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Oracle APEX 18.x New Features



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Agenda

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- Improved Create Page Wizard
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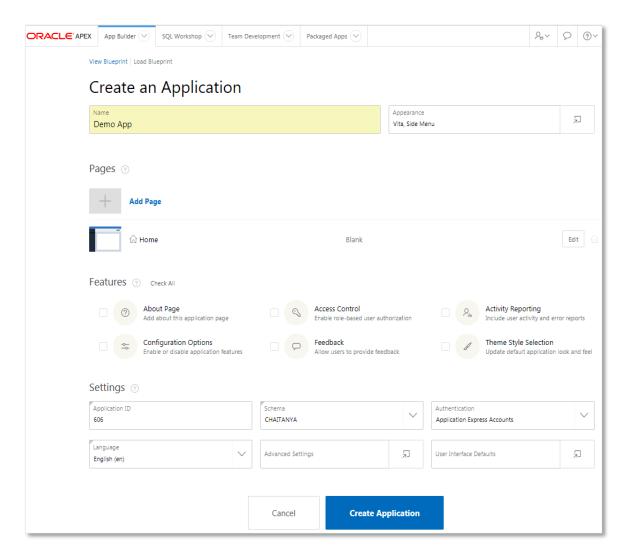


New Create Application Wizard

Low Code Development

- Oracle APEX 18.1 introduces an all new Low Code Create Application Wizard.
- New and improved user experience for creating applications.
- Simpler and modernized wizards for creating pages.
- Allows creation of more advanced pages such as Dashboards, Master-Detail, etc.

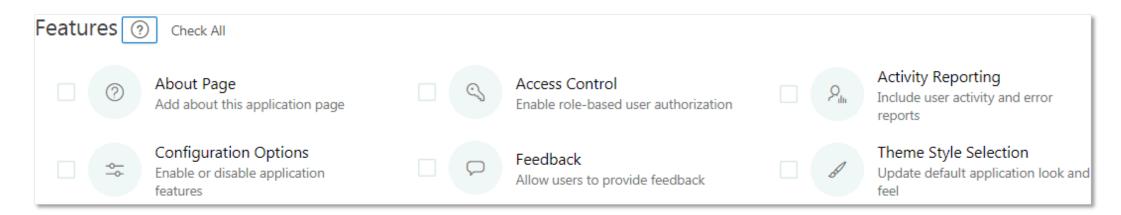
http://apex.oracle.com/lowcode



New Create Application Wizard

Features

- Supports adding common frameworks or "Features" when creating an application such as access control, activity reporting, theme selection, and more
- Features provide application-level functionality and are based on best-practices used in APEX Packaged Applications.
- Customize user interface options such as Theme Style, application icon and page icons



New Create Application Wizard

Blueprints

- Blueprints represent an application definition in JSON format.
- The Blueprint editor allows for editing the JSON based definition and updating application properties.
- Copy & paste the JSON code of one page to quickly create a large number of similar pages.
- Blueprints of previously generated applications can be loaded again to iterate the application design.

```
Application Blueprint
 "application": {
   "name": "REST Enabled SQL Demo",
   "appShortDescription": "",
   'appDescription": "",
   "schema": "CHAITANYA",
   "features": {
     "accessControl": true,
     "activityReporting": true,
    "configurationOptions": true,
    "feedback": true,
    "helpPages": true,
     "themeSelection": true
   'appearance": {
     "themeStyle": "Vita - Dark",
     "navigation": "SIDE",
     "icon": "app-icon-bar-line-chart",
    "iconBackgroundClass": "app-color-2",
    "iconColorHEX": "#2EBFBC'
   "settings": {
    "baseTablePrefix": "",
    "primaryLanguage": "en",
    "authentication": "Application Express"
   "pages":
       "page": "10",
       "pageType": "blank",
       "pageName": "Home",
       "pageIcon": "fa-home",
Load a Previous Blueprint
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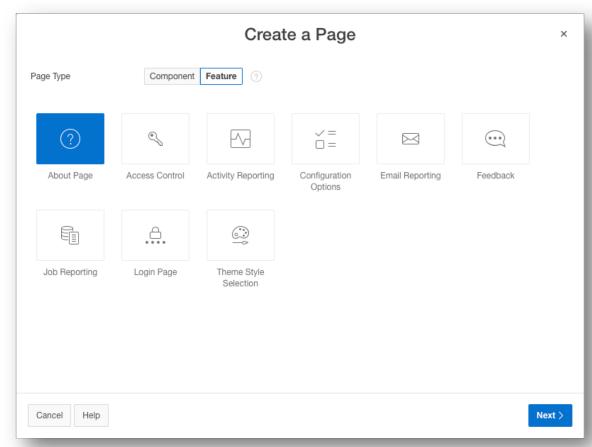
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Improved Create Page Wizard

Features

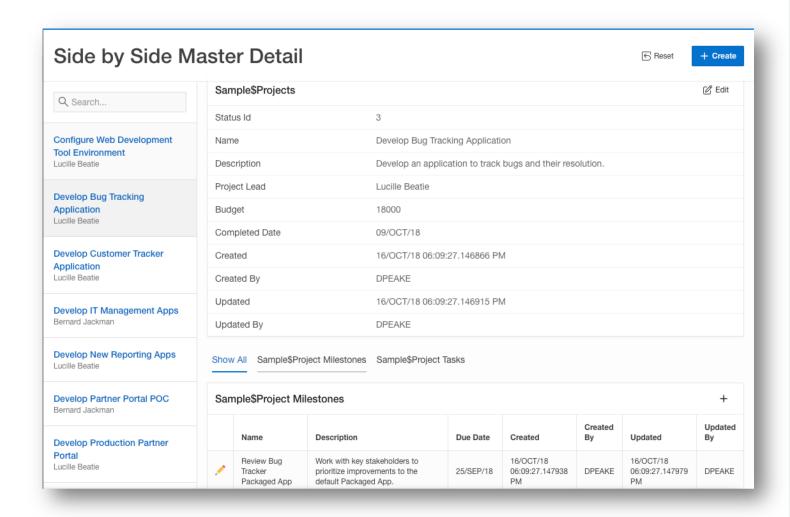
- Add the same features as available in Create App Wizard into an existing app
- Additional Features -
 - Email Reporting
 - Job Reporting *
 * Only shown if jobs defined in schema
- Add to existing Administration page or create a new Admin page
- Only available for Universal Theme



Improved Create Page Wizard

New Page Type - Side by Side Master Detail

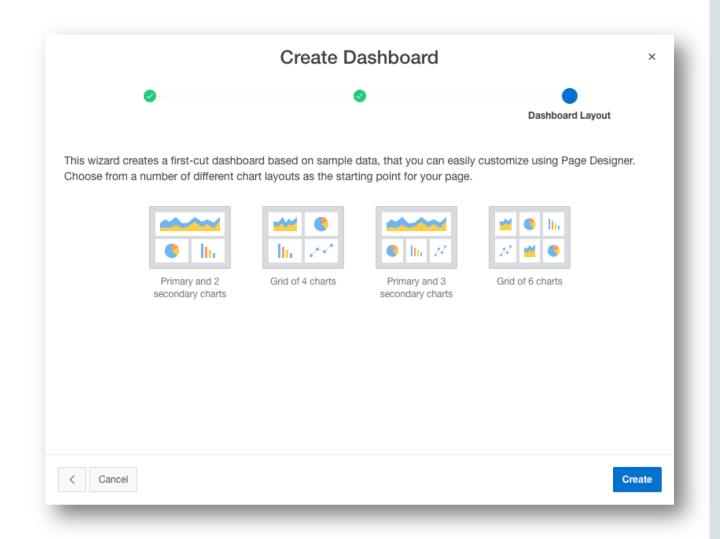
- Define up to 4 Detail tables
- Left Panel
 - Master record selector (with search)
- Right Panel
 - Master Value Pair Report (with Create / Edit)
 - Detail Classic Reports (with Region Display Selector if multiple)



Improved Create Page Wizard

New Page Type - Dashboard

- Different chart layouts -
 - Primary and 2 secondary charts
 - Grid of 4 charts
 - Primary and 3 secondary charts
 - Grid of 6 charts
- Based on sample data
- Update using Page Designer post-generation



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REST Enabled SQL

The Basics...

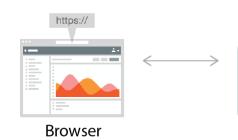
Execute any SQL through a REST Endpoint - e.g. "curl" utility

```
curl -H "Content-Type: application/json"
-u "SCOTT:*****"
-d '{"statementText": "select systimestamp as dt from dual"}'
http://{ords-hostname}:{ords-port}/ords/{db-schema}/_/sql
```

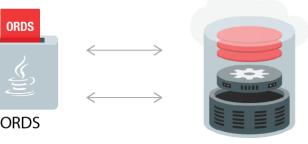
```
"items":[
 "resultSet":{
  "metadata":[
     "columnName":"DT",
     "jsonColumnName":"dt",
     "columnTypeName":"TIMESTAMP WITH TIME ZONE",
  "items":[
     "dt":"2018-03-09T14:44:18.401Z"}],
  "hasMore":false,
```

Remote Database Connections

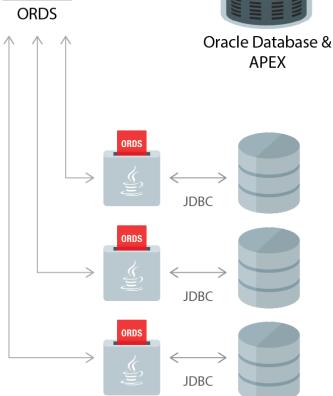
 Executing dynamic SQL or PL/SQL on remote databases using ORDS and REST



REST /HTTP



- Relies on the ORDS "REST Enabled SQL" feature (ORDS 17.3 or later)
- Requires ORDS instance having a connection pool configured for target database.
- Oracle APEX passes SQL query to ORDS over REST
- Self-describing JSON response
- Response contains a JSON object with:
 - Result set meta data (column names, data types)
 - The result data
 - Information about pagination



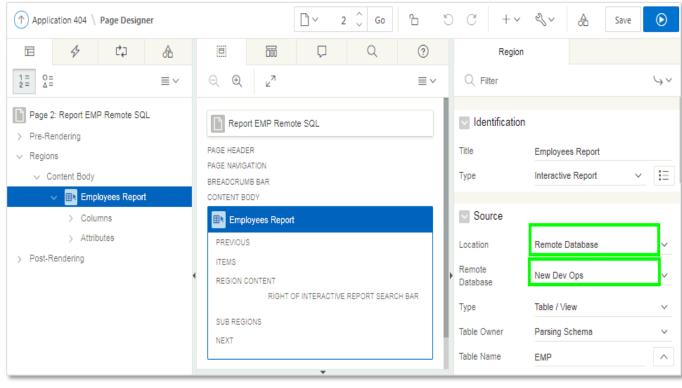
Using Remote Database Connections in Oracle APEX

 Create and maintain References to REST Enabled SQL Instances (Oracle REST Data Services) in Shared Components: A name, Endpoint URL, and Authentication

 Use a REST Enabled SQL Service and therefore a remote Oracle database as the Data Source for Oracle APEX components like:

- Classic Reports, Interactive Reports
- Reflow Report, Toggle Columns Report
- Tree Region, JET Charts, CSS Calendar
- PL/SQL Process

information



Using Custom PL/SQL Code

- Access REST enabled SQL sources within custom PL/SQL Code:
 - Execute query and provide a "cursor" object APEX_EXEC.OPEN_REMOTESQL_QUERY
 - Execute a PL/SQL block anonymously APEX EXEC. EXECUTE REMOTE SQL
- Use REST Enabled SQL as a Plug-In developer:
 - "Region Source supports different Data Sources" Plugin Attribute
 - Use APEX EXEC PL/SQL package in Plug-In code

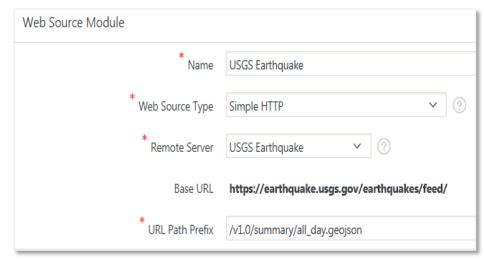
REST Enabled SQL vs. Database Links

- Database Links:
 - Integration at the SQL- level
 - Works over SQL*Net or over the internet in the Cloud which can be problematic
 - Opens a session within the remote database
- REST Enabled SQL:
 - Integration at the workspace level
 - Works with JSON over HTTP(s) which makes it easy-to-use it in Cloud environments or over the internet
 - Better scalability by using Connection Pool at the remote database

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Web Source Modules

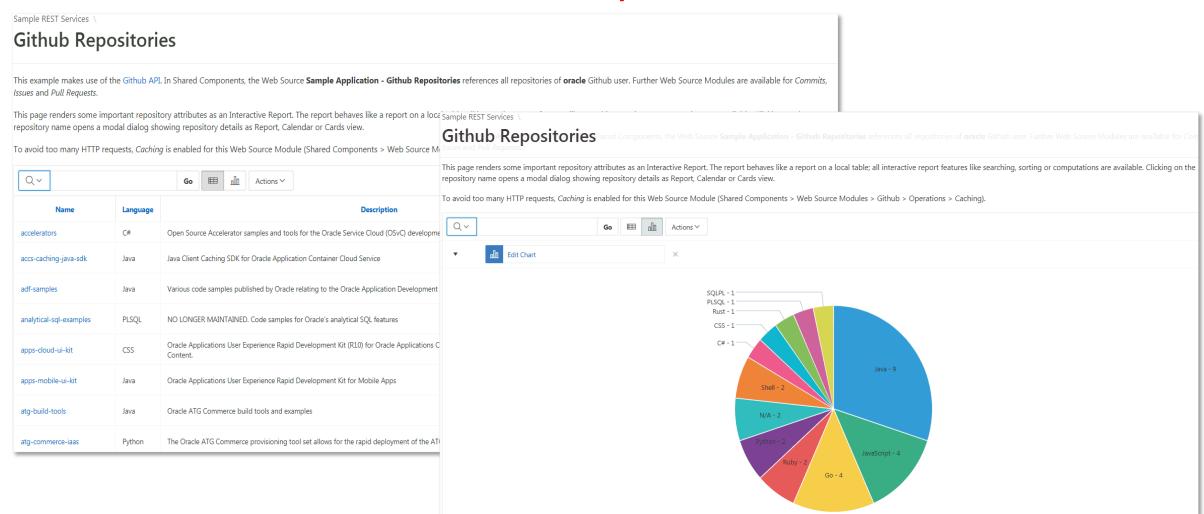
- Oracle APEX 18.1 introduces a new data source type called "Web Source Modules", a declarative method to define references to external REST APIs and generic JSON data feeds.
- Web Source Modules store additional metadata about how to parse response data and map it as a virtual table with rows and columns.
- A module can contain one or many Web Source
 Operations which are the references to a concrete
 external web service.
- Create and maintain Web Source Modules in Shared Components.



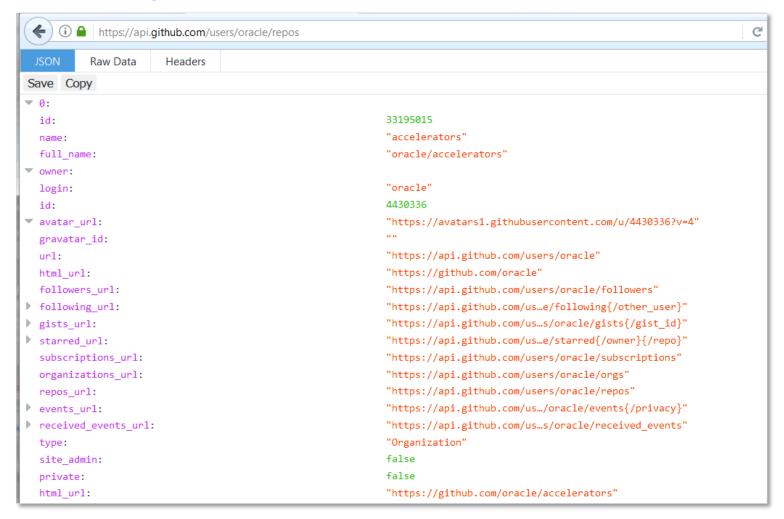
Web Source Modules

- Use as data sources for Oracle APEX components such as:
 - Interactive Report, Classic Report
 - JET Chart, CSS Calendar
 - Tree Region, Reflow Report, Toggle Column Report
- Post Processing SQL modifies data before being processed by an Oracle APEX component:
 - Apply SQL functions, aggregations, join to local tables etc.
 - Avoid unnecessary HTTP requests by using Caching

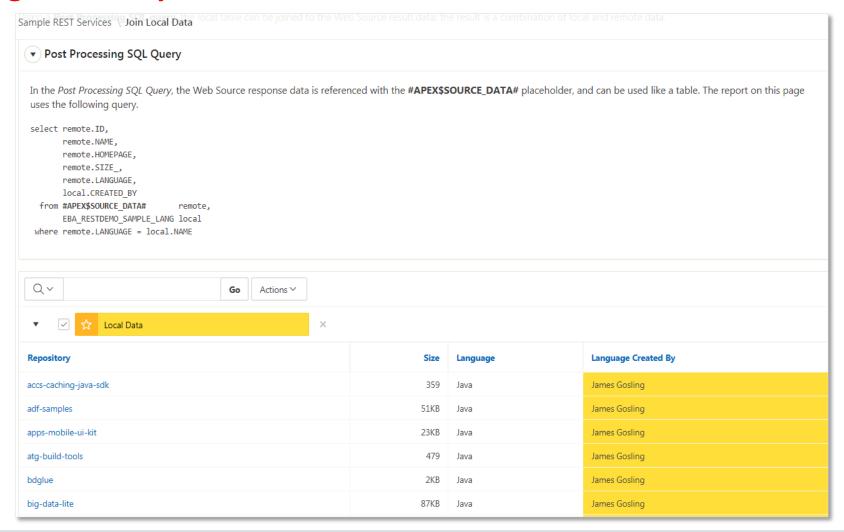
Web Source Modules: Drive Oracle APEX Components...



...with data from a REST Endpoint



Post Processing SQL Query: Join Local Data to the Web Source Result Data



Web Source Modules: Custom PL/SQL Code

- Access Web Source Modules within custom PL/SQL Code:
 - Execute "GET" request and provide a "cursor" object APEX_EXEC.OPEN_WEB_SOURCE_QUERY
 - Execute POST, PUT, or DELETE requests APEX_EXEC.EXECUTE_WEB_SOURCE
- Use Web Source Modules as a Plug-In developer:
 - "Region Source supports different Data Sources" Plugin Attribute
 - Use APEX EXEC PL/SQL package in Plug-In code

Use Cases

- Access data from other Oracle Databases using REST
 - Similar use case to REST Enabled SQL, however REST Enabled SQL requires privileges to directly access tables on target database via SQL.
 - Many databases do not allow this type of access but do provide standardized REST services.
- Access internal systems (non Oracle Databases) within an Oracle APEX application
 - Writing extensions to third-party in-house systems that provide REST APIs.
- Access Oracle SaaS functionality from within Oracle APEX applications.
- Access external APIs (non Oracle Databases) or fetch external data feeds within Oracle APEX applications

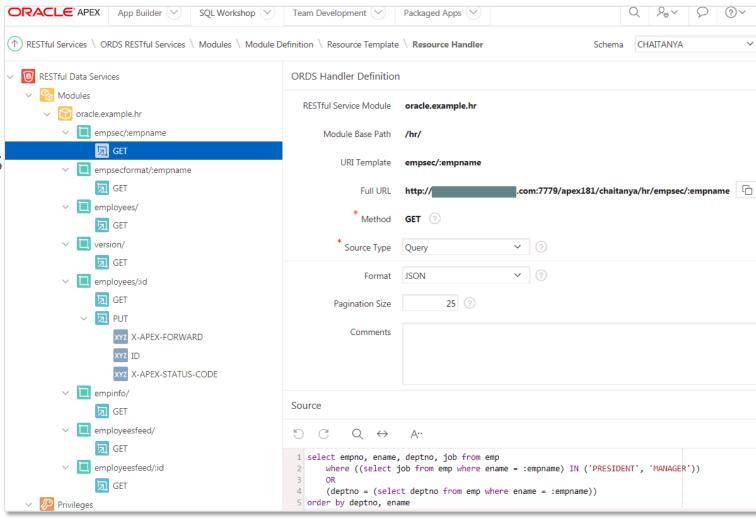


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New REST Workshop

ORDS Repository

- Declarative REST service support for ORDS-enabled REST services.
- New REST workshop supports REST web services developed using the ORDS repository.
- Oracle APEX 18.1 requires
 ORDS 17.4.1 and above to
 provide full integration with
 the ORDS repository
- You can migrate any existing APEX-based REST services

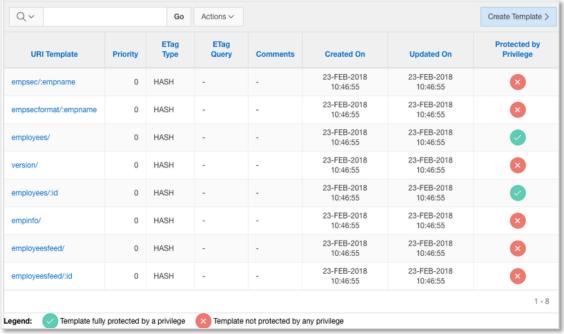


New REST Workshop

Using the ORDS Repository

- Create and manage REST Services in any schema assigned to a Workspace
- Generate Swagger documentation







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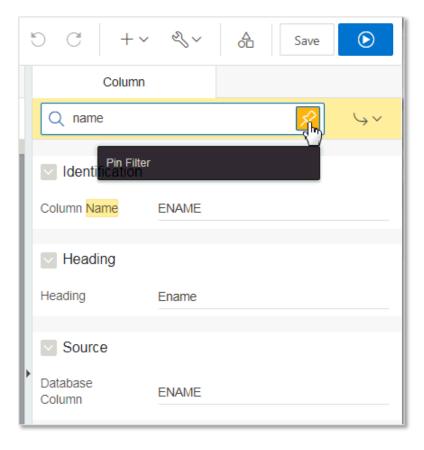
Property Editor Enhancements

- Updated UI to improve usability
- When an attribute has focus, the group becomes highlighted
- Improved "Go to group" functionality
- Alignment property (for example, column heading alignment in an interactive report)
 now use a pile button

Page Designer Enhancements

Sticky Filters

You can now pin keywords to have them persist as you click around Page Designer

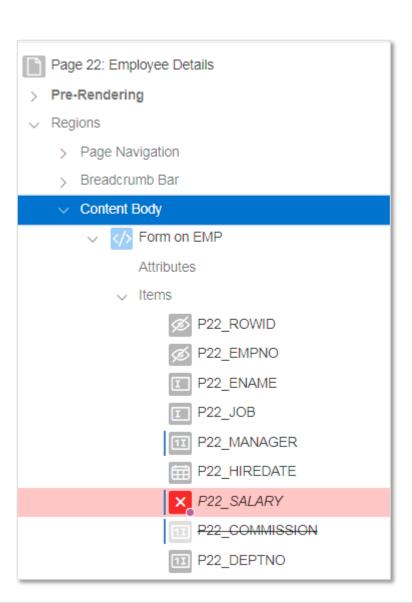




Page Designer Enhancements

Miscellaneous

- New indicator (red dot) if a page component has a condition
- Component name strikethrough if it has a 'Never' condition
- Page Designer Toolbar > Utilities includes option to enable and disable tooltips within the UI



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Oracle JET & jQuery Upgrade

New 3rd Party Libraries

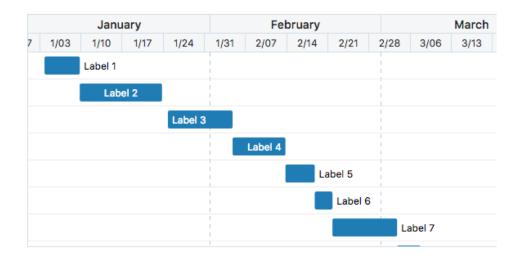
- Upgraded jQuery & jQuery UI Libraries
 - jQuery 3.1.1 and jQuery UI 1.12.0
 - Review jQuery Upgrade Guide
- New Oracle JET libraries
 - JET 4.2.0
 - Impact on custom JavaScript

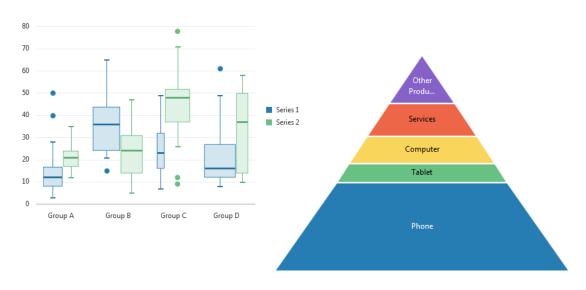


Oracle JET & jQuery Upgrade

New Chart Types and Attributes

- New Gantt Charts
 - Based on JET ojGantt component
 - Responsive, theme-able, WAI-ARIA compliant
- New Chart Types Pyramid, Box Plot
- New Chart-Level Attributes:
 - Fill Gaps in Chart Data Yes / No
 - Sort Order
- New Series-Level Attributes:
 - Display As
 - Value Aggregation
- Enhanced Sample Charts application







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Universal Theme Updates

Improvements for Mobile UI

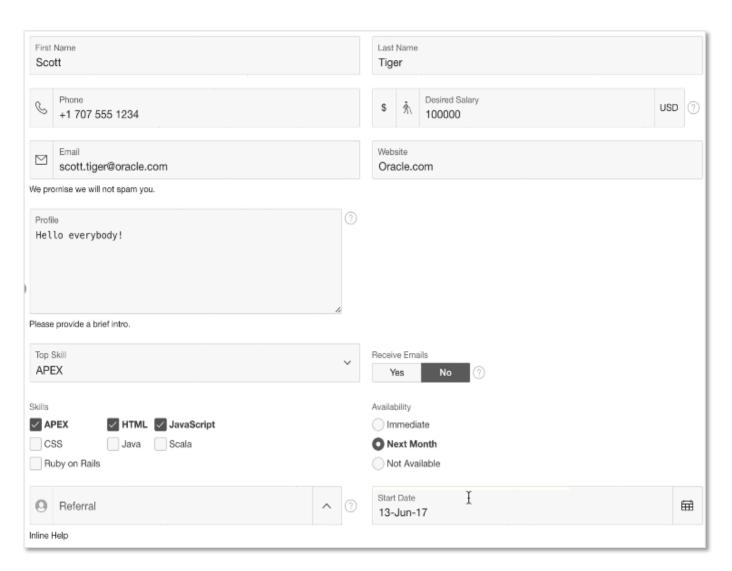
- JQuery Mobile Apps can now be transitioned to Universal Theme
- New Region Types for Mobile UI patterns:
 - Reflow Report
 - List view
 - Column Toggle Report
- Support for touch gestures (Swipe, Tap, etc.)
- New Mobile Navigation template
- Performance Improvements



Universal Theme Updates

Floating Labels

- Optimized for Mobile UI
- Form Item Labels can now be placed to the side or top of the input fields.
- New Form Item Label template– "Floating"
- Positions the label inside of the input field.
