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About This Guide

This guide provides information about the Oracle WebCenter Sites: Web Experience Management (WEM) Framework as it relates to application development. This guide contains an overview of the WEM Framework, and moves on to describe the process of developing applications and custom Representational State Transfer (REST) resources. This guide also provides information about implementing and customizing Single Sign-On (SSO).

Applications discussed in this guide are former FatWire products. Naming conventions are the following:

- Oracle WebCenter Sites is the current name of the application previously known as FatWire Content Server. In this guide, Oracle WebCenter Sites is also called WebCenter Sites.
- Oracle WebCenter Sites: Web Experience Management Framework is the current name of the environment previously known as FatWire Web Experience Management Framework. In this guide, Oracle WebCenter Sites: Web Experience Management Framework is also called WEM Framework.

Audience

This guide is for WebCenter Sites developers. Users are assumed to have a comprehensive knowledge of the WebCenter Sites Admin interface, basic and flex asset models, Asset API, and ACLs. Users should also be familiar with the concept of sites and roles. Users of this guide must also have a working knowledge of Representational State Transfer (REST), Central Authentication Service (CAS), Java Server Pages Standard Tag Library (JSTL), Java, JavaScript, Jersey, and the Spring MVC framework.

Related Documents

For more information, see the following documents:

- Oracle WebCenter Sites Administrator's Guide
- Oracle WebCenter Sites Developer's Guide
- Oracle WebCenter Sites Administrator's Guide for the Web Experience Management Framework

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- Oracle WebCenter Sites: Web Experience Management Framework REST API Resource Reference
- Oracle WebCenter Sites: Web Experience Management Framework REST API Bean Reference

Conventions

The following text conventions are used in this guide:

- **Boldface** type indicates graphical user interface elements that you select.
- *Italic* type indicates book titles, emphasis, or variables for which you supply particular values.
- Monospace type indicates file names, URLs, sample code, or text that appears on the screen.
- Monospace bold type indicates a command.

Third-Party Libraries

Oracle WebCenter Sites and its applications include third-party libraries. For additional information, see *Oracle WebCenter Sites 11gR1: Third-Party Libraries*.

Chapter 1

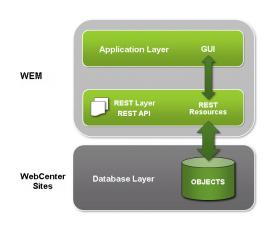
Welcome to Oracle WebCenter Sites: WEM Framework

- Introduction
- Prerequisites for Application Development

Introduction

The Oracle WebCenter Sites: Web Experience Management (WEM) Framework provides the technology for developing applications and integrating them with Oracle WebCenter Sites. A single administrative interface, WEM Admin, supports centralized application management and user authorization. Single sign-on enables users to log in once and gain access to all applications allowed to them during the session.

The WEM Framework requires a content management platform. In this release, the WEM Framework runs on Oracle WebCenter Sites and ships with the WebCenter Sites Representational State Transfer (REST) API. Objects in the WebCenter Sites database, such as sites, users, and data model map to REST resources in the WEM Framework.

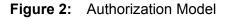


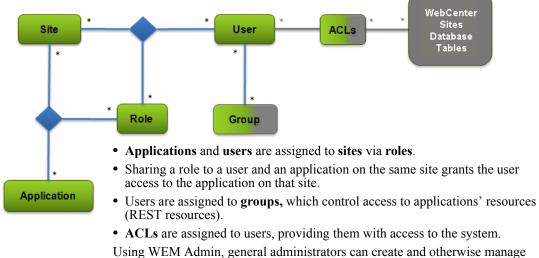
When implemented on the WEM Framework, applications communicate with the WebCenter Sites database through REST services. The applications appear in WEM Admin as list items on the **Apps** page (Figure 1). Administrators authorize users, which involves configuring access to the applications and their resources. To this end, the WEM Admin interface exposes authorization items (along with applications) through links on the **menu bar**.

Figure 1: Apps Page, WEM Admin

		_			ƙwadmin AdminSite 🔽 Logo
ORACLE [®] WebCenter Sites	Sites Apps Users	Roles			
Apps					
				,	About Apps
			Sort by: A	pp Name +	An application exposes a graphical interface
APP NAME	DESCRIPTION				used to perform a particular task such as moderating comments and reviews. To grant
Admin	WEM Admin				access to an application, assign the application and its user the same role on the
Advanced	Advanced				same site.
Dash	Dash				Applications listed on this page are registered
Insite	Insite				with WEM. Mousing over an application displays a menu for managing the application
		Show rows: 5	▼ 1-4 of 4	••	
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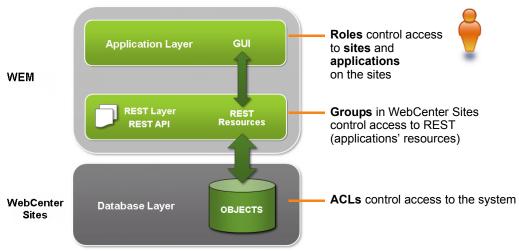
Coupling the items as shown in Figure 2 enables applications for users.





Using WEM Admin, general administrators can create and otherwise manage sites, applications, users, and roles. Groups and ACLs must be configured in the WebCenter Sites Admin interface. They are exposed in WEM Admin, in user accounts.

Once the coupling is complete, users are authorized at the database, REST, and application levels.



Experienced WebCenter Sites developers will recognize that the WEM Framework extends the use of sites and roles to control access to applications. However, unlike WebCenter Sites, the WEM Admin interface does not expose the data model. The REST API does. In this respect, WEM Admin can be thought of as strictly an authorization interface, supported by the WebCenter Sites Admin interface (for configuring ACLs and groups).

Although WEM Admin is seldom used by developers, the concepts behind user authorization can come into play in application development. The rest of this guide describes the WEM Framework as it relates to application development and provides examples of application code.

Prerequisites for Application Development

Developing an application involves coding the application's logic, deploying the application, and registering the application to expose it in WEM Admin for administrators to manage and make available to other users. This guide is not intended to be a tutorial on application development, but a reference to orient experienced application developers to the WEM Framework. Users of this guide must be expert WebCenter Sites developers with a working knowledge of the technologies listed in this section. Required resources are also listed below.

Technologies

- Representational State Transfer (REST), used to communicate with the WebCenter Sites platform
- Central Authentication Service (CAS), which is deployed during WebCenter Sites installation to support single sign-on for WEM
- Java Server Pages Standard Tag Library (JSTL), Java, JavaScript, Jersey, and the Spring MVC framework, in order to follow the code of the "Articles" sample application provided with WEM

WebCenter Sites Interfaces, Objects, and APIs

Developers must have a working knowledge of:

- WebCenter Sites Admin (the WebCenter Sites administrative interface)
- WebCenter Sites basic and flex asset models
- Asset API
- ACLs, which protect database tables and define the types of operations that can be performed on the tables
- Concept of sites and roles

Documentation

To follow this guide you will need the following documentation:

- Oracle WebCenter Sites: Web Experience Management Framework REST API Resource Reference
- Oracle WebCenter Sites: Web Experience Management Framework REST API Bean Reference

Information about the WebCenter Sites data model and Asset API is available in the *Oracle WebCenter Sites Developer's Guide*. Information about ACLs, sites, and roles, and their usage in WebCenter Sites is available in the *Oracle WebCenter Sites Administrator's Guide*.

Sample Applications and Files

- The following sample applications are used in this guide:
 - Articles, a lightweight content management application
 - SSO sample application, a small authentication application for production sites. The application is packaged as wem-sso-api-cas-sample.war.
 - *Recommendations*, which demonstrates the process of creating REST resources
- The Customizable Single Sign-On facility is used in this guide to illustrate customization of login behavior.
- WEM Framework ships with sample files to illustrate cross-domain implementations and management of assets over REST using our API.

All sample applications and files are located in the Misc/Samples/WEM Samples folder in your WebCenter Sites installation directory.

Application Access

When using this guide, or developing and testing, you will access some or all of the applications listed below:

• **CAS web application**. You will specify its URL in the "Articles" sample application to enable single sign-on:

http://<server>:<port>/<cas_application_context>/login

where <server> is the host name or IP address of the machine running CAS and <cas_application_context> is the context path of the CAS web application.

• WebCenter Sites Admin interface, if you decide to register applications manually: http://<server>:<port>/<cs application context>/Xcelerate/

ORACLE [®] WebCenter Sites		Version: 11gR1
ORACLE [®]	Username Password	Secure User Login
		Forgot password?

Log in with the credentials of the general administrator that was used during the WebCenter Sites installation process (or an equivalent general admin). The default login credentials are fwadmin/xceladmin (same for logging in to WEM Admin).

Note

General administrators on WebCenter Sites systems are specially configured for the WEM Framework. During the installation process, fwadmin was automatically added to the RestAdmin group for unrestricted access to REST services, and enabled on AdminSite where the WEM Admin interface runs. More information about WEM-related changes to WebCenter Sites is available in the Oracle WebCenter Sites installation guides.

LoginPage.html

• WEM Admin, to test the results of your application registration process: http://<server>:<port>/<cs_application_context>/login

Log in as fwadmin (or an equivalent user). The sequence of screens is the following:

1. Login Screen:

ORACLE' WebCenter Sites		Version: 11gR1
	Username	Secure User Login
ORACLE [.]	Password	Forgot password?

2. Transition screen (if you are logging in for the first time or in to a site that you have never accessed before). Select AdminSite and the first icon, Admin:

ORACLE' WebCenter Sites		Version: 11gR1
ORACLE [.]	Site AdminSite	
		« Login again

3. WEM Admin Sites page. Registered applications are listed on the Apps page.

ORACLE [®] WebCenter Sites	Sites	Apps	Users Roles			
Sites						
					,	About Sites
Add Site				Sort b	y: Site Name +	A site is a content management space where WEM users can be coupled to the application
SITE NAME	DESCR	UPTION				they need to work with. To couple a user to
A New Site	This is	another new site	2.			an application, select a site, assign the user and application to the site, and give both th
AdminSite	Admins	Site				same role.
BurlingtonFinancial	Burling	ton Financial				General administrators can create, edit,
FirstSiteII	FirstSit	te II				delete, and otherwise manage all sites. Site
GE Lighting	GE Ligh	nting				administrators manage only sites to which they are assigned.
			Show	v rows: 5 🗸 1-5 (of 9	Mousing over a site displays a menu for managing the site. Options are enabled according to your administrative permission: Sites may be further configured in Content Server to leverage its features, such as workflow and publishing.

Getting Started

The chapters of this guide can be read in any order:

- For information about the WEM Framework, see Chapter 2, "Overview."
- For a demonstration of the "Articles" application, see Chapter 3, "'Articles' Sample Application."
- For information about the "Articles" application code, programmatic application registration, and cross-domain implementations, see Chapter 4, "Developing Applications." (An example of manual application registration is available in Appendix A.)
- For information about creating REST resources, see Chapter 5, "Developing Custom REST Resources."
- For a demonstration of the SSO sample application, see Chapter 6, "Single Sign-On for Production Sites."
- For information about system security, see Chapter 7, "Using REST Resources."
- For information about customizing the login behavior for the WEM Framework, see Chapter 8, "Customizable Single Sign-On Facility."
- For information about buffering, see Chapter 9, "Buffering."

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Chapter 2

Overview

- WEM Framework
- **REST Services**
- UI Container
- Single Sign-On
- Authorization Model
- Custom Applications

WEM Framework

The application developer's environment consists of the WEM Framework running on WebCenter Sites via REST services. Applications can be written in any language to make REST calls to WebCenter Sites. Custom-built applications can be deployed to an application server other than the platform's, and therefore written independently of the platform's deployment infrastructure.

Support for application development is in the following components (which are also described in their own sections in this chapter):

- **REST services**, a set of programmatic interfaces that provide access to the WebCenter Sites objects.
- **UI container,** which exposes registered applications. Registration enables rendering of the applications' interfaces. The UI container also supports the WEM Context object, used by applications to get details from the WEM Framework about the logged-in user and current site.
- Single Sign-On (SSO), which enables authenticated users to log in only once to access all applications allowed to them during the session. (The WebCenter Sites installation process installs the Central Authentication Service web application to support single sign-on in WEM.)
- **REST authorization model,** which provides fine-grained access control over REST resources, based on group membership. Application development does not directly involve authorization (which is configured graphically in WEM Admin and the WebCenter Sites Admin interface), except when a predefined user is specified in the code.

WEM Admin is also part of the WEM Framework, but seldom used in application development, mainly to test the results of the application registration process, or to obtain administrative information about sites, users, groups, and roles. Information about WEM Admin is available in the *Oracle WebCenter Sites Administrator's Guide for the Web Experience Management Framework*.

REST Services

The REST API exposes the WebCenter Sites data model:

- Basic asset types and basic assets (read-write)
- Flex asset types and definitions (read only)
- Flex children and parents (read-write)
- Indexing to support asset searches

The following objects are also exposed by the REST API. They are used mainly by administrators in the authorization process (the objects are displayed in the WEM Admin interface):

- Sites (read-write)
- Users (read-write)
- Roles (read-write)
- ACLs (read only)

- Groups (read only), introduced in this release to control access to the REST layer.
- Auxiliary services: user locale and server time zone

(Sites, roles, and users can be configured in WEM Admin. ACLs and groups are exposed in WEM Admin (under Users) as read-only items; they must be configured in the WebCenter Sites Admin interface.)

Objects in WebCenter Sites map to REST resources in WEM. All other features, such as publishing, workflow, database management tools, and page caching must be accessed from the WebCenter Sites Admin interface or via JSP and XML tags.

Among the authorization objects that general administrators manage, sites and roles are the most likely candidates for application development, depending on your requirements. You can also specify "predefined" users to simplify administrators' authorization tasks.

- Sites: Using sites in application code is a requirement when the application's asset types and assets must be programmatically installed. The code must specify at least one site on which to enable the asset types (site-specific access to assets requires their asset types to be enabled on at least one site). Otherwise, you can install just the asset types (without naming any sites). Administrators will follow up by using the WebCenter Sites Admin interface to enable the asset types and assets on sites of their own choice.
- Roles in WEM are used to manage access to applications. Sharing a role to a user and an application on the same site grants the user access to the application on that site. Roles can be used in application code to protect interface functions, such as "Edit." The WebCenter Sites Admin interface exemplifies an application with role-protected interface functions.
- Users: The only user you are likely to specify in your application code is the "predefined" user, to simplify administrators' authorization processes. Specifying the user involves coding a user name and password. Instead of authorizing all application users individually at the REST level, an administrator will authorize your predefined user. Permissions granted to the predefined user will be passed to the logged-in users when they access the application. More information about predefined users and the authorization model can be found on page 23.

Keeping track of how sites and roles are used across the system is an administrators task that requires support from application developers. Tracking becomes especially important when the WebCenter Sites platform also functions as a staging system, only because the WEM Framework uses the WebCenter Sites database. For example, sites created in WEM Admin are stored in the database. They might not be used in WebCenter Sites for staging, but they are exposed in the WebCenter Sites Admin interface, along with its dedicated CM sites. Conversely, sites that are created in the WebCenter Sites Admin interface for CM purposes are exposed in WEM Admin, where other applications can be assigned to those sites. For users to be properly authorized, developers must communicate to administrators the nature of the custom-built applications: the resources they use, role-protected interface functions, and predefined users, if any.

UI Container

The UI container exposes registered applications and supports the Context object, used by applications to get information from the WEM Framework.

