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# Best Practices for using existing VF in Lightning UI

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**need to add  
standard  
disclaimer.....**



# Problem Statement



Workday will be migrating from Salesforce Classic to Lightning UI for Sales Users.

With the large number of users and profiles, there is a high possibility that Sales Users will be migrated in multiple waves by Profiles.

The Deal Close / Aptus team will be required to support the APTUS CPQ functionalities with Workday customization in both Salesforce Classic and Lightning UI for users with different profiles at the same time.

## Solution

Salesforce Visualforce Pages are designed to work in Lightning Experience with minor or no revisions.

These slides will focus the technical aspect of embedding VF Pages in Lightning.

# Discussion Topics



- 7 ways to display VF pages in Lightning
- Dynamic Navigation
- API to share VF Pages between Classic and Lightning Experience
  - VF Markup
  - JavaScript
  - Apex
  - SOQL <- not recommended
- Lightning Navigation API
- VF Customizations that will not work in Lightning Experience
- Summary

# 7 ways to display VF pages in Lightning

## PoC Suggestions for WDAY APTTUS VF pages

- **Add VF Page as Tab to a Lightning App**
- **Add VF Page as a component in the Lightning App Builder**

## Other mechanisms to display/Launch APTUS VF pages

- Open VF Page from the App Launcher
- Display Visualforce Page within a Lightning Standard Page Layout
- Launch a VF Page as a Quick Action ( same in Classic & Lightning )
- Display a VF Page by Overriding Standard Buttons or Links
- Display a VF Page using Custom Buttons or Links.





## ForceUI Testing

This is a page used for testing different ways of determining the user interface context in which it's being displayed.

### Apex UserInfo System Object

`UserInfo.getUiTheme(): Theme4d`

`UserInfo.getUiThemeDisplayed(): Theme4d`

### \$User.UiTheme Global Variable

`$User.UiTheme: Theme4d`

`$User.UiThemeDisplayed: Theme4d`

### UIUtils JavaScript

`ForceUI.UserUiTheme: Theme4d`

`isSalesforce1(): false`

`isLightningExperience(): true`

`isAlohaExperience(): false`

The screenshot displays the Lightning App Builder interface for an 'Account Record Page'. The left sidebar shows a list of 'Lightning Components' under the 'Standard (13)' category, with 'Visualforce' highlighted. A red box highlights the 'Visualforce' component in the sidebar, and a red arrow points from it to the main canvas. The main canvas shows a preview of the account record page with a red box highlighting a 'My Visualforce Component Section'. On the right, the 'Page > Visualforce' configuration panel is open, showing fields for 'Label' (My Visualforce Component Section), 'Visualforce Page Name' (My Visualforce Page), and 'Height (in pixels)' (300). The 'Visualforce' component is also highlighted with a red box in the configuration panel.

