



Oracle Application Express: Developing Database Web Applications

Hands-On-Labs Guide

Unit 13: Implementing Security in your Application

Application security is very important in the majority of applications, except for "Public" applications. You must ensure users enter valid credentials, generally username and password (Authentication), and that once logged in that each user has appropriate rights within the application (Authorization). This exercise includes three hands-on-labs.

HOL 13-1 uses the Demo Projects application.

HOL 13-2 and 13-3 use the Budget App application.

HOL 13-1 Creating and Using an Authorization Scheme: In this lab, you create an authorization scheme to ensure only people entered as Team Members can log into the Demo Projects application. You also create a user and verify if the user can access the application.

HOL 13-2 Creating and Using an Authentication Scheme: In this hands-on lab, you create an Open Door Credentials authentication scheme and make it current. You test the authentication scheme and then switch back to the default Application Express Authentication scheme.

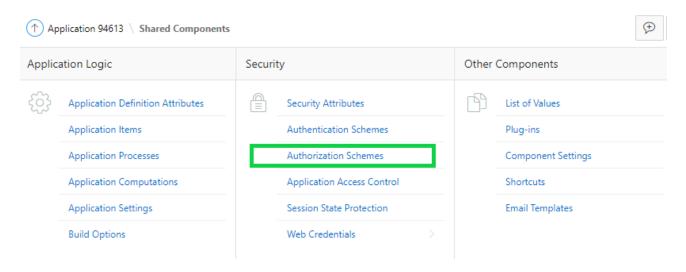
HOL 13-3 Controlling User Access by Using the Access Control Administration: In this handson lab, you create three different users as Administrator, Developer and End User. You create an Access Control Administration page, set the application mode to restrict access and add these users to the Access Control list. Finally, you apply the authorization scheme to pages and verify if users are allowed or denied access.

HOL 13-1: Creating and Using an Authorization Scheme

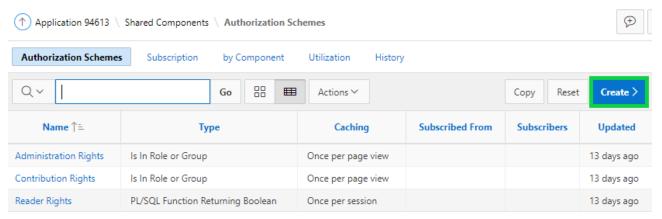
In this hands-on lab, you create an authorization scheme to ensure only people entered as Team Members can log into the Demo Projects application. You apply the authorization scheme to the application properties.

- 1. Navigate to **App Builder** and run the **Demo Projects** application. In the Developer Toolbar, click **Application** < n >.
- 2. In the application home page, click **Shared Components**.

Under Shared Components > Security, click **Authorization Schemes**.



3. Click Create.



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- 4. For Create Authorization Scheme, select From Scratch and click Next.
- 5. For Details, input the following:
 - Name enter **Team Members**

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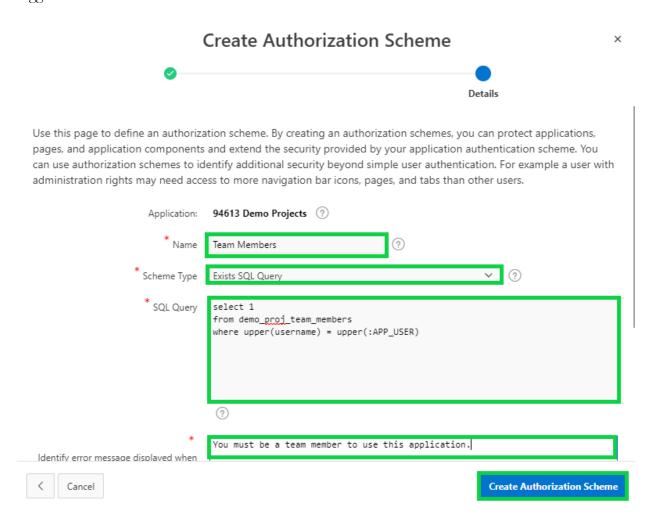
- Scheme Type select Exists SQL Query
- SQL Query copy and paste the following:

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select 1
from demo_proj_team_members
where upper(username) = upper(:APP_USER)
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• Identify error message displayed when scheme violated - enter **You must be a team member to use this application**.

Click Create Authorization Scheme.

Note: :APP_USER is a built-in application item that returns the username of the currently logged in user.

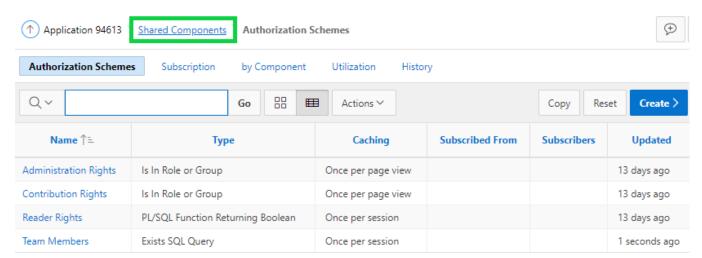


6. The Team Members authorization scheme is created now.

Rather than applying the authorization scheme to every page, apply the scheme to the application properties.

