

# STYLING APPLICATIONS

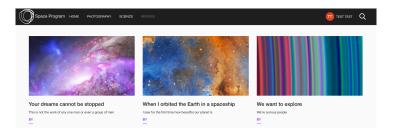
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#### WHAT YOU NEED

- This module uses:
  - > Installed theme:
    - space-program-theme.war
- You can find the theme in exercises/front-end-developer-exercises/05front-end-developer/03-theme-development/solutions.
- Our Theme includes some content and Application Display Templates (ADTs) for us to take a look at.

#### ASSET PUBLISHER ADT EXAMPLE

- Let's look at an example of an ADT bundled in our theme.
  - > The theme let us create some useful assets in a sample site
- We have a number of Asset Publisher ADTs in use on the sample Space Program site generated by the Resources Importer.
- We'll look at the Entry List 3 Item ADT.



## ADTS AND WEB CONTENT TEMPLATES

- > Web Content Templates and ADTs use the same basic type of template.
- Since they both use FreeMarker, it's easy to write for both.
- The difficulty can be in remembering what makes them different.
- ADTs reinforce styling, but have the main purpose of displaying (rendering) different types of assets.
- Let's look at our example ADT in detail so you can see what that looks like.
- This ADT displays content articles as image tiles with information below with 3 columns.

#### **EXERCISE: NAVIGATING TO ADT CREATION UI**

- > You'll want to make sure you're on the *Space Program* site to check out these examples.
- 1. Open the Menu.
- Go to Site Administration→Configuration→Application Display Templates in the Space Program Site.
- 3. Open the Entry List 3 items ADT.





## ADTS HAVE ONLY ONE JOB

- The main job of ADTs is to display dynamic data in markup.
- > This ADT is for the Asset Publisher, whose main content is assets.
- You'll notice the ADT gets a list of assets to display.
- Let's look more closely at how the assets are displayed and styled consistently.

#### MAKING ADT DESIGN EASIER

- The built-in editor makes it easier to reference variables.
- You can see an example of that in the Entry List 3 Item ADT.
- ▶ The ADT takes the default Asset Entries \* field and expands upon it.
- Here is what is generated when you select Asset Entries \* in the editor:

## ADDING CUSTOM ADT CODE

Within the <#if> Structure, there are attributes set on the displayed content:

```
<#if entries?has_content>
    ${request.setAttribute("displayMode", 2)}
    ${request.setAttribute("colMd", "col-md-4")}
...
${request.setAttribute("author", "" )}
    ${request.setAttribute("displayMode", 0)}
    ${request.setAttribute("viewURL", "" )}
</#if>
```

We also have this markup added:

## **EXERCISE: CREATING A NEWS FEED ADT**

- Now that we've seen an ADT breakdown, let's add our own ADT for the S.P.A.C.E. front page News and Events.
- 1. Open the Menu.
- 2. Click on the Site Selector in Site Administration.
- 3. Choose the S.P.A.C.E. Site.
- Go to Configuration→Application Display Templates.
- 5. Click  $Add \rightarrow Asset$  Publisher Template.

## **EXERCISE: NAMING THE ADT**

- 1. **Type** to name the ADT *Card List Feed*.
- Open the card-list-feed-ap-adt.ftl from exercises/front-enddeveloper-exercises/o8-application-display-templates.
- 3. Copy the contents.
- 4. Paste the contents in the template editor.
- 5. Click Save.

#### **CARD LIST - FEED: EXPLANATION**

- 1. In the Card List Feed ADT, we check to see if there are any entries, and then iterate through the list.
  - ▶ You can hover over Asset Entries \* for more information on entries.
- 2. Next, we use Lexicon CSS Cards to create the card layout.
  - http://liferay.github.io/clay/content/cards/
- 3. Finally, we'll display the article title, URL, and summary from our Asset Renderer.
  - As we're displaying Web Content Articles, see JournalArticleAssetRenderer for more information.
- 4. As front-end developers, we can collaborate with our back-end team to display dynamic content.