Registration

The purpose of registering an application is to expose the application in WEM Admin for administrators to manage and make available to other users. Registration allows the system to recognize the application as an asset, which in turn allows the system to

- list the application on the Apps page in WEM Admin (Figure 3),
- locate the icon you have chosen to represent the application,
- display the application's icon on the WebCenter Sites login page, and in the applications bar on each site to which the application is assigned (Figure 3), and
- render the application's interface when the application's icon is selected.

Figure 3: Registered Applications in UI Container



Registering an application includes registering its views. While multiple and shared views are supported, applications with a single, unshared view are typical (and used in this guide). Views can be of type iframe, HTML, and JavaScript.

To support registration, the WEM Framework ships with the basic asset types FW_Application and FW_View. Both are created when the WEM option is selected during the WebCenter Sites installation process. They are enabled by default on AdminSite (also created during the WebCenter Sites installation process).

Registering an application (once it is deployed) requires creating an instance of FW_Application, creating an instance of FW_View for each view, and associating the FW_View instances with the FW_Application instance. Applications must be registered on AdminSite, even if they will be used on other sites. Registration allows applications to be assigned to other sites.

Applications can be registered either programmatically via the REST API's applications service, or manually from the WebCenter Sites Admin interface. Programmatic registration is preferred. For an example, see "Registering the 'Articles' Sample Application," on page 30. For general instructions, see "Registration Code," on page 45. (An example of manual registration is available in Appendix A.)

WEM Context Object

The UI container provides a JavaScript Context object (WemContext) to all applications inside the container. The Context object is used by the applications to get details from the WEM Framework about the logged-in user and site (for example, the current site's name from the UI container). The Context object also provides various utility methods that applications will use to share data. The Context Object can be used by applications running in the same domain as WebCenter Sites or in different domains. For more information, see "Context Object: Accessing Parameters from the WEM Framework," on page 41.

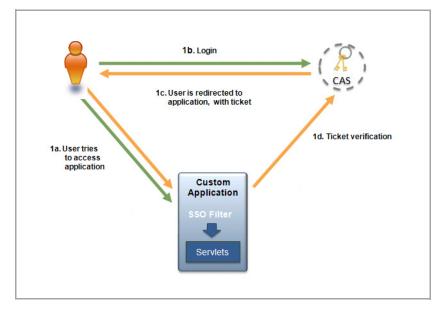
Single Sign-On

Single sign-on is implemented using Central Authentication Service (http:// www.jasig.org/cas). As shown in the sample "Articles" example, the servlet filter that ships with the WEM Framework can be used out-of-the-box for any application that is deployed as a Java web application. If your application is developed using a different technology, refer to CAS clients specific to your choice of technology, at the following URL:

http://www.ja-sig.org/wiki/display/CASC/Official+Clients

When a user tries to access an application protected by CAS, the authentication system responds with the steps below.

- 1. Initial Access
 - **a.** When the user first attempts to access an application protected by CAS,
 - **b.** the user is redirected to the CAS login page. Upon successful login,
 - **c.** the user is redirected back to the application with a ticket. The cookie for the CAS login page is saved.
 - **d.** The application verifies the user's identity by verifying the ticket against CAS. (On content management systems, CAS authenticates by default against the WebCenter Sites database.)

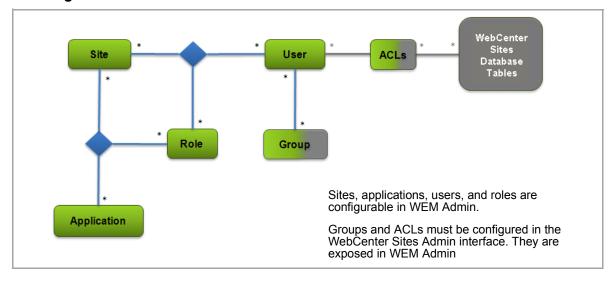


2. Subsequent Access

- **a.** When the user attempts to access another application protected by CAS, the user is redirected to the CAS login page.
- **b.** The cookie is retrieved from the request, implicit login is performed, and the login page is bypassed.
- c. The user is redirected back to the application with a ticket.
- **d.** The application verifies the user's identity by verifying the ticket against CAS.

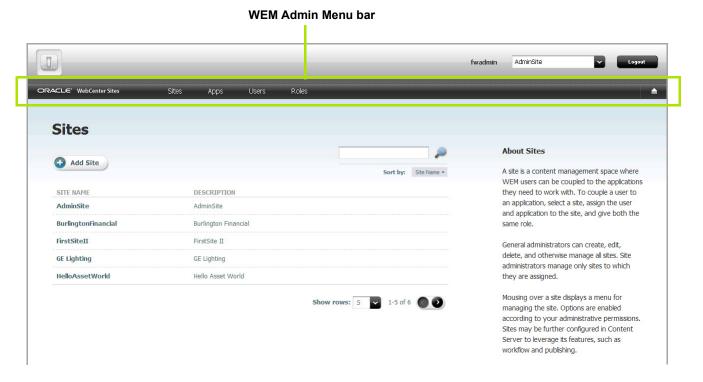
Authorization Model

Authorization is the process of granting users access to applications. General administrators are responsible for authorization by using WEM Admin to couple objects as shown in Figure 4. Developers can simplify the administrator's task by coding a predefined user in their applications. How the user fits into the authorization model is explained below.





In Figure 4, Site, Application, User, and Role each have a counterpart menu option in WEM Admin. ACLs and groups are exposed on each user's page.



Authorization is managed at three levels: application, REST, and database.

- Application-level authorization requires sharing a role to a user and an application on the same site, which grants the user access to the application on that site. If interface functions are role-protected, their roles as well must be shared to the application users.
- REST-level authorization regulates the user's permission to operate on the application's resources *assuming ACLs are correctly assigned*. REST-level authorization requires configuring groups with privileges to operate on objects that map to REST resources. Users who are assigned to a group gain the group's privileges.

Developers can define a user in their applications (by user name and password) to act as a proxy for logged-in users, which eliminates the need for administrators to configure REST security for each logged-in user. Once an application is deployed and registered, a general administrator authorizes its predefined user by: 1) configuring the predefined user in WEM Admin for application access, 2) configuring a group (in the WebCenter Sites Admin interface) with privileges to operate on the applications' resources, and 3) assigning the predefined user to the group (by using either the WEM Admin or the WebCenter Sites Admin interface). The group's privileges are passed to the predefined user and then to logged-in users when they access the application. Supported security configurations are described and listed in "REST Authorization," on page 68. (The "Articles" sample application provided with the WEM Framework specifies a predefined user.)

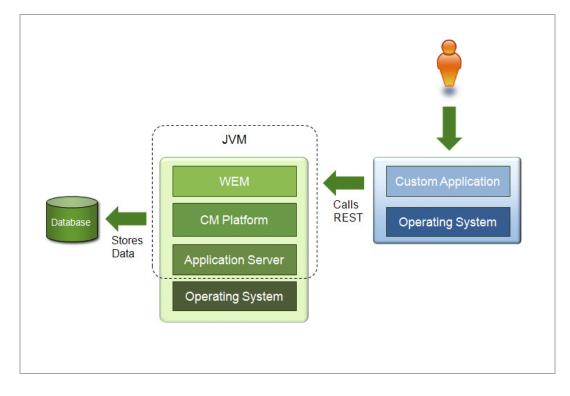
• At the database level, ACLs determine the individual user's access to the system, i.e., permission to log in and operate on the database, *regardless of the user's membership in any groups*. If a user lacks the appropriate ACLs and therefore permissions to the database tables, then membership in a group does not grant those permissions.

Default ACLs give users almost unrestricted permissions – but not the means – to operate on objects in many of the database tables. Those permissions are modulated at the REST level: Either directly by the user's membership in groups (in the absence of a predefined user), or indirectly by the application's predefined user and his membership in groups. Modifying a group's privileges to operate on objects modifies the group member's privileges to operate on resources. The same user on the WebCenter Sites side remains unaffected by group memberships. Permissions to content are still regulated by ACLs and actuated by sites and roles.

Custom Applications

Custom applications developed in WEM are often implemented in a loosely coupled manner to the content management platform. Because custom applications utilize the REST API Web services and SSO mechanism enabled by the WEM Framework, they are often deployed to an application server other than the platform's application server. Developers can therefore write custom applications completely independently of the platform's deployment infrastructure. Most custom applications are deployed remotely (Figure 5).





Custom applications can be implemented as content management or delivery applications. We recommend getting started with the content management side, as it typically does not require much performance tuning effort.

The WEM Framework ships with several lightweight sample applications, which you can launch and analyze as models for developing your own applications. "Articles" illustrates a content management application. Chapter 3 contains instructions for launching "Articles." Specifications can be found in chapter 4, source code is provided in the WebCenter Sites Misc/Samples folder, and other supporting information is provided in the REST API resource and Bean references. The SSO sample application is for authentication on live sites and the "Recommendations" application illustrates the creation of REST resources.

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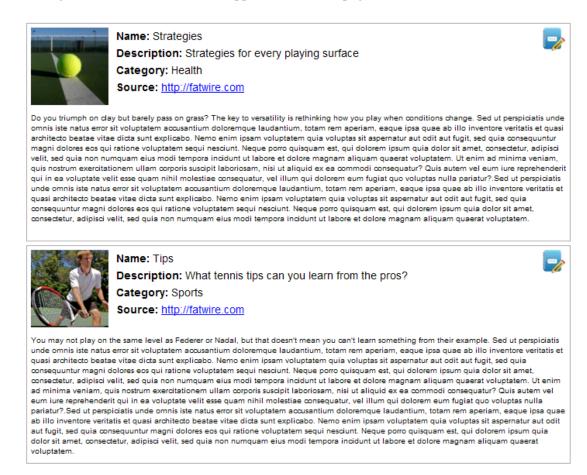
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Overview

"Articles" is a simple content management application with richly documented source code and a self-installation process to help you quickly master information that is most important to developing applications. As the name implies, "Articles" enables the management of article assets. The application's home page looks like this:



The "Articles" home page displays two articles that can be edited directly in WEM, from the custom interface that you see in the figure above. The application demonstrates usage of the WebCenter Sites REST API to perform a search query from Java code and an asset modification query from JavaScript code. The "Articles" application and REST services can be run on different application servers. Cross-domain restrictions in JavaScript prevent AJAX calls directly from the "Articles" application to the REST services. This is why a simple ProxyController is introduced. It redirects calls from JavaScript to WEM REST Web Services. Custom implementations may reuse this controller implementation.

The "Articles" application is based on the Spring MVC framework. "Articles" includes a predefined administrative user named fwadmin with password xceladmin, who is assigned to the REST group named RestAdmin. The application's self-installer contains specifications for registering the "Articles" application and installing its asset model and sample articles. The application does not have internally configured sites or role-protected functions. It has a single, iframe view. Additional specifications are available in Chapter 4, "Developing Applications."

Launching the 'Articles' Sample Application

In this section, you will first build and deploy the "Articles" application, then run the installer.

Building and Deploying the 'Articles' Application

1. Determine or create the site to which you will assign the sample articles application. The default site is FirstSite II (a sample WebCenter Sites CM site). It is possible that FirstSite II is not installed on your system.

To select or create a site, log in to WEM Admin at the URL http://<server>:<port>/<cs_application_context>/login using the credentials of a general administrator (fwadmin / xceladmin are the default values).

Note

In step 5, you will specify the site you have chosen here, which will allow the installer to enable the application's asset model and assets on that site.

2. Download and install SUN JDK (1.5 or later) from the following URL:

http://java.sun.com/

- **3.** Download the latest Apache Ant from http://ant.apache.org/ and place the Ant bin directory into the system PATH.
- 4. Copy servlet-api.jar to the "Articles" application lib folder. The jar file can be taken from your application server's home directory (for example, Tomcat's servlet-api.jar is located in the home lib directory).
- 5. Set the following parameters in the applicationContext.xml file (in src\articles\src\main\webapp\WEB-INF\):
 - casUrl: Specify the URL of the CAS application: http://<server>:<port>/<context_path>
 - csSiteName: Specify the name of the site that you selected in step 1.
 - csUrl: Specify the URL where the WebCenter Sites platform is running: http://<server>:<port>/<context>
 - csUserName: The default value is fwadmin. This is the application's predefined user, a general administrator with membership in the RestAdmin group which has unrestricted permissions to REST services. If you specify a different user, you must name a user equivalent to fwadmin. Instructions for creating a general administrator can be found in the Oracle WebCenter Sites Administrator's Guide for the Web Experience Management Framework.
 - csPassword: Specify the predefined user's password.
 - articlesUrl: Point to the URL where the sample application will be accessed.
- 6. Run the Ant build with the default target (enter ant on the command line).

7. Deploy the resulting target/articles-1.0.war to an application server.

On deployment, the following content is copied from source to target: The contents of the lib folder are copied to /WEB-INF/lib. The contents of the resources folder are copied to /WEB-INF/classes/. For information about the structure of the source application, see Chapter 4, "Developing Applications."

Registering the 'Articles' Sample Application

The "Articles" application has a self-installer, which starts running when you log in to the install.app page. The installer registers the sample application (including the view) and creates its data model and assets in the WebCenter Sites database.

Note

Specifications for the registration asset types FW_View and FW_Application can be found in the Oracle WebCenter Sites: Web Experience Management Framework REST API Bean Reference (and in Appendix A).

To run the 'Articles' installer

1. Navigate to the install.app page:

http://<hostname>:<portnumber>/<context_path>/install.app

For example:

http://localhost:9080/articles-1.0/install.app

- 2. Use any credentials to log in (the application's predefined user, specified by csUserName and csPassword on page 29, provides you with permissions to the application. The sample application does not perform authorization checks as it does not use roles.)
- **3.** The self-installation process invokes InstallController.java, which first registers the application (including the view, in an application Bean), then writes the sample asset type and assets to the database.
 - **a.** InstallController.java registers the "Articles" application with the WEM Framework:
 - InstallController.java creates an application asset named Articles (asset type FW_Application) in the WebCenter Sites database.

The **iconurl** attribute points to the URL where the icon representing the application is located.

The **layouturl** attribute specifies the URL of the layout.app page (implemented by LayoutController.java). The layout.app page defines the application layout.

The **layouttype** attribute takes the default (and only) value: layoutrenderer. Using the layoutrenderer value, the UI container is responsible for rendering the application's associated views by using the layout.app page, specified by **layouturl**.

- InstallController.java creates a view asset named ArticlesView (asset type FW_View) in the WebCenter Sites database. The association

between the view asset and the application asset is made through the views attribute in the FW Application asset type.

- **b.** InstallController.java installs the application's asset model and sample assets:
 - Creates the application's FW_Article asset type in the WebCenter Sites database. (FW_Article is a basic asset type defined in InstallController.java.)
 - Enables the FW_Article asset type on the site that was specified in the csSiteName parameter in applicationContext.xml (step 5 on page 29).
 - Writes the two sample article assets to the FW_Article asset type tables. (The articles' text and images are stored in: /sample app/articles/src/main/resources/install)
- **c.** InstallController.java creates an asset type-based index to support searches on assets of type FW_Article. (The controller specifies index configuration data.)
- 4. When the installation process completes successfully, InstallController.java displays the following page (at http://<server>:<port>/articles/ install.app), where <u>Home</u> is home.app:

Sample data is imported into Content Server succesfully.

Wait for a couple of minutes while the data is being indexed. Then go to Home page.

Testing the 'Articles' Application

1. Navigate to the home.app page:

http://<hostname>:<portnumber>/<context_path>/home.app

For example:

http://localhost:8080/articles-1.0/home.app

2. Use any credentials to log in (the application's predefined user, specified by csUserName and csPassword on page 29, provides you with permissions to the application. The sample application does not perform authorization checks as it does not use roles.)