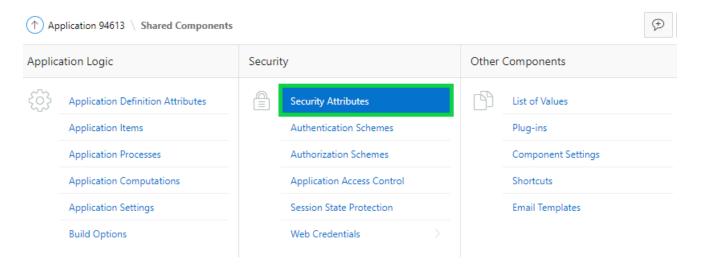
Click the **Shared Components** breadcrumb entry.

Alternatively, on the toolbar, click the Shared Components button, which is located in the top-right and contains a triangle, circle, and square in its icon.

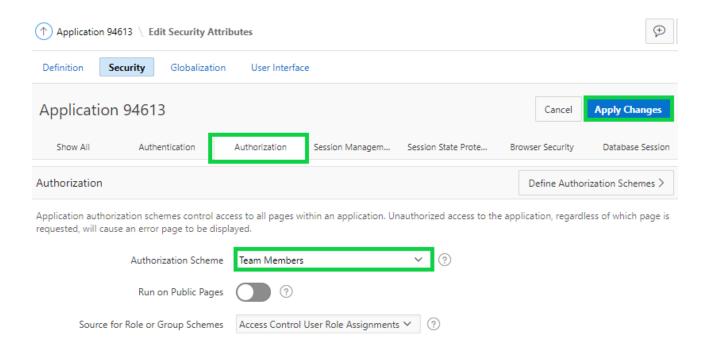


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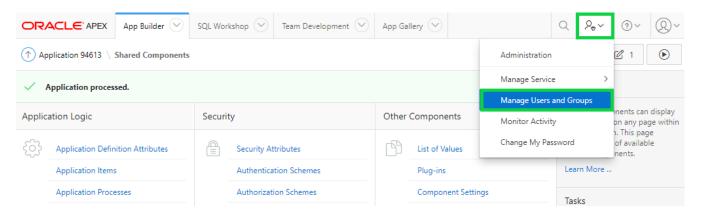
7. Under Security, click **Security Attributes**.



8. Click the **Authorization** tab. For Authorization Scheme, select **Team Members** from the list. Click **Apply Changes**.



9. In order to test the authorization scheme, it is necessary to create a new user account. In the Application Express toolbar, click **Administration**, identified by a user icon with a spanner, then select **Manage Users and Groups**.

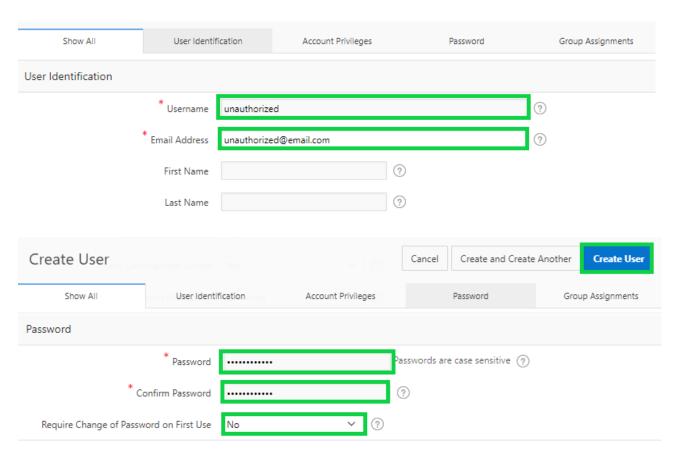


10. Click Create User.

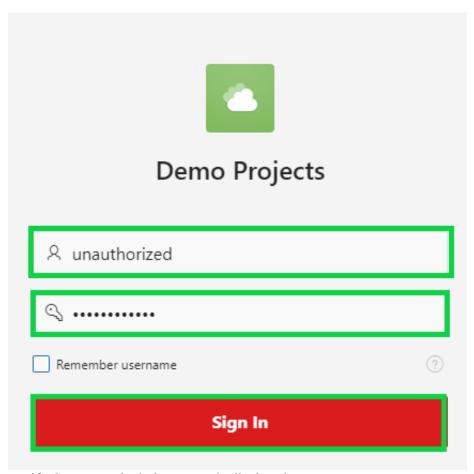
To create a user, input the following:

- Username enter unauthorized
- Email Address enter unauthorized@email.com
- Password enter unauthorized
- Confirm Password enter unauthorized
- Require Change of Password on First Use select **No**

Click Create User.



- 11. Navigate to the runtime environment (tab or window). Click **Sign Out** in the navigation bar (top right).
- 12. On the Log In page, for Username enter **unauthorized**, and for Password enter **unauthorized**. Click **Sign In**.



13. Verify the access denied message is displayed. Click **OK**.



You must be a team member to use this application.

