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Extensible Components with Sling Models and HTL

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- Q & A Section



Components and WCM





WCM Components in AEM

Why?

- Speed up the time to get a WCM project done (increase ROI)
- Showcase the latest AEM technology and capabilities
- No need to reinvent the wheel on every customer project
- Provide guidelines / best practice for Component development for (new) developers

How?

- Foundation Components (OOTB)
- since AEM 6.3: Core Components (samplecontent / GitHub)



WCM Components in AEM: The History

Foundation Components

- Development started with CQ 5.0 (2008)
- ~70 Components shipped with AEM OOTB
- Placed in
 - /libs/foundation/components (JSP based)
 - /libs/wcm/foundation/components (based on HTL and JS logic)
- Usage:
 - By Customers in WCM projects (as-is or basis for there own components)
 - In AEM demos (Geometrixx) and other parts of the product (eg. Commerce, Mobile, Social)



Foundation Components: The Challenges

- Hard to evolve new features or to drop outdated functionalities
 - Components directly used in customer projects (e.g. parsys)
 - Components inherited by subcomponents (e.g. page)
- Not a state of the art best practice for component development
 - Logic placed inline in JSP as scriptlets
 - No testing coverage with unit tests
- No consistent support of latest AEM features like TouchUI or Editable Templates



Core Components





Core Components: Overview

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Page

Breadcrumb

Title

Text

Image

List

Sharing

Form

Container

Text field

Options field

Hidden filed

Button

Sandbox

Navigation

Language navigation

Teaser

Search



Core Components: Open Source

- https://github.com/Adobe-Marketing-Cloud/aem-core-wcm-components
- Stable branch master
 - AEM 6.3
 - Maintenance + fixes
- Development branch development
 - Sandbox versions
 - Preview
 - Experiment
 - Do not use in production
- Feedback and contributions are greatly appreciated



Core Components: Documentation

- README.md
 https://github.com/Adobe-Marketing-Cloud/aem-core-wcm-components/tree/master/content/src/content/jcr_root/apps/core/wcm/components/title/v1/title
- Wiki: <u>https://github.com/Adobe-Marketing-Cloud/aem-core-wcm-components/wiki</u>
- AEM docs: <u>https://docs.adobe.com/docs/en/aem/6-3/develop/components/core-components.html</u>
- Tutorial: https://helpx.adobe.com/experience-manager/kt/sites/using/getting-started-wknd-tutorial-develop.html



Core Components: Tested

- Unit tests
 - Coverage > 80%
 - https://codecov.io/gh/Adobe-Marketing-Cloud/aem-core-wcm-components
- UI tests
 - Hobbes JS https://docs.adobe.com/docs/en/aem/6-3/develop/ref/test-api/index.html
 - https://github.com/Adobe-Marketing-Cloud/aem-core-wcmcomponents/tree/master/testing/it/ui-js
 - How to run:
 - Manually
 - Integrated in internal build pipelines (Jenkins) with multiple browsers



Core Components: Technology

- HTL markup
 - Clean, HTML-based templating language
 - Use-objects
 - Sling Models
 - POJOs
 - Javascript
 - Open source
 - https://github.com/Adobe-Marketing-Cloud/htl-spec
 - https://github.com/apache/sling/tree/trunk/bundles/scripting/sightly
- Standardized BEM-style classes: cmp-breadcrumb__item--active

*BEM = Block Element Modifier



Core Components: Technology

HTL

```
<div class="cmp-title"
   data-sly-use.title="com.adobe.cq.wcm.core.components.models.Title"
   data-sly-test.text="${title.text}">
   <h1 class="cmp-title_text" data-sly-element="${title.type}">${text}</h1>
</div>
```

Sling Model

```
public interface Title {
   String getText();
   String getType();
}
```

Implementation

```
@Model(adaptables = SlingHttpServletRequest.class, adapters = Title.class, resourceType =
"core/wcm/components/title/v1/title")
public class TitleImpl implements Title {...}
```



Core Components: Versions

- HTL
 - Path-based versions apps/core/wcm/components/title/v1/title
 - Inheritance through sling: resourceSuperType
- Sling Models interfaces
 - @since annotation
 - default methods

```
...
    * @return the title's text
    * @since com.adobe.cq.wcm.core.components.models 11.0.0; marked <code>default</code> in

12.1.0
    */
    default String getText() {
        throw new UnsupportedOperationException();
    }
}
```



