Folder Structure & Content of GPars Documentation Website

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Goals

- To convert original **GPars** documentation from mark-down syntax to **Asciidoctor**
- To create a new look
- To combine a variety of **GPars** information into a single place (guides,references,tutorials.etc.)
- To re-arrange file structures as found in gpars.github.io and dis-continue Jekyll
- To maintain the static nature of the website; only a few dynamic parts were needed, but more later as features grow



For our documents, we use the Asciidoctor tool and Gradle plugin for Asciidoctor

For hosting, this implementation uses a CloudFoundry PaaS provider like IBM BlueMix, Pivotal, CloudBees, Anynines.com

Introduction

A knowledge of **Gradle**, **GitHub**, and both static and dynamic **web servlets** is assumed as are a familiarity with website folder structure, html, etc.

The groovy-based build tool called **Gradle** is used to construct this website. Several different build scripts are used to implement this website. Each script is plain text UTF-8 encoded. Each script serves a different purpose.

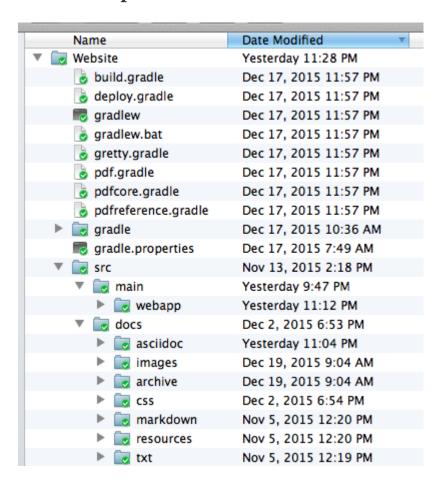
Original **GPars** documents were stored as text files using the mark-down syntax. These files have been translated into a more robust **Asciidoctor** syntax. Each text file is plain text UTF-8 encoded and resides in the ./Website/src/docs/asciidoc folder plus sub-folders for each topic.

All translated files retain the original mark-down filename but now sport an .adoc suffix.



Gradle Build Tool Overview

Gradle Components



This build tool allows us to include a wrapper holding components used by Gradle.

After cloning this repository, these components are all you need to build and manage this app, even if **Gradle** is not installed on your system. This avoids installing **Gradle** on your system.

- 1. **gradlew** a Linux/Apple bash wrapper script to execute the build tool
- 2. **gradlew.bat** the windows equivalent of the prior script
- 3. **gradle**/ a folder of build tool components
- 4. gradle.properties settings to influence the execution of this build tool
- 1. **build.gradle** executes **defaultTasks** to setup the job, run the **Asciidoctor** task, then builds a servlet war file.
- 2. **gretty.gradle** used for internal purposes to run this site as a local webservice; useful to review changes prior to server upload; from a command line, do this:
 - cd ./Website
 - ./gradlew -b gretty.gradle appRun
 - then from a browser address line, use: http://localhost:8080 NOTE: may not work on Java JVM9
- 3. **deploy.gradle** uploads our servlet war file to target CloudFoundry (or jetty or tomcat) service; see notes within this script for more details; *NOTE: enter credentials prior to first use*; to run this script,

```
try:
cd ./Website
./gradlew -b deploy.gradle
```

Default tasks in this script run several steps to login to the remote CloudFoundry API, and push an existing .war file to it. This script posts the .war file that was built in the build.gradle script from ./build/libs folder to the target.



Root Folder Layout

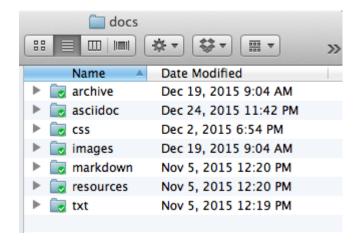
Input / Output Folder Designations of Website Root and Sub-Folders - see build.gradle

```
asciidoctor {
   sourceDir = file('src/docs/asciidoc') ①
   outputDir = file('src/main/webapp') ②
}
```

- 1 declares the root input folder of all *.adoc files
- ② declares the output folder for generated HTML documents

Input Source

For input, **Asciidoctor** reads each *.adoc file in the ./Website/src/docs/asciidoc folder and any subfolders.



Input Sub-Folder Layout

Topical areas of discussion are often broken into pieces, typically segregated physically as folderswithin-folders (i.e. sub-folders).

Our website follows this pattern. Here's a list of our current input sub-folders and their purpose as of

Dec.2015. Note others maybe added later.