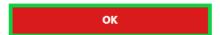
Access denied by Application security check

Technical Info (only visible for developers)

- 1. is_internal_error: true
- 2. apex_error_code: APEX.AUTHORIZATION.ACCESS_DENIED
- 3. component.type: APEX_APPLICATION_AUTHORIZATION
- 4. component.id: 8983112094236963691
- 5. component.name: Team Members
- 6. error_backtrace:

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----- PL/SQL Call Stack ----
object line object
handle number name

0x157cf2db0 1033 package body APEX_190200.WWV_FLOW_ERROR.INTERNAL_GET_ERROR
0x157cf2db0 1101 package body APEX_190200.WWV_FLOW_ERROR.INTERNAL_ADD_ERROR
0x157cf2db0 1493 package body APEX_190200.WWV_FLOW_ERROR.RAISE_INTERNAL_ERROR
0x138cff300 874 package body APEX_190200.WWV_FLOW_AUTHORIZATION.IS_AUTHORIZED
0x74bb3720 4455 package body APEX_190200.WWV_FLOW.SHOW
0x13725ed30 173 procedure APEX_190200.F
0x5a7e46ac0 2 anonymous block
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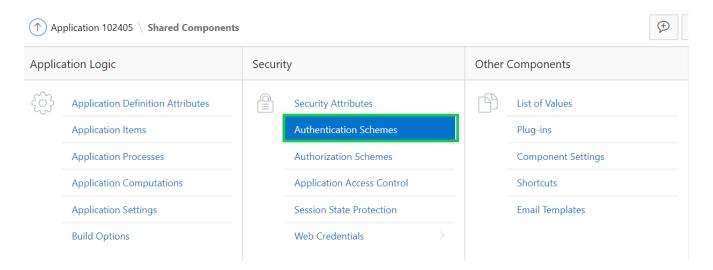
14. On the Log In page, enter your username and password credentials that you use to log into the App Builder.

Click **Log In**.

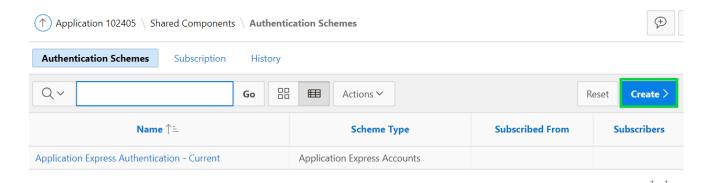
HOL 13-2: Creating and Using an Authentication Scheme

In this hands-on lab, you create an authentication scheme named Open Door Credentials in the Budget App application. Upon creation, this scheme becomes Current Scheme by default. You test this scheme by logging in to the application. Finally, you switch back to Application Express Authentication scheme.

- 1. In the App Builder, click **Budget App** application.
- 2. Navigate to **Shared Components**. Under Security, click **Authentication Schemes**.



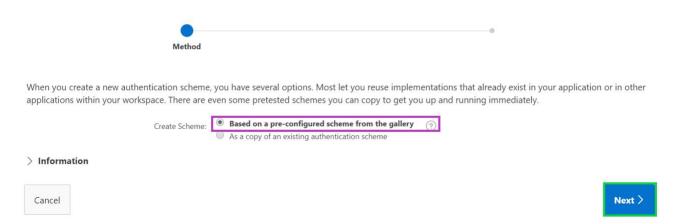
3. You want to create an authentication scheme. Click **Create**.



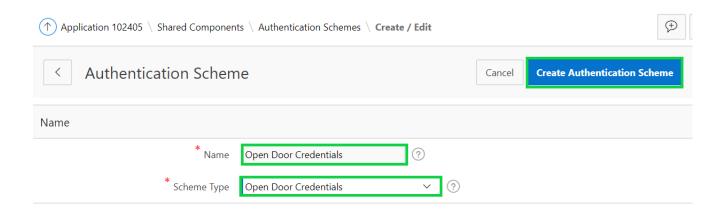
4. For Create Scheme, make sure **Based on a pre-configured scheme from the gallery** is selected, and click **Next**.

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Create Authentication Scheme



For Name, enter Open Door Credentials.
 For Scheme Type, select Open Door Credentials from the list.
 Click Create Authentication Scheme.



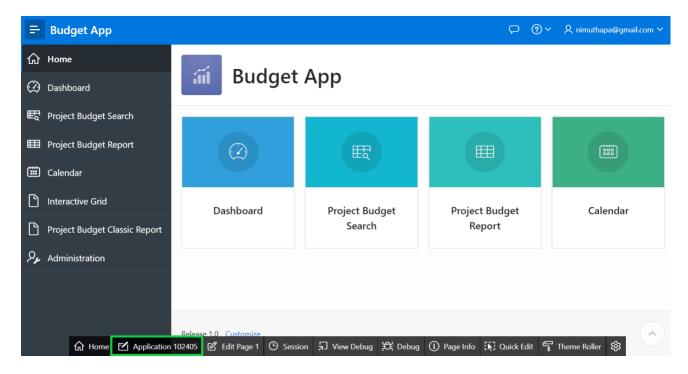
- 6. In the toolbar, click the **Run Page** icon.
 If you are already logged in, then click Sign Out to perform the next step.
- 7. Enter your Username and click **Login**.

