

Building Modular Enterprise Applications

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Motivation

- Enjoy the power of modularity
- OSGi is everywhere
 - From embedded systems to enterprise applications and THE CLOUD
- Adapting a technology is always a challenge
 - Common pitfalls
 - Potential solutions

But wait a second...

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Adobe & OSGi & Open Source & Open Development

- Using OSGi in various products
- Strategic member of the OSGi Alliance
 - Board of directors
- Participating in CPEG and EEG
- Highly contributing to open source
 - Especially Apache Software Foundation
- Participating in open standards
- Embracing open development



Case Study: The Development of Adobe Experience Manager

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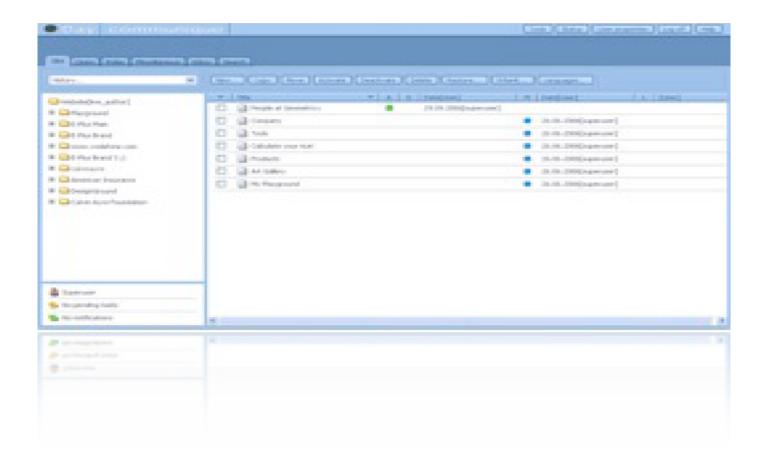
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Back to the Future: Web Content Management Code History

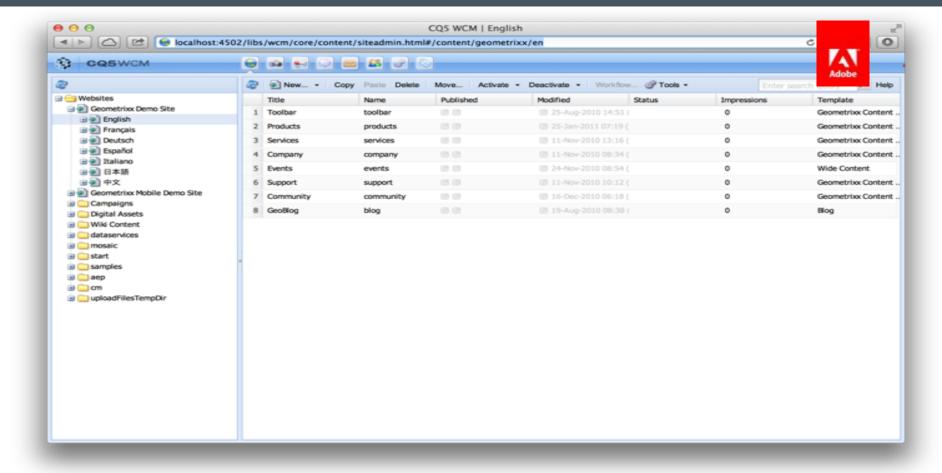


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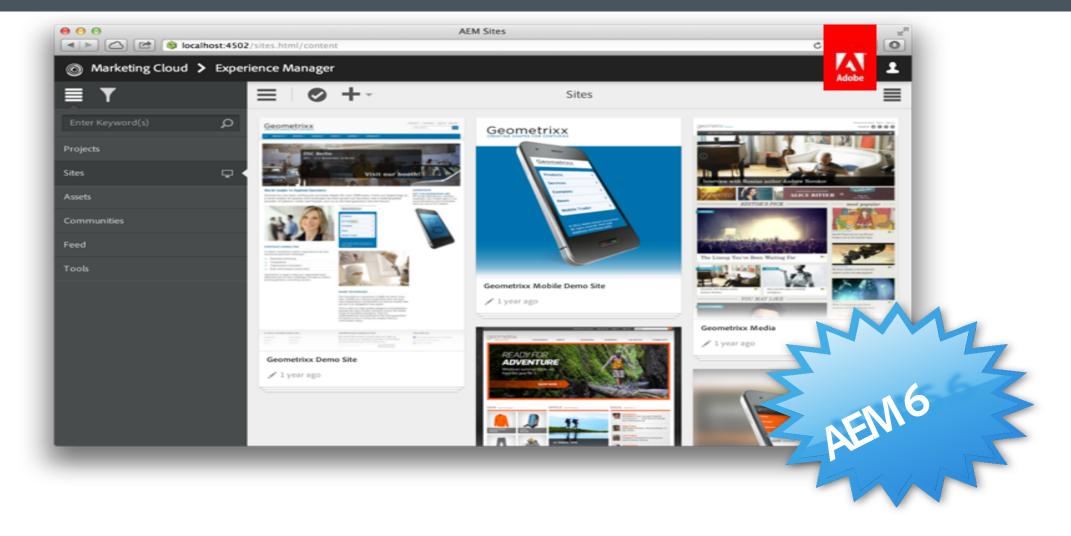




