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# Preface

Welcome to the *Web User Interface Developer's Guide for Oracle Application Development Framework*!

## Audience

This document is intended for developers who need to create the view layer of a web application using the rich functionality of ADF Faces components.

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- *Oracle Fusion Middleware Java EE Developer's Guide for Oracle Application Development Framework*
- *Oracle Fusion Middleware Desktop Integration Developer's Guide for Oracle Application Development Framework*
- *Oracle Fusion Middleware Mobile Browser Developer's Guide for Oracle Application Development Framework*
- *Oracle Fusion Middleware Administrator's Guide for Oracle Application Development Framework*
- *Oracle JDeveloper 11g Online Help*
- *Oracle JDeveloper 11g Release Notes*, included with your JDeveloper 11g installation, and on Oracle Technology Network

- *Oracle Fusion Middleware Java API Reference for Oracle ADF Faces*
- *Oracle Fusion Middleware Java API Reference for Oracle ADF Faces Client JavaScript*
- *Oracle Fusion Middleware Java API Reference for Oracle ADF Data Visualization Components*
- *Oracle Fusion Middleware Tag Reference for Oracle ADF Faces*
- *Oracle Fusion Middleware Data Visualization Tools Tag Reference for Oracle ADF Faces*
- *Oracle Fusion Middleware Tag Reference for Oracle ADF Faces Skin Selectors*
- *Oracle Fusion Middleware Data Visualization Tools Tag Reference for Oracle ADF Skin Selectors*

## Conventions

The following text conventions are used in this document:

<b>Convention</b>	<b>Meaning</b>
<b>boldface</b>	Boldface type indicates graphical user interface elements associated with an action, or terms defined in text or the glossary.
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monospace	Monospace type indicates commands within a paragraph, URLs, code in examples, text that appears on the screen, or text that you enter.

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# What's New in This Guide for Release 11.1.1.9.0

For Release 11.1.1.9.0 this guide has been updated in several ways. The following table lists the sections that have been added or changed.

For changes made to Oracle JDeveloper and Oracle Application Development Framework (Oracle ADF) for this release, see the New Features page on the Oracle Technology Network at <http://www.oracle.com/technetwork/developer-tools/jdev/overview/index.html>.

Sections	Changes Made
<b>All Chapters</b>	Screenshots reflect new ADF Faces Skyros skin.
<b>Chapter 2 Getting Started with ADF Faces</b>	
Chapter 3 Using ADF Faces Architecture <a href="#">Section 2.6.3, "What You May Need to Know About Component Bindings and Managed Beans"</a>	Added content regarding the use of the <code>UIComponentReference</code> API.
<b>Using ADF Faces Architecture</b>	
<a href="#">Section 3.5, "Locating a Client Component on a Page"</a>	Section revised to better describe how to find client components using relative and absolute searches.
<b>Chapter 4 Using the JSF Lifecycle with ADF Faces</b>	
<a href="#">Section 4.2, "Using the Immediate Attribute"</a>	Section revised to clarify when to use the immediate attribute.
<b>Chapter 5 Handling Events</b>	
<a href="#">Section 5.1.1, "Events and Partial Page Rendering"</a>	Information added about event root components.
<b>Chapter 6 Validating and Converting Input</b>	
<a href="#">Section 6.3.4, "What You May Need to Know About Rounding Behavior of Number Converters"</a>	Section added to describe the rounding behavior of <code>af:convertNumber</code> when it displays an input value with more decimal digits than specified by <code>maxFractionDigits</code> .
<a href="#">Section 6.3.5, "What You May Need to Know About Date Converters"</a>	Section added to document interpretation of four-digit year values when using a two-digit year pattern with a date converter.
<b>Chapter 8 Organizing Content on Web Pages</b>	
<a href="#">Section 8.5, "Arranging Content in a Grid"</a>	Section added to document using the <code>panelGridLayout</code> , <code>gridRow</code> and <code>gridCell</code> components.

<b>Sections</b>	<b>Changes Made</b>
Section 8.9, "Displaying Contents in a Dynamic Grid"	Section added to document the new <code>masonryLayout</code> component and <code>masonryLayoutBehavior</code> tag.
Section 8.10, "Displaying and Hiding Contents Dynamically"	Content added to document how to use a skinning key to control the indentation of child components of the <code>showDetail</code> component. Also revised to document the use of the <code>childCreation</code> , <code>contentDelivery</code> , <code>maximized</code> , <code>showMaximized</code> , and <code>maximizeListener</code> attributes.
Section 8.11, "Displaying or Hiding Contents in Panels"	Section revised to include the <code>panelSpringboard</code> and <code>panelDrawer</code> components, and to document the new values for the <code>position</code> attribute on the <code>panelTabbed</code> component.
Section 8.11.9, "What You May Need to Know About Skinning and the panelTabbed Component"	Section added to document how to use a skinning key to configure how the <code>panelTabbed</code> component handles overflow.
Section 8.12, "Adding a Transition Between Components"	Section added to document the new <code>deck</code> component and <code>transition</code> tag.
Section 8.15, "Displaying Components in a Scrollable Bar"	Section added to document the new <code>conveyorBelt</code> component.
Various sections in Chapter 8	Content added to describe how to globally set how geometry managed components handle being stretched, using the <code>DEFAULT_DIMENSIONS</code> <code>web.xml</code> parameter.
<b>Chapter 9 Using Input Components and Defining Forms</b>	
Section 9.6, "Using Selection Components"	Section updated to include indeterminate (or mixed) state of the <code>selectBooleanCheckbox</code> component.  Also updated to include the new <code>oracle.adf.view.PASS_NULL_FOR_NO_SELECTION_ITEM</code> parameter.
Section 9.6.3, "What You May Need to Know About Passing an Empty Value From the SelectOneChoice Component"	Section added to describe new parameter that allows a selection component to pass a null value.
Section 9.8, "Using the richTextEditor Component"	Section updated to describe how the footer facet of <code>richTextEditor</code> component can be used to display additional information about the <code>richTextEditor</code> component.  The section is also updated to describe the <b>DimensionsFrom</b> property used to resize the <code>richTextEditor</code> component at runtime.
Section 9.9, "Using File Upload"	Section revised to include multiple file upload behavior of the <code>inputFile</code> component.
Section 9.10, "Using Code Editor"	Section added to document the <code>codeEditor</code> component.
<b>Chapter 10 Using Tables, Trees, and Other Collection-Based Components</b>	
Chapter 10, "Using Tables, Trees, and Other Collection-Based Components"	Chapter title changed from "Using Tables and Trees."
Section 10.1.1, "Content Delivery"	Added content that describes the new <code>scrollPolicy</code> attribute that determines how tables handle navigation. Also added content to describe how to globally configure the <code>DEFAULT_DIMENSIONS</code> <code>web.xml</code> parameter that determines how table components handle geometry management.



<b>Sections</b>	<b>Changes Made</b>
<a href="#">Section 10.2, "Displaying Data in Tables"</a>	Section revised to document how scroll bars can be hidden using a skinning key. Also revised to document the new value of <code>loadMore</code> for the <code>scrollPolicy</code> attribute.
<a href="#">Section 10.2.3, "Formatting Columns"</a>	Added content to describe column sorting and column spanning.
<a href="#">Section 10.2.4, "How to Display a Table on a Page"</a>	Procedures added for the new <code>colSpan</code> , <code>freezeDirection</code> , <code>scrollPolicy</code> , <code>selectionEventDelay</code> , <code>sortable</code> , and <code>sortStrength</code> attributes.  Content also added to describe when to use the <code>dimensionsFrom</code> attribute with regards to the new <code>DEFAULT_DIMENSIONS</code> web.xml parameter.
<a href="#">Section 10.8, "Displaying a Collection in a List"</a>	Section added to document the <code>listView</code> and <code>listItem</code> components.
<a href="#">Section 10.9, "Displaying Images in a Carousel"</a>	Section moved from "Chapter 16 Using Output Components," to this chapter.
<a href="#">Section 10.11, "Exporting Data from Table, Tree, or Tree Table"</a>	Section revised to add CSV files as an export option.
<b>Chapter 11 Using List-of-Values Components</b>	
<a href="#">Section 11.1, "Introduction to List-of-Values Components" and Section 11.4.1, "How to Add the InputComboboxListOfValues Component"</a>	Content added to document the new <code>contentDelivery</code> attribute on the <code>inputComboboxListOfValues</code> component that controls when content is delivered to the dropdown list of the component.
<b>Chapter 12 Using Query Components</b>	
Throughout the chapter	Content added to state that saved searches are displayed alphabetically and are case-insensitive.
<b>Chapter 13, "Using Popup Dialogs, Menus, and Windows"</b>	
<a href="#">Section 13.2.6, "What You May Need to Know About Animation and Popups"</a>	Section added to describe a new value ( <code>true</code> ) for the popup component's <code>animate</code> property and a new ADF skin property ( <code>-tr-animate</code> ) for a number of other components.
<b>Chapter 15 Creating a Calendar Application</b>	
<a href="#">Section 15.3.1, "How to Configure the Calendar Component"</a>	Section revised to describe how the <code>splitterCollapsed</code> and <code>splitterPosition</code> attributes can be used to separate the all-day and timed activities areas in the day and week views of the calendar. Also updated to add the new <code>allDayActivityOrder</code> , <code>hourZoom</code> , and <code>timeSlotsPerHour</code> attributes.
<a href="#">Section 15.6.3, "How to Customize Dates"</a>	Section revised to describe how <code>DateCustomizer</code> can be used to color code dates by setting the background color on a date in the month grid of the calendar using the <code>getInlineStyle</code> method and the <code>dateHeaderStamp</code> facet. Also described how <code>DateCustomizer</code> can be used to add strings to the blank portion of the header for a day, for example to show the total number of hours worked per day.

Sections	Changes Made
<b>Chapter 16 Using Output Components</b>	
<a href="#">Table 16–1, "Formatting Codes for Use in af:outputFormatted Values"</a>	Section updated to include <h1>-<h6> tags in the list of formatting values allowed in the outputFormatted component.
<a href="#">Section 16.2, "Displaying Output Text and Formatted Output Text"</a>	Section updated to include a caution about possible security issues that could result if the outputText component's escape attribute is set to false.
<a href="#">Section 16.6 "Displaying Images in a Carousel"</a>	Section moved to <a href="#">Chapter 10, "Using Tables, Trees, and Other Collection-Based Components"</a>
<b>Chapter 17 Displaying Tips, Messages, and Help</b>	
<a href="#">Section 17.5.8, "What You May Need to Know About Skinning and Definition Help"</a>	Section added to describe new skin selector that determines how access to definition help is displayed.
<b>Chapter 20, Customizing the Appearance Using Styles and Skins</b>	
<a href="#">Section 20.1, "Introduction to Skins, Style Selectors, and Style Properties"</a>	Revised to describe the Skyros skin, the new default skin for applications created using this release.
<a href="#">Section 20.2.3, "How to Register a Custom Skin"</a>	Section updated to clarify that you create the trinidad-skins.xml file in the WEB-INF directory.
<a href="#">Section 20.2.5, "What You May Need to Know About Using a Skin in an Oracle BI User Interface"</a>	Section added to note that configuration is required in the Oracle BI Presentation Services' instanceconfig.xml file to map the skins provided by ADF to the skins provided by Oracle BI Presentation Services.
<b>Chapter 22 Developing Accessible ADF Faces Pages</b>	
<a href="#">Section 22.3.1, "ADF Faces Component Accessibility Guidelines"</a>	Section updated to include accessibility guidelines for multimedia content and showPopupBehavior component. Guidelines updated for showDetailItem component.
<a href="#">Section 22.3.3, "ADF Data Visualization Components Accessibility Guidelines"</a>	Section revised to describe accessibility for treemap and sunburst components.
<b>Chapter 23 Introduction to ADF Data Visualization Components</b>	
<a href="#">Section 23.2, "Defining the ADF Data Visualization Components"</a>	Section revised to include new nBox, timeline, treemap, sunburst, and diagram components.
<a href="#">Downloading Custom Fonts for Flash Images</a>	Obsolete section removed.
<a href="#">Chapter 24 Using Graph Components</a>	Chapter replaced by <a href="#">Chapter 24, "Using Chart Components"</a> to reflect the replacement of graph components with the new chart components. Content from the graph chapter now appears in <a href="#">Appendix H, "Using Graph Components."</a>
<b>Chapter 24 Using Chart Components</b>	
<a href="#">Chapter 24, "Using Chart Components"</a>	Chapter added to describe new DVT configurable chart components that support client-side rendering in HTML5. DVT chart types replace legacy server-side graphs and include area, bar, bubble, combination, horizontal bar, line, pie, scatter, and spark charts.
<b>Chapter 25 Using Gauge Components</b>	

<b>Sections</b>	<b>Changes Made</b>
Chapter 25, "Using Gauge Components"	Chapter revised to describe new DVT configurable gauge components that support client-side rendering in HTML5. DVT gauge types include dial, LED, rating, horizontal status meter, and circular status meter.
Section 25.1, "Introduction to the Gauge Component"	Revised to include HTML5 support for image formats.
Section 25.2.2, "How to Add a Gauge to a Page"	Section and procedure added to document gauge creation from the Component Palette.
<b>Chapter 26 Using NBox Components</b>	
Chapter 26, "Using NBox Components"	New chapter describing how to display data in NBox components using simple UI-first development.
<b>Chapter 27 Using ADF Pivot Table Components</b>	
Section 27.4, "Displaying Large Data Sets in Pivot Tables"	Section and procedure added to document how to add page controls in desktop and mobile application pages.
Section 27.10, "Displaying Pivot Tables in Printable Pages"	Section added to describe pivot table and pivot filter bar behavior when page is output in simplified modes.
Section 27.12.1, "How to Specify Custom Images for Data Cells"	Section and procedure revised to document how to configure word wrapping in pivot table header cells.
<b>Chapter 28 Using ADF Gantt Chart Components</b>	
Section 28.2, "Understanding Gantt Chart Tags and Facets"	Section revised to add new facets and details of facets supported by Gantt chart components.
Section 28.5, "Creating an ADF Gantt Chart"	Procedure revised to document Gantt chart creation from the Component Palette.
Section 28.5.1, "How to Add a Gantt Chart to a Page"	Procedure revised to document configuring alternating background row shades in Gantt chart table region.
Section 28.6.2, "Configuring Stacked Bars in Resource Utilization Gantt Charts"	New section added to document configuring a resource utilization Gantt chart bar to display as a metric stacked on the previous metric.
Section 28.6.3, "Configuring a Resource Capacity Line"	New section added to document configuring a resource metric as a horizontal line used to display threshold or capacity levels.
Section 28.7.2, "Customizing Gantt Chart Toolbars"	Section updated to describe how to customize Gantt menu and menu items.
Section 28.8.2, "How to Apply Read-Only Values to Gantt Chart Features"	Revised section to define additional attributes available to set as read-only features.
Section 28.9.1, "Configuring Page Controls in Gantt Charts"	Section and procedure added to document how to add page controls in desktop and mobile application pages.
Section 28.9.2, "Configuring Synchronized Scrolling Between Gantt Charts"	Section added to document how to configure synchronized horizontal scrolling between the chart side of two Gantt charts.
Section 28.11, "Using Gantt Charts as a Drop Target or Drag Source"	Procedure revised for adding drag and drop functionality to Gantt charts.

<b>Sections</b>	<b>Changes Made</b>
<b>Chapter 29 Using Timeline Components</b>	
<a href="#">Chapter 29, "Using Timeline Components"</a>	Chapter added to document new Data Visualization Tools timeline component.
<b>Chapter 30 Using ADF Map Components</b>	
<a href="#">Section 30.7, "Defining Thematic Map Base Maps"</a>	Section added to define options for using thematic map base maps, including using the built-in base maps, using the custom base map APIs, and using image files as a base map.
<b>Chapter 31 Using ADF Hierarchy Viewer Components</b>	
<a href="#">Section 31.1.1, "Understanding the Hierarchy Viewer Component"</a>	Code sample revised to show new style defaults and remove <code>inlineStyle</code> attributes.
<a href="#">Section 31.1.3, "Available Hierarchy Viewer Layout Options"</a>	Section revised to add the circle layout as an available type when using the Create Hierarchy Viewer dialog and to remove references to the quick start layout options.
<a href="#">Section 31.1.4, "What You May Need to Know About Hierarchy Viewer Rendering and Image Formats"</a>	Section modified to reflect the change to HTML5 for hierarchy viewer's default image format.
<a href="#">Section 31.3, "Creating a Hierarchy Viewer"</a>	Section added to document hierarchy viewer creation from the Component Palette.
<a href="#">Section 31.6.1, "How to Configure Panning"</a>	Section modified to add the <code>auto</code> attribute and remove the <code>default</code> and <code>tilt</code> attributes.
<a href="#">Section 31.6.4, "Configuring Hierarchy Viewer Drag and Drop"</a>	Section and procedure added to document support for drag and drop.
<a href="#">Section 31.8.1, "How to Adjust the Size of a Hierarchy Viewer"</a>	Section revised to reflect new skinning style classes.
<a href="#">Section 31.8.5, "How to Disable the Hover Detail Window"</a>	Section modified to add the <code>auto</code> attribute and remove the <code>default</code> attribute.
<a href="#">Section 31.8.6, "What You May Need to Know About Skinning and Customizing the Appearance of a Hierarchy Viewer"</a>	Section added to describe how skinning can be used to customize the hierarchy viewer's appearance.
<a href="#">How to Configure a Hierarchy Viewer to Invoke a Context Menu</a>	Section removed due to incorrect and duplicate content
<a href="#">How to Configure a Hierarchy Viewer to Invoke a Context Menu</a>	Section removed due to incorrect and duplicate content
<b>Chapter 32 Using Treemap and Sunburst Components</b>	
<a href="#">Chapter 32, "Using Treemap and Sunburst Components"</a>	Chapter added to document new Data Visualization Tools treemap and sunburst components.
<b>Chapter 33 Using Diagram Components</b>	
<a href="#">Chapter 33, "Using Diagram Components"</a>	New chapter describing how to display data in diagram components using simple UI-first development.
<b>Chapter 35 Adding Drag and Drop Functionality</b>	
<a href="#">Section 35.8, "Adding Drop Functionality for DVT Pareto and Stock Graphs"</a>	Section revised to describe drop functionality for legacy Pareto and Stock graphs. New DVT chart types do not support drag and drop functionality.
<b>Chapter 36 Using Different Output Modes</b>	
<a href="#">Section 36.2, "Displaying a Page for Print"</a>	Section revised to add the popup component as a valid root for the <code>showPrintablePageBehavior</code> tag.

<b>Sections</b>	<b>Changes Made</b>
<b>Chapter 37 Using the Active Data Service with an Asynchronous Backend</b>	
<a href="#">Chapter 37, "Using the Active Data Service with an Asynchronous Backend"</a>	Chapter added to document how to use the Active Data Service
<b>Creating Custom ADF Faces Components</b>	Chapter removed
<b>Appendix A ADF Faces Configuration</b>	
<a href="#">Section A.2.3.4, "Resource Debug Mode"</a>	Section revised to fix wording about caching.
<a href="#">Section A.2.3.14, "JavaScript Partitioning"</a>	Revised section to document the <code>oracle.adf.view.rich.libraryPartitioning.DISABLED</code> context parameter.
<a href="#">Section A.2.3.16, "Version Number Information"</a>	Section added to describe new <code>web.xml</code> parameter that can display version numbers for ADF components.
<a href="#">Section A.2.3.20, "Internet Explorer Compatibility View Mode"</a>	Section added to describe the new <code>web.xml</code> parameter that displays an alert asking the user to disable the Internet Explorer compatibility mode.
<a href="#">Section A.2.3.25, "Geometry Management for Layout and Table Components"</a>	Content added to describe how to globally set how geometry managed components and tables handle being stretched, using the <code>DEFAULT_DIMENSIONS</code> <code>web.xml</code> parameter.
<b>Appendix C Keyboard Shortcuts</b>	
<a href="#">Section C.3.7, "Shortcut Keys for Table, Tree, and Tree Table Components"</a>	Section revised to include additional information about row selection delay during keyboard navigation in table and tree table components.
<a href="#">Section C.3.9, "Shortcut Keys for ADF Data Visualization Components"</a>	Section revised to add shortcut keys content for new chart components, and update gauge components.
<b>Appendix D Creating Web Applications for Touch Devices Using ADF Faces</b>	
<a href="#">Section D.2, "How ADF Faces Behaves in Mobile Browsers on Touch Devices"</a>	Section revised to add information about how tables on tablets handle navigation.
<a href="#">Section D.3, "Best Practices When Using ADF Faces Components in a Mobile Browser"</a>	Section revised to add best practices for the <code>richTextEditor</code> component and for using tables in tablet interfaces.
<b>Appendix F Troubleshooting ADF Faces</b>	
<a href="#">Appendix F, "Troubleshooting ADF Faces"</a>	New appendix added to document troubleshooting the application user interface.
<b>Appendix H Using Graph Components</b>	
<a href="#">Appendix H, "Using Graph Components"</a>	Moved "Using Graph Components" chapter content to this appendix and removed references to area, bar, bubble, combination, horizontal bar, line, pie, scatter, and sparkchart. All graphs except for funnel, Pareto, radar, and stock have been replaced with client-side chart components.



# Part I

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## Getting Started with ADF Faces

Part I contains the following chapters:

- [Chapter 1, "Introduction to ADF Faces Rich Client"](#)
- [Chapter 2, "Getting Started with ADF Faces"](#)





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# Introduction to ADF Faces Rich Client

This chapter introduces ADF Faces rich client, providing a history, an overview of the framework functionality, and an overview of each of the different component types found in the library. It also introduces the ADF Faces demonstration application that can be used in conjunction with this guide.

This chapter includes the following sections:

- [Section 1.1, "Introduction to ADF Faces Rich Client"](#)
- [Section 1.2, "Architecture of ADF Faces Components"](#)
- [Section 1.3, "ADF Faces Components"](#)
- [Section 1.4, "ADF Faces Demonstration Application"](#)

## 1.1 Introduction to ADF Faces Rich Client

ADF Faces rich client (known also as ADF Faces) is a set of JavaServer Faces (JSF) components that include built-in Asynchronous JavaScript and XML (AJAX) functionality. While AJAX brings rich client-like functionality to browser-based applications, using JSF provides server-side control, which reduces the amount of JavaScript code that application developers need to write in order to implement AJAX-based applications.

In addition to providing a rich set of JSF components, the ADF Faces rich client framework (RCF) provides a client-side programming model familiar to developers accustomed to the JSF development model. Most of the RCF differs little from any standard JSF application: the server programming model is still JavaServer Faces, and the framework still uses the JavaServer Faces lifecycle, server-side component tree, and the expression language (EL). However, the RCF also provides a client-side programming model and lifecycle that execute independently of the server. Developers can find and manipulate components from JavaScript, for example `get` and `set` properties, receive and queue events, and so forth, entirely from JavaScript. The RCF makes sure that changes to component state are automatically synchronized back to the server to ensure consistency of state, and that events are delivered, when necessary, to the server for further processing.

Before providing more detailed information regarding ADF Faces, it may help to have a brief history of the ADF Faces library and Rich Internet Applications (RIAs) and AJAX in general.

### 1.1.1 History of ADF Faces

In the 1990s, software vendors began to see the need for Internet applications to appear and behave more like desktop applications, and so they developed RIA

frameworks on which to build these applications. However, these frameworks required that users install proprietary plug-ins in order to utilize the functionality. As web standards developed, and Java web applications became more prevalent, the development community at large started to recognize the need for a standard view-layer framework. The Java Community Process (JCP) developed JSF as a user interface standard for Java web applications. From the formative years of JSR-127 in 2001, through the first release in 2004, and up to the current release, the JCP has brought together resources from the community, including Oracle, to define the JSF specification and produce a reference implementation of the specification. JSF is now part of the Java EE standard.

With JSF being a standard for building enterprise Java view components, vendors could now develop their own components that could run on any compliant application server. These components could now be more sophisticated, allowing developers to create browser-based RIAs that behaved more like thick-client applications. To meet this need, Oracle developed a set of components called ADF Faces that could be used on any runtime implementation of JSF. ADF Faces provided a set of over 100 components with built-in functionality, such as data tables, hierarchical tables, and color and date pickers, that exceeded the functionality of the standard JSF components. To underline its commitment to the technology and the open source community, Oracle has since donated that version of the ADF Faces component library to the Apache Software Foundation, and it is now known as Apache MyFaces Trinidad. This component library is currently available through the Apache Software Foundation.

ADF Faces not only provided a standard set of complex components, pages were now able to be partially refreshed using partial page rendering with AJAX. AJAX is a combination of asynchronous JavaScript, dynamic HTML (DHTML), XML, and the `XmlHttpRequest` communication channel, which allows requests to be made to the server without fully re-rendering the page. However, pages built solely using AJAX require a large amount of JavaScript to be written by the developer.

The latest version of ADF Faces takes full advantage of AJAX, and it also provides a fully-functioning framework, allowing developers to implement AJAX-based RIAs relatively easily with a minimal amount of hand-coded JavaScript. Using ADF Faces, you can easily build a stock trader's dashboard application that allows a stock analyst to use drag and drop to add new stock symbols to a table view, which then gets updated by the server model using an advanced push technology. To close new deals, the stock trader could navigate through the process of purchasing new stocks for a client, without having to leave the actual page. ADF Faces insulates the developer from the need to deal with the intricacies of JavaScript and the DHTML differences across browsers.

### 1.1.2 ADF Faces as Rich Client Components

ADF Faces rich client framework offers complete RIA functionality, including drag and drop, lightweight dialogs, a navigation and menu framework, and a complete JavaScript API. The library provides over 100 RIA components, including hierarchical data tables, tree menus, in-page dialogs, accordion panels, dividers, and sortable tables. ADF Faces also includes data visualization components, which are HTML5, Flash- and SVG-enabled components capable of rendering dynamic charts, graphs, gauges, and other graphics that provide a real-time view of underlying data. Each component also offers customizing and skinning, along with support for internationalization and accessibility.

To achieve these capabilities, ADF Faces components use a rich JSF render kit. This kit renders both HTML content as well as the corresponding client-side components. This

built-in support enables you to build RIAs without needing extensive knowledge of the individual technologies.

ADF Faces can also be used in an application that uses the Facelets library. Facelets is a JSF-centric declarative XML view definition technology that provides an alternative to using the JSP engine technology for the view. For more details about the architecture of ADF Faces, see [Section 1.2, "Architecture of ADF Faces Components."](#)

**Tip:** You can use ADF Faces in conjunction with ADF Model data binding, allowing you to declaratively bind ADF Faces components to the business layer. Using ADF Model data binding, most developer tasks that would otherwise require writing code are declarative. However, this guide covers only using ADF Faces components in a standard JSF application. For more information about using ADF Faces with the ADF Model, see the *Oracle Fusion Middleware Fusion Developer's Guide for Oracle Application Development Framework*.

In addition to an extensive library of RIA components, Oracle also offers Oracle JDeveloper, a full-featured development environment with built-in declarative support for ADF Faces components, allowing you to quickly and easily build the view layer of your web application. JDeveloper contains a visual layout editor that displays JSF pages in a WYSIWYG environment. The Component Palette in JDeveloper holds visual representations of each of the ADF Faces components, which allows you to drag and drop a component onto a page in the visual editor, instead of having to manually add tag syntax to a page. You can use JDeveloper throughout the complete development lifecycle, as it has integrated features for modeling, coding, debugging, testing, tuning, and deploying. For more information about using JDeveloper, see [Chapter 2, "Getting Started with ADF Faces."](#)

## 1.2 Architecture of ADF Faces Components

Unlike frameworks where most of the application logic resides on the client, with ADF Faces application logic resides mostly on the server, executing in the JSF lifecycle. The Java data model also remains on the server: the ADF Faces framework performs initial rendering of its components on the server, generating HTML content that is consumed directly by browsers. Rendering HTML on the server means that there is less client-side rendering overhead, which is helpful for complex components.

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**Note:** Because ADF Faces adheres to the standards of the JSF technology, this guide is mostly concerned with content that is in addition to, or different from, JSF standards. Therefore, it is recommended that you have a basic understanding of how JSF works before beginning to develop with ADF Faces. To learn more about JSF, visit the Java web site at <http://www.oracle.com/technetwork/java/index.html>.

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### 1.2.1 Client-Side Architecture

JavaScript performance can suffer when too many objects are created. To improve performance, the RCF minimizes the number of component objects present on the client, and the number of attributes sent to the client. The framework also has the JavaScript files that make up the components housed in configurable partitions, allowing your application to load only the required JavaScript.

### 1.2.1.1 Client-Side Components

In JSF, as in most component-based frameworks, an intrinsic property of the component model is that components can be nested to form a hierarchy, typically known as the *component tree*. This simply means that parent components keep track of their children, making it possible to walk over the component tree to find all descendants of any given component. While the full component tree still exists on the server, the ADF Faces client-side component tree is sparsely populated. Client-side components primarily exist to add behavior to the page by exposing an API contract for both application developers as well as for the framework itself. It is this contract that allows, among other things, toggling the enabled state of a button on the client. Therefore, client-side components are created only for those components that are truly needed on the client, typically those that have been explicitly configured to have client representation.

It is also possible for JavaScript components to be present that do not correspond to any existing server-side component. For example, some ADF Faces components have client-side behavior that requires popup content. These components may create `AdfRichPopup` JavaScript components, even though no `Java RichPopup` component may exist.

The JavaScript class that you will interact with most is `AdfUIComponent` and its subclasses. An instance of this class is the client-side representation of a server-side component. Each client component has a set of properties (key/value pairs) and a list of listeners for each supported event type. All RCF JavaScript classes are prefixed with `Adf` to avoid naming conflicts with other JavaScript libraries. For example, `RichCommandButton` has `AdfRichCommandButton`, `RichDocument` has `AdfRichDocument`, and so on.

While the `Java UIComponent` object represents the state of the component, and this object is what you interact with to register listeners and set properties, the `Renderer` handles producing HTML and receiving postbacks on behalf of the component. In the RCF client-side JavaScript layer, client-side components have no direct interaction with the document object model (DOM) whatsoever. All DOM interaction goes through an intermediary called the *peer*. Peers interact with the DOM generated by the Java renderer and handle updating that state and responding to user interactions.

Peers have a number of other responsibilities, including:

- DOM initialization and cleanup
- DOM event handling
- Geometry Management
- Partial page response handling
- Child visibility change handling

### 1.2.1.2 JavaScript Library Partitioning

A common issue with JavaScript-heavy frameworks is determining how best to deliver a large JavaScript code base to the client. On one extreme, bundling all code into a single JavaScript library can result in a long download time. On the other extreme, breaking up JavaScript code into many small JavaScript libraries can result in a large number of roundtrips. Both approaches can result in the end user waiting unnecessarily long for the initial page to load.

To help mitigate this issue, ADF Faces aggregates its JavaScript code into *partitions*. A JavaScript library partition contains code for components and/or features that are commonly used together. By default, ADF Faces provides a partitioning that is

intended to provide a balance between total download size and total number of roundtrips.

One benefit of ADF Faces's library partitioning strategy is that it is configurable. Because different applications make use of different components and features, the default partitioning provided by ADF Faces may not be ideal for all applications. As such, ADF Faces allows the JavaScript library partitioning to be customized on a per-application basis. This partitioning allows application developers to tune the JavaScript library footprint to meet the needs of their application. For more information about configuring JavaScript partitioning, see [Section A.9, "Using JavaScript Library Partitioning."](#)

## 1.2.2 ADF Faces Architectural Features

The RCF enables many architectural features that can be used throughout your application. For example, because processing can be done on the client, small amounts of data can be exchanged with the server without requiring the whole page to be rendered. This is referred to as *partial page rendering* (PPR). Many ADF Faces components have PPR functionality implemented natively. For example, the ADF Faces table component comes with built-in AJAX-style functionality that lets you scroll through the table, sort the table by clicking a column header, mark a row or several rows for selection, and even expand specific rows in the table, all without requiring a roundtrip to the server, and with no coding needed. For more information, see [Chapter 7, "Rerendering Partial Page Content."](#)

The RCF also adds functionality to the standard JSF lifecycle. Examples include a client-side value lifecycle, a subform component that allows you to create independent submittable regions on a page without the drawbacks of using multiple forms on a single page, and an optimized lifecycle that can limit the parts of the page submitted for processing. For more information, see [Chapter 4, "Using the JSF Lifecycle with ADF Faces."](#)

The RCF uses the standard JSF event framework. However, events in the RCF have been abstracted from the standard JavaScript DOM event model. Though the events share some of the same abstractions found in the DOM event model, they also add functionality. Consequently, you need not listen for *click* events on buttons, for example. You can instead listen for `AdfActionEvent` events, which may or may not have been caused by key or mouse events. RCF events can be configured to either deliver or not deliver the event to the server. For more information, see [Chapter 5, "Handling Events."](#)

ADF Faces input components have built-in validation capabilities. You set one or more validators on a component by either setting the `required` attribute or by using the prebuilt ADF Faces validators. In addition, you can create your own custom validators to suit your business needs.

ADF Faces input components also have built-in conversion capabilities, which allow users to enter information as a string and the application can automatically convert the string to another data type, such as a date. Conversely, data stored as something other than a string can be converted to a string for display and updating. Many components, such as the `inputDate` component, automatically provide this capability. For more information, see [Chapter 6, "Validating and Converting Input."](#)

In addition to these architectural features, the RCF also supports the following:

- Fully featured client-side architecture: Many of the features you need to create AJAX-type functionality in your web application are found in the client side of the architecture. For more information, see [Chapter 3, "Using ADF Faces Architecture."](#)

- Reuse: You can create page templates, as well as page fragments and composite components made up of multiple components, which can be used throughout your application. For more information, see [Chapter 19, "Creating and Reusing Fragments, Page Templates, and Components."](#)
- Skinning: You can globally change the appearance of components. For more information, see [Chapter 20, "Customizing the Appearance Using Styles and Skins."](#)
- Internationalization: You can change text and other display attributes based on the user's locale. For more information, see [Chapter 21, "Internationalizing and Localizing Pages."](#)
- Accessibility: You can implement accessibility support, including keyboard shortcuts and text descriptions. For more information, see [Chapter 22, "Developing Accessible ADF Faces Pages."](#)
- User customizations: You can create your pages so that they allow users to change certain display attributes for components at runtime. For more information, see [Chapter 34, "Allowing User Customization on JSF Pages."](#)
- Drag and drop: You can allow attribute values, collection values, or complete components to be dragged from one component to another. For more information, see [Chapter 35, "Adding Drag and Drop Functionality."](#)

## 1.3 ADF Faces Components

ADF Faces components generally fall into two categories. Layout components are those that are used to organize the contents of the page. Along with components that act as containers to determine the layout of the page, ADF Faces layout components also include interactive container components that can show or hide content, or that provide sections, lists, or empty spaces. Certain layout components support geometry management, that is, the process by which the size and location of components appear on a page. The RCF notifies these components of browser resize activity, and they in turn are able to resize their children. This allows certain components to stretch or shrink, filling up any available browser space. JDeveloper provides prebuilt quick-start layouts that declaratively add layout components to your page based on how you want the page to look. For more information about layout components and geometry management, see [Chapter 8, "Organizing Content on Web Pages."](#)

The remaining components are considered to be in the common category, and are divided into the following subcategories:

- Input components: Allow users to enter data or other types of information, such as color selection or date selection. ADF Faces also provides simple lists from which users can choose the data to be posted, as well as a file upload component. For more information about input components, see [Chapter 9, "Using Input Components and Defining Forms."](#)
- Table and tree components: Display structured data in tables or expandable trees. ADF Faces tables provide functionality such as sorting column data, filtering data, and showing and hiding detailed content for a row. Trees have built-in expand/collapse behavior. Tree tables combine the functionality of tables with the data hierarchy functionality of trees. For more information, see [Chapter 10, "Using Tables, Trees, and Other Collection-Based Components."](#)
- List-of-Values (LOV) components: Allow users to make selections from lists driven by a model that contains functionality like searching for a specific value or showing values marked as favorites. These LOV components are useful when a

field used to populate an attribute for one object might actually be contained in a list of other objects, as with a foreign key relationship in a database. For more information, see [Chapter 11, "Using List-of-Values Components."](#)

- **Query components:** Allow users to query data. ADF Faces provides two query components. The `Query` component can support multiple search criteria, dynamically adding and deleting criteria, selectable search operators, match all/any selections, seeded or saved searches, a basic or advanced mode, and personalization of searches. The `QuickQuery` component is a simplified version of the `Query` component that allows a search on a single item (criterion). For more information, see [Chapter 12, "Using Query Components."](#)
- **Popup components:** Display data in popup windows or dialogs. The dialog framework in ADF Faces provides an infrastructure to support building pages for a process displayed in a new popup browser window separate from the parent page. Multiple dialogs can have a control flow of their own. For more information, see [Chapter 13, "Using Popup Dialogs, Menus, and Windows."](#)
- **Explorer-type menus and toolbars:** Allow you to create menu bars and toolbars. Menus and toolbars allow users to select from a specified list of options (in the case of a menu) or buttons (in the case of a toolbar) to cause some change to the application. For more information, see [Chapter 14, "Using Menus, Toolbars, and Toolboxes."](#)
- **Calendar component:** Displays activities in day, week, month, or list view. You can implement popup components that allow users to create, edit, or delete activities. For more information, see [Chapter 15, "Creating a Calendar Application."](#)
- **Output components:** Display text and graphics, and can also play video and music clips. ADF Faces also includes a `carousel` output component that can display graphics in a revolving carousel. For more information, see [Chapter 16, "Using Output Components."](#)
- **Labels, tips, and messages:** Display labels for other components, along with mouseover tips and error messages. Unlike standard JSF input components, ADF Faces components that support messages automatically display their own messages. You can also have components display informational content, for example contextual help. For more information, see [Chapter 17, "Displaying Tips, Messages, and Help."](#)
- **Navigation components:** Allow users to go from one page to the next. ADF Faces navigation components include buttons and links, as well as the capability to create more complex hierarchical page flows accessed through different levels of menus. For more information, see [Chapter 18, "Working with Navigation Components."](#)
- **Data visualization components:** Allow users to view and analyze complex data in real time. ADF data visualization components include charts, gauges, pivot tables, geographic maps, thematic maps, Gantt charts, hierarchy viewers, treemaps and sunbursts. For more information, see [Chapter 23, "Introduction to ADF Data Visualization Components."](#)

## 1.4 ADF Faces Demonstration Application

ADF Faces includes a demonstration application that allows you both to experiment with running samples of the components and architecture features, and view the source code.



## 1.4.1 How to Download and Install the ADF Faces Demo Application

In order to view the demo application (both the code and at runtime), install JDeveloper, and then download and open the application within JDeveloper.

You can download the ADF Faces demo application from the Oracle Technology Network (OTN) web site. Navigate to <http://www.oracle.com/technetwork/developer-tools/adf/overview/index-092391.html> and click the link for installing the ADF Faces Rich Client demo. The resulting page provides detailed instructions for downloading the WAR file that contains the application, along with instructions for deploying the application to a standalone server, or for running the application using the Integrated WebLogic Server included with JDeveloper.

If you do not want to install the application, you can run the application directly from OTN by clicking the **ADF Faces Rich Client Components Hosted Demo** link.

## 1.4.2 Using the ADF Faces Demo Application

The demo application contains the following:

- Tag guide: Demonstrations of ADF Faces components, validators, converters, and miscellaneous tags, along with a property editor to see how changing attribute values affects the component. [Figure 1–1](#) shows the demonstration of the `selectManyCheckbox` component. Each demo provides a link to the associated tag documentation.

**Figure 1–1 Tag Demonstration**

The screenshot displays the ADF Faces Tag Demonstration application interface. The main content area is titled "selectManyCheckbox Demo" and contains several sections:

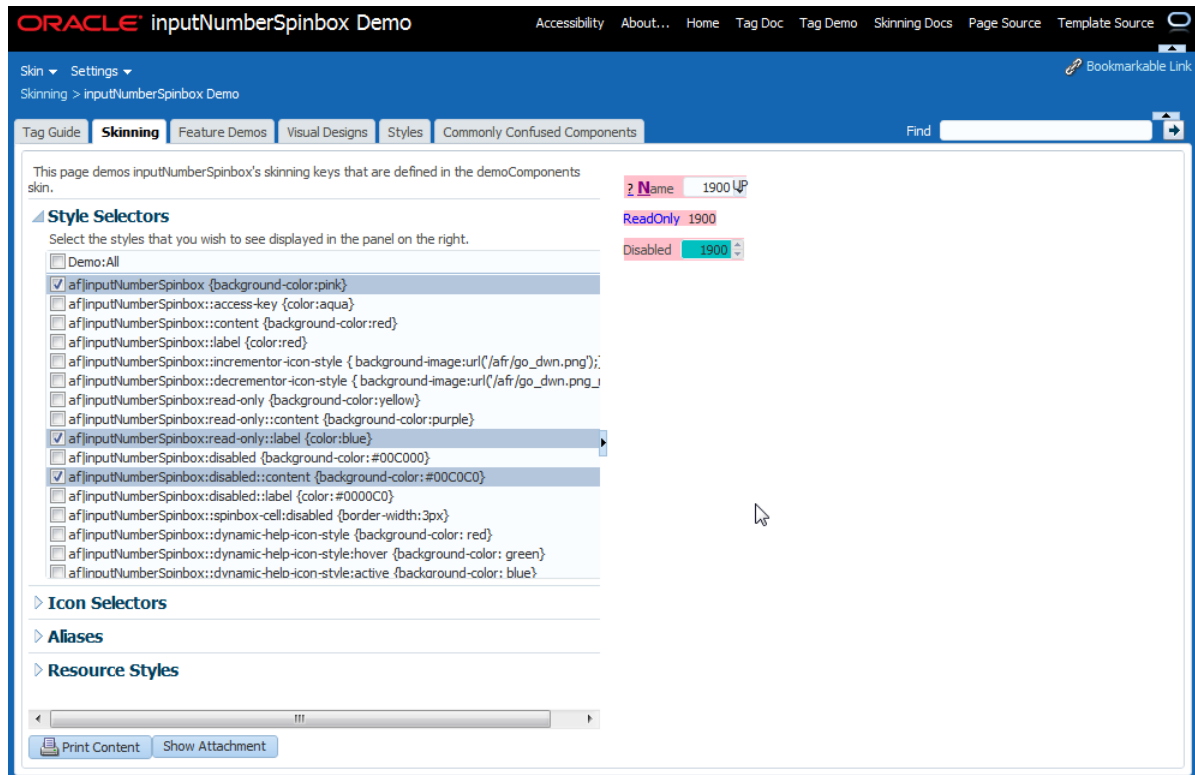
- Instructions:** "This is a test case for rich selectMany components. Select a value from the rich selectMany and use either the partial or full postback command button to push the value of the selectMany control into the underlying model (a bean property). The outputText will display the submitted value."
  - "The value attribute in the example below is bound to a List"
  - Drinks:  coffee,  tea,  orange juice,  wine,  milk,  fizz,  beer,  lemonade
  - Buttons: "partial postback" and "full postback"
  - "The submitted value was:"
  - "By choosing a message type, the appropriate message will be added to the selectManyCheckbox."
    - none,  fatal,  error,  warning,  confirmation,  info
  - "This demo shows the selectManyCheckbox inside of a popup." with a "Show SelectManyCheckbox" button.
  - "See also:" with a link to "editableTable".
- Attributes:** A list of attributes for the component, including:
  - accessKey, autoSubmit, changed, changedDesc, clientComponent, contentStyle, customizationId, disabled, helpTopicId, id (targetListbox), immediate, inlineStyle, label (Drinks), layout (vertical), localValueSet, readOnly, rendered (checked), rendererType (oracle.adf.rich.Checkbox), required, requiredMessageDetail, shortDesc, showRequired, simple, styleClass, submittedValue, transient.

- Skinning: Demonstrations of skinning on the various components. You can see, for example, how changing style selectors affects how a component is displayed.

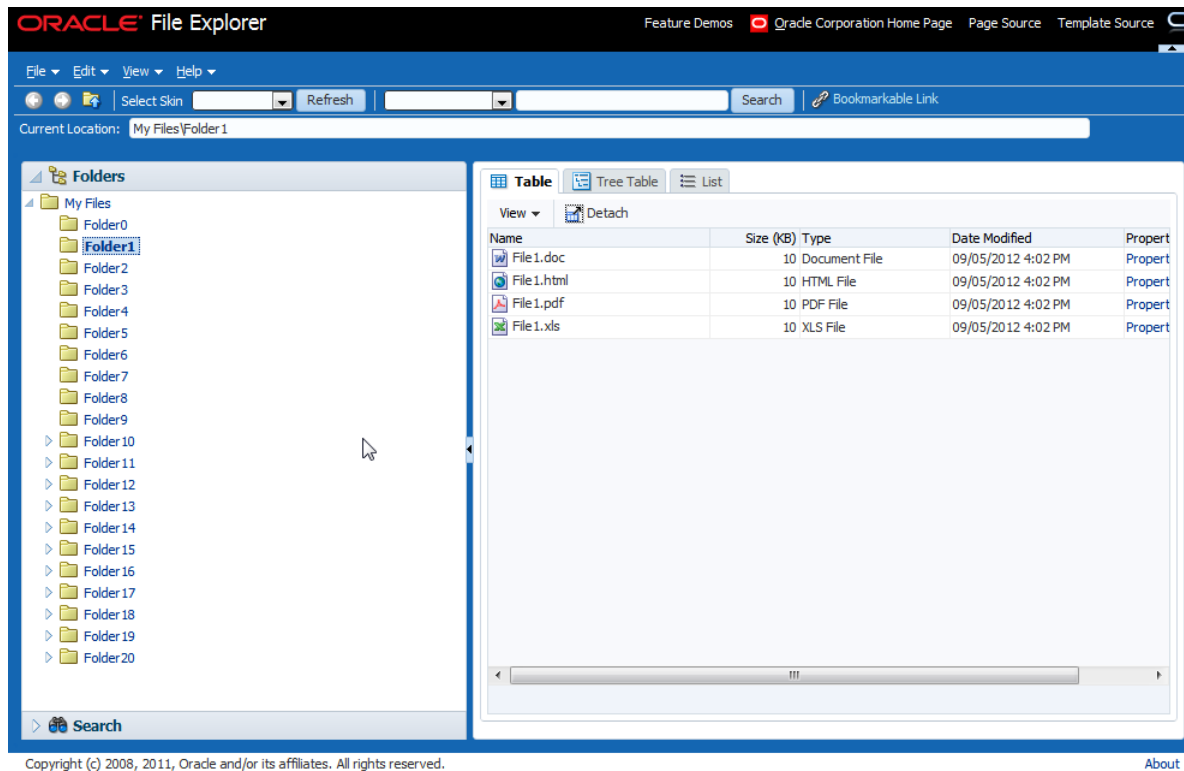


Figure 1–2 shows how setting certain style selectors affects the `inputNumberSpinbox` component.

**Figure 1–2 Skinning Demonstration**



- Feature demos: Various pages that demonstrate different ways you can use ADF components. For example, the File Explorer is an application with a live data model that displays a directory structure and allows you to create, save, and move directories and files. This application is meant to showcase the components and features of ADF Faces in a working application, as shown in Figure 1–3. For more information about the File Explorer application, see Section 1.4.3, "Overview of the File Explorer Application."

**Figure 1–3 File Explorer Application**

Other pages demonstrate the main architectural features of ADF Faces, such as layout components, AJAX postback functionality, and drag and drop. [Figure 1–4](#) shows the demonstration on using the `AutoSubmit` attribute and validation.

Figure 1–4 Framework Demonstration

The screenshot shows the Oracle autoSubmit documentation page. The page title is "AutoSubmit and Validation". The content includes:

**AutoSubmit and Validation**

AutoSubmit is very useful, but often you don't want it to trigger validation on the other components on the page. In the past in order to avoid validation with autosubmit you had to:

- set component's immediate attribute to true. Immediate is needed so that the component's valueChangeEvent will be called before the rest of the components are validated.
- add a valueChangeListener and in it:
  - call context.renderResponse(). The renderResponse call is needed because otherwise the lifecycle continues to the validate phase where the rest of the components will be validated.
  - set values if needed, since renderResponse is called the updateModel phase for this component will not be reached. See last demo on this page for example of setting a value.

**Demos**

1. The good news is that in certain cases, including autoSubmit, we support an 'optimized lifecycle', which means not all components on the page are validated. Notice that in this demo the required field does not get validated as you toggle the radio buttons despite the fact that the demo does not follow the instructions mentioned in the first section of this page.
 

\* Required Field

Show  
 Hide
2. Now let's try running a similar demo to the one above, except in this case the required field is in the section of the page that is being ppr updated. Notice the required field is validated, and you cannot hide the required field. This is because any part of the page that is being ppr updated is included in the lifecycle, and hence validated.
 

Show  
 Hide

\* Required Field
3. What has to be done to get the example above working? In the next demo we've followed the instructions from in the first section of the page. We've set immediate to 'true' and the following code is in the valueChangeListener: `setShow3(Boolean.TRUE.equals(vce.getNewValue())); FacesContext.getCurrentInstance().renderResponse();`

Show  
 Hide

\* Required Field

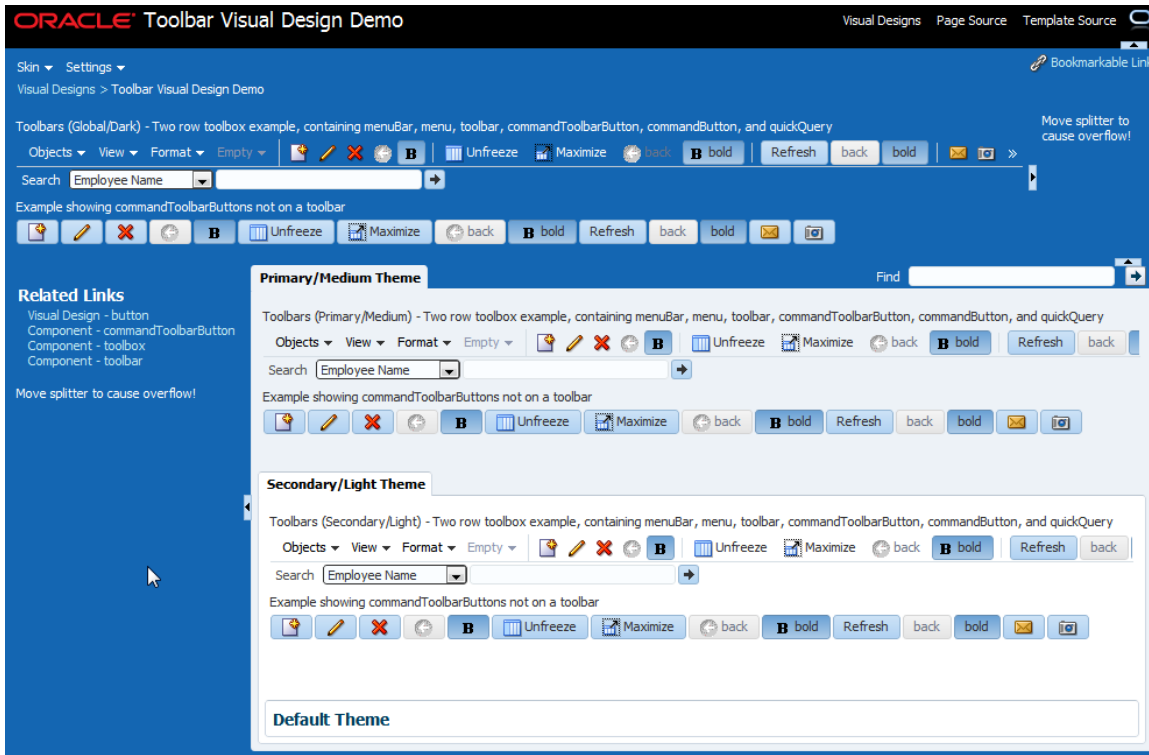
Note that we can still create a cancel button that navigates away from the page by putting the cancel button in its own subform

**AutoSubmit and Validation for LOV component**

For the inputListOfValues and inputComboBoxListOfValues components, the procedures described above will not always work. Consider the following example. Say you have an inputListOfValues component from which a user selects an employee name, and an inputText component whose required attribute is set to true, and that is updated with the employee's ID number once an employee is selected from the LOV popup. The Empno field is updated because it's a partialTarget of the LOV.

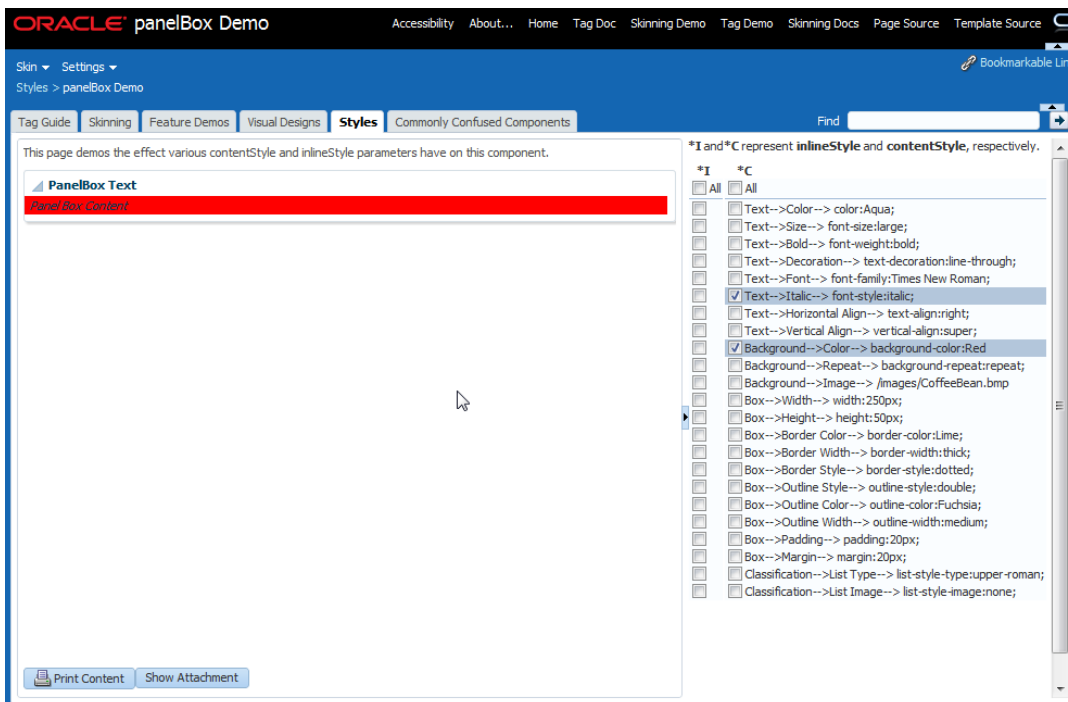
- Visual designs: Demonstrations of how you can use types of components in different ways to achieve different UI designs. Figure 1–5 shows how you can achieve different looks for a toolbar.

Figure 1-5 *Toolbar Design Demonstration*



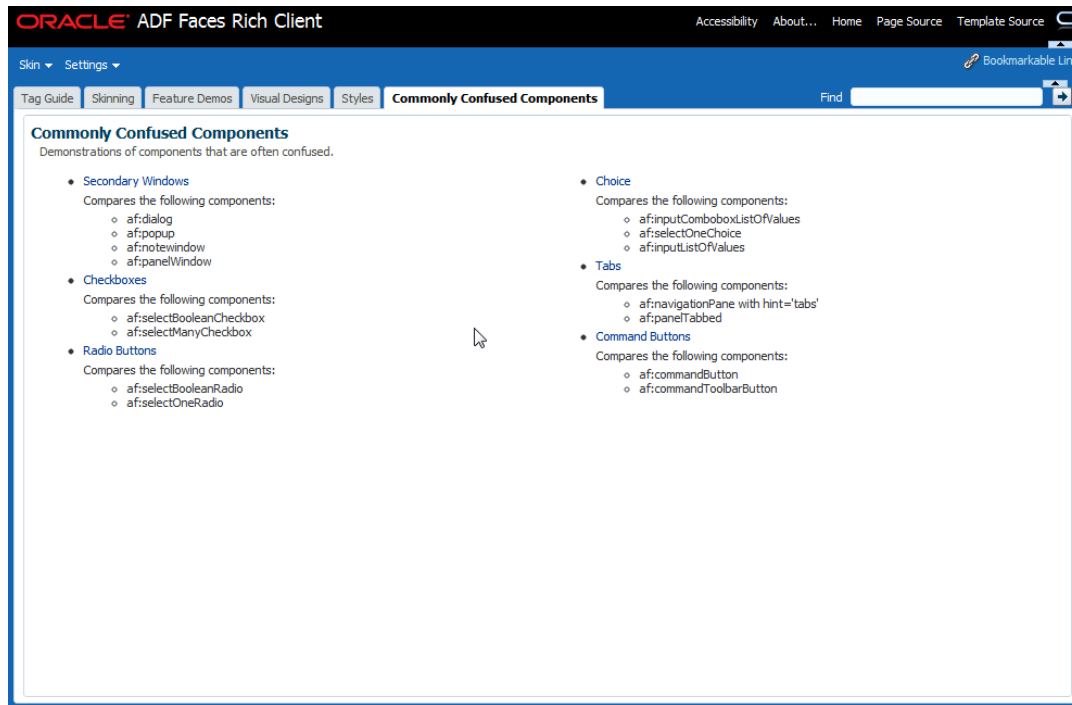
- Styles: Demonstration of how setting inline styles and content styles affects components. Figure 1-6 shows different styles applied to the panelBox component.

Figure 1-6 *Styles Demonstration*



- Commonly confused components: A comparison of components that provide similar functionality. [Figure 1-7](#) shows the differences between the various components that display lists.

**Figure 1-7 Commonly Confused Components**

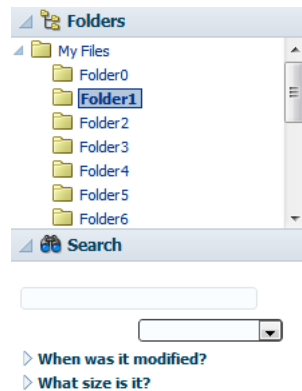


### 1.4.3 Overview of the File Explorer Application

Because the File Explorer is a complete working application, many sections in this guide use that application to illustrate key points, or to provide code samples. The source for the File Explorer application can be found in the `fileExplorer` directory.

The File Explorer application uses the `fileExplorerTemplate` page template. This template contains a number of layout components that provide the basic look and feel for the application. For more information about layout components, see [Chapter 8, "Organizing Content on Web Pages."](#) For more information about using templates, see [Chapter 19, "Creating and Reusing Fragments, Page Templates, and Components."](#)

The left-hand side of the application contains a `panelAccordion` component that holds two areas: the directory structure and a search field with a results table, as shown in [Figure 1-8](#).

**Figure 1–8 Directory Structure Panel and Search Panel**

You can expand and collapse both these areas. The directory structure is created using a tree component. The search area is created using input components, a command button, and a table component. For more information about using `panelAccordion` components, see [Section 8.11, "Displaying or Hiding Contents in Panels."](#) For more information about using input components, see [Chapter 9, "Using Input Components and Defining Forms."](#) For more information about using command buttons, see [Chapter 18, "Working with Navigation Components."](#) For more information about using tables and trees, see [Chapter 10, "Using Tables, Trees, and Other Collection-Based Components."](#)

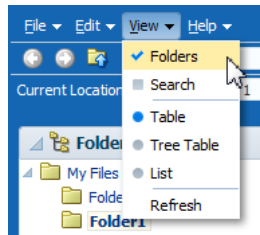
The right-hand side of the File Explorer application uses tabbed panes to display the contents of a directory in either a table, a tree table or a list, as shown in [Figure 1–9](#).

**Figure 1–9 Directory Contents in Tabbed Panels**

Name	Size (KB)	Type
File1.doc	10	Document File
File1.html	10	HTML File
File1.pdf	10	PDF File
File1.xls	10	XLS File

The table and tree table have built-in toolbars that allow you to manipulate how the contents are displayed. In the table or list, you can drag a file or subdirectory from one directory and drop it into another. In all tabs, you can right-click a file, and from the context menu, you can view the properties of the file in a popup window. For more information about using tabbed panes, see [Section 8.11, "Displaying or Hiding Contents in Panels."](#) For more information about table and tree table toolbars, see [Section 10.7, "Displaying Table Menus, Toolbars, and Status Bars."](#) For more information about enabling drag and drop, see [Chapter 35, "Adding Drag and Drop Functionality."](#) For more information about using context menus and popup windows, see [Chapter 13, "Using Popup Dialogs, Menus, and Windows."](#)

The top of the File Explorer application contains a menu and a toolbar, as shown in [Figure 1–10](#).

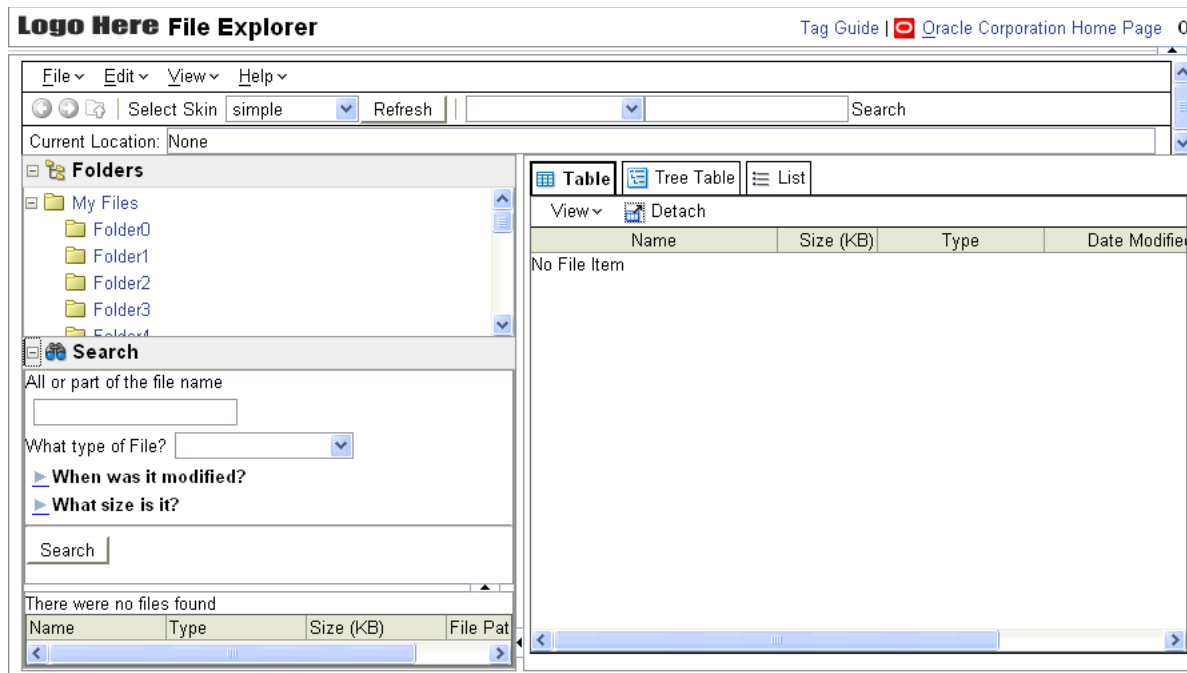
**Figure 1–10 Menu and Toolbar**

The menu options allow you to create and delete files and directories and change how the contents are displayed. The Help menu opens a help system that allows users to provide feedback in dialogs, as shown in [Figure 1–11](#).

**Figure 1–11 Help System**A screenshot of a customer service contact form. At the top, there are links for 'Email Customer Service', 'Speak with Customer Service', 'Rate the Site', and 'User Polls'. The main heading is 'Speak with a FileExplorer.com Customer Service Representative'. Below this, it says 'We're available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year. Let us know a good time to call you, and we'll have a customer service representative contact you.' There are two radio buttons for 'Phone number where we should call you' and 'Alternate phone number'. Each radio button is followed by a date and time picker, a location dropdown (currently showing '(UTC-08:00) Los Angeles - Pacific Ti'), and two input fields for 'Extension'.

The help system consists of a number of forms created with various input components, including a rich text editor. For more information about menus, see [Section 14.2, "Using Menus in a Menu Bar."](#) For more information about creating help systems, see [Section 17.5, "Displaying Help for Components."](#) For more information about input components, see [Chapter 9, "Using Input Components and Defining Forms."](#)

Within the toolbar of the File Explorer are controls that allow you navigate within the directory structure, as well as controls that allow you to change the look and feel of the application by changing its skin. [Figure 1–12](#) shows the File Explorer application using the simple skin.

**Figure 1–12 File Explorer Application with the Simple Skin**

For more information about toolbars, see [Section 14.3, "Using Toolbars."](#) For more information about using skins, see [Chapter 20, "Customizing the Appearance Using Styles and Skins."](#)

#### 1.4.4 Viewing the Source Code In JDeveloper

All the source files for the ADF Faces demo application are contained in one project (you give this project a name when you create it during installation). The project is divided into two directories: Application Sources and Web Content. Application Sources contains the `oracle.adfdemo.view` package, which in turn contains packages that hold managed beans that provide functionality throughout the application.

**Tip:** The managed beans for the component demos are in the component package and the managed beans for the File Explorer application are in the `explorer` package.

The Web Content directory contains all the web resources used by the application, including JSPX files, JavaScript libraries, images, configuration files, and so on.

**Tip:** The components subdirectory contains the resources for the component demos. The `docs` directory contains the tag and Javadoc documentation. The `fileExplorer` directory contains the resources for the File Explorer application.



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## Getting Started with ADF Faces

This chapter describes how to use JDeveloper to declaratively create ADF Faces applications.

This chapter includes the following sections:

- [Section 2.1, "Developing Declaratively in JDeveloper"](#)
- [Section 2.2, "Creating an Application Workspace"](#)
- [Section 2.3, "Defining Page Flows"](#)
- [Section 2.4, "Creating a View Page"](#)
- [Section 2.5, "Creating EL Expressions"](#)
- [Section 2.6, "Creating and Using Managed Beans"](#)
- [Section 2.7, "Viewing ADF Faces Source Code and Javadoc"](#)

### 2.1 Developing Declaratively in JDeveloper

Using JDeveloper 11g with ADF Faces and JSF provides a number of areas where page and managed bean code is generated for you declaratively, including creating EL expressions and automatic component binding. Additionally, there are a number of areas where XML metadata is generated for you declaratively, including metadata that controls navigation and configuration.

At a high level, the development process for an ADF Faces view project usually involves the following:

- Creating an application workspace
- Designing page flows
- Designing and creating the pages using either JavaServer Pages (JSPs) or Facelet pages
- Deploying the application. For more information about deployment, see the *Oracle Fusion Middleware Administrator's Guide for Oracle Application Development Framework*. If your application uses ADF Faces with the ADF Model layer, the ADF Controller, and ADF Business Components, see the "Deploying Fusion Web Applications" chapter of the *Oracle Fusion Middleware Fusion Developer's Guide for Oracle Application Development Framework*.

Ongoing tasks throughout the development cycle will probably include the following:

- Creating managed beans
- Creating and using EL expressions

- Viewing ADF Faces source code and Javadoc

JDeveloper also includes debugging and testing capabilities. For more information, see the "Testing and Debugging ADF Components" chapter of the *Oracle Fusion Middleware Fusion Developer's Guide for Oracle Application Development Framework*.

## 2.2 Creating an Application Workspace

The first steps in building a new application are to assign it a name and to specify the directory where its source files will be saved. By creating an application using application templates provided by JDeveloper, you automatically get the organization of your workspace into projects, along with many of the configuration files and libraries required by the type of application you are creating.

### 2.2.1 How to Create an Application Workspace

You create an application workspace using the Create Application wizard.

#### To create an application:

1. In the JDeveloper main menu, choose **File > New**.

The New Gallery opens, where you can select different application components to create.

2. In the New Gallery, expand the **General** node, select **Applications** and then **Java EE Web Application**, and click **OK**.

This template provides the building blocks you need to create a web application that uses JSF for the view and Enterprise JavaBean (EJB) session beans and Java Persistence API (JPA) entities for business services. All the files and directories for the business layer of your application will be stored in a project that by default is named `Model`. All the files and directories for your view layer will be stored in a project that by default is named `ViewController`.

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**Note:** This document covers only how to create the ADF Faces project in an application, without regard to the business services used or the binding to those services. For information about how to use ADF Faces with the ADF Model layer, the ADF Controller, and ADF Business Components, see the *Oracle Fusion Middleware Fusion Developer's Guide for Oracle Application Development Framework*. For more information about using ADF Faces with the ADF Model layer and EJBs and JPA, see *Oracle Fusion Middleware Java EE Developer's Guide for Oracle Application Development Framework*.

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3. In the Create Java EE Web Application dialog, set a name, directory location, and package prefix of your choice and click **Next**.
4. In the Name Your Project page, you can optionally change the name and location for your web project. On the **Project Technologies** tab, double-click **ADF Faces** to move that technology to the **Selected** pane. This automatically adds the necessary libraries and metadata files to your web project. Click **Next**.
5. In the Configure Java Settings page, optionally change the package name, Java source path, and output directory for your view layer. Click **Next**.

