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Using the Business Control Center

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Agenda

Overview of the Business Control Center

Learning Objectives

At the end of this lesson you should be able to:

- Configure and administer commerce site via the BCC.
- Understand the Business control center and its purpose
- Learn about the project deployment workflow
- Create and deploy a project that adds or changes an asset
- Learn about the use of BCC as an Administrative console





What is the Business Control Center?

- ATG Business Control Center is a complete application for creating and maintaining the content required for ATG web applications.
- It is a browser-based tool that is the primary interface to most ATG Content Administration-related tasks:
 - Business users perform all ATG Content Administration activity with this tool.
 - Administrators use ATG Business Control Center to configure and manage deployment of assets to one or more target sites.
- It streamlines the process of developing site content by letting you manage all stages of the content lifecycle such as creation, approval, and deployment.

Using BCC

- Tommy Trojan works as a merchandiser in ABC Clothing Co.
- The marketing division discovered a typo in the product catalog and wishes to correct the typo in the page.
- The content for the page comes from a product description.
- Tommy Trojan will use the BCC to correct and deploy the change to production.
- Let us walk through the steps taken by Tommy and his manager Josephine.

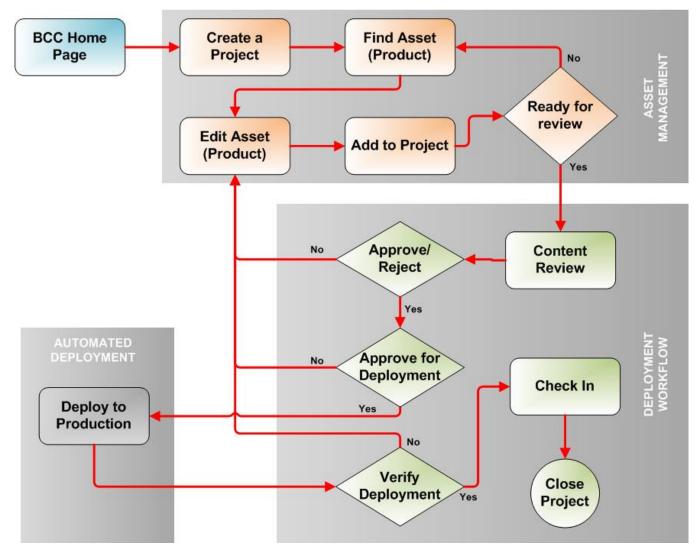


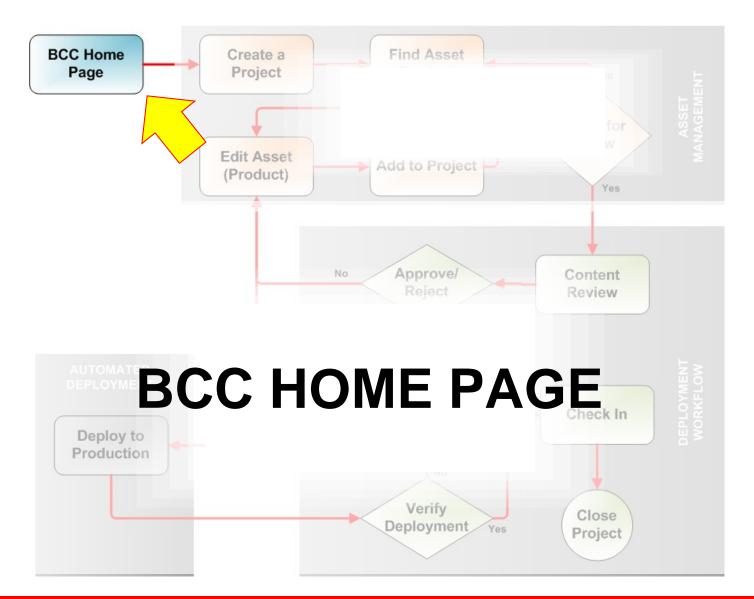
How It is Done (1)

- Tommy logs into the Business Control Center of the firm. It is typically only available from inside the company network for security purposes.
- He then creates a project called 'Correct product description.'
- He adds the relevant product asset to the project.
- Project will then go through these stages:
 - Ready for Review: The project is ready for review by the publishing administrator.
 - Content Review: The publishing administrator chooses 'Approve and Deploy to Production.'
 - The deployment is pushed to production.
 - Approve Production Deployment: The merchandiser can view the changes online and approve the deployment.
 - This closes the workflow.



How It is Done (2)

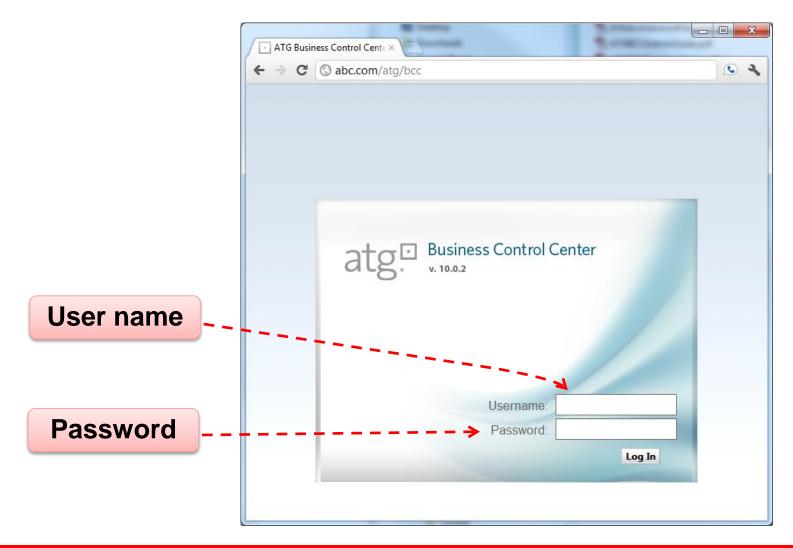




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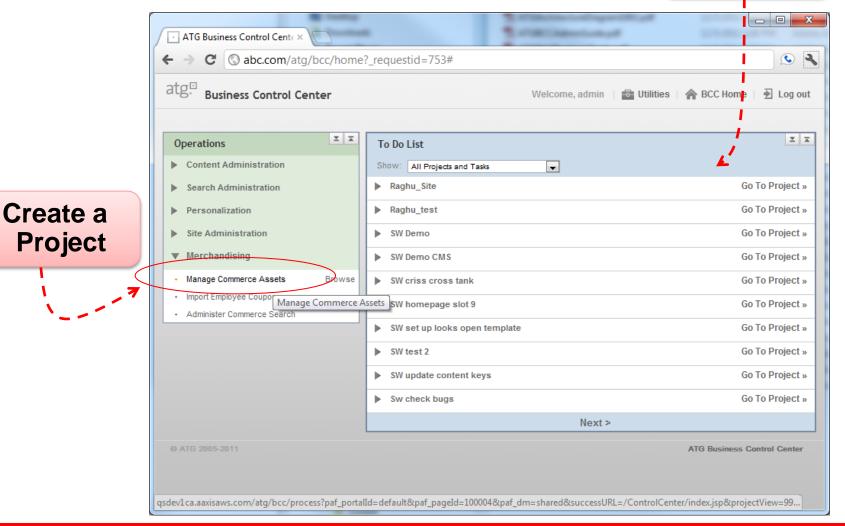
- Tommy needs to get his change in.
- He will now log into the ATG Business Control Center.
- He will review the BCC home page and learn about the various features it offers.

Logging in to BCC



The BCC Main Page

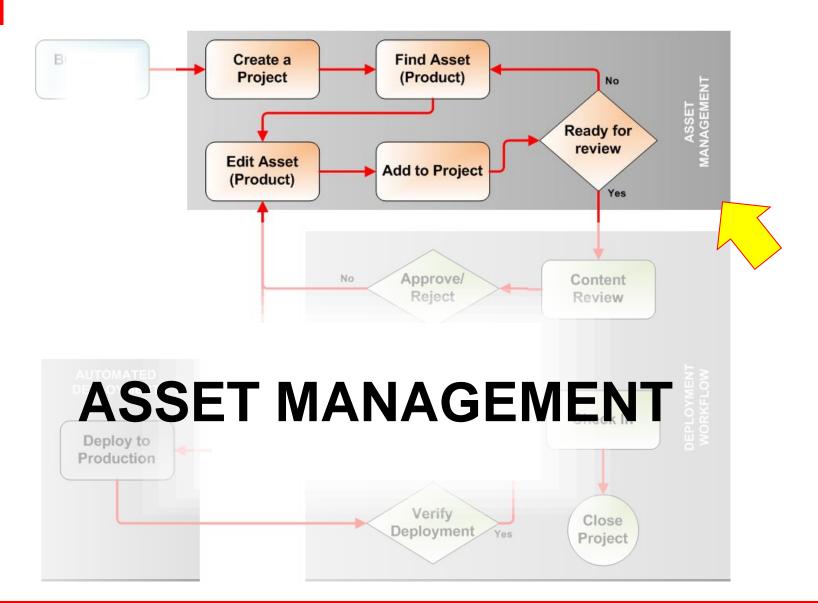
List of Projects



Getting to Know the BCC Main Page

- The BCC main page contains the following activities on the left navigation bar:
 - Content Administration used to administer site content.
 - Search Administration used to administer site search.
 - Personalization for administering personalization projects.
 - Site Administration for multisite administration.
 - Merchandising for merchandising activities.
- The right panel has a To-Do list which could show:
 - Project with My Tasks,
 - All Projects and tasks,
 - Projects I created,
 - Projects with Unassigned Tasks.





What Are We Doing Now?

- Tommy will not enter the content authoring stage of the workflow.
- He will first create a project.
- He will then find the product that has the typo.
- He will proceed to fix the typo and save the change.
- This implicitly adds the product to the project.
- That finishes the content authoring stage of the workflow.

Projects in ATG BCC

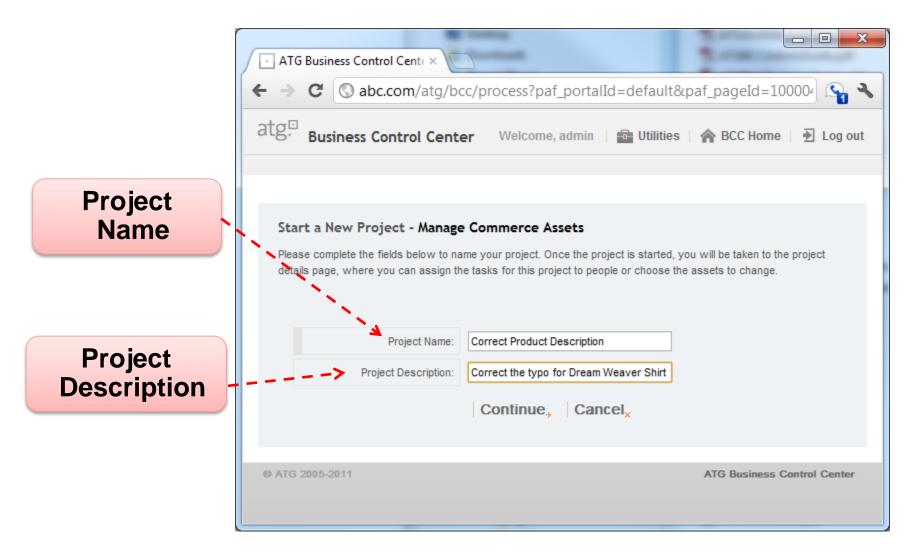
- All business user activities for ATG BCC are conducted as part of a project.
- A project serves two complementary purposes:
 - Acts as a container for related assets.
 - Controls the flow and assignment of asset management tasks.
 Project tasks typically include creation, editing, review, approval, and deployment.
- Each project has a workflow that determines the project tasks and their order of execution.
- When a project is complete, its assets are checked into the Content Administration versioned repository.
- The checked in assets become the latest versions.
- Project assets are checked in only after the project has been marked with 'Accept Production Deployment' task.



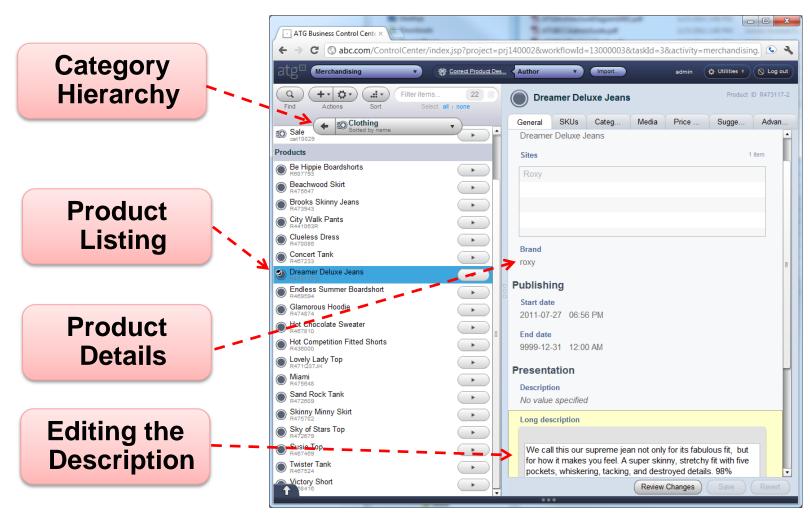
Assets

- An asset is the most basic component of ATG Content Administration.
- It is any object that is part of an ATG application.
- Typically it is a repository item, but also can be a file, image or configuration asset.
- In this case, our asset is a product repository item.
- Many assets can be included in a project.
- All assets are deployed within a project they are contained in as a transaction.
- If the project deployment fails, no assets in that project are deployed.
- When reverting a project, all assets are reverted as well.

Create a New Project

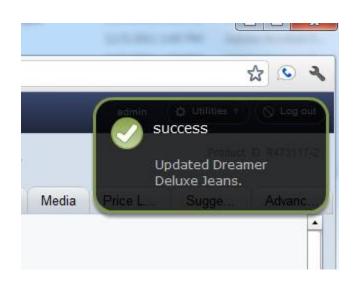


Find the Product and Edit



Asset Updated

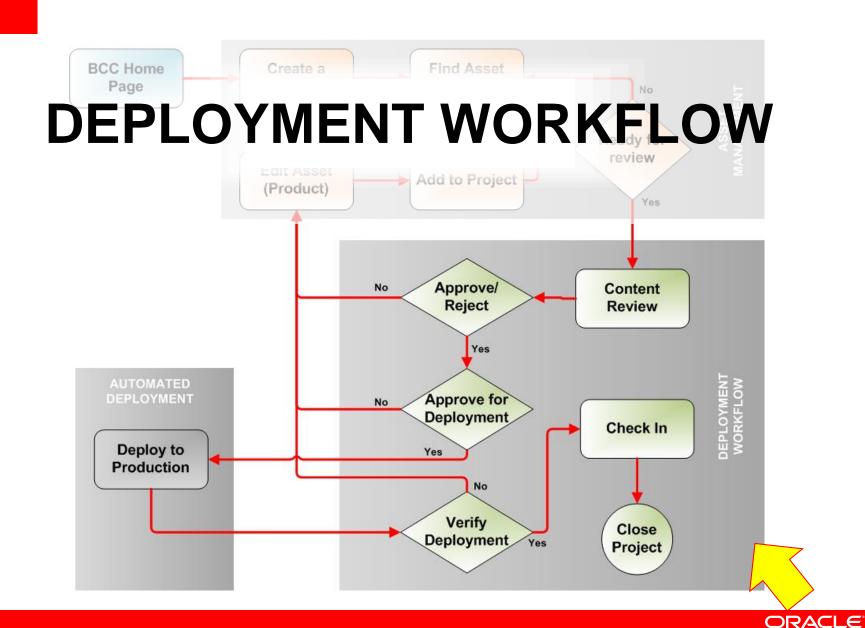
- Find the asset (product) in the catalog/category hierarchy or by finding the product in search.
- Edit the product by clicking on the field and making the change.



- BCC maintains a versioned history of the product that is being edited.
- When a field is edited, BCC will make a copy of the asset and add it to the project.
- A visual confirmation shows that the asset was updated.

Version

- A version is a numbered instance of an asset that is maintained in the Content Administration versioning system.
- All assets in the BCC are versioned. This ensures that users have access to the most recently saved instance of an asset.
- Each time a user adds an asset to the project, the system assigns the asset a new version number.
- This version becomes the current version when the project is deployed to **Production** and deployment is accepted by the merchandiser.



What Are We Doing Now?

- Tommy has finished content authoring.
- He will first put the project in Content Review Stage.
- This stage should be completed by Josephine.
- She will go to the BCC, login, go to the project, and review the assets in the project.
- She then approves the Content Review putting the project in an Approve Deployment stage.
- Administrator or Josephine will then approve it for production deployment.
- Once the deployment is done, Tommy will review the changes in production.
- He will then accept production deployment, closing the workflow and the project.

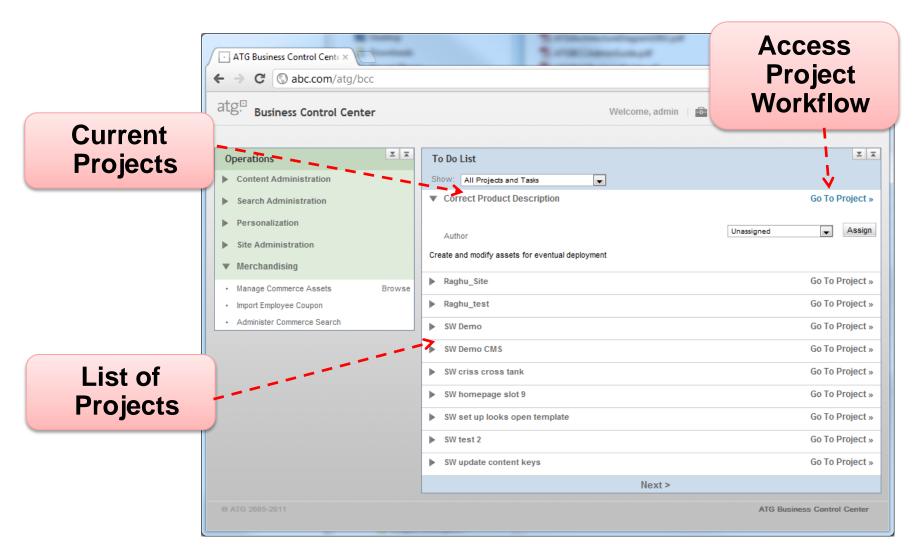


Workflow

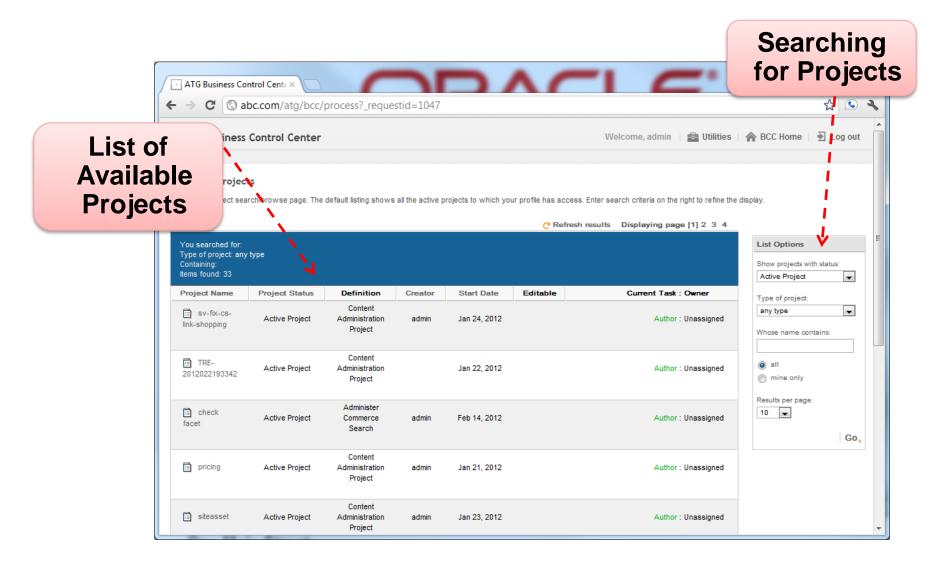
- A workflow is a series of tasks that the project must pass through before it is complete.
- Workflows define:
 - The order in which the tasks are performed,
 - The possible outcomes of each task, and
 - The users who can work on each task.
- Workflows are configured by administrators outside the BCC.
- In this case the steps are:
 - Content Review carried out by a publishing administrator.
 - Approve for Deployment by the publishing administrator.
 - Wait for Deployment by the automated publishing agent.
 - Verify Production Deployment.