OSGi based Enterprise Web Content Management – Adobe CQ5



Adobe Experience Manager



Motivations for Going Modular (2006)

- Aged code base
 - Monolithic
 - Highly entangled
 - Growing complexity and functionality
- No clear separation between API and implementation
- Increasing customer base
- Team growth



Modularity is Key

- Manage growing complexity
- Support dynamic extensibility
- Define contracts between modules



Potential Solutions (2006)

- Spring?
- OSGi?
- Other open source component frameworks?
- DIY?

Benefits of OSGi

- OSGi modules = bundles
 - jars with strict enforcements
 - Exported packages with version
 - Imported packages with version range
 - Private packages
- Service Registry
- Separation of Concerns
- Loose coupling

Modularity - How do we get there? (2006)

- Start with a single big bundle?
- Embedding OSGi framework?
- Complete rewrite?



The Fun Way: Complete Rewrite

- New architecture
 - New backend (Apache Jackrabbit)
 - New web application framework (Apache Sling)
 - New UI
- Build modules from the start
- Control evolution
- (Provide tools for migration from old solution)

OSGi and Open Source (2006)

- Apache Felix
- Equinox



Framework runs and now?

- We need bundles!
- Build tools
 - Ant? (BND)
 - Maven? (Apache Felix Maven Bundle Plugin)



Maven Bundle Plugin (2007)

- Specifying all OSGi metadata in the POM
 - Exported packages
 - Private packages
- Imported packages and versions get calculated
- Parent POM to define rules for bundle symbolic name

Maven Bundle Plugin – First problems

- Specifying all OSGi metadata in the POM
 - Exported packages
 - Private packages
- Imported packages and versions get calculated
- Parent POM to define rules for bundle symbolic name
- Exported package version = POM version
- New private package needs updating the pom
- Slight difference in version handling between OSGi and Maven (The SNAPSHOT problem)
 - 2.0.1 < (OSGi) 2.0.1-SNAPSHOT < (Maven) 2.0.1
- Semantic versioning?

Excursion on Versioning

- Marketing Versions vs. Engineering Versions
- Versioning Package Exports
 - Engineering Versions
 - Apply versions!
 - Semantic Versioning crucial
- Bundle Versions
 - Grey area
 - Semantic Versioning helpful
- Application Versions
 - Marketing Versions

Versioning Best Practice

- Package Exports
 - Always apply a version to package exports
 - Start with 1.0
 - Only increment when changing the API
 - Think hard before increasing the major version!
- Package Imports
 - Ensure proper version range import

Semantic Versioning

- Nice whitepaper on the OSGi homepage
- Versioning policy for exported packages
- OSGi versions: <major>.<minor>.<micro>.<qualifier>
- Updating package versions:
 - Fix/patch (no API change) : update micro
 - Extend API (affects implementers, not clients): update minor
 - API breakage: update major

Versioning Annotations

- BND or new with OSGi R6
- Annotations for documenting semantic versioning information
 - @Version
 - @ProviderType
 - @ConsumerType

Versioning Best Practice (cont.)

- Bundle Versions
 - Always use and manage bundle version
 - Align bundle version with Maven version
 - Use odd micro versions for SNAPSHOTs
 - e.g. 0.0.1-SNAPSHOT, 1.3.5-SNAPSHOT
 - Use even micro versions for release
 - e.g. 1.0.0, 1.3.6
- Dependencies
 - Always use least required version for dependencies

Maven Bundle Plugin – Today

- Specifying all OSGi metadata in the POM
 - Exported packages
 - Private packages
- Imported packages and versions get calculated
- Parent POM to define rules for bundle symbolic name
- Parent POM to define rules for bundle symbolic name and private packages
- No package versioning information in POM (annotations)
- Follow semantic versioning
- Odd/even versioning policy
- Usually no OSGI metadata in the POM

What about Components and Services (2007)?

- Framework API is usually too low level
- Make development as easy as possible
 - Try to hide dynamics
- And there are OSGi compendium specs
 - Declarative Services
 - Configuration Admin
 - Metatype

Component Development with Declarative Services

- Declarative Services (OSGi Compendium Spec)
 - Defines Service Component Runtime (SCR)
 - Declarative component model
 - XML descriptor for components including
 - Provided services
 - References to other services
 - Configuration properties

Configuration Admin

- OSGi Configuration Admin
 - "The" solution to handle configurations
 - Configuration Manager
 - Persistence storage
 - Service API to retrieve/update/remove configuration
- OSGi Metatype Service
 - Description of bundle metadata
 - Description of service configurations
 - Property type, name, and description

What about Components and Services (2007)?

- Framework API is usually too low level
- And there are OSGi compendium specs
 - Declarative Services
 - Configuration Admin
 - Metatype
- No (Apache) open source implementations available
- Nearly no tooling
- Declarative Services uses XML descriptors
- Metatype uses XML descriptors and property files

DIY – Donations to Apache Felix

- Apache Felix SCR (Declarative Service Implementation)
- Apache Felix Config Admin
- Apache Felix Metatype
- Apache Felix Preferences
- Apache Felix SCR Tooling
 - Java annotations for generating DS and Metatype descriptors
 - Maven, ANT, BND

Component Development with Declarative Services

- Declarative Services (OSGi Compendium Spec)
 - Defines Service Component Runtime (SCR)
 - Apache Felix SCR Annotations (DS annotations)
- Some advantages (in combination with the tooling)
 - POJO style
 - Declarative
 - Single source: just the Java code, no XML etc.
 - "Integration" with Configuration Admin and Metatype Service

Components and Services with OSGi

- Service interface
 - Public (if exported for other bundles)
 - Versioned through package version (Semantic versioning)
 - Private for internal services (sometimes useful)
- Component / service implementation
 - Always private

My First Component

```
package com.adobe.osgitraining.impl;
import org.apache.felix.scr.annotations.Component;
@Component
public class MyComponent {
}
```



Component Lifecycle

```
package com.adobe.osgitraining.impl;
import org.apache.felix.scr.annotations.Activate;
import org.apache.felix.scr.annotations.Component;
import org.apache.felix.scr.annotations.Deactivate;
@Component
public class MyComponent {
   @Activate
    protected void activate() {
        // do something
   @Deactivate
    protected void deactivate() {
        // do something
```

Providing a Service

```
package com.adobe.osgitraining.impl;
import org.apache.felix.scr.annotations.Component;
import org.apache.felix.scr.annotations.Service;
import org.osgi.service.event.EventHandler;

@Component
@Service(value=EventHandler.class)
public class MyComponent implements EventHandler {
    ...
```

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Using a Service

```
package com.adobe.osgitraining.impl;
import org.apache.felix.scr.annotations.Component;
import org.apache.felix.scr.annotations.Service;
import org.osgi.service.event.EventHandler;
@Component
@Service(value=EventHandler.class)
public class MyComponent implements EventHandler {
   @Reference
    private ThreadPool threadPool;
```



Using an Optional Service

```
package com.adobe.osgitraining.impl;
import org.apache.felix.scr.annotations.Component;
import org.apache.felix.scr.annotations.Service;
import org.osgi.service.event.EventHandler;
@Component
@Service(value=EventHandler.class)
public class MyComponent implements EventHandler {
    @Reference(cardinality=ReferenceCardinality.OPTIONAL_UNARY,
               policy=ReferencePolicy.DYNAMIC)
    private volatile ThreadPool threadPool;
   @Reference(cardinality=ReferenceCardinality.MANDATORY_UNARY)
    private Distributor distributor;
```

Component Properties -> Service Properties

```
import org.apache.sling.commons.osgi.PropertiesUtil;
@Component
@Service(value=EventHandler.class)
@Properties({
     @Property(name="service.vendor", value="Who?"),
     @Property(name="service.ranking", intValue=500)
})
public class DistributingEventHandler
    implements EventHandler {
```