WEM displays the application's home page:



Name: Strategies Description: Strategies for every playing surface Category: Health Source: <u>http://fatwire.com</u>

Do you triumph on clay but barely pass on grass? The key to versatility is rethinking how you play when conditions change. Sed ut perspiciatis unde omnis iste natus error sit voluptatem accusantium doloremque laudantium, totam rem aperiam, eaque ipsa quae ab illo inventore veritatis et quasi architecto beatae vitae dicta sunt explicabo. Nemo enim ipsam voluptatem qui a voluptas sit aspernatur aut odit aut fugit, sed quia consequentur magni dolores eos qui ratione voluptatem sequi nesciunt. Neque poro quisquam est, qui dolorem ipsum quia dolor sit amet, consecteur, adipisci velit, sed quia non numquam eius modi tempora incidunt ut labore et dolore magnam aliquam quaerat voluptatem. Ut enim ad minima veniam, quis nostrum exercitationem ullam corporis suscipit laboriosam, nisi ut aliquid ex ea commodi consequatur? Quis autem vel eum iure reprehenderit qui in ea voluptate velit esse quam nihil molestiae consequatur, vel illum qui dolorem eum fugiat quo voluptas nulla pariatur?.Sed ut perspiciatis unde omnis iste natus error sit voluptatem accusantium doloremque laudantium, totam rem aperiam, eaque ipsa quae ab illo inventore veritatis et quasi architecto beatse vitae dicta sunt explicabo. Nemo enim ipsam voluptatem quia voluptas sit aspernatur aut odit aut fugit, sed quia consequuntur magni dolores eos qui ratione voluptatem sequi nesciunt. Neque porro quisquam est, qui dolorem ipsum quia dolor sit amet, consecteur, adipisci velit, sed quia non numquam eius modi tempora incidunt ut labore et dolore magnam aliquam quaerat voluptatem.



Name: Tips

Description: What tennis tips can you learn from the pros?

Category: Sports

Source: http://fatwire.com

You may not play on the same level as Federer or Nadal, but that doesn't mean you can't learn something from their example. Sed ut perspiciatis unde omnis iste natus error sit voluptatem accusantium doloremque laudantium, totam rem aperiam, eaque ipsa quae ab illo inventore veritatis et quasi architecto beatae vitae dicta sunt explicabo. Nemo enim ipsam voluptatem quia voluptas sit aspernatur aut odit aut fugit, sed quia consequentur magni dolores eos qui ratione voluptatem sequi nesciunt. Neque poro quisquam est, qui dolorem ipsum quia dolor sit amet, consecteur, adipisci velit, sed quia non numquam eius modi tempora incidunt ut labore et dolore magnam aliquam quaerat voluptatem. Ut enim ad minima veniam, quis nostrum exercitationem ullam corporis suscipit laboriosam, nisi ut aliquid ex ea commodi consequatur? Quis autem vel eum iure reprehenderit qui in ea voluptate velit esse quam nihil molestiae consequatur, vel illum qui dolorem eum fugiat quo voluptas nulla pariatur?.Sed ut perspiciatis unde omnis iste natus error sit voluptatem accusantium doloremque laudantium, totam rem aperiam, eaque ipsa quae ab illo inventore veritatis et quasi architecto beatae vitae dicta sunt explicabo. Nemo enim ipsam voluptatem quia voluptas sit aspernatur aut odit aut fugit, sed quia consequuntur magni dolores eos qui ratione voluptatem sequi nesciunt. Neque poro quisquam est, qui dolorem ipsum quia dolor sit amet, consectetur, adipisci velit, sed quia non numquam eius modi tempora incidunt ut labore et dolore magnam aliquam quaerat voluptatem.

3. If you wish to experiment with this application (for example assign it to other sites and add users), use WEM Admin. For more information, refer to the *Oracle WebCenter Sites Administrator's Guide for the Web Experience Management Framework.*

Chapter 4 **Developing Applications**

- Overview
- Application Structure
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- Context Object: Accessing Parameters from the WEM Framework
- Registration Code

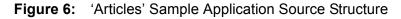
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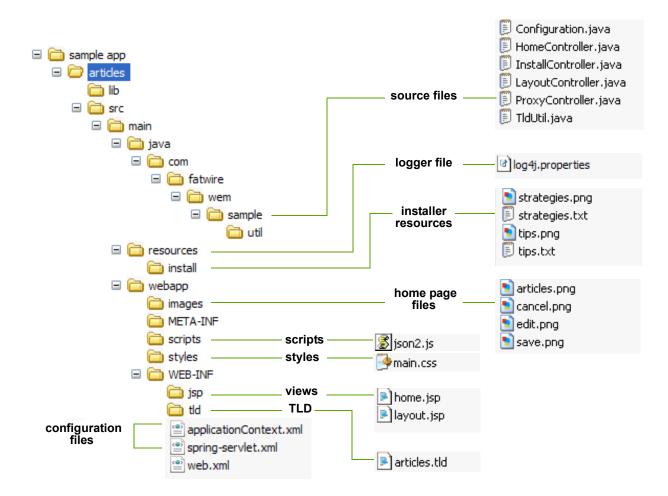
Overview

The "Articles" sample application is used throughout this chapter to illustrate the basic architecture of an application that makes REST calls.

Application Structure

Figure 6 shows the source structure of the "Articles" sample application. On deployment, the following directories are copied from source to target: The contents of the lib directory are copied to /WEB-INF/lib/. The contents of the resources directory are copied to /WEB-INF/classes/.





"Articles" is a Java Web application developed on Spring MVC. The following pages are available:

- /install.app is the "Articles" installation page, which also displays a confirmation message when the application is successfully installed
- /home.app is the home page of the "Articles" application (page 28).

Configuration Files

- applicationContext.xml (in /WEB-INF/) holds SSO and application-specific configurations (such as a predefined user and the site on which to enable the data model and assets).
- spring-servlet.xml (in /WEB-INF/) is the default Spring configuration file. This file stores the Spring configuration and references the following controllers (described in "Source Files"):
 - HomeController
 - InstallController
 - LayoutController
 - ProxyController
- log4j.properties (in /resources/) is the logging configuration file. On application deployment, it is copied from /resources/ to /WEB-INF/classes/.

Source Files: /sample app/articles/src/main/java/

The /sample/ folder contains the source files listed below:

- Configuration.java is populated (by the Spring framework) from the applicationContext.xml file (described in "Configuration Files").
- HomeController.java is the home page controller, which renders a single home page. This controller reads the list of sample articles from the WebCenter Sites platform using the REST API and displays them on the home page.

The sample articles consist of images and text, stored in /sample app/articles/ src/main/resources/install. The sample articles are installed in the WebCenter Sites database by InstallController.java.

- InstallController.java registers the "Articles" application, and writes the application's asset model and sample assets to the database
- LayoutController.java displays the application's layout page (layout.app) used by the WEM UI framework. LayoutController.java is also used during the application registration procedure.
- ProxyController.java delegates AJAX requests to the WebCenter Sites REST servlet.
- TldUtil.java utility class contains TLD function implementations.

Installer Resources: /sample app/articles/src/main/resources/install

The /install/ folder contains the following resources, used by the InstallController to construct the home page (Figure 8, on page 37):

- strategies.png
- strategies.txt

- tips.png
- tips.txt

Home Page Files: /sample app/articles/src/main/webapp/images

The /images/ folder contains:

- articles.png icon (Figure 7), which represents the 'Articles' application in the applications bar
- In Figure 8:
 - edit.png is the icon for the Edit function
 - save.png is the icon for the Save function
 - cancel.png is the icon for the **Cancel** function

Scripts: /sample app/articles/src/main/webapp/scripts

The /scripts/ folder contains the json2.js utility script, used to convert strings to and from JSON objects.

Styles: /sample app/articles/src/main/webapp/styles

The /styles/ folder contains main.css, which specifies CSS styles used by this Web application.

Views: /sample app/articles/src/main/WEB-INF/jsp

The /jsp/ folder contains:

- home.jsp, which is used to render the home page view of the "Articles" application (Figure 8)
- layout.jsp, which defines the application layout

WEB-INF: /sample app/articles/src/main/WEB-INF

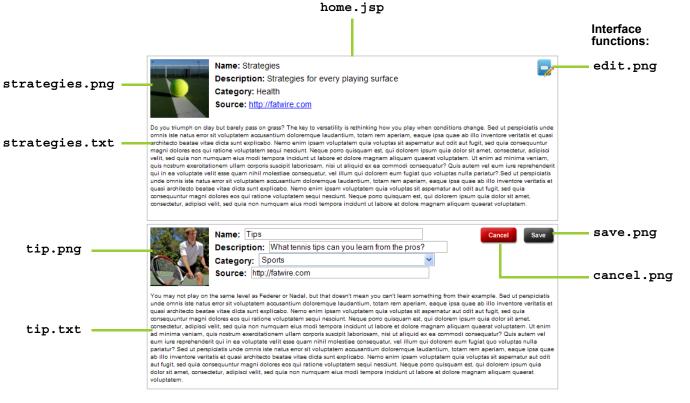
The /WEB-INF/ folder contains:

- articles.tld, the TLD declaration file
- spring-servlet.xml, the Spring configuration file
- web.xml, the Web application deployment descriptor

current site articles.png 0 fwadmin FirstSiteII \mathbf{v} RACLE[®] WebCenter Sites Sites About Sites Add Site Sort by: Site Name + A site is a content management space where WEM Admin-WEM users can be coupled to the applications they need to work with. To couple a user to SITE NAME DESCRIPTION an application, select a site, assign the user A New Site This is a description of the new site. and application to the site, and give both the AdminSite AdminSite same role. BurlingtonFinancial **Burlington Financial** General administrators can create, edit, delete, and otherwise manage all sites. Site FirstSiteII FirstSite II administrators manage only sites to which **GE Lighting** GE Lighting they are assigned. Mousing over a site displays a menu for Show rows: 5 🔽 1-5 of 7 💽 📀 managing the site. Options are enabled according to your administrative permissions. Sites may be further configured in Content Server to leverage its features, such as workflow and publishing.

Figure 7: 'Articles' lcon (articles.png)





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Making REST Calls

WebCenter Sites REST resources support two types of input and output formats: XML and JSON. To get the desired return formats, you will need to set HTTP headers that specify the MIME type application/xml or application/json.

For example, when specifying input format to be XML, set Content-Type to application/xml. When specifying the output format, set Accept (the expected format) to application/xml. If other output formats are specified, they will be ignored. The default is XML, if not specified in Content-Type or Accept (for sample code, see lines 64 and 66 on page 40).

For more detailed information about REST calls, see the following topics in this section:

- Making REST Calls from JavaScript
- Making REST Calls from Java

Making REST Calls from JavaScript

The following code (in home.jsp) performs AJAX calls to the asset REST services to save asset data. Note that the request is actually performed to the proxy controller which redirects the request to the destination REST service.

Note

We use the JSON stringify library (http://json.org/js.html) to serialize a JavaScript object as a string. It is much more convenient to write JSON objects instead of strings.

```
1 // Form the URL pointing to the asset service
2 // to the proxy controller, which will redirect this request to
      the CS REST servlet.
3 var idarr = assetId.split(":");
4 var assetUrl = "${pageContext.request.contextPath}/REST/sites/
      ${config.csSiteName}/types/" + idarr[0] + "/assets/" +
      idarr[1];
5
  // For the data object to be posted.
6
7
  var data =
8
   {
     "attribute" :
9
10
    [
11
      ł
12
       "name" : "source",
        "data" :
13
14
15
          "stringValue" : document.getElementById("source e " +
            assetId).value
       }
16
17
18
```

```
"name" : "cat",
19
      "data" :
20
21
       {
         "stringValue" : document.getElementById("cat e " +
2.2
            assetId).value
23
       }
24
     }
25
   ],
   "name" : document.getElementById("name e " + assetId).value,
26
27
   "description" : document.getElementById("desc e " +
      assetId).value,
28
   // TODO: this should be removed.
29 "publist" : "${config.csSiteName}"
30 };
31 // Convert JSON data to string.
32 var strdata = JSON.stringify(data);
33
34 // Perform AJAX request.
35 var req = getXmlHttpObject();
36 req.onreadystatechange = function ()
37 {
     if (req.readyState == 4)
38
39
     {
40
   if (req.status == 200)
41
   {
42
     // On successful result
     // update the view controls with new values and switch the
43
            mode to 'view'.
44
     for (c in controls)
45
    {
            document.getElementById(controls[c] + " v " +
46
            assetId).innerHTML =
47
            document.getElementById(controls[c] + " e " +
            assetId).value;
      }
48
     switchMode(assetId, false);
49
50
   }
51
   else
52
    {
53
    // Error happened or the session timed out,
54
    // reload the current page to re-acquire the session.
     alert("Failed to call " + assetUrl + ", " + req.status + " "
55
         + req.statusText);
56
    window.location.reload( false );
57
   }
     }
58
59
    };
   // We put Content-Type and Accept headers
60
    // to tell CS REST API which format we are posting
61
62
     // and which one we are expecting to get.
63
     req.open("POST", assetUrl, true);
```

Making REST Calls from Java

The code below (in HomeController.java) calls the assets search service to list all assets of type FW_Article. The code uses the Jersey Client library passing objects from the rest-api-xxx.jar library provided by the WEM Framework. This way we leverage strong typing in Java.

It is important to note that a token must be acquired from Java code by calling the SSOAssertion.get().createToken() method. It is unnecessary to do so in JavaScript as that side is already authenticated against WEM SSO.

```
// Use Jersey client to query CS assets.
Client client = Client.create();
String url = config.getRestUrl() + "/types/FW Article/search";
WebResource res = client.resource( url );
// Construct URL and add token (for authentication purposes)
// and fields (specify which fields to retrieve back) parameters.
res = res.queryParam("fields",
  URLEncoder.encode("name, description, content, cat, source", "UTF-
   8"));
res = res.queryParam("ticket",
   SSO.getSSOSession().getTicket(res.getURI().toString(),
   config.getCsUsername(), config.getCsPassword()));
// Put Pragma: auth-redirect=false to avoid redirects to the CAS
   login page.
Builder bld = res.header("Pragma", "auth-redirect=false");
// Make a network call.
AssetsBean assets = bld.get(AssetsBean.class);
```

Note

The custom Pragma: auth-redirect=false header instructs the CAS SSO filter not to redirect to the CAS sign-in page, but to return a 403 error instead, when no ticket is supplied or the supplied ticket is invalid.

Constructing URLs to Serve Binary Data

The "Articles" application leverages the Blob server in WebCenter Sites to serve BLOB data. The following utility function could be used to construct the URL pointing to the

binary data for a given attribute in a given asset, where blobUrl points to the Blob server (http://localhost:8080/cs/BlobServer by default).

```
public String getBlobUrl(String assetType, String assetId, String
    attrName, String contentType)
    throws Exception
{
    String contentTypeEnc = URLEncoder.encode(contentType,
    "UTF-8");
    return blobUrl + "?" +
        "blobkey=id" +
        "&blobkey=id" +
        "&blobkocache=true" +
        "&blobcol=thumbnail" +
        "&blobcol=thumbnail" +
        "&blobwhere=" + assetId +
        "&blobtable=" + assetType +
        "&blobheader=" + contentTypeEnc +
        "&blobheader=" + contentTypeEnc +
        "&blobheadername1=content-type" +
        "&blobheadervalue1=" + contentTypeEnc;
    }
}
```

An alternative way to get binary data is to load an asset using the resource /sites/ {sitename}/types/{assettype}/assets/{id}. When loaded, the asset will contain the URL pointing to the BLOB server.

Context Object: Accessing Parameters from the WEM Framework

The UI container provides a JavaScript Context object (WemContext) to all applications inside the container. The Context object is used by the applications to get details from the WEM Framework about the logged-in user and site (typically, to get the current site's name from the UI container). The Context object also provides various utility methods that the applications will use to share data. The Context Object can be used by applications running in the same domain as WebCenter Sites or in different domains.

Note

The wemcontext.html file lists the exposed methods, summarized on page 44.

Same Domain Implementations

To initialize and use Context Object for applications in the WebCenter Sites domain:

- Include wemcontext.js (line 1 in the sample code below; wemcontext.js is located in <cs webapp path>/wemresources/js/WemContext.js).
- 2. Retrieve an instance of the WemContext object (line 3).
- **3.** Use the methods of WemContext (lines 4 and 5).

Sample Code for Same-Domain Implementations

- 1 <script src='http://<csinstalldomain>/<contextpath>/
 - wemresources/js/WemContext.js'></script>
- 2 <script type="text/javascript">
- 3 var wemContext = WemContext.getInstance(); // Instantiate Context Object
- 4 var siteName = wemContext.getSiteName(); // Get Site Name
- 5 var userName = wemContext.getUserName(); // Get UserName

```
6 </script>
```

Cross-Domain Implementations

To initialize and use Context Object for cross-domain applications:

- 1. Copy wemxdm.js, json2.js, and hash.html (from the Misc/Samples folder) to your application.
- 2. Open the sample.html file and make the following changes to perform cross-domain calls:
 - **a.** Change the paths of wemxdm.js and json.js and hash.html to their paths in the application (see lines 1 4 in the code below).
 - b. Change the path of wemcontext.html to its location in WebCenter Sites (wemcontext.html is located under /wemresources/wemcontext.html. Use the WebCenter Sites host name and context path. See line 14.)
 - **c.** In the interface declaration, specify methods that will be used in the framework (line 15).
 - **d.** Implement those methods in the local scope and invoke the remote method (line 30).

sample.html for Cross-Domain Calls

```
1 <script type="text/javascript" src="../js/wemxdm.js">
               </script>
2 <script type="text/javascript">
3
       // Request the use of the JSON object
       WemXDM.ImportJSON("../js/json2.js");
4
5
       var remote;
6
7
      window.onload = function() {
8
       // When the window is finished loading start setting up
               the interface
9
    remote = WemXDM.Interface(/** The channel configuration */
10
         {
            // Register the url to hash.html.
11
12
            local: "../hash.html",
13
            // Register the url to the remote interface
            remote: "http://localhost:8080/cs/wemresources/
14
               wemcontext.html"
      }, /** The interface configuration */
15
16
          {
17
      remote: {
```

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```
getSiteName :{},
18
19 ...
20
21
     }
22 },/**The onReady handler*/ function(){
   // This function will be loaded as soon as the page is
23
              loaded
   populateAttributes();
24
25 });
26 }
27 </script>
28
29 <script type="text/javascript">
30 /** Define local methods for accessing remote methods
              */
31
    function getSiteName() {
32
      remote.getSiteName(function(result){
33
   alert("result = " + result);
34 });
35 }
36
   . . .
37 </script>
```

Methods Available in Context Object

Return Type	Method Name and Description
Object	getAttribute(attributename)
	Returns attribute value for the given attribute name.
Object	getAttributeNames()
	Returns all the attribute names.
Object	getCookie(name)
	Returns cookie value for the given name. Has all restrictions of the normal browser cookie.
Object	getCookies()
	Returns all the cookies.
Object	getLocale()
	Returns locale.
Object	getSiteId()
	Returns the site id.
Object	getSiteName()
	Returns the site name.
Object	getUser()
	Returns user object.
Object	getUserName()
	Returns user name.
void	removeCookie(name, properties)
	Removes cookie.
void	setAttribute(attributename, attributevalue)
	Sets attribute. These attributes can be accessed in other applications.
void	<pre>setCookie(name,value,expiredays,properties)</pre>
	Sets the cookie.

Registration Code

Registration exposes applications in the WEM Framework, as explained on page 20. Registering an application creates an asset of type FW_Application and an asset of type FW_View for each view associated with the application. The asset types are enabled on AdminSite. Their attributes are defined in the *Oracle WebCenter Sites: Web Experience Management Framework REST API Bean Reference*. Programmatic registration is the preferred method. (For an example of manual registration, see Appendix A.)

This section contains the following topics:

- Registering Applications with an iframe View
- Registering Applications with JavaScript and HTML Views

Registering Applications with an iframe View

The section uses code from the "Articles" sample application to illustrate the registration process. "Articles" has a single view of type iframe. The same steps apply to JavaScript and HTML views.

To register an application

1. Create or get an icon to represent your application. (The icon will be displayed in the applications bar.)

(The "Articles" sample application uses the articles.png image file located in: /sample app/articles/src/main/webapp/images/)

2. Create a file that specifies the layout of the application in HTML, i.e., for each view, create a placeholder element to hold the content rendered by the view. Applications and views are related as shown in Figure 9, on page 46.

For example, layout.jsp for the "Articles" sample application contains the following line:

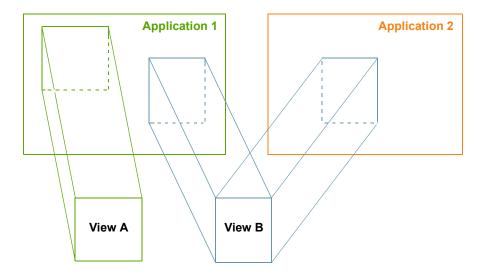
```
<div id="articles" style="float:left;height:100%;width:100%"
    class="wemholder"></div>
```

The view's content will be rendered within the placeholder element when the application is displayed (layout.app renders the application's layout; home.app renders the view).

Note

When creating the layout file, specify a unique id for the placeholder element. You will specify the same id for the parentnode attribute when coding the view object. Use class="wemholder" for the placeholder elements.

Figure 9: Applications and Views



The relationship between applications and views is many-to-many (Figure 9). One application can have multiple views and each view can be used by many applications. Only registered views can be shared (through their asset IDs). If the asset ID is omitted, the view will be created within the context of its application. In the basic case, an application has only one view associated with it.

3. Invoke the PUT wem/applications/{applicationid} REST service and specify your application bean. Populate the bean with the view asset and application asset.

For an iframe view, use the code of the "Articles" sample application, i.e., InstallController.java (locate the comment lines // Create a new view object and // Create a new application object). Set the layouturl attribute to specify the URL of the application's layout page.

In the "Articles" application, the layouturl attribute points to the URL of layout.app (implemented by LayoutController.java):

app.setLayouturl(config.getArticlesUrl() + "/layout.app");

You can test the results of your registration process by logging in to the WEM Admin interface as a general administrator and selecting **Apps** on the menu bar. Your application should be listed on that page.

Registering Applications with JavaScript and HTML Views

For applications that use HTML and JavaScript views, follow the steps in the previous section, but use the sample code and attributes listed below:

- JavaScript View
- HTML View

JavaScript View

Note

JavaScript specified in the view will be rendered (executed) when the application is rendered. Make sure that the JavaScript does not conflict with other views.

Sample code:

```
window.onload = function () {
    if (GBrowserIsCompatible()) {
        var map = new
    GMap2(document.getElementById("map_canvas"));
        map.setCenter(new GLatLng(37.4419, -122.1419), 13);
        map.setUIToDefault();
    }
}
```

• Rendering the JavaScript view from a source URL

Set the following attributes:

- name: Name of the view
- parentnode: ID of the placeholder element (from step 2 on page 45)
- viewtype: fw.wem.framework.ScriptRenderer, which renders JavaScript into the placeholder element.
- sourceurl: Path of the .js file, which provides content for the view. For example: http://myhost.com:8080/js/drawTree.js

• Rendering the JavaScript view from source code

Set the following attributes:

- name: Name of the view
- parentnode: ID of the placeholder element (from step 2 on page 45)
- viewtype: fw.wem.framework.ScriptRenderer, which renders JavaScript into the placeholder element
- javascriptcontent: JavaScript code (sample provided above. The code must not contain <script> tags.)

HTML View

Note

HTML specified in the view will be rendered (executed) when the application is rendered.

Sample code:

• Rendering the HTML view from a source URL

Set the following attributes:

- name: Name of the view
- parentnode: ID of the placeholder element (from step 2 on page 45)
- viewtype: fw.wem.framework.IncludeRenderer, which renders JavaScript into the placeholder element
- sourceurl: Path to the HTML file that provides content for the view. For example: http://myhost.com:8080/js/drawTree.jsp

• Rendering the HTML view from source code

Set the following attributes:

- view: Name of the view
- parentnode: ID of the placeholder element (from step 2 on page 45)
- viewtype: fw.wem.framework.IncludeRenderer, which renders JavaScript into the placeholder element
- includecontent: HTML content (sample provided above. The code must not contain <html> or <body> tags.)

Chapter 5 Developing Custom REST Resources

- 'Recommendations' Sample Application
- Creating REST Resources

'Recommendations' Sample Application

- Overview
- Building and Deploying the Application
- Testing the Application

Overview

The "Recommendations" sample application demonstrates how to create REST resources for WebCenter Sites and Satellite Server. The application registers a new REST resource sample/recommendations/<id> with GET and POST operations, which allow for retrieval and modification of static list recommendations. The application also demonstrates how it is possible to leverage the Satellite Server caching system.

Building and Deploying the Application

- 1. The "Recommendations" sample application is located in the Misc/Samples folder under your WebCenter Sites installation directory. Navigate to recommendations and edit the build.properties file. Specify the correct paths for cs.webapp.dir and ss.webapp.dir properties.
- **2.** Run Apache ant while in the recommendations folder. This will build and deploy your sample application.
- 3. Launch the catalogmover application. Use the Server > Connect menu to connect to WebCenter Sites. Go to Catalog > Auto Import Catalog(s) and select src\main\schema\elements.zip file. Append xceladmin, xceleditor when specifying the list of ACLs.
- 4. Go to the WebCenter Sites web application folder. Edit the WEB-INF/classes/ custom/RestResource.xml file. Uncomment recommendationService, recommendationConfig and resourceConfigs beans.
- 5. Go to the Satellite Server web application folder. Edit WEB-INF/classes/custom/ RestResource.xml file. Uncomment recommendationService, recommendationConfig, and resourceConfigs beans.
- 6. Restart both WebCenter Sites and Satellite Server.

Testing the Application

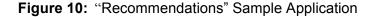
Use the existing static list recommendation id (or create a new recommendation) for the URL http://<hostname>:<port>/<contextpath>/REST/sample/ recommendations/<recommendationid>. Use the same URL for both WebCenter Sites and Satellite Server installations. For example, use http://localhost:8080/ cs/REST/sample/recommendations/1266874492697. See the XML response for both WebCenter Sites and Satellite Server.

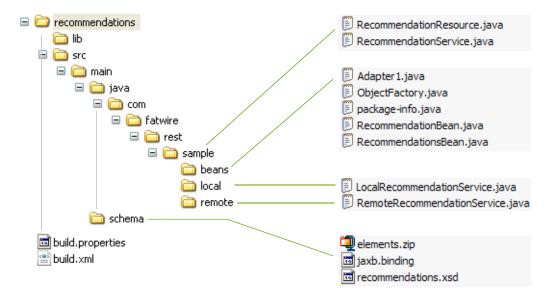
Creating REST Resources

- Application Structure
- Steps for Implementing Custom REST Resources

Application Structure

The "Recommendations" sample application was created to guide you through the process of creating your own REST resources.





- Schema files: src/main/schema
 - elements.zip contains a sample element, which is used by Satellite Server for caching purposes.
 - jaxb.binding is a customization for the default JAXB bindings used during the bean generation process.
 - recommendation.xsd is an XML schema for the RecommendationService beans.
- Java source files: src/main/java/ ... /sample
 - RecommendationResource contains the REST resource implementation. It is used on both WebCenter Sites and Satellite Server.
 - RecommendationService is an interface that provides the functionality for the RecommendationResource class. It is implemented differently, depending on where the resource is hosted: locally (on WebCenter Sites) or remotely (on Satellite Server).
 - beans/* classes are generated using Java xjc compiler. They are pre-packaged with the application. If you want to regenerate beans (i.e., when changing the

recommendation.xsd file) you can run "generate" ant's task from build.xml.

- LocalRecommendationService is a local (WebCenter Sites) implementation for the RecommendationService interface.
- RemoteRecommendationService is a remote (Satellite Server) implementation for the RecommendationService interface.

Steps for Implementing Custom REST Resources

- 1. Write your XSD file describing your REST service (recommendations.xsd file).
- 2. Generate beans using the JAXB xjc utility ("generate" ant's task).
- **3.** Create your REST interface, which will be implemented differently for WebCenter Sites and Satellite Server.
- 4. Implement the REST interface by extending the following classes: com.fatwire.rest.BaseLocalService com.fatwire.rest.BaseRemoteService
- 5. This step is optional in case you decide to leverage Satellite Server caching:

Create elements on the WebCenter Sites side, which load the same assets as the local implementation does.

- 6. Create your REST resource class by extending the com.fatwire.rest. BaseResource class.
- 7. Register your REST service and configuration in WEB-INF/classes/custom/ RestResources.xml file on both WebCenter Sites and Satellite Server sides.

The custom/RestResources.xml file contains the following components:

- The only mandatory bean is the bean with resourceConfigs id. The resourceConfigs property contains references to all REST configurations used.

Note

If custom resourceConfigs is uncommented, then embeddedConfig bean should be referenced. Otherwise, the default REST resource, which is provided with the WEM installation will not be registered.

- Resource configurations must be of type com.fatwire.rest.ResourceConfig. Typically only one instance of this class is registered (multiple services can be registered per configuration).

Note

For multiple services, create a new configuration for each disjoint group of your REST services, usually identified by separate XSD files.

- The resourceClasses property contains the list of all resources used.
- beanPackage contains the Java package name specified for the output beans when running the xjc utility.
- schemaLocation is the xsi:schemaLocation attribute to be put in all output XML files produced by your REST service.

Chapter 6

Single Sign-On for Production Sites

- SSO Sample Application
- Deploying the SSO Sample Application
- Application Structure
- Implementing Single Sign-On
- Implementing Single Sign-Out

SSO Sample Application

Our SSO sample application is driven by a delivery use case. Given that out-of-the-box CAS cannot be used to secure applications on production sites, we provide a simple example of how to enable single sign-on and sign-out for applications on live sites.

Deploying the SSO Sample Application

- Unpack the wem-sso-api-cas-sample.war file (to the /sso-sample folder, for example). The application is located in the WebCenter Sites Misc/Samples/WEM Samples/WEM Sample applications/ directory.
- 2. Modify the applicationContext.xml file in the WEB-INF folder by setting the following properties:
 - casUrl: Point to the CAS server base path:

http://localhost:8080/cas

- casLoginPath: Include the login form template hosted by the SSO sample application:

```
/login?wemLoginTemplate=http%3A%2F%2Flocalhost%3A9080%2Fsso-
cas-sample%2Ftemplate.html
```

- 3. Deploy the modified SSO sample application to your application server.
- 4. Access the application.

The SSO sample application consists of the following pages:

 Protected area – a page that is protected by the WEM SSO filter. This page contains two single sign-out links (Figure 11).

Figure 11: Protected page with single sign-out links