- 1. archive original stuff no longer needed but saved 'just-in-case'
- 2. **asciidoc** contains the converted markdown documents as **.adoc** files plus sub-folders by topic
- 3. **css** styling components;
- 4. images variety of stuff, some current, some obsolete and due for a tidy-up
- 5. **markdown** original markdown files saved here from the github repo keep or delete ? No harm for the moment
- 6. **resources** to be used for zips of older releases
- 7. **txt** by-products of search for stale/obsolete URLs



HTML Generation Process

HTML generation is provided by a single task within the **build.gradle** script. The **Asciidoctor** task has this privilege.

All document files have their original *mark-down* filename plus an .adoc suffix.

The **Asciidoctor** plugin in **build.gradle** reads each **.adoc** file from the ./Website/src/docs/asciidoc folder. It renders an **.html** equivalent and writes this to the ./Website/src/main/webapp folder, or subfolder.

Folder structure is preserved from the source folder.

Root HTML Generation Commands

- Manual when used manually from a command line to run a single task in build.gradle, do this:
 cd ./Website
 ./gradlew asciidoctor
- Automatic runs tasks in this script declared as default tasks. These are 'clean', 'asciidoctor', 'build', 'war'.

Do this without any task names after gradlew:

cd ./Website
./gradlew



PDF Generation Scripts

PDF generation is provided by identical gradle scripts. The only difference between them is the declarations for input and output folders. These appear around lines 50-55 in each script. They look like the following logic that produces a PDF document in our **core** folder for each *.adoc file:

Sample Input / Output Folder Designations for Core PDFs

- 1 declares the input folder of *.adoc files
- ② declares the output folder for the generated PDF
- 1. **pdf.gradle** generates a single page PDF for the full user guide as defined in index.adoc; this index uses the include syntax to insert pieces of text from the *.txt files.
- 2. pdfcore.gradle generates a single page PDF for each ./core topic file ending with .adoc
- 3. **pdfreference.gradle** generates a single page PDF for the reference manual defined in index.adoc; this index uses the include syntax to insert pieces of text from the *.txt files.
- 4. **pdfstructure.gradle** generates a single page PDF describing the workings of this website, it's folders, scripts, etc.



Output Generation

The ./Website/src/main/webapp folder is used as the output capture folder for our website. Asciidoctor writes .html (or .PDF) output here. Sub-folders are duplicated, if necessary, to preserve the integrity of the source.

Output Sub-Folder Layout

Topical areas of discussion are often broken into pieces, typically segregated physically as folderswithin-folders (i.e. sub-folders).

Our website follows this pattern. Here's a list of our current output sub-folders and their purpose as of Dec.2015. Note others maybe added later.

- 1. **api** groovydoc and javadoc compiler output copied over from latest release; **groovy-overview-summary.html** are re-built by build.gradle logic
- 2. core describes the primary mechanisms of GPars
- 3. css styling components; css3menu1 sub-dir is for the site navigation bar
- 4. **font-awesome** used by asciidoctor to generate admonition icons
- 5. **fonts Asciidoctor** usage
- 6. guide everything to construct our .html user guide and companion .pdf
- 7. images variety of stuff, some current, some obsolete and due for a tidy-up
- 8. **img** used in landing page (**index.html**)
- 9. **JonKerridgeBook** chapters from his material and his PDF series
- 10. **js** for landing page and JQuery support
- 11. quickstart the short reference manual for both .html and it's one-page PDF version





Our landing page **index.html** is not an **Asciidoctor** artifact, and must **NOT** be lost or deleted



WEB-INF Review

WEB-INF is our deployment folder for java servlets. It holds traditional support and configuration files.

Here's a list of components, sub-folders and their purpose as of Dec.2015.

- 1. **groovy** dynamic components written as groovy scripts (plus a lot of obsolete stuff)
- 2. includes fragments of html stored as groovy templates for include targets
- 3. lib jars of runtime logic to support
 - 1) additional servlet processing in caelyf-1.3.3.jar and
 - 2) live **Asciidoctor** translation from any *.adoc file directly to servlet response stream in Doctor-all-1.0.jar
- 4. pages groovy templates (.gtpl) add further text to a servlet response
- 5. logging.properties adjust log level as needed
- 6. **routes.groovy** adds additional mappings to our own code for browser addresses. For example : get "/datetime", forward: "/datetime.groovy", cache: 2.minutes where **get**, **post**, etc HTTP requests go to a specific groovy script; if **Redis** service is running, response is copied to cache for 2 min.s before reconstructing it

In this example, a request from browser address: http://localhost:8080/datetime forwards to datetime.groovy script in /Website/src/main/webapp/WEB-INF/groovy folder. It gets system date then forwards request to a template at /Website/src/main/webapp/WEB-INF/pages for final response resolution.

7. **web.xml** - configures servlet container (jetty,tomcat,etc.) by mapping file suffixes to servlets; rarely changes.



Sample Workflow



To be added soon