- Label automatically shrinks upon entering a value in the input field



Universal Theme Updates

Template Options and Font APEX 2

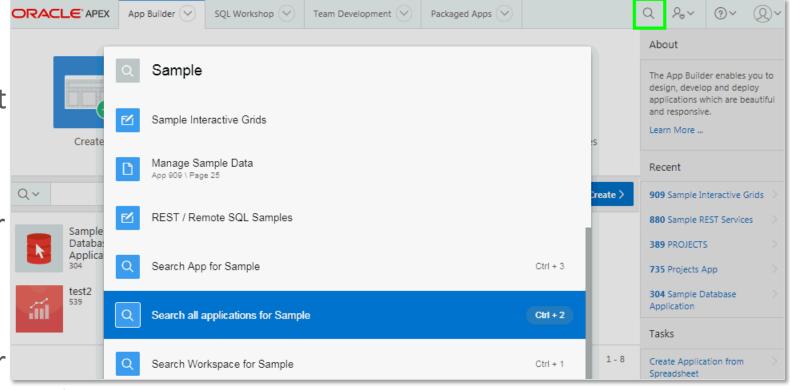
- Updated Font APEX with new set of high-resolution icons.
- Additional new template options for many templates
 - Breadcrumbs can now be rendered compact
 - Region templates can now display icon in the region header
 - Left-side navigation menu can now be collapsed by default

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APEX Spotlight Search

Developer Experience

- Provides quick navigation and unified search experience across APEX
- Activate by clicking search button from header, or using the keyboard shortcut Ctrl + '
- You can navigate to most screens within APEX builder
- Quickly jump across apps and pages
- Also works in Page Designer
 - can focus on page components



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Item Type Improvements

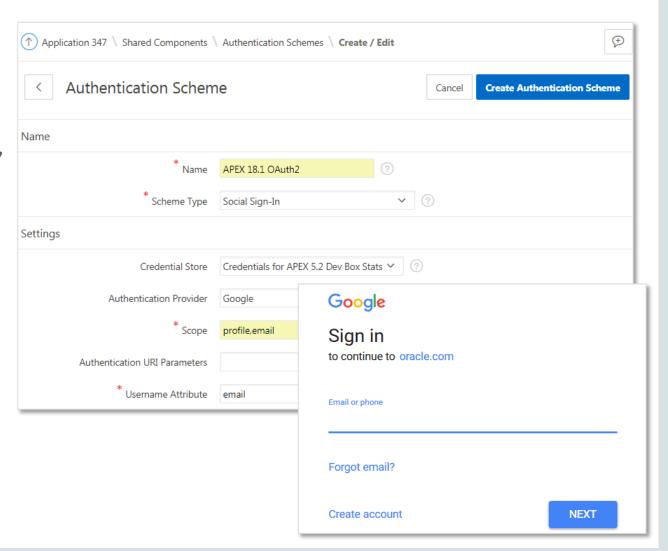
New Item Type

- New "Text Field with Autocomplete" item type
 - Based on Oracle JET Input Search component.
 - Better Dynamic Action support, better Usability and Accessibility.
 - Automatic migration for existing items during upgrade.

Authentication Scheme Enhancements

New Authentication Scheme

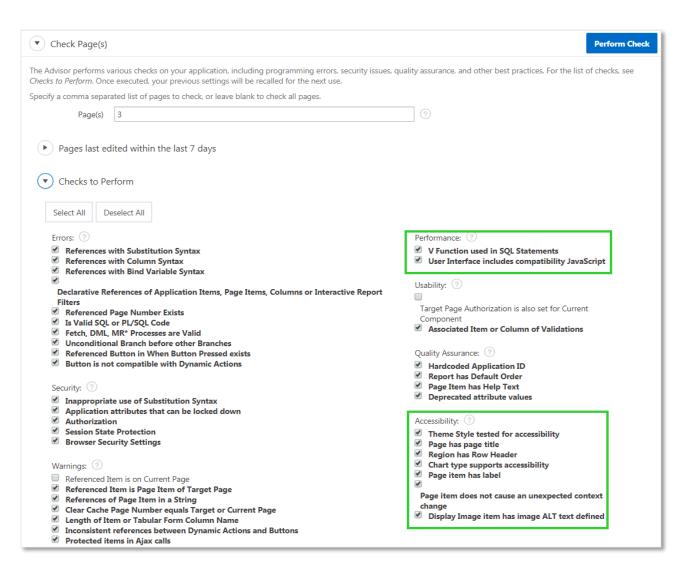
- New authentication scheme –
 Social Sign-In
- Supports Oracle Identity Cloud Service, Google, Facebook, OpenID Connect, OAuth2
- New authentication scheme attribute
 "Switch in Session" for schemes that
 can be set in the current session.



