascript" src="https://servername:port/owf/js/kernel/kernel-client.js"></script>
<script type="text/javascript" src="https://servername:port/owf/js/metrics/BaseMetrics.js"></script>
<script type="text/javascript" src="https://servername:port/owf/js/widget/Widget.js"></script>
<script type="text/javascript" src="https://servername:port/owf/js/widget/widgetInit.js"></script>
```

Replace all occurrences of <https://servername:port> with the name of the server where OWF is running, for example, <https://www.yourcompany.com:8443>.

2.3.4 OWF Bundled JavaScript and Dojo

The OWF bundled JavaScript file includes a custom build of the Dojo JavaScript Toolkit. This custom build of Dojo remaps `dojo` to `owfdojo`. This allows widget developers to include their own version of Dojo using the default `dojo` namespace. In addition, if Dojo, from the previous OWF bundled JavaScript file, is in use, `owfdojo` must be used or a custom version of Dojo must be imported.

3 Adding a Widget to OWF

3.1 Overview

OWF provides a Widget Manager, located by clicking the Administration button on the toolbar in the application. Administrators can use the manager to create widget descriptor files and add widget definitions to OWF. The manager allows an administrator to complete the widget definition or edit the descriptor URL in the user interface, then OWF maps the widget to users in the system. Once a widget definition has been created and mapped to a user, it will then be added to the user's Favorites Menu or toolbar depending on the widget type.

Due to the fact that a widget definition actually points to the URL of a lightweight Web application, an administrator is not required to update widget definitions unless the location of the widget changes.

3.2 Walkthrough

3.2.1 Creating Descriptor Files for App Components

Developers can save the App Component information in the descriptor file and then share that file with administrators. This allows administrators to import data instead of typing entries for each field. The administrator simply enters a URL and the app component's information is automatically retrieved from a descriptor file that a developer maintains. Administrators can change properties in the app component's definition once it has been added to OWF. However, an administrator's changes will only affect their deployment of OWF, unless the administrator exports those changes to the Web-accessible location where the descriptor URLs are stored.

Descriptor URLs offer several benefits. They reduce the risk of typing errors when entering app component data into the OWF interface. They allow for several installations of OWF to easily share app component information via the descriptor file. In addition, descriptor files can contain a universal name which is a developer-generated, custom identifier that can be used to identify the app component across multiple OWF instances.

To create an app component descriptor URL, follow these instructions:

- 1) Sign in to OWF as an administrator.
- 2) Click the Administration, located on the drop-down User Menu button on the toolbar and select App Components to open the App Component Manager.
- 3) Click Create to open the App Component Editor.
- 4) Click "Don't have a descriptor URL?"

Populate the mandatory fields in the definition and click Apply.

Note: For more information about specific entry fields, please see the Administrator's Guide.

- 5) **OPTIONAL:** Add the capability to send intents. An Intent is simply an object describing an action and a data type. Sending an Intent should be tied to a user-generated action such as clicking a button or link. (If the app component does not require an intent, skip this step.)

Developers should use the App Component Editor to add and edit intents.

- a) To add an intent, select the Intents tab in the App Component Editor and click Create.
 - b) Populate the following fields:
 - i. **Action** - The Action should be a verb describing what the user is trying to do (i.e. plot, pan, zoom, view, graph, etc.).
Note: Intents are NOT case sensitive.
 - ii. **Data Type** - The Data Type is an object containing the data that the intent is sending. It describes what type of data is being acted upon. The data type format is described in [12.4.1: Recommended Intents data type conventions](#).
The format of the data depends solely on how the sending or receiving widget is expecting to use the data. For example, "application/vnd.owf.sample.price" tells the NYSE App Component's how to display price.
 - iii. **Send** – Checked by default, this field identifies if the app component can send intents.
 - iv. **Receive** – This field identifies if the widget can receive intents.
 - c) Click OK.
- 6) Return to the App Component Manager:
- a) Select the new App Component.
 - b) Click the split Edit button, then select Export from the drop-down menu.
- 7) Enter a File Name (this will be the name of the **HTML** descriptor file) and click OK.
- 8) Save the file to a Web-accessible location like a directory where app component data is stored.
- 9) Return to the OWF user interface and open the App Component Manager. Select the new app component, and click Edit.
- 10) From the App Component Editor, enter the new Descriptor URL location, click Load, then, click Apply.

Note: From the App Component Editor, administrators can edit the app component descriptor URL. However, those changes will not change the

“master” copy of the descriptor unless they replace the descriptor file stored at the Web-accessible location referenced above.

3.2.2 Sharing Widget Descriptor Files

There are two ways to share widget descriptors:

- a) **Export the file** – To obtain an exportable **HTML** file, select the widget in the Widget Manager, click the split edit button and select Export. Exporting the widget descriptor URL only sends a copy of the file. The administrator will not receive future updates to that file that is stored on the Web-accessible location.
- b) **Share the widget descriptor location** - Sending a link to the widget descriptor file that is stored on a Web-accessible location will enable the administrator to receive updates to the widget descriptor URL by clicking Load, then Apply in the Widget Editor.

4 Adding the Eventing API to the Widget

4.1 Overview

In order to create rich, interactive and integrated presentation-tier workflows, widgets must be able to communicate with each other; this is done via Eventing. The Eventing Framework is a client-side browser communication mechanism that allows widgets to communicate with each other by using an asynchronous publish-subscribe messaging system.

Widgets have the ability to send and receive data on specifically named channels. All widgets can be built so they can publish messages to any channel, just as all widgets can be built to subscribe to any channel at any time.

There are two main components to the Eventing Framework. First is the supporting infrastructure within each dashboard that routes messages. This piece is already implemented by OWF, and is mentioned only to explain how the Eventing infrastructure works. Second, and of more direct interest to widget developers, is the infrastructure available to each widget, detailed below.

4.2 Walkthrough

This walkthrough will go through the process of creating a new widget called `SecondTracker`. The new widget will use the Eventing API to track how many seconds the Announcing Clock Widget has been running. See the section [2.2: Walkthrough](#) section for more information on the proposed directory structure.

Note: The full code can be found in `SecondTracker.html` located in the OWF Sample Widgets bundle under the `\html-widgets.zip\src\main\webapp\clock`.

1) Copy relay file

From the unzipped bundle, go to the `\javascript\eventing` folder, and copy the file `rpc_relay.uncompressed.html`. Paste it into the `owf-server-bundle\samples\html-widget\src\main\webapp` folder.

2) Create the SecondTracker Widget

In the `webapp` folder, create a file called `SecondTracker.html`. Copy and paste the following code into the file:

```

<html>
<head>
  <title>Second Tracker</title>
</head>
<body>
  <div class="widgetContents">
    <div class="panel-header">
      Second Tracker
    </div>

    <div class="panel-body">
      <table class="messagePanel">
        <tr>
          <td width="50%">Current Time:</td>
          <td><span id="currentTime"></span><br/> </td>
        </tr>
        <tr>
          <td width="50%">Connection Uptime (s):</td>
          <td><span id='minutesOnline'>0</span> </td>
        </tr>
        <tr>
          <td width="50%">Received on channel: </td>
          <td><span id="channelName"></span> </td>
        </tr>
      </table>
      <div id="tracker-error-panel" class="error-panel">
        <span id="error"></span>
      </div>
    </div>
  </div></body>
</html>

```

3) Import the JavaScript files

To add the Eventing API to the widget, include the event manager script and its dependencies. To do this, copy and paste the following script tags into the head of the **SecondTracker.html** file:

```
<script type="text/javascript" src="https://servername:port/owf/js-min/owf-widget-min.js"></script>
```

Replace all occurrences of **https://servername:port** with the name of the server where OWF is running, for example, **https://www.yourcompany.com:8443**.

*Note: The **owf-widget-min.js** file may be replaced with the debug version and may be hosted locally. Refer to the section [2.3.2: Widget Best Practices](#) in its entirety for more details on **owf-minified** files.*

4) Add code that uses the Eventing API to subscribe to a channel

Copy and paste the following code into the head of the **SecondTracker.html** file:

```

<script type="text/javascript">
//The location is assumed to be at /<context>/js/eventing/rpc_relay.uncompressed.html if it is not
set
OWF.relayFile = '/owf-sample-html/js/eventing/rpc_relay.uncompressed.html';

function trackerInit() {
    document.getElementById('currentTime').innerHTML = new Date();

    var launchConfig = OWF.Launcher.getLaunchData();

    if(!launchConfig) {
        // Not launched
        document.getElementById("error").innerHTML = "Widget was launched manually";
        document.getElementById("tracker-error-panel").style.display = 'block';

        // Receive clock broadcast in a default manner
        OWF.Eventing.subscribe("ClockChannel", this.update);
    }
    else {
        // We are expecting the channel to listen on to be passed in dynamically.
        // Update it on the page
        var launchConfigJson = OWF.Util.parseJson(launchConfig);
        var channelToUse = launchConfigJson.channel;

        document.getElementById("channelName").innerHTML = channelToUse;

        // initialize the time clock on the page.
        document.getElementById('currentTime').innerHTML = new Date();

        // Make sure we do not see the error panel
        document.getElementById("tracker-error-panel").style.display = 'none';

        OWF.Eventing.subscribe(channelToUse, this.update);
    }
}

/**
 * The function called every time a message is received on the eventing channel
 */
var update = function(sender, msg) {
    var count = parseInt(document.getElementById('minutesOnline').innerHTML);
    count = count +1;
    document.getElementById('minutesOnline').innerHTML = count;
    document.getElementById('currentTime').innerHTML = msg;
};

owfdojo.addOnLoad(function() {
    OWF.ready(trackerInit);
});

</script>

```


The code above performs several functions:

- a) The `relayFile` is configured by setting `OWF.relayFile` to the location of the file. (In the above example `owf-sample.html` is assumed to be the root context.) The developer must replace `/owf-sample.html/js/eventing` with the correct relative location of the `rpc_relay.uncompressed.html` file (see the note below for more information).

*Note: Pay attention to the `OWF` relay file argument. In order to work correctly, the relay **file must be specified with full location details, but without a fully qualified path**. In the case where the relay is residing at `http://server/path/relay.html`, the path used must be from the context root of the local widget. In this case, it would be `/path/relay.html`. Do not include the protocol.*

Within the first method, `trackerInit`, the widget subscribes to the channel `ClockChannel`, passing in its update function. To do this, include additional logic that determines if `SecondTracker` was launched using the `WidgetLaunch` API. Please see [7: Widget Launcher API](#) for additional details.

- b) The second method, `update`, serves as a callback for the Eventing framework. Whenever a message is broadcast on the channel that the update function was subscribed to (in this case, `ClockChannel`), the function will be invoked. All Eventing callback functions should take two arguments - sender and message. When the update function is fired, the count is incremented, and the `innerHTML` of the `currentTime` span is updated to reflect the message sent by the clock.
- c) The third method contains code to be executed when the page loads. `OWF.ready` is called when the page loads by the line below:

```
owfdojo.addOnLoad(function() {  
    OWF.ready(trackerInit);  
});
```

Opening the `SecondTracker` widget (`http(s)://servername:port/announcing-clock/SecondTraker.html`) in a browser should look similar to the following figure.

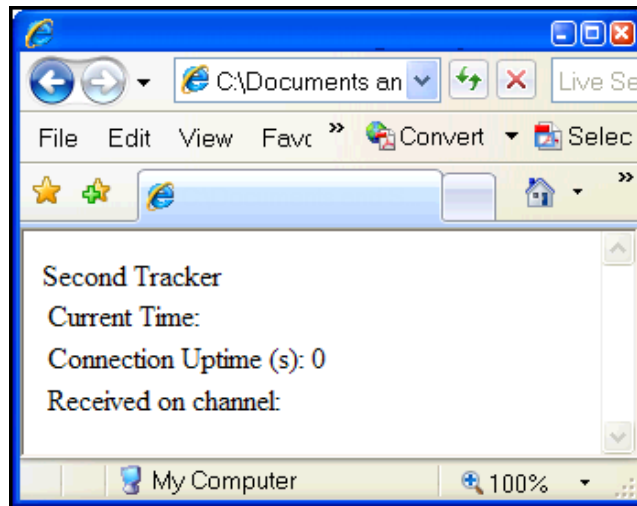


Figure 5: SecondTracker Widget

5) Update the Announcing Clock Widget to use the Eventing API to publish to a channel

The AnnouncingClock must be updated to publish messages on the expected channel.

Replace the code in the `AnnouncingClock.html` file with the following:

```
<html>
<head>
<title>Announcing Tracker</title>

// This line includes the debug API included in the AnnouncingClock's sample webapp directory.
// In a production environment and an OWF bundle, owf-widget-debug.js is located in the
// /owf/js-min directory.
<script type="text/javascript" src="../../js/owf-widget-debug.js"></script>

<script type="text/javascript">
//The location is assumed to be at /<context>/js/eventing/rpc_relay.uncompressed.html if it is not
set
OWF.relayFile = '/owf-sample-html/js/eventing/rpc_relay.uncompressed.html';

var logger = OWF.Log.getDefaultLogger();
var appender = logger.getEffectiveAppenders()[0];

// Enable logging
appender.setThreshold(log4javascript.Level.INFO);
OWF.Log.setEnabled(false);

function updateClock() {
    var currentTime = new Date ( );

    var currentHours = currentTime.getHours ( );
    var currentMinutes = currentTime.getMinutes ( );
```

```

    var currentSeconds = currentTime.getSeconds ( );

    // Pad the minutes and seconds with leading zeros, if required
    currentMinutes = ( currentMinutes < 10 ? "0" : "" ) + currentMinutes;
    currentSeconds = ( currentSeconds < 10 ? "0" : "" ) + currentSeconds;

    // Choose either "AM" or "PM" as appropriate
    var timeOfDay = ( currentHours < 12 ) ? "AM" : "PM";

    // Convert the hours component to 12-hour format if needed
    currentHours = ( currentHours > 12 ) ? currentHours - 12 : currentHours;

    // Convert an hours component of "0" to "12"
    currentHours = ( currentHours == 0 ) ? 12 : currentHours;

    // Compose the string for display
    var currentTimeString = currentHours + ":" + currentMinutes + ":" + currentSeconds + " " +
timeOfDay;

    // Update the time display
    document.getElementById("clock").firstChild.nodeValue = currentTimeString;

    OWF.Eventing.publish("ClockChannel", currentTimeString);

    // Log a message
    if (currentSeconds % 10 == 0) {
        logger.debug(currentTimeString);
    }
}

function initPage() {
    updateClock();

    msg = 'Running in OWF: ' + (OWF.Util.isRunningInOWF())?"Yes":"No");

    document.getElementById("message-panel").innerHTML = msg;
    document.getElementById("message-panel").style.display = 'block';

    setInterval('updateClock()', 1000 )
}

owfdojo.addOnLoad(function() {
    OWF.ready(initPage);
});
</script>
</head>
<body>
    <div class="widgetContents">

        <div class="panel-header">
            Announcing Clock
        </div>

```

```
<div id="error-panel" class="error-panel">
</div>

<div class="panel-body">
  <div class="clock-frame">
    <span id="clock">&nbsp;</span>
  </div>
</div>

<div class="button-panel">
</div>

<div id="message-panel" class="message-panel">
</div>

</div>

</body>

</html>
```

Notice, that the following JavaScript has been added into the head of the **AnnouncingClock.html** file created in the [2.2: Walkthrough](#):

```
<script type="text/javascript" src="../../js/owf-widget-debug.js"></script>
```

*Note: In production environments, **owf-widget-debug.js** is found in the **js-min** directory.*

The **updateClock** function has been modified to publish the current time. See the code snippet below:

```
OWF.Eventing.publish("ClockChannel", currentTimeString);
```

Once complete, any widget that subscribes to **ClockChannel** will receive messages broadcast from this widget. Once this widget is closed, the broadcast will stop.

The full code can be found in **AnnouncingClock_Eventing.html** located in the OWF Sample Widgets bundle under the **\html-widgets.zip\src\main\webapp\clock** directory.

6) Deploy changes

To implement the changes, deploy the **SecondTracker.html** and the modified **AnnouncingClock.html** files to the Web application server. (The deployment method used depends on the Web application server. Usually it can be done by re-bundling the **.war** file with the new **SecondTracker.html** and **AnnouncingClock.html** files and then copying the **.war** file into the **\webapps** directory on the Web application server. See the Web application server documentation for information on the best practices for deploying changes.)

7) Add the SecondTracker and Announcing Clock Widgets to OWF

For the Eventing to function correctly, add the `SecondTracker.html` and the modified `AnnouncingClock.html` files to OWF via the OWF Admin page. For details on how to do this, see section [3: Adding a Widget to OWF](#).

8) Testing the SecondTracker and Announcing Clock Widgets in OWF

To launch and test the newly modified widgets, deploy them on OWF. For details, please see the walkthrough in section [3.2: Walkthrough](#).

4.3 Additional Considerations

4.3.1 Channel Conventions

It is important to use a unique channel name so widgets are not accidentally published or subscribed to a pre-existing channel. One approach is to use a hierarchical naming pattern with the levels of the hierarchy separated by a dot (.). To form a unique channel, prefix the channel name with a customer domain name reversing the component order. For example, if developing a widget for a company with the domain name of `mycompany.com`, the channel name's prefix would be `com.mycompany`. From that point, naming conventions for an individual's organization can be used to complete the channel name.

4.3.2 Required Includes

Here is the complete list of scripts needed to successfully use the eventing API:

```
<link href="../../css/dragAndDrop.css" rel="stylesheet" type="text/css">
<script type="text/javascript" src="https://servername:port/owf/js-min/owf-widget-min.js"></script>
<script type="text/javascript">
    //The location is assumed to be at <context>/js/eventing/rpc_relay.uncompressed.html if it is not
    set
    //OWF.relayFile = '<context>/js/eventing/rpc_relay.uncompressed.html';
</script>
```

Replace all occurrences of `https://servername:port` with the name of the server where OWF is running, for example, `https://www.yourcompany.com:8443`.

Replace all occurrences of `<context>` with the root context of your Web application

4.3.3 Payload Conventions - Data Encoding and RESTful Eventing

It is acceptable to directly encode the data broadcasted on Eventing channels as a simple string. This approach works when sending only a single variable. While a flat string would require the least amount of overhead, it leads to rigid code in the data, especially

if the complexity of the sent data increases, because the code that parses the string may not be flexible. In that case, refactoring the message payload may break contract with established listening widgets.

Sending JSON objects with the data directly embedded is an approach that leads to considerably more flexible code. This process allows for the adding of additional data without having to recode widgets that may not have been updated to communicate with the most current version of the broadcasting widget.

While simple strings and JSON objects will work well for many use cases, there are two situations in which widget developers can run into issues:

- a) The information that is being sent has potential security concerns.
- b) The size of information to be passed is large (such as a data set with hundreds of rows). Sending large quantities of information across the client browser can cause memory and performance issues.

The solution in both cases is to send a reference to the information rather than the information itself. The standardized best practice for sending said information is to send a REST URI encoded as a JSON object that contains the correct way to look up this information. The JSON object would then be parsed by the receiving widget and acted upon appropriately.

Currently, the standardized JSON object has only one field, `dataURI`. Later versions of this standard may contain additional fields. Adhering to this standard will ensure that other OWF compliant widgets will be able to communicate effectively.

A sample JSON object with a REST URI is described below:

