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What is an application?



What is an application?

- Transaction Tools (e.g. flight booking, online banking, appointments)
- Interactive Content (e.g. games, maps & routing)
- Data Query Tools (e.g. store finder)
- Data Visualization (e.g. data charts, 3d-viewer)
- Usability Tools (e.g. favorite list)
- Configuration & Planning Tools (e.g. car configurator, kitchen planner)
- Calculators (e.g. savings calculator)
- Social Collaboration (e.g. chat, product ratings)
- Personalized Content (e.g. recommendations)







Abnormal Conditions

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- Abnormal Conditions
- Unstated requirements

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- Steady scope increases





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It's not that easy, as it might look first!

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Side-by-side: Alternatives

a) Multiple Subdomains

Demo https://www.thomascook.de

Flights and Booking-Journey are independent Web-Apps

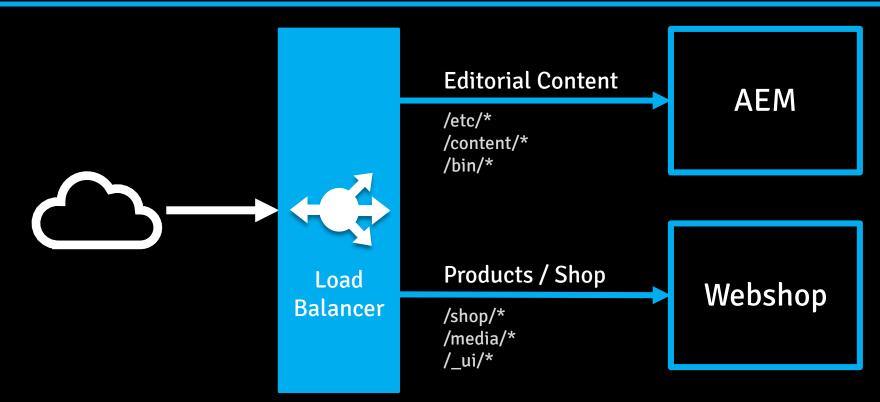
b) Path-based Routing

Demo https://www.hilti.ch

Web-Shop and AEM mapped into single domain



Path-based Routing





Evaluation: Side-by-side

Side-byside

Development

Independence