```
      You are in the protected area

      Hello, fwadmin

      Assertion attributes

      timeout : 900

      currentACL : ElementEditor,RemoteClient,VisitorAdmin,TableEditor,xcelpublish,PageEditor,UserReader,xceleditor,xceladmin,WSEditor,Browser,Visitor,WSAdmin,WSUser

      username : fwadmin

      distinguishedName : fwadmin

      currentUser : 1264520275922

      displayName : fwadmin

      Sign out with redirect

      Sign out with redirect
```

The first link (single sign-out with redirect) is an HTML link that performs single sign-out on the CAS side and redirects the user back to the home page. The second link (single sign-out without redirect) is also an HTML link that performs single sign-out on the CAS side, but without leaving or reloading the current page.

- Public area a page that is excluded from the protection filter.
- **Public area with login form** this page is excluded from the protection filter, but has a login form, which allows performing a sign-in operation without leaving or reloading the current page.

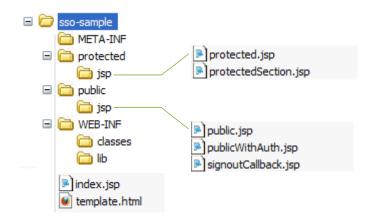
Figure 12:	Public area	with	"Sign	in"	link
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Public area with login form
Sign in

Application Structure

The SSO sample application provides you with the basic code for utilizing single sign-on and sign-out functionality to protect applications on production sites. The following components provide access to the SSO sample application:

- index.jsp-starting page. This page contains links to the pages described as Protected area, Public area, and Public area with login form pages (see "Deploying the SSO Sample Application," on page 54).
- template.html used to provide a custom sign-in form for CAS. Its path is referenced in the wemLoginTemplate parameter in casLoginPath in the applicationContext.xml file.



Configuration Files: /sso-sample/WEB-INF

WEB-INF contains the following configuration files:

- applicationContext.xml Spring web application configuration file, which configures the SSO subsystem.
- web.xml web application deployment descriptor.

Protected Files: /sso-sample/protected/jsp

Files in this area are protected by the SSO filter. By default, the following files are included in this folder:

• protected.jsp – A page protected by the SSO filter. This page hosts two links for performing single sign-out. The first link leads to the CAS sign-out page with a redirect to the application's home page when sign-out is complete. The second link embeds an iframe into this page, which calls the CAS sign-out page with a redirect to

the signoutCallback.jsp page. The protected.jsp page also prints out all attributes from the Assertion object, which describes the current logged in user.

• protected/jsp/protectedSection.jsp – Page that is referenced from the public.jsp page, when the **Sign in** link is clicked in an embedded iframe. As this page is protected, a login screen is presented in the embedded iframe.

Public Files: /sso-sample/public/jsp

Files in this area are not protected by the SSO filter. By default, the following sample files are included in the /public/jsp/ folder:

- public.jsp this page not protected by the CAS filter
- publicWithAuth.jsp this page displays the <u>Sign in</u> link. Clicking the link embeds an iframe into the publicWithAuth.jsp with the iframe pointing to the protectedSection.jsp page. As the page is protected, a login screen is presented in the embedded iframe.
- signoutCallback.jsp this page is called from the protected.jsp page upon sign-out completion when using iframe.

Implementing Single Sign-On

Implementing single sign-on on a web site amounts to implementing a sign-in form. The sign-in form can be presented to site visitors in one of two ways:

• The sign-in form is presented when the visitor tries to access a protected page. This is the default sign-in implementation. This sign in form could be either a default sign-in form shipped with CAS or a custom form provided by an application.

login		
password		
🗌 Warn me	oefore logging me into other sit	es.
enter	clear	

• The sign-in form is embedded into a public page, and the sign-in function is performed without the user leaving the current page. This behavior can be implemented by embedding the iframe that points to a protected page. As the page is being protected, the sign-in form is presented to the visitor.

Public area with login form
<u>Sign in</u>

Implementing Single Sign-Out

When implementing single sign-out on a web page, you can do one of the following:

• Retrieve the "single sign-out" URL by invoking the following method:

getSignoutUrl() or getSignoutUrl(String callbackUrl) method of com.fatwire.wem.sso.SSO.getSSOSession() object.

After performing single sign-out, CAS can optionally redirect to the visitor-supplied URL, which is set in the callbackUrl parameter.

• Use an iframe-embedding technique if the sign-out is to be performed without leaving the current page. This technique involves embedding an iframe with the single sign-out URL as source. When the iframe is loaded, the sign-out URL is called (this is done primarily to avoid cross-domain restrictions in browsers).

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Chapter 7 Using REST Resources

- Authentication for REST Resources
- Configuring CAS
- **REST Authorization**
- Managing Assets Over REST

Authentication for REST Resources

The WEM Framework uses the SSO mechanism built on top of CAS (http://www.jasig.org/cas) for authentication purposes. The system behaves differently when the REST API is used from a browser or programmatically.

When accessing the REST API from a browser, the user is redirected to the CAS login page and, upon successful login, back to the original location with the ticket parameter, which is validated to establish the user's identity. When accessing the REST API programmatically, the developer must supply either the ticket or multiticket parameter.

Both the ticket and multiticket parameters could be acquired by using either the Oracle SSO API if making calls from Java, or simply by using the HTTP protocol if making calls from any other language. The difference between ticket and multicket is that a ticket is acquired per each REST resource and can be used only once (as the name implies, think of a train or a theater ticket, which is valid for one ride or one play), while a multiticket could be used multiple times for any resource. Both the ticket and multiticket parameters are limited in time, but the typical usage pattern differs. As a ticket is acquired per each call, there is no need to worry about its expiration time. HOWEVER, reusing the same multiticket will eventually lead to its expiration and getting an HTTP 403 error. The application must be able to recognize such behavior and fall back to the multiticket re-acquisition procedure in such a case. The decision to use either ticket or multiticket is up to the application developer.

Acquiring Tickets from Java Code

The Oracle SSO API is implemented in an authentication provider-independent manner. Users will not be able to register their own SSO authentication providers. Support for a new authentication provider can be implemented only by Oracle. Switching between providers involves only changing the SSO configuration files.

All SSO calls originate at the SSO front-end class SSO. It is used to get the SSOSession object. SSOSession is acquired per each SSO configuration. It is a single configuration in the web application case, which is loaded using the Spring Web application loader or a configuration loaded from a configuration file in the case of a standalone application.

Web Application

```
SSO.getSession().getTicket(String service, String username, String
password)
```

SSO.getSession().getMultiTicket(String username, String password)

Standalone Application

- SSO.getSession(String configName).getTicket(String service, String
 username, String password)
- SSO.getSession(String configName).getMultiTicket(String username, String password)

Acquiring Tickets from Other Programming Languages (Over HTTP)

The CAS REST API is used to acquire a ticket and/or multiticket in the delivery environment. Two HTTP POST calls should be performed to acquire either ticket or multiticket. The difference between ticket and multiticket is that the service parameter is " * " for multiticket, while it is an actual REST resource you are trying to access for the ticket parameter.

The example below demonstrates the calls to be made to the CAS server to get a ticket to the http://localhost:8080/cs/REST/sites service with fwadmin/xceladmin credentials:

1. Call to get Ticket Granting Ticket

Request

```
POST /cas/v1/tickets HTTP/1.1
Content-Type: application/x-www-form-urlencoded
Content-Length: 35
```

username=fwadmin&password=xceladmin

Response

```
HTTP/1.1 201 Created
Location: http://localhost:8080/cas/v1/tickets/TGT-1-
ej2biTUFoCNBwA5X4lJn4PjYLRcLtLYg2QhLHclInfQqUk3au0-cas
Content-Length: 441
...
```

2. Call to get a Service ticket

Request

```
POST /cas/v1/tickets/TGT-1-
ej2biTUFoCNBwA5X4lJn4PjYLRcLtLYg2QhLHclInfQqUk3au0-cas
HTTP/1.1
Content-Type: application/x-www-form-urlencoded
Content-Length: 57
```

service=http%3A%2F%2Flocalhost%3A8080%2Fcs%2FREST%2Fsites

Response

```
HTTP/1.1 200 OK
Content-Type: text/plain
Content-Length: 29
```

ST-1-7xsHEMYR9ZmKdyNuBz6W-cas

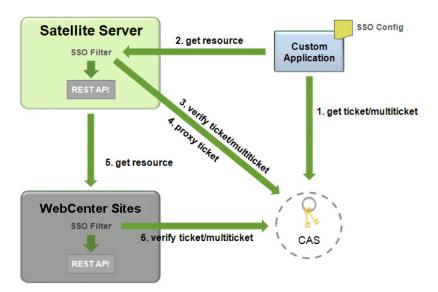
The protocol is fairly straightforward. First a call to get Ticket Granting Ticket (TGT) is made by passing the username and password parameter in application/x-www-formurlencoded POST request. The Response will contain the Location HTTP header, which should be used to issue a second application/x-www-form-urlencoded POST request with service parameter. The response body will contain the actual ticket.

Using Tickets and Multitickets

To use the generated ticket/multiticket, supply the ticket/multiticket URL query parameter. For example:

```
http://localhost:8080/cs/REST/sites?ticket=ST-1-
7xsHEMYR9ZmKdyNuBz6W-cas
```

```
http://localhost:8080/cs/REST/sites?multiticket=ST-2-
Bhen7VnZBERxXcepJZaV-cas
```



- 1. The application performs a call to get the ticket/multiticket.
 - Input: service, username, password
 - Output: ticket /multiticket
- 2. The application performs call to Remote Satellite Server to get the resource.
 - Input: ticket, resource input data
 - Output: resource output data
- **3.** Remote Satellite Server performs a call to validate the resulting 'assertion'. The assertion contains user information. Satellite Server also maintains a time-based cache of multitickets, so that subsequent calls do not incur the cost of validation.
 - Input: ticket/multiticket
 - Output: assertion
- 4. This step is optional. If the proxyTickets parameter in the SSOConfig.xml file parameter is set to true on the Satellite Server side, it also proxies the ticket.
 - Input: ticket
 - Output: proxied ticket
- 5. Remote Satellite Server performs a call to WebCenter Sites.
 - Input: assertion (in serialized form), resource input data
 - Output: resource output data

- **6.** This step is optional. If security is enabled on the WebCenter Sites side, it performs a call to validate the ticket.
 - Input: ticket/multiticket
 - Output: assertion

By default the communication channel between WebCenter Sites and Remote Satellite Server is not trusted. The proxyTickets parameter in the SSOConfig.xml file on Remote Satellite Server is set to true, which forces Remote Satellite Server to proxy the ticket supplied by the application that is being accessed.

For optimal performance, the system can be configured for authentication by Satellite Server alone. The security check should be disabled on the WebCenter Sites side by excluding the REST and WebCenter Sites elements used by the REST API from the SSO filter; the proxyTickets parameter in the SSOConfig.xml file on Remote Satellite Server should be set to false. In this mode it is possible to leverage multitickets. Note that the WebCenter Sites installation should be hosted inside a private network in this mode, and the communication channel between WebCenter Sites and Remote Satellite Server should be trusted.

SSO Configuration for Standalone Applications

The single sign-on module relies on the Spring configuration. The only required bean is ssoprovider, which references the ssoconfig bean.

Beans and Properties

```
id="ssolistener",
class="com.fatwire.wem.sso.cas.listener.CASListener"
```

Property	Description
	No properties for this bean.