```
{
  dataURI: 'https://server/restful/path/to/object'
}
```

For a widget to make information available to other OWF widgets, by exposing a REST API, it is important to guarantee that REST information will be accessible via cross-domain through AJAX calls. By default, many browsers will prevent such a call from succeeding and therefore developers must take explicit steps to make their application function correctly.

The recommended approach is to use Dojo's `window.name` technique. The Dojo `windowname` library is already included with OWF as it is the solution that OWF uses to make cross-domain AJAX calls to the Preference API.

More details can be found about the `window.name` technique here:

<http://www.sitepen.com/blog/2008/07/22/windowname-transport/>

Two additional techniques that developers may wish to take into consideration are:

- JSONP, details of which can be found here:
<http://bob.pythonmac.org/archives/2005/12/05/remote-json-jsonp/>

→ Subspace, details of which can be found here:
<http://www2007.org/papers/paper801.pdf>

4.3.4 Eventing Browser Limitations

Microsoft Internet Explorer 7 has a maximum URL length of 2,083 characters.

See the the Microsoft knowledge base article for more information

<http://support.microsoft.com/kb/208427>.

In versions of OWF prior to OWF 5, this limit on the URL would also limit the maximum size of the eventing message payload in Internet Explorer 7. However in the current version of OWF upgrades were made to allow more than 2,000 characters to be sent. This was accomplished by breaking up the large messages into smaller chunks each less than 2k in size and sending each chunk individually. This approach allows larger messages to be sent at the cost of performance. It is still recommended to follow guidelines in section [4.3.3: Payload Conventions - Data Encoding and RESTful Eventing](#) due to the concerns described in that section.

4.3.5 Eventing API Enhancements

OWF automatically enables eventing and drag and drop. By automatically enabling eventing, a widget in a floating window (like the Desktop or Tabbed Dashboards) activates when a user clicks inside it. Without eventing, users would have to click once to focus the widget and then click a second time to activate it. Eventing also activates drag and drop indicators. For example, a widget will activate when a user drags the mouse over it.

5 Adding the Preferences API to a Widget

5.1 Overview

The OWF Preference JavaScript API provides a convenient mechanism for the widget developer to store user specific data to the OWF database. A user preference is simply a string value that is uniquely mapped to a user, name and namespace combination. In the walkthrough below, a military time checkbox will be added to the Announcing Clock widget developed in the section [2.2: Walkthrough](#). The state of this check box, whether it has been checked or not, is stored in a user preference. The following is a screenshot of this preference taken from OWF's Preference dialog:

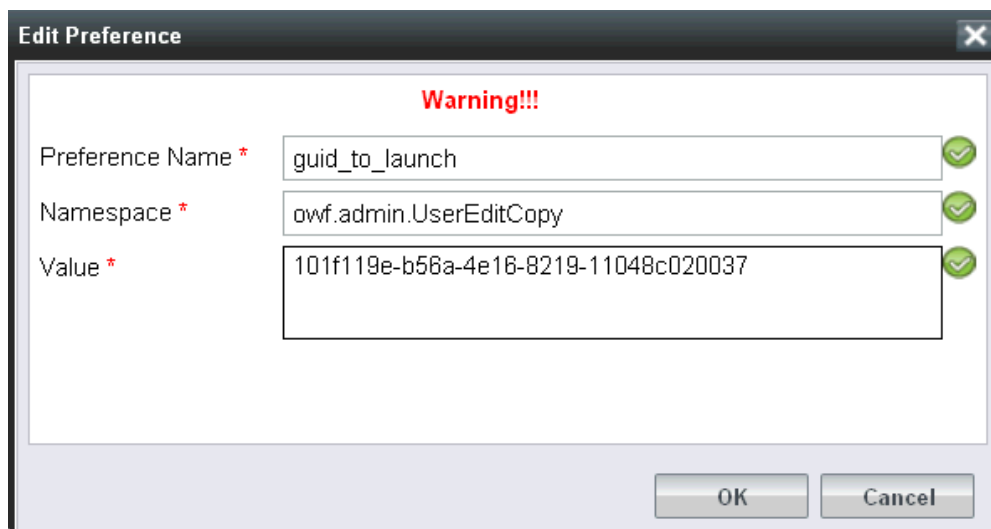


Figure 6: Preferences Dialog

The namespace should use a hierarchical naming pattern to avoid a naming collision with other widgets. The value can be any string value including JSON.

The preference API comprises the following:

- **getUserPreference**({namespace: 'namespace', name: 'name', onSuccess: onSuccess, onFailure: onFailure});
- **setUserPreference**({namespace: 'namespace', name: 'name', value: 'value', onSuccess: onSuccess, onFailure: onFailure});
- **deleteUserPreference**({namespace: 'namespace', name: 'name', onSuccess: onSuccess, onFailure: onFailure});

Each of these methods communicates with the server asynchronously and therefore requires the use of callback functions to provide the results of the requested operation.

The **onSuccess** callback for all three of the above functions expects an argument to be passed in; a JSON object of the following structure:

```
{
  "value": "true",
  "path": "militaryTime",
  "user": {
    "userId": "testAdmin1"
  },
  "namespace": "com.mycompany.AnnouncingClock"
}
```

In **getUserPreference**, this is the preference retrieved. In **setUserPreference**, this is the preference object to be created. And in **deleteUserPreference**, this is the object deleted.

If an object is not found on a **getUserPreference**, an empty JSON object is returned to the **onSuccess** function, such that it looks like this:

```
{
  // no attributes
}
```

If an error occurs, such as a 500: Internal Server Error, the **onFailure** callback is executed. It has two arguments, as follows:

```
function onFailure(errorMessage,statusCode){
  alert('Error ' + errorMessage);
  alert(statusCode);
}
```

errorMessage is a String describing the issue, while **errorCode** is a numeric code indicating the HTTP error code returned by the server.

5.2 Walkthrough

This walkthrough will expand on the `AnnouncingClock.html` widget created in the section [2.2: Walkthrough](#), by adding a “Military Time” checkbox whose state is stored in the OWF database using the OWF preference JavaScript API.

Step 1: Copy over Dojo’s window name transport

Dojo’s window name transport is used for secure cross-domain browser based data transfer. The OWF Preference JavaScript API uses this transport when the widget is hosted on a different Web application server than OWF. This has file resources that should be located in the same Web application server as the widget.

- 1) Create a `js` directory under the `webapp` directory.

- 2) Copy the `javascript\dojo-1.5.0-windowname-only` directory from the OWF bundle to the `js` directory created above.

Step 2: Add the Required Libraries

The following JavaScript libraries must be added to the `AnnouncingClock.html` and are required for the proper execution of the OWF Preference JavaScript API. Add the following script statements right after the opening head tag:

```
<script type="text/javascript" src="https://servername:port/owf/js-min/owf-widget-min.js"></script>
<script type="text/javascript">
owfdojo.config.dojoBlankHtmlUrl = '../js/dojo-1.5.0-windowname-only/dojo/resources/blank.html';
</script>
```

Replace all occurrences of `https://servername:port` with the name of the server where OWF is running, for example, `https://www.yourcompany.com:8443`. Additionally, be sure to verify that the `windowname` library paths point to the local installation.

Step 3: Add the Military Time Checkbox

Add the HTML markup for the check box inside the body tag after ` ` (the clock span tag) in the `AnnouncingClock.html` file:

```
<br>Use Military Time:<input id="checkboxMilitaryTime" type="checkbox"
onClick="militaryTimeCheckboxChanged(this.checked);"/>
```

The `onClick` event will be used to save the state of the check box.

Step 4: Persist the Checkbox State

Add the following code within the script tag:

```
function onSetFailure(error,status) {
    OWF.Util.ErrorDlg.show("Got an error updating preferences! Status Code: " + status
        + ". Error message: " + error);
};
function militaryTimeCheckboxChanged(checkedState) {
    this.militaryTime = checkedState;
    OWF.Preferences.setUserPreference(
        {namespace:'com.mycompany.AnnouncingClock',
        name:'militaryTime',
        value:checkedState,
        onSuccess:function(){},
        onFailure:onSetFailure});
}
```

Note: `OWF.Util.ErrorDlg.show` (as shown in the code block above) is a JavaScript method provided by the OWF team in the `owf/js/util/util.js` file. It launches a blocking error message similar to the built-in JavaScript alert method. Unlike the JavaScript alert method, which blocks use of the entire browser, this dialog will only block the particular widget in question, and NOT the entire browser session. While a developer is free to replace this method with any form of error display of their

*own, the OWF team **STRONGLY** discourages the use of the `window.alert` method as it blocks the use of all other widgets in the dashboard.*

OWF.Preferences.setUserPreference will create or update the following preferences:

- A *namespace* of 'com.mycompany.AnnouncingClock'
- A *name* of 'militaryTime'
- A *value* of either true or false depending on whether or not the military time checkbox is checked
- The callback function is executed if the user preference is successfully stored in the database. Since no action is required under a successful completion in this walkthrough, we are passing a no-op function.
- The *onFailure* callback function that will display the error message if an error occurs.

Step 5: Initialize the Checkbox with the Saved State

Change the body's onload event to `clockInit()`:

```
<body onload="clockInit(); setInterval('updateClock()', 1000 )">
```

Add the following code within the script tag:

```
function onGetFailure(error,status) {
    if (status != 404) {
        OWF.Util.ErrorDlg.show("Got an error getting preferences! Status Code: "
            + status + ". Error message: " + error);
    }
}

function onGetMilitaryTimeSuccess(pref){
    if (pref.value == 'true'){
        this.militaryTime = true;
        document.getElementById('checkboxMilitaryTime').checked = true;
    }
    else{
        this.militaryTime = false;
        document.getElementById('checkboxMilitaryTime').checked = false;
    }
    updateClock();
}

function clockInit (){
    OWF.Preferences.getUserPreference(
        {namespace: 'com.mycompany.AnnouncingClock',
        name: 'militaryTime',
        onSuccess: onGetMilitaryTimeSuccess,
        onFailure: onGetFailure});
}
```

The body's onload event calls the `clockInit` method which retrieves the user's `com.mycompany.AnnouncingClock.militaryTime` preference asynchronously.

After successfully retrieving the user preference, the `getUserPreference` method invokes the `onGetMilitaryTimeSuccess` callback function passing the retrieved preference object. The value is read from the preference object and is used to update the state of the checkbox in the Document Object Model (DOM).

Step 6: Update the Time Display to Accommodate Military Time

Replace the `updateClock` function with the following:

```
function updateClock ( ){
    var currentTime = new Date ( );
    var currentHours = currentTime.getHours ( );
    var currentMinutes = currentTime.getMinutes ( );
    var currentSeconds = currentTime.getSeconds ( );

    // Pad the minutes and seconds with leading zeros, if required
    currentMinutes = ( currentMinutes < 10 ? "0" : "" ) + currentMinutes;
    currentSeconds = ( currentSeconds < 10 ? "0" : "" ) + currentSeconds;

    var timeOfDay = '';
    // Convert the hours component to 12-hour format if needed
    if (!this.militaryTime)
    {
        // Choose either "AM" or "PM" as appropriate
        timeOfDay = ( currentHours < 12 ) ? "AM" : "PM";
        currentHours = ( currentHours > 12 ) ? currentHours - 12 : currentHours;
        // Convert an hours component of "0" to "12"
        currentHours = ( currentHours == 0 ) ? 12 : currentHours;
    }
    // Compose the string for display
    var currentTimeString = currentHours + ":" + currentMinutes + ":" + currentSeconds + " " + timeOfDay;

    // Update the time display
    document.getElementById("clock").firstChild.nodeValue = currentTimeString;
}
```

The current time will now be displayed in either regular or military time depending on the state of the military time checkbox.

Step 7: Create a .war File

A `.war` file is a Web application compressed into one file. While directories and files can be copied directly onto the Web server, it is easier, and more common to use a `.war` file.

To create the `.war` file for the announcing clock widget, open a command prompt and navigate to the `webapp` directory. Then run the following command:

```
jar cvf announcing-clock.war .
```

Step 8: Deploy the .war File to the Server

The deployment method used depends on the Web application server. Usually it is as simple as copying the `.war` file into the `webapps` directory on the Web application server. See the specific Web application server documentation for information on the best practices for deploying changes.

The widget should now look like this:

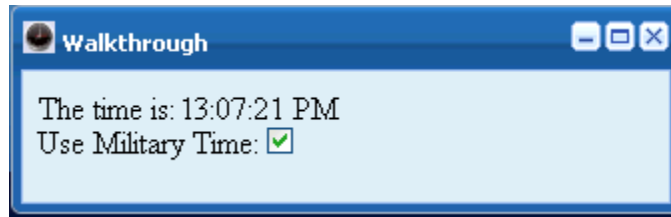


Figure 7: Announcing Clock Widget With Preferences API

The code for this walkthrough can be found in `AnnouncingClock_Preference.html` located in the OWF bundle under the `samples\html-widgets.zip\src\main\webapp\clock` directory.

Step 9: Testing the SecondTracker and Announcing Clock Widgets in OWF

To launch and test the newly modified widgets, they must be deployed to OWF. For details, please see section [3: Adding a Widget to OWF](#).

5.3 Additional Considerations

5.3.1 Browser Based Cross Domain Data Transfer

The OWF Preference JavaScript API uses Dojo's windowname transport to access the OWF application server from externally hosted widgets. See a discussion of [the Dojo window name transport](#).

The windowname transport is distributed within the OWF bundle and is located in the `\javascript\dojo-1.5.0-windowname-only` directory. However, it is no longer necessary to include these JavaScript files explicitly because they are included in the `owf-widget-min.js` bundle.

The entire contents of the directory should be copied to the local widget's server.

5.3.2 Required Includes

Here is the complete list of scripts needed to successfully use the preference API:

```
<script type="text/javascript" src="https://servername:port/owf/js-min/owf-widget-min.js"></script>
```

Replace all occurrences of `https://servername:port` with the name of the server where OWF is running, for example, `https://www.yourcompany.com:8443`. Additionally, be sure to verify that the windowname library paths point to the local installation.

5.3.3 Payload Conventions – JSON/REST Data Encoding

In order to avoid name collisions with user preferences defined by other widgets, always use a hierarchical naming pattern with the levels of the hierarchy separated by a dot (.). To form a unique namespace, prefix the internet domain name, reversing the component order. For example, if developing a widget for a company with the domain name of mycompany.com then the namespace prefix would be com.mycompany. From that point, organizational naming conventions can be applied to the rest of the namespace.

To store several pieces of information, multiple user preferences can be created. As an alternative, they can be aggregated into one logical object, converted into a JSON string, and stored into one user preference. For example, consider storing a user's first, middle and last name. Using the first option would require the use of the following three user preferences:

- 1) com.mycompany.widget.firstName
- 2) com.mycompany.widget.middleName
- 3) com.mycompany.widget.lastName

Using the second option would require just one user preference using the following JSON string:

```
{ "firstName" : "John",  
  "middleName" : "Quincy",  
  "lastName" : "Adams" }
```

While simple strings and JSON objects will work well for many use cases, there are two situations in which widget developers can run into issues:

- a) The information that is being sent has potential security concerns.
- b) The size of information to be passed is large (such as a data set with hundreds of rows). Sending large quantities of information across the client browser can cause memory and performance issues.

The solution in both cases is to send a reference to the information rather than the information itself. The standardized best practice for sending said information is to send a REST URI encoded as a JSON object that contains the correct way to look this information up. This object would then be parsed by the receiving widget and acted upon appropriately.

Currently, the standardized JSON object has only one field, dataURI. Later versions of this standard may contain additional fields. Adhering to this standard will ensure that other OWF compliant widgets will be able to communicate effectively.

A sample JSON object with a REST URI is described below:

```
{  
  dataURI: 'https://server/restful/path/to/object'  
}
```

6 Adding Logging to the Widget

6.1 Overview

The OZONE Widget Framework (OWF) supports diagnostic and error logging at a number of logging levels. While testing widgets in development, the log window can display log messages that have been output by the application. As mentioned, this capability is intended to be used for developers in building and testing their widgets and is not recommended for end-users in a production environment.

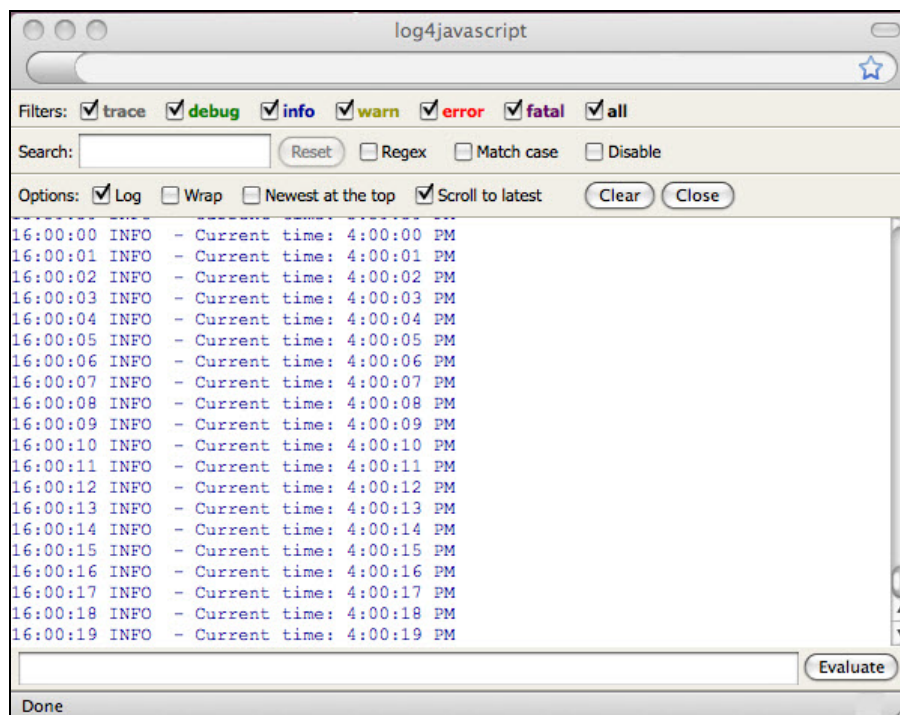


Figure 8: Log Window Screen

Note: In order to see the .log4 JavaScript popup window, be sure to set the browser in use to allow popups for the duration of the debugging session.

6.2 Walkthrough

This walkthrough will go through the process of enabling OWF console logging and adding log messages to the Announcing Clock widget initially created in the [2.2: Walkthrough](#) of this document.

Step 1: Import the Proper JavaScript Files

OWF uses the JavaScript file `log4javascript.js` to handle logging. To include the capability in the widget, add the following script tags to the head of the `AnnouncingClock.html` file.