Log In to Application 102405



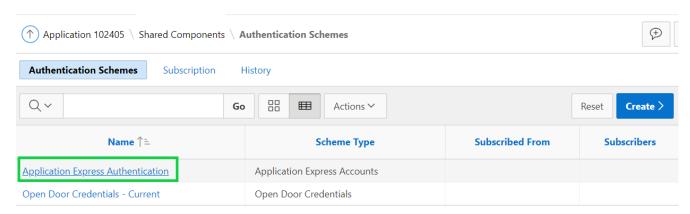


8. The Home page is displayed. Your application might display the Vita (Copy) Theme Style. Click the **Customize** link at the bottom of the page, select **Vita** for Theme Style and click **Apply Changes**. In the Developer Toolbar, click **Application< n >**.



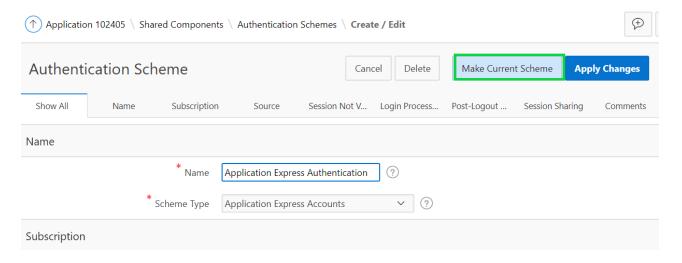
9. You want to switch back to the Application Express Authentication scheme. In the application home page, click **Shared Components**.

- 10. Under Security, click **Authentication Schemes**.
- 11. Click **Application Express Authentication** in the report.

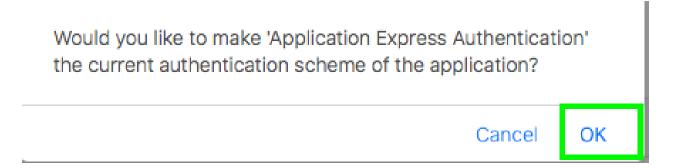


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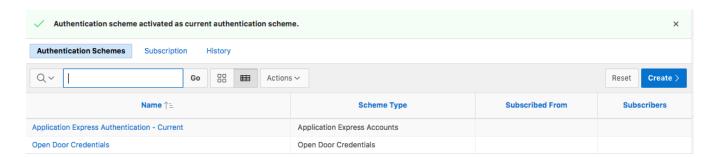
12. Click Make Current Scheme.



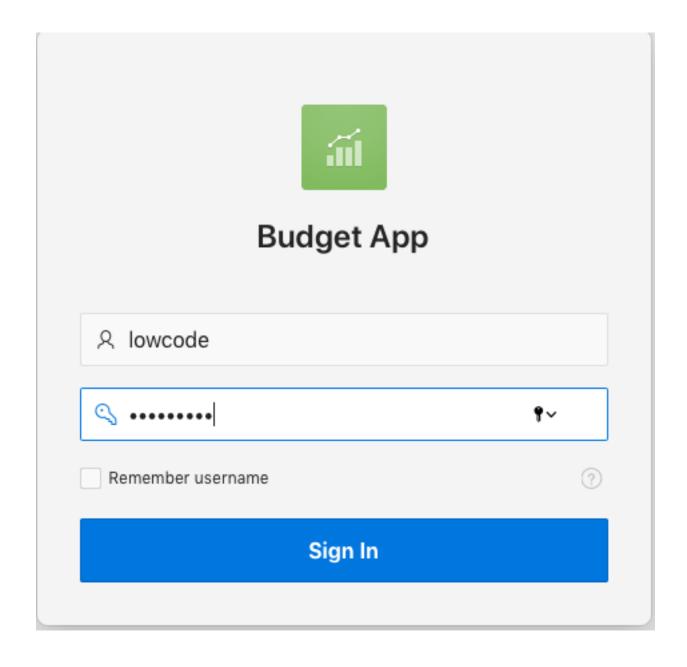
13. Click **OK**.



14. The Application Express Authentication scheme is now activated as current authentication scheme.



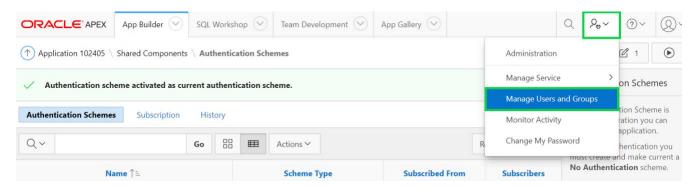
- 15. In the toolbar, click the Run Page icon. Then, click Sign Out.
- 16. Notice that the authentication scheme has changed. Enter your username and password and click **Sign In**.



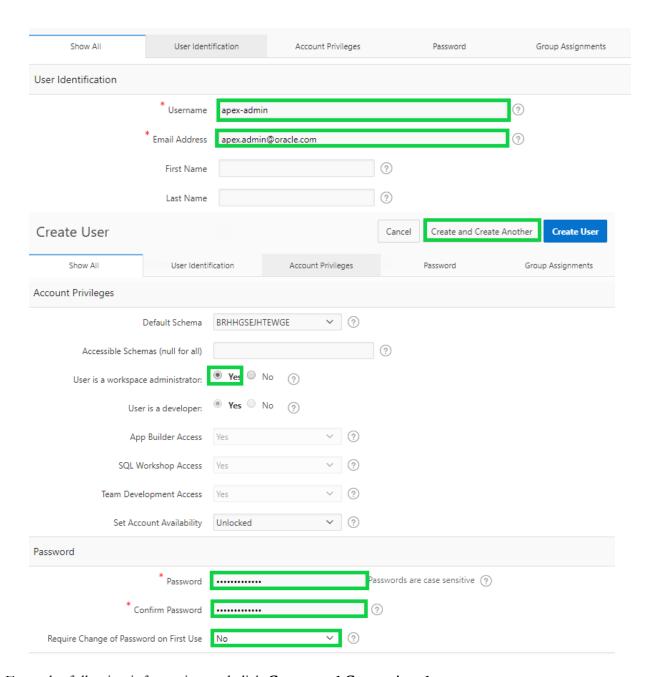
HOL 13-3: Controlling User Access by Using the Access Control Administration

In this hands-on lab, you first create an access control page and set the application mode to restrict access. Then, you create the access control list and assign the Budget App application components to an authorization scheme.