Required skills

Operations

Root-cause analysis +++
Independence +++

User Experience

Integration Features -



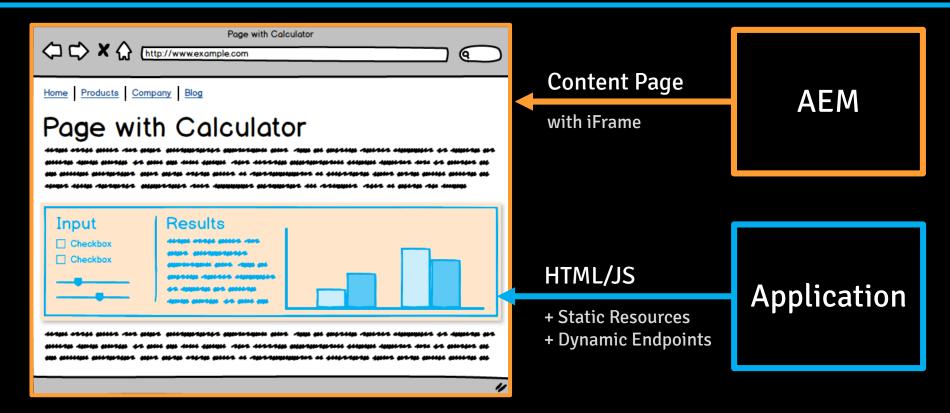








iFrame – Integration Pattern





Example: iFrame of 123formbuilder.com

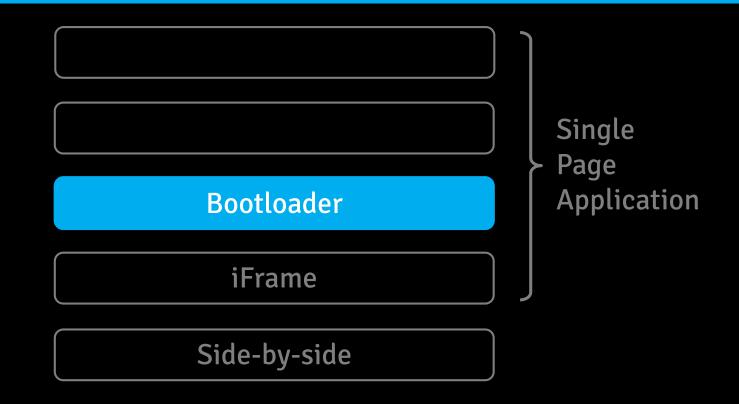
```
<iframe id="1535293493707 253331785549840"</pre>
        src="//form.123formbuilder.com/js-form-username-18551.html?
             embedType =embed.js& iframeID =1535293493707"
        frameborder="0"
        scrolling="no"
        style="padding:0px; margin:0px; display:block; width:100%;
               background-color:transparent; overflow:hidden;
               height: 1289px; ">
</iframe>
```



Evaluation: iFrame

	Side-by- side	iFrame
Development		
Independence	-	+++
Required skills	-	+++
Operations		
Root-cause analysis	+++	+
Pro-active monitoring	++	
Independence	+++	+++
User Experience		
Integration Features		
Performance	++	
Fall-back Mode	+++	







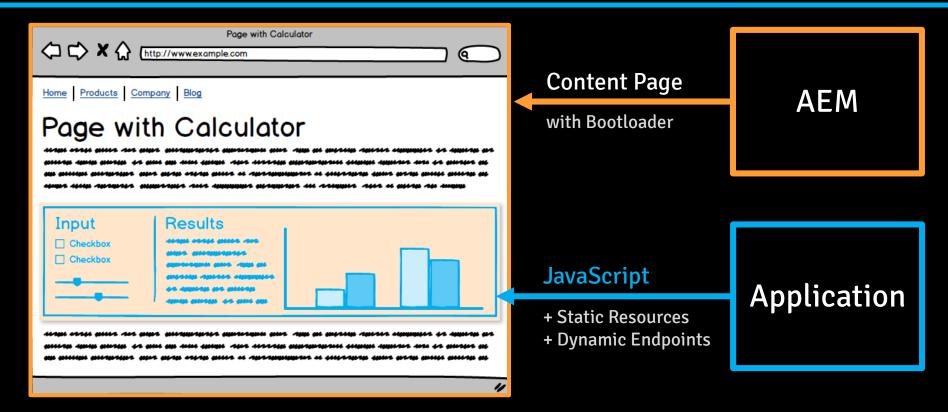
Bootloader

Example: Google Maps

```
<div id="map"></div>
<script>
  var map;
  function initMap() {
    map = new google.maps.Map(document.getElementById('map'), {
       center: {lat: -34.397, lng: 150.644}, zoom: 8});
  }
</script>
<script src="https://maps.googleapis.com/..." async defer></script>
</body>
```