```
<script type="text/javascript" src="https://servername:port/owf/js-min/owf-widget-min.js"></script>
```

Replace all occurrences of <https://servername:port> with the name of the server where OWF is running, for example, <https://www.yourcompany.com:8443>.

Step 2: Define the Logger

To define the logger, add the following script to the head of the `AnnouncingClock.html` file:

```
<script type="text/javascript">
    var logger = OWF.Log.getDefaultLogger();
</script>
```

Step 3: Override Default OWF Log Settings

By default, logging is disabled throughout OWF. To enable logging, add the following code to the script in the previous step:

```
Ozone.log.setEnabled(true);
    var appender = logger.getEffectiveAppenders()[0];
    appender.setThreshold(log4javascript.Level.INFO);
```

The method `OWF.Log.setEnabled(true)` is defined in the `log.js` file that was imported in Step 1. It is this method which turns on the logging functionality.

The log messages will be written to the appender, which in this case is a pop-up window that launches within OWF. The `setThreshold` method is defined in the `log4javascript.js` file that was imported in Step 1 of this overview, and is responsible for setting the logging level. There are six levels of logging. These levels are described in the table in section [6.3.1: Logging Levels](#).

The logging script is shown below in its entirety:

```
<script type="text/javascript">
    var logger = OWF.Log.getDefaultLogger();
    OWF.Log.setEnabled(true);
    var appender = logger.getEffectiveAppenders()[0];
    appender.setThreshold(log4javascript.Level.INFO);
</script>
```

Step 4: Add Log Message to the Widget

To actually display a log message in the Announcing Clock Widget, add the following code to the JavaScript in the `AnnouncingClock.html` file:

```
logger.<logLevel>(<logMessage>);
```

Be sure that the `<logLevel>` is the log level described in the previous step and `<logMessage>` is the message to be printed out.

The full code for this walkthrough can be found in `AnnouncingClock_Logging.html` located in the OWF bundle under the `samples\html-widgets.zip\src\main\webapp\clock` directory.

Step 5: Deploy Changes

The modified `AnnouncingClock.html` file must be deployed to the Web application server in order for the changes to take effect. The deployment method used depends on the Web application server being used. Usually the process is as simple as copying the `.war` file into the `webapps` directory on the Web application server. In the event that a particular application server has different requirements, the appropriate Java application server documentation should be consulted for information on how the `.war` file should be deployed.

6.3 Additional Considerations

6.3.1 Logging Levels

There are six levels of logging. These levels are described in the table below:

Table 2: Log Levels

Level	Purpose
TRACE	Indicates a level of logging which depicts program flow. For example, Entry/Exit of functions along with loop or condition statements. In general, this is used for tracking down specific problems, but may be removed once the problem has been solved.
DEBUG	Outputs information that may be useful to developers running the application.
INFO	Outputs information that may be useful for Users and may be helpful in tracking down issues with a deployed system.
WARN	Displays error conditions that can be successfully handled and do not cause the application to perform unexpectedly.
ERROR	Displays errors that prevent the application from executing in a successful fashion.
FATAL	Displays conditions that cause the application from failing to load or are about to cause the application to cease operating.

For more information about the format of the log messages visit:

<http://log4javascript.org/docs/manual.html>.

6.3.2 Widget Load Time Logging

To record the time it takes for a widget to open, OWF ships with the parameters `sendWidgetLoadTimesToServer` and `publishWidgetLoadTimes` set to “true:”

```
sendWidgetLoadTimesToServer = true  
publishWidgetLoadTimes = true
```

The two parameters are located in `OwfConfig.groovy` in the `\apache-tomcat-7.0.21\lib` folder of OWF bundle. They operate separately. The `publishWidgetLoadTimes` parameter writes to the Widget Log widget automatically. For the `sendWidgetLoadTimesToServer` to record data on the server in `\apache-tomcat-7.0.21\logs\ozone-widgeting-framework.log`, the log level value in `\apache-tomcat-7.0.21\lib\owf-override-log4j.xml` must be set to “info.” See the following example:

```
<root>  
  <level value="info" />  
  <appender-ref ref="owf-async" />  
</root>
```

Note: To increase performance, OWF ships with the root log level set to “error.”

To stop recording the load time in either location, change “true” to “false” and redeploy `OwfConfig.groovy`.


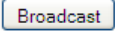
7 Widget Launcher API

7.1 Overview

The Widget Launcher API allows one widget to send data to another widget. It is possible that one of the widgets sending or receiving the data does not have a user interface. Those widgets can be configured as background widgets (explained in the OWF Administrator's Guide).

This walkthrough will go through the process of using the Widget Launcher API by describing Channel Listener and Channel Shouter example widget behavior. Channel Listener and Channel Shouter are widgets that are included with OWF. In the walkthrough below, Channel Listener and Channel Shouter widgets work together to demonstrate both the Eventing and the Widget Launcher APIs. **The widget launching functionality is commented out by default. For this walkthrough, include that section of the code.**

Note: An additional Widget Launcher exercise is available in section [15.1: Overview - Adding the Widget Launcher](#).

Channel Listener allows the user to subscribe to channels by entering the channel name into a text box and pressing the  button on the widget. The widget will then display any messages which are broadcast on the channels to which it is subscribed. Channel Shouter allows the user to publish messages to specific channels by entering both the name of a specific channel as well as the message text into text boxes and pressing the  button.

To demonstrate the Widget Launcher API, if a user only has a Channel Shouter on their dashboard, any message sent by the Channel Shouter will launch the Channel Listener. Once launched, the Channel Listener will be listening to the same channel and display the messages which get broadcast by the Channel Shouter.

7.2 Walkthrough

Step 1: Import the Correct JavaScript Files

The `ChannelListener.gsp` and `ChannelShouter.gsp` use the maximum JavaScript import list. However, the minimum required include list needed to use the Widget Launcher API is described in [7.3.1: Required Includes](#).

Step 2:

The Widget Launcher API functionality is commented out by default. To use the sample, include the code in `ChannelShouter.gsp`.

Step 3: Wrap the JavaScript that requires the WidgetLauncher API in the OWF.ready function

The Widget Launcher API requires the use of Eventing. See `ChannelShouter.gsp` for example:

```
...  
OWF.ready(shoutInit);  
...
```

Step 4: Get the ID for the Widget to be Launched

To launch a widget, the developer must know the widget's GUID. This walkthrough determines the widget's GUID by querying the preferences API using the "findWidgets" function shown below. This function retrieves a list of all widgets that a user has access to, including widget names and GUIDs. If the name of the widget is known, it is therefore easy to find the appropriate GUID, which can then be saved as a preference. The following code is searching for a widget named Channel Listener. In the code shown below, the widget to be launched is Channel Listener.

```

...
var scope = this;
shoutInit = owfdojo.hitch(this, function() {
    OWF.Preferences.findWidgets({
        searchParams: {
            widgetName: 'Channel Listener'
        },
        onSuccess: function(result) {
            scope.guid = result[0].id;
        },
        onFailure: function(err) { /* No op */
        } });
...

```

See section [7.3.2: Alternative Ways to Find a Widget's GUID](#) for alternative ways to find a widget's GUID.

Step 5: Add Code to Launch the Widget

To launch the widget, use the launch function on the *OWF.Launcher* object that was created as a result of *OWF.ready*. The launch function takes a JavaScript configuration object which has four attributes: “guid”, “launchOnlyIfClosed”, “title” and “data”. “guid” is the unique ID of the widget to be opened. “LaunchOnlyIfClosed” is a Boolean flag which decides if a new widget should always be opened (**false**) or if the widget to be opened is already present on a dashboard, to simply restore said widget (**true**). And “title” is a string that will replace the widget's title when launched; “data” is a string representing an initial set of data to be sent only if a new widget is opened. The data which is going to be sent must be passed as a string. In the example below, the data to be sent is a JavaScript object with two attributes – **channel** and **message**. Next, this object must be converted into a JSON string. This is accomplished by using the *OWF.Util.toString* utility function.

Note: If the widget to be launched is already on the dashboard, the “data” will not be sent.

```

shout = owfdojo.hitch(this, function () {
    var channel = document.getElementById('InputChannel').value;
    var message = document.getElementById('InputMessage').value;

    if (channel != null && channel != '') {
...
        if (scope.guid != null && typeof scope.guid == 'string') {
            var data = {
                channel: channel,
                message: message
            };
            var dataString = OWF.Util.toString(data);
            OWF.Launcher.launch({
                guid: scope.guid,

```

```

        launchOnlyIfClosed: true,
        title: 'Channel Listener Launched',
        data: dataString
    }, function(response)
...
    }
}

```

Step 6: Retrieve the Initial Data Inside the Launched Widget

Once a widget has been launched, the widget may need to retrieve the initial set of data from the previous step. This is accomplished by using the **OWF.Launcher.getLaunchData()** function. This function will return the initial data from the previous step. In the `ChannelListenerPanel.js` code sample below, the data retrieved is a JSON string. This string is then parsed into a JavaScript object by using the **OWF.Util.parseJson** function. In `ChannelListenerPanel.js` the initial data sent is a channel to start listening on (`data.channel`), and an initial message to display on that channel (`data.message`).

```

...
    render: function() {
        var launchConfig = OWF.Launcher.getLaunchData();
        if (launchConfig != null) {
            var data = OWF.Util.parseJson(launchConfig);
            if (data != null) {
                scope.subscribeToChannel(data.channel);
                scope.addToGrid(null,data.message,data.channel);
            }
        }
    },
...

```

7.3 Additional Considerations

7.3.1 Required Includes

Here is the complete list of scripts needed to successfully use this API:

```

<link href="../../css/dragAndDrop.css" rel="stylesheet" type="text/css">
<script type="text/javascript" src="https://servername:port/owf/js-min/owf-widget-min.js"></script>
<script type="text/javascript">
    //The location is assumed to be at /<context>/js/eventing/rpc_relay.uncompressed.html if it is not
    set
    //OWF.relayFile = '/<context>/js/eventing/rpc_relay.uncompressed.html';
</script>

```

Replace all occurrences of `https://servername:port` with the name of the server where OWF is running, for example, `https://www.yourcompany.com:8443`. Replace all occurrences of `<context>` with the root context of your Web application.

7.3.2 Alternative Ways to Find a Widget's GUID

7.3.2.1 Storing the Widget's GUID as a Preference

An alternative way to determine which widget to launch is to store the GUID as a preference in the database using the Preference API. The OWF Administration tools can be used to find the GUID of any widget. For the Channel Shouter/Channel Listener example, Channel Listener's GUID can be found by editing the Channel Listener Widget using the Widget Editor. This will bring up a dialog that displays the GUID. The GUID should be saved under a newly created preference. The widget can then retrieve that GUID and save it to a local variable to be used later.

```
...
var scope = this;
shoutInit = owfdojo.hitch(this, function() {
    OWF.Preferences.getUserPreference({
        namespace: 'owf.widget.ChannelShouter',
        name: 'guid_to_launch',
        onSuccess: function(result) {
            scope.guid = result.value;
        },
        onFailure: function(err) { /* No op */
        }
    });
});
...
```

7.3.2.2 Using the Universal Name to Find the Widget

Another way to determine which widget to launch is to search using its Universal Name. This can be done by querying the preferences API using the “`getWidget`” function and passing to it the widget's Universal Name. This retrieves the specified widget's configuration details, including its GUID.

```
...
var scope = this;
shoutInit = owfdojo.hitch(this, function() {
    OWF.Preferences.getWidget({
        universalName: 'org.owfgoss.owf.examples.NYSE',
        onSuccess: function(result) {
            scope.guid = result.guid;
        },
        onFailure: function(err) { /* No op */
        }
    });
});
...
```

```
});  
...
```

Note: A widget's Universal Name is defined in its descriptor file. See section [3.2.1: Creating Descriptor Files for App Components](#) for details on descriptor files.

7.3.3 Using Regular Expression to change a Widget's Title



The `launchWidget` function also accepts a *titleRegex* property. This property will be used as a replacement regular expression to alter the title. This allows the current widget title to be changed in complex ways. The example below appends text to the widget's title when it is launched.

```
...  
    OWF.Launcher.launch({  
        guid: this.guid_EditCopyWidget,  
  
        //$1 represents the existing title. the value of newtitle will be appended  
        title: '$1 - ' + newtitle,  
  
        //this regex matches all text in the existing title and captures it into a group  
        titleRegex: /(.*)/,  
  
        launchOnlyIfClosed: false,  
        data: dataString  
    }, this.launchFailureHandler);  
...
```


8 Widget Drag and Drop API

8.1 Overview

This walkthrough will go through the process of using the Widget Drag and Drop API by describing Channel Listener and Channel Shouter example widget behavior. Channel Listener and Channel Shouter are widgets that are included with OWF. In the walkthrough below, Channel Listener and Channel Shouter widgets work together to demonstrate both the Eventing, Widget Launcher and Widget Drag and Drop APIs.

As shown in the image below, Channel Shouter now has an  icon next to the Channel text box, which has been highlighted in red for the purposes of documentation. If a channel name (in this instance, "Test") is entered in the text box, clicking and dragging the  icon will initiate a Drag and Drop for the channel name. A floating drag indicator will appear next to the mouse while the mouse button is depressed - this is represented by the red circle with the minus sign in it, in the Channel Shouter Widget. Additionally, the Active Channels table in the Channel Listener Widget will be highlighted during a drag operation. This indicates a channel may be dropped on it. Once the mouse is over the Active Channels table (the red-lined turquoise rectangle in the Channel Listener window, below) the drag indicator will change and indicate the channel may be dropped. Once a channel name is dropped, the Channel Listener Widget will subscribe to the channel and add it to the Active Channels table. Now a user may use the Channel Shouter Widget to send text to the Channel Listener on the entered channel.

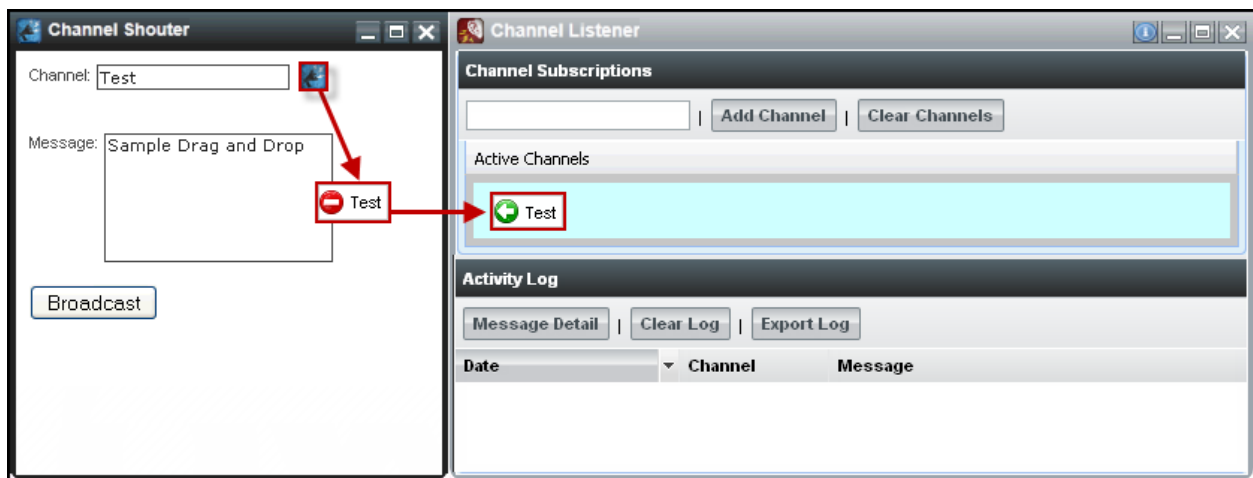


Figure 9: Drag and Drop

8.2 Walkthrough

Step 1: Import the Proper JavaScript Files


The `ChannelListener.gsp` and `ChannelShouter.gsp` use the maximum JavaScript import list. However, the minimum required include list needed to use the Widget Drag and Drop API is described in section [8.3.1: Required Includes](#).

Step 2: Add Code to Initialize Eventing and Widget Drag and Drop API for Channel Shouter

The Widget Drag and Drop API requires the use of Eventing. To get an `OWF.DragAndDrop` JavaScript object, wrap the JavaScript that requires it in `OWF.ready`. See `ChannelShouter.gsp`, for example:

```
...
    OWF.ready(shoutInit);
...
```

Step 3: Attach an "onmousedown" Listener to Start the Drag Operation

To start a drag operation, a mouse down listener must be attached to a DOM node in the widget. In the Channel Shouter example, this DOM node is the  icon next to the Channel text box. In the ChannelShouter example use `dojo` to bind a listener to the mousedown event (`owfdojo` is an alias for `dojo`). Other JavaScript libraries have similar syntax to attach listeners or callback functions. Additionally a listener may be set directly to the "onmousedown" attribute of the DOM node.

In the mousedown listener, execute the `doStartDrag` function. Pass to this function an object which contains a label for the drag indicator, as well as the data to be sent on a successful drop. See `ChannelShouter.gsp`, below for example:

```
...
shoutInit = owfdojo.hitch(this, function() {
...
    //add handler to text field for dragging
    owfdojo.connect(document.getElementById('dragSource'),'onmousedown',this,function(e) {
        e.preventDefault();
        var data = document.getElementById('InputChannel').value;
        if (data != null && data != '') {
            OWF.DragAndDrop.startDrag({
                dragDropLabel: data,
                dragDropData: data
            });
        }
    });
});
...
}
```

Step 4: Add Code to Initialize Eventing and Widget Drag and Drop API for Channel Listener

Channel Shouter Widget is now set to start a Drag. Next, set up Channel Listener to accept a Drop. Channel Listener must get a **WidgetDragAndDrop** object just like Channel Shouter.

