

Living on the edge.

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1 Introduction

Since the dispatcher is in the whiteboard, we can afford to use the latest features available in forrest. This helps to test these new features and to be prepared for the future when this feature is standard.

2 forrest.properties.xml

We needed to prevent having references from the core to a plugin. This can be done with the new properties system. You can override any of the following values via a `forrest.properties.xml` in your project.

```
<property name="dispatcher.theme" value="pelt"/>
<property name="dispatcher.fallback.theme" value="common"/>
<property name="dispatcher.theme-ext" value=".fv"/>
<property name="dispatcher.fallback.theme-ext" value=".fv"/>
<property name="dispatcher.themer" value="org.apache.forrest.themes.core"/>
<property name="dispatcher.home"
value="org.apache.forrest.plugin.internal.dispatcher"/>
```

2.1 Using properties in contracts

In the contract body you can access all forrest properties by

```
<xsl:param name="defaultVariables" select="'test.html'"/>
```

then extract the variable like:

```
<xsl:variable name="skin-img-dir" select="$defaultVariables/*/*
*[@name='THE_PROPERTY']/@value"/>
```

more information which variables are available can be found at http://localhost:8888/**/*.props which connects to the `org.apache.forrest.plugin.output.inputModule` plugin. A custom generator contacts the forrest properties input module to get all available key/values and outputs them to xml (dtd like `forrest.properties.xml`).

3 locationmap.xml

One of the main features of the dispatcher is its fallback mechanism. We are not only looking into one or two places but a sophisticated list of locations. These locations are defined in the `locationmap.xml`. Like with the `forrest.properties.xml` you can override any match in there by implementing it in your project `locationmap.xml`.

3.1 Hands on the lm

The resolving process of the structurizer responsible for the URL has implemented a high amount of fallbacks. Let us have a look.

```
<match pattern="resolve.structurizer.**">
  <!--
    FIXME - Problem with the pattern
    *****
    We have encountered a strange problem with the pattern 'resolve.structurizer.**'.
    The {1} sometimes matches nothing, whereas {../1} is OK.
    On the contrary, the {../1} sometimes matches nothing, whereas {1} is OK.
    As a temporary workaround, we put {../1}{1} which covers all the cases.
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    structurizer templating
    *****
    URL specific structurizer templates (project-based) e.g. index.fv
    * either in the structurizer/url
    * or in the xdocs dir [deprecated]
    have priority *before*

    a) sourcetype based e.g. document-v20.fv
    b) resourceTypeAction based on meta data e.g. xhtml.fv
    (demonstrates lenya meta data integration for DOCO)
    c) RecursiveDirectoryTraversalAction e.g. samples/common.fv
    c1) url dir
    c2) xdocs dir [deprecated]

    If no structurizer template can be found in the project,
    we use either the templates provided by the
    a) custom implementation of the themes.core plugin
    b) themes.core plugin
    where we test for
    1) {properties:dispatcher.theme}{properties:dispatcher.theme-ext}
    2) {properties:dispatcher.fallback.theme}{properties:dispatcher.fallback.theme-
ext}
  -->
  <select type="exists">
    <!-- project-based
      url-based (url location) -->
    <location
      src="{properties:resources}/structurizer/url/{1}{properties:dispatcher.theme-ext}"
    />
    <!-- project-based
      url-based (xdocs location) [deprecated]-->
    <location src="{properties:content.xdocs}{1}{properties:dispatcher.theme-ext}" />
    <act type="sourcetype" src="{properties:content.xdocs}{1}.xml">
      <!-- Sourcetype based
        http://forrest.apache.org/docs/cap.html-->
      <location src="lm://dispatcher.structurizer.resourceType.{sourcetype}" />
    </act>
    <act type="resourceTypeAction">
      <parameter value="{../1}{1}" name="request"/>
      <parameter value="{properties:content.xdocs}" name="projectDir"/>
      <parameter value="lm://dispatcher.structurizer.resourceType."
        name="resourceTypeBase"/>
      <parameter value=".xml.meta" name="metaExtension"/>
      <parameter value="resourceType" name="resourceTypeElement"/>
      <parameter value="http://apache.org/cocoon/lenya/page-envelope/1.0"
        name="resourceTypeElementNS"/>
      <!-- Meta data based -->
    </act>
  </select>
</match>
```

```

    <location src="{uri}" />
  </act>
  <act type="RecursiveDirectoryTraversalAction">
    <parameter value="{../1}{1}" name="request"/>
    <parameter value="{properties:dispatcher.theme}" name="projectFallback"/>
    <parameter value="{properties:dispatcher.theme-ext}"
      name="projectExtension"/>
    <parameter value="{properties:resources}structurer/url/" name="projectDir"/>
    <!-- url
      project-based theme-based = directory-based / parent-directory based
(recursively) -->
    <location src="{uri}" />
  </act>
  <act type="RecursiveDirectoryTraversalAction">
    <parameter value="{../1}{1}" name="request"/>
    <parameter value="{properties:dispatcher.theme}" name="projectFallback"/>
    <parameter value="{properties:dispatcher.theme-ext}"
      name="projectExtension"/>
    <parameter value="{properties:content.xdocs}" name="projectDir"/>
    <!-- xdocs [deprecated]
      project-based theme-based = directory-based / parent-directory based
(recursively) -->
    <location src="{uri}" />
  </act>
  <!-- themes-dir: project-application-based theme-dir-based -->
  <location
    src="{lm:themer.project.dir}/{properties:dispatcher.theme}
{properties:dispatcher.theme-ext}"
  />
  <!-- themes-dir: project-application-based default -->
  <location
    src="{lm:themer.project.dir}/{properties:dispatcher.fallback.theme}
{properties:dispatcher.fallback.theme-ext}"
  />
  <!-- themer: forrest-application-based theme-based -->
  <location
    src="{lm:dispatcher.themer}/themes/{properties:dispatcher.theme}
{properties:dispatcher.theme-ext}"
  />
  <!-- themer: forrest-application-based default -->
  <location
    src="{lm:dispatcher.themer}/themes/{properties:dispatcher.fallback.theme}
{properties:dispatcher.fallback.theme-ext}"
  />
</select>
</match>

```