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Preface

Oracle Application Express Tutorial: Building an Application demonstrates how to build a working application for managing projects and tasks using some of the latest features of Oracle Application Express.

Audience

Oracle Application Express Tutorial: Building an Application is intended for workspace administrators who want to set up an Oracle Application Express development environment and application developers who want to learn how to build database-centric web applications using Oracle Application Express.

To use this guide, you must have a general understanding of relational database concepts and the operating system environment under which Oracle Application Express is running.

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Related Documents

For more information, see these Oracle resources:

- *Oracle Application Express Release Notes*
- *Oracle Application Express Installation Guide*
- *Oracle Application Express End User's Guide*
- *Oracle Application Express App Builder User's Guide*
- *Oracle Application Express Administration Guide*
- *Oracle Application Express SQL Workshop Guide*
- *Oracle Application Express API Reference*
- *Oracle Application Express Application Migration Guide*

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The following text conventions are used in this document:

Convention	Meaning
boldface	Boldface type indicates graphical user interface elements associated with an action, or terms defined in text or the glossary.
<i>italic</i>	Italic type indicates book titles, emphasis, or placeholder variables for which you supply particular values.
monospace	Monospace type indicates commands within a paragraph, URLs, code in examples, text that appears on the screen, or text that you enter.

Changes in This Release

Changes in Oracle Application Express Release 19.1

The following are changes in *Oracle Application Express Tutorial: Building an Application* for Oracle Application Express release 19.1.

New Features

Oracle Application Express Tutorial: Building an Application contains expanded content for Oracle Application Express release 19.1:

- Creating a new Interactive Grid page
- Creating a new Interactive Report with Form page(s)
- Configuring charts and creating a new report region on the Dashboard page
- Appendix for importing application export scripts enabling the user to skip around the tutorial

Other Changes

The following are additional changes in the release:

- All content has been updated to reflect new functionality.
- Screen captures and graphics have been added and updated to reflect the current Oracle Application Express user interface.

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About Oracle Application Express

Oracle Application Express is an environment designed for rapid application development and deployment.

You can develop professional applications that are both fast and secure using only a web browser and limited programming experience. Oracle Application Express accelerates the application development process with features such as user interface themes, navigational controls, form handlers, and flexible reports. The deployed applications require only a browser and access to an Oracle database running Application Express.

This tutorial is intended to guide you through almost every step of creating an app with a focused amount of context. For more in-depth information about Oracle Application Express, a good place to start is the "Quick Start" section of the *Oracle Application Express App Builder User's Guide*.

About This Tutorial

In *Oracle Application Express Tutorial: Building an Application*, you create a simple project management application for the fictitious AnyCo Corp. The application manages IT project information stored in database tables. This tutorial shows you how to build, modify, and run the application. Each chapter is a further lesson that advances the work of previous one so that the concepts build on one another.

Oracle Application Express Tutorial: Building an Application is intended to be followed in the order it is written. To skip to the beginning of any lesson, you can import one of the exported application files stored in the .zip file accompanying this tutorial. This feature is useful for skipping ahead in the tutorial to your skill level or checking your work.

See the appendix "[Importing an Application into a Workspace](#)."

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Before You Begin

For this tutorial, you must have access to an Oracle Application Express environment and an account with development privileges.

Accessing an Oracle Application Express Environment

You must have access to an Oracle Application Express release 19.1 or later. You can access Oracle Application Express in one of the following ways:

- Request an account on apex.oracle.com.
- Subscribe to an account on the Oracle Database Cloud Service which includes Oracle Application Express.
- Install a local installation of Oracle Database which includes Oracle Application Express release 19.1 or later.

Oracle Application Express Development User Account

If you are accessing Oracle Application Express in a hosted environment, requesting an account creates a workspace and an account. If you are managing Oracle Application Express locally, you will create a workspace and account manually. In either scenario, your Oracle Application Express account must have developer privileges.

3

Populating Your Workspace

To build an Oracle Application Express app, you need a complete set of tables and data.

About This Lesson

In this lesson, you install **Sample Datasets** provided by Oracle.

Once installed, you also review the output of the scripts in Object Browser to confirm the presence of the tables and data.

The sample tables and data that you load in these steps resemble the kind of information that real Application Express project management apps use every day. They include information typical of data sets for employees, projects, and calendars.

3.1 Installing the Sample Datasets

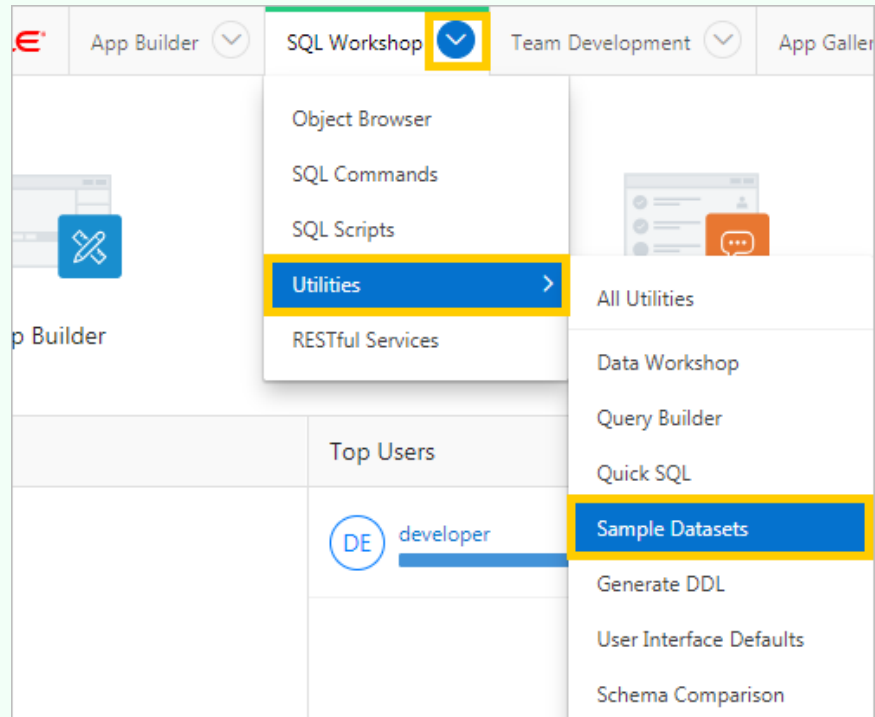
The Application Express SQL Workshop comes with several sample datasets intended to enhance app experimentation.

To install the Project Data sample dataset in SQL Workshop:

1. Sign in to your Oracle Application Express workspace.
2. Click **SQL Workshop**, click **Utilities**, and click **Sample Datasets**.

 **Tip:**

You can also click the down arrow icons to open the drop-down menus on the tabs at the top of the screen to shortcut your way around your workspace.



3. Find *Project Data* in the list and click the adjacent **Install** button.

Sample Datasets			
Action	Name	Languages	Description
<input type="button" value="Install"/>	Project Data	English	A collection of projects, milestones, task more. This dataset includes master-data relationships and a useful view for chart
<input type="button" value="Install"/>	EMP / DEPT	English, Chinese, Czech, French, German, Japanese, Korean, Polish, Russian, Spanish	The generic EMP and DEPT tables.

The Manage Sample Dataset dialog displays.

4. Click **Next**.
5. Click **Install Dataset**.

6. In Results dialog, review the new objects.

Load Sample Dataset - Results ✕

The following database objects were successfully installed:

Schema	AETUT
Object Name	SAMPLE\$PROJECT_STATUS (Table) SAMPLE\$PROJECTS (Table) SAMPLE\$PROJECT_MILESTONES (Table) SAMPLE\$PROJECT_TASKS (Table) SAMPLE\$PROJECT_TASK_TODOS (Table) SAMPLE\$PROJECT_TASK_LINKS (Table) SAMPLE\$PROJECT_COMMENTS (Table) SAMPLE\$PROJECTS_V (View) SAMPLE\$PROJECTS_COMPLETED_V (View)

Create Application Exit

The script created the following objects:

- SAMPLE\$PROJECT_STATUS (Table)
 - SAMPLE\$PROJECTS (Table)
 - SAMPLE\$PROJECT_MILESTONES (Table)
 - SAMPLE\$PROJECT_TASKS (Table)
 - SAMPLE\$PROJECT_TASK_TODOS (Table)
 - SAMPLE\$PROJECT_TASK_LINKS (Table)
 - SAMPLE\$PROJECT_COMMENTS (Table)
 - SAMPLE\$PROJECTS_V (View)
 - SAMPLE\$PROJECTS_COMPLETED_V (View)
7. Click **Exit**.

 **Note:**

The Create Application button is a shortcut to the Create Application Wizard loaded with the sample data.

You have populated the sample tables and data in your workspace.

3.2 Reviewing the Created Tables with Object Browser

Object Browser displays all the raw data present in the Oracle database schema associated with your workspace.

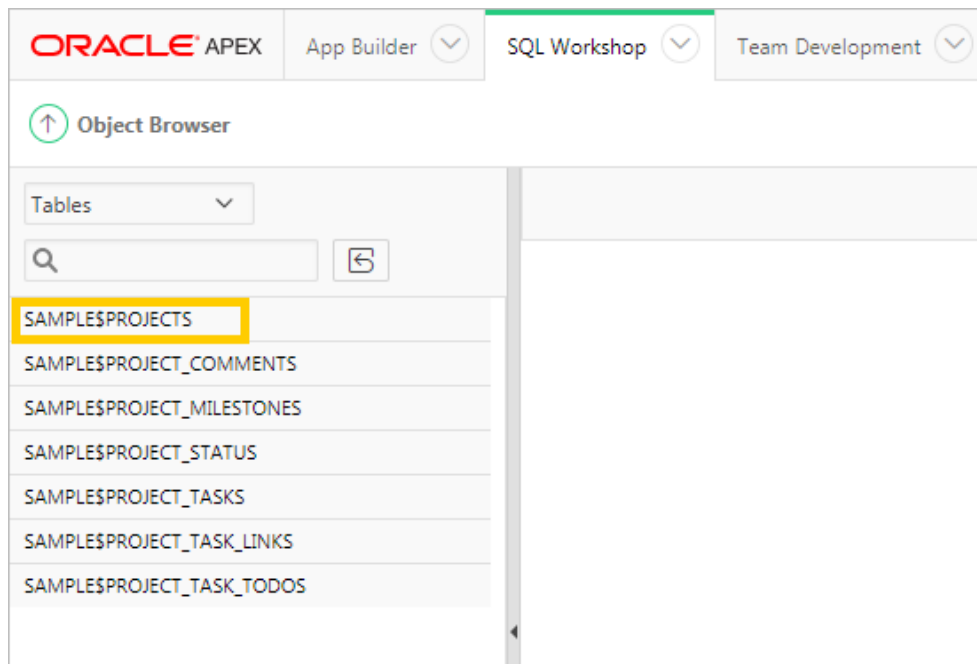
To navigate to Object Browser:

1. Click **SQL Workshop** to return to the SQL Workshop home page.
2. Click **Object Browser**.

 **Tip:**

For quicker navigation, click the arrow next to **SQL Workshop** to display a drop-down menu.

3. In the list of tables, select **SAMPLE\$PROJECTS**.



4. Click the **Data** tab. The Data tab displays the raw information of the **SAMPLE\$PROJECTS** table.

SAMPLESPROJECTS								
Table	Data	Indexes	Model	Constraints	Grants	Statistics	UI Defaults	Triggers
Data								
EDIT	ID	STATUS_ID	NAME	DESCRIPTION				
	176626144062448010216278943969216980974	3	Configure Web Development Tool	Determine the hardware and software required to develop with				

Note:

You can edit the data directly by clicking the Edit icon on the Data report. However, leave the data unchanged for now.

5. When finished, click the **Oracle** logo in the top-left of the page to return to the Workspace home page.

You have fully populated your workspace and are ready to create a new application. Proceed to the next lesson.

4

Creating the Initial Application

About This Lesson

In this lesson, you use the **Create Application Wizard** to build the foundational pages of your application based on the sample dataset.

After you build the foundation of your app, use Page Designer's **Create Page Wizard** to add a new page to the existing app and run the app for the first time.

WARNING:

It is important to complete this chapter in one sitting. You cannot save your work until the end of the chapter. If you stop before completion and your session times out, all your progress will be lost, and you will have to start the chapter again.

4.1 Running the Create Application Wizard

With the tables populated in your workspace, you can get started quickly with the **Create Application Wizard**.

The Create Application Wizard enables you to create many different types of pages, including reports, forms, and a master detail.

To create the initial application:

1. Click **App Builder** and select **Create**.

The Create Application Wizard appears.

Tip:

You can also click the down arrow icon on the tabs at the top of the screen to view a list of shortcuts to the wizard and other pages.

2. Click **New Application**.

To customize your app name and appearance:

3. In Name, enter `Demo Projects`

Note:

The Create Application Wizard creates a Home page automatically.

4. Click the **Set Appearance** icon.

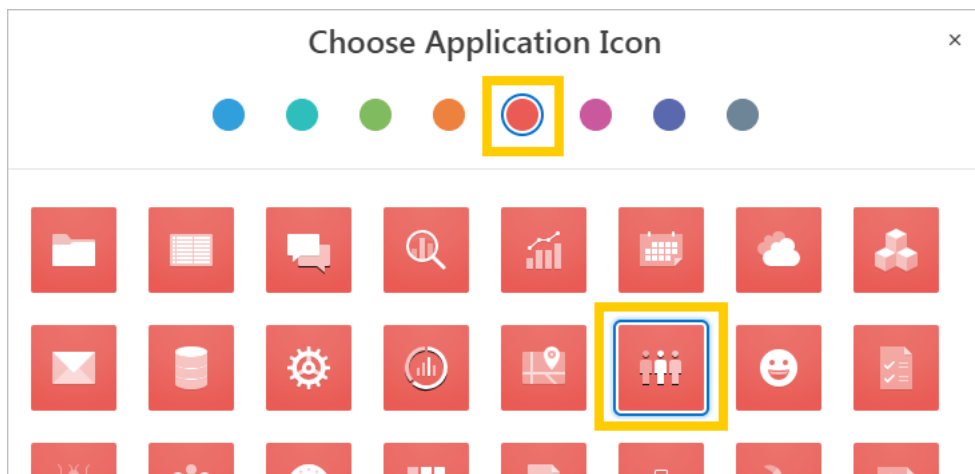


The Appearance dialog displays.

5. Click **Vita - Red**.
6. For Application Icon, click **Choose New Icon**.

The Choose Application Icon dialog displays.

7. Click the **red circle** icon.
8. Choose a new application icon, such as the trio of people.



9. Click **Set Application Icon** and click **Save Changes**.

4.2 Adding a Cards Page

Often at the beginning of development, you only know some of the pages that your application requires. You can create as few or as many pages as you want in the Create Application Wizard. Save some time by generating a small batch of pages now. You can always add more later with a different wizard (the Create Page Wizard).

Start with a cards page that enables employees to quickly view and maintain their contact information.

Note:

A cards page consists of individual boxes, which resemble index cards, laid out on a page. Each card holds up to three pieces of information.

To add a cards page based on the `SAMPLE$PROJECTS` table:

1. In the Pages section, click **Add Page**.
2. Click **Cards**.
3. Enter the following:
 - a. Page Name - enter `Projects`
 - b. Table or View - click the **LOV** icon (bullet points and lines) and select **SAMPLE\$PROJECTS**
 - c. Card Title - select **NAME**
 - d. Description Column - select **DESCRIPTION**
 - e. Additional Text Column - select **BUDGET**

The screenshot shows the 'Add Cards Page' configuration window. It has a title bar with a close button. The main area contains several input fields: 'Page Name' with the value 'Projects', a 'Set Icon' button, 'Table or View' with the value 'SAMPLE\$PROJECTS' and a LOV icon highlighted in a yellow box, 'Card Title' with a dropdown menu showing 'NAME', 'Description Column' with a dropdown menu showing 'DESCRIPTION', and 'Additional Text Column' with a dropdown menu showing 'BUDGET'. There is an 'Advanced' button with a play icon. At the bottom, there are navigation arrows and a question mark icon, and a blue 'Add Page' button on the right.

- f. Click **Add Page**.

4.3 Adding a Dashboard Page

Next, add a dashboard page. A dashboard page consists of up to four charts. As a developer you can specify the specifics of each chart or leave the default sample charts, then update the page later.

To add a dashboard page:

1. Click **Add Page**.
2. Click **Dashboard**.

Dashboard pages come populated with useful metrics. Configure two of the charts for tracking project budget and project status, and leave the other two unconfigured. You can evaluate whether to keep them later.

