



UPGRADING AN EXISTING 6.2 THEME TO DXP

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MIGRATING 6.2 THEMES

- ❖ In DXP, upgrading themes from 6.2 is made much easier.
- ❖ Using the Liferay Theme Generator, developers can import and upgrade themes that were originally created in the 6.2 plugins SDK.
- ❖ Let's take a look at what a developer needs to do to upgrade an existing theme.

IMPORTING WITH THE LIFERAY THEME GENERATOR

- ❖ Developers need to import their theme first before upgrading.
- ❖ Importing includes the following steps:
 1. First, you need to navigate to the 6.2 theme directory and run the following:

```
yo liferay-theme:import
```
 2. Next, you'll need to enter the path to the theme and hit enter.
 - The theme's modified files are all copied and migrated to a newly created `src` directory.
 - A `gulpfile.js`, `liferay-theme.json`, `package.json` file and a `node_modules` directory is added to the existing theme.
 3. Finally, you'll need to enter the path to your app server as well as the URL.
- ❖ The theme can now use gulp tasks, but needs a few upgrades to function on DXP.

GULP UPGRADE

- ❖ With the theme set to use gulp tasks, developers can take advantage of the upgrade tasks.
 1. In the theme's root directory, you can run the following:
`gulp upgrade`
 - The theme's files are placed in a `_backup` folder.
 - If you want to revert to the 6.2 theme, you can use `gulp upgrade:revert`.
 2. Hitting Enter will rename all the existing `.css` files to `.scss`.
 - All Sass files now use the `.scss` extension and Sass partials are indicated with a `_` at the beginning of the file name.
- ❖ The upgrade tasks will check all the theme's files and either upgrade or leave suggestions.
- ❖ To comply with DXP, the theme's Bootstrap code is also upgraded from version 2 to version 3.

USING FONT AWESOME

- ❖ If Font Awesome was in use in the previous theme, developers will need to put the following variables in the `_au_i_variables.scss`:

```
// Icon paths
$FontAwesomePath: "au_i/lexicon/fonts/alloy-font-awesome/font";
$font-awesome-path: "au_i/lexicon/fonts/alloy-font-awesome/font";
$icon-font-path: "au_i/lexicon/fonts/";
```

UPDATING THE RESPONSIVE CSS

- ❖ In DXP, the `respond-to` mixins have been replaced with explicit media queries.
- ❖ Developers will need to update their responsive CSS to the following:
 1. `@include respond-to(phone) : @include media-query(null, $screen-xs-max)`
 2. `@include respond-to(tablet) : @include media-query(sm, $screen-sm-max)`
 3. `@include respond-to(phone, tablet) : @include media-query(null, $breakpoint_tablet - 1)`
 4. `@include respond-to(desktop, tablet) : @include sm`
 5. `@include respond-to(desktop) : @include media-query($breakpoint_tablet, null)`

THE RESOURCES IMPORTER

- ❖ The Resources Importer has undergone several structural changes.
- ❖ This will impact both the configuration files and the directory structure.
- ❖ Let's look at what we need to update to make it all come together on DXP.

UPDATING THE PLUGIN PACKAGE PROPERTIES FILE

- ❖ In the `liferay-plugin-package.properties` file, the following line should be removed:

`required-deployment-contexts`

- ❖ This property is no longer required, as the Resources Importer is now an OSGi module that is included in Liferay.
- ❖ The value of the `resources-importer-target-class-name` property needs to be updated to the following:

`com.liferay.portal.kernel.model.Group`

RESOURCES IMPORTER CONTENT XML

- ❖ In previous version of Liferay, web content was included in the Resources Importer by including `html` files.
- ❖ In DXP, all articles need to include a structure, template, and an `xml` file instead of `html`.
- ❖ Upgrading articles can easily be done by renaming the files to `[article-name].xml` and using the following pattern:

```
<?xml version="1.0"?>
<root available-locales="en_US" default-locale="en_US">
  <dynamic-element name="content" type="text_area"
    index-type="keyword" index="0">
    <dynamic-content language-id="en_US">
      <![CDATA[
        HTML CONTENT GOES HERE
      ]]>
    </dynamic-content>
  </dynamic-element>
</root>
```

STRUCTURES: FROM XML TO JSON

- ❖ In DXP, structures need to be JSON files.
- ❖ Developers can find the JSON source of any upgraded structures in *Menu→Site Administration→Content→Structures*.
- ❖ All Structure files need to be created as [structure-name].json and go in the `resources-importer/journal/structures/` directory.
- ❖ As mentioned above, every content article needs a structure and template.
- ❖ Let's look at the basic content structure below.

BASIC WEB CONTENT STRUCTURE: TOP

```
{
  "availableLanguageIds": [
    "en_US"
  ],
  "defaultLanguageId": "en_US",
  "fields": [
    {
      "label": {
        "en_US": "Content"
      },
      "predefinedValue": {
        "en_US": ""
      },
      "style": {
        "en_US": ""
      },
      "tip": {
        "en_US": ""
      },
      ...
    }
  ]
}
```

BASIC WEB CONTENT STRUCTURE: BOTTOM

```
...
    "dataType": "html",
    "fieldNamespace": "ddm",
    "indexType": "keyword",
    "localizable": true,
    "name": "content",
    "readOnly": false,
    "repeatable": false,
    "required": false,
    "showLabel": true,
    "type": "ddm-text-html"
  }
]
```

- ❖ The structure above defines some basic attributes for the web content, sets the input field data as `html`, and identifies the web content by the `name`: `content`.

CONTENT TEMPLATES

- ❖ Developers can place their existing `.ftl` templates in the `resources-importer/journal/templates` folder.
- ❖ This will also work with any `.vm` templates.
- ❖ At the very least, there must be a basic Web Content Template with the following:

```
${content.getData()}
```

- ❖ And with that, your theme is ready to deploy on DXP!

Notes: