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1 Introduction

The Escenic Widget Framework is an add-on product for the Escenic Content Engine that greatly simplifies the process of designing publications. Without the Widget Framework, publication design requires considerable HTML and JSP programming skills. With the Widget Framework, publications can be designed using a drag-and-drop interface in Escenic Content Studio (the Escenic content editor).

This manual is a user guide for:

- Template developers who want to extend/modify the Widget Framework to fit their needs
- System administrators who are installing the Widget Framework
- Publication designers who want to use the Widget Framework to design Escenic publications

The prerequisites for using this manual are:

- You have some knowledge of HTML, CSS, JSP, Javascript and Java (but you don't necessarily need to know **all** of these technologies to find the manual useful)
- You are familiar with the general structure of Escenic publications
- You know how to use Content Studio for editorial purposes
- You know how to create new Escenic publications

1.1 What is The Widget Framework?

The Escenic Content Engine is a **template-based** publishing system, in which content production is completely separated from layout design. This allows writers and editors to concentrate on the production of content without needing to think about layout, and allows designers to ensure that a publication has a consistent, well-designed appearance. Web pages are generated by combining content items written and edited using Content Studio with templates written in HTML/JSP.

This approach works well, but it has some disadvantages:

- It requires designers to have HTML and JSP programming skills in addition to design skills
- It makes publication design a relatively slow and error-prone process, with the result that:
 - Publications cannot easily be redesigned for special occasions
 - The production of ad-hoc extra publications is difficult and in general, too costly

The Widget Framework solves this problem by enabling publication designers to assemble templates from a library of predefined template fragments called **widgets**. In this way it is possible to build a complete set of templates for a publication in a fraction of the time it would take to write, test and debug templates by hand.

1.2 What Will You Learn From This Manual?

This manual contains, among other things, information on how to:

- Install Widget Framework distributions
- Access and use the Escenic Maven repository
- Combine multiple Widget Framework distributions
- Install custom widgets alongside the standard Widget Framework distributions
- Support multiple languages on Widget Framework sites
- Create your own widgets
- Add layout grids to Widget Framework publications
- Import and export widgets and templates
- Modify the behaviour and appearance of the standard widgets in various ways (adding themes, writing your own controllers, overriding messages etc.)

2 Installation

This chapter describes how to install the Widget Framework Core distribution.

2.1 Preconditions

The following preconditions must be met before you can install the Widget Framework Core:

- Version 5.7 of the Content Engine (plus the Escenic assembly tool) has been installed as described in the [Escenic Content Engine Installation Guide](#) and is in working order.
- The following plug-ins have been installed as described in the relevant plug-in guides, and are in working order:
 - **Forum** (3.1 or later)
 - **Menu Editor** (2.1 or later)
 - **Analysis Engine** (2.4 or later)
- You have the required plug-in distribution file (**widget-framework-core-3.3.2.173595.zip**). This file can be downloaded from <http://docs.escenic.com/ece-download-matrix/5.7/>.

2.2 Browser Support

The Widget Framework generates modern HTML 5 web pages and makes use of the latest techniques in web page design. Widget Framework publications therefore require the use of modern browsers for satisfactory results. The following browser versions are supported:

Browser	Versions supported
Internet Explorer	Version 8 or higher
Firefox	Version 25 or higher
Chrome	Version 30 or higher
Safari	Version 7 or higher

Pages cannot be expected to display correctly in older browser versions.

2.3 Conventions

The instructions in the following section assume that you have a standard Content Engine installation, as described in the [Escenic Content Engine Installation Guide](#). *escenic-home* is used to refer to the `/opt/escenic` folder under which both the Content Engine itself and all plug-ins are installed.

The Content Engine and the software it depends on may be installed on one or several host machines depending on the type of installation required. In order to unambiguously identify the machines on which various installation actions must be carried out, the **Escenic Content Engine Installation Guide** defines a set of special host names that are used throughout the manual.

Some of these names are also used here:

assembly-host

The machine used to assemble the various Content Engine components into an enterprise archive or .EAR file.

engine-host

The machine(s) used to host application servers and Content Engine instances.

editorial-host

engine-host(s) that are used solely for (internal) editorial purposes.

The host names always appear in a bold typeface. If you are installing everything on one host you can, of course, ignore them: you can just do everything on the same machine. If you are creating a larger multi-host installation, then they should help ensure that you do things in the right places.

2.3.1 Installation Procedure

Installing the Widget Framework involves the steps listed below

1. Log in as **escenic** on your **assembly-host**.
2. Download the required distribution file. If you have a multi-host installation with shared folders as described in the [Escenic Content Engine Installation Guide](#), then it is a good idea to download the distribution to your shared **/mnt/download** folder:

```
$ cd /mnt/download
$ wget http://user:password@technet.escenic.com/downloads/release/57/widget-
framework-core-3.3.2.173595.zip
```

Otherwise, download it to some temporary location of your choice.

3. If the folder **/opt/escenic/engine/plugins** does not already exist, create it:

```
$ mkdir /opt/escenic/engine/plugins
```

4. Unpack the distribution file:


```
$ cd /opt/escenic/engine/plugins
$ unzip /mnt/download/widget-framework-core-3.3.2.173595.zip
```

This will result in the creation of an **/opt/escenic/engine/plugins/widget-framework-core** folder.

5. Log in as **escenic** on your **assembly-host**.
6. Run the **ece** script to re-assemble your Content Engine applications.

```
$ ece assemble
```

This generates an EAR file (**/var/cache/escenic/engine.ear**) that you can deploy on all your **engine-hosts**.

7.  If you have a single-host installation, then skip this step.

On each **engine-host** where you wish to run the plug-in, copy `/var/cache/escenic/engine.ear` from the **assembly-host**. If you have installed an SSH server on the **assembly-host** and SSH clients on your **engine-hosts**, then you can do this as follows:

```
$ scp -r escenic@assembly-host-ip-address:/var/cache/escenic/engine.ear /var/cache/escenic/
```

where *assembly-host-ip-address* is the host name or IP address of your **assembly-host**.

8. On each **engine-host** where you wish to run the plug-in, deploy the EAR file and restart the Content Engine by entering:

```
$ ece deploy
$ ece restart
```

2.3.2 Verify the Installation

To verify the status of the plug-in you have installed, open the Escenic Admin web application (usually located at `http://server/escenic-admin`) and click on **View installed plug-ins**. The status of all currently installed plug-ins is shown here, and indicated as follows:



The plug-in is correctly installed.



The plug-in is not correctly installed.

2.4 Build the code

After extracting the distribution, you will see several folders. The source code of the widgets can be found in `misc/widgets` directory. In order to build the code, you need to have access our maven repository (`http://maven.escenic.com`). Note that this repository is password protected. You need to contact Escenic to get the username/password. After that, you need to configure maven so that it downloads artifacts from this repository. A sample `settings.xml` file is provided in `misc/conf` folder of each distribution.

When you have access to the repository, you should create the Widget Framework artifacts by running `mvn clean install` command in the `misc/widgets` directory. It will then add all widgets as artifacts onto your local repository.

After this, you should go to the `misc/demo` directory. If you run the `mvn clean install` command again, a demo webapp will be available under the `misc/demo/target` folder.

Please see the [Escenic Content Engine Installation Guide](#) for instructions on how to deploy the war file to your application server.

2.5 Adding Custom Widgets

To add some custom widgets to the **demo** web application:

1. Go to `misc/demo` folder.

2. Place your widget code in `misc/demo/src/main/webapp/template/widgets` folder.
3. For each widget, the content type definition should be placed in a separate `content-type` file in the `misc/demo/src/main/webapp/template/widgets/widget-name/model` folder.
4. Add a `<ui:group/>` definition for custom widgets to `misc/demo/src/main/webapp/META-INF/escenic/publication-resources/escenic/content-type` file.
5. Run `mvn clean install` command in the `misc/demo` folder.

The demo webapp will be created under the `misc/demo/target` folder. It will contain the custom widget templates and the `content-type` resource will also contain the custom widget definition.

2.6 Creating the publication

The Widget Framework is delivered as a Web Archive, which should be used to create an Escenic Publication.

How to create, build and deploy a publication is described in detail in the [Escenic Content Engine Installation Guide](#).

2.7 Supporting multiple languages

In Widget Framework, application resource files are used to store static texts that appear in the framework. They are used to support multiple languages and provide an easy way to switch between them.

You will have to specify a separate application resource file for each of the languages that you want the Widget Framework to support. The naming convention for these files is `ApplicationResources_language-code.properties`, where `language-code` stands for the ISO 639-1 code of the language. For an example, suppose you want to display Widget Framework in German. Then -

1. Create an `ApplicationResources_de.properties` file
2. Store it in the `path-to-your-publication/WEB-INF/classes/com/escenic/framework/` folder
3. Modify the `language-code` section parameter of the publication's Home section and change it to `de` (if the parameter is missing then you need to create it)

Note that you don't need to restart ECE to include new application resource files, but if you modify contents of an existing one then you need to reboot the server. If you want to avoid server reboot, then after editing the resource file rename it to something else (i.e., `message.properties` and then modify the `javax.servlet.jsp.jstl.fmt.localizationContext` parameter in the `web.xml` file to include the name of the new file. This parameter value is set to `com.escenic.framework.ApplicationResources` by default, which you should change to `com.escenic.framework.new-file-name`.

3 Widget Development

A widget is a package containing all the components needed to provide a useful web page component for use in Escenic publications: JSP files, CSS files, graphics files, Escenic resource files and so on. In order for the widgets to function as free-standing modules they must conform to a strictly defined structure. This makes it easy to merge new widgets into a widget framework installation along with other widgets.

This chapter contains:

- A general description of the widget structure
- A description of how to create a custom view for an existing widget
- A description of how to create a new widget from scratch

3.1 Widget Structure

A widget consists of the following primary components:

- An Escenic content type definition
- A set of one or more themes, each consisting of CSS file and associated graphics files
- A template, consisting of a set of JSP files. The template is internally organized as a **controller** and a set of one or more **views**.

This structure is reflected in a widget's folder tree:

```
webapp/
  META-INF/
    escenic/
      publication-resources/
        escenic/
          content-type
  static/
    theme/
      theme1/
        css/
          theme1.css
        gfx/
          widget-name/
            theme1-graphics-files
      theme2/
        css/
          theme2.css
        gfx/
          widget-name/
            theme2-graphics-files
    template/
      widgets/
        widget-name/
          controller/
            helpers/
              helper1.jsp
```

```
    helper2.jsp
  controller.jsp
  view1.jsp
  view2.jsp
view/
  helpers/
    helper1.jsp
    helper2.jsp
  view1.jsp
  view2.jsp
```

These components are discussed in more detail in the following sections.

3.1.1 Content Type

A widget has a standard Escenic content type definition, defined in the usual way in a **content-type** resource file. Widgets have content type definitions so that they can be "understood" by Content Studio. This allows Content Studio to be used to:

- Configure widgets
- Define page layouts by adding widgets to config sections.

A widget content type definition:

- Is stored in the widget's **src/main/webapp/META-INF/escenic/publication-resources/escenic/content-type** file
- Is a standard Escenic **content-type** resource file
- Contains one **content-type** element defining the widget, plus the **field**, **field-group** and other elements it references

A widget content type should usually contain:

- A General **panel** containing **fields** for common options.
- A Default **panel** containing options for the widget's default view.
- An Advanced **panel** containing **fields** for advanced options

For more information about **content-type** resource files, see:

- The [Escenic Content Engine Template Developer Guide](#)
- The [Escenic Content Engine Resource Reference](#)

3.1.2 Themes

As well as having multiple views, a widget's appearance can be modified by the application of different themes. A theme consists simply of a CSS file and an accompanying set of graphics files (if required). Themes are stored in **src/main/webapp/static/theme/theme-name** folders. Each *theme-name* folder contains a **css** folder containing a CSS file and **gfx** folder containing any images, Flash animations or other media files required by the theme.

3.1.3 Templates

The real work of rendering widgets is performed by JSP templates. A widget may be rendered in several different forms called **views**. A widget might, for example, have a **default** view and a **json** view for rendering the widget as JSON data rather than HTML. The view that is actually used in any particular case is determined by the publication designer, who selects the view in Content Studio. Widgets with multiple views must therefore always include a **view** option that allows the designer to make this selection. The **view** field that represents this option should always be included in the General panel of the widget's content type definition. There should usually also be a panel to hold the parameters for each view (see [section 3.1.1](#)).

The core widgets supplied with the Widget Framework currently all have only one **default** view. Despite this, there is always a **view** field in the widget's General panel, and a corresponding Default panel, to prepare for possible future expansion.

Templates are stored in a widget's `src/main/webapp/template/widgets/widget-name/` folder. This folder contains a **view** subfolder that in turn contains one JSP file for each view supported by the widget. There may also be a **helpers** folder containing additional JSP files used by the main view JSPs.

If a widget has no **view** field, then a default view name is set by the controller framework. The default view name is **default**. It is possible to change this default view name by setting the **defaultViewName** property in the **DefaultMapController.properties** file. If this property is not set then **default** is used as the default view name.

3.1.3.1 Widget Code

Widget code is divided functionally into:

- A **controller** that contains all the logic required to produce the values needed to render a widget.
- A **view** that use the values generated by the controller to produce the final output.

Widget views are always implemented in JSP. Controllers, however, may be implemented either in JSP or in Java. These two different kinds of widget are described further in the following sections.

3.1.3.2 Pure JSP Widgets

In versions of the Widget Framework prior to version 3.0, both the view and the controller components were always implemented in JSP: a widget always contained a **controller** folder alongside the **view** folder containing controller templates. In this kind of widget, the controller templates obtain or calculate all the values required to produce a specific view and write them to a bean ready for use by the view template.

The view templates are stored in a `widget-name/view` folder, and it should usually contain just one template for each view. The **view** folder may, however, also contain a **helpers** sub-folder. This folder can be used to hold templates containing additional code that can be shared between the views.

The controller templates are stored in a `widget-name/controller` folder, and should usually contain one **controller.jsp** containing common code, plus one template for each view. Like the **view** folder, the **controller** folder may also contain a **helpers** sub-folder for shared code.

For detailed instructions on how to make a pure JSP custom widget, see [section 3.3](#).

3.1.3.3 JSP/Java Widgets

From version 3.0, the Widget Framework's preferred widget architecture retains the JSP view templates, but implements all the controller logic in Java. There is no **controller** folder in the widget's template tree and all the controller functionality is provided by a Java class. All the core widgets supplied with Widget Framework 3.0 or later are JSP/Java-based widgets. It is, however, still possible to make widgets of your own using the pure JSP method.

For detailed instructions on how to write a Java controller for a Java/JSP widget, see [section 3.4.5](#).

3.2 Creating a Custom View

If you want to change one of the current views offered by the Widget Framework, but do not want to change the controller or any fields, you can simply copy one of the views in the view directory in the widgets into a directory called custom on the top level of the widget, and modify it to your needs.

3.3 Creating a JSP Custom Widget

This section describes how to make a pure JSP widget with a Hello World example.

The layout of a widget is as follows:

```
webapp/
  META-INF/
  static/
    theme/
      theme1/
        css/
          theme1.css
        gfx/
          widget-name/
            a.png
            b.swf
      theme2/
        css/
          theme2.css
        gfx/
          widget-name/
            a.png
            b.swf
  template/
    widgets/
      widget-name/
        controller/
        helpers/
          helper1.jsp
          helper2.jsp
        controller.jsp
        a.jsp
        b.jsp
      view/
        helpers/
          helper1.jsp
          helper2.jsp
```

```
a.jsp
b.jsp
```

In our example we will create two views. One called **default**, which will simply be a div containing the text "hello world", and another called **custom**, where you can have a custom text. We will have the following structure in the example:

```
helloworld/
  controller/
    controller.jsp
    default.jsp
    custom.jsp
  view/
    default.jsp
    custom.jsp
```

3.3.1 Hello World Content Type

The custom view is the only one that needs configuration so we will only add a panel for that. All widgets have a general and advanced panel.

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<content-types
  xmlns="http://xmlns.escenic.com/2008/content-type"
  xmlns:ui="http://xmlns.escenic.com/2008/interface-hints"
  xmlns:rep="http://xmlns.escenic.com/2009/representations"
  xmlns:doc="http://xmlns.vizrt.com/2010/documentation" version="4">

  <content-type name="widget_helloworld">
    <ui:label>Hello world Widget</ui:label>
    <ui:description>The widget that shows a list of articles of a particular type</
  ui:description>
    <ui:title-field>title</ui:title-field>

    <panel name="general">
      <ui:label>General</ui:label>
      <ui:description>The basic configuration fields for hello world widget</
    ui:description>
      <field name="title" type="basic" mime-type="text/plain">
        <ui:label>Name</ui:label>
        <ui:description>The name of the widget</ui:description>
        <constraints>
          <required>true</required>
        </constraints>
      </field>
      <field name="view" type="enumeration">
        <ui:label>View</ui:label>
        <ui:description>The view to be used to render the widget</ui:description>
        <enumeration value="default">
          <ui:label>Default</ui:label>
        </enumeration>
        <enumeration value="custom">
          <ui:label>Custom</ui:label>
        </enumeration>
        <ui:value-if-unset>default</ui:value-if-unset>
      </field>
    </panel>
```



```

    <panel name="custom">
      <ui:label>Custom</ui:label>
      <ui:description>The custom configuration fields for the hello world widget</
ui:description>
      <field name="customText" type="basic" mime-type="text/plain">
        <ui:label>Custom Text</ui:label>
        <ui:value-if-unset>Hallo everyone</ui:value-if-unset>
      </field>
    </panel>

    <summary>
      <ui:label>Content Summary</ui:label>
      <field name="title" type="basic" mime-type="text/plain">
        <ui:label>Name</ui:label>
      </field>
    </summary>
  </content-type>
</content-types>

```

3.3.2 JSP Example Code

controller/controller.jsp

```

<%@ taglib uri="http://java.sun.com/jsp/jstl/core" prefix="c" %>
<%@ taglib uri="http://java.sun.com/jsp/jstl/functions" prefix="fn" %>

<!-- create the map that will contain relevant field values -->
<jsp:useBean id="helloworld" type="java.util.Map" scope="request"/>

<!-- access the fields that affect all views-->
<c:set target="${helloworld}" property="styleClass" value="helloworld"/>

```

controller/default.jsp

```

<!-- Needs to be here but can be kept empty -->

```

controller/custom.jsp

```

<%@ taglib uri="http://java.sun.com/jsp/jstl/core" prefix="c" %>
<%@ taglib uri="http://java.sun.com/jsp/jstl/functions" prefix="fn" %>

<!--declare the map that will contain relevant field values -->
<jsp:useBean id="helloworld" type="java.util.Map" scope="request" />

<c:set target="${helloworld}" property="customText"
value="${fn:trim(element.content.fields.customText.value)}/>

```

view/default.jsp

```

<%@ taglib uri="http://java.sun.com/jsp/jstl/core" prefix="c" %>

<!--declare the map that will contain relevant field values -->
<jsp:useBean id="helloworld" type="java.util.Map" scope="request" />

<div class="${helloworld['styleClass']}">
  Hello world!
</div>

```

view/custom.jsp

```
<%@ taglib uri="http://java.sun.com/jsp/jstl/core" prefix="c" %>

<!--declare the map that will contain relevant field values --%>
<jsp:useBean id="helloworld" type="java.util.Map" scope="request" />

<div class="${helloworld['styleClass']}">
    <c:out value="${helloworld['customText']}" />
    <input type="button" id="btnHello" value="Click Me"
onclick="printHello('${helloworld['customText']}')" />
</div>
```

3.4 Implementing Widget Functionality in Java

You can often improve the performance and maintainability of your widgets by implementing part of their functionality in Java rather than doing everything in JSP templates. You do this by creating a **model processor**: a Java class that can modify the widget's model object, and therefore take over some or all of the work done by controller JSP templates.

If a widget has both a model processor and controller JSP templates, then the model processor is executed before the JSP templates.

3.4.1 Writing a Model Processor

A model processor can be configured to work either for a single view or for multiple views. A model processor must

- Extend `com.escenic.framework.controller.processor.GenericModelProcessor`
- Override `updateModel` method

You might, for example create a model processor called **HelloWorldWidgetDefaultViewModelProcessor** for your **Hello World** widget's **default** view:

```
package com.mycompany.view.processor;

import com.escenic.framework.controller.processor.GenericModelProcessor;
import neo.xredsys.presentation.PresentationArticle;
import org.apache.commons.lang.StringUtils;
import javax.servlet.http.HttpServletRequest;
import java.util.Map;

public class HelloWorldWidgetDefaultViewModelProcessor extends GenericModelProcessor {
    @Override
    protected void updateModel(final Map<String, Object> pWidgetModel,
                               final PresentationArticle pWidgetContent) {

        if (StringUtils.isNotBlank(pWidgetModel.get("greetings").toString())) {
            pWidgetModel.put("greetings", "Welcome");
        }
    }
}
```

You could use then access the contents of the resulting model object from your view JSP template as follows:

```
<h3>${widget.model.greetings}</h3>
```

Note that the modified widget model is cached, so the model processor is not executed every time a widget is rendered.

Before a model processor can be used it must be:

- Compiled
- Added to the web application's classpath

To compile a model processor you must have **wf-presentation-3.3.2.173595.jar** in your classpath.

Once you have created a model processor class, you need to:

- Create a set of properties files to declare the model processor and register it in the system
- Package the model processor in a JAR file
- Deploy the JAR file in your publication

3.4.1.1 Configuration

To configure and register the model processor you must:

1. Create a file called **HelloWorldWidgetDefaultViewModelProcessor.properties**.
2. Enter the following in the file:

```
$class=com.mycompany.view.processor.HelloWorldWidgetDefaultViewModelProcessor
viewNames=default
```

You can specify several view names when you define **viewNames**: use a comma to separate them.

3. Create a file called **HelloWorldWidgetDescriptor.properties**.
4. Enter the following in the file:

```
$class=com.escenic.framework.descriptor.WidgetDescriptor
widgetName=helloWorld
modelProcessor.helloWorld.1=/com/mycompany/view/processor/
HelloWorldWidgetDefaultViewModelProcessor
```

Note the **.1** on the last line above: you can specify more than one model processor for a widget. If, for example, you wanted to add a second model processor to handle a **custom** view then you would need to add another entry like this:

```
modelProcessor.helloWorld.2=/com/mycompany/view/processor/
HelloWorldWidgetCustomViewModelProcessor
```

(Of course, you would then also need to repeat steps 1 and 2 to configure your **HelloWorldWidgetCustomViewModelProcessor** as well.)

5. Create a file called **DescriptorRegistry.properties**.
6. Enter the following in the file:

```
$class=com.escenic.framework.descriptor.DescriptorRegistry.properties
widgetDescriptor.helloWorld=./HelloWorldWidgetDescriptor
```

3.4.1.2 Packaging

A model processor class and all the properties files that configure it must be correctly packaged in a JAR file before you can deploy it. To package it you must:

1. Copy the files into a folder structure that matches:
 - The package name of your model processor class
 - The Content Engine's package naming conventions
2. Pack it in a JAR file

Model Processor Package Structure

For the model processor example shown earlier, you would need to create a JAR file with the following structure:

```
com
+-escenic
| +-servlet
|   +-default-config
|     +-com
|       +-escenic
|         +-framework
|           +-controller
|             | +-HelloWorldWidgetDefaultViewModelProcessor.properties
|             +-descriptor
|               +-DescriptorRegistry.properties
|               +-HelloWorldWidgetDescriptor.properties
+-mycompany
  +-view
    +-processor
      +-HelloWorldWidgetDefaultViewModelProcessor.class
```

3.4.2 Writing a Common Model Processor

It is possible to write a common model processor that works on all widgets. You might, for example, want to read some fields from a panel that is displayed by all widgets.

Let's assume you want to write a processor called `CustomCommonModelProcessor` that will belong to the package `com.mycompany.controller.processor`.

The actual process of writing such a processor is same as that described in [section 3.4.1](#).

3.4.2.1 Configuration

Once you have written your processor, you need to include it in the configuration of the main controller for all widgets. By default the Widget Framework uses `DefaultMapController` as the controller for all widgets, unless you have provided your own custom controllers for specific widgets.

To add your processor to the `DefaultMapController` you need to create a `DefaultMapController.properties` file and add the following:

```
modelProcessor.custom-key=/com/mycompany/controller/processor/
CustomCommonModelProcessor
```

You can add more than one processor in the **.properties** file. They will then be executed in the order they appear.

You may also need to create a **.properties** file for your **CustomCommonModelProcessor** and configure it according to your requirements.

3.4.2.2 Packaging

A common processor class and all the **.properties** file needed to configure it must be correctly packaged in a JAR file before you can deploy it. To package it you must:

1. Copy the files into a folder structure that matches:
 - The package name of your common processor
 - The package naming conventions required by the Content Engine's architecture
2. Pack it in a JAR file using an archiving utility that is capable of creating JAR files

Common model processor package structure

For the common processor example shown earlier , you would need to create a JAR file with the following structure:

```
com
+-escenic
| +-servlet
| +-default-config
|   +-com
|     +-escenic
|       | +-framework
|       | +-controller
|       | +-impl
|       | +-DefaultMapController.properties
|     +-mycompany
|       +-controller
|       +-processor
|       +-CustomCommonModelProcessor.properties
+-mycompany
  +-controller
    +-processor
      +-CustomCommonModelProcessor.class
```

3.4.3 Writing a Widget Processor

A **widget processor** is a Java class that performs some action every time a widget is rendered. A widget processor can be configured to work either for a single view or for multiple views. A widget processor must

- Extend **com.escenic.framework.controller.processor.GenericWidgetProcessor**
- Override **process** method.

You might, for example, create a widget processor called **HelloWorldWidgetDefaultViewWidgetProcessor** for your **Hello World** widget's **default** view:

```
package com.mycompany.view.processor;

import com.escenic.framework.controller.processor.GenericWidgetProcessor;
import neo.xreditsys.presentation.PresentationArticle;
import javax.servlet.http.HttpServletRequest;
import java.util.Map;

public class HelloWorldWidgetDefaultViewWidgetProcessor extends GenericWidgetProcessor
{
    @Override
    protected void process(final Map<String, Object> pWidgetContext,
                           final HttpServletRequest pRequest) {

        PresentationArticle article = (PresentationArticle)
pRequest.getAttribute("article");
        pWidgetContext.put("viewCount", getViewCount(article));
    }
}
```

Assume that the **getViewCount()** method returns the number of times the current article has been viewed. Your widget processor adds this value to **pWidgetContext**, the **widget context bean**, so that it can then be retrieved by a view JSP template. For example:

```
<p>This page has been viewed ${widget.viewCount} times.</p>
```

The widget context bean provides access to all data associated with the context widget (including its model object). For further information, see [section 3.6](#).

Before a widget processor can be used it must be:

- Compiled
- Added to the web application's classpath

To compile a widget processor you must have **wf-presentation-3.3.2.173595.jar** in your classpath.

Once you have created a widget processor class, you need to:

- Create a set of properties files to declare the widget processor and register it in the system
- Package the widget processor in a JAR file
- Deploy the JAR file in your publication

3.4.3.1 Configuration

To configure and register the widget processor you must:

1. Create a file called **HelloWorldWidgetDefaultViewWidgetProcessor.properties**.
2. Enter the following in the file:

```
$class=com.mycompany.view.processor.HelloWorldWidgetDefaultViewWidgetProcessor
viewNames=default
```

You can specify several view names in **viewNames**, separated by commas.

3. Create a file called **HelloWorldWidgetDescriptor.properties**.
4. Enter the following in the file:

```
$class=com.escenic.framework.descriptor.WidgetDescriptor
widgetName=helloWorld
widgetProcessor.helloWorld.1=/com/mycompany/view/processor/
HelloWorldWidgetDefaultViewWidgetProcessor
```

Note the **.1** on the last line above: you can specify more than one widget processor for a widget. If, for example, you wanted to add a second widget processor to handle a **custom** view then you would need to add another entry like this:

```
widgetProcessor.helloWorld.2=/com/mycompany/view/processor/
HelloWorldWidgetCustomViewWidgetProcessor
```

(Of course you would then also need to repeat steps 1 and 2 to configure your **HelloWorldWidgetCustomViewWidgetProcessor** as well.)

5. Create a file called **DescriptorRegistry.properties**.
6. Enter the following in the file:

```
$class=com.escenic.framework.descriptor.DescriptorRegistry.properties
widgetDescriptor.helloWorld=./HelloWorldWidgetDescriptor
```

3.4.3.2 Packaging

A widget processor class and all the properties files that configure it must be correctly packaged in a JAR file before you can deploy it. To package it you must:

1. Copy the files into a folder structure that matches:
 - The package name of your widget processor class
 - The Content Engine's package naming conventions
2. Pack it in a JAR file

Widget Processor Package Structure

For the widget processor example shown earlier, you would need to create a JAR file with the following structure:

```
com
+-escenic
| +-servlet
|   +-default-config
|     +-com
|       +-escenic
|         +-framework
|           +-controller
|             | +-HelloWorldWidgetDefaultViewWidgetProcessor.properties
|             +-descriptor
|               +-DescriptorRegistry.properties
|               +-HelloWorldWidgetDescriptor.properties
+-mycompany
```

```
+-view
+-processor
+-HelloWorldWidgetDefaultViewWidgetProcessor.class
```

3.4.4 Writing a Common Widget Processor

It is possible to write a widget processor that will work for all widgets.

Let's assume you want to write a widget processor called **CustomCommonWidgetProcessor** that will belong to the package **com.mycompany.controller.processor**.

The actual process of writing such a processor is the same as that described in [section 3.4.3](#).

3.4.4.1 Configuration

Once you have written your processor, you need to include it in the configuration of the main controller for all widgets. By default the Widget Framework uses **DefaultMapController** as the controller for all widgets, unless you have provided your own custom controllers for specific widgets.

To add your processor to the **DefaultMapController** you need to create a **DefaultMapController.properties** file and add the following:

```
$class=com.escenic.framework.controller.impl.DefaultMapController.properties
widgetProcessor.custom-key=/com/mycompany/controller/processor/
CustomCommonWidgetProcessor
```

You can add more than one processor in the **.properties** file. They will then be executed in the order they appear.

You may also need to create a **.properties** file for your **CustomCommonWidgetProcessor** and configure it according to your requirements.

3.4.4.2 Packaging

A common processor class and all the **.properties** file needed to configure it must be correctly packaged in a JAR file before you can deploy it. To package it you must:

1. Copy the files into a folder structure that matches:
 - The package name of your common processor
 - The package naming conventions required by the Content Engine's architecture
2. Pack it in a JAR file using an archiving utility that is capable of creating JAR files

Common widget processor package structure

For the common processor example shown earlier, you would need to create a JAR file with the following structure:

```
com
+-escenic
| +-servlet
| +-default-config
| +-com
| +-escenic
```



```

|         | +-framework
|         | +-controller
|         | +-impl
|         | +-DefaultMapController.properties
|         +-mycompany
|             +-controller
|             +-processor
|             +-CustomCommonWidgetProcessor.properties
+-mycompany
    +-controller
        +-processor
            +-CustomCommonWidgetProcessor.class

```

3.4.5 Writing a Java Controller

The default Java controller component runs on every widget execution to process widget information and invoke processors. If your requirement cannot be met by the implementing processors mentioned above, you can write a custom Java controller for a widget. This chapter contains an outline of the steps needed to write and deploy such a custom controller.

3.4.5.1 Writing the Java Class

The custom controller must extend the class `com.escenic.framework.controller.AbstractController` and override whatever methods are necessary to customize the controller functionality in the way you require. It is also possible to implement the interface `com.escenic.framework.controller.Controller` directly, but then it is not possible to reuse the common logic that is provided by `AbstractController`.

For information about the operations performed by `AbstractController` and the methods that can be overridden, please see the Javadoc for this class.

3.4.5.2 Using the Custom Controller

This description is based on the assumption that:

- You have written the class `com.escenic.framework.controller.impl.CustomController`, which extends the class `com.escenic.framework.controller.AbstractController`.
- This class is in a separate Maven module and packaged in a jar file.
- You want to use this class as the controller for one of the standard widgets.

To make use of the class you have written:

1. Make sure that the Maven module for the custom controller contains a `.properties` file called `CustomController.properties` in the folder `/src/main/resources/com/escenic/servlet/default-config/com/escenic/framework/controller/impl`. The file must have the following contents:

```
| $class=com.escenic.framework.controller.impl.CustomController
```

2. Run:

```
| mvn clean install
```

in the Maven module folder. This will generate a `.jar` file and install it in your local repository.

3. Download and extract the Widget Framework Core distribution.
4. Choose one of the core widgets for modification - the `code` widget for example.
5. Create a `.properties` file called `ControllerFactory.properties` in the `widget-core-code/src/main/resources/com/escenic/servlet/default-config/com/escenic/framework/controller/factory` folder.
6. Open `ControllerFactory.properties` for editing and enter the following:

```
| controller.code=/com/escenic/framework/controller/impl/CustomController
```
7. Change directory to the distribution's `misc/widgets` folder.
8. Run the following command.