```
Ext.onReady(function() {  
    OWF.ready(function() {  
...  
        });  
    });  
...  
});
```

Step 5: Update Channel Listener to respond to Drag and Drop

Choose a DOM node to be a Drop Zone—an area that accepts a drop. In the Channel Listener, the Drop Zone is the Active Channels Table.

Next, update Channel Listener to respond to Drag and Drop Events.

WidgetDragAndDrop object allows added callback functions that respond to three events: **dragStart**, **dragStop** and **drop**. The **dragStart** event is fired whenever a drag is initiated. This was done in ChannelShouter by calling the **doStartDrag** function in the mousedown listener. Channel Listener responds to the **dragStart** by highlighting the Active Channels table to show that it is a drop location.

```
...  
        OWF.DragAndDrop.onDragStart(function() {  
            cmp.dragging = true;  
            cmp.getView().addClass('ddOver');  
        });  
...  
});
```

dragStop is fired when a drag stops. This happens when the mouse button is released inside or outside a widget. In Channel Listener if a **dragStop** event occurs, the Active Channels table stops highlighting.

```
...  
        OWF.DragAndDrop.onDragStop(function() {  
            cmp.dragging = false;  
            cmp.getView().removeClass('ddOver');  
        });  
...  
});
```

drop is fired when a Drag and Drop operation is successful. The callback assigned to this event will be executed with the data originally passed to the **doStartDrag** function.

```
...  
        OWF.DragAndDrop.onDrop(function(msg) {  
            this.subscribeToChannel(msg.dragDropData, false);  
        }, this);  
...  
});
```

And finally, the drag indicator needs to change once the mouse is over the Drop Zone. This is accomplished by adding mouseover and mouseout listeners to the drop zone. Each listener will call **setDropEnabled** enabling and disabling whether the drag indicator shows whether a drop is allowed.

```
...
        var view = cmp.getView();
        view.el.on('mouseover', function(e, t, o) {
            if (cmp.dragging) {
                OWF.DragAndDrop.setDropEnabled(true);
            }
        }, this);
        view.el.on('mouseout', function(e, t, o) {
            if (cmp.dragging) {
                OWF.DragAndDrop.setDropEnabled(false);
            }
        }, this);
    ...
```

8.3 Additional Considerations

8.3.1 Required Includes

Here is the complete list of scripts needed to successfully use this API:

```
<link href="../../css/dragAndDrop.css" rel="stylesheet" type="text/css">
<script type="text/javascript" src="https://servername:port/owf/js-min/owf-widget-min.js"></script>
<script type="text/javascript">
    //The location is assumed to be at /<context>/js/eventing/rpc_relay.uncompressed.html if it is not
    set
    //OWF.relayFile = '/<context>/js/eventing/rpc_relay.uncompressed.html';
</script>
```

Replace all occurrences of **https://servername:port** with the name of the server where OWF is running, for example, ```. Replace all occurrences of **<context>** with the root context of your Web application.

*Note: The **dragAndDrop.css** file (enabled for all widgets) can be found at the following location: **apache-tomcat-7.0.21\webapps\owf.war\css\dragAndDrop.css***

8.3.2 Drag and Drop API Enhancements

The following enhancements have been added to the Drag and Drop API:

- **addCallback** function supports multiple callbacks for the same event. This makes it easier to support multiple drop zones.

- **addDropZoneHandler** function to support multiple drop zones
- By including the **dragAndDrop.css** during the import of the OWF widget JavaScript bundle, widgets render a drag indicator during a drag. For information about includes, see section [8.3.1: Required Includes](#).

Note: Older versions of OWF limit eventing messages to 2,000 characters while using Internet Explorer 7. This limitation was removed in OWF 5. However, for widgets to receive larger messages, they must use updated OWF 5 widget Javascript files and RPC Relay file that are equipped to receive larger messages.

9 Widget State API

9.1 Overview

This walkthrough will discuss the process of using the Widget State API by describing the Event Monitor example widget behavior. The Widget State API (and Event Monitor Widget, included with OWF) allows a widget to be notified whenever various events occur to itself or to other widgets. The widget then has the opportunity to react to/interact with the event. Some events that may be responded to include resize events, minimize events, close events, etc. The Widget State API also allows the widget developer to query the state of a given widget at any time.

To illustrate and provide a coding example for the Widget State API, we have created the Event Monitor, a sample widget that uses the Widget State API. Event Monitor allows the user to select specific state events to listen to or override. The widget will then display the timestamps associated with the captured events. Additionally, for events which are overridden, the user will be prompted to either close the widget or cancel the override. Information about the state of the widget is displayed and updated every time a registered event occurs.

9.2 Adding the Event Monitor Widget to OWF

Follow section [3: Adding a Widget to OWF](#) to create widget definitions which point to `EventMonitor.html`. Then, assign the widget to a user, and apply the widget to one of the user's dashboards. Use the following data for widget definitions:

Table 3: Event Monitor Widget Definition Text

Definition	Data Input Field
URL	https://owf-server:port/owf/examples/walkthrough/widget/EventMonitor.html
Large Icon	http://owf-server:port/widget-server-name:port/owf/examples/walkthrough/images/event_monitor_blue_icon.png
Small Icon	http://widget-server-name:port/StockWatcher/images/stockwatchsm.gif
Width	500
Height	500

9.3 Walkthrough for Listening to Widget Events

The following steps will explain how to listen to widget events:

1) Import the Proper JavaScript Files

The `EventMonitor.html` uses the minified OWF bundle, which can be included from the location below:

```
<script type="text/javascript" src="https://servername:port/owf/js-min/owf-widget-min.js"></script>
```

Replace all occurrences of `https://servername:port` with the name of the server where OWF is running, for example, `https://www.yourcompany.com:8443`.

For more information about the Widget State API's requirements, see section [9.5.1: Required Includes](#).

2) Add Code to Initialize Eventing

The Widget State API requires the use of Eventing. To instantiate a `WidgetState` JavaScript object, first create the Widget Eventing Object. See `EventMonitor.html` for example:

```
...  
eventMonitor.widgetEventingController = Ozone.eventing.Widget.getInstance();  
...
```

3) Create the Widget State Object

Before beginning to monitor the widget state, a new Widget State object must be created. The `WidgetState` object must be initialized with a JSON object. This object may contain up to five attributes: `widgetEventingController`, `autoInit`, `widgetGuid`, `stateChannel`, and `onStateEventReceived`. (Not all five attributes are required.)

- `widgetEventingController` is the Widget Eventing Object created in Step 2. This is a mandatory attribute. It is used to facilitate the two-way communication between OWF widgets and the OWF framework.
- `autoInit` is a Boolean flag which decides whether or not to automatically start listening to the state channel. This attribute is optional and defaults to true.

- **widgetGuid** is the unique ID of the widget to be monitored. This attribute is optional and defaults to the widget in which the Widget State object was created.
- **stateChannel** specifies the name of the channel on which to send and receive events. This attribute is optional and defaults to `_WIDGET_STATE_CHANNEL_ + <widgetGuid>`.
- **onStateEventReceived** is a callback function that performs a specific function with the event that it receives. This is the function that gets called when widget events fire. So, not including this function means that nothing will happen when events fire. This may be desirable if the only thing the widget state API is being used for is to query state, rather than listening to events.

```
...
eventMonitor.widgetEventingController = Ozone.eventing.Widget.getInstance();

eventMonitor.widgetState = Ozone.state.WidgetState.getInstance({
    widgetEventingController: eventMonitor.widgetEventingController,
    autoInit: true,
    onStateEventReceived: handleStateEvent
});
...
```

4) Define Callback for When Events Are Received

The **onStateEventReceived** callback (defined in Step 3) will be passed two parameters: **sender** and **msg**. **sender** is the id of the iframe that sent the event, or “.” if the event came from the OWF Framework. **msg** is the specific information about the fired event. It will be a JSON object which has two attributes: **eventName** and **eventKey**. **eventName** is the name of the event fired. **eventKey** is a unique id that is assigned to events.

Note: The callback is not provided with any information about the widget. To get the current state of the widget, use the `getWidgetState` method of the `WidgetState` object.

9.4 Additional Widget State API Functions

9.4.1 Register a State Event

To begin monitoring specific state events, the events must be registered. The `WidgetState` object provides two methods for registering events:

- **`addStateEventListeners`**—allows the widget to begin listening to specified events.
- **`addStateEventOverrides`**—allows the user to stop the event and perform the `WidgetState.onStateEventReceived` callback instead.

Both methods take a JSON object that has two attributes: **`events`** and **`callback`**. **`events`** is an array of event names to be registered. This is an optional attribute and defaults to all events. **`callback`** is a callback function that does something once the event has been successfully registered.

```
...
eventMonitor.widgetState.addStateEventListeners({
  events: [event],
  callback: function() {
    ...
  }
});
...
eventMonitor.widgetState.addStateEventOverrides({
  events: [event],
  callback: function() {
    ...
  }
});
...
```

“Overriding a State Event” is optional ways to register a state event.

- **Overriding a State Event**

Code can be added, such that when state events are overridden, the `WidgetState.onStateEventReceived` callback function can do something with the event.

```
...
var continueEvent = confirm ("Event overridden. Would you like to close this widget?");
if (continueEvent) {
    // remove listener override to prevent looping
    eventMonitor.widgetState.removeStateEventOverrides({
        events: ['beforeclose'],
        callback: function() {
            // close widget in callback
            this.widgetState.closeWidget();
        }
    });
}
```

*Note: It is possible to have more than one thing occur as a result of an event. This feature, called **EventChain**, requires that things occur sequentially. In a complex JavaScript environment like OWF, more than one element of the page can participate in the change. This example shows overriding the `beforeclose` event to confirm whether or not to close the widget. When firing an event to perform an action on the widget, always unregister the event first to prevent looping. The event can be re-registered later.*

9.4.2 Unregister a State Event

To stop monitoring state events, the events must be unregistered. The `WidgetState` object provides two methods for unregistering events:

- **removeStateEventListeners** - allows a widget to stop listening to specified events.
- **removeStateEventOverrides** - allows the user to stop overriding events.

Both methods take a `JSON` object that has two attributes: **events** and **callback**. **events** is an array of event names to unregister. This is an optional attribute and defaults to all events. **callback** is a callback function that does something specific with the event once it has been unregistered.

```
...
eventMonitor.widgetState.removeStateEventListeners({
    events: [event],
    callback: function() {
        ...
    }
});
...
eventMonitor.widgetState.removeStateEventOverrides({
    events: [event],
    callback: function() {
        ...
    }
});
```

9.4.3 Retrieve a List of Registered Events for the Widget

The `WidgetState` object provides a method called `getRegisteredStateEvents` that returns an array of events to which the widget may subscribe.

```
...
eventMonitor.registeredEvents = eventMonitor.widgetState.getRegisteredStateEvents({
    callback: function(events) {
        for (var i = 0; i < events.length; i++) {
            ...
        }
    }
});
...
```

9.4.4 Retrieve the Current State of the Widget

The `WidgetState` object provides a method called `getWidgetState` that returns a `JSON` object describing the current state of the widget. This is useful because when events are received, *only* the `eventName` is passed. Therefore, this method must be used to determine what state attributes, if any, may have changed.

```
...
var currentState = eventMonitor.widgetState.getWidgetState({
    callback: function(state) {
        ...
    }
});
...
```

9.5 Additional Considerations

9.5.1 Required Includes

Here is the complete list of scripts needed to successfully use the Widget State API:

```
<link href="../../css/dragAndDrop.css" rel="stylesheet" type="text/css">
<script type="text/javascript" src="https://servername:port/owf/js-min/owf-widget-min.js"></script>
<script type="text/javascript">
    //The location is assumed to be at /<context>/js/eventing/rpc_relay.uncompressed.html if it is not
    set
    //Ozone.eventing.Widget.widgetRelayURL = '/<context>/js/eventing/rpc_relay.uncompressed.html';
</script>
```

Replace all occurrences of <https://servername:port> with the name of the server where OWF is running, for example, <https://www.yourcompany.com:8443>. Replace all occurrences of <context> with the root context of your Web application.

9.5.2 Discussion of State Events

The table below lists the common state event names and their descriptions.

Table 4: Widget State Events

Event Name	Description
activate	Fires after the widget has been visually activated.
add	Fires after a component has been added to the widget.
added	Fires after a component has been added to the widget. (same as add)
afterlayout	Fires when the components in this widget are arranged by the associated layout manager.
afterrender	Fires after the widget has been rendered, postprocessed by any afterRender method defined for the widget, and, if stateful, after state has been restored.
beforeactivate	Fires before the widget is visually activated.
beforeadd	Fires before any Ext.Component is added or inserted into the widget.
beforeclose	Fires before the widget is closed.
beforecollapse*	Fires before the widget is collapsed. (Portal layout only)
beforedeactivate	Fires before the widget is visually deactivated.
beforedestroy	Fires before the widget is destroyed.
beforeexpand*	Fires before the widget is expanded. (Accordion and Portal layouts only)
beforehide	Fires before the widget is hidden.
beforeremove	Fires before any Ext.Component is removed from the widget.
beforerender	Fires before the widget is rendered.
beforeshow	Fires before the widget is shown.
beforestaterestore	Fires before the widget state is restored.
beforestatesave*	Fires before the widget state is saved. This happens when the

Event Name	Description
	widget attributes change (i.e. changes size or position, expands, collapses, is maximized or minimized, or when the title is changed).
bodyresize*	Fires after the widget has been resized.
close	Fires after the widget has been closed. This event is only useful if a widget is monitoring another widget's events.
collapse*	Fires after the widget is collapsed. (Accordion and Portal layouts only)
deactivate*	Fires after the widget has been visually deactivated.
destroy	Fires after the widget has been destroyed. This event is only useful if a widget is monitoring another widget's events.
disable	Fires after the widget has been disabled.
drag*	Fires while the widget is being dragged. This event fires constantly during the drag so it is not recommended to use it. A better alternative is to use the dragstart and dragend events.
dragend*	Fires after the widget has been dragged.
dragstart*	Fires after the widget has started to be dragged.
enable	Fires after the widget has been enabled.
expand*	Fires after the widget has been expanded. (Accordion and Portal layouts only)
hide	Fires after the widget has been hidden.
iconchange	Fires after the widget icon class has been set or changed.
maximize	Fires after the widget has been maximized.
minimize	Fires after the widget has been minimized.
move*	Fires after the widget has been moved.
remove	Fires after an Ext.Component has been removed from the widget.
removed	Fires after an Ext.Component has been removed from the widget.
render	Fires after the widget markup has been rendered.
resize*	Fires after the widget has been resized.

Event Name	Description
restore	Fires after the widget has been restored.
show	Fires after a hidden widget has been shown.
staterestore*	Fires after the widget state has been restored.
statesave*	Fires after the widget state has been saved. This happens when the widget attributes change (i.e. changes size or position, expands, collapses, is maximized or minimized, or when the title is changed).
titlechange*	Fires after the widget title has been changed.

Note: The events marked with an asterisk () should usually be coupled with the `getWidgetState` method of the `WidgetState` object to be more useful.*

10 Widget Chrome API

10.1 Overview

This walkthrough will address the Widget Chrome API. For the purposes of this document, “chrome” refers to the visible frame which often surrounds a window or Web pages, as seen in the image below:

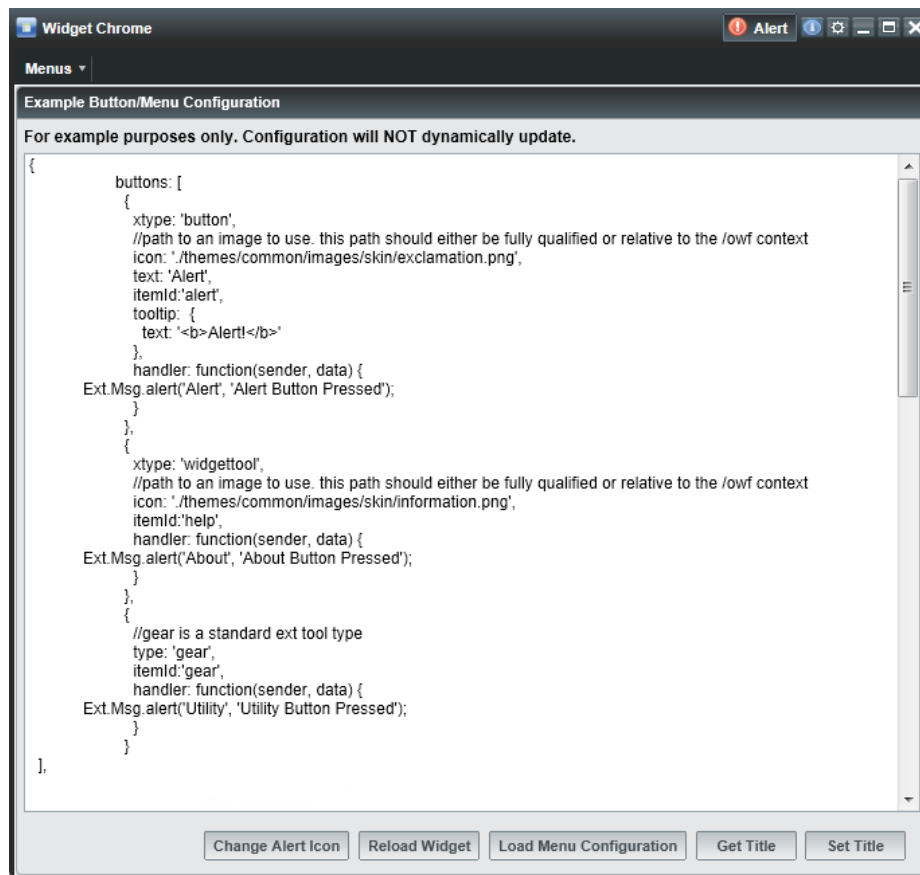


Figure 10: Widget Chrome Example

The OWF Bundle includes an example widget that uses the Widget Chrome API. The example widget adds buttons and a menubar to the chrome upon opening. Developers can configure the buttons and menubar by modifying the `widgetChromeData.js` file found in `/apache-tomcat-`

`7.0.21/webapps/owf/examples/walkthrough/widgets`. Normally, a widget should not use an external JavaScript file for this information. However, as a training tool, this Widget Chrome example allows developers to add buttons and menus to the widget's chrome.

Follow section [3: Adding a Widget to OWF](#) to create a widget definition which points to `WidgetChrome.gsp`. Then, assign the widget to a user and apply the widget to one of the user's dashboards. Use the following data for the widget definition:

Table 5: Data for Widget Chrome API

Label	Data Input
URL	<code>http://widget-server-name:port/owf/examples/walkthrough/widgets/WidgetChrome.gsp</code>
Large Icon	<code>http://widget-server-name:port/owf/examples/walkthrough/images/chromeWidget_blue_icon.png</code>
Small Icon	<code>http://widget-server-name:port/owf/examples/walkthrough/images/chromeWidget_blue_icon.png</code>
Width	540
Height	440

Note: Widgets added to a fit pane layout will not have chrome. Therefore, functionality added to widget chrome buttons and menus will not be accessible in that layout.

10.2 Walkthrough

Step 1: Import the Proper JavaScript Files

The `WidgetChrome.gsp` uses the minified OWF bundle, which can be included from the location below:

```
<script type="text/javascript" src="https://servername:port/owf/js-min/owf-widget-min.js"></script>
```

Replace all occurrences of `https://servername:port` with the name of the server where OWF is running, for example, `https://www.yourcompany.com:8443`.

The minimum required include list needed to use the Widget State API is described in section [10.7.1: Using the Widget State API with the Widget Chrome API](#).