Configuration Admin

- OSGi Configuration Admin
 - "The" solution to handle configurations
 - Configuration Manager
 - Persistence storage
 - Service API to retrieve/update/remove configuration
- Integration with Declarative Services
 - Configuration changes are propagated to the components
 - Configurations are stored using the PID

Configuration – Supports Configuration Admin

- Provided map contains
 - Configuration properties from Configuration Admin
 - Defined component properties

```
@Activate
protected void activate(final Map<String, Object> props) {
    ...
}
```

Configuration – Supports Configuration Admin

```
import org.apache.sling.commons.osgi.PropertiesUtil;
@Component
@Service(value=EventHandler.class)
@Properties({
    @Property(name="event.topics", value="*", propertyPrivate=true),
    @Property(name="event.filter", value="(event.distribute=*)",
              propertyPrivate=true)
})
public class DistributingEventHandler
    implements EventHandler {
    private static final int DEFAULT_CLEANUP_PERIOD = 15;
    @Property(intValue=DEFAULT_CLEANUP_PERIOD)
    private static final String PROP_CLEANUP_PERIOD ="cleanup.period";
    private int cleanupPeriod;
    @Activate
    protected void activate(final Map<String, Object> props) {
        this.cleanupPeriod =
                 PropertiesUtil.toInteger(props.get(PROP_CLEANUP_PERIOD));
```

Configuration Update

Without @Modified:
Component is restarted on config change!

Metatype

- OSGi Metatype Service
 - Description of bundle metadata
 - Description of service configurations
 - Property type, name, and description



Configuration – Supports Metatype

```
import org.apache.sling.commons.osgi.PropertiesUtil;
@Component(metatype=true, label="Distributing Event Handler",
           description="This handler is awesome.")
@Properties({
   @Property(name="event.topics", value="*", propertyPrivate=true)
})
public class DistributingEventHandler
    implements EventHandler {
    private static final int DEFAULT_CLEANUP_PERIOD = 15;
   @Property(intValue=DEFAULT_CLEANUP_PERIOD,
              label="Cleanup Period",
              description="This is the cleanup period in seconds.")
    private static final String PROP_CLEANUP_PERIOD ="cleanup.period";
```

Component Development with Declarative Services

- Straight forward component development
- Single source of truth
- (Will even be easier with new Declarative Service spec from R6)
- Typical problems
 - OSGi dynamics is hidden
 - Handling references of cardinality multiple
 - Copying of bad practices

And what about THE WEB? (2007)

- OSGi Http Service Specification
 - Based on servlet API 2.1
 - Programmatic API to register servlets and resources
- Apache Felix HTTP implementation
- Later whiteboard support in Apache Felix implementation for
 - Servlets
 - Filters
 - Some listeners

And what about THE WEB?

- OSGi Http Service Specification
 - Based on servlet API 2.1
 - Programmatic API to register servlets and resources
- Apache Felix HTTP implementation
- Invented Apache Sling Web Framework
 - Resource based approach
 - Scripting
 - Written as OSGi bundles
- Later whiteboard support in Apache Felix implementation for
 - Servlets
 - Filters
 - Some listeners
- New OSGi Http Whiteboard Service Spec in R6

But what about Provisioning and Deliverables? (2007)

- Wishes
 - Single definition of deliverable (bundles, configurations, proprietary packages)
 - Different flavors: web application, standalone
 - Easy and flexible updates



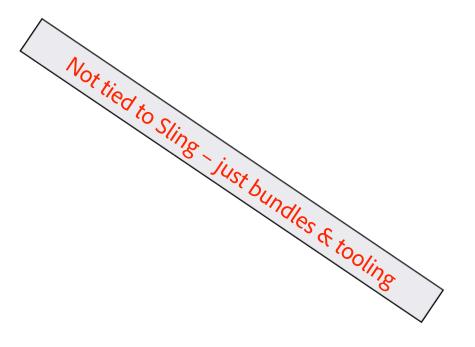
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 - Easy and flexible updates
- No open source solution available



Contributing Apache Sling Launchpad Ecosystem

- Creating a distribution is easy
 - Standalone jar file and/or web application
- Maven Launchpad Plugin
 - Define bundle list
 - Add other artifacts
 - Configurations
- Leverages Apache Sling's OSGi installer