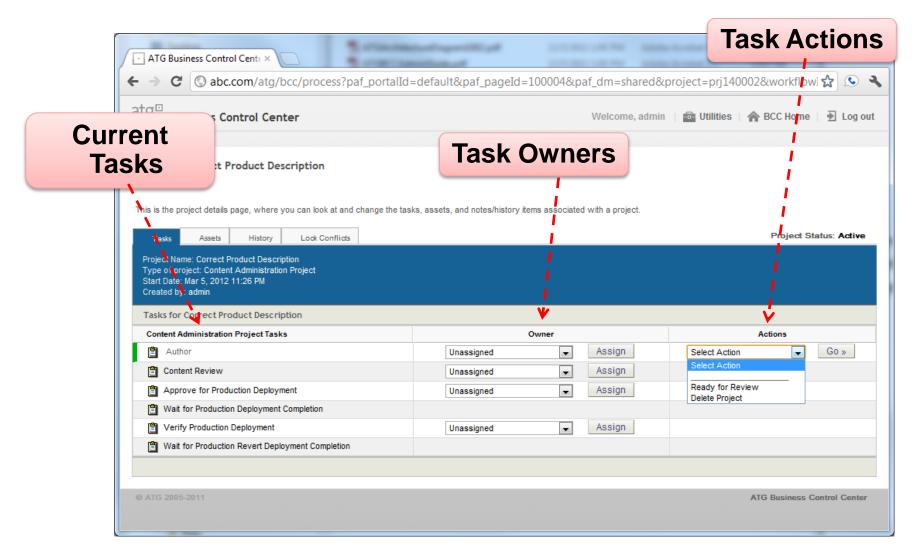
Find the Project



Find the Project – Available Projects



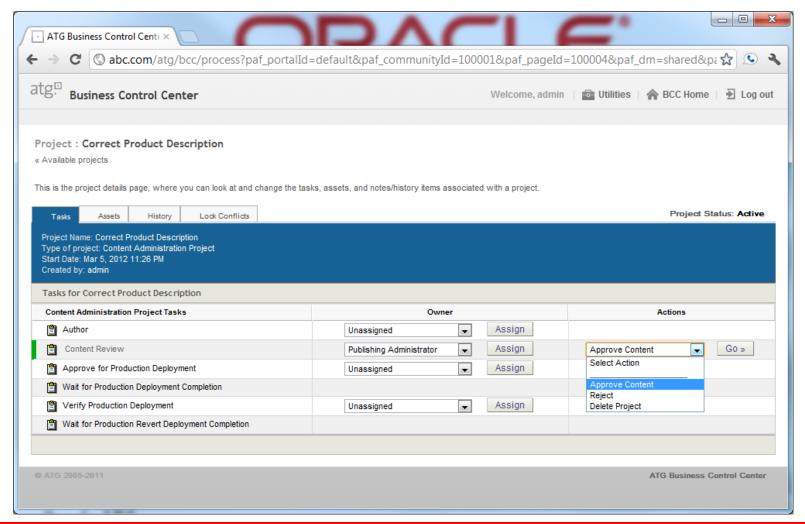
Starting the Workflow



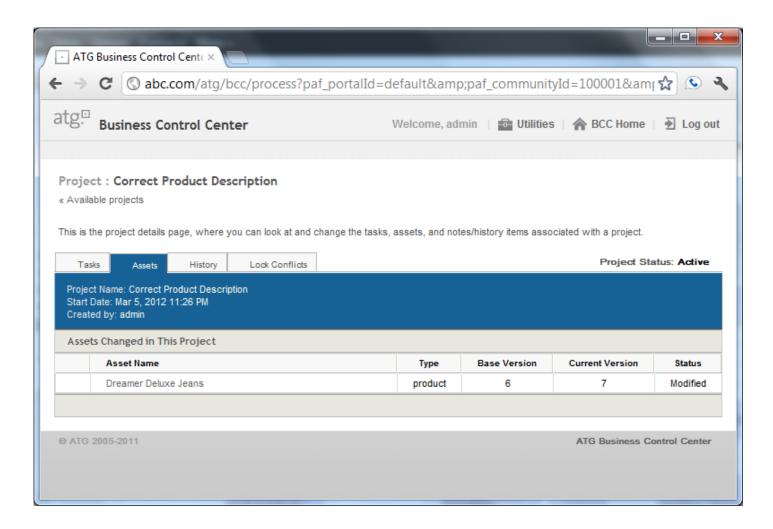
Tasks

- A task is a stage in the lifecycle of a project.
 - Content Authoring,
 - Approval,
 - Deployment, etc.
- Tasks are steps that the users perform during the project lifecycle.
- A project workflow determines its tasks and their sequence.
- All active tasks, either assigned to you or all users, can be viewed in the BCC Home Page To-Do List.
- The owner column shows the owner to whom the task is currently assigned. It can be changed.
- The actions drop down is a list of actions that can be performed for the specified task.

