Script Portlet Samples for IBM Script Portlet

Overview

This is a set of examples that illustrate some basic techniques for using the IBM Script Portlet for WebSphere Portal. The samples show how to use some Portal features such as Public Render Parameters, and there are examples of using open source libraries. To use these examples you will need to have WebSphere Portal 8.0.0.1 or later with the IBM Script Portlet installed. These samples were built and tested with the IBM Script Portlet release dated March 31, 2013; however, the code should be compatible with other releases.

See the References section below for information on obtaining IBM Script Portlet The samples include:

- Hello, World
- jQuery Eventing (two cooperating portlets)
- jqPlot Chart
- ¡Query DataTables
- Load WCM Content
- Launch Script
- Public Render Parameters (two cooperating portlets)
- Portlet preferences

There are instructions for using the sample code near the end of this document.

Hello, world

This is an extremely simple HTML snippet and JS function. Clicking the button shows a JS alert popup.



jQuery Eventing

This sample uses jQuery eventing, with bind() and trigger() functions. A list of customers is defined in the Customer List portlet, and a click event on each customer is used to fire the event by calling trigger() with a queue object. In the details portlet, the bind() function is called using the same queue object. When the event is received, it looks up a customer ID from the customersData array and updates the display.

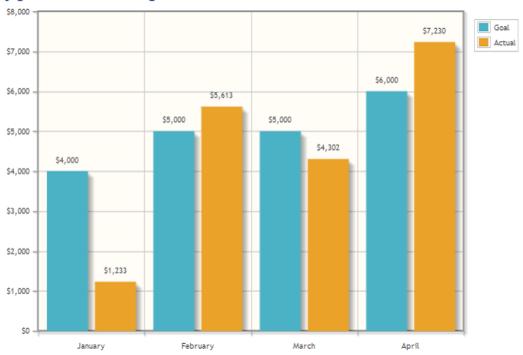
To use this sample, put two Script Portlets on the page side-by-side. In the left-hand portlet use the event_source code, and in the right-hand portlet use the event_target code.



jqPlot Chart

This example show a chart created with the jQPlot open source charting library. The data for this chart in this example is defined right in the JS code. In a real world implementation the data would come from a REST service.

jqPlot Chart Sample



jQuery DataTables

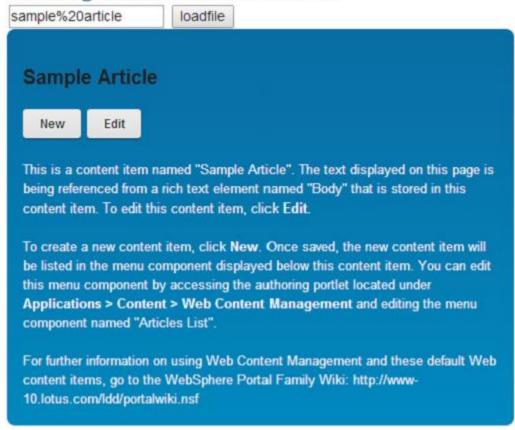
This sample shows the jQuery DataTables library. The Customers data in this case comes from a JS variable. See this web site for more information on the jQuery DataTables library: https://datatables.net/

jQuery DataTables										
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Load WCM Content

This example shows how to load any WCM content via Ajax. In this example, the url points to the web content library and the "articles" site area. You can type any content in that site area and this script will load it and display it in a div.

Loading WCM Content from JS



Launch Script

This example shows how to get the contents of a script via Ajax, and how to take that content and render it in a dynamically-created modal dialog. This can be useful when you want to launch dialogs/applications programmatically and you don't want to use iFrames, for example if you need to support mobile devices. You could also use the WCM Menu Component to pick which scripts should be displayed based on a Personalization rule.

NOTE: To run this sample you must update the URL in the JavaScript to the URL to a script content item in your WCM library. For example, the screenshot shows the "Hello, world" sample Script Portlet launched in a popup dialog. There are a few ways of finding the URL for a Script Portlet Content Item. One way is to use a browser tool to get the URL from the "src" attribute of the iFrame which is used by the preview window of the Script Portlet Editor. Another way is to use the public WCM URL tag, or you could use the public WCM servlet rendering URL format.



Public Render Parameters

This sample shows how to set and retrieve a Public Render Parameter (PRP). The parameter that's used is the pre-defined "CUSTOM_CONTEXT" parameter defined by the WCM Rendering Portlet. The top portlet shows a list of customer names that are defined in a JS variable and used to populate a SELECT list. When the form is submitted it sets the PRP value. The bottom portlet then retrieves the PRP value and uses it to select the customer from the list.

To use this sample, put two Script Portlets on the page, one above the other. In the top portlet use the prp_set code, and in the bottom portlet use the prp_retrieve code.



Portlet Preferences

This sample shows how to set and retrieve Portlet preferences. The portlet shows customers list with the Settings option (which is displayed only in when the page is in Edit mode) which lets you customize the columns to display in the table and stores the user's selection in the portlet preference named 'com.ibm.portal.scriptpreference' and then retrieves the preference and respective columns are displayed based on preferences.

Portlet Preferences Sample

Name	Balance	City	Phone	Status
Samantha Daryn	\$2,350.00	Salisbury	212-555-9876	Standard
Lucille Suarez	\$1,050.00	Concord	303-555-2435	Preferred
Amar Srivastava	\$7,235.00	Sherman Oaks	506-555-1212	Inner Circle
Ted Amado	\$1,030.00	Sydney	303-555-1234	Standard
Dan Misawa	\$1,300.00	Canterbury	601-555-8888	Preferred
Frank Adams	\$3,440.00	Denver	601-555-8888	Preferred
Steve Williams	\$1,110.00	San Jose	601-555-8888	Preferred
Ron Espinosa	\$7,670.00	Dublin	601-555-8888	Standard
Ed El-Amon	\$1,800.00	Beijing	601-555-8888	Standard
Pierre Dumont	\$2,350.00	Pittsburgh	601-555-8888	Preferred
Gardner Raynes	\$1,222.00	Westford	601-555-8888	Preferred
Dennis Michaels	\$3,000.00	New York	601-555-8888	Standard
Suzanne Miles	\$9,800.00	Durham	601-555-8888	Preferred
Betty Zechman	\$7,540.00	Raleigh	601-555-8888	Inner Circle
Jasmine Haj	\$5,000.00	Houston	601-555-8888	Standard
Charlie Hamilton	\$1,202.00	Detroit	601-555-8888	Preferred

How to use the sample code

First, unzip the script_portlet_samples.zip file onto your computer. Each folder contain the files for one Script Portlet. For each portlet there is an index.html file, a JavaScript file, sometimes a CSS file and a zip for all these individual files.

For the samples that have no dependency on WebSphere Portal, you can actually test the application on its own simply by using a web browser to view the index.html file on your file system. For example, the jqPlot Chart and jQuery DataTables samples can be tested in this way. Then you can create Script Portlets for each sample as described next.

Here are the steps for using the code for these samples:

- 1. Go to the Portal page where the portlet will be and go into Edit mode for the page. Add the Script Portlet to the page by selecting it from the Content tab in Edit mode. You will then see the Import button in the portlet.
- 2. Click on the import button and select the zip file from the respective samples folder.
- 3. Click the "Import" button.

You should then see the sample running in the Portlet.

References

The Script Portlet is available as a download on the Portal Catalog here: <u>IBM Script</u> Portlet for WebSphere Portal