```
id="ssofilter",
class="com.fatwire.wem.sso.cas.filter.CASFilter"
```

Property	Description
config	Required. SSO configuration reference.
	Sample value: ssoconfig
provider	Required. SSO provider reference.
	Sample value: ssoprovider

id="provider",

class="com.fatwire.wem.sso.cas.CASProvider"

Property	Description
config	SSO configuration reference.
	Sample value: ssoconfig

id="config",

class="com.fatwire.wem.sso.cas.conf.CASConfig"

Property	Description
applicationProxy CallbackPath	Proxy callback path, relative to casUrl.
	Default value: /proxycallback
authRedirect	Use this property to specify the default behavior on unauthenticated access to protected pages. true redirects the user to the CAS login page; false displays a 403 error if users are not unauthenticated. This setting could be overridden by the Pragma: auth-redirect HTTP header.
	Default value: true
casLoginPath	Login page path, relative to casUrl.
	Can accept additional query parameters:
	• wemLoginTemplate, points to the page containing the HTML login template to be used instead of the default template. The template must have two input fields: username and password. Note, that the HTML <form> tag should not be used in the template.</form>
	• wemLoginCss, points to the CSS page containing style declarations used on the login form.
	Default value: /login
casRESTPath	CAS REST servlet path, relative to casUrl.
	Default value: /v1
casSignoutPath	Logout page path, relative to casUrl.
	Default value: /logout
casUrl	Required property. CAS URL prefix.
	Example: http://localhost:8080/cas
gateway	If true, the request to protected pages will be redirected to CAS. If a ticket-granting cookie is present, then the user will be implicitly authenticated; if not, the user will be redirected back to the original location. This is used primarily to allow implicit authentication if the user is already logged in to another application.

id="config", class="com.fatwire.wem.sso.cas.conf.CASConfig" (continued)

Property	Description
gateway (continued)	Be careful when enabling the redirect behavior to occur by default. Make sure that the clients are able to follow the redirects. Otherwise, gateway=false URL query parameter should be used to override the default behavior. For example, while processing wemLoginTemplate and wemLoginCss parameters, CAS does not follow redirects; you will have to prepend gateway=false to URLs when turning this setting on.
	Default value: false
multiticketTimeout	Multiticket timeout in msecs.
	Default value: 600000
protectedMapping Excludes	List of mappings that should be excluded. Regular expressions are allowed.
	Allowed value: See protectedMappingIncludes
protectedMapping	List of protected mappings. Regular expressions are allowed.
Includes	Allowed value: path? [name=value, #]
	path is a URL path part. It may contain asterisks (* and **). The single asterisk * symbolizes any character sequence up to the forward slash character (/), while ** applies to the entire path.
	Example
	/folder1/folder2 matches against /folder1/*, while / folder1/folder2/folder3 does not.
	/folder1/folder2 matches against /folder1/**, as well as / folder1/folder2/folder3.
	? [] block is optional. Query parameters can be specified inside the block. Parameters are comma separated. The special character # means that the specified parameters are a subset of those from the request; omitting # requires the request parameters to exactly match the specified parameters.
	Parameters may contain only <i>name</i> . The match will be done against <i>name</i> only, or against <i>name=value</i> (i.e., both <i>name</i> and <i>value</i>). A parameter can take multiple values. In this case, the match test will pass if any of the specified parameter values match the corresponding parameter value from the request.
	Example
	<pre>/file1[size=1 2] matches against /file1?size=2, but not against /file1?size=2&author=admin</pre>
	<pre>/file1[size=1 2,name=file1,#] matches against /file1?size=2 and /file1?size=2&author=admin, but not against /file1?size=3</pre>

id="config",

class="com.fatwire.wem.sso.cas.conf.CASConfig" (continued)

Property	Description
protectedMapping Includes <i>(continued)</i>	To make custom REST resources in an application available via remote Satellite Server, specify the following value:
	<pre>/ContentServer?[pagename=rest/<path tocselement="">,#]</path></pre>
	Example
	<pre>/ContentServer? [pagename=rest/sample/ recommendation, #] for custom REST resources in the "Recommendation" sample application (Chapter 5).</pre>
proxyTickets	Specifies whether to proxy tickets.
	Set this property to false for the last server in the call chain for optimal performance.
	Set this property to true if you need to call another CAS-protected application from this application on behalf of the currently logged-in user. This results in the ability to call the following method: SSO.getSSOSession().getTicket(String service, String username, String password)
	Default value: true
useMultiTickets	Specifies whether to use multitickets.
	Default value: true

Query Parameters Processed by SSO Filter

Query Parameters Processed by SSO Filter

Property Name	Description
ticket	Used to verify user identity. Can be used only during some limited period of time for one resource and only once.
	Type: <query parameter=""></query>
	Value: <random string=""></random>
multiticket	Used to verify user identity. Can be used only during some limited period, multiple times for any resource.
	Type: <query parameter=""></query>
	Value: <random string=""></random>

Property Name	Description	
gateway	If this property is set to true, the request for public pages will be redirected to CAS. If the ticket granting cookie is present, then the user will be implicitly authenticated; if not, the user will be redirected back to the original location. This is primarily to allow implicit authentication if the user is already logged in to another application. Type: <query parameter=""></query>	
	Value: true false	
auth-redirect	Used to specify the default behavior on unauthenticated access to protected pages. If this property is set to true, the user will be redirected to the CAS login page; if false, a 403 error will be presented.	
	Type: <pragma header="" http=""></pragma>	
	Value: true false	

Query Parameters Processed by SSO Filter (continued)

Configuring CAS

Information about CAS clustering can be found in the following sources:

• For information about CAS architecture, use the following link:

http://www.jasig.org/cas/about

- For information about configuring CAS clustering during the WebCenter Sites installation, see the WebCenter Sites installation guides.
- For information about configuring CAS with LDAP providers, use the following link:

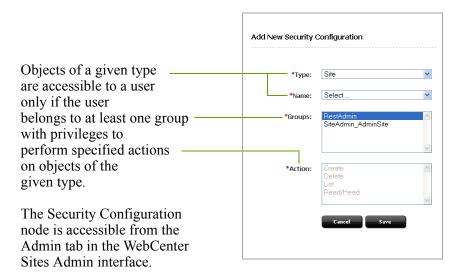
```
http://www.jasig.org/cas/server-deployment/authentication-
handler
```

REST Authorization

This section is for developers who are interested in administrators' authorization processes. REST authorization is the process of granting privileges to perform REST operations on applications' resources (which map to objects in WebCenter Sites). REST authorization uses the "deny everything by default" model. If a privilege is not explicitly granted to a particular group, that privilege is denied.

Security Model

The WEM security model is based on objects, groups, and actions. Security must be configured per object type in the WebCenter Sites Admin interface:



• **Object** is a generic term that refers to any entity in the WEM Framework such as a site, a user, or an asset. Protected objects are of the following types:

- Asset Type	- Site	- User Locale

- Asset Role ACL
- Index User Application
- Security groups are used to gather users for the purpose of managing their permissions (to operate on objects) simultaneously.
- An action is a security privilege: LIST, READ, UPDATE, CREATE, DELETE. LIST provides GET permission on services that list objects (such as /types), whereas READ provides GET permission on services that retrieve individual objects in full detail (such as /types/{assettype}).

Privileges are assigned to groups to operate on allowed objects. Some objects, such as ACLs, are read-only (they can be created directly in WebCenter Sites, but not over REST).

A security configuration is an array, such as shown above, which specifies:

• The protected object type and object(s)

- Groups that are able to access the objects
- Actions that groups (and their members) can perform on the objects

Possible security configurations are summarized in the Oracle WebCenter Sites Administrator's Guide for the Web Experience Management Framework.

Using the Security Model to Access REST Resources

Object types and objects in WebCenter Sites map to REST resources in the WEM Framework. For example, the Asset Type object maps to:

- <BaseURI>/types/ resource (which lists all asset types in the system)
- <BaseURI>/types/<assettype> resource (which displays information about the selected asset type), and so on.

Actions in WebCenter Sites map to REST methods in the WEM Framework. For example, granting the READ privilege to group Editor to operate on asset type Content_C gives users in the Editor group permission to use GET and HEAD methods on the REST resource

/types/Content_C.

- The LIST action allows group members to use GET methods on REST resources.
- The READ action allows group members to use GET and HEAD methods on REST resources.
- The UPDATE action allows group members to use POST methods on REST resources.
- The CREATE action allows group members to use PUT methods on REST resources.
- The DELETE action allows group members to use DELETE methods on REST resources.

For comprehensive information, see the Oracle WebCenter Sites: Web Experience Management Framework REST API Resource Reference.

Configuring REST Security

Procedures for configuring REST security are available in the Oracle WebCenter Sites Administrator's Guide for the Web Experience Management Framework.

Privilege Resolution Algorithm

When configuring a security privilege, you can specify that the privilege applies to all objects of a certain type or a single object of a certain type. For example, granting the privilege to UPDATE (POST) any site allows users in the group to modify the details of all sites in the WEM Framework. Granting the privilege to UPDATE (POST) the FirstSiteII sample site allows users in the group to modify this site's details in WEM.

The Asset object type requires you to specify the site to which the security setting applies, as assets are always accessed from a particular site. The AssetType object can be extended by specifying a subtype, which is used to make the security configuration more granular. For example, setting the DELETE privilege on asset type Content_C in allows a DELETE request to be performed on the REST resource /types/Content_C (i.e., to delete the Content_C asset type from the system).

Because privileges can be granted only to groups, a user's total privileges are not obvious until they are computed across all of the user's groups. The WEM Framework provides a privilege resolution algorithm. Its basic steps are listed below:

- 1. REST finds the groups in which the user has membership.
- **2.** REST determines which groups can perform which REST operations on which REST resources. If site or subtype is specified, each is taken into account.
- **3.** REST compares the results of steps 1 and 2. If at least one of the groups from step 1 is in the list of groups from step 2, then access is granted. Otherwise, access is denied.

Managing Assets Over REST

Sample code illustrating management of assets via the WebCenter Sites REST API is available in your WebCenter Sites installation directory, in the following paths:

```
Misc/Samples/WEM Samples/REST API samples/Basic Assets/com/
fatwire/rest/samples/basic/
```

```
Misc/Samples/WEM Samples/REST API samples/Basic Assets/com/
fatwire/rest/samples/flex/
```

The subfolders basic and flex each contain the following set of files:

- CreateAsset.java
- DeleteAsset.java
- ReadAsset.java
- UpdateAsset.java.

The code is richly documented with step-by-step instructions. Examples of basic asset management use the HelloAssetWorld sample site. Examples of flex asset management use the FirstSite II sample site. All information regarding the required asset types and assets can be found in the java files.

Chapter 8 Customizable Single Sign-On Facility

- Customizing Login Behavior for the WEM Framework
- Configuring and Deploying Custom SSO Behavior
- Running the CSSO Sample Implementation

Customizing Login Behavior for the WEM Framework

WEM Framework authentication, which is built over the CAS framework, includes a customization layer called the Oracle Customizable Single Sign-On facility, also called *CSSO*. The CSSO facility contains authentication extensions that you can use to create a custom SSO solution, without directly modifying the CAS configuration. Instead, the Spring configuration directs the injection of these extensions into the CAS configuration to implement the desired login behavior.

The CSSO facility provides pre-packaged classes that can be extended to implement a custom SSO solution. It also provides a default Spring configuration file which identifies the classes to Spring for instantiation. Customizing WEM SSO enables you to use a different login screen, require credentials other than a username/password pair, or use an external authentication authority to authenticate WebCenter Sites users. A custom SSO implementation consists of:

- Three Java classes (which extend the default classes)
- A configuration file that exposes the new classes to the framework

The default CSSO classes defer all credential discovery and authentication to the standard WEM SSO implementation. These classes are instantiated by the customdefaultWEMSSObean.xml Spring configuration file. Extending the default CSSO classes enables you to define methods which specify the behavior of your custom SSO solution. For example you can create a different authentication for browser access, REST, and/or thick client authentication. When you extend the default CSSO classes and exposes them to the WEM Framework.

The CSSO facility provides a complete SSO sample (including Java source files) that replaces the default WEM login behavior with custom login behavior. The sample SSO implementation demonstrates two different types of authentication – username/password pair (with an additional domain field) and external user identifier. (The external identifier maps a user authenticated by an external authentication authority to a WebCenter Sites system user.)

The rest of this chapter provides information about the default components of the CSSO facility and instructions on implementing a custom SSO solution. If you wish to see an example of a custom SSO solution, the end of this chapter provides information about the CSSO sample, and instructions for running the sample.

Components of the Default CSSO Implementation

This section provides information about the default components provided by the CSSO facility. These components are your starting point for customizing your own SSO implementation.

The com.fatwire.wem.sso.cas.custom.basis package (shown in Table 1) contains the default classes that are included in the CSSO facility. The default Spring configuration file (customdefaultWEMSSObeans.xml) instantiates these classes to implement the default WEM login behavior.

Note

The CSSO facility provides a complete SSO sample that replaces the default WEM login behavior with custom login behavior. For more information, see "Running the CSSO Sample Implementation," on page 83.

Table 1: com.fatwire.wem.sso.cas.custom.basis

Class	Description
CustomAuthenticator.java	Implements the CustomAuthentication interface. This class controls the behavior of the login sequence and handles authentication requests. By default, it returns to the WEM Framework to complete the authentication by displaying the standard WEM login form.
	For information about extending this class, see "Extending the Default CSSO Classes," on page 75.
CustomConfiguration.java	Provides access to the properties that are set in the default Spring configuration file. You can extend this class when additional properties are required for a custom SSO implementation.
	For information about extending this class, see "Extending the Default CSSO Classes," on page 75.
CustomCredentials.java	Provides a standard set of credential values for custom authentication. You can extend this class when additional attributes are needed for a custom SSO implementation.
	For information about extending this class, see "Extending the Default CSSO Classes," on page 75.

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The com.fatwire.wem.sso.cas.custom.interfaces package (shown in Table 2) defines the custom authentication interfaces.

Table 2:	com.fatwire.wem.sso.cas.custom.interfaces

Class	Description
CustomAuthentication.java	Defines the interfaces that must be implemented by any custom SSO solution.
	For more information, see "Extending the Default CSSO Classes," on page 75.
	Defines the interfaces that must be implemented to encode and decode a custom REST authentication token that is not username/ password based.

Configuring and Deploying Custom SSO Behavior

To configure and deploy custom SSO behavior you must first extend the default classes that are included in the CSSO facility. You then identify the new Java classes to Spring by creating a custom Spring configuration file which instantiates the classes, exposing them to the CSSO framework. These are your basic steps:

- Extend the default CSSO classes CustomAuthenticator.java, CustomConfiguration.java, and CustomCredentials.java (contained within the com.fatwire.wem.sso.cas.custom.basis package):
 - **a.** Create new Java classes that extend the default CSSO classes.
 - **b.** Package the Java classes you created in a jar file, then place the jar file in the classpath of the CAS servlet (in cas/WEB-INF/lib).

For more information, see "Extending the Default CSSO Classes," on page 75.

- 2. Identify your new Java classes to Spring for instantiation:
 - **a.** Create a Spring configuration file that contains all the custom class names and properties for your SSO implementation.
 - **b.** Place the custom Spring configuration file in the spring-configuration folder (in cas/WEB-INF/).
 - **c.** Remove the .xml extension from the default Spring configuration file (customDefaultWEMSSObeans.xml).

For more information, see "Identifying Your Java Classes to Spring for Instantiation," on page 77.

- **3.** If an external authentication authority is used to authenticate a user, map the external user identifier to the appropriate WebCenter Sites system user name, unique identifier, and ACLs. For instructions, see "Mapping External User Identifiers to WebCenter Sites Credentials," on page 80.
- **4.** Restart the CAS web application. For more information, see "Restarting the CAS Web Application," on page 82.

The rest of this section provides detailed information for the steps outlined above.

Extending the Default CSSO Classes

An SSO implementation is a set of called methods that are specified in the default CSSO classes CustomAuthenticator.java, CustomConfiguration.java, and CustomCredentials.java. To replace the default WEM login behavior with custom behavior, you must create new Java classes for it that extend the default CSSO classes. By extending the CSSO classes, the methods specified in the default CSSO classes are replaced by the methods specified in the custom classes for the functionality you wish to change.

The three classes (located in the com.fatwire.wem.sso.cas.custom.basis package) that must be extended to implement a custom SSO solution are:

- **CustomConfiguration.java** Provides access to the externally defined properties that are specified in the default Spring configuration file. By default, this class exists only as a placeholder for injecting properties into the SSO configuration from the Spring configuration file. Extend this class if you wish to include additional properties, such as URLs or other configuration information, that are specific to your custom SSO implementation.
- **CustomCredentials.java** Provides a standard set of credential values for custom authentication. This class is built and populated by the web-flow handler or the custom REST authenticator. By default, this class defines the standard UsernamePasswordCredentials object (provided by CAS), which collects all information required to complete user authentication in the following properties username, userId, and currentACL. The values of these properties populate the attributes map used by the authenticator (CustomAuthenticator.java), to perform the actual user authentication.

Extend this class if you wish to require additional credentials for your custom SSO solution. For an example of how this class passes user information to the authenticator to complete user authentication, refer to the code of the sample CSSO class SampleCredentials.java (located in the Misc/Samples/WEM/Samples/CustomizableSSO/lib folder).

• **CustomAuthenticator.java** – Implements the CustomAuthentication interface. This class controls the behavior of the login sequence and handles authentication requests. By default, it returns to the WEM Framework to complete the authentication by displaying the standard WEM login form.

Note

The default CustomAuthenticator.java class is the most important class because it contains all the authentication methods for an SSO implementation.

All authentication decisions and CAS web-flow actions are directed to this class for action. CAS web-flow performs a number of steps, one of which invokes the performLoginAction method. This method displays a login form or communicates with an external authentication authority.

This class also defines the static method callCsResolverPage which maps an external user to a WebCenter Sites user. If your custom SSO implementation uses an external authentication authority to authenticate users, the callCsResolverPage method must define the unique name for the CSSO authenticator. For more

information, see "Mapping External User Identifiers to WebCenter Sites Credentials," on page 80.

The following is a complete interface description of the methods this class implements:

```
static final int SUCCESS = 0;
static final int GOTOWEM = 1;
static final int FAILURE = 2;
static final int REDIRECT = 3;
static final int ERROR = 4;
static final int REPEAT = 5;
/**
 * Called from UserAuthentication handler to check for
   alternate
 * credentials and validate appropriately.
 * @param userCredentials
 * @return
 */
public int authenticate(com.fatwire.wem.sso.cas.custom.basis.
   CustomCredentials userCredentials);
/**
 * Called from CSAuthenticationHandler to check for REST user
 * credentials and validate appropriately.
 */
public int authenticateRest(UsernamePasswordCredentials
   restCredentials);
/**
 * Called from CSAuthenticationHandler to check is username/
  password
 * combination is detected.
 */
public boolean checkRestCredentials(String token);
/**
 * Called from CSAttributeDAO to check for encoded credentials
  and
 * if so then return the correct username for DAO processing.
 * @param username
 * @return
 */
public String resolveRestUsername(String username);
/**
 * Called from LoginViewAction to handle login view processing.
   This
 * method allows the calling of internal CAS methods.
 * @param context
 * @param userAuthentication
 * @param centralAuthenticationService
```

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```
* @return
*/
public int performLoginAction(RequestContext context,
        CustomAuthentication userAuthentication,
        CentralAuthenticationService
        centralAuthenticationService);
/**
 * Called from casLogoutView to perform sign in cleanup
 * @param request
 * @param response
 */
public void performLogoutAction(HttpServletRequest request,
        HttpServletResponse response);
```

Identifying Your Java Classes to Spring for Instantiation

All customization settings for an SSO implementation are specified in a single Spring configuration file, located in the spring-configuration folder (in cas/WEB-INF).

The rest of this section contains the following topics:

- Creating a Spring Configuration File
- Placing Your Spring Configuration File

Creating a Spring Configuration File

The classes and properties for the default SSO implementation are defined by the Spring configuration file customDefaultWEMSSObeans.xml, which is located in the spring-configuration folder (in cas/WEB-INF). When customizing CSSO, you can either create a new Spring configuration file or customize the classes and properties referenced in the default Spring configuration file. The rest of this section focuses on the second option.

