

STYLING CONTENT WITH WEB CONTENT TEMPLATES

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STYLING CONTENT ARTICLES

- You can provide styles to Web Content using either the WYSIWYG editor directly, or by embedding the styles into a Web Content Template (Template).
- The Alloy Editor can be used to add HTML/CSS/JavaScript changes into basic Web Content.
- We're going to focus on the more advanced Template option.
- A Template is responsible for displaying content from a Web Content Structure (Structure) and ultimately determines how the content is displayed.

ADDING TEMPLATES

- In Site Administration→Content→Web Content, you can add Structures and Templates.
- Templates are managed in the Options menu.
- You have two methods of adding templates:
 - Attaching an ftl file
 - Using the editor
- The editor gives you quick access to some default variables.





DEVELOPING TEMPLATES

- Web Content is unique in that Structures can be provided by Content Managers.
- When developing Templates, you can simply reference the Structure fields and determine how to display them.
- All HTML tags, by default, will inherit the global styling from the Theme.
- You can use the <style> and <script> tags to provide custom CSS and JavaScript for the Template.





LEXICON CSS IN TEMPLATES

- As discussed previously, Lexicon CSS styles can easily be applied to both Themes and Templates.
- Developers can take advantage of Lexicon CSS components and elements to anything from *Cards* to *Modals*.
- If the Theme has customized any of the base Lexicon CSS styling, these changes will also apply to Templates.







GENERIC TEMPLATES

- > You can also create what are called Generic Templates.
- ▶ Generic Templates are Web Content Templates that are not associated with a Structure.
- This allows you to create stand-alone Templates that include certain taglibs, and/or embedded applications, that can be applied to any content.
- Generic Templates can also be imported into other Templates using:
 <#include "\${templatesPath}/TEMPLATE-ID" />

EMBEDDING APPLICATIONS IN TEMPLATES

- Applications, custom or core, can be embedded into Templates.
- This means you can ensure application functionality is displayed with Web Content.
- For example, if we wanted to embed the *Currency Converter* application, we could do the following:
 - In FreeMarker:

```
<@liferay_portlet_ext["runtime"] portletName="com_liferay_currency
_converter_web_portlet_CurrencyConverterPortlet" />
```

In Velocity:

```
$theme.runtime("com_liferay_currency_converter_
web portlet CurrencyConverterPortlet");
```



THE POWER OF TEMPLATES

- You can provide consistent look and feel on the platform with Web Content Templates.
- These Templates have access to many of the same tools used in front-end development such as:
 - Bootstrap
 - CSS
 - HTML
 - Lexicon CSS
 - Freemarker

