

# **CONFIGURING THE THEME**

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## FINISHING THE THEME

- > Each of our basic areas for branding are defined:
  - HTML structure and basic navigation
  - > Fonts, colors, and other styles in CSS
    - Behavior and UI libraries through JavaScript
- To finish our theme, we'll need to set some basic metadata that describes our theme module.
- Remember, we'll be deploying this branding as a module file in Liferay DXP.
- There are some advanced modifications we may also want to make.
- Some settings are easy, and can be done right now.
- Other changes we'll explore in more depth.

## **EXERCISE: ADDING LAYOUTS**

- As we'll see later, you can create custom layout templates.
- > Layout templates can be bundled into our theme just like our fonts.
- Let's start by including the layout template files, and then finish our theme's configuration.
- Go to the exercises/front-end-developer-exercises/o3-theme-development/ o1-generating-a-theme/exercise-src folder.
- 2. Copy the /custom folder from the layouttpl folder.
- 3. Paste the folder into our new Space Program Theme src/layouttpl.
- We've included the layouttpl files and images.



## FINISHING UP WITH THE THEME CONFIGURATION

- The last thing we need to do is provide special settings for our theme as well as some package properties.
- These configuration settings are found in the WEB-INF folder of the theme.
- The liferay-look-and-feel.xml file includes the configuration for things like custom layout templates, theme settings, and application decorators.
- The liferay-plugin-package.properties will contain the information and properties for our theme.

## **EXERCISE: ADDING OUR CONFIGURATION FILES**

- Go to the exercises/front-end-developer-exercises/o3-theme-development/ o1-generating-a-theme/exercise-src folder.
- 2. Copy the files from the WEB-INF.
- 3. Paste the files into our new Space Program Theme src/WEB-INF.
  - > Replace both files.
- ✓ Now we can modify our configuration files!

## ADDING APPLICATION DECORATORS

- In previous versions of Liferay, administrators could display or hide the application borders through the Show Borders option of the look and feel configuration menu.
- In Liferay DXP, this option has been replaced with Application Decorators, a more powerful mechanism that customizes the style of the application wrapper.

## **OUT OF THE BOX APPLICATION DECORATORS**

- There are three out of the box application decorators that are added to your themes liferay-look-and-feel.xml:
  - Barebone: when this decorator is applied, neither the wrapping box nor the custom application title is shown. This option is recommended when you only want to display the bare application content.
  - **Borderless**: when this decorator is applied, the application is no longer wrapped in a white box, but the application custom title is displayed at the top.
  - Decorate: this is the default Application Decorator when using the Classic theme. When this decorator is applied, the application is wrapped in a white box with a border and the application custom title is displayed at the top.

#### EXERCISE: APPLICATION DECORATOR CONFIGURATION

- Let's start by adding our application decorator configuration.
- Drop the liferay-look-and-feel.xml file from your theme's src/WEB-INF into the Brackets editor.
- 2. Open the WEB-INF section under snippets.
- 3. Click on the 01-portlet-decorators snippet.
- Copy the contents of the snippet.
- 5. Paste the snippet contents over the <!-- Insert snippet 01-portlet-decorators here --> comment in the liferay-look-and-feel.xml file.
- 6. Save the file.

## ADDING CUSTOM DECORATORS

All the decorators added to the liferay-look-and-feel.xml require that a css class is set using the following line:

```
<portlet-decorator-css-class>[Class Name]
```

You can then add styling to these classes in the \_portlet\_decorator.scss.

```
.portlet-trending .portlet-content {
  background-color: $brand-bg-color-2;
  font-size: 12px;
  margin-top: 40px;
  padding: 50px 20px 20px;
```

We added the styles for our Application Decorators earlier.

# SETTING THE DEFAULT APPLICATION DECORATOR

- ▶ A default application decorator also needs to be set in the liferay-look-and-feel.xml.
- In order to do this, we can simply use the line we see here:

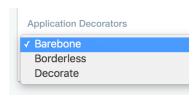
  <default-portlet-decorator>true</default-portlet-decorator>
- Once this is set, we'll be able to style the standard application decorator while being able to choose others when the need arises.

# ADDING APPLICATION DECORATOR CSS

The styling in the \_portlet\_decorator.scss is imported into the \_custom.scss.

```
@import "portlet_decorator";
```

- Once your theme is deployed you can select your new application decorator.
- The new Trending option, for example, will be selectable from the Application Decorators drop-down list in the Look-and-Feel Configuration section of our applications.





#### THEME SETTINGS

- > We can also add Theme Settings into our theme.
- Theme Settings are used to set either hard-coded or configurable values into the theme.
- ▶ These setting keys can be accessed inside FreeMarker theme files and, once deployed, are editable through the Control Panel.
- You can provide special settings in your theme that allow administrators to make stylistic changes from the platform.
- > These settings provide stylistic flexibility within a theme.

# **EXERCISE: ADDING THEME SETTINGS**

- 1. Click on the 02-theme-settings snippet.
- 2. Copy the contents of the snippet.
- Paste the snippet contents over the <!-- Insert snippet 02-theme-settings here --> comment in the liferay-look-and-feel.xml file.
- 4. Save the file.