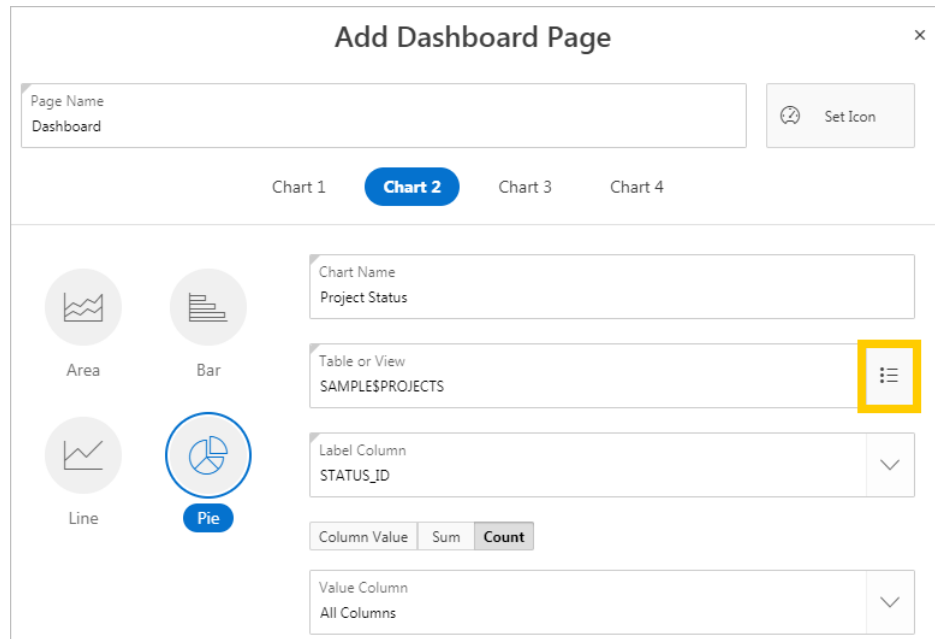
To configure the charts:

3. Enter the following for **Chart 1**:
 - a. Chart Type - click **Bar**
 - b. Chart Name - enter `Project Costs`
 - c. Table or View - select **SAMPLE\$PROJECT_V**

- d. Label Column - select **NAME**
- e. Aggregate Type - click **Column Value**
- f. Value Column - select **COST**

The screenshot shows the 'Add Dashboard Page' dialog box. At the top, there is a title bar with the text 'Add Dashboard Page' and a close button. Below the title bar, there is a 'Page Name' field containing the text 'Dashboard' and a 'Set Icon' button. Below this, there are four tabs: 'Chart 1' (which is selected and highlighted in blue), 'Chart 2', 'Chart 3', and 'Chart 4'. The main area of the dialog is divided into two columns. On the left, there are four circular icons representing different chart types: 'Area', 'Bar' (which is selected and highlighted in blue), 'Line', and 'Pie'. On the right, there are several input fields and buttons. The first field is 'Chart Name' with the value 'Project Costs'. The second field is 'Table or View' with the value 'SAMPLE\$PROJECTS_V', which is highlighted with a yellow box. Below this is a 'Label Column' field with the value 'NAME'. There are three buttons: 'Column Value', 'Sum', and 'Count'. The 'Column Value' button is selected. Below these buttons is a 'Value Column' field with the value 'COST'.

- 4. Click **Chart 2**.
- 5. Enter the following:
 - a. Chart Type - click **Pie**
 - b. Chart Name - enter `Project Status`
 - c. Table or View - select **SAMPLE\$PROJECTS**
 - d. Label Column - select **STATUS_ID**
 - e. Aggregate Type - click **Count**



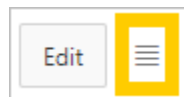
6. Click **Add Page**.

4.4 Moving Pages in the Create Application Wizard

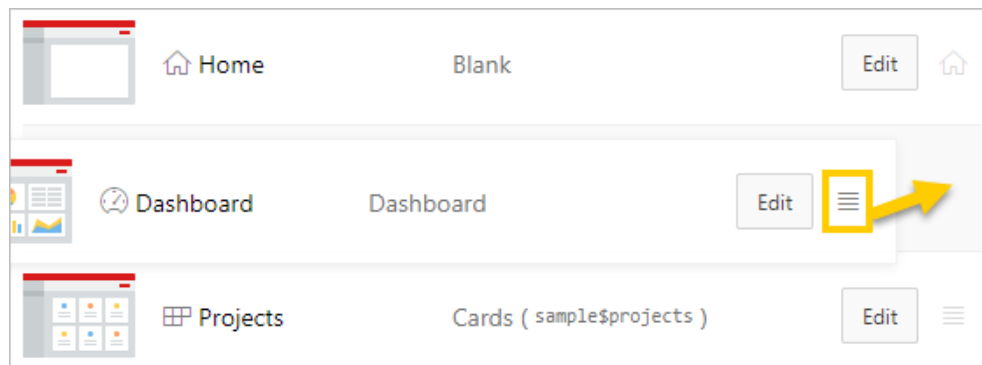
Once you create a page, you can click the Edit icon to edit the page name, change the icon that displays in the navigation menu, edit Advanced options, or delete the page. In addition to the Edit button, you can change the order of pages by dragging and dropping.

To move a page in the Create Application Wizard:

1. For the Dashboard page, adjacent to the Edit button, click and hold the **hamburger icon** (horizontal lines).

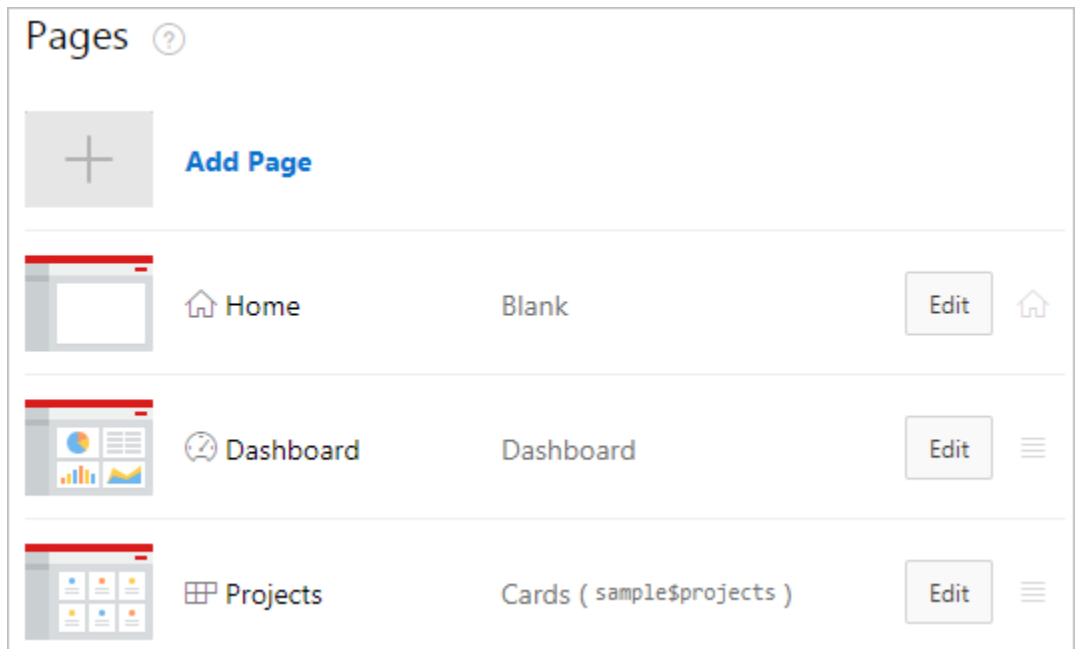


2. Drag the Dashboard page above the Projects page and release the mouse.



The Dashboard page snaps into place.

3. Verify that your list contains three pages in the following order:
 - a. Home, Blank
 - b. Dashboard, Dashboard
 - c. Projects, Cards (sample\$projects)



4.5 Configuring Features and Advanced Settings

Features provide application-level functionality and are typically added once per application. Features broaden the application's capabilities, making it more suitable for wide distribution, rather than just being suitable for a proof-of-concept.

Tip:

While sometimes more complicated, you can also add Features to an existing app later with the Create Page Wizard.

To add Features to the application:

1. Next to the Features heading, click **Check All**.



Settings are application-wide and define attributes used to generate the application.

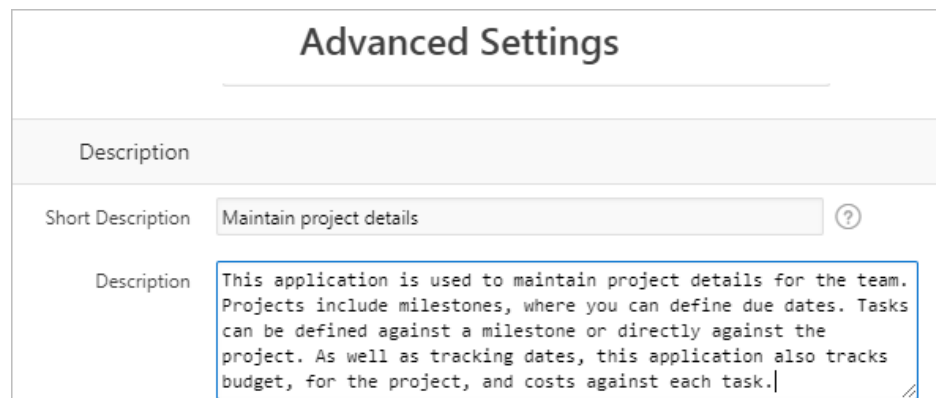
To edit advanced settings:

2. In the Settings section, in the Advanced Settings field, click the **Define Advanced Settings** icon (arrow in box).



3. Under the Description section, enter the following:
 - a. Short Description - enter Maintain project details
 - b. Description - copy and paste the following text:

This application is used to maintain project details for the team. Projects include milestones, where you can define due dates. Tasks can be defined against a milestone or directly against the project. As well as tracking dates, this application also tracks budget, for the project, and costs against each task.

A screenshot of the "Advanced Settings" form. The form has a title "Advanced Settings" at the top. Below the title is a section labeled "Description". Under "Description", there are two fields: "Short Description" and "Description". The "Short Description" field contains the text "Maintain project details" and has a question mark icon to its right. The "Description" field contains the text: "This application is used to maintain project details for the team. Projects include milestones, where you can define due dates. Tasks can be defined against a milestone or directly against the project. As well as tracking dates, this application also tracks budget, for the project, and costs against each task." The text in the "Description" field is enclosed in a blue border, indicating it has been copied or is the focus of the current step.

- c. Click **Save Changes**.

4.6 Completing the Create Application Wizard

To complete the Create Application Wizard:

1. Compare your app with the following screenshot:

Create an Application

Name

Demo Projects

Appearance

Vita - Red, Side Menu

Pages ?

+ Add Page

	Home	Blank	Edit
	Dashboard	Dashboard	Edit
	Projects	Cards (sample\$projects)	Edit

Features ? Check All

<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> About Page Add about this application page</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Configuration Options Enable or disable application features</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Access Control Enable role-based user authorization</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Feedback Allow users to provide feedback</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Activity Reporting Include user activity and error reports</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Theme Style Selection Update default application look and feel</p>
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Settings ?

<p>Application ID</p> <p></p>	<p>Schema</p> <p></p>	<p>Authentication</p> <p>Application Express Accounts</p>
<p>Language</p> <p>English (en)</p>	<p>Advanced Settings</p>	<p>User Interface Defaults</p>

2. Click Create Application.

A progress bar displays. When complete, Application Express navigates to the Application home page in App Builder.

 **Note:**

Page 0 is a global page where you can define components to be displayed on all pages. Page 9999 is the Sign In page where end users authenticate when first accessing the application (enter their username and password). Pages 1000 and greater are administrative pages created for the features that you selected.

4.7 Running the Application for the First Time

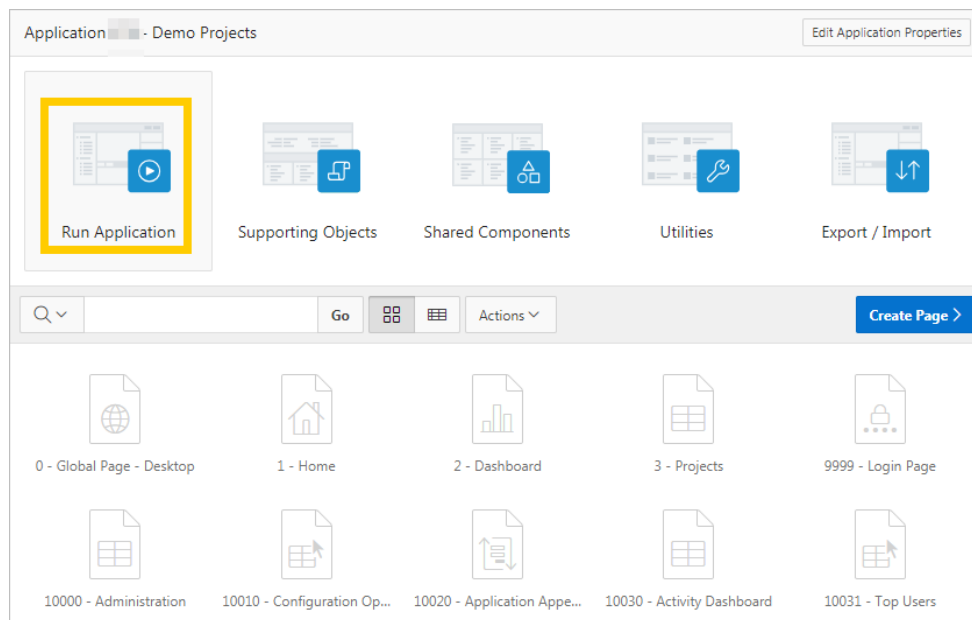
Your app is functionally ready to run.

When you **"run"** an app, you are telling Application Express to open a new browser window and render the app. The rendered app is called the **"application runtime"** (or just **"runtime"**). As you create new pages, you can run them individually, or run an entire application.

Run the app for the first time from the Application home page and review the application runtime.

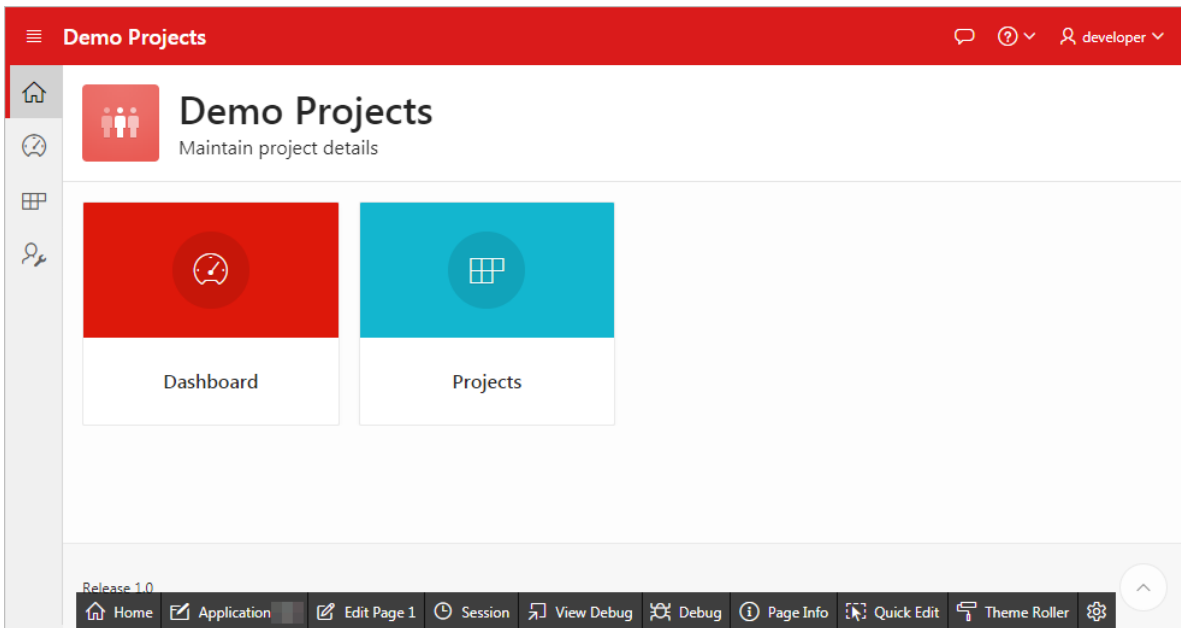
To run the application from the Application home page:

1. Click **Run Application**.



A Sign In page appears.

2. Enter your Application Express credentials and click **Sign In**.
Your application opens to the Home page.



3. Explore the application by clicking on menu items and navigating to different pages in the navigation pane.
The sample tables and data display on various pages in a raw format. The rest of this tutorial guides you through the development process to improve both the presentation and functionality of this data for your end users.

Proceed to the next lesson.

5

Developing the Projects Page

Use the Create Page Wizard and Page Designer to add a sophisticated form page for the Projects report.

About This Lesson

In this lesson, you are introduced to the two primary means of development: **Page Designer** and the **Application Runtime** ("runtime" for short).

In Page Designer, use the **Rendering tab** and **Layout tab** to add new **regions** to the Projects page. Then, use the **Property Editor** to edit a wide array of attributes for region and page components, including SQL statements and appearance options.

In the runtime, you use the **Runtime Developer toolbar** to make changes on the page immediately and to quickly shift back to Page Designer.

Starting from here:

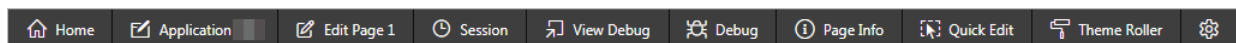
5 - Projects.sql

If you have not completed the previous lessons, you can use the appendix "[Importing an Application into a Workspace](#)" to import the above SQL script into your workspace and continue working from this lesson forward.