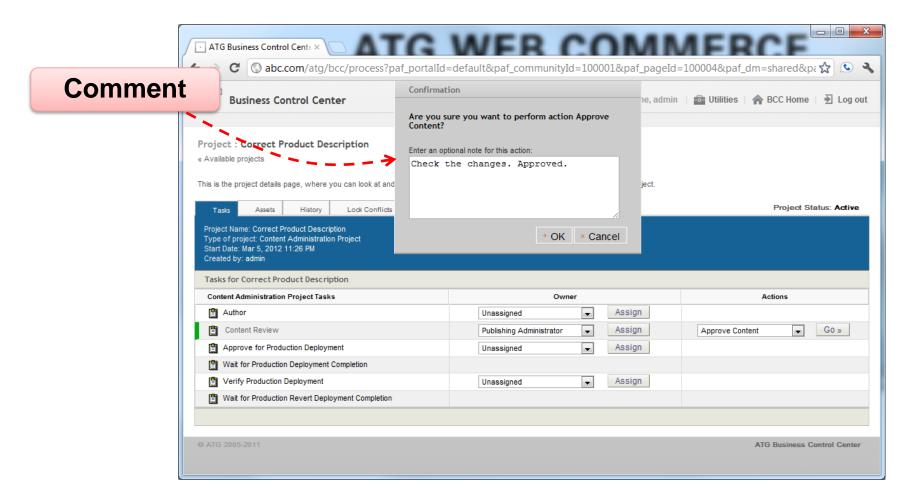
Content Review: Approve Content



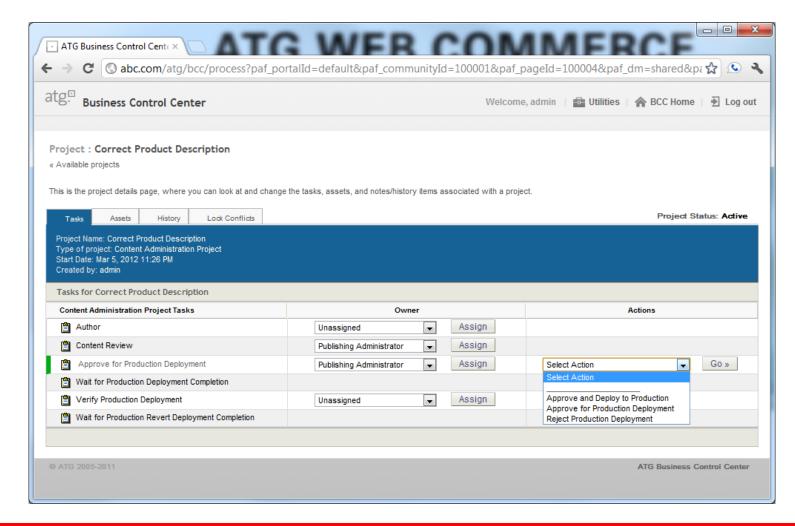
Reviewing the Assets in a Project



Content Review: Approve Content Comment



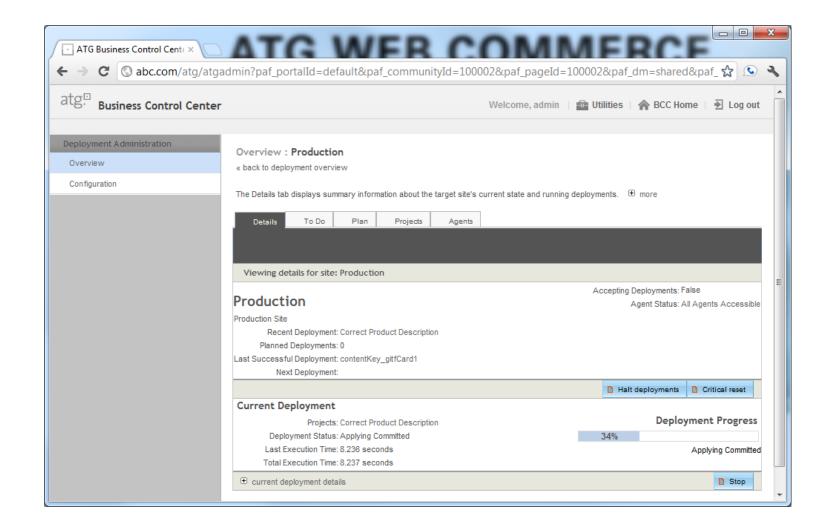
Approve for Production Deployment



Deployment

- Deployment is the process of copying the latest versions of project's assets to other servers, including production websites.
- The deployment is:
 - Automatic if 'Approve and deploy to production' is the task chosen for the 'Approve for Production Deployment' action.
 - Manually started by administrator if 'Approve for Production Deployment' is the action chosen.
- System administrators configure and monitor deployments through the Admin Console Pages.
- Access to these pages are restricted based on user privileges.