#### **ASSET URLS**

- We're using a URL for the article called View in Context.
- View in Context needs the article to be displayed on a page in order to work.
- If you'd like to test the URL, you'll want to add the Web Content Article to a page somewhere before using the link.

#### **EXERCISE: CREATING AN EVENT FEED ADT**

- 1. Click  $Add \rightarrow Asset$  Publisher Template.
- 2. Type to name the ADT Card List Events.
- Open the card-list-events-ap-adt.ftl from exercises/front-enddeveloper-exercises/08-application-display-templates.
- 4. Copy the contents.
- 5. Paste the contents into the template editor.
- 6. Click Save.

#### **CARD LIST - EVENTS: EXPLANATION**

- 1. In the *Card List Events* ADT, the code is almost identical except for a few CSS changes.
  - > Instead of an rss icon, we displayed a calendar icon and changed the font.
- 2. The main difference is that we configured Asset Publisher to pull Web Content Articles that use the Events Web Content Structure.
- 3. We'll see the results of these changes in a few slides.
- 4. Asset Publisher, Application Display Templates, and Web Content Templates gives us precise control to create consistent branding and work better with our content marketing team in a way that allows both teams to focus on our areas of our expertise.

## EXERCISE: CONFIGURING ASSET PUBLISHERS TO USE ADTS

- Once we have created our ADTs, we can use them with our Asset Publishers.
- 1. Click Go to Site under Site Administration in the Menu.
- 2. Click on the Add menu near the top right.
- 3. **Open** the Applications $\rightarrow$ Highlighted section.
  - The Asset Publisher can also be found in the Applications→Content Management section.
- 4. Add an Asset Publisher above the About S.P.A.C.E. article.
- 5. Add an Asset Publisher below the About S.P.A.C.E. article.
- The Asset Publishers can be configured to display Web Content Structure, allowing our content team to make sure our News and Events are displaying on the front page.

## **EXERCISE: CONFIGURING THE FEED ADT**

- 1. Open the Options menu of the first Asset Publisher.
- 2. Click Configuration.
- 3. Click the Display Settings tab.
- 4. Choose Card List Feed under Display Template.
- 5. Save the changes.
- 6. Close the Configuration pop-up.



## **EXERCISE: CONFIGURING THE EVENTS TEMPLATE**

- 1. Open the Options menu of the second Asset Publisher.
- 2. Click Configuration.
- 3. Click the Display Settings tab.
- 4. Choose Card List Events under Display Template.
- 5. Save the changes.
- 6. Close the Configuration pop-up.



## **BRINGING IT ALL TOGETHER**

- Let's import some content created by our content team in order to see everything in action.
- > The content team has already configured the Asset Publishers to pull in the content they want to display.
- For the Asset Publisher at the top, they've configured it to pull in Web Content Articles that use the News Structure.
- For the second Asset Publisher, they've configured it to pull in Web Content Articles that use the Events *Structure*.
- ▶ The front-end team provided consistent styling for the Web Content using Web Content Templates.
- The front-end team will be responsible for applying the design, which we've completed above with ADTs.

## **EXERCISE: IMPORTING CONTENT USING ADTS**

- 1. **Go to** Menu $\rightarrow$ Site Administration $\rightarrow$ Publishing.
- 2. Click on Import.
- 3. Click on the Add button at the bottom right.
- Choose the Landing\_Page\_Redesign.lar from exercises/front-enddeveloper-exercises/o8-application-display-templates/ space-front-page-content.
- 5. Click Continue $\rightarrow$ Import.
- ✓ Now we have content on display with our templates!



## **EXERCISE: APPLYING THE THEME**

- > When we imported our content changes, it reverted the theme selection.
- Let's go ahead and re-apply the Space Program theme.
- 1. Go to  $Menu \rightarrow Site Administration \rightarrow Navigation$ .
- 2. Open the Options menu next to Public Pages.
- 3. Click Configure.
- 4. Click Change Current Theme.
- 5. **Choose** the Space Program Theme
- 6. Click Save.
- ✓ Now our theme is applied!

### **READY FOR LIFT OFF!**

Now we've changed the overall look-and-feel of the S.P.A.C.E. site and its content.