The default Spring configuration file contains several bean identifiers that reference the classes and properties required for the default SSO implementation. The customUserConfiguration bean references the CustomConfiguration.java class and the customUserAuthenticator bean references the

CustomAuthenticator.java class. These classes are instantiated by the Spring configuration file, which uses them to create the persistent objects for the SSO implementation's authentication process. To create a custom SSO solution, you must reference your custom Java classes within these beans.

Note

The CustomCredentials.java class is **not** referenced by the Spring configuration file. Instead, you provide the code that instantiates this object in the performLoginAction method, defined in the default CSSO CustomAuthenticator.java class. This method creates a custom credentials object for every login request and passes it into CAS for authentication.

The customUserConfiguration bean also identifies the configuration properties which supply system information to the default SSO implementation. These properties are set with values of the environment on which you are deploying the SSO implementation. When you customize the Spring configuration file, you must modify the values of the properties to match the custom SSO implementation's environment, or include additional properties required by the custom SSO implementation.

Extending the CustomConfiguration.java class enables you to define additional properties in the Spring configuration file's customUserConfiguration bean. For example, if you created a JSP file that provides a custom login form for your SSO implementation, create a property that specifies the location of the JSP file by extending the CustomConfiguration.java class.

The rest of this section analyzes the classes and properties that are referenced in the default Spring configuration file (customDefaultWEMSSObean.xml).

The default Spring configuration file

1	xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?
2	<pre><beans <="" pre="" xmlns="http://www.springframework.org/schema/beans"></beans></pre>
3	<pre>xmlns:xsi="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema-</pre>
	instance"
4	<pre>xmlns:flow="http://www.springframework.org/schema/</pre>
	webflow-config"
5	xmlns:p="http://www.springframework.org/schema/p"
6	xsi:schemaLocation="http://www.springframework.org/
0	schema/beans http://www.springframework.org/schema/
	beans/spring-beans-2.0.xsd
7	http://www.springframework.org/schema/webflow-config
/	http://www.springframework.org/schema/webflow-config http://www.springframework.org/schema/webflow-
	config/spring-webflow-config-1.0.xsd">
8	Custom SSO Bean definitions. This file defines either</td
0	the default CAS/SSO configuration or a special
	user implementation. No other CAS configuration
0	files are modified for a custom implementation> This bean is never modified. It defines the web-flow</td
9	
	controller which always passes control into
1.0	the custom authenticator>
10	 <bean <="" id="customUserLoginAction" td=""></bean>
	<pre>class="com.fatwire.wem.sso.cas.web.CustomLoginViewA</pre>
	ction"
11	p:centralAuthenticationService-
	ref="centralAuthenticationService"
12	p:customAuthentication-
	ref="customUserAuthenticator"
13	/>
14	This bean is usually not modified. Override it when</td
	there needs to be a custom encoding for
	information passed between the web-flow and any
	external component>
15	<bean <="" id="customRestCoder" td=""></bean>
	class="com.fatwire.wem.sso.cas.custom.basis.CustomRest
	TokenCoding"
16	/>

```
17 <!-- Modify this bean with a custom configuration
            implementation class when additional parameters are
            needed for a custom implementation -->
18 <bean id="customUserConfiguration"</pre>
         class="com.fatwire.wem.sso.cas.custom.basis.CustomConf
         iguration"
19
      p:casLoginUrl="http://localhost:7080/cas/login"
20
      p:resolverUrl="http://localhost:8080/cs/custom/
            customCsResolver.jsp"
21
      p:resolverUsername="fwadmin"
      p:resolverPassword="xceladmin"
2.2
23
      p:traceFlag="false"
      />
24
25 <!-- Modify this bean with a customAuthentication class for
            a custom implementation. -->
26 <bean id="customUserAuthenticator"
         class=<u>"com.fatwire.wem.sso.cas.custom.basis.CustomAuth</u>
         enticator"
27
      p:customConfiguration-ref="customUserConfiguration"
      p:customRestCoder-ref="customRestCoder"
28
29
      />
30 </beans>
```

Analyzing the default Spring configuration file

- Line 18 is the customUserConfiguration bean, which references the default CSSO customConfiguration.java class. (For information about this class, see "Extending the Default CSSO Classes," on page 75.) This bean also contains the required properties for the default SSO implementation:
 - Line 19 references the casLoginURL property. This property specifies the base URL to the CAS login function. The domain and port number settings require modification if the values specified are different from the CAS server installation.
 - Lines 20 22 reference the external authentication properties resolverURL, resolverUsername, and resolverPassword. If WebCenter Sites is used to authenticate users, these properties do not need to be referenced. If an external authentication authority is used to authenticate users, these properties must be referenced. When these properties are referenced they enable you to implement mapping from an external identifier to a WebCenter Sites system user.
 - Line 20 references the resolverURL property. If an external authentication authority is used to authenticate a user, this property must specify the full URL to the customCsResolver page, located on WebCenter Sites. The customCsResolver page obtains a user's external identifier and queries the WebCenter Sites database to retrieve the user's WebCenter Sites credentials. The domain and port number specified in this property, must be modified if the values specified are different from the WebCenter Sites installation.
 - Line 21 references the resolverUsername property. If an external authentication authority is used to authenticate a user, this property must specify the username of a WebCenter Sites user who has permissions to read the SystemUserAttr table. This username is used when the customCsResolver page needs to query the WebCenter Sites database to resolve an external user identifier into a registered WebCenter Sites user.

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- Line 22 references the resolverPassword property. If an external authentication authority is used to authenticate a user, this property must specify the password of the user identified by the resolverUsername property (line 21).

For information about implementing mapping, see "Mapping External User Identifiers to WebCenter Sites Credentials," on page 80.

- Line 23 references the traceFlag property. This property specifies whether the trace log, which provides information about the custom SSO layer, is enabled or disabled. This property can either be set to True or False.
- Line 26 is the customUserAuthenticator bean, which references the default CSSO CustomAuthenticator.java class. (For information about this class, see "Extending the Default CSSO Classes," on page 75.)

Placing Your Spring Configuration File

The default Spring configuration file, which specifies the classes and properties for the default WEM login behavior, is located in the spring-configuration folder (in cas/ WEB-INF). Placing your own file into the same location requires deactivating the default file (by removing or changing the file's .xml extension). This is because Spring loads all Spring configuration files contained in the spring-configuration folder (in cas/ WEB-INF) and merges those files into a single configuration. As both the custom and the default files specify the same bean identifiers, only one of the files can be recognized by the Spring configuration. Duplicate bean identifiers result in initialization failure.

Note

Avoid deleting customDefaultWEMSSObeans.xml. Instead, remove or change the file's .xml extension. This way you can restore the file if you wish to return to using the default WEM login screen.

Mapping External User Identifiers to WebCenter Sites Credentials

The CSSO facility enables you to use an external authentication authority to authenticate WebCenter Sites users. When the external authentication authority validates the user's credentials, it associates a unique external identifier with that user. To complete WEM authentication, the user's external identifier must be mapped to the corresponding WebCenter Sites system username, unique identifier, and ACLs by using the method callCsResolverPage (defined as a static method in the default CSSO class CustomAuthenticator.java).

To map an external identifier to a WebCenter Sites system user, make sure you have set the external authentication properties in the Spring Configuration file (see, "Analyzing the default Spring configuration file," on page 79). To implement mapping from an external identifier to the appropriate WebCenter Sites system credentials, do the following:

To implement mapping

1. Define a unique CSSO authenticator name for the external authentication authority of your custom SSO implementation in the callCsResolverPage method (defined in your extended CustomAuthenticator.java class).

For example, the following callCsResolverPage method (defined in the Sample CSSO class SampleAutheticator.java) defines "samplesso" as the unique authenticator name:

- 2. Access the WebCenter Sites Admin interface as a general administrator (for example, fwadmin/xceladmin).
- 3. In the Admin tab, expand the Management Tools node and double-click User.
- **4.** Select the user whose external identifier you wish to map to WebCenter Sites credentials:
 - a. In the "Enter User Name" field, enter the name of the user.
 - **b.** In the "Select Operation" section, select the **Modify User Attributes** radio button.
 - c. Click OK.

The "Modify User" form is displayed:

Modify User	
Select the use	r to modify:
User Name	ACL
	TableEditor, Visitor, VisitorAdmin, UserEditor, UserReader, xceladmin, Browser, xceleditor, xcelpublish, PageEditor, ElementEditor, RemoteClient, WSUser, WSEditor,
fwadmin	WSAdmin

5. In the "User Name" column, click the name of the user whose external identifier you wish to map to WebCenter Sites credentials.

The following form is displayed:

User Attributes:fwadmi		
Attribute Name	Attribute Values	
	Add new attribute and value .	
Modify		

- **6.** In the form, fill in the fields:
 - In the "Attribute Name" field, enter the unique CSSO authenticator name (the name used to identify the external authentication authority). This name must match the unique name of the CSSO authenticator defined in the callCsResolverPage method (in step 1).
 - In the "Attribute Values" field, enter the user's external identifier provided by the external authentication authority.
- 7. Click **Modify** to store the new attribute and value in the WebCenter Sites SystemUserAttr database table.

8. Repeat steps 3 - 7 for all users associated with an external identifier.

Analyzing the Mapping Process

When the callCsResolverPage method is called to map an external identifier to a WebCenter Sites system user, it defines the unique CSSO authenticator name for your custom SSO implementation. The method uses the external identifier and the unique CSSO authenticator name to map the external user to the WebCenter Sites system user. This map contains the following items, which are placed in the associated properties of the CustomCredentials object:

- username The user's WebCenter Sites username.
- currentUser The user's WebCenter Sites unique identifier.
- currentACL The user's ACLs.

The CustomCredentials object passes the username, currentUser, and currentACL values to the authenticate method, defined in the CustomAuthenticator.java class. The authenticate method uses these values to build the response map, which identifies the WebCenter Sites user.

Restarting the CAS Web Application

To deploy your custom SSO implementation, restart the CAS web application. Once CAS has been restarted, it uses the classes defined in the custom Spring configuration file, located in the spring-configuration folder (in cas/WEB-INF) to provide the custom login behavior.

Running the CSSO Sample Implementation

The CSSO facility provides a working example of a custom SSO implementation (including Java source files). The sample replaces the default WEM login behavior with custom login behavior, which includes the standard username and password fields, an additional field for a user to specify a domain name, and a field for an external user identifier. This demonstrates two different types of authentication – username/password pair (with an additional domain field) and user authentication through an external authentication authority.

Note

The CSSO sample does not enforce any validation rules that apply to the fields on the login form. Fields are not checked for completeness and incorrect values are not reported. If authentication fails, the form is re-displayed without comment. If you implement this form in a production environment, you must ensure that all rules are enforced with suitable diagnostic messages if an error occurs.

For information about all the sample components included in the CSSO facility, see "Sample CSSO Components," on page 87.

To run the sample SSO implementation

1. Deploy the customizable-sso-1.0.jar (Misc/Samples/WEM Samples/ CustomizableSSO) by placing it in the CAS classpath (cas/WEB-INF/lib folder). This file contains the sample CSSO classes.

For more information about the sample classes, see "Sample CSSO Classes," on page 84.

- 2. Create a fatwire folder in the CAS web application context folder. Copy the SampleLoginform.jsp file into the fatwire folder.
- **3.** Identify the classes contained in the customizable-sso-1.0.jar file to Spring for instantiation:
 - **a.** Copy the customSampleSSObeans.xml configuration file into the spring-configuration folder.
 - **b.** Modify the properties in the customSampleSSObeans.xml file to match your operation environment.
 - **c.** Remove the .xml extension from the customDefaultWEMSSObeans.xml configuration file's name, located in the spring-configuration folder.

For more information about the sample Spring configuration file, see "Sample Spring Configuration File," on page 85.

4. If you wish to use the external identifier credentials to validate users, define the mapping relationship between the external user identifier and the user's WebCenter Sites system credentials by adding the appropriate entry to the SystemUserAttr table.

For instructions, see "Mapping External User Identifiers to WebCenter Sites Credentials," on page 80.

5. Restart the CAS web application.

The sample login form looks as follows:

Please enter the user -OR-	mame/password credentials
External user identif	fier to access Content Serve
Username	
Password	
Domain my	domain
D'Oundaire proj	

Sample CSSO Classes

The CSSO sample contains three Java classes which extend the default CSSO classes, providing the methods for the sample SSO implementation's login behavior:

• SampleConfiguration.java – This class extends the default CSSO CustomConfiguration.java class to include a domain property (sampleDomain) which will be validated by an external authentication authority when a user provides a value for this field on the login form. The sampleDomain property is injected into the CSSO configuration by Spring.

This class also includes the sampleFormURL property which defines the sample login form that is called to retrieve a user's credentials. Standard and custom properties for this class are supplied through the sample Spring configuration file.

• SampleCredentials.java – This class extends the default CSSO CustomCredentials.java class and collects all information required to complete user authentication. The SampleAuthenticator class uses the UsernamePasswordCredentials object when a user supplies a username and password on the login form. If a user supplies an external identifier on the login form instead of username and password credentials, the SampleCredentials object is created to provide that information to the authenticator (in this example, sample SSO class SampleAuthenticator.java).

In CAS, the type of credentials object that is created controls which authenticator is used (either standard or custom). If username and password credentials are supplied on the login form, the standard WEM username and password authenticator is used automatically. If an external identifier is supplied on the login form, the custom authenticator is called to authenticate the SampleCredentials object.

• SampleAuthenticator.java – This class extends the default CSSO CustomAuthenticator.java class and contains all the authentication methods that are called by the CSSO framework. When the sample is deployed, all authentication decisions and web-flow actions, during CAS authentication, are directed to this class for action.

The performLoginAction method (extended by this class) displays the sample login form. When a user submits his credentials on the form, CAS returns to this method to process the input fields. Depending on the credentials that require verification, the method creates either a UsernamePasswordCredentials object or a SampleCredentials object, populated with the user's assigned credentials. The credentials object is then inserted into the CAS context (provided by CAS) and a TGT is requested. The TGT request triggers authentication of the credentials object. If authentication is denied, a ticket exception results in the login form being redisplayed. If the authentication is successful, the next action in the web-flow occurs. For example, acquire a ticket, append the ticket to the original service URL (the WebCenter Sites URL), and redirect back to the original service.

There are two authentication methods in this class. One handles authentication using SampleCredentials and the other authenticates REST requests, which are usually username/password based. The sample introduces the sampleDomain value as a new value to be authenticated. In this case, the performLoginAction method encodes the username, password, and sampleDomain values provided by the user and passes the encoded values to the UsernamePasswordCredentials object. The default WEM authentication handler detects the sampleDomain value and passes that credential to the authenticationRest method. This method decodes the sampleDomain value from the other values and verifies that the correct domain has been specified. If the value is incorrect, authentication fails. If the value is correct, this method encodes the username and password back into the credentials object, and the default WEM authentication handler validates the username and password.

Sample Spring Configuration File

The classes and properties for the sample SSO implementation are defined by the sample Spring configuration file customSampleSSObeans.xml (located in Misc/Samples/ WEM Samples/CustomizableSSO/src/main/webapp/WEB-INF/springconfiguration).

The rest of this section contains the following topics:

- Analyzing the Sample Spring Configuration File
- Placing the Sample Spring Configuration File

Analyzing the Sample Spring Configuration File

The sample Spring configuration file contains the same bean identifiers as the default Spring configuration file (see, "Creating a Spring Configuration File," on page 77). However, the property values are modified to implement the sample login behavior. For example, the customUserConfiguration bean references the SampleConfiguration.java class and the customUserAuthenticator bean references the SampleAuthenticator.java class.