```
{
  xtype: 'button',
  //path to an image to use. this path should either be fully qualified or relative to the /owf
  icon: './themes/owf-ext-theme/resources/themes/images/owf-ext/skin/exclamation.png',
  text: 'Alert',
  itemId: 'alert',
  tooltip: {
    text: '<b>Alert!</b>'
  },
  handler: function(sender, data) {
    //widgetState is an already instantiated WidgetState Obj
    if (widgetState) {
      widgetState.getWidgetState({
        callback: function(state) {
```



```
//check if the widget is visible
if (!state.collapsed && !state.minimized && state.active) {
  //render visual content here
}
}
});
}
}
```

Step 2: Add Code to Initialize Eventing and OWF.Chrome object

The Widget Chrome API requires the use of Eventing.

```
...
    OWF.ready(init);
...
```

Step 3: Add a Button

The Widget Chrome API has functions which allow for the adding or removing of buttons on the widget chrome. To apply, simply call these functions with a proper configuration object:

- **addHeaderButtons**—adds buttons to the right of the standard widget buttons
- **insertHeaderButtons**—adds buttons to any position in the button area
- **updateHeaderButtons**—updates any previously added buttons specified
- **removeHeaderButtons**—removes any previously added buttons specified
- **listHeaderButtons**—lists previously added buttons
- **isModified**—allows the developer to determine if the widget chrome has been modified

For example, see the **insertHeaderButtons** usage below.

```
...
OWF.Chrome.insertHeaderButtons({items:[{
  type: 'gear',
  itemId:'gear',
  handler: function(sender, data) {
    Ext.Msg.alert('Utility', 'Utility Button Pressed');
  }}
});
...
```

Step 4: Add a Menu

The Widget Chrome API can add and remove menus on a menubar that starts under the widget title. To apply, use the correct configuration object:

- **addHeaderMenus**—adds menus to a menubar beneath the widget chrome
- **insertHeaderMenus**—adds menus to any position on the menubar

- **updateHeaderMenus**—updates any previously added menus specified
- **removeHeaderMenus**—removes any previously added menus specified
- **listHeaderMenus**—lists all previously added menus
- **isModified**—allows the developer to determine if the widget chrome has been modified

For example, see the **insertHeaderMenus** usage below.

```
...
OWF.Chrome.insertHeaderButtons({
  items:[{
    itemId:'menu1',
    icon: './themes/common/images/skin/exclamation.png',
    text: 'Menu 1',
    menu: {
      items: [{
        itemId:'menu1_menuItem1',
        icon: './themes/common/images/skin/exclamation.png',
        text: 'Menu Item 1',
        handler: function(sender, data) {
          alert('You clicked Menu Item 1 from Menu 1.');
```

10.3 Button Configuration

The **addHeaderButtons**, **insertHeaderButtons**, **updateHeaderButtons**, and **removeHeaderButtons** functions take a configuration object as a parameter. This configuration object allows the developer to define one or more buttons.

The structure of this button configuration is very similar to buttons in general ExtJS development. See the code block below for a simple example. The button example uses built in ExtJS button types. The example below is of the type **'gear'**, which means a standard gear icon will be used. There are several standard types which are defined by ExtJS. Each type has a corresponding image which is appropriately styled and sized for the current theme. For a complete list of types please see the [ExtJS 4.x API documentation](#).

```
{
//this item's array is required. It allows you to pass one more button configurations
items: [{
    //gear is a standard ext tool type. It has a standard icon
    type: 'gear',

    //required - itemId - this must be unique among all buttons
    itemId:'gear',

    //handler function for when the button is pressed.
    handler: function(sender, data) {
        alert('Utility', 'Utility Button Pressed');
    }
}]
}
```

To define a button with a custom image, set the icon property to the URL of the image.

```
{
items: [
{
    xtype: 'widgettool',
    icon: './themes/owf-ext-theme/resources/themes/images/owf-ext/skin/information.png',
    itemId:'help',
    handler: function(sender, data) {
        alert('About', 'About Button Pressed');
    }
}
]
}
```

The **'widgettool'** xtype does not allow text or a tooltip to be added to the button. To define a button with text or a tooltip use the **'button'** xtype.

```
{
items: [
{
    xtype: 'button',
    icon: './themes/owf-ext-theme/resources/themes/images/owf-ext/skin/exclamation.png',
    text: 'Alert',
    itemId:'alert',
    tooltip: {
        text: '<b>Alert!</b>'
    },
    handler: function(sender, data) {
        alert('Alert', 'Alert Button Pressed');
    }
}
]
}
```

Below is a full description of all the fields supported in a button configuration.

```
{
//this items array is required it allows you to pass one more button configurations
items: [
{
//required - itemId this must be unique among all buttons
itemId:'alert',

//optional - widgettool (default), button
xtype: 'button',

//optional - if xtype is 'widgettool' type defines a standard ExtJS icon
type: 'help',

//optional - if the xtype is 'widgettool' the type property will determine the icon
icon: './themes/owf-ext-theme/resources/themes/images/owf-ext/skin/exclamation.png',

//optional - text to display. Text is only displayed for 'button' xtype
text: 'Alert',

//optional tooltip - only displays for 'button' xtype
tooltip: {
text: '<b>Alert!</b>'
},
//optional handler for when the button is clicked
handler: function(sender, data) {
Ext.Msg.alert('Alert', 'Alert Button Pressed');
}
}
]
}
```

- **itemId**
 - **itemId** is a unique id among all buttons that are added. It is a required property. It is used for identification and defines the internal Eventing channel which is used to execute the **handler** function. If **itemId** is not unique this may result in duplicate buttons which may not be able to be removed properly.
- **xtype**
 - **xtype** is an ExtJS property used to determine the component to create. Currently the Widget Chrome API only supports two xtype values: 'button' and 'widgettool'. **xtype** is an optional field, if it is omitted 'widgettool' is used.
- **type**
 - Used only for 'widgettool' buttons. It determines the standard icon to be used. For a complete list of types please see the ExtJS 4.x API documentation, <http://docs.sencha.com/ext-js/4-0/#/api/Ext.panel.Tool-cfg-type>

- **icon**
 - This property defines the URL of the image to be used for the button. If the URL is a relative path, it will be relative to the /owf context. This is useful if the desired image is hosted by the OWF Web server. Otherwise a fully qualified URL should be used. If **type** is being used to determine the image, the **icon** property is optional.
- **text**
 - This property defines text to appear alongside the button. This property is only used if the xtype is 'button'. 'widgettool' will not show text.
- **tooltip**
 - This property defines an ExtJS tooltip. It has two important sub properties, **title** and **text**. **tooltip** is only used when the xtype is 'button'.
- **handler**
 - The handler attribute defines a function to be executed when the button is pressed. This function is executed using Widget Eventing API from inside the widget. The internal channel name used is the **itemId** attribute. This function's parameter list contains the standard parameters for an Eventing callback function.

10.4 Menu Configuration

The following functions pass in a configuration object as a parameter to define one or menus:

- **addHeaderMenus**
- **insertHeaderMenus**
- **updateHeaderMenus**
- **removeHeaderMenus**

The structure of this menu configuration is very similar to menu buttons in general ExtJS development. See the code block below for a simple menu example.

```
{
//this item's array is required. It allows you to pass one more menu configurations
items: [{
  //required - id that is unique among all menus, sub-menus, and menu items
  itemId:'menu1',

  //optional - text to display on as the menu label
  text: 'Menu 1',

  //required - menu configuration
  menu: {
    // required - array of menu item configurations
    items: [{
      //required - id that is unique among all menus, sub-menus, and menu items
      itemId:'menuItem1',

      //optional - text to display as the menu item label
      text: 'Menu Item 1',

      //optional - function to be executed when menu item is clicked
      handler: function(sender, data) {
        alert('Alert', Menu Item 1 Selected');
      }
    ]
  }
}]
}
```

To define a menu with a custom image, set the icon property to the URL of the image.

```
{
items: [{
  itemId:'menu1',
  text: 'Menu 1',
  menu: {
    items: [{
      itemId:'menuItem1',
      icon: './themes/owf-ext-theme/resources/themes/images/owf-ext/skin/exclamation.png',
      text: 'Menu Item 1',
      handler: function(sender, data) {
        alert('Alert', Menu Item 1 Selected');
      }
    ]
  }
}]
}
```

OWF allows menus on the widget chrome to have an infinite number of sub-menus. To define a menu with a sub-menu, simply replace the handler attribute of the menu item configuration with a menu configuration object.

```

{
items: [{
  itemId:'menu1',
  text: 'Menu 1',
  menu: {
    items: [{
      itemId:'menuItem1',
      icon: './themes/owf-ext-theme/resources/themes/images/owf-ext/skin/exclamation.png',
      text: 'Menu Item 1',
      menu: {
        itemId:'submenu1',
        icon: './themes/owf-ext-theme/resources/themes/images/owf-ext/skin/exclamation.png',
        text: 'Sub-menu 1',
        items: [{
          itemId:'submenuItem1',
          icon: './themes/owf-ext-theme/resources/themes/images/owf-ext/skin/exclamation.png',
          text: 'Sub-menu Item 1',
          handler: function(sender, data) {
            alert('Alert', Sub-menu Item 1 Selected');
          }
        }]
      }
    }]
  }
}]
}
}
}

```

Below is a full description of all the fields supported in a menu configuration.

```

{
//this items array is required it allows you to pass one more menu configurations
items: [
  {
    //required - id that is unique among all menus, sub-menus, and menu items
    itemId:'menu1',

    //optional - URL of icon to appear to the left of the menu text
    icon: './themes/owf-ext-theme/resources/themes/images/owf-ext/skin/exclamation.png',

    //optional - text to display as the menu label
    text: Menu 1,

    //required - menu configuration
    menu: {
      // required - array of menu item configurations
      items: [{
        //required - id that is unique among all menus, sub-menus, and menu items
        itemId:'menuItem1',

        //optional - text to display as the menu item label
        text: 'Menu Item 1',

        //optional - function to be executed when menu item is clicked

```

```
handler: function(sender, data) {  
    alert('Alert', Menu Item 1 Selected');  
}  
}]  
}  
}  
]  
}
```

- **itemId**
 - **itemId** is a unique id among all menus, sub-menus, and menu items that are added. It is a required property for all menus, sub-menus, and menu items that are added. It is used for identification and defines the internal Eventing channel which is used to execute the **handler** function. If **itemId** is not unique the handler may not execute properly.
- **icon**
 - This property defines the URL of the image to be used for the menu. It is an optional property for all menus, sub-menus, and menu items that are added. If the URL is a relative path, it will be relative to the /owf context. This is useful if the desired image is hosted by the OWF Web server. Otherwise a fully qualified URL should be used.
- **text**
 - This property defines text to appear as the menu label. While this property is optional for all menus, sub-menus, and menu items that are added, it is suggested that either this or the icon property or both be specified.
- **menu**
 - This property defines an ExtJS menu configuration. It has one important sub property, **items**. **items** is an array of ExtJS menu item configurations. In addition to the **itemId**, **icon**, and **text** properties described above, the items included in the **items** array have two important sub properties, **handler** and **menu**. Either **handler** or **menu** should be specified for each menu item, but not both.
 - **handler**
 - The handler attribute defines a function to be executed when the menu item is pressed. This function is executed using Widget Eventing API from inside the widget. The internal channel name used is the **itemId** attribute. This function's parameter list contains the standard parameters for an Eventing callback function.
 - **menu**
 - This property defines an ExtJS menu configuration. Specifying this property will create a sub-menu.

10.5 Grouping Menu Items

ExtJS provides a menu separator to divide logical groups of menu items. There are two ways to add a separator bar to a menu: Insert `-` or the following configuration into the **items** array:

```
{
  xtype: 'menuItem1'
}
```

The following code block shows a sample menu configuration that includes two menu separator bars.

```
{
  items: [{
    itemId: 'menu1',
    text: 'Menu 1',
    menu: {
      items: [{
        itemId: 'menuItem1',
        icon: './themes/owf-ext-theme/resources/themes/images/owf-ext/skin/exclamation.png',
        text: 'Menu Item 1',
        handler: function(sender, data) {
          alert('Alert', Menu Item 1 Selected');
        }
      }, {
        itemId: 'menuItem2',
        icon: './themes/owf-ext-theme/resources/themes/images/owf-ext/skin/exclamation.png',
        text: 'Menu Item 2',
        handler: function(sender, data) {
          alert('Alert', Menu Item 2 Selected');
        }
      }, {
        xtype: 'menuseparator' // add a menu separator
      }, {
        itemId: 'menuItem3',
        icon: './themes/owf-ext-theme/resources/themes/images/owf-ext/skin/exclamation.png',
        text: 'Menu Item 3',
        handler: function(sender, data) {
          alert('Alert', Menu Item 3 Selected');
        }
      },
      '-', // add a menu separator
      {
        itemId: 'menuItem4',
        icon: './themes/owf-ext-theme/resources/themes/images/owf-ext/skin/exclamation.png',
        text: 'Menu Item 4',
        handler: function(sender, data) {
          alert('Alert', Menu Item 4 Selected');
        }
      }
    ]
  }]
}
```

```
}  
  }  
}  
}
```

10.6 Changing the Widget's Title

The API allows the Widget's title to be retrieved and changed. To retrieve the Widget's title see the example below:

```
OWF.Chrome.getTitle({  
    callback: function(msg) {  
        //msg will always be a json string  
        var res = Ozone.util.parseJson(msg);  
        if (res.success) {  
            var alert = Ext.Msg.show({  
                title: 'Get Title',  
                msg: res.title,  
                buttons: Ext.Msg.OK,  
                closable: false,  
                modal: true  
            });  
        }  
    }  
});
```

To set the Widget's title see the example below:

```
OWF.Chrome.setTitle({  
    title: text,  
    callback: function (msg) {  
        //msg will always be a json string  
        var res = Ozone.util.parseJson(msg);  
        if (res.success) {  
            //confirm res.title has changed or do something else  
        }  
    }  
});
```

10.7 Additional Considerations

10.7.1 Using the Widget State API with the Widget Chrome API

Custom buttons and menus added to the widget may be clicked at any time. This includes times when a widget is hidden, collapsed, or minimized. This may cause issues for handler functions which are executed when the button/menu is pressed. If a handler function displays new visual content, it's possible that the function will result in an

error, or the new visual content will be rendered incorrectly. To avoid this issue, it's recommended to use the Widget Chrome API and the Widget State API together. Using the Widget State API will allow the widget to recognize whether it is visible or not. See code below for an example:

```
{
  xtype: 'button',
  //path to an image to use. this path should either be fully qualified or relative to the /owf
  icon: './themes/owf-ext-theme/resources/themes/images/owf-ext/skin/exclamation.png',
  text: 'Alert',
  itemId: 'alert',
  tooltip: {
    text: '<b>Alert!</b>'
  },
  handler: function(sender, data) {
    //widgetState is an already instantiated WidgetState Obj
    if (widgetState) {
      widgetState.getWidgetState({
        callback: function(state) {
          //check if the widget is visible
          if (!state.collapsed && !state.minimized && state.active) {
            //render visual content here
          }
        }
      });
    }
  }
}
```

10.7.2 Required Includes

The following code block is the complete list of scripts needed to successfully use the Widget Chrome API:

```
<link href="../../css/dragAndDrop.css" rel="stylesheet" type="text/css">
<script type="text/javascript" src="https://servername:port/owf/js-min/owf-widget-min.js"></script>
<script type="text/javascript">
  //The location is assumed to be at <context>/js/eventing/rpc_relay.uncompressed.html if it is not
  set
  //OWF.relayFile = '<context>/js/eventing/rpc_relay.uncompressed.html';
</script>
```

Replace all occurrences of **https://servername:port** with the name of the server where OWF is running, for example, **https://www.yourcompany.com:8443**. Replace all occurrences of **<context>** with the root context of your Web application.

11 Widget Theme

11.1 Overview

This walkthrough uses the Channel Listener example to explain widget theming. It describes how Channel Listener responds to the current OWF Theme.

Sample widgets that ship with OWF respond to the user's current OWF theme. However, this section explains how a developer can customize their own widgets to match the default themes used in OWF.

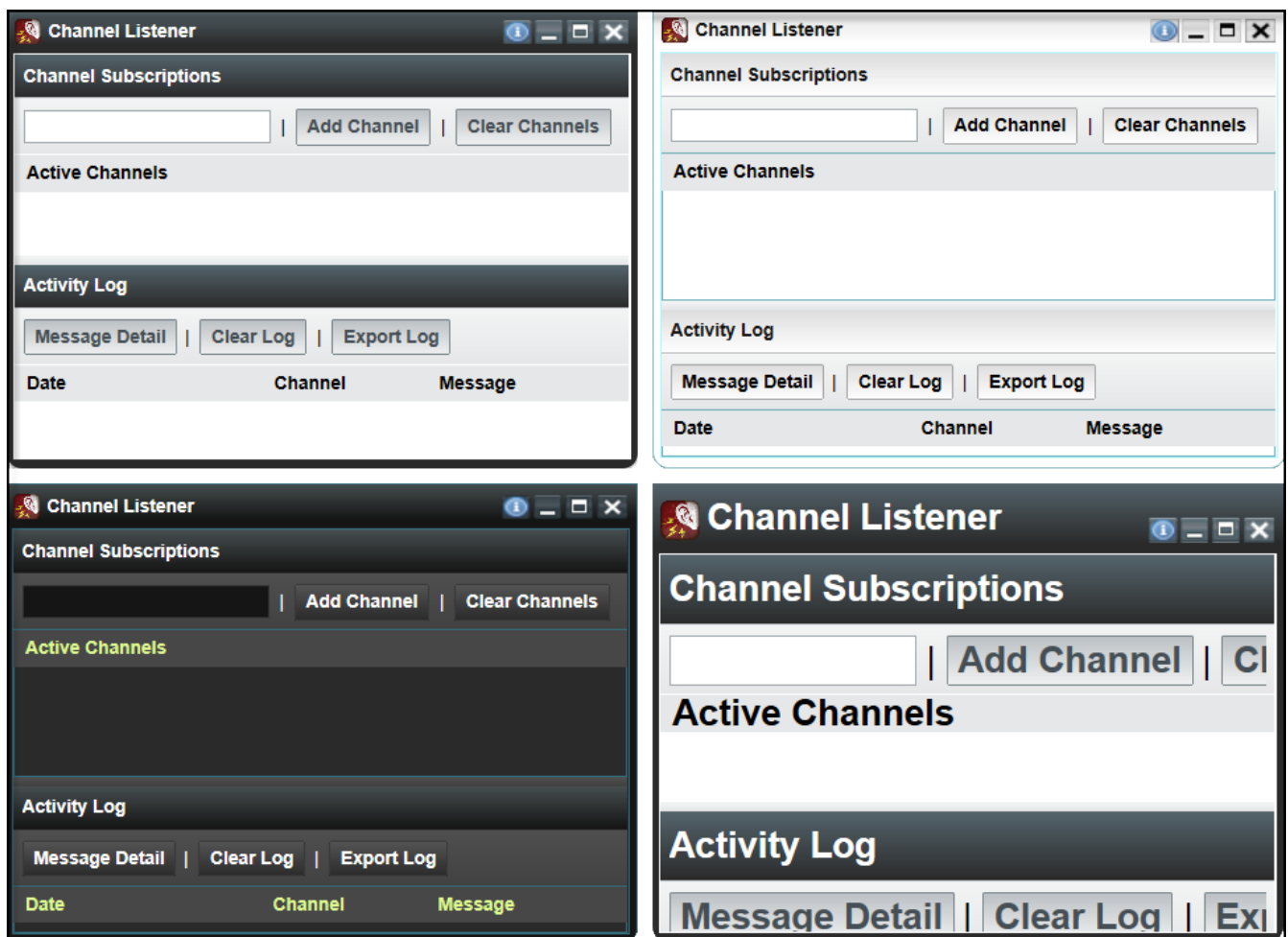


Figure 11: Channel Listener Shown in OWF's Four Default Themes

A widget's implementation determines how its user interface must change to match the OWF themes. Developers using standard HTML/JavaScript widgets should create CSS stylesheets that match OWF themes and use logic to decide which CSS stylesheet to include. This is the approach taken in the Channel Listener example in the next section.

Important points:

- The **name**, **contrastType**, and **fontSize** of the current themes are appended to the widget's URL as **themeName**, **themeContrast** and **themeFontSize**.
- The value for **themeContrast** will be one of the following choices:
 - **standard** – regular theme
 - **black-on-white** – indicates the use of high contrast colors: black on top of white
 - **white-on-black** – indicates the use of high contrast colors: white on top of black
- The **themeFontSize** will be an integer indicating the font size of the OWF theme in pixels.

11.2 Walkthrough

When modifying their own widgets: Developers should add logic to **ChannelListener.jsp** that includes the correct CSS based on the current OWF Theme.

To copy an example from the product:

Go to the unpacked **owf.war** and locate **ChannelListener.jsp** in the **apache-tomcat-7.0.21\webapps\owf\examples\walkthrough\widgets** folder.

Note: Notice that ChannelListener is implemented as a GSP file. It allows the Web server to change the included CSS file depending on the OWF theme. In this scenario ChannelListener has a specifically named CSS file for each possible OWF theme.

```
<html>
  <head>
    <title>Channel Listener</title>

    <g:if test="${params.themeName != null && params.themeName != ''}">
      <link rel='stylesheet' type='text/css'
href='../.../themes/${params.themeName}.theme/css/${params.themeName}.css' />
    </g:if>
    <g:else>
      <link href="../../../js-lib/ext-4.0.7/resources/css/ext-all.css" rel="stylesheet" type="text/css">
      <link href="../../../css/dragAndDrop.css" rel="stylesheet" type="text/css">
    </g:else>
  ...
```

If a widget includes themes separate from the default OWF themes use the other theme's **themeContrast** and **themeFontSize** attributes to decide which theme the widget should use. If the available widget themes do not match the current OWF theme, make sure that the widget has a default theme.

11.3 Additional Considerations

11.3.1 Accessing Theme Information from JavaScript

It is also possible to use JavaScript to find the `themeTypes`. See the example below:

```
var themeInfo = OWF.getCurrentTheme();

/* themeInfo looks like:
 * {
 *   //name of the theme
 *   name: 'theme-name',
 *
 *   //describes color contrast of the theme. This may be one of 3 values:
 *   // 'standard' (colors provide no special contrast)
 *   // 'black-on-white' (black on white color contrast)
 *   // 'white-on-black' (white on black color contrast)
 *   contrast: 'black-on-white',
 *
 *   //this field is a number of the fontSize in pixels
 *   fontSize: 12
 * }
```

12 Widget Intents API

12.1 Overview

The Widget Intents API allows app components to tell the OWF container information about the data they can send and receive. The container then uses this information to allow users to select which app components they want to use together.

This walkthrough will go through the process of using the Widget Intents API by describing the Intents behavior in the following three sample app components with associated intents:

- **NYSE** - displays data from the New York Stock Exchange.
- **HTML Viewer** - displays HTML (or text) in tabs.
- **Stock Chart** - plots current stock prices on a graph.

In the following walkthrough, these three app components work together to demonstrate the Widget Intents API.

To demonstrate the Widget Intents API:

- 1) Sign in to the OWF Interface and open the NYSE app component.
- 2) Click a company name. A menu will open. It will display only app components that include viewing html/text intents. (Developers can bypass this step with the instructions found in section [12.3.2: Intent Launching Data](#).)
- 3) Launch the HTML Viewer app component. Information about the selected company will appear in a tab.
- 4) To graph data, go back to the NYSE app component and select a checkbox to the left of a company name.
- 5) Click the “View Current Prices” button at the bottom of the app component, this action sends out a request for any app components that can receive graphing intents. A menu appears displaying all possible app components.
- 6) Click the Stock Chart app component. Information about the selected company will appear on the chart.

12.2 Walkthrough: Requirements for intents

This section explains the necessary requirements for using intents:

Step 1: Import the correct JavaScript files

The following list of scripts are required to use the Widget Intents API:

```
<link href="../../css/dragAndDrop.css" rel="stylesheet" type="text/css">
<script type="text/javascript" src="https://servername:port/owf/js-min/owf-widget-min.js"></script>
<script type="text/javascript">
    //The location is assumed to be at /<context>/js/eventing/rpc_relay.uncompressed.html if it is not
    set
    //OWF.relayFile = '/<context>/js/eventing/rpc_relay.uncompressed.html';
</script>
```

- 1) Replace all occurrences of `https://servername:port` with the name of the server where OWF is running. For example, `https://www.yourcompany.com:8443`.
- 2) Replace all occurrences of `<context>` with the root context of the Web application.

The previous scripts handle intents functionality. The `NYSE.gsp`, `HTMLViewer.gsp`, and `StockChart.gsp` use several additional JavaScript files to showcase their functionality.

Step 2: Wrap the JavaScript that requires the Widget Intents API in the OWF.ready function

The Widget Intents API requires the use of Eventing. For an example, see `NYSE.gsp`:

```
...
OWF.ready(init);
...
```

Step 3: Sign in to OWF to edit the app component

To edit an app component:

- 1) Sign in to OWF interface as an administrator.
- 2) Click Administration on the drop-down User Menu in the toolbar.
- 3) Select App Components to open the App Component Manager.
- 4) Click an app component and click edit. The App Component Editor will open. From the App Component Editor, administrators can add, edit or remove intents, see section [3.2.1: Creating Descriptor Files for App Components](#).

Step 4: Set up an app component to send and receive intents

Sending an Intent should be tied to a user-generated action such as clicking a button or link. The handler for that action should call the `OWF.Intents.startActivity` method. This method takes three arguments:

- 1) The first argument is **an Intent**. An Intent is simply an object describing an action and a data type. The action should be a verb describing what the user is trying to do (i.e. plot, pan, zoom, view, graph, etc.). The data type should describe what type of data is being acted upon. The data type format is described in [12.4.1: Recommended Intents data type conventions](#). Also, the Store ships with a few default data types as a means to provide standard metadata for the intents established in this section.
- 2) The second argument is **an object containing the data** that the intent is sending. The format of the data depends solely on how the receiving app component is expecting to receive it.
- 3) The third argument is **a callback function** that is executed once the receiving app component is selected. This callback will receive information about the receiving app component. That information can be used to access the receiving app component directly.

The example below displays an intent that graphs a stock price. Once a receiving app component is selected, the graph is continuously updated with fluctuating stock prices.

```
...
OWF.Intents.startActivity(
  {
    action: 'Graph',
    dataType: 'application/vnd.owf.sample.price'
  },
  {
    data: data
  },
  function (dest) {
    //dest is an array of destination widget proxies
    if (dest.length > 0) {
      Ext.Array.each(dest, function(datum, index, dataRef) {
        var json = Ext.JSON.decode(datum.id);
        var widgetId = json.id;
        var proxy = datum.id;
        if (_tm) { _tm.reset(widgetId, proxy, symbols) ;}
      });
    }
    else {
      // alert('Intent was canceled');
    }
  }
);
...
```

Use the App Component Editor in the user interface to add, edit or remove intents, see section [3.2.1: Creating Descriptor Files for App Components](#). Any app component can receive an Intent by calling the `OWF.Intents.receive` method. This method takes two arguments:

- 1) The first argument is **an Intent**. An Intent is simply an object describing an action and a data type. The action should be a verb describing what the user is trying to do (i.e. plot, pan, zoom, view, graph, etc.). The data type should describe what type of data is being acted upon. The data type format is described in [12.4.1: Recommended Intents data type conventions](#).
- 2) The second argument, **a function** that is executed once an Intent is received, receives information about the sending app component. That information can be used to directly access the “sending app component”. It will also receive the intent and the data.

The example below uses Intents to plot a stock price on the graph:

```
...
OWF.Intents.receive(
  {
    action: 'Graph',
    dataType: 'application/vnd.owf.sample.price'
  },
  function (sender, intent, data) {
    doPlot(data.data);
  }
);
...
```

12.3 Additional Capabilities

12.3.1 WidgetProxy on Ready

`WidgetProxy` objects have an `onReady` method which tells the caller if the app component that is represented by the proxy is ready to communicate [i.e., If it has called `OWF.notifyWidgetReady()`]. The `onReady` method takes a callback function as its only parameter. If the app component represented by the proxy is already ready, the callback is fired immediately. Otherwise, it is fired once the represented app component calls `notifyWidgetReady`. Also, `WidgetProxy` objects have a boolean `isReady` property that states whether they are ready.

Example `onReady` code:

```
var widgetProxy = OWF.RPC.getWidgetProxy(id);
widgetProxy.onReady(function() { console.log("Other widget is ready!"); });
```

12.3.2 Intent Launching Data

To identify if an app component was launched using an intent, use the Widget Launcher API. If the app component was launched by an intent, the function `OWF.Launcher.getLaunchData()` will return a JSON string with the value `intents:true` as its launch data.

12.3.3 Send an Intent to a known set of app components

The Intents API may be used to directly send an Intent to a set of app components without requiring a user to select where they want to send their data. The `startActivity` function accepts a destination array of `WidgetProxy` objects. If this array is specified the intent will be sent only to those app components. `WidgetProxies` may be obtained by using the Widget RPC API or by using a previous `startActivity` call. Example code:

```
...
Var dest = //Array of Widget Proxies obtained earlier
OWF.Intents.startActivity(
  {
    action:'Graph',
    dataType:'application/vnd.owf.sample.price'
  },
  {
    data: data
  },
  function (dest) {
    //dest is an array of destination widget proxies
    if (dest.length > 0) {
      Ext.Array.each(dest, function(datum, index, dataRef) {
        var json = Ext.JSON.decode(datum.id);
        var widgetId = json.id;
        var proxy = datum.id;
        if (_tm) { _tm.reset(widgetId, proxy, symbols) ;}
      });
    }
    else {
      // alert('Intent was canceled');
    }
  },
  dest
);
...
```

12.4 Additional Considerations

12.4.1 Recommended Intents data type conventions

Data types are stored as strings in the database. However, the success of Intents relies heavily on the ability to share data types between app components. To facilitate this, OWF follows the MIME type naming conventions as recognized by the [Internet Assigned Numbers Authority \(IANA\)](#) and [Webintents.org](#). All OWF developers should use the intents provided by these organizations to create their own intents. It is also strongly recommended that custom MIME types use the `application/vnd.owf.<datatype>` naming convention.

Also, the Store allows developers to create standard Intent Actions and DataTypes that will pass from App Components in the Store to OWF. These Actions and DataTypes serve as metadata placeholders for the intents developers create.

13 Point-to-Point (Remote Procedure Call) API

OWF ships with the Color Server and Color Client example widgets to demonstrate the Remote Procedure Call (RPC) API. The RPC API is different from a publication-subscribe API, which allows widgets to globally publish messages or subscribe to a subset of globally published messages from any widget. In contrast, RPC follows a client/server model where communication is point-to-point between widgets and therefore cannot be received by any widgets other than the intended target.

In OWF, the RPC API enables a (client) widget to send a request message, or function call, to a (server) widget configured to perform the request. This process is facilitated by the client widget calling a widget proxy object, which exposes the server widget's registered functions and allows direct messages to be sent.

13.1 Color Server Widget



Figure 12: Color Server Widget

The Color Server Widget performs two functions, each shown in the code block which follows. The `getColors()` function returns a list of all supported colors. The second function, `changeColor(color)`, can change the background color. On load of this widget, both functions are registered via the `Ozone.eventing.clientInitialize()` function, enabling them to be called remotely. In the example below, they are called by a user from the Color Client Widget shown in section [13.2 Color Client Widget](#).

The code for the Color Server Widget is shown below:

```
<html>
<head>
  <meta http-equiv="Content-Type" content="text/html; charset=UTF-8">
  <title>Color Server</title>
  <p:javascript src="owf-widget" />
  <script type='text/javascript'>

    function getColors() {
      return ['Red', 'Blue', 'Yellow'];
    }

    function changeColor(color) {
      var b = owfdojo.body();
      b.style.backgroundColor = color;
      return true;
    }

    OWF.ready(function() {
      OWF.RPC.registerFunctions([
        {
          name: 'getColors',
          fn: getColors
        }, {
          name: 'changeColor',
          fn: changeColor
        }
      ]
    });
  </script>
</head>
<body>
  <h1>Color Server</h1>
</body>
</html>
```

13.2 Color Client Widget

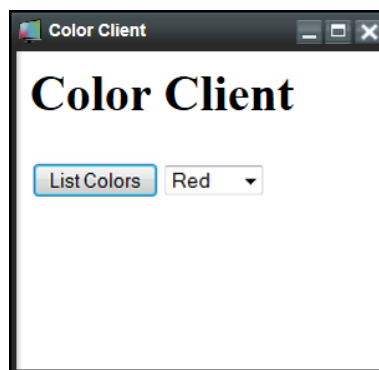


Figure 13: Color Client Widget

The Color Client widget contains a button that, when clicked, calls the Color Server's `getColors()` function to populate the adjacent dropdown list with the colors supported by [Figure 12: Color Server Widget](#). When a user selects a color from the dropdown menu, the client calls the server's `changeColor()` method to change the server widget's background color. The function is wrapped inside the `Ozone.eventing.importWidget()` function to obtain a reference to the remote server endpoint.

The code for the Color Client Widget is shown below:

```
<html>
<head>
  <meta http-equiv="Content-Type" content="text/html; charset=UTF-8">
  <title>Color Client</title>
  <p:javascript src="owf-widget" />
  <script type='text/javascript'>

    function getColorList() {

      OWF.getOpenedWidgets(function(widgetList) {
        var widgetId;
        if (widgetList != null) {
          for (var i = 0; i < widgetList.length; i++) {
            if (widgetList[i].id != null && widgetList[i].name.match(/^.*Color Server.*$/) !=
null) {
              widgetId = widgetList[i].id;
              break;
            }
          }
          if (widgetId != null) {
            OWF.RPC.getWidgetProxy(widgetId, function(widget) {
              widget.getColors(function(result) {
                var selColors = owfdojo.byId('colors');
                if (selColors) {
                  owfdojo.forEach(selColors.options, function(data) {
                    selColors.remove(selColors.length - 1);
                  });
                  owfdojo.forEach(result, function(data) {
                    var option = owfdojo.create('option');
                    option.text = data;
                    option.value = data
                    if (!selColors.contains(option)) {
                      selColors.add(option);
                    }
                  });
                });
              });
            } else {
              alert('Missing Color Server!');
            }
          }
        }
      });
    }
  </script>
</head>
</html>
```

```

    }
    });
}

function changeColor(color) {
    OWF.getOpenedWidgets(function(widgetList) {
        var widgetId;
        if (widgetList != null) {
            for (var i = 0; i < widgetList.length; i++) {
                if (widgetList[i].id != null && widgetList[i].name.match(/^.*Color Server.*$/) !=
null) {
                    widgetId = widgetList[i].id;
                    break;
                }
            }
            if (widgetId != null) {
                OWF.RPC.getWidgetProxy(widgetId, function(widget) {
                    widget.changeColor(color);
                });
            } else {
                alert('Missing Color Server!');
            }
        }
    });
}

</script>
</head>
<body>
    <h1>Color Client</h1>
    <button type="button" onclick="getColorList()">List Colors</button>
    <select id="colors" onclick="changeColor(this.value)"></select>
    <div>

    </div>
</body>
</html>

```


14 Example Widgets

OWF is bundled with examples of widgets that employ various Web technologies. These can be used as a starting point for integrating a variety of Web applications into the framework.

14.1 HTML Examples

There are seven simple HTML examples that were collectively designed to act as a progressive walkthrough within this guide and OWF. These example widgets are described in the table below:

Table 6: HTML Widget Examples

File	Purpose
AnnouncingClock.html	This example is a simple updating clock.
AnnouncingClock_Eventing.html	This example broadcasts the time on a specified channel.
SecondTracker.html	This example receives and displays the time broadcasted by the AnnouncingClock_Eventing.html widget by listening to a specified channel.
AnnouncingClock_Preference.html	This example adds an option to display the clock in military time and saves this preference to the OWF database.
AnnouncingClock_Logging.html	This example prints periodic logging messages to a logging popup window.
AnnouncingClock_Advanced.html	This example combines the functionality of eventing, preferences, localization, and logging into a single clock widget.

14.1.1 Technologies

No additional software is required; the Announcing Clock Widget pages can be hosted in any Web server.

14.1.2 Building/Compilation

An ANT build script is provided with the sample HTML Widget. (ANT must be installed to execute this script.) The build script creates the `owf-sample-html.war` file that will be deployed on the Web server. To build the `owf-sample-html.war`:

- 1) Extract `/html-widgets.zip` into a new directory.
- 2) Open a command prompt and navigate to the directory created in Step 1.
- 3) Type ANT. The resulting `owf-sample-html.war` file will be in the target directory and can be deployed to the widget server.
- 4) The widgets consist of several HTML pages that can be dropped anywhere on a Web server. By default, the widgets look for the framework JavaScript files on localhost. Accordingly, change their paths to reflect the actual location of the OWF server:

```
<script type="text/javascript" src="https://servername:port/owf/js-min/owf-widget-min.js"></script>
```

- 5) Replace all occurrences of `https://servername:port` with the name of the server where OWF is running, for example, `https://www.yourcompany.com:8443`. Additionally, be sure to verify that the windowname library paths point to the local installation.

Additionally, the `AnnouncingClockEventing.html`, `SecondTracker.html` and `AnnouncingClockAdvanced.html` files instantiate the `Ozone.eventing.widget` object, which takes a path as an argument. The path used must be from the context root of the local widget.

14.1.3 Updating OWF JavaScript Includes

The simplest way to upgrade a widget's OWF JavaScript includes is to replace all OWF JavaScript includes with the list found in section [2.3.2: Widget Best Practices](#). This mass change will ensure that all JavaScript includes are accounted for. If a smaller list is required for specific functionality, please refer to the appropriate feature section within this document.

14.1.4 Upgrade Eventing Relay File

New JavaScript libraries have been introduced. These libraries will need to be re-deployed to every Web server which hosts widgets for OWF. The new libraries are located in `\javascript`.

14.1.5 Preference API behavior change

In prior versions of OWF an attempt to retrieve or delete a nonexistent preference resulted in an error. Starting with OWF 3.3, the Preference API considers retrieving or deleting a preference that does not exist, a “success” and calls the `onSuccess` callback with an “undefined” value. For example, the `getUserPreference()` method in the Preferences API will return an empty object when the requested named property is not found.

There have also been a few method changes in the Preference API. The methods `putUserPreference` and `createOrUpdateUserPreference` have been removed in favor of `setUserPreference`. Additionally, all methods now take a JSON configuration object as a parameter. See section 6: Adding the Preferences API to a widget for more details.

14.2 GWT Example

The GWT sample demonstrates how a Google Web Toolkit widget can be integrated in OWF. The standard [GWT stockwatcher tutorial application](#) has been modified so that it can perform the following:

- When adding and removing stocks, it will broadcast a message on the **stockwatcher** channel.
- Persist all the current stocks into one User Preference named `STOCK_LIST`.
- On initial load, retrieve User Preference named `STOCK_LIST` if available for user and load symbols into grid.

14.2.1 Technologies

- A Java JDK installation of 1.6 or higher.
- GWT 1.6 (tested with GWT 1.6.4.).
- Apache ANT 1.7 or higher OR the latest version of Eclipse with the GWT toolkit plugin.
- A J2EE container such as Tomcat, Jetty or JBoss.

14.2.2 Building/Compilation

In order to build the GWT sample widget, execute the following steps:

- 1) Extract `/gwt-widget.zip` into a new directory.
- 2) Ensure that the Environment Variable `GWT_HOME` is set to the correct location— the installation of GWT.

- 3) Open a command prompt and navigate to the directory created in Step 1.
- 4) Modify the location of the source in the **StockWatcher.html** file to reflect the actual location of the OWF server:

```
<script type="text/javascript" language="javascript" src="https://localhost:8443/owf/js-min/owf-widget-debug.js"></script>
```

Note: Directions on how to add an environment variable for Windows XP at <http://support.microsoft.com/kb/310519>.

- 5) Type ANT. The resulting **StockWatcher.war** file will be in the target directory and can be deployed to the widget server.
- 6) By default, the widget looks for the framework JavaScripts on localhost. Replace all occurrences of **https://servername:port** with the name of the server where OWF is running, for example, **https://www.yourcompany.com:8443**.

To test that the widget properly publishes data, do the following:

- 1) Follow the section [3: Adding a Widget to OWF](#) walkthrough to create widget definitions which point to **stockwatcher.html**, assign the widget to a user, and then apply the widget to one of the user's dashboards. Use the following data for widget definitions:

Table 7: Data for GWT Widget Definition

Definition	Data Input
URL	http://widget-server-name:port/StockWatcher/StockWatcher.html
Large Icon	http://widget-server-name:port/StockWatcher/images/stockwatch.gif
Small Icon	http://widget-server-name:port/StockWatcher/images/stockwatchsm.gif
Width	500
Height	500

- 2) Enter the OWF and select the dashboard which contains the widgets mentioned in the steps above.
- 3) Launch the Listener Widget and the StockWatcher .NET Widget.
- 4) Add the "stockwatcher" channel to the Listener Widget. Do not include the quotations.
- 5) When stocks are added or removed from the widget, the listener will display the appropriate information.

14.2.3 Known Issues

There are no known issues at this time.

14.3 .NET Example

The .NET sample widget demonstrates how a simple .NET-based Web application can be integrated into OWF. It consists of a Web page for adding eventing channels and a Web service for storing received messages.

14.3.1 Technologies

The following is required to build/deploy this example:

- Visual Studio 2008
- ASP.Net 3.5 or higher.
- Microsoft IIS or the built-in Web server bundled in Visual Studio 2008

14.3.2 Building/Compilation

This example is packaged as a Visual Studio solution (*.sln).

- 1) Open the solution file and use Visual Studio to run and debug the application. By default, it will try to pick up OWF scripts on localhost.
- 2) Change the location of the source to reflect the actual location of the OWF server. Accordingly the location of the source must be modified in the **Default.aspx** file to reflect the actual location of the OWF server:

```
< script type="text/javascript" src="https://localhost:8443/owf/js/config/config.js"></script>
<script type="text/javascript" src="https://localhost:8443/owf/js/util/error.js"></script>
<script type="text/javascript" language="javascript" src="https://localhost:8443/owf/js-min/owf-widget-
min.js"></script>
```

- 3) Replace all occurrences of <https://servername:port> with the name of the server where OWF is running, for example, <https://www.yourcompany.com:8443>. Additionally, be sure to verify that the windowname library paths point to the local installation.

To test that the widget works properly:

- 1) Follow the section [3: Adding a Widget to OWF](#) walkthrough to create widget definitions which point to **Default.aspx**, assign the widget to a user, and then apply the widget to one of the user's dashboards. Use the following data for widget definitions:

Table 8: Data for .NET Widget Definition

Definition	Data Input Field
URL	http://localhost:80/dotnet/Default.aspx
Large Image URL	http://localhost:80/dotnet/images/channellListener.gif
Small Image URL	http://localhost:80/dotnet/images/channellListenersm.gif
Width	500
Height	500

- 2) Enter the OWF and select the dashboard that contains the widget mentioned in the steps above.
- 3) Launch the Channel Shouter Widget and the `Default.aspx` widget mentioned above.
- 4) Assign a channel to the Shouter and add it to the `Default.aspx` widget.
- 5) Broadcast a message with the Shouter, then search for a word from said message with the `Default.aspx` widget. The message should appear in the search results of `Default.aspx`.

14.3.3 Known Issues

When a .NET widget is added to a dashboard which is being viewed in Internet Explorer, a debug message which reads "Failed Target Prefs Error: Timeout", is displayed. The OWF team is aware of this issue and will be addressing it in a future release.

14.4 FLEX Example

The Flex sample widgets demonstrate how .SWF files built using the Adobe Flex framework can be integrated into OWF. It consists of two independent widgets – the Flex Pan Widget and the Direct Widget.

The Flex Pan Widget demonstrates the integration of a Flex Rich Internet Application with OWF. The application displays a large image of the Earth and allows Users to zoom and scroll around the image. The Flex Pan Widget exposes eventing interfaces to control pan and zoom control.

The Flex Pan Widget subscribes to the "map.command" channel for the following messages:

- zoomIn
- zoomOut

- panUp
- panDown
- panLeft
- panRight

The Flex Pan Widget publishes to the "map.mouse" channel for mouse coordinates in the format:

```
{ absX : 100, absY : 110, localX : 200, localY : 500 }
```

The abs coordinates are relative to the map image and local coordinates are relative to the widget's window.

The Flex Pan Widget subscribes to the "map.marker" channel for messages that post markers on the map image. The format for a "map.marker" message is:

```
{ x: 100, y: 200 }
```

This event payload will put a map marker at 100, 200 on the map. Markers are persisted to the database using the Preferences API.

The Flex Direct Widget connects to the Flex Pan Widget via the eventing mechanism to control the panning and zooming. It also displays the current mouse position.

14.4.1 Technologies

The following is required to build/deploy this example:

- A Java JDK installation of 1.6 or higher.
- Flex SDK 3.4 or 3.5
- A J2EE container such as Tomcat, Jetty or JBoss.

14.4.2 Building/Compilation

- 1) Extract `\flex-widget.zip` into a new directory.
- 2) Open `build.xml` and set the **FLEX_HOME** property.

For example:

```
<property name="FLEX_HOME" value="C:\Development\Flex" />
```

By default, the widget looks for the framework JavaScripts on localhost. The location of the source must be modified in both the

`src/main/webapp/direct.html` and the `src/main/resources/custom-template/templates/html-templates/express-installation-with-history/index.template.html` files to reflect the actual location of the OWF server:

```
<script type="text/javascript" language="javascript" src="https://localhost:8443/owf/js-min/owf-widget-min.js"></script>
```

- 3) Replace all occurrences of <https://servername:port> with the name of the server where OWF is running, for example, <https://www.yourcompany.com:8443>. Additionally, be sure to verify that the windowname library paths point to the local installation. Moreover, the `src/main/webapp/direct.html` and `src/main/resources/custom-template/templates/html-templates/express-installation-with-history/index.template.html` instantiate the `Ozone.eventing.widget` object, which takes the path to the RPC relay file as an argument. The path used must be from the context root of the local widget.
- 4) Open a command prompt and navigate to the directory created in Step 1.
- 5) Type ANT. The resulting `owf-sample-flex.war` file will be in the target directory and can be deployed to the widget server. To test that these widgets work properly together, follow the walkthrough in section [3: Adding a Widget to OWF](#) to create widget definitions which point to `pan.html`, and then assign and apply the widget using the following widget definitions.

Table 9: Flex Pan Widget Definition Text

Definition	Data Input Field
URL	<code>http://widget-server-name:port/owf-sample-flex/pan.html</code>
Large Icon	<code>http://widget-server-name:port/owf-sample-flex/images/pan.gif</code>
Small Icon	<code>http://widget-server-name:port/owf-sample-flex/images/pansm.gif</code>
Width	800
Height	400

Repeat step 1 for the `direct.html` widget. Use the following data for widget definitions:

Table 10: Flex Monitor Direct Widget Definition Text

Definition	Data Input Field
URL	<code>http://widget-server-name:port/owf-sample-flex/direct.html</code>
Large Icon	<code>http://widget-server-name:port/owf-sample-flex/images/direct.gif</code>
Small Icon	<code>http://widget-server-name:port/owf-sample-flex/images/directsm.gif</code>
Width	300
Height	305

Launch both widgets and use the functions on each widget to see how navigational commands and locations are shared between the two widgets.

14.4.3 Supporting Drag and Drop in Flex Widgets

This walkthrough uses Flex Channel Listener and Flex Channel Shouter example widget behavior to explain the Widget Drag and Drop API.

Note: This guide assumes developers understand how to develop Flex applications using Adobe Flash Builder and are using the Flex Channel Listener and Flex Channel Shouter sample widgets that are included with OWF.

Step 1: Import Required Files

This includes:

- Files mentioned in section [8.3.1: Required Includes](#)
- **DragAndDropSupport.as** action script file that enables drag and drop in Flex widgets.
 - a) Find it in the **etc/widget/flash-dragAndDrop/ozone/owf/dd/**DragAndDropSupport directory.
 - b) Copy the **etc/widget/flash-dragAndDrop/ozone** directory to the **flex-channel-shouter/src** and **flex-channel-listener/src** directory.

Step 2: Enable Flex Drag and Drop Support

Create an instance of **DragAndDropSupport** class when the **applicationComplete** event fires. Set the **wmode** of Flex app to "**~**".

Example listener.mxml and shouter.mxml:

```
<s:Application xmlns:fx="http://ns.adobe.com/mxml/2009"
               xmlns:s="library://ns.adobe.com/flex/spark"
               xmlns:mx="library://ns.adobe.com/flex/mx"
               minWidth="400" minHeight="400"
               applicationComplete="applicationCompleteHandler(event)">

<fx:Script>
    <![CDATA[
    ...
    protected function applicationCompleteHandler(event:FlexEvent):void {
        var dd:DragAndDropSupport = DragAndDropSupport.getInstance(stage);
    }
    ...
    ]]>
</fx:Script>

    ...

</s:Application>
```

Example index.template.html:

```
<script type="text/javascript">
    ...
    params.allowfullscreen = "true";
    params.wmode = "opaque";
    var attributes = {};
    ...
</script>
```

Step 3: Add Code to Initialize Widget Drag and Drop API

Register the widget to Drag and Drop API by calling **OWF.DragAndDrop.setFlashWidgetId** method and passing the id of the app.

```
<script>

    OWF.ready(function() {
        OWF.DragAndDrop.setFlashWidgetId("${application}");
    });

    ...

</script>
```

Step 4: Attach Flex "mouseDown" Listener to Drag Operation

To start a drag operation, a mouse down listener must be attached to a Flex Component:

- In the Flex Channel Shouter example, it is the "Drag" button.
- In the "mouseDown" listener, execute the public javascript function, **startDrag**, using Flex's **ExternalInterface.startDrag** function in turn calls **OWF.DragAndDrop.startDrag** which starts the drag and notifies other widgets that a drag has been started in a widget.

index.template.html:

```
<script>

    OWF.ready(function() {
        OWF.DragAndDrop.setFlashWidgetId("${application}");
    });

    function startDrag(channel) {
        OWF.DragAndDrop.startDrag({
            dragDropLabel: channel,
            dragDropData: channel
        });
    }

    ...

</script>
```

```

</script>

shouter.mxml:

<fx:Script>
    <![CDATA[

        protected function button1_mouseDownHandler(event:MouseEvent):void
        {
            if(channel_name.text == "")
                return;

            event.preventDefault();
            event.stopPropagation();

            ExternalInterface.call('startDrag', channel_name.text);
        }

        ...

    ]]>
</fx:Script>

...
    <s:Button label="Drag" mouseDown="button1_mouseDownHandler(event)"/>
...

```

Step 5: Respond to Drag and Drop Events

Choose a Flex component to be a Drop Zone (an area that accepts a drop).

Note: In the Flex Channel Listener, the Drop Zone is the List Panel below the "Add Channel" and "Remove Channel" buttons.

Drag and Drop API allows callback functions that respond to three events: **dragStart**, **dragStop**, and **drop**.

- The **dragStart** event is fired whenever a drag is initiated. This was done in Flex Channel Shouter by calling the **startDrag** function in the **mousedown** listener.

Flex Channel Listener responds to the **dragStart** by highlighting the Drop Zone to show that it is a drop location. In **dragStart** callback, execute the **onDragStart** function which is exposed by the Flex Widget. Also, execute the **updateInteractiveObjects** method which is exposed by the **DragAndDropSupport** class. This is a required step to make drag and drop work as expected in Flex widgets:

index.template.html:

```
<script>

    OWF.ready(function() {
        ...

        OWF.DragAndDrop.onDragStart(function(msg) {
            OWF.Util.getFlashApp().onDragStart();
            OWF.Util.getFlashApp().updateInteractiveObjects();
        });

        ...
    });

</script>
```

listener.mxml:

```
protected function applicationCompleteHandler(event:FlexEvent):void {
    ...

    // expose onDragStart so that it can be called from JavaScript
    ExternalInterface.addCallback('onDragStart', function():void {
        channelsBG = "0x00adef";
    });

    ...
}
```

- Like the name implies, **dragStop** fires when a drag stops. This happens when a user releases the mouse button inside or outside a widget. In Flex Channel Listener, the highlighted Drop Zone will stop highlighting if a **dragStop** occurs.

index.template.html:

```
<script>

    OWF.ready(function() {
        ...

        OWF.DragAndDrop.onDropStop(function() {
            OWF.Util.getFlashApp().onDragStop();
        });

        ...
    });

</script>
```

```

</script>

listener.mxml:

protected function applicationCompleteHandler(event:FlexEvent):void {
    ...

    // expose onDragStop so that it can be called from JavaScript
    ExternalInterface.addCallback('onDragStop', function():void {
        channelsBG = "0xffffffff";
    });

    ...
}

```

- A **drop** fire when a Drag and Drop operation is successful. The callback assigned to this event executes with the data originally passed to the **startDrag** function.

```

index.template.html:

<script>

    OWF.ready(function() {
        ...

        OWF.DragAndDrop.onDrop(function() {
            OWF.Util.getFlashApp().onDrop(msg.dragDropData);
        });

        ...
    });

</script>

listener.mxml:

protected function applicationCompleteHandler(event:FlexEvent):void {
    ...