5.1 Navigating to Page Designer from the Application Runtime

At the end of the previous lesson, you ran the application from the Application home page in App Builder and opened the Home page of the application.

Running an application from App Builder also displays the **Runtime Developer toolbar** at the bottom of the window.



You can use the Runtime Developer toolbar to quickly edit the page (and some aspects of the entire application). This toolbar only displays for users with developer or administrator privileges.

To view the Home page in Page Designer using the Runtime Developer toolbar:

1. In the top-left of the application runtime, do one of the following:
 - Click the name of the app **Demo Projects**.

- Click the **Home** link in the sidebar. (Do not click Home on the Developer Toolbar.)

The runtime Home page displays.

2. On the Runtime Developer toolbar, click **Edit Page 1**.

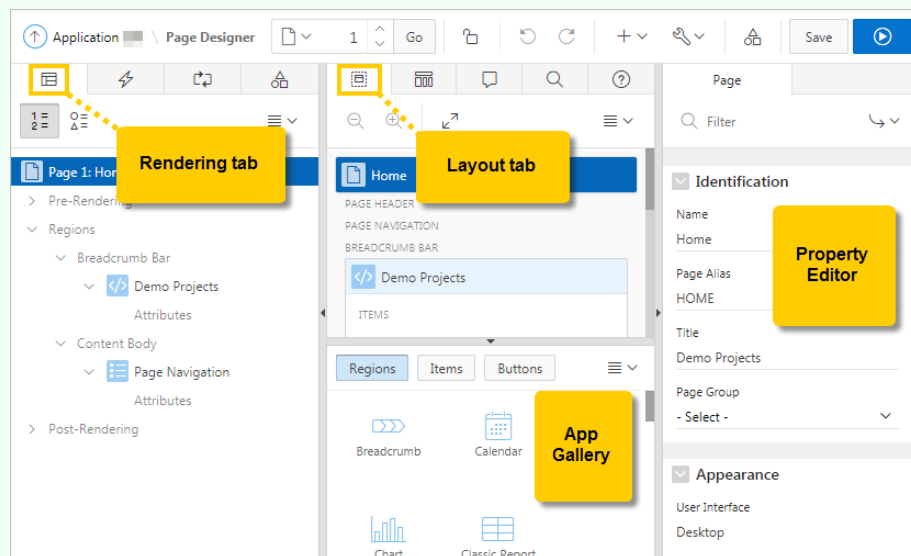
 **Note:**

The number in the **Edit Page #** button corresponds to its assigned page number in Page Designer.

Page Designer displays page 1.

 **Tip:**

Page Designer is the primary asset for Application Express developers. It's a powerful IDE (integrated development environment) with a robust array of tools for building, maintaining, and enhancing applications. Up to this point, you have mainly experienced the Create Application Wizard and SQL Workshop.



You rely primarily on Page Designer for the rest of this tutorial.


You can always learn more about Page Designer with the official *Oracle Application Express App Builder User's Guide*.

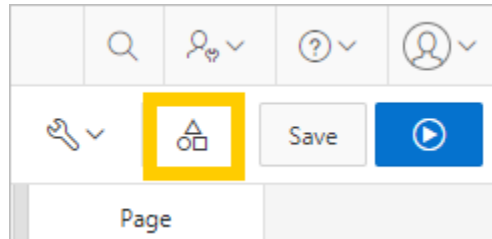
5.2 Creating a Form Page Using the Create Page Wizard

Use the Create Page Wizard to add new pages to an app. It has a more robust interface for adding new pages than the Create Application Wizard.


Add a form to the Projects report to give your users a way to edit the information themselves.

To open the Create Page Wizard in Page Designer:

1. Click the **Create** icon  (top-right) and select **Page**.



The Create Page Wizard appears.

2. Select **Form**.
3. Select **Form** (again).
4. Enter the following:
 - a. Page Number - enter 4
 - b. Page Name - enter `Maintain Project`
 - c. Page Mode - select **Modal Dialog**
 - d. Click **Next**.
5. For Navigation Preference, enter the following:
 - a. Select **Do not associate this page with a navigation menu entry**.
 - b. Click **Next**.
6. For Data Source, enter the following:
 - a. Table / View name - click the **List of Values** icon  and select **SAMPLE\$PROJECTS (table)**
 - b. Click **Next**.
7. For Create Form - Columns and Primary Key, enter the following:
 - a. Primary Key Type - select **Managed by Database (ROWID)**
 - b. Click **Create**.

Page Designer reloads displaying Page 4: Maintain Project.

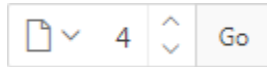
5.3 Linking Project Cards to Maintain Project Form

You can now update the SQL queries on the Projects report to call the Maintain Project form.


Reconfigure the cards on the Projects page to display Maintain Project form when clicked.

To navigate to the Projects page (page 3) in Page Designer:

1. On the toolbar, locate the Page Finder area.



2. Do one of the following:

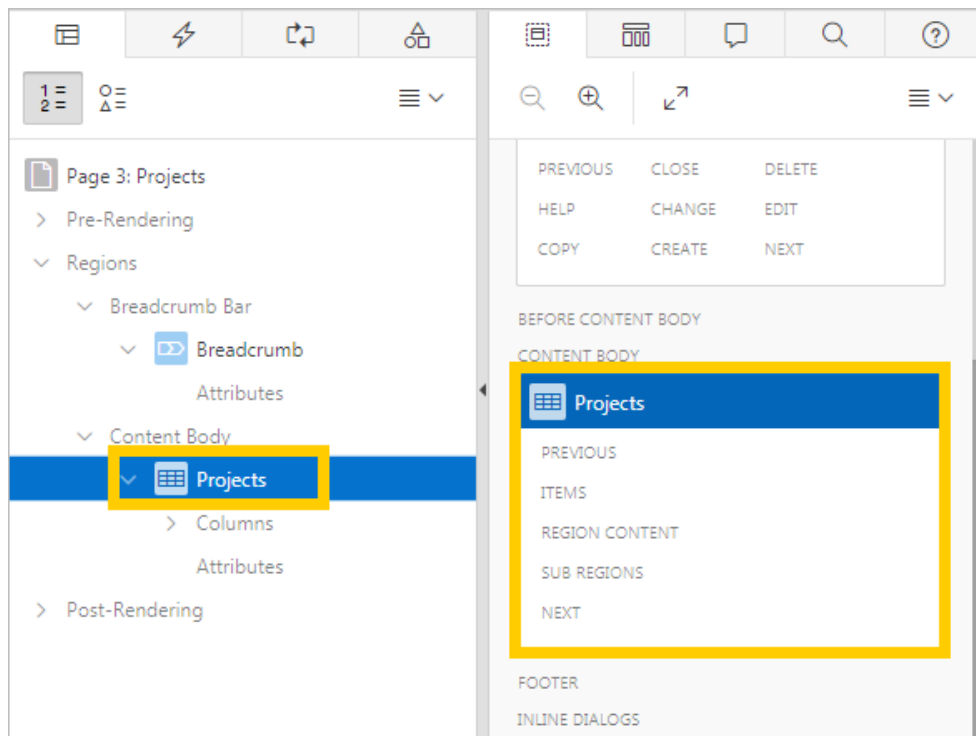
- Click the **Page Finder** icon  and select **3** from the list.
- Change the page number to 3 and press Enter.
- Click the **Navigate to Previous Page** icon (down arrow).

Page Designer loads Page 3: Projects.

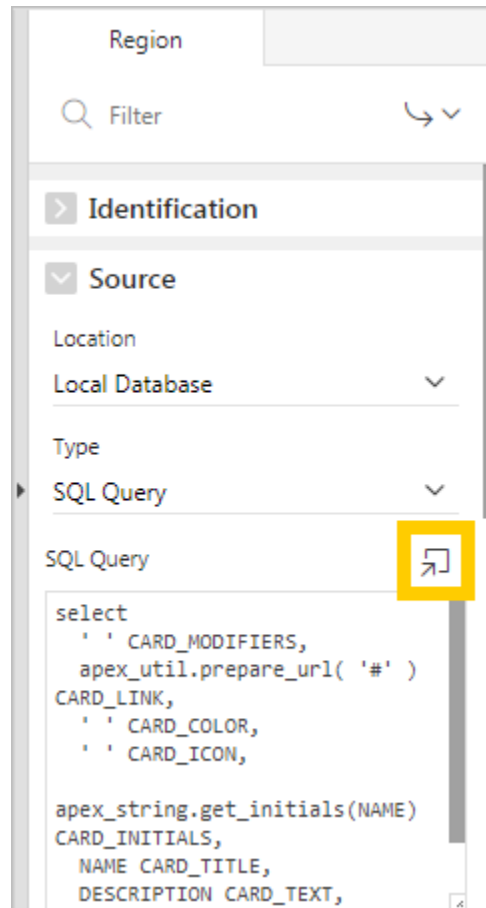
To update the SQL query for the Projects region:


3. Do one of the following to select the Projects region:

- In the Rendering tab (left pane), under Regions - Content Body, select **Projects**.
- In the Layout tab (center pane), scroll down and click the **Projects** region.

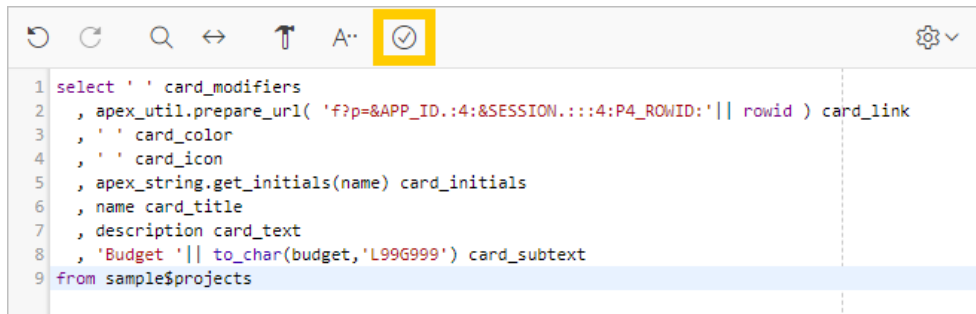


4. In Property Editor (right pane), in the Source group, locate the SQL Query attribute.



5. Click the **Code Editor: SQL Query** icon  to read the code more easily. Reviewing the SQL Query, you can see that the SQL uses alias names, such as `CARD_MODIFIERS` and `CARD_LINK`. These specific aliases are required by the Cards region to produce the correct output. The alias `CARD_LINK` can be updated to link to the new page you just created.
6. In the SQL Query field, replace the contents with the following code:



```
select ' ' card_modifiers
      , apex_util.prepare_url( 'f?p=&APP_ID.:4:&SESSION.:::4:P4_ROWID:' ||
rowid ) card_link
      , ' ' card_color
      , ' ' card_icon
      , apex_string.get_initials(name) card_initials
      , name card_title
      , description card_text
      , 'Budget ' || to_char(budget,'L99G999') card_subtext
from sample$projects
```



```

1 select ' ' card_modifiers
2 , apex_util.prepare_url( 'f?p=&APP_ID.:4:&SESSION.:.:4:P4_ROWID:'|| rowid ) card_link
3 , ' ' card_color
4 , ' ' card_icon
5 , apex_string.get_initials(name) card_initials
6 , name card_title
7 , description card_text
8 , 'Budget '|| to_char(budget,'L99G999') card_subtext
9 from sample$projects

```

7. Click the **Validate** icon  to verify.
The message Validation successful displays at the top of the window.
8. Click **OK**.
9. Click **Save and Run Page** .
 - a. If you receive a warning dialog, click **Try Again**.

 **Tip:**

You can also click the "Save" button and then "Save and Run Page" to avoid this warning.

The Projects page loads in the runtime.

10. Click a project to view the Maintain Project form for that project.
You should hide several fields to restrict access. For example, if one had full access to project IDs or timestamps, one could easily compromise your database--by accident or otherwise.

To quickly return to Maintain Project form in Page Designer:

11. On the Runtime Developer toolbar at the bottom of the screen, click **Edit Page 4**.
Page Designer loads Page 4: Maintain Project.

5.4 Updating the Maintain Project Form in Page Designer

Use Page Designer to make the following updates to the Maintain Project form (page 4) to improve usability and security:

- Hide a column by changing the type to hidden
- Move an item within an existing region
- Change an item to a select list
- Change multiple items to text fields
- Create a sub region to organize items into a read-only, expandable group

To rename a region:

1. In the Rendering or Layout tab, click **Create Form**.
2. In Property Editor:

- a. Identification: Title - enter `Maintain Project`

End users do not need to see the ID column in the form. Change `P4_ID` to a hidden column to keep it from rendering in the app at all.

To hide a column in Page Designer:

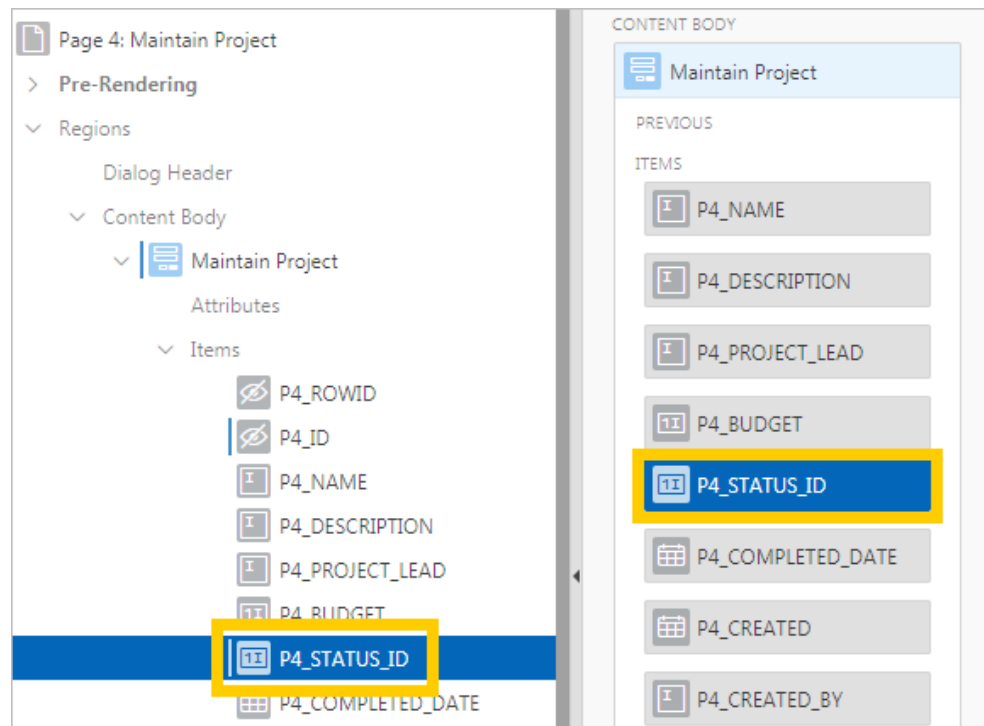
- 3. In the Layout tab, click the `P4_ID` item.
- 4. In Property Editor:
 - a. Identification: Type - select **Hidden**.

To move an item in a region:

- 5. In the Layout tab:
 - a. Right-click the `P4_STATUS_ID` item.
 - b. Select **Move To, Maintain Project, Items, P4_BUDGET, and After**.

 **Tip:**

You can also use the mouse to drag and drop elements in the Rendering tab and Layout tab.



- 6. Click **Save** .

To convert an item to a select list:

- 7. Ensure `P4_STATUS_ID` is still selected.
- 8. In the Property Editor:

- a. Identification: Type - select **Select List**.
- b. Label: Label - enter `Status`
- c. List of Values: Type - select **SQL Query**.
- d. List of Values: SQL Query - enter the following:

```
select description d, id r
from SAMPLE$PROJECT_STATUS
order by display_order
```

- e. List of Values: Display Extra Values - select **No**.
- f. List of Values: Null Display Value - enter the following:

```
- Select Status -
```


Identification

Name
P4_STATUS_ID

Type
Select List

Label

Label
Status

Settings

Layout

Appearance

Validation

List of Values

Type
SQL Query

SQL Query

```
select description d, id r  
from SAMPLE$PROJECT_STATUS  
order by display_order
```

Display Extra Values
Yes **No**

Display Null Value
Yes No

Null Display Value
- Select Status -

 **Note:**

The above SQL uses the base table `SAMPLE$PROJECT_STATUS` which includes a column called `display_order` to ensure the records display in the correct order.

9. Click **Save**.

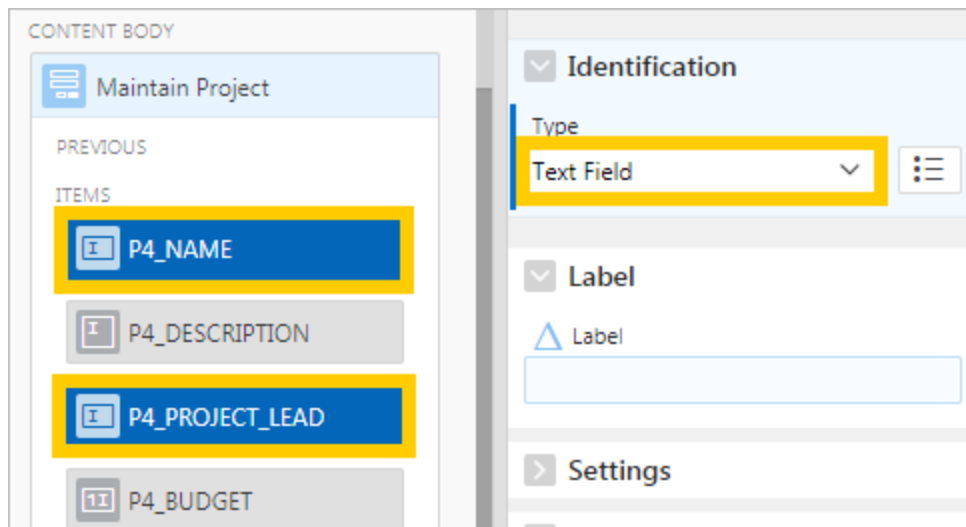
To change multiple items simultaneously:

10. Press and hold the **Ctrl** key and click the following items to select both of them:

- a. **P4_NAME**
- b. **P4_PROJECT_LEAD**

11. In the Property Editor:

- a. Identification: Type - select **Text Field**.



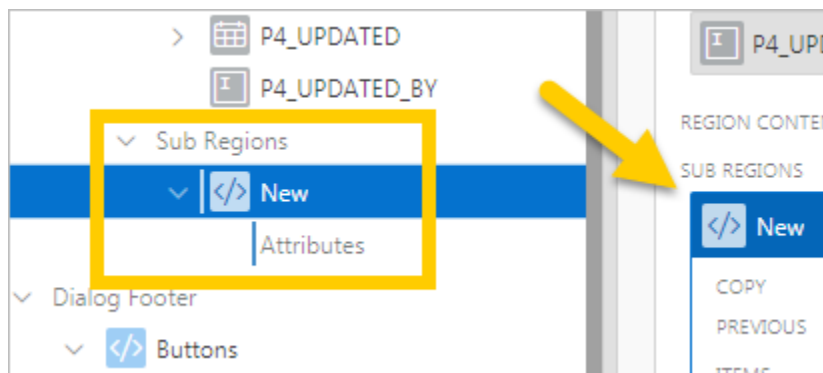
 **Note:**

When selecting multiple elements, the Property Editor only displays the attributes that all the selected elements have in common.

To create a collapsible sub region:

12. In the Rendering tab, right-click the **Maintain Project** region and select **Create Sub Region**.

The New sub region appears within the Sub Regions folder.

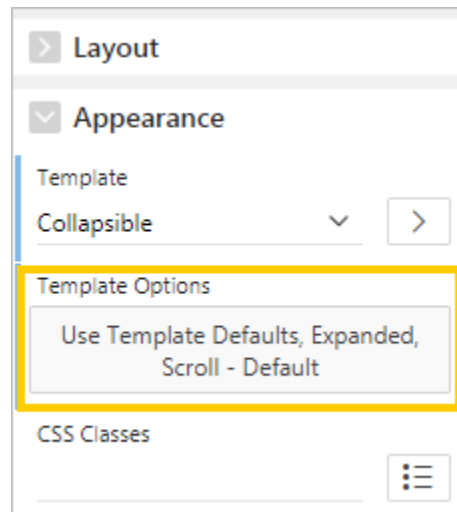


13. In the Property Editor:
 - a. Identification: Title - enter `Audit Details`
 - b. Appearance: Template - select **Collapsible**.
 - c. Server-side Condition: Type - select **Item is NOT NULL**.
 - d. Server-side Condition: Item - enter `P4_ROWID` (you can also select the page from a pop-up list).

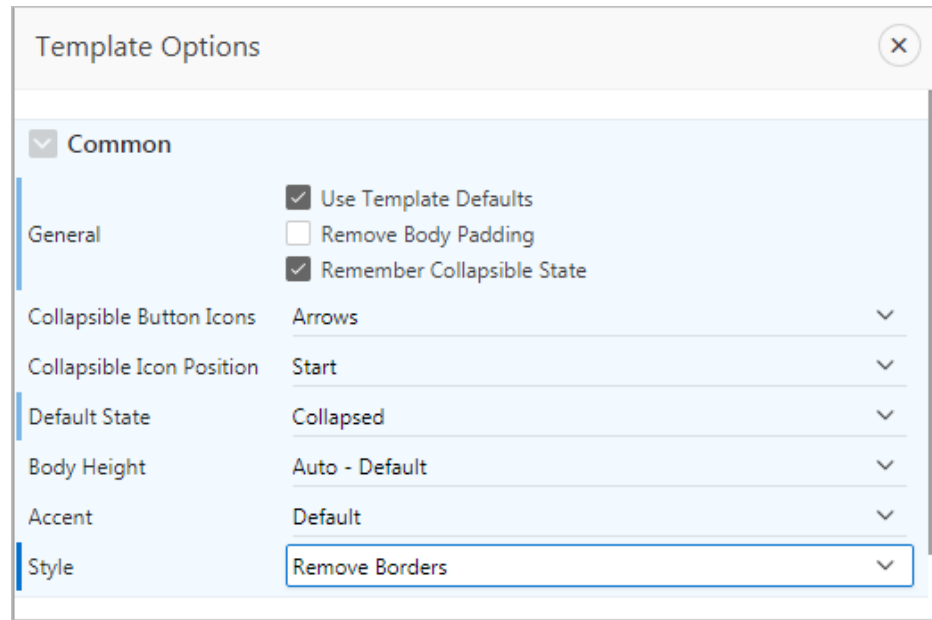
 **Note:**

Setting the Server-side Condition checks that the Rowid is not null and only displays the region when a user updates the record.

14. Locate and click the Appearance: Template Options button (**Use Template Defaults, Expanded, Scroll - Default**).



15. In Template Options:
 - a. General: Remember Collapsible State - select the check box
 - b. Default State - select **Collapsed**
 - c. Style - select **Remove Borders**



d. Click **OK**.

The Template Options button reflects the current configuration: "Use Template Defaults, Remember Collapsible State, Collapsed, Remove Borders, Scroll - Default".

Use Template Defaults, Remember
Collapsible State, Collapsed,
Remove Borders, Scroll - Default

16. Click **Save**.

Rather than using drag and drop, you can use Property Editor to move multiple items into the Audit Details sub region, convert them to Display Only, and switch their appearance template all at once.

To move items into a sub region with the Property Editor:

17. Hold the **Ctrl** key and select the following items:

- **P4_CREATED**
- **P4_CREATED_BY**
- **P4_UPDATED**
- **P4_UPDATED_BY**

18. In the Property Editor:

- a. Identification: Type - select **Display Only**
- b. Layout: Region - select **..Audit Details**
- c. Appearance: Template - select **Optional - Floating**

 **Note:**

The double periods are a shortening device for the names of sub regions in the interface. Think of it as actually reading "the sub region *Audit Details*."

The items move into the sub region.

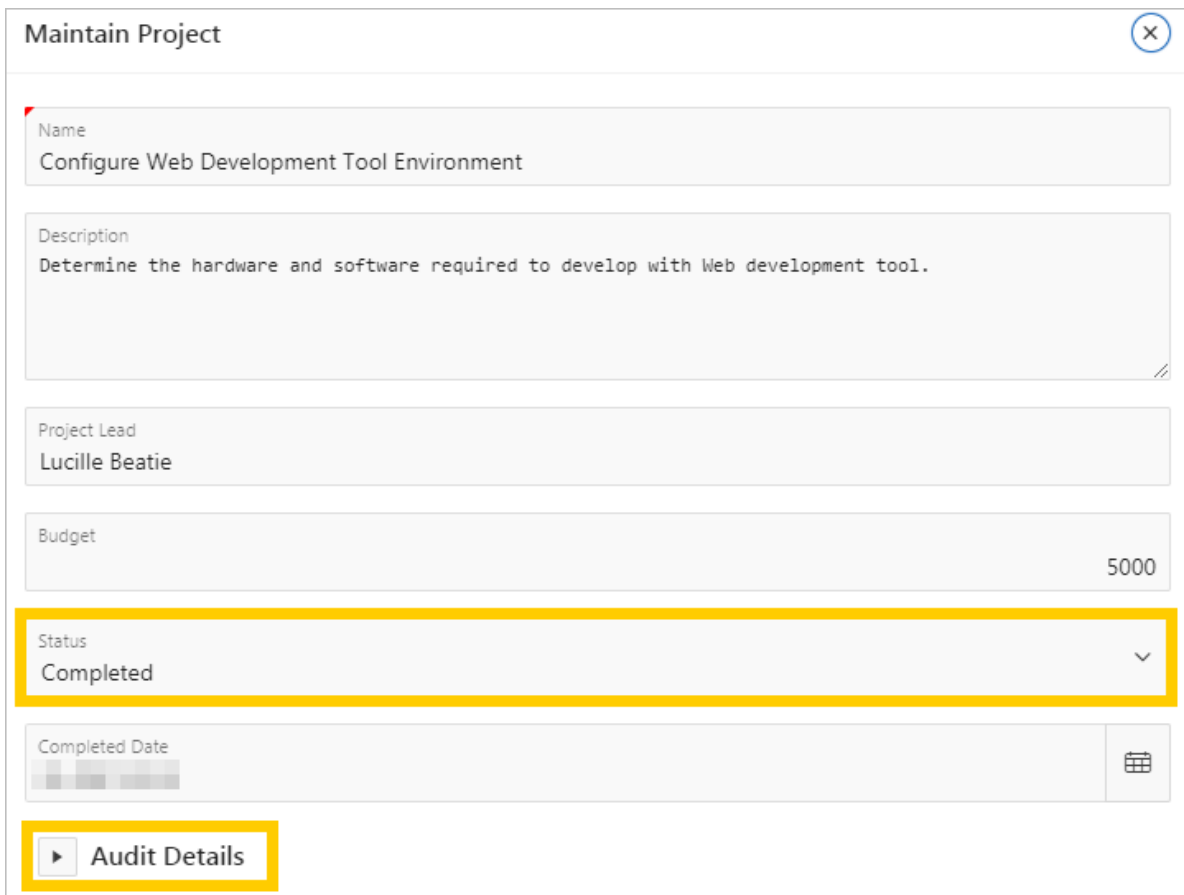
19. Click **Save**.

The Maintain Project form is a modal page. You cannot run a modal page directly from Page Designer the way you can other pages. You must navigate to the associated non-modal page in the runtime (in this case, page 3 - Projects), then open the modal page from there.

To run the modal Maintain Project page:

20. In the runtime, reload the Projects page. (Click your browser's refresh or reload button.)

21. Click a project card.



The screenshot shows a modal window titled "Maintain Project" with a close button in the top right corner. The form contains the following fields:

- Name:** Configure Web Development Tool Environment
- Description:** Determine the hardware and software required to develop with Web development tool.
- Project Lead:** Lucille Beatie
- Budget:** 5000
- Status:** Completed (highlighted with a yellow border)
- Completed Date:** (with a calendar icon)

At the bottom of the form, there is a button labeled "Audit Details" with a right-pointing arrow, also highlighted with a yellow border.

Note the changed Status field and expandable Audit Details region. Trying clicking each and observe how the page responds.

22. When finished, click **Edit Page 4** on the toolbar to return to Maintain Project in Page Designer.

5.5 Creating a Dynamic Action

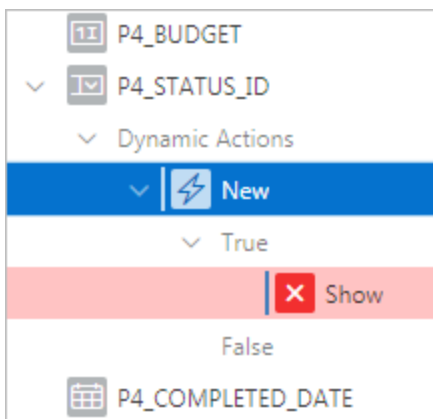
Add a Dynamic Action to the P4_STATUS_ID item select lists so that when the user changes the project Status to "Completed," the completion date displays.

Dynamic Actions within Application Express are used to declaratively define client-side behaviors without writing JavaScript or AJAX. Instead, the Application Express engine implements the necessary code based on your declaration.

To create a Dynamic Action:

1. In the Rendering tab, right-click the **P4_STATUS_ID** item and select **Create Dynamic Action**.

A Dynamic Actions element populates as a child to P4_STATUS.

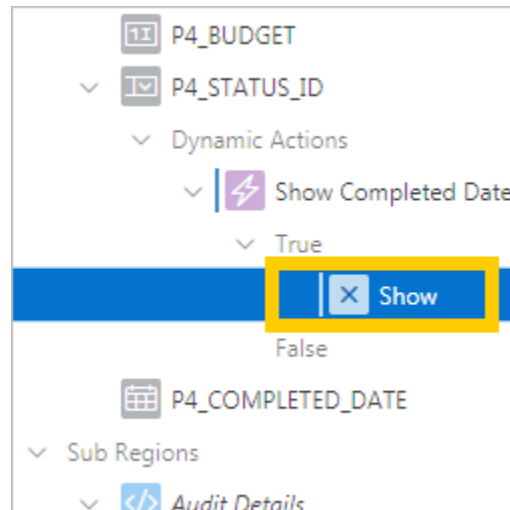


2. In the Property Editor:
 - a. Identification: Name - enter Show Completed Date
 - b. Client-side Condition: Type - select **Item = Value**
 - c. Client-side Condition: Value - enter 3

 **Note:**

Entering 3 in the Value field (`status_ID=3`) targets the third item in the select list, which in this case is the "Completed" status.

3. In the Rendering tab, under the Show Completed Date dynamic action, select the **Show** element.



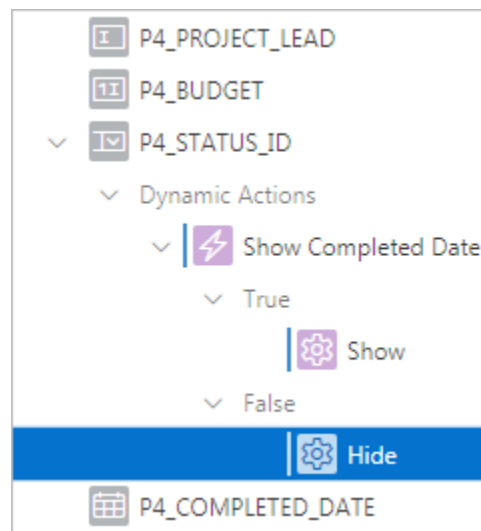
4. In the Property Editor:
 - a. Affected Elements: Items(s) - click the **LOV** icon and select **P4_COMPLETED_DATE** (you can also enter P4_COMPLETED_DATE).

For some types of Dynamic Actions (such as Show, Enable, and Expand Tree), you must also create the corresponding opposite action. With an opposite action, if the True When Condition affects elements one way, then the False When Condition affects elements the opposite way.

To add an opposite action:

5. In the Rendering tab, under Show Completed Date, right-click **Show**.
6. Select **Create Opposite Action**.

The Hide dynamic action populates (Hide is the opposite of Show).



Here, the P4_COMPLETED_DATE item displays when P4_STATUS_ID equals Completed. When any other status is selected, P4_COMPLETED_DATE is hidden.

7. Click **Save**.

5.6 Adding Validations to Completed Date

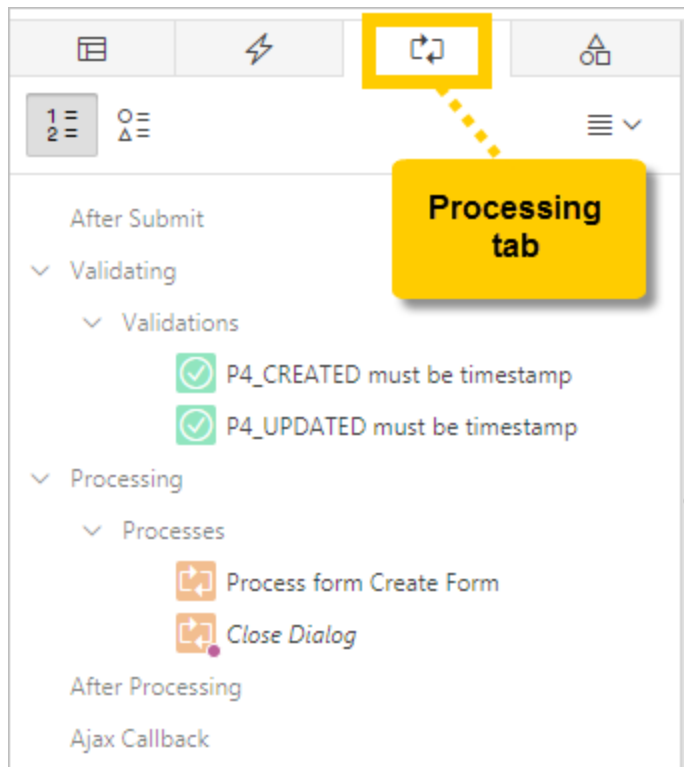
Page validations ensure the data entered by end users is correct. If a validation fails, then an error message is raised, and the values are not saved to the database.

Add two validations to the Completed Date item so that:

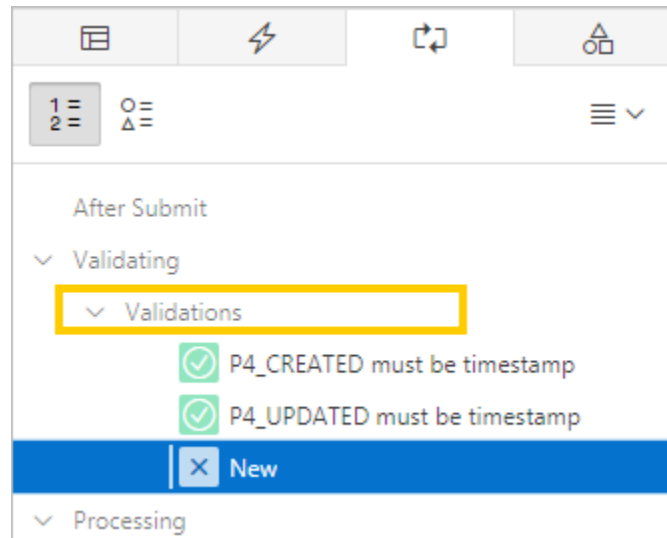
- When a user changes the status to Completed, they must also add the date.
- A user cannot enter a date in the future.

To create a new validation:

1. On the Maintain Project page in Page Designer, click the **Processing** tab (rotating arrows) at the top of the Rendering tab.



2. Right-click the **Validations** element and select **Create Validation**.
New validation appears.



3. In the Property Editor:
 - a. Identification: Name - enter `Completed Date is Not Null`
 - b. Validation: Type - select **Item is NOT NULL**
 - c. Validation: Item - enter `P4_COMPLETED_DATE`
 - d. Error: Error Message - enter `#LABEL# must have some value.`
 - e. Error: Associated Item - select **P4_COMPLETED_DATE**
 - f. Server-side Condition: Type - select **Item = Value**
 - g. Server-side Condition: Item - enter `P4_STATUS_ID`
 - h. Server-side Condition: Value - enter `3`
This condition ensures that the validation only fires when the Status item is Completed.

 **Note:**

The label from the associated item replaces the `#LABEL#` text within the Error Message. If you update the item label, the error message also updates automatically. This improves consistency and ensures that messages have current label references.

 **Tip:**

When you click within an attribute in Property Editor, you can view examples of content (such as error messages) for that attribute by clicking the Help tab at the top of the Layout tab.

- i. Click **Save**.

To copy a validation:

4. In the Processing tab, right-click **Completed Date is NOT NULL** and select **Duplicate**.

The item "Completed Date is NOT NULL_1" appears, selected.

5. In the Property Editor:
 - a. Identification: Name - enter `Completed Date is not Forward Dated`
 - b. Validation: Type - select **PL/SQL Expression**
 - c. Validation: PL/SQL Expression - enter `:P4_COMPLETED_DATE <= SYSDATE`

 **Tip:**

Ensure you include the colon (:). To reference a page item in PL/SQL, you use the `:ITEM_NAME` syntax. `SYSDATE` returns the current date from the Oracle Database.

- d. Error: Error Message - enter `#LABEL# cannot be a future date`
 - e. Server-side Condition: Type - select **Item is NOT NULL**
 - f. Server-side Condition: Item - enter `P4_COMPLETED_DATE`
6. Click **Save**.
7. In the runtime, reload the Projects page (reload the browser tab) and click a project card to display Maintain Project.

The form is complete.

Maintain Project
✕

Name

Train Developers on Web development tool

Description

Ensure all developers who will be developing with the new tool get the appropriate training.

Project Lead

Lucille Beatie

Budget

20000

Status

Completed ▼

Completed Date

📅

▶ Audit Details

Cancel
Delete

Apply Changes

Try the following tasks to see how the application behaves:

- Change the Status and see how the Completed Date displays or vanishes.
- Find an In-Progress project, change the status to Completed but leave the Completion Date empty, and click **Apply Changes**. (An error message should display.)
- Enter a Completion Date in the future and click **Apply Changes**. (An error message should display.)

When finished, click **Application #####** on the Developer Toolbar to return to the Application home page.

6

Developing the Milestones Page

Use the Create Page Wizard and Page Designer to add an interactive grid page to the application so that users can manage project Milestones.

In this lesson, you use the Create Page Wizard to add a new **interactive grid** page. Similar to the older interactive report, interactive grids do not require a paired form page to change the content displayed on the page.

In addition to the `DEMO_PROJECTS` table, the app also contains the `DEMO_MILESTONES` and `DEMO_TASKS` tables. These two tables contain data for incremental milestones and tasks that help to track the progress of an entire project more precisely.

Currently, your app only supports changes to the status of entire projects. Develop the Milestones interactive grid so that your users can view and change the status of these tasks and milestones.

Add and configure a Milestones entry in the **Desktop Navigation Menu** so it displays across the entire app.

Use **Dynamic LOVs** (or **lookups**) to intelligently substitute information from another table by checking against the ID of the content in the original table.

Repeat some familiar tasks to clean up both the report and form in Page Designer and in the runtime.

Starting from here:

6 - Milestones.sql

If you have not completed the previous lessons, you can use the appendix "[Importing an Application into a Workspace](#)" to import the above SQL script into your workspace and continue working from this lesson forward. You can find this script in the `/files` subdirectory of where you unzipped the .zip file accompanying this tutorial.

6.1 Creating an Interactive Grid Page

Start by using the Create Page Wizard to add a new page.

To add an interactive grid page to the application:

1. On the Application home page, click **Create Page**.
The Create Page Wizard displays.
2. Click **Report**.
3. Click **Interactive Grid**.
4. Enter the following:

- a. Page Number - enter 5
 - b. Page Name - enter Milestones
 - c. Click **Next**.
5. For Navigation Menu, click **Create a new navigation menu entry**.
 6. Use the default settings and click **Next**.
 7. For Report Source, enter the following:
 - a. Editing Enabled - select **Yes**
 - b. Table / View Name - click the **LOV icon** and select **SAMPLE\$PROJECT_MILESTONES (table)**

- c. Click **Create**.
The new Milestones page loads in Page Designer.
8. Click **Save and Run Page**.
The Milestones report displays in the runtime.

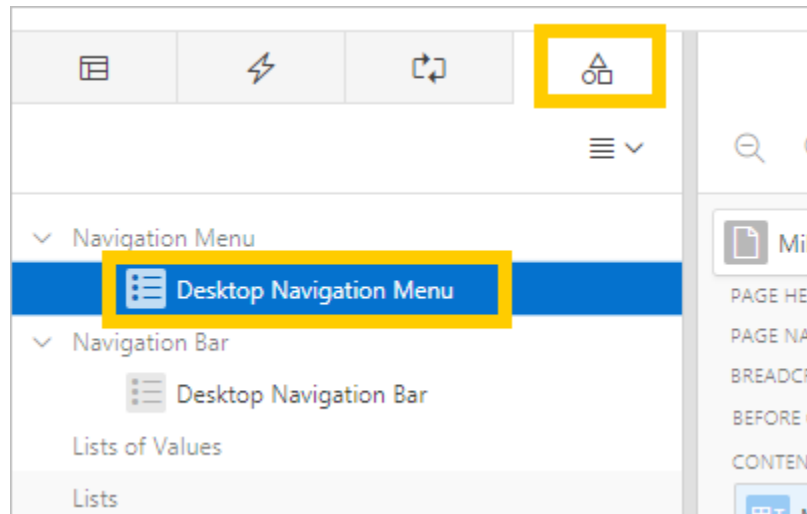
6.2 Updating the Navigation Menu for Milestones


On the Milestones page in the runtime, examine the Milestones entry in the navigation sidebar. Note that the icon is blank and that it is listed below Administration.

Elements that appear on all pages (such as the Navigation Menu) are controlled in Shared Components.

To view the Navigation Menu in Shared Components:

1. Click **Edit Page 5** on the Runtime Developer toolbar to return to Page Designer.
2. Do one of the following:
 - Above the Rendering tab, click the **Shared Components** tab. Click **Desktop Navigation Menu** and in Property Editor click **Edit Component**.



- Near the Save button, click the **Shared Components** icon (). Under Navigation, click **Navigation Menu**, and click **Desktop Navigation Menu**.

Sequence ↑	Name	Parent Entry	Target	Conditional	Updated	Level	Authorization Scheme	Copy
10	Home	-	f?p=&APP_ID:1:&APP_SESSION:;&DEBUG:;	-	2 days ago	1	-	
20	Dashboard	-	f?p=&APP_ID:2:&APP_SESSION:;&DEBUG:;	-	2 days ago	1	-	
30	Projects	-	f?p=&APP_ID:3:&APP_SESSION:;&DEBUG:;	-	2 days ago	1	-	
40	Administration	-	f?p=&APP_ID:10000:&APP_SESSION:;&DEBUG:;	-	2 days ago	1	Administration Rights	
50	Milestones	-	f?p=&APP_ID:5:&SESSION:;&DEBUG:;	-	27 minutes ago	1	-	

Since the Milestones page was created after the application, it is automatically added to the bottom of the list. As a best practice, you should separate developer-only pages from the other pages rather than mix them together. Update the sequence for both Administration and Milestones for them to appear in the right order.

To update the sequence for the Administration list entry:

3. Click **Administration**.
4. Enter the following:
 - a. Sequence - enter 999
Setting the sequence to such a high number helps ensure Administration always appears at the bottom of the list when adding pages in the future.
 - b. Click **Apply Changes**.

Next, update the sequence and the icon from the blank default for Milestones.

To update the Milestones list entry:

5. Click **Milestones**.


6. Enter the following:
 - a. Sequence - enter 50
Use 50 to stay in sync with the page number (5).
 - b. Image/Class - click the **LOV** icon and select **fa-table-pointer**

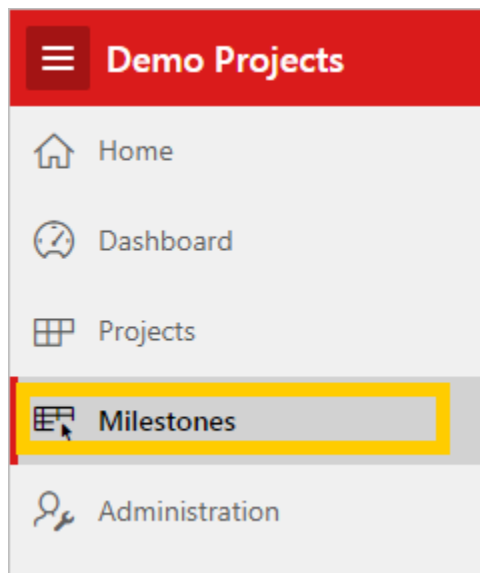
 **Tip:**

Use the search function in your browser to find the icon easily (Ctrl + F or Cmd + F).

- c. Click **Apply Changes**.



7. Click the **Run** icon () in the top-right corner to run the app. Note the changes to the navigation sidebar.



6.3 Hiding Columns in the Application Runtime

Develop the Milestones interactive grid on page 5 in the application runtime by hiding several columns from view and moving the Due Date column.

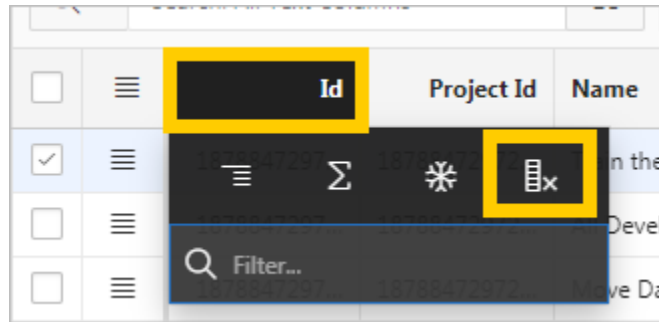
 **Tip:**

Oracle recommends hiding columns rather than deleting them in case you need them in the future.

In the runtime, you can hide columns using the Column Heading menu or the Actions menu.

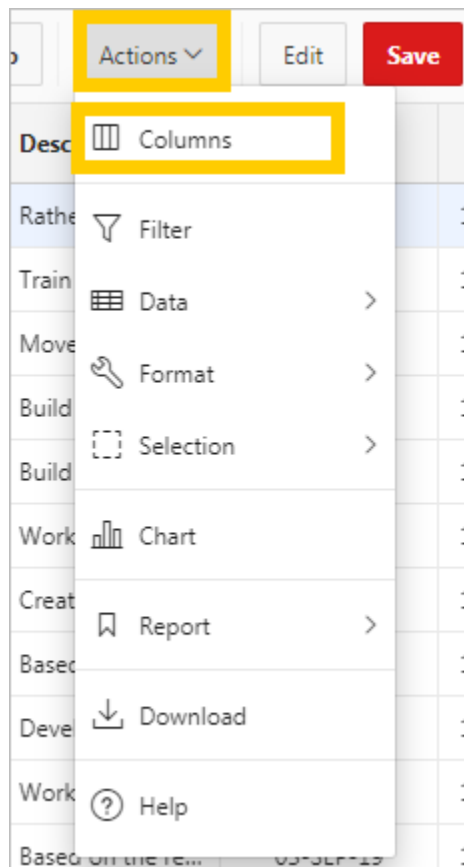
To quickly hide a column in an interactive grid:

1. Click the **Id** column heading and select **Hide**.

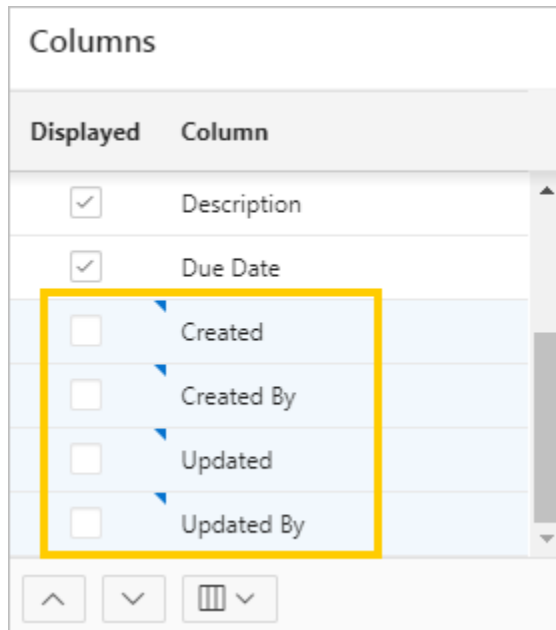


To hide multiple columns in an interactive grid:

2. Click the **Actions** menu and select **Columns**.



3. In the list of columns on the left, click the check boxes adjacent to the following columns to deselect them:
 - **Created**
 - **Created By**
 - **Updated**
 - **Updated By**



4. Click **Save**.
5. To move a column, do one of the following:
 - **Drag and Drop Column Heading**
 - a. Hover the mouse over the Due Date column heading. Note the thin dotted columns that display at the start of the heading. These are the grip handle.
 - b. Click and hold the grip handle and drag and drop the Due Date column between Project Id and Name.
 - **Columns Dialog in Actions Menu**
 - a. Click the **Actions** menu and select **Columns**.
 - b. Click the **Due Date** column to select it. (Do not click the check box.)
 - c. Use the Move Up and Move Down buttons below the list to move Due Date below Project Id.
 - d. Click **Save**.

To save your changes to the report:

6. Click **Actions**, select **Report**, and click **Save**.

6.4 Adding Project Names to the Milestones Interactive Grid

While the Milestones interactive grid is based on `SAMPLE$PROJECT_MILESTONES`, note that none of the columns provide alphabetical names for the projects. Project names are stored in another table: the `NAME` column in `SAMPLE$PROJECTS`. Report regions can query other tables with a Dynamic LOV. This is also called a **lookup**.


First, create the Dynamic LOV in Shared Components and configure it to query `SAMPLE$PROJECTS`.

Then use Page Designer to convert the `PROJECT_ID` column to a Select List, and choose the Dynamic LOV / lookup to display the alphanumeric name of the referenced project instead of the numerical ID.

To return to Page Designer:

1. Click **Edit Page 5** on the Runtime Developer Toolbar.

To create a new Dynamic LOV lookup:

2. Click the **Shared Components** icon ().
3. Under Other Components, click **List of Values**.
4. Click **Create**.
5. Select **From Scratch** and click **Next**.
6. For Name and Type:
 - a. Name - enter `Project Name`
 - b. Type - select **Dynamic**
 - c. Click **Next**.
7. Delete the Query contents then copy and paste the following code:

```
select NAME d, ID r
from SAMPLE$PROJECTS
order by NAME
```

8. Click **Create List of Values**.
The Lists of Values screen redisplay with the `Project Name` item.
9. Click the **Edit Page 5** icon in the top-right to return to the Milestones page in Page Designer.



To convert a column to a Select List:

10. In the Rendering tab, under Milestones, expand **Columns** and select **PROJECT_ID**.
11. In Property Editor:
 - a. Identification: Type - select **Select List**
 - b. Heading: Heading - enter `Project`
 - c. List of Values: Type - select **Shared Component**
 - d. List of Values: List of Values - select **Project Name**
 - e. List of Values: Display Extra Values - check **No**
 - f. List of Values: Null Display Value - enter the following:

- Select Project -

12. Click **Save and Run Page**.

		Search: All Text Columns	Go	Actions ▾	Edit
<input type="checkbox"/>	☰	Project			Due Date
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	☰	Train Developers on Web developme...			19-APR-19
<input type="checkbox"/>	☰	Train Developers on Web developme...			23-APR-19
<input type="checkbox"/>	☰	Migrate Legacy Applications			28-JUN-19
<input type="checkbox"/>	☰	Migrate Legacy Applications			06-JUL-19
<input type="checkbox"/>	☰	Migrate Legacy Applications			12-JUL-19
<input type="checkbox"/>	☰	Develop Partner Portal POC			15-JUL-19
<input type="checkbox"/>	☰	Develop Partner Portal POC			22-JUL-19
<input type="checkbox"/>	☰	Develop Production Partner Portal			23-JUL-19

- Review your changes to the Project column in the Runtime. When finished, click **Edit Page 5** to return to Page Designer.

6.5 Changing the Appearance of an Interactive Grid in Page Designer

Perform some routine clean-up tasks to make the interactive grid more user-friendly:

- Change the heading of the Name column to instead refer specifically to Milestones.
- Convert the audit columns to Display Only to prevent end users from changing the contents.
- Change the **Appearance Template** of the interactive grid to the template for interactive reports. This removes the header and some UI decorations to simplify the look.

To change a column heading:

- In the Rendering tab, under Milestones, expand **Columns**.
- Select **NAME**.
- In Property Editor:
 - Identification: Type - select **Text Field**
 - Heading: Heading - enter **Milestone**

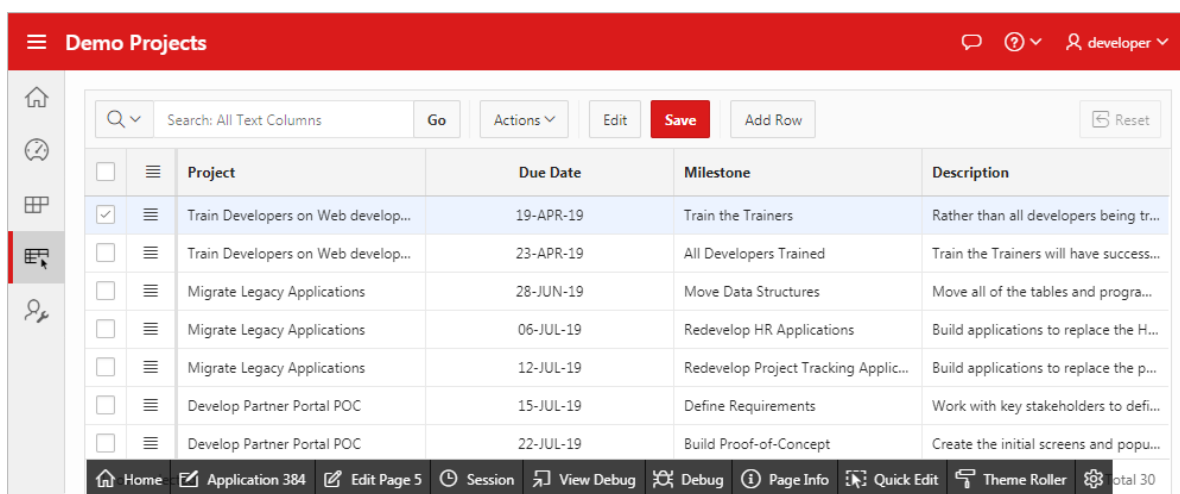
To change multiple columns to Display Only:

- Hold **Ctrl** and select the following items:
 - CREATED**
 - CREATED_BY**

- c. **UPDATED**
- d. **UPDATED_BY**
- 5. In Property Editor:
 - a. Identification: Type - select **Display Only**

To change the Appearance Template for a region:

- 6. In the Rendering tab, under Content Body, select the **Milestones** region.
- 7. In Property Editor:
 - a. Appearance: Template - select **Interactive Report**
- 8. Click **Save and Run Page** to enter the runtime.



6.6 Finalizing the Milestones Interactive Grid in the Runtime

Perform some routine clean-up tasks to complete the default Milestones report:

- Sort the report so that it displays projects alphabetically.
- Save your changes to the report layout as the new default.

To set multiple columns to sort ascending:

1. Hover over the Project column heading and click the **Sort Ascending** icon (up arrow).
2. Hold the **Shift** key, hover over the Due Date column heading, and click the **Sort Ascending** icon (up arrow).

Icons display next to the Project and Due Date column names indicating their sort order.

Project ↑=1	Due Date ↑=2	Milestone
Develop Bug Tracking Application	19-JUN-19	Review Bug Trac

To save the report layout as the new default:

3. Click the **Actions** menu, select **Report**, and select **Save**.
You cannot use the Save button at the top of the report for this step because it does not overwrite the report default.
4. Click **Application #####** on the Runtime Developer toolbar to return to the Application home page.

The Milestones page is complete. Proceed to the next lesson.

7

Developing the Tasks Page

Use the Create Page Wizard to create a new Report with Form for end users to manage their project tasks.

About This Lesson

In this lesson, you add a new pair of pages to your app: **Report with Form**.

"Report with Form" (or "Report and Form") is the most common page construct within web applications. End users view the **report** and submit changes with a **form** page.

In your app, the Tasks report displays details for work to be done toward the associated project (based on the `SAMPLE$PROJECT_TASKS` table). The Update Task form enables users to update the task, such as changing the status or moving the due date.

Use the Create Page Wizard to generate the pair of pages. Begin with the Report page. Repeat some familiar tasks to develop the report (update Navigation Menu in Shared Components, hide extraneous columns, apply lookups to the report).

Apply a **format mask** for columns with set date and numbering formats.

Use the **decode** SQL statement to convert all instances of "Y" or "N" in a Yes/No column to display instead as Yes or No.

For the modal Form page, use Page Designer to refine the fields to mirror their counterparts in the Report. Many of the procedures for the Form are very similar to those for the Report.

Starting from here:

7 - `Tasks.sql`

If you have not completed the previous lessons, you can use the appendix "[Importing an Application into a Workspace](#)" to import the above SQL script into your workspace and continue working from this lesson forward. You can find this script in the `/files` subdirectory of where you unzipped the .zip file accompanying this tutorial.

7.1 Creating an Interactive Report Page

Use the Create Page Wizard to add a new interactive report with form page to your app. Base it on `SAMPLE$PROJECTS_TASKS`.

To add an interactive report with form to the application:

1. In the Application home page, click **Create Page**.
2. Click **Report**.
3. Click **Report with Form**.

4. For Page Attributes:
 - a. Report Page Number - enter 6
 - b. Report Page Name - enter `Tasks`
 - c. Form Page Number - enter 7
 - d. Form Page Name - enter `Update Task`
 - e. Form Page Mode - select **Modal Dialog**
 - f. Click **Next**.
5. For Navigation Menu:
 - a. Navigation Preference - select **Create a new navigation menu entry**
 - b. Click **Next**.
6. For Data Source:
 - a. Table / View Name - click the **LOV** icon.
 - b. Select **SAMPLE\$PROJECTS_TASKS**
 - c. In the list of Columns, double-click **ID (Number)** to move it to the left column (this removes it from display in the report).
The `ID` column contains the numeric identifier for each row in the table. Users do not need to view or access this information at any time. Since you would hide the columns in both pages later anyway, this step saves you time.
 - d. Click **Next**.
7. For Form Page:
 - a. Primary Key Column - select **ID (Number)**
Note that the wizard removes `ID` to match the columns in the report in the previous screen.
 - b. Click **Create**.

The wizard creates the pages. Page Designer loads the interactive report page (page 6, `Tasks`).

The page contains the interactive report region Report 1.

To rename a report region:

8. Click **Report 1** in Layout tab or Rendering tab.
9. In Property Editor:
 - a. Identification: Title - enter `Tasks`
10. Click **Save and Run Page** to view the interactive report in the runtime.

In the runtime, note that the `Tasks` item in the Navigation Menu (left side) displays last and has a blank icon. Note also that as you scroll right, the report displays numerical identifiers in several columns as well as audit detail columns.

Perform the same tasks as you did for Milestones to update the `Tasks` page.

7.2 Updating the Tasks Page in the Runtime

Complete some routine tasks in the runtime to perform an initial update to the `Tasks` page (similar to those that you performed for the Milestones page, except `Tasks` uses an interactive report instead of an interactive grid):

- Update the Navigation Menu in Shared Components
- Hide the audit columns from the default report in the runtime

To view the Navigation Menu in Shared Components:

1. Click **Edit Page 6** on the Runtime Developer toolbar to return to Page Designer.



2. Near the Save button, click the **Shared Components** icon.
3. Under Navigation, click **Navigation Menu**.
4. Click **Desktop Navigation Menu**.

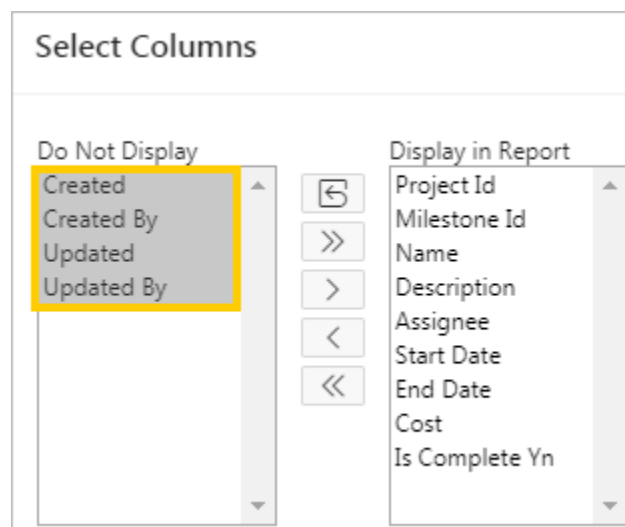
To update the Tasks list entry:

5. Click **Tasks**.
6. For List Entry:
 - a. Sequence - enter 60
 - b. Image/Class - click the **LOV** icon and select **fa-table**
 - c. Click **Apply Changes**.
7. Click the **Run** icon (play button) in the top-right corner to run the app. Note the changes to the navigation sidebar.

Hide the audit columns from displaying in the default report in the runtime.

To hide multiple columns in an interactive report:

8. Click the **Actions** menu and select **Columns**.
9. In the list of columns under Display in Report, double-click the following items to move them to Do Not Display:
 - **Created**
 - **Created By**
 - **Updated**
 - **Updated By**



10. Click **Apply**.

To save the report layout as the new default:

11. Click the **Actions** menu, select **Report**, and click **Save Report**.

12. In Save Report:

- a. Save - select **As Default Report Settings**
- b. Use the default setting (Primary) and click **Apply**.

7.3 Applying Lookups to the Tasks Interactive Report

The dynamic LOV you created earlier is also called a **lookup** (because the query "looks up" a value in another table).

First, copy the PROJECT NAME Dynamic LOV in Shared Components and configure it to query SAMPLE\$PROJECT_MILESTONES.

Then apply the two lookups to the PROJECT_ID and MILESTONE_ID columns.

To copy an LOV:

1. Click **Edit Page 6** on the Runtime Developer toolbar to return to Page Designer.
2. Click the **Shared Components** icon.
3. Under Other Components, click **List of Values**.
4. Click **Copy**.
5. For Copy List of Values:
 - a. Copy List of Values - select **PROJECT NAME - Dynamic**
 - b. New List of Values Name - enter `Milestone Name`
 - c. Click **Copy**.

The Lists of Values screen redisplay with the MILESTONE_NAME item.

6. Click **MILESTONE NAME**.
7. Under Query, delete the contents then copy and paste the following code:

```
select NAME d, ID r
from SAMPLE$PROJECT_MILESTONES
order by NAME
```

8. Click the **Validate** icon (checkmark) to confirm the query works.
9. Click **Apply Changes**.
10. Click the **Edit Page 6** icon in the top-right to return to the Tasks page in Page Designer.

Apply the Project Name dynamic LOV to the PROJECT_ID column (similar to the process for the Milestones page). Then apply the Milestone Name dynamic LOV to MILESTONE_ID.

To apply the PROJECT_NAME LOV to an interactive report:

11. In the Rendering tab, under Tasks, expand **Columns** and select **PROJECT_ID**.
12. In Property Editor:

- a. Identification: Type - select **Plain Text (based on List of Values)**
- b. List of Values: List of Values - select **PROJECT NAME**
- c. Heading: Heading - enter `Project`
- d. Click the **Save** button.

To apply the `MILESTONE_NAME` LOV to an interactive report:

13. In the Rendering tab, under Columns, select **MILESTONE_ID**.
14. In Property Editor:
 - a. Identification: Type - select **Plain Text (based on List of Values)**
 - b. List of Values: List of Values - select **MILESTONE_NAME**
 - c. Heading: Heading - enter `Milestone`
15. Click **Save and Run Page**.
16. Scroll down the report to review the Project and Milestone columns in the Runtime. When finished, click **Edit Page 6** to return to Page Designer.

7.4 Updating the Remaining Columns in the Tasks Report

Update the other remaining columns in the Tasks interactive report from their raw state generated by the Create Page Wizard:

- `NAME`
- `START_DATE`
- `END_DATE`
- `COST`
- `IS_COMPLETE_YN`

To update a column heading in an interactive report:

1. In the Rendering tab, under Tasks, expand **Columns** and select **NAME**.
2. In Property Editor:
 - a. Heading: Heading - enter `Task`

To apply a date format mask to multiple columns:

3. In the Rendering tab, hold Ctrl and select the two following columns:
 - a. **START_DATE**
 - b. **END_DATE**
4. In Property Editor:
 - a. Appearance: Format Mask - click the **LOV** icon
 - b. Select **12-JAN-2004**.

Tip:

You can also enter `DD-MON-YYYY` in the field without opening the list.

- c. Click **Save**.

To apply a dollar amount format mask to a column:

5. In the Rendering tab, select **COST**.
6. In Property Editor:
 - a. Appearance: Format Mask - click the **LOV** icon
 - b. Select **\$5,234.10**.
 - c. Click **Save**.

To configure an interactive report with a `_YN` column to display "Yes" and "No" (instead of Y or N):

7. In the Rendering tab, select **IS_COMPLETE_YN**.
8. In Property Editor:
 - a. Heading: Heading - enter `Complete`
 - b. Click **Save**.
9. Click the **Tasks** report region (under Content Body in the Rendering tab).
10. In Property Editor:
 - a. Source: Type - select **SQL Query**.
 - b. Source: SQL Query - delete the contents then copy and paste the following code:

```
select ID,
       PROJECT_ID,
       MILESTONE_ID,
       NAME,
       DESCRIPTION,
       ASSIGNEE,
       START_DATE,
       END_DATE,
       COST,
       decode(is_complete_yn, 'Y', 'Yes', 'No') IS_COMPLETE_YN,
       CREATED,
       CREATED_BY,
       UPDATED,
       UPDATED_BY
from SAMPLE$PROJECT_TASKS
```

The `decode` statement is used to compare the column value against the first value ("Y") and replace it with the next value ("Yes"), and otherwise replace it with the final value ("No").

11. Click **Save and Run Page**.

	Project	Milestone	Task	Description	Assignee	Start Date	End Date	Cost	Complete
	Implement Customer Satisfaction Application	-	Define main requirements for tracking customer satisfaction.	Define the scope and timelines for the development of the tracking app.	Bernard Jackman	26-MAY-2019	27-MAY-2019	\$2,000.00	Yes
	Implement Customer Satisfaction Application	-	Finalize Customer Satisfaction Tracker Data Model	Define the data model for new and existing entities required to support customer satisfaction tracking.	Tyson King	28-MAY-2019	30-MAY-2019	\$3,000.00	Yes

12. Review your changes to the report in the runtime. When finished, proceed to the next section.

7.5 Updating the Project and Milestone Fields in the Update Task Form

When you created the Tasks Report with Form in the Create Page Wizard, you chose to make the form **modal**. (If you had left the check box unselected, it would be a separate page in the runtime instead of a pop-up overlay.) To view a modal page in the runtime, you must open it from its associated report.

Open the Update Task form by clicking one of the Edit icons in the Tasks interactive report.

To view a modal form for an interactive report in the runtime:

1. Click the **Edit** icon (pencil) for a row.

Update Task [Close]

Project Id: 187884729728643614681835467613236031789

Milestone Id: [Empty]

Name: Define main requirements for tracking customer satisfaction.

Description: Define the scope and timelines for the development of the tracking app.

Assignee: Bernard Jackman

Start Date: [Calendar Icon]

End Date: [Calendar Icon]

Buttons: Cancel, Delete, **Apply Changes**

The Update Task form displays.

Note also that the page number on the Runtime Developer toolbar changed from the report (page 6) to the form (page 7).

The form is still in a raw state, but because it is based on `SAMPLE$PROJECT_TASKS`, the development process is very similar to what you did for the report:

- The Milestone and Project name fields use numeric identifiers instead of names.
- The names of some fields (such as "Project Id") should be user-friendly.
- Some fields are editable text fields instead of restricted select lists or display only.
- The audit columns do not need to display here (they are present in the report).