6. In the Name Your Project page, you can optionally change the name and location for your Java project. By default, the necessary libraries and metadata files for Java EE are already added to your data model project. Click **Next**.
7. In the Configure Java Settings page, optionally change the package name, Java source path, and output directory for your model layer. Click **Next**.
8. Configure the EJB settings as needed. For help on this page, click **Help** or press **F1**. Click **Finish**.

## 2.2.2 What Happens When You Create an Application Workspace

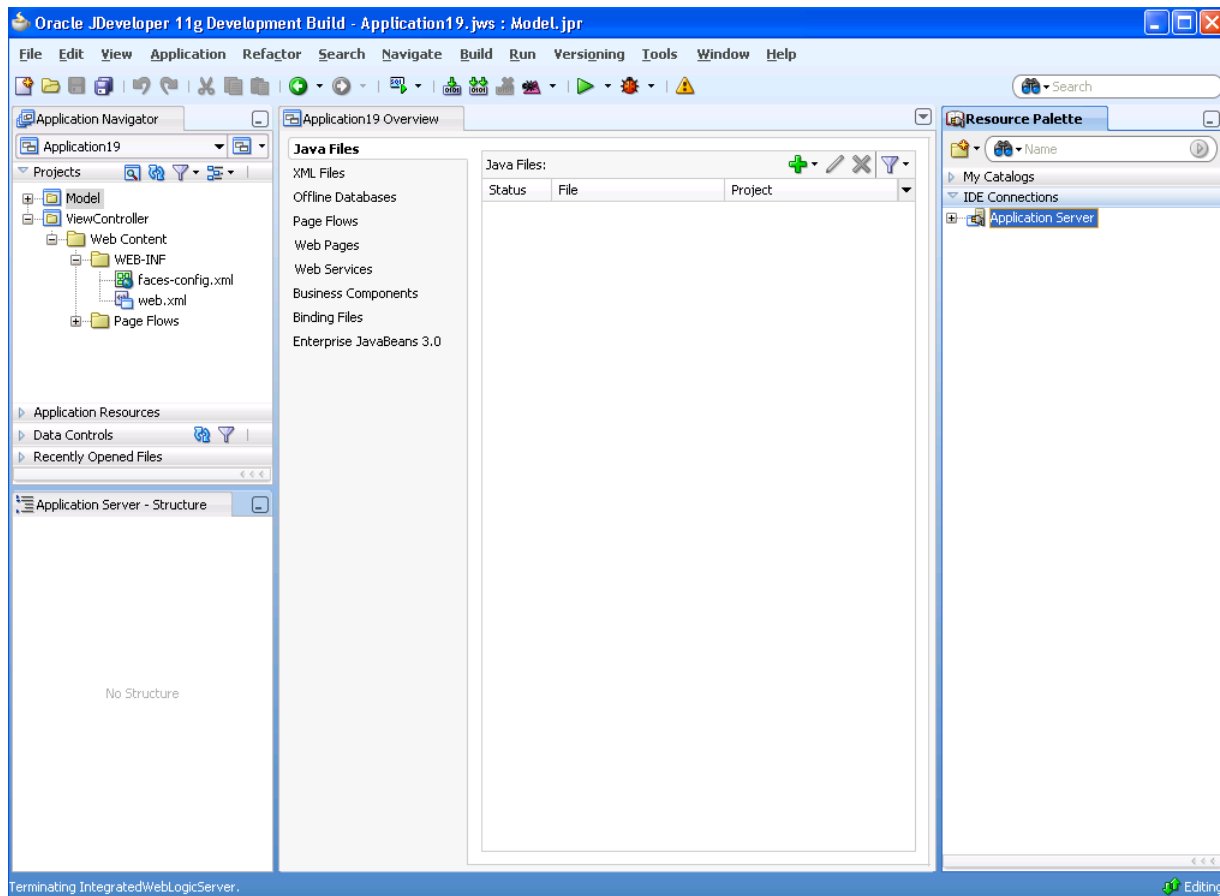
When you create an application workspace using the Java EE Web Application template, JDeveloper creates a project named `Model` that will contain all the source files related to the business services in your application. JDeveloper automatically adds the libraries needed for your EJB project. For example, if you kept the default EJB settings, JDeveloper adds the EJB 3.0 library.

JDeveloper also creates a project named `viewController` that will contain all the source files for your ADF Faces view layer. JDeveloper automatically creates the JSF and ADF configuration files needed for the application. Additionally, JDeveloper adds the following libraries to your view project:

- JSF 1.2
- JSTL 1.2
- JSP Runtime

The ADF Faces and other runtime libraries are added when you create a JSF page in your project.

Once the projects are created for you, you can rename them. [Figure 2-1](#) shows the workspace for a new Java EE Web application.

**Figure 2–1 New Workspace for an ADF Application**

JDeveloper also sets configuration parameters in the configuration files based on the options chosen when you created the application. In the `web.xml` file, these are configurations needed to run a JSF application (settings specific to ADF Faces are added when you create a JSF page with ADF Faces components). [Example 2–1](#) shows the `web.xml` file generated by JDeveloper when you create a new Java EE application.

#### **Example 2–1 Generated `web.xml` File**

```
<?xml version = '1.0' encoding = 'UTF-8'?>
<web-app xmlns:xsi="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema-instance"
  xsi:schemaLocation="http://java.sun.com/xml/ns/javaee
  http://java.sun.com/xml/ns/javaee/web-app_2_5.xsd" version="2.5"
  xmlns="http://java.sun.com/xml/ns/javaee">
  <description>Empty web.xml file for Web Application</description>
  <servlet>
    <servlet-name>Faces Servlet</servlet-name>
    <servlet-class>javax.faces.webapp.FacesServlet</servlet-class>
    <load-on-startup>1</load-on-startup>
  </servlet>
  <servlet-mapping>
    <servlet-name>Faces Servlet</servlet-name>
    <url-pattern>/faces/*</url-pattern>
  </servlet-mapping>
</web-app>
```

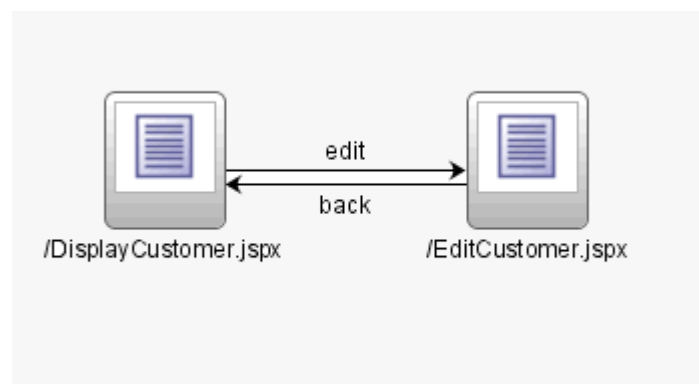
Configurations required for specific ADF Faces features are covered in the respective chapters of this guide. For example, any configuration needed in order to use the Change Persistence framework is covered in [Chapter 34, "Allowing User Customization on JSF Pages."](#) For comprehensive information about configuring an ADF Faces application, see [Appendix A, "ADF Faces Configuration."](#)

## 2.3 Defining Page Flows

Once you create your application workspace, often the next step is to design the flow of your UI. As with standard JSF applications, ADF Faces applications use navigation cases and rules to define the page flow. These definitions are stored in the `faces-config.xml` file. JDeveloper provides a diagrammer through which you can declaratively define your page flow using icons.

[Figure 2–2](#) shows the navigation diagram created for a simple page flow that contains two pages: a `DisplayCustomer` page that shows data for a specific customer, and an `EditCustomer` page that allows a user to edit the customer information. There is one navigation rule that goes from the display page to the edit page and one navigation rule that returns to the display page from the edit page.

**Figure 2–2** Navigation Diagram in JDeveloper




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**Note:** If you plan on using ADF Model data binding and the ADF Controller, then instead of using standard JSF navigation rules, you use task flows. For more information, see the "Getting Started with ADF Task Flows" chapter of the *Oracle Fusion Middleware Fusion Developer's Guide for Oracle Application Development Framework*.

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**Best Practice:** The ADF Controller extends the JSF default controller. While you can technically use the JSF controller and ADF Controller in your application, you should use only one or the other.

For more information on how navigation works in a JSF application, see the Java EE 5 tutorial at <http://www.oracle.com/technetwork/java/index.html>.

### 2.3.1 How to Define a Page Flow

You use the navigation diagrammer to declaratively create a page flow using JSP or JSPX pages. When you use the diagrammer, JDeveloper creates the XML metadata needed for navigation to work in your application in the `faces-config.xml` file.

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**Note:** The diagrammer supports only pages created as JSP and JSPX files. If you need to create navigation for XHTML pages, you must code the XML manually.

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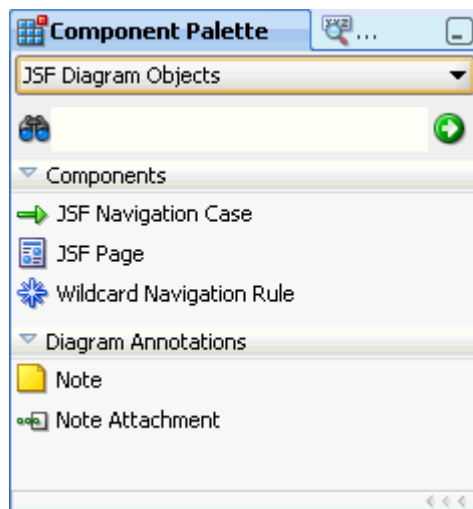
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**To create a page flow:**

1. In the Application Navigator, double-click the `faces-config.xml` file for your application. By default, this is in the **Web Content/WEB-INF** node.
2. In the editor window, click the **Diagram** tab to open the navigation diagrammer.
3. If the Component Palette is not displayed, from the main menu choose **View > Component Palette**. By default, the Component Palette is displayed in the upper right-hand corner of JDeveloper.
4. In the Component Palette, use the dropdown menu to choose **JSF Diagram Objects**.

The components are contained in two accordion panels: **Components** and **Diagram Annotations**. Figure 2-3 shows the Component Palette displaying JSF navigation components.

**Figure 2-3** Component Palette in JDeveloper



5. Select the component you wish to use and drag it onto the diagram. JDeveloper redraws the diagram with the newly added component.

**Tip:** You can also use the overview editor to create navigation rules and navigation cases by clicking the **Overview** tab. Press **F1** for details on using the overview editor to create navigation.

Additionally, you can manually add elements to the `faces-config.xml` file by directly editing the page in the source editor. To view the file in the source editor, click the **Source** tab.

Once the navigation for your application is defined, you can create the pages and add the components that will execute the navigation. For more information about using navigation components on a page, see [Chapter 18, "Working with Navigation Components."](#)

## 2.3.2 What Happens When You Use the Diagrammer to Create a Page Flow

When you use the diagrammer to create a page flow, JDeveloper creates the associated XML entries in the `faces-config.xml` file. [Example 2-2](#) shows the XML generated for the navigation rules displayed in [Figure 2-2](#).

### **Example 2-2** Navigation Rules in `faces-config.xml`

```
<navigation-rule>
  <from-view-id>/DisplayCustomer.jsp</from-view-id>
  <navigation-case>
    <from-outcome>edit</from-outcome>
    <to-view-id>/EditCustomer.jsp</to-view-id>
  </navigation-case>
</navigation-rule>
<navigation-rule>
  <from-view-id>/EditCustomer</from-view-id>
  <navigation-case>
    <from-outcome>back</from-outcome>
    <to-view-id>/DisplayCustomer</to-view-id>
  </navigation-case>
</navigation-rule>
```

## 2.4 Creating a View Page

From the page flows you created during the planning stages, you can double-click the page icons to create the actual JSP files. When you create a JSP for an ADF Faces application, you can choose to create an XML-based JSP document (which uses the extension `*.jspx`) rather than a `*.jsp` file.

**Best Practice:** Using an XML-based document has the following advantages:

- It simplifies treating your page as a well-formed tree of UI component tags.
- It discourages you from mixing Java code and component tags.
- It allows you to easily parse the page to create documentation or audit reports.

If you want to use Facelets instead of JSP in your application, you can instead create XHTML files. Facelets is a JSF-centric declarative XML view definition technology that provides an alternative to using the JSP engine.

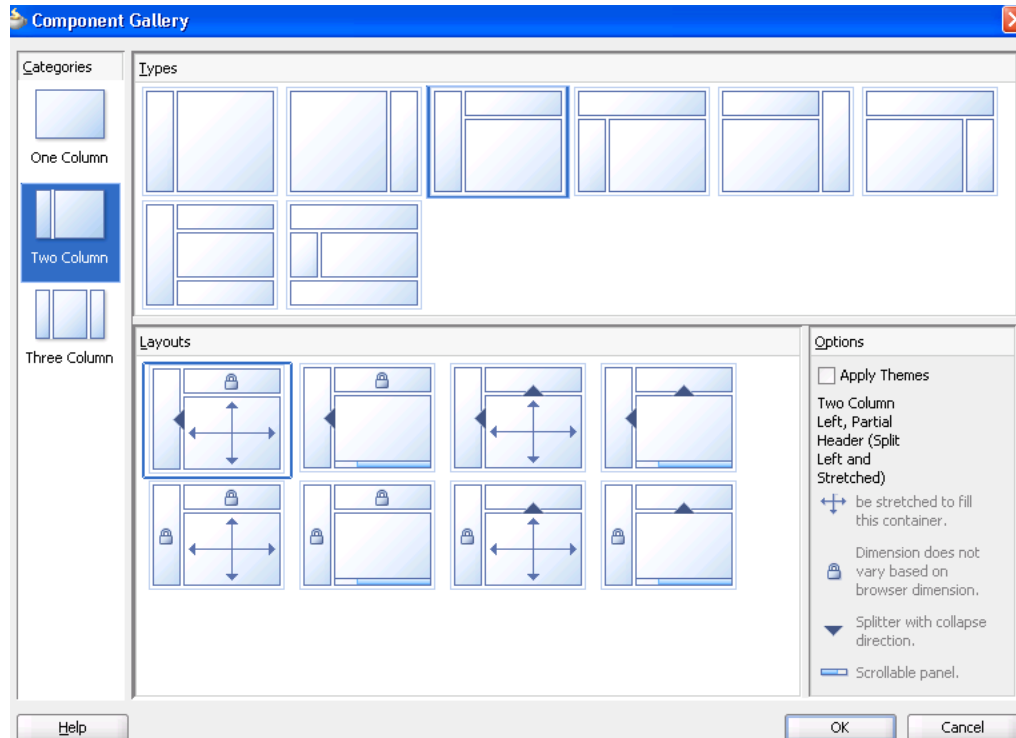
**Best Practice:** Use Facelets to take advantage of the following:

- The Facelets layer was created specifically for JSF, which results in reduced overhead and improved performance during tag compilation and execution.
- Facelets is considered the primary view definition technology in JSF 2.0.
- Some future performance enhancements will only be available with Facelets

ADF Faces provides a number of components that you can use to define the overall layout of a page. JDeveloper contains predefined quick start layouts that use these components to provide you with a quick and easy way to correctly build the layout.

You can choose from one, two, or three column layouts, and then determine how you want the columns to behave. For example, you may want one column's width to be locked, while another column stretches to fill available browser space. [Figure 2-4](#) shows the quick start layouts available for a two-column layout with the second column split between two panes. For more information about the layout components, see [Chapter 8, "Organizing Content on Web Pages."](#)

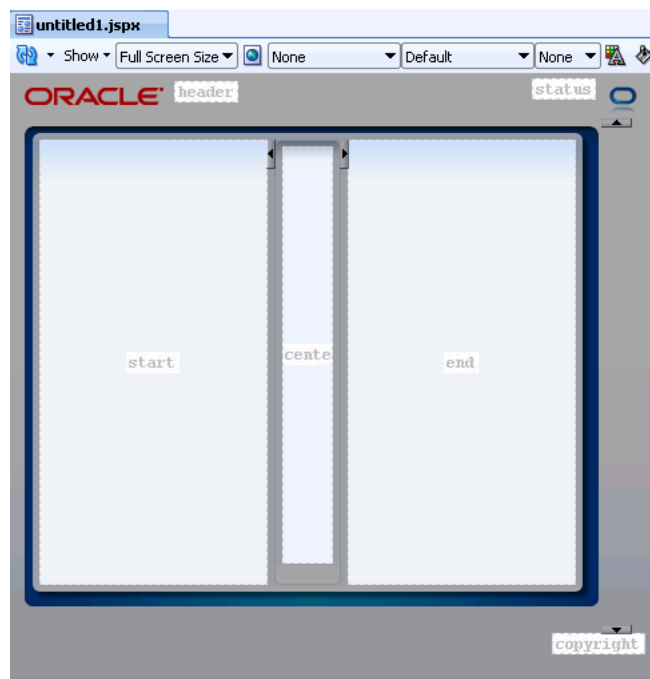
**Figure 2-4 Quick Layouts**



Along with adding layout components, you can also choose to apply a theme to the chosen quick layout. These themes add color styling to some of the components used in the quick start layout. To see the color and where it is added, see [Appendix E, "Quick Start Layout Themes."](#) For more information about themes, see [Section 20.3.4, "How to Apply Themes to Components."](#)

When you know you want to use the same layout on many pages in your application, ADF Faces allows you to create and use predefined page templates. When creating templates, the template developer can not only determine the layout of any page that will use the template (either by selecting a quick layout design, as shown in [Figure 2-4](#), or by building it manually) but can also provide static content that must appear on all pages, as well as create placeholder attributes that can be replaced with valid values for each individual page. For example, ADF Faces ships with the Oracle Three-Column-Layout template. This template provides areas for specific content, such as branding, a header, and copyright information, and also displays a static logo and busy icon, as shown in [Figure 2-5](#).



**Figure 2–5 Oracle Three Column Layout Template**

Whenever a template is changed, for example if the layout changes, any page that uses the template will also be automatically updated. For more information about creating and using templates, see [Section 19.3, "Using Page Templates."](#)

At the time you create a JSF page, you can also choose to create an associated backing bean for the page. Backing beans allow you to access the components on the page programmatically. For more information about using backing beans with JSF JSP pages, see [Section 2.4.3, "What You May Need to Know About Automatic Component Binding."](#)

**Best Practice:** Create backing beans only for pages that contain components that must be accessed and manipulated programmatically. Use managed beans instead if you need only to provide additional functionality accessed through EL expressions on component attributes (such as listeners).

You can also choose to have your page available for display in mobile devices. Once your page files are created, you can add UI components and work with the page source.

## 2.4.1 How to Create JSF JSP Pages

You create JSF JSP pages using the Create JSF Page dialog.

### To create a JSF JSP page:

1. In the Application Navigator, right-click the directory where you would like the page to be saved, and choose **New**. In the New Gallery, expand the **Web Tier** node, select **JSF** and then **JSF Page**, and click **OK**.

OR

From a navigation diagram, double-click a page icon for a page that has not yet been created.

2. Complete the Create JSF Page dialog. For help, click **Help** in the dialog. For more information about the Page Implementation option, which can be used to automatically create a backing bean and associated bindings, see [Section 2.4.3, "What You May Need to Know About Automatic Component Binding."](#)

## 2.4.2 What Happens When You Create a JSF JSP Page

When you use the Create JSF Page dialog to create a JSF page, JDeveloper creates the physical file and adds the code necessary to import the component libraries and display a page. The code created depends on whether or not you chose to create a .jspx document. [Example 2-3](#) shows a .jspx page when it is first created by JDeveloper.

### **Example 2-3 Declarative Page Source Created by JDeveloper**

```
<?xml version='1.0' encoding='UTF-8'?>
<jsp:root xmlns:jsp="http://java.sun.com/JSP/Page" version="2.1"
  xmlns:f="http://java.sun.com/jsf/core"
  xmlns:h="http://java.sun.com/jsf/html"
  xmlns:af="http://xmlns.oracle.com/adf/faces/rich">
<jsp:directive.page contentType="text/html; charset=UTF-8"/>
<f:view>
  <af:document id="d1">
    <af:form id="f1"></af:form>
  </af:document>
</f:view>
</jsp:root>
```

If you chose to use one of the quick layouts, then JDeveloper also adds the components necessary to display the layout. [Example 2-4](#) shows the generated code when you choose a two-column layout, where the first column is locked and the second column stretches to fill up available browser space, and you also choose to apply themes.

### **Example 2-4 Two-Column Layout**

```
<?xml version='1.0' encoding='UTF-8'?>
<jsp:root xmlns:jsp="http://java.sun.com/JSP/Page" version="2.1"
  xmlns:f="http://java.sun.com/jsf/core"
  xmlns:h="http://java.sun.com/jsf/html"
  xmlns:af="http://xmlns.oracle.com/adf/faces/rich">
<jsp:directive.page contentType="text/html; charset=UTF-8"/>
<f:view>
  <af:document id="d1">
    <af:form id="f1">
      <af:panelStretchLayout startWidth="100px" id="ps11">
        <f:facet name="start"/>
        <f:facet name="center">
          <!-- id="af_twocol_left_sidebar_stretched" -->
          <af:decorativeBox theme="dark" id="db2">
            <f:facet name="center">
              <af:decorativeBox theme="medium" id="db1">
                <f:facet name="center"/>
              </af:decorativeBox>
            </f:facet>
          </af:decorativeBox>
        </f:facet>
      </af:panelStretchLayout>
    </af:form>
```

```

    </af:document>
  </f:view>
</jsp:root>

```

If you chose to automatically create a backing bean using the Page Implementation section of the dialog, JDeveloper also creates and registers a backing bean for the page, and binds any existing components to the bean. [Example 2–5](#) shows the code created for a backing bean for a page.

**Example 2–5 Declarative Backing Bean Source Created by JDeveloper**

```

package view.backing;

import oracle.adf.view.rich.component.rich.RichDocument;
import oracle.adf.view.rich.component.rich.RichForm;

public class MyFile {
    private RichForm f1;
    private RichDocument d1;

    public void setF1(RichForm f1) {
        this.f1 = f1;
    }

    public RichForm getF1() {
        return f1;
    }

    public void setD1(RichDocument d1) {
        this.document1 = d1;
    }

    public RichDocument getD1() {
        return d1;
    }
}

```

**Tip:** You can access the backing bean source from the JSF page by right-clicking the page in the editor, and choosing **Go to** and then selecting the bean from the list.

Additionally, JDeveloper adds the following libraries to the view project:

- ADF Faces Runtime 11
- ADF Common Runtime
- ADF DVT Faces Runtime
- Oracle JJWT
- ADF DVT Faces Databinding Runtime

JDeveloper also adds entries to the `web.xml` file, as shown in [Example 2–6](#).

**Example 2–6 Code in the `web.xml` File After a JSF JSP Page is Created**

```

<?xml version = '1.0' encoding = 'UTF-8'?>
<web-app xmlns:xsi="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema-instance"
        xsi:schemaLocation="http://java.sun.com/xml/ns/javaee
        http://java.sun.com/xml/ns/javaee/web-app_2_5.xsd"

```

```

        version="2.5" xmlns="http://java.sun.com/xml/ns/javaee">
<context-param>
  <param-name>javax.faces.STATE_SAVING_METHOD</param-name>
  <param-value>client</param-value>
</context-param>
<context-param>
  <param-name>org.apache.myfaces.trinidad.CHECK_FILE_MODIFICATION</param-name>
  <param-value>>false</param-value>
</context-param>
<context-param>
  <param-name>oracle.adf.view.rich.versionString.HIDDEN</param-name>
  <param-value>>false</param-value>
</context-param>
<filter>
  <filter-name>trinidad</filter-name>
  <filter-class>org.apache.myfaces.trinidad.webapp.TrinidadFilter</filter-class>
</filter>
<filter-mapping>
  <filter-name>trinidad</filter-name>
  <servlet-name>Faces Servlet</servlet-name>
  <dispatcher>FORWARD</dispatcher>
  <dispatcher>REQUEST</dispatcher>
</filter-mapping>
<servlet>
  <servlet-name>Faces Servlet</servlet-name>
  <servlet-class>javax.faces.webapp.FacesServlet</servlet-class>
  <load-on-startup>1</load-on-startup>
</servlet>
<servlet>
  <servlet-name>resources</servlet-name>
  <servlet-class>
    org.apache.myfaces.trinidad.webapp.ResourceServlet
  </servlet-class>
</servlet>
<servlet>
  <servlet-name>BIGRAPHSERVLET</servlet-name>
  <servlet-class>
    oracle.adfinternal.view.faces.bi.renderkit.graph.GraphServlet
  </servlet-class>
</servlet>
<servlet>
  <servlet-name>BIGAUGESERVLET</servlet-name>
  <servlet-class>
    oracle.adfinternal.view.faces.bi.renderkit.gauge.GaugeServlet
  </servlet-class>
</servlet>
<servlet>
  <servlet-name>MapProxyServlet</servlet-name>
  <servlet-class>
    oracle.adfinternal.view.faces.bi.renderkit.geoMap.servlet.MapProxyServlet
  </servlet-class>
</servlet>
<servlet>
  <servlet-name>GatewayServlet</servlet-name>
  <servlet-class>
    oracle.adfinternal.view.faces.bi.renderkit.graph.FlashBridgeServlet
  </servlet-class>
</servlet>
<servlet-mapping>
  <servlet-name>Faces Servlet</servlet-name>

```

```

    <url-pattern>/faces/*</url-pattern>
</servlet-mapping>
<servlet-mapping>
    <servlet-name>resources</servlet-name>
    <url-pattern>/adf/*</url-pattern>
</servlet-mapping>
<servlet-mapping>
    <servlet-name>resources</servlet-name>
    <url-pattern>/afr/*</url-pattern>
</servlet-mapping>
<servlet-mapping>
    <servlet-name>BIGGRAPHSERVLET</servlet-name>
    <url-pattern>/servlet/GraphServlet/*</url-pattern>
</servlet-mapping>
<servlet-mapping>
    <servlet-name>BIGAUGESERVLET</servlet-name>
    <url-pattern>/servlet/GaugeServlet/*</url-pattern>
</servlet-mapping>
<servlet-mapping>
    <servlet-name>MapProxyServlet</servlet-name>
    <url-pattern>/mapproxy/*</url-pattern>
</servlet-mapping>
<servlet-mapping>
    <servlet-name>resources</servlet-name>
    <url-pattern>/bi/*</url-pattern>
</servlet-mapping>
<servlet-mapping>
    <servlet-name>GatewayServlet</servlet-name>
    <url-pattern>/flashbridge/*</url-pattern>
</servlet-mapping>
</web-app>

```

In the `faces-config.xml` file, when you create a JSF JSP page, JDeveloper creates an entry that defines the default render kit (used to display the components in an HTML client) for ADF Faces, as shown in [Example 2-7](#).

**Example 2-7 Generated `faces-config.xml` File**

```

<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<faces-config version="1.2" xmlns="http://java.sun.com/xml/ns/javaee">
    <application>
        <default-render-kit-id>oracle.adf.rich</default-render-kit-id>
    </application>
</faces-config>

```

An entry in the `trinidad-config.xml` file defines the default skin used by the user interface (UI) components in the application, as shown in [Example 2-8](#).

**Example 2-8 Generated `trinidad-config.xml` File**

```

<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<trinidad-config xmlns="http://myfaces.apache.org/trinidad/config">
    <skin-family>skyros</skin-family>
    <skin-version>v1</skin-version>
</trinidad-config>

```

When the page is first displayed in JDeveloper, it is displayed in the visual editor (accessed by clicking the **Design** tab), which allows you to view the page in a WYSIWYG environment. You can also view the source for the page in the source editor

by clicking the **Source** tab. The Structure window located in the lower left-hand corner of JDeveloper, provides a hierarchical view of the page.

### 2.4.3 What You May Need to Know About Automatic Component Binding

Backing beans are managed beans that contain logic and properties for UI components on a JSF page (for more information about managed beans, see [Section 2.6, "Creating and Using Managed Beans"](#)). If when you create your JSF JSP page you choose to automatically expose UI components by selecting one of the choices in the Page Implementation option of the Create JSF Page dialog, JDeveloper automatically creates a backing bean (or uses a managed bean of your choice) for the page. For each component you add to the page, JDeveloper then inserts a bean property for that component, and uses the `binding` attribute to bind component instances to those properties, allowing the bean to accept and return component instances.

Specifically, JDeveloper does the following when you use automatic component binding:

- Creates a JavaBean using the same name as the JSP or JSPX file, and places it in the `view.backing` package (if you elect to have JDeveloper create a backing bean).
- Creates a managed bean entry in the `faces-config.xml` file for the backing bean. By default, the managed bean name is `backing_<page_name>` and the bean uses the `request` scope (for more information about scopes, see [Section 4.6, "Object Scope Lifecycles"](#)).

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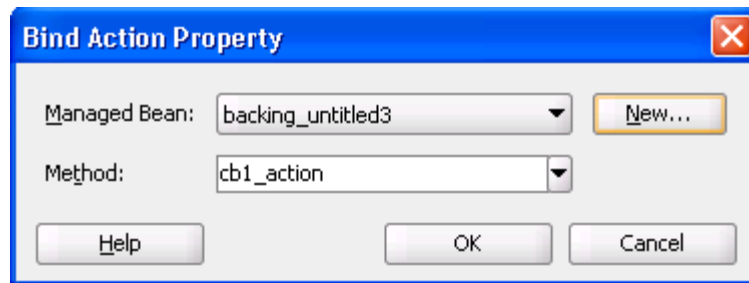
**Note:** JDeveloper does not create managed bean property entries in the `faces-config.xml` file. If you wish the bean to be instantiated with certain property values, you must perform this configuration in the `faces-config.xml` file manually. For more information, see [Section A.3.1, "How to Configure for ADF Faces in faces-config.xml."](#)

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- On the newly created or selected bean, adds a property and accessor methods for each component tag you place on the JSP. JDeveloper binds the component tag to that property using an EL expression as the value for its binding attribute.
- Deletes properties and methods for any components deleted from the page.

Once the JSP is created and components added, you can then declaratively add method binding expressions to components that use them by double-clicking the component in the visual editor, which launches an editor that allows you to select the managed bean and method to which you want to bind the attribute. When automatic component binding is used on a JSP and you double-click the component, skeleton methods to which the component may be bound are automatically created for you in the page's backing bean. For example, if you add a command button component and then double-click it in the visual editor, the Bind Action Property dialog displays the page's backing bean along with a new skeleton action method, as shown in [Figure 2-6](#).

**Figure 2–6 Bind Action Property Dialog**

You can select from one these methods, or if you enter a new method name, JDeveloper automatically creates the new skeleton method in the page's backing bean. You must then add the logic to the method.

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**Note:** When automatic component binding is *not* used on a JSP, you must select an existing managed bean or create a new backing bean to create the binding.

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For example, suppose you created a JSP with the file name `myfile.jspx`. If you chose to let JDeveloper automatically create a default backing bean, then JDeveloper creates the backing bean as `view.backing.MyFile.java`, and places it in the `\src` directory of the ViewController project. The backing bean is configured as a managed bean in the `faces-config.xml` file, and the default managed bean name is `backing_myfile`.

[Example 2–9](#) shows the code on a JSP that uses automatic component binding, and contains `form`, `inputText`, and `commandButton` components.

#### **Example 2–9 JSF Page Code with Automatic Component Binding**

```
<f:view>
  <af:document id="d1" binding="#{backing_myfile.d1}">
    <af:form id="f1" binding="#{backing_myfile.f1}">
      <af:inputText label="Label 1" binding="#{backing_MyFile.inputText1}"
        id="inputText1"/>
      <af:commandButton text="commandButton 1"
        binding="#{backing_MyFile.cb1}"
        id="cb1"/>
    </af:form>
  </af:document>
</f:view>
```

[Example 2–10](#) shows the corresponding code on the backing bean.

#### **Example 2–10 Backing Bean Code Using Automatic Component Binding**

```
package view.backing;

import oracle.adf.view.rich.component.rich.RichDocument;
import oracle.adf.view.rich.component.rich.RichForm;
import oracle.adf.view.rich.component.rich.input.RichInputText;
import oracle.adf.view.rich.component.rich.nav.RichCommandButton;

public class MyFile {
  private RichForm f1;
  private RichDocument d1;
  private RichInputText inputText1;
```

```
private RichCommandButton cb1;

public void setForm1(RichForm f1) {
    this.form1 = f1;
}

public RichForm getF1() {
    return f1;
}

public void setD1(RichDocument d1) {
    this.d1 = d1;
}

public RichDocument getD1() {
    return d1;
}

public void setIt1(RichInputText inputText1) {
    this.inputText1 = inputText1;
}

public RichInputText getInputText1() {
    return inputText1;
}

public void setCb1(RichCommandButton cb1) {
    this.commandButton1 = cb1;
}

public RichCommandButton getCb1() {
    return cb1;
}

public String cb1_action() {
    // Add event code here...
    return null;
}
}
```

[Example 2–11](#) shows the code added to the `faces-config.xml` file to register the page’s backing bean as a managed bean.

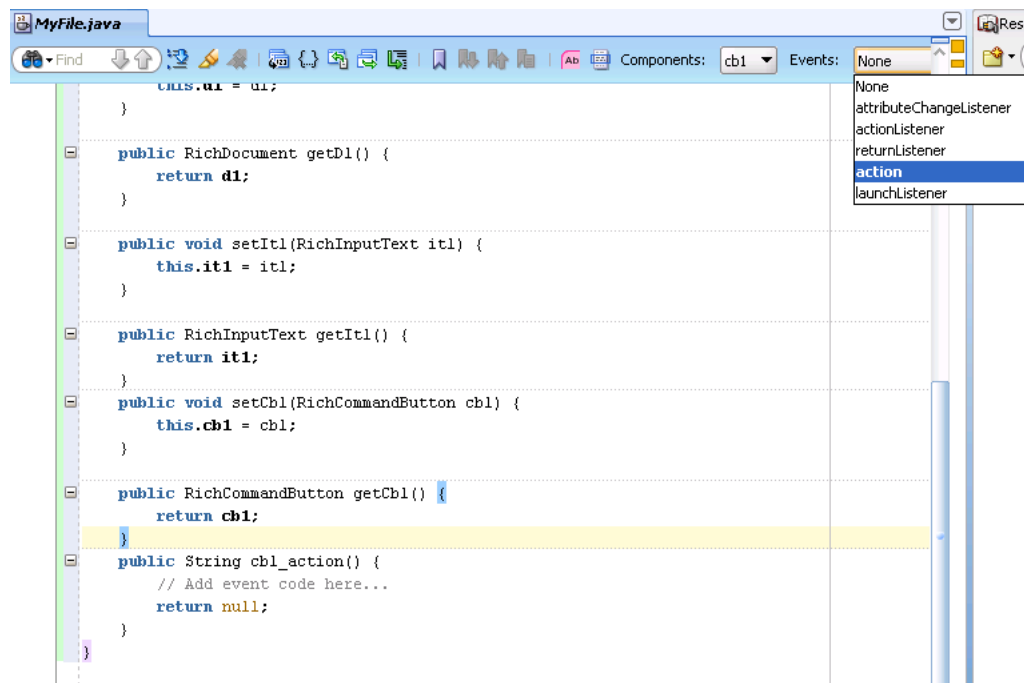
**Example 2–11 Registration for a Backing Bean**

```
<managed-bean>
  <managed-bean-name>backing_MyFile</managed-bean-name>
  <managed-bean-class>view.backing.MyFile</managed-bean-class>
  <managed-bean-scope>request</managed-bean-scope>
</managed-bean>
```

In addition, when you edit a Java file that is a backing bean for a JSP, a method binding toolbar appears in the source editor for you to bind appropriate methods quickly and easily to selected components in the page. When you select an event, JDeveloper creates the skeleton method for the event, as shown in [Figure 2–7](#).



Figure 2-7 You Can Declaratively Create Skeleton Methods in the Source Editor



Once you create a page, you can turn automatic component binding off or on, and you can also change the backing bean to a different Java class. Open the JSP in the visual Editor and from the JDeveloper menu, choose **Design > Page Properties**. Here you can select or deselect the **Auto Bind** option, and change the managed bean class. Click **Help** for more information about using the dialog.

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**Note:** If you turn automatic binding off, nothing changes in the binding attributes of existing bound components in the page. If you turn automatic binding on, all existing bound components and any new components that you insert are bound to the selected managed bean. If automatic binding is on and you change the managed bean selection, all existing bindings and new bindings are switched to the new bean.

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You can always access the backing bean for a JSP from the page editor by right-clicking the page, choosing **Go to**, and then choosing the bean from the list of beans associated with the JSP.

## 2.4.4 How to Create a Facelets XHTML Page

You use the Create Facelets Page dialog to create the XHTML file.

### To create an XHTML page:

1. In the Application Navigator, right-click the directory where you would like the page to be saved, and choose **New**. In the New Gallery, expand the **Web Tier** node, select **Facelets** and then **Facelets Page** and click **OK**.

**Tip:** Click the All Technologies tab in the New Gallery if Facelets is not a listed technology.

2. Complete the Create Facelets Page dialog. For help, click **Help** in the dialog.

## 2.4.5 What Happens When You Create a JSF XHTML Page

When you use the Create Facelets Page dialog to create an XHTML page, JDeveloper creates the physical file and adds the code necessary to import the component libraries and display a page. [Example 2–3](#) shows an .xhtml page when it is first created by JDeveloper.

### **Example 2–12 Declarative Page Source Created by JDeveloper**

```
<!DOCTYPE html PUBLIC "-//W3C//DTD XHTML 1.0 Transitional//EE"
    "http://www.w3.org/TR/xhtml1/DTD/xhtml1-transitional.dtd">
<f:view xmlns="http://www.w3.org/1999/xhtml"
    xmlns:f="http://java.sun.com/jsf/core"
    xmlns:h="http://java.sun.com/jsf/html"
    xmlns:af="http://xmlns.oracle.com/adf/faces/rich">
  <af:document>
    <af:form/>
  </af:document>
</f:view>
```

Additionally, JDeveloper adds the following libraries to the view project:

- Facelets Runtime
- ADF Faces Runtime 11
- ADF Common Runtime
- ADF DVT Faces Runtime
- Oracle JEWTF
- ADF DVT Faces Databinding Runtime

JDeveloper also adds entries to the web.xml file, as shown in [Example 2–13](#).

### **Example 2–13 Code in the web.xml File After a JSF XHTML Page is Created**

```
<?xml version = '1.0' encoding = 'UTF-8'?>
<web-app xmlns:xsi="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema-instance"
    xsi:schemaLocation="http://java.sun.com/xml/ns/javaee
    http://java.sun.com/xml/ns/javaee/web-app_2_5.xsd"
    version="2.5" xmlns="http://java.sun.com/xml/ns/javaee">
  <context-param>
    <param-name>javax.faces.STATE_SAVING_METHOD</param-name>
    <param-value>client</param-value>
  </context-param>
  <context-param>
    <param-name>org.apache.myfaces.trinidad.CHECK_FILE_MODIFICATION</param-name>
    <param-value>>false</param-value>
  </context-param>
  <context-param>
    <param-name>oracle.adf.view.rich.versionString.HIDDEN</param-name>
    <param-value>>false</param-value>
  </context-param>
  <context-param>
    <param-name>org.apache.myfaces.trinidad.FACELETS_VIEW_MAPPINGS</param-name>
    <param-value>*.xhtml</param-value>
  </context-param>
  <context-param>
```

```

    <param-name>facelets.SKIP_XML_INSTRUCTIONS</param-name>
    <param-value>>true</param-value>
</context-param>
<context-param>
    <param-name>org.apache.myfaces.trinidad.ALTERNATE_VIEW_HANDLER</param-name>
    <param-value>
        org.apache.myfaces.trinidadinternal.facelets.TrinidadFaceletViewHandler
    </param-value>
</context-param>
<context-param>
    <param-name>facelets.DEVELOPMENT</param-name>
    <param-value>true</param-value>
</context-param>
<context-param>
    <param-name>facelets.SKIP_COMMENTS</param-name>
    <param-value>true</param-value>
</context-param>
<context-param>
    <param-name>facelets.DECORATORS</param-name>
    <param-value>
        oracle.adfinternal.view.faces.facelets.rich.AdfTagDecorator
    </param-value>
</context-param>
<context-param>
    <param-name>facelets.RESOURCE_RESOLVER</param-name>
    <param-value>
        oracle.adfinternal.view.faces.facelets.rich.AdfFaceletsResourceResolver
    </param-value>
</context-param>
<filter>
    <filter-name>trinidad</filter-name>
    <filter-class>org.apache.myfaces.trinidad.webapp.TrinidadFilter</filter-class>
</filter>
<filter-mapping>
    <filter-name>trinidad</filter-name>
    <servlet-name>Faces Servlet</servlet-name>
    <dispatcher>FORWARD</dispatcher>
    <dispatcher>REQUEST</dispatcher>
</filter-mapping>
<servlet>
    <servlet-name>Faces Servlet</servlet-name>
    <servlet-class>javax.faces.webapp.FacesServlet</servlet-class>
    <load-on-startup>1</load-on-startup>
</servlet>
<servlet>
    <servlet-name>resources</servlet-name>
    <servlet-class>
        org.apache.myfaces.trinidad.webapp.ResourceServlet
    </servlet-class>
</servlet>
<servlet>
    <servlet-name>BIGRAPHSERVLET</servlet-name>
    <servlet-class>
        oracle.adfinternal.view.faces.bi.renderkit.graph.GraphServlet
    </servlet-class>
</servlet>
<servlet>
    <servlet-name>BIGAUGESERVLET</servlet-name>
    <servlet-class>
        oracle.adfinternal.view.faces.bi.renderkit.gauge.GaugeServlet

```

```

        </servlet-class>
    </servlet>
    <servlet>
        <servlet-name>MapProxyServlet</servlet-name>
        <servlet-class>
            oracle.adfinternal.view.faces.bi.renderkit.geoMap.servlet.MapProxyServlet
        </servlet-class>
    </servlet>
    <servlet>
        <servlet-name>GatewayServlet</servlet-name>
        <servlet-class>
            oracle.adfinternal.view.faces.bi.renderkit.graph.FlashBridgeServlet
        </servlet-class>
    </servlet>
    <servlet-mapping>
        <servlet-name>Faces Servlet</servlet-name>
        <url-pattern>/faces/*</url-pattern>
    </servlet-mapping>
    <servlet-mapping>
        <servlet-name>resources</servlet-name>
        <url-pattern>/adf/*</url-pattern>
    </servlet-mapping>
    <servlet-mapping>
        <servlet-name>resources</servlet-name>
        <url-pattern>/afr/*</url-pattern>
    </servlet-mapping>
    <servlet-mapping>
        <servlet-name>BIGRAPHSERVLET</servlet-name>
        <url-pattern>/servlet/GraphServlet/*</url-pattern>
    </servlet-mapping>
    <servlet-mapping>
        <servlet-name>BIGAUGESERVLET</servlet-name>
        <url-pattern>/servlet/GaugeServlet/*</url-pattern>
    </servlet-mapping>
    <servlet-mapping>
        <servlet-name>MapProxyServlet</servlet-name>
        <url-pattern>/maproxy/*</url-pattern>
    </servlet-mapping>
    <servlet-mapping>
        <servlet-name>resources</servlet-name>
        <url-pattern>/bi/*</url-pattern>
    </servlet-mapping>
    <servlet-mapping>
        <servlet-name>GatewayServlet</servlet-name>
        <url-pattern>/flashbridge/*</url-pattern>
    </servlet-mapping>
</web-app>

```

An entry is also created in the `faces-config.xml` file for the view handler, as shown in [Example 2-14](#).

**Example 2-14** *Generated `faces-config.xml` File for an XHTML Page*

```

<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<faces-config version="1.2" xmlns="http://java.sun.com/xml/ns/javaee">
    <application>
        <default-render-kit-id>oracle.adf.rich</default-render-kit-id>
    </application>
</faces-config>

```

An entry in the `trinidad-config.xml` file defines the default skin used by the user interface (UI) components in the application, as shown in [Example 2–15](#).

**Example 2–15 Generated `trinidad-config.xml` File**

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<trinidad-config xmlns="http://myfaces.apache.org/trinidad/config">
  <skin-family>skyros</skin-family>
  <skin-version>v1</skin-version>
</trinidad-config>
```

When the page is first displayed in JDeveloper, it is displayed in the visual editor (accessed by clicking the **Design** tab), which allows you to view the page in a WYSIWYG environment. You can also view the source for the page in the source editor by clicking the **Source** tab. The Structure window located in the lower left-hand corner of JDeveloper, provides a hierarchical view of the page.

## 2.4.6 How to Add ADF Faces Components to JSF Pages

Once you have created a page, you can use the Component Palette to drag and drop components onto the page. JDeveloper then declaratively adds the necessary page code and sets certain values for component attributes.

**Tip:** For detailed procedures and information about adding and using specific ADF Faces components, see [Part III, "Using ADF Faces Components"](#).

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**Note:** You cannot use ADF Faces components on the same page as MyFaces Trinidad components (`tr:` tags) or other AJAX-enabled library components. You can use Trinidad HTML tags (`trh:`) on the same page as ADF Faces components, however you may experience some browser layout issues. You should always attempt to use only ADF Faces components to achieve your layout.

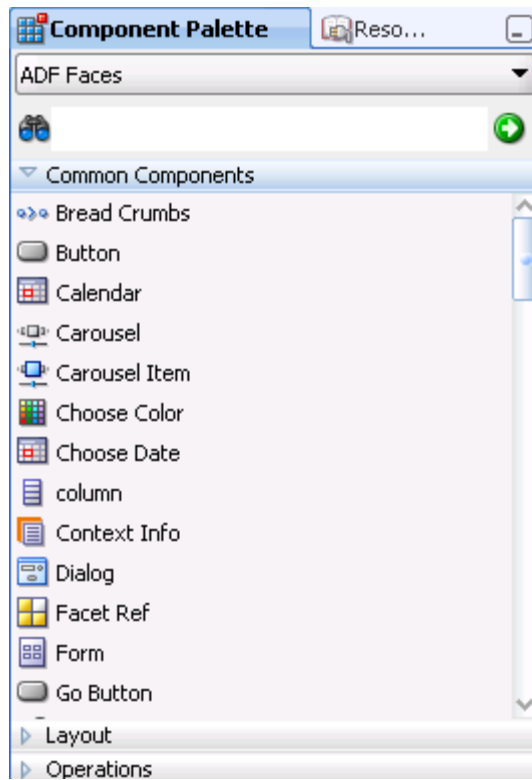
Note that your application may contain a mix of pages built using either ADF Faces or other components.

---

**To add ADF Faces components to a page:**

1. In the Application Navigator, double click a JSF page to open it in the editor.
2. If the Component Palette is not displayed, from the menu choose **View > Component Palette**. By default, the Component Palette is displayed in the upper right-hand corner of JDeveloper.
3. In the Component Palette, use the dropdown menu to choose **ADF Faces**.

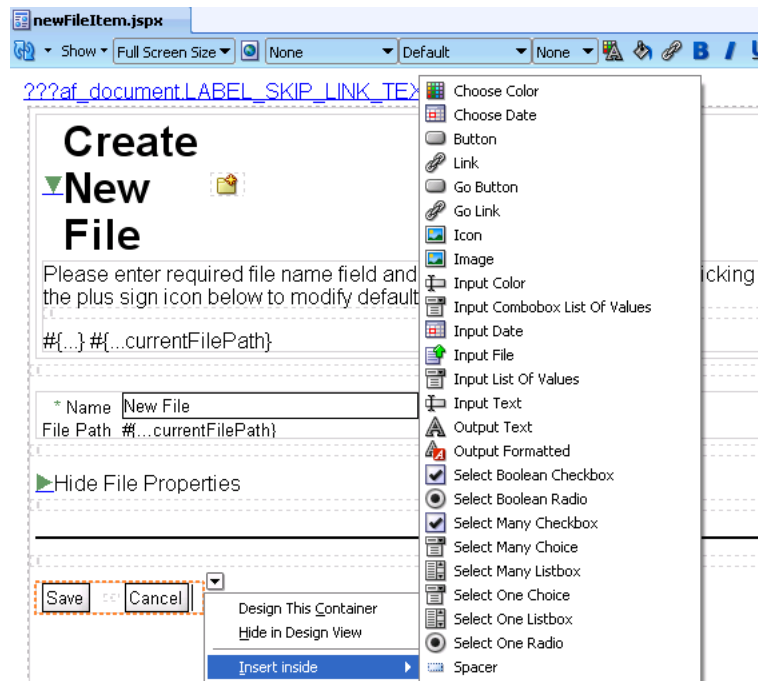
The components are contained in three accordion panels: **Common Components**, **Layout**, and **Operations**. [Figure 2–8](#) shows the Component Palette displaying the Common Components for ADF Faces.

**Figure 2–8 Component Palette in JDeveloper**

4. Select the component you wish to use and drag it onto the page.

JDeveloper redraws the page in the visual editor with the newly added component. In the visual editor, you can directly select components on the page and use the resulting context menu to add more components. [Figure 2–9](#) shows a page in the visual editor.

Figure 2–9 Page Displayed in the Visual Editor



**Tip:** You can also drag and drop components from the palette into the Structure window or directly into the code in the source editor.

You can always add components by directly editing the page in the source editor. To view the page in the source editor, click the **Source** tab at the bottom of the window.

## 2.4.7 What Happens When You Add Components to a Page

When you drag and drop components from the Component Palette onto a JSF page, JDeveloper adds the corresponding code to the JSF page. This code includes the tag necessary to render the component, as well as values for some of the component attributes. [Example 2–16](#) shows the code when you drop an Input Text and a Button component from the palette.

### Example 2–16 JDeveloper Declaratively Adds Tags to a JSF Page

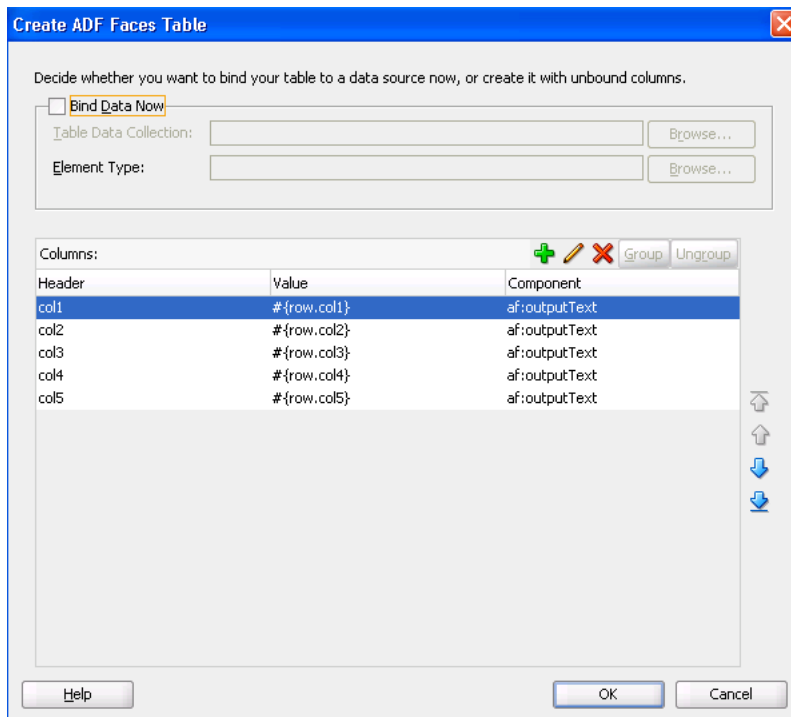
```
<af:inputText label="Label 1" id="it1"/>
<af:commandButton text="commandButton 1" id="cb"/>
```

---

**Note:** If you chose to use automatic component binding, then JDeveloper also adds the binding attribute with its value bound to the corresponding property on the page's backing bean. For more information, see [Section 2.4.3, "What You May Need to Know About Automatic Component Binding."](#)

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When you drop a component that contains mandatory child components (for example a table or a list), JDeveloper launches a wizard where you define the parent and also each of the child components. [Figure 2–10](#) shows the Table wizard used to create a table component and the table's child column components.

**Figure 2–10 Table Wizard in JDeveloper**

Example 2–17 shows the code created when you use the wizard to create a table with three columns, each of which uses an `outputText` component to display data.

**Example 2–17 Declarative Code for a Table Component**

```
<af:table var="row" id="t1">
  <af:column sortable="false" headerText="col1" id="c1">
    <af:outputText value="#{row.col1}" id="ot1"/>
  </af:column>
  <af:column sortable="false" headerText="col2" id="c2">
    <af:outputText value="#{row.col2}" id="ot2"/>
  </af:column>
  <af:column sortable="false" headerText="col3" id="c3">
    <af:outputText value="#{row.col3}" id="ot3"/>
  </af:column>
</af:table>
```

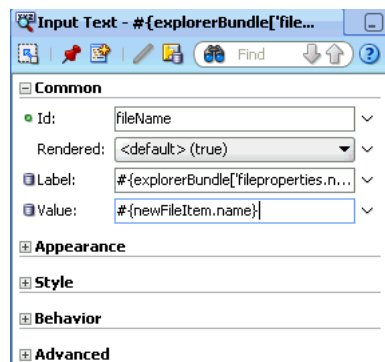
## 2.4.8 How to Set Component Attributes

Once you drop components onto a page you can use the Property Inspector (displayed by default at the bottom right of JDeveloper) to set attribute values for each component.

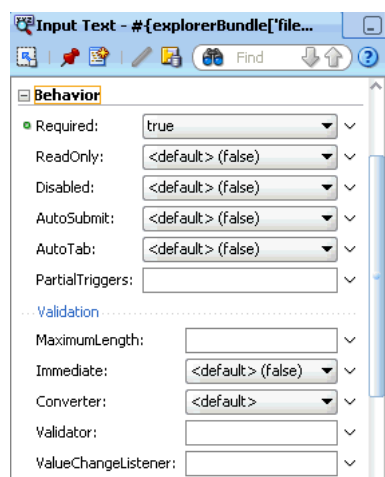
**Tip:** If the Property Inspector is not displayed, choose **View > Property Inspector** from the main menu.

Figure 2–11 shows the Property Inspector displaying the attributes for an `inputText` component.



**Figure 2–11 JDeveloper Property Inspector**

The Property Inspector has sections that group similar properties together. For example, the Property Inspector groups commonly used attributes for the `inputText` component in the **Common** section, while properties that affect how the component behaves are grouped together in the **Behavior** section. [Figure 2–12](#) shows the Behavior section of the Property Inspector for an `inputText` component.

**Figure 2–12 Behavior Section of the Property Inspector**

#### To set component attributes:

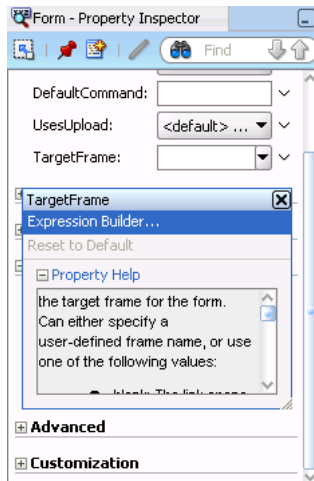
1. Select the component, in the visual editor, in the Structure window, or by selecting the tag directly in the source editor.
2. In the Property Inspector, expand the section that contains the attribute you wish to set.

**Tip:** Some attributes are displayed in more than one section. Entering or changing the value in one section will also change it in any other sections. You can search for an attribute by entering the attribute name in the search field at the top of the inspector.

3. Either enter values directly into the fields, or if the field contains a dropdown list, use that list to select a value. You can also use the dropdown to the right of the field, which launches a popup containing tools you can use to set the value. These tools are either specific property editors (opened by choosing **Edit**) or the Expression Builder, which you can use to create EL expressions for the value (opened by choosing **Expression Builder**). For more information about using the

Expression Builder, see [Section 2.5, "Creating EL Expressions."](#) This popup also displays a description of the property, as shown in [Figure 2–13](#).

**Figure 2–13** *Property Tools and Help*



## 2.4.9 What Happens When You Use the Property Inspector

When you use the Property Inspector to set or change attribute values, JDeveloper automatically changes the page source for the attribute to match the entered value.

**Tip:** You can always change attribute values by directly editing the page in the source editor. To view the page in the source editor, click the **Source** tab at the bottom of the window.

## 2.5 Creating EL Expressions

You use EL expressions throughout an ADF Faces application to bind attributes to object values determined at runtime. For example, `#{UserList.selectedUsers}` might reference a set of selected users, `#{user.name}` might reference a particular user's name, while `#{user.role == 'manager'}` would evaluate whether a user is a manager or not. At runtime, a generic expression evaluator returns the `List`, `String`, and `boolean` values of these respective expressions, automating access to the individual objects and their properties without requiring code.

At runtime, the value of certain JSF UI components (such as an `inputText` component or an `outputText` component) is determined by its `value` attribute. While a component can have static text as its value, typically the `value` attribute will contain an EL expression that the runtime infrastructure evaluates to determine what data to display. For example, an `outputText` component that displays the name of the currently logged-in user might have its `value` attribute set to the expression `#{UserInfo.name}`. Since any attribute of a component (and not just the `value` attribute) can be assigned a value using an EL expression, it's easy to build dynamic, data-driven user interfaces. For example, you could hide a component when a set of objects you need to display is empty by using a boolean-valued expression like `#{not empty UserList.selectedUsers}` in the UI component's `rendered` attribute. If the list of selected users in the object named `UserList` is empty, the `rendered` attribute evaluates to `false` and the component disappears from the page.

In a typical JSF application, you would create objects like `UserList` as a managed bean. The JSF runtime manages instantiating these beans on demand when any EL

expression references them for the first time. When displaying a value, the runtime evaluates the EL expression and pulls the value from the managed bean to populate the component with data when the page is displayed. If the user updates data in the UI component, the JSF runtime pushes the value back into the corresponding managed bean based on the same EL expression. For more information about creating and using managed beans, see [Section 2.6, "Creating and Using Managed Beans."](#) For more information about EL expressions, see the Java EE 5 tutorial at <http://www.oracle.com/technetwork/java/index.html>.

## 2.5.1 How to Create an EL Expression

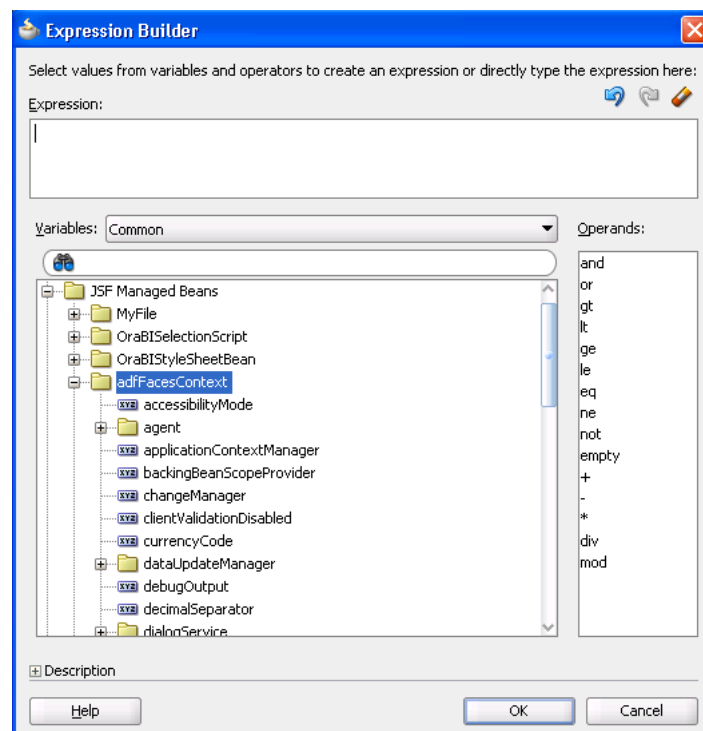
You can create EL expressions declaratively using the JDeveloper Expression Builder. You can access the builder from the Property Inspector.

### To use the Expression Builder:

1. In the Property Inspector, locate the attribute you wish to modify and use the right most dropdown menu to choose **Expression Builder**.
2. Create expressions using the following features:
  - Use the **Variables** tree to select items that you want to include in the expression. The tree contains a hierarchical representation of the binding objects. Each icon in the tree represents various types of binding objects that you can use in an expression.

To narrow down the tree, you can either use the dropdown filter or enter search criteria in the search field. The EL accessible objects exposed by ADF Faces are located under the **adfFacesContext** node, which is under the **JSF Managed Beans** node, as shown in [Figure 2–14](#).

**Figure 2–14** *adfFacesContext Objects in the Expression Builder*



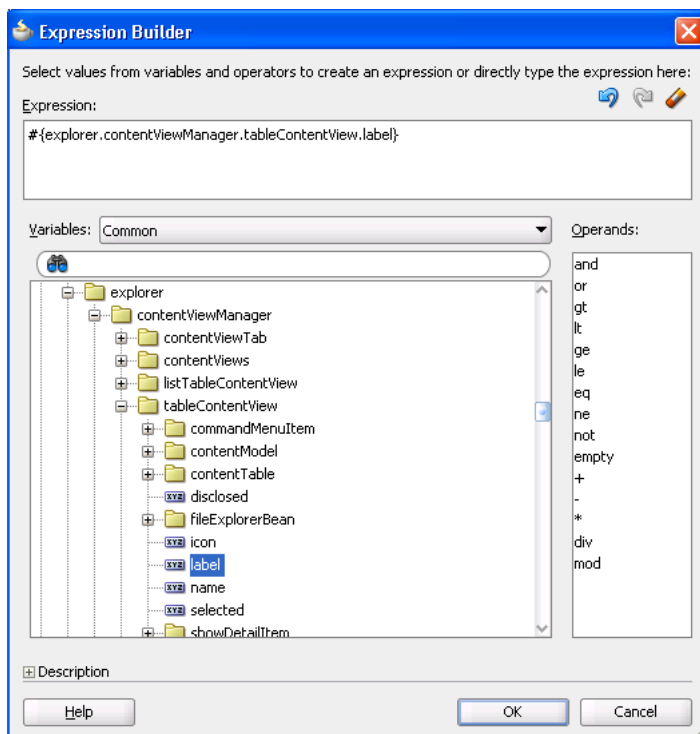
**Tip:** For more information about these objects, see the ADF Faces Javadoc.

Selecting an item in the tree causes it to be moved to the **Expression** box within an EL expression. You can also type the expression directly in the **Expression** box.

- Use the operator buttons to add logical or mathematical operators to the expression.

Figure 2–15 shows the Expression Builder dialog being used to create an expression that binds to the value of a label for a component to the `label` property of the `explorer` managed bean.

**Figure 2–15 The Expression Builder Dialog**



## 2.5.2 How to Use EL Expressions Within Managed Beans

While JDeveloper creates many needed EL expressions for you, and you can use the Expression Builder to create those not built for you, there may be times when you need to access, set, or invoke EL expressions within a managed bean.

Example 2–18 shows how you can get a reference to an EL expression and return (or create) the matching object.

### **Example 2–18 Resolving an EL Expression from a Managed Bean**

```
public static Object resolveExpression(String expression) {
    FacesContext facesContext = getFacesContext();
    Application app = facesContext.getApplication();
    ExpressionFactory elFactory = app.getExpressionFactory();
    ELContext elContext = facesContext.getELContext();
    ValueExpression valueExp =
```

```

        elFactory.createValueExpression(elContext, expression,
                                      Object.class);
    return valueExp.getValue(elContext);
}

```

[Example 2–19](#) shows how you can resolve a method expression.

**Example 2–19 Resolving a Method Expression from a Managed Bean**

```

public static Object resolveMethodExpression(String expression,
                                           Class returnType,
                                           Class[] argTypes,
                                           Object[] argValues) {
    FacesContext facesContext = getFacesContext();
    Application app = facesContext.getApplication();
    ExpressionFactory elFactory = app.getExpressionFactory();
    ELContext elContext = facesContext.getELContext();
    MethodExpression methodExpression =
        elFactory.createMethodExpression(elContext, expression, returnType,
                                       argTypes);
    return methodExpression.invoke(elContext, argValues);
}

```

[Example 2–20](#) shows how you can set a new object on a managed bean.

**Example 2–20 Setting a New Object on a Managed Bean**

```

public static void setObject(String expression, Object newValue) {
    FacesContext facesContext = getFacesContext();
    Application app = facesContext.getApplication();
    ExpressionFactory elFactory = app.getExpressionFactory();
    ELContext elContext = facesContext.getELContext();
    ValueExpression valueExp =
        elFactory.createValueExpression(elContext, expression,
                                       Object.class);

    //Check that the input newValue can be cast to the property type
    //expected by the managed bean.
    //Rely on Auto-Unboxing if the managed Bean expects a primitive
    Class bindClass = valueExp.getType(elContext);
    if (bindClass.isPrimitive() || bindClass.isInstance(newValue)) {
        valueExp.setValue(elContext, newValue);
    }
}

```

## 2.6 Creating and Using Managed Beans

Managed beans are Java classes that you register with the application using various configuration files. When the JSF application starts up, it parses these configuration files and the beans are made available and can be referenced in an EL expression, allowing access to the beans' properties and methods. Whenever a managed bean is referenced for the first time and it does not already exist, the Managed Bean Creation Facility instantiates the bean by calling the default constructor method on the bean. If any properties are also declared, they are populated with the declared default values.

Often, managed beans handle events or some manipulation of data that is best handled at the front end. For a more complete description of how managed beans are used in a standard JSF application, see the Java EE 5 tutorial at <http://www.oracle.com/technetwork/java/index.html>.

**Best Practice:** Use managed beans to store only bookkeeping information, for example the current user. All application data and processing should be handled by logic in the business layer of the application.

In a standard JSF application, managed beans are registered in the `faces-config.xml` configuration file.

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**Note:** If you plan on using ADF Model data binding and ADF Controller, then instead of registering managed beans in the `faces-config.xml` file, you may need to register them within ADF task flows. For more information, refer to the "Using a Managed Bean in a Fusion Web Application" section of the *Oracle Fusion Middleware Fusion Developer's Guide for Oracle Application Development Framework*.

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### 2.6.1 How to Create a Managed Bean in JDeveloper

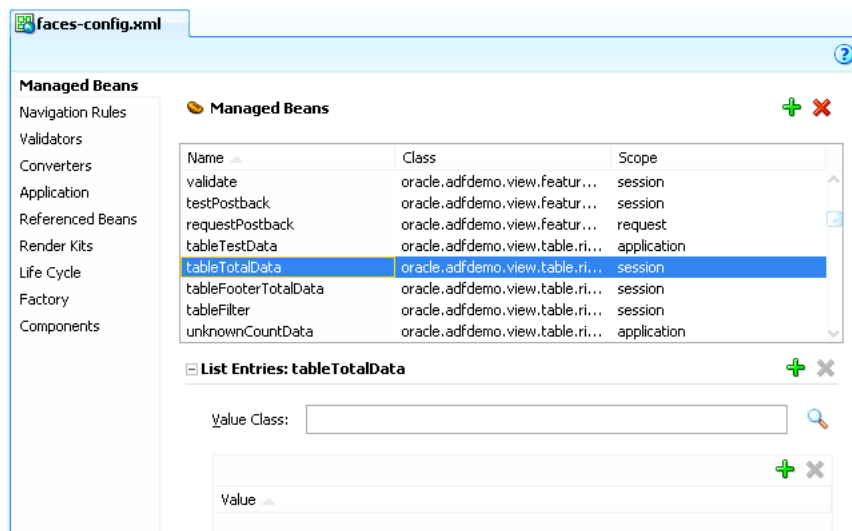
You can create a managed bean and register it with the JSF application at the same time using the overview editor for the `faces-config.xml` file.

**To create and register a managed bean:**

1. In the Application Navigator, open the `faces-config.xml` file.
2. In the editor window, click the **Overview** tab.
3. In the overview editor, click the **Managed Beans** tab.

Figure 2–16 shows the editor for the `faces-config.xml` file used by the ADF Faces demo that contains the File Explorer application.

**Figure 2–16 Managed Beans in the `faces-config.xml` File**



4. Click the **Add** icon to add a row to the Managed Bean table.
5. In the Create Managed Bean dialog, enter values. Click **Help** for more information about using the dialog. Select the **Generate Class If It Does Not Exist** option if you want JDeveloper to create the class file for you.

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**Note:** When determining what scope to register a managed bean with or to store a value in, keep the following in mind:

- Always try to use the narrowest scope possible.
- If your managed bean takes part in component binding by accepting and returning component instances (that is, if UI components on the page use the `binding` attribute to bind to component properties on the bean), then the managed bean must be stored in `request` or `backingBean` scope. If it can't be stored in one of those scopes (for example, if it needs to be stored in `session` scope for high availability reasons), then you need to use the `ComponentReference` API. For more information, see [Section 2.6.3, "What You May Need to Know About Component Bindings and Managed Beans."](#)
- Use the `session` scope only for information that is relevant to the whole session, such as user or context information, or for high-availability reasons. Avoid using the `session` scope to pass values from one page to another.

For more information about the different object scopes, see [Section 4.6, "Object Scope Lifecycles."](#)

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6. You can optionally add managed properties for the bean. When the bean is instantiated, any managed properties will be set with the provided value. With the bean selected in the Managed Bean table, click the **New** icon to add a row to the Managed Properties table. In the Property Inspector, enter a property name (other fields are optional).

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**Note:** While you can declare managed properties using this editor, the corresponding code is not generated on the Java class. You must add that code by creating private member fields of the appropriate type, and then by choosing the **Generate Accessors** menu item on the context menu of the code editor to generate the corresponding `get` and `set` methods for these bean properties.

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## 2.6.2 What Happens When You Use JDeveloper to Create a Managed Bean

When you create a managed bean and elect to generate the Java file, JDeveloper creates a stub class with the given name and a default constructor. [Example 2-21](#) shows the code added to the `MyBean` class stored in the view package.

### **Example 2-21** Generated Code for a Managed Bean