Bootloader - Integration Pattern

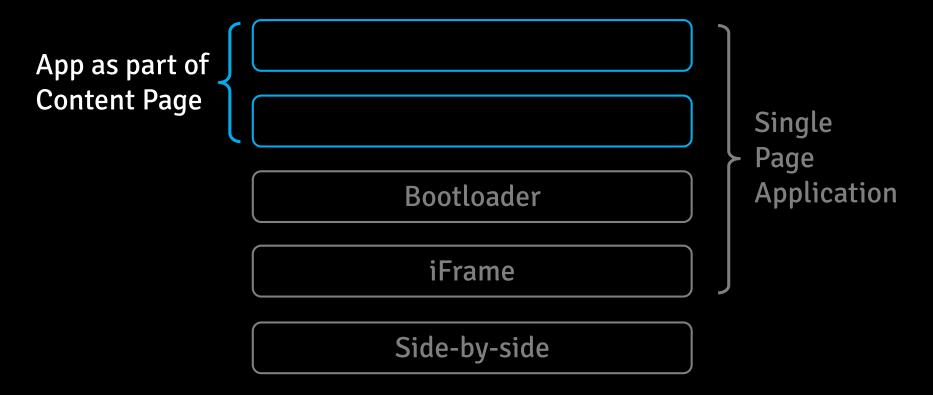




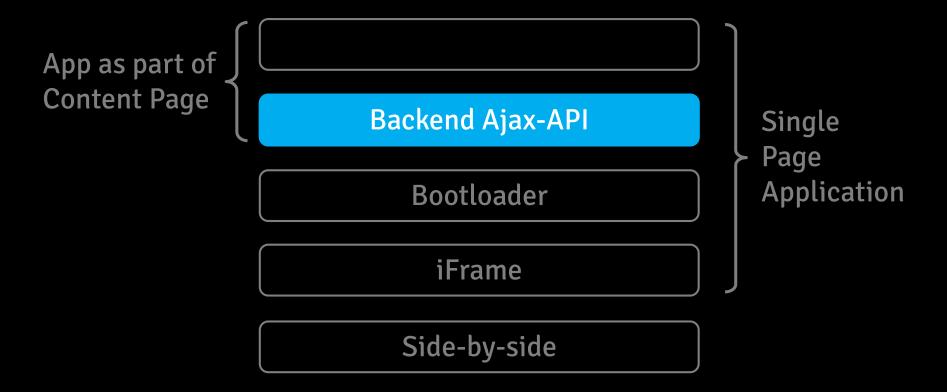
Evaluation: Bootloader

	Side-by- side	iFrame	Bootloader	
Development				
Independence	-	+++	++	
Required skills	-	+++	+	
Operations				
Root-cause analysis	+++	+	+	
Pro-active monitoring	++			
Independence	+++	+++	++	
User Experience				
Integration Features			++	
Performance	++			
Fall-back Mode	+++			



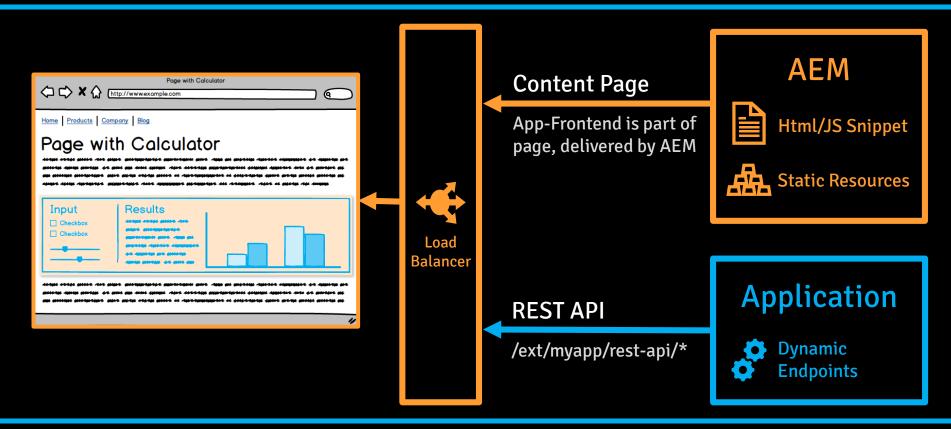








Backend Ajax API





Evaluation: Backend Ajax API

	Side-by- side	iFrame	Bootloader	Backend Ajax API	
Development					
Independence	-	+++	++		
Required skills	-	+++	+	+	
Operations					
Root-cause analysis	+++	+	+	++	
Pro-active monitoring	++			++	
Independence	+++	+++	++		
User Experience					
Integration Features			++	+++	
Performance	++			+++	
Fall-back Mode	+++			++	



Backend Integration App as part of **Content Page** Backend Ajax-API Single Page **Application** Bootloader **iFrame** Side-by-side



Development Time

AEM



Content Page

Application



Single Html Page



Static Resources



Dynamic Endpoints



Development Time vs. Runtime

AEM



Content Page





Static Resources

Application



Single Html Page



Static Resources



Dynamic Endpoints



Potential Approaches

- Copy & Paste
- Maven Build



- Reverse Proxy
- Backend Crawler



Backend Integration



- Query Instances
- Evaluate Context
- Load HTML Page
- Verify HTML
- Extract Html Snippet
- Extract Static Resources