```
| mvn clean install
```
9. Change directory to the distribution's `misc/demo` folder.
10. Open `pom.xml` for editing.
11. Add a dependency to the `.jar` file containing the custom controller and relevant configuration files. The dependency must be added in `compile` scope to ensure that the `.jar` file containing the custom controller is present in `WEB-INF/lib` folder of `demo.war` after the build.
12. Run:

```
| mvn clean install
```

During the build, all the `ControllerFactory.properties` files in various modules will be merged. The merged file will contain the line that you added to the `ControllerFactory.properties` file for the `code` widget.

13. Deploy the `demo.war` webapp created in `misc/demo/target`.

3.5 Modifying an Existing Controller

In version 3.3.2.173595 of the Widget Framework, most of the controller functionality has been moved to Java. However, the framework still supports JSP controllers. These controllers are invoked after the Java controller has read the general and view-specific fields from the relevant panels in the widget and put them in the map (the map, in turn, is available in request scope). This means that JSP controllers can still be used to execute any custom logic.

3.6 Using The Widget Context Bean

During the process of rendering a widget, the Widget Framework maintains a widget context bean in the request scope called `widget`. The `widget` bean is a `java.util.Map` by default. It contains information about the current context widget and provides access to the intermediate data processed by the Controller and ModelProcessor. The `widget` bean is removed at the end of the widget's life cycle.

Note that if a nested widget is loaded from another widget context then `widget` represents the nested widget if retrieved from nested widget rendering code.

The **widget** bean has the following properties:

- **`${widget.model}`** - A bean (**`java.util.Map`** by default) created from the widget's content field values. The string representation of a widget content field value can be retrieved from this bean using the field name as property name.
- **`${widget.viewName}`** - The name of the widget's selected view.
- **`${widget.properties}`** - A bean (**`java.util.Map`** by default) created from the widget's properties
- **`${widget.widgetContent}`** - The widget content item as a **`PresentationArticle`** object.
- **`${widget.widgetName}`** - The name of the widget.
- **`${widget.contentResult}`** - The Data Source result of a Data Source client widget (for example, a Teaser widget)
- **`${widget.invokingWidget}`** - The widget bean of the invoking widget if the current context widget is invoked by another widget. A Teaser View widget, for example, is invoked by a View Picker widget. Teaser Views do not have a Data Source of their own, they are supplied with data by their invoking View Picker. So if you want to access the Data Source results from a Teaser View widget, you have to use **`${widget.invokingWidget.contentResult}`**.

In Widget Framework version 2.2.0 and earlier a bean was created based on the widget name. For a widget called **Hello World**, for example, the Widget Framework controller would create a bean called **helloWorld**. This bean was used to hold widget field values and processed intermediate data. Use of this bean is now deprecated and it will be removed in a future version of the Widget Framework. You are therefore advised not to use it. Use **`${widget.model}`** instead.

Please note that we do not recommend adding objects directly to the **request** scope in order to pass values into JSP pages in a widget. Please use the **widget** context bean instead.

3.6.1 Using The contentResult Bean

The **widget** bean's **contentResult** property only contains data if the context widget is a **Data Source-based widget** or a view invoked by a Data Source-based widget. At present, that means that the context widget must either be a Teaser widget or a Teaser View widget.

When present, the **contentResult** bean contains all the content items returned by the widget's Data Source, plus information about which of the returned items the widget should render. It has the following properties:

contentResult.resultItems

The actual content items returned by the Data Source. You can retrieve them as follows:

For a Teaser widget:

```
<c:set var="articleList" value="${widget.contentResult.resultItems}"/>
```

For a Teaser View widget:

```
<c:set var="articleList"
value="${widget.invokingWidget.contentResult.resultItems}"/>
```

The value returned is a **List<ResultItem>**.

contentResult.offset

The position in the **contentResult.resultItems** list from which the context widget is to start rendering.

contentResult.count

The number of content items that the context widget is to render.

contentResult.totalItems

The total number of content items in the **contentResult.resultItems** list.

3.6.2 Using The ResultItem Beans

The **ResultItem** beans returned by `${widget.contentResult.resultItems}` or `${widget.invokingWidget.contentResult.resultItems}` have the following properties:

resultItem.articleId

The content item ID.

resultItem.content

The content item as a **PresentationArticle** bean.

resultItem.actualItem

The content item's content.

resultItem.publishedDate

The date the content item was published.

resultItem.lastModifiedDate

The date the content item was last modified.

resultItem.type

The type of the content item: **summary**, **searchResult** or **popular**. This value can be used to determine how the content item is rendered.

resultItem.priority

The priority of the content item.

For further information about the Widget Framework API, take a look at the **Escenic Widget Framework 3.3.2.173595 API documentation**.

3.6.3 Decorating ResultItems

To decorate **ResultItems** you must write a Java decorator class that:

- Extends **com.escenic.framework.decorator.OnDemandResultItemDecorator**
- Overrides **OnDemandResultItemDecorator**'s **createExtraInfo** and **createRelated** methods.

The following example shows a **RelatedVideoDecorator** that decorates a **ResultItem** with related videos.

```
package com.escenic.framework.widget.common;

import com.escenic.framework.decorator.OnDemandResultItemDecorator;
import com.escenic.framework.presentation.ResultItem;
import neo.xredsys.presentation.PresentationElement;
import java.util.ArrayList;
import java.util.Collections;
import java.util.List;

public class RelatedVideoDecorator extends OnDemandResultItemDecorator {
    private int mMaxItem;
```

```
private String mKey;

public class RelatedVideoDecorator extends OnDemandResultItemDecorator {
    private int mMaxItem;
    private String mKey;

    public RelatedVideoDecorator(final ResultItem pResultItem,
                                final String pKey,
                                final int pMaxItem) {
        super(pResultItem);
        mMaxItem = pMaxItem > 0 ? pMaxItem : Integer.MAX_VALUE;
        mKey = pKey.toLowerCase();
    }

    @Override
    protected Object createExtraInfo(final String pKey) {
        return null;
    }

    @Override
    protected List<PresentationElement> createRelated(final String pKey) {
        if (pKey.equals(mKey)) {
            // retrieve all related videos
            List<PresentationElement> relatedVideos = new ArrayList<>();
            relatedVideos = getRelatedVideos(mMaxItem);
            return relatedVideos;
        }
        return null;
    }
}
```

You also need to write a Java processor class that invokes the decorator class you have created to decorate the **ResultItem**.

This class must:

- Extend **com.escenic.framework.controller.processor.ResultItemDecoratorProcessor**
- Override **ResultItemDecoratorProcessor's createResultItemTransformer** method

This **RelatedVideoDecoratorProcessor** class, for example, invokes the example **RelatedVideoDecorator**.

```
package com.mycompany.view.processor;

import com.escenic.framework.controller.processor.ResultItemDecoratorProcessor;
import com.escenic.framework.decorator.ResultItemDecorator;
import com.escenic.framework.presentation.ResultItem;
import com.escenic.framework.widget.common.RelatedVideoDecorator;
import com.google.common.base.Function;
import java.util.Map;

public class RelatedVideoDecoratorProcessor extends ResultItemDecoratorProcessor {
    private int mMaxItems;

    @Override
    protected Function<ResultItem, ResultItemDecorator>
        createResultItemTransformer(final Map<String, Object> pWidgetContext) {
```

```

    return new Function<ResultItem, ResultItemDecorator>() {
        @Override
        public ResultItemDecorator apply(final ResultItem pResultItem) {
            ResultItemDecorator decoratedItem = new RelatedVideoDecorator(
                pResultItem, "videos", getMaxItems());
            return decoratedItem;
        }
    };
}

public int getMaxItems() {
    return mMaxItems;
}

public void setMaxItems(final int pMaxItems) {
    mMaxItems = pMaxItems;
}
}

```

Now create a **properties** file called **RelatedVideoDecoratorProcessor.properties** and add the following:

```

$class=com.mycompany.view.processor.RelatedVideoDecoratorProcessor
viewNames=default

maxItems=5

```

Finally, register the above model processor. For further information about model processor configuration, please see [section 3.4.1.1](#).

The **ResultItem**'s related videos will now be accessible from JSPs as follows:

```

${requestScope.resultItem.related.videos}

```

3.7 Widget Properties

Widget properties are named values stored in widget instances. When a widget is edited in Content Studio, its properties are displayed in a **Widget properties** field on the widget's **Advanced** tab, where they can be edited by the publication designer.

The property values are exposed in the **widget** context bean where they can be accessed and used by template developers.

3.7.1 Defining New Properties

You can define properties for widgets by including a **feature** resource in a **properties** folder located alongside the widget's **view** and **controller** folders:

```

widget1
  controller
  view
  properties
    feature
widget2

```

```

controller
view
properties
  feature

```

The feature resource must be a standard feature resource as described in the **Escenic Content Engine Resource Reference** (see <http://docs.escenic.com/ece-resource-ref/5.7/feature.html>). In this file you can both define properties and set default values for them.

A widget property must be named and defined in accordance with the following convention:

```
wf.props.widget-name.property-name = value
```

The following feature resource, for example, defines the properties **title**, **title.class** and **wrapper.bgurl** for a widget called **helloWorld**:

```

wf.props.helloWorld.title = Hello World Widget
wf.props.helloWorld.title.class=myclass
wf.props.helloWorld.wrapper.bgurl=gfx/helloWorld/background.png

```

3.7.2 Overriding Core Widget Properties

You can override the default values of existing core widget properties in exactly the same way as you create properties of your own - by adding a **properties/feature** resource to the widget that contains definitions of the properties you want to override. To set the default value of the Teaser widget's **field.markup.tag.subtitle** property to **h4**, for example, you would need to add a **teaser/properties/feature** resource containing the following property definition:

```
wf.props.teaser.field.markup.tag.subtitle = h4
```

3.7.3 Editing Widget Instance Properties

All of a widget's properties (core widget properties and user-defined properties) are displayed in Content Studio in a **Widget properties** field on the widget's **Advanced** tab. They appear in this field without the **wf.props.widget-name** prefix:

```

title = Hello World Widget
title.class=myclass
wrapper.bgurl=gfx/helloWorld/background.png

```

The Content Studio user can then:

- Change the values of displayed properties
- Add custom properties of his/her own

Custom properties added in this field do not need the **wf.props.widget-name** prefix.

3.7.4 Accessing Widget Properties

Properties are exposed in the **widget** context bean. You can find all of a widget's properties in **\${widget.properties}** and access them as in the following example:

```

${widget.properties['title']}
${widget.properties['title.class']}

```

```
${widget.properties['wrapper.bgurl']}
```

3.8 Javascript Execution and Delayed Page Content

Some Widget Framework features depend on delayed loading of page content:

- Lazy loading (see [section 9.5](#))
- In-line linked content (see the **Link Settings** option of the Teaser widget, for example, in the **Escenic Widget Framework Core Widgets Reference**).

In both cases, pages have content that is not loaded to the DOM at the normal time, but loaded later using AJAX functionality. This means you have to be careful about when any Javascript code that you want to operate on this delayed content is invoked. If the code is invoked too early then it may not work because the elements it addresses have not yet been loaded.

Code that is invoked for a widget on the `$(document).ready()` event **inside the widget itself** will work even if the widget is lazy-loaded. For example:

```
<div class="widget awesome-slideshow" id="slideshow-1">
  <!--content omitted-->
</div>

<script type="text/javascript">
  $(document).ready(function() {
    $(".awesome-slideshow").awesomeSlideshow();
  });
</script>
```

The above script will not work, however, if the script is loaded from the document and **awesome-slideshow** is lazy-loaded - because the addressed element will not be present when the `$(document).ready()` event fires. And the `$(document).ready()` event will never work for in-line loaded content.

The Widget Framework therefore provides a custom event called `pageContentReady()` which is triggered whenever delayed content is added to the DOM. You can use this event to ensure that code is executed at the right point, immediately after the content it addresses has been loaded:

```
$(document).on("pageContentReady", function (event, content) {
  $(".awesome-slideshow", $(content)).awesomeSlideshow();
});
```

3.9 Using Responsive Images

The Widget Framework has the ability to switch image representations to suit the available space on different devices and in different browser window sizes.

This functionality is provided by:

- A tag in the Widget Framework Core Tag Library, **wf-core:image** that generates the required HTML markup.

- Javascript code for determining which image representation image is required. Two different methods are available:

adaptive

This is the default method. It calculates which image representation to load based on the **img** element **width**.

picturefill

This is a slightly simpler method based on a Javascript library called **picturefill.js** (see <https://github.com/scottjehl/picturefill>). Inspired by the proposed HTML **picture** element (see [Responsive Images Community Group](#)), this library uses a set of **viewport breakpoints** to select an appropriately sized image for the current device/browser window size. The **picturefill.js** library shipped with the Widget Framework is modified slightly to provide better support for the **wf-core:image** tag.

3.9.1 Configuring Responsive Image Handling

You can control the Widget Framework's responsive image handling by setting a number of section parameters (usually in a publication's root section). These section parameters are associated with content profiles (see [chapter 5](#)), so that different content profiles can have different responsive image policies.

The responsive image section parameters are:

- **wf.contentprofile.content-profile.image.policy**
- **wf.contentprofile.content-profile.image.grid.gridViewportWidth**
- **wf.contentprofile.content-profile.image.breakpoints.fluid**

where *content-profile* is the name of the content profile (**default** by default).

The parameters should be used as follows:

image.policy

You can set this parameter to one of the following values:

adaptive (default)

For all **visible** images, representations are selected and loaded based on the **width** specified in the **img** element. For **hidden** images (for example, images that are not initially visible in a carousel), low quality representations are loaded initially. Once such a hidden image is actually displayed, the proper representation is loaded and used to replace the low-quality representation. You can control the details of how the low quality proxy image representations are generated using the **image.proxy.xxx** section parameters described in [section 3.9.2](#).

picturefill

Images are selected for small devices (i.e phones) based on the assumption that they will occupy the full width of the screen. For larger devices, including tablets, images are selected based on the assumption that they are displayed in a layout grid. The width of this grid is read from **image.grid.gridViewportWidth** (see below).

grid

Disables support for responsive images. Fixed-size images are used, in the same way as in Widget Framework systems prior to version 3.0.

The default policy is **adaptive**.

image.grid.gridViewportWidth

If **image.policy** is set to **picturefill** then this parameter is used by the **wf-core:image** tag together with the current element width (calculated by the Widget Framework) to calculate the required image width for larger devices. A typical value would be **1140**.

If **image.policy** is set to any other value, then this parameter is not used.

image.breakpoints.fluid

If **image.policy** is set to **picturefill** then this parameter defines a series of device width breakpoints at which a different size image representation will be selected for display. The specified breakpoints should match the breakpoints used in your Bootstrap CSS. The default value is **320,480,640,767**.

If **image.policy** is set to any other value, then this parameter is not used.

3.9.2 Configuring Image Preloading

If you enable responsive images, then images are loaded **after** the rest of the document has been loaded and displayed. Loading the images at the end often results in an annoying "page bounce" effect, where the text on the page is moved around and reformatted as the images are loaded. You can prevent this happening by enabling the Widget Framework's **image preloading** feature.

Image preloading prevents page bounce by loading alternative low-bandwidth images together with the page, and then replacing them with the proper full images at the end.

You can choose between two different image preloading methods:

proxy

Low-quality representations of each image are loaded in-line, and then replaced by the full images after the document has finished loading.

placeholder

Small placeholder images are loaded in-line, and then replaced by the correct images after the document has finished loading. By default, the placeholder images are transparent images located in the webapp's **static/img/placeholder/** folder.

You can control preloading by setting a number of section parameters (usually in a publication's root section). These section parameters are associated with content profiles (see [chapter 5](#)), so that different content profiles can have different preload settings.

The image preloading section parameters are:

- **wf.contentprofile.content-profile.image.preload**
- **wf.contentprofile.content-profile.image.proxy.size.scale**
- **wf.contentprofile.content-profile.image.proxy.enable.imagesize.min**
- **wf.contentprofile.content-profile.image.proxy.size.min**
- **wf.contentprofile.content-profile.image.proxy.size.max**

where *content-profile* is the name of the content profile (**default** by default).

The parameters should be configured as follows:

image.preload

You can set this parameter to one of the following values:

proxy

Preload low-quality initial images.

placeholder

Preload static placeholder images.

none (default)

Do not preload any images.

image.proxy.size.scale

If **image.preload** is set to **proxy** and **image.policy** (see [section 3.9.1](#)) is set to **grid**, then this value is used as a percentage scale to calculate size of the proxy image. A value of **30**, for example means that if the actual image width is **500**, the proxy/placeholder image width will be **150**. The default value is **30**.

image.proxy.enable.imagesize.min

If **image.preload** is set to **proxy** and **image.policy** (see [section 3.9.1](#)) is set to **grid**, then proxy images will only be used for images that are wider than the minimum specified here. If you specify **200**, for example, then proxy images will only be loaded for images that are more than 200 pixels wide. The default value is **200**.

image.proxy.size.min

If **image.preload** is set to **proxy** and **image.policy** (see [section 3.9.1](#)) is set to **adaptive** or **picturefill** then this parameter specifies the minimum width of the proxy image. The default value is **50**.

image.proxy.size.max

If **image.preload** is set to **proxy** and **image.policy** (see [section 3.9.1](#)) is set to **adaptive** or **picturefill** then this parameter specifies the maximum width of the proxy image. The default value is **200**.

4 Data Source Extensions

The Widget Framework Data Source component includes a range of different query types that you can use to retrieve items from the Content Engine. If these predefined query types are insufficient for your needs, you can extend the data source by making custom query types of your own.

Once a custom query type has been correctly defined, it can be used in exactly the same way as a built-in query type: it appears as an option in the **+Add query** dialog displayed by a Data Source **Query** tab list, and adds a collapsible form to the **Query** tab if selected, and can be combined with other standard and custom query types to create complex queries if required. (See [Queries](#) for a description of the standard query user interface.)

Making custom queries requires Java programming skills and involves the following tasks:

1. Create a query type definition. A query type definition is an XML file containing a complete description of the query and its user interface.
2. Package and deploy the query type definition.
3. Create a handler for the query type. A handler is a Java class that extends the [com.escenic.framework.datasource.fetcher.impl.AbstractFetcher](#) interface.
4. Compile, package and deploy your handler class.
5. Create various **.properties** files and add them to one of your configuration layers. These configuration layer files are used to:
 - Register the query type definitions you have created
 - Register the handler classes you have created and associate them with correct query types
 - Define additional aspects of the query type user interface such as labels, enumeration options and look-up services

4.1 Creating a Query Type Definition

You start defining a custom query type by creating an XML format file defining the input fields you want to be displayed in the query form in Content Studio. You can specify the type of control to display for each field, and you can also exercise some control over the layout of the form by using **container** elements to group fields together and arrange them in rows.

The following example shows a simple query type definition containing three fields, two of which will appear in a single row.

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<query name="customQuery">
  <editor>
    <component name="section" />
    <field name="itemCount" type="number" />
    <container style="row" column-ratio="3:1">
      <field name="myField1" type="lookup" source="groupNames" />
      <field name="myField2" type="enumeration" enum="groupIndex" />
    </container>
  </editor>
</query>
```

For a complete description of the query definition format, see [section 4.5](#).

4.2 Deploying a Query Type Definition

Before a query definition can be used, you need to package it correctly and deploy it in the correct location. You must package it in a `.jar` file, and deploy the `.jar` file to your application server (that is, Tomcat) `escenic/lib` folder. If you have created several query type definitions, then you can package them all together in the same `.jar` file if you wish. For example:

```
com
  mycompany
    datasource
      query
        customQuery1.xml
        customQuery2.xml
        customQuery3.xml
```

4.3 Creating a Handler Class

A **query handler** is a Java class that retrieves items from the Content Engine using search criteria entered into a Data Source query form. A query handler must:

- Extend [com.escenic.framework.datasource.fetcher.impl.AbstractFetcher](#)
- Override its `fetch()` method

The following example shows a skeleton handler class definition:

```
package com.mycompany.datasource.query.handler;

import com.escenic.framework.datasource.fetcher.impl.AbstractFetcher;
import com.escenic.framework.datasource.ContextInfo;
import com.escenic.framework.datasource.model.SourceDefinition;
import com.escenic.framework.datasource.model.SourceSettings;

import java.util.List;

public class MyQueryHandler extends AbstractFetcher {

    @Override
    public List<ResultItem> fetch(final SourceDefinition pSourceDefinition,
                                final SourceSettings pSettings,
                                final ContextInfo pContextInfo) {

        // your code here

    }
}
```

The `fetch()` method's first parameter is a [com.escenic.framework.datasource.model.SourceDefinition](#) object. This object is a bean containing all the values set by the user in the query tab. It has a set of `getXxx()` methods for recovering

various predefined standard query parameters (`getSection()` and `getContentTypes()`, for example), plus a `getFields()` method that returns a map containing all other custom parameters that you may have defined for your query form. The query form (and therefore the contents of the `SourceDefinition` bean) are determined by the query type definition (see [section 4.1](#)).

Once you have created a query handler class, you need to:

- Create `.properties` files to register the handler class in the system
- Package the handler in a JAR file
- Deploy the JAR file in your publication

4.3.1 Handler Configuration

Create a file called `FetcherConfig.properties`, and register your handler as follows:

```
$class=com.escenic.framework.datasource.FetcherConfig
fetcher.query-type=handler-path
```

where:

- *query-type* is the name of the query type as specified in your query type definition file. For the example file shown in [section 4.1](#) you would enter `customQuery`.
- *handler-path* is the path of your handler. For the skeleton example shown in [section 4.3](#) you would enter `/com/mycompany/datasource/query/handler/MyQueryHandler`.

Create a properties file for your class called `MyQueryHandler.properties` containing the following line at least:

```
$class=com.mycompany.datasource.query.handler.MyQueryHandler
```

If your class has properties that you want to set, you can of course also include these settings in the file.

4.3.2 Handler Packaging

A query handler class and all the properties files that configure it must be correctly packaged in a JAR file before you can deploy it. To package it you must:

1. Copy the files into a folder structure that matches:
 - The package name of your model processor class
 - The Content Engine's package naming conventions
2. Pack it in a JAR file

Handler Package Structure

For the query handler example shown earlier, you would need to create a JAR file with the following structure:

```
com
+-escenic
| +-servlet
|   +-default-config
|     +-com
```

```

|         +-escenic
|         | +-framework
|         |   +-datasource
|         |     +-FetcherConfig.properties
|         +-mycompany
|         |   +-datasource
|         |     +-query
|         |       +-handler
|         |         +-MyQueryHandler.properties
+-mycompany
  +-datasource
    +-query
      +-handler
        +-MyQueryHandler.class

```

4.4 Configuring a Data Source Extension

Once you have created a query definition and query handler, you need to configure your extension. This involves adding various files to one of your Escenic configuration layers (most likely the common layer) in order to provide the Widget Framework with the information it needs about the extension. The configuration tasks you need to carry out are:

- Register the query type
- Define query form labels
- Define enumeration field options (if required)
- Define custom look-up services (if required)

4.4.1 Registering a Query Type

If it does not already exist, create a file called *configuration-root/com/escenic/framework/datasource/DatasourceEditorConfig.properties* in one of your configuration layers and register your query type as follows:

```
| query.number = query-definition
```

where:

- *number* is an integer used to distinguish multiple **query** entries from each other
- *query-definition* is the full path of the query type definition file within the query definition **.jar** file you deployed

You should add one such line for each query type you have deployed in the **.jar** file. So for the example **.jar** file structure shown in [section 4.2](#), you should enter something like this:

```
| query.1001 = /com/mycompany/datasource/query/customQuery1.xml
| query.1002 = /com/mycompany/datasource/query/customQuery2.xml
| query.1003 = /com/mycompany/datasource/query/customQuery3.xml
```

4.4.2 Defining Query Form Labels

Labels for your query type definition are defined in a properties file in the common configuration layer. Open `configuration-root/com/escenic/framework/ui/Datasource.properties` (or create it if it does not exist), and add label definitions as follows:

```
datasource.field.field-name.label=field-label
```

where:

- *field-name* is the name of a field in one or more of your query type definitions
- *field-label* is the label to be displayed next to this field

You can also define **placeholders** for fields in a similar way:

```
datasource.field.field-name.placeholder=placeholder-text
```

(A placeholder is the dummy text ("Please type your name", for example) sometimes displayed in a text field before the user has entered a value.

To define a label for the query itself, enter:

```
datasource.query.query-name.label=query-label
```

If two of your query definitions contain fields with the same name, then they will share the same label/placeholder definitions in **Datasource.properties**. If you want them to have different labels, then you must give them different names.

4.4.3 Defining Enumeration Options

If any of your query type definitions contain enumeration fields, then you will need to define the options for the enumerations in a properties file in the common configuration layer. Open `configuration-root/com/escenic/framework/ui/Enumerations.properties` (or create it if it does not exist), and add option definitions as follows:

```
option.enum-name.order.value=enum-value  
option.enum-name.order.label=enum-label
```

where:

- *enum-name* is the name of an enumeration field in one or more of your query type definitions
- *order* is an integer defining the option's position in the list of options. Real numbers containing decimal points are not allowed
- *enum-value* is the internal value of the option
- *enum-label* is the label displayed in the list of options

The label definition entry is optional. If you do not define a label for an option, then the value is used as a label.

For a field definition like this, for example:

```
<field name="sort" type="enumeration" enum="sortByTag" />
```

You might enter:


```
option.sortByTag.1.label=Time modified (ascending)
option.sortByTag.1.value=modified_date_asc
option.sortByTag.2.label=Time modified (descending)
option.sortByTag.2.value=modified_date_dec
option.sortByTag.3.label=Time published (ascending)
option.sortByTag.3.value=publish_date_asc
option.sortByTag.4.label=Time published (descending)
option.sortByTag.4.value=publish_date_dec
option.sortByTag.5.value=relevance
```

Note that since no label is defined for the last option in the above example, the value **relevance** will be used as a label.

You can define a default value for an enumeration as follows:

```
default.enum-name=default-value
```

For example:

```
default.sortByTag=modified_date_asc
```

If two of your query definitions contain enumeration fields with the same name, then they will share the same option definitions in **Enumerations.properties**. If you want them to have different option definitions, then you must give them different names.

4.4.4 Defining Look-up Services

Data source query forms may contain a special type of field called a **look-up** field. A look-up field is one where the user can select a value by typing: as the user types, a list of matching options is displayed, from which the user can pick the required option. The look-up operations that provide this kind of functionality are performed by web services. A number of look-up services are included with the Widget Framework, and you can also create your own look-up services if required (see [section 4.4.4.1](#)).

The built-in look-up services provided with the Widget Framework are listed in a configuration layer component called **/com/escenic/framework/webservice/LookupSources** as follows:

```
$class=com.escenic.framework.webservice.helper.LookupSources
lookupService.group-names=/webservice/escenic/wf/collection/groups/search/
lookupService.content-types=/webservice/escenic/wf/collection/content-types/search/
lookupService.relation-groups=/webservice/escenic/wf/collection/relation-groups/
search/
lookupService.tags=/webservice/escenic/wf/collection/tags/search/{term}
entryService.tags=/webservice/escenic/wf/collection/tags/name/{value}
lookupService.sections=/webservice/escenic/wf/collection/sections/search/{term}
entryService.sections=/webservice/escenic/wf/collection/sections/name/{section}?
publication={publication}
```

These services are used by the default data source query types, but you can also use them in your own queries:

group-names

This service returns information about all section page groups in all publications. Groups that appear on templates (config section pages) are not included.

content-types

This service returns information about all content types in all publications.

relation-groups

This service returns information about all relation type groups in all publications.

tags

This service returns information about tags from all tag structures.

sections

This service returns information about sections. It is used by the data source query section component (that is `<component name="section"/>`) in a query definition file.

If these services are insufficient and you need to create a look-up service of your own, then you can do so. For more about creating your own look-up service, see [section 4.4.4.1](#).

To register your own look-up service with the Widget Framework, open `configuration-root/com/escenic/framework/webservice/LookupSources.properties` (or create it if it does not exist), and add a definition that looks like one of the following:

- `lookupService.service-name=service-url/search/`
- `lookupService.service-name=service-url/search/{term}`
`entryService.service-name=service-url/name/{value}`

In both kinds of definition, *service-name* is the name that you will use to refer to the service in your query type configuration file and *service-url* is the URL of your service. Which kind of definition you should use depends on what kind of look-up service you have created. For further information, see [section 4.4.4.1](#).

4.4.4.1 Creating Your Own Look-up Service

A data source query look-up service is a web service that responds to requests by returning JSON data in a specified format. There are two types of service:

- A **list service** that has a single end point and returns a list of values. The Widget Framework then carries out the actual look-up operation using the returned list.
- An **active service** that does the look-up itself and returns a list that matches the characters entered (so far) by the user. An active service has two end points, for performing different types of look-up.

A list service is simpler to implement and is fine if the collection of objects to look up is relatively small. For look-ups involving very large object collections, it is probably better to create an active service that does most of the work on the server.

Defining a list service

A list service has a single endpoint (for example: `https://mycompany.com/webservice/recipes/search`), and responds by returning a JSON file of the following form:

```
{ "lookUpInfo": [
  {
    "value": "apple-pie-1",
    "label": "Apple Pie",
    "summary": "Just like Mom used to make it"
  },
  ...
]
```

```
{
  "value": "apple-pie-2",
  "label": "Apple Pie with chili",
  "summary": "For the jade palate"
},
...
]}
```

The Widget Framework retrieves this list from the web service the first time it is needed in a Content Studio session, and caches it. It then uses the cached copy to perform the necessary look-ups when the Content Studio user starts typing in the query form look-up field. The values in the JSON file are used as follows:

value

is the value that will actually be stored in the field

label

is matched against the characters entered by the user and displayed in the field when the user finally makes a selection

summary

is optional. If present, summaries are displayed below the labels in the list of options shown while the user is typing in the field

If the user opens a query form in which a look-up field already contains a value, then the Widget Framework uses the same list to look up the label it needs to display in the field.

Defining an active service

An active service has two endpoints, and the last part of each endpoint URL is used as a look-up string. For example:

`https://mycompany.com/webservice/recipes/search/{term}`, and
`https://mycompany.com/webservice/recipes/name/{value}`

Each time the user types a character in the look-up field, the contents of the field are used to replace **`{term}`**, and the Widget Framework sends a **GET** request to the resulting URL. Every time the service receives such a request it is expected to use submitted term as a look-up string and return a JSON file. This file has the same structure as the JSON file returned by a list service, but instead of containing only entries where **label** matches the supplied characters. As the user types more characters, the JSON structure returned will therefore get shorter. The returned structure is used to display a list of options from which the user can pick the required value.

The second **`{value}`** endpoint is used when the user opens a query form in which a look-up field already contains a value. The Widget Framework then replaces **`{value}`** with the field value and sends a **GET** request to the resulting URL. The service is expected to respond by returning a JSON structure containing a single record, thereby providing the correct label to display in the field.

If, for example, the Widget Framework sent a request to **`https://mycompany.com/webservice/recipes/name/apple-pie-2`**, then the response might be:

```
{
  "value": "apple-pie-2",
  "label": "Apple Pie with chili",
  "summary": "For the jade palate"
}
```

The Widget Framework API includes a [LookupInfo](#) class that you may find helpful in implementing an active lookup service in Java: it provides various useful methods for manipulating and comparing look-up service JSON structures. If you want to use this class then you should add the following dependency to your service's POM file:

```
<dependency>
  <groupId>com.escenic.widget-framework</groupId>
  <artifactId>wf-webservice</artifactId>
  <version>3.3.2.173595</version>
  <classifier>lib</classifier>
</dependency>
```

4.5 datasource-query

The **datasource-query** schema defines the Widget Framework's query definition format. You can use it to define the user interface of custom queries to be used by Widget Framework data sources. You can define the fields to be displayed in the user interface, their type and some aspects of their layout.

The query definition file does not control the execution of the query in any way: that must be implemented in a Java class. Nor does it define the labels displayed in the user interface, which must be defined in properties files added to one of the Widget Framework's configuration layers.

Namespace URI

The namespace URI of the **datasource-query** schema is `http://xmlns.escenic.com/2014/datasource-query`.

Root Element

The root of a **datasource-query** file must be a **query** element.

4.5.1 component

Includes a predefined user interface component in the query editor.

Syntax

```
<component
  name="(section|publishingPeriod)"
/>
```

Attributes

name="(section|publishingPeriod)"

The user interface component to be included.

Allowed values are:

section

This component is a standard section selector as used in the data source's built-in queries. It provides a group of 3 fields: **Section selection mode**, **Section** and **Include subsections**.

publishingPeriod

This component is a publishing period selector as used in the data source's built-in queries. It provides a group of 2 fields: **Start date** and **End date**.

4.5.2 container

Includes a container in the query editor. A container can be used to group related fields and control their layout.

Syntax

```
<container
  style="row"
  column-ratio="text"?
>
</field/>+
  <component/>+
</container>
```

Attributes**style="row"**

The fields in the container will be arranged horizontally in a single row. This is currently the only available container style.

column-ratio="text" (optional)

Specifies the horizontal space to be allotted to each of the fields in the container. If there are three fields in the container then a value of **1 : 1 : 2** will allocated 25% of the available width to the first two fields, and 50% to the third.

If this attribute is omitted, then the available horizontal space is divided equally between the fields in the container.

4.5.3 editor

Contains a definition of the editor user interface for this query.

Syntax

```
<editor>
  <component/>+
  <container>...</container>+
  </field/>+
</editor>
```

4.5.4 field

Includes a field of the specified type in the query editor.

Syntax

```
<field
  name="text"
  inner="(true|false)"?
  ( type="(text|number|boolean)" | type="enumeration" enum="text" | type="lookup"
  source="text" multiple="(true|false)" )
>
```

| />

Attributes

name="text"

The name of the field. The name you specify must be unique among the fields in this editor.

inner="(true|false)" (optional)

Specifies whether or not the field is a standard, predefined Widget Framework query field, or a custom field. This affects how the field contents are accessed in your Java handler class.

If you specify **true**, then the field name must exactly match one of the properties of the [com.escenic.framework.datasource.model.SourceDefinition](#) class, and will be accessible using its **get** method in the Java handler class. If you specify **false** or omit this attribute, then the field will be added to **SourceDefinition**'s **Fields** property, which contains a map of all custom fields. If you specify **true**, for a field that does not exactly match one of **SourceDefinition**'s properties, then an exception will be thrown at run-time.

For further information about this, see [section 4.3](#).

type="(text|number|boolean)"

Specifies the type of value the field will accept.

Allowed values are:

text

The field will accept any text value.

number

The field will only accept numerical value.

boolean

The field will be displayed as a check box, only capable of accepting on/off values.

type="enumeration"

Specifies that the field will be displayed as a drop-down box containing a list of allowed values.

enum="text"

The name of an enumeration definition containing a list of options to display. The enumeration must be defined in a properties file (**/com/escenic/framework/ui/Enumerations.properties**) in the Widget Framework's global configuration layer. For further information, see [section 4.4.3](#).

type="lookup"

Specifies that the field will be displayed as a "type-to-select" box where the characters the user enters are used to look up matching system objects from which he can then make a selection.

source="text"

The name of the web service that performs the look-up. This name must match a service definition listed in a properties file (**/com/escenic/framework/webservice/LookupSources.properties**) in the Widget Framework's global configuration layer. For further information, see [section 4.4.4](#).

multiple="(true|false)" (optional)

Determines whether or not this lookup field allows multiple entries.

Allowed values are:

true

Multiple entries are allowed.

false

Multiple entries are not allowed. (Default)

4.5.5 query

The root element of a Widget Framework data source query definition....

Syntax

```
<query
  name="text"
>
  <editor>...</editor>
</query>
```

Attributes

name="text"

The name of this query. It must be unique among all custom queries defined for this Widget Framework installation.

5 Content Profiles

The Widget Framework allows you define multiple sets of templates called **content profiles**. The purpose of content profiles is to make it possible for a single publication to be generated in two completely different forms. You could, for example, have a **default** content profile for generating your standard web site and a **newsletter** content profile for generating a newsletter from the same content.

Widget Framework content profiles (that is, template hierarchies) are organized under the root section **config**. By default there is just one content profile, called **config.default**, which might look like this:

```
config
  config.default
    config.default.section
      config.default.section.ece_frontpage
      config.default.section.news
      config.default.section.sports
    config.default.article
      config.default.article.type.story
      config.default.article.type.picture
    config.default.topic
    config.default.master
```

Adding a second **newsletter** content profile would result in two parallel template hierarchies like this:

```
config
  config.default
    config.default.section
      config.default.section.ece_frontpage
      config.default.section.news
      config.default.section.sports
    config.default.article
      config.default.article.type.story
      config.default.article.type.picture
    config.default.topic
    config.default.master

  config.newsletter
    config.newsletter.section
      config.newsletter.section.ece_frontpage
      config.newsletter.news
      config.newsletter.sports
    config.newsletter.article
      config.newsletter.article.type.story
      config.newsletter.article.type.picture
    config.newsletter.topic
    config.newsletter.master
```


Note that the **config** section is not itself a template: it is just a container for content profiles.

The templates that make up a content profile are created by publication designers using Content Studio. For information about this and the rules and conventions governing template naming, organization and inheritance, see [Templates](#), in the **Widget Framework User Guide**.

5.1 Adding a Content Profile

To add a content profile to a publication:

1. Open the publication's `WEB-INF/classes/com/escenic/servlet/plugin-config/com/escenic/framework/content/profile/ContentProfileProcessor.properties` file for editing.

2. Add an entry like this:

```
contextPathSuffix.name=context-path
```

where *name* is the name of your new content profile (**newsletter** for example) and *context-path* is its context path (**newsletter** for example). All output generated with this profile will then have the specified suffix appended to the publication URL (giving **http://publication-name/newsletter**, for example).

3. Define the name of the new content profile's root template by adding a section parameter like this to your publication's root section:

```
wf.contentprofile.name.rootConfig=config.name
```

where *name* is the name of your new content profile (**newsletter** for example).

4. Optionally, you can also specify the wireframe for your new content profile by adding a second section parameter:

```
wf.contentprofile.name.wireframe=wireframe
```

where *wireframe* is the name of the wireframe you want to use. If you do not specify this parameter then the new content profile will use the default wireframe.

5.2 Using Old Template Hierarchies

Widget Framework versions prior to 3.0 did not support multiple content profiles. A publication had only one template hierarchy, with a root template called **config**.

If you are upgrading a publication from a version prior to 3.0 and you do not want to rename the templates, all you need to do is add the following section parameter to the publication's root section:

```
wf.contentprofile.default.rootConfig=config
```

5.3 Custom Templates

As well as adding complete content profiles under the **config** root section, you can also add custom templates. Here, for example, is a "special" template for sports pages:

```
config
  config.default
  ...
  config.special
    config.special.section
      config.special.section.sports
```

Custom templates are templates that the publication designer can explicitly select from Content Studio by setting a page option (see ?? for details). They can be created in exactly the same way as content profile templates. The only difference is that you don't need to create a complete hierarchy of custom templates, you can just create the specific templates you require.

6 Adding a New Grid

This chapter explains how to add a new grid to the Widget Framework .

6.1 The Example Grid Specification

Suppose you want a grid with 4 columns, called **Four Column Config**. The column widths (from left to right) are to be: 140px, 300px, 300px and 140px.

6.2 Modifying The layout-group Resource

The first step is to modify the publication's **layout-group** resource by adding a group definition like this:

```
<group name="x140x300x300x140-config" root="true">
  <ui:label>Four Column Config</ui:label>
  <ct:options>
    <ct:field name="inherits_from" type="basic" mime-type="text/plain">
      <ui:label>Inherits From</ui:label>
      <ui:description>Custom configuration section name or id</ui:description>
    </ct:field>
  </ct:options>
  <ui:decorator name="wfItemsResolver"/>
  <area name="meta"/>
  <area name="header">
    <ref-group name="x460x460"/>
    <ref-group name="x700x220"/>
    <ref-group name="x300x300x300"/>
    <ref-group name="x220x220x220x220"/>
    <ref-group name="tabbingGroup"/>
  </area>
  <area name="left">
    <ref-group name="tabbingGroup"/>
  </area>
  <area name="main1">
    <ref-group name="tabbingGroup"/>
  </area>
  <area name="main2">
    <ref-group name="tabbingGroup"/>
  </area>
  <area name="right">
    <ref-group name="tabbingGroup"/>
  </area>
  <area name="footer">
    <ref-group name="x460x460"/>
    <ref-group name="x700x220"/>
    <ref-group name="x300x300x300"/>
    <ref-group name="x220x220x220x220"/>
    <ref-group name="tabbingGroup"/>
  </area>
</group>
```

Note the following:

- A grid group name (**x140x300x300x140-config** in this case) has a fixed format. It is formed by concatenating the column widths (in order from left to right). Each column width must be preceded by an **x** character, and the column width sequence must be followed by the string **-config**.
- A grid group must be a root group (that is, the **group** element must have a **root** attribute and it must be set to **true**). This is necessary to ensure that the group is displayed as a page option in Content Studio.
- The group definition uses a request pool decorator named **wfItemsResolver**. This decorator ensures that items for a specific area are found using the inheritance mechanism specific to EWF.
- There is a field named **inherits_from** defined in group options. This field allows the user to override the configuration section from which the current configuration section inherits.
- All the other group names in this example have been taken from standard **layout-group** resource distributed with the Widget Framework.

6.3 Adding grid styles in CSS

The next step is to add CSS entries for the new columns to a CSS file: For example, in **theme.css** file (found in **/static/theme/default/base/css**):

```
div.x140x300x300x140-config div#header {
    float: left;
    margin: 0 10px 0 0;
    padding: 0 8px 0 0;
    width: 940px;
}

div.x140x300x300x140-config div#left {
    float: left;
    margin: 0 10px 0 0;
    padding: 0 8px 0 0;
    width: 140px;
}

div.x140x300x300x140-config div#main1 {
    float: left;
    margin: 0 10px 0 0;
    padding: 0 8px 0 0;
    width: 300px;
}

div.x140x300x300x140-config div#main2 {
    float: left;
    margin: 0 10px 0 0;
    padding: 0 8px 0 0;
    width: 300px;
}

div.x140x300x300x140-config div#right {
    float: left;
    width: 140px;
}

div.x140x300x300x140-config div#footer {
```

```
float: left;
margin: 0 10px 0 0;
padding: 0 8px 0 0;
width: 940px;
}
```

6.4 Adding A JSP Template for the Grid

Finally, you need to add a JSP template to the `/template/framework/group` folder in order to make the new grid work. The name of the template must match the name of the grid (in this case, `x140x300x300x140-config.jsp`). Here is an example JSP template:

```
<%@ page language="java" pageEncoding="UTF-8" contentType="text/html; charset=UTF-8"
%>
<%@ taglib prefix="c" uri="http://java.sun.com/jsp/jstl/core" %>
<%@ taglib uri="http://www.escenic.com/widget-framework/core" prefix="wf-core" %>

<div id="page" class="x140x300x300x140-config">
  <div id="header">
    <c:set var="area" value="header"/>
    <c:set var="items"
      value="${requestScope.configSectionPool.rootElement.areas[area].items}"
      scope="request"/>
    <c:set var="elementwidth" value="940" scope="request"/>
    <wf-core:showItems level="0"/>
    <c:remove var="elementwidth" scope="request"/>
    <c:remove var="items" scope="request"/>
  </div>

  <div id="content">
    <div id="areas">
      <div id="left">
        <c:set var="area" value="left"/>
        <c:set var="items"
          value="${requestScope.configSectionPool.rootElement.areas[area].items}"
          scope="request"/>
        <c:set var="elementwidth" value="140" scope="request"/>
        <wf-core:showItems level="0"/>
        <c:remove var="elementwidth" scope="request"/>
        <c:remove var="items" scope="request"/>
      </div>
      <div id="main1">
        <c:set var="area" value="main1"/>
        <c:set var="items"
          value="${requestScope.configSectionPool.rootElement.areas[area].items}"
          scope="request"/>
        <c:set var="elementwidth" value="300" scope="request"/>
        <wf-core:showItems level="0"/>
        <c:remove var="elementwidth" scope="request"/>
        <c:remove var="items" scope="request"/>
      </div>
      <div id="main2">
        <c:set var="area" value="main2"/>
        <c:set var="items"
          value="${requestScope.configSectionPool.rootElement.areas[area].items}"
          scope="request"/>
        <c:set var="elementwidth" value="300" scope="request"/>
```

```

        <wf-core:showItems level="0"/>
        <c:remove var="elementwidth" scope="request"/>
        <c:remove var="items" scope="request"/>
    </div>

    <div id="right">
        <c:set var="area" value="right"/>
        <c:set var="items"
            value="{requestScope.configSectionPool.rootElement.areas[area].items}"
            scope="request"/>
        <c:set var="elementwidth" value="140" scope="request"/>
        <wf-core:showItems level="0"/>
        <c:remove var="elementwidth" scope="request"/>
        <c:remove var="items" scope="request"/>
    </div>
</div>
</div>

<div id="footer">
    <c:set var="area" value="footer"/>
    <c:set var="items"
        value="{requestScope.configSectionPool.rootElement.areas[area].items}"
        scope="request"/>
    <c:set var="elementwidth" value="940" scope="request"/>
    <wf-core:showItems level="0"/>
    <c:remove var="elementwidth" scope="request"/>
    <c:remove var="items" scope="request"/>
</div>
</div>

```

6.5 Testing the New Grid

To test the new grid:

1. Update your publication's **layout-group** resource.
2. Log into Content Studio.
3. Verify that the **Four Column Config** grid is available as a page option.
4. Select **Four Column Config** in one of your configuration sections and desk the widgets.
5. Start up a browser and visit a corresponding content section in your publication. The section layout should now reflect the new grid layout you have selected.

7 Themes

To change the theme and style widget-framework has appropriate facility.

7.1 Add New Theme

The Widget Framework is shipped with one default theme called **default**. To add a new theme:

1. Add a folder for your theme to every widget's **theme** folder. If your theme is called **my-theme** then you would need to add a `widget/src/main/webapp/static/theme/my-theme` folder to every widget.
2. Add a corresponding theme folder to the Widget Framework's core **theme** folder: `widget-framework-core/src/main/webapp/static/theme/my-theme`, for example.
3. Create a **base** subfolder in each **my-theme** folder you have created. The **base** folder should contain all the theme's common **.css** and graphics files (in **css** and **gfx** subfolders). You can also create **variant** folders that have the same structure as the **base** folder but with different names. The variant folders can contain modified **.css** and graphics files, making it possible for the theme to include variations for use in different sections of a publication. Variants are selected by setting a **theme.variant** section parameter in publication sections.

4. Add a property setting like this to `widget-framework-core/src/main/resources/com/escenic/framework/ApplicationResources.properties`:

```
publication.theme.my-theme.title = My theme
```

5. Add a transformer specification like this to your publication's POM file:

```
<transformer
  implementation="org.apache.maven.plugins.shade.resource.AppendingTransformer">
  <resource>static/theme/my-theme/base/css/theme.css</resource>
</transformer>
```

The Maven Shade plug-in will then merge all the **theme.css** files in all the widgets into a single **theme.css** file.

6. Compile and deploy your code.

To use your new theme you will need to set the theme section parameter in your publication's root section. For information on how to do this, see [Changing Themes and Variants](#), in the **Widget Framework User Guide**.

7.2 Dynamic Rendering of Sass

The Widget Framework supports dynamic rendering of [Sass](#) files. If you want to use Sass, put your **.scss** files in `theme/theme-name/base/sass` folders.

7.2.1 The Sass Filter

The Sass conversion is carried out by a filter specified in `web.xml`:

```

<filter>
  <filter-name>SassCompiler</filter-name>
  <filter-class>com.escenic.sass.SassCompilingFilter</filter-class>
  <!--
  <init-param>
    <param-name>sassLocation</param-name>
    <param-value>some/other/location</param-value>
  </init-param>
  <init-param>
    <param-name>cssLocation</param-name>
    <param-value>some/other/location</param-value>
  </init-param>
  <init-param>
    <param-name>cacheLocation</param-name>
    <param-value>some/other/location</param-value>
  </init-param>
  <init-param>
    <param-name>cache</param-name>
    <param-value>true/false</param-value>
  </init-param>
  -->
</filter>
<filter-mapping>
  <filter-name>SassCompiler</filter-name>
  <url-pattern>/static/theme/default/base/SassToCss/*</url-pattern>
  <!--WARNING: This pattern is provide for default base skin.
  If you change the skin, you have to change here too.-->
</filter-mapping>

```

You can customize the filter by uncommenting and setting the values of the **init-param** elements:

sassLocation

The location of the **.scss** files to be converted. The default is **/theme/ theme-name /base/ sass/**.

cssLocation

The location to which the converted **.css** files are to be written. The default is **/theme/ theme-name /base/SassToCss/**.

cacheLocation

The location of a cache folder (if required). The default is **/WEB-INF/ .sass-cache/**.

cache

Set to **true** if you want converted **.css** files to be cached. The default is **false**.

7.2.2 Enabling the Use of Sass Files

In order for the **.css** files generated by the Sass converter to be used in your publication, you need to ensure that the CSS stylesheet **link** in your pages' **head** elements are correctly structured. Assuming you use the default set-up, then your **link** elements will need to look like this:

```

<link rel="stylesheet" type="text/css"
      href="${publication.url}theme/${themeName}/SassToCss/${themeName}.css"/>

```

Note that the link element requests a **.css** file, not an **.scss** file. The request is intercepted if the request URL matches a URL pattern specified in the **filter-mapping** element, and passed to the appropriate filter, which then converts the appropriate **.scss** file to generate the requested **.css** file.

7.2.3 Production Set-up

For performance reasons you should remove the Sass filter from your **web.xml** configuration on production systems, since the **.css** will have been generated and placed in the correct location. There is therefore no need to repeatedly compile the **.scss** file.

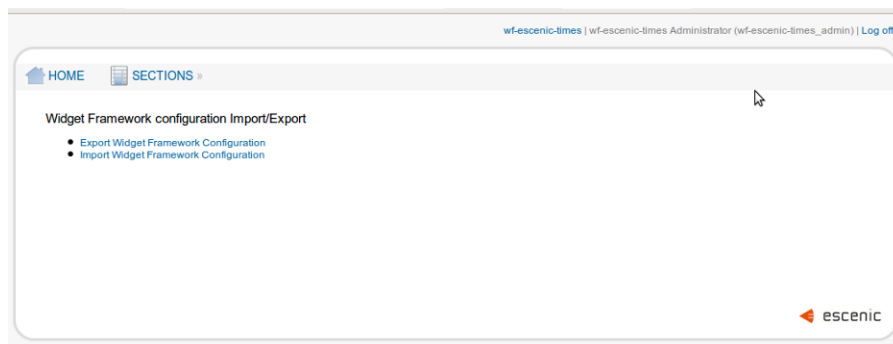
8 Export and Import

This chapter will explain how to export and import the templates and widgets. This can be used to take backup or move the setup to other servers.

8.1 Syndication plug-in

To be able to export and import the templates and the widgets we have created a plug-in to Web Studio. This needs to be installed, and this is done in the same fashion as any other plug-in. You unpack the zip-file in your plug-in directory and run assemblytool.

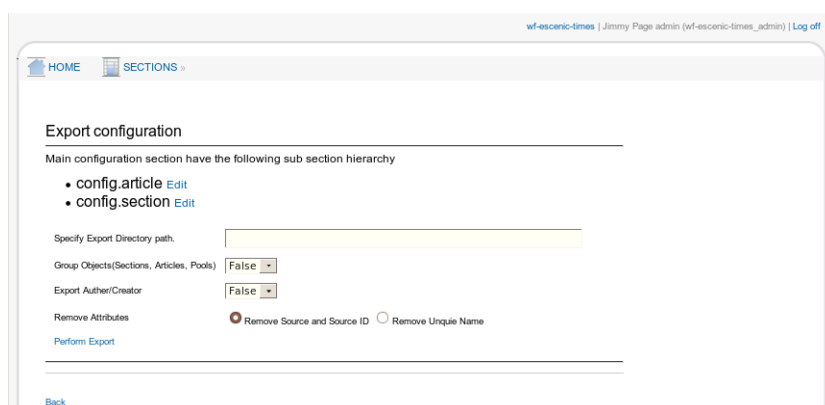
When the plug-in is installed you should get a new menu option in Web Studio. Here you have the options to export and import the configuration.



8.2 Syndication Export

Here you can export your configuration sections and all widgets located within these sections.

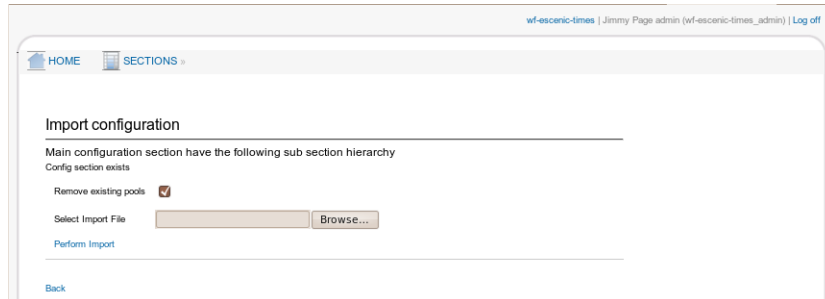
It will be exported to a specified location.



8.3 Syndication Import

When you have a valid export file, this can be imported using the import functionality.

Select the file to import, and click on Perform Import.



9 How To

This chapter contains a variety of useful "recipes" for carrying out specific tasks.

9.1 Modify Group and Error Templates

We have moved out template codes from `showItems` tag so that template developer can easily change the template if required. Below is the mapping of moved out jsp pages with groups, errors. If you wish to change these groups, errors template you can change on the following files

- Row group -> `/template/framework/group/processor/row.jsp`
- Column group -> `/template/framework/group/processor/column.jsp`
- Two column, three column -> `/template/framework/group/processor/split.jsp`
- Error page when group template not found -> `/template/framework/group/processor/group-not-found.jsp`
- Error page when content (e.g stories) is placed in config pages -> `/template/framework/group/processor/group-not-found.jsp`
- Error page when nesting limit exceeds -> `/template/framework/group/processor/nesting-limit-error.jsp`

9.2 Use A Payment Solution

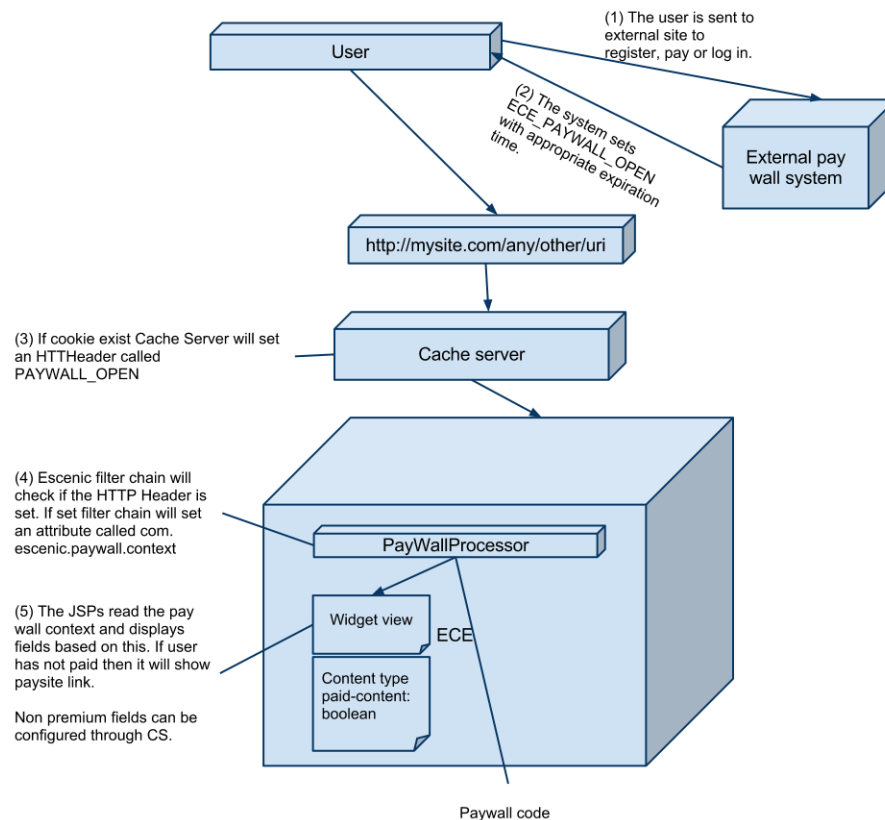
The Widget Framework's **Story** content type provides support for premium content. Content items of this type display a **Premium** tab in Content Studio where an editor can mark the content item as premium content. The title and selected other fields can be set to non-premium, making these fields will be visible to non-paying site visitors.

When a visitor clicks on a premium story link, the system checks to see whether or not the visitor has paid for access and only displays the whole content item for paying visitors.

Payment must be handled by a third-party system. The process works as follows:

- When a reader who has not paid clicks on a premium content link, he is offered the option of paying to read the content, and redirected to the payment system if he accepts.
- After paying, the payment system sets a cookie for that user with an appropriate expiration date.
- The user is redirected back to the Escenic site. The Escenic site's **cache server** (e.g Varnish) checks for the existence of the payment cookie. If the cookie is present then it adds a **PAYWALL_OPEN** value to the HTTP header.
- The Escenic filter chain checks whether or not the **PAYWALL_OPEN** value is present in the header. If it is present, then the filter chain sets a request scope attribute called `com.escenic.paywall.context`

- The template JSP reads the `com.escenic.paywall.context` attribute to determine whether or not to display premium fields.



9.3 Override a Core Content Type

A number of content types are included with the Widget Framework (**Story** and **Picture**, for example). These **core content types** are designed both to work well with the Widget Framework and to provide a flexible "starter pack" of content types that will support a wide range of publication types. Although the core content types satisfy most standard requirements, you may nevertheless feel the need to modify or extend one or more of them in some way.

Should you need modify a core content type, it is actually quite simple to do so. What you actually do is to **override** the content type within a specific publication: you copy the content type definition from the Widget Framework distribution into your publication's **content-type** resource, make the changes you require and then build and upload your publication to the Content Engine in the usual way. During the build process, the content type definitions are merged in such a way that your modified version overrides the standard version supplied with the Widget Framework.

The following procedure describes how to change a content type definition for the demo publication supplied with the Widget Framework. The process is, however, exactly the same for any other publication.

- Unzip the Widget Framework distribution file **widget-framework-core-3.3.2.173595.zip** somewhere on your computer.

2. In the `misc/widgets/widget-framework-core/src/main/webapp/META-INF/escenic/publication-resources/escenic/` of the unzipped folder tree you will find a `content-type` resource file. Open this file in an editor.
3. Find the content type definition you want to change (let's say the `story` content type).
4. Copy the content type definition.
5. In the `misc/demo/src/main/webapp/META-INF/escenic/publication-resources/escenic` folder of the unzipped folder tree you will find another `content-type` resource file. Open this file in an editor and paste in the copied content type definition.
6. Make whatever changes you require to the pasted content type definition. You might, for example, add a field to it.
7. Save your changes and close both `content-type` files.
8. In the `misc/demo` folder, enter:

```
$ mvn clean install
```

This will produce a publication `.war` file in `misc/demo/target` called `demo-core-3.3.2.173595.war`.

9. Use the `escenic-admin` webapp to create a publication from the `.war` file you have generated or upload it to an existing publication.
10. Open the publication you have created/modified in Content Studio and create a `story` content item. You should be able to see the change you have made.

Note the following points:

- You only need to copy and modify the specific elements you want to change. Even though the `story` content type references lots of fields and field groups defined elsewhere in the `content-type` resource, you don't have to copy them as well. The file you copy into does not need to be a complete `content-type` resource because it's just a collection of overrides that are merged with the main `content-type` resource during the build process.
- You don't need to copy entire content type definitions either. If for example, you just want to add some constraints to a field definition, then you only need to copy the `field-group` the `field` belongs to, and modify the required `field`. Don't copy individual `field` elements though, since they don't have unique names and therefore cannot be merged correctly.

9.4 Override layout groups

The Widget Framework includes a predefined `layout-group` resource designed to work with the supplied core widgets and core content types. It contains `group` elements that define the logical structure of both publication section pages and section page templates.

You can modify the `layout-group` resource actually used by a publication in the same way as you modify the `content-type` resource: by adding overrides to a publication `layout-group` resource. This publication `layout-group` is then merged with the default `layout-group` when the publication is built. The procedure is just the same:

1. Unzip the Widget Framework distribution file `widget-framework-core-3.3.2.173595.zip` somewhere on your computer.

2. In the `misc/widgets/widget-framework-core/src/main/webapp/META-INF/escenic/publication-resources/escenic/` of the unzipped folder tree you will find a `layout-group` resource file. Open this file in an editor.
3. Find the element you want to change (let's say the `topStories` group).
4. Copy the element.
5. In the `misc/demo/src/main/webapp/META-INF/escenic/publication-resources/escenic` folder of the unzipped folder tree you will find another (empty) `layout-group` resource file. Open this file in an editor and paste in the copied element.
6. Make whatever changes you require to the pasted element. You might, for example, add a `field` to its `ct:options` element.
7. Save your changes and close both `layout-group` files.
8. In the `misc/demo` folder, enter:

```
$ mvn clean install
```

This will produce a publication `.war` file in `misc/demo/target` called `demo-core-3.3.2.173595.war`.

9. Use the `escenic-admin` webapp to create a publication from the `.war` file you have generated or upload it to an existing publication.
10. Open the publication you have created/modified in Content Studio and create a `story` content item. You should be able to see the option you have added to the content item's `topStories` group.

You should as a rule only create overrides that add elements to your publication's `layout-group` resource: removing or renaming elements is likely to break core widgets and/or content types.

The `layout-group` resource not only defines the structure of section pages and templates, it also determines where users are allowed to place widgets and content types on pages and templates. It prevents users placing widgets anywhere on ordinary section pages, for example. Each `area` element contains an `allow-content-types` element that in turn contains a list of `ref-content-type-group` referencing `content-type-group` elements. For example:

```
<area name="topStories-area">
  ...
  <allow-content-types>
    <ref-content-type-group name="contents"/>
    <ref-content-type-group name="custom-contents"/>
  </allow-content-types>
</area>
```

A `content-type-group` contains a list of `ref-content-type` elements that reference `content-types` defined in the `content-type` resource. The supplied `layout-group` resource contains definitions of three `content-type-groups`:

core-widgets

This group is for ordinary widgets such as the Teaser widget. Content types referenced in this group can be placed in any area of a template **except** the **Meta** area. They may not be placed anywhere on an ordinary section page.

meta-widgets

This group is for meta widgets such as the Search Config widget. Content types referenced in this group can only be placed in the **Meta** area of a template. They may not be placed anywhere else.

contents

This group is for ordinary content types such as Story. Content types referenced in this group can only be placed on ordinary section pages.

The **area** elements in the **layout-group** resource contain references to three additional **content-type-groups** that are not defined: **custom-widgets**, **custom-meta-widgets** and **custom-contents**. If you have created custom widgets or content types of your own, then you can use these **content-type-groups** to control where they may be placed. You need to add definitions of the required groups along with other layout group overrides to your publication's **layout-group** resource. For example:

```
<groups xmlns="http://xmlns.escenic.com/2008/layout-group"
  xmlns:ct="http://xmlns.escenic.com/2008/content-type"
  xmlns:wf="http://xmlns.escenic.com/2014/wf-config"
  xmlns:ui="http://xmlns.escenic.com/2008/interface-hints">
  <!-- group definition for content section -->
  <content-type-group name="core-widgets">
    <ref-content-type name="widget_myCustomTeaser"/>
  </content-type-group>
  <content-type-group name="meta-widgets">
    <ref-content-type name="widget_MyCustomMetaWidget"/>
  </content-type-group>
  <content-type-group name="contents">
    <ref-content-type name="myCustomStory"/>
  </content-type-group>
</groups>
```

9.5 Configure Lazy Loading Options

Lazy loading allows template designers to choose to omit parts of a page depending on the size of the browser window. When editing page templates in Content Studio, areas, groups and widgets offer a set of options to control this functionality:

Options	
HTML tag	div
Loading policy	On Page
Skip loading on	<input type="checkbox"/> Desktop
	<input type="checkbox"/> Tablet
	<input type="checkbox"/> Mobile
Fragment Token	e022016d-beb7-452e-b783-6bd2878348be

For usage details, see [Lazy Loading](#), in the **Widget Framework User Guide**.

In order to include the lazy loading configuration options in your own groups and areas, you must include the following code fragment in the group/area definitions in your **layout-group** resource.

```
<area name="main">
  <ui:label>Main</ui:label>
  <ct:options scope="current">
    ...
    <ct:field type="enumeration" name="loadingPolicy">
      <ui:label>Lazy loading</ui:label>
      <ct:enumeration value="onPage">
        <ui:label>Disabled</ui:label>
      </ct:enumeration>
      <ct:enumeration value="lazy">
        <ui:label>Enabled</ui:label>
      </ct:enumeration>
      <ui:value-if-unset>onPage</ui:value-if-unset>
    </ct:field>
    <ct:field type="enumeration" name="skipLoadingOn" multiple="true">
      <ui:label>Skip on device</ui:label>
      <ct:enumeration value="large">
        <ui:label>Large</ui:label>
      </ct:enumeration>
      <ct:enumeration value="medium">
        <ui:label>Medium</ui:label>
      </ct:enumeration>
      <ct:enumeration value="small">
        <ui:label>Small</ui:label>
      </ct:enumeration>
    </ct:field>
    <ct:field name="fragmentToken" type="basic" mime-type="text/plain">
      <ui:label>Fragment Token</ui:label>
      <ui:hidden/>
    </ct:field>
  </ct:options>
  ...
</area>
```

9.6 Modify the URLs of Link and Binary Content Items

The Widget Framework provides two **decorators** that you can use to modify the URLs of certain types of content item.

Clicking on a link to a content item in an Escenic web site will normally result in the content item itself being displayed, and this is normally the desired result. In certain cases, however, it is not the desired result:

- In the case of a "link" content item that just holds a link to some external URL, for example, you would most probably want the click to lead straight to the external URL rather than to an intermediate page containing nothing but another link.
- Similarly, for a "binary" content item that just holds a reference to a PDF document, for example, you would most probably want the user's click to lead directly to the PDF document.

That is what these two decorators are for. To use them you have to add **ui:decorator** elements to the appropriate content type definitions in your publication's **content-type** resource, as described in the following sections.

For more information about decorators in Escenic, see [Decorators](#), in the **Escenic Content Engine Advanced Developer Guide**.

9.6.1 binaryURLDecorator

The **binaryURLDecorator** can only be used with a content type that meets the following criteria:

- It has a field of type **link**
- The name of the **link** field must be **binary**

To use the **binaryURLDecorator**, add a **ui:decorator** element to the content type definition in your publication's **content-type** resource as follows:

```
<content-type name="mybinary">
  <panel ...>
    <field name="binary" type="link"/>
  </panel>
  ...
  <ui:decorator name="binaryURLDecorator"/>
  ...
</content-type>
```

The **binaryURLDecorator** will now modify the **url** property exposed by **mybinary** content items in the presentation layer. Instead of returning the content item's URL, the **url** property will return the value entered in the **link** field.

binaryURLDecorator is used by the core content type **Document** that is supplied with the Widget Framework.

9.6.2 hyperlinkURLDecorator

The **hyperlinkURLDecorator** can only be used with a content type that meets the following criteria:

- It has a field of type **uri**
- The name of the **uri** field must be **url**

To use the **hyperlinkURLDecorator**, add a **ui:decorator** element to the content type definition in your publication's **content-type** resource as follows:

```
<content-type name="mylink">
  <panel ...>
    <field name="url" type="uri"/>
  </panel>
  ...
  <ui:decorator name="hyperlinkURLDecorator"/>
  ...
</content-type>
```

The **hyperlinkURLDecorator** will now modify the **url** property exposed by **mylink** content items in the presentation layer. Instead of returning the content item's URL, the **url** property will return the value entered in the **url** field.

hyperlinkURLDecorator is used by the core content type **Hyperlink** that is supplied with the Widget Framework.

9.7 Configure Tag Page URLs

Tag pages are automatically generated pages created from tagged content items. When a user clicks on a tag keyword link, the corresponding tag page is displayed. The tag page usually contains a brief article about or definition of the subject of the tag, followed by teasers and links leading to tagged content items.

Tag page URLs have the following structure by default:

```
| publication-url/tags/tag-structure-name/tag-term
```

The URL of the tag page for the term **bangladesh** in the **places** tag structure, for example, would be:

```
| www.example.com/tags/places/bangladesh
```

The tag page URLs are generated by a component called **TagURLHelper**. You can configure this component to generate different tag page URLs by adding a **TagURLHelper.properties** file to your common configuration layer (**/etc/escenic/engine/common/com/escenic/framework/tag/TagURLHelper.properties**) and setting the following properties:

path-prefix

This property determines the prefix placed after the publication URL and before the tag structure name. If, for example, you specified **path-prefix=tagged-as** then the example URL shown above would change to:

```
| www.example.com/tagged-as/places/bangladesh
```

tagStructurePathPrefix.tag-structure-name

These properties can be used to change the URL string used for specific tag structures. If, for example, you specified **tagStructurePathPrefix.places=geographical**, then the example URL shown above would change to:

```
| www.example.com/geographical/bangladesh
```

You can enter several such properties in order to redefine the URL strings for multiple tag structures.

A sample **TagURLHelper.properties** is included in the Widget Framework distribution (**/misc/siteconfig/com/escenic/framework/tag/TagURLHelper.properties**).

Including sections in tag page URLs

Prior to version 3, the tag pages generated by the Widget Framework (which were called topic pages) had URLs that included section components (**www.example.com/sport/topic/bangladesh**, for example). You can force the Widget Framework to continue generating these kinds of URLs by adding a **TopicProcessor.properties** file in publication's **WEB-INF/classes/com/escenic/servlet/plugin-config/com/escenic/framework/topic/TopicProcessor.properties** and setting the following property:

```
| sectionSpecificTopicURIEnabled=true
```

A tag page for **bangladesh** in the **places** tag structure will then have a URL something like this:

```
| www.example.com/sport/tags/places/bangladesh
```

9.8 Load static resources from a different location

By default, Widget Framework loads static resources (e.g. JS, CSS) from **static** folder inside publication. In order to load them from a different hosting location(e.g. CDN), you can configure the following section parameter:

```
wf.resource.static.rootUrl=http://cdn.site.com/static/publication/
```

9.9 Configure Analysis Engine

In order for a Widget Framework publication to be able to make use of the Escenic Analysis Engine plug-in, you need to set three section parameters in the publication's root section. The parameters must be set as follows:

```
eae.logger.url=http://hostname:port-number/analysis-logger/Logger  
eae.queryservice.url=http://localhost:port-number/analysis-qs/QueryService  
eae.logger.tag.enabled=true
```

where *hostname* is the name of the host and *port-number* is the number of the port on which the Analysis Engine's Logger component is installed and configured to run.

10 Configuring Components

The Widget Framework makes use of various third party components, some of which require configuration. This chapter provides some guidance on how they should be configured.

10.1 reCAPTCHA

reCAPTCHA is a free CAPTCHA service that helps to digitize books, newspapers and old time radio shows. This service is provided by Google. Widget Framework uses **reCAPTCHA** in the **comments** widget and **contactForm** widget.

To use reCAPTCHA on your site you must have a public key and a private key. You have to register in <https://www.google.com/recaptcha/admin/create> using your domain to get the keys. You have to add those keys in captcha configuration file which is **com.escenic.framework.captcha.ReCaptchaConfig.properties**. If the path does not exist create the path. The content of the **ReCaptchaConfig.properties** file should be:

```
$class=com.escenic.framework.captcha.ReCaptchaConfig
publicKey=
privateKey=
```

You have to add public key in **publicKey** field and private key in **privateKey** field. If you don't use correct public and private key provided by reCAPTCHA based on your domain name then captcha will not be generated.

10.2 Solr

Escenic Content Engine's search functionality is provided by Apache Solr, a Java-based open source search engine that runs as a web application alongside the Content Engine. The Widget Framework Data Source component uses Solr search for its **Query by search** option, and it is also used for Widget Framework event search functionality. In order for this search functionality to work, the **com.escenic.framework.search.solr.SolrSearchEngine** and **com.escenic.framework.search.solr.HttpClientFactory** components must be correctly configured. It is also important to make sure that the Solr server itself is correctly configured to work well with the Widget Framework.

10.2.1 Solr Configuration

The Widget Framework uses Solr for a variety of look-up operations, and in a production environment it will exert a heavy load on Solr, especially if your Data Sources use many Solr-based query types such as Query by section, Query by tag and Query by search. You are therefore strongly recommended to enable Solr response caching. This will significantly reduce the load on Solr and improve its performance.

When configuring Solr you need to ensure:

- That the Solr caches are large enough

- That Solr caches search results for a suitable length of time
- That Solr adds the correct HTTP caching headers to its search query responses

Below are some suggested settings for the Solr configuration file (**`solrconfig.xml`**) that you can start with, which should give reasonable results. If you want to optimize your installation further, then you should consult the Solr documentation.

- ```
<autoCommit>
 <maxDocs>100</maxDocs>
 <maxTime>300000</maxTime>
</autoCommit>
```

This tells Solr to cache up to 100 query results for a period of 5 minutes.

- ```
<query>
  ...
  <queryResultCache
    class="solr.LRUCache"
    size="2048"
    initialSize="512"
    autowarmCount="0"/>

  <documentCache
    class="solr.LRUCache"
    size="20000"
    initialSize="1024"
    autowarmCount="0"/>
  ...
</query>
```

This sets Solr's internal caches to a suitable size for holding the required number of results.

- ```
<requestDispatcher handleSelect="true">
 ...
 <httpCaching lastModFrom="openTime" etagSeed="Solr">
 <cacheControl>max-age=30, public</cacheControl>
 </httpCaching>
 ...
</requestDispatcher>
```

This tells the Widget Framework to cache supplied results for 30 seconds.

With these settings in place, the first time a particular query is submitted to Solr, it will perform the search, save the results in its cache and also return the results to the Widget Framework with an HTTP header containing an instruction to cache the result for 30 seconds. If the same request is repeated within 30 seconds, then the results will be returned from the Widget Framework's cache. If the same request is repeated after 30 seconds have elapsed, then the Widget Framework will again submit a request to Solr, but with an HTTP caching header asking for the response in its cache to be revalidated. If the result is still in the Solr cache, then Solr will return an **HTTP 304 Not Modified** response (since this is more efficient than returning the cached response again). The Widget Framework can then use the response in its own cache and revalidate it for another 30 seconds. If the Solr cache has expired in the mean time then Solr will perform the requested search again, cache the results and return them with the same caching header.

How much effect this configuration has on Solr performance will obviously depend on usage in your particular installation, and achieving optimum results may require some adjustment. For more information about Solr caching, see the [Solr documentation](#).

## 10.2.2 Search Client Configuration

**HttpClientFactory** is a Content Engine component for defining HTTP client configuration parameters. You should modify it according to your site's needs.

Make sure that **enableHttpClientCache** is set to **true** in order to enable caching. This is in fact the default setting in Widget Framework 3.2 and later versions - just make sure you don't override it, otherwise the Widget Framework will be unable to obey the caching instructions included in the HTTP headers returned with Solr results. In earlier versions of the Widget Framework, **enableHttpClientCache** is set to **false** by default, so you must explicitly set it.

A sample configuration file for **HttpClientFactory** is provided in **/misc/siteconfig/com/escenic/framework/search/solr/HttpClientFactory.properties**:

```
define the socket timeout in milliseconds, which is timeout for waiting for data
socketTimeout=5000
define the timeout in milliseconds until a connection is established
connectionTimeout=3000
for enable/disable caching of solr search result
enableHttpClientCache=true
Sets the maximum number of cache entries the cache will retain.
maxCacheEntries=3000
Sets the maximum size of response that will be cached
maxCacheObjectSize=16384
max connection per route
defaultMaxPerRoute=10
total number of connection
totalConnection=10
caching backend storage scheme, for example - /com/escenic/framework/search/solr/
MemcachedStorage
cacheStorage=/path/to/caching/backend/storage/component
```

### 10.2.2.1 Search Client Cache Configuration

If you enable caching and don't set the **cacheStorage** property, then search results are cached in local memory by the Content Engine. You can, however, configure the Widget Framework to use an external cache manager by setting the **cacheStorage** property in **HttpClientFactory.properties**. This property must be set to reference a storage component that communicates with the external cache manager. The referenced storage component must also be configured by means of a **.properties** file.

An alternative back end storage component for [Memcached](#), called **MemcachedStorage**, is supplied with the Widget Framework. This component lets you use Memcached (a distributed cache manager) instead of the default local cache. A sample configuration file for this component is provided in **/misc/siteconfig/com/escenic/framework/search/solr/MemcachedStorage.properties**.

To use the **MemcachedStorage** component instead of the default storage scheme, set the **cacheStorage** property in your **HttpClientFactory.properties** file as follows:

```
cacheStorage=/com/escenic/framework/search/solr/MemcachedStorage
```

Then copy **/misc/siteconfig/com/escenic/framework/search/solr/MemcachedStorage.properties** into your configuration layer and set its **servers** property to point to your Memcached servers:

```
Fill in the Memcached server addresses here
servers=server1:port,server2:port
```

As long as the Memcached servers are correctly configured and working, they will then be used for caching search results.

### 10.2.3 Solr Server Configuration

A default configuration for Solr is included with the Widget Framework. The supplied configuration is:

```
$class=com.escenic.framework.search.solr.SolrSearchEngine
httpClientFactory=./HttpClientFactory
solrServerURI=${jndi:java:comp/env/escenic/presentation-solr-base-uri}
restrictedParameters=
defaultRowCount=10
maxRowCount=500
fields=*
```

The most important property is **solrServerURI**. This property is mandatory and must reference a JNDI environment variable as shown above. The JNDI environment variable itself must be set to point to the presentation Solr base URI:

```
<Environment name="escenic/presentation-solr-base-uri"
 value="http://server:port/solr/"
 type="java.lang.String"
 override="false"/>
```

### 10.2.4 Priority Sorting Configuration

To enable priority sorting of story content items returned by a **data source** search, the **priority** field of the **story** content-type needs to be indexed by Solr. Therefore, the user needs to add the following XML fragment in the Solr configuration file which is usually located at **/var/lib/escenic/solr/<ece instance>/conf/schema.xml**:

```
<field name="priority_enum" type="string" indexed="true" stored="true"/>
```

## 10.3 Google Analytics

[Google Analytics](#) is a service offered by Google that monitors web site traffic and generates detailed statistics about the traffic, traffic sources, conversions and sales.

To monitor publications using Google Analytics, you must first set up a Google Analytics account, and obtain the account's **tracking ID**.

All you then need to do to set up monitoring for a publication is to add the following section parameter to the publication's root section:

```
wf.ga.tracker.id=tracking-id
```

where *tracking-id* is your Google Analytics account tracking ID.

You can optionally override the default behavior of Google Analytics by providing a custom tracker object configuration in an additional section parameter:



```
wf.ga.tracker.config=configuration
```

where *configuration* is a JSON data structure something like this:

```
{ "cookieDomain": "foo.example.com",
 "cookieName": "myNewName",
 "cookieExpires": 20000 }
```

You must use **double quotes** around the key names and string values in the JSON data you specify, not single quotes.

For further information, see the Google Analytics documentation [here](#). If you do not specify this parameter then Google Analytics' default **auto** configuration is used.

Once you have made these changes to your site, Google Analytics will start tracking all site visitors and recording statistics about their activities. You can then use the analytical tools on the Google Analytics web site to discover all kinds of information about your site users and their activities on your site.

For more details visit <http://www.google.com/analytics/>.

## 10.4 Media Players

The Widget Framework currently supports three players for audio/video playback: [JW Player](#), [Flowplayer](#) and [MediaElement.js](#). The players can be used as follows:

- **JW Player** for both audio and video
- **Flowplayer** for video only
- **MediaElement.js** for audio only

Audio/video playback using any of these players is supported by:

### [Media widget](#)

Can be used to play audio/video using the embedded player on content item pages.

### [Teaser widget](#)

Can be used to play audio/video in several modes (embedded, pop-up and so on) on both content item pages and section pages.

### [Teaser view](#)

Can be used to play audio/video in several modes (embedded, pop-up and so on) on both content item pages and section pages.

### Player selection

You specify the player you want to use by Adding the following properties to a properties file in the common configuration layer. Open *configuration-root/com/escenic/framework/frontend/FrontEndConfig.properties* (or create if it does not exist) and add the following properties:

```
property.videoPlayer=video-player
property.audioPlayer=audio-player
```

where:

**video-player**

Is set to either **jwplayer** or **flowplayer**. The default value is **flowplayer**.

**audio-player**

Is set to either **jwplayer** or **mediaelement**. The default value is **mediaelement**.