- 1. If you are in the application runtime environment, switch to the window or tab for App Builder environment.
- 2. In the Application Express toolbar, click **Administration** and select **Manage Users and Groups**.

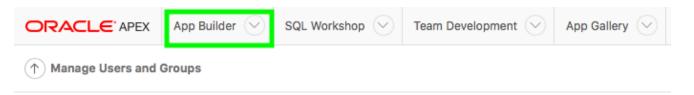


- 3. Create the following users to add to the Access Control List.
 - apex_admin: Workspace Administrator
 - apex_dev: Developer
 - apex_user: End User
 - Click Create User.
- 4. Enter the following information and click **Create and Create Another**.
 - Username: apex_admin
 - Email Address: apex.admin@oracle.com
 - Select **Yes** for User is a workspace administrator
 - Password: apexadmin123\$
 - Confirm Password: apexadmin123\$
 - Select **No** for Require Change of Password on First Use.

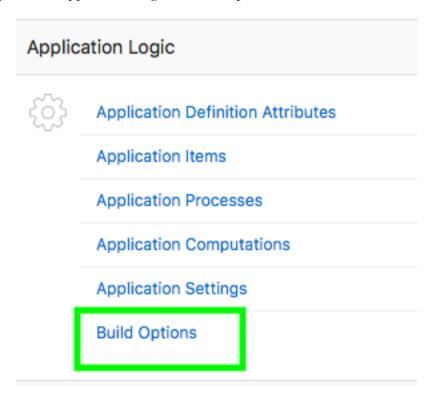


- 5. Enter the following information and click Create and Create Another.
 - Username: apex_dev
 - Email Address: apex.dev@oracle.com
 - Select **No** for User is a workspace administrator
 - Select **Yes** for User is a developer
 - Password: apexdev123\$
 - Confirm Password: apexdev123\$
 - Select No for Require Change of Password on First Use.

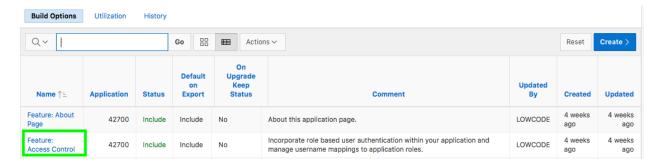
- 6. Enter the following information and click **Create User**.
 - Username: apex_user
 - Email Address: apex.user@oracle.com
 - Select **No** for User is a workspace administrator
 - Select **No** for User is a developer
 - Password: lowcode123\$
 - Confirm Password: lowcode123\$
 - Select **No** for Require Change of Password on First Use.
- 7. You see users in the list now. Click **App Builder**.



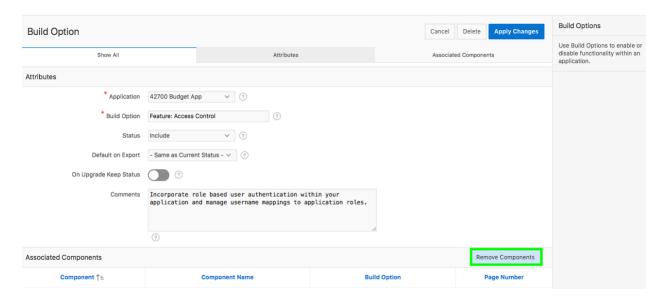
- 8. In the report, click the **Budget App** application.
- 9. You must first remove the feature that already exists in this application. You must remove the existing page(s), shared components and Feature: Access Control build option. Perform the following steps:
 - a) Go to Shared Components
 - b) Go to Application Logic > Build Options.



c) Click Feature: Access Control.



d) Click Remove Components.



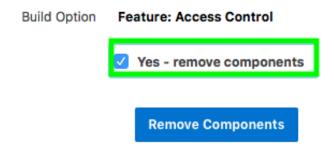
e) Click the checkbox for **Yes – remove components**.