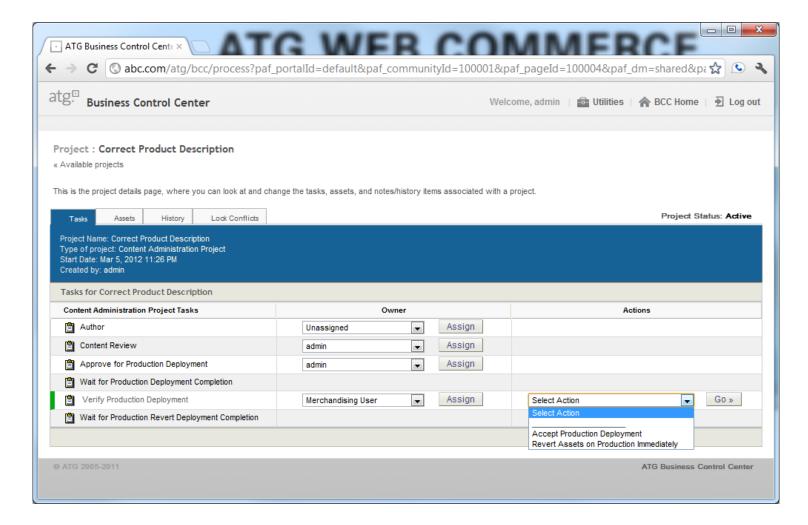
Automated Production Deployment



Verify Production Deployment and Check In

- Check in is a stage in the project's lifecycle when all project assets are submitted to the versioned repository and become the latest version.
- Check in occurs when the 'Verify Production Deployment' action of the 'Verify Production Deployment' task is chosen.
- Once performed, the project cannot be reverted.
- Assets are locked when the project is approved for deployment.
- They remain locked until the assets are checked in.
- This prevents version conflicts in other projects.

Verify Production Deployment



Example Use of BCC

- As discussed earlier, Tommy can now check the website to ensure that the typo is corrected.
- In summary, Tommy and Josephine did the following:
 - Logged into BCC.
 - Created a new project.
 - Edited the product and added it as an asset to the project.
 - Put it in Content Review stage. Asked for approval from publishing agent (Josephine).
 - Josephine approves the project for production deployment.
 - The project gets deployed to production.
 - Tommy reviews the deployment. He checks to make sure that the typo is fixed.
 - He accepts the production deployment.



BCC Content Staging

- Typically, most productions' workflows have a staging environment.
 - After the Content Review stage, the deployment is first made to data staging or preview environment.
 - Merchandisers can view the changes in that environment and proof them.
 - Once the changes there are approved, the deployment is pushed to production.
- Having a Content Stage/Preview environment lets you test the impact of your data changes in a real production-like environment.
- It is highly recommended to have a Content Stage environment in all productions systems.



BCC as an Administration Console

- Business Control Center is used for administration of other products in the ATG Suite.
- By default, it contains the following features:
 - Content Administration for the product catalog.
 - Administration of Internal User Profiles.
 - Administration of Configuration for deployment targets, sites, etc.
 - Site management for ATG Multisite module.
 - Personalization module (targeters, user segments, and content groups).
- Optional features:
 - Search Management Console.
 - ACI Administration Console.
 - Campaign Optimizer Console.
 - Outreach Administration.



When are assets considered to be checked-in?

Answer:

When a project is complete, its assets are checked into the Content Administration versioned repository.

Give some examples of assets.

Answer:

Assets could be repository items, images, files, configuration files, etc.

When are new versions of assets created in BCC?

Answer:

Each time a user adds an asset to the project, the system assigns the asset a new version number.



Where are workflows configured?

Answer:

Workflows are configured by administrators outside the BCC.

How are workflows and tasks related?

Answer:

A workflow is a series of tasks that the project must pass through before it is complete. Tasks represent the individual steps.

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What is deployment in terms of ATG BCC?

Answer:

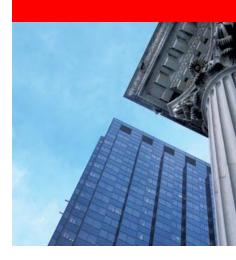
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 SKU, image, text, etc.
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- Tasks are steps that the users perform during the project lifecycle.
- Deployment is the process of copying the latest versions of project's assets to other servers, including production websites.



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