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Intro

It's all about me

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I do NOT consider myself a Web Developer!



Overview - About the session

Goals of this session

- Run GBC default with default demos.
- Setup the GBC dev environment
- Run the GBC dev build with default demos
- Create custom build folder for the custom GBC files
- Setup GeneroStudio to build GBC
- A test Application
- Colors and Themes
- Headers and Footers
- Packaging and deploy GBC
- More GBC customizations

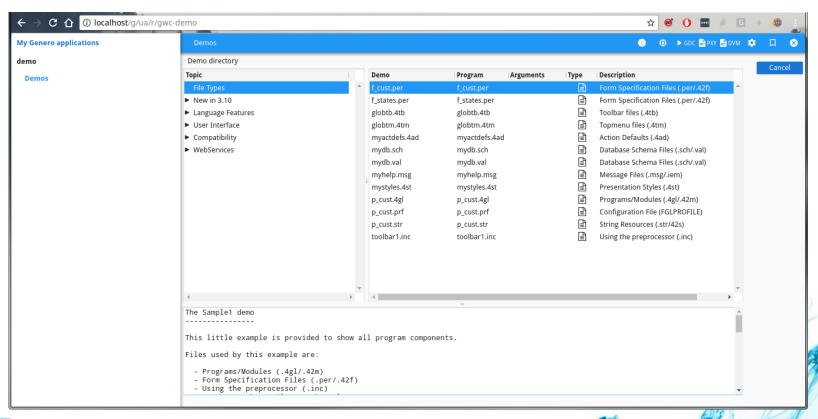




GBC Default Test

Basic sanity test

Before we start, let's make sure the current default GBC is working and we can run the default Genero demos!





Setup the GBC Dev Environment

Tools of the trade

The GBC uses various standard web development tools, these need to be installed in your development environment so you can build the GBC Runtime from the Project sources.

Manual - Install Tools

```
$ sudo yum install git unzip
$ wget https://nodejs.org/dist/v6.11.3/node-v6.11.3-
linux-x64.tar.xz
$ tar xvJf node-v6.11.3-linux-x64.tar.xz
$ export PATH=node-v6.11.3-linux-x64/bin:$PATH
$ sudo npm install -g grunt-cli
```





Setup the GBC Dev Environment

Our first build

Once the require packages are installed you need to set up the GBC project folder

```
unzip fjs-gbc-1.00.39-build201709041139-
project.zip
$ cd gbc-1.00.39/
 npm install
 grunt
```

When complete you should have the 'default' custom GBC built.



Setup the GBC Dev Environment

Configure for running

Before you can test the 'default' custom GBC you need to make sure the GAS can find it.

There are a couple of ways to tell the GAS how to find your custom GBC.

One method is a symbolic link in \$FGLDIR/web_utilities/gbc

```
$ ln -s $HOME/gbc-
1.00.39/dist/customization/default
$FGLDIR/web_utilities/gbc/mydef
```

Another method is to modify the as.xcf for the "res.path.gbc.user".



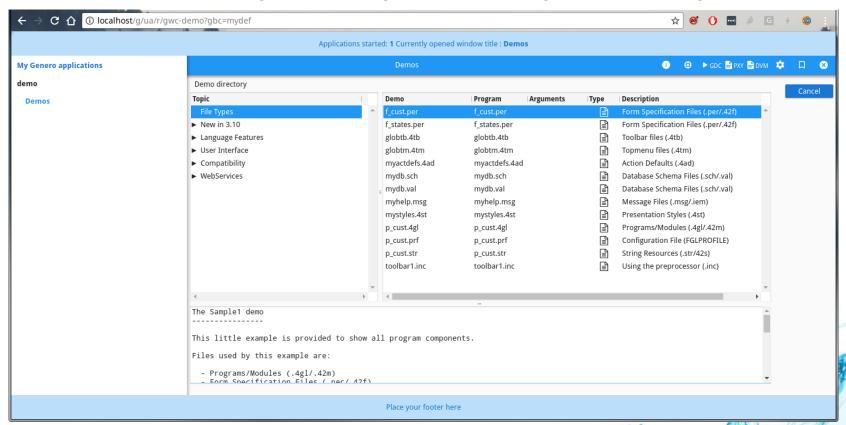


GBC 'Default' Custom Run

The results of all that effort

Test the 'default' custom GBC:

http://<server>/gas/ua/r/gwc-demo?gbc=mydef)





First Customization

First a new build

I recommend testing your application with the default Custom GBC build before doing any customizations.

Next, setup your own sources folder like this:

- Create a new folder in your sources location for your custom GBC files. (so they are part of your Source Code Control)
- Create a link in the GBC customization build folder to this 'new folder'
- Change the custom.json to build that custom folder
- Make a small change to the theme file and do your first build
- Create a link in \$FGLDIR/web_utilities/gbc to this new custom build
- > Run the new build in your browser.



First Customization

Do the work

```
$ cd $HOME/qbc-1.00.39/
$ cp -r customization/default $MY SRC DIR/myqbc
$ ln -s $MY SRC DIR/myqbc/ customization/myqbc
$ vi custom.ison
    change:
                "customization": "customization/default"
    to this: "customization": "customization/mygbc"
             ( make sure we can build our new folder )
$ grunt
$ ln -s $HOME/qbc-1.00.39/dist/customization/myqbc
   $FGLDIR/web_utilities/gbc/mygbc
$ grunt dev (This will automatically build after any changes)
-> new terminal
$ cd $MY SRC DIR/myqbc
$ vi theme.scss.json
    do some changes & save them
```





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The 'default' Customization

Anatomy of customization

The 'default' customization folder contains these sub-folders:

- js JavaScript and template html files.
- locales Localization files for text messages.
- resources Images.
- sass scss files. (syntactically awesome stylesheets!)
- and the 'theme.scss.json' file.

I suggest removing most of the demo files from js and sass folders to leave only the files relating to the header.

```
js/MyHeaderBarWidget.js
js/MyHeaderBarWidget.tpl.html
js/MyMainContainerWidget.js
js/MyMainContainerWidget.tpl.html
sass/customization.scss
sass/MyMainContainerWidget.scss
```

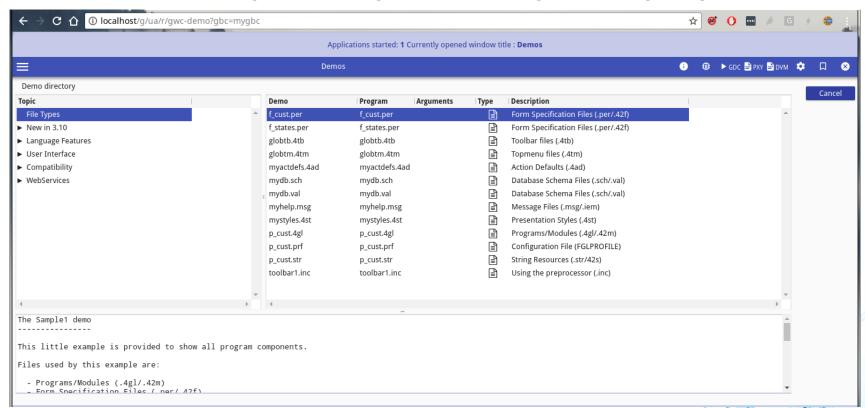


GBC 'Default' Custom Run

At last, our own colours!

Test the custom GBC:

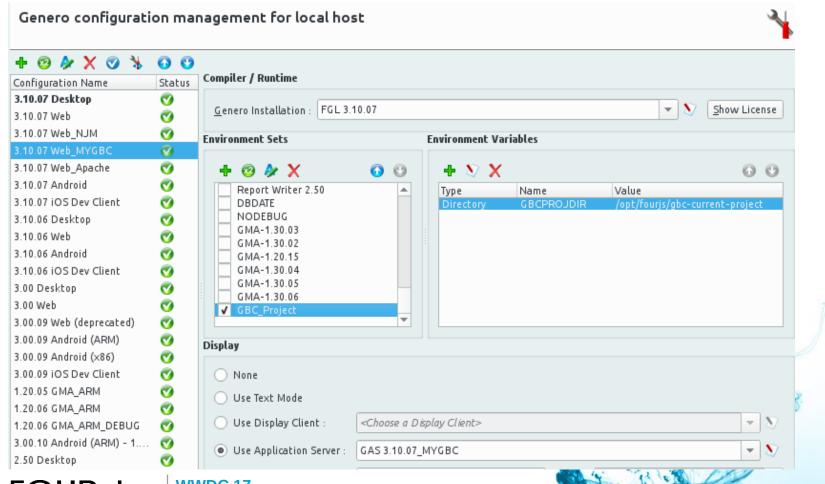
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Custom Builds rules

Genero Studio can also build your custom GBC.



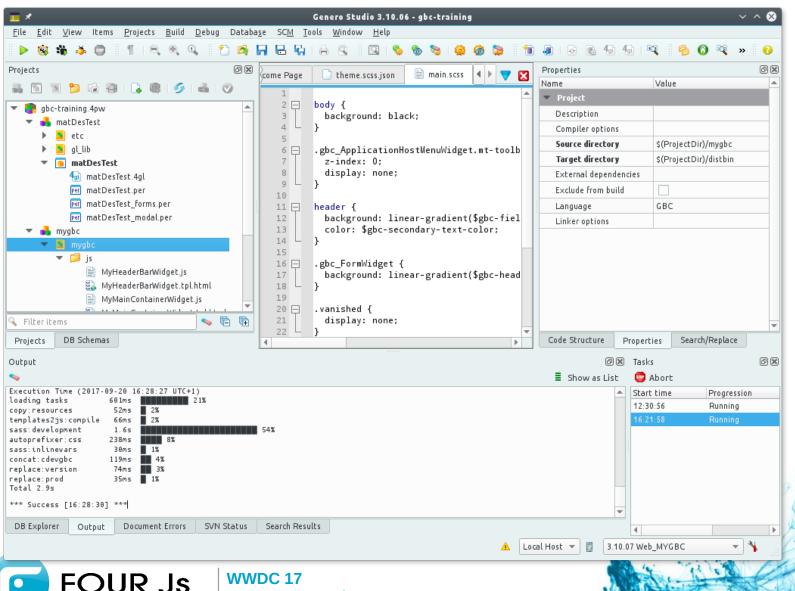


Custom Builds rules









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Test Application

A testing asset

A good idea is to write a small stand-alone test program to run using Custom GBC to see all your changes.

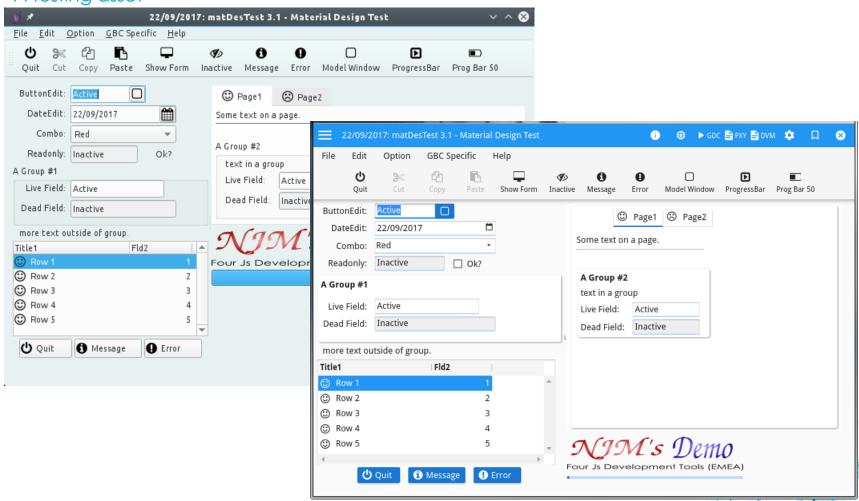
The 'Test' program should use all the GUI elements you use in a similar way to your main application, but with the advantage that you don't have to navigate through various menus and sub programs to get to see any specific UI features you may use.

Another useful feature would be if the program can open and show any of your 42f files.



Test Application

A testing asset





Colors (Colours)

All the colours of the rainbow

Coloring the GBC should be done by changing the theme json file. I'd recommend removing most color changes from the .4st file so the GBC can use the theme.

NOTE: The .4st colors will override the GBC theme colors.

The theme file allows us to use 'material design' color names. See:

https://material.io/guidelines/style/color.html#color-color-palette





Colors (Colours)

All the colours of the rainbow

The theme file is a JSON file that allows you to use 'Material Design' color names. After changing this file you must rebuild the GBC using the 'grunt' command.

```
"gbc-header-color"
                                        : "$mt-indigo-200",
"gbc-primary-medium-color"
                                        : "$mt-indigo-900",
"gbc-primary-background-color"
                                        : "$mt-indigo-100",
"gbc-primary-color"
                                        : "$mt-indigo-600",
"gbc-primary-light-color"
                                        : "$mt-indigo-900",
"gbc-secondary-background-color"
                                        : "$mt-indigo-50",
"gbc-secondary-text-color"
                                        : "$mt-white",
"gbc-secondary-color"
                                        : "$mt-white",
"gbc-field-disabled-background-color"
                                        : "$mt-grey-100",
"gbc-field-disabled-background"
                                        : "rgba(0,0,0,0.44)",
"gbc-field-background-color"
                                        : "$mt-white",
"gbc-disabled-color"
                                        : "$mt-grey-300",
"gbc-separator-color"
                                        : "$mt-white",
                                        : "$mt-grey-800",
"gbc-message-color"
"gbc-error-color"
                                        : "$mt-red-800",
```





Colors (Colours)

All the colours of the rainbow

Style - Color

| Deep Purple | |
|-------------|---------|
| 500 | #673AB7 |
| 50 | #EDE7F6 |
| 100 | #D1C4E9 |
| 200 | #B39DDB |
| 300 | #9575CD |
| 400 | #7E57C2 |
| 500 | #673AB7 |
| 600 | #5E35B1 |
| 700 | #512DA8 |
| 800 | #4527A0 |
| 900 | #311B92 |

| Indigo | |
|--------|---------|
| 500 | #3F51B5 |
| 50 | #E8EAF6 |
| 100 | #C5CAE9 |
| 200 | #9FA8DA |
| 300 | #7986CB |
| 400 | #5C6BC0 |
| 500 | #3F51B5 |
| 600 | #3949AB |
| 700 | #303F9F |
| 800 | #283593 |
| 900 | #1A237E |

| Blue | |
|------|---------|
| 500 | #2196F3 |
| 50 | #E3F2FD |
| 100 | #BBDEFB |
| 200 | #90CAF9 |
| 300 | #64B5F6 |
| 400 | #42A5F5 |
| 500 | #2196F3 |
| 600 | #1E88E5 |
| 700 | #1976D2 |
| 800 | #1565C0 |
| 900 | #0D47A1 |



More Than Colors

All the colours of the rainbow and more

You can override the colors and styles for any element in the GBC by editing or creating a scss file for that element. For example, the default MyMainContainerWidget.scss This is controlling the style of the 'header' object.

```
> header {
   padding: 1em;
   background-color: $gbc-primary-light-color;
   color: $gbc-primary-color;
   text-align: center;
}
```

NOTE: It's using the theme color name of \$gbc-primary-light-color



Working with SaSS

Getting Sassy

When you create your .scss files you must add them to the customization.scss file so that included in the build.

```
@import "MyMainContainerWidget";
@import "MyHeaderBarWidget";
@import "main";
```

Here I've added 'MyHeaderBarWidget' and 'main' to the customization.scss file.

NOTE: Any changes to these files require you to rebuild the GBC using the 'grunt' command.



Getting a head of ourselves

One of the most common customizations is to add a header and footer that includes your company / application logo.

The GBC Manual contains instructions on doing this and the example 'default' custom theme includes a basic header and footer.

To add a header we would typically use 3 files:

- A .js file for the code required to control the header content.
- A .tpl.html for the basic layout of the heading.
- A .scss for the styles for our heading.





Heading Layout

My Code adds the Application Text into the header as well as the form title: js/MyHeadingBarWidget.tpl.html:

```
<div>
 <img src="./resources/img/logo.png"/>
   <h1 class="MyHeaderBarWidget-banner"></h1>
     <br/><b id="MyWinTitle" class="MyHeaderBarWidget-title"></b>
   <b id="dyntext">none</b>
     <span style="display: none">Apps: <b class="MyHeaderBarWidget-counter"></b></span>
   </div>
```

'MyHeaderBarWidget-banner' will be the Application Text
'MyHeaderBarWidget-title' will be the Window Text



Getting a head of ourselves







js/MyHeadingBarWidget.js

```
cls.MyHeaderBarWidget = context.oo.Class(cls.WidgetBase, function($super) {
    __name: "MyHeaderBarWidget",
    model: null,
    appsCount: null,
    constructor: function() {
      $super.constructor.call(this);
     this._appsCount = 0;
      this. model = new cls.ModelHelper(this);
      this. model.addNewApplicationListener(this.onNewApplication.bind(this));
      this. model.addCloseApplicationListener(this.onCloseApplication.bind(this));
      this. model.addCurrentWindowChangeListener(this.onCurrentWindowChanged.bind(this));
      elb = this.getElement().querySelector(".MyHeaderBarWidget-banner");
    },
    onNewApplication: function(application) {
    onCloseApplication: function(application) {
    onCurrentWindowChanged: function(windowNode) {
      var elt = this.getElement().querySelector(".MyHeaderBarWidget-title");
     // Set the banner text to the value set by ui.interface.setText()
      elb.textContent = windowNode.getAncestor("UserInterface").attribute('text');
      // Set the header sub title to the window text.
     if (windowNode) {
        elt.textContent = windowNode.attribute('text');
      } else {
        elt.textContent = "<NONE>";
```



Heading Styles

sass/MyHeadingBarWidget.scss

```
.gbc_MyHeaderBarWidget {
   background: linear-gradient($gbc-field-background-color, $gbc-primary-medium-color);
   color: $gbc-secondary-text-color;

h1 {
      text-align: center;
      font-size: 1.2em;
      margin: 0px 5px 0px 0px;
      text-shadow: 1px 1px 2px black;
}

b {
      font-size: 0.8em;
   }
}

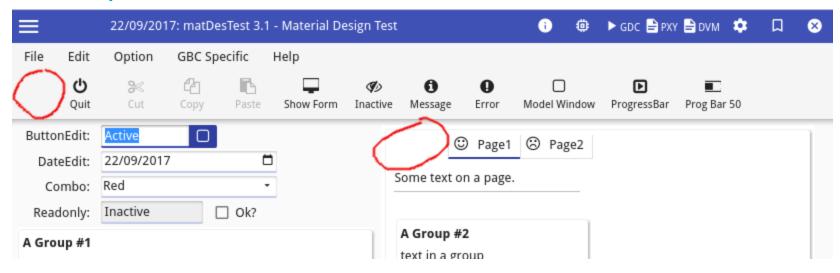
.MyHeaderBarWidget-title {
   text-align: center;
}

.gbc_MyMainContainerWidget > header {
      text-align: center;
}
```



Tidy upl

Here I want to remove some unwanted space that's left for next/previous arrows.



I simple add this style to my main.scss file

```
.vanished {
   display: none;
}
```

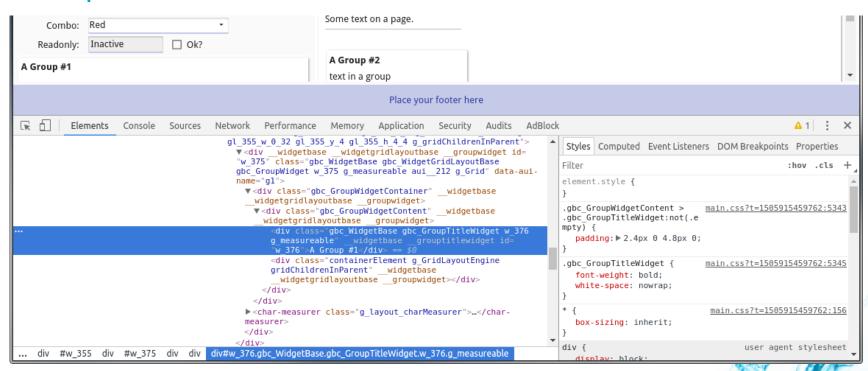




Customization - Group Title

Group Titles

First we need to identify the style class names that have been used by the GBC for the GroupBox object. You use the 'inspect element' feature in Chrome.

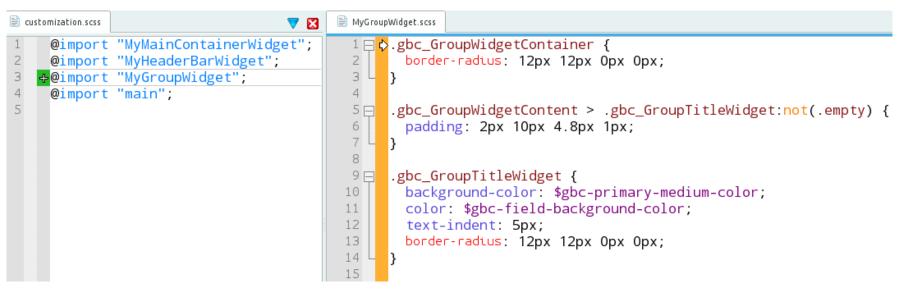




Customization - Group Title

Group Titles

To change group titles we create a new .scss file and add it to the customization.scss file.



Then we can 'build' the GBC and test our changes.



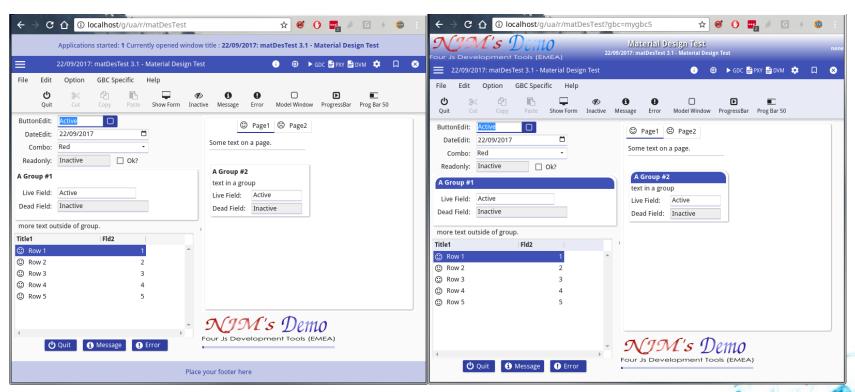




Customizations

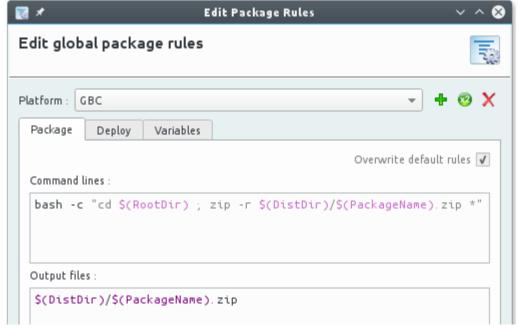
Our goal

Before / After our changes





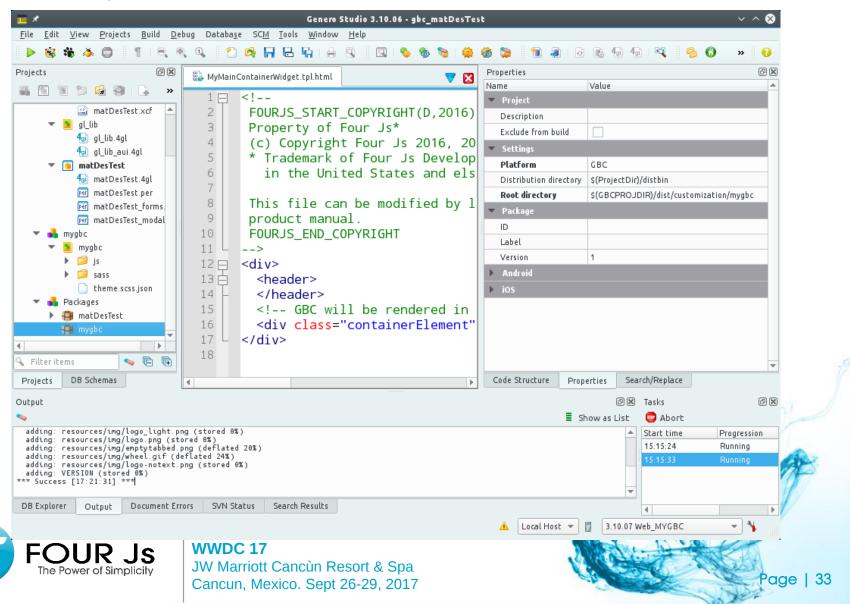
Custom Package rules





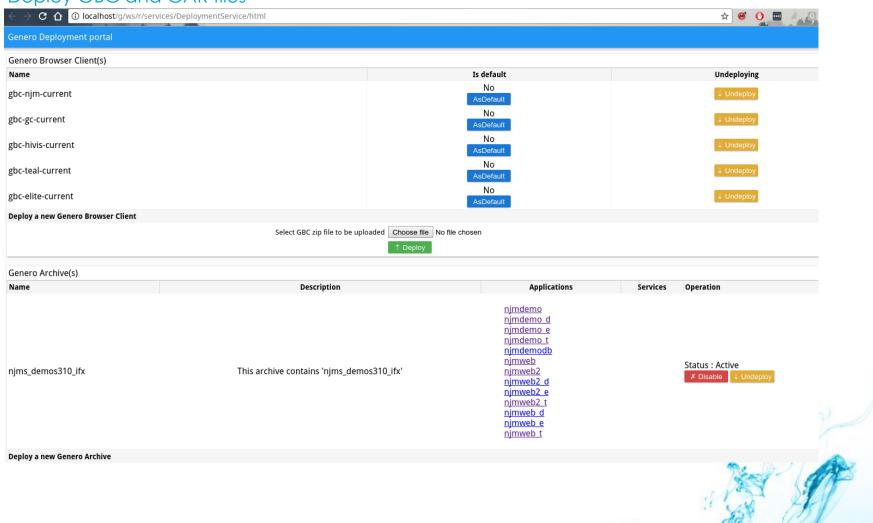


Custom Package rules



GAS Deployment Portal

Deploy GBC and GAR files





Multiple Themes: Blues

With basic customizations you can achieve a variety of looks.

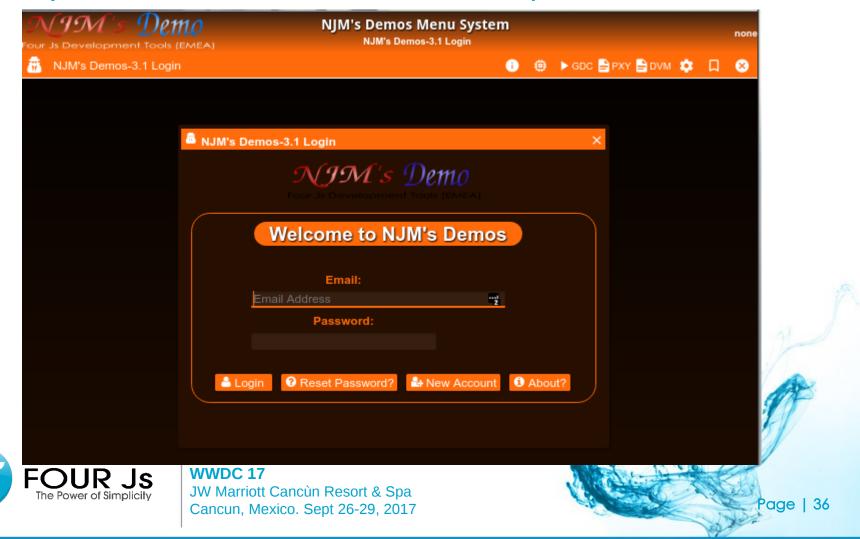




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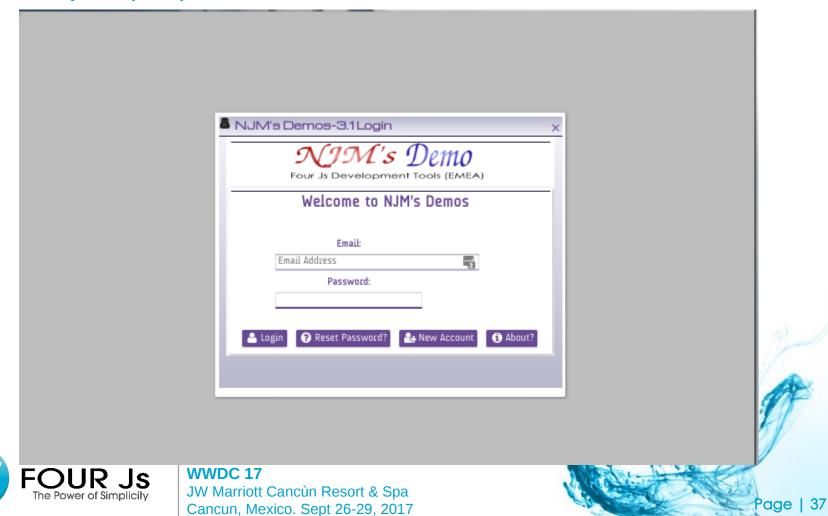
Multiple Themes: Elite

Only the 'theme' file is different from the previous slide.



Multiple Themes: Simply Purple

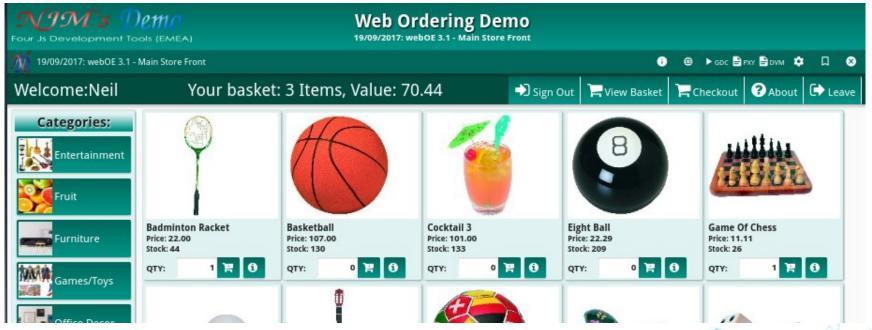
A very simple plain version.