```
package view;

public class MyBean {
    public MyBean() {
    }
}
```

You now must add the logic required by your page. You can then refer to that logic using an EL expression that refers to the `managed-bean-name` given to the managed bean. For example, to access the `myInfo` property on the `my_bean` managed bean, the EL expression would be:

```
#{my_bean.myInfo}
```

JDeveloper also adds a managed-bean element to the `faces-config.xml` file.

[Example 2-22](#) shows the managed-bean element created for the `MyBean` class.

**Example 2-22 Managed Bean Configuration on the `faces-config.xml` File**

```
<managed-bean>
  <managed-bean-name>my_bean</managed-bean-name>
  <managed-bean-class>view.MyBean</managed-bean-class>
  <managed-bean-scope>session</managed-bean-scope>
</managed-bean>
```

### 2.6.3 What You May Need to Know About Component Bindings and Managed Beans

To avoid issues with managed beans, if your bean needs to use component binding (through the binding attribute on the component), you must store the bean in `request` scope. (If your application uses the Fusion technology stack, then you must store it in `backingBean` scope. For more information, see the "Using a Managed Bean in a Fusion Web Application" section in the *Oracle Fusion Middleware Fusion Developer's Guide for Oracle Application Development Framework*.) However, there may be circumstances where you can't store the bean in `request` or `backingBean` scope. For example, there may be managed beans that are stored in `session` scope so that they can be deployed in a clustered environment, and therefore must implement the `Serializable` interface. When they are serializable, managed beans that change during a request can be distributed to other servers for fail-over. However, ADF Faces components (and JSF components in general) are not serializable. So if a serialized managed bean attempts to access a component using component binding, the bean will fail serialization because the referenced component cannot be serialized. There are also thread safety issues with components bound to serialized managed beans because ADF Faces components are not thread safe.

When you need to store a component reference to a UI component instance in a backing bean that is not using `request` or `backingBean` scope, you should store a reference to the component instance using the Trinidad `ComponentReference` API. The `UIComponentReference.newUIComponentReference()` method creates a serializable reference object that can be used to retrieve a `UIComponent` instance on the current page. [Example 2-23](#) shows how a managed bean might use the `UIComponentReference` API to get and set values for a search field.

**Example 2-23 Session Scoped Managed Bean Uses the `UIComponentReference` API**

```
...
private ComponentReference<UIInput> searchField;
...
public void setSearchField(UIInput searchField)
{
  if( this.searchField == null)
    this.searchField = ComponentReference.newUIComponentReference(searchField);
}

public UIInput getSearchField()
{
  return searchField ==null ? null : searchField.getComponent();
}
....
```



Keep the following in mind when using the `UIComponentReference` API:

- The API is thread safe as long as it is called on the request thread.
- The ADF Faces component being passed in must have an ID.
- The reference will break if the component is moved between naming containers or if the ID on any of the ancestor naming containers has changed.

For more information about the `UIComponentReference` API, see the Trinidad JavaDoc.

## 2.7 Viewing ADF Faces Source Code and Javadoc

You can view the ADF Faces Javadoc directly from JDeveloper.

### To view Javadoc for a class:

1. From the main menu, choose **Navigate > Go to Javadoc**.
2. In the Go to Javadoc dialog, enter the class name you want to view. If you don't know the exact name, you can either begin to type the name and JDeveloper will provide a list of classes that match the name. ADF Faces components are in the `oracle.adf.view.rich` package.

**Tip:** When in a Java class file, you can go directly to the Javadoc for a class name reference or for a JavaScript function call by placing your cursor on the name or function and pressing **Ctrl+D**.



# Part II

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## Understanding ADF Faces Architecture

Part II contains the following chapters:

- [Chapter 3, "Using ADF Faces Architecture"](#)
- [Chapter 4, "Using the JSF Lifecycle with ADF Faces"](#)
- [Chapter 5, "Handling Events"](#)
- [Chapter 6, "Validating and Converting Input"](#)
- [Chapter 7, "Rerendering Partial Page Content"](#)



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## Using ADF Faces Architecture

This chapter outlines the major features of the ADF Faces client-side architecture.

This chapter includes the following sections:

- [Section 3.1, "Introduction to Using ADF Faces Architecture"](#)
- [Section 3.2, "Listening for Client Events"](#)
- [Section 3.3, "Adding JavaScript to a Page"](#)
- [Section 3.4, "Instantiating Client-Side Components"](#)
- [Section 3.5, "Locating a Client Component on a Page"](#)
- [Section 3.6, "Determining the User's Current Location"](#)
- [Section 3.7, "Accessing Component Properties on the Client"](#)
- [Section 3.8, "Using Bonus Attributes for Client-Side Components"](#)
- [Section 3.9, "Understanding Rendering and Visibility"](#)

### 3.1 Introduction to Using ADF Faces Architecture

The ADF Faces rich client framework (RCF) provides many of the features you need to create AJAX-type functionality in your web application, all built into the framework. A key aspect of the RCF is the sparsely populated client-side component model. Client components exist only when they are required, either due to having a `clientListener` handler registered on them, or because the page developer needs to interact with a component on the client side and has specifically configured the client component to be available.

The main reason client components exist is to provide an API contract for the framework and for developers. You can think of a client-side component as a simple property container with support for event handling. Because client components exist only to store state and provide an API, they have no direct interaction with the DOM (document object model) whatsoever. All DOM interaction goes through an intermediary called the *peer*. Most of the inner workings of the framework are hidden from you. Using JDeveloper in conjunction with ADF Faces, you can use many of the architectural features declaratively, without having to create any code.

For example, because RCF does not create client components for every server-side component, there may be cases where you need a client version of a component instance. [Section 3.4, "Instantiating Client-Side Components,"](#) explains how to do this declaratively. You use the Property Inspector in JDeveloper to set properties that determine whether a component should be rendered at all, or simply be made not visible, as described in [Section 3.9, "Understanding Rendering and Visibility."](#)

Other functionality may require you to use the ADF Faces JavaScript API. For example, [Section 3.5, "Locating a Client Component on a Page,"](#) explains how to use the API to locate a specific client-side component, and [Section 3.7, "Accessing Component Properties on the Client,"](#) documents how to access specific properties.

The following RCF features are more complex, and therefore have full chapters devoted to them:

- ADF Faces additions to the lifecycle: The ADF Faces framework extends the JSF lifecycle, providing additional functionality, including a client-side value lifecycle. For more information, see [Chapter 4, "Using the JSF Lifecycle with ADF Faces."](#)
- Event handling: ADF Faces adheres to standard JSF event handling techniques. In addition, the RCF provides AJAX-based rich postbacks (called *partial page rendering*), as well as a client-side event model. For more information, see [Chapter 5, "Handling Events."](#)
- Conversion and validation: ADF Faces input components have built-in capabilities to both convert and validate user entries. You can also create your own custom converters and validators. For more information, see [Chapter 6, "Validating and Converting Input."](#)
- Partial page rendering: Partial page rendering (PPR) allows small areas of a page to be refreshed without the need to redraw the entire page. Many ADF Faces components have built-in PPR functionality. In addition, you can declaratively configure PPR so that an action on one component causes a re-render of another. For more information, see [Chapter 7, "Rerendering Partial Page Content."](#)
- Geometry management: ADF Faces provides a number of layout components, many of which support geometry management by automatically stretching their contents to take up available space. For more information, see [Chapter 8, "Organizing Content on Web Pages."](#)
- Messaging and help: The RCF provides the ability to display tooltips, messages, and help for input components, as well as the ability to display global messages for the application. The help framework allows you to create messages that can be reused throughout the application. You create a help provider using a Java class, a managed bean, an XLIFF file, or a standard properties file, or you can link to an external HTML-based help system. For more information, see [Chapter 17, "Displaying Tips, Messages, and Help."](#)
- Hierarchical menu model: ADF Faces provides navigation components that render items such as tabs and breadcrumbs for navigating hierarchical pages. The RCF provides an XML-based menu model that, in conjunction with a metadata file, contains all the information for generating the appropriate number of hierarchical levels on each page, and the navigation items that belong to each level. For more information, see [Chapter 18, "Working with Navigation Components."](#)
- Reusable components: The RCF provides three reusable building blocks that can be used by multiple pages in your application: page fragments that allow you to create a part of a page (for example an address input form); page templates that can provide a consistent look and feel throughout your application that can be updated with changes automatically propagating to all pages using the template; and declarative components that are composite components that developers can reuse, ensuring consistent behavior throughout the application. For more information, see [Chapter 19, "Creating and Reusing Fragments, Page Templates, and Components."](#)
- Applying skins: The RCF allows you to create your own look and feel by creating skins used by the ADF Faces components to change their appearance. For more

information, see [Chapter 20, "Customizing the Appearance Using Styles and Skins."](#)

- Internationalization and localization: You can configure your JSF page or application to use different locales so that it displays the correct language based on the language setting of a user's browser. For more information, see [Chapter 21, "Internationalizing and Localizing Pages."](#)
- Accessibility: ADF Faces components have built-in accessibility support for user agents, for example a web browser rendering to nonvisual media such as a screen reader or magnifier. Accessibility support also includes access keys that allow users to access components and links using only the keyboard, and audit rules that provide directions to create accessible images, tables, frames, forms, error messages, and popup dialogs using accessible HTML markup. For more information, see [Chapter 22, "Developing Accessible ADF Faces Pages."](#)
- User-driven personalization: Many ADF Faces components, such as the `panelSplitter`, allow users to change the display of the component at runtime. By default, these changes live only as long as the page request. However, you can configure your application so that the changes can be persisted through the length of the user's session. For more information, see [Chapter 34, "Allowing User Customization on JSF Pages."](#)
- Drag and drop capabilities: The RCF allows the user to move (cut and paste), copy (copy and paste), or link (copy and paste as a link) data from one location to another. When the drop is completed, the component accepting the drop rerenders using partial page rendering. For more information, see [Chapter 35, "Adding Drag and Drop Functionality."](#)

The remainder of this chapter focuses on working with the client-side framework.

## 3.2 Listening for Client Events

In a traditional JSF application, if you want to process events on the client, you must listen to DOM-level events. However, these events are not delivered in a portable manner. The ADF Faces client-side event model is similar to the JSF events model, but implemented on the client. The client-side event model abstracts from the DOM, providing a component-level event model and lifecycle, which executes independently of the server. Consequently, you do not need to listen for `click` events on buttons. You can instead listen for `AdfActionEvent` events, which can be caused by key or mouse events.

Events sent by clients are all subclasses of the `AdfBaseEvent` class. Each client event has a source, which is the component that triggered the event. Events also have a type (for example, `action` or `dialog`), used to determine which listeners are interested in the event. You register a client listener on the component using the `af:clientListener` tag.

For example, suppose you have a button that, when clicked, causes a "Hello World" alert to be displayed. You would first register a listener with the button that will invoke an event handler, as shown in [Example 3-1](#).

### **Example 3-1 Registering a Client Listener**

```
<af:commandButton text="Say Hello">
  <af:clientListener method="sayHello" type="action"/>
</af:commandButton>
```

**Tip:** Because the button has a registered client listener, the framework will automatically create a client version of the component.

Next, implement the handler in a JavaScript function, as shown in [Example 3–2](#).

**Example 3–2 JavaScript Event Handler**

```
function sayHello(event)
{
    alert("Hello, world!")
}
```

When the button is clicked, because there is a client version of the component, the `AdfAction` client event is invoked. Because a `clientListener` tag is configured to listen for the `AdfAction` event, it causes the `sayHello` function to execute. For more information about client-side events, see [Section 5.3, "Using JavaScript for ADF Faces Client Events."](#)

## 3.3 Adding JavaScript to a Page

You can either add inline JavaScript directly to a page or you can import JavaScript libraries into a page. When you import libraries, you reduce the page content size, the libraries can be shared across pages, and they can be cached by the browser. You should import JavaScript libraries whenever possible. Use inline JavaScript only for cases where a small, page-specific script is needed.

**Performance Tip:** Inline JavaScript can increase response payload size, will never be cached in browser, and can block browser rendering. Instead of using inline JavaScript, consider putting all scripts in JavaScript libraries.

If you must use inline JavaScript, include it only in the pages that need it. However, if you find that most of your pages use the same JavaScript code, you may want to consider including the script or import the library in a template.

If a JavaScript code library becomes too big, you should consider splitting it into meaningful pieces and include only the pieces needed by the page (and not placing it in a template). This approach will provide improved performance, because the browser cache will be used and the HTML content of the page will be smaller.

### 3.3.1 How to Use Inline JavaScript

Create and use inline JavaScript in the same way you would in any JSF application. Once the JavaScript is on the page, use a `clientListener` tag to invoke it.

**To use inline JavaScript:**

1. Add the MyFaces Trinidad tag library to the root element of the page by adding the code shown in bold in [Example 3–3](#).

**Example 3–3 MyFaces Trinidad Tag Library on a Page**

```
<jsp:root xmlns:jsp="http://java.sun.com/JSP/Page" version="2.1"
          xmlns:f="http://java.sun.com/jsf/core"
          xmlns:h="http://java.sun.com/jsf/html"
```



```
xmlns:af="http://xmlns.oracle.com/adf/faces/rich"
xmlns:trh="http://myfaces.apache.org/trinidad/html">
```

2. Create the JavaScript on the page.

For example, the `sayHello` function shown in [Example 3–2](#) might be included in a JSF page as shown in [Example 3–4](#).

**Example 3–4 Inline JavaScript**

```
<af:resource>
  function sayHello()
  {
    alert("Hello, world!")
  }
</af:resource>
```

---

**Note:** Do not use the `f:verbatim` tag in a page or template to specify the JavaScript.

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3. In the Structure window, right-click the component that will invoke the JavaScript, and choose **Insert inside component > ADF Faces > Client Listener**.
4. In the Insert Client Listener dialog, in the **Method** field, enter the JavaScript function name. In the **Type** field, select the event type that should invoke the function.

### 3.3.2 How to Import JavaScript Libraries

Use the `af:resource` tag to access a JavaScript library from a page. This tag should appear inside the document tag's `metaContainer` facet.

**To access a JavaScript library from a page:**

1. Below the document tag, add the code shown in bold in [Example 3–5](#) and replace `/mySourceDirectory` with the relative path to the directory that holds the JavaScript library.

**Example 3–5 Accessing a JavaScript Library**

```
<af:document>
  <f:facet name="metaContainer">
    <af:resource source="/mySourceDirectory"/>
  </facet>
  <af:form></af:form>
</af:document>
```

2. In the Structure window, right-click the component that will invoke the JavaScript, and choose **Insert inside component > ADF Faces > Client Listener**.
3. In the Insert Client Listener dialog, in the **Method** field, enter the fully qualified name of the function. For example, if the `sayHello` function was in the `MyScripts` library, you would enter `MyScripts.sayHello`. In the **Type** field, select the event type that should invoke the function.

### 3.3.3 What You May Need to Know About Accessing Client Event Sources

Often when your JavaScript needs to access a client, it is within the context of a listener and must access the event's source component. Use the `getSource()` method to get the client component. [Example 3-6](#) shows the `sayHello` function accessing the source client component in order to display its name.

**Example 3-6 Accessing a Client Event Source**

```
function sayHello(actionEvent)
{
    var component=actionEvent.getSource();

    //Get the ID for the component
    var id=component.getId

    alert("Hello from "+id);
}
```

For more information about accessing client event sources, see [Section 5.3, "Using JavaScript for ADF Faces Client Events."](#) For more information about accessing client-side properties, see [Section 3.7, "Accessing Component Properties on the Client."](#) For a complete description of how client events are handled at runtime, see [Section 5.3.6, "What Happens at Runtime: How Client-Side Events Work."](#)

## 3.4 Instantiating Client-Side Components

The RCF does not make any guarantees about which components will have corresponding client-side component instances by default. You will usually interact with client-side components by registering a `clientListener` handler. When a component has a registered `clientListener` handler, it will automatically have client-side representation. If you have to access another component on the client, then explicitly configure that component to be available on the client by setting the `clientComponent` attribute to `true`.

**Performance Tip:** Only set `clientComponent` to `true` if you plan on interacting with the component programmatically on the client.

When you set the `clientComponent` attribute to `true`, the framework creates an instance of an `AdfUIComponent` class for the component. This class provides the API that you can work with on the client side and also provides basic property accessor methods (for example, `getProperty()` and `setProperty()`), event listener registration, and event delivery-related APIs. The framework also provides renderer-specific subclasses (for example, `AdfRichOutputText`) which expose property-specific accessor methods (for example, `getText()` and `setText()`). These accessor methods are simply wrappers around the `AdfUIComponent` class's `getProperty()` and `setProperty()` methods and are provided for coding convenience.

For example, suppose you have an `outputText` component on the page that will get its value (and therefore the text to display) from the `sayHello` function. That function must be able to access the `outputText` component in order to set its value. For this to work, there must be a client-side version of the `outputText` component. [Example 3-7](#) shows the JSF page code. Note that the `outputText` component has an `id` value and the `clientComponent` attribute is set to `true`. Also, note there is no value in the example, because that value will be set by the JavaScript.

**Example 3–7 Adding a Component**

```
<af:commandButton text="Say Hello">
  <af:clientListener method="sayHello" type="action"/>
</af:commandButton>

<af:outputText id="greeting" value="" clientComponent="true">
```

Because the `outputText` component will now have client-side representation, the JavaScript will be able to locate and work with it.

## 3.5 Locating a Client Component on a Page

When you need to find a client component that is not the source of an event (as described in [Section 3.3.3, "What You May Need to Know About Accessing Client Event Sources"](#)), you can search for a component using its absolute ID or by doing a search relative to another component.

Absolute IDs are the fully qualified JSF client ID. When a component is in a naming container, the ID is prefixed with the IDs of all `NamingContainer` components that contain the component, with a leading `NamingContainer.SEPARATOR_CHAR` character, for example:

```
":" + (namingContainersToJumpUp * ":") + some ending portion of the
clientIdOfComponentToFind
```

For example, the absolute ID for a table whose ID is `t1` that is within a panel collection component whose ID is `pc1` contained in a region whose ID is `r1` on page that uses the `myTemplate` template might be:

```
myTemplate:r1:pc1:t1
```

If both the components (the one doing the search and the one being searched for) share the same `NamingContainer` component, then you only need to use the component's ID. For example, if you were searching for a table whose ID is `t1` and is in the same naming container as the input text component doing the search, you would simply use:

```
t1
```

If the component you are searching for is in a different naming container somewhere in the hierarchy, you can use a relative path to perform a search relative to the component doing the search. You use a separator character (`:`) to "step out" of the current naming container and into the parent naming container. For example, to find a component in the parent naming container you would use:

```
":" + clientIdOfComponentToFind
```

In the preceding example, if the component doing the searching is also in the same region as the table, you might use the following:

```
::somePanelCollection:someTable
```

**Tip:** You can determine whether or not a component is a naming container by reviewing the component tag documentation. The tag documentation states whether a component is a naming container.

When deciding whether to use an absolute ID or relative path, keep the following in mind:

- If you know that the component you are trying to find will always be in the same naming container, then use an absolute ID.
- If you know that the component performing the search and the component you are trying to find will always be in the same relative location, then use a relative path.

### 3.5.1 How to Locate a Client Component Using its Absolute ID

The `AdfPage.PAGE` object grants access to all components on a page, either by their component ID or the component locator (used for collection components like table that stamp their children).

The following functions on the `AdfPage.PAGE` can be used to look up components on a page by their absolute ID:

- `findComponentByAbsoluteId`: Use for most components.

The absolute component Id is built from the component ID and the IDs of the naming containers that are located between the document root and the target component on the page:

```
(namingContainersToJumpUp * ":") + some ending portion of the  
clientIdOfComponentToFind
```

For example, the absolute ID for a table whose ID is `t1` that is within a panel collection component whose ID is `pc1` contained in a region whose ID is `r1` on page that uses the `myTemplate` template might be:

```
myTemplate:r1:pc1:t1
```

This function is the client equivalent of the server method `UIViewRoot.findComponent()` passing a `scopeId` or search expression. The difference between finding client and server components is that unless your code specifically creates a client component by setting its `clientComponent` attribute to `true` or by using a `clientListener`, a client component may not exist. Even if the framework happens to create a client component for its own purposes, that client component may not be fully capable. Therefore, you must always create your own client component.

Additionally, on the server, iterating components such as `table` or `iterator` stamp out a single instance of each component contained within them. On the client, an instance is created for each iteration. Therefore, the IDs will change each time the component iterates. Because of this, you cannot use `findComponentByAbsoluteID` to find components inside iterative and collection components.

- `findComponentByAbsoluteLocator`: Use for iterative (i.e. collection) components like the `table`, or in automated tests.

The locator Id contains an absolute stamped index that finds the stamped component instance. For example, the absolute locator for an `inputText` component in a table cell whose ID is `it1` might be:

```
pc1:t1[absolute stamped index].it1
```

- `findComponent`: Use when the absolute ID of the component may change, or when there is a possibility that duplicate component IDs may exist on a page, for example when the component to be found is in a region.

The `AdfPage.PAGE.findComponent` function searches a component by its client id, as opposed to its absolute ID. This is the fastest way to retrieving a component

instance. The *client* id is generated into the HTML page output and runtime and is different from the *component* id defined at design time. Because the client id is not stable, and may even change when a page is rerun, you should never hard code the client id value in a JavaScript. Instead, the client id should be read at runtime from the server-side component and dynamically added to the JavaScript, for example by using the `af:clientAttribute` tag on the component that raises the JavaScript event.

For more information about using `findComponent`, see [Section 3.5.3, "How to Locate a Client Component When You Don't Know the Absolute ID."](#)

**Tip:** Remember to set the `clientID` attribute to `true` on the component that needs to be referenced.

### 3.5.2 How to Locate a Client Component Relative to Another Component

The following functions can be used to search for components relative to another component:

- `findComponent`: Use for most components.

The `findComponent` method searches a component starting from a given component instance. The component id to look up must be unique within the scope of the closest ancestor naming container.

For example, say you have a naming container hierarchy where `nc1` is the parent to `nc2`. You have a button (`b1`) that resides in `nc1` and needs to search for a component (`c2`) that is located in `nc2`. The relative search Id to use would be `nc2:c2`.

Leading colons in the search Id allow the search to move from the current naming container into the parent container. For example, starting a component search from a button `b1` in `nc2` and prefixing the component search id with two colons (`::c2`) searches for the component `c2` in the parent naming container `nc1`. Each additional colon moves up one more parent container in the hierarchy, so that `:::c2` would search for the component in the parent naming container of `nc1`, which also could be the document root. A leading single colon searches the component directly from the document root.

**Tip:** Think of a naming container as a folder and the `clientId` as a file path. In terms of folders and files, you use two sequential periods and a slash (`../`) to move up in the hierarchy to another folder. This is the same thing that the multiple colon (`:`) characters do in the `findComponent()` expression. A single leading colon (`:`) means that the file path is absolute from the root of the file structure. If there are multiple leading colon (`:`) characters at the beginning of the expression, then the first one is ignored and the others are counted, one set of periods and a slash (`../`) per colon (`:`) character.

- `findComponentByAbsoluteLocator`: Use for stamped (i.e. collection) components like the table.

This function is exactly the same as the one used on the `AdfPage.PAGE` object when searching by absolute ID. It requires the absolute locator Id provided in the search. Though the function starts the search relative from a component, it internally calls out to `AdfPage.PAGE.findComponentByAbsoluteLocator`.

There are no `getChildren()` or `getFacet()` functions on the client. Instead, the `AdfUIComponent.visitChildren()` function is provided to visit all children components or facets (that is all descendents). See the ADF Faces JavaScript documentation for more information.

### 3.5.3 How to Locate a Client Component When You Don't Know the Absolute ID

There may be cases when you won't know the component's absolute ID until runtime. You can dynamically look up the ID from a managed bean. On the bean, you use the server-side `getClientID` to access the ID. You set the ID on the client component using a `clientAttribute` tag and you use the client-side `AdfPage.PAGE.findComponentByAbsoluteId` to access the ID from the JavaScript.

#### Before You Begin:

You need to create a backing bean for the page that will be used to keep track of the component ID. Bind the component to be referenced to the backing bean. [Example 3-8](#) shows code that might be used to bind a `commandButton`.

#### Example 3-8 Backing Bean Code to Hold Component ID

```
private ComponentReference clientButton;
public void setClientButton(RichCommandButton clientButton){
    this.clientButton = ComponentReference.newUIComponentReference(clientButton);
}

public RichCommandButton getClientButton(){
    if (clientButton != null){
        return (RichCommandButton)clientButton.getComponent();
    }
    else{
        return null;
    }
}
```

#### To access a client component without knowing its absolute ID:

1. On the component to be referenced from the JavaScript, set `clientComponent` to `true`.
2. Create a new function in the same backing bean that calls the `getClientId()` function on the Java reference to the component. This function returns the full ID, including the client ID and the path defined by any templates, regions or other naming containers. [Example 3-9](#) shows a function for a `commandButton`.

#### Example 3-9 Function to Return the full ID for a commandButton

```
public String getClientButtonClientId(){
    FacesContext ctx = FacesContext.getCurrentInstance();
    return this.getClientButton().getClientId(ctx);
}
```

3. Add a `clientListener` tag to the component whose event will invoke the Javascript. Also add a `clientAttribute` tag to make the ID available to the JavaScript function. The `clientAttribute` tag allows you to add attributes to a client component that aren't normally accessible (for more information, see [Section 3.8, "Using Bonus Attributes for Client-Side Components"](#)). [Example 3-10](#) shows a second button that needs to reference the "b1" button.

**Example 3–10 *clientListener and clientAttribute Tags Used to Access a Component ID***

```
<af:button text="Invoke Client Operation" id="b2">
  <af:clientListener method="doSomeClientOp" type="action"/>
  <af:clientAttribute name="b1ClientId"
    value="#{backingBeanScope.examplePage.clientButtonClientId}"/>
</af:button>
```

4. Create the JavaScript function to access the client ID using the `AdfPage.PAGE.findComponentByAbsoluteId(absolute expr)` method.

**Example 3–11 *Function to Access the Client ID***

```
function doSomeClientOp(actionEvent){
  var actionComp = actionEvent.getSource();
  var b1ClientId = actionComp.getProperty("b1ClientId");
  var b1Comp = AdfPage.PAGE.findComponent(b1ClientId);
  ...
}
```

## 3.6 Determining the User's Current Location

ADF Faces provides JavaScript APIs that return the current contextual page information, in response to an event. The `AdfPage.prototype.getViewId()` function returns the identifier for the currently displayed view. This ID is set when either a full page render or a partial page navigation occurs. The `AdfPage.prototype.getComponentsByType(componentType)` function returns an array of component instances that match the given component type.

For example, say your application contains a page with tabs, and each tab is made up of a number of regions. Each region could contain other nested regions as well. You can use the APIs to return a String identifier that is a combination of the `viewId` of the entire page and the `viewIds` of the fragments displayed in each of the regions currently rendered on the page, as shown in [Example 3–12](#).

### 3.6.1 How to Determine the User's Current Location

In order to retrieve the `viewID` property of the region component on the client, the user activity monitoring feature needs to be enabled by setting a parameter in the `web.xml` file. You then create JavaScript code that builds a String representation of the `viewIds` that make up the current page.

**To determine a context identifier:**

1. Double-click the `web.xml` file.
2. In the source editor, set the `oracle.adf.view.faces.context.ENABLE_ADF_EXECUTION_CONTEXT_PROVIDER` to `true`.

This parameter notifies ADF Faces that the `ExecutionContextProvider` service provider is enabled. This service monitors and aggregates user activity information for the client-initiated requests.

3. Set `oracle.adf.view.rich.automation.ENABLED` to `true`.

This parameter ensures that component IDs are set for all components. For more information, see [Section A.2.3.10, "Test Automation."](#)

4. Create the JavaScript to build the context identifier (for more information about adding JavaScript, see [Section 3.3, "Adding JavaScript to a Page"](#)).

[Example 3–12](#) shows JavaScript used to get the current view ID for a region.

**Example 3–12 JavaScript to Retrieve viewIds**

```
/**
 * Returns a String identifier comprising the page viewId and viewIds
 * of the fragments displayed in each of the displayed regions
 */
TestLibrary.getCurrentPageInfo = function()
{
    var pageIdentifier = null;
    var page = AdfPage.PAGE;
    if (page)
    {
        // get the viewId of the page
        var viewId = page.getViewId();
        // get all region components currently displayed on the page
        var regionComponents = page.getComponentsByType("oracle.adf.RichRegion");
        var regionViewIds = new Array();
        for (var index = 0; index < regionComponents.length; index++)
        {
            var regionComp = regionComponents[index];
            if (regionComp)
            {
                regionViewIds.push(regionComp.getProperty("viewId"));
            }
        }
        // construct page identifier
        if (viewId != null && regionViewIds.length > 0)
            contextId = viewId.concat(regionViewIds.toString());
    }
    return contextId;
}
```

## 3.7 Accessing Component Properties on the Client

For each built-in property on a component, convenience accessor methods are available on the component class. For example, you can call the `getValue()` method on a client component and receive the same value that was used on the server.

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**Note:** All client properties in ADF Faces use the `getXyz` function naming convention including boolean properties. The `isXyz` naming convention for boolean properties is not used.

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Constants are also available for the property names on the class object. For instance, you can use `AdfRichDialog.STYLE_CLASS` constant instead of using `"styleClass"`.

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**Note:** In JavaScript, it is more efficient to refer to a constant than to code the string, as the latter requires an object allocation on each invocation.

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When a component's property changes, the end result should be that the component's DOM is updated to reflect its new state, in some cases without a roundtrip to the server. The component's role in this process is fairly limited: it simply stores away the



new property value and then notifies the peer of the change. The peer contains the logic for updating the DOM to reflect the new component state.

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**Note:** Not all property changes are handled through the peer on the client side. Some property changes are propagated back to the server and the component is rerendered using PPR.

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As noted in [Section 1.2.2, "ADF Faces Architectural Features,"](#) most property values that are set on the client result in automatic synchronization with the server (although some complex Java objects are not sent to the client at all). There are however, two types of properties that act differently: *secured* properties and *disconnected* properties.

*Secured properties* are those that cannot be set on the client at all. For example, say a malicious client used JavaScript to set the `immediate` flag on a `commandLink` component to `true`. That change would then be propagated to the server, resulting in server-side validation being skipped, causing a possible security hole (for more information about using the `immediate` property, see [Section 4.2, "Using the Immediate Attribute"](#)). Consequently, the `immediate` property is a secured property.

Attempts to set any other secured property from JavaScript will fail. For more information, see [Section 3.7.2, "How to Unsecure the disabled Property."](#) [Table 3-1](#) shows the secure properties on the client components.

**Table 3-1 Secure Client Properties**

Component	Secure Property
AdfRichChooseColor	colorData
AdfRichComboboxListOfValue	disabled readOnly
AdfRichCommandButton	disabled readOnly blocking
AdfRichCommandImageLink	blocking disabled partialSubmit
AdfRichCommandLink	readOnly
AdfRichDialog	dialogListener
AdfRichDocument	failedConnectionText
AdfRichInputColor	disabled readOnly colorData
AdfRichInputDate	disabled readOnly valuePassThru
AdfRichInputFile	disabled readOnly
AdfRichInputListOfValues	disabled readOnly

**Table 3–1 (Cont.) Secure Client Properties**

<b>Component</b>	<b>Secure Property</b>
AdfRichInputNumberSlider	disabled
	readOnly
AdfRichInputNumberSpinBox	disabled
	readOnly
	maximum
	minimum
AdfRichInputRangeSlider	disabled
	readOnly
AdfRichInputText	disabled
	readOnly
	secret
AdfRichPopUp	launchPopupListener
	model
	returnPopupListener
	returnPopupDataListener
AdfRichUIQuery	createPopupId
	conjunctionReadOnly
	model
	queryListener
AdfRichSelectBooleanCheckbox	queryOperationListener
	disabled
AdfRichSelectBooleanRadio	readOnly
	disabled
AdfRichSelectManyCheckbox	readOnly
	valuePassThru
	disabled
AdfRichSelectManyChoice	readOnly
	valuePassThru
	disabled
AdfRichSelectManyListBox	readOnly
	valuePassThru
	disabled
AdfRichSelectManyShuttle	readOnly
	valuePassThru
	disabled
AdfRichSelectOneChoice	readOnly
	valuePassThru
	disabled

**Table 3-1 (Cont.) Secure Client Properties**

<b>Component</b>	<b>Secure Property</b>
AdfRichSelectOneListBox	disabled
	readOnly
	valuePassThru
AdfRichSelectOneRadio	disabled
	readOnly
	valuePassThru
AdfRichSelectOrderShuttle	disabled
	readOnly
	valuePassThru
AdfRichUITable	filterModel
AdfRichTextEditor	disabled
	readOnly
AdfUIChart	chartDrillDownListener
AdfUIColumn	sortProperty
AdfUICommand	actionExpression
	returnListener
	launchListener
	immediate
AdfUIComponentRef	componentType
AdfUIEditableValueBase	immediate
	valid
	required
	localValueSet
	submittedValue
	requiredMessageDetail
AdfUIMessage.js	for
AdfUINavigationLevel	level
AdfUINavigationTree	rowDisclosureListener
	startLevel
	immediate
AdfUIPage	rowDisclosureListener
	immediate
AdfUIPoll	immediate
	pollListener
AdfUIProgress	immediate
AdfUISelectBoolean	selected
AdfUISelectInput	actionExpression
	returnListener

**Table 3–1 (Cont.) Secure Client Properties**

Component	Secure Property
AdfUISelectRange	immediate
	rangeChangeListener
AdfUIShowDetailBase	immediate
	disclosureListener
AdfUISingleStep	selectedStep
	maxStep
AdfUISubform	default
AdfUITableBase	rowDisclosureListener
	selectionListener
	immediate
	sortListener
	rangeChangeListener
AdfUITreeBase	showAll
	immediate
	rowDisclosureListener
	selectionListener
	focusRowKey
AdfUITreeTable	focusListener
	rowsByDepth
AdfUIValueBase	rangeChangeListener
	converter

ADF Faces does allow you to configure the `disabled` property so that it can be made unsecure. This can be useful when you need to use JavaScript to enable and disable buttons. When you set the `unsecure` property to `true`, the `disabled` property (and only the `disabled` property) will be made unsecure.

*Disconnected properties* are those that can be set on the client, but that do not propagate back to the server. These properties have a lifecycle on the client that is independent of the lifecycle on the server. For example, client form input components (like `AdfRichInputText`) have a `submittedValue` property, just as the Java `EditableValueHolder` components do. However, setting this property does not directly affect the server. In this case, standard form submission techniques handle updating the submitted value on the server.

A property can be both disconnected and secured. In practice, such properties act like disconnected properties on the client: they can be set on the client, but will not be sent to the server. But they act like secured properties on the server, in that they will refuse any client attempts to set them.

### 3.7.1 How to Set Property Values on the Client

The RCF provides `setXYZ` convenience functions that provide calls to the `AdfUIComponent setProperty()` function. The `setProperty()` function takes the following arguments:

- Property name (required)

- New value (required)

### 3.7.2 How to Unsecure the disabled Property

You use the `unsecured` property to set the `disabled` property to be unsecure. You need to manually add this property and the value of `disabled` to the code for the component whose `disabled` property should be unsecure. For example, the code for a button whose `disabled` property should be unsecured would be:

```
<af:commandButton text="commandButton 1" id="cb1" unsecured="disabled"/>
```

Once you set the `unsecured` attribute to `disabled`, a malicious JavaScript could change the `disabled` attribute unwittingly. For example, say you have an expense approval page, and on that page, you want certain managers to be able to only approve invoices that are under \$200. For this reason, you want the approval button to be disabled unless the current user is allowed to approve the invoice.

If you did not set the `unsecured` attribute to `disabled`, the approval button would remain disabled until a round-trip to the server occurs, where logic determines if the current user can approve the expense. But because you want the button to display correctly as the page loads the expense, say you set the `unsecured` attribute to `disabled`. Now you can use JavaScript on the client to determine if the button should be disabled. But now, *any* JavaScript (including malicious JavaScript that you have no control over) can do the same thing.

To avoid this issue, you must ensure that your application still performs the same logic as if the round-trip to the server had happened. In the expense report approval screen, you might have JavaScript that checks that the amount is under \$200, but you still need to have the action for the approval button perform the logic on the server. Adding the logic to the server ensures that the `disabled` attribute does not get changed when it should not.

Similarly, if you allow your application to be modified at runtime, and you allow users to potentially edit the `unsecured` and/or the `disabled` attributes, you must ensure that your application still performs the same logic as if the round-trip to the server had occurred.

### 3.7.3 What Happens at Runtime: How Client Properties Are Set on the Client

Calling the `setProperty()` function on the client sets the property to the new value, and synchronously fires a `PropertyChangeEvent` event with the new values (as long as the value is different). Also, setting a property may cause the component to rerender itself.

## 3.8 Using Bonus Attributes for Client-Side Components

In some cases you may want to send additional information to the client beyond the built-in properties. This can be accomplished using bonus attributes. Bonus attributes are extra attributes that you can add to a component using the `clientAttribute` tag. For performance reasons, the only bonus attributes sent to the client are those specified by `clientAttribute`.

The `clientAttribute` tag specifies a name/value pair that is added to the server-side component's attribute map. In addition to populating the server-side attribute map, using the `clientAttribute` tag results in the bonus attribute being sent to the client, where it can be accessed through the `AdfUIComponent.getProperty("bonusAttributeName")` method.

The RCF takes care of marshalling the attribute value to the client. The marshalling layer supports marshalling of a range of object types, including strings, booleans, numbers, dates, arrays, maps, and so on. For more information on marshalling, see [Section 5.4.3, "What You May Need to Know About Marshalling and Unmarshalling Data."](#)

**Performance Tip:** In order to avoid excessive marshalling overhead, use client-side bonus attributes sparingly.

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**Note:** The `clientAttribute` tag should be used only for bonus (application-defined) attributes. If you need access to standard component attributes on the client, instead of using the `clientAttribute` tag, simply set the `clientComponent` attribute to `true`. For more information, see [Section 3.4, "Instantiating Client-Side Components."](#)

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### 3.8.1 How to Create Bonus Attributes

You can use the Component Palette to add a bonus attribute to a component.

**To create bonus attributes:**

1. In the Structure window, select the component to which you would like to add a bonus attribute.
2. In the Component Palette, from the Operations panel, drag and drop a **Client Attribute** as a child to the component.
3. In the Property Inspector, set the **Name** and **Value** attributes.

### 3.8.2 What You May Need to Know About Marshalling Bonus Attributes

Although client-side bonus attributes are automatically delivered from the server to the client, the reverse is not true. That is, changing or setting a bonus attribute on the client will have no effect on the server. Only known (nonbonus) attributes are synchronized from the client to the server. If you want to send application-defined data back to the server, you should create a custom event. For more information, see [Section 5.4, "Sending Custom Events from the Client to the Server."](#)

## 3.9 Understanding Rendering and Visibility

All ADF Faces display components have two attributes that relate to whether or not the component is displayed on the page for the user to see: `rendered` and `visible`.

The `rendered` attribute has very strict semantics. When `rendered` is set to `false`, there is no way to show a component on the client without a roundtrip to the server. To support dynamically hiding and showing page contents, the RCF adds the `visible` attribute. When set to `false`, the component's markup is available on the client but the component is not displayed. Therefore calls to the `setVisible(true)` or `setVisible(false)` method will, respectively, show and hide the component within the browser (as long as `rendered` is set to `true`), whether those calls happen from Java or from JavaScript.

**Performance Tip:** You should set the `visible` attribute to `false` only when you absolutely need to be able to toggle visibility without a roundtrip to the server, for example in JavaScript. Nonvisible components still go through the component lifecycle, including validation.

If you do not need to toggle visibility only on the client, then you should instead set the `rendered` attribute to `false`. Making a component not rendered (instead of not visible) will improve server performance and client response time because the component will not have client-side representation, and will not go through the component lifecycle.

[Example 3-13](#) shows two `outputText` components, only one of which is rendered at a time. The first `outputText` component is rendered when no value has been entered into the `inputText` component. The second `outputText` component is rendered when a value is entered.

#### **Example 3-13 Rendered and Not Rendered Components**

```
<af:panelGroupLayout layout="horizontal">
  <af:inputText label="Input some text" id="input"
    value="#{myBean.inputValue}"/>
  <af:commandButton text="Enter"/>
</af:panelGroupLayout>
<af:panelGroupLayout layout="horizontal">
  <af:outputLabel value="You entered:"/>
  <af:outputText value="No text entered" id="output1"
    rendered="#{myBean.inputValue==null}"/>
  <af:outputText value="#{myBean.inputValue}"
    rendered="#{myBean.inputValue !=null}"/>
</af:panelGroupLayout>
```

Provided a component is rendered in the client, you can either display or hide the component on the page using the `visible` property.

[Example 3-14](#) shows how you might achieve the same functionality as shown in [Example 3-13](#), but in this example, the `visible` attribute is used to determine which component is displayed (the `rendered` attribute is `true` by default, it does not need to be explicitly set).

#### **Example 3-14 Visible and Not Visible Components**

```
<af:panelGroupLayout layout="horizontal">
  <af:inputText label="Input some text" id="input"
    value="#{myBean.inputValue}"/>
  <af:commandButton text="Enter"/>
</af:panelGroupLayout>
<af:panelGroupLayout layout="horizontal">
  <af:outputLabel value="You entered:"/>
  <af:outputText value="No text entered" id="output1"
    visible="#{myBean.inputValue==null}"/>
  <af:outputText value="#{myBean.inputValue}"
    visible="#{myBean.inputValue !=null}"/>
</af:panelGroupLayout>
```

However, because using the `rendered` attribute instead of the `visible` attribute improves performance on the server side, you may instead decide to have JavaScript handle the visibility.

[Example 3–15](#) shows the page code for JavaScript that handles the visibility of the components.

**Example 3–15 Using JavaScript to Turn On Visibility**

```
function showText()
{
    var output1 = AdfUIComponent.findComponent("output1")
    var output2 = AdfUIComponent.findComponent("output2")
    var input = AdfUIComponent.findComponent("input")

    if (input.getValue() == "")
    {
        output1.setVisible(true);
    }
    else
    {
        output2.setVisible(true)
    }
}
```

### 3.9.1 How to Set Visibility Using JavaScript

You can create a conditional JavaScript function that can toggle the `visible` attribute of components.

**To set visibility:**

1. Create the JavaScript that can toggle the visibility. [Example 3–15](#) shows a script that turns visibility on for one `outputText` component if there is no value; otherwise, the script turns visibility on for the other `outputText` component.
2. For each component that will be needed in the JavaScript function, expand the **Advanced** section of the Property Inspector and set the `ClientComponent` attribute to `true`. This creates a client component that will be used by the JavaScript.
3. For the components whose visibility will be toggled, set the `visible` attribute to `false`.

[Example 3–16](#) shows the full page code used to toggle visibility with JavaScript.

**Example 3–16 JavaScript Toggles Visibility**

```
<f:view>
<af:resource>
    function showText()
    {
        var output1 = AdfUIComponent.findComponent("output1")
        var output2 = AdfUIComponent.findComponent("output2")
        var input = AdfUIComponent.findComponent("input")

        if (input.value == "")
        {
            output1.setVisible(true);
        }
        else
        {
            output2.setVisible(true)
        }
    }
}
```



```

    }
</af:resource>
<af:document>
  <af:form>
    <af:panelGroupLayout layout="horizontal">
      <af:inputText label="Input some text" id="input"
        value="#{myBean.inputValue}" clientComponent="true"
        immediate="true" />
      <af:commandButton text="Enter" clientComponent="true">
        <af:clientListener method="showText" type="action" />
      </af:commandButton>
    </af:panelGroupLayout>
    <af:panelGroupLayout layout="horizontal">
      <af:outputLabel value="You entered:" clientComponent="false" />
      <af:outputText value="No text entered" id="output1"
        visible="false" clientComponent="true" />
      <af:outputText value="#{myBean.inputValue}" id="output2"
        visible="false" clientComponent="true" />
    </af:panelGroupLayout>
  </af:form>
</af:document>
</f:view>

```

### 3.9.2 What You May Need to Know About Visible and the isShowing Function

If the parent of a component has its `visible` attribute set to `false`, when the `isVisible` function is run against a child component whose `visible` attribute is set to `true`, it will return `true`, even though that child is not displayed. For example, say you have a `panelGroupLayout` component that contains an `outputText` component as a child, and the `panelGroupLayout` component's `visible` attribute is set to `false`, while the `outputText` component's `visible` attribute is left as the default (`true`). On the client, neither the `panelGroupLayout` nor the `outputText` component will be displayed, but if the `isVisible` function is run against the `outputText` component, it will return `true`.

For this reason, the RCF provides the `isShowing()` function. This function will return `false` if the component's `visible` attribute is set to `false`, or if any parent of that component has `visible` set to `false`.



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## Using the JSF Lifecycle with ADF Faces

This chapter describes the JSF page request lifecycle and the additions to the lifecycle from ADF Faces, and how to use the lifecycle properly in your application.

This chapter includes the following sections:

- [Section 4.1, "Introduction to the JSF Lifecycle and ADF Faces"](#)
- [Section 4.2, "Using the Immediate Attribute"](#)
- [Section 4.3, "Using the Optimized Lifecycle"](#)
- [Section 4.4, "Using the Client-Side Lifecycle"](#)
- [Section 4.5, "Using Subforms to Create Regions on a Page"](#)
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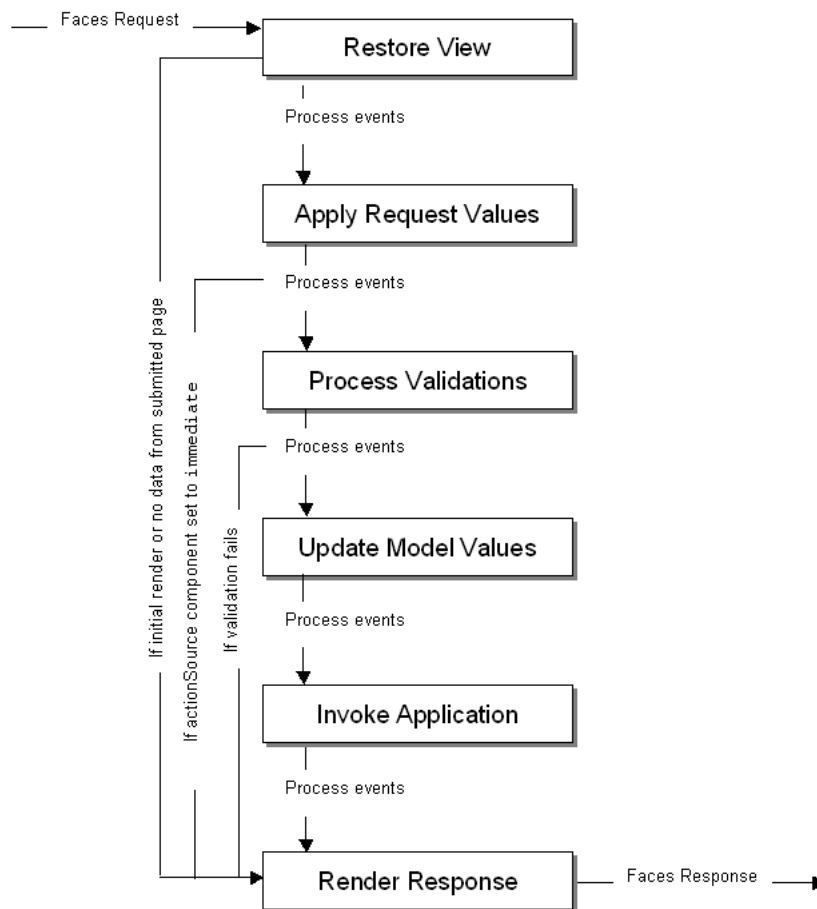
### 4.1 Introduction to the JSF Lifecycle and ADF Faces

Because the ADF Faces rich client framework (RCF) extends the JSF framework, any application built using the ADF Faces rich client framework uses the standard JSF page request lifecycle. However, the ADF Faces framework extends that lifecycle, providing additional functionality, such as a client-side value lifecycle, a subform component that allows you to create independent submittable regions on a page without the drawbacks (for example, lost user edits) of using multiple forms on a single page, and additional scopes.

To better understand the lifecycle enhancements that the RCF delivers, it is important that you understand the standard JSF lifecycle. This section provides only an overview. For a more detailed explanation, refer to the JSF specification at <http://www.oracle.com/technetwork/java/index.html>.

When a JSF page is submitted and a new page is requested, the JSF page request lifecycle is invoked. This lifecycle handles the submission of values on the page, validation for components on the current page, navigation to and display of the components on the resulting page, as well as saving and restoring state. The JSF lifecycle phases use a UI component tree to manage the display of the faces components. This tree is a runtime representation of a JSF page: each UI component tag in a page corresponds to a UI component instance in the tree. The `FacesServlet` object manages the page request lifecycle in JSF applications. The `FacesServlet` object creates an object called `FacesContext`, which contains the information necessary for request processing, and invokes an object that executes the lifecycle.

[Figure 4-1](#) shows the JSF lifecycle of a page request. As shown, events are processed before and after each phase.

**Figure 4–1 Lifecycle of a Page Request in an ADF Faces Application**

In a JSF application, the page request lifecycle is as follows:

- **Restore View:** The component tree is established. If this is not the initial rendering (that is, if the page was submitted back to server), the tree is restored with the appropriate state. If this is the initial rendering, the component tree is created and the lifecycle jumps to the Render Response phase.
- **Apply Request Values:** Each component in the tree extracts new values from the request parameters (using its decode method) and stores the values locally. Most associated events are queued for later processing. If a component has its `immediate` attribute set to `true`, then the validation, the conversion, and the events associated with the component are processed during this phase. For more information, see [Section 4.2, "Using the Immediate Attribute."](#)
- **Process Validations:** Local values of components are converted from the input type to the underlying data type. If the converter fails, this phase continues to completion (all remaining converters, validators, and required checks are run), but at completion, the lifecycle jumps to the Render Response phase.

If there are no failures, the `required` attribute on the component is checked. If the value is `true`, and the associated field contains a value, then any associated validators are run. If the value is `true` and there is no field value, this phase completes (all remaining validators are executed), but the lifecycle jumps to the Render Response phase. If the value is `false`, the phase completes, unless no value is entered, in which case no validation is run. For more information about

conversion and validation, see [Chapter 6, "Validating and Converting Input."](#)

At the end of this phase, converted versions of the local values are set, any validation or conversion error messages and events are queued on the `FacesContext` object, and any value change events are delivered.

**Tip:** In short, for an input component that can be edited, the steps for the Process Validations phase is as follows:

1. If a converter fails, the required check and validators are not run.
2. If the converter succeeds but the required check fails, the validators are not run.
3. If the converter and required check succeed, all validators are run. Even if one validator fails, the rest of the validators are run. This is because when the user fixes the error, you want to give them as much feedback as possible about what is wrong with the data entered.

For example suppose you have a `dateTimeRange` validator that accepted dates only in the year 2010, and you had a `dateRestrictionValidator` validator that did not allow the user to pick Sundays. If the user entered July 5, 2009 (a Sunday), you want to give the feedback that this fails both validators to maximize the chance the user will enter valid data.

- **Update Model Values:** The component's validated local values are moved to the model, and the local copies are discarded.
- **Invoke Application:** Application-level logic (such as event handlers) is executed.
- **Render Response:** The components in the tree are rendered. State information is saved for subsequent requests and for the Restore View phase.

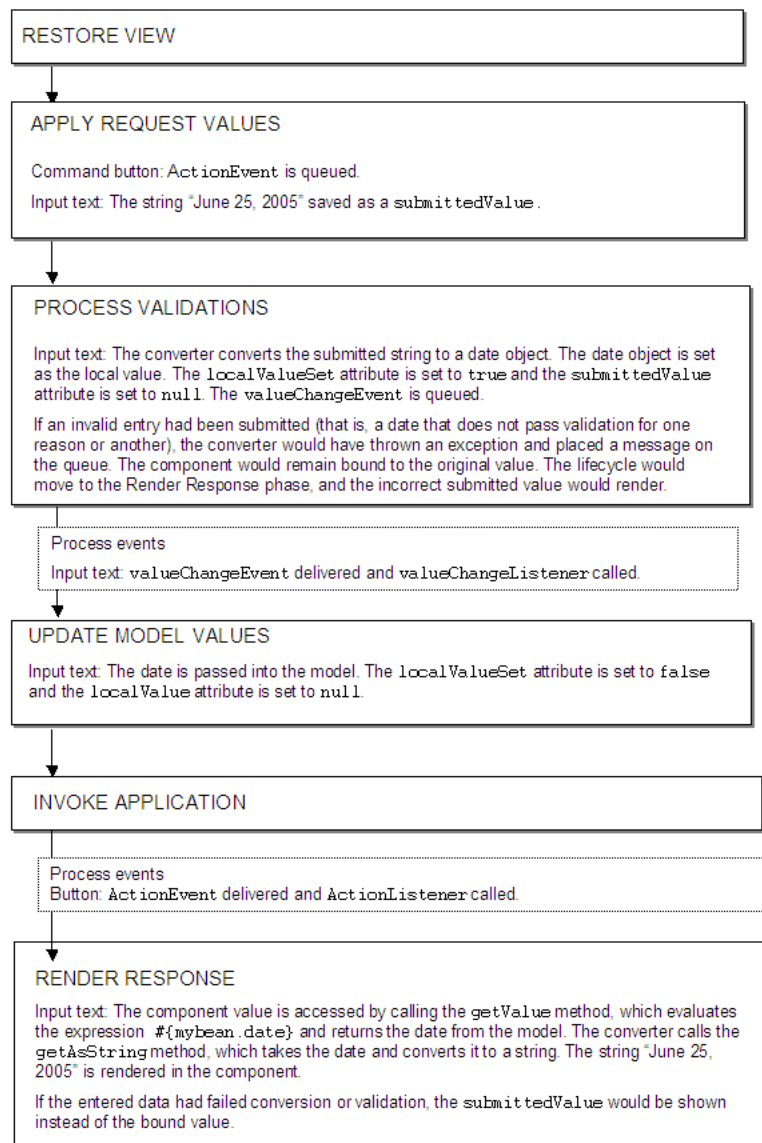
To help illustrate the lifecycle, consider a page that has a simple input text component where a user can enter a date and then click a command button to submit the entered value. A `valueChangeListener` method is also registered on the component.

[Example 4-1](#) shows the code for the example.

#### **Example 4-1 Sample Code to Illustrate the JSF Lifecycle**

```
<af:form>
  <af:inputText value="#{mybean.date}"
    valueChangeListener="#{mybean.valueChangeListener}">
    <af:convertDateTime dateStyle="long"/>
  </af:inputText>
  <af:commandButton text="Save" actionListener="#{mybean.actionListener}"/>
</af:form>
```

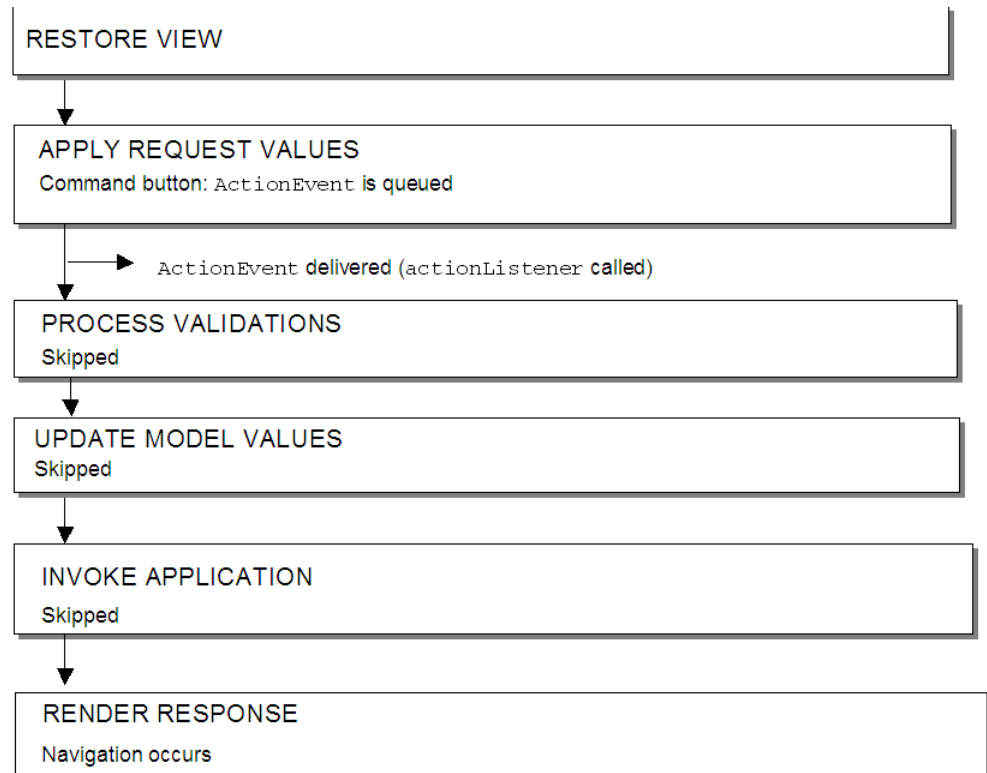
Suppose a user enters the string "June 25, 2005" and clicks the submit button. [Figure 4-2](#) shows how the values pass through the lifecycle and where the different events are processed.

**Figure 4–2 Example of Values and Events in the JSF Lifecycle**

## 4.2 Using the Immediate Attribute

You can use the `immediate` attribute to allow processing of components to move up to the Apply Request Values phase of the lifecycle. When `actionSource` components (such as a `commandButton`) are set to `immediate`, events are delivered in the Apply Request Values phase instead of in the Invoke Application phase. The `actionListener` handler then calls the Render Response phase, and the validation and model update phases are skipped.

For example, you might want to configure a Cancel button to be `immediate`, and have the action return a string used to navigate back to the previous page (for more information about navigation, see [Chapter 18, "Working with Navigation Components"](#)). Because the Cancel button is set to `immediate`, when the user clicks the Cancel button, all validation is skipped, any entered data is not updated to the model, and the user navigates as expected, as shown in [Figure 4-3](#).

**Figure 4–3 Lifecycle for Command Button Set to Immediate**

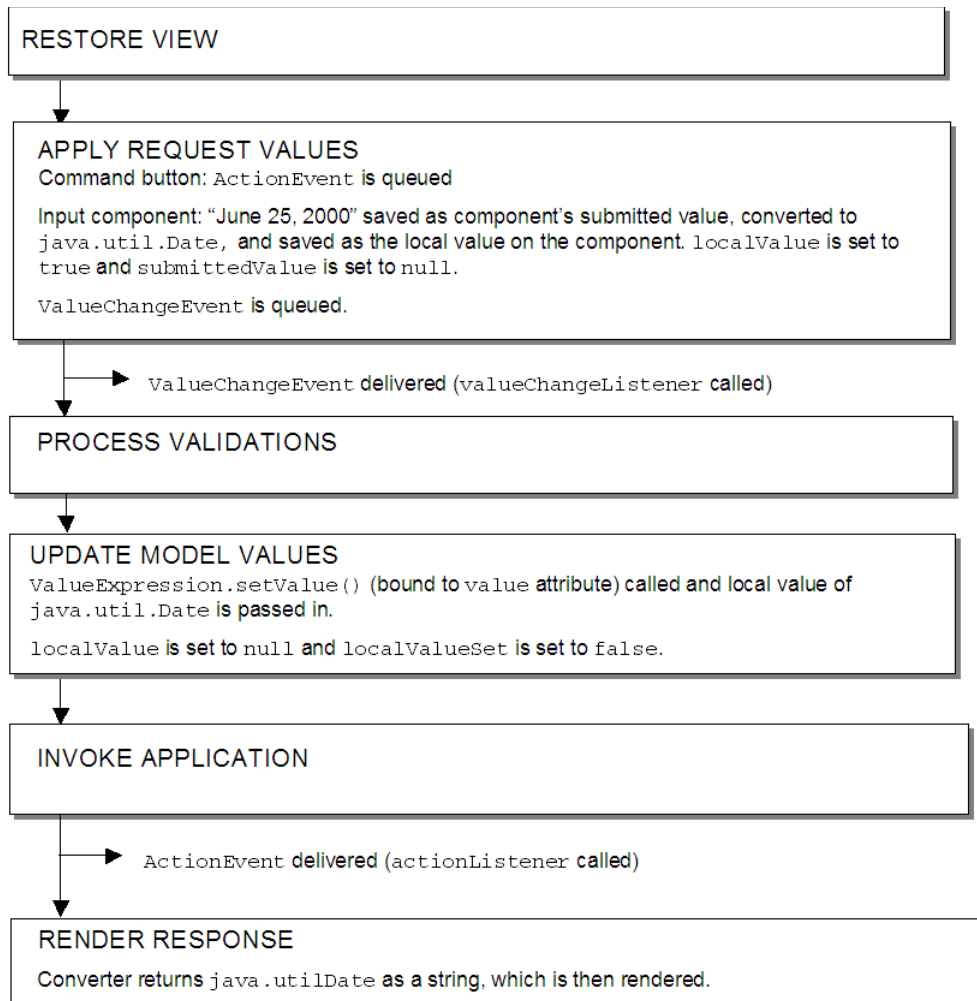

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**Note:** A command button that does not provide any navigation and is set to `immediate` will also go directly to the Render Response phase: the Validation, Update Model, and Invoke Application phases are skipped, so any new values will not be pushed to the server.

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As with command components, for components that invoke disclosure events, (such as a `showDetail` component), and for `editableValueHolder` components (components that hold values that can change, such as an `inputText` component), when set to `immediate`, the events are delivered to the Apply Request Values phase. However, for `editableValueHolder` components, instead of skipping phases, conversion, validation, and delivery of `valueChangeEvent` events for the immediate components are done earlier in the lifecycle, during the Apply Request Values phase, instead of after the Process Validations phase. No lifecycle phases are skipped.

[Figure 4–4](#) shows the lifecycle for an input component whose `immediate` attribute is set to `true`. The input component takes a date entered as a string and stores it as a date object when the command button is clicked.

**Figure 4–4 Immediate Attribute on an Input Component**

Setting `immediate` to `true` for an input component can be useful when one or more input components must be validated before other components. Then, if the component is found to have invalid data, validation is skipped for the other input components in the same page, thereby reducing the number of error messages shown for the page.

For example, suppose you have a form used to collect name and address information and you have the Name field set to `required`. The address fields need to change, based on the country chosen in the Country dropdown field. You would set that dropdown field (displayed using a `selectOneChoice` component) to `immediate` so that when the user selects a country, a validation error doesn't occur because the name field is blank. [Example 4–2](#) shows the code for the address field (the switching functionality between countries is not shown).

#### **Example 4–2 Input Component Using Immediate**

```

<af:form id="f1">
  <af:panelFormLayout id="pf11">
    <af:panelGroupLayout id="pg12" layout="vertical">
      <af:inputText label="Name" id="it1" value="#{bean.name}"
        required="true"/>
      <af:inputText label="Street" id="it2" value="#{bean.street}"/>
    <af:panelGroupLayout id="pg11" layout="horizontal">
  
```



```

<af:inputText label="City" id="it3" value="#{bean.city}"/>
<af:inputText label="State" id="it4" value="#{bean.state}"/>
<af:inputText label="Zip" id="it5" value="#{bean.zip}"/>
</af:panelGroupLayout>
<af:selectOneChoice label="Country" id="soc1" immediate="true">
    <af:selectItem label="US" value="US" id="si1"/>
    <af:selectItem label="Canada" value="Canada" id="si2"/>
</af:selectOneChoice>
</af:panelGroupLayout>
</af:panelFormLayout>
</af:form>

```

In this example, the `selectOneChoice` value change event is fired after the Apply Request Values phase, and so the `countryChanged` listener method is run before the Name inputText component is validated. However, remember that for editable components, phases are not skipped - validation will still be run during this request. To prevent validation of the other components, you need to call the `renderResponse` method directly from your listener method. This call skips the rest of the lifecycle, including validation and jumps directly to the Render Response phase.

**Tip:** Be careful when calling `RenderResponse()`. Any component that goes through a partial lifecycle will have an incomplete state that may cause trouble. The values on those components are decoded but not validated and pushed to model, so you need to clear their submitted value when calling `RenderResponse()`.

#### Example 4-3 Calling RenderResponse

```

public void countryChanged(ValueChangeEvent event)
    FacesContext context = FacesContext.getCurrentInstance();
    . . .
    some code to change the locale of the form
    . . .
context.renderResponse();

```

**Tip:** Only use the `immediate` attribute when the desired functionality is to leave the page and not ever submit any values other than the immediate components. In the Cancel example, no values will ever be submitted on the page. In the address example, we want the page to be rerendered without ever submitting any other values.

The `immediate` attribute causes the components to be decoded (and thus have a submitted value), but not processed further. In the case of an immediate action component, the other components never reach the validation or update model phases, where the submitted value would be converted to a local value and then the local value pushed into the model and cleared. So values will not be available.

Don't use the `immediate` attribute when you want a number of fields to be processed before other fields. When that is the case, it's best to divide your page up into separate sub-forms, so that only the fields in the sub-forms are processed when the lifecycle runs.

**Performance Tip:** There are some cases where setting the `immediate` attribute to `true` can lead to better performance:

- When you create a navigation train, and have a `commandNavigationItem` component in a `navigationPane` component, you should set the `immediate` attribute to `true` to avoid processing the data from the current page (train stop) while navigating to the next page. For more information, see [Section 18.8.1, "How to Create the Train Model."](#)
- If an input component value has to be submitted before any other values, the `immediate` attribute should be set to `true`. For example, a select component that affects the display of a page should be set to `immediate` as you wouldn't want any other fields on the page to be validated until the page is resubmitted. Any errors will be detected earlier in the lifecycle and additional processing will be avoided.

### 4.2.1 How to Use the Immediate Attribute

You can declaratively set the `immediate` attribute using the Property Inspector.

**To use the immediate attribute:**

1. On the JSF page, select the component that you want to be `immediate`.
2. In the Property Inspector, expand the **Behavior** section and set the `immediate` attribute to `true`.

### 4.2.2 What You May Need to Know About Using the immediate Attribute for Action and Input Components in the Same Form

When using the `immediate` attribute for `editableValueHolder` and `actionSource` components on the same page, note the following issues:

- If an `editableValueHolder` component is marked as `immediate`, it will execute before the Update Model Values phase. This could be an issue when an `immediate` `actionSource` component requires data from an `editableValueHolder` component, as data entered into an `editableValueHolder` component is not available to the model until after the Update Model Values phase. If you have an `immediate` `actionSource` component, and that component needs data, then set `immediate` on the `editableValueHolder` fields as well. Then, you can call the `getValue` method on the `editableValueHolder` component and the local value will be returned. It will not have been pushed into the model yet, but it will be available on the component.
- If an `immediate` `editableValueHolder` component fails validation, any `immediate` `actionSource` component will still execute.

## 4.3 Using the Optimized Lifecycle

ADF Faces provides an optimized lifecycle that you can use when you want the JSF page request lifecycle (including conversion and validation) to be run only for certain components on a page. For example, suppose you have an `inputText` component on a page whose `required` attribute is set to `true`. On the same page are radio buttons that when selected cause the page to either show or hide text in an `outputText` component, as shown in [Figure 4-5](#).

**Figure 4-5 Required Field and Boolean with Auto-Submit**

\* Required Field

Show  
 Hide

You can see me!

Also assume that you want the user to be able to select a radio button before entering the required text into the field. While you could set the radio button components to automatically trigger a submit action and also set their `immediate` attribute to `true` so that they are processed before the `inputText` component, you would also have to add a `valueChangeEvent` listener, and in it call the Render Response phase so that validation is not run on the input text component.

Instead of having to write this code in a listener, ADF Faces allows you to set boundaries on the page that allow the lifecycle to run just on components within the boundary. In order to determine the boundary, the framework must be notified of the root component to process. This component can be determined in two ways:

- **Components:** A region is an example of a component which the framework knows is a boundary. No matter what event is triggered inside a region, the lifecycle does not run on components outside the region.
- **Events:** Certain events indicate a component as a root. For example, the disclosure event sent when expanding or collapsing a `showDetail` component (see [Section 8.10, "Displaying and Hiding Contents Dynamically"](#)) indicates that the `showDetail` component is a root, and so the lifecycle is run only on the `showDetail` component and any child components. The lifecycle may also be run on any components configured to listen for that disclosure event. Configuring a component to listen for events on root components in order to be processed is called *cross-component refresh*.

Cross-component refresh allows you to set up dependencies so that the events from one component act as triggers for another component, known as the *target*. When any event occurs on the trigger component, the lifecycle is run on any target components, as well as on any child components of both the trigger and the target, causing only those components to be rerendered. This is considered a partial page rendering (PPR).

In the radio button example, you would set the radio buttons to be triggers and the `panelGroupLayout` component that contains the output text to be the target, as shown in [Example 4-4](#).

#### **Example 4-4 Example of Cross-Component Rendering**

```
<af:form>
  <af:inputText label="Required Field" required="true"/>
  <af:selectBooleanRadio id="show" autoSubmit="true" text="Show"
    value="#{validate.show}"/>
  <af:selectBooleanRadio id="hide" autoSubmit="true" text="Hide"
    value="#{validate.hide}"/>
  <af:panelGroupLayout partialTriggers="show hide" id="panel">
    <af:outputText value="You can see me!" rendered="#{validate.show}"/>
  </af:panelGroupLayout>
</af:form>
```

Because the `autoSubmit` attribute is set to `true` on the radio buttons, when they are selected, a `SelectionEvent` is fired, for which the radio button is considered the root. Because the `panelGroupLayout` component is set to be a target to both radio components, when that event is fired, only the `selectOneRadio` (the root), the

panelGroupLayout component (the root's target), and its child component (the outputText component) are processed through the lifecycle. Because the outputText component is configured to render only when the **Show** radio button is selected, the user is able to select that radio button and see the output text, without having to enter text into the required input field above the radio buttons.

For more information about how the ADF Faces framework uses PPR, and how you can use PPR throughout your application, see [Chapter 7, "Rerendering Partial Page Content."](#)

### 4.3.1 What You May Need to Know About Using the Immediate Attribute and the Optimized Lifecycle

There may be cases where PPR will not be able to keep certain components from being validated. For example, suppose instead of using an outputText component, you want to use an inputText component whose required attribute is set to true, inside the panelGroupLayout component, as shown in [Example 4–5](#).

#### **Example 4–5** *inputText Component Within a panelGroup Component Will Be Validated with Cross-Component PPR*

```
<af:form>
  <af:selectBooleanRadio id="show2" autoSubmit="true" text="Show"
    value="#{validate.show2}" />
  <af:selectBooleanRadio id="hide2" autoSubmit="true" text="Hide"
    value="#{validate.hide2}" />
  <af:panelGroupLayout partialTriggers="show2 hide2">
    <af:inputText label="Required Field" required="true"
      rendered="#{validate.show2}" />
  </af:panelGroupLayout>
</af:form>
```

In this example, the inputText component will be validated because the lifecycle runs on the root (the selectOneRadio component), the target (the panelGroupLayout component), and the target's child (the inputText component). Validation will fail because the inputText component is marked as required and there is no value, so an error will be thrown. Because of the error, the lifecycle will skip to the Render Response phase and the model will not be updated. Therefore, the panelGroupLayout component will not be able to show or hide because the value of the radio button will not be updated.

For cases like these, you can skip validation using the immediate attribute on the radio buttons. Doing so causes the valueChangeEvent on the buttons to run before the Process Validation phase of the inputText component. Then you need to add a valueChangeListener handler method that would call the Render Response phase (thereby skipping validation of the input component), and set the values on the radio buttons and input component. [Example 4–6](#) shows the JSF code to do this.

#### **Example 4–6** *Using the immediate Attribute and a valueChangeListener*

```
<af:form>
  <af:selectOneRadio immediate="true"
    valueChangeListener="#{validate.toggle}"
    id="show2" autoSubmit="true" text="Show"
    value="#{validate.show2}" />
  <af:selectOneRadio id="hide2" autoSubmit="true" text="Hide"
    value="#{validate.hide2}" />
  <af:panelGroupLayout partialTriggers="show2 hide2">
    <af:inputText label="Required Field" required="true" />
  </af:panelGroupLayout>
</af:form>
```

```

        rendered="#{validate.show2}" />
    </af:panelGroupLayout>
</af:form>

```

[Example 4-7](#) shows the `valueChangeListener` code.

**Example 4-7 `valueChangeListener` Sets the Value and Calls Render Response**

```

public void toggle(ValueChangeEvent vce)
{
    setShow2(Boolean.TRUE.equals(vce.getNewValue()));
    FacesContext.getCurrentInstance().renderResponse();
}

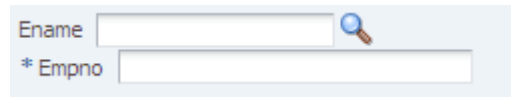
```

## 4.3.2 What You May Need to Know About Using an LOV Component and the Optimized Lifecycle

For the `inputListOfValues` and `inputComboBoxListOfValues` components, the procedures described in [Section 4.3.1, "What You May Need to Know About Using the Immediate Attribute and the Optimized Lifecycle,"](#) will not work. Consider the following example.

Suppose you have an `inputListOfValues` component from which a user selects an employee name, and an `inputText` component whose `required` attribute is set to `true`, which is updated with the employee's ID number once the employee is selected, as shown in [Figure 4-6](#).

**Figure 4-6 LOV component Updates the Input Component**



To achieve this, you might set the `Empno` field to have the `Ename` field as a partial trigger, as shown in [Example 4-8](#).

**Example 4-8**

```

<af:inputListOfValues label="Ename" id="lov0"
    value="#{validateLOV.ename}" autoSubmit="true"
    immediate="true"
    popupTitle="Search and Select: Ename"
    searchDesc="Choose a name"
    model="#{validateLOV.listOfValuesModel}"
    valueChangeListener="#{validateLOV.immediateValueChange}"
    validator="#{validateLOV.validate}" />
<af:inputText label="Empno" value="#{validateLOV.empno}" required="true"
    id="lovDependent01" partialTriggers="lov0" />

```

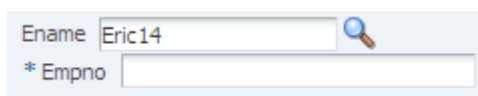
As with the radio button and input component example in [Section 4.3.1, "What You May Need to Know About Using the Immediate Attribute and the Optimized Lifecycle,"](#) once the user clicks the search icon, the `inputText` component will be validated because the lifecycle runs on both the root (the `inputListOfValues` component) and the target (the `inputText` component). Validation will fail because the `inputText` component is marked as required and there is no value, so an error will be thrown, as shown in [Figure 4-7](#).

**Figure 4–7 Validation Error is Thrown Because a Value is Required**

However, the solution recommended in [Section 4.3.1, "What You May Need to Know About Using the Immediate Attribute and the Optimized Lifecycle,"](#) of setting the LOV component's `immediate` attribute to `true` and using a `ValueChangeListener` on the LOV will not fix the validation error. For LOV components, the `ValueChangeEvent` is queued only when the value of the LOV component changes. For this reason, setting the `immediate` attribute to `true` has no effect when the user clicks the search icon, because at that point the ADF `LaunchPopupEvent` is queued for the Invoke Application phase always, regardless of the value of the `immediate` attribute. In other words, the optimized lifecycle is run as normal on both the root and target components and therefore the input component throws a validation error.

When the user selects a *new* value from the LOV popup, the LOV component queues two events. One is a `ValueChangeEvent` to signal a change in value for the component. The second is a `ReturnPopupEvent` queued for the Invoke Application phase, which gives application methods a chance to handle the selection. Both these events need to occur in order for the LOV to behave as expected.

As mentioned, the LOV component queues a `ValueChangeEvent` only when the user selects a new value. If you were to set the `immediate` attribute to `true` on the LOV component, this event would be queued for the Apply Request Values phase and the new value would be validated. In addition if you were to create a `ValueChangeListener` method for the LOV component, and in its implementation jump to the Render Response phase to avoid validation of the input component, the selected value would never get pushed to the model, the `ReturnPopupListener` would never get called during the Invoke Application phase, and the target input component would not get updated with new value, as shown in [Figure 4–8](#).

**Figure 4–8 Model is Not Updated**

To resolve this issue of needing both the `ValueChangeEvent` and the `ReturnPopupEvent` to be queued as part of the same request and to have any target fields refreshed with newly selected values, instead of declaratively setting the LOV component as a partial trigger for the input component and creating a method for the `ValueChangeListener`, you need to create a listener for the `ReturnPopupEvent`. This listener must programmatically set the input components as partial targets for the LOV. You do not need to set the LOV's `immediate` attribute to `true` because the input component is no longer a target for the LOV until the `ReturnPopupListener` method is executed, and so it will not fail validation because the lifecycle will not be run on it. And because a listener method is used for the `ReturnPopupEvent` instead of for the `ValueChangeEvent`, both events can be queued and the model updated appropriately.

[Example 4–9](#) shows the needed page code for the LOV and input components.

**Example 4–9**

```
<af:inputListOfValues label="Ename" id="lov1"
```

```

value="#{validateLOV.ename}" autoSubmit="true"
returnPopupListener="#{validate.processReturnPopup}"
Title="Search and Select: Ename" searchDesc="Choose a name"
model="#{validateLOV.listOfValuesModel}"
validator="#{validateLOV.validate}"/>
<af:inputText label="Empno" value="#{validateLOV.empno}" required="true"
id="lovDependent1" binding="#{validate.lovDependent1}"/>

```

The input component uses its binding attribute to store the instance on a backing bean, allowing the instance to be accessed by the listener method. The listener method then accesses the input component and sets it as a partial target for the LOV, as shown in [Example 4-10](#).

#### Example 4-10

```
AdfFacesContext.getCurrentInstance().addPartialTarget(_lovDependent1)
```

For more information about programmatically setting partial page rendering, see [Section 7.3, "Enabling Partial Page Rendering Programmatically."](#)

## 4.4 Using the Client-Side Lifecycle

The ADF Faces framework provides client-side conversion and validation. You can create your own JavaScript-based converters and validators that run on the page without a trip to the server.

You can use client-side validation so that when a specific client event is queued, it triggers client validation of the appropriate form or subform (for more information about subforms, see [Section 4.5, "Using Subforms to Create Regions on a Page"](#)). If this client validation fails, meaning there are known errors, then the events that typically propagate to the server (for example, a command button's `actionEvent` when a form is submitted) do not go to the server. Having the event not delivered also means that nothing is submitted and therefore, none of the client listeners is called. This is similar to server-side validation in that when validation fails on the server, the lifecycle jumps to the Render Response phase; the action event, though queued, will never be delivered; and the `actionListener` handler method will never be called.

For example, ADF Faces provides the `required` attribute for input components, and this validation runs on the client. When you set this attribute to `true`, the framework will show an error on the page if the value of the component is `null`, without requiring a trip to the server. [Example 4-11](#) shows code that has an `inputText` component's `required` attribute set to `true`, and a command button whose `actionListener` attribute is bound to a method on a managed bean.

#### Example 4-11 Simple Client-Side Validation Example

```

<af:form>
  <af:inputText id="input1" required="true" value="a"/>
  <af:commandButton text="Search" actionListener="#{demoForm.search}"/>
</af:form>

```

When this page is run, if you clear the field of the value of the `inputText` component and tab out of the field, the field will redisplay with a red outline. If you then click into the field, an error message will state that a value is required, as shown in [Figure 4-9](#). There will be no trip to the server; this error detection and message generation is all done on the client.



**Figure 4–9 Client-Side Validation Displays an Error Without a Trip to the Server**

In this same example, if you were to clear the field of the value and click the **Search** button, the page would not be submitted because the required field is empty and therefore an error occurs; the action event would not be delivered, and the method bound to the action listener would not be executed. This process is what you want, because there is no reason to submit the page if the client can tell that validation will fail on the server.

For more information about using client-side validation and conversion, see [Chapter 6, "Validating and Converting Input."](#)

## 4.5 Using Subforms to Create Regions on a Page

In the JSF reference implementation, if you want to independently submit a region of the page, you have to use multiple forms. However multiple forms require multiple copies of page state, which can result in the loss of user edits in forms that aren't submitted.

ADF Faces adds support for a subform component, which represents an independently submittable region of a page. The contents of a subform will be validated (or otherwise processed) only if a component inside of the subform is responsible for submitting the page, allowing for comparatively fine-grained control of the set of components that will be validated and pushed into the model without the compromises of using entirely separate form elements. When a page using subforms is submitted, the page state is written only once, and all user edits are preserved.

**Best Practice:** Always use only a single `form` tag per page. Use the `subform` tag where you might otherwise be tempted to use multiple `form` tags.

A subform will always allow the Apply Request Values phase to execute for its child components, even when the page was submitted by a component outside of the subform. However, the Process Validations and Update Model Values phases will be skipped (this differs from an ordinary form component, which, when not submitted, cannot run the Apply Request Values phase). To allow components in subforms to be processed through the Process Validations and Update Model Value phases when a component outside the subform causes a submit action, use the `default` attribute. When a subform's `default` attribute is set to `true`, it acts like any other subform in most respects, but if no subform on the page has an appropriate event come from its child components, then any subform with `default` set to `true` will behave as if one of its child components caused the submit. For more information about subforms, see [Section 9.2, "Defining Forms."](#)

## 4.6 Object Scope Lifecycles

At runtime, you pass data to pages by storing the needed data in an object scope where the page can access it. The scope determines the lifespan of an object. Once you place an object in a scope, it can be accessed from the scope using an EL expression. For example, you might create a managed bean named `foo`, and define the bean to live



in the Request scope. To access that bean, you would use the expression `{requestScope.foo}`.

There are three types of scopes in a standard JSF application:

- `applicationScope`: The object is available for the duration of the application.
- `sessionScope`: The object is available for the duration of the session.
- `requestScope`: The object is available for the duration between the time an HTTP request is sent until a response is sent back to the client.

In addition to the standard JSF scopes, ADF Faces provides the following scopes:

- `pageFlowScope`: The object is available as long as the user continues navigating from one page to another. If the user opens a new browser window and begins navigating, that series of windows will have its own `pageFlowScope` scope.
- `backingBeanScope`: Used for managed beans for page fragments and declarative components only. The object is available for the duration between the time an HTTP request is sent until a response is sent back to the client. This scope is needed because there may be more than one page fragment or declarative component on a page, and to avoid collisions between values, any values must be kept in separate scope instances. Use `backingBeanScope` scope for any managed bean created for a page fragment or declarative component.
- `viewScope`: The object is available until the ID for the current view changes. Use `viewScope` scope to hold values for a given page.

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**Note:** Because these are not standard JSF scopes, EL expressions must explicitly include the scope to reference the bean. For example, to reference the `MyBean` managed bean from the `pageFlowScope` scope, your expression would be `{pageFlowScope.MyBean}`.

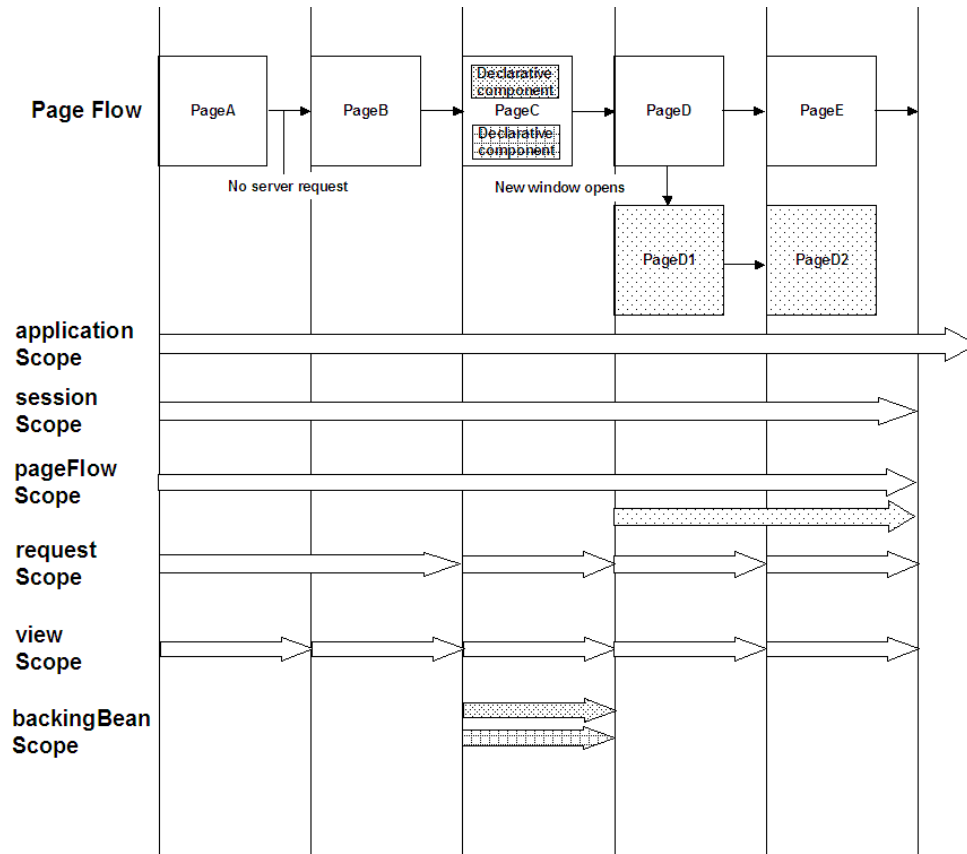
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Object scopes are analogous to global and local variable scopes in programming languages. The wider the scope, the higher the availability of an object. During their lifespan, these objects may expose certain interfaces, hold information, or pass variables and parameters to other objects. For example, a managed bean defined in `sessionScope` scope will be available for use during multiple page requests. However, a managed bean defined in `requestScope` scope will be available only for the duration of one page request.

[Figure 4–10](#) shows the time period in which each type of scope is valid, and its relationship with the page flow.

**Figure 4–10 Relationship Between Scopes and Page Flow**



When determining what scope to register a managed bean with or to store a value in, always try to use the narrowest scope possible. Use the `sessionScope` scope only for information that is relevant to the whole session, such as user or context information. Avoid using the `sessionScope` scope to pass values from one page to another.

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**Note:** If you are using the full Fusion technology stack, then you have the option to register your managed beans in various configuration files. For more information, see the "Using a Managed Bean in a Fusion Web Application" section of the *Oracle Fusion Middleware Fusion Developer's Guide for Oracle Application Development Framework*.

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## 4.7 Passing Values Between Pages

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**Note:** If you are using the full Fusion technology stack and you need information about passing values between pages in an ADF bounded task flow, or between ADF regions and pages, refer to the "Getting Started with ADF Task Flows" chapter of the *Oracle Fusion Middleware Fusion Developer's Guide for Oracle Application Development Framework*.

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The ADF Faces `pageFlowScope` scope makes it easier to pass values from one page to another, thus enabling you to develop master-detail pages more easily. Values added to the `pageFlowScope` scope automatically continue to be available as the user

navigates from one page to another, even if you use a `redirect` directive. But unlike session scope, these values are visible only in the current page flow or process. If the user opens a new window and starts navigating, that series of windows will have its own process. Values stored in each window remain independent.

Like objects stored in any standard JSF scope, objects stored in the `pageFlow` scope can be accessed through EL expressions. The only difference with the `pageFlow` scope is that the object names must use the `pageFlowScope` prefix. For example, to have a button's label provided by a managed bean stored in the `pageFlow` scope, and to have a method on the bean called when the button is selected, you might use the following code on your page:

```
<af:commandButton text="#{pageFlowScope.buttonBean.label}"
    action="#{pageFlowScope.buttonBean.action}"/>
```

The `pageFlowScope` is a `java.util.Map` object that may be accessed from Java code. The `setPropertyListener` tag allows you to set property values onto a scope, and also allows you to define the event the tag should listen for. For example, when you use the `setPropertyListener` tag with the `type` attribute set to `action`, it provides a declarative way to cause an action source (for example, `commandButton`) to set a value before navigation. You can use the `pageFlowScope` scope with the `setPropertyListener` tag to pass values from one page to another, without writing any Java code in a backing bean. For example, you might have one page that uses the `setPropertyListener` tag and a command component to set a value in the `pageFlowScope` scope, and another page whose text components use the `pageFlowScope` scope to retrieve their values.

You can also use the `pageFlowScope` scope to set values between secondary windows such as dialogs. When you launch secondary windows from, for example, a `commandButton` component, you can use a `launchEvent` event and the `pageFlowScope` scope to pass values into and out of the secondary windows without overriding values in the parent process.

### 4.7.1 How to Use the `pageFlowScope` Scope Within Java Code

You can access `pageFlow` scope from within any Java code in your application. Remember to clear the scope once you are finished.

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**Note:** If your application uses ADF Controller, then you do not have to manually clear the scope.

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#### To use `pageFlowScope` in Java code:

1. To get a reference to the `pageFlowScope` scope, use the `org.apache.myfaces.trinidad.context.RequestContext.getPageFlowScope()` method.

For example, to retrieve an object from the `pageFlowScope` scope, you might use the following Java code:

```
import java.util.Map;
import org.apache.myfaces.trinidad.context.RequestContext;
. . .
Map pageFlowScope = RequestContext.getCurrentInstance().getPageFlowScope();
Object myObject = pageFlowScope.get("myObjectName");
```

2. To clear the `pageFlowScope` scope, access it and then manually clear it.

For example, you might use the following Java code to clear the scope:

```
RequestContext afContext = RequestContext.getCurrentInstance();
afContext.getPageFlowScope().clear();
```

## 4.7.2 How to Use the pageFlowScope Scope Without Writing Java Code

To use the `pageFlowScope` scope without writing Java code, use a `setPropertyListener` tag in conjunction with a command component to set a value in the scope. The `setPropertyListener` tag uses the `type` attribute that defines the event type it should listen for. It ignores all events that do not match its type. Once set, you then can access that value from another page within the page flow.

**Tip:** Instead of using the `setActionListener` tag (which may have been used in previous versions of ADF Faces), use the `setPropertyListener` tag and set the event type to `action`.

### To set a value in the pageFlowScope scope:

1. On the page from where you want to set the value, create a command component using the Component Palette.
2. In the Component Palette, from the Operations panel, drag a **Set Property Listener** and drop it as a child to the command component.

Or right-click the component and choose **Insert inside Button > ADF Faces > setPropertyListener**.

3. In the Insert Set Property Listener dialog, set the **From** field to the value that will be set on another component.

For example, say you have a managed bean named `MyBean` that stores the name value for an employee, and you want to pass that value to the next page. You would enter `#{myBean.empName}` in the **From** field.

4. Set the **To** field to be a value on the `pageFlowScope` scope.

For example, you might enter `#{pageFlowScope.empName}` in the **To** field.

5. From the **Type** dropdown menu, choose **Action**.

This allows the listener to listen for the action event associated with the command component.

### To access a value from the pageFlowScope scope:

1. On the page from which you want to access the value, drop the component that you want to display the value.
2. Set the value of the component to be the same value as the **To** value set on the `setPropertyListener` tag.

For example, to have an `outputText` component access the employee name, you would set the value of that component to be `#{pageFlowScope.empName}`.

## 4.7.3 What Happens at Runtime: Passing Values

When a user clicks a command button that contains a `setPropertyListener` tag, the listener executes and the **To** value is resolved and retrieved, and then stored as a property on the `pageFlowScope` scope. On any subsequent pages that access that property through an EL expression, the expression is resolved to the value set by the original page.

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## Handling Events

This chapter describes how to handle events on the server as well as on the client.

This chapter includes the following sections:

- [Section 5.1, "Introduction to Events and Event Handling"](#)
- [Section 5.2, "Using ADF Faces Server Events"](#)
- [Section 5.3, "Using JavaScript for ADF Faces Client Events"](#)
- [Section 5.4, "Sending Custom Events from the Client to the Server"](#)
- [Section 5.5, "Executing a Script Within an Event Response"](#)
- [Section 5.6, "Using Client Behavior Tags"](#)
- [Section 5.7, "Using Polling Events to Update Pages"](#)

### 5.1 Introduction to Events and Event Handling

In traditional JSF applications, event handling typically takes place on the server. JSF event handling is based on the JavaBeans event model, where event classes and event listener interfaces are used by the JSF application to handle events generated by components.

Examples of user events in an application include clicking a button or link, selecting an item from a menu or list, and changing a value in an input field. When a user activity occurs such as clicking a button, the component creates an event object that stores information about the event and identifies the component that generated the event. The event is also added to an event queue. At the appropriate time in the JSF lifecycle, JSF tells the component to broadcast the event to the appropriate registered listener, which invokes the listener method that processes the event. The listener method may trigger a change in the user interface, invoke backend application code, or both.

Like standard JSF components, ADF Faces command components deliver `ActionEvent` events when the components are activated, and ADF Faces input and select components deliver `ValueChangeEvent` events when the component local values change.

For example, in the File Explorer application, the File Menu contains a submenu whose `commandMenuItem` components allow a user to create a new file or folder. When users click the **Folder** `commandMenuItem`, an `ActionEvent` is invoked. Because the EL expression set as the value for the component's `actionListener` attribute resolves to the `createNewDirectory` method on the `headerManager` managed bean, that method is invoked and a new directory is created.

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**Note:** Any ADF Faces component that has built-in event functionality must be enclosed in the `form` tag.

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While ADF Faces adheres to standard JSF event handling techniques, it also enhances event handling in two key ways by providing:

- Ajax-based functionality (partial page rendering)
- A client-side event model

### 5.1.1 Events and Partial Page Rendering

Unlike standard JSF events, ADF Faces events support AJAX-style partial postbacks to enable partial page rendering (PPR). Instead of full page rendering, ADF Faces events and components can trigger partial page rendering, that is, only portions of a page refresh upon request.

Certain components are considered *event root* components. Event root components determine boundaries on the page, and so allow the lifecycle to run just on components within that boundary (for more information about this aspect of the lifecycle, see [Section 4.3, "Using the Optimized Lifecycle"](#)). When an event occurs within an event root, only those components that are children to the root are refreshed on the page. An example of an event root component is a popup. When an event happens within a popup, only the popup and its children are rerendered, and not the whole page.

The following components are considered event root components:

- `popup`
- `region`
- `panelCollection`
- `calendar`
- `editableValueHolder` components (such as `inputText`)

Additionally, certain events indicate a specific component as an event root component. For example, the disclosure event sent when a expanding or collapsing a `showDetail` component (see [Section 8.10, "Displaying and Hiding Contents Dynamically"](#)), indicates that the `showDetail` component is a root. The lifecycle is run only on the `showDetail` component (and any child components or other components that point to this as a trigger), and only they are rerendered when it is expanded or collapsed.

[Table 5–1](#) shows the event types in ADF Faces, and whether or not the source component is an event root.

**Table 5–1 Events and Event Root Components**

Event Type	Component Trigger	Is Event Root
<code>action</code>	All command components	false
<code>dialog</code>	<code>dialog</code>	false
<code>disclosure</code>	<code>showDetail</code> , <code>showDetailHeader</code>	true
<code>disclosure</code>	<code>showDetailItem</code>	true
<code>focus</code>	<code>tree</code> , <code>treeTable</code>	true
<code>launch</code>	All command components	NA

**Table 5–1 (Cont.) Events and Event Root Components**

Event Type	Component Trigger	Is Event Root
launchPopup	inputListOfValues, inputComboboxListOfValues	true
load	document	NA
poll	poll	true
popupOpened	popup	NA
popupOpening	popup	NA
popupClosed	popup	NA
propertyChange	All components	NA
queryEvent	query, quickQuery	true
queryOperation	query, quickQuery	true
rangeChange	table	NA
regionNavigation	region	NA
return	All command components	true
returnPopupData	inputListOfValues, inputComboboxListOfValues	true
returnPopup	inputListOfValues, inputComboboxListOfValues	true
rowDisclosure	tree, treeTable	true
selection	tree, treeTable, table	true
sort	treeTable, table	true
valueChange	All input and select components (components that implement <code>EditableValueHolder</code> )	true

**Tip:** If components outside of the event root need to be processed when the event root is processed, then you must set the `partialTrigger` attribute on those components to the ID of the event root component.

## 5.1.2 Client-Side Event Model

In addition to server-side action and value change events, ADF Faces components also invoke client-side action and value change events, and other kinds of server and client events. Some events are generated by both server and client components (for example, selection events); some events are generated by server components only (for example, launch events); and some events are generated by client components only (for example, load events).

By default, most client events are propagated to the server. Changes to the component state are automatically synchronized back to the server to ensure consistency of state, and events are delivered, when necessary, to the server for further processing. However, you can configure your event so that it does not propagate.

In addition, any time you register a client-side event listener on the server-side Java component, the RCF assumes that you require a JavaScript component, so a client-side component is created.

Client-side JavaScript events can come from several sources: they can be derived automatically from DOM events, from property change events, or they can be manually created during the processing of other events.

## 5.2 Using ADF Faces Server Events

ADF Faces provides a number of server-side events. [Table 5–2](#) lists the events generated by ADF Faces components on the server, and the components that trigger them.

**Table 5–2 ADF Faces Server Events**

Event	Triggered by Component...
ActionEvent	All command components
DialogEvent	dialog
DisclosureEvent	showDetail, showDetailHeader, showDetailItem
FocusEvent *	tree, treeTable
LaunchEvent	All command components
LaunchPopupEvent	inputListOfValues, inputComboboxListOfValues
LoadEvent **	document
PollEvent	poll
QueryEvent	query, quickQuery
QueryOperationEvent	query, quickQuery
RangeChangeEvent	table
RegionNavigationEvent	region
ReturnEvent	All command components
ReturnPopupEvent	inputListOfValues, inputComboboxListOfValues
RowDisclosureEvent	tree, treeTable
SelectionEvent	tree, treeTable, table
SortEvent	treeTable, table
ValueChangeEvent	All input and select components (components that implement EditableValueHolder)

\* This focus event is generated when focusing in on a specific subtree, which is not the same as a client-side keyboard focus event.

\*\* The LoadEvent event is fired after the initial page is displayed (data streaming results may arrive later).

All server events have event listeners on the associated component(s). You need to create a handler that processes the event and then associate that handler code with the listener on the component.

For example, in the File Explorer application, a selection event is fired when a user selects a row in the table. Because the table's selectionListener attribute is bound to the tableSelectFileItem handler method on the TableContentView.java managed bean, that method is invoked in response to the event.

### To handle server-side events:

1. In a managed bean (or the backing bean for the page that will use the event listener), create a public method that accepts the event (as the event type) as the only parameter and returns void. [Example 5–1](#) shows the code for the



tableSelectFileItem handler. (For information about creating and using managed beans, see [Section 2.6, "Creating and Using Managed Beans."](#))

#### Example 5-1 Event Listener Method

```
public void tableSelectFileItem(SelectionEvent selectionEvent)
{
    FileItem data = (FileItem)this.getContentTable().getSelectedRowData();
    setSelectedFileItem(data);
}
```

**Tip:** If the event listener code is likely to be used by more than one page in your application, consider creating an event listener implementation class that all pages can access. All server event listener class implementations must override a `processEvent()` method, where `Event` is the event type.

For example, the `LaunchListener` event listener accepts an instance of `LaunchEvent` as the single argument. In an implementation, you must override the event processing method, as shown in the following method signature:

```
public void processLaunch (LaunchEvent evt)
{
    // your code here
}
```

2. To register an event listener method on a component, in the Structure window, select the component that will invoke the event. In the Property Inspector, use the dropdown menu next to the event listener property, and choose **Edit**.
3. Use the Edit Property dialog to select the managed bean and method created in Step 1.

[Example 5-2](#) shows sample code for registering a selection event listener method on a table component.

#### Example 5-2 Registering an Event Listener Method

```
<af:table id="folderTable" var="file"
. . .
        rowSelection="single"
        selectionListener="#{explorer.tableContentView.tableSelectFileItem}"
. . .
</af:table>
```

## 5.3 Using JavaScript for ADF Faces Client Events

Most components can also work with client-side events. Handling events on the client saves a roundtrip to the server. When you use client-side events, instead of having managed beans contain the event handler code, you use JavaScript, which can be contained either on the calling page or in a JavaScript library.

By default, client events are processed only on the client. However, some event types are also delivered to the server, for example, `AdfActionEvent` events, which indicate a button has been clicked. Other events may be delivered to the server depending on the component state. For example, `AdfValueChangeEvent` events will be delivered to the server when the `autoSubmit` attribute is set to `true`. You can cancel an event from being delivered to the server if no additional processing is needed. However, some

client events cannot be canceled. For example, because the `popupOpened` event type is delivered after the popup window has opened, this event delivery to the server cannot be canceled.

**Performance Tip:** If no server processing is needed for an event, consider canceling the event at the end of processing so that the event does not propagate to the server. For more information, see [Section 5.3.5, "How to Prevent Events from Propagating to the Server."](#)

[Table 5–3](#) lists the events generated by ADF Faces client components, whether or not events are sent to the sever, whether or not the events are cancelable, and the components that trigger the events.

**Table 5–3 ADF Faces Client Events**

Event Type	Event Class	Propagates to Server	Can Be Canceled	Triggered by Component
action	<code>AdfActionEvent</code>	Yes	Yes	All command components
dialog	<code>AdfDialogEvent</code>	Yes	Yes	dialog When user selects the OK or Cancel button in a dialog
disclosure	<code>AdfDisclosureEvent</code>	Yes	Yes	<code>showDetail</code> , <code>showDetailHeader</code> , <code>showDetailItem</code> When the disclosure state is toggled by the user
	<code>AdfFocusEvent</code>	Yes	Yes	<code>tree</code> , <code>treeTable</code>
	<code>AdfLaunchPopupEvent</code>	Yes	Yes	<code>inputListOfValues</code> , <code>inputComboboxListOfValues</code>
inlineFrameLoad	<code>AdfDomComponentEvent</code>	Yes	Yes	<code>inlineFrame</code> When the internal <code>iframe</code> fires its load event.
load	<code>AdfComponentEvent</code>	Yes	Yes	<code>document</code> After the document's contents have been displayed on the client, even when PPR navigation is used. It does not always correspond to the <code>onLoad</code> DOM event.
	<code>AdfPollEvent</code>	Yes	Yes	<code>poll</code>
popupOpened	<code>AdfPopupOpenedEvent</code>	No	No	<code>popup</code> After a popup window or dialog is opened
popupOpening	<code>AdfPopupOpeningEvent</code>	No	Yes	<code>popup</code> Prior to opening a popup window or dialog
popupClosed	<code>AdfPopupClosedEvent</code>	No	No	<code>popup</code> After a popup window or dialog is closed
propertyChange	<code>AdfPropertyChangeEvent</code>	No	No	All components

**Table 5–3 (Cont.) ADF Faces Client Events**

Event Type	Event Class	Propagates to Server	Can Be Canceled	Triggered by Component
query	AdfQueryEvent	Yes	Yes	query, quickQuery Upon a query action (that is, when the user clicks the search icon or search button)
queryOperation	AdfQueryOperationEvent	Yes	Yes	query, quickQuery
	AdfReturnEvent	Yes	Yes	All command components
	AdfReturnPopupDataEvent	Yes	Yes	inputListOfValues, inputComboboxListOfValues
	AdfReturnPopupEvent	Yes	Yes	inputListOfValues, inputComboboxListOfValues
rowDisclosure	AdfRowDisclosureEvent	Yes	Yes	tree, treeTable When the row disclosure state is toggled
selection	AdfSelectionEvent	Yes	Yes	tree, treeTable, table When the selection state changes
sort	AdfSortEvent	Yes	Yes	treeTable, table When the user sorts the table data
touchStart touchMove touchEnd touchCancel	AdfComponentTouchEvent	No	Yes	All
valueChange	AdfValueChangeEvent	Yes	Yes	All input and select components (components that implement EditableValueHolder) When the value of an input or select component is changed

ADF Faces also supports client keyboard and mouse events, as shown in [Table 5–4](#)

**Table 5–4 Keyboard and Mouse Event Types Supported**

Event Type	Event Fires When...
click	User clicks a component
dblclick	User double-clicks a component
mousedown	User moves mouse down on a component
mouseup	User moves mouse up on a component
mousemove	User moves mouse while over a component
mouseover	Mouse enters a component
mouseout	Mouse leaves a component
keydown	User presses key down while focused on a component
keyup	User releases key while focused on a component
keypress	When a successful keypress occurs while focused on a component
focus	Component gains keyboard focus

**Table 5–4 (Cont.) Keyboard and Mouse Event Types Supported**

Event Type	Event Fires When...
blur	Component loses keyboard focus

**Best Practice:** Keyboard and mouse events wrap native DOM events using the `AdfUIInputEvent` subclass of the `AdfBaseEvent` class, which provides access to the original DOM event and also offers a range of convenience functions for retrieval of key codes, mouse coordinates, and so on. The `AdfBaseEvent` class also accounts for browser differences in how these events are implemented. Consequently, you must avoid invoking the `getNativeEvent()` method on the directly, and instead use the `AdfUIInputEvent` API.

The `clientListener` tag provides a declarative way to register a client-side event handler script on a component. The script will be invoked when a supported client event type is fired. [Example 5–3](#) shows an example of a JavaScript function associated with an action event.

**Example 5–3 clientListener Tag**

```
<af:commandButton id="button0"
    text="Do something in response to an action">
    <af:clientListener method="someJSMethod" type="action"/>
</af:commandButton>
```

**Tip:** Use the `clientListener` tag instead of the component's JavaScript event properties.

### 5.3.1 How to Use Client-Side Events

To use client-side events, you need to first create the JavaScript that will handle the event. You then use a `clientListener` tag.

**To use client-side events:**

1. Create the JavaScript event handler function. For information about creating JavaScript, see [Section 3.3, "Adding JavaScript to a Page."](#) Within that functionality, you can add the following:

- Locate a client component on a page

If you want your event handler to operate on another component, you must locate that component on the page. For example, in the File Explorer application, when users choose the **Give Feedback** menu item in the **Help** menu, the associated JavaScript function has to locate the help popup dialog in order to open it. For more information about locating client components, see [Section 3.5, "Locating a Client Component on a Page."](#)

- Return the original source of the event

If you have more than one of the same component on the page, your JavaScript function may need to determine which component issued the event. For example, say more than one component can open the same popup dialog, and you want that dialog aligned with the component that called it. You must know the source of the `AdfLaunchPopupEvent` in order to determine where to align the popup dialog. For more information, see [Section 5.3.2, "How to](#)

### Return the Original Source of the Event."

- Add client attributes

It may be that your client event handler will need to work with certain attributes of a component. For example, in the File Explorer application, when users choose the **About** menu item in the **Help** menu, a dialog launches that allows users to provide feedback. The function used to open and display this dialog is also used by other dialogs, which may need to be displayed differently. Therefore, the function needs to know which dialog to display along with information about how to align the dialog. This information is carried in client attributes. Client attributes can also be used to marshall custom server-side attributes to the client. For more information, see [Section 5.3.3, "How to Use Client-Side Attributes for an Event."](#)

- Cancel propagation to the server

Some of the components propagate client-side events to the server, as shown in [Table 5-3](#). If you do not need this extra processing, then you can cancel that propagation. For more information, see [Section 5.3.5, "How to Prevent Events from Propagating to the Server."](#)

2. Once you create the JavaScript function, you must add an event listener that will call the event method.

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**Note:** Alternatively, you can use a JSF 2.0 client behavior tag (such as `f:ajax`) to respond to the client event, as all client events on ADF Faces components are also exposed as client behaviors. For more information, see the Java EE 6 tutorial (<http://download.oracle.com/javaee/index.html>)

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1. Select the component to invoke the JavaScript, and in the Property Inspector, set **ClientComponent** to **true**.
2. In the Component Palette, from the Operations panel, drag a **Client Listener** and drop it as a child to the selected component.
3. In the Insert Client Listener dialog, enter the method and select the type for the JavaScript function.

The `method` attribute of the `clientListener` tag specifies the JavaScript function to call when the corresponding event is fired. The JavaScript function must take a single parameter, which is the event object.

The `type` attribute of the `clientListener` tag specifies the client event type that the tag will listen for, such as `action` or `valueChange`. [Table 5-3](#) lists the ADF Faces client events.

The `type` attribute of the `clientListener` tag also supports client event types related to keyboard and mouse events. [Table 5-4](#) lists the keyboard and mouse event types.

[Example 5-4](#) shows the code used to invoke the `showHelpFileExplorerPopup` function from the `Explorer.js` JavaScript file.

#### **Example 5-4** *clientListener Tags on JSF Page*

```
<af:commandMenuItem id="feedbackMenuItem"
    text="{explorerBundle['menuItem.feedback']}"
    clientComponent="true">
```

```

<af:clientListener method="Explorer.showHelpFileExplorerPopup"
                  type="action"/>
</af:commandMenuItem>

```

4. Add any attributes required by the function by dragging a **Client Attribute** from the Operations panel of the Component Palette, and dropping it as a child to the selected component. Enter the name and value for the attribute in the Property Inspector. [Example 5–5](#) shows the code used to set attribute values for the `showAboutFileExplorerPopup` function.

#### Example 5–5 Adding Attributes

```

<af:commandMenuItem id="aboutMenuItem"
                  text="{explorerBundle['menuItem.about']}"
                  clientComponent="true">
  <af:clientListener method="Explorer.showAboutFileExplorerPopup"
                    type="action"/>
  <af:clientAttribute name="popupCompId" value=":fe:aboutPopup"/>
  <af:clientAttribute name="align" value="end_after"/>
  <af:clientAttribute name="alignId" value="aboutMenuItem"/>
</af:commandMenuItem>

```

---

**Note:** If you use the attribute tag (instead of the `clientAttribute` tag) to add application-specific attributes or bonus attributes to a server component, those attributes are not included on the client component equivalent. You can use the `clientAttribute` tag on the JSF page, and the value will then be available on both the server and client. For information about posting client values back to the server, see [Section 5.4, "Sending Custom Events from the Client to the Server."](#) For information about bonus attributes, see [Section 3.8, "Using Bonus Attributes for Client-Side Components."](#)

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## 5.3.2 How to Return the Original Source of the Event

The JavaScript method `getSource()` returns the original source of a client event. For example, the File Explorer application contains the `showAboutFileExplorerPopup` function shown in [Example 5–6](#), that could be used by multiple events to set the alignment on a given popup dialog or window, using client attributes to pass in the values. Because each event that uses the function may have different values for the attributes, the function must know which source fired the event so that it can access the corresponding attribute values (for more about using client attributes, see [Section 5.3.3, "How to Use Client-Side Attributes for an Event"](#)).

#### Example 5–6 Finding the Source Component of a Client Event

```

Explorer.showAboutFileExplorerPopup = function(event)
{
  var source = event.getSource();
  var alignType = source.getProperty("align");
  var alignCompId = source.getProperty("alignId");
  var popupCompId = source.getProperty("popupCompId");

  source.show({align:alignType, alignId:alignCompId});

  event.cancel();
}

```

The `getSource()` method is called to determine the client component that fired the current focus event, which in this case is the popup component.

### 5.3.3 How to Use Client-Side Attributes for an Event

There may be cases when you want the script logic to cause some sort of change on a component. To do this, you may need attribute values passed in by the event. For example, the File Explorer application contains the `showAboutFileExplorerPopup` function shown in [Example 5-7](#), that can be used to set the alignment on a given popup component, using client attributes to pass in the values. The attribute values are accessed by calling the `getProperty` method on the source component.

#### **Example 5-7 Attribute Values Are Accessed from JavaScript**

```
Explorer.showAboutFileExplorerPopup = function(event)
{
    var source = event.getSource();
    var alignType = source.getProperty("align");
    var alignCompId = source.getProperty("alignId");
    var popupCompId = source.getProperty("popupCompId");

    var aboutPopup = event.getSource().findComponent(popupCompId);
    aboutPopup.show({align:alignType, alignId:alignCompId});

    event.cancel();
}
```

The values are set on the source component, as shown in [Example 5-8](#).

#### **Example 5-8 Setting Attributes on a Component**

```
<af:commandMenuItem id="aboutMenuItem"
    text="#{explorerBundle['menuitem.about']}"
    clientComponent="true">
    <af:clientListener method="Explorer.showAboutFileExplorerPopup"
        type="action"/>
    <af:clientAttribute name="popupCompId" value=":aboutPopup"/>
    <af:clientAttribute name="align" value="end_after"/>
    <af:clientAttribute name="alignId" value="aboutMenuItem"/>
</af:commandMenuItem>
```

Using attributes in this way allows you to reuse the script across different components, as long as they all trigger the same event.

### 5.3.4 How to Block UI Input During Event Execution

There may be times when you do not want the user to be able to interact with the UI while a long-running event is processing. For example, suppose your application uses a button to submit an order, and part of the processing includes creating a charge to the user's account. If the user were to inadvertently press the button twice, the account would be charged twice. By blocking user interaction until server processing is complete, you ensure no erroneous client activity can take place.

The ADF Faces JavaScript API includes the `AdfBaseEvent.preventUserInput` function. To prevent all user input while the event is processing, you can call the `preventUserInput` function, and a glass pane will cover the entire browser window, preventing further input until the event has completed a roundtrip to the server.

You can use the `preventUserInput` function only with custom events, events raised in a custom client script, or events raised in a custom client component's peer. Additionally, the event must propagate to the server. [Example 5–9](#) shows how you can use `preventUserInput` in your JavaScript.

**Example 5–9 Blocking UI Input**

```
function queueEvent(event)
{
    event.cancel(); // cancel action event
    var source = event.getSource();

    var params = {};
    var type = "customListener";
    var immediate = true;
    var isPartial = true;
    var customEvent = new AdfCustomEvent(source, type, params, immediate);
    customEvent.preventUserInput();
    customEvent.queue(isPartial);
}
```

### 5.3.5 How to Prevent Events from Propagating to the Server

By default, some client events propagate to the server once processing has completed on the client. In some circumstances, it is desirable to block this propagation. For instance, if you are using a `commandButton` component to execute JavaScript code when the button is clicked, and there is no `actionListener` event listener on the server, propagation of the event is a waste of resources. To block propagation to the server, you call the `cancel()` function on the event in your listener. Once the `cancel()` function has been called, the `isCanceled()` function will return `true`.

[Example 5–10](#) shows the `showAboutFileExplorerPopup` function, which cancels its propagation.

**Example 5–10 Canceling a Client Event from Propagating to the Server**

```
Explorer.showAboutFileExplorerPopup = function(event)
{
    var source = event.getSource();
    var alignType = source.getProperty("align");
    var alignCompId = source.getProperty("alignId");
    var popupCompId = source.getProperty("popupCompId");

    var aboutPopup = event.getSource().findComponent(popupCompId);
    aboutPopup.show({align:alignType, alignId:alignCompId});

    event.cancel();
}
```

Canceling an event may also block some default processing. For example, canceling an `AdfUIInputEvent` event for a context menu will block the browser from showing a context menu in response to that event.

The `cancel()` function call will be ignored if the event cannot be canceled, which an event indicates by returning `false` from the `isCancelable()` function (events that cannot be canceled show "no" in the Is Cancelable column in [Table 5–3](#)). This generally means that the event is a notification that an outcome has already completed, and



cannot be blocked. There is also no way to uncancel an event once it has been canceled.

### 5.3.6 What Happens at Runtime: How Client-Side Events Work

Event processing in general is taken from the browser's native event loop. The page receives all DOM events that bubble up to the document, and hands them to the peer associated with that piece of DOM. The peer is responsible for creating a rich client JavaScript event object that wraps that DOM event, returning it to the page, which queues the event (for more information about peers and the ADF Faces architecture, see [Chapter 3, "Using ADF Faces Architecture"](#)).

The event queue on the page most commonly empties at the end of the browser's event loop once each DOM event has been processed by the page (typically, resulting in a component event being queued). However, because it is possible for events to be queued independently of any user input (for example, poll components firing their poll event when a timer is invoked), queuing an event also starts a timer that will force the event queue to empty even if no user input occurs.

The event queue is a First-In-First-Out queue. For the event queue to empty, the page takes each event object and delivers it to a `broadcast()` function on the event source. This loop continues until the queue is empty. It is completely legitimate (and common) for broadcasting an event to indirectly lead to queuing a new, derived event. That derived event will be broadcast in the same loop.

When an event is broadcast to a component, the component does the following:

1. Delivers the event to the peer's `DispatchComponentEvent` method.
2. Delivers the event to any listeners registered for that event type.
3. Checks if the event should be bubbled, and if so initiates bubbling. Most events do bubble. Exceptions include property change events (which are not queued, and do not participate in this process at all) and, for efficiency, mouse move events.

While an event is bubbling, it is delivered to the `AdfUIComponent.HandleBubbledEvent` function, which offers up the event to the peer's `DispatchComponentEvent` function. Note that client event listeners do not receive the event, only the peers do.

Event bubbling can be blocked by calling an event's `stopBubbling()` function, after which the `isBubblingStopped()` function will return `true`, and bubbling will not continue. As with cancelling, you cannot undo this call.

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**Note:** Canceling an event does not stop bubbling. If you want to both cancel an event and stop it from bubbling, you must call both functions.

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4. If none of the prior work has canceled the event, calls the `AdfUIComponent.HandleEvent` method, which adds the event to the server event queue, if the event requests it.

### 5.3.7 What You May Need to Know About Using Naming Containers

Several components in ADF Faces are `NamingContainer` components, such as `pageTemplate`, `subform`, `table`, and `tree`. When working with client-side API and events in pages that contain `NamingContainer` components, you should use the `findComponent()` method on the source component.

For example, because all components in any page within the File Explorer application eventually reside inside a `pageTemplate` component, any JavaScript function must use the `getSource()` and `findComponent()` methods, as shown in [Example 5–11](#). The `getSource()` method accesses the `AdfUIComponent` class, which can then be used to find the component.

**Example 5–11 JavaScript Using the `findComponent()` Method**

```
function showPopup(event)
{
    event.cancel();
    var source = event.getSource();
    var popup = source.findComponent("popup");
    popup.show({align:"after_end", alignId:"button"});
}
```

When you use the `findComponent()` method, the search starts locally at the component where the method is invoked. For more information about working with naming containers, see [Section 3.5, "Locating a Client Component on a Page."](#)

## 5.4 Sending Custom Events from the Client to the Server

While the `clientAttribute` tag supports sending bonus attributes from the server to the client, those attributes are not synchronized back to the server. To send any custom data back to the server, use a custom event sent through the `AdfCustomEvent` class and the `serverListener` tag.

The `AdfCustomEvent.queue()` JavaScript method enables you to fire a custom event from any component whose `clientComponent` attribute is set to `true`. The custom event object contains information about the client event source and a map of parameters to include on the event. The custom event can be set for immediate delivery (that is, during the Apply Request Values phase), or non-immediate delivery (that is, during the Invoke Application phase).

For example, in the File Explorer application, after entering a file name in the search field on the left, users can press the Enter key to invoke the search. As [Example 5–12](#) shows, this happens because the `inputText` field contains a `clientListener` that invokes a JavaScript function when the **Enter** key is pressed.

**Example 5–12 `clientListener` Invokes JavaScript Function and Causes `ServerListener` to Be Invoked**

```
//Code on the JSF page...
<af:inputText id="searchCriteriaName"
    value="#{explorer.navigatorManager.searchNavigator.
        searchCriteriaName}"
    shortDesc="#{explorerBundle['navigator.filenamesearch']}">
    <af:serverListener type="enterPressedOnSearch"
        method="#{explorer.navigatorManager.
            searchNavigator.searchOnEnter}"/>
    <af:clientListener type="keyPress"
        method="Explorer.searchNameHandleKeyPress"/>
</af:inputText>

//Code in JavaScript file...
Explorer.searchNameHandleKeyPress = function (event)
{
    if (event.getKeyCode()==AdfKeyStroke.ENTER_KEY)
    {
```

```

var source = event.getSource();
AdfCustomEvent.queue(source,
                    "enterPressedOnSearch",
                    {},
                    false);
}
}

```

The JavaScript contains the `AdfCustomEvent.queue` method that takes the event source, the string `enterPressedOnSearch` as the custom event type, a null parameter map, and `False` for the immediate parameter.

The `inputText` component on the page also contains the following `serverListener` tag:

```

<af:serverListener type="enterPressedOnSearch"
                  method="#{explorer.navigatorManager.
                          searchNavigator.searchOnEnter}"/>

```

Because the type value `enterPressedOnSearch` is the same as the value of the parameter in the `AdfCustomEvent.queue` method in the JavaScript, the method that resolves to the method expression `#{explorer.navigatorManager.searchNavigator.searchOnEnter}` will be invoked.

## 5.4.1 How to Send Custom Events from the Client to the Server

To send a custom event from the client to the server, fire the client event using a custom event type, write the server listener method on a backing bean, and have this method process the custom event. Next, register the server listener with the component.

### To send custom events:

1. Create the JavaScript that will handle the custom event using the `AdfCustomEvent.queue()` method to provide the event source, custom event type, and the parameters to send to the server.

For example, the JavaScript used to cause the pressing of the Enter key to invoke the search functionality uses the `AdfCustomEvent.queue` method that takes the event source, the string `enterPressedOnSearch` as the custom event type, a null parameter map, and `False` for the immediate parameter, as shown in [Example 5-13](#).

#### **Example 5-13** Sample JavaScript for Custom Events

```

Explorer.searchNameHandleKeyPress = function (event)
{
  if (event.getKeyCode()==AdfKeyStroke.ENTER_KEY)
  {
    var source = event.getSource();
    AdfCustomEvent.queue(source,
                        "enterPressedOnSearch",
                        {},
                        false);
  }
}

```

2. Create the server listener method on a managed bean. This method must be public and take an `oracle.adf.view.rich.render.ClientEvent` object and return a void type. [Example 5-14](#) shows the code used in the `SearchNavigatorView` managed

bean that simply calls another method to execute the search and then refreshes the navigator.

**Example 5–14 Server Listener Method for a Custom Client Event**

```
public void searchOnEnter(ClientEvent clientEvent)
{
    doRealSearchForFileItem();

    // refresh search navigator
    this.refresh();
}
```

---

---

**Note:** The Java-to-JavaScript transformation can lose type information for Numbers, chars, Java Objects, arrays, and nonstring CharSequences. Therefore, if an object being sent to the server was initially on the server, you may want to add logic to ensure the correct conversion. See [Section 5.4.3, "What You May Need to Know About Marshalling and Unmarshalling Data."](#)

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3. Register the `clientListener` by dragging a **Client Listener** from the Operations panel of the Component Palette, and dropping it as a child to the component that raises the event.

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**Note:** On the component that will fire the custom client event, the `clientComponent` attribute must be set to `true` to ensure that a client-side generated component is available.

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4. In the Insert Client Listener dialog, enter the method and type for the JavaScript function. Be sure to include a library name if the script is not included on the page. The type can be any string used to identify the custom event, for example, `enterPressedOnSearch` was used in the File Explorer.
5. Register the server listener by dragging a **Server Listener** from the Operations panel of the Component Palette, and dropping it as a sibling to the `clientListener` tag.
6. In the Insert Server Listener dialog, enter the string used as the Type value for the client listener, as the value for this server listener, for example `enterPressedOnSearch`.

In the Property Inspector, for the `method` attribute, enter an expression that resolves to the method created in Step 2.

## 5.4.2 What Happens at Runtime: How Client and Server Listeners Work Together

At runtime, when the user initiates the event, for example, pressing the Enter key, the client listener script executes. This script calls the `AdfCustomEvent.queue()` method, and a custom event of the specified event type is queued on the input component. The server listener registered on the input component receives the custom event, and the associated bean method executes.

### 5.4.3 What You May Need to Know About Marshalling and Unmarshalling Data

*Marshalling* and *unmarshalling* is the process of converting data objects of a programming language into a byte stream and back into data objects that are native to the same or a different programming language. In ADF Faces, marshalling and unmarshalling refer to transformation of data into a suitable format so that it can be optimally exchanged between JavaScript on the client end and Java on the server end. When the client is browser-based, the two common strategies for marshalling are JavaScript Object Notation (JSON) and XML. ADF Faces uses a mix of both of these strategies, with the information sent from the server to the client mostly as JSON and information sent from the client to the server as XML (for more information about JSON, see <http://www.json.org>).

When you send information from JavaScript to Java, the JavaScript data objects are converted (marshalled) into XML, which is then parsed back or unmarshalled into Java objects at the server-side. For example, consider a JSF page that has a `commandButton` component whose ID is `cmd`. When a user clicks the `commandButton` component, the client must communicate to the server that an `actionEvent` has been fired by this specific `commandButton`. In the `requestParameter` map, the information is mapped with the key using the format `event + . + id` where `id` is the ID of the component. So the `requestParameter` map key for the `commandComponent` would be the XML string stored as the value of the key `event.cmd`.

The XML fragment after marshalling in this example would be:

```
<m xmlns="http://oracle.com/richClient/comm"><k v="type"><s>action</s></k></m>
```

The `m` in the example means that this should be unmarshalled into a map. The `k` denotes the key and the value is of type `String`. On the server side, this XML fragment is parsed into a `java.util.Map` of one entry having type `(java.lang.String)` as the key and `action` (`java.lang.String`) as the value.

The unmarshalled information is grouped per client ID, stored in the request map, and used when the components are being decoded. So in this example, when the `commandButton` is decoded, it will check for the presence of any client events using its client ID (`event.cmd`) and then queue an action event if one is found (the decode behavior is implemented in the renderer hierarchy for `commandButton` component).

Table 5–5 shows the mapping between corresponding JavaScript and Java types.

**Table 5–5 JavaScript to Java Type Map**

JavaScript Type	Java Type
Boolean	<code>java.lang.Boolean</code>
Number	<code>java.lang.Double</code>
String	<code>java.lang.String</code>
Date	<code>java.util.Date</code>
Array	<code>java.util.ArrayList</code>
Object	<code>java.util.Map</code>

Marshalling from Java to JavaScript happens mostly through JSON. This type of marshalling is straightforward as JSON is the object literal notation in JavaScript. The client-components usually have their properties encoded in JSON. Consider the following example:

```
new AdfRichCommandButton('demoTemplate:richComand'
    {'partialSubmit':true,'useWindow':false})
```

The second argument (`{'partialSubmit':true,'useWindow':false}`) is a JSON object. There is no additional unmarshalling step required at the browser end as JSON can directly be parsed into the JavaScript environment as an object.

Encoding for a table also uses JSON to pass push messages to the client. The following is an example of an envelope containing a single encoded push message:

```
[{'rKey':'0','type':'update','data': [{'val':'Active Data Every Second: on row 0:78','prop':'value','cInd':0}, {'val':'Active Data Every Second: on row 0:78','prop':'value','cInd':1}]]
```

The envelope is a JavaScript Array with only one object, which describes the message. This message contains information about the type of change, the actual value of the data, and so on, that is then used by the client-side table peer to update the table itself.

Table 5-6 shows the mapping between corresponding Java and JavaScript types.

**Table 5-6 Java to JavaScript Type Map**

Java Type	JavaScript Type
<code>java.lang.Boolean</code>	Boolean
<code>java.lang.Double</code>	Number
<code>java.lang.Integer</code>	Number
<code>java.lang.Float</code>	Number
<code>java.lang.Long</code>	Number
<code>java.lang.Short</code>	Number
<code>java.lang.Character</code>	String
<code>java.lang.CharSequence</code>	String
<code>java.util.Collection</code>	Array
<code>java.util.Date</code>	Date
<code>java.util.Map</code>	Object
Array	Array
<code>java.awt.Color</code>	TrColor

Note that there could be some loss of information during the conversion process. For example, say you are using the following custom event to send the number 1 and the String test, as shown in the following example:

```
AdfCustomEvent.queue(event.getSource(), "something", {first:1, second:"test"});
```

In the server-side listener, the type of the first parameter would become a `java.lang.Double` because numbers are converted to Doubles when going from JavaScript to Java. However, it might be that the parameter started on the server side as an `int`, and was converted to a number when conversion from Java to JavaScript took place. Now on its return trip to the server, it will be converted to a `Double`.

## 5.5 Executing a Script Within an Event Response

Using the `ExtendedRenderKitService` class, you can add JavaScript to an event response, for example, after invoking an action method binding. It can be a simple message like sending an alert informing the user that the database connection could

not be established, or a call to a function like `hide()` on a popup window to programmatically dismiss a popup dialog.

For example, in the File Explorer application, when the user clicks the `UpOneFolder` navigation button to move up in the folder structure, the folder pane is repainted to display the parent folder as selected. The `HandleUpOneFolder()` method is called in response to clicking the `UpOneFolder` button event. It uses the `ExtendedRenderKitService` class to add JavaScript to the response.

[Example 5–15](#) shows the `UpOneFolder` code in the page with the `actionListener` attribute bound to the `HandleUpOneFolder()` handler method which will process the action event when the button is clicked.

#### **Example 5–15 Invoking a Method to Add JavaScript to a Response**

```
<af:commandToolBarButton id="upOneFolder"
. . .
    actionListener="#{explorer.headerManager.handleUpOneFolder}"/>
```

[Example 5–16](#) shows the `handleUpOneFolder` method that uses the `ExtendedRenderKitService` class.

#### **Example 5–16 Adding JavaScript to a Response**

```
public void handleUpOneFolder(ActionEvent actionEvent)
{
    UIXTree folderTree =
        feBean.getNavigatorManager().getFoldersNavigator().getFoldersTreeComponent();
    Object selectedPath =
        feBean.getNavigatorManager().getFoldersNavigator().getFirstSelectedTreePath();

    if (selectedPath != null)
    {
        TreeModel model =
            _feBean.getNavigatorManager().getFoldersNavigator().getFoldersTreeModel();
        Object oldRowKey = model.getRowKey();
        try
        {
            model.setRowKey(selectedPath);
            Object parentRowKey = model.getContainerRowKey();
            if (parentRowKey != null)
            {
                folderTree.getSelectedRowKeys().clear();
                folderTree.getSelectedRowKeys().add(parentRowKey);
                // This is an example of how to force a single attribute
                // to rerender. The method assumes that the client has an optimized
                // setter for "selectedRowKeys" of tree.
                FacesContext context = FacesContext.getCurrentInstance();
                ExtendedRenderKitService erks =
                    Service.getRenderKitService(context,
                        ExtendedRenderKitService.class);
                String clientRowKey = folderTree.getClientRowKeyManager().
                    getClientRowKey(context, folderTree, parentRowKey);
                String clientId = folderTree.getClientId(context);
                StringBuilder builder = new StringBuilder();
                builder.append("AdfPage.PAGE.findComponent('");
                builder.append(clientId);
                builder.append("').setSelectedRowKeys({'");
                builder.append(clientRowKey);
                builder.append("':true});");
            }
        }
    }
}
```



```

        erks.addScript(context, builder.toString());
    }
}
finally
{
    model.setRowKey(oldRowKey);
}
// Only really needed if using server-side rerendering
// of the tree selection, but performing it here saves
// a roundtrip (just one, to fetch the table data, instead
// of one to process the selection event only after which
// the table data gets fetched!)
_feBean.getNavigatorManager().getFoldersNavigator().openSelectedFolder();
}
}

```

## 5.6 Using Client Behavior Tags

ADF Faces client behavior tags provide declarative solutions to common client operations that you would otherwise have to write yourself using JavaScript, and register on components as client listeners. By using these tags instead of writing your own JavaScript code to implement the same operations, you reduce the amount of JavaScript code that needs to be downloaded to the browser.

ADF Faces provides these client behavior tags that you can use in place of client listeners:

- `panelDashboardBehavior`: Enables the runtime insertion of a child component into a `panelDashboard` component to appear more responsive. For details, see [Section 8.8.1, "How to Use the panelDashboard Component."](#)
- `insertTextBehavior`: Enables a command component to insert text at the cursor in an `inputText` component. For details, see [Section 9.3.2, "How to Add the Ability to Insert Text into an inputText Component."](#)
- `richTextEditorInsertBehavior`: Enables a command component to insert text (including preformatted text) at the cursor in a `richTextEditor` component. For details, see [Section 9.8.2, "How to Add the Ability to Insert Text into a richTextEditor Component."](#)
- `showPopupBehavior`: Enables a command component to launch a popup component. For details, see [Section 13.4, "Invoking Popup Elements."](#)
- `showPrintablePageBehavior`: Enables a command component to generate and display a printable version of the page. For details, see [Section 36.2, "Displaying a Page for Print."](#)
- `scrollComponentIntoViewBehavior`: Enables a command component to jump to a named component when clicked. For details, see [Section 5.6.1, "How to Use the scrollComponentIntoViewBehavior Tag."](#)

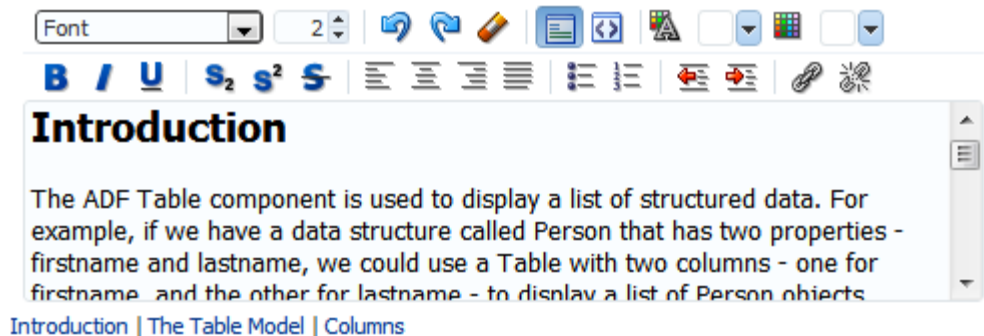
Client behavior tags cancel server-side event delivery automatically. Therefore, any `actionListener` or `action` attributes on the parent component will be ignored. This cannot be disabled. If you want to also trigger server-side functionality, you should use either a client-side event (see [Section 5.3, "Using JavaScript for ADF Faces Client Events"](#)), or add an additional client listener that uses `AdfCustomEvent` and `af:serverListener` to deliver a server-side event (see [Section 5.4, "Sending Custom Events from the Client to the Server"](#)).



## 5.6.1 How to Use the scrollComponentIntoViewBehavior Tag

Use the `scrollComponentIntoViewBehavior` tag when you want the user to be able to jump to a particular component on a page. This action is similar to an anchor in HTML. For example, you may want to allow users to jump to a particular part of a page using a `commandLink` component. For the `richTextEditor` and `inlineFrame` components, you can jump to a subcomponent. For example, [Figure 5-1](#) shows a `richTextEditor` component with a number of sections in its text. The command links below the editor allow the user to jump to specific parts of the text.

**Figure 5-1** *scrollComponentIntoViewBehavior Tag in an Editor*



You can also configure the tag to have focus switched to the component to which the user has scrolled.

### To use the `scrollComponentIntoViewBehavior` tag:

1. Create a command component that the user will click to jump to the named component. For procedures, see [Section 18.2.1, "How to Use Command Buttons and Command Links."](#)
2. In the Component Palette, from the **Operations** section, drag and drop a **Scroll Component Into View Behavior** as a child to the command component.
3. In the Insert Scroll Component Into View Behavior dialog, use the dropdown arrow to select **Edit** and then navigate to select the component to which the user should jump.
4. In the Property Inspector, set the `focus` attribute to `true` if you want the component to have focus after the jump.
5. For a `richTextEditor` or `inlineFrame` component, optionally enter a value for the `subTargetId` attribute. This ID is defined in the value of the `richTextEditor` or `inlineFrame` component.

For example, the value of the `subTargetId` attribute for the `scrollComponentIntoViewBehavior` tag shown in [Figure 5-1](#) is `Introduction`. The value of the `richTextEditor` is bound to the property shown in [Example 5-17](#). Note that `Introduction` is the ID for the first header.

### **Example 5-17** *subTargetId Value Defined in a Property*

```
private static final String _RICH_SECTIONED_VALUE =
    "<div>\n" +
    "    <h2>\n" +
    "        <a id=\"Introduction\"></a>Introduction</h2>\n" +
    "    <p>\n" +
    "        The ADF Table component is used to display a list of structured data. For
```

```

example,\n" +
    "    if we have a data structure called Person that has two properties -
firstname and\n" +
    "    lastname, we could use a Table with two columns - one for firstname, and
the other\n" +
    "    for lastname - to display a list of Person objects.\n" +
    "</p>\n" +
    "</div>\n" +
    "<div>\n" +
    "    <h2>\n" +
    "    <a id=\"The_Table_Model\"></a>The Table Model</h2>\n" +
    "    <p>\n" +
    ". . .
</div>";

```

## 5.7 Using Polling Events to Update Pages

ADF Faces provides the `poll` component whose `pollEvent` can be used to communicate with the server at specified intervals. For example, you might use the `poll` component to update an `outputText` component, or to deliver a heartbeat to the server to prevent a user from being timed out of their session.

You need to create a listener for the `pollEvent` that will be used to do the processing required at poll time. For example, if you want to use the `poll` component to update the value of an `outputText` component, you would implement a `pollEventListener` method that would check the value in the data source and then update the component.

You can configure the interval time to determine how often the `poll` component will deliver its poll event. You also configure the amount of time after which the page will be allowed to time out. This can be useful, as the polling on a page causes the session to never time out. Each time a request is sent to the server, a session time out value is written to the page to determine when to cause a session time out. Because the `poll` component will continually send a request to the server (based on the interval time), the session will never time out. This is expensive both in network usage and in memory.

To avoid this issue, the `web.xml` configuration file contains the `oracle.adf.view.rich.poll.TIMEOUT` context-parameter, which specifies how long a page should run before it times out. A page is considered eligible to time out if there is no keyboard or mouse activity. The default timeout period is set at ten minutes. So if user is inactive for 10 minutes, that is, does not use the keyboard or mouse, then the framework stops polling, and from that point on, the page participates in the standard server-side session timeout (for more information, see [Section A.2.3.21, "Session Timeout Warning"](#)).

If the application does time out, when the user moves the mouse or uses the keyboard again, a new session timeout value is written to the page, and polling starts again.

You can override this time for a specific page using the `poll` component's `timeout` attribute.

### 5.7.1 How to Use the Poll Component

When you use the `poll` component, you normally also create a handler method to handle the functionality for the polling event.

**Before You Begin**

It may be helpful to have an understanding of how the attributes can affect functionality. For more information, see [Section 5.7, "Using Polling Events to Update Pages"](#)

**To use a poll component:**

1. In a managed bean, create a handler for the poll event. For more information about managed beans, see [Section 2.6, "Creating and Using Managed Beans"](#)
2. Create a poll component by dragging and dropping a **Poll** from the Operations panel of the Component Palette.
3. In the Property Inspector, expand the Common section and set the following:
  - **Interval:** Enter the amount of time in milliseconds between poll events. Set to 0 to disable polling.
  - **PollListener:** Enter an EL expression that evaluates to the method in Step 1.
4. If you want to override the global timeout value in the `web.xml` file, expand the Other section and set **Timeout** to the amount of time in milliseconds after which the page will stop polling and the session will time out.



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## Validating and Converting Input

This chapter describes how to add conversion and validation capabilities to ADF Faces input components in your application. It also describes how to handle and display any errors, including those not caused by validation.

This chapter includes the following sections:

- [Section 6.1, "Introduction to ADF Faces Converters and Validators"](#)
- [Section 6.2, "Conversion, Validation, and the JSF Lifecycle"](#)
- [Section 6.3, "Adding Conversion"](#)
- [Section 6.4, "Creating Custom JSF Converters"](#)
- [Section 6.5, "Adding Validation"](#)
- [Section 6.6, "Creating Custom JSF Validation"](#)

### 6.1 Introduction to ADF Faces Converters and Validators

ADF Faces input components support conversion capabilities. A web application can store data of many types, such as `int`, `long`, and `date` in the model layer. When viewed in a client browser, however, the user interface has to present the data in a manner that can be read or modified by the user. For example, a date field in a form might represent a `java.util.Date` object as a text string in the format `mm/dd/yyyy`. When a user edits a date field and submits the form, the string must be converted back to the type that is required by the application. Then the data is validated against any rules and conditions. Conversely, data stored as something other than a `String` type can be converted to a `String` for display and updating. Many components, such as `af:inputDate`, automatically provide a conversion capability.

ADF Faces input components also support validation capabilities. If the `required` attribute of an input component is set to `true` you can set one or more validator attributes or you can use the ADF Faces validator components. In addition, you can create your own custom validators to suit your business needs.

Validators and converters have a default hint message that is displayed to users when they click in the associated field. For converters, the hint usually tells the user the correct format to use for input values, based on the given pattern. For validators, the hint is used to convey what values are valid, based on the validation configured for the component. If conversion or validation fails, associated error messages are displayed to the user. These messages can be displayed in dialogs, or they can be displayed on the page itself next to the component whose conversion or validation failed. For more information about displaying messages in an ADF Faces application, see [Chapter 17, "Displaying Tips, Messages, and Help."](#)

## 6.2 Conversion, Validation, and the JSF Lifecycle

When a form with data is submitted, the browser sends a request value to the server for each UI component whose `editable` value attribute is bound. Request values are decoded during the JSF Apply Request Values phase and the decoded value is saved locally on the component in the `submittedValue` attribute. If the value requires conversion (for example, if it is displayed as a `String` type but stored as a `DateTime` object), the data is converted to the correct type during the Process Validation phase on a per-UI-component basis.

If validation or conversion fails, the lifecycle proceeds to the Render Response phase and a corresponding error message is displayed on the page. If conversion and validation are successful, then the Update Model phase starts and the converted and validated values are used to update the model.

When a validation or conversion error occurs, the component whose validation or conversion failed places an associated error message in the queue and invalidates itself. The current page is then redisplayed with an error message. ADF Faces components provide a way of declaratively setting these messages.

For detailed information about how conversion and validation works in the JSF Lifecycle, see [Chapter 4, "Using the JSF Lifecycle with ADF Faces."](#)

## 6.3 Adding Conversion

A web application can store data of many types (such as `int`, `long`, `date`) in the model layer. When viewed in a client browser, however, the user interface has to present the data in a manner that can be read or modified by the user. For example, a date field in a form might represent a `java.util.Date` object as a text string in the format `mm/dd/yyyy`. When a user edits a date field and submits the form, the string must be converted back to the type that is required by the application. Then the data is validated against any rules and conditions. You can set only one converter on a UI component.

When you create an `af:inputText` component and set an attribute that is of a type for which there is a converter, JDeveloper automatically adds that converter's tag as a child of the input component. This tag invokes the converter, which will convert the `String` type entered by the user back into the type expected by the object.

The JSF standard converters, which handle conversion between `String` types and simple data types, implement the `javax.faces.convert.Converter` interface. The supplied JSF standard converter classes are:

- `BigDecimalConverter`
- `BigIntegerConverter`
- `BooleanConverter`
- `ByteConverter`
- `CharacterConverter`
- `DateTimeConverter`
- `DoubleConverter`
- `EnumConverter`
- `FloatConverter`
- `IntegerConverter`

- LongConverter
- NumberConverter
- ShortConverter

[Table 6–1](#) shows the converters provided by ADF Faces.

**Table 6–1 ADF Faces Converters**

Converter	Tag Name	Description
ColorConverter	af:convertColor	Converts <code>java.lang.String</code> objects to <code>java.awt.Color</code> objects. You specify a set of color patterns as an attribute of the converter.
DateTimeConverter	af:convertDateTime	Converts <code>java.lang.String</code> objects to <code>java.util.Date</code> objects. You specify the pattern and style of the date as attributes of the converter.
NumberConverter	af:convertNumber	Converts <code>java.lang.String</code> objects to <code>java.lang.Number</code> objects. You specify the pattern and type of the number as attributes of the converter.

As with validators, the ADF Faces converters are also run on the client side.

If no converter is explicitly added, ADF Faces will attempt to create a converter based on the data type. Therefore, if the value is bound to any of the following types, you do not need to explicitly add a converter:

- `java.util.Date`
- `java.util.Color`
- `java.awt.Color`
- `java.lang.Number`
- `java.lang.Integer`
- `java.lang.Long`
- `java.lang.Short`
- `java.lang.Byte`
- `java.lang.Float`
- `java.lang.Double`

Unlike the converters listed in [Table 6–1](#), the JavaScript-enabled converters are applied by type and used instead of the standard ones, overriding the `class` and `id` attributes. They do not have associated tags that can be nested in the component.

Some `oracle.jbo.domain` datatypes are automatically converted. For some `oracle.jbo.domain` datatypes that are not handled automatically, you can add a `oracle.jbo.domain` converter to your component as described in [Section 6.3.6, "How to Add oracle.jbo.domain Converters."](#)

### 6.3.1 How to Add a Standard ADF Faces Converter

You can also manually insert a converter into a UI component.

**To add ADF Faces converters that have tags:**

1. In the Structure window, right-click the component for which you would like to add a converter.
2. In the context menu, choose **Insert inside <UI component>**, then **ADF Faces** to insert an ADF Faces converter, or **JSF Core** to insert a JSF converter.
3. Choose a converter tag (for example, **ConvertDateTime**).
4. In the Property Inspector, set values for the attributes, including any messages for conversion errors. For additional help, right-click any of the attributes and choose **Help**.

You can set multiple patterns for some ADF Faces converters. For more information, see [Section 6.3.2, "How to Set Attributes on a Standard ADF Faces Converter"](#).

ADF Faces lets you customize the detail portion of a conversion error message. By setting a value for a **MessageDetailxyz** attribute, where **xyz** is the conversion error type (for example, `MessageDetailconvertDate`), ADF Faces displays the custom message instead of a default message, if conversion fails. For more information about creating messages, see [Chapter 17, "Displaying Tips, Messages, and Help."](#)

## 6.3.2 How to Set Attributes on a Standard ADF Faces Converter

Patterns specify the format of data accepted for conversion. Multiple patterns allow for more than one format. For example, a user could enter dates using a slash (/) or hyphen (-) as a separator. Not all converters support multiple patterns, although pattern matching is flexible and multiple patterns may not be needed.

[Example 6-1](#) illustrates the use of a multiple pattern for the `af:convertColor` tag in which "255-255-000" and "FFFF00" are both acceptable values.

### **Example 6-1** *af:convertColor Multiple Patterns*

```
<af:inputColor colorData="#{adfFacesContext.colorPalette.default49}" id="sic3"
  label="Select a color" value="#{demoColor.colorValue4}" chooseId="chooseId">
  <af:convertColor patterns="rrr-ggg-bbb RRGGBB #RRGGBB"
    transparentAllowed="false"/>
</af:inputColor>
```

[Example 6-2](#) illustrates the use of an `af:convertDateTime` tag in which "6/9/2007" and "2007/9/6" are both acceptable values.

### **Example 6-2** *af:convertDateTime Multiple Patterns*

```
<af:inputDate id="mdf5" value="2004/09/06" label="attached converter">
  <af:convertDateTime pattern="yyyy/M/d" secondaryPattern="d/M/yyyy" />
</af:inputDate>
```

[Example 6-3](#) illustrates an `af:convertNumber` tag with the `type` attribute set to `currency` to accept "\$78.57" and "\$078.57" as values for conversion.

### **Example 6-3** *af:convertNumber Set to Currency Attribute*

```
<af:inputText label="type=currency" value="#{validate.currency}">
  <af:convertNumber type="currency"/>
</af:inputText>
```



### 6.3.3 What Happens at Runtime: How Converters Work

When the user submits the page containing converters, the ADF Faces `validate()` method calls the converter's `getAsObject()` method to convert the `String` value to the required object type. When there is not an attached converter and if the component is bound to a bean property in the model, then ADF checks the model's data type and attempts to find the appropriate converter. If conversion fails, the component's value attribute is set to `false` and JSF adds an error message to a queue that is maintained by `FacesContext`. If conversion is successful and there are validators attached to the component, the converted value is passed to the validators. If no validators are attached to the component, the converted value is stored as a local value that is later used to update the model.

### 6.3.4 What You May Need to Know About Rounding Behavior of Number Converters

When `af:convertNumber` displays an input value with more decimal digits than specified by `maxFractionDigits`, by default it uses Java's `HALF_EVEN` method to round off the value.

If you want `af:convertNumber` to use a method other than `HALF_EVEN` (such as `HALF_UP` or `FLOOR`), follow these tips:

- To configure a particular instance of `af:convertNumber`, set the **roundingMode** attribute to the desired value.

For example:

```
<af:convertNumber roundingMode="FLOOR" ... />
```

- To configure all instances of `af:convertNumber` in your application, add the **rounding-mode** attribute in `trinidad-config.xml` and set it accordingly.

For example:

```
<trinidad-config xmlns="http://myfaces.apache.org/trinidad/config">
...
  <rounding-mode>FLOOR</rounding-mode>
</trinidad-config>
```

The value of **roundingMode** must be supported by Java's `RoundingMode`. The value can be specified as a string in the `.jspx` or the config file, or as an EL expression bound to a method that returns `RoundingMode` type value.

For more information about `RoundingMode`, see the Java API documentation.

### 6.3.5 What You May Need to Know About Date Converters

You should use a four-digit year pattern with a date converter to avoid ambiguity. If you are using a two-digit year format as the pattern, all four-digit year values appear as two digit year values. For example, if you are using a two-digit year format (such as `MM-dd-yy`) as the pattern, the date values `03-01-1910` and `03-01-2010` appear as `03-01-10` in the input field and could be interpreted incorrectly, though the server stores the correct year value.

If you are using a two-digit year format, the century containing the `two-digit-year-start` value and the `two-digit-year-start + 100` value is used. For example, if `two-digit-year-start` value is `1912`, two-digit values will resolve to a date within `1912` through `2012`. To enter dates outside this range, the end user should enter a date with the full (four-digit) year. For more information about

`two-digit-year-start` element and how to configure it, see [Section A.6.2, "What You May Need to Know About Elements in trinidad-config.xml."](#)

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**Note:** While using a two-digit year format, two digit years will be placed in the range determined by `two-digit-year-start` even if the user is editing an existing value.

For example, assuming `two-digit-year-start` is set to 1950 (resolving year values to the range 1950 through 2050) and the `inputDate` component has value 03/01/1776 (displayed as 03/01/76). If the user modifies the value to 03/01/77, the new date would be 03/01/1977, not 03/01/1777 as may be expected.

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### 6.3.6 How to Add oracle.jbo.domain Converters

For `oracle.jbo.domain` datatypes that are not automatically converted, you will need to reference the `oracle.jbo.domain` converter in your component. These converters are automatically registered and do not need a tag.

[Table 6–2](#) lists the `oracle.jbo.domain` datatype converters.

**Table 6–2** *oracle.jbo.domain Datatype Converters*

oracle.jbo.domain Converter	Description
<code>ordDomainConverter</code>	Handles <code>oracle.jbo.domain.ord</code> datatypes
<code>genericDomainConverter</code>	Handles generic <code>oracle.jbo.domain</code> datatypes

To add a `oracle.jbo.domain` converter, you can add the converter to the `converter` attribute as shown in [Example 6–4](#).

**Example 6–4** *Adding genericDomain Converter using the converter attribute*

```
<af:inputText ... converter="oracle.genericDomain"/>
```

Or you can add the `f:converter` tag and reference the converter using the `converterId` attribute as shown in [Example 6–5](#).

**Example 6–5** *Adding genericDomain Converter using f:converter*

```
<af:inputText ...
    <f:converter converterId="oracle.genericDomain"/>
</af:inputText>
```

## 6.4 Creating Custom JSF Converters

You can create your own converters to meet your specific business needs. You can create custom JSF converters that run on the server-side using Java, and then also create a JavaScript version that can run on the client-side. However, unlike creating custom validators, you can create only converter classes. You cannot add a method to a backing bean to provide conversion.

### 6.4.1 How to Create a Custom JSF Converter

Creating a custom converter requires writing the business logic for the conversion by creating an implementation of the `Converter` interface that contains the

`getAsObject()` and `getAsString()` methods, and then registering the custom converter with the application. You then use the `f:converter` tag and set the custom converter as a property of that tag, or you can use the `converter` attribute on the input component to bind to that converter.

You can also create a client-side version of the converter. ADF Faces client-side converters work in the same way standard JSF conversion works on the server, except that JavaScript is used on the client. JavaScript converter objects can throw `ConverterException` exceptions and they support the `getAsObject()` and `getAsString()` methods.

### To create a custom JSF converter:

1. Create a Java class that implements the `javax.faces.converter.Converter` interface. The implementation must contain a public no-args constructor, a set of accessor methods for any attributes, and `getAsObject` and `getAsString` methods to implement the `Converter` interface.

The `getAsObject()` method takes the `FacesContext` instance, the UI component, and the `String` value to be converted to a specified object, for example:

```
public Object getAsObject(FacesContext context,
                        UIComponent component,
                        java.lang.String value){
    ..
}
```

The `getAsString()` method takes the `FacesContext` instance, the UI component, and the object to be converted to a `String` value. For example:

```
public String getAsString(FacesContext context,
                        UIComponent component,
                        Object value){
    ..
}
```

For more information about these classes, refer to the API documentation or visit <http://docs.oracle.com/javaee/index.html>.

2. Add the needed conversion logic. This logic should use `javax.faces.convert.ConverterException` to throw the appropriate exceptions and `javax.faces.application.FacesMessage` to generate the corresponding error messages. For more information about the `Converter` interface and the `FacesMessage` error handlers, see the API documentation for `javax.faces.convert.ConverterException` and `javax.faces.application.FacesMessage`, or visit <http://docs.oracle.com/javaee/index.html>.
3. If your application saves state on the client, your custom converter must implement the `Serializable` interface or the `StateHolder` interface, and the `saveState(FacesContext)` and `restoreState(FacesContext, Object)` methods of the `StateHolder` interface. For more information, see the Javadoc for the `StateHolder` interface of `javax.faces.component` package.
4. Register the converter in the `faces-config.xml` file.
  - Open the `faces-config.xml` file and select the **Overview** tab in the editor window. The `faces-config.xml` file is located in the `<View_Project>/WEB-INF` directory in the JDeveloper Application Navigator.

- In the window, select **Converters** and click **New**. Click **Help** or press **F1** for additional help in registering the converter.

**To create a client-side version of the converter:**

- Write a JavaScript version of the converter, passing relevant information to a constructor. [Example 6–6](#) shows the code to implement the interface `org.apache.myfaces.trinidad.convert.ClientConverter`, which has two methods. The first method is `getClientScript()`, which returns an implementation of the JavaScript `Converter` object. The second method is `getClientConversion()`, which returns a JavaScript constructor that is used to instantiate an instance of the converter.

**Example 6–6 Interface Converter**

```
function TrConverter()
{
}
/**
 * Convert the specified model object value, into a String for display
 * @param value Model object value to be converted
 * @param label label to identify the editableValueHolder to the user
 * @return the value as a string or undefined in case of no converter mechanism is
 * available (see TrNumberConverter).
 */
TrConverter.prototype.getAsString = function(value, label){

/**
 * Convert the specified string value into a model data object
 * which can be passed to validators
 * @param value String value to be converted
 * @param label label to identify the editableValueHolder to the user
 * @return the converted value or undefined in case of no converter mechanism is
 * available (see TrNumberConverter).
 */
TrConverter.prototype.getAsObject = function(value, label){}
```

The `TrConverter` interface can throw a `TrConverterException` exception, which should contain a `TrFacesMessage` error message. [Example 6–7](#) shows the signature for `TrFacesMessage` and [Example 6–8](#) shows the signature for `TrFacesException`.

**Example 6–7 TrFacesMessage Signature**

```
/**
 * Message similar to javax.faces.application.FacesMessage
 * @param summary - Localized summary message text
 * @param detail - Localized detail message text
 * @param severity - An optional severity for this message. Use constants
 * SEVERITY_INFO, SEVERITY_WARN, SEVERITY_ERROR, and
 * SEVERITY_FATAL from the FacesMessage class. Default is
 * SEVERITY_INFO
 */
function TrFacesMessage(
    summary,
    detail,
    severity
)
```

**Example 6–8 TrFacesException Signature**

```

/**
 * TrConverterException is an exception thrown by the getAsObject() or
 getAsString()
 * method of a Converter, to indicate that the requested conversion cannot be
 performed.
 * @param facesMessage the TrFacesMessage associated with this exception
 * @param summary Localized summary message text, used to create only if
 facesMessage is null
 * @param detail Localized detail message text, used only if facesMessage is null
 */
function TrConverterException(
    facesMessage,
    summary,
    detail

```

[Example 6–9](#) shows an example of a custom converter, `SimpleNumberConverter`, written in Java that will run on the server. The custom converter has to implement the `ClientConverter` interface.

**Example 6–9 Custom Converter SimpleNumberConverter in Java**

```

public class SimpleNumberConverter implements javax.faces.convert.Converter,
    org.apache.myfaces.trinidad.convert.ClientConverter
{
    public SimpleNumberConverter(boolean isInteger)
    {
        _isInteger = isInteger;
    }

    // CONVERTER INTERFACE
    public Object getAsObject(FacesContext context, UIComponent component,
        String value)
    {
        // convert to object
    }

    String getAsString(FacesContext context, UIComponent component, Object value)
    {
        // convert to string
    }
    // CLIENTCONVERTER INTERFACE
    /**
     * Called to retrieve the appropriate client
     * conversion code for the node and context.
     * For HTML, this will be javascript that will be embedded in a
     * script tag. For HTML this method is expected to return a
     * constructor of the javascript Converter object
     * returned by getClientScript().
     */
    public String getClientConversion(FacesContext context, UIComponent component)
    {
        return "new SimpleNumberConverter(" + Boolean.toString(_isInteger) + ")";
    }
    public Collection<String> getClientImportNames()
    {
        // return empty collection
    }
    public String getClientLibrarySource(FacesContext context)

```

```
{
    return null;
}

public String getClientScript(FacesContext context, UIComponent component)
{
    return null;
}

private boolean _isInteger;
}
```

You must also create a JavaScript implementation of the custom converter for the client, as shown in [Example 6–10](#).

**Example 6–10 Client-side Implementation of SimpleNumberConverter in JavaScript**

```
/**
 * constructor of client side SimpleNumberConverter class
 */
function SimpleNumberConverter(isInteger)
{
    this._isInteger = isInteger;
}
// Inherit object properties from base class if desired.
SimpleNumberConverter.prototype = new SimpleConverter();
SimpleNumberConverter.prototype.getAsString = function(number, label)
{
    // convert to string
}
SimpleNumberConverter.prototype.getAsObject = function(numberString, label)
{
    // convert to object
}
```

**To use a custom converter on a JSF page:**

- Bind your converter class to the `converter` attribute of the input component.

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**Note:** If a custom converter is registered in an application under a class for a specific data type, whenever a component's value references a value binding that has the same type as the custom converter object, JSF will automatically use the converter of that class to convert the data. In that case, you do not need to use the `converter` attribute to register the custom converter on a component, as shown in the following code:

```
<af:inputText value="#{myBean.myProperty}" />
```

The `myProperty` data type has the same type as the custom converter.

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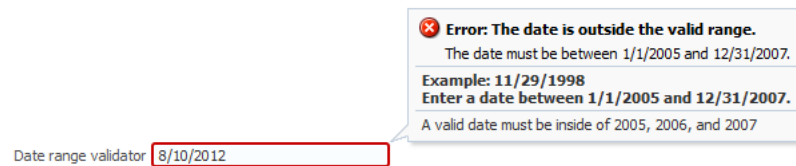
## 6.4.2 What Happens When You Use a Custom Converter

When you use a custom converter, the application accesses the converter class referenced in the `converter` attribute, and executes the `getAsObject` or `getAsString` method as appropriate. These methods access the data from the component and execute the conversion logic.

## 6.5 Adding Validation

You can add validation so that when a user edits or enters data in a field and submits the form, the data is validated against any set rules and conditions. If validation fails, the application displays an error message. For example, in [Figure 6–1](#) a specific date range for user input with a message hint is set by the `af:validateDateTimeRange` component and an error message is displayed in the message popup window when an invalid value is entered.

**Figure 6–1** Date Range Validator with Error Message



On the view layer use ADF Faces validation when you want client-side validation. All validators provided by ADF Faces have a client-side peer. Many components have attributes that provide validation. For information, see [Section 6.5.1.2, "Using Validation Attributes."](#) In addition, ADF Faces provides separate validation classes that can be run on both the client and the server. For details, see [Section 6.5.1.3, "Using ADF Faces Validators."](#) You can also create your own validators. For information about custom validators, see [Section 6.6.3, "How to Create a Custom JSF Validator."](#)

### 6.5.1 How to Add Validation

Set ADF Faces validation on the input component and an error message is displayed inline or in a popup window on the page. For more information about displaying messages created by validation errors, see [Chapter 17, "Displaying Tips, Messages, and Help."](#)

#### 6.5.1.1 Adding ADF Faces Validation

By default, ADF Faces syntactic and semantic validation occurs on both the client and server side. Client-side validation allows validators to catch and display data without requiring a round-trip to the server.

ADF Faces provides the following types of validation:

- **UI component attributes:** ADF Faces input components provide attributes that can be used to validate data. For example, you can supply simple validation using the `required` attribute on ADF Faces input components to specify whether or not a value must be supplied. When the `required` attribute is set to `true`, the component must have a value. Otherwise the application displays an error message. For more information, see [Section 6.5.1.2, "Using Validation Attributes."](#)
- **Default ADF Faces validators:** The validators supplied by the JSF framework provide common validation checks, such as validating date ranges and validating the length of entered data. For more information, see [Section 6.5.1.3, "Using ADF Faces Validators."](#)
- **Custom ADF Faces validators:** You can create your own validators and then select them to be used in conjunction with UI components. For more information, see [Section 6.6, "Creating Custom JSF Validation."](#)

### 6.5.1.2 Using Validation Attributes

Many ADF Faces UI components have attributes that provide simple validation. For example, the `af:chooseDate` component is used in conjunction with an `af:inputDate` component for easy date selection. The `af:chooseDate` component has `maxValue` and `minValue` attributes to specify the maximum and minimum number allowed for the Date value.

For additional help with UI component attributes, in the Property Inspector, right-click the attribute name and choose **Help**.

### 6.5.1.3 Using ADF Faces Validators

ADF Faces Validators are separate classes that can be run on the server or client. [Table 6–3](#) describes the validators and their logic.

**Table 6–3 ADF Faces Validators**

Validator	Tag Name	Description
<code>ByteLengthValidator</code>	<code>af:validateByteLength</code>	Validates the byte length of strings when encoded. The <code>maxLength</code> attribute of <code>inputText</code> is similar, but it limits the number of characters that the user can enter.
<code>DateRestrictionValidator</code>	<code>af:validateDateRestriction</code>	Validates that the entered date is valid with some given restrictions.
<code>DateTimeRangeValidator</code>	<code>af:validateDateTimeRange</code>	Validates that the entered date is within a given range. You specify the range as attributes of the validator.
<code>DoubleRangeValidator</code>	<code>af:validateDoubleRange</code>	Validates that a component value is within a specified range. The value must be convertible to a floating-point type.
<code>LengthValidator</code>	<code>af:validateLength</code>	Validates that the length of a component value is within a specified range. The value must be of type <code>java.lang.String</code> .
<code>LongRangeValidator</code>	<code>af:validateLongRange</code>	Validates that a component value is within a specified range. The value must be any numeric type or <code>String</code> that can be converted to a long data type.
<code>RegExpValidator</code>	<code>af:validateRegExp</code>	Validates the data using Java regular expression syntax.



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**Note:** To register a custom validator on a component, use a standard `JSF f:validator` tag. For information about using custom validators, see [Section 6.6, "Creating Custom JSF Validation."](#)

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#### To add ADF Faces validators:

1. In the Structure window, right-click the component for which you would like to add a validator.
2. In the context menu, choose **Insert inside <UI component>**, then **ADF Faces** to insert an ADF Faces validator, or **JSF Core** to insert a JSF reference implementation validator.
3. Choose a validator tag (for example, **ValidateDateTimeRange**).
4. In the Property Inspector, set values for the attributes, including any messages for validation errors. For additional help, right-click any of the attributes and choose **Help**.

ADF Faces lets you customize the detail portion of a validation error message. By setting a value for a **MessageDetailxyz** attribute, where **xyz** is the validation error type (for example, `MessageDetailmaximum`), ADF Faces displays the custom message instead of a default message, if validation fails.

## 6.5.2 What Happens at Runtime: How Validators Work

When the user submits the page, ADF Faces checks the submitted value and runs conversion on any non-null value. The converted value is then passed to the `validate()` method. If the value is empty, the `required` attribute of the component is checked and an error message is generated if indicated. If the submitted value is non-null, the validation process continues and all validators on the component are called in order of their declaration.

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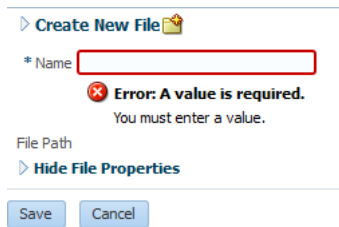
**Note:** ADF Faces provides extensions to the standard JSF validators, which have client-side support.

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ADF Faces validation is performed during the Process Validations phase. If any errors are encountered, the components are invalidated and the associated messages are added to the queue in the `FacesContext` instance. Once all validation is run on the components, control passes to the model layer, which runs the Validate Model Updates phase. As with the Process Validations phase, if any errors are encountered, the components are invalidated and the associated messages are added to the queue in the `FacesContext` instance.

The lifecycle then goes to the Render Response phase and redisplay the current page. ADF Faces automatically displays an error icon next to the label of any input component that generated an error, and displays the associated messages in a popup window unless the `af:message` component `inline` attribute is set to `true`. [Figure 6-2](#) shows a server-side validation error.

**Figure 6–2 Server-Side Validation Error**

### 6.5.3 What You May Need to Know About Multiple Validators

You can set zero or more validators on a UI component. You can set the `required` attribute and use validators on a component. However, if you set the `required` attribute to `true` and the value is `null` or a zero-length string, the component is invalidated and any other validators registered on the component are not called.

This combination might be an issue if there is a valid case for the component to be empty. For example, if the page contains a **Cancel** button, the user should be able to click that button and navigate off the page without entering any data. To handle this case, you set the `immediate` attribute on the **Cancel** button's component to `true`. This attribute allows the action to be executed during the Apply Request Values phase. Then the default JSF action listener calls `FacesContext.renderResponse()`, thus bypassing the validation whenever the action is executed. For more information see [Chapter 4, "Using the JSF Lifecycle with ADF Faces."](#)

## 6.6 Creating Custom JSF Validation

You can add your own validation logic to meet your specific business needs. If you want custom validation logic for a component on a single page, you can create a validation method on the page's backing bean.

If you want to create logic that will be reused by various pages within the application, or if you want the validation to be able to run on the client side, you should create a JSF validator class. You can then create an ADF Faces version, which will allow the validator to run on the client.

### 6.6.1 How to Create a Backing Bean Validation Method

When you want custom validation for a component on a single page, create a method that provides the required validation on a backing bean.

**To add a backing bean validation method:**

1. Insert the component that will require validation into the JSF page.
2. In the visual editor, double-click the component to open the Bind Validator Property dialog.
3. In the Bind Validator Property dialog, enter or select the managed bean that will hold the validation method, or click **New** to create a new managed bean. Use the default method signature provided or select an existing method if the logic already exists.

When you click **OK** in the dialog, JDeveloper adds a skeleton method to the code and opens the bean in the source editor.

4. Add the required validation logic. This logic should use the `javax.faces.validator.ValidatorException` exception to throw the appropriate

exceptions and the `javax.faces.application.FacesMessage` error message to generate the corresponding error messages. For more information about the `Validator` interface and `FacesMessage`, see the API documentation for `javax.faces.validator.ValidatorException` and `javax.faces.application.FacesMessage`, or visit <http://docs.oracle.com/javaee/index.html>.

## 6.6.2 What Happens When You Create a Backing Bean Validation Method

When you create a validation method, JDeveloper adds a skeleton method to the managed bean you selected. [Example 6–11](#) shows the code JDeveloper generates.

### **Example 6–11** *Managed Bean Code for a Validation Method*

```
public void inputText_validator(FacesContext facesContext,
    UIComponent uiComponent, Object object) {
    // Add event code here...
}
```

When the form containing the input component is submitted, the method to which the `validator` attribute is bound is executed.

## 6.6.3 How to Create a Custom JSF Validator

Creating a custom validator requires writing the business logic for the validation by creating a `Validator` implementation of the interface, and then registering the custom validator with the application. You can also create a tag for the validator, or you can use the `f:validator` tag and the custom validator as an attribute for that tag.

You can then create a client-side version of the validator. ADF Faces client-side validation works in the same way that standard validation works on the server, except that JavaScript is used on the client. JavaScript validator objects can throw `ValidatorExceptions` exceptions and they support the `validate()` method.

### **To create a custom JSF validator:**

1. Create a Java class that implements the `javax.faces.validator.Validator` interface. The implementation must contain a public no-args constructor, a set of accessor methods for any attributes, and a `validate` method to implement the `Validator` interface.

```
public void validate(FacesContext facesContext,
    UIComponent uiComponent,
    Object object)
    throws ValidatorException {
    ..
}
```

For more information about these classes, refer to the API documentation or visit <http://docs.oracle.com/javaee/index.html>.

2. Add the needed validation logic. This logic should use the `javax.faces.validate.ValidatorException` exception to throw the appropriate exceptions and the `javax.faces.application.FacesMessage` error message to generate the corresponding error messages. For more information about the `Validator` interface and `FacesMessage`, see the API documentation for `javax.faces.validate.ValidatorException` and `javax.faces.application.FacesMessage`, or visit <http://docs.oracle.com/javaee/index.html>.

3. If your application saves state on the client, your custom validator must implement the `Serializable` interface, or the `StateHolder` interface, and the `saveState(FacesContext)` and `restoreState(FacesContext, Object)` methods of the `StateHolder` interface. For more information, see the Javadoc for the `StateHolder` interface of the `javax.faces.component` package.
4. Register the validator in the `faces-config.xml` file.
  - Open the `faces-config.xml` file and select the **Overview** tab in the editor window. The `faces-config.xml` file is located in the `<View_Project>/WEB-INF` directory.
  - In the window, select **Validators** and click **New**. Click **Help** or press F1 for additional help in registering the validator.

#### To create a client-side version of the validator:

1. Write a JavaScript version of the validator, passing relevant information to a constructor.
2. Implement the interface `org.apache.myfaces.trinidad.validator.ClientValidator`, which has two methods. The first method is `getClientScript()`, which returns an implementation of the JavaScript `Validator` object. The second method is `getClientValidation()`, which returns a JavaScript constructor that is used to instantiate an instance of the validator.

[Example 6–12](#) shows a validator in Java.

#### **Example 6–12 Java Validator**

```
public String getClientValidation(
FacesContext context,
UIComponent component)
{
    return ("new SSNValidator('Invalid social security number.', 'Value \"{1}\"
        must start with \"123\".');
```

The Java validator calls the JavaScript validator shown in [Example 6–13](#).

#### **Example 6–13 Client-side JavaScript Validator**

```
function SSNValidator(summary, detail)
{
    this._detail = detail;
    this._summary = summary;
}
```

#### To use a custom validator on a JSF page:

- To use a custom validator that has a tag on a JSF page, you must manually nest it inside the component's tag.

[Example 6–14](#) shows a custom validator tag nested inside an `inputText` component. Note that the tag attributes are used to provide the values for the validator's properties that were declared in the `faces-config.xml` file.

#### **Example 6–14 A Custom Validator Tag on a JSF Page**

```
<h:inputText id="empnumber" required="true">
```

```
<hdemo:emValidator emPatterns="9999|9 9 9 9|9-9-9-9" />
</h:inputText>
```

**To use a custom validator without a custom tag:**

To use a custom validator without a custom tag, nest the validator's ID (as configured in `faces-config.xml` file) inside the `f:validator` tag. The validator's ID attribute supports EL expression such that the application can dynamically determine the validator to use.

1. From the Structure window, right-click the input component for which you want to add validation, and choose **Insert inside component > ADF Faces Core > Validator**.
2. Select the validator's ID from the dropdown list and click **OK**.

JDeveloper inserts code on the JSF page that makes the validator ID a property of the `f:validator` tag.

[Example 6–15](#) shows the code on a JSF page for a validator using the `f:validator` tag.

**Example 6–15 A Custom Validator Nested Within a Component on a JSF Page**

```
<af:inputText id="empnumber" required="true">
  <f:validator validatorID="emValidator"/>
</af:inputText>
```

## 6.6.4 What Happens When You Use a Custom JSF Validator

When you use a custom JSF validator, the application accesses the validator class referenced in either the custom tag or the `f:validator` tag and executes the `validate()` method. This method accesses the data from the component in the current `FacesContext` and executes logic against it to determine if it is valid. If the validator has attributes, those attributes are also accessed and used in the validation routine. Like standard validators, if the custom validation fails, associated messages are placed in the message queue in the `FacesContext` instance.



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## Rerendering Partial Page Content

This chapter describes how to use the partial page render features provided with ADF Faces components to rerender areas of a page without rerendering the whole page.

This chapter includes the following sections:

- [Section 7.1, "Introduction to Partial Page Rendering"](#)
- [Section 7.2, "Enabling Partial Page Rendering Declaratively"](#)
- [Section 7.3, "Enabling Partial Page Rendering Programmatically"](#)
- [Section 7.4, "Using Partial Page Navigation"](#)

### 7.1 Introduction to Partial Page Rendering

AJAX (Asynchronous JavaScript and XML) is a web development technique for creating interactive web applications, where web pages appear more responsive by exchanging small amounts of data with the server behind the scenes, without the whole web page being rerendered. The effect is to improve a web page's interactivity, speed, and usability.

With ADF Faces, the feature that delivers the AJAX partial page render behavior is called *partial page rendering* (PPR). PPR allows certain components on a page to be rerendered without the need to rerender the entire page. For example, an output component can display what a user has chosen or entered in an input component, or a command link or button can cause another component on the page to be rerendered, without the whole page rerendering.

In order for PPR to work, boundaries must be set on the page that allow the lifecycle to run just on components within the boundary. In order to determine the boundary, the framework must be notified of the root component to process. The root component can be identified in two ways:

- **Events:** Certain events indicate a component as a root. For example, the disclosure event sent when expanding or collapsing a `showDetail` component (see [Section 8.10, "Displaying and Hiding Contents Dynamically"](#)), indicates that the `showDetail` component is a root. When the `showDetail` component is expanded or collapsed, only that component goes through the lifecycle. Other examples of events identifying a root component are the disclosure event when expanding nodes on a tree, or the sort event on a table.
- **Components:** Certain components are recognized as a boundary, and therefore a root component. For example, the framework knows a popup dialog is a boundary. No matter what event is triggered inside a dialog, the lifecycle does not run on components outside the dialog. It runs only on the popup.

In addition to built-in PPR functionality, you can configure components to use cross-component rendering, which allows you to set up dependencies so that one component acts as a trigger and another as the listener. When an event occurs on the trigger component, the lifecycle is run only on listener components and child components to the listener, and only the listener components and their children are rerendered. Cross-component rendering can be implemented declaratively. However, by default, all events from a trigger component will cause PPR (note that some components, such as table, trigger partial targets on only a subset of their events). For these cases where you need strict control over the event that launches PPR, or for cases where you want to use some logic to determine the target, you can implement PPR programmatically.

**Tip:** If your application uses the Fusion technology stack, you can enable the automatic partial page rendering feature on any page. This causes any components whose values change as a result of backend business logic to be automatically rerendered. For more information, see the "What You May Need to Know About Automatic Partial Page Rendering" section of the *Oracle Fusion Middleware Fusion Developer's Guide for Oracle Application Development Framework*.

Additionally, ADF Faces applications can use PPR for navigation. In standard JSF applications, the navigation from one page to the next requires the new page to be rendered. When using AJAX-like components, this can cause overhead because of the time needed to download the different JavaScript libraries and style sheets. To avoid this costly overhead, the ADF Faces architecture can optionally simulate full-page transitions while actually remaining on a single page, thereby avoiding the need to reload JavaScript code and skin styles.

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**Note:** The browser must have JavaScript enabled for PPR to work.

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## 7.2 Enabling Partial Page Rendering Declaratively

Using the simplest form of cross-component rendering, one component, referred to as the *target* component, is rerendered when any event occurs on another component, referred to as the *trigger* component.

For example, as shown in [Figure 7-1](#), the File Explorer application contains a table that shows the search results in the Search panel. This table (and only this table) is rerendered when the search button is activated. The search button is configured to be the trigger and the table is configured to be the target.



**Figure 7-1** The Search Button Causes Results Table to Rerender

The screenshot shows a search interface with a search bar containing the text '10'. Below the search bar are two expandable sections: 'When was it modified?' and 'What size is it?'. A 'Search' button is located below these sections. Below the button is a table with the following data:

Name	Type	Size (KB)
File10-0.jpg	Image File	100
File10-2.jpg	Image File	100
Folder 10	File Folder	
File10.js	JScript Script File	10
File10.doc	Document File	10

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**Note:** In some cases, you may want a component to be rerendered only when a particular event is fired, not for every event associated with the trigger component, or you may want some logic to determine whether a component is to be rerendered. In these cases, you can programmatically enable PPR. For more information, see [Section 7.3, "Enabling Partial Page Rendering Programmatically."](#)

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Trigger components must inform the framework that a PPR request has occurred. On command components, this is achieved by setting the `partialSubmit` attribute to `true`. Doing this causes the command component to fire a partial page request each time it is clicked.

For example, say a page includes an `inputText` component, a `commandButton` component, and an `outputText` component. When the user enters a value for the `inputText` component, and then clicks the `commandButton` component, the input value is reflected in the `outputText` component. You would set the `partialSubmit` attribute to `true` on the `commandButton` component.

However, components other than command components can trigger PPR. ADF Faces input and select components have the ability to trigger partial page requests automatically whenever their values change. To make use of this functionality, use the `autoSubmit` attribute of the input or select component so that as soon as a value is entered, a submit occurs, which in turn causes a `valueChangeEvent` event to occur. It is this event that notifies the framework to execute a PPR, as long as a target component is set. In the previous example, you could delete the `commandButton` component and instead set the `inputText` component's `autoSubmit` attribute to `true`. Each time the value changes, a PPR request will be fired.

**Tip:** The `autoSubmit` attribute on an input component and the `partialSubmit` attribute on a command component are not the same thing. When `partialSubmit` is set to `true`, then only the components that have values for their `partialTriggers` attribute will be processed through the lifecycle. The `autoSubmit` attribute is used by input and select components to tell the framework to automatically do a form submit whenever the value changes. However, when a form is submitted and the `autoSubmit` attribute is set to `true`, a `valueChangeEvent` event is invoked, and the lifecycle runs only on the components marked as root components for that event, and their children. For more information, see [Section 4.3, "Using the Optimized Lifecycle."](#)

Once PPR is triggered, any component configured to be a target will be rerendered. You configure a component to be a target by setting the `partialTriggers` attribute to the relative ID of the trigger component. For information about relative IDs, see [Section 3.5, "Locating a Client Component on a Page."](#)

In the example, to update the `outputText` in response to changes to the `inputText` component, you would set its `partialTriggers` attribute to the `inputText` component's relative ID.

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**Note:** Certain events on components trigger PPR by default, for example the `disclosure` event on the `showDetail` component and the `sort` event on a table. This means that any component configured to be a target by having its `partialTriggers` attribute set to that component's ID will rerender when these types of events occur.

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**Note:** If your trigger component is an `inputLov` or an `inputComboBoxLov`, and the target component is an input component set to `required`, then a validation error will be thrown for the input component when the LOV popup is displayed. To avoid this, you must use programmatic partial page rendering. For more information, see [Section 7.3, "Enabling Partial Page Rendering Programmatically."](#)

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## 7.2.1 How to Enable Partial Page Rendering

For a component to be rerendered based on an event caused by another component, it must declare which other components are the triggers.

### To enable a component to rerender another component:

1. In the Structure window, select the trigger component (that is, the component whose action will cause the PPR):
  - Expand the **Common** section of the Property Inspector and set the `id` attribute if it is not already set. Note that the value must be unique within that component's naming container. If the component is not within a naming container, then the ID must be unique to the page. For more information about naming containers, see [Section 3.5, "Locating a Client Component on a Page."](#)

**Tip:** JDeveloper automatically assigns component IDs. You can safely change this value. A component's ID must be a valid XML name, that is, you cannot use leading numeric values or spaces in the ID. JSF also does not permit colons ( : ) in the ID.

- If the trigger component is a command component, expand the **Behavior** section of the Property Inspector, and set the `partialSubmit` attribute to `true`.
- If the trigger component is an input or select component in a form and you want the value to be submitted, expand the **Behavior** section of the Property Inspector, and set the `autoSubmit` attribute of the component to `true`.

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**Note:** Set the `autoSubmit` attribute to `true` only if you want the component to submit its value. If you do not want to submit the value, then some other logic must cause the component to issue a `ValueChangeEvent` event. That event will cause PPR by default and any component that has the trigger component as its value for the `partialTriggers` attribute will be rerendered.

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2. In the Structure window, select the target component that you want to rerender when a PPR-triggering event takes place.
3. Expand the **Behavior** section of the Property Inspector, click the dropdown menu for the `partialTriggers` attribute and choose **Edit**.
4. In the Edit Property dialog, shuttle the trigger component to the **Selected** panel and click **OK**. If the trigger component is within a naming container, JDeveloper automatically creates the relative path for you.

**Tip:** The `selectBooleanRadio` components behave like a single component with partial page rendering; however, they are in fact multiple components. Therefore, if you want other components (such as `inputText` components) to change based on selecting a different `selectBooleanRadio` component in a group, you must group them within a parent component, and set the `partialTriggers` attribute of the parent component to point to all of the `SelectBooleanRadio` components.

[Example 7-1](#) shows a `commandLink` component configured to execute PPR.

**Example 7-1 Code for Enabling Partial Page Rendering Through a Partial Submit**

```
<af:commandLink id="deleteFromCart" partialSubmit="true"
  actionListener="#{homeBean...}">
```

[Example 7-2](#) shows an `outputText` component that will be rerendered when the command link with ID `deleteFromCart` in [Example 7-1](#) is clicked.

**Example 7-2 Code for Partial Page Rendering Triggered by Another Component**

```
<af:outputText id="estimatedTotalInPopup"
  partialTriggers="deleteFromCart"
  value="#{shoppingCartBean...}"/>
```

**Tip:** You can use PPR to prevent components from being validated on a page. For more information, see [Section 4.3, "Using the Optimized Lifecycle."](#)

## 7.2.2 What You May Need to Know About Using the Browser Back Button

In an ADF Faces application, because some components use PPR (either implicitly or because they have been configured to listen for a partial trigger), what happens when a user clicks the browser's back button is slightly different than in an application that uses simple JSF components.

In an application that uses simple JSF components, when the user clicks the browser's back button, the browser returns the page to the state of the DOM (document object model) as it was when last rendered, but the state of the JavaScript is as it was when the user first entered the page.

For example, suppose a user visited PageA. After the user interacts with components on the page, say a PPR event took place using JavaScript. Let's call this new version of the page PageA1. Next, say the user navigates to PageB, then clicks the browser back button to return to PageA. The user will be shown the DOM as it was on PageA1, but the JavaScript will not have run, and therefore parts of the page will be as they were for PageA. This might mean that changes to the page will be lost. Refreshing the page will run the JavaScript and so return the user to the state it was in PageA1. In an application that uses ADF Faces, the refresh is not needed; the framework provides built-in support so that the JavaScript is run when the back button is clicked.

## 7.2.3 What You May Need to Know About PPR and Screen Readers

Screen readers do not reread the full page in a partial page request. PPR causes the screen reader to read the page starting from the component that fired the partial page request. You should place the target components after the component that triggers the partial request; otherwise, the screen reader would not read the updated target components.

## 7.3 Enabling Partial Page Rendering Programmatically

For components such as calendars that have many associated events, PPR will happen any time any event is triggered, causing any component with the calendar as a partial trigger to be rerendered with each event. If you want the target to be rerendered only for certain events, or if you want a target to be rerendered based on some other logic, you can enable partial page rendering programmatically.

For example, in the ADF Faces calendar demo, if a user attempts to change the duration of an activity that no longer exists in the model, the calendar needs to be refreshed to display without the activity (the calendar automatically refreshes itself if a valid activity's duration is changed). In this example, the `activityDurationChangeListener` method sets the calendar as a partial target whenever the `activityDurationChangeEvent` is invoked, and the `activity` object is null.

### **Before you begin:**

Create a managed bean that will contain the listener method. For more information, see [Section 2.6, "Creating and Using Managed Beans."](#)

**How to enable PPR programatically:**

1. In the JSF page, select the target component. In the Property Inspector, enter the set **ClientComponent** to **true**.

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**Note:** You must set the `clientComponent` attribute to `true` to ensure that the client ID will be generated.

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2. Use the `binding` attribute so that the managed bean can work with an instance of the target component. To do so:

1. In the Property Inspector, set the `Binding` to an EL expression that resolves to the target component on the managed bean.

In the above example, you might set `Binding` to:

```
#{myBean.call}
```

Where `call` is the ID of the target component, in this case, the `calendar` component.

2. In the managed bean, create get and set methods for the target component. [Example 7-3](#) shows what the code on a managed bean might look like for the `calendar` component.

**Example 7-3 Get and Set Methods for a UI Component**

```
public class MyBean {
    private RichCalendar call;

    public MyBean() {
    }

    public void setCall(RichCalendar call) {
        this.call = call;
    }

    public RichOutputText getCall() {
        return call;
    }
}
```

3. In the managed bean, create a listener method for the event on the trigger component that should cause the target component to be rerendered.

Use the `addPartialTarget()` method to add the component (using its ID) as a partial target for an event, so that when that event is triggered, the partial target component is rerendered. Using this method associates the component you want to have rerendered with the event that is to trigger the rerendering.

[Example 7-4](#) shows how you might create a `ActivityDurationChangeEvent` listener that adds the `calendar` as a target.

**Example 7-4 Rerendering Using Partial Targets**

```
public void activityDurationChangeListener(CalendarActivityDurationChangeEvent ae)
{
    CalendarActivity activity = ae.getCalendarActivity();

    if (activity == null)
    {
        // no activity with that id is found in the model
    }
}
```

```
System.out.println("No activity with event " + ae.toString());
setCurrActivity(null);

// Since the user has acted on an activity that couldn't be found,
// ppr the page so that they no longer see the activity
RequestContext adfContext = RequestContext.getCurrentInstance();
adfContext.addPartialTarget(getCall());
return;
}

DemoCalendarActivity demoActivity = ((DemoCalendarActivity)activity);
TimeZone tz = getTimeZone();
demoActivity.setEndDate(ae.getNewEndDate(), tz);
setCurrActivity(new DemoCalendarActivityBean(demoActivity, tz));
}
```

4. Select the trigger component, and in the Property Inspector, find the listener for the event that will cause the refresh and bind it to the listener method created in Step 3.

## 7.4 Using Partial Page Navigation

Instead of performing a full page transition in the traditional way, you can configure an ADF Faces application to have navigation triggered through a partial page rendering request. The new page is sent to the client using partial page rendering. Partial page navigation is disabled by default.

In order to keep track of location (for example, for bookmarking purposes, or when a refresh occurs), the framework makes use of the hash portion of the URL. This portion of the URL contains the actual page being displayed in the browser.

### 7.4.1 How to Use Partial Page Navigation

You can turn partial page navigation on by setting the `oracle.adf.view.rich.pprNavigation.OPTIONS` context parameter in the `web.xml` file to `on`.

#### To use partial page navigation:

1. Double-click the `web.xml` file.
2. In the source editor, change the `oracle.adf.view.rich.pprNavigation.OPTIONS` parameter to one of the following:
  - `on`: Enables partial page navigation.

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**Note:** If you set the parameter to `on`, then you need to set the `partialSubmit` attribute to `true` for any command components involved in navigation.

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- `onWithForcePPR`: Enables partial page navigation and notifies the framework to use the PPR channel for all action events, even those that do not result in navigation. Since partial page navigation requires that the action event be sent over PPR channel, use this option to easily enable partial page navigation.

When partial page navigation is used, normally only the visual contents of the page are rerendered (the header content remains constant for all pages). However, the entire document will be rerendered when an action on the page

is defined to use full page submit and also when an action does not result in navigation.

## 7.4.2 What You May Need to Know About PPR Navigation

Before using PPR navigation, you should be aware of the following:

- When using PPR navigation, all pages involved in this navigation must use the same CSS skin.
- Because PPR navigation makes use of the hash portion of the URL, you cannot use the hash portion for navigation to anchors within the page.
- Unlike regular page navigation, partial navigation will not result in JavaScript globals (variables and functions defined in global scope) being unloaded. This happens because the window object survives partial page transition. Applications wishing to use page-specific global variables and/or functions must use the `AdfPage.getPageProperty()` and `AdfPage.setPageProperty()` methods to store these objects.





# Part III

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## Using ADF Faces Components

Part III contains the following chapters:

- Chapter 8, "Organizing Content on Web Pages"
- Chapter 9, "Using Input Components and Defining Forms"
- Chapter 10, "Using Tables, Trees, and Other Collection-Based Components"
- Chapter 11, "Using List-of-Values Components"
- Chapter 12, "Using Query Components"
- Chapter 13, "Using Popup Dialogs, Menus, and Windows"
- Chapter 14, "Using Menus, Toolbars, and Toolboxes"
- Chapter 15, "Creating a Calendar Application"
- Chapter 16, "Using Output Components"
- Chapter 17, "Displaying Tips, Messages, and Help"
- Chapter 18, "Working with Navigation Components"
- Chapter 19, "Creating and Reusing Fragments, Page Templates, and Components"
- Chapter 20, "Customizing the Appearance Using Styles and Skins"
- Chapter 21, "Internationalizing and Localizing Pages"
- Chapter 22, "Developing Accessible ADF Faces Pages"



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# Organizing Content on Web Pages

This chapter describes how to use several of the ADF Faces layout components to organize content on web pages.

This chapter includes the following sections:

- [Section 8.1, "Introduction to Organizing Content on Web Pages"](#)
- [Section 8.2, "Starting to Lay Out a Page"](#)
- [Section 8.3, "Arranging Contents to Stretch Across a Page"](#)
- [Section 8.4, "Using Splitters to Create Resizable Panes"](#)
- [Section 8.5, "Arranging Content in a Grid"](#)
- [Section 8.6, "Arranging Page Contents in Predefined Fixed Areas"](#)
- [Section 8.7, "Arranging Content in Forms"](#)
- [Section 8.8, "Arranging Contents in a Dashboard"](#)
- [Section 8.9, "Displaying Contents in a Dynamic Grid"](#)
- [Section 8.10, "Displaying and Hiding Contents Dynamically"](#)
- [Section 8.11, "Displaying or Hiding Contents in Panels"](#)
- [Section 8.12, "Adding a Transition Between Components"](#)
- [Section 8.13, "Displaying Items in a Static Box"](#)
- [Section 8.14, "Displaying a Bulleted List in One or More Columns"](#)
- [Section 8.15, "Displaying Components in a Scrollable Bar"](#)
- [Section 8.16, "Grouping Related Items"](#)
- [Section 8.17, "Separating Content Using Blank Space or Lines"](#)

## 8.1 Introduction to Organizing Content on Web Pages

ADF Faces provides a number of layout components that can be used to arrange other components on a page. Usually, you begin building your page with these components. You then add components that provide other functionality (for example rendering data or rendering buttons) either inside facets or as child components to these layout components.

**Tip:** You can create page templates that allow you to design the layout of pages in your application. The templates can then be used by all pages in your application. For more information, see [Chapter 19, "Creating and Reusing Fragments, Page Templates, and Components."](#)

In addition to layout components that simply act as containers, ADF Faces also provides interactive layout components that can display or hide their content, that provide transitions between its child components, or that provide sections, lists, or empty space. Some layout components also provide geometry management functionality, such as stretching their contents to fit the browser windows as the window is resized, or the capability to be stretched when placed inside a component that stretches. For more information about stretching and other geometry management functionality of layout components, see [Section 8.2.1, "Geometry Management and Component Stretching."](#)

Table 8–1 briefly describes each of the ADF Faces layout components.

**Table 8–1 ADF Faces Layout Components**

Component	Description	Can Stretch Children	Can Be Stretched
<b>Page Management Components</b>			
document	Creates each of the standard root elements of an HTML page: <html>, <body>, and <head>. All pages must contain this component. For more information, see <a href="#">Section 8.2, "Starting to Lay Out a Page."</a>	X	
form	Creates an HTML <form> element. For more information, see <a href="#">Section 8.2, "Starting to Lay Out a Page."</a>		
<b>Page Layout Containers</b>			
panelStretchLayout	Contains top, bottom, start, center, and end facets where you can place other components. For more information, see <a href="#">Section 8.3, "Arranging Contents to Stretch Across a Page."</a>	X	X (when the dimensionsFrom attribute is set to parent)
panelSplitter	Divides a region into two parts (first facet and second facet) with a repositionable divider between the two. You can place other components within the facets. For more information, see <a href="#">Section 8.4, "Using Splitters to Create Resizable Panes."</a>	X	X (when the dimensionsFrom attribute is set to parent)

**Table 8–1 (Cont.) ADF Faces Layout Components**

Component	Description	Can Stretch Children	Can Be Stretched
panelGridLayout	Used in conjunction with <code>gridRow</code> and <code>gridCell</code> components to provide an HTML table-like layout where you define the rows and cells, and then place other components as children to the cells. For more information, see <a href="#">Section 8.5, "Arranging Content in a Grid."</a>	X (when the <code>gridRow</code> and <code>gridCell</code> components are configured to stretch)	X (when the <code>dimensionsFrom</code> attribute is set to parent)
panelDashboard	Provides a columnar display of child components (usually <code>panelBox</code> components). For more information, see <a href="#">Section 8.8, "Arranging Contents in a Dashboard."</a>	X	X (when the <code>dimensionsFrom</code> attribute is set to parent)
masonryLayout	Provides a dynamically-sized grid of child components. For more information, see <a href="#">Section 8.9, "Displaying Contents in a Dynamic Grid."</a>		X
panelBorderLayout	Can have child components, which are placed in its center, and also contains 12 facets along the border where additional components can be placed. These will surround the center. For more information, see <a href="#">Section 8.6, "Arranging Page Contents in Predefined Fixed Areas."</a>		
panelFormLayout	Positions input form controls, such as <code>inputText</code> components so that their labels and fields line up vertically. It supports multiple columns, and contains a footer facet. For more information, see <a href="#">Section 8.7, "Arranging Content in Forms."</a>		
<b>Components with Show/Hide Capabilities</b>			
showDetailHeader	Can hide or display contents below the header. Often used as a child to the <code>panelHeader</code> component. For more information, see <a href="#">Section 8.10, "Displaying and Hiding Contents Dynamically."</a>	X (if the <code>type</code> attribute is set to stretch)	X (if the <code>type</code> attribute is set to stretch)
showDetailItem	Used to hold the content for the different panes of the <code>panelAccordion</code> or different tabs of the <code>panelTabbed</code> component. For more information, see <a href="#">Section 8.11, "Displaying or Hiding Contents in Panels."</a>	X (if it contains a single child component)	

**Table 8–1 (Cont.) ADF Faces Layout Components**

Component	Description	Can Stretch Children	Can Be Stretched
panelBox	Titled box that can contain child components. Has a toolbar facet. For more information, see <a href="#">Section 8.10, "Displaying and Hiding Contents Dynamically."</a>		X
panelAccordion	Used in conjunction with <code>showDetailItem</code> components to display as a panel that can be expanded or collapsed. For more information, see <a href="#">Section 8.11, "Displaying or Hiding Contents in Panels."</a>		X (when the <code>dimensionsFrom</code> attribute is set to parent)
panelTabbed	Used in conjunction with <code>showDetailItem</code> components to display as a set of tabbed panels. For more information, see <a href="#">Section 8.11, "Displaying or Hiding Contents in Panels."</a>  If you want the tabs to be used in conjunction with navigational hierarchy, for example each tab is a different page or region that contains another set of navigation items, you may instead want to use a <code>navigationPane</code> component in a navigational menu. For more information, see <a href="#">Section 18.5, "Using Navigation Items for a Page Hierarchy."</a>		X (when the <code>dimensionsFrom</code> attribute is set to parent)
panelDrawer	Used in conjunction with <code>showDetailItem</code> components to display as a set of tabs that can open and close like a drawer. For more information, see <a href="#">Section 8.11, "Displaying or Hiding Contents in Panels."</a>		X
panelSpringboard	Used in conjunction with <code>showDetailItem</code> components to display as a set of icons, either in a grid or in a strip. When the user clicks an icon, the associated <code>showDetailItem</code> contents display below the strip. For more information, see <a href="#">Section 8.11, "Displaying or Hiding Contents in Panels."</a>		X
showDetail	Hides or displays content through a toggle icon. For more information, see <a href="#">Section 8.10, "Displaying and Hiding Contents Dynamically."</a>		
<b>Miscellaneous Containers</b>			

**Table 8–1 (Cont.) ADF Faces Layout Components**

<b>Component</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Can Stretch Children</b>	<b>Can Be Stretched</b>
deck	Provides animated transitions between its child components, using the <code>af:transition</code> tag. For more information, see <a href="#">Section 8.12, "Adding a Transition Between Components."</a>	X	X
panelHeader	Contains child components and provides a header that can include messages, toolbars, and help topics. For more information, see <a href="#">Section 8.13, "Displaying Items in a Static Box."</a>	X (if the type attribute is set to stretch)	X (if the type attribute is set to stretch)
panelCollection	Used in conjunction with collection components such as <code>table</code> , <code>tree</code> and <code>treeTable</code> to provide menus, toolbars, and status bars for those components. For more information, see <a href="#">Section 10.7, "Displaying Table Menus, Toolbars, and Status Bars."</a>	X (only a single table, tree, or tree table)	X
decorativeBox	Creates a container component whose facets use style themes to apply a bordered look to its children. This component typically acts as a look and feel transition between areas on a page. For example, a page that has a dark background for its template can use the decorative box to transition to a white background for its main area. For more information, see <a href="#">Section 8.13, "Displaying Items in a Static Box."</a>	X (in the Center facet)	X (when the <code>dimensionsFrom</code> attribute is set to parent)
inlineFrame	Creates an inline <code>iframe</code> tag.		X
navigationPane	Creates a series of navigation items representing one level in a navigation hierarchy. For more information, see <a href="#">Section 18.5, "Using Navigation Items for a Page Hierarchy."</a>		X (if configured to display tabs)
panelList	Renders each child component as a list item and renders a bullet next to it. Can be nested to create hierarchical lists. For more information, see <a href="#">Section 8.14, "Displaying a Bulleted List in One or More Columns."</a>		
panelWindow	Displays child components inside a popup window. For more information, see <a href="#">Section 13.2, "Declaratively Creating Popup Elements."</a>		
toolbox	Displays child toolbar and menu components together. For more information, see <a href="#">Section 14.3, "Using Toolbars."</a>		

**Table 8–1 (Cont.) ADF Faces Layout Components**

Component	Description	Can Stretch Children	Can Be Stretched
<b>Grouping Containers</b>			
<code>panelGroupLayout</code>	Groups child components either vertically or horizontally. Used in facets when more than one component is to be contained in a facet. For more information, see <a href="#">Section 8.16, "Grouping Related Items."</a>		X (only if set to scroll or vertical layout)
<code>conveyorBelt</code>	Creates a bar of buttons that handles overflow and can be scrolled to the left and right. For more information, see <a href="#">Section 8.15, "Displaying Components in a Scrollable Bar."</a>		
<code>group</code>	Groups child components without regard to layout unless handled by the parent component of the group. Used in facets when more than one component is to be contained in a facet. For more information, see <a href="#">Section 8.16, "Grouping Related Items."</a>		
<b>Spacing Components</b>			
<code>separator</code>	Creates a horizontal line between items. For more information, see <a href="#">Section 8.17, "Separating Content Using Blank Space or Lines."</a>		
<code>spacer</code>	Creates an area of blank space. For more information, see <a href="#">Section 8.17, "Separating Content Using Blank Space or Lines."</a>		

## 8.2 Starting to Lay Out a Page

JSF pages that use ADF Faces components must have the `document` tag enclosed within a `view` tag. All other components that make up the page then go in between `<af:document>` and `</af:document>`. The `document` tag is responsible for rendering the browser title text, as well as the invisible page infrastructure that allows other components in the page to be displayed. For example, at runtime, the `document` tag creates the root elements for the client page. In HTML output, the standard root elements of an HTML page, namely, `<html>`, `<head>`, and `<body>`, are generated.

By default, the `document` tag is configured to allow capable components to stretch to fill available browser space. You can further configure the tag to allow a specific component to have focus when the page is rendered, or to provide messages for failed connections or warnings about navigating before data is submitted. For more information, see [Section 8.2.5, "How to Configure the document Tag."](#)

Typically, the next component used is the ADF Faces `form` component. This component creates an HTML `form` element that can contain controls that allow a user to interact with the data on the page.



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**Note:** Even though you can have multiple HTML forms on a page, you should have only a single ADF Faces form tag per page. For more information, see [Section 8.7, "Arranging Content in Forms."](#)

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JDeveloper automatically inserts the `view`, `document`, and `form` tags for you, as shown in [Example 8–1](#). For more information, see [Section 2.4, "Creating a View Page."](#)

**Example 8–1 Initial JSF Page Created by JDeveloper Wizard**

```
<?xml version='1.0' encoding='UTF-8'?>
<jsp:root xmlns:jsp="http://java.sun.com/JSP/Page" version="2.0"
  xmlns:f="http://java.sun.com/jsf/core"
  xmlns:h="http://java.sun.com/jsf/html"
  xmlns:af="http://xmlns.oracle.com/adf/faces/rich">
  <jsp:directive.page contentType="text/html;charset=UTF-8"/>
  <f:view>
    <af:document>
      <af:form/>
    </af:document>
  </f:view>
</jsp:root>
```

Once those tags are placed in the page, you can use the layout components to control how and where other components on the page will render. The component that will hold all other components is considered the *root* component. Which component you choose to use as the root component depends on whether you want the contained components to display their contents so that they stretch to fit the browser window, or whether you want the contents to flow, using a scrollbar to access any content that may not fit in the window. For more information about stretching and flowing, see [Chapter 8.2.1, "Geometry Management and Component Stretching."](#)

**Tip:** Instead of creating your layout yourself, you can use JDeveloper's quick layout templates, which provide correctly configured components that will display your page with the layout you want. For more information, see [Section 8.2.3, "Using Quick Start Layouts."](#)

## 8.2.1 Geometry Management and Component Stretching

Geometry management is the process by which the user, parent components, and child components negotiate the actual sizes and locations of the components in an application. At the heart of the RCF geometry management solution is a resize notification mechanism that allows components that support geometry management to be notified of browser resize activity. The following scenarios trigger the notification:

- **Load:** When the page contents are first loaded, allowing initial sizing to take place.
- **Browser resize:** When the browser window is resized.
- **Partial replacement:** When a portion of the page is updated through partial page rendering, any newly inserted components are notified, allowing them to perform any necessary geometry management.
- **Visibility change:** When a component that was initially configured to be invisible is made visible (components that are initially not visible do not receive notification).

- **Explicit resize:** When components that allow themselves to be resized (for example the `panelSplitter`), are resized by the user.

By default, the root component will stretch automatically to consume the browser's viewable area, provided that component supports geometry management and therefore can stretch its child components. Examples of geometry management components are `panelStretchLayout` and `panelSplitter`.

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**Note:** The framework does not consider popup dialogs, popup windows, or non-inline messages as root components. If a `form` component is the direct child component of the `document` component, the framework will look inside the `form` tag for the visual root. For information on sizing a popup, see [Chapter 13, "Using Popup Dialogs, Menus, and Windows."](#)

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When the user resizes the browser window, and when there is a single maximized root visual component inside of the `document` component, that visual root component will also resize along with the browser window. If the root component supports stretching its child components (and they in turn support being stretched), the size of the child components will also recompute, and so on down the component hierarchy until a flowing layout area is reached; that is, an area that does not support stretching of its child components. You do not have to write any code to enable the stretching.

As shown in [Table 8-1](#), the `panelStretchLayout`, `panelSplitter`, and `panelDashboard` components are components that can be stretched and can also stretch their child components. Additionally, when the `showDetailItem` component is used as a direct child of the `panelAccordion` or `panelTabbed` component, the contents in the `showDetailItem` component can be stretched. Therefore, the `panelStretchLayout`, `panelSplitter`, `panelDashboard`, `panelAccordion` with a `showDetailItem` component, and a `panelTabbed` with a `showDetailItem` component, are the components you should use as root components when you want to make the contents of the page fill the browser window.

For example, [Figure 8-1](#) shows a table placed in the center facet of the `panelStretchLayout` component. The table stretches to fill the browser space. When the entire table does not fit in the browser window, scrollbars are added in the data body section of the table.

**Figure 8–1 Table Inside a Component That Stretches Child Components**

No	Name	Size of the file in Kilo	No.	Date Modified	Col5	Col6	Col7
0	.	0 B	0	07/12/2004	.	07/12/2004	0 B
1	..	0 B	1	07/12/2004	..	07/12/2004	0 B
2	admin.jar	1 KB	2	05/11/2004	admin.jar	05/11/2004	1 KB
3	applib	0 B	3	07/12/2004	applib	07/12/2004	0 B
4	applications	0 B	4	07/12/2004	applications	07/12/2004	0 B
5	config	0 B	5	07/12/2004	config	07/12/2004	0 B
6	connectors	0 B	6	07/12/2004	connectors	07/12/2004	0 B
7	database	0 B	7	07/12/2004	database	07/12/2004	0 B
8	default-web-app	0 B	8	07/12/2004	default-web-app	07/12/2004	0 B
9	iiop.jar	1,290 KB	9	05/11/2004	iiop.jar	05/11/2004	1,290 KB
10	iiop_gen_bin.jar	37 KB	10	05/11/2004	iiop_gen_bin.jar	05/11/2004	37 KB
11	iiop_rmic.jar	144 KB	11	05/11/2004	iiop_rmic.jar	05/11/2004	144 KB
12	jazn	0 B	12	07/12/2004	jazn	07/12/2004	0 B
13	jazn.jar	266 KB	13	05/11/2004	jazn.jar	05/11/2004	266 KB
14	jazncore.jar	553 KB	14	05/11/2004	jazncore.jar	05/11/2004	553 KB
15	jaznplugin.jar	12 KB	15	05/11/2004	jaznplugin.jar	05/11/2004	12 KB
16	jsp	0 B	16	07/12/2004	jsp	07/12/2004	0 B
17	lib	0 B	17	07/12/2004	lib	07/12/2004	0 B
18	loadbalancer.jar	1 KB	18	05/11/2004	loadbalancer.jar	05/11/2004	1 KB
19	log	0 B	19	07/12/2004	log	07/12/2004	0 B
20	oc4j.jar	5,696 KB	20	05/11/2004	oc4j.jar	05/11/2004	5,696 KB
21	oc4jclient.jar	1,202 KB	21	05/11/2004	oc4jclient.jar	05/11/2004	1,202 KB
22	oc4j_interop.jar	4 KB	22	05/11/2004	oc4j_interop.jar	05/11/2004	4 KB
23	ojspc.jar	1 KB	23	05/11/2004	ojspc.jar	05/11/2004	1 KB

Figure 8–2 shows the same table, but nested inside a `panelGroupLayout` component, which cannot stretch its child components (for clarity, a dotted red outline has been placed around the `panelGroupLayout` component). The table component displays only a certain number of columns and rows, determined by properties on the table.

**Figure 8–2 Table Inside a Component That Does Not Stretch Its Child Components**

No	Name	Size of the file in Kilo
0	.	0 B
1	..	0 B
2	admin.jar	1 KB
3	applib	0 B
4	applications	0 B
5	config	0 B
6	connectors	0 B
7	database	0 B
8	default-web-app	0 B
9	iiop.jar	1,290 KB
10	iiop_gen_bin.jar	37 KB
11	iiop_rmic.jar	144 KB
12	jazn	0 B
13	jazn.jar	266 KB
14	jazncore.jar	553 KB

**Performance Tip:** The cost of geometry management is directly related to the complexity of child components. Therefore, try minimizing the number of child components that are under a parent geometry-managed component.

## 8.2.2 Nesting Components Inside Components That Allow Stretching

Even though you choose a component that can stretch its child components, only the following components will actually stretch:

- `inputText` (when configured to stretch)
- `deck`
- `decorativeBox` (when configured to stretch)
- `panelAccordion` (when configured to stretch)
- `panelBox`
- `panelCollection`
- `panelDashboard` (when configured to stretch)
- `panelGridLayout` (when `gridRow` and `gridCell` components are configured to stretch)
- `panelGroupLayout` (with the `layout` attribute set to `scroll` or `vertical`)
- `panelSplitter` (when configured to stretch)
- `panelStretchLayout` (when configured to stretch)
- `panelTabbed` (when configured to stretch)
- `region`
- `table` (when configured to stretch)
- `tree` (when configured to stretch)
- `treeTable` (when configured to stretch)

The following layout components cannot be stretched when placed inside a facet of a component that stretches its child components:

- `panelBorderLayout`
- `panelFormLayout`
- `panelGroupLayout` (with the `layout` attribute set to `default` or `horizontal`)
- `panelHeader`
- `panelLabelAndMessage`
- `panelList`
- `showDetail`
- `showDetailHeader`
- `tableLayout` (MyFaces Trinidad component)

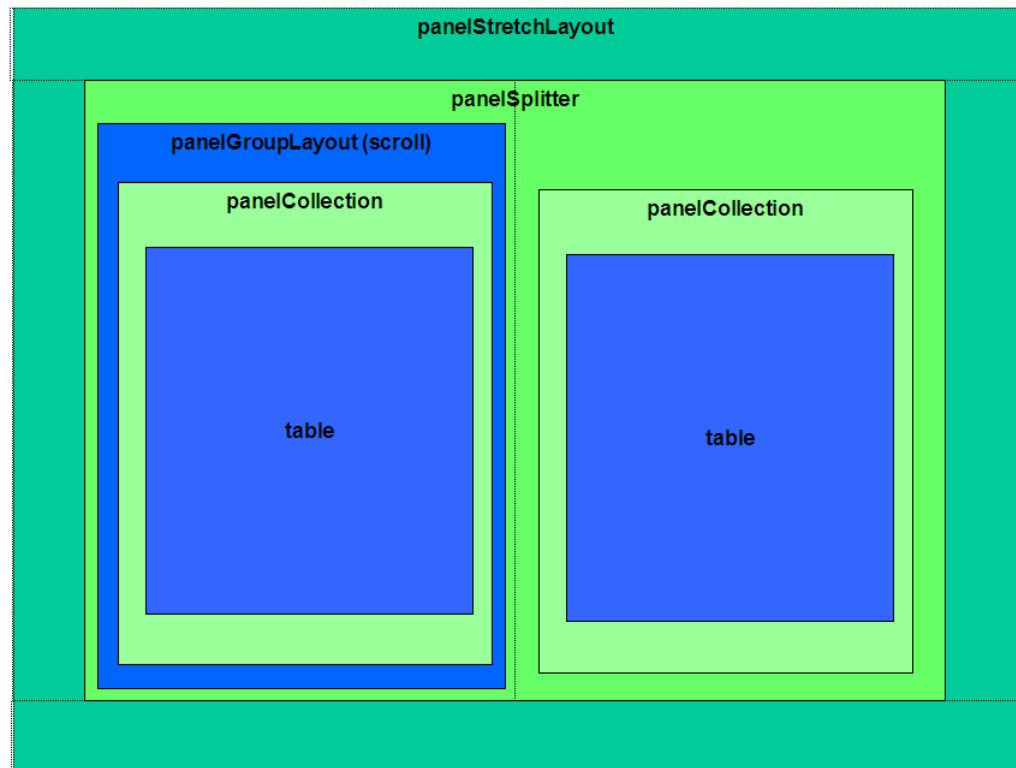
Because these components cannot be stretched, you cannot place them in a facet of any component that stretches its child components. So if you want to use one of these components within the facet of component that does stretch its child components, you must wrap it in a component that can be stretched, but one that does not stretch its child components. If you do not, you may see unexpected results when the component renders.

For example, suppose you have a `panelStretchLayout` as the first component on your page. You then add a `panelSplitter` component that is configured to be stretched. Now to the first facet of the `panelSplitter` component, say you add a `panelGroupLayout` component with its `layout` attribute set to `scroll` (which means it

can stretch), and inside that, you add a `panelCollection` component, and then finally a `table` component.

To the second facet of the `panelSplitter`, suppose you add just the `panelCollection` and `table` components, as shown in [Figure 8-3](#). Components that can stretch their children are green and components that can be stretched (but cannot stretch their children) are blue.

**Figure 8-3** *Layout Using Geometry-Managed Components*



As shown in [Figure 8-4](#), when the page is run, the `panelCollection` and `table` components in the `panelGroupLayout` do not stretch, while the ones directly in the `panelSplitter` component do stretch.

**Figure 8–4 Geometry-Managed Components Affect the Layout of the Page**

Name	Directory	Is Directory	Date	Test Spinbox
.	true	true	07/12/2004	1979
..	true	true	07/12/2004	1979
admin.jar	false	false	05/11/2004	1979
applib	true	true	07/12/2004	1979
applications	true	true	07/12/2004	1979
config	true	true	07/12/2004	1979
connectors	true	true	07/12/2004	1979
database	true	true	07/12/2004	1979
default-web-app	true	true	07/12/2004	1979
iiop.jar	false	false	05/11/2004	1979
iiop_gen_bin.jar	false	false	05/11/2004	1979
iiop_rmic.jar	false	false	05/11/2004	1979
jazn	true	true	07/12/2004	1979
jazn.jar	false	false	05/11/2004	1979

Name	Directory	Is Directory	Date	Test
.	true	true	07/12/2004	1979
..	true	true	07/12/2004	1979
admin.jar	false	false	05/11/2004	1979
applib	true	true	07/12/2004	1979
applications	true	true	07/12/2004	1979
config	true	true	07/12/2004	1979
connectors	true	true	07/12/2004	1979
database	true	true	07/12/2004	1979
default-web-app	true	true	07/12/2004	1979
iiop.jar	false	false	05/11/2004	1979
iiop_gen_bin.jar	false	false	05/11/2004	1979
iiop_rmic.jar	false	false	05/11/2004	1979
jazn	true	true	07/12/2004	1979
jazn.jar	false	false	05/11/2004	1979
jazncore.jar	false	false	05/11/2004	1979
jaznplugin.jar	false	false	05/11/2004	1979
jsp	true	true	07/12/2004	1979
lib	true	true	07/12/2004	1979
loadbalancer.jar	false	false	05/11/2004	1979
log	true	true	07/12/2004	1979
oc4j.jar	false	false	05/11/2004	1979
oc4jclient.jar	false	false	05/11/2004	1979
oc4j_interop.jar	false	false	05/11/2004	1979
ojspc.jar	false	false	05/11/2004	1979
persistence	true	true	07/12/2004	1979
rmic.jar	false	false	05/11/2004	1979
sql	true	true	07/12/2004	1979
.	true	true	07/12/2004	1979
..	true	true	07/12/2004	1979
admin.jar	false	false	05/11/2004	1979

Because the `panelStretchLayout` component can stretch its child components, and because the `panelSplitter` component was configured to stretch, both stretch to fill up available browser space. Because `panelSplitter` component can stretch its child components and because on the left, `panelGroupLayout` component with its layout attribute set to `scroll` can be stretched, and on the right, the `panelCollection` component can be stretched, both of those stretch to fill up available browser space. However, the `panelGroupLayout` component cannot stretch its child components, while the `panelCollection` component can stretch a single table. Therefore, the `panelCollection` component on the left does not stretch, even though its parent does.

**Tip:** Do not attempt to stretch any of the components in the list of components that cannot stretch by setting their width to 100%. You may get unexpected results. Instead, surround the component to be stretched with a component that can be stretched. For components that can be stretched, see [Table 8–1](#).

Now suppose on the left, instead of a table component, you want to add a `panelList` component. You would not need the `panelCollection` component (as that is used only for tables), so you might also think you would not need to use the `panelGroupLayout` component to group the `panelList` component with another component. However, because the `panelList` component would then be a direct child of the `panelSplitter` component, and because the `panelSplitter` component stretches its child components and the `panelList` component cannot be stretched, you would need to keep the `panelGroupLayout` (set to `scroll`) and place the `panelList` component as a child to the `panelGroupLayout` component.

This way, the `panelSplitter` component can stretch the `panelGroupLayout` component, but the `panelGroupLayout` component will not try to stretch the `panelList` component. Because the `panelGroupLayout` component can be stretched, but does not stretch its child components, it allows the transition between a layout that stretches and one that flows.

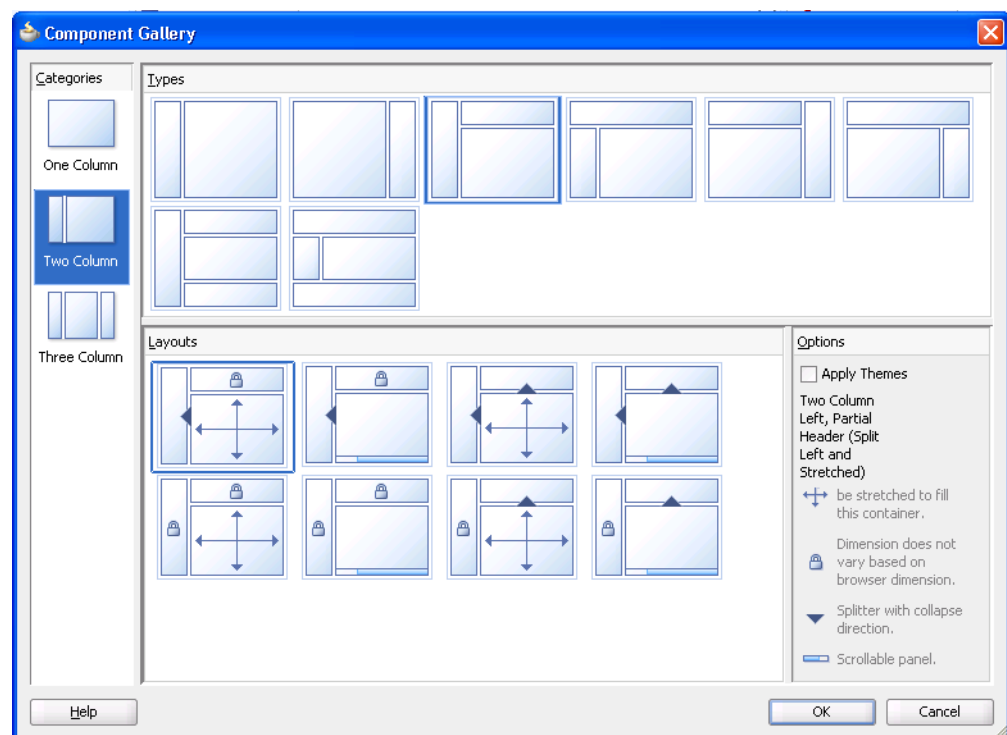
Components that can be stretched but do not stretch their children are considered *transition* components. Transition components must always be used between a component that stretches its children and a component that does not stretch.

**Tip:** If you know that you always want your components to stretch or not to stretch based on the parent's settings, then consider setting the `oracle.adf.view.rich.geometry.DEFAULT_DIMENSIONS` parameter to `auto`. For more information, see [Section A.2.3.25, "Geometry Management for Layout and Table Components."](#)

## 8.2.3 Using Quick Start Layouts

When you use the New Gallery Wizard to create a JSF JSP page (or a page fragment), you can choose from a variety of predefined quick start layouts. When you choose one of these layouts, JDeveloper adds the necessary components and sets their attributes to achieve the look and behavior you want. You can choose from one-, two-, and three-column formats. Within those formats, you can choose how many separate panes will be displayed in each column, and if those panes can stretch or remain a fixed size. [Figure 8-5](#) shows the different layouts available in the two-column format.

**Figure 8-5 Quick Layouts**



Along with adding layout components, you can also choose to apply a theme to the chosen quick layout. These themes add color styling to some of the components used in the quick start layout. To see the color and where it is added, see [Appendix E, "Quick Start Layout Themes."](#) For more information about themes, see [Section 20.3.4, "How to Apply Themes to Components."](#)

In addition to saving time, when you use the quick layouts, you can be sure that layout components are used together correctly to achieve the desired outcome. For more information about creating pages using the quick layouts, see [Section 2.4, "Creating a View Page."](#)

## 8.2.4 Tips for Using Geometry-Managed Components

To ensure your page is displayed as expected in all browsers, use one of the quick layouts provided by JDeveloper when you create a page. These ensure that the correct components are used and configured properly. For more information, see [Section 8.2.3, "Using Quick Start Layouts."](#)

**Best Practice:** Use quick start layouts to avoid layout display issues.

However, if you wish to create your layout yourself, follow these tips for creating a layout that includes both stretched and flowing components:

- Place the page contents inside a root component that performs geometry management, either `panelStretchLayout`, `panelGridLayout` with `gridRow` and `gridCell` components, `panelSplitter`, `panelAccordion` with a `showDetailItem`, or `panelTabbed` with a `showDetailItem`.
- Never specify a height value with percent units. Instead, build a component structure out of components that support being stretched and that stretch their child components.
- Inside this stretchable structure, create islands of nonstretched or flowing components by using transition components, such as the `panelGroupLayout` component with the `layout` attribute set to `scroll`. This component will provide the transition between stretched and flowing components because it supports being stretched but will not stretch its child components.
- Never try to stretch something vertically inside a nonstretched or flowing container because it will not act consistently across web browsers.
- For components contained in a parent flowing component (that is, a component that does not stretch its children), do not set widths greater than 95%. If you do, you may get unexpected results.
  - If the parent component is 768 pixels or greater, set the `styleClass` attribute on the component to be stretched to `AFStretchWidth`. This style will stretch the component to what appears to be 100% of the parent container, taking into account different browsers and any padding or borders on the parent.
  - If the parent component is 768 pixels or less, set the `styleClass` attribute on the component to be stretched to `AFAuxiliaryStretchWidth`. This style will stretch the component to what appears to be 100% of the parent container, taking into account different browsers and any padding or borders on the parent.

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**Note:** The two different styles are needed due to how Microsoft Internet Explorer 7 computes widths inside scrolling containers (this has been resolved in Internet Explorer 8). Unless you can control the version of browser used to access your application, you should use these styles as described.

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- Never use the `position` style.
- Ensure that the `maximized` attribute on the `document` tag is set to `true` (this is the default). For more information about setting the attribute, see [Section 8.2.5, "How to Configure the document Tag."](#)



The remainder of this chapter describes the ADF Faces layout components and how they can be used to design a page. You can find information about how each component handles stretching in the respective "What You May Need to Know About Geometry Management" sections.

## 8.2.5 How to Configure the document Tag

The `document` tag contains a number of attributes that you can configure to control behavior for the page. For example, you can configure the tag so that one component has focus when the page is first rendered. You can also configure the tag to display a warning message if a user attempts to navigate off the page and the data has not been submitted. You can also set the document to use a different state saving method than the rest of the application.

### To configure the document tag:

1. In the Structure window, select the **af:document** node.
2. In the Property Inspector, expand the Common section and set the following:
  - **InitialFocusId**: Use the dropdown menu to choose **Edit**. In the Edit Property dialog, select the component that should have focus when the page first renders.

Because this focus happens on the client, the component you select must have a corresponding client component. For more information, see [Section 3.4, "Instantiating Client-Side Components."](#)
  - **Maximized**: Set to `true` if you want the root component to expand to fit all available browser space. When the `document` tag's `maximized` attribute is set to `true`, the framework searches for a single visual root component, and stretches that component to consume the browser's viewable area, provided that the component can be stretched. Examples of components that support this are `panelStretchLayout` and `panelSplitter`. The `document` tag's `maximized` attribute is set to `true` by default. For more information, see [Section 8.2.1, "Geometry Management and Component Stretching."](#)
  - **Title**: Enter the text that should be displayed in the title bar of the browser.
3. Expand the Appearance section and for the **FailedConnectionText** attribute, enter the text you want to be displayed if a connection cannot be made to the server.
4. Expand the Other section and set the following:
  - **UncommittedDataWarning**: Set to `on` if you want a warning message displayed to the user when the application detects that data has not been committed. This can happen because either the user attempts to leave the page without committing data or there is uncommitted data on the server. By default, this is set to `off`.
  - **StateSaving**: Set to the type of state saving you want to use for a page.

For ADF Faces applications, it is recommended to have the application use client state saving with tokens, which saves page state to the session and persists a token to the client. This setting affects the application globally, such that all pages have state saved to the session and persist tokens with information regarding state.

You can override the global setting in `web.xml` to one of the following for the page:

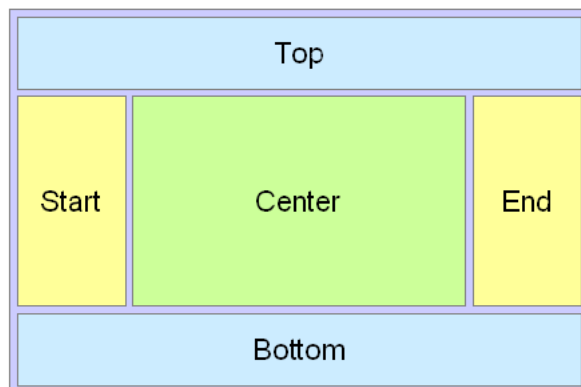
- **client:** The state is saved fully to the client, without the use of tokens. This setting keeps the session expired messages from being displayed.
- **default:** The state of the page is based on whatever is set in `web.xml`.
- **server:** The state of the page is saved on the server.

For more information about state saving, see [Appendix A.2, "Configuration in web.xml."](#)

## 8.3 Arranging Contents to Stretch Across a Page

Use the `panelStretchLayout` component to arrange content in defined areas on a page and when you want the content to be able to stretch when the browser is resized. The `panelStretchLayout` component is one of the components that can stretch components placed in its facets. [Figure 8–6](#) shows the component's facets.

**Figure 8–6** Facets in the `panelStretchLayout` Component



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**Note:** [Figure 8–6](#) shows the facets when the language reading direction of the application is configured to be left-to-right. If instead the language direction is right-to-left, the `start` and `end` facets are switched.

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When you set the height of the `top` and `bottom` facets, any contained components are stretched up to fit the height. Similarly, when you set the width of the `start` and `end` facets, any components contained in those facets are stretched to that width. If no components are placed in the facets, then that facet does not render. That is, that facet will not take up any space. If you want that facet to take up the set space but remain blank, insert a spacer component. See [Section 8.17, "Separating Content Using Blank Space or Lines."](#) Child components in the `center` facet are then stretched to fill up any remaining space. For more information about component stretching, see [Section 8.2.1, "Geometry Management and Component Stretching."](#)

Instead of setting the height of the `top` or `bottom` facet, or width of the `start` or `end` facet to a dimension, you can set the height or width to `auto`. This allows the facet to size itself to use exactly the space required by the child components of the facet. Space will be allocated based on what the web browser determines is the required amount of space to display the facet content.

**Performance Tip:** Using `auto` as a value will degrade performance of your page. You should first attempt to set a height or width and use the `auto` attribute sparingly.

The File Explorer application uses a `panelStretchLayout` component as the root component in the template. Child components are placed only in the `center` and `bottom` facets. Therefore, whatever is in the `center` facet stretches the full width of the window, and from the top of the window to the top of the `bottom` facet, whose height is determined by the `bottomHeight` attribute. [Example 8–2](#) shows abbreviated code from the `fileExplorerTemplate` file.

**Example 8–2 `panelStretchLayout` in the File Explorer’s Template File**

```
<af:panelStretchLayout
  bottomHeight="#{attrs.footerGlobalSize}">
  <f:facet name="center">
    <af:panelSplitter orientation="vertical" ...>
    .
    .
    .
  </af:panelSplitter
</f:facet>
  <f:facet name="bottom">
    <af:panelGroupLayout layout="vertical">
    .
    .
    .
  </af:panelGroupLayout>
</f:facet>
</af:panelStretchLayout>
```

The template uses an EL expression to determine the value of the `bottomHeight` attribute. This expression resolves to the value of the `footerGlobalSize` attribute defined in the template, which by default is 0. Any page that uses the template can override this value. For example, the `index.jspx` page uses this template and sets the value to 30. Therefore, when the File Explorer application renders, the contents in the `panelStretchLayout` component begin 30 pixels from the bottom of the page.

### 8.3.1 How to Use the `panelStretchLayout` Component

The `panelStretchLayout` component cannot have any direct child components. Instead, you place components within its facets. The `panelStretchLayout` is one of the components that can be configured to stretch any components in its facets to fit the browser. You can nest `panelStretchLayout` components. For more information, see [Section 8.2.2, "Nesting Components Inside Components That Allow Stretching."](#)

**To create and use the `panelStretchLayout` component:**

1. In the Component Palette, from the Layout panel, drag and drop a **Panel Stretch Layout** to the JSF page.
2. In the Property Inspector, expand the Common section and set the attributes as needed.

When there are child components in the `top`, `bottom`, `start`, and `end` facets, these components occupy space that is defined by the `topHeight`, `bottomHeight`, `startWidth`, and `endWidth` attributes. For example, `topHeight` attribute specifies the height of the `top` facet, and `startWidth` attribute specifies the width of the

start facet. Child components in top and bottom facets are stretched up to the height set by `topHeight` and `bottomHeight` attributes, respectively, and child components in start and end facets are stretched up to the width set by `startWidth` and `endWidth` attributes, respectively. Instead of setting a numeric dimension, you can set the `topHeight`, `bottomHeight`, `startWidth` and `endWidth` attributes to `auto` and the browser will determine the amount of space required to display the content in the facets.

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**Note:** If you set a facet to use `auto` as a value for the width or height of that facet, the child component does not have to be able to stretch. In fact, it must use a stable, standalone width that is not dependent upon the width of the facet.

For example, you should not use `auto` on a facet whose child component can stretch their children automatically. These components have their own built-in stretched widths by default which will then cause them to report an unstable `offsetWidth` value, which is used by the browser to determine the amount of space.

Additionally, you should not use `auto` in conjunction with a child component that uses a percentage length for its width. The facet content cannot rely on percentage widths or be any component that would naturally consume the entire width of its surrounding container.

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If you do not explicitly specify a value, by default, the value for the `topHeight`, `bottomHeight`, `startWidth`, and `endWidth` attributes is 50 pixels each. The widths of the top and bottom facets, and the heights of the start and end facets are derived from the width and height of the parent component of `panelStretchLayout`.

**Tip:** If a facet does not contain a child component, it is not rendered and therefore does not take up any space. You must place a child component into a facet in order for that facet to occupy the configured space.

3. The `panelStretchLayout` component can be configured to stretch to fill available browser space, or if you want to place the `panelStretchLayout` component inside a component that does *not* stretch its children, you can configure the `panelStretchLayout` component to not stretch.

You configure whether the component will stretch or not using the `dimensionsFrom` attribute.

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**Note:** The default value for the `dimensionsFrom` attribute is handled by the `DEFAULT_DIMENSIONS` web.xml parameter. If you always want the components whose geometry management is determined by the `dimensionsFrom` attribute to stretch if its parent component allows stretching of its child, set the `DEFAULT_DIMENSIONS` parameter to `auto`, instead of setting the `dimensionsFrom` attribute. Set the `dimensionsFrom` attribute when you want to override the global setting.

By default, `DEFAULT_DIMENSIONS` is set so that the value of `dimensionsFrom` is based on the component's default value, as documented in the following descriptions. For more information, see [Section A.2.3.25, "Geometry Management for Layout and Table Components."](#)

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To set the `dimensionsFrom` attribute, expand the **Other** section, and set **DimensionsFrom** to one of the following:

- `children`: Instead of stretching, the `panelStretchLayout` component will get its dimensions from its child component.

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**Note:** If you use this setting, you cannot use a percentage to set the height of the top and bottom facets. If you do, those facets will try to get their dimensions from the size of this `panelStretchLayout` component, which will not be possible, as the `panelStretchLayout` component will be getting its height from its contents, resulting in a circular dependency. If a percentage is used for either facet, it will be disregarded and the default 50px will be used instead.

Additionally, you cannot set the height of the `panelStretchLayout` component (for example through the `inlineStyle` or `styleClass` attributes) if you use this setting. Doing so would cause conflict between the `panelStretchLayout` height and the child component height.

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- `parent`: the size of the `panelStretchLayout` component will be determined in the following order:
  - From the `inlineStyle` attribute.
  - If no value exists for `inlineStyle`, then the size is determined by the parent container (that is, the `panelStretchLayout` component will stretch).
  - If the parent container is not configured or not able to stretch its children, the size will be determined by the skin.

This is the default setting.

- `auto`: If the parent component to the `panelStretchLayout` component allows stretching of its child, then the `panelStretchLayout` component will stretch to fill the parent. If the parent does not stretch its children then the size of the `panelStretchLayout` component will be based on the size of its child component.
4. To place content in the component, drag and drop the desired component into any of the facets. If you want the child component to stretch, it must be a component that supports being stretched. See [Section 8.3.2, "What You May Need to Know"](#)

[About Geometry Management and the `panelStretchLayout` Component](#)," for more details.

Because facets accept one child only, if you want to add more than one child component, wrap the child components inside a container component, for example, a `panelGroupLayout` component. This component must also be able to be stretched in order for all contained components to stretch.

**Tip:** If any facet is not visible in the visual editor:

1. Right-click the `panelStretchLayout` component in the Structure window.
2. From the context menu, choose **Facets - Panel Stretch Layout >facet name**. Facets in use on the page are indicated by a checkmark in front of the facet name.

### 8.3.2 What You May Need to Know About Geometry Management and the `panelStretchLayout` Component

The `panelStretchLayout` component can stretch its child components and it can also be stretched. The following components can be stretched inside the facets of the `panelStretchLayout` component:

- `inputText` (when configured to stretch)
- `deck`
- `decorativeBox` (when configured to stretch)
- `panelAccordion` (when configured to stretch)
- `panelBox`
- `panelCollection`
- `panelDashboard` (when configured to stretch)
- `panelGridLayout` (when `gridRow` and `gridCell` components are configured to stretch)
- `panelGroupLayout` (only with the `layout` attribute set to `scroll` or `vertical`)
- `panelSplitter` (when configured to stretch)
- `panelStretchLayout` (when configured to stretch)
- `panelTabbed` (when configured to stretch)
- `region`
- `table` (when configured to stretch)
- `tree` (when configured to stretch)
- `treeTable` (when configured to stretch)

The following components cannot be stretched when placed inside a facet of the `panelStretchLayout` component:

- `panelBorderLayout`
- `panelFormLayout`
- `panelGroupLayout` (only with the `layout` attribute set to `default` or `horizontal`)
- `panelHeader`
- `panelLabelAndMessage`

- `panelList`
- `showDetail`
- `showDetailHeader`
- `tableLayout` (MyFaces Trinidad component)

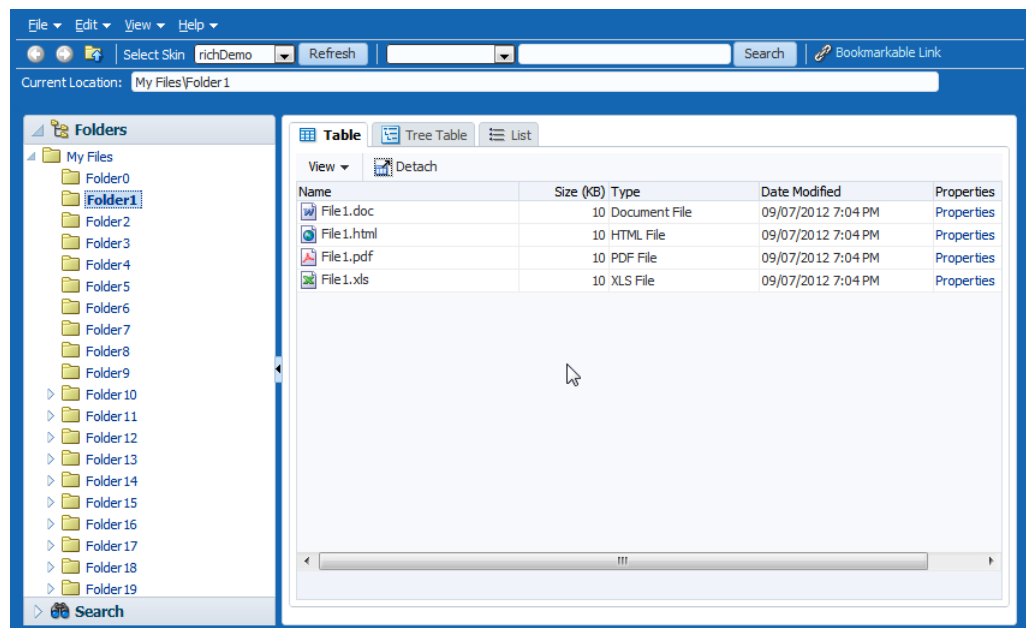
You cannot place components that cannot stretch into facets of a component that stretches its child components. Therefore, if you need to place a component that cannot be stretched into a facet of the `panelStretchLayout` component, wrap that component in a transition component that can stretch.

For example, if you want to place content in a `panelBox` component (configured to not stretch) within a facet of the `panelStretchLayout` component, you could place a `panelGroupLayout` component with its `layout` attribute set to `scroll` in a facet of the `panelStretchLayout` component, and then place the `panelBox` component in that `panelGroupLayout` component. For more information, see [Section 8.2.2, "Nesting Components Inside Components That Allow Stretching."](#)

## 8.4 Using Splitters to Create Resizable Panes

When you have groups of unique content to present to users, consider using the `panelSplitter` component to provide multiple panes separated by adjustable splitters. The File Explorer uses a `panelSplitter` to separate the navigation tree from the folder contents, as shown in [Figure 8-7](#). Users can change the size of the panes by dragging the splitter, and can also collapse and restore the panel that displays the directories. When a panel is collapsed, the panel contents are hidden; when a panel is restored, the contents are displayed.

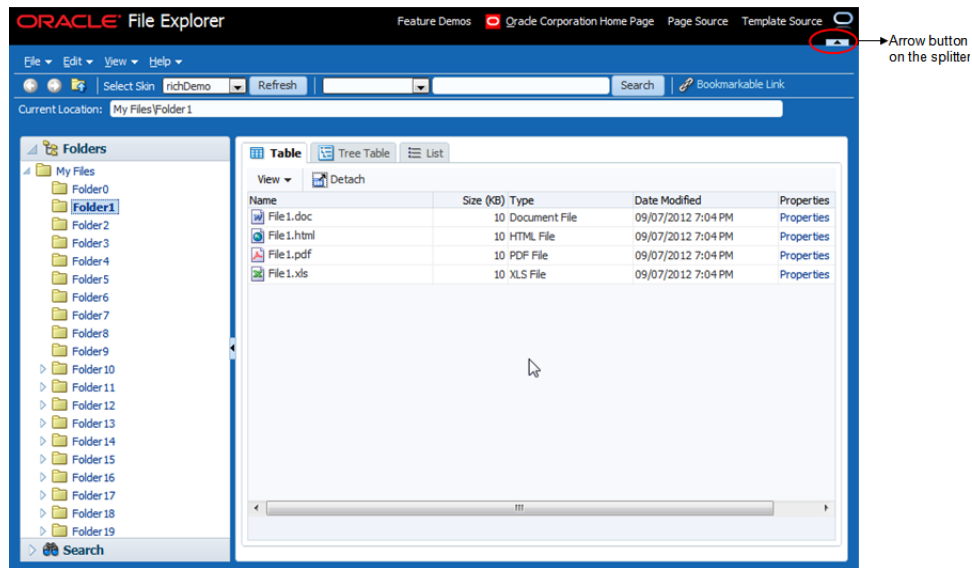
**Figure 8-7** File Explorer Uses `panelSplitter` to Separate Contents



The `panelSplitter` component lets you organize contents into two panes separated by an adjustable splitter. The panes can either line up on a horizontal line (as does the splitter shown in [Figure 8-7](#)) or on a vertical line. The File Explorer application uses another `panelSplitter` component to separate the application's header contents from the main body of the page. [Figure 8-8](#) shows the `panelSplitter` component expanded

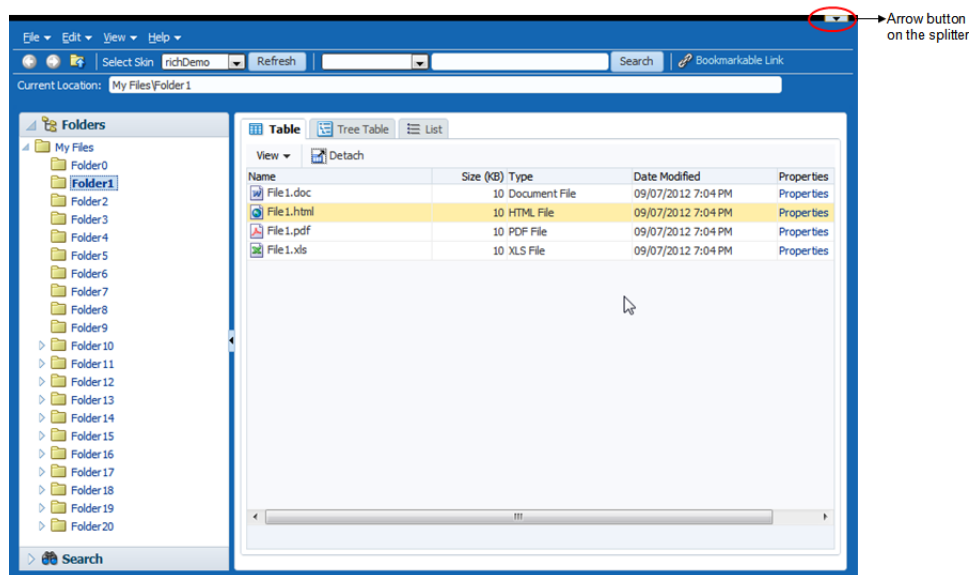
to show the header contents, which includes the Oracle logo and the File Explorer name.

**Figure 8–8** *panelSplitter with a Vertical Split Expanded*



Clicking the arrow button on a splitter collapses the panel that holds the header contents, and the logo and name are no longer shown, as shown in Figure 8–9.

**Figure 8–9** *File Explorer Uses panelSplitter with a Vertical Split*



You place components inside the facets of the `panelSplitter` component. The `panelSplitter` component uses geometry management to stretch its child components at runtime. This means when the user collapses one panel, the contents in the other panel are explicitly resized to fill up available space.



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**Note:** While the user can change the values of the `splitterPosition` and `collapsed` attributes by resizing or collapsing the panes, those values will not be retained once the user leaves the page unless you configure your application to use change persistence. For information about enabling and using change persistence, see [Chapter 34, "Allowing User Customization on JSF Pages."](#)

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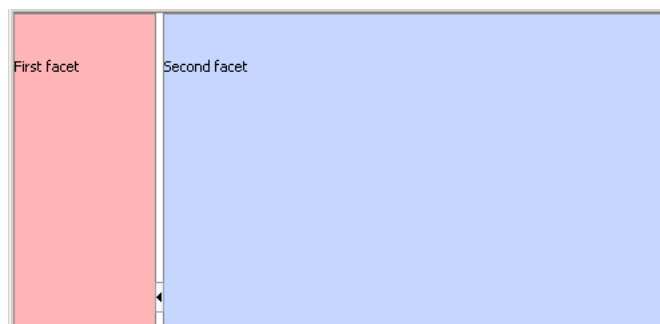
### 8.4.1 How to Use the `panelSplitter` Component

The `panelSplitter` component lets you create two panes separated by a splitter. Each splitter component has two facets, namely, `first` and `second`, which correspond to the first panel and second panel, respectively. Child components can reside inside the facets only. To create more than two panes, you nest the `panelSplitter` components.

#### To create and use the `panelSplitter` component:

1. In the Component Palette, from the Layout panel, drag and drop a **Panel Splitter** onto the JSF page.
2. In the Property Inspector, expand the Common section.
3. Set **Orientation** to `vertical` to create two vertical panes (one on top of the other). By default, the value is `horizontal`, which means horizontal panes are placed left-to-right (or right-to-left, depending on the language reading direction).
4. Set **SplitterPosition** and **PositionedFromEnd** to determine the initial placement of the splitter. By default, the value of the `splitterPosition` attribute is 200 pixels, and the `positionedFromEnd` attribute is `false`. This setting means that ADF Faces measures the initial position of the adjustable splitter from the start or top panel (depending on the orientation attribute value). For example, if the orientation attribute is set to `horizontal`, the `splitterPosition` attribute is 200 and the `positionedFromEnd` attribute is `false` (all default values), then ADF Faces places the splitter 200 pixels from the start panel, as shown in [Figure 8–10](#).

**Figure 8–10** Splitter Position Measured from Start Panel



If the `positionedFromEnd` attribute is set to `true`, then ADF Faces measures the initial position of the splitter from the end (or bottom panel, depending on the orientation value). [Figure 8–11](#) shows the position of the splitter measured 200 pixels from the end panel.

**Figure 8–11** Splitter Position Measured from End Panel

5. Set **collapsed** to determine whether or not the splitter is in a collapsed (hidden) state. By default, the `collapsed` attribute is `false`, which means both panes are displayed. When the user clicks the arrow button on the splitter, the `collapsed` attribute is set to `true` and one of the panes is hidden.

ADF Faces uses the `collapsed` and `positionedFromEnd` attributes to determine which panel (that is, the first or second panel) to hide (collapse) when the user clicks the arrow button on the splitter. When the `collapsed` attribute is set to `true` and the `positionedFromEnd` attribute is `false`, the first panel is hidden and the second panel stretches to fill up the available space. When the `collapsed` attribute is `true` and the `positionedFromEnd` attribute is `true`, the second panel is hidden instead. Visually, the user can know which panel will be collapsed by looking at the direction of the arrow on the button: when the user clicks the arrow button on the splitter, the panel collapses in the direction of the arrow.

6. The `panelSplitter` component can stretch to fill available browser space. If you want to place the `panelSplitter` into a component that does not stretch its children, then you need to change how the `panelSplitter` component handles stretching.

You configure whether the component will stretch or not using the `dimensionsFrom` attribute.

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**Note:** The default value for the `dimensionsFrom` attribute is handled by the `DEFAULT_DIMENSIONS` web.xml parameter. If you always want the components whose geometry management is determined by the `dimensionsFrom` attribute to stretch if its parent component allows stretching of its child, set the `DEFAULT_DIMENSIONS` parameter to `auto`, instead of setting the `dimensionsFrom` attribute. Set the `dimensionsFrom` attribute when you want to override the global setting.

By default, `DEFAULT_DIMENSIONS` is set so that the value of `dimensionsFrom` is based on the component's default value, as documented in the following descriptions. For more information, see [Section A.2.3.25, "Geometry Management for Layout and Table Components."](#)

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To use the `dimensionsFrom` attribute, expand the **Other** section, and set **DimensionsFrom** to one of the following:

- **children:** Instead of stretching, the `panelSplitter` component will get its dimensions from its child component.

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**Note:** If you use this setting and you set the `orientation` attribute to `vertical`, then the contents of the *collapsible* panel will not be determined by its child component, but instead will be determined by the value of `splitterPosition` attribute. The size of the other pane will be determined by its child component.

Additionally, you cannot set the height of the `panelSplitter` component (for example through the `inlineStyle` or `styleClass` attributes) if you use this setting. Doing so would cause conflict between the `panelSplitter` height and the child component height.

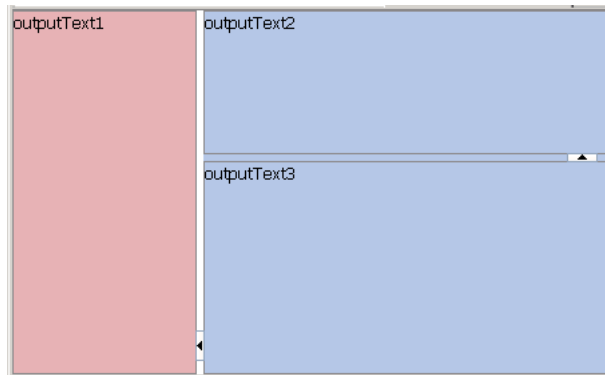
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- **parent:** The size of the `panelSplitter` component will be determined in the following order:
    - From the `inlineStyle` attribute.
    - If no value exists for `inlineStyle`, then the size is determined by the parent container.
    - If the parent container is not configured or not able to stretch its children, the size will be determined by the skin.
  - **auto:** If the parent component to the `panelSplitter` component allows stretching of its child, then the `panelSplitter` component will stretch to fill the parent. If the parent does not stretch its children then the size of the `panelSplitter` component will be based on the size of its child component.
7. To place content in the component, drag and drop the desired component into the first and second facets. When you have the orientation set to horizontal, the first facet is the left facet. When you have the orientation set to vertical, the first facet is the top facet. If you want the child component to stretch, it must be a component that supports stretching. For more details, see [Section 8.4.2, "What You May Need to Know About Geometry Management and the `panelSplitter` Component."](#)

Because facets accept one child component only, if you want to add more than one child component, wrap the child components inside a container component. This component must also be able to be stretched in order for all contained components to stretch.

**Tip:** If any facet is not visible in the visual editor:

1. Right-click the `panelSplitter` component in the Structure window.
  2. From the context menu, choose **Facets - Panel Splitter >facet name**. Facets in use on the page are indicated by a checkmark in front of the facet name.
8. To create more than two panes, insert another **Panel Splitter** component into a facet to create nested splitter panes (as shown in [Figure 8–12](#)).

**Figure 8–12 Nested panelSplitter Components**

[Example 8–3](#) shows the code generated by JDeveloper when you nest splitter components.

**Example 8–3 Nested panelSplitter Components**

```
<af:panelSplitter ...>
  <f:facet name="first">
    <!-- first panel child components components here -->
  </f:facet>
  <f:facet name="second">
    <!-- Contains nested splitter component -->
    <af:panelSplitter orientation="vertical" ...>
      <f:facet name="first">
        <!-- first panel child components components here -->
      </f:facet>
      <f:facet name="second">
        <!-- second panel child components components here -->
      </f:facet>
    </af:panelSplitter>
  </f:facet>
</af:panelSplitter>
```

9. If you want to perform some operation when users collapse or expand a panel, attach a client-side JavaScript using the `clientListener` tag for the collapsed attribute and a `propertyChange` event type. For more information about client-side events, see [Chapter 5, "Handling Events."](#)

## 8.4.2 What You May Need to Know About Geometry Management and the panelSplitter Component

The `panelSplitter` component can stretch its child components and it can also be stretched. The following components can be stretched inside the `first` or `second` facet of the `panelSplitter` component:

- `inputText` (when configured to stretch)
- `deck`
- `decorativeBox` (when configured to stretch)
- `panelAccordion` (when configured to stretch)
- `panelBox`
- `panelCollection`

- `panelDashboard`
- `panelGridLayout` (when `gridRow` and `gridCell` components are configured to stretch)
- `panelGroupLayout` (only with the `layout` attribute set to `scroll` or `vertical`)
- `panelSplitter` (when configured to stretch)
- `panelStretchLayout` (when configured to stretch)
- `panelTabbed` (when configured to stretch)
- `region`
- `table` (when configured to stretch)
- `tree` (when configured to stretch)
- `treeTable` (when configured to stretch)

The following components cannot be stretched when placed inside a facet of the `panelSplitter` component:

- `panelBorderLayout`
- `panelFormLayout`
- `panelGroupLayout` (only with the `layout` attribute set to `default` or `horizontal`)
- `panelHeader`
- `panelLabelAndMessage`
- `panelList`
- `showDetail`
- `showDetailHeader`
- `tableLayout` (MyFaces Trinidad component)

You cannot place components that cannot stretch into facets of a component that stretches its child components. Therefore, if you need to place one of the components that cannot be stretched into a facet of the `panelSplitter` component, wrap that component in a transition component that does not stretch its child components.

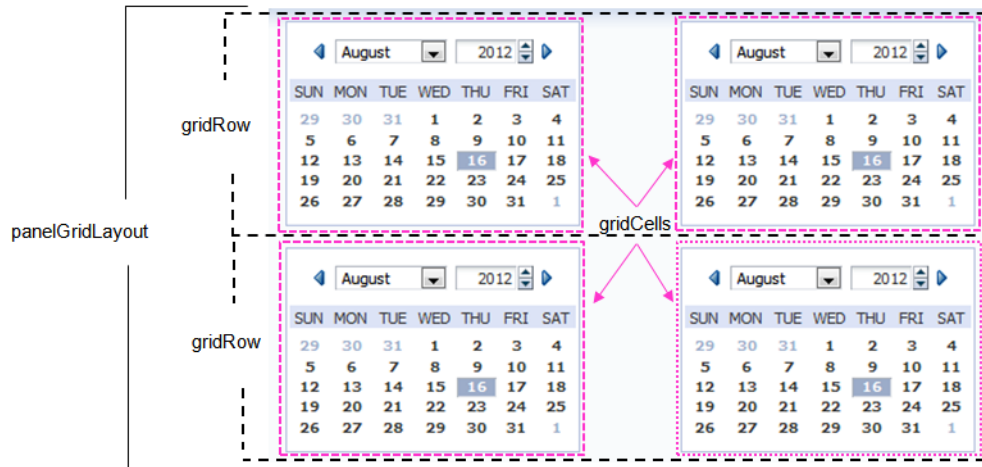
For example, if you want to place content in a `panelBox` component and have it flow within a facet of the `panelSplitter` component, you could place a `panelGroupLayout` component with its `layout` attribute set to `scroll` in a facet of the `panelSplitter` component, and then place the `panelBox` component in that `panelGroupLayout` component. For more information, see [Section 8.2.2, "Nesting Components Inside Components That Allow Stretching."](#)

## 8.5 Arranging Content in a Grid

The `panelGridLayout` component uses child `gridRow` components to create rows, and then within those rows, `gridCell` components that form columns, similar to an HTML table. You place components in the `gridCell` components to display your data, images, or other content.

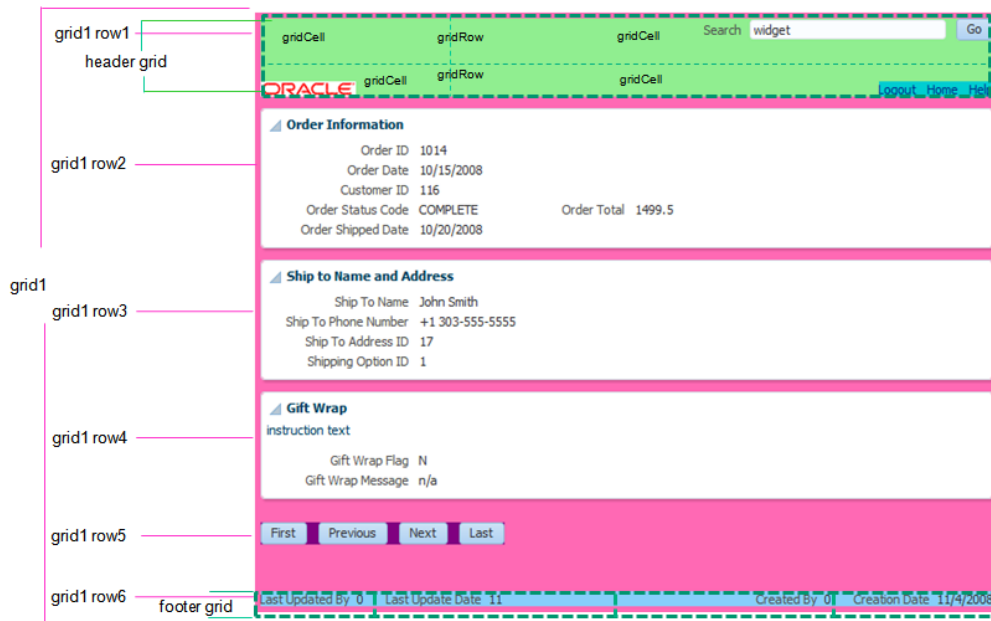
[Figure 8–13](#) shows a `panelGridLayout` component that contains two `gridRow` components. Each of the `gridRow` components contain two `gridCell` components. Each of the `gridCell` components contain one `chooseDate` component.

**Figure 8–13 Simple Grid Layout with Two Rows Each with Two Cells**



You can nest `panelGridLayout` components. [Figure 8–14](#) shows a more complicated layout created with a parent `panelGridLayout` component (whose background is set to pink).

**Figure 8–14 Grid Layout Created with `panelGridLayout`, `gridRow`, and `gridCell` components**



The first `gridRow` component of this `panelGridLayout` contains one `gridCell` component. This `gridCell` component contains another `panelGridLayout` component for the header. This header grid contains two `gridRow` components, each with two `gridCell` components. The top right `gridCell` contains the components for search functionality, while the bottom left `gridCell` contains the Oracle logo.

The next four `gridRows` of the parent `panelGridLayout` component contain just one `gridCell` component each that holds form components and buttons. The last `gridRow` component contains one `gridCell` component that holds another `panelGridLayout`

component for the footer. This footer is made up of one `gridRow` component with four `gridCell` components, each holding an `inputText` component.

When placed in a component that stretches its children, by default, the `panelGridLayout` stretches to fill its parent container. However, whether or not the content within the grid is stretched to fill the space is determined by the `gridRow` and `gridCell` components.

By default, the child contents are not stretched. The `gridRow` component determines the height. By default, the height is determined by the height of the tallest child component in the row's cells. The `gridCell` component determines the width. By default, the width of a cell is determined by the width of other cells in the column. Therefore, you must set at least one cell in a column to a determined width. You can set it to determine the width based on the component in the cell, to a fixed CSS length, or to a percentage of the remaining space in the grid.

If instead you want to have the grid stretch its contents to fill up all available browser space, the following must be true:

- There is only one component inside of the `gridCell`
- The cell's `halign` and `valign` attributes are set to `stretch`
- The effective width and effective height of the cell are not set to be automatically determined by other cells or rows, as that would result in a circular dependency.

Each cell will then attempt to anchor the child component to all sides of the cell. If it can't (for example if the child component cannot be stretched), then the child component will be placed at the start and top of the cell.

## 8.5.1 How to Use the `panelGridLayout`, `gridRow`, and `gridCell` Components to Create a Grid-Based Layout

You create a grid by placing a certain number of `gridRow` components into a `panelGridLayout` component. You then add `gridCell` components into the `gridRow` components, and place components that contain the actual content in the `gridCell` components. If you want to nest `panelGridLayout` components, you place the child `panelGridLayout` component into a `gridCell` component.

### To create and use the `panelGridLayout`, `gridRow`, and `gridCell` components:

1. In the Component Palette, from the Layout panel, drag and drop a **Panel Grid Layout** onto the JSF page.
2. In the Create Panel Grid Layout dialog, enter the number of columns and rows for the grid, set the inner and outer grid margins, then click **Next**.

When setting the inner and outer grid margins, note the following:

- **Inner Grid Margins:** Set to a fixed CSS size, for example, `2px`.
  - **Columns:** Sets the value of the `marginStart` property on all `gridCell` components, except for the first one (which is handled by the **Outer Grid Margin** setting).
  - **Rows:** Sets the value of the `marginTop` property on all `gridRow` components, except for the first one (which is handled by the **Outer Grid Margin** setting).
- **Outer Grid Margins:** Set to a fixed CSS size, for example, `2px`.
  - **Top:** Sets the `marginTop` property on just the top `gridRow` component.

- **Bottom:** Sets the `marginBottom` property on just the last `gridRow` component.
- **Left:** Sets the `marginStart` property on just the first `gridCell` component.
- **Right:** Sets the `marginEnd` property on just the last `gridCell` component.

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**Note:** For `marginBottom` and `marginTop`, conflicting unit types will be ignored. For example, if RowA has `marginTop` set to `2px` and RowB has `marginTop` set to `5em`, the margin will be `2px`, as that is the first unit type encountered.

When you use the Create Panel Grid Layout dialog, the `marginTop` and `marginBottom` properties are set for you and avoid this conflict.

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**Note:** If you want the `panelGridLayout` component to stretch its children, then set the row heights to a value other than `auto` and set the cell widths to a value other than `auto`. You then need to use the Property Inspector to set other properties to allow stretching. For more information, see Step 5.

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3. On the second page of the dialog, set the width of each cell and height of each row.

- **Grid Width:** Sets the `width` property on each of the `gridCell` component. Set each column to one of the following:
  - `dontCare`: The width of the cell is determined by other cells in the column. This is the default.
  - `auto`: The width of the cell is determined by the components in the corresponding column. The browser first draws all those components and the width is adjusted accordingly.
  - A percentage: If you want the width of the cell's corresponding column to be a normalized percentage of the remaining space not already used by other columns, then enter a percentage, for example, `25%`.
  - A fixed CSS size: If you want to constrain the width to a fixed width, enter a fixed CSS size, for example `20px` or `20em`.

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**Note:** Note the following:

- If you want a cell to span columns, then `width` must be set to `dontCare`.
  - If cells in a column have different values for their width (for example, if one is set to `auto` and another is set to a fixed width), then the width of the column will be the largest value of the first unit type encountered.
  - If all cells in a column are set to `dontCare`, then the widest cell based on its child component will determine the width of the column (as if the cells were all set to `auto`).
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- **Grid Height:** Sets the `height` property on each of the `gridRow` components. Set each row to one of the following:



- auto: The height of a row is determined by the components in the row. The browser first draws the child components and the height of the row is adjusted accordingly. This is the default.
- A percentage: If the `panelGridLayout` component itself has a fixed height, or if it is being stretched by its parent component, then enter a percentage, for example 25%. The height of the row will then be a normalized percentage of the remaining space not already used by other rows.
- A fixed CSS length: If you want to constrain the height to a fixed height, enter a fixed CSS length, for example 10px or 20em.

Click **Finish**.

4. By default, the `panelGridLayout` component stretches to fill available browser space. If instead, you want to use the `panelGridLayout` component as a child to a component that does not stretch its children, then you need to change how the `panelGridLayout` component handles stretching.

You configure whether the component will stretch or not using the `dimensionsFrom` attribute. To do so, in the Property Inspector, set **DimensionsFrom** to one of the following:

- `children`: the `panelGridLayout` component will get its dimensions from its child components.

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**Note:** If you use this setting, you cannot set the height of the child row components as percentages, because space in the `panelGridLayout` is not divided up based on availability. You can use the Property Inspector to change the height of the rows that you set when you completed the dialog.

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- `parent`: the size of the `panelGridLayout` component will be determined in the following order:
  - From the `inlineStyle` attribute.
  - If no value exists for `inlineStyle`, then the size is determined by the parent container.
  - If the parent container is not configured or not able to stretch its children, the size will be determined by the skin.

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**Note:** If you use this setting, you can set the height of the child row components as percentages.

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- `auto`: If the parent component to the `panelGridLayout` component allows stretching of its child, then the `panelGridLayout` component will stretch to fill the parent. If the parent does not stretch its children then the size of the `panelGridLayout` component will be based on the size of its child component. This is the default.
5. If you want the `panelGridLayout` to stretch its children, then you need to set the following:
    - Set **height** on the rows to a value other than `auto`.
    - Set **width** on the cells to a value other than `auto`.

- Set **halign** on the `gridCell` components to stretch.
  - Set **valign** on the `gridCell` components to stretch.
  - Place only one child component into the `gridCell` components.
6. If you want the cell to take up more than one column, set **ColumnSpan** to the number of columns it should span. The default is 1.

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**Note:** If you set `columnSpan` to more than 1, then the value of the `width` attribute must be set to `dontCare`.

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7. If you want the cell to take up more than one row, set **RowSpan** to the number of rows it should span. The default is 1.
8. Set **Halign** to determine the horizontal alignment for the cell's contents. If you want the contents aligned to the start of the cell (the left in LTR locale), set it to `start` (the default). You can also set it to `center` or `end`. If you want the `panelGridLayout` to stretch, then set **Halign** to `stretch` (for more information about getting the `panelGridLayout` component to stretch, see Step 5.)
9. Set **Valign** to determine the vertical alignment for the cell's contents. If you want the contents aligned to the top of the cell, set it to `top` (the default). You can also set it to `middle` or `bottom`. If you want the `panelGridLayout` to stretch, then set **Valign** to `stretch` (for more information about getting the `panelGridLayout` component to stretch, see Step 5).

## 8.5.2 What You May Need to Know About Geometry Management and the `panelGridLayout` Component

The `panelGridLayout` component can stretch its child components and it can also be stretched. The following components can be stretched inside the `panelGridLayout` component:

- `decorativeBox` (when configured to stretch)
- `deck`
- `calendar`
- `inputText` (when configured to stretch)
- `panelAccordion` (when configured to stretch)
- `panelBox` (when configured to stretch)
- `panelCollection`
- `panelDashboard` (when configured to stretch)
- `panelGridLayout` (when `gridRow` and `gridCell` components are configured to stretch)
- `panelGroupLayout` (only with the `layout` attribute set to `scroll` or `vertical`)
- `panelHeader` (when configured to stretch)
- `panelSplitter` (when configured to stretch)
- `panelStretchLayout` (when configured to stretch)
- `panelTabbed` (when configured to stretch)
- `region`

- `showDetailHeader` (when configured to stretch)
- `table` (when configured to stretch)
- `tree` (when configured to stretch)
- `treeTable` (when configured to stretch)

The following components cannot be stretched when placed inside the `panelGridLayout` component:

- `panelBorderLayout`
- `panelFormLayout`
- `panelGroupLayout` (only with the `layout` attribute set to default or horizontal)
- `panelLabelAndMessage`
- `panelList`
- `showDetail`
- `tableLayout` (MyFaces Trinidad component)

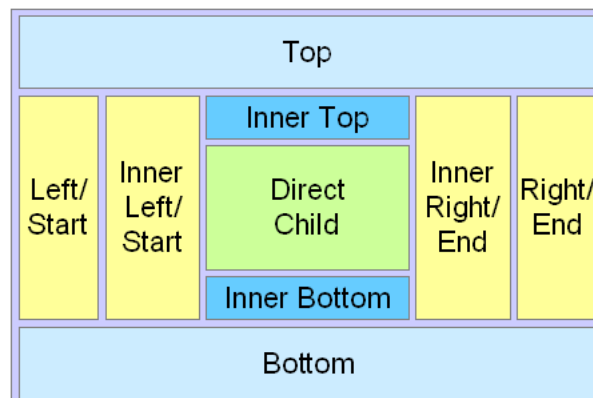
You cannot place components that cannot stretch into a component that stretches its child components. Therefore, if you need to place a component that cannot be stretched into a `gridCell` of a `panelGridLayout` component, then you must configure the `panelGridLayout`, `gridRow`, and `gridCell` components so that they do not stretch their children.

## 8.6 Arranging Page Contents in Predefined Fixed Areas

The `panelBorderLayout` component uses facets to contain components in predefined areas of a page. Instead of a center facet, the `panelBorder` layout component takes 0 to *n* direct child components (also known as indexed children), which are rendered consecutively in the center. The facets then surround the child components.

Figure 8–15 shows the facets of the `panelBorderLayout` component.

**Figure 8–15** Facets in `panelBorderLayout`



The 12 supported facets of the `panelBorderLayout` component are:

- `top`: Renders child components above the center area.
- `bottom`: Renders child components below the center area.

- `start`: Supports multiple reading directions. This facet renders child components on the left of the center area between `top` and `bottom` facet child components, if the reading direction of the client browser is left-to-right. If the reading direction is right-to-left, it renders child components on the right of the center area. When your application must support both reading directions, this facet ensures that the content will be displayed on the proper side when the direction changes. If you do not need to support both directions, then you should use either the `left` or `right` facet.
- `end`: Supports multiple reading directions. This facet renders child components on the right of the center area between `top` and `bottom` facet child components, if the reading direction of the client browser is left-to-right. If the reading direction is right-to-left, it renders child components on the left of the center area. When your application must support both reading directions, this facet ensures that the content will be displayed on the proper side when the direction changes. If you do not need to support both directions, then you should use either the `left` or `right` facet.
- `left`: Supports only one reading direction. This facet renders child components on the left of the center area between `top` and `bottom` facet child components. When the reading direction is left-to-right, the `left` facet has precedence over the `start` facet if both the `left` and `start` facets are used (that is, contents in the `start` facet will not be displayed). If the reading direction is right-to-left, the `left` facet also has precedence over the `end` facet if both `left` and `end` facets are used.
- `right`: Supports only one reading direction. This facet renders child components on the right of the center area between `top` and `bottom` facet child components. If the reading direction is left-to-right, the `right` facet has precedence over the `end` facet if both `right` and `end` facets are used. If the reading direction is right-to-left, the `right` facet also has precedence over the `start` facet, if both `right` and `start` facets are used.
- `innerTop`: Renders child components above the center area but below the `top` facet child components.
- `innerBottom`: Renders child components below the center area but above the `bottom` facet child components.
- `innerLeft`: Renders child components similar to the `left` facet, but renders between the `innerTop` and `innerBottom` facets, and between the `left` facet and the center area.
- `innerRight`: Renders child components similar to the `right` facet, but renders between the `innerTop` facet and the `innerBottom` facet, and between the `right` facet and the center area.
- `innerStart`: Renders child components similar to the `innerLeft` facet, if the reading direction is left-to-right. Renders child components similar to the `innerRight` facet, if the reading direction is right-to-left.
- `innerEnd`: Renders child components similar to the `innerRight` facet, if the reading direction is left-to-right. Renders child components similar to the `innerLeft` facet, if the reading direction is right-to-left.

The `panelBorderLayout` component does not support stretching its child components, nor does it stretch when placed in a component that stretches its child components. Therefore, the size of each facet is determined by the size of the component it contains. If instead you want the contents to stretch to fill the browser window, consider using the `panelStretchLayout` component instead. For more information, see [Section 8.3, "Arranging Contents to Stretch Across a Page."](#)

## 8.6.1 How to Use the `panelBorderLayout` Component

There is no restriction to the number of `panelBorderLayout` components you can have on a JSF page.

### To create and use the `panelBorderLayout` component:

1. In the Component Palette, from the Layout panel, drag and drop a **Panel Border Layout** onto the JSF page.
2. From the Component Palette, drag and drop the component that will be used to display contents in the center of the window as a child component to the `panelBorderLayout` component.

Child components are displayed consecutively in the order in which you inserted them. If you want some other type of layout for the child components, wrap the components inside the `panelGroupLayout` component. For more information, see [Section 8.16, "Grouping Related Items."](#)

3. To place contents that will surround the center, drag and drop the desired component into each of the facets.

Because facets accept one child component only, if you want to add more than one child component, wrap the child components inside a container.

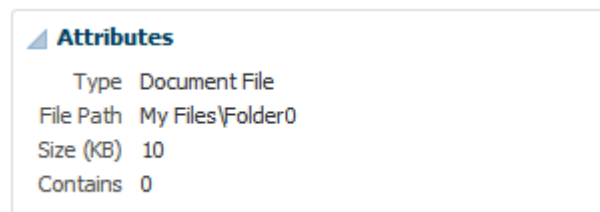
**Tip:** If any facet is not visible in the visual editor:

1. Right-click the `panelBorderLayout` component in the Structure window.
2. From the context menu, choose **Facets - Panel Border Layout >facet name**. Facets in use on the page are indicated by a checkmark in front of the facet name.

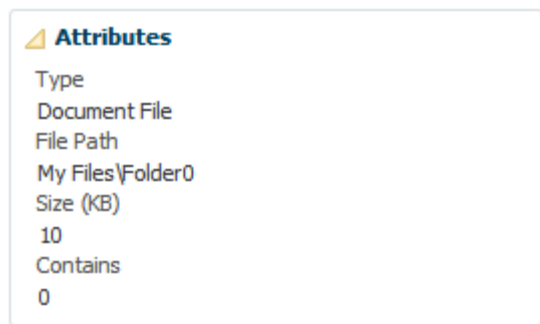
## 8.7 Arranging Content in Forms

The `panelFormLayout` component lets you lay out multiple form input components such as input fields and selection list fields in one or more columns. The File Explorer application uses a `panelFormLayout` component to display file properties. The component is configured to have the labels right-aligned, as shown in [Figure 8-16](#).

**Figure 8-16** *Right-Aligned Labels and Left-Aligned Fields in a Form*



[Figure 8-17](#) shows the same page with the component configured to display the labels above the fields.

**Figure 8–17 Labels Above Fields in a Form**

You can configure the `panelFormLayout` component to display the fields with their labels in one or more columns. Each field in the form is a child component of the `panelFormLayout` component. You set the desired number of rows, and if there are more child components than rows, the remaining child components are placed in a new column. For example, if there are 25 child components, and you set the component to display 15 rows, the last 10 components will be displayed in a second column.

However, the number of rows displayed in each is not solely determined by the configured number of rows. By default, the `panelFormLayout` component is set to render no more than three columns (two for PDA applications). This value is what actually determines the number of rows. For example, if you have 25 child components and you set the component to display 5 rows and you leave the default maximum number of columns set to 3, then the component will actually display 9 rows, even though you have it set to display 5. This is because the maximum number of columns can override the set number of rows. Because it is set to allow only up to 3 columns, it must use 9 rows in order to display all child components. You would need to set the maximum number of columns to 5 in order to have the component display just 5 rows.

ADF Faces uses default label and field widths, as determined by the standard HTML flow in the browser. You can also specify explicit widths to use for the labels and fields. Regardless of the number of columns in the form layout, the widths you specify apply to all labels and fields. You specify the widths using either absolute numbers in pixels or percentage values. If the length of a label does not fit, the text is wrapped.

**Tip:** If your page will be displayed in languages other than English, you should leave extra space in the labels to account for different languages and characters.

### 8.7.1 How to Use the `panelFormLayout` Component

You can use one or more `panelFormLayout` components on a page to create the desired form layout.

#### To create and use `panelFormLayout`:

1. In the Component Palette, from the Layout panel, drag and drop a **Panel Form Layout** onto the JSF page.
2. In the Property Inspector, expand the Common section and set the label alignment.

By default, field labels on the child input components are displayed beside the fields. To place the labels above the fields, set the `labelAlignment` attribute to `top`.

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**Note:** When you nest a `panelFormLayout` component inside another `panelFormLayout` component, the label alignment in the nested layout is top.

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3. Set `rows` and `maxColumns` to determine the number of rows and columns in the form.

The `rows` attribute value is the number that ADF Faces uses as the number of rows after which a new column will start. By default, it is set to `2147483647` (`Integer.MAX_VALUE`). This means all the child components that are set to `rendered="true"` and `visible="true"` will render in one, single column.

If you want the form to contain more than one column, set the `rows` attribute to a multiple of the number of rendered child components, and then set the `maxColumns` attribute to the maximum amount of columns that the form should display. The default value of `maxColumns` is 3. (On PDAs, the default is 2).

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**Note:** If the `panelFormLayout` component is inside another `panelFormLayout` component, the inner `panelFormLayout` component's `maxColumns` value is always 1.

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For example, if the `rows` attribute is set to 6 and there are 1 to 6 rendered child components, the list will be displayed in 1 column. If there are 7 to 12 rendered child components, the list will be displayed in 2 columns. If there are 13 or more child components, the list will be displayed in 3 columns. To display all rendered child components in 1 column, set the `rows` attribute back to the default value.

If the number of rendered child components would require more columns than allowed by the `maxColumn` attribute, then the value of the `rows` attribute is overridden. For example, if there are 100 rendered child components, and the `rows` attribute is set to 30 and the `maxColumns` attribute is 3 (default), the list will be displayed in 3 columns and 34 rows. If the `maxColumns` attribute is set to 2, the list will be displayed in 2 columns and 51 rows.

**Tip:** Rendered child components refers only to direct child components of the form. Therefore, when a component that renders multiple rows (for example `selectManyCheckbox`) is a child, all its rows will be treated as a single rendered child and cannot be split across separate columns.

4. Set `fieldWidth` and `labelWidth` as needed.

ADF Faces uses default label and field widths, as determined by standard HTML flow in the browser. You can also specify explicit widths to use for the labels and fields.

The `labelWidth` attribute on the `panelFormLayout` component lets you set the preferred width for labels; the `fieldWidth` attribute lets you set the preferred width for fields.

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**Note:** Any value you specify for the `labelWidth` component is ignored in layouts where the `labelAlignment` attribute is set to `top`, that is, in layouts where the labels are displayed above the fields.

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Regardless of the number of columns in the form layout, the widths you specify apply to all labels and fields, that is, you cannot set different widths for different columns. You specify the widths using any CSS unit such as `em`, `px`, or `%`. The unit used must be the same for both the `labelWidth` and `fieldWidth` attribute.

When using percentage values:

- The percentage width you specify is a percent of the entire width taken up by the `panelFormLayout` component, regardless of the number of columns to be displayed.
- The sum of the `labelWidth` and `fieldWidth` percentages must add up to 100%. If the sum is less than 100%, the widths will be normalized to equal 100%. For example, if you set the `labelWidth` to 10% and the `fieldWidth` to 30%, at runtime the `labelWidth` would be 33% and the `fieldWidth` would be 67%.
- If you explicitly set the width of one but not the other (for example, you specify a percentage for `labelWidth` but not `fieldWidth`), ADF Faces automatically calculates the percentage width that is not specified.

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**Note:** If your form contains multiple columns and a footer, you may see a slight offset between the positioning of the main form items and the footer items in web browsers that do not honor fractional divisions of percentages. To minimize this effect, ensure that the percentage `labelWidth` is evenly divisible by the number of columns.

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Suppose the width of the `panelFormLayout` component takes up 600 pixels of space, and the `labelWidth` attribute is set at 50%. In a one-column display, the label width will be 300 pixels and the field width will be 300 pixels. In a two-column display, each column is 300 pixels, so each label width in a column will be 150 pixels, and each field width in a column will be 150 pixels.

If the length of the label text does not fit on a single line with the given label width, ADF Faces automatically wraps the label text. If the given field width is less than the minimum size of the child content you have placed inside the `panelFormLayout` component, ADF Faces automatically uses the minimum size of the child content as the field width.

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**Note:** If the field is wider than the space allocated, the browser will not truncate the field but instead will take space from the label columns. This potentially could cause the labels to wrap more than you would like. In this case, you may want to consider reducing the width of the field contents (for example, use a smaller `contentStyleWidth` on an `inputText` component).

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5. Insert the desired child components.

Usually you insert labeled form input components, such as **Input Text**, **Select Many Checkbox**, and other similar components that enable users to provide input.

**Tip:** The `panelFormLayout` component also allows you to use the `iterator`, `switcher`, and `group` components as direct child components, providing these components wrap child components that would typically be direct child components of the `panelFormLayout` component.



[Example 8-4](#) shows the `panelFormLayout` component as it is used on the `properties.jspx` page of the File Explorer application, shown in [Figure 8-16](#).

**Example 8-4** *panelFormLayout Component*

```
<af:panelFormLayout rows="5" labelAlignment="top">
  <af:inputText value="#{fileItemProperties.type}"
    label="#{explorerBundle['fileproperties.type']}"
    readOnly="true"/>
  <af:inputText value="#{fileItemProperties.location}"
    label="#{explorerBundle['fileproperties.currentpath']}"
    readOnly="true"/>
  <af:inputText value="#{fileItemProperties.size}"
    label="#{explorerBundle['fileproperties.size']}"
    readOnly="true"/>
  <af:inputText value="#{fileItemProperties.contains}"
    label="#{explorerBundle['fileproperties.contains']}"
    readOnly="true"/>
</af:panelFormLayout>
```

**Tip:** If you use non-input components (which do not have `label` attributes) or if you want to group several input components with one single label inside a `panelFormLayout` component, first wrap the components inside a `panelLabelAndMessage` component. For information about using the `panelLabelAndMessage` component, see [Section 17.4, "Grouping Components with a Single Label and Message."](#)

- To group semantically related input components in a form layout, use the `group` component to wrap those components that belong in a group. Components placed within a group will cause the `panelFormLayout` component to draw a separator line above and below the group.

For more information about using the `group` component, see [Section 8.7.2, "What You May Need to Know About Using the group Component with the panelFormLayout Component."](#)

- To add content below the child input components, insert the desired component into the footer facet.

Facets accept only one child component. If you have to insert more than one component in the footer facet, use the `panelGroupLayout` component or the `group` component to wrap the footer child components. [Example 8-5](#) shows sample code that uses the `panelGroupLayout` component to arrange footer child components in a `panelFormLayout` component.

**Example 8-5** *Footer Child Components in panelFormLayout Arranged Horizontally*

```
<af:panelFormLayout>
  <f:facet name="footer">
    <af:panelGroupLayout layout="horizontal">
      <af:commandButton text="Save"/>
      <af:commandButton text="Cancel"/>
    </af:panelGroupLayout>
    <f:facet name="separator">
      <af:spacer width="3" height="3"/>
    </f:facet>
  </f:facet>
```

```

.
.
</af:panelFormLayout>

```

## 8.7.2 What You May Need to Know About Using the group Component with the panelFormLayout Component

While the group component itself does not render anything, when it used as a child in the panelFormLayout component, visible separators are displayed around the child components of each group component. For example, you might want to group some of the input fields in a form layout created by the panelFormLayout component.

[Example 8–20](#) shows sample code that groups two sets of child components inside a panelFormLayout component.

### **Example 8–6 Grouping Child Components in panelFormLayout**

```

<af:panelFormLayout binding="#{editor.component}" rows="10" labelWidth="33%"
                    fieldWidth="67%" testId="panelFormLayout1">
  <af:inputText columns="5" label="label 1"/>
  <af:group>
    <af:inputText columns="5" label="grouped 1" shortDesc="This one is secret!"
                  secret="true"/>
    <af:inputText columns="5" label="grouped 2"/>
    <af:inputText columns="5" label="grouped 3"/>
  </af:group>
  <af:inputDate id="df1" label="label 2"/>
  <af:panelLabelAndMessage label="label 3" labelStyle="vertical-align: middle;">
    <af:commandButton text="Submit"/>
  </af:panelLabelAndMessage>
  <af:selectOneListbox id="sol" label="label 4" shortDesc="Select One Option">
    <af:selectItem label="option 1"/>
    <af:selectItem label="option 2"/>
    <af:selectItem label="option 3"/>
    <af:selectItem label="option 4"/>
  </af:selectOneListbox>
  <af:selectManyListbox id="rs" label="label 5" shortDesc="Select Option">
    <af:selectItem label="option 1"/>
    <af:selectItem label="option 2"/>
    <af:selectItem label="option 3"/>
    <af:selectItem label="option 4"/>oiik,
  </af:selectManyListbox>
</af:panelFormLayout>

```

Following along with the sample code in [Example 8–20](#), at runtime the panelFormLayout component renders dotted, separator lines before and after the first group of child components, as shown in [Figure 8–18](#).

**Figure 8–18** Grouped Components in `panelFormLayout`

As described in [Section 8.7, "Arranging Content in Forms,"](#) the `panelFormLayout` component uses certain component attributes to determine how to display its child components (grouped and ungrouped) in columns and rows. When using the `group` component to group related components in a `panelFormLayout` component that will display its child components in more than one column, the child components of any group component will always be displayed in the same column, that is, child components inside a group component will never be split across a column.

While the `group` component does not provide any layout for its child components, the underlying HTML elements can provide the desired layout for the child components inside the `group` component. For example, if you want child button components in a group component to flow horizontally in a form layout, use the `panelGroupLayout` component to wrap the buttons, and set the `layout` attribute on `panelGroupLayout` component to `horizontal`. Then insert the `panelGroupLayout` component into `group` component, as shown in [Example 8–7](#).

**Example 8–7** `panelGroupLayout` Inside a Group Component

```
<af:group>
  <af:panelGroupLayout layout="horizontal">
    <af:commandButton text="Save" ../>
    <af:commandButton text="Cancel" ../>
    <f:facet name="separator">
      <af:spacer width="3"/>
    </f:facet>
  </af:panelGroupLayout>
</af:group>
```

When you use the `group` component to group child components in the `footer` facet of the `panelFormLayout` component, you must place all the `group` components and other ungrouped child components in one root `group` component, as shown in [Example 8–8](#).

**Example 8–8 footer Facet in panelFormLayout with One Root group Component**

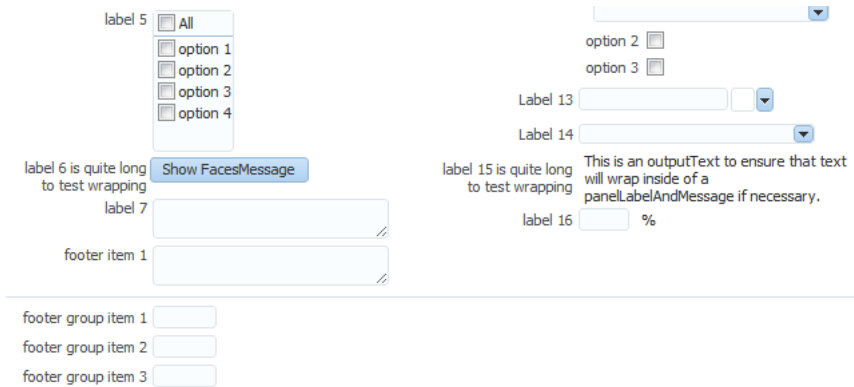
```

<af:panelFormLayout ...>
  <f:facet name="footer">
    <!-- One root group component needed -->
    <af:group>
      <af:outputText value="Footer item 1"/>
      <!-- One group -->
      <af:group>
        <af:outputText value="Group 1 item 1"/>
        <af:outputText value="Group 1 item 2"/>
      </af:group>
      <af:panelGroupLayout layout="horizontal">
        <af:commandButton text="Save"/>
        <af:commandButton text="Cancel"/>
        <f:facet name="separator">
          <af:spacer width="3"/>
        </f:facet>
      </af:panelGroupLayout>
    </af:group>
  </f:facet>
  .
  .
  .
</af:panelFormLayout>

```

Like grouped child components in a panelFormLayout component, at runtime the panelFormLayout component renders dotted, separator lines around the child components of each group component in the footer facet, as shown in Figure 8–19.

**Figure 8–19 Footer in panelGroupLayout with Grouped Components**



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**Note:** The footer facet in the `panelFormLayout` component supports only two levels of grouped components, that is, you cannot have three or more levels of nested group components in the footer facet. For example, the following code is not valid:

```
<f:facet name="footer">
  <!-- Only one root group -->
  <af:group>
    <af:outputText value="Footer item 1"/>
    <!-- Any number of groups at this level -->
    <af:group>
      <af:outputText value="Group 1 item 1"/>
      <af:outputText value="Group 1 item 2"/>
      <!-- But not another nested group. This is illegal. -->
      <af:group>
        <af:outputText value="Nested Group 1 item 1"/>
        <af:outputText value="Nested Group 1 item 2"/>
      </af:group>
    </af:group>
    <af:outputText value="Another footer item"/>
  </af:group>
</f:facet>
```

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Whether you are grouping components in the footer facet or in the main body of the `panelFormLayout` component, if the first or last child inside the `panelFormLayout` component or inside the footer facet is a group component, no separator lines will be displayed around the child components in that group. For example, both sets of code examples in [Example 8–9](#) would produce the same visual effect at runtime.

**Example 8–9 Code Producing Same Visual Effect**

```
<!-- Example 1: Group of buttons is last child in root group -->
```

```
<f:facet name="footer">
  <af:group>
    <af:outputText value="Footer text item 1"/>
    <af:outputText value="Footer text item 2"/>
    <af:group>
      <af:inputText label="Nested group item 1"/>
      <af:inputText label="Nested group item 2"/>
    </af:group>
    <af:group>
      <af:panelGroupLayout layout="horizontal">
        <af:commandButton text="Cancel"/>
        <af:commandButton text="Save"/>
      </af:panelGroupLayout>
    </af:group>
  </af:group>
</f:facet>
```

```
<!-- Example 2: panelGroupLayout of buttons is last child in root group-->
```

```
<f:facet name="footer">
  <af:group>
    <af:outputText value="Footer text item 1"/>
    <af:outputText value="Footer text item 2"/>
    <af:group>
      <af:inputText label="Nested group item 1"/>
      <af:inputText label="Nested group item 2"/>
    </af:group>
  </af:group>
</f:facet>
```

```

</af:group>
<af:panelGroupLayout layout="horizontal">
  <af:commandButton text="Cancel"/>
  <af:commandButton text="Save"/>
</af:panelGroupLayout>
</af:group>
</f:facet>

```

## 8.8 Arranging Contents in a Dashboard

The `panelDashboard` component allows you to arrange its child components in rows and columns, similar to the `panelForm` component. However, instead of text components, the `panelDashboard` children are `panelBox` components that contain content, as shown in [Figure 8–20](#).

**Figure 8–20** *panelDashboard with panelBox Child Components*



When you add a `panelDashboard` component, you configure the number of columns it will contain, along with the height of each row. The dashboard stretches its children to fill up the configured space. If all the child components do not fit within the specified number of columns and row height, then the `panelDashboard` component displays a scroll bar.

**Tip:** The child `panelBox` components in the `panelDashboard` are all the same size. If instead you want to be able to span columns and have the dashboard dynamically rearrange its contents to fill up space, then use the `masonryLayout` component. For more information, see [Section 8.9, "Displaying Contents in a Dynamic Grid."](#)

When placed in a component that stretches its children, the `panelDashboard` can be configured to stretch to fill its parent container, no matter the number of children. This could mean that you may have blank space in the dashboard when the browser is resized to be much larger than the dashboard needs.

For example, say you have set the `panelDashboard` to inherit its size from its parent by setting the `dimensionsFrom` attribute to `parent`. You set `columns` to 1 and the `rowHeight` to 50px. You then add two `panelBox` components. Because `columns` is set to

1, you will have 2 rows. Because the parent component is a `panelStretchLayout`, the `panelDashboard` will stretch to fill the `panelStretchLayout`, no matter the height of the boxes, and you end up with extra space, as shown in [Figure 8–21](#) (the color of the dashboard has been changed to fuchsia to make it more easy to see its boundaries).

**Figure 8–21** *panelDashboard Stretches to Fill Space*



If instead you don't want the dashboard to stretch, you can place it in a component that does not stretch its children, and you can configure the `panelDashboard` to determine its size based on its children (by setting the `dimensionsFrom` attribute to `children`). It will then be as tall as the number of rows required to display the children, multiplied by the `rowHeight` attribute.

In the previous example, if instead you place the dashboard in a `panelGroupLayout` set to `scroll`, because the `rowHeight` is set to 50, your `panelDashboard` will always be just over 100px tall, no matter the size of the browser window, as shown in [Figure 8–22](#).

**Figure 8–22** *panelDashboard Does Not Stretch*



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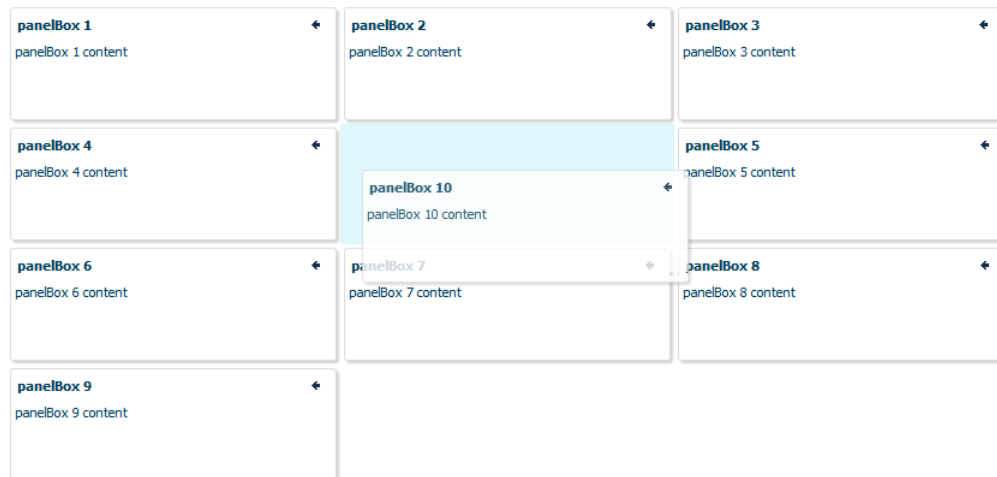
**Note:** The default value for the `dimensionsFrom` attribute is handled by the `DEFAULT_DIMENSIONS` web.xml parameter. If you always want the components whose geometry management is determined by the `dimensionsFrom` attribute to stretch if its parent component allows stretching of its child, set the `DEFAULT_DIMENSIONS` parameter to `auto`, instead of setting the `dimensionsFrom` attribute. Set the `dimensionsFrom` attribute when you want to override the global setting.

By default, `DEFAULT_DIMENSIONS` is set so that the value of `dimensionsFrom` is based on the component's default value, as documented in the following descriptions. For more information, see [Section A.2.3.25, "Geometry Management for Layout and Table Components."](#)

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The `panelDashboard` component also supports declarative drag and drop behavior, so that the user can rearrange the child components. As shown in [Figure 8–23](#), the user can for example, move `panelBox 10` between `panelBox 4` and `panelBox 5`. A shadow is displayed where the box can be dropped.

**Figure 8–23 Drag and Drop Capabilities in `panelDashboard`**




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**Note:** You can also configure drag and drop functionality that allows users to drag components into and out of the `panelDashboard` component. For more information, see [Section 35.6, "Adding Drag and Drop Functionality Into and Out of a `panelDashboard` Component."](#)

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Along with the ability to move child components, the `panelDashboard` component also provides an API that you can access to allow users to switch child components from being rendered to not rendered, giving the appearance of `panelBoxes` being inserted or deleted. The dashboard uses partial page rendering to redraw the new set of child components without needing to redraw the entire page.

You can use the `panelDashboardBehavior` tag to make the rendering of components appear more responsive. This tag allows the activation of a command component to apply visual changes to the dashboard before the application code modifies the component tree on the server. Because this opening up of space happens before the



action event is sent to the server, the user will see immediate feedback while the action listener for the command component modifies the component tree and prepares the dashboard for the optimized encoding of the insert.

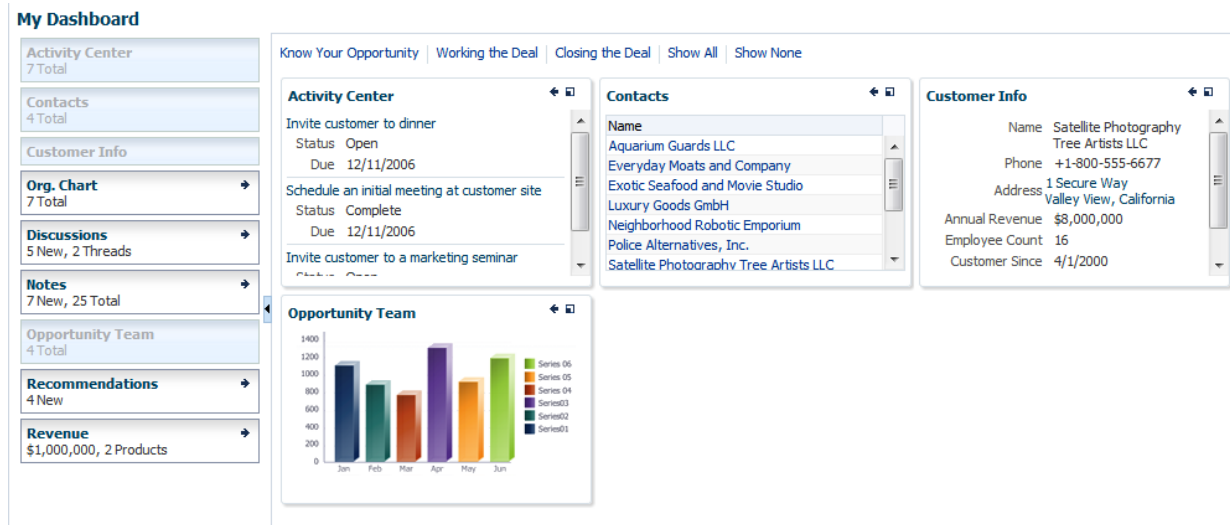
For example, [Figure 8–24](#) shows a `panelDashboard` component used in the right panel of a `panelSplitter` component. In the left panel, list items displayed as links represent each `panelBox` component in the `panelDashboard`. When all `panelBox` components are displayed, the links are all inactive. However, if a user deletes one of the `panelBox` components, the corresponding link becomes active. The user can click the link to reinsert the `panelBox`. By using the `panelDashboardBehavior` tag with the `commandLink` component, the user sees the inserted box drawing.

**Figure 8–24** *commandLink* Components Use *panelDashboardBehavior* Tag



If you decide not to use this tag, there will be a slight delay while your action listener is processing before the user sees any change to the dashboard structure.

[Figure 8–25](#) shows a practical example using a `panelDashboard` component. Selecting one of the links at the top of the page changes the `panelBoxes` displayed in the dashboard. The user can also add `panelBoxes` by clicking the associated link on the left-hand side of the page.

**Figure 8–25 Practical Example of panelDashboard**

### 8.8.1 How to Use the panelDashboard Component

After you add a `panelDashboard` to a page, you can configure the dashboard to determine whether or not it will stretch. Then, add child components, and if you want to allow rearrangement the components, also add a `componentDragSource` tag to the child component. If you want to allow insertion and deletion of components, implement a listener to handle the action. You can also use the `panelDashboardBehavior` tag to make the `panelDashboard` component appear more responsive to the insertion.

#### To use the panelDashboard component:

1. In the Component Palette, from the Layout panel drag and drop a **Panel Dashboard** onto the page.
2. In the Property Inspector, expand the Common section.
3. Set **columns** to the number of columns you want to use to display the child components. The child components will stretch to fit each column.
4. Set **RowHeight** to the number of pixels high that each row should be. The child components will stretch to this height.
5. The `panelDashboard` component can stretch to fill available browser space. If instead, you want to use the `panelDashboard` component as a child to a component that does not stretch its children, then you need to change how the `panelDashboard` component handles stretching.

You configure whether the component will stretch or not using the `dimensionsFrom` attribute.

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**Note:** The default value for the `dimensionsFrom` attribute is handled by the `DEFAULT_DIMENSIONS` web.xml parameter. If you always want the components whose geometry management is determined by the `dimensionsFrom` attribute to stretch if its parent component allows stretching of its child, set the `DEFAULT_DIMENSIONS` parameter to `auto`, instead of setting the `dimensionsFrom` attribute. Set the `dimensionsFrom` attribute when you want to override the global setting.

By default, `DEFAULT_DIMENSIONS` is set so that the value of `dimensionsFrom` is based on the component's default value, as documented in the following descriptions. For more information, see [Section A.2.3.25, "Geometry Management for Layout and Table Components."](#)

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To use the `dimensionsFrom` attribute, expand the **Other** section, and set **DimensionsFrom** to one of the following:

- `children`: the `panelDashboard` component will get its dimensions from its child components.

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**Note:** If you use this setting, you cannot set the height of the `panelDashboard` component (for example through the `inlineStyle` or `styleClass` attributes). Doing so would cause conflict between the `panelDashboard` height and the child component height.

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- `parent`: the size of the `panelDashboard` component will be determined in the following order:
    - From the `inlineStyle` attribute.
    - If no value exists for `inlineStyle`, then the size is determined by the parent container.
    - If the parent container is not configured or not able to stretch its children, the size will be determined by the skin.
  - `auto`: If the parent component to the `panelDashboard` component allows stretching of its child, then the `panelDashboard` component will stretch to fill the parent. If the parent does not stretch its children then the size of the `panelDashboard` component will be based on the size of its child component.
6. From the Component Palette, drag and drop child `panelBox` components.

**Tip:** The `panelDashboard` component also supports the `region` component as a child component.

7. If you want users to be able to reorder the child components, in the Component Palette, from the Operations panel, drag and drop a **Component Drag Source** as a child to each of the child components.
8. If you want to be able to add and delete components, create a managed bean and implement a handler method that will handle reordering children when a child is added or dropped. This event is considered a drop event, so you must use the Drag and Drop framework. For more information about creating a handler for a drop event, see [Chapter 35, "Adding Drag and Drop Functionality."](#)

To use the optimized lifecycle, have the handler call the `panelDashboard` component's `prepareOptimizedEncodingOfInsertedChild()` method, which causes the dashboard to send just the inserted child component to be rendered.

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**Note:** If you plan on using the `panelDashboardBehavior` tag, then this API should be called from the associated command component's `actionListener` handler.

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9. If you have added a `componentDragSource` tag in Step 7, then you must also implement a `DropEvent` handler for the `panelDashboard`. With the `panelDashboard` component selected, expand the **Behavior** section and bind the `DropListener` attribute to that handler method.
10. If you wish to use a `panelDashboardBehavior` tag, drag and drop a command component that will be used to initiate the insertion.
11. In the Property Inspector, bind the **ActionListener** for the command component to a handler on a managed bean that will handle the changes to the component tree. Have the handler call the `panelDashboard` component's `prepareOptimizedEncodingOfInsertedChild()` method, which causes the dashboard to send just the inserted child component to be rendered. [Example 8–10](#) shows code on a managed bean that handles the insertion of child components.

**Example 8–10 Action Listener Code for Insert Button**

```
public void handleInsert(ActionEvent e)
{
    UIComponent eventComponent = e.getComponent();
    String panelBoxId = eventComponent.getAttributes().get("panelBoxId").toString();
    UIComponent panelBox = _dashboard.findComponent(panelBoxId);

    // Make this panelBox rendered:
    panelBox.setRendered(true);

    // Because the dashboard is already shown, perform an optimized
    // render so the whole dashboard does not have to be re-encoded:
    int insertIndex = 0;
    List<UIComponent> children = _dashboard.getChildren();
    for (UIComponent child : children)
    {
        if (child.equals(panelBox))
        {
            // Let the dashboard know that only the one child component should be
            // encoded during the render phase:
            _dashboard.prepareOptimizedEncodingOfInsertedChild(
                FacesContext.getCurrentInstance(),
                insertIndex);
            break;
        }
    }

    if (child.isRendered())
    {
        // Count only rendered children because that is all that the
        // panelDashboard can see:
        insertIndex++;
    }
}
// Add the side bar as a partial target because we need to
```

```
// redraw the state of the side bar item that corresponds to the inserted item:
RequestContext rc = RequestContext.getCurrentInstance();
rc.addPartialTarget(_sideBar);
}
```

12. In the Component Palette, from the Operations panel, drag a **Panel Dashboard Behavior** tag and drop it as a child to the command component.
13. In the Property Inspector, enter the following:
  - **for**: Enter the ID for the associated `panelDashboard` component
  - **index**: Enter an EL expression that resolves to a method that determines the index of the component to be inserted. When you use the `panelDashboardBehavior` tag, a placeholder element is inserted into the DOM tree where the actual component will be rendered once it is returned from the server. Because the insertion placeholder gets added before the insertion occurs on the server, you must specify the location where you are planning to insert the child component so that if the user reloads the page, the children will continue to remain displayed in the same order.

## 8.8.2 What You May Need to Know About Geometry Management and the `panelDashboard` Component

This component organizes its children into a grid based on the number of columns and the `rowHeight` attribute. The child components that can be stretched inside of the `panelDashboard` include:

- `inputText` (when the `rows` attribute is set to greater than one, and the `simple` attribute is set to `true`)
- `panelBox`
- `region`
- `table` (when configured to stretch)

If you try to put any other component as a child component to the `panelDashboard` component, then the component hierarchy is not valid.

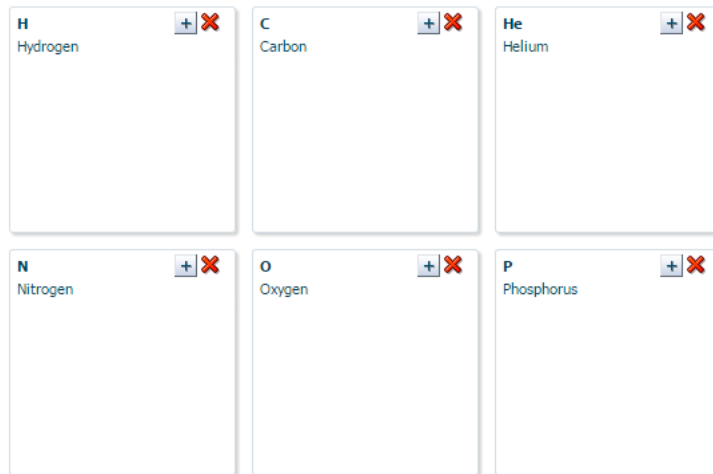
## 8.9 Displaying Contents in a Dynamic Grid

Like the `panelDashboard` component, the `masonryLayout` component displays its contents in a grid, but is much more dynamic in its rendering capabilities. It can take any ADF Faces component as a child, respectively called a tile. Tiles can span columns and rows. When the UI is provided, users can insert, delete, reorder and resize the tiles.

When the `masonryLayout` component renders, each tile is processed in the order that it occurs in the code and is positioned in the first location that accommodates it. The location is determined using the reading direction of the client browser (left-to-right or right-to-left), and then top-to-bottom. If the next available location is not large enough for the tile, a gap will be left and the tile placed in the next available space. A subsequent tile that fits may be placed in the gap. If no tiles fit, then the gap remains. When the window size changes, if necessary, the `masonryLayout` renders a different numbers of rows or columns, based on the size of the tiles. The size of the tiles does not change.

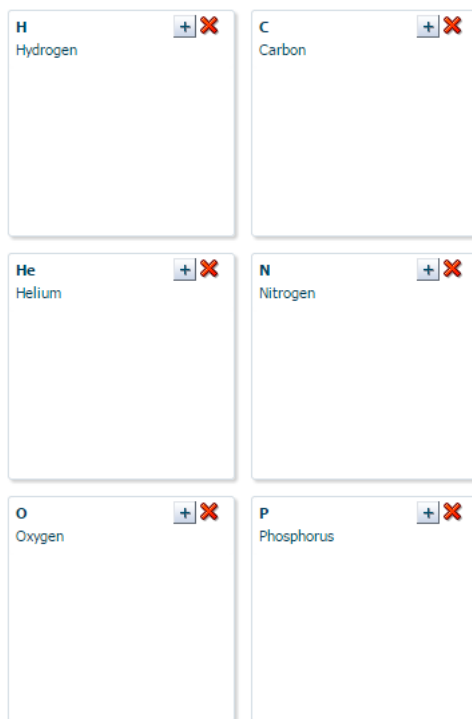
For example, [Figure 8–26](#) shows a `masonryLayout` component with three columns and two rows.

**Figure 8–26** *masonryLayout* Displaying Three Columns



As the display area width is reduced, the `masonryLayout` reduces the number of columns to two, and the number of rows to three, while increasing the number of rows to three. The tiles remain the same size, as shown in [Figure 8–27](#).

**Figure 8–27** *masonryLayout* Displaying the Same Tiles in a Smaller Space



If you want a set number of columns, you set a fixed width or maximum width on the layout. If you want to limit the height of the layout, you set a fixed height or maximum height on the layout and enable scrolling to handle any overflow.

You set the size of a tile using the `AFMasonryTileSize` style classes on the tile component. For example, if you use a `panelBox` as a tile, and you want it to span two columns and 1 row, you would set the style class on the `panelBox` to `AFMasonryTileSize2x1` (all available style classes are noted in [Section 8.9.1](#), "How to

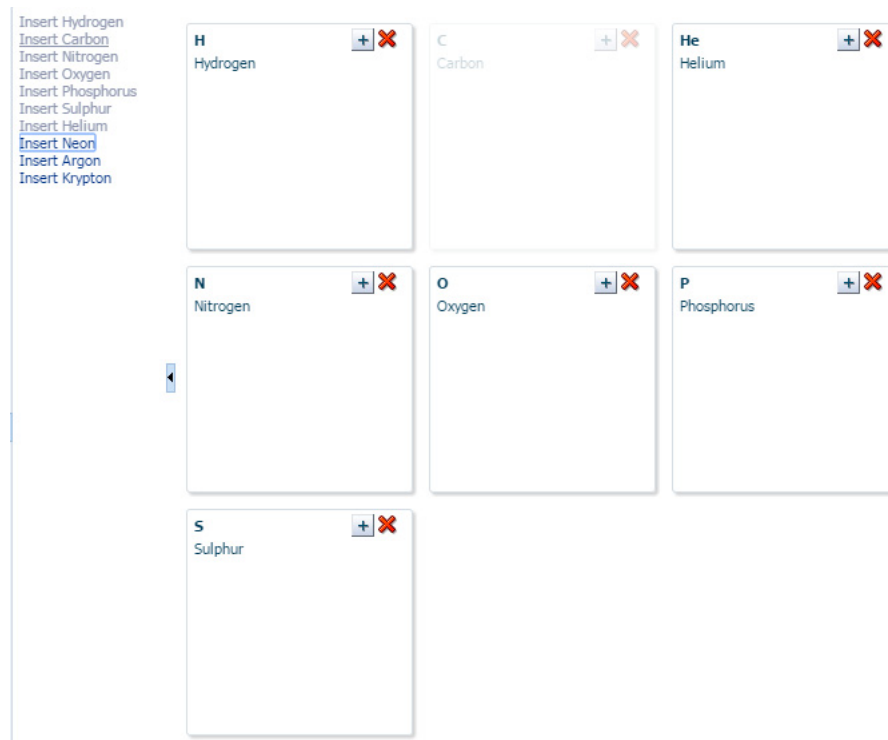
Use a `masonryLayout` Component").

Listeners are available on the `masonryLayout` component to handle resizing, reordering, inserting and deleting tiles. You need to create the code to handle these actions, as well as the UI to initiate the actions. The `masonryLayout` component doesn't fire the events - the components that render the tiles do. You need to add these components to the page and have the `masonryLayout` component listen for their events.

Instead of creating those components and wiring them to the layout, you can use the `masonryLayoutBehavior` tag. This tag provides a declarative way to use a command component to initiate the layout changes. It also renders visual changes to the layout before the component tree is actually modified. Because this opening up of space happens before the action event is sent to the server, the user will see immediate feedback while the listener for the command component modifies the component tree.

For example, [Figure 8-28](#) shows a `masonryLayout` component used in the right panel of a `panelSplitter` component. In the left panel, list items displayed as links represent each `panelBox` tile in the `masonryLayout`. When all tiles are displayed, the links are all inactive. However, if a user deletes one of the tiles, the corresponding link becomes active. The user can click the link to reinsert the tile. By using the `masonryLayoutBehavior` tag with the `commandLink` component, the user sees the movement of the tiles and the space for the inserted tile much sooner.

**Figure 8-28** Links to Add Tiles Use the `masonryLayoutBehavior` tag



You do not have to use this tag to provide any insert, delete, resize, or reordering. The tag simply provides visual feedback more quickly. Without it, users would not see the visual changes until the new content is retrieved from the server.

The `masonryLayout` component will stretch if the parent component allows stretching of its child. If the parent does not stretch its children then the size of the `masonryLayout` component will be based on the contents of its child components.

## 8.9.1 How to Use a masonryLayout Component

After you add a `masonryLayout` to a page, if you want to allow insertion, deletion, reordering, or resizing of child components, you need to implement a method to handle each of those actions, as well as the components to initiate those actions. You then add any child components as tiles to the layout. If you want to allow rearranging the child components, you need to add a `componentDragSource` tag to the child components.

You can also use the `masonryLayoutBehavior` tag to make the `masonryLayout` component appear more responsive to the layout changes.

### To use the masonryLayout component:

1. In the Component Palette, from the ADF Faces panel drag and drop a **Masonry Layout** onto the page.
2. In the Property Inspector, expand the Other section.
3. By default, the layout will be dynamically sized to fit its container, based on the size of the children. If you want a set number of columns, set a fixed width or maximum width on the layout. If you want to limit the height of the layout, set a fixed height or maximum height on the layout and enable scrolling to handle any overflow.
4. From the Component Palette, drag and drop child components.
5. In the Property Inspector, with the child component selected, expand the Style section and set `StyleClass` to determine how many columns and rows the tiles should span. The available values are:
  - `AFMasonryTileSize1x1`: 1 column by 1 row
  - `AFMasonryTileSize1x2`: 1 column by 2 rows
  - `AFMasonryTileSize1x3`: 1 column by 3 rows
  - `AFMasonryTileSize2x1`: 2 columns by 1 row
  - `AFMasonryTileSize2x2`: 2 columns by 2 rows
  - `AFMasonryTileSize2x3`: 2 columns by 3 rows
  - `AFMasonryTileSize3x1`: 3 columns by 1 row
  - `AFMasonryTileSize3x2`: 3 columns by 2 rows
6. If you want users to be able to change the layout of the tiles, do the following:
  1. In the Component Palette, from the Operations panel, drag and drop a **Component Drag Source** as a child to each of the child components that render the tiles.
  2. Create a managed bean and implement a handler method for each associated layout change, such as insert, delete, and reorder. Once created, use the Property Inspector to bind the corresponding listener property on the `masonryLayout` component to the method.
  3. The reordering event is considered a drop event, so you must use the Drag and Drop framework. The `masonryLayout` is the `dropTarget`, and will need to use a `dataFlavor` tag to restrict the drop. For more information about creating a handler for a drop event, see [Chapter 35, "Adding Drag and Drop Functionality."](#)



The following page code shows the tags for drag and drop functionality. The child `panelBox` components are handled by an iterator.

```
<af:masonryLayout binding="#{editor.component}" id="m11"
  reorderListener="#{demoMasonryLayout.handleBasicReorder}">
  <af:dropTarget actions="MOVE"
    dropListener="#{demoMasonryLayout.handleDrop}">
    <af:dataFlavor flavorClass="javax.faces.component.UIComponent"
      discriminant="masonryTile" />
  </af:dropTarget>
  <af:iterator var="row" varStatus="stat"
    value="#{demoMasonryLayout.basicData}" id="it1">
    <af:panelBox id="pb1" text="#{row.symbol}" showDisclosure="false"
      styleClass="#{row.symbol == 'H' ? 'AFMasonryTileSize2x1' :
        'AFMasonryTileSize1x1'}">
      <af:componentDragSource discriminant="masonryTile" />
      <af:outputText id="ot1" value="#{row.name}" />
    </af:panelBox>
  </af:iterator>
</af:masonryLayout>
```

7. If you are not going to use the `masonryLayoutBehavior` tag, then add components to the page to initiate each of the layout changes. Bind their listener properties to the handler methods created in Step 6. Skip the remaining steps.
8. If you wish to use a `masonryLayoutBehavior` tag, drag and drop a command component that will be used to initiate the layout change.
9. In the Component Palette, from the ADF Faces panel, drag a **Masonry Layout Behavior** tag and drop it as a child to each command component.
10. In the Property Inspector, enter the following:
  - **for:** Enter the ID for the associated `masonryLayout` component
  - **index:** Enter an EL expression that resolves to a method that determines the index at which the component will be inserted into the layout. When you use the `masonryLayoutBehavior` tag, a placeholder element is inserted into the DOM tree where the actual component will be rendered once it is returned from the server. Because the insertion placeholder gets added before the insertion occurs on the server, you must specify the location where you are planning to insert the child component, and this location must be the same location specified by your handler methods that do the actual change, in order to preserve the context both before and after the change.
  - **operation:** Enter the layout change as one of the following:
    - insert (default)
    - delete
    - resize

The following page code shows links used with a `masonryLayoutBehavior` tag to resize and delete tiles from the layout. Code for other layout changes would be similar.

```
<af:link id="cil2" shortDesc="Expand" partialSubmit="true"
  rendered="#{!row.expanded}" icon="/images/field_groups_add_ena.png"
  hoverIcon="/images/field_groups_add_ovr.png"
  depressedIcon="/images/field_groups_add_dwn.png">
  <af:setPropertyListener type="action" from="#{row.symbol}"
    to="#{demoMasonryLayout.currentSymbol}" />
```

```

        <af:masonryLayoutBehavior operation="resize" for="m11"
            sizeStyleClass="#{row.expandedSizeStyleClass}"/>
    </af:link>
    <af:link id="cil3" shortDesc="Collapse" partialSubmit="true"
        rendered="#{row.expanded}" icon="/images/field_groups_remove_ena.png"
        hoverIcon="/images/field_groups_remove_ovr.png"
        depressedIcon="/images/field_groups_remove_dwn.png">
    <af:setPropertyListener type="action" from="#{row.symbol}"
        to="#{demoMasonryLayout.currentSymbol}"/>
    <af:masonryLayoutBehavior operation="resize" for="m11"
        sizeStyleClass="#{row.sizeStyleClass}"/>
    </af:link>
    <af:link id="cil1" shortDesc="Delete" partialSubmit="true"
        icon="/images/delete_ena.png"
        hoverIcon="/images/delete_ovr.png"
        depressedIcon="/images/delete_dwn.png">
    <af:setPropertyListener type="action" from="#{row.symbol}"
        to="#{demoMasonryLayout.currentSymbol}"/>
    <af:masonryLayoutBehavior for="m11" operation="delete"/>
    </af:link>
    
```

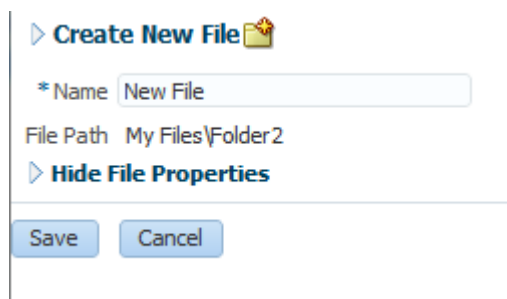
## 8.10 Displaying and Hiding Contents Dynamically

Sometimes you want users to have the choice of displaying or hiding content. When you do not need to show all the functionality of the user interface at once, you can save a lot of space by using components that enable users to show and hide parts of the interface at will.

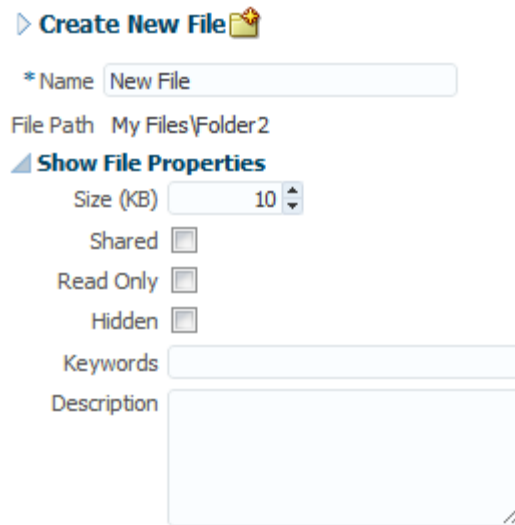
The `showDetail` component creates a label with a toggle icon that allows users to disclose (show) or undisclose (hide) contents under the label. When the contents are undisclosed (hidden), the default label is **Show** and the toggle icon is a plus sign in a box. When the contents are disclosed (shown), the default label is **Hide**, and the toggle icon changes to a minus sign.

For example, the `newFileItem` page of the File Explorer application uses a `showDetail` component to hide and display file properties. The component is configured to hide the properties when the page is displayed, as shown in [Figure 8–29](#).

**Figure 8–29** Collapsed `showDetail`



When the user clicks the toggle icon, the properties are displayed, as shown in [Figure 8–30](#).

**Figure 8–30** Expanded `showDetail`

If you want to use something more complex than an `outputText` component to display the disclosed and undisclosed text, you can add components to the `showDetail` component's `prompt` facet. When set to be visible, any contents in the `prompt` facet will replace the disclosed and undisclosed text values. To use the `showDetail` component, see [Section 8.10.1, "How to Use the `showDetail` Component."](#)

**Tip:** By default, child components of the `showDetail` component are indented. You can control the indentation using the `child-container` skinning key. For example:

```
af|showDetail {
  -tr-layout: flush;
}
af|showDetail::child-container {
  padding-left: 10px;
}
```

For more information, see [Chapter 20, "Customizing the Appearance Using Styles and Skins."](#)

Like the `showDetail` component, the `showDetailHeader` component also toggles the display of contents, but the `showDetailHeader` component provides the label and toggle icon in a header, and also provides facets for a menu bar, toolbar, and text.

**Tip:** The `showDetailHeader` component is the same as a `panelHeader` component, except that it handles disclosure events. For more information about the `panelHeader` component, see [Section 8.13, "Displaying Items in a Static Box."](#)

When there is not enough space to display everything in all the facets of the title line, the `showDetailHeader` text is truncated and displays an ellipsis. When the user hovers over the truncated text, the full text is displayed in a tooltip, as shown in [Figure 8–31](#).

**Figure 8–31 Text for the showDetailHeader Is Truncated**



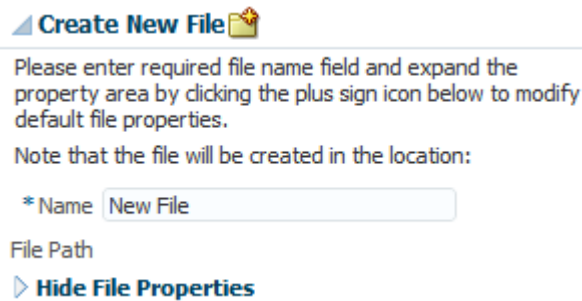
When there is more than enough room to display the contents, the extra space is placed between the context facet and the toolbar, as shown in [Figure 8–32](#).

**Figure 8–32 Extra Space Is Added Before the Toolbar**



Additionally, you can configure the `showDetailHeader` component to be used as a message for errors, warnings, information, or confirmations. The contents are hidden or displayed below the header. For example, the `newFileItem` page of the File Explorer application uses a `showDetailHeader` component to display help for creating a new file. By default, the help is not displayed, as shown in [Figure 8–30](#). When the user clicks the toggle icon in the header, the contents are displayed, as shown in [Figure 8–33](#).

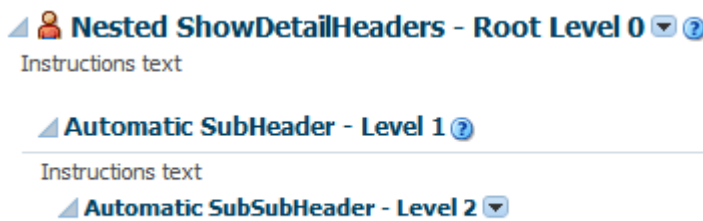
**Figure 8–33 showDetailHeader Component Used to Display Help**



You can also use the `showDetailHeader` component in conjunction with the `panelHeader` component to divide a page into sections and subsections, where some contents can be hidden. The `showDetailHeader` component contains a number of facets, such as a toolbar and menu bar facet. These facets are the same as for the `panelHeader` component. For more information about the `panelHeader` component, see [Section 8.13, "Displaying Items in a Static Box."](#)

You can nest `showDetailHeader` components to create a hierarchy of content. Each nested component takes on a different heading style to denote the hierarchy. [Figure 8–34](#) shows three nested `showDetailHeader` components, and their different styles.

**Figure 8–34 Nested showDetailHeader Components Create a Hierarchy**



You can change the styles used by each header level by applying a skin to the `showDetailHeader` component. For details about skinning ADF Faces components, see [Chapter 20, "Customizing the Appearance Using Styles and Skins."](#)

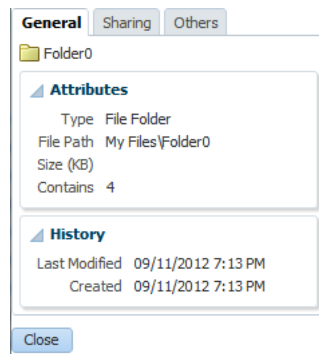
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**Note:** Heading sizes are determined by default by the physical containment of the header components. That is, the first header component will render as a heading level 1. Any header component nested in the first header component will render as a heading level 2, and so on. You can manually override the heading level on individual header components using the `headerLevel` attribute.

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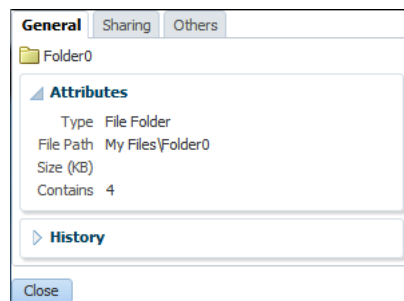
Use the `panelBox` component when you want information to be able to be displayed or hidden below the header, and you want the box to be offset from other information on the page. The File Explorer application uses two `panelBox` components on the `properties.jspx` page to display the attributes and history of a file, as shown in [Figure 8–35](#).

**Figure 8–35** Two `panelBox` Components



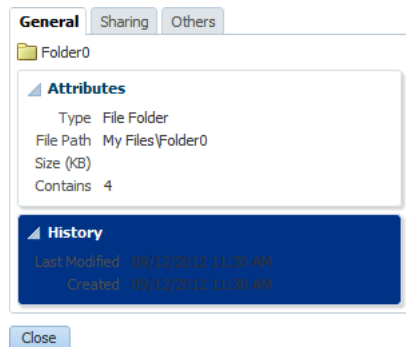
[Figure 8–36](#) shows the same page, but with the History `panelBox` component in an undisclosed state.

**Figure 8–36** Undisclosed `panelBox` Component



You can set the background color on a `panelBox` component so that the contents are further delineated from the rest of the page. Two color combinations (called *ramps*) are offered, and each combination contains four levels of color: none, light, medium, and dark. [Figure 8–37](#) shows the same panel boxes as in [Figure 8–35](#), but with the bottom `panelBox` component configured to show the dark tone of the core ramp.

**Figure 8–37 Panel Boxes Using a Background Color**



You can set the size of a `panelBox` component either explicitly by assigning a pixel size, or as a percentage of its parent. You can also set the alignment of the title, and add an icon. In addition, the `panelBox` component includes the `toolbar` facet that allows you to add a toolbar and toolbar buttons to the box.

You can control when the contents of an undisclosed component are sent and rendered to the client using the `contentDelivery` attribute. When set to immediate delivery, any undisclosed content is fetched during the initial request. With lazy delivery, the page initially goes through the standard lifecycle. However, instead of fetching the undisclosed content during that initial request, a special separate partial page rendering (PPR) request is run, and the undisclosed content is then returned. Because the page has just been rendered, only the Render Response phase executes for the undisclosed content, allowing the corresponding data to be fetched and displayed. You can configure it so that the contents are not rendered to the client until the first request to disclose the content and the contents then remain in the cache (`lazy`), or so that the contents are rendered each time there is a request to disclose them (`lazyUncached`).

For all three of these components, you can use the `childCreation` attribute. This attribute affects JSP tag in determining when the `UIComponent` children are actually created. By default, all child components are created when the parent component is created. If you configure the component to use `lazy` or `lazyUncached`, the child components are not created when the parent tag is certain that a rendered instance of the component will be created. If there will be a large number of children, to improve performance you can configure these components so that they create the child components only when they are disclosed, or so that they create the child components only when they are disclosed the first time, and from that point on they remain created.

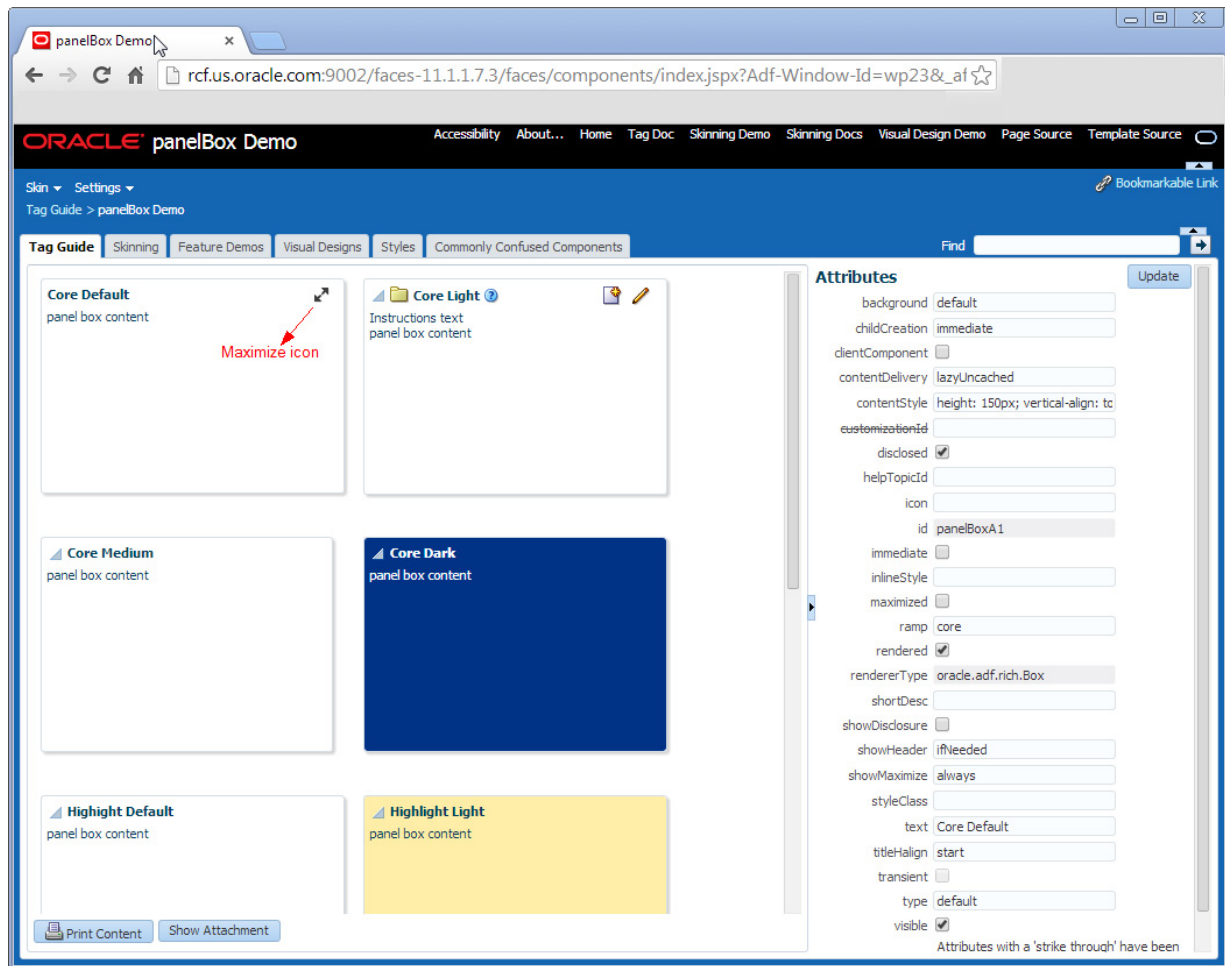
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**Note:** The `childCreation` attribute only attempts to delay creation of the child components. When EL is used as the value for the `disclosed` attribute or the disclosure component is being stamped (inside of an iterator for example), the children will always be created, regardless of the `childCreation` attribute value.

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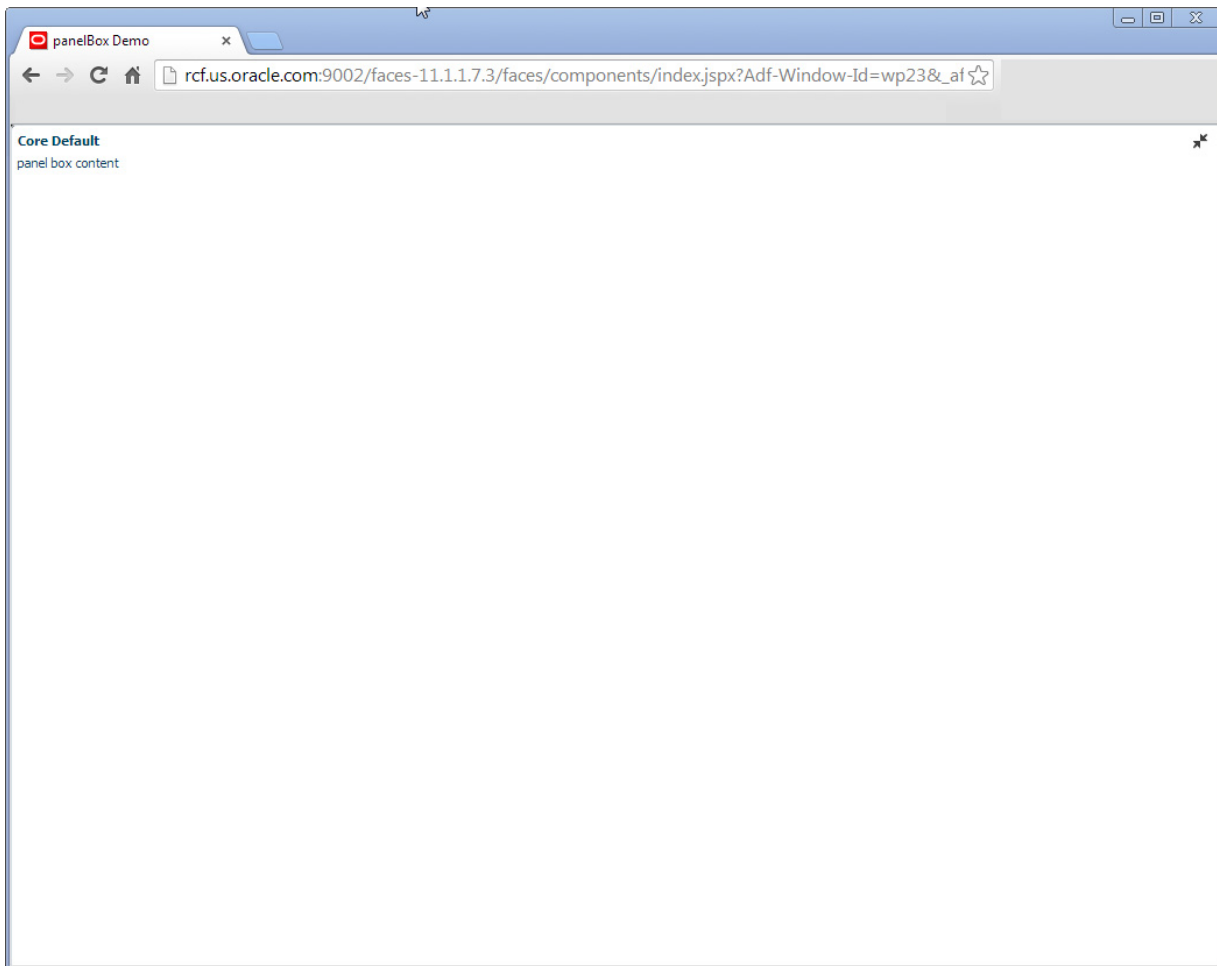
The `showDetailHeader` and the `panelBox` components both can be maximized to display in the full browser window. You can also configure an icon to display that allows the user to maximize and then restore the component to normal size.

[Figure 8–38](#) shows the demo application with the `panelBox` component at its normal size. Notice the maximize icon in the header.

Figure 8–38 *panelBox Demo with panelBox at Normal Size*

When a user clicks the maximize icon, the `panelBox` is redrawn to take up the entire browser window, as shown in Figure 8–39. The user can click the restore icon to return the component to its normal size.

**Figure 8–39** Maximized `panelBox` component



By default, the component is configured to only show the maximize icon on tablet devices. On desktops, no icon is visible. You can also configure the component so that the icon is always displayed or never displayed. Additionally, you can create a listener that can be used to determine when to maximize the component.

If you want to show and hide multiple large areas of content, consider using the `panelAccordion` and `panelTabbed` components. For more information, see [Section 8.11, "Displaying or Hiding Contents in Panels."](#)

### 8.10.1 How to Use the `showDetail` Component

Use the `showDetail` component to show and hide a single set of content.

**To create and use the `showDetail` component:**

1. In the Component Palette, from the Common Components panel, drag and drop a **Show Detail** from the Component Palette onto the JSF page.

**Tip:** This component appears in the Common Components panel of the Component Palette, and not the Layout panel.

2. In the Property Inspector, expand the Common section and set the attributes as needed.



Set **Disclosed** to `true` if you want the component to show its child components.

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**Note:** While the user can change the value of the `disclosed` attribute by displaying and hiding the contents, the value will not be retained once the user leaves the page unless you configure your application to allow user customizations. For information, see [Chapter 34, "Allowing User Customization on JSF Pages."](#)

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Set **DisclosedText** to the label you want to display next to the toggle icon when the contents are disclosed (shown). By default, the label is **Hide** if no value is specified.

Set **UndisclosedText** to the label you want to display next to the toggle icon when the contents are undisclosed (hidden). By default, the label is **Show** if no value is specified.

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**Note:** If you specify a value for `disclosedText` but not for `undisclosedText`, then ADF Faces automatically uses the `disclosedText` value for both the disclosed state and undisclosed state. Similarly, if you specify a value for `undisclosedText` but not for `disclosedText`, the `undisclosedText` value is used when the contents are hidden or displayed.

Instead of using text specified in `disclosedText` and `undisclosedText`, you could use the `prompt` facet to add a component that will render next to the toggle icon.

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- Expand the Behavior section and set **DisclosureListener** to a `DisclosureListener` method in a backing bean that you want to execute when the user displays or hides the component's contents.

For information about disclosure events and listeners, see [Section 8.10.4, "What You May Need to Know About Disclosure Events."](#)

- You can configure when the child components will be created using the `childCreation` attribute. To do so, expand the **Other** section, and set **ChildCreation** to one of the following:
  - `immediate`: All child components are created when the `showDetail` component is created.
  - `lazy`: The child components are created only when they are disclosed. Once disclosed and the associated child components are rendered, they remain created in the component tree.
  - `lazyUncached`: The child components are created only when they are disclosed. Once the components are hidden, they are destroyed.
- You can configure when content of undisclosed children will be sent to the client using the `contentDelivery` attribute. To do so, expand the **Other** section, and set **ContentDelivery** to one of the following:
  - `immediate`: All undisclosed content is sent when the `showDetail` component is created.
  - `lazy`: The undisclosed content is sent only when the content is first disclosed. Once disclosed and the content is rendered, it remains in memory.

- `lazyUncached`: The undisclosed content is created every time it is disclosed. If the content is subsequently hidden, it is destroyed.
6. To add content, insert the desired child components inside the `showDetail` component.

## 8.10.2 How to Use the `showDetailHeader` Component

Use the `showDetailHeader` component when you want to display a single set of content under a header, or when you want the content to be used as messages that can be displayed or hidden. You can also use the `showDetailHeader` component to create a hierarchy of headings and content when you want the content to be able to be hidden.

### To create and use the `showDetailHeader` component:

1. In the Component Palette, from the Layout panel, drag and drop a **Show Detail Header** onto the JSF page.
2. In the Property Inspector, expand the Common section. Set **Text** to the text string you want for the section header label.
3. Set **Icon** to the URI of the image file you want to use for the section header icon. The icon image is displayed before the header label.

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**Note:** Because alternative text cannot be provided for this icon, in order to create an accessible product, use this icon only when it is purely decorative. You must provide the meaning of this icon in some accessible manner.

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4. If you are using the header to provide specific messaging information, set **MessageType** to one of the following values:
  - `confirmation`: The confirmation icon (represented by a note page overlaid with a green checkmark) replaces any specified icon image.
  - `error`: The error icon (represented by a red circle with an *x* inside) replaces any specified icon image. The header label also changes to red.
  - `info`: The info icon (represented by a blue circle with an *I* inside) replaces any specified icon image.
  - `warning`: The warning icon (represented by a yellow triangle with an exclamation mark inside) replaces any specified icon image.
  - `none`: Default. No icon is displayed, unless one is specified for the `icon` attribute.

Figure 8–40 shows each of the icons used for message types.

**Figure 8–40** *Icons Used for Message Types*

Error	
Warning	
Confirmation	
Info	

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**Note:** Because alternative text cannot be provided for this icon, in order to create an accessible product, use this icon only when it is purely decorative. You must provide the meaning of this icon in some accessible manner.

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5. Set **Disclosed** to true if you want the component to show its child components.

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**Note:** While the user can change the value of the `disclosed` attribute by displaying and hiding the contents, the value will not be retained once the user leaves the page unless you configure your application to allow user customization. For information, see [Chapter 34, "Allowing User Customization on JSF Pages."](#)

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6. Expand the Behavior section and set **DisclosureListener** to a `disclosureListener` method in a backing bean that you want to execute when the user displays or hides the component's contents.

For information about disclosure events and listeners, see [Section 8.10.4, "What You May Need to Know About Disclosure Events."](#)

7. If you want to control how the `showDetailHeader` component handles geometry management, expand the Other section and set **Type**. Set it to `flow` if you do not want the component to stretch or to stretch its children. The height of the `showDetailHeader` component will be determined solely by its children. Set it to `stretch` if you want it to stretch and stretch its child (will only stretch a single child component). Leave it set to the default if you want the parent component of the `showDetailHeader` component to determine geometry management. For more information about geometry management, see [Section 8.2.1, "Geometry Management and Component Stretching."](#)
8. To add buttons or icons to the header, in the Component Palette, from the Common Components panel, drag and drop the `toolbar` component into the `toolbar` facet. Then add any number of `commandToolBarButton` or `commandButton` components into the newly inserted `toolbar` component. For more information about using the `toolbar` component, see [Section 14.3, "Using Toolbars."](#)

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**Note:** Toolbar overflow is not supported in `panelHeader` components.

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9. To add menus to the header, insert menu components into the `menuBar` facet. For more information about creating menus, see [Section 14.2, "Using Menus in a Menu Bar."](#)

**Tip:** You can place menus in the `toolbar` facet and toolbars (and toolboxes) in the `menu` facet. The main difference between these facets is location. The `toolbar` facet is before the `menu` facet.

10. To override the heading level for the component, set **headerLevel** to the desired level, for example H1, H2, etc. through H6.

The heading level is used to determine the correct page structure, especially when used with screen reader applications. By default, `headerLevel` is set to -1, which allows the headers to determine their size based on the physical location on the

page. In other words, the first header component will be set to be a H1. Any header component nested in that H1 component will be set to H2, and so on.

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**Note:** Screen reader applications rely on the HTML header level assignments to identify the underlying structure of the page. Make sure your use of header components and assignment of header levels make sense for your page.

When using an override value, consider the effects of having headers inside disclosable sections of the page. For example, if a page has collapsible areas, you need to be sure that the overridden structure will make sense when the areas are both collapsed and disclosed.

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11. If you want to change just the size of the header text, and not the structure of the heading hierarchy, set the `size` attribute.

The `size` attribute specifies the number to use for the header text and overrides the skin. The largest number is 0, and it corresponds to an H1 header level; the smallest is 5, and it corresponds to an H6 header.

By default, the `size` attribute is -1. This means ADF Faces automatically calculates the header level style to use from the topmost, parent component. When you use nested components, you do not have to set the `size` attribute explicitly to get the proper header style to be displayed.

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**Note:** While you can force the style of the text using the `size` attribute, (where 0 is the largest text), the value of the `size` attribute will not affect the hierarchy. It only affects the style of the text.

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In the default skin used by ADF Faces, the style used for sizes above 2 will be displayed the same as size 2. That is, there is no difference in styles for sizes 3, 4, or 5—they all show the same style as size 2. You can change this by creating a custom skin. For more information, see [Chapter 20, "Customizing the Appearance Using Styles and Skins."](#)

12. You can configure when the child components will be created using the `childCreation` attribute. To do so, expand the **Other** section, and set **ChildCreation** to one of the following:
  - `immediate`: All child components are created when the `showDetailHeader` component is created.
  - `lazy`: The child components are created only when they are disclosed. Once disclosed and the associated child components are rendered, they remain created in the component tree.
  - `lazyUncached`: The child components are created only when they are disclosed. Once the components are hidden, they are destroyed.
13. You can configure when content of undisclosed children will be sent to the client using the `contentDelivery` attribute. To do so, expand the **Other** section, and set **ContentDelivery** to one of the following:
  - `immediate`: All undisclosed content is sent when the `showDetailHeader` component is created.
  - `lazy`: The undisclosed content is sent only when the content is first disclosed. Once disclosed and the content is rendered, it remains in memory.

- `lazyUncached`: The undisclosed content is created every time it is disclosed. If the content is subsequently hidden, it is destroyed.
14. If you want users to be able to maximize the `showDetailHeader` component so that it renders in the full browser window, in the **Other** section, set **ShowMaximized** to one of the following:
- `always`: The maximize icon is always displayed.
  - `never`: The maximize icon is never displayed
  - `auto`: The maximize icon is displayed only on mobile devices. This is the default.
- You can also programmatically set the `showDetailHeader` component to be maximized. You can use an EL expression as the value of the `maximized` attribute to resolve to `true`, or you can create a listener method that sets that attribute and listen for it using the `maximizeListener` attribute.
15. To add content to a section or subsection, insert the desired child components inside the `showDetailHeader` component.

### 8.10.3 How to Use the `panelBox` Component

You can insert any number of `panelBox` components on a page.

#### To create and use a `panelBox` component:

1. In the Component Palette, from the Layout panel, drag and drop a **Panel Box** to the JSF page.
2. In the Property Inspector, expand the Appearance section, and for **Ramp**, select the ramp you wish to use.
 

The `core` ramp uses variations of blue, while the `highlight` ramp uses variations of yellow. You can change the colors used by creating a custom skin. For details, see [Chapter 20, "Customizing the Appearance Using Styles and Skins."](#)
3. Set **Background** to one of the following values: `light`, `medium`, `dark`, or `default`. The default background color is transparent.
4. Set **Text** to the text string you want to display as the title in the header portion of the container.
5. Set **Icon** to the URI of the icon image you want to display before the header text.

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**Note:** If both the `text` and `icon` attributes are not set, ADF Faces does not display the header portion of the `panelBox` component.

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**Note:** Because alternative text cannot be provided for this icon, in order to create an accessible product, use this icon only when it is purely decorative. You must provide the meaning of this icon in some accessible manner.

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6. Set **TitleHalign** to one of the following values: `center`, `start`, `end`, `left`, or `right`. The value determines the horizontal alignment of the title (including any icon image) in the header portion of the container.

7. Expand the Behavior section and set **DisclosureListener** to a `disclosureListener` method in a backing bean that you want to execute when the user shows or hides the component's contents.

For information about disclosure events and listeners, see [Section 8.10.4, "What You May Need to Know About Disclosure Events."](#)

8. To change the width of the `panelBox` component, set the `inlineStyle` attribute to the exact pixel size you want. Alternatively, you can set the `inlineStyle` attribute to a percentage of the outer element that contains the `panelBox` component. [Example 8-11](#) shows the code you might use for changing the width.

**Example 8-11 `panelBox` Component with `inlineStyle` Attribute Set**