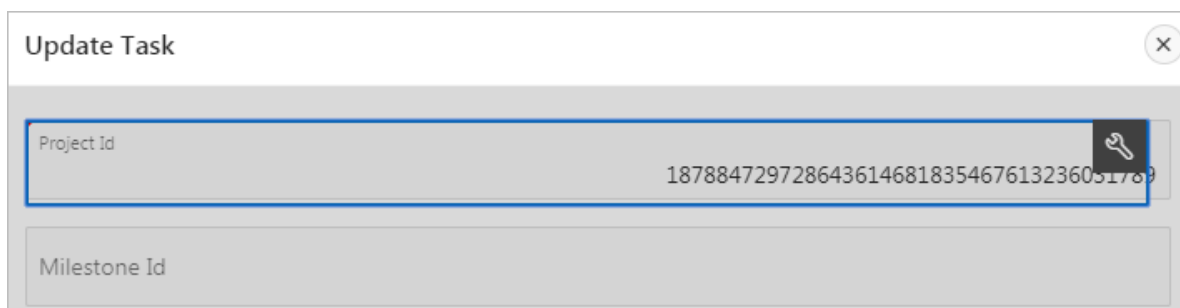
Start by applying the `PROJECT NAME` and `MILESTONE NAME` lookups to the appropriate fields.

To return to Page Designer using Quick Edit:

2. On the Runtime Developer toolbar, click **Quick Edit** ().

You enter Quick Edit mode. The screen darkens and when you mouse over different elements a wrench icon displays.

3. In Quick Edit mode, click the **Project Id** field (do not click the wrench icon).



The screenshot shows a window titled "Update Task" with a close button (X) in the top right corner. Inside the window, there are two input fields. The top field is labeled "Project Id" and contains the long alphanumeric string "187884729728643614681835467613236051789". A blue border highlights this field, and a small wrench icon is visible in its top right corner. Below it is a field labeled "Milestone Id" which is currently empty.

Page Designer loads with P7_PROJECT_ID selected.

To apply lookups to the Project and Milestone fields:

4. In Property Editor:
 - a. Identification: Type - select **Select List**.
 - b. Label: Label - enter `Project`
 - c. List of Values: Type - select **Shared Component**.
 - d. List of Values: List of Values - select **PROJECT NAME**
5. Click **P7_MILESTONE_ID**.
6. In Property Editor:
 - a. Identification: Type - select **Select List**.
 - b. Label: Label - enter `Milestone`
 - c. List of Values: Type - select **Shared Component**.
 - d. List of Values: List of Values - select **MILESTONE NAME**
7. Click **Save**.
Remember that you cannot run a modal page straight from Page Designer.
8. Return to the runtime and refresh the page, then click an **Edit** icon (pencil) to re-display the form.
(Remember that you cannot run a modal page directly from Page Designer. You must run the non-modal page associated with it, then reopen it.)
9. Note the changed Project and Milestone fields. Click each to see how they behave.
10. When finished, click **Edit Page 7** on the Runtime Developer toolbar.

7.6 Updating the Remaining Fields in the Update Task Form

Finally, perform a series of small tasks to update the Update Task form's presentation:

- Name - change the Name field to a text field and change the label to Task.
- Assignee - change to a select list based on SQL query.
- Start Date and End Date - change the format mask to DD-MM-YYYY.
- Cost - change the alignment and format mask (\$5,234.10).
- Is Complete Yn - change the label and type to a switch.
- Hide the audit columns (Created, Created By, Updated, Updated By).

To update the P7_NAME field:

1. Click **P7_NAME**.
2. In Property Editor:
 - a. Identification: Type - select **Text Field**.
 - b. Label: Label - enter Task

To update the P7_ASSIGNEE field:

3. Click **P7_ASSIGNEE**.
4. In Property Editor:
 - a. Identification: Type - select **Select List**.
 - b. List of Values: Type - select **SQL Query**.
 - c. List of Values: SQL Query - copy and paste the following code:

```
select distinct ASSIGNEE as d,  
       ASSIGNEE as r  
from SAMPLE$PROJECT_TASKS  
order by 1
```

- d. Click **Save**.

To update the P7_START_DATE and P7_END_DATE fields:

5. Hold Shift or Ctrl and click **P7_START_DATE** and **P7_END_DATE** to select them both.
6. In Property Editor:
 - a. Appearance: Format Mask - click the **LOV** icon.
 - b. Select **12-JAN-2004**.
 - c. Settings: Show - select **Both**.
7. Click **P7_END_DATE** to only select it.
8. In Property Editor:
 - a. Layout: Start New Row - select **No**.
 - b. Click **Save**.

To update the P7_COST field:

9. Click **P7_COST**.
10. In Property Editor:
 - a. Settings: Number Alignment - select **Left**.
 - b. Appearance: Format Mask - click the **LOV** icon.
 - c. Select **\$5,234.10**.
 - d. Click **Save**.

To update the P7_IS_COMPLETE_YN field:

11. Click **P7_IS_COMPLETE_YN**.
12. In Property Editor:
 - a. Identification: Type - select **Switch**.
 - b. Label: Label - enter `Complete`

To hide the audit column fields:

13. Hold Ctrl or Shift and select the four following items:
 - **P7_CREATED**
 - **P7_CREATED_BY**
 - **P7_UPDATED**
 - **P7_UPDATED_BY**
14. In Property Editor:
 - a. Identification: Type - select **Hidden**.
 - b. Click **Save**.
15. Return to the runtime and refresh the page.
16. Click an **Edit** icon (pencil) to redisplay the form.

The screenshot shows a modal window titled "Update Task" with a close button in the top right corner. The form contains the following fields and controls:

- Project:** A dropdown menu with the selected value "Implement Customer Satisfaction Application".
- Milestone:** A dropdown menu.
- Task:** A text field containing "Define main requirements for tracking customer satisfaction."
- Description:** A larger text area containing "Define the scope and timelines for the development of the tracking app."
- Assignee:** A dropdown menu with the selected value "Bernard Jackman".
- Start Date:** A date picker field with a calendar icon.
- End Date:** A date picker field with a calendar icon.
- Cost:** A text field containing "\$2,000.00".
- Complete:** A toggle control with "Yes" (selected) and "No" options.
- Buttons:** "Cancel", "Delete", and a prominent red "Apply Changes" button.

17. Review your changes. Try clicking around the form to explore the new interface. When finished, click **Application #####** on the Runtime Developer toolbar to return to the Application home page.

The Tasks report with form is complete. Proceed to the next lesson.

8

Developing the Dashboard Page

Update and add new regions to the Dashboard page with Page Designer.

About This Lesson

In this lesson, you modify the regions of an existing page without the aid of a wizard.

You develop the Dashboard page generated by the Create App Wizard by deleting all but one of the existing chart regions. You update the **series**, **attributes**, and **Template Options** of the remaining chart region to improve usability and appearance.

You add a new report region from scratch using the **Gallery** instead of a wizard. Re-configure the report's SQL query and Template Options.

Starting from here:

8 - Dashboard

If you have not completed the previous lessons, you can use the appendix "[Importing an Application into a Workspace](#)" to import the above SQL script into your workspace and continue working from this lesson forward. You can find this script in the `/files` subdirectory of where you unzipped the .zip file accompanying this tutorial.

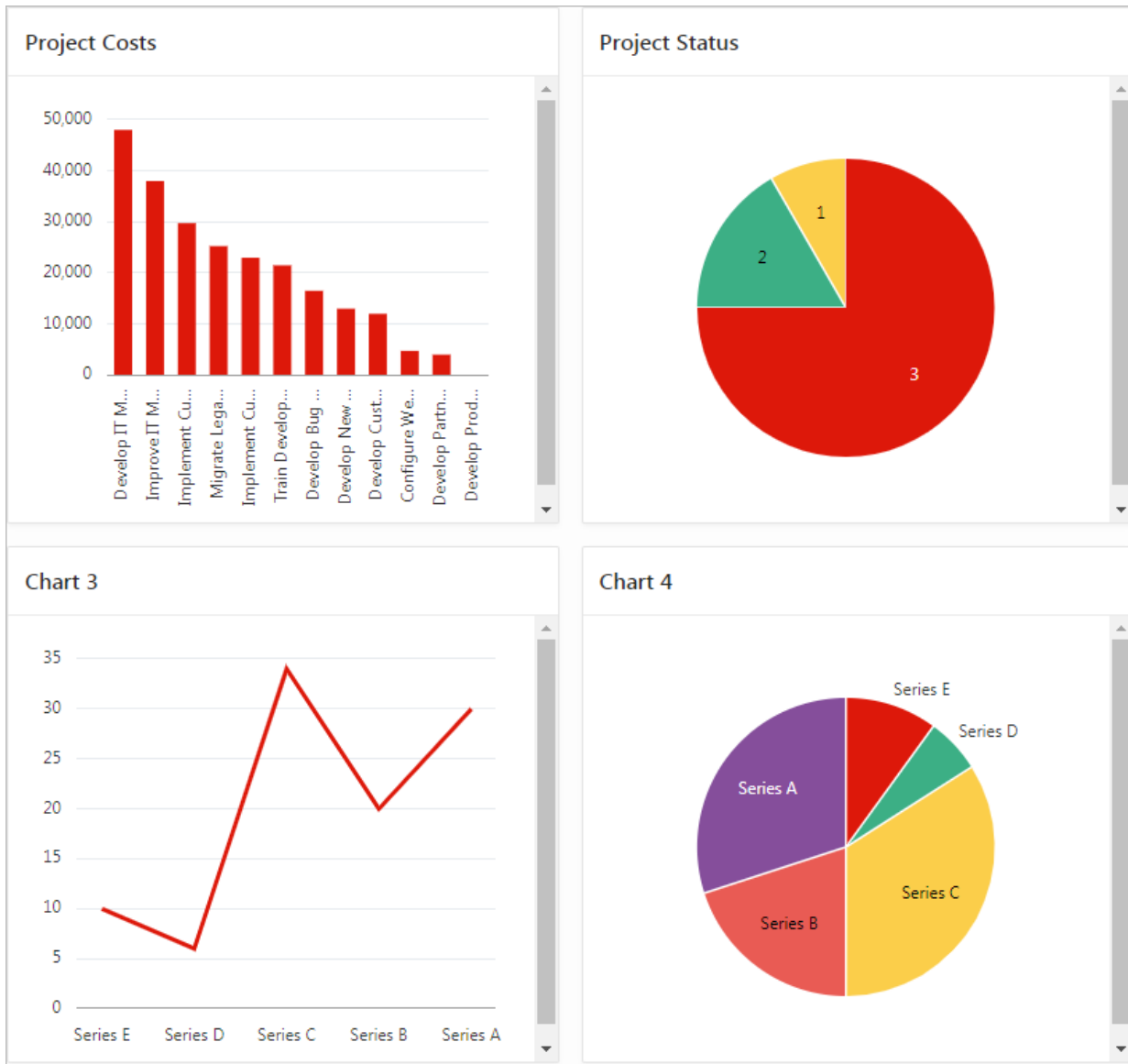
8.1 Deleting Regions in Page Designer

You created multiple charts for the Dashboard in the Create App Wizard. Review the output in the runtime.

To view the runtime:

1. On the Application home page, click **2 - Dashboard**.
2. Click **Save and Run Page**.

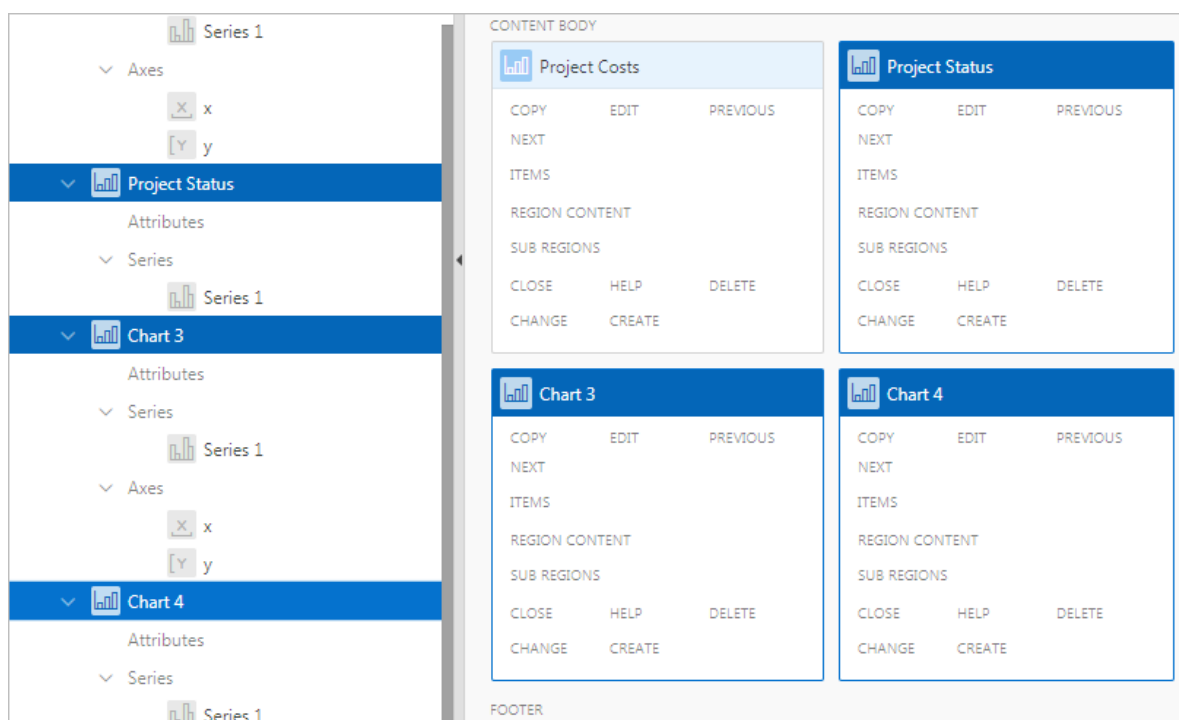
Note the four charts on the page. You decide that the bar chart is the best way to present Costs info rather than a line or pie chart (Chart 3 and Chart 4). You also decide to replace one chart (Project Status) with a report later.



Start by deleting the charts you no longer want, then update the remaining chart with another series to display more budget information.

To delete multiple regions in Page Designer:

3. Click **Edit Page 2** on the Runtime Developer toolbar.
4. In Page Designer, hold Ctrl and click the three following items to select them:
 - **Project Status**
 - **Chart 3**
 - **Chart 4**




5. With the three chart regions selected, do one of the following:
 - Press **Delete**.
 - Right-click one of the selected chart regions and select **Delete**.
 Only Project Costs remains in Content Body.
6. Click **Save and Run Page**.

8.2 Updating the Series in the Project Costs Chart

The Project Costs chart only displays costs. This chart would be more meaningful if it also displayed project budgets for comparison.

First, update the SQL for the existing series in the chart to change the display order of the columns (among other updates), then create a new series in the chart to display project budgets.

To update the first series:

1. Click **Edit Page 2** on the Runtime Developer toolbar.
2. Click **Project Costs**.
3. In Property Editor:
 - a. Identification: Title - enter `Project Budgets and Costs`
4. In the Rendering tab, under Series, click **Series 1**.
5. In Property Editor:
 - a. Identification: Name - enter `Costs`
 - b. Source: SQL Query - click the **Code Editor** icon ().

- c. Copy and paste the following code:

```
select p.name, sum(cost) value
from sample$project_tasks t
, sample$projects p
where p.id = t.project_id
group by p.name
order by 1
```

- d. Click **OK**.

An error message displays under Column Mapping: Value.

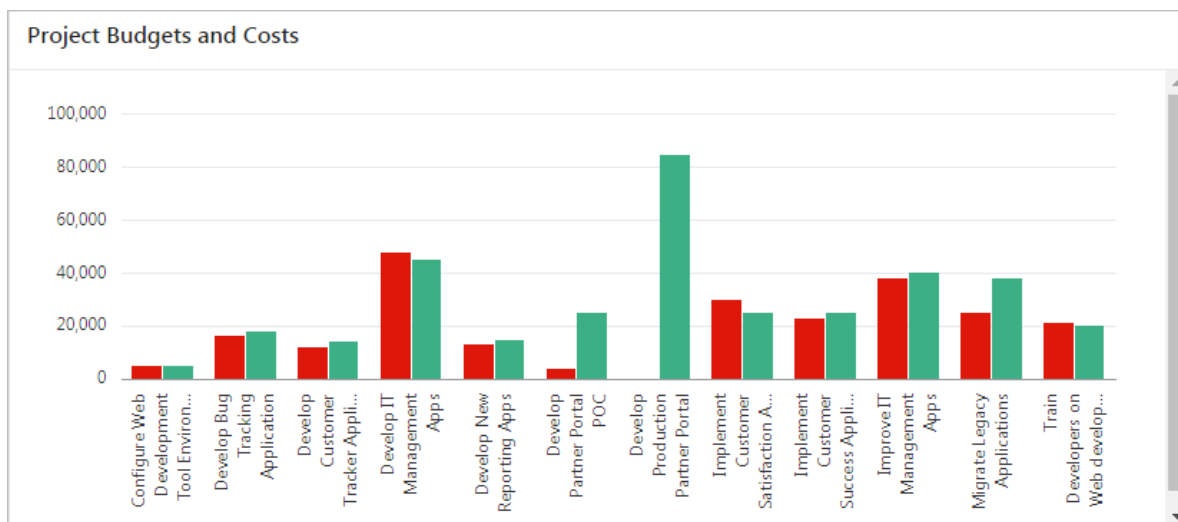
 **Note:**

The above SQL is a significant update to the old code. This revised SQL joins the `SAMPLE$PROJECT_TASKS` and `SAMPLE$PROJECTS` tables so the chart displays the project name instead of the project ID. This requires including the `where` condition to link the primary key column from Projects (`p.id`) with the foreign key column from Tasks (`t.project_id`). Finally, the `group by` clause was updated because the specified column (`PROJECT_ID`) no longer displays (changed to `p.name`).

