JS API based customizations for improving your Alfresco experience

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Intro and motivations

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- Alfresco ecosystem has lots of very useful third party addons (Javascript Console, Support Tools, Site Creators, Uploader Plus).
- These extensions fill the gap of Alfresco by default, customizing some default behaviour (i.e. Site Creators addon).
- Other extensions are also typical (e.g.: to hide external users invite form, custom themes, maximum number of versions or quota policies)
- Then, customers want to customize a little bit more.

Introduction and motivations (II)

We show a set of Alfresco customizations as examples of:

- Simple extensions for improving Alfresco default functionality, resulting from conversations with customers.
- Also presented as examples of Alfresco content models, forms extensions, JS
 actions, JS-based behaviours, quartz jobs examples, custom indicators, metadata
 templates or smart templates.

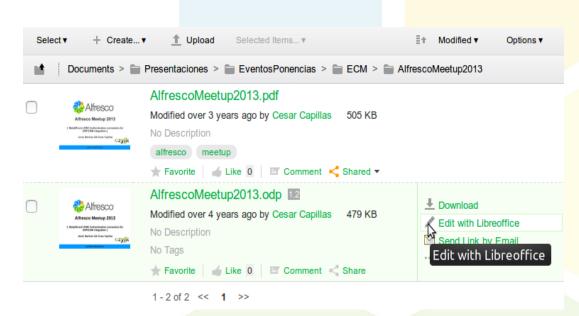
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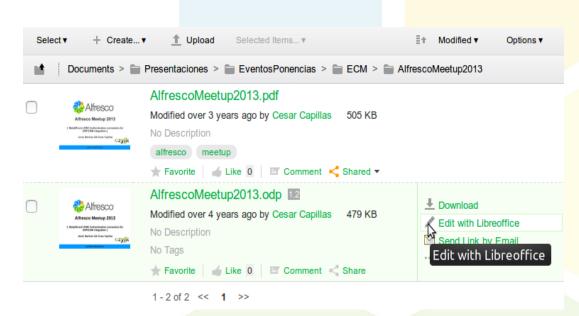
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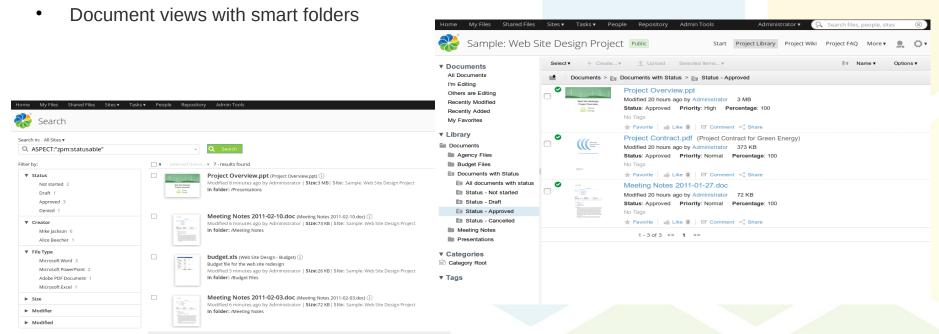


Set status to documents

How can I manage document edition lifecycle in a simple way?

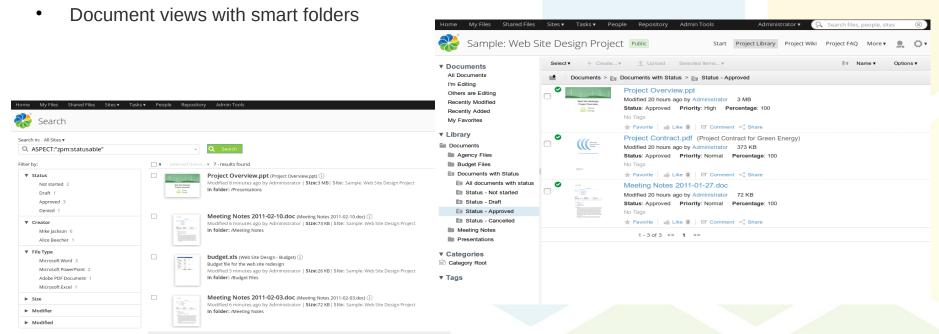
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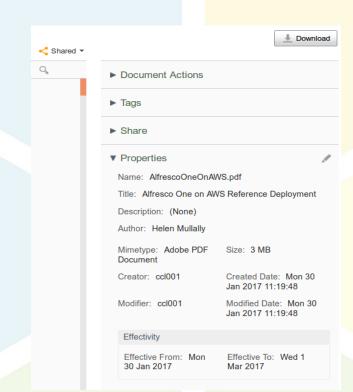


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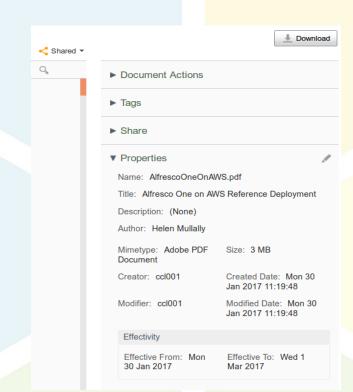
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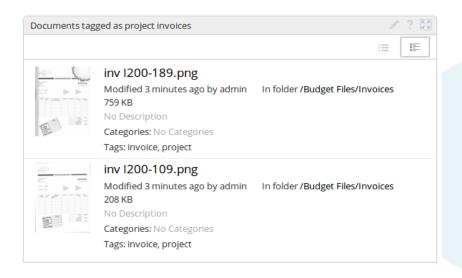


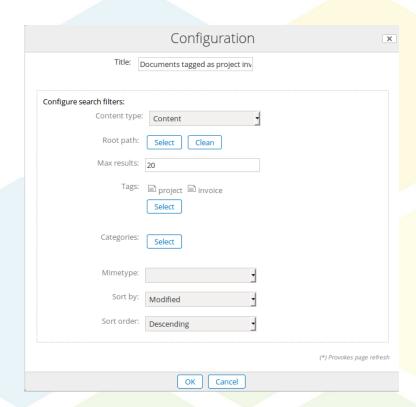
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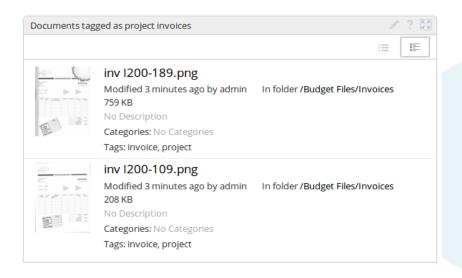
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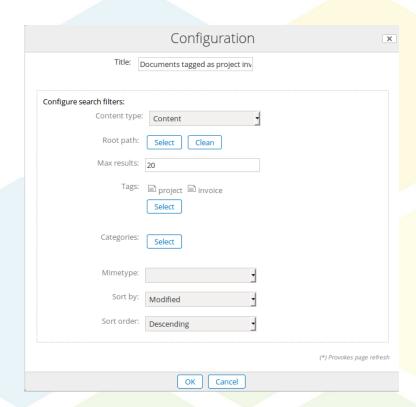




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How to use short URLs in Alfresco Share?

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Conclusion

- Alfresco customizations are fun, even more fun if open-source
- You can improve and extend Alfresco capabilities with simple extensions
- You can use them as Javascript API training pills
- Please fork, share and use them in your Alfresco installations

https://github.com/zylklab/beecon2017

Thank you for your attention!

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