Advisor Improvements

New Advisor Checks

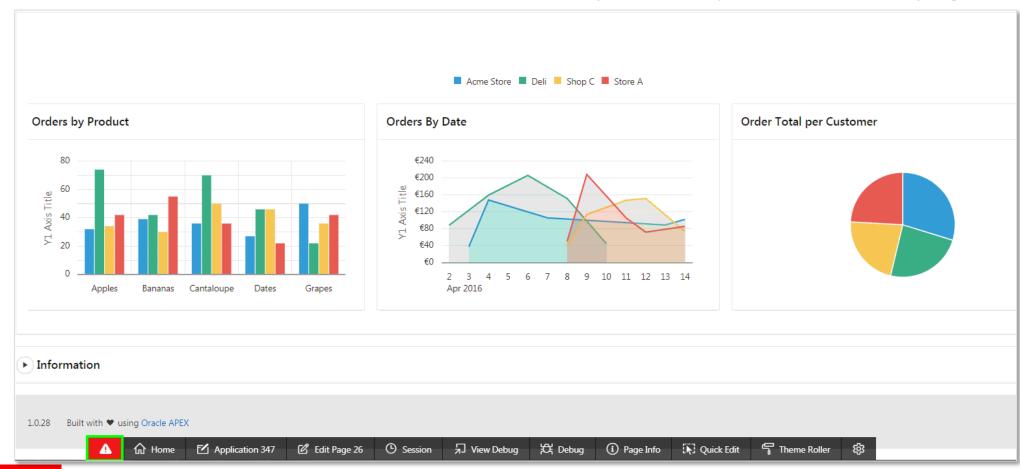
- Accessibility checks to check your apps for common accessibility issues
- Performance check for inclusion of compatibility JavaScript



Developer Toolbar Improvements

Developer Productivity

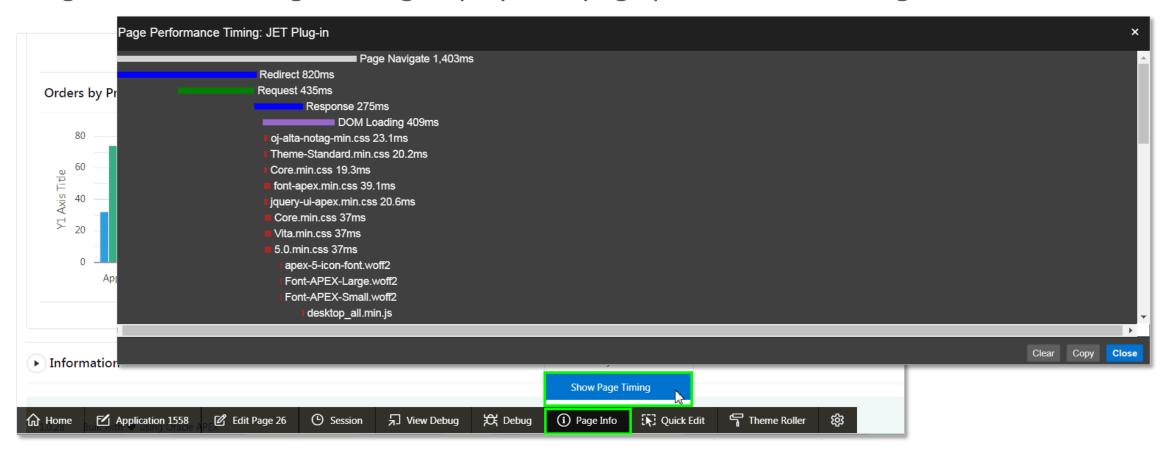
Developer Toolbar shows a red indicator if there is any JavaScript error on the page



Developer Toolbar Improvements

Developer Productivity

Page Info > Show Page Timing displays the page performance timing

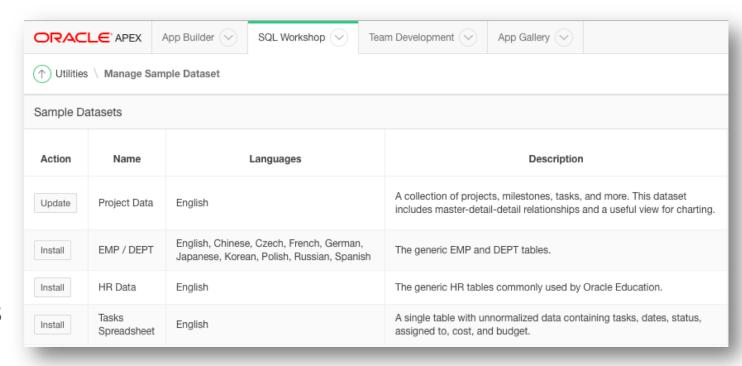




Sample Datasets

Zero to Full App in 5 clicks

- Tables (and Views) with usable sample data
- Emp / Dept available in multiple languages
- Dates updated based on sysdate
- Update / Remove / Change Schema
- Generate Full App
 - Customized Blueprint
 - Useful Dashboard
 - Appropriate pages
- Designed for facilitating demos







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