    // expose onDrop so that it can be called from JavaScript
    ExternalInterface.addCallback('onDrop', onDropReceive);
    ...
}

public function onDropReceive(data:Object):void {
    listenToChannel(data as String);
}

```

14.4.4 Known Issues

Flex has a known issue with DHTML and z-index ordering. The default `wmode` for Flex is “window”. It also allows for two other options; transparent and opaque. In order for Flex widgets to adhere to the proper z-index ordering the `wmode` must be set to something other than the default.

To reduce the impact of the z-index issue, the OWF team added a `useShims` property to `OwfConfig.groovy`. To turn it on, change the parameter to `true`.

Flex widgets may use a JavaScript file named `history.js`. This JavaScript file may throw a JavaScript error in Internet Explorer when a Flex widget is launched. To fix this replace the code below with code in the following section.

Existing code:

```
history.js - before changes:
...
var _initialize = function () {
    if (browser.ie)
    {
        var scripts = document.getElementsByTagName('script');
        for (var i = 0, s; s = scripts[i]; i++) {
            if (s.src.indexOf("history.js") > -1) {
                var iframe_location = (new String(s.src)).replace("history.js", "historyFrame.html");
            }
        }
        historyFrameSourcePrefix = iframe_location + "?";
        var src = historyFrameSourcePrefix;

        var iframe = document.createElement("iframe");
        iframe.id = 'ie_historyFrame';
        iframe.name = 'ie_historyFrame';
        //iframe.src = historyFrameSourcePrefix;
        try {
            document.body.appendChild(iframe);
        } catch(e) {
            setTimeout(function() {
                document.body.appendChild(iframe);
            }, 0);
        }
    }
}
...
```

Replacement code:

```

history.js - after changes:
...
var _initialize = function () {
    if (browser.ie)
    {
        var scripts = document.getElementsByTagName('script');
        for (var i = 0, s; s = scripts[i]; i++) {
            if (s.src.indexOf("history.js") > -1) {
                var iframe_location = (new String(s.src)).replace("history.js", "historyFrame.html");
            }
        }
        historyFrameSourcePrefix = iframe_location + "?";
        var src = historyFrameSourcePrefix;

        var iframe = document.createElement("iframe");
        iframe.id = 'ie_historyFrame';
        iframe.name = 'ie_historyFrame';
        //iframe.src = historyFrameSourcePrefix;
        try {
            document.body.appendChild(iframe);
        } catch(e) {
            var intervalId = setInterval(function() {
                var error = false;
                try {
                    document.body.appendChild(iframe);
                }
                catch(e) {
                    error = true;
                }
                if (!error) {
                    clearInterval(intervalId);
                }
            }, 10);
        }
    }
}
...

```

14.5 Silverlight Example

The Silverlight example shows how an ASP.Net/Silverlight Website can be incorporated into OWF as a widget. It consists of four panes that are accessible via the menu at the bottom of the widget:

- The first pane contains a shouter that allows the sending of messages to other widgets within the framework.
- The second is a listener that can register eventing channels to listen on, which also keeps a running record of all messages received.

- The third pane uses Silverlight charting to track the frequency of the messages within the registered channels.
- The fourth pane uses the Preference Server API to store the user's preferred visualization method for the third pane (pie chart or bar chart).

14.5.1 Technologies

The following is required to build/deploy this example:

- Visual Studio 2008 SP1
- ASP.Net 3.5 or higher
- Silverlight 2 Toolkit
- Microsoft IIS or the built-in Web server bundled in Visual Studio 2008

Note: This example was built using the Silverlight 2 Toolkit released July 2009. Earlier versions may not have all the necessary references and thus, additional configurations may be needed for the widget to run.

14.5.2 Building/Compilation

The Silverlight example is packaged as a Visual Studio solution (*.sln) and, as per Microsoft-suggested practice, consists of two projects (*.prj). One contains the Website and the other is the Silverlight code.

- 1) Open the solution file and use Visual Studio to run and debug the application. By default, it will try to pick up OWF scripts on localhost.
- 2) Change the `OWFSilverlightDemoTestPage.aspx` and the `OWFSilverlightDemoTestPage.html` files to reflect the local OWF server:

```
<script type="text/javascript" language="javascript" src="https://localhost:8443/owf/js-min/owf-widget-min.js"></script>
```

- 3) Replace all occurrences of <https://servername:port> with the name of the server where OWF is running, for example, <https://www.yourcompany.com:8443>. Additionally, be sure to verify that the windowname library paths point to the local installation.

14.5.3 Known Issues

The Silverlight example uses components from the freely available `SilverlightContrib.DLLs`. A copy of the library is bundled with the example.

In Windows, browsers can display a browser-hosted Silverlight content area in either a windowed mode or a windowless mode. The default is a windowed mode. This property

can be set only as an initialization parameter and is read-only for all other access models. In windowless mode, the Silverlight plugin does not have its own rendering window. Instead, the plugin content is displayed directly by the browser window. This enables Silverlight content to visually overlap and blend with HTML content if the plugin and its content both specify background transparency. HTML content can also be displayed on top of Silverlight content in windowless mode. If a Silverlight widget is still rendering incorrectly, please see [C.2: Widget Technology Issues](#) for more details. In Macintosh environments, there is no windowed mode. The mode is always windowless regardless of the Windowless setting.

14.6 Java Applet Example

The applet example demonstrates how a Java applet could be implemented as a widget within OWF. It takes Michael Keating's [MyChessViewer](#), an applet that reads and animates a chess .PGN file, and incorporates it into the framework. It has been modified to do the following:

- Broadcast each forward move selected on a channel named “mychess”.
- Store the current position in the game to the Preference Service.

After deploying the widget to OWF, the sample Channel Listener widget can be used to monitor the “mychess” channel. Clicking on the next button within the applet will send a message about the move. Coming back to the widget after closing the browser will return it to the last move performed.

14.6.1 Technologies

The following is required to build/deploy this example:

- A JDK installation of 1.6 or higher.
- Apache ANT 1.7 or higher.
- A Web server such as Apache or IIS.

14.6.2 Building/Compilation

- 1) Extract `\java-applet-widget.zip` into a new directory.
- 2) Replace all occurrences of `https://servername:port` with the name of the server where OWF is running, for example, `https://www.yourcompany.com:8443`. Additionally, be sure to verify that the windowname library paths point to the local installation.
- 3) Open a command prompt and navigate to the directory created in Step 1.
- 4) Type `ant`. The resulting `owf-sample-applet.war` file will be in the target directory and can be deployed to the widget server.
- 5) By default, the widget looks for the framework JavaScripts on localhost. Accordingly, change the location of the source in the `\java-applet-`

widget\src\main\webapp\widget.jsp file to reflect the actual location of the OWF server:

```
<script type="text/javascript" src="https://localhost:8443/owf/js/config/config.js"></script>
<script type="text/javascript" src="https://localhost:8443/owf/js/util/error.js"></script>
<script type="text/javascript" language="javascript" src="https://localhost:8443/owf/js-min/owf-widget-min.js"></script>
```

To test that the widget properly publishes data, do the following:

- 1) Follow the steps in the section [3: Adding a Widget to OWF](#), in order to create widget definitions which point to **widget.jsp**, assign the widget to a user, and then apply the widget to one of the user's dashboards. Use the following widget definitions:

Table 11: JavaApplet Widget Definition Text

Definition	Data Input Field
URL	http://widget-server-name:port/owf-sample-applet/widget.jsp
Large Icon	http://widget-server-name:port/owf-sample-applet/images/chess.gif
Small Icon	http://widget-server-name:port/owf-sample-applet/images/white-queen.gif
Width	670
Height	655

- 2) Enter OWF and select the dashboard which contains the widgets mentioned in the steps above.
- 3) Launch the Listener Widget and the Chessboard Widget created in Step 1.
- 4) Add the "mychess" channel to the Listener Widget. Do not include the quotations.
- 5) As moves are applied to the chess game, the listener will display the appropriate information.

14.6.3 Known Issues

The applet needs to access the browser's JavaScript object, which requires some additional security. The easiest way to accomplish this is to sign the **.jar**. The security directory contains a keystore and a DOS batch file to create a new one. During the build process, this keystore is used to sign the **.jar** file. The first time the applet is run, the user will be prompted to trust the test certificate. Allowing it will avoid further prompting.

The classes needed to access the JavaScript object are part of the normal Sun JDK in the **plugin.jar**. For simplicity, the **.jar** has been copied into this project's lib directory

from the **Java JDK v1.6.0_07**. Verify that the **plugin.jar** exists on the classpath when using a custom deployment scenario.

There is a documented issue with Java applets not obeying proper z-indexing, the effect being that an applet will appear on top of everything else in the widget framework:

http://bugs.sun.com/bugdatabase/view_bug.do;jsessionid=6a434ce1408465ffffff87e84af5d233a32?bug_id=6646289.

15 Additional Walkthroughs

15.1 Overview - Adding the Widget Launcher

Note: Please see section [7: Widget Launcher API](#) for additional information on the primary Widget Launcher exercise.

The supplemental walkthrough will examine and explain how the "Announcing Clock Launcher" and "Second Tracker (Launched Version)" work together. The "Announcing Clock Launcher" will launch "Second Tracker (Launched Version)" and pass to it the name of a channel which "Second Tracker" will then subscribe to and listen for a time-based "seconds" updates.

A third widget has capabilities which lends itself to this exercise, and that is the "Announcing Clock Dynamic Launcher". It dynamically looks up the GUID of "Second Tracker (Launched Version)" by using the Preferences API.

15.2 Walkthrough - Simple Widget Launching

Step 1: Add Two New Widgets

- a) Name the first widget "Announcing Clock Launcher"
 - Filename: `AnnouncingClock_Launcher.html`
 - URL: `https://localhost:844:/announcing-clock/clock/AnnouncingClock_Launcher.html`
- b) Name the second widget "Second Tracker (Launched Version)"
 - Filename: `SecondTracker_Launched.html`
 - URL: `https://localhost:8443/announcing-clock/clock/SecondTracker_Launched.html`

See section [3: Adding a Widget to OWF](#) for directions on adding a widget to OWF.

Step 2: Examine the Function "launchSecondTracker"

```
function launchSecondTracker()
{
    // data to be passed to the widget that is launched.
    var data = {
        channel: CHANNEL_NAME
    };
    var dataString = OWF.Util.toString(data);

    // Launch the other widget!
    OWF.Launcher.launch(
    {
        guid: "cb71a25d-d435-4770-ab0f-f33d7db31812", // the guid of the widget to launch
        launchOnlyIfClosed: true, //if true will only launch the widget if it is not already
        opened:
        data: dataString // initial launch config data to be passed to
        if the widget is opened. this must be a string!
    },
    callbackOnLaunch
    );
}
```

Note the bold (and highlighted) GUID, **cb71a25d-d435-4770-ab0f-f33d7db31812**. That GUID needs to be correct so that the Launching API can identify the widget to launch, i.e. "Second Tracker (Launched Version)."

Note: In addition to using the GUID to launch a widget, the Universal Name of the widget can be used as well. Viewing a widget list or Widget Editor and "turning on" the Universal Name column will display all of the Universal Names for all widgets that have them. See the OWF Administrator's Guide for more details.

The bold (and highlighted) **OWF.Launcher.launch** text is the actual function call to the Launching API's **launch** function which launches the "SecondTracker (Launched version)" Widget.

The bold (and highlighted) **// data to be passed** text is the note which precedes the payload of data that is being sent to the launched widget. The payload exists as a JSON object which has been encoded as a string.

The bold (and highlighted) **callbackOnLaunch** text is a parameter which is passed to the **launch** function. The value of the parameter is a function that gets called when the launch is complete, regardless of whether the launch, regardless of whether the launch failed or was a success. Said callback should be formed as follows:

```

/**
 * A callback function that gets called after the widget launcher has tried to launch the
 * new widget and either succeeded or failed.
 */
function callbackOnLaunch (resultJson)
{
  var launchResultsMessage = "";
  if(resultJson.error)
  {
    // if there was an error, print that out on the launching widget
    launchResultsMessage += ("Launch Error " + resultJson.message);
  }
  if(resultJson.newWidgetLaunched)
  {
    // if the new widget was launched, say so
    launchResultsMessage += ("New Widget Launched, instance's unique id is " + resultJson.uniqueId);
  }
  else
  {
    // if the new widget was not launched, say so and explain why not
    launchResultsMessage += ("New Widget Not Launched: " + resultJson.message +
      " The existing widget instance's unique id is " + resultJson.uniqueId);
  }

  document.getElementById("launchResults").firstChild.nodeValue = launchResultsMessage;
}

```

It is clear how the above function takes the `JSON` object returned in the function parameter and does something with it; in this specific instance, it displays a status to the user and tells the user what has happened.

Step 3: Examine "SecondTracker_Launched.html"

```

// this widget expects to be launched. See what data was sent!
var launchConfig = OWF.Launcher.getLaunchData();
if(launchConfig == null)
{
  document.getElementById("error").innerHTML = "<font color='red'>ERROR: This widget must be launched from
'Announcing Clock Launcher' to work. Close it and launch it from 'Announcing Clock Launcher.'</font><p>";
}
else
{
  var launchConfigJson = OWF.Util.parseJson(launchConfig);

  // we are expecting the channel to listen on to be passed in dynamically.
  // update it on the page
  var channelToUse = launchConfigJson.channel;

```

The bold (and highlighted) `var launchConfig = OWF.Launcher.getLaunchData()` text shows this function retrieving the launch configuration from the widget launching API.

The bold (and highlighted) `if(launchConfig...` text checks to see whether the retrieved payload was null. If null, an error will be displayed. The payload would be null, for example if the user had launched the Second Tracker (Launched Version) Widget from the Favorites Menu, rather than having it be launched by another widget.

In the bold (and highlighted) **else** text, the widget parses the payload which has been passed to it, turns it into a JSON object, and retrieves the channel name.

15.3 Walkthrough - Dynamic Widget Launching

Step 1: Add a New Widget

- a) Name the widget “Announcing Clock Dynamic Launcher”
 - Filename: **AnnouncingClock_DynamicLauncher.html**
 - URL: **https://localhost:8443/announcing-clock/clock/AnnouncingClock_DynamicLauncher.html.**

Step 2: Examine the Widget

```
var WIDGET_TO_LAUNCH = "Second Tracker (Launched Version)"
```

The line of text above displays the exact name of the Widget that “Announcing Clock Dynamic Launcher” is going to be looking for so that it can be launched.

Step 3: Examine the functions of “Announcing Clock Dynamic Launcher”

In the text below is the function which allows the Widget to search for the GUID is display. This function displays where the Widget is searching for the GUID of the Widget to launch:

```
/**
 * This function starts the launch of the second tracker by
 * querying the OWF pref server for the GUID of the second tracker.
 */
function lookupSecondTracker()
{
    // get the guid of the widget to launch
    var searchConfig = {
        searchParams: { widgetName: WIDGET_TO_LAUNCH },
        onSuccess: launchSecondTracker,
        onFailure: failWidgetLookupError
    };

    OWF.Preferences.findWidgets(searchConfig);
}
```

In the bold (and highlighted) “searchParams” text, widgetName has been hard coded. The bold (and highlighted) “onSuccess” and “onFailure” above show the two callbacks which can be passed. These are the individual functions which get called on those events. On success, it simply launches the second tracker:

```

/**
 * This function launches the second tracker. It's called as a callback from
 * findWidgets on a successful query.
 */
function launchSecondTracker(findResultsResponseJSON)
{
    // get guid
    if(findResultsResponseJSON.length == 0)
    {
        // no result was found, so the looked up widget name doesn't exist
        failWidgetLookupError("Widget was not found in user profile. User may not have access.");
    }
    else
    {
        var guidOfWidgetToLaunch = findResultsResponseJSON[0].path;
        // data to be passed to the widget that is launched.
        var data = {
            channel: CHANNEL_NAME
        };
        var dataString = OWF.Util.toString(data);
        // Launch the other widget!
        OWF.Launcher.launch (
            {
                guid: guidOfWidgetToLaunch, // the guid of the widget to launch
                launchOnlyIfClosed: true, //if true will only launch the widget if it is not already opened.
                data: dataString // initial launch config data to be passed to
            },
            // a widget only if the widget is opened. this must be a string!
            callbackOnLaunch
        );
    }
}

```

On failure, it prints an error message:

```

/**
 * When the findWidget call fails for some reason, this error handling function
 * displays an error message on the widget
 */
function failWidgetLookupError(widgetLookupErrorMessage)
{
    document.getElementById("launchResults").firstChild.nodeValue =
        "Launching Failed because this widget was unable to look up the widget called " +
        WIDGET_TO_LAUNCH + ". Are you sure the widget exists under that name? Error Message: " +
        widgetLookupErrorMessage;
}

```


Appendix A JVM Compatibility

OWF is currently untested on non-Sun Java implementations including the GNU Java implementation, and the Solaris operating system. The Sun JVMs 1.5.x and 1.6.x are supported.

Appendix B Supported Browsers

The OZONE Widget Framework supports Internet Explorer 7 and higher and Firefox 17 and higher. OWF is tested against the following browsers:

Table 12: Tested Browsers

Browsers	Versions
Internet Explorer	7 & 9
Firefox	17
Chrome	25

Appendix C Known Issues

C.1 User Interface Issues

Changes in screen resolution may render widgets un-viewable.

The positioning of the widgets is absolute. This means that when changing from a larger monitor to a smaller monitor, or when changing from a higher screen resolution to a lower screen resolution, some floating windows may be either partially or fully off the viewable region of the screen. Currently there is no remedy for this issue. As a workaround, close the widget. Then, re-add it from the Favorites Menu. This will reset its position and therefore, render it viewable again.

Large widgets in Accordion layout may cause unexpected behavior.

The accordion layout currently has a propensity to enter an unexpected state when widgets with height exceeding the maximum screen real estate are added to the right upper region. This can be remedied with a system administrator modifying the Dashboard state and will be fixed in a future release.

C.2 Widget Technology Issues

Java Applet Widgets always sit on top of other widgets (z-index issue).

There is a documented issue with Java applets not obeying proper z-indexing; the effect being that an applet will appear over everything else in OWF:

http://bugs.sun.com/bugdatabase/view_bug.do;jsessionid=6a434ce1408465ffffff87e84af5d233a32?bug_id=6646289

Flex Widgets always sit on top of other widgets (z-index issue).

Flex has a known issue with DHTML and z-index ordering. The default wmode for flex is window with two other options; transparent and opaque. In order for Flex Widgets to adhere to the proper z-index ordering the wmode must be set to something other than the default.

Silverlight Widgets always sit on top of other widgets (z-index issue).

Silverlight has a known issue with DHTML and z-index ordering. The default windowless mode for Silverlight is false. In order for Silverlight widgets to adhere to the proper z-index ordering the windowless mode must be set to true.

Google Earth Plugin Widgets always sit on top of other widgets (z-index issue).

The Google Earth browser plugin currently does not conform to the normal z-index rules of html. This will cause the plugin to remain on top of any other floating windows that may be on the screen. If using this plugin, it is recommended not to utilize it in the

desktop layout. It can be used in any of the other static layouts but windows launched from the toolbars may be rendered unreachable by the plugin.

C.3 Database Issues

Oracle scripts should be executed via the SQL*Plus command line.

There have been reported issues using Oracle's browser-based administration console to upload and run the OWF create and update scripts. Stray characters are getting inserted into the database, causing JSON parsing errors at runtime. Executing the scripts through the SQL*Plus command line utility eliminates this issue.

Appendix D Contact Information

D.1 Discussion Group

For information about OZONE or access to its resources, please open a ticket regarding the AppsMall Service at

<http://www.intelink.ic.gov/ticket/secure/CreateIssue!default.jspx> and then, email the team at AppsMall@intelink.gov.