Extract HTML Snippet

```
<html lang="en" manifest="cache.manifest">
<head>
     <title>Sample Calculator Test Page</title>
     <meta name="keywords" content="Sample, Calculator, adaptTo()">
     <link rel="stylesheet" href="css/style.css" data-webapp="export">
</head>
<body>
     <h1>Sample Calculator Test Page</h1>
     <div class="sample-calculator" data-webapp="export">
           <!-- here is the calculator html! -->
     </div>
     <script src="js/jquery.min.js"></script>
     <script src="js/calculator-ui.js" data-webapp="export"></script>
</body></html>
```



Backend Integration



- Load Cache Manifest
- Load Static Resources
- Extract References
- Verify



Cache Manifest

```
# Files, to be cached = static resources
CACHE:
css/style.css
js/calculator-ui.js
img/background.png
# Only online
NETWORK:
rest-api/sendOffer
FALLBACK:
static.html
```



Backend Integration



- A/B Switch
- Clear Dispatcher Cache
- Calculate Overall Status
- Next Run



Backend Integration

Source Code

https://github.com/alberndt/aem-app-integration



Evaluation: Backend Integration

	Side-by- side	iFrame	Bootloader	Backend Ajax API	Backend Integration
Development					
Independence	-	+++	++		+++
Required skills	-	+++	+	+	++
Operations					
Root-cause analysis	+++	+	+	++	++
Pro-active monitoring	++			++	++
Independence	+++	+++	++		+++
User Experience					
Integration Features			++	+++	++
Performance	++			+++	+++
Fall-back Mode	+++			++	++



Further Integration Patterns

- External Content
- Multi-Page Applications
- POST Requests
- Structured Content Import (xml/json)



Questions



Appendix



Content Snippets

Shared Resources

Frontend JS-Libraries

Site Master Data

App.-Configuration



CUSTOMER SERVICE

O FIND HILTI STORE

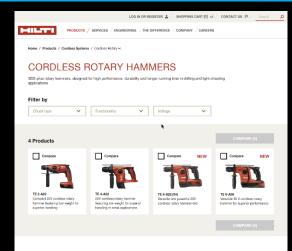
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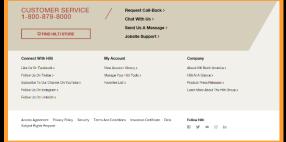
Product Page (Shop)

Editorial Page (Adobe AEM)

Exported Footer









Export Servlet vs. Deep URL

- Use an export servlet!
 - Nicer API's
 - Content structure remains flexible
 - Entry point for mappings (e.g. UK vs. GB)



Export Content Snippets – Export Servlet

```
@Override
protected void doGet(SlingHttpServletRequest request, ...) {
   ResourceResolver resolver = resolverFactory.getServiceResourceResolver();
   SlingHttpServletRequestWrapper wrappedRequest =
         new SlingHttpServletRequestWrapper(request) {
            @Override
            public ResourceResolver getResourceResolver() {
               return resolver;
   RequestDispatcher dispatcher =
         wrappedRequest.getRequestDispatcher("/content/myproject/...");
   request.setAttribute(WCMMode.REQUEST ATTRIBUTE NAME, WCMMode.DISABLED);
   dispatcher.forward(wrappedRequest, response);
```



Content Snippets

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Shared Resources

- AEM provides resources (=API)
 - Fonts
 - JS Libraries (e.g. jQuery, ...)
 - Icons, Images
 - CSS (careful!)



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Frontend JS-Libraries

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Frontend JavaScript Libraries

- AEM provides JavaScript-API's
 - Dynamic Layouting
 - Pop-ups, Flyouts, Layer, ...
 - Web-Analytics
 - Footnotes
 - Personalization
 - Navigation (forward/backward button)



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Config- and Master Data

- AEM provides back-end interface
 - Site master data
 (countries, languages, domain-names, logo, ...)
 - Link API
 - e.g. Mercedes Benz:
 BE → fr → E-Class → Configurator
 CH → de → A-Class → Homepage



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Application Configuration

- AEM is "the" User Interface for Authors
- Property-files within the App are "non-configurable"



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- Mixing multiple Applications requires rules
- Example:
 - CSS Namespaces
 - JS Namespaces



Further Outbound Patterns

- Service Management
- Platform Services
- Governance