- e. Column Mapping: Label - select **VALUE**

To add a series to a chart:

6. In the Rendering tab, right-click **Series** and select **Create Series**.
7. In Property Editor:
 - a. Identification: Name - enter `Budgets`
 - b. Source: Table Name - click the **LOV** icon.
 - c. Select **SAMPLE\$PROJECTS**.
 - d. Column Mapping: Label - select **NAME**
 - e. Column Mapping: Value - select **BUDGET**
8. Click **Save and Run Page**. Review the changes to the labels along the X-axis and the new columns for each project. You can also mouse over each column for more details.



8.3 Updating the Appearance of the Dashboard Chart

While the chart is more usable now, it still needs some aesthetic improvements:

- The labels are too constrained by the space.
- The chart lacks a legend to indicate which column represents which value (cost or budget).
- The chart does not fit vertically in the region (note the scroll bar).
- The cost and budget values lack a dollar sign.

These changes are in the region attributes and axis properties for the chart.

To change the attributes of a region:

1. Click **Edit Page 2** on the Runtime Developer toolbar.
2. In the Rendering tab, under Project Budgets and Costs, click **Attributes**.
3. In Property Editor:
 - a. Layout: Height - enter 600
 - b. Legend: Show - click **Yes**
 - c. Legend: Position - select **Top**
 - d. Legend: Hide and Show Behavior - select **No Rescaling**

To change the properties of an axis:

4. In the Rendering tab, under Axes, click **y**.
5. In Property Editor:
 - a. Value: Format - select **Currency**
 - b. Value: Currency - enter \$
6. Click **Save and Run Page**.

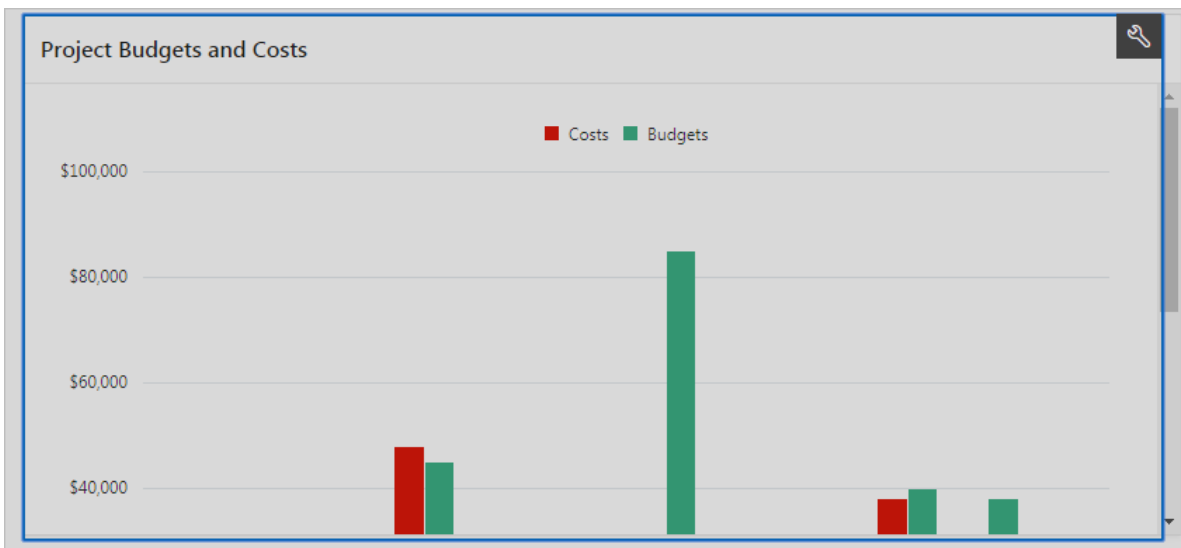
8.4 Updating the Live Template Options for the Dashboard Chart

If you scroll down the chart region in the runtime, you can see your changes. (You may need to maximize your window to view all the labels properly.) The individual elements look good, but obviously you must alter the way the region displays on the page.

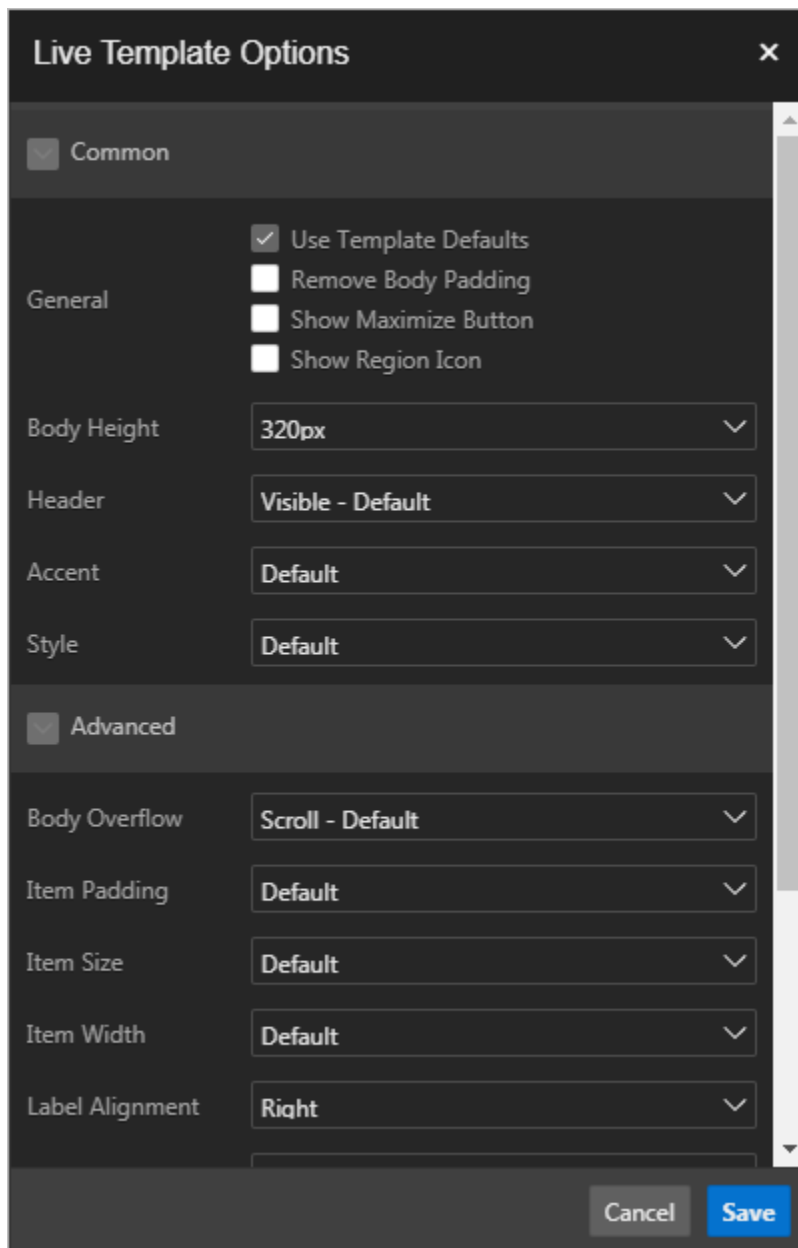
The final changes you need to make are in the **Live Template Options**, which you access using Quick Edit on the Runtime Developer toolbar.

To open Live Template Options:

1. Click **Quick Edit** on the Runtime Developer toolbar.
You enter Quick Edit mode (screen darkens, mouse cursor becomes a crosshair).
2. Mouse over the Project Budgets and Costs chart region so that a wrench icon displays (top-right).



3. Click the **wrench** icon.
The Live Template Options dialog displays.



4. In Live Template Options:
 - a. Body Height - select **Auto - Default**
 - b. Click **Save**.

The dashboard chart is complete.

Next, add a report region to replace the Project Status chart you deleted.

8.5 Adding a Classic Report Region from Gallery

Add a report to the page to display incomplete tasks.

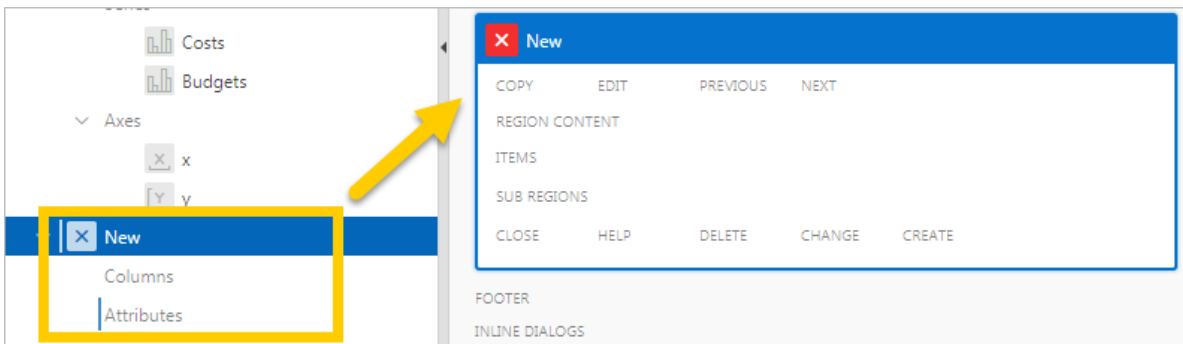
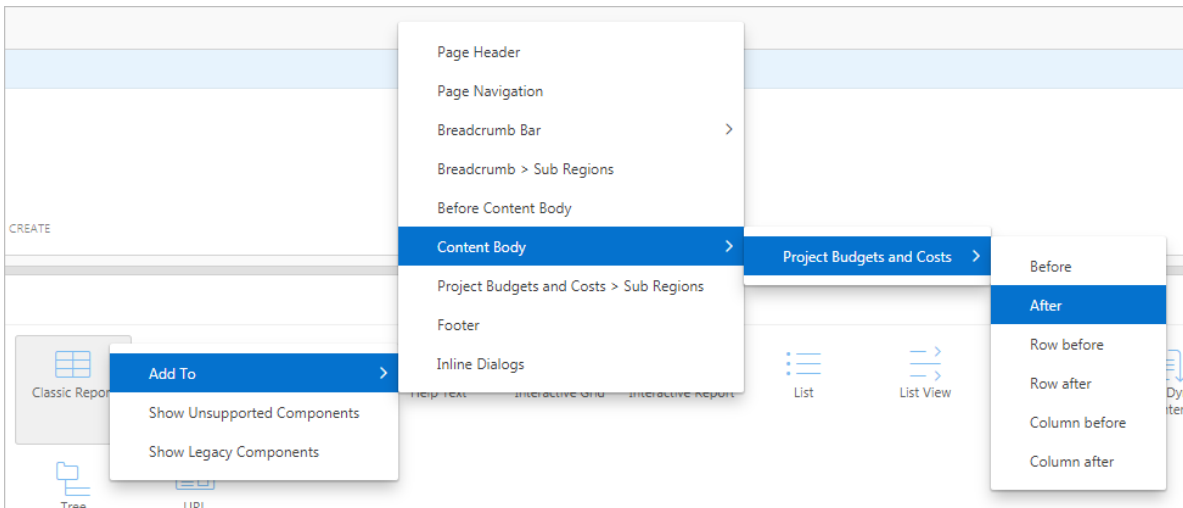
Located beneath the central Layout tab, the **Gallery** is a quick way to peruse your options for a variety of elements.

To add a classic report region from the Gallery:

1. Click **Edit Page 2** on the Runtime Developer toolbar to return to Page Designer.
2. In the Gallery, right-click **Classic Report**, select **Add To**, select **Content Body**, select **Project Budgets and Costs**, and select **After**.

Tip:

You can also add elements from the Gallery with the mouse using drag and drop.



3. In Property Editor:
 - a. Identification: Title - enter `Incomplete Tasks`
 - b. Source: Type - select **SQL Query**
 - c. Source: SQL Query - copy and paste the following code:

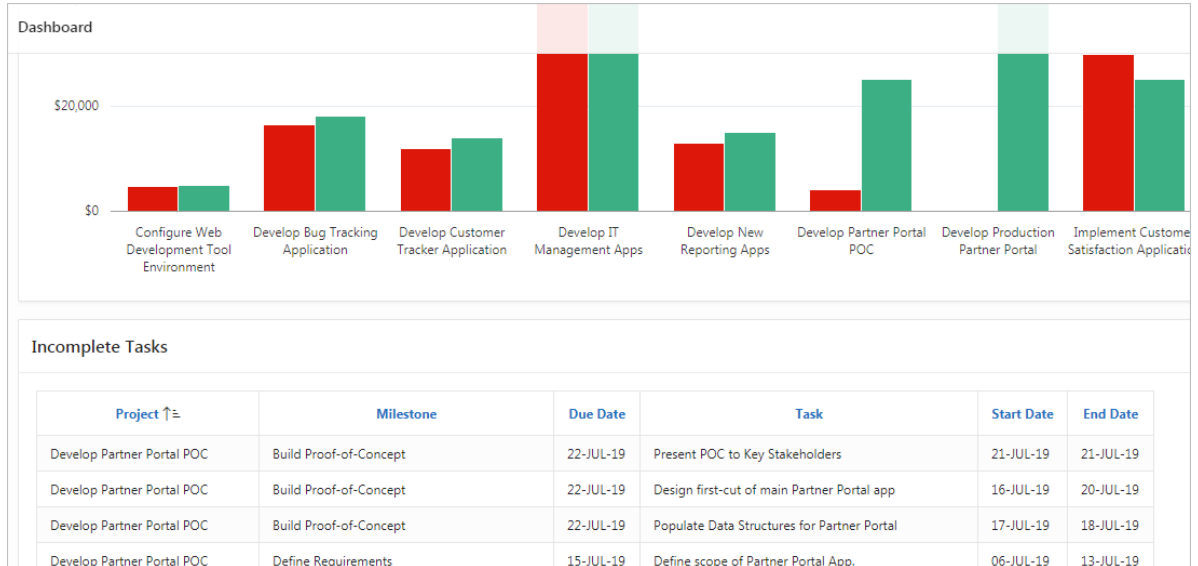
```
select p.name project
, m.name milestone
, m.due_date
, t.name task
, t.start_date
, t.end_date
```

```

from sample$projects p
, sample$project_milestones m
, sample$project_tasks t
where p.id = m.project_id
and p.id = t.project_id
and t.milestone_id = m.id (+)
and nvl(t.is_complete_yn, 'N') = 'N'

```

4. Click **Save and Run Page**. Scroll down to view the report in the runtime.



The report displays an the appropriate amount of information and columns, but it has some residual layout problems. You can change this value in Live Template Options.

To open Live Template Options in the runtime:

5. On the Runtime Developer toolbar, click **Quick Edit**.
6. Mouse over the Incomplete Tasks region and click the **wrench icon** (top-right).
7. In Live Template Options:
 - a. General - check **Remove Body Padding**
 - b. Click the **Attributes** tab (top).
 - c. General - check **Stretch Report**
 - d. Click **Save**.

The report is finished. Your application is complete. Congratulations!

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Importing an Application into a Workspace

Upload a SQL script to your Oracle Application Express workspace to start at the beginning of any chapter in this tutorial.

You can use the Import functionality of App Builder to upload a script to your workspace to start at the beginning of a chapter. Each script creates an application to match the start of a chapter. Use these scripts to skip around the tutorial or to check your work prior to that chapter.

The files you upload are contained in a downloadable .zip file located here: <http://www.oracle.com/technetwork/developer-tools/apex/application-express/apex19-demo-basic-5586158.zip>

Each file incorporates all the changes you are instructed to make in the chapters preceding it and creates a new application named "Demo Projects" with a new application ID.

Tip:

If you already have a Demo Projects app in your workspace, you may want to rename your existing Demo Projects app by editing the Name attribute on the Edit Application Definition page. See "Editing Application Attributes" in the *Oracle Application Express App Builder User's Guide*.

Prerequisites

To import an application, you must have the following:

- The .zip file containing the application export scripts: <http://www.oracle.com/technetwork/developer-tools/apex/application-express/apex19-demo-basic-5586158.zip>
- The sample dataset installed in "Populating Your Workspace"
- Sufficient space allocated to your workspace
 - to request more space, see "Requesting More Storage" in *Oracle Application Express Administration Guide*

Procedure

To import an application export file (*.sql):

1. On the Workspace home page, click **App Builder** to navigate to the App Builder Home Page.
2. Click **Import**.
The Import dialog displays.
3. For Import:
 - a. Import file - click the appropriate button to browse your system for a file (for example, in Chrome the **Choose File** button).

- b. Locate the extracted .zip archive.
- c. Select the desired script and click **Open**.

 **Tip:**

To determine the appropriate script file name, see **Starting from here** at the beginning of a chapter.

- d. For File Type, select **Database Application, Page or Component Export**.
- e. Click **Next**.
4. On the File Import Confirmation page, click **Next**.
5. On the Install Database Application page, click **Install Application**.
The new application builds.
6. Click **Edit Application** to navigate to the imported application's overview in Application Builder.

You have imported the new application into your workspace.

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