# Dynamic Navigation



## Goal

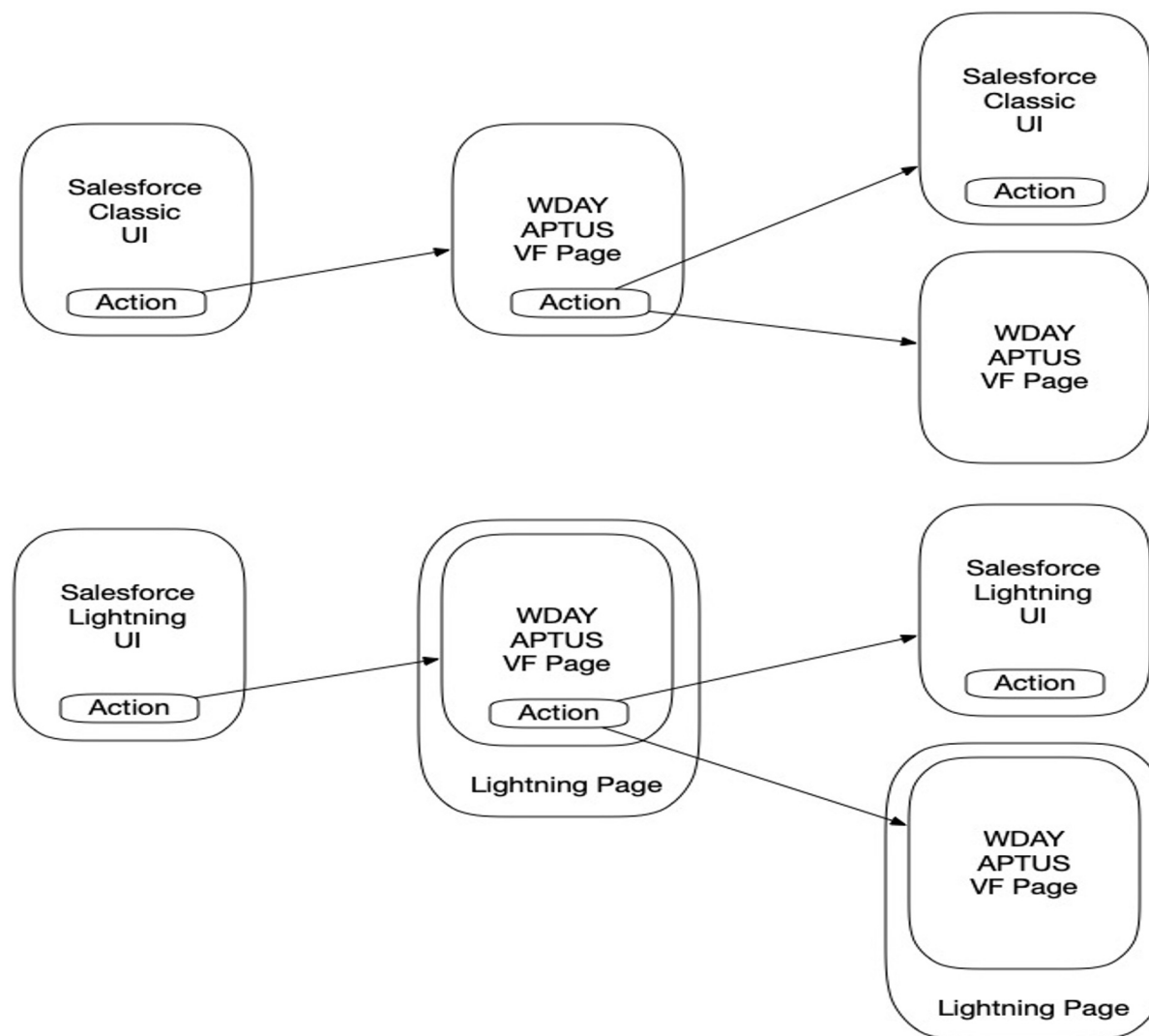
Use the same APTUS VF Page with customization to support both Classic & Lightning UI

## APIs required

Detect context

Lightning Navigation

Minor modifications to the WDAY Aptus VF pages will be required to detect and use Lightning Navigation



# API to share VF Pages between Classic and Lightning Experience



UITheme vs UIThemeDisplayed - global variables

- Theme1—Obsolete Salesforce theme
- Theme2—Salesforce Classic 2005 user interface theme
- **Theme3—Salesforce Classic 2010 user interface theme**
- **Theme4d—Modern “Lightning Experience” Salesforce theme**
- Theme4t—Salesforce mobile app theme
- Theme4u—Lightning Console theme
- PortalDefault—Salesforce Customer Portal theme
- Webstore—Salesforce AppExchange theme