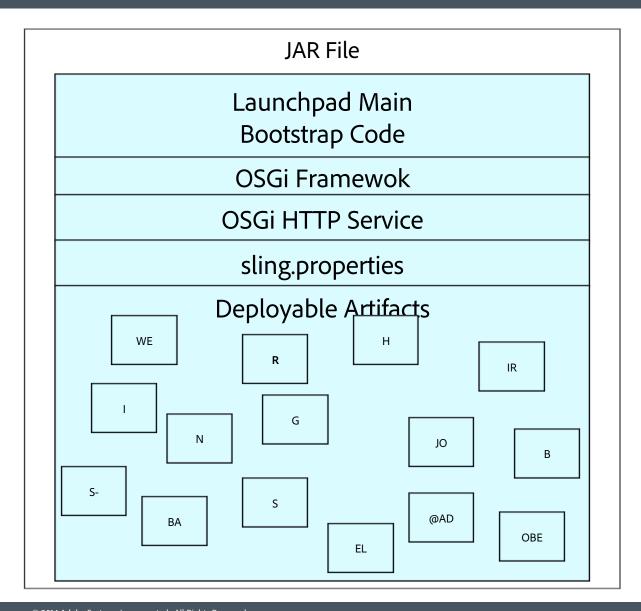
Bundle List Example

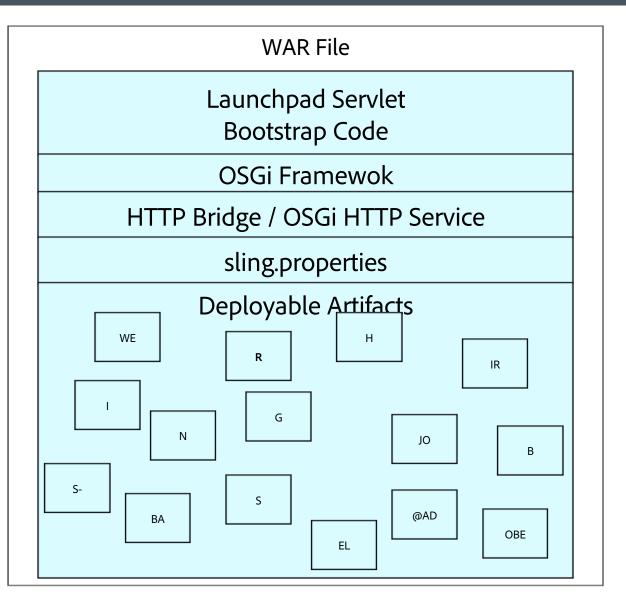
```
<?xml version="1.0"?>
<bundles>
   <startLevel level="boot">
       <bundle>
           <groupId>org.apache.sling
           <artifactId>org.apache.sling.commons.log</artifactId>
           <version>2.1.2
       </bundle>
   <startLevel level="9">
       <bundle>
           <groupId>org.apache.felix</groupId>
           <artifactId>org.apache.felix.eventadmin</artifactId>
           <version>1.3.2
       </bundle>
   <startLevel level="0">
       <bundle>
           <groupId>org.some.company</groupId>
           <artifactId>a.strange.artifact</artifactId>
           <version>1.2.0
           <type>zip</zip>
       </bundle>
```

Apache Sling Launchpad

- Bootstrap code
- Includes Apache Felix
 - Handles framework updates
- Launch an OSGi framework
 - Standalone jar with http service
 - As a web application with http bridge
- Deploy packaged artifacts
- Configurable
 - sling.properties
 - (system properties / servlet parameters)

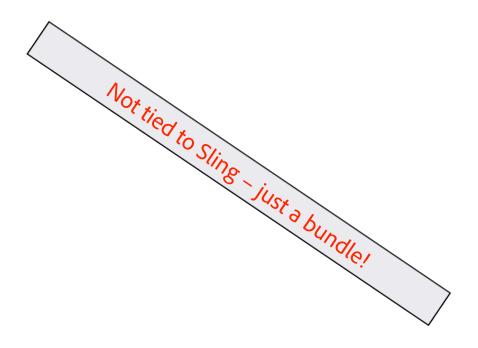
OSGi Standalone App or OSGi Webapp with Launchpad