#### THEME SETTING PROPERTIES

- Each Theme Setting can have the following properties:
  - configurable: a value of true or false determines whether this field should be displayed or hidden from the Control Panel.
  - **key:** a name used to retrieve user value in the theme (no spaces)
  - type: defines the type of form field to show. Possible values are text, textarea, select, or checkbox
  - options: a comma separated list of options the user can choose for the select type.
  - > value: default setting value

#### **DEFAULT AVAILABLE SETTINGS**

- There are some default Theme Settings that can used in your theme without further configuration:
  - **Bullet Style**: Adds Bullet Point options for different applications
  - > Show Header Search: Displays Header Search if set to true
  - Show Maximize Minimize Application Links: Gives a link to navigate between maximized and minimized view of an application
  - > Show Site Name Default: Lets you control the Site name display
  - > Show Site Name Supported: Lets you control the Site name support

```
<setting configurable="true" key="bullet-style" options="dots,arrows"
type="select" value="dots" />
<setting configurable="true" key="show-header-search" type="checkbox" value="true"
<setting configurable="true" key="show-maximize-minimize-application-links"
type="checkbox" value="false" />
<setting configurable="false" key="show-site-name-default" value="true" />
<setting configurable="false" key="show-site-name-supported" value="true" />
```

#### **USING CUSTOM THEME SETTINGS**

- Custom Theme Settings that are added to the liferay-look-and-feel.xml can also be turned into variables.
- These variables are added in the init\_custom.ftl file like so:

```
<#assign new_variable = getterUtil.getBoolean(themeDisplay.getThemeSetting
("new-theme-setting")) />
```

- With the variable created, developers can add logic to their Theme Freemarker templates.
- Our theme has a new variable for the show-header-search Theme Setting in order to control how the search is displayed with this setting turned on inside the navigation.ftl.

#### **CUSTOM SHOW HEADER SEARCH EXAMPLE**

The show\_header\_search variable was created in the init\_custom.ftl using:

```
<#assign show_header_search = getterUtil.getBoolean(themeDisplay.
getThemeSetting("show-header-search")) />
```

In the navigation.ftl, this custom variable is used to control what displays:

#### **EXERCISE: LAYOUT TEMPLATE CONFIGURATION**

- Earlier, we added the custom layout template source files into our src/layouttpl folder.
- We need to actually configure the liferay-look-and-feel.xml to include these layouts.
- 1. Click on the 03-layout-templates snippet.
- 2. Copy the contents of the snippet.
- Paste the snippet contents over the <!-- Insert snippet 03-layout-templates --> comment in the liferay-look-and-feel.xml file.
- 4. Save the file.



## THE THEME PLUGIN PACKAGE PROPERTIES

- ▶ The liferay-plugin-package.properties file contains the default information for our theme.
- We'll revisit this file after we look at some other features of Liferay themes.

```
name=Space Program
module-group-id=liferay
module-incremental-version=1
module-version=1.0.0
tags=
short-description=
long-description=
change-log=
page-url=http://www.liferay.com
Provide-Capability-osgi.webresource;osgi.webresource=space-program-theme
author=Liferay, Inc.
licenses=LGPL
liferay-versions=7.0.0+
```

resources-importer-developer-mode-enabled=true



## **ADDING COLOR SCHEMES**

- Developers can also include Color Schemes into the liferay-look-and-feel.xml.
- > Color Schemes are variations of CSS and Images with a theme.
- Using this option, developers can effectively provide themes within themes for their administrators to configure based on the business needs.
- Let's look at how we would add these using the example of fire and ice Color Schemes.

## **COLOR SCHEMES IN THE XML**

Color Schemes can be added to the liferay-look-and-feel.xml by using the following:

```
<color-scheme id="01" name="Default">
   <default-cs>true</default-cs>
   <css-class>default</css-class>
   <color-scheme-images-path>${images-path}/color_schemes/${css-class}
   </color-scheme>
</color-scheme>
<color-scheme id="02" name="Fire">
   <css-class>fire</css-class>
   </color-scheme></color-scheme></color-scheme></color-scheme></color-scheme></color-scheme></color-scheme></color-scheme></color-scheme></color-scheme></color-scheme></color-scheme></color-scheme></color-scheme></color-scheme></color-scheme></color-scheme></color-scheme></color-scheme></color-scheme></color-scheme></color-scheme></color-scheme></color-scheme></color-scheme></color-scheme></color-scheme></color-scheme></color-scheme></color-scheme></color-scheme></color-scheme></color-scheme>
```

- We need to set the default as well as any new Color Scheme we're adding.
- The default-cs makes sure to auto-select this color scheme.
- ▶ Each Color Scheme needs to include a css-class while the images are set using different variables in the default.



## ADDING COLOR SCHEME CSS

- Once the XML is set, You can add the CSS changes using the following steps:
- 1. Create a new directory in src/css called color\_schemes.
- 2. Add a new scss file for each Color Scheme in this folder.
  - Example: \_fire.scss or \_ice.scss
- 3. Add styling to these files using the class selector identified in the XML.

```
body.fire {
  color: #F00 !important;
}
```

4. Last, import the new scss files into the \_custom.scss:

```
@import "color_schemes/fire";
@import "color_schemes/ice";
```

# ADDING COLOR SCHEME IMAGES

- Next, images can be added using the following:
- 1. Create a new directory in src/images called color\_schemes.
- 2. Add a new folders for each Color Scheme such as color\_schemes/fire or color\_schemes/ice.
- 3. Place any images or thumbnails for the color schemes in their appropriate folder.
  - The thumbnail that will display in the page configuration menu needs to go here.

#### **CONFIGURING PAGES**

Once Color Schemes and Theme Settings are added to the Theme, they can be accessed on each Site where the Theme is in use.

	Public Pages
Color Schemes	
Settings	
Show Header Search YES	
Show Maximize/Minimize Application Links  NO	
Insert custom CSS that is loaded after the theme.	
	al al
Change Current Theme	
Logo	>

#### WHAT'S NEXT?

- > This gives us a starting point for a working theme.
- Next, we'll look at some of the additional pieces we mentioned during our theme development.
- Items like Layout Templates deserve a closer look.
- We'll also take a look at additional tools and development options available.