Remove Components

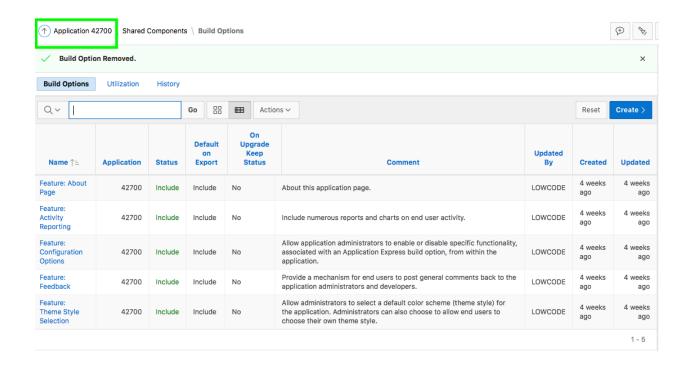




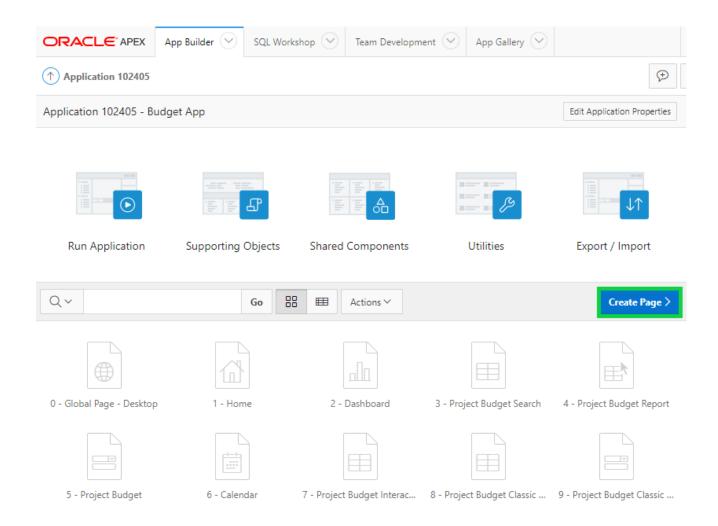
Are you sure you want to permanently remove all application components associated with this build option?



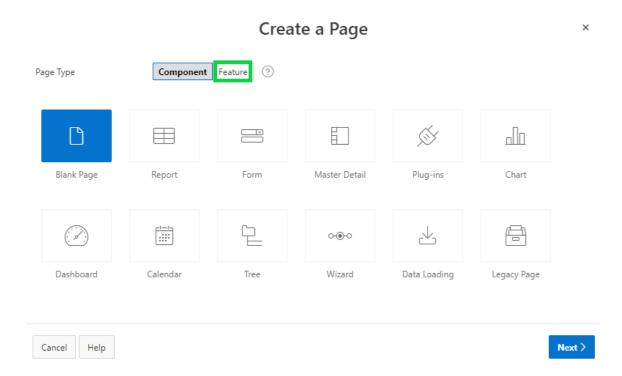
- f) Click **Remove Components**.
- g) On Create / Edit Build Option, Click **Delete**.
- h) Click **Delete Build Option**.
- i) Click Application <n> link to navigate to the application home page.



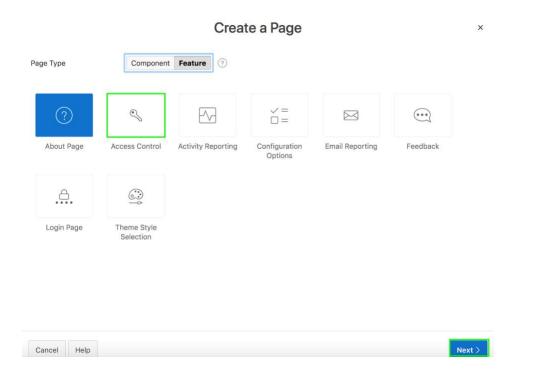
10. In the application home page, click **Create Page**.



11. Select **Feature**.



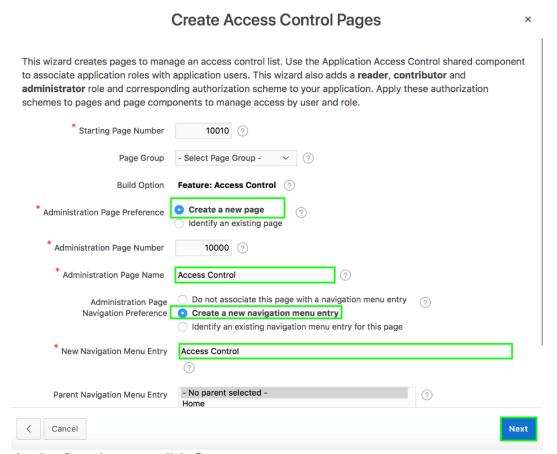
12. Select **Access Control** for Page Type.



- 13. In the Create Access Control Pages dialog, enter / select the following:
 - Administration Page Preference: Create a new page
 - Administration Page Name: Access Control
 - Administration Page Navigation Preference: Create a new navigation menu entry

• New Navigation Menu Entry: Access Control.

Then, click Next.



14. On the Confirmation page, click **Create**.

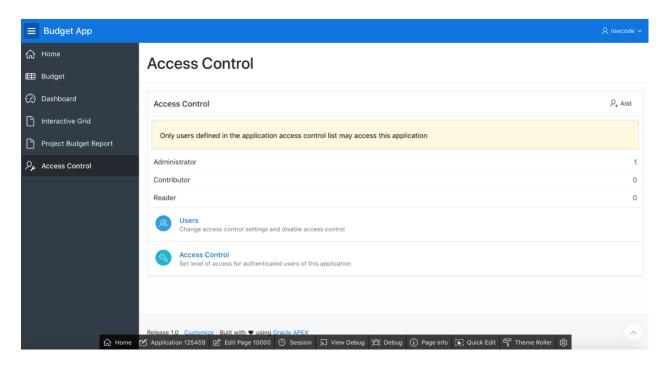
Create Access Control Pages - Confirmation

You have requested to create a page with the following attributes. Please confirm your selections.