### 10.4.1 Configuring Flowplayer

The only thing you need to do to use Flowplayer for video playback is to add the following property to *configuration-root/com/escenic/framework/frontend/FrontEndConfig.properties*:

```
property.videoPlayer=flowplayer
```

The following features are available using Flowplayer:

- Basic video playback
- Subtitles/closed captioning
- Cue points

### 10.4.2 Configuring MediaElement.js

The only thing you need to do to use MediaElement.js for audio playback is to add the following property to *configuration-root/com/escenic/framework/frontend/FrontEndConfig.properties*:

```
property.audioPlayer=mediaelement
```

### 10.4.3 Configuring JW Player

To use JW Player for both video and audio playback, add the following properties to *configuration-root/com/escenic/framework/frontend/FrontEndConfig.properties*:

```
property.videoPlayer=jwplayer
property.audioPlayer=jwplayer
property.media.jwplayer.script.location=script-location
property.media.jwplayer.key=license-key
```

where:

**script-location**

is the URL of the JW Player javascript file. You can use JW player in two different ways: self-hosted, where you use your own copy of the script, or cloud-hosted, where you use JW Player's copy directly.

**license-key**

You only need to set this property if you have a self-hosted JW Player.

The following features are available using JW Player:

- Basic video playback
- Video quality selection
- Subtitles/closed captioning
- Cue points

- Pre-roll ads
- Social sharing
- In-line player
- Google Analytics integration

There are several different editions of JW Player. Some of the above features require the purchase of a Premium or Enterprise edition license.

Some of the additional features offered by JW Player require configuration as well:

- [Social sharing \(section 10.4.3.1\)](#)
- [Google Analytics integration \(section 10.4.3.2\)](#)

For information on how to configure the Widget Framework to provide JW Player with pre-roll ads, see [Configure Video Advertising Services](#).

#### 10.4.3.1 Social Sharing

JW Player provides a built-in social sharing feature that overlays "share" buttons for popular social media services on the video. The feature is enabled by default, but you can disable it by adding a property to *configuration-root/com/escenic/framework/frontend/FrontEndConfig.properties*:

```
property.media.jwplayer.sharing.enabled=false
```

#### 10.4.3.2 Google Analytics Integration

JW Player incorporates a Google Analytics reporting feature. It will, however, only work only if you have a Google Analytics account configured to monitor your site (see [section 10.3](#) for further information about this). You can disable the feature by adding a property to *configuration-root/com/escenic/framework/frontend/FrontEndConfig.properties*:

```
property.media.jwplayer.ga.enabled=false
```

## 11 The Publication Build Tool

The Widget Framework includes a **publication build tool** for building your publication WAR files. The publication build tool is actually a collection of various standard and custom components that you can use together with Maven to build publications efficiently and reliably.

The tools are based around the Maven [Shade](#) plug-in, a plug-in designed to simplify the creating of **über jars**. An über jar is a Maven package that includes all its own dependencies. In this case the Shade plug-in is used to build a publication WAR file that includes the publication itself plus the Widget Framework and all the widgets the publication depends on.

In addition to the Shade plug-in itself, the publication build tool includes several Shade plug-in [resource transformers](#), both standard transformers and custom transformers created specifically for the Widget Framework. A resource transformer is a component that helps manage the process of merging the contents of the JAR files to be included in an über jar.

The publication build tool also includes its own custom Maven plug-in, **wf-build-plugin**, that can be used to modify XML files (publication resources, for example) during the build process.

### 11.1 About The Build Tool

A ready-to-use publication build tool configuration is provided in the default parent project supplied with the Widget Framework: **com.escenic.widget-framework:wf-project-core**. All standard publications should use this project as their parent project - they then inherit its publication build tool configuration, and for simple projects no further configuration is required.

The simplest way to set up a correctly configured publication is simply to copy and modify the demo publication supplied with the Widget Framework in the **misc/demo** folder. If you look at the demo publication's POM file, **misc/demo/pom.xml**, you will see that it's parent project is specified as **com.escenic.widget-framework:wf-project-core**:

```
<parent>
 <groupId>com.escenic.widget-framework</groupId>
 <artifactId>wf-project-core</artifactId>
 <version>3.3.2.173595</version>
 <relativePath></relativePath>
</parent>
```

If you look in the POM file of the parent **wf-project-core** project you will see a large Shade plug-in configuration for correctly merging various publication components into a single WAR file. This merge operation is automatically applied to your publication - you don't need to do anything to make it happen.

You can make use of the publication build tool in two main ways:

- The merge process performed by the build tool mostly involves looking for particular file types in particular locations and then doing the right thing with them: moving them to the right location in the output WAR file, merging the contents into a single file and so on. If you understand what it's doing, then you can make sure that you organize the files in your project correctly so that they will be found and dealt with in the proper way. This chapter contains some guidance on how to do

this in relation to specific objectives you might want to achieve, but you can also find out a lot by looking at the configuration in the **wf-project-core** POM file.

- You can also modify the standard merge process if necessary. You can do so in the following ways:
  - Add resource transformers to the default Shade plug-in configuration
  - Use **wf-build-plugin** to modify some XML files during the build
  - Disable file version generation in shared projects.

These modifications can be made by adding configuration elements to your publication (or shared project) POM file and are described in [section 11.3](#).

## 11.2 Using the Standard Merge Process

This section provides some information about the merging performed by the standard build process, and advice on how to use it when dealing with different types of application file.

### 11.2.1 Javascript Files

The Widget Framework includes a custom resource transformer for Javascript files called **com.escenic.framework.transformers.JavaScriptFileMerger**. This transformer is run as part of the standard publication build process. It merges all the Javascript files in your publication project together with all the Javascript files in the WAR files your publication depends on into one file, for performance reasons.

By default, **JavaScriptFileMerger** is configured to:

- Look for Javascript files in your webapp's **jscripts/** folder.
- Generate a merged output file called **wf-site.js**.

Note, however, that **JavaScriptFileMerger** also leaves the original files in their original location, so that they are available for debugging purposes.

All you have to do to make use of this step in the build process, therefore, is make sure that you put all your publication's Javascript files in the webapp's **jscripts/** folder. They will then automatically be included in the merged **wf-site.js** file in alphabetic order of their file names.

Using a merged Javascript file offers the best performance for production purposes. During development, however, it is usually preferable to use the original individual Javascript files. You can force a publication to use your original Javascript files by setting the following section parameter in your publication's root section:

```
wf.scriptload.devmode=true
```

### 11.2.2 CSS Files

The Widget Framework uses the standard resource transformer **org.apache.maven.plugins.shade.resource.AppendingTransformer** to merge the CSS files it find in specific **theme** locations in your publication project, in the Widget Framework's framework module and in individual widget modules. The files are merged to theme CSS files. By default, the merge process is configured to handle one theme, called **default** with one variant called

**variant**. In order to generate merged output CSS files for this theme, the **AppendingTransformer** looks for input CSS files with the paths **static/theme/default/base/css/theme.css** and **static/theme/default/variant/css/variant.css**.

This means that if you want to add CSS styles to the default theme or override existing styles in the theme, then you need to put your CSS styles in files called **static/theme/default/base/css/theme.css** and/or **static/theme/default/variant/css/variant.css** in your publication project.

You can extend the build process to handle additional themes by adding resource transformer configurations to your publication POM file as described in [section 7.1](#).

### 11.2.3 Resource Files

The user interface labels and messages displayed by widgets are defined in various **ApplicationResources.properties** files included with the Widget Framework. During the publication build process they are merged together into a single **ApplicationResources.properties** file that is written to the publication's **WEB-INF/classes/com/escenic/framework** folder.

If you want to modify any of these labels or messages, all you have to do is:

1. Find the **ApplicationResources.properties** file(s) containing the string definitions you want to change. For a Teaser widget string, for example, you would need to look in the Widget Framework distribution's **misc/widgets/widget-core-teaser/src/main/resources/com/escenic/framework** folder.
2. Open the resource file(s) in an editor.
3. Copy the string definition(s) you want to modify.
4. Paste all the string definitions you want to modify into one new file.
5. Make the changes you want to the copied string definitions.
6. Save the file as **src/main/resources/com/escenic/framework/ApplicationResources.properties** in your publication webapp.

Now, when you build your publication, your **ApplicationResources.properties** will be merged with the standard **ApplicationResources.properties** and your string definitions will override the default definitions.

## 11.3 Modifying the Standard Merge Process

This section contains descriptions of various ways you can modify the standard build process.

### 11.3.1 Adding Resource Transformers

The default POM file supplied with the demo publication includes an empty Shade plug-in configuration that looks like this:

```
<plugin>
 <groupId>org.apache.maven.plugins</groupId>
 <artifactId>maven-shade-plugin</artifactId>
 <version>2.2</version>
```

```

<dependencies>
 <dependency>
 <groupId>com.escenic.widget-framework</groupId>
 <artifactId>wf-build-tools</artifactId>
 <version>${wf.version}</version>
 </dependency>
</dependencies>
</plugin>

```

If you want to add a resource transformer, this is how you do it:

```

<plugin>
 <groupId>org.apache.maven.plugins</groupId>
 <artifactId>maven-shade-plugin</artifactId>
 <version>2.2</version>
 <dependencies>
 <dependency>
 <groupId>com.escenic.widget-framework</groupId>
 <artifactId>wf-build-tools</artifactId>
 <version>${wf.version}</version>
 </dependency>
 </dependencies>
 <executions>
 <execution>
 <phase>package</phase>
 <goals>
 <goal>shade</goal>
 </goals>
 <configuration>
 <transformers combine.children="append">
 <transformer
implementation="org.apache.maven.plugins.shade.resource.AppendingTransformer">
 <resource>WEB-INF/classes/CustomResources.properties</resource>
 </transformer>
 <!-- more transformers can be added here if required -->
 </transformers>
 </configuration>
 </execution>
 </executions>
</plugin>

```

The **transformers** element must have a **combine.children** attribute set to **append** as shown in the example. This ensures that the additional transformers you have specified are correctly combined with the default transformers configured in the parent POM file. The **transformers** element may contain more than one **transformer** if required.

For information about the purpose of the example shown above, see [section 11.3.2](#).

### 11.3.2 Adding Resource Files

This section describes a specific application of the technique described in [section 11.3.1](#). You might need to do this if you have extended some of the core widgets in some way and need to add your own string definitions. These need to be added in the appropriate locations with each widget, but kept in separate files from the supplied strings. We'll assume that your objective is to generate an output properties file called **com/escenic/framework/custom/CustomResources.properties**. To do this you need to:

1. Find the required widget folders under your Widget Framework distribution's **misc/widgets** folder (**misc/widgets/widget-core-teaser**, for example).
2. Create a **custom** folder in each of the widgets' **src/main/resources/com/escenic/framework** folders.
3. Create a **CustomResources.properties** file in each of the custom folders
4. Add the required property definitions to your **CustomResources.properties** files
5. Run **mvn clean install** in the distribution's **misc/widgets** folder. This will install the updated widget artifacts in your local repository.
6. Add a resource transformer to merge your new resource file, as described in [section 11.3.1](#):

```
<configuration>
 <transformers combine.children="append">
 <transformer
 implementation="org.apache.maven.plugins.shade.resource.AppendingTransformer">
 <resource>WEB-INF/classes/CustomResources.properties</resource>
 </transformer>
 </transformers>
</configuration>
```

Now, when you build your publication, your merged **CustomResource.properties** will be included in the **WEB-INF/classes/com/escenic/framework/custom** folder of your publication WAR file.

### 11.3.3 Using wf-build-plugin

**wf-build-plugin** is a custom Maven plug-in intended to carry out Widget Framework-specific tasks during the publication build process. It is not used in the standard build process, but you can make use of it by adding configuration elements to your publication POM file.

Currently **wf-build-plugin** has only one goal, **xslt**, which is designed to modify XML files (primarily Escenic publication resources) by executing a series of one or more XSL transformations. The **xslt** goal must be bound either to Maven's **package** phase or to a phase that runs after the **package** phase in the Maven build life-cycle.

In order to use **wf-build-plugin** to modify one of your publication resource files, you need to:

- Write one or more XSL transformations that will make the changes you require.
- Save the transformations somewhere in your project.
- Add the necessary executions to the **wf-build-plugin** configuration in your publication POM file.

Two sample XSL transformations are included with the **demo** publication (in the **demo/src/main/resources/xsl** folder):

#### **sort-groups-alphabetically.xsl**

Gathers together all **ui:group** elements and sorts them alphabetically by their **ui:label** element.

#### **filter-content-type.xsl**

Removes duplicate **content-type**, **field-group relation-type-group** and **ui:group** elements.



So you could, for example, sort the **ui:group** elements in the **demo** publication's **content-type** resource by adding the following to the **wf-build-plugin** configuration in the publication's POM file:

```
<plugin>
 <groupId>com.escenic.widget-framework</groupId>
 <artifactId>wf-build-plugin</artifactId>
 <version>${wf.version}</version>
 <executions>
 <execution>
 <id>run-xslt</id>
 <goals>
 <goal>xslt</goal>
 </goals>
 <phase>package</phase>
 <configuration>
 <xsltJobs>
 <xsltJob>
 <resource>
 META-INF/escenic/publication-resources/escenic/content-type
 </resource>
 <transformers>
 <transformer>
 src/main/resources/xsl/sort-groups-alphabetically.xsl
 </transformer>
 </transformers>
 </xsltJob>
 </xsltJobs>
 </configuration>
 </execution>
 </executions>
</plugin>
```

**wf-build-plugin** has only one configuration element, **xsltJobs**. **xsltJobs** may contain one or more **xsltJob** elements, each of which must contain:

- A **resource** element containing the path of the XML file to be processed.
- A **transformers** element containing a sequence of one or more **transformer**, each of which contains the path of an XSL transformation to be applied to the resource.

If several **transformer** elements are present then they are applied in sequence, with the output from the first transformation being passed into the second and so on. So you could remove duplicates from the **demo** publication's **content-type** resource as well by adding another **transformer** element as follows:

```
<configuration>
 <xsltJobs>
 <xsltJob>
 <resource>
 META-INF/escenic/publication-resources/escenic/content-type
 </resource>
 <transformers>
 <transformer>
 src/main/resources/xsl/sort-groups-alphabetically.xsl
 </transformer>
 <transformer>
 src/main/resources/xsl/filter-content-type.xsl
 </transformer>
 </transformers>
 </xsltJob>
 </xsltJobs>
</configuration>
```

```

 </transformer>
 </transformers>
</xsltJob>
</xsltJobs>
</configuration>

```

If you want to process more than one XML file in this way, then you can do so by adding multiple **xsltJob** elements, one for each file.

### 11.3.4 Disabling Version Generation

The technique described in this section is not intended for use in ordinary publication projects. You should only use it in **shared webapp** projects.

The standard build process defined in **com.escenic.widget-framework:wf-project-core** involves a Shade plug-in execution called **generate-version**. What **generate-version** does is to rename the static files in the project (e.g. Javascript and CSS files), giving them names that depend upon their content. It generates a checksum from the content of each file, and then appends the resulting checksum to the filename. This means that the output static files have names that change every time the content of the file has changed.

Doing this means that content delivery networks and caches can be instructed to cache the static files for a very long time (for maximum efficiency), with no risk of serving old versions of the files. Any change to one of the static files will result in its name changing, so an old version will never be requested or served even if it is still in the cache.

In the standard build process, all Javascript and CSS files in a project are merged to single files, and the resulting files are renamed by **generate-version**.

It is sometimes the case that you want several publications to be able to share some common functionality. One way of achieving this is to create a **shared webapp** that provides this functionality, and then create publications based on the shared webapp. In other words, the shared webapp is configured with the Widget Framework's default **com.escenic.widget-framework:wf-project-core** as its parent project, and the actual publications are configured with the shared webapp as their parent project.

If you use this method of creating shared functionality, then the **generate-version** process should only be performed once, and it should be performed during the publication builds, not the shared webapp build. You therefore need to disable it in the shared webapp build. To disable the execution, add the following **execution** element to the Shade plug-in configuration in your shared webapp's POM file:

```

<plugin>
 <groupId>org.apache.maven.plugins</groupId>
 <artifactId>maven-shade-plugin</artifactId>
 <version>2.2</version>
 <dependencies>
 <dependency>
 <groupId>com.escenic.widget-framework</groupId>
 <artifactId>wf-build-tools</artifactId>
 <version>${wf.version}</version>
 </dependency>
 </dependencies>
 <executions>
 <execution>

```

```
 <id>generate-version</id>
 <phase/>
 </execution>
 ...
</executions>
</plugin>
```

The empty **phase** element in this addition effectively disables the execution of **generate-version**.