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Sling Deployment Revisited

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Where is the Problem?



SLING & AEM DEPLOYMENTS TODAY

- Patchwork of Mechanisms
- Not deterministic
- Error Prone (human factor)
- Inefficient

Painful to support & debug when failing!!!



Patchwork of Mechanisms



- OSGi Installer
 - FS Installer
 - JCR Installer
 - Launchpad / quickstart
 - PackageTransformer
 - Config Installer
- Webconsole
- Package Manager (AEM)

- Varying behavior
 - Esp. Package vs Bundle
- Massive interaction
- Parallel activity



Not deterministic





- Stateful
- Race conditions by ambiguous dependencies
- Undefined Endstate
- **Unverifiable Outcome**

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Deployment only declares changes not the full target state



Error Prone



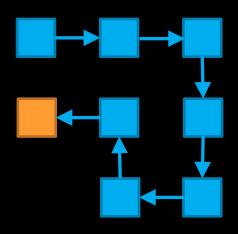


- Manual dependency declaration for packages
- Filter changes can easily cause leftovers
- Instance state alters install sequence of deplyoment units (pre-satisfied dependencies)
- Altering sequence prevents reliable testing



Inefficient





- Unoptimized Instruction Flow
- Retry until success
- Rewiring of OSGi Bundles (Config & DS)
- Roundtrips through nested deployment units



The Challenge





Vision



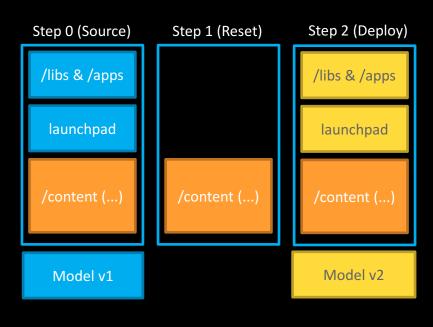


High Level Goals

Deterministic Deployments	 No more race conditions Predictable Reproducable No more state handling
Prepared Deployments	 Reduce install startup times Precalculate & identify failures ahead of deployment
Conflictless Deliveries	 Validated consistency ahead of deployment Reduce human effort to declare dependencies
Composed Instances	 Reduce to ONE mechanism (install, patching, upgrades, configuration) Model reflecting layering of instance (Vendor, Integrator, Operator)



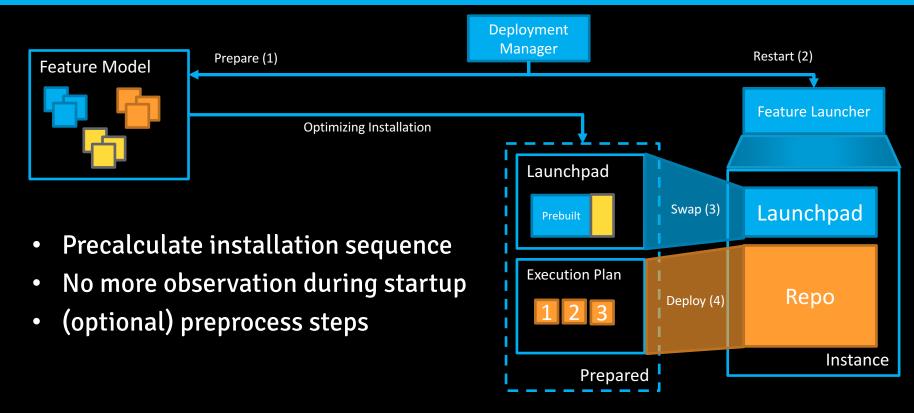
Deterministic Deployments



- Complete Dependency Tree
 - Close gap between Appcontent & Java
- Full application state in feature model
- Rebuild application state each time

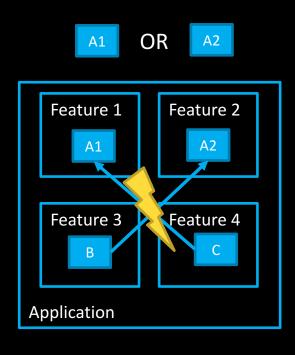


Prepared Deployments

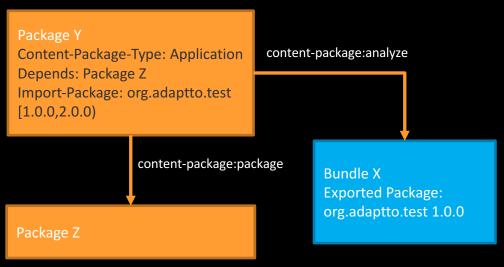




Conflictless Deliveries

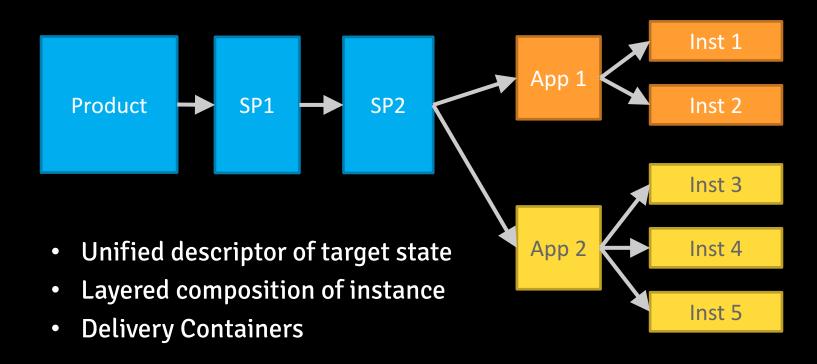


- Validation of feature model
- Improved dependency metadata in vlt
- Validation of deployment units