Look for Theme3, Theme4d to display UI specific elements or add stylesheet



# API to share VF Pages between Classic and Lightning Experience



## VF Markup

```
<apex:outputPanel rendered="{! $User.UIThemeDisplayed == 'Theme3' }">  
    <apex:outputText value="This is Salesforce Classic."/>  
    <apex:outputText value="These are multiple components wrapped by an outputPanel."/>  
</apex:outputPanel>
```

```
<apex:outputPanel rendered="{! $User.UIThemeDisplayed == 'Theme4d' }">  
    <apex:outputText value="Everything is simpler in Lightning Experience."/>  
</apex:outputPanel>
```

# API to share VF Pages between Classic and Lightning Experience



## Javascript

Use the `UITheme .getUITheme` global variable in Javascript to test

```
function isLightningDesktop() {  
    return UITheme.getUITheme === "Theme4d";  
}
```

# API to share VF Pages between Classic and Lightning Experience



Apex or SOQL - Server side code..... avoid if possible.

```
public with sharing class ForceUIExtension {  
    // Empty constructor, required for Visualforce controller extension  
    public ForceUIExtension(ApexPages.StandardController controller) { }  
    // Simple accessors for the System.UserInfo theme methods  
    public String getContextUserUiTheme() {  
        return UserInfo.getUiTheme();  
    }  
    public String getContextUserUiThemeDisplayed() {  
        return UserInfo.getUiThemeDisplayed();  
    }  
}
```

# Lightning Navigation API



Suggestion - use the Javascript - `sforce.one` object

see - [https://developer.salesforce.com/docs/atlas.en-us.pages.meta/pages/salesforce1\\_dev\\_jsapi\\_sforce\\_one.htm](https://developer.salesforce.com/docs/atlas.en-us.pages.meta/pages/salesforce1_dev_jsapi_sforce_one.htm)

Function	Description
<code>back([refresh ])</code>	Navigates to the previous state that's saved in the <code>sforce.one</code> history. It's equivalent to clicking a browser's Back button.
<code>navigateToObject(recordId [, view ])</code>	Navigates to an sObject record, specified by <code>recordId</code> .
<code>navigateToURL(url [, isredirect ])</code>	Navigates to the specified URL.
<code>navigateToFeed(subjectId, type )</code>	Navigates to the feed of the specified type, scoped to the <code>subjectId</code> .
<code>navigateToFeedItemDetail(feedItemId )</code>	Navigates to the specific feed item, <code>feedItemId</code> , and any associated comments.
<code>navigateToRelatedList(relatedListId, parentRecordId )</code>	Navigates to a related list for the <code>parentRecordId</code> .
<code>navigateToList(listViewId, listViewName, scope )</code>	Navigates to the list view that's specified by the <code>listViewId</code> , which is the ID of the list view to be displayed.
<code>createRecord(entityName [, recordTypeId ])</code>	Opens the page to create a new record for the specified <code>entityName</code> , for example, "Account" or "MyObject__c".
<code>editRecord(recordId )</code>	Opens the page to edit the record specified by <code>recordId</code> .

# VF Customizations that will not work in Lightning Experience



- `<apex:relatedList>` - blockedList
- `<apex:iframe>` avoid if possible - hard to debug
- do not use JavaScript to set `window.location` directly
- 6 standard actions overrides for Standard / Custom Objects.....
- Static URL to salesforce resources ( like `link = '/' + accountId + '/e'` )

# Summary / Recommended Steps



- Complete Trailhead - **Visualforce & Lightning Experience Module**  
[https://trailhead.salesforce.com/content/learn/modules/lex\\_dev\\_visualforce](https://trailhead.salesforce.com/content/learn/modules/lex_dev_visualforce)
- Review Aptus VF Customization for **known features that do not work in Lightning**
- **UI/UX Design** based on replicating business capabilities
- Select mechanism to display Aptus VF Customization in both Classic & Lightning
  - ( suggest Lightning App Tab or VF component in Lightning Page )
- Map out navigation mechanism in both Classic & Lightning UI
- Select mechanism to enhance Navigation
  - ( suggest VF Markup / Javascript )
- Test in both Classic & Lightning UI on desktop & mobile with all Sales Profile