The customUserConfiguration bean also identifies the configuration properties which supply system information to the sample SSO implementation. For example, since the SampleLoginForm.jsp file provides the browser form that is used by the sample to obtain a user's credentials, the SampleConfiguration.java class is extended to include the sampleFormURL property. This property specifies the full URL of the login page for the sample SSO implementation. The domain name and port number match the CAS server installation, and the path points to where this page was placed during set up.

The following is the sample Spring configuration file's code. For more information about the properties referenced by this file, see "Analyzing the default Spring configuration file," on page 79.

The sample Spring configuration file

```
xmlns:flow="http://www.springframework.org/schema/
     webflow-config"
xmlns:p="http://www.springframework.org/schema/p"
        xsi:schemaLocation="http://www.springframework.org/
        schema/beans
http://www.springframework.org/schema/beans/spring-beans-
     2.0.xsd
http://www.springframework.org/schema/webflow-config
http://www.springframework.org/schema/webflow-config/
     spring-webflow-config-1.0.xsd">
<!-- Custom SSO Bean definitions. This file defines either
the default CAS/SSO configuration or a special user
implementation. No other CAS configuration files are
modified for a custom implementation -->
<!-- This bean is never modified. It defines the web-flow
controller which always passes control into the custom
authenticator -->
<bean id="customUserLoginAction"</pre>
class="com.fatwire.wem.sso.cas.web.CustomLoginViewAction"
     p:centralAuthenticationService-
        ref="centralAuthenticationService"
    p:customAuthentication-ref="customUserAuthenticator"
     />
<!-- This bean is usually not modified. Override it when
there needs to be a custom encoding for information passed
between the web-flow and any external component -->
<bean id="customRestCoder"</pre>
class="com.fatwire.wem.sso.cas.custom.basis.
     CustomRestTokenCoding"
     />
<!-- Modify this bean with a custom configuration class
when additional parameters are needed for a custom
implementation -->
<bean id="customUserConfiguration"</pre>
class="com.fatwire.wem.sso.cas.sample.SampleConfiguration"
     p:casLoginUrl=<u>"http://localhost:7080/cas/login"</u>
     p:resolverUrl="http://localhost:8080/cs/custom/
        customCsResolver.jsp"
     p:resolverUsername="fwadmin"
     p:resolverPassword="xceladmin"
     p:traceFlag="false"
     p:sampleDomain="mydomain"
     p:sampleFormUrl="http://localhost:7080/cas/
        SampleLoginForm.jsp"
     />
<!-- Modify this bean with a customAuthentication class for
a custom implementation. -->
<bean id="customUserAuthenticator"</pre>
class="com.fatwire.wem_.sso.cas.sample.SampleAuthenticator"
```

```
p:customConfiguration-ref="customUserConfiguration"
p:customRestCoder-ref="customRestCoder"
/>
```

</beans>

Placing the Sample Spring Configuration File

To instantiate the sample classes, place the sample Spring configuration file in the spring-configuration folder (in cas/WEB-INF) and remove the .xml extension from the default Spring configuration file. For more information, see "Placing Your Spring Configuration File," on page 80.

Sample CSSO Components

The sample CSSO implementation's components are located in the /WEM Samples/ CustomizableSSO folder. The following folders are included with the sample CSSO implementation:

Folder	Description
Misc/Samples/WEM Samples/ CustomizableSSO	Contains the customizable-sso- 1.0.jar file. This jar file provides the classes of the executable code for the sample. If you wish to deploy the sample SSO implementation, place this jar file in the CAS classpath (cas/WEB-INF/lib folder).
Misc/Samples/WEM Samples/ CustomizableSSO/lib	Contains all the third-party jar files required to compile the Java source files for the sample SSO implementation.
Misc/Samples/WEM Samples/ CustomizableSSO/src/main/dist	Contains Word documents that explain the individual source components and operations of the sample implementation.
	Note: We recommend reviewing these documents before viewing the sample's source code.
Misc/Samples/WEM Samples/ CustomizableSSO/src/main/java	The root folder for the Java source files.
Misc/Samples/WEM Samples/ CustomizableSSO/src/main/ webapp/fatwire	Contains SampleLoginForm.jsp. The JSP provides the browser form that is used by the sample to obtain a user's login credentials. Implementing the sample requires creating a fatwire folder in the CAS application context folder and copying the SampleLoginForm.jsp to that folder.

Folder	Description
Misc/Samples/WEM Samples/ CustomizableSSO/src/main/ webapp/WEB-INF/spring- configuration	Contains the sample Spring configuration file customSampleSSObeans.xml, which defines the Spring bean definitions required by the sample SSO implementation. This file must be placed in the spring- configuration folder (in cas/WEB- INF). The file that exists in the spring- configuration folder (customDefaultWEMSSObeans.xml) must be given an extension other than .xml or removed.
	Note: Save a copy of the customDefaultWEMSSObeans.xml file so it can be restored when you wish to return to the standard WEM login screen.

Chapter 9 Buffering

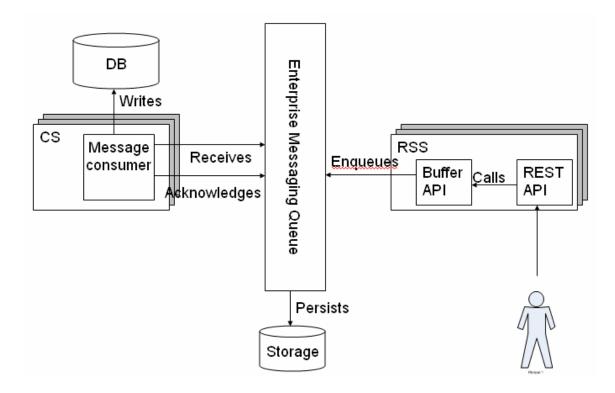
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Introduction

Asset create, update, and delete operations are much slower than the read operation. Sometimes, it is acceptable to delay these operations to occur at a future time with the guarantee of eventual consistency. That is, if a delayed (buffered) operation was performed, it is guaranteed that the WebCenter Sites platform will receive the change at some finite, undetermined period of time. Although buffering operations are extremely fast, they do not speed up the total time that is needed to create, update, and delete assets in the platform.

Architecture

The current implementation of buffering subsystem relies on Java Messaging Service (JMS) technology.



Buffering consists of the following components:

- Buffering Producer, which produces messages and puts them into the Messaging Queue (MQ).
- Buffering Consumer, which picks messages from MQ and persists them in the platform.

The buffering producer can be used on both WebCenter Sites and Remote Satellite Server, where the asset REST service <BaseURI>/sites/<sitename>/types/

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<assettype>/assets/<id> is available. When used on Remote Satellite Server, the buffering producer does not communicate with WebCenter Sites, which ensures linear scalability of the entire system.

Note

The buffering consumer is available only on WebCenter Sites. We recommend enabling the buffering consumer only on the primary cluster member. Enabling on multiple cluster members cannot guarantee that the sequence of CRUD operations will be preserved.

Using Buffering

- 1. Install the JMS provider if one is not already available. (For supported providers, see the *Oracle WebCenter Sites Certification Matrix*.
- 2. Configure BufferingConfig.xml on WebCenter Sites and optionally on Remote Satellite Server.

```
id="bufferingManager"
```

class="com.fatwire.cs.core.buffering.jms.JmsBufferingManager"

Property name	Description
jmsConnectionFactory	Required. Instance of javax.jms.ConnectionFactory
jmsDestination	Required. Instance of javax.jms.Destination
messageConsumers	List of com.fatwire.cs.core.buffering. IMessageConsumer implementations.

 Specify buffer=true when invoking the REST asset service <BaseURI>/sites/ <sitename>/types/<assettype>/assets/<id>
 .

Note

Buffering does not return the result of PUT and POST operations in the response. Instead, an empty payload is sent. Developers should be aware of this behavior when coding the client application.

The default BufferingConfig.xml file, provided with WebCenter Sites, contains the sample configuration for Apache ActiveMQ. The BufferingConfig.xml file is similar for both WebCenter Sites and Remote Satellite Server, except that the list of message consumers for Remote Satellite Server is empty.

Appendix A Registering Applications Manually

- Registration Steps
- Reference: Registration Asset Types

Registration Steps

Registration exposes applications in the WEM Framework, as described on page 20. Registering an application manually requires using the WebCenter Sites Admin interface to create an asset for the application, create an asset for each of its views, and associate the view assets with the application asset. The registration asset types FW_Application and FW_View are enabled on AdminSite.

To manually register an application and view

The section uses code from the "Articles" sample application to illustrate the registration process. "Articles" has a single view of type iframe. The same steps apply to JavaScript and HTML views.

1. Create or get an icon to represent your application. (The icon will be displayed in the applications bar.)

(The "Articles" sample application uses the articles.png image file located in: /sample app/articles/src/main/webapp/images/)

2. Create a file that specifies the layout of the application in HTML, i.e., for each view, create a placeholder element to hold the content rendered by the view. Applications and views are related as shown in Figure 9, on page 46.

For example, layout.jsp (for the "Articles" sample application) contains the following line:

```
<div id="articles" style="float:left;height:100%;width:100%"
    class="wemholder"></div>
```

The view's content will be rendered within the placeholder element when the application is displayed (layout.app renders the application's layout; home.app renders the view).

Note

When creating the layout file, specify a unique id for the placeholder element. You will specify the same id for the Parent Node attribute when creating the view asset. Use class="wemholder" for the placeholder elements.

- **3.** Register the view and application.
 - a. Log in to the WebCenter Sites Admin interface as a general administrator, navigate to the AdminSite and click the Admin tab, where the FW_View and FW_Application asset types are enabled.

(We assume you will create the view and application assets in the same session, in which case both assets will be listed on the **History** tab. When creating the application asset, you will select the view asset from the **History** tab and associate it with the application asset. The **History** tab is volatile; it is cleared at the end of the user's session. Assets can be permanently placed on the **Active List** tab. For instructions, see the *Oracle WebCenter Sites Administrator's Guide*.)

b. Create an instance of the FW_View asset type:

Click **New**, select **New FW_View**, and set attributes as shown below this figure. (This figure displays attribute values for the view asset of the "Articles" sample application.)

Content Metada	ata			
W_View:				
*Name:	ArticlesView	×		
Parent Node:	articles	× 2		
*View Type:	Iframe	~		
Source Url:	http://localhost9080	/article: 🗙		
JavaScript:				
			.:: (?	
Content:				

Name: Enter a short descriptive name for this view asset.

Parent Node: Enter the id of the placeholder element (defined in step 2 on page 94) that will hold the content rendered by the view.

View Type: Select one of the following options to specify how the view's content should be rendered in the placeholder:

- Iframe renders the view in an iframe into the placeholder element
- IncludeHTML renders HTML into the placeholder element
- IncludeJavaScript renders JavaScript into the placeholder element

Source URL: Enter the URL that provides content for the view. For example, Source URL for the "Articles" sample application takes the following value: http://localhost:9080/articles-1.0/home.app **c.** Create an instance of the FW_Application asset type:

Click **New**, select **New FW_Application**, and set attributes as shown below this figure. (This figure displays attribute values for the application asset of the "Articles" sample application.)

Content Metada	ata	
W_Application:		
*Name:	Articles ×	
Short Description:		?
Tooltip:		?
Icon URL:	http://localhost:9080/article 🗙	?
Hover Icon URL:		?
Click Icon URL:		?
Active Icon URL:		?
*Layout type:	Layout Renderer 🗸 🗸	
Layout URL:	http://localhost:9080/article 🗙	?
Site Access Roles:		Browse
extends:	Add Selected Items ?	
views:	Add Selected Items	

Name: Enter a short descriptive name for this application asset.

ToolTip: Enter the text that will be displayed over the application's icon when users mouse over the icon.

Icon URL: Enter the URL of the icon that represents the application. The icon will be displayed on the login page and at the top of the WEM interface. For example, the Icon URL for the "Articles" sample application takes the following value: http://localhost:9080/articles-1.0/images/articles.png

Hover Icon URL: Enter the URL of the icon that represents the application when users mouse over the icon.

Click Icon URL: Enter the URL of the icon that represents the application when users click on the icon.

Active Icon URL: Enter the URL of the icon that represents the application when it is in use.

Layout Type: LayoutRenderer (the default and only value). Layout Type is used by the UI container to render the application's views by using the application's layout page (specified below in the Layout URL attribute).

Layout URL: Enter the URL of the page that displays the application's layout. The layout page has only HTML placeholder elements (such as div) for placing the view(s).

For example, Layout URL for the "Articles" sample application takes the following value: http://localhost:9080/articles-1.0/layout.app (rather than http://.../layout.jsp, given the Spring MVC framework.)

Related: Associated FW_View: views: Select the view asset created on page 95 (click the History tab, select the view asset, and click Add Selected Items).

Reference: Registration Asset Types

- FW_View Asset Type
- FW_Application Asset Type

FW_View Asset Type

This asset type is used to register the views of an application. For each view, create an instance of FW_View. Attributes of FW_View are listed below as they appear in the WebCenter Sites Admin interface and in the Oracle WebCenter Sites: Web Experience Management Framework REST API Bean Reference. Shading indicates a required attribute. This asset type is enabled on the site named 'AdminSite.'

Attribute:		
WebCenter Sites Interface	REST API	Description
Name	name	Short descriptive name for this view asset.
Description	description	Description of this view asset.
Parent Node	parentnode	ID of the placeholder element in the application's layout file. The placeholder element will hold the content rendered by the view. The layout file has only HTML placeholder elements (such as div) for placing the views.
View Type	viewtype	How the view should be rendered. The following view types are available:
		• Iframe – renders the view in an iframe into the placeholder element
		• IncludeHTML – renders HTML into the placeholder element
		• IncludeJavaScript - renders JavaScript into the placeholder element
Source URL	sourceurl	URL that provides content for the view.
JavaScript	javascriptcontent	Required if IncludeJavaScript is the view type and Source URL is not specified.
		The content specified by this attribute is included in a script tag if IncludeJavaScript is specified as the view type. If IncludeJavaScript is specified, either Source URL must be specified, or code must be provided for the JavaScript attribute.
Content	includecontent	Required if IncludeHTML is the view type and Source URL is not specified. The content specified by this attribute is included in the placeholder element tag if IncludeHTML is specified as the view type. If IncludeHTML is specified, either the Source URL must be specified or code must be provided for the Content attribute.

Table A-1: FW View Asset Type Attributes

FW_Application Asset Type

This asset type is used to register the application. The asset type is enabled on AdminSite. Attributes of FW_Application are listed below as they appear in the WebCenter Sites Admin interface and in the Oracle WebCenter Sites: Web Experience Management Framework REST API Bean Reference. Shading indicates a required attribute.

Attribute:		
WebCenter Sites Interface	REST API	Description
Name	name	Short descriptive name for this application asset.
Description	description	Description of this application asset.
Tooltip	tooltip	Text that will be displayed on the application's icon when users mouse over the icon.
Icon URL	iconurl	URL of the icon that represents the application in the WEM Framework.
Hover Icon URL	iconurlhover	URL of the icon that represents the application when users mouse over the icon.
Click Icon URL	clickiconurl	URL of the icon that represents the application when users click on the icon.
Active Icon URL	iconurlactive	URL of the icon that represents the application while it is in use.
Layout Type	layouttype	Type of layout. The value is LayoutRenderer.
		Layout Type is responsible for rendering the application's views by using the application's layout page (specified in the Layout URL attribute, below).
Layout URL	layouturl	URL of the page where the application's layout is displayed. This page has only HTML placeholder elements (such as div) for placing the views.
Related: Associated FW_Applicati on: extends	parentnode	Parent application which the current application extends.
Related: Associated FW_View: views	views	List of view assets used in this application.

 Table A-2: FW_Application Asset Type Attributes

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