Composed Instances





The Experience

Isolated changes in ops experience:

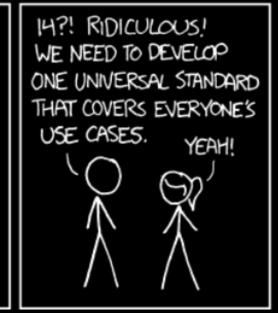
- Application composition (prepare deployment) replaces coordinated installation sequence
- All installation steps are reversible (just remove model)
- Unify install & configuration experiences (eliminate variations)



What do we do?

HOW STANDARDS PROLIFERATE: (SEE: A/C CHARGERS, CHARACTER ENCODINGS, INSTANT MESSAGING, ETC.)

SITUATION: THERE ARE 14 COMPETING STANDARDS.





https://xkcd.com/927/



Introducing Features

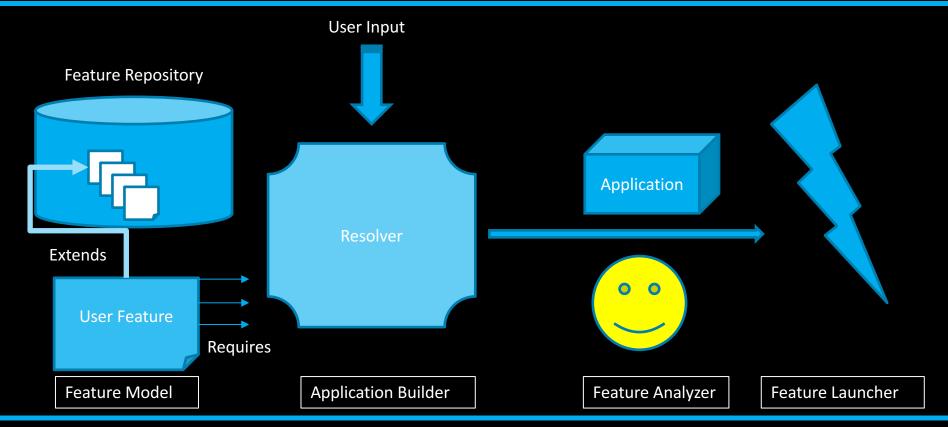




- Well defined provisioning model with named and versioned features
- Requirement/Capability based as well as include based dependencies
- Resolver based composition and extensible analysis framework
- Sling focused launcher for immutable deployments



High level flow



Feature Model

```
"bundles" : {
 "id" : "org.apache.sling/my.app/1.0",
                                                            "1" : [
                                                                 "org.apache.sling/security-server/2.2.0",
 "includes" : [ {
                                                                 "org.apache.sling/application-bundle/2.0.0",
             "id" : "org.apache.sling/sling/9",
                                                                 "org.apache.sling/another-bundle/2.1.0" ],
             "removals" : {
                                                            "2" : [
                 "configurations" : [],
                                                                 "org.apache.sling/foo-xyz/1.2.3"]},
                 "bundles": [],
                                                          "configurations" {
                 "framework-properties" : [] }}],
                                                                  "my.pid" {
"requirements" : [{
                                                                     "foo" : 5,
    "namespace" : "osgi.contract",
                                                                     "bar" : "test",
    "directives" : {"filter" :
                                                                     "number:Integer" : 7
       "(&(osqi.contract=JavaServlet(version=3.1))"}}],
"capabilities" : [{
                                                                  "my.factory.pid~name" {
     "namespace" : "osgi.implementation",
                                                                     "a.value" : "yeah"
     "attributes" : {
                                                                  }},
        "osqi.implementation" : "osqi.http",
                                                          "repoinit:Text|true" : "...",
        "version: Version" : "1.1"}}],
                                                          "content-packages:ARTIFACTS|false" :[...]}
```



Feature Launcher





What is already done?

- Feature Model Draft
 - https://svn.apache.org/repos/asf/sling/whiteboard/cziegeler/feature/readme.md
- Vault Metadata Extensions
- Vault Improvements
- Maven tooling for content-package (ASF contribution)
- Feature Launcher Prototype



What YOU can do!

- Hackathon: Play around and provide feedback!
 - https://github.com/DominikSuess/adaptto2017-demo
 - Ideas:
 - Get continuous deployments running with feature launcher
 - Reset application state using federate repo (ODT POC)
 - Work on Deployment Manager
 - Introduce precalculation (OSGi & Packages)
 - Check out content-package & tooling improvements



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