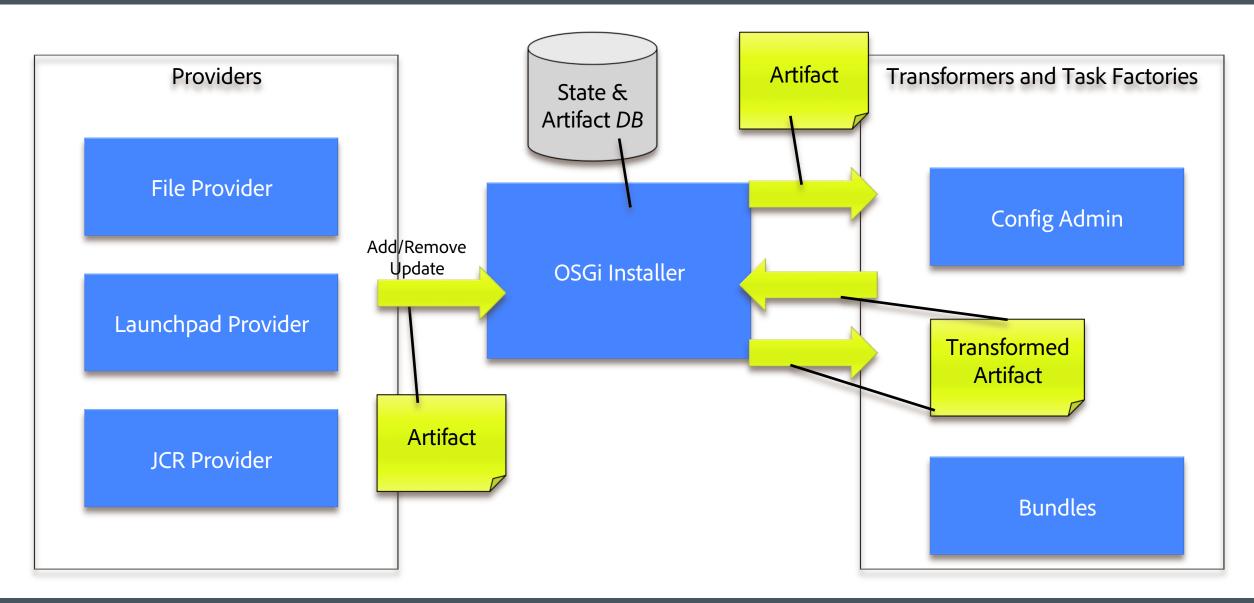


Apache Sling OSGi Installer

- General service covering
 - Install
 - Update
 - Uninstall
- Of
 - Bundles
 - Configurations
 - Custom artifacts



Apache Sling OSGi Installer



Advantages of the OSGi Installer Family

- Pluggable and highly customizable
 - New artifact types: transformer + task factory
 - New artifact sources: provider
- Batch handling
- Retry mechanism in the installer core
 - Bundle installation order doesn't matter
- State management in the installer core
 - Defined workflow
 - Copes with 3rd party changes

Running Deliverables and what about administration? (2007)

- Nothing really available in the open source world
- Especially not web based



Donating Apache Felix Web Console + Plugins

- Rich set of core functionality
 - Bundles
 - Services
 - Configuration Admin
 - System Information
- (JQuery based UI)
- Extensible
- Pluggable authentication
- Still light-weight
- REST interface

