**Dialog & Design dialog**

A component is a smallest unit that can dropped on a page and content author can fill in any content in it. Content can be of two types:

1. Page specific (in this case component dialog is used)
2. Design/Global (in this case design\_dialog is used)

The way a dialog or design\_dialog is defined is exactly same, there are only two differences:

1. The obvious difference is in their name i.e. “dialog” and “design\_dialog”
2. The way properties (stored content/values) are access:

* Retrieve values from dialog (widget) to JSP: String var= properties.get("","");
* Retrieve values from design\_dialog to JSP: String var= currentStyle.get("","");

Content/values stored via dialog would get stored at page level under component’s node.

On the other hand, content/value stored via a design dialog is store at design path of your template (see cq:designPath property of root node of your application/page), usually this location is under /etc/design/