Core Components: Versions

- Sling Models implementations
 - Target specific rendering component version using @Model(resourceType)

```
@Model(adaptables = SlingHttpServletRequest.class, adapters = Title.class, resourceType =
TitleImpl.RESOURCE_TYPE)
public class TitleImpl implements Title {
    protected static final String RESOURCE_TYPE = "core/wcm/components/title/v1/title";
    ...
}
```



Core Components: Extensible

- Proxy pattern
 - Core components are hidden by default
 - Create proxy components sling:resourceSuperType
- Customize
 - HTL script
 - Sling Models implementation
 - Dialog tabs
- Composition
 - Include components using data-sly-resource
 - Reuse Sling Model implementation



Core Components: We.Retail

Reference implementation for WCM and Commerce

- 1.0 AEM 6.2
 - Custom components
 - HTL + JavaScript
- 2.0 AEM 6.3
 - Core components
 - HTL + Java
- Future
 - More core components
 - HTL + Sling Models



Core Components: Reference

We.Retail - Breadcrumb

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<jcr:root xmlns:sling="http://sling.apache.org/jcr/sling/1.0"
    xmlns:cq="http://www.day.com/jcr/cq/1.0" xmlns:jcr="http://www.jcp.org/jcr/1.0"
    jcr:primaryType="cq:Component"
    jcr:title="Breadcrumb"
    jcr:description="Displaying breadcrumb navigation"
    sling:resourceSuperType="core/wcm/components/breadcrumb/v1/breadcrumb"
    componentGroup="We.Retail"/>
```



Demo Time: We.Retail





Demo Time: We.Retail (1/2)

Create a proxy component



Customize rendering

```
     >${item.title}
```



Demo Time: We.Retail (2/2)

Customize Sling Model implementation

```
@Model(
       adaptables = {SlingHttpServletRequest.class},
       adapters = {List.class},
       resourceType = {"weretail/components/content/demolist"}
public class DemoListImpl implements List {
   @Override
   public Collection<Page> getItems() {
    return Arrays.asList(new Page[] {
    .... new DemoPage ( title: "Test1"),
        ..... new DemoPage ( title: "Test2")
```



Demo Time: Build a new Website from Scratch





Conclusion and Get started





Core vs. Foundation Components (1/2)

Open

	Core	Foundation
License	Apache 2.0 License	Proprietary
Contributions	GitHub Pull requests	Not possible
Support	Yes	Yes

Documentation & Tests

	Core	Foundation	
Documentation	Better	Some	
Tests	Unit Tests, Integration Tests	Integration Tests	



Core vs. Foundation Components (2/2)

Technology

	Core	Foundation
Versioning	Yes	No
Logic	Sling Models	Scriptlets, JavaScript Use-API
Scripting	HTL	JSP, HTL
CSS	BEM	Custom
JSON	Sling Model Exporter	Default Get Servlet
XSS	HTL	Manual
UI Dialog Support	TouchUI (Coral3)	ClassicUI, TouchUI (Coral2)



Core Components: Get Started

- 1. Check out We.Retail Demo List (5 mins)
 - https://github.com/Adobe-Marketing-Cloud/aem-sample-we-retail/compare/demo/adaptto2017
- 2. Create a new project (30 mins)
 - Checkout & install https://github.com/Adobe-Marketing-Cloud/aem-project-archetype
 - Create new project
 - Deploy to AEM 6.3
- 3. For existing projects on AEM 6.3 (1 hour)
 - Download and install the latest released version of the core-components
 https://github.com/Adobe-Marketing-Cloud/aem-core-wcm-components/releases
 - Create proxy component for core-components you want to use / extend



Core Components: Start contributing

- Feedback
- Issues on GitHub
 https://github.com/Adobe-Marketing-Cloud/aem-core-wcm-components/issues
- Code contributions and pull requests are more than welcome https://github.com/Adobe-Marketing-Cloud/aem-core-wcm-components/blob/master/CONTRIBUTING.md





Q & A Session





Thank You!



Appendix



Core Components: Summary

- Open developed
- Backward compatible
- Make use of latest capability in component development
- Provide a best practice in component development of today
- Configurable via Content Policies
- Can easily be extended with custom functionality
- Can be automatically tested and have a high test coverage
- Well documented
- Provide a nice experience for authors and users



Resources

- Core Components Source Code:
 https://github.com/Adobe-Marketing-Cloud/aem-core-wcm-components
- Core Components Documentation:
 https://docs.adobe.com/docs/en/aem/6-3/develop/components/core-components.html
- Maven Project Archetype Source Code: https://github.com/Adobe-Marketing-Cloud/aem-project-archetype