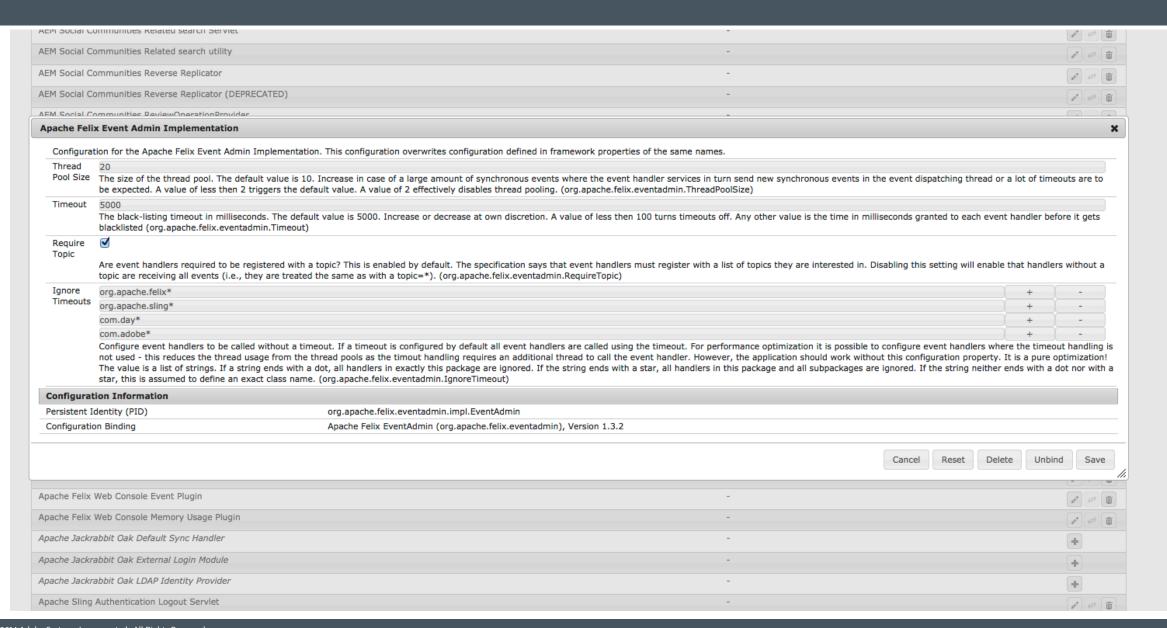
Web Console Demo I

Adobe Experience Manager Web Console Bundles



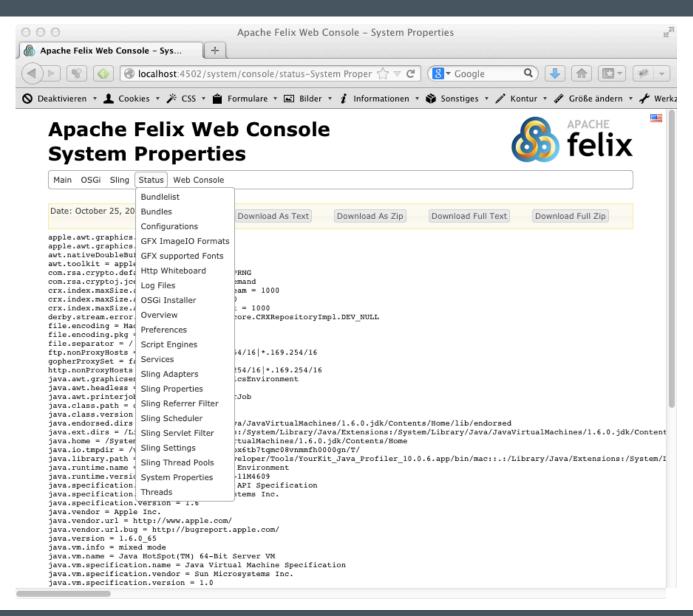
| Bundle information: 393 bundles in total - all 393 bundles active | | | | | | |
|---|---|------------------|--------------------|----------|--------------------------------|------------------------|
| * Apply Filter Filter All | | | | eload In | Install/Update Refresh Package | |
| Id - | Name | ♦ Version | \$ Category | ≑ St | tatus \$ | Actions |
| 0 | ▶ System Bundle (org.apache.felix.framework) | 4.3.0.R1558704 | 4 | Ac | ctive | |
| 1 | ► Adobe Granite Startup Module (com.adobe.granite.startup) | 0.6.2 | granite | Ac | ctive | (a) (c) (iii) |
| 2 |) jcl-over-slf4j (jcl.over.slf4j) | 1.7.6 | | Ad | ctive | • \$ |
| 3 | ト log4j-over-slf4j (<i>log4j.over.slf4j</i>) | 1.7.6 | | Ad | ctive | (\$) (\$) |
| 4 | Apache Felix Configuration Admin Service (org.apache.felix.configadmin) | 1.8.0 | osgi | Ad | ctive | • \$ |
| 5 | Apache Sling SLF4J Implementation (Logback) (org.apache.sling.commons.log) | 4.0.0 | sling | Ad | ctive | (a) (c) (iii) |
| 5 | Apache Sling OSGi LogService Implementation (org.apache.sling.commons.logservice) | 1.0.2 | sling | Ad | ctive | ■ Ø ↔ = |
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| 9 | Apache Sling Installer (org.apache.sling.installer.core) | 3.5.0 | sling | Ac | ctive | |
| LO | › Apache Sling File Installer (org.apache.sling.installer.provider.file) | 1.0.2 | sling | Ac | ctive | |
| 11 | ▶ Apache Sling javax.activation bundle (org.apache.sling.javax.activation) | 0.1.0 | sling | Ac | ctive | |
| 12 | Apache Sling Launchpad Installer (org.apache.sling.launchpad.installer) | 1.2.0 | sling | Ac | ctive | |
| 13 | ▶ Apache Sling Settings (org.apache.sling.settings) | 1.3.0 | sling | Ac | ctive | |
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| 4 | Commons IO (org.apache.commons.io) | 2.4.0 | | Ac | ctive | ■ \$ ₽ |
| 25 | ▶ Commons Lang (org.apache.commons.lang) | 3.0.1 | | Ac | ctive | |