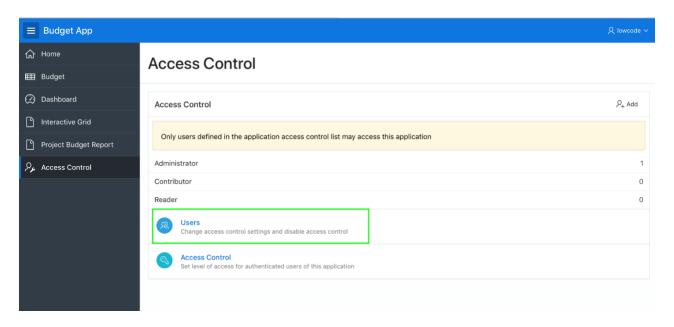
- Multiple pages will be created, starting with Page: 10010
- A new Administration page will be added, Page: 10000 Access Control
- The following Application Access Role(s) will be created:
 - o Administrator
 - o Contributor
 - o Reader
- The following Authorization Scheme(s) will be created:
 - o Administration Rights
 - Contribution Rights
 - Reader Rights
- The following Build Option(s) will be created:
 - o Feature: Access Control
- The following Application Setting(s) will be created:
 - ACCESS_CONTROL_SCOPE



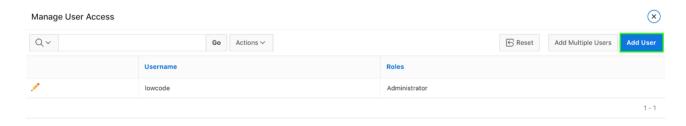
- 15. In the Page Designer, click Save and Run Page.
- 16. The Access Control page is displayed. Only users defined in the access control list may access this application.



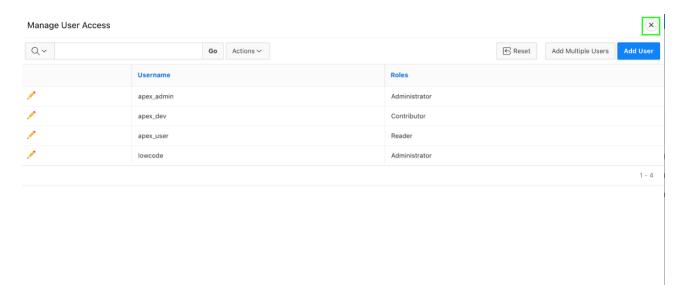
- 17. Now, add users to the access control list. You add the three users you created in a previous step and also your workspace administrator username.
 - apex_admin is the administrator and so can modify anything including the user privileges
 - apex_dev is the developer and is allowed to edit application data. However, this user cannot change the application administration settings
 - apex_user is the end user and can only view the application but cannot make any changes to the data
 - < your username > is the administrator. Click **Users**.



18. Click Add User.



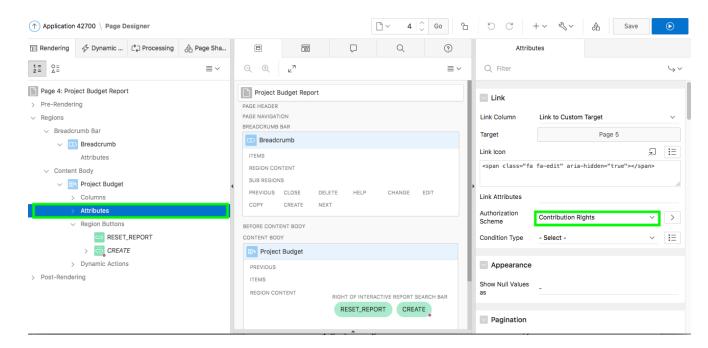
- 19. Enter apex_admin for Username, select Administrator for Role and click Add User.
- 20. Click **Add User** again. Enter **apex_dev** for Username, select **Contributor** for Role and click **Add User**.
- 21. Click Add User again.
 Enter apex_user for Username, select Reader for Role and click Add User.
- 22. Notice that < your username > is already listed as Administrator. You can now close the dialog.



- 23. Now, you are ready to define and apply the authorization schemes to each application component.
 - Users with the Administrator privilege can make any changes, including administering the Budget App application
 - Users with the Contributor privilege can modify the data in the report but cannot make changes to the application mode and the access control list.
 - Users with the Reader privilege can review the interactive report but cannot modify the data.

In the application runtime environment, click **Project Budget Report** in the navigation menu. In the Developer Toolbar, click **Edit Page 2**.

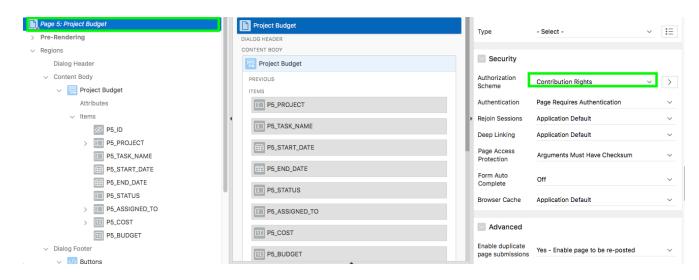
24. Under Rendering, expand **Regions**. Under the **Project Budget** region, select **Attributes**. In the property editor, locate **Authorization Scheme** and make sure that **Contribution Rights** is selected from the list.



