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Single Page Applications

DEFINITION

The page doesn't reload when the visitor navigates.

IMPLIES

- → The frontend consumes content as JSON from the backend.
- → The frontend renders the view with JavaScript.

IMPLIES DOES NOT NECESSARILY IMPLY

- → Authors don't control the view as it's decoupled from the backend.
- → Developers need to implement each view in the frontend.



Form-based editing

AUTHORS

- Form-based content editing offers a guided process.
- Authors can be faster and more systematic.
- Authors cannot create content-specific layout.
- Authors cannot optimize the content to the context.

DEVELOPERS

- Content retrieval follows a strict content schema.
- Developers can be faster and have more freedom.
- Developers become a bottleneck in the creation process.



Demo: in-context editing

The demo works in both AEM Cloud Service and 6.5.



Page Model vs GraphQL

Both content API can be used together.

Use GraphQL JSON

 When the developer owns the layout, the developer knows best what properties are necessary to render the content.

Use Page Model JSON

 When the author owns the layout, the configured properties are expected to be considered by the rendering.



In-context editing

1. Authors can preview the content within the context.

→ The editor loads the experience as it is delivered to the visitors.

2. Authors can optimize the content to the context.

The editor recognizes the content items originating from its backend and allows to edit them.

3. Authors can insert content with layout.

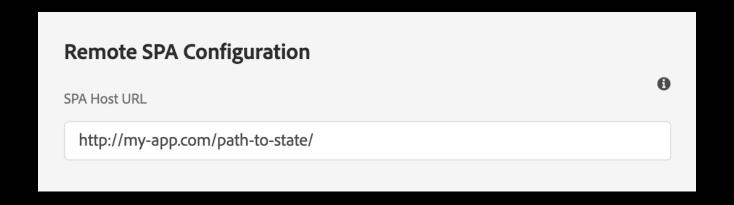
→ The editor offers building blocks (components) to create content and layout.



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```
my-app.com/asset-manifest.json
- files: {
     static/js/0.chunk.js: "/static/js/0.chunk.js",
     static/js/0.chunk.js.map: "/static/js/0.chunk.js.map",
     main.js: "/static/js/main.chunk.js",
     main.js.map: "/static/js/main.chunk.js.map",
     runtime-main.js: "/static/js/bundle.js",
     runtime-main.js.map: "/static/js/bundle.js.map",
     index.html: "/index.html",
     static/media/icon-close.svg: "/static/media/icon-close.f227c489.svg",
     static/media/icon-loading.svg: "/static/media/icon-loading.200bc7ed.svg",
     static/media/wknd-logo-dk.svg: "/static/media/wknd-logo-dk.36593320.svg"
- entrypoints: [
     "static/js/bundle.js",
     "static/js/0.chunk.js",
     "static/is/main.chunk.is"
```



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- Available in <u>github.com/adobe/aem-project-archetype</u>
 with option frontendModule=react or angular



2. Editor to recognize editable content

Information required to make a content item editable:

- Content ID

 The Sling resource path
- Content type → The Sling resource type

Thank you, Sling!



2. Editor to recognize editable content

In the HTML DOM rendered by the SPA:

- Resource path: data-cq-data-path
- Resource type: data-cq-resource-type

```
<html lang="en">
▼<head>
   <meta charset="UTF-8">
   <title>My Single Page App</title>
   <link rel="stylesheet" href="/style.css" type="text/css">
   <script src="/script.is" defer></script>
 </head>
▼ <body>
 ▼<div class="cmp-container" data-cq-data-path="/content/my-app/path-to-state/jcr:content/root" data-cq-resource-type="my-app/components/container">
   ▼<div class="cmp-title" data-cq-data-path="/content/my-app/path-to-state/jcr:content/root/title" data-cq-resource-type="my-app/components/title">
       <h1>Welcome!</h1>
     </div>
   ▼<div class="cmp-text" data-cq-data-path="/content/my-app/path-to-state/jcr:content/root/text" data-cq-resource-type="my-app/components/text">
      Hello World
     </div>
   </div>
 </body>
</html>
```



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In the JSON retrieved, this information is required too:

```
my-app.com/path-to-state.model.json
 title: "My Single Page App",
  :type: "my-app/components/page",
- :items: {
    - root: {
         :type: "my-app/components/container",
       - :items: {
           - title: {
                 title: "Welcome!",
                 type: "h1",
                 :type: "my-app/components/text"
           - text: {
                 text: "Hello World",
                 :type: "my-app/components/text"
       - :itemsOrder: [
             "title",
             "text"
- :itemsOrder: [
      "root"
```

```
Resource path: /content/my-app/path-to-state/jcr:content
Resource type: my-app/components/page

Resource path: /content/my-app/path-to-state/jcr:content/root
Resource type: my-app/components/container

Resource path: /content/my-app/path-to-state/jcr:content/root/title
Resource type: my-app/components/title
```

Resource type: my-app/components/text

Resource path: /content/my-app/path-to-state/jcr:content/root/text



3. Editor to offer content building blocks

Map the JS component to the resource types:

```
import { withMappable } from "@adobe/aem-react-editable-components";

const TextRender = ({ cqPath, text }) => {
    return (<div className="cmp-text">{text}</div>);
};

export const Text = withMappable(TextRender,
    { resourceType: "my-app/components/text", ... });
```



3. Editor to offer content building blocks

Delegate the layout to a container component:



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The layout is passed to the JS Responsive Grid component as CSS classes in the JSON:

```
my-app.com/path-to-state.model.json
 title: "My Single Page App",
  :type: "my-app/components/page",
- :items: {
   - root: {
         :type: "my-app/components/container",
         gridClassNames: "aem-Grid aem-Grid--12 aem-Grid--default--12",
       - columnClassNames: {
            title: "aem-GridColumn aem-GridColumn--default--4",
            text: "aem-GridColumn aem-GridColumn--default--8"
       - :items: {
          - title: {
                title: "Welcome!",
                type: "h1",
                :type: "my-app/components/text"
```



What's new?

Remote page component

Open an existing SPA from the AEM Page Component

- Support for Angular, in addition to React
- Capability to open child states directly

Virtual component support

The content structure can also be driven by the SPA.

These two new capabilities are sometimes referred to as "SPA Editor 2.0".



Demo: the code setup

The code samples work in both AEM Cloud Service and 6.5.



Get started right away!

Try the remote SPA tutorial:

→ bit.ly/remote-spa-tutorial

SPA Editor overview:

→ bit.ly/spa-editor-overview