Web Console Demo II





Web Console Demo III



Web Console - Offline Usage

- Status zip contains
 - Output from all inventory printers
 - Output from special web console plugins
 - Attachments
 - JSON files
- Automated analysis
 - Bundle list and status
 - Configurations
 - Log files

Problems solved...

- Modularity
 - OSGi bundles
 - Semantic versioning
 - Services and components
- Development
 - Frameworks and tooling
- Deliverables and provisioning
- Administration

Hitting the Real World – 3rd Party Libraries

- Use them as bundles.
 - Project delivers already a bundle
 - Apache Commons, Apache Sling etc.
 - Use special bundle repositories
 - Apache Felix Commons, Spring etc.
 - But check included metadata!
 - Create your own wrapper
 - Easy with the Felix maven bundle plugin
- Include classes in your bundle
 - Again: easy with the Felix maven bundle plugin
- Convince the projects to provide useful OSGi metadata!

Hitting the Real World – "Enterprise" Requirements

- Testing under high load / high concurrency
 - Reimplementing some (open source) modules
 - Not every developer is aware that code can be called concurrently
 - And how to solve this in an acceptable way
- Dynamic nature of OSGi
 - Relatively painless with DS and annotations
 - Gets trickier with plain framework API and/or cardinality multiple
 - Again: concurrency

Hitting the Real World – All Time Favorites

- When is my system ready?
 - Different strategies
 - All bundles started and specific start level reached
 - Special startup handler service for notification (Apache Sling)
- Fighting against FUD
 - OSGi is slow, consumes too much memory, complicated,
 - has no dependency injection, is not used in the enterprise...

Additional Challenges

- Clustering
- Discovery
- Distributed Eventing



On the Roadmap

- OSGi subsystems
 - Grouping of bundles
 - Export / import boundaries on subsystem level
- OSGi Remote Services
- OSGi Asynchronous Services
- OSGi Distributed Eventing

Think Modular...

- This is not a new concept or latest hype!
- Think about modularity!
 - Create a clean package space
 - What is your API?
 - public vs private
 - Make things only public if necessary/used
 - Starting with private stuff going public is easy
- Use proper versioning contracts
 - Semantic Versioning

...Be Modular!

- Provide bundles
 - Add manifest information
- Think about dependencies
 - Additional bundle vs include
 - Optional
 - Version ranges
- Manage releases and versions properly
- Benefits even without OSGi

Component Development

- Contract defined by service interface
- Declarative Services is a powerful component model
 - Minimal OSGi knowledge required with available solutions
 - Apache Felix SCR Tooling
- Alternatives available ©
 - Inter-operability through OSGi service registry

Conclusion

- Today a lot of the hard work is already done
- Open Source & Open Development are your friends
- OSGi made the Adobe Experience Manager success story possible
 - Team growth from 40+ to several hundreds
 - Immense growth in functionality
 - Still (dynamically) extensible and manageable
- OSGi Core and Compendium provide nearly everything you need
 - Framework, Declarative Services, Configuration Admin, Metatype, Event Admin
- Open Source Implementations and Extensions
 - Apache Felix and friends

Check It Out!

- Read the OSGi specs
 - Framework
 - Declarative Services, Config Admin, Metatype, Event Admin
- Checkout the various Apache projects!
- Explore available tooling
- Embrace modularity!
- Join the OSGi Alliance and help shaping the future!

And...New OSGi Specifications!

- Last week (week of June 2nd) the OSGi Core Release 6 Specification received its final
 approval and will be available this week to the public for downloading.
 - http://www.osgi.org/Specifications/HomePage
- Also happening last week, the OSGi Board of Directors approved the publication of an Early Draft Specification of OSGi Enterprise Release 6 for downloading.
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