25. You want the Create Button to appear only if the user has either the Contributor or Administrator role. Under Rendering, locate **Region Buttons** and select **CREATE**. In the property editor, navigate to Security and make sure that **Contribution Rights** is selected for Authorization Scheme.

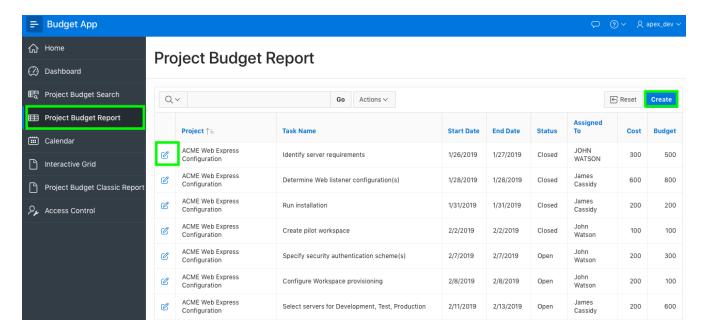
Click Save.

- 26. You also want to protect against direct access to the Project Budget form dialog page. Though you restrict end users from editing the interactive report on the Home page, they can still access the Project Budget form page by entering the correct URL in the browser. To avoid this, you must restrict the Form page access to only users with the Contributor and Administrator roles. In the page designer, click **Navigate to Next Page** arrow in the toolbar. You are now viewing the Project Budget form page in page designer.
- 27. Under Rendering, select Page 5: Project Budget.
 In the Property Editor, navigate to Security and make sure Contribution Rights is selected for Authorization Scheme.
 Click Save.



- 28. In the page designer, enter 4 in the Page Finder and click **Go**.
- 29. In the page designer, click **Save and Run Page**. If you are logged in, click **Sign Out** before performing the next step.
- 30. Enter apex_dev for Username and apexdev123\$ for Password and click Sign In.
- 31. In the navigation menu, click **Project Budget Report**.

 Notice that apex_dev can edit the interactive report, and also create a new project.



- 32. In the navigation menu, click **Access Control**.
- 33. Notice that you receive an error as you need the Administrator privilege to use the Access Control Administration page.

 Click **OK**.



Insufficient privileges, user is not an Administrator

Access denied by Page security check

Technical Info (only visible for developers)

1. is_internal_error: true

apex_error_code: APEX.AUTHORIZATION.ACCESS_DENIED

3. component.type: APEX_APPLICATION_AUTHORIZATION

4. component.id: 12152948290827462625

component.name: Administration Rights

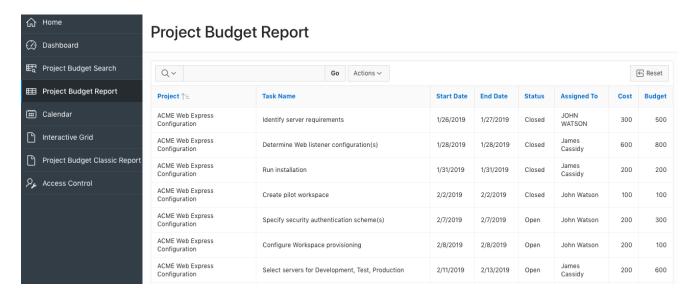
6. error_backtrace:

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---- PL/SQL Call Stack ----
object line object
handle number name

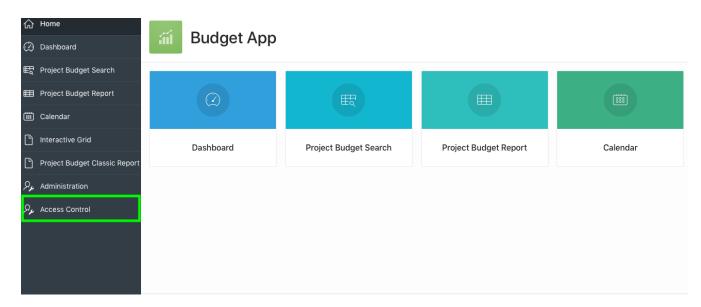
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0x4eaa88970 4578 package body APEX_190200.WWV_FLOW.SHOW
0x506d034d8 173 procedure APEX_190200.F
0x53d5b6d20 2 anonymous block
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- 34. Click Sign Out.
- 35. Now sign in by entering apex_user for Username and lowcode123\$ for password.
- 36. In the navigation menu, click **Project Budget Report**. Notice that you cannot edit the interactive report and also cannot create a new project now.



- 37. Click Sign Out.
- 38. Now sign in by entering apex_admin for Username and apexadmin for password.
- 39. In the navigation menu, click **Budget**.
- 40. Notice that you can now edit the interactive report, and also create a project. In the navigation menu, click **Access Control**.



41. As you have the Administrator privilege, you can access the Access Control Administration page. In the Developer Toolbar, click **Application >** .





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