More Advanced Customizations

Custom Toolbar

This screenshot shows a custom 'ToolBar' that included a some fields from the form.

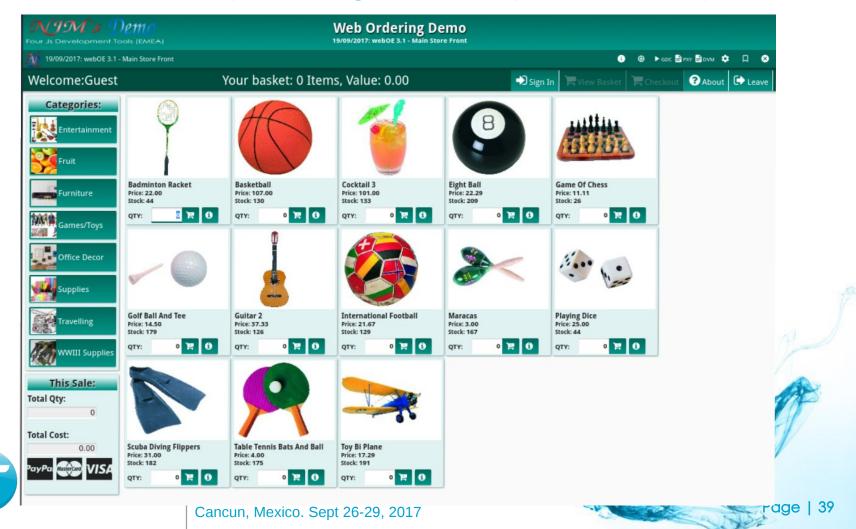




More Advanced Customizations

Paging products

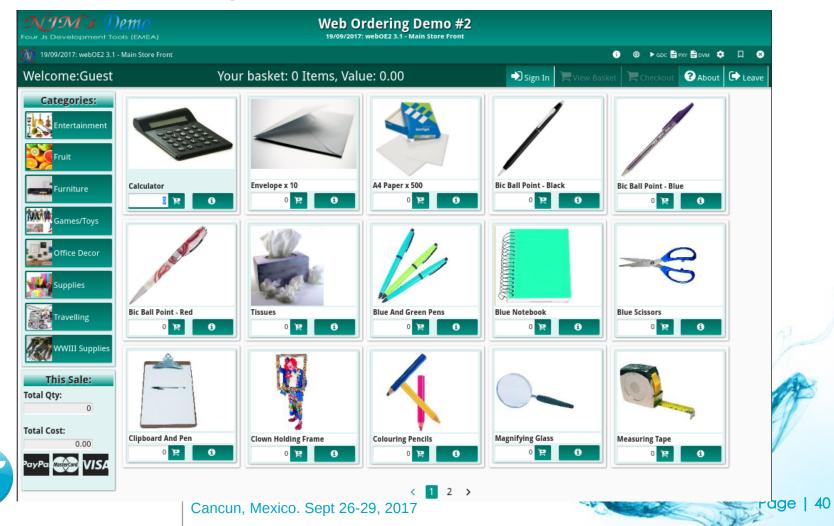
There are couple ways to do a responsive design for listing 'items', this example is using JS and a dynamic form layout.



More Advanced Customizations

Paging products

This version is using a 'simple' ScrollGrid

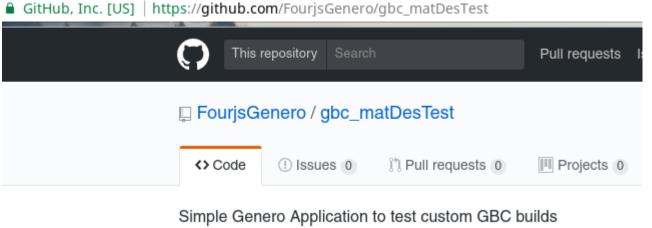


Try it for yourself

My test project

The matDesTest Genero program, Studio project and my example customized GBC are available from the Four Js github page.

https://github.com/FourjsGenero/gbc_matDesTest





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