```
<af:panelBox inlineStyle="width:50%;" ...>
  <!-- child contents here -->
</af:panelBox>
```

9. To add toolbar buttons, in the Component Palette, from the Common Components Panel, drag and drop a **Toolbar** into the `toolbar` facet. Then insert the desired number of `commandToolBarButton` components into the `toolbar` component. For information about using `toolbar` and `commandToolBarButton` components, see [Section 14.3, "Using Toolbars."](#)

**Tip:** If any facet is not visible in the visual editor:

1. Right-click the `panelBox` component in the Structure window.
2. From the context menu, choose **Facets - Panel Box >Toolbar**. Facets in use on the page are indicated by a checkmark in front of the facet name.

10. You can configure when the child components will be created using the `childCreation` attribute. To do so, expand the **Other** section, and set **ChildCreation** to one of the following:
  - `immediate`: All child components are created when the `panelBox` component is created.
  - `lazy`: The child components are created only when they are disclosed. Once disclosed and the associated child components are rendered, they remain created in the component tree.
  - `lazyUncached`: The child components are created only when they are disclosed. Once the components are hidden, they are destroyed.
11. You can configure when content of undisclosed children will be sent to the client using the `contentDelivery` attribute. To do so, expand the **Other** section, and set **ContentDelivery** to one of the following:
  - `immediate`: All undisclosed content is sent when the `panelBox` component is created.
  - `lazy`: The undisclosed content is sent only when the content is first disclosed. Once disclosed and the content is rendered, it remains in memory.
  - `lazyUncached`: The undisclosed content is created every time it is disclosed. If the content is subsequently hidden, it is destroyed.
12. If you want users to be able to maximize the `panelBox` component so that it renders in the full browser window, in the **Other** section, set **ShowMaximized** to one of the following:
  - `always`: The maximize icon is always displayed.

- `never`: The maximize icon is never displayed
- `auto`: The maximize icon is displayed only on mobile devices. This is the default.

You can also programmatically set the `panelBox` component to be maximized. You can use an EL expression as the value of the `maximized` attribute to resolve to `true`, or you can create a listener method that sets that attribute and listen for it using the `maximizeListener` attribute.

13. To add contents to the container for display, insert the desired components as child components to the `panelBox` component.

Typically, you would insert one child component into the `panelBox` component, and then insert the contents for display into the child component. The child component controls how the contents will be displayed, not the parent `panelBox` component.

### 8.10.4 What You May Need to Know About Disclosure Events

Any ADF Faces component that has built-in event functionality, as the `showDetail`, `showDetailHeader`, and `panelBox` components do, must be enclosed in the `form` component.

The `disclosed` attribute on these components specifies whether to show (disclose) or hide (undisclose) the contents under its header. By default, the `disclosed` attribute is `true`, that is, the contents are shown. When the attribute is set to `false`, the contents are hidden. You do not have to write any code to enable the toggling of contents from disclosed to undisclosed, and vice versa. ADF Faces handles the toggling automatically.

The value of the `disclosed` attribute can be persisted at runtime, that is, when the user shows or hides contents, ADF Faces can change and then persist the attribute value so that it remains in that state for the length of the user's session. For more information, see [Chapter 34, "Allowing User Customization on JSF Pages."](#)

When the user clicks the toggle icon to show or hide contents, the components deliver a `org.apache.myfaces.trinidad.event.DisclosureEvent` event to the server. The `DisclosureEvent` event contains information about the source component and its state: whether it is disclosed (expanded) or undisclosed (collapsed). The `isExpanded()` method returns a `boolean` value that determines whether to expand (disclose) or collapse (undisclose) the node. If you only want the component to disclose and undisclose its contents, then you do not need to write any code.

However, if you want to perform special handling of a `DisclosureEvent` event, you can bind the component's `disclosureListener` attribute to a `disclosureListener` method in a backing bean. The `disclosureListener` method will then be invoked in response to a `DisclosureEvent` event, that is, whenever the user clicks the disclosed or undisclosed icon.

The `disclosureListener` method must be a public method with a single `disclosureEvent` event object and a `void` return type, shown in [Example 8-12](#).

#### **Example 8-12** *disclosureListener Method*

```
public void some_disclosureListener(DisclosureEvent disclosureEvent) {
    // Add event handling code here
}
```



By default, `DisclosureEvent` events are usually delivered in the Invoke Application phase, unless the component's `immediate` attribute is set to `true`. When the `immediate` attribute is set to `true`, the event is delivered in the earliest possible phase, usually the Apply Request Values phase.

On the client-side component, the `AdfDisclosureEvent` event is fired. The event root for the client `AdfDisclosureEvent` event is set to the event source component: only the event for the panel whose `disclosed` attribute is `true` gets sent to the server. For more information about client-side events and event roots, see [Chapter 5, "Handling Events."](#)

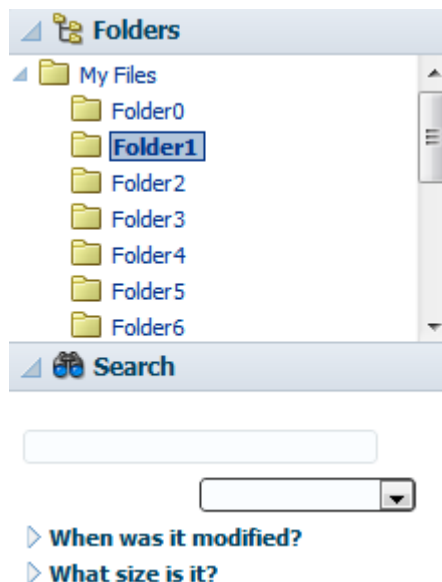
## 8.11 Displaying or Hiding Contents in Panels

When you need to display multiple areas of content that can be hidden and displayed, you can use the `panelAccordion`, `panelTabbed`, `panelDrawer`, or `panelSpringboard` components. These components use the `showDetailItem` component to display the actual contents.

The `panelAccordion` component creates a series of expandable panes. You can allow users to expand more than one panel at any time, or to expand only one panel at a time. When more than one panel is expanded, the user can adjust the height of the panel by dragging the header of the `showDetailItem` component.

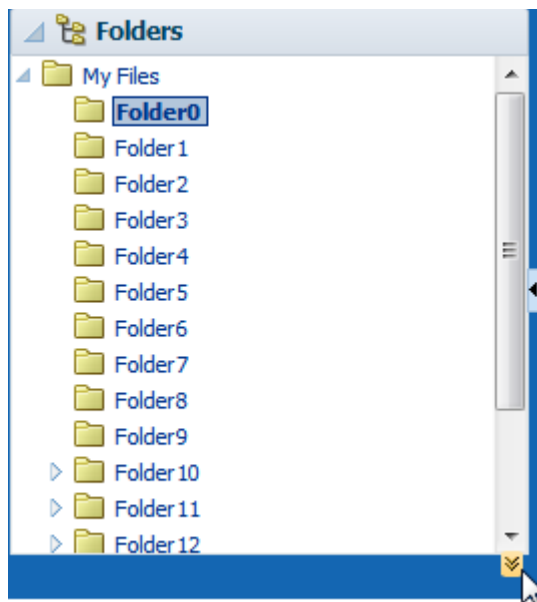
When a panel is collapsed, only the panel header is displayed; when a panel is expanded, the panel contents are displayed beneath the panel header (users can expand the panes by clicking either the `panelAccordion` component's header or the expand icon). The File Explorer application uses the `panelAccordion` component to display the Folders and Search panes, as shown in [Figure 8-41](#).

**Figure 8-41** *panelAccordion Panes*

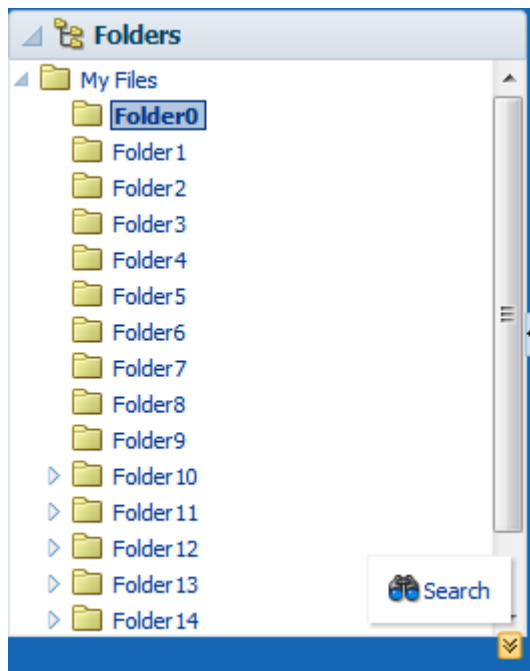


At runtime, when available browser space is less than the space needed to display expanded panel contents, ADF Faces automatically displays overflow icons that enable users to select and navigate to those panes that are out of view. [Figure 8-42](#) shows the overflow icon displayed in the Folders panel of the File Explorer application when there is not enough room to display the Search panel.



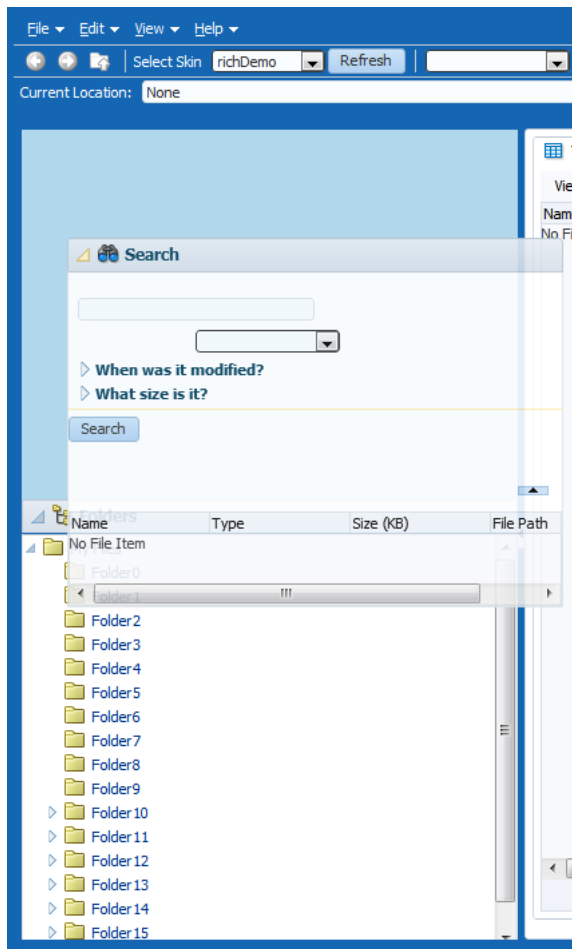
**Figure 8–42** *Overflow Icon In panelAccordion*

When the user clicks the overflow icon, ADF Faces displays the overflow popup menu (as shown in [Figure 8–43](#)) for the user to select and navigate to.

**Figure 8–43** *Overflow Popup Menu in panelAccordion*

You can also configure the `panelAccordion` so that the panes can be rearranged by dragging and dropping, as shown in [Figure 8–44](#).

**Figure 8–44** *Panes Can Be Reordered by Dragging and Dropping*



When the order is changed, the `displayIndex` attribute on the `showDetailItem` components also changes to reflect the new order.

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**Note:** Items in the overflow cannot be reordered.

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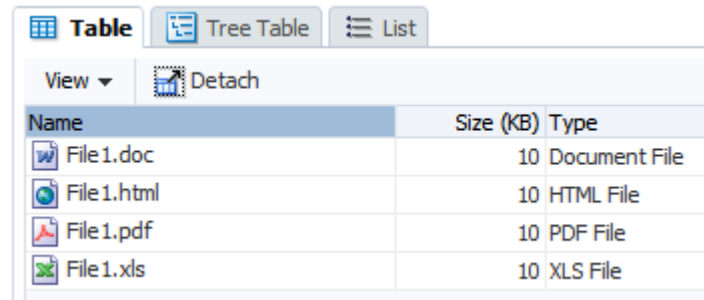


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To use the `panelAccordion` component, see [Section 8.11.1, "How to Use the `panelAccordion` Component."](#)

The `panelTabbed` component creates a series of tabbed panes. Unlike the `panelAccordion` panes, the `panelTabbed` panes are not collapsible or expandable. Instead, when users select a tab, the contents of the selected tab are displayed. The tabs may be positioned above the display area, below the display area, or both. You can configure a `panelTabbed` component so that the individual tabs can be closed. You can have it so that all tabs can be closed, all but the last tab can be closed, or no tabs can be closed. When tabs are configured to be closed, an X is displayed at the end of the tab. You can also configure tabs so that they display a disabled X, meaning it can be closed, but is currently disabled.

The File Explorer application uses the `panelTabbed` component to display the contents in the main panel, as shown in [Figure 8–45](#).

**Figure 8–45** *panelTabbed Panes*

**Tip:** If you want the tabs to be used in conjunction with navigational hierarchy, for example, each tab is a different page or region that contains another set of navigation items, you may want to use a navigation panel component to create a navigational menu. For more information, see [Section 18.5, "Using Navigation Items for a Page Hierarchy."](#)

The `panelTabbed` component also provides overflow support for when all tabs cannot be displayed. How the overflow is handled depends on how you configure the `-tr-layout-type` skinning key. For more information, see [Section 8.11.9, "What You May Need to Know About Skinning and the `panelTabbed` Component."](#)

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**Note:** Overflow is only supported when the position attribute is set to above, below, or both.

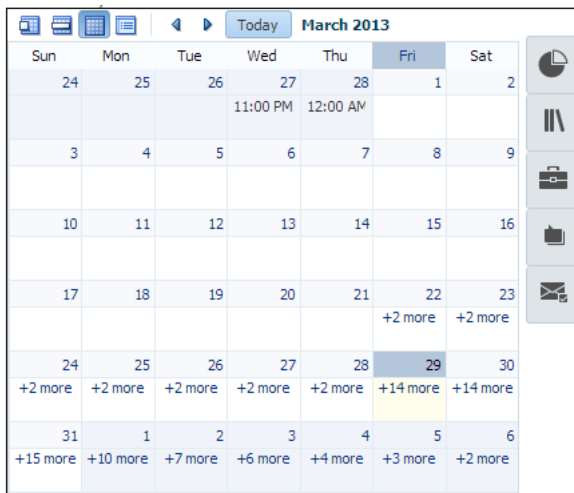
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**Performance Tip:** The number of child components within a `panelTabbed` component, and the complexity of the child components, will affect the performance of the overflow. Set the size of the panel components to avoid overflow when possible.

To use the `panelTabbed` component, see [Section 8.11.2, "How to Use the `panelTabbed` Component."](#)

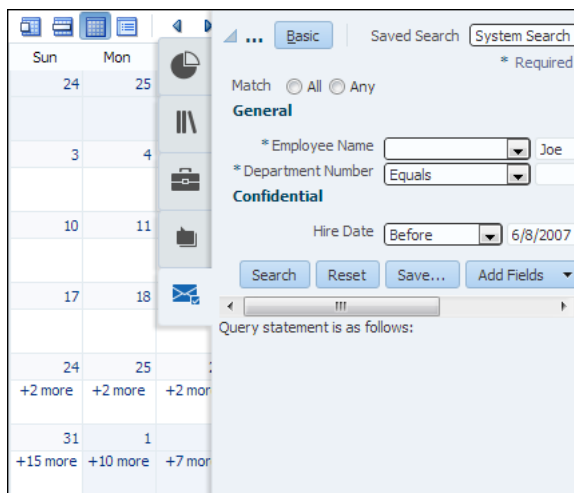
The `panelDrawer` component renders tabs attached to the side of a container component. By default, the drawer aligns to the parent of the `panelDrawer`, but you can choose another close ancestor. It can align to either the start or end of the associated component. When the user clicks a tab, the drawer opens and the content of the child `showDetailItem` becomes visible. [Figure 8–46](#) shows the `panelDrawer` with the drawers closed.

**Figure 8-46** *panelDrawer Component with Drawers Closed*



When the user clicks one of the tabs, the associated drawer opens, as shown in [Figure 8-47](#).

**Figure 8-47** *panelDrawer Component with the Last Drawer Opened*



How wide the drawer opens depends on how you set the width attribute. If there is no value for the width attribute, the size of the open drawer is determined by the content contained in child the `showDetailItem` component. Otherwise, you can set the width attribute to a percentage of the component the `panelDrawer` is aligned to.

The `panelSpringboard` component represents its contents as a set of icons that display in either a grid fashion or in a strip. When you click on an icon, the child `showDetailItem` component associated with the clicked icon displays its contents below the strip.

For example, [Figure 8-48](#) shows a `panelSpringboard` component that contains 10 child `showDetailItem` components, configured to display the associated icons in a grid.

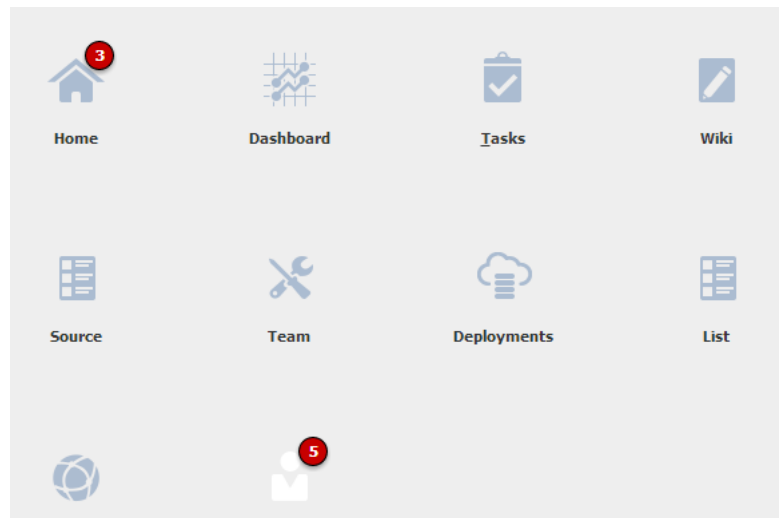
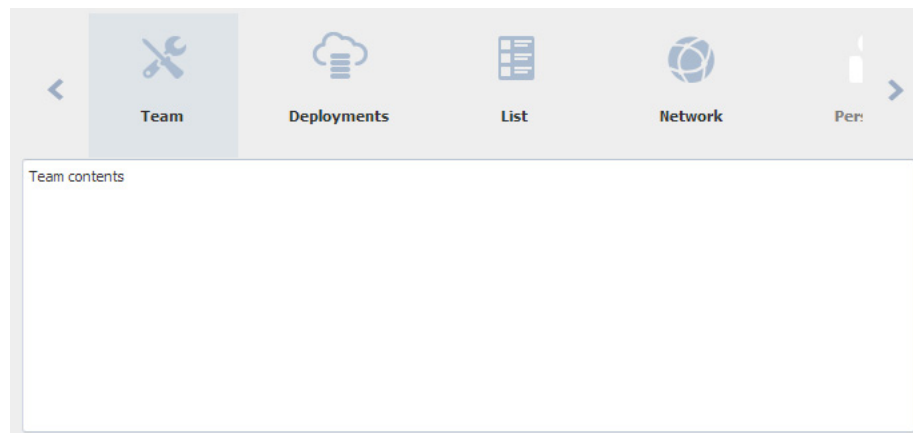
**Figure 8–48** *panelSpringboard Component in Grid Mode*

Figure 8–49 shows the same `panelSpringboard` component after clicking the **Team** icon. The `panelSpringboard` icons move to the top, into a strip, and the content associated with the selected icon is displayed.

**Figure 8–49** *panelSpringboard Component in Strip Mode*

Like the `panelSpringboard` component, the `panelAccordion`, `panelTabbed`, and `panelDrawer` components all use a `showDetailItem` component to provide the contents for each panel. For example, if you want to use four panes, insert four `showDetailItem` components inside the `panelAccordion`, `panelTabbed`, or `panelDrawer` components, respectively. To use the `showDetailItem` component, see [Section 8.11.6, "How to Use the `showDetailItem` Component to Display Content in Panels."](#) You can add a toolbar to the toolbar facet of the `showDetailItem` component, and the toolbar will be shown whenever the `showDetailItem` is disclosed. [Figure 8–45](#) shows the toolbar used by the `showDetailItem` component in the File Explorer application.

The child `showDetailItem` component can also display a badge, used to denote some type of information about that item. For example, in the `panelSpringboard` shown in [Figure 8–48](#), badges are used to display a number of items for the Home `showDetailItem`.

For each of these components except the `panelDrawer`, you can configure when the child `showDetailItem` components will be created. When you have a small number of

`showDetailItem` components, you can have all of them created when the parent component is first created. However, if the parent component contains a large number of `showDetailItem` components, the page might be slow to render. To enhance performance, you can instead configure the parent component to create a `showDetailItem` component only when it is disclosed (for example, when a tab is selected). You can further configure the delivery method to either destroy a `showDetailItem` once the user discloses a different one, or to keep any selected `showDetailItem` component in the component tree so that they do not need to be recreated each time they are accessed.

The `panelAccordion` and `panelTabbed` components can be configured to be stretched, or they can be configured to instead take their dimensions from the currently disclosed `showDetailItem` child. The `panelSpringboard` component will stretch if the parent component allows stretching of its child. If the parent does not stretch its children then the size of the `panelSpringboard` component will be based on the contents of its child `showDetailItem` component. The `panelDrawer` component will open to the size of its contained components, unless a specific width is set.

When you configure a panel component to stretch, then you can also configure the `showDetailItem` component to stretch a single child as long as it is the only child of the `showDetailItem` component.

### 8.11.1 How to Use the `panelAccordion` Component

You can use more than one `panelAccordion` component in a page, typically in different areas of the page, or nested. After adding the `panelAccordion` component, insert a series of `showDetailItem` components to provide the panes, using one `showDetailItem` for one panel. Then insert components into each `showDetailItem` to provide the panel contents. For procedures on using the `showDetailItem` component, see [Section 8.11.6, "How to Use the `showDetailItem` Component to Display Content in Panels."](#)

#### To create and use the `panelAccordion` component:

1. In the Component Palette, from the Layout panel, drag and drop a **Panel Accordion** onto the JSF page.
2. In the Property Inspector, expand the Common section.
3. Set **DiscloseMany** to `true` if you want users to be able to expand and see the contents of more than one panel at the same time.

By default, the value is `false`. This means only one panel can be expanded at any one time. For example, suppose there is one expanded panel A and one collapsed panel B when the page first loads. If the user expands panel B, panel A will be collapsed, because only one panel can be expanded at any time.

4. Set the **DiscloseNone** to `true` if you want users to be able to collapse all panes.

By default, the value is `false`. This means one panel must remain expanded at any time.

5. If you want users to be able to rearrange the panes by dragging and dropping, expand the Other section, and set **Reorder** to `enabled`. The default is `disabled`.

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**Note:** If the `panelAccordion` has components other than `showDetailItem` components (see the tip in Step 8), those components can be reordered on the client only. Therefore, any new order will not be preserved.

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6. The `panelAccordion` component can stretch to fill available browser space. If instead, you want to use the `panelAccordion` component as a child to a component that does not stretch its children, then you need to change how the `panelAccordion` component handles stretching.

You configure whether the component will stretch or not using the `dimensionsFrom` attribute.

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**Note:** The default value for the `dimensionsFrom` attribute is handled by the `DEFAULT_DIMENSIONS` web.xml parameter. If you always want the components whose geometry management is determined by the `dimensionsFrom` attribute to stretch if its parent component allows stretching of its child, set the `DEFAULT_DIMENSIONS` parameter to `auto`, instead of setting the `dimensionsFrom` attribute. Set the `dimensionsFrom` attribute when you want to override the global setting.

By default, `DEFAULT_DIMENSIONS` is set so that the value of `dimensionsFrom` is based on the component's default value, as documented in the following descriptions. For more information, see [Section A.2.3.25, "Geometry Management for Layout and Table Components."](#)

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To do so, expand the **Other** section, and set **DimensionsFrom** to one of the following:

- `children`: the `panelAccordion` component will get its dimensions from the currently disclosed `showDetailItem` component.

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**Note:** If you use this setting, you cannot set the height of the `panelAccordion` component (for example through the `inlineStyle` or `styleClass` attributes). Doing so would cause conflict between the `panelAccordion` height and the child component height.

Similarly, you cannot set the `stretchChildren`, `flex`, and `inflexibleHeight` attributes on any `showDetailItem` component, as those settings would result in a circular reference back to the `panelAccordion` to determine size.

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- `parent`: the size of the `panelAccordion` component will be determined in the following order:
  - From the `inlineStyle` attribute.
  - If no value exists for `inlineStyle`, then the size is determined by the parent container.
  - If the parent container is not configured or not able to stretch its children, the size will be determined by the skin.
- `auto`: If the parent component to the `panelAccordion` component allows stretching of its child, then the `panelAccordion` component will stretch to fill the parent. If the parent does not stretch its children then the size of the `panelAccordion` component will be based on the size of its child component.

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**Note:** If you want the `panelAccordion` to stretch, and you also want the `showDetailItem` to stretch its contents, then you must configure the `showDetailItem` in a certain way. For details, see [Section 8.11.6, "How to Use the `showDetailItem` Component to Display Content in Panels."](#)

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7. You can configure when the child `showDetailItem` components will be created using the `childCreation` attribute. To do so, expand the **Other** section, and set **ChildCreation** to one of the following:
  - `immediate`: All child components are created when the `panelAccordion` component is created.
  - `lazy`: The child components are created only when they are disclosed. Once disclosed and the associated child components are rendered, they remain created in the component tree.
  - `lazyUncached`: The child components are created only when they are disclosed. Once the components are hidden, they are destroyed.
8. By default, one panel is added for you using a `showDetailItem` component as a child component to the `panelAccordion` component. To add more panes, insert the `showDetailItem` component inside the `panelAccordion` component. You can add as many panes as you wish.

**Tip:** Accordion panels also allow you to use the `iterator`, `switcher`, and `group` components as direct child components, providing these components wrap child components that would typically be direct child components of the accordion panel.

To add contents for display in a panel, insert the desired child components into each `showDetailItem` component. For procedures, see [Section 8.11.6, "How to Use the `showDetailItem` Component to Display Content in Panels."](#)

## 8.11.2 How to Use the `panelTabbed` Component

Using the `panelTabbed` component to create tabbed panes is similar to using the `panelAccordion` component to create accordion panes. After adding a `panelTabbed` component, you insert a series of `showDetailItem` components to provide the tabbed panel contents for display.

### To create and use the `panelTabbed` component:

1. In the Component Palette, from the Layout panel, drag and drop a **Panel Tabbed** onto the JSF page.
2. In the Property Inspector, expand the Common section.
3. Set **Position** to determine where the tabs should appear. You can set it to one of the following:
  - `above`: The tabs appear above the content. This is the default.
  - `below`: The tabs appear below the content.
  - `start`: The tabs appear on the left, if the reading direction of the client browser is left-to-right (LTR). If the reading direction is right-to-left (RTL), it renders the tabs components on the right.



- end: The tabs appear on the right in LTR locales, and on the left in RTL locales.
- left: The tabs always appear on the left.
- right: The tabs always appear on the right.

**Tip:** Setting the `position` attribute to `start` or `end` will allow the position to change based on the reading direction of the locale. For example, setting `position` to `end` means the tabs will appear on the right in the US locale, but on the left in Arabic locales. Setting the `position` to `left` or `right` means the tabs will stay on that side, regardless of the locale.

4. If you want users to be able to close (remove) tabs, then set **TabRemoval**. You can set it to allow all tabs to be removed, or all but the last tab. You must implement a handler to do the actual removal and configure the listeners for the associated `showDetailItem` components. You can override this on an individual `showDetailItem` component, so that an individual tab cannot be removed (a close icon does not display), or so that the close icon is disabled.

When tabs are configured to be removed, a close icon is displayed at the end of the tab (whether it was disclosed through clicking or by tabbing through the tabs).

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**Note:** Tab removal is only supported when the `position` attribute is set to `above`, `below`, or `both`.

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For more information, see [Section 8.11.6, "How to Use the `showDetailItem` Component to Display Content in Panels."](#)

5. The `panelTabbed` component can stretch to fill available browser space. If instead, you want to use the `panelTabbed` component as a child to a component that does not stretch its children, then you need to change how the `panelTabbed` component handles stretching.

You configure whether the component will stretch or not using the `dimensionsFrom` attribute.

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**Note:** The default value for the `dimensionsFrom` attribute is handled by the `DEFAULT_DIMENSIONS` web.xml parameter. If you always want the components whose geometry management is determined by the `dimensionsFrom` attribute to stretch if its parent component allows stretching of its child, set the `DEFAULT_DIMENSIONS` parameter to `auto`, instead of setting the `dimensionsFrom` attribute. Set the `dimensionsFrom` attribute when you want to override the global setting.

By default, `DEFAULT_DIMENSIONS` is set so that the value of `dimensionsFrom` is based on the component's default value, as documented in the following descriptions. For more information, see [Section A.2.3.25, "Geometry Management for Layout and Table Components."](#)

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To use the `dimensionsFrom` attribute, expand the **Other** section, and set **DimensionsFrom** to one of the following:

- `disclosedChild`: the `panelTabbed` component will get its dimensions from the currently disclosed `showDetailItem` component.

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**Note:** If you use this setting, you cannot set the height of the `panelTabbed` component (for example through the `inlineStyle` or `styleClass` attributes). Doing so would cause conflict between the `panelTabbed` height and the child component height.

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- `parent`: the size of the `panelTabbed` component will be determined in the following order:
    - From the `inlineStyle` attribute.
    - If no value exists for `inlineStyle`, then the size is determined by the parent container.
    - If the parent container is not configured or not able to stretch its children, the size will be determined by the skin.
  - `auto`: If the parent component to the `PanelTabbed` component allows stretching of its child, then the `panelTabbed` component will stretch to fill the parent. If the parent does not stretch its children then the size of the `panelTabbed` component will be based on the size of its child component.
6. You can configure when the child `showDetailItem` components will be created using the `childCreation` attribute. To do so, expand the **Other** section, and set **ChildCreation** to one of the following:
- `immediate`: All child components are created when the `panelTabbed` component is created.
  - `lazy`: The child components are created only when they are disclosed. Once disclosed and the associated child components are rendered, they remain created in the component tree.
  - `lazyUncached`: The child components are created only when they are disclosed. Once the components are hidden, they are destroyed.
7. By default, one tabbed panel is created for you using a `showDetailItem` component as a child to the `panelTabbed` component. To add more panes, insert the `showDetailItem` component inside the `panelTabbed` component. You can add as many tabbed panes as you wish.

**Tip:** The `panelTabbed` component also allow you to use the `iterator`, `switcher`, and `group` components as direct child components, providing these components wrap child components that would typically be direct child components of the `panelTabbed` component.

To add contents for display in a panel, insert the desired child components into each `showDetailItem` component. For information about using `showDetailItem`, see [Section 8.11.6, "How to Use the showDetailItem Component to Display Content in Panels."](#)

### 8.11.3 How to Use the `panelDrawer` Component

Using the `panelDrawer` component to create tabbed panes is similar to using the `panelTabbed` component to create accordion panes. After adding a `panelDrawer`

component, you insert a series of `showDetailItem` components to provide the drawer contents for display.

**To create and use the `panelDrawer` component:**

1. In the Component Palette, from the Layout panel, drag and drop a **Panel Drawer** onto the JSF page.
2. In the Property Inspector, expand the Common section.
3. Set **AlignId** to the component to which the `panelDrawer` should align. Click the icon that appears when you hover over the property field, and choose **Edit** to open the Edit Property: `AlignId` dialog and choose the component. If you do not set the `alignId` attribute, the `panelDrawer` will align to its parent.
4. Set **Position** to determine where the tabs for the drawers should appear. If you want the tabs to appear at the end of the aligned component (the right in LTR locale), set it to `end` (the default). You can also set it to `start`, `left`, or `right`.

**Tip:** Setting the `position` attribute to `start` or `end` will allow the position to change based on the reading direction of the locale. For example, setting `position` to `end` means the tabs will appear on the right in the US locale, but on the left in Arabic locales. Setting the `position` to `left` or `right` means the tabs will stay on that side, regardless of the locale.

5. Set the **width** and **height** of the drawer. By default, the `panelDrawer` component stretches to the size of the contents of the `showDetailItem` component. In turn, the `showDetailItem` will allow stretching if the following is true:
  - The `panelDrawer` has `width` and `height` attributes defined.
  - The `showDetailItem` contains a single child.
  - The child component of the `showDetailItem` has no value set for the `width`, `height`, `margin`, `border`, or `padding`.
  - The child must be capable of being stretched.

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**Note:** If the size of the content will change after the drawer is open (for example you toggle a `showDetail` inside the drawer which exposes new content) the drawer will not resize. When you know that the content will change size, you should set the `width` and `height` attributes to the largest expected size.

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6. Set **MaximumHeight** and **MaximumWidth** as needed. By default, it is set to 100%.
7. Expand the Appearance section and set **ShowHandles**. By default, it is set to `always`, which means the handles will always display. You can also set it to `whenOpen`, which will only show the handle when the drawer is open. You will need to programmatically open the drawer by setting the `disclosed` attribute on the corresponding `showDetailItem` to `true`. For example, you may want to use buttons to open the drawers, instead of the handles. The action associated with the button would set a `showDetailItem`'s `disclosed` attribute to `true`.
8. Add drawers by inserting `showDetailItem` component inside the `panelDrawer` component. You can add as many drawers as you wish.

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**Note:** The `panelDrawer` does not support overflow content. Therefore, the component to which the `panelDrawer` is aligned must be tall enough to accommodate all the tabs and their contents.

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**Tip:** The `panelDrawer` component also allow you to use the `iterator`, `switcher`, and `group` components as direct child components, providing these components wrap child components that would typically be direct child components of the `panelDrawer` component.

To add contents for display in a drawer, insert the desired child components into each `showDetailItem` component. For information about using `showDetailItem`, see [Section 8.11.6, "How to Use the `showDetailItem` Component to Display Content in Panels."](#)

### 8.11.4 How to Use the `panelSpringboard` Component

The `panelSpringboard` contains a series of `showDetailItem` components, similar to the other panel components. Each `showDetailItem` is represented by an icon. You insert components into each `showDetailItem` to provide the panel contents. For procedures on using the `showDetailItem` component, see [Section 8.11.6, "How to Use the `showDetailItem` Component to Display Content in Panels."](#)

**To create and use the `panelSpringboard` component:**

1. In the Component Palette, from the Layout panel, drag and drop a **Panel Springboard** onto the JSF page.
2. In the Property Inspector, expand the Appearance section, and set **DisplayMode** to determine how the `panelSpringboard` should display when it is first rendered. Set it to `grid` to display only the icons, as shown in [Figure 8–48](#). Set it to `strip` to display the icons along the top and the contents of the selected icon below the strip, as shown in [Figure 8–49](#).

**Tip:** If you want to be able to switch between the two modes, you need to add Javascript to your page. For more information, see [Section 8.11.5, "What You May Need to Know About Switching Between Grid and Strip Mode."](#)

3. If you want some logic to execute when the display mode changes, expand the Advanced section and set **SpringboardChangeListener** to a method on a bean that will handle this logic.
4. At runtime, by default, all child `showDetailItem` components are created when the `panelSpringboard` component is created. If there will be a large number of children, to improve performance you can configure the `panelSpringboard` either so that it creates the child `showDetailItem` component only when the tab is selected, or so that it creates the child `showDetailItem` component only when it's selected the first time, and from that point on it remains created.

You configure when the child components will be created using the `childCreation` attribute. To do so, expand the **Advanced** section, and set **ChildCreation** to one of the following:

- `immediate`: All `showDetailItem` components are created when the `panelSpringboard` component is created.

- `lazy`: The `showDetailItem` component is created only when the associated icon is selected. Once an icon is selected and the associated `showDetailItem` is rendered, the `showDetailItem` component remains created in the component tree.
  - `lazyUncached`: The `showDetailItem` component is created only when the associated icon is selected. Once another icon is selected, the `showDetailItem` component is destroyed.
5. Insert the `showDetailItem` components inside the `panelSpringboard` component. You can add as many as you wish. The order in which you add them as children will be the order in which they display in the springboard.

**Tip:** The `panelSpringboard` component also allows you to use the `iterator`, `switcher`, and `group` components as direct child components, providing these components wrap child components that would typically be direct child components of the `panelSpringboard`.

To add contents for display, insert the desired child components into each `showDetailItem` component. For procedures, see [Section 8.11.6, "How to Use the `showDetailItem` Component to Display Content in Panels."](#)

### 8.11.5 What You May Need to Know About Switching Between Grid and Strip Mode

By default, the `panelSpringboard` renders the first time in grid mode. When a user clicks an icon, the `panelSpringboard` fires a `SpringboardChangeListener` event and changes to strip mode. If you want to be able to switch between the two modes, you need to listen for that event, determine the source (the `panelSpringboard`), and set the `displayMode` attribute to the desired mode.

For example, to set the display mode to grid, you might use the Javascript shown in [Example 8–13](#).

**Example 8–13 Javascript Code to Change `DisplayMode` to Grid**

```
<af:resource type="javascript">
function backToGrid(actionEvent)
{
    actionEvent.cancel();
    var eventSource = actionEvent.getSource();
    var object_navigator = eventSource.findComponent("panelSpringboardId");
    object_navigator.setProperty(AdfRichPanelSpringboard.DISPLAY_MODE, "grid",
        true);
}
}
```

You might then call that code from a button, as shown in [Example 8–14](#).

**Example 8–14 Page Code to Call Javascript**

```
<af:goLink id="logo" text="Back to Grid">
    <af:clientListener type="click" method="backToGrid"/>
</af:goLink>
```

For more information about using Javascript on a page, see [Chapter 3, "Using ADF Faces Architecture."](#)

## 8.11.6 How to Use the `showDetailItem` Component to Display Content in Panels

Insert `showDetailItem` components into a `panelAccordion` or `panelTabbed` component only. Each `showDetailItem` component corresponds to one accordion panel or tabbed panel. Typically, you insert two or more `showDetailItem` components into the parent component. Insert the child components for display into the `showDetailItem` components.

The `disclosed` attribute on a `showDetailItem` component specifies whether to show (disclose) or hide (undisclose) the corresponding accordion panel or tab contents. By default, the `disclosed` attribute is `false`, that is, the contents are hidden (undisclosed). When the attribute is set to `true`, the contents are shown (disclosed). You do not have to write any code to enable the toggling of contents from disclosed to undisclosed, and vice versa. ADF Faces handles the toggling automatically.

The following procedure assumes you have already added a `panelAccordion` or `panelTabbed` component to the JSF page, as described in [Section 8.11.1, "How to Use the `panelAccordion` Component,"](#) and [Section 8.11.2, "How to Use the `panelTabbed` Component,"](#) respectively.

### To add accordion panel or tabbed panel contents using a `showDetailItem` component:

1. Insert one or more `showDetailItem` components inside the parent component, such as `panelAccordion` or `panelTabbed`, by dragging and dropping a **Show Detail Item** component from Common Components panel of the Component Palette.
2. In the Property Inspector, expand the **Appearance** section.
3. Set **Text** to the label you want to display for this panel or tab.
4. To add an icon before the label, set **Icon** to the URI of the image file to use.

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**Note:** Because alternative text cannot be provided for this icon, in order to create an accessible product, use this icon only when it is purely decorative. You must provide the meaning of this icon in some accessible manner.

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5. If the `showDetailItem` component is being used inside a `panelAccordion` component configured to stretch, you can configure the `showDetailItem` to stretch and in turn stretch its contents, however, the `showDetailItem` component must contain only one child component. You need to set **Flex** and the **StretchChildren** for each `showDetailItem` component.

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**Note:** If you have set the `panelAccordion` to not stretch (that is, you've set `dimensionsFrom` to `children`), then you cannot set values for the `flex` and `stretchChildren` attributes, as it will result in a circular reference back to the `panelAccordion` for size.

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Use the following attributes on each `showDetailItem` component to control the flexibility of panel contents:

- **Flex:** Specifies a nonnegative integer that determines how much space is distributed among the `showDetailItem` components of one `panelAccordion` component. By default, the value of the `flex` attribute is 0 (zero), that is, the panel contents of each `showDetailItem` component are inflexible. To enable

flexible contents in a panel, specify a `flex` number larger than 0, for example, 1 or 2. A larger `flex` value means that the contents will be made larger than components with lower `flex` values. For two flexible components, their height sizes are exactly proportionate to the `flex` values assigned. If component A has `flex` set to 2 and component B has `flex` set to 1, then the height of component A is two times the height of component B.

- **InflexibleHeight:** Specifies the number of pixels a panel will use. The default is 100 pixels. This means if a panel has a `flex` value of 0 (zero), ADF Faces will use 100 pixels for that panel, and then distribute the remaining space among the nonzero panes. If the contents of a panel cannot fit within the `panelAccordion` container given the specified `inflexibleHeight` value, ADF Faces automatically moves nearby contents into overflow menus (as shown in [Figure 8-43](#)). Also, if a panel has a nonzero `flex` value, this will be the minimum height that the panel will shrink to before causing other panes to be moved into the overflow menus.
- **StretchChildren:** When set to `first`, stretches a single child component. However, the child component must allow stretching. For more information, see [Section 8.11.7, "What You May Need to Know About Geometry Management and the `showDetailItem` Component."](#)

For example, the File Explorer application uses `showDetailItem` components to display contents in the navigator panel. Because the Search Navigator requires more space when both navigators are expanded, its `flex` attribute is set to 2 and the `showDetailItem` component for the Folders Navigator uses the default `flex` value of 1. This setting causes the Search Navigator to be larger than the Folders Navigator when it is expanded.

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**Note:** Instead of directly setting the value for the `flex` attribute, the File Explorer application uses an EL expression that resolves to a method used to determine the value. Using an EL expression allows you to programmatically change the value if you decide at a later point to use metadata to provide model information.

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The user can change the panel heights at runtime, thereby changing the value of the `flex` and `inflexibleHeight` attributes. Those values can be persisted so that they remain for the duration of the user's session. For information, see [Chapter 34, "Allowing User Customization on JSF Pages."](#)

Note the following additional information about flexible accordion panel contents:

- There must be two or more panes (`showDetailItem` components) with `flex` values larger than 0 before ADF Faces can enable flexible contents. This is because ADF Faces uses the `flex` ratio between two components to determine how much space to allocate among the panel contents. At runtime, two or more panes must be expanded before the effect of flexible contents can be seen.
- If the `showDetailItem` component has only one child component and the `flex` value is nonzero, and the `stretchChildren` attribute is set to `first`, ADF Faces will stretch that child component regardless of the `discloseMany` attribute value on the `panelAccordion` component.
- When all `showDetailItem` components have `flex` values of 0 (zero) and their panel contents are disclosed, even though the disclosed contents are set to be inflexible, ADF Faces will stretch the contents of the last disclosed



`showDetailItem` component as if the component had a `flex` value of 1, but only when that `showDetailItem` component has one child only, and the `stretchChildren` attribute is set to `first`. If the last disclosed panel has more than one child component or the `stretchChildren` attribute is set to `none`, the contents will not be stretched.

Even with the `flex` attribute set, there are some limitations regarding geometry management. For more information, see [Section 8.11.7, "What You May Need to Know About Geometry Management and the `showDetailItem` Component."](#)

6. Expand the Behavior section. Set **DisclosureListener** to the `disclosureListener` method in a backing bean you want to execute when this panel or tab is selected by the user.

For information about server disclosure events and event listeners, see [Section 8.10.4, "What You May Need to Know About Disclosure Events."](#)

7. Set **Disabled** to `true` if you want to disable this panel or tab (that is, the user will not be able to select the panel or tab).
8. Set **Disclosed** to `true` if you want this panel or tab to show its child components.

By default, the `disclosed` attribute is set to `false`. This means the contents for this panel or tab are hidden.

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**Note:** Note the difference between the `disclosed` and `rendered` attributes. If the `rendered` attribute value is `false`, it means that this accordion header bar or tab link and its corresponding contents are not available at all to the user. However, if the `disclosed` attribute is set to `false`, it means that the contents of the item are not currently visible, but may be made visible by the user because the accordion header bar or tab link are still visible.

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If none of the `showDetailItem` components has the `disclosed` attribute set to `true`, ADF Faces automatically shows the contents of the first enabled `showDetailItem` component (except when it is a child of a `panelAccordion` component, which has a setting for zero disclosed panes).

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**Note:** While the user can change the value of the `disclosed` attribute by displaying or hiding the contents, the value will not be retained once the user leaves the page unless you configure your application to allow user customization. For information, see [Chapter 34, "Allowing User Customization on JSF Pages."](#)

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9. For `showDetailItem` components used in a `panelAccordion` component, expand the Other section, and set **DisplayIndex** to reflect the order in which the `showDetailItem` components should appear. If you simply want them to appear in the order in which they are in the page's code, then leave the default, `-1`.

**Tip:** If some `showDetailItem` components have `-1` as the value for `displayIndex`, and others have a positive number, those with the `-1` value will display after those with a positive number, in the order they appear in the page's code.



**Tip:** This value can be changed at runtime if the parent `panelAccordion` component is configured to allow reordering.

10. If you chose to allow tab removal for a `panelTabbed` component, expand the Other section and set **Remove** to one of the following:
  - **inherit:** The corresponding tab can be removed if the parent `panelTabbed` component is configured to allow it. This is the default.
  - **no:** The corresponding tab cannot be removed, and will not display a close icon.
  - **disabled:** The corresponding tab will display a disabled close icon.

Set **ItemListener** to an EL expression that resolves to a handler method that will handle the actual removal of a component.

11. To add toolbar buttons to a panel (supported in the `panelAccordion` component only), in the Component Palette, from the Common Components panel, insert a **Toolbar** into the `toolbar` facet of the `showDetailItem` component that defines that panel. Then, insert the desired number of `commandToolBarButton` components into the `toolbar` component. Although the `toolbar` facet is on the `showDetailItem` component, it is the `panelAccordion` component that renders the toolbar and its buttons. For information about using `toolbar` and `commandToolBarButton`, see [Section 14.3, "Using Toolbars."](#)

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**Note:** When an accordion panel is collapsed, ADF Faces does not display the toolbar and its buttons. The toolbar and its buttons are displayed in the panel header only when the panel is expanded.

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12. To add contents to the panel, insert the desired child components into each `showDetailItem` component.

### 8.11.7 What You May Need to Know About Geometry Management and the `showDetailItem` Component

Both the `panelAccordion` or `panelTabbed` components can be configured to stretch when they are placed inside a component that uses geometry management to stretch its child components. However, for the `panelAccordion` component, the `showDetailItem` component will stretch only if the `discloseMany` attribute on the `panelAccordion` component is set to `true` (that is, when multiple panes may be expanded to show their inflexible or flexible contents), the `showDetailItem` component contains only one child component, and the `showDetailItem` component's `stretchChildren` attribute is set to `first`. By default, panel contents will not stretch.

The `showDetailItem` component will allow stretching if:

- It contains only a single child
- Its `stretchChildren` attribute is set to `first`
- The child has no width, height, border, and padding set
- The child must be capable of being stretched

When all of the preceding bullet points are true, the `showDetailItem` component can stretch its child component. The following components can be stretched inside the `showDetailItem` component:

- `inputText` (when configured to stretch)
- `decorativeBox` (when configured to stretch)
- `panelAccordion` (when configured to stretch)
- `panelBox`
- `panelCollection`
- `panelDashboard` (when configured to stretch)
- `panelGridLayout` (when `gridRow` and `gridCell` components are configured to stretch)
- `panelGroupLayout` (only when the `layout` attribute is set to `scroll` or `vertical`)
- `panelSplitter` (when configured to stretch)
- `panelStretchLayout` (when configured to stretch)
- `panelTabbed` (when configured to stretch)
- `region`
- `table` (when configured to stretch)
- `tree` (when configured to stretch)
- `treeTable` (when configured to stretch)

The following components cannot be stretched when placed inside a `showDetailItem` component:

- `panelBorderLayout`
- `panelFormLayout`
- `panelGroupLayout` (only when the `layout` attribute is set to `default` or `horizontal`)
- `panelHeader`
- `panelLabelAndMessage`
- `panelList`
- `tableLayout` (MyFaces Trinidad component)

You cannot place components that cannot stretch as a child to a component that stretches its child components. Therefore, if you need to place one of the components that cannot be stretched as a child of a `showDetailItem` component, you need to wrap that component in different component that does not stretch its child components.

For example, if you want to place content in a `panelList` component and have it be displayed in a `showDetailItem` component, you might place a `panelGroupLayout` component with its `layout` attribute set to `scroll` as the child of the `showDetailItem` component, and then place the `panelList` component in that component. For more information, see [Section 8.2.1, "Geometry Management and Component Stretching."](#)

### 8.11.8 What You May Need to Know About `showDetailItem` Disclosure Events

The `showDetailItem` component inside of `panelAccordion` and `panelTabbed` components supports queuing of disclosure events so that validation is properly handled on the server and on the client.

In general, for any component with the `disclosed` attribute, by default, the event root for the client `AdfDisclosureEvent` is set to the event source component: only the event

for the panel whose `disclosed` attribute is `true` gets sent to the server. However, for the `showDetailItem` component that is used inside of `panelTabbed` or `panelAccordion` component, the event root is the `panelTabbed` or `panelAccordion` component (that is, the event source parent component, not the event source component). This ensures that values from the previously disclosed panel will not get sent to the server.

For example, suppose you have two `showDetailItem` components inside a `panelTabbed` or `panelAccordion` component with the `discloseMany` attribute set to `false` and the `discloseNone` attribute set to `false`. Suppose the `showDetailItem 1` component is disclosed but not `showDetailItem 2`. Given this scenario, the following occurs:

- On the client:
  - When a user clicks to disclose `showDetailItem 2`, a client-only disclosure event gets fired to set the `disclosed` attribute to `false` for the `showDetailItem 1` component. If this first event is not canceled, another client disclosure event gets fired to set the `disclosed` attribute to `true` for the `showDetailItem 2` component. If this second event is not canceled, the event gets sent to the server; otherwise, there are no more disclosure changes.
- On the server:
  - The server disclosure event is fired to set the `disclosed` attribute to `true` on the `showDetailItem 2` component. If this first server event is not canceled, another server disclosure event gets fired to set the `disclosed` attribute to `false` for the `showDetailItem 1` component. If neither server event is canceled, the new states get rendered, and the user will see the newly disclosed states on the client; otherwise, the client looks the same as it did before.

For the `panelAccordion` component with the `discloseMany` attribute set to `false` and the `discloseNone` attribute set to `true`, the preceding information is the same only when the disclosure change forces a paired change (that is, when two disclosed states are involved). If only one disclosure change is involved, there will just be one client and one server disclosure event.

For the `panelAccordion` component with the `discloseMany` attribute set to `true` (and any `discloseNone` setting), only one disclosure change is involved; there will just be one client and one server disclosure event.

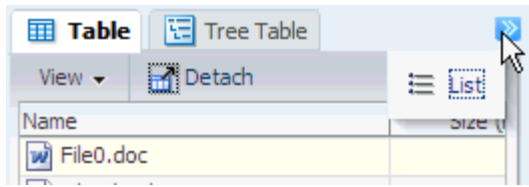
For additional information about disclosure events, see [Section 8.10.4, "What You May Need to Know About Disclosure Events."](#)

### 8.11.9 What You May Need to Know About Skinning and the `panelTabbed` Component

You can use the `-tr-layout-type` skinning key to configure how the `panelTabbed` component handles overflow when its parent container is too small to display all the tabs. This compressed layout can display either overflow button(s) or can roll to show hidden tabs, similar to a conveyor belt.

[Figure 8–50](#) shows the overflow compressed layout. When the user clicks the overflow icon a popup displays showing the items that are hidden.

**Figure 8–50 Overflow Compressed Layout**



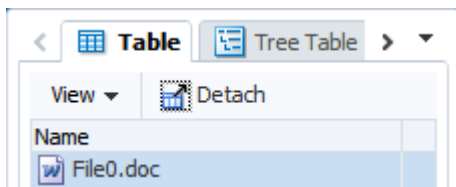
Example 8–15 shows how you use the skinning key to display an overflow layout.

**Example 8–15 Using a Skinning Key to Set the Compressed Layout to Overflow**

```
af|panelTabbed {
  -tr-layout-type: overflow;
}
```

Figure 8–51 shows the conveyor compressed layout. When the user clicks the overflow icon, the tabs that were hidden slide into place, similar to a conveyor belt. Accordingly, tabs on the other end are hidden.

**Figure 8–51 Conveyor Belt Compressed Layout**



Example 8–16 shows how you can use the skinning key to use a conveyor belt layout.

**Example 8–16 Using a Skinning Key to Set the Compressed Layout to Conveyor Belt**

```
af|panelTabbed {
  -tr-layout-type: conveyor;
}
```

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**Note:** In order for the `panelTabbed` component to support a compressed layout, its parent component must either stretch its children or be a set width.

Therefore, the following layout configurations are not supported:

- Using a parent container that does not stretch its children.
  - Using a parent container that displays multiple children horizontally without explicit sizes for each child. For example, a `panelGroupLayout` with `layout='horizontal'` would be invalid, but `panelSplitter` is valid because it has an explicitly set splitter position.
  - Setting the compressed layout component with a `styleClass` or `inlineStyle` that assigns a percentage width value. Note that this includes assigning `styleClass='AFStretchWidth'` on a compressed layout component.
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For more information about skins, see [Chapter 20, "Customizing the Appearance Using Styles and Skins."](#)

## 8.12 Adding a Transition Between Components

When you want to provide a slide show-like transition between content, you use the deck component as a parent container, and then place other layout components as children to the deck component. The content in the child layout components will then transition between each other. You use the transition tag to determine the type of transition.

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**Note:** The deck component is simply a container component that keeps track of which child component to display. The transition tags handle the animation between the components. You will need to create the navigation controls to handle the actual transition.

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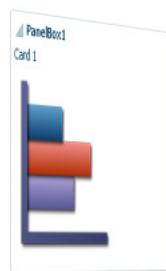
For example, say you want to transition between content in two panelGroupLayout components. You can wrap them both in a deck component and insert two transition tags to handle the transition animation going forward and backward, as shown in [Example 8–17](#).

### Example 8–17 Deck Component with Transitions

```
<af:deck id="deck1" displayedChild="pg10">
  <af:transition triggerType="backNavigate" transition="flipEnd"/>
  <af:transition triggerType="forwardNavigate" transition="fade"/>
  <af:panelGroupLayout id="pg1" layout="scroll">
    <af:panelBox text="PanelBox1" id="pb1" background="light">
      <f:facet name="toolbar"/>
      <af:panelGroupLayout id="pg11" layout="scroll">
        <af:outputText id="ot1" value="Card 1"/>
        <af:image source="/images/icons-large/horizontalBarGraph.png"
          id="i1"/>
      </af:panelGroupLayout>
    </af:panelBox>
  </af:panelGroupLayout>
  <af:panelGroupLayout id="pg12" layout="scroll">
    <af:outputText id="ot2" value="Card 2"/>
  </af:panelGroupLayout>
</af:deck>
```

[Figure 8–52](#) shows the forward transition when set to flipStart.

**Figure 8–52 Deck Component Provides Transitions Between Components**



## 8.12.1 How to Use the Deck Component

The deck component acts as a container and handles determining which component to display. The `transition` tag determines the animation to use when going forward or backward.

### To use the deck component:

1. In the Component Palette, from the Layout panel, drag and drop a **Deck** onto the page.
2. From the Operations panel, drag and drop a Transition.
3. In the Insert Transition dialog, select a **Transition** and **Transition Type**. For a description of the transitions, see the ADF Faces Tag Reference documentation.

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**Note:** Not all browser versions support all transitions. See the Tag Reference document for more information.

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If you want both forward and backward transitions, you will need to add two transition tags, one for each.

4. Add layout components and their content, as children to the deck component.
5. Select the deck component and in the Property Inspector, for **DisplayedChild**, enter the ID for the component that you want to display first.
6. The deck component can stretch to fill available browser space. If instead, you want to use the deck component as a child to a component that does not stretch its children, then you need to change how the deck component handles stretching.

You configure whether the component will stretch or not using the `dimensionsFrom` attribute.

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**Note:** The default value for the `dimensionsFrom` attribute is handled by the `DEFAULT_DIMENSIONS` web.xml parameter. If you always want the components whose geometry management is determined by the `dimensionsFrom` attribute to stretch if its parent component allows stretching of its child, set the `DEFAULT_DIMENSIONS` parameter to `auto`, instead of setting the `dimensionsFrom` attribute. Set the `dimensionsFrom` attribute when you want to override the global setting.

By default, `DEFAULT_DIMENSIONS` is set so that the value of `dimensionsFrom` is based on the component's default value, as documented in the following descriptions. For more information, see [Section A.2.3.25, "Geometry Management for Layout and Table Components."](#)

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To use the `dimensionsFrom` attribute, set **DimensionsFrom** to one of the following:

- `children`: the deck component will get its dimensions from its child components.
- `parent`: the size of the deck component will be determined in the following order:
  - From the `inlineStyle` attribute.

- If no value exists for `inlineStyle`, then the size is determined by the parent container.
- If the parent container is not configured or not able to stretch its children, the size will be determined by the skin.
- `auto`: If the parent component to the deck component allows stretching of its child, then the deck component will stretch to fill the parent. If the parent does not stretch its children then the size of the deck component will be based on the size of its child component.

For more information, see [Section 8.13.3, "What You May Need to Know About Geometry Management and the `decorativeBox` Component."](#)

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**Note:** When using an animation, you will not see components that use programmatic geometry management appear in their final state until after the animation is complete. This effect may be more pronounced depending on the complexity of your component structure, so you may need to evaluate whether an animation is appropriate.

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7. You need to add components to handle the actual transition. For example, you might add a `poll` and `commandImageLinks`. When a `commandImageLink` is selected, the `poll` recognizes this and advances the deck. For an example, see the deck component in the ADF Faces demo application.

## 8.12.2 What You May Need to Know About Geometry Management and the deck Component

The deck component can stretch child components and it can also be stretched. The following components can be stretched inside the deck component:

- `inputText` (when configured to stretch)
- `decorativeBox` (when configured to stretch)
- `panelAccordion` (when configured to stretch)
- `panelBox`
- `panelCollection`
- `panelDashboard`
- `panelGridLayout` (when `gridRow` and `gridCell` components are configured to stretch)
- `panelGroupLayout` (only with the `layout` attribute set to `scroll` or `vertical`)
- `panelSplitter` (when configured to stretch)
- `panelStretchLayout` (when configured to stretch)
- `panelTabbed` (when configured to stretch)
- `region`
- `table` (when configured to stretch)
- `tree` (when configured to stretch)
- `treeTable` (when configured to stretch)

The following components cannot be stretched when placed inside a facet of the deck component:

- `panelBorderLayout`
- `panelFormLayout`
- `panelGroupLayout` (only with the `layout` attribute set to `default` or `horizontal`)
- `panelHeader`
- `panelLabelAndMessage`
- `panelList`
- `showDetail`
- `showDetailHeader`
- `tableLayout` (MyFaces Trinidad component)

You cannot place components that cannot stretch as a child to a component that stretches its child components. Therefore, if you need to place one of the components that cannot be stretched as a child to the deck component, wrap that component in a transition component that does not stretch its child components.

For example, if you want to place content in a deck component and have it flow, you could place a `panelGroupLayout` component with its `layout` attribute set to `scroll` in the deck component, and then place child components in that `panelGroupLayout` component. For more information, see [Section 8.2.2, "Nesting Components Inside Components That Allow Stretching."](#)

## 8.13 Displaying Items in a Static Box

You can use the `panelHeader` component when you want header type functionality, such as message display or associated help topics, but you do not have to provide the capability to show and hide content.

You can use the `decorativeBox` component when you need to transition to a different look and feel on the page. The `decorativeBox` component uses themes and skinning keys to control the borders and colors of its different facets. For example, depending on the skin you are using, if you use the default theme, the `decorativeBox` component body is white and the border is blue, and the top-left corner is rounded. If you use the medium theme, the body is a medium blue. For information about using themes and skins, see [Chapter 20, "Customizing the Appearance Using Styles and Skins"](#)

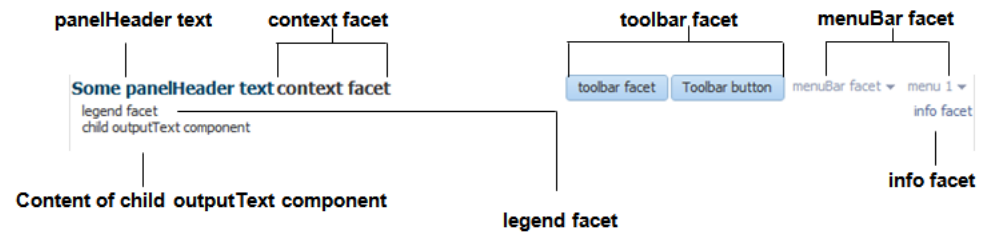
The `panelHeader` component offers facets for specific types of components and the ability to open a help topic from the header. The following are the facets supported by the `panelHeader` component:

- `context`: Displays information in the header alongside the header text.
- `help`: Displays help information. Use only for backward compatibility. Use the `helpTopicId` attribute on the `panelHeader` component instead.
- `info`: Displays information beneath the header text, aligned to the right.
- `legend`: If help text is present, displays information to the left of the help content and under the `info` facet's content. If help text is not present, the legend content will be rendered directly under the header.
- `toolbar`: Displays a toolbar, before the menu bar.
- `menuBar`: Displays a menu bar, after the toolbar.



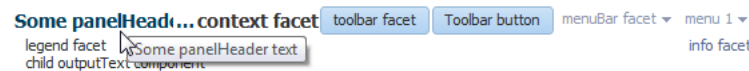
Figure 8–53 shows the different facets in the `panelHeader` component.

**Figure 8–53** *panelHeader and Its Facets*



When there is not enough space to display everything in all the facets of the title line, the `panelHeader` text is truncated and displays an ellipsis. When the user hovers over the truncated text, the full text is displayed in a tooltip, as shown in Figure 8–54.

**Figure 8–54** *Text for the panelHeader Is Truncated*



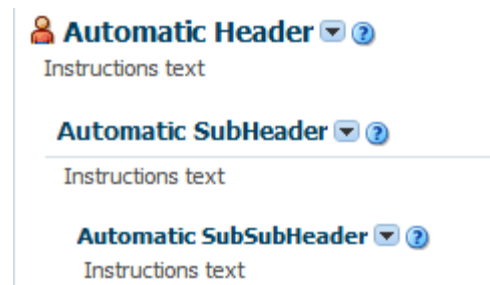
When there is more than enough room to display the contents, the extra space is placed between the `context` facet and the toolbar, as shown in Figure 8–55.

**Figure 8–55** *Extra Space Is Added Before the Toolbar*



You can configure `panelHeader` components so that they represent a hierarchy of sections. For example, as shown in Figure 8–56, you can have a main header with a subheader and then a heading level 1 also with a subheader.

**Figure 8–56** *Creating Subsections with the panelHeader Component*



Create subsections by nesting `panelHeader` components within each other. When you nest `panelHeader` components, the heading text is automatically sized according to the hierarchy, with the outermost `panelHeader` component having the largest text.

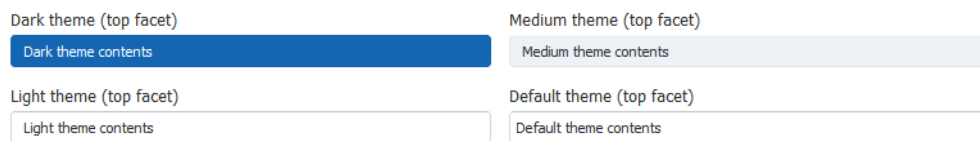
**Note:** Heading sizes are determined by default by the physical containment of the header components. That is, the first header component will render as a heading level 1. Any header component nested in the first header component will render as a heading level 2, and so on. You can manually override the heading level on individual header components using the `headerLevel` attribute.

For information about using the `panelHeader` component, see [Section 8.13.1, "How to Use the panelHeader Component."](#)

The `decorativeBox` component provides styling capabilities using themes. It has two facets, top and center. The top facet provides a non-colored area, while the center facet is the actual box. The height of the top facet depends on whether or not a component has been put into the top facet. When the facet is set, the `topHeight` attribute is used to specify the size the content should occupy.

The color of the box for the center facet depends on the theme and skin used. [Figure 8-57](#) shows the different themes available by default.

**Figure 8-57 Themes Used in a decorativeBox Component**



The `decorativeBox` component can be configured to stretch to fill its parent component. You can also configure the `decorativeBox` component to inherit its dimensions from its child components. For example, [Figure 8-58](#) shows the dark-theme `decorativeBox` configured to stretch to fill its parent, while the medium-theme `decorativeBox` is configured to only be as big as its child `outputText` component.

**Figure 8-58 decorativeBox Can Stretch or Not**



You can further control the style of the `decorativeBox` component using skins. Skinning keys can be defined for the following areas of the component:

- top-start
- top

- top-end
- start
- end
- bottom-start
- bottom
- bottom-end

For more information about skins, see [Chapter 20, "Customizing the Appearance Using Styles and Skins."](#)

### 8.13.1 How to Use the `panelHeader` Component

You can use one `panelHeader` component to contain specific information, or you can use a series of nested `panelHeader` components to create a hierarchical organization of content. If you want to be able to hide and display the content, use the `showDetailHeader` component instead. For more information, see [Section 8.10.2, "How to Use the `showDetailHeader` Component."](#)

#### To create and use a `panelHeader` component:

1. In the Component Palette, from the Layout panel, drag and drop a **Panel Header** onto the page.
2. In the Property Inspector, expand the **Appearance** section.
3. Set **Text** to the label you want to display for this panel.
4. To add an icon before the label, set **Icon** to the URI of the image file to use.

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**Note:** Because alternative text cannot be provided for this icon, in order to create an accessible product, use this icon only when it is purely decorative. You must provide the meaning of this icon in some accessible manner.

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5. If you are using the header to provide specific messaging information, set **MessageType** to one of the following values:
  - **confirmation:** The confirmation icon (represented by a note page overlaid with a green checkmark) replaces any specified icon image.
  - **error:** The error icon (represented by a red circle with an "x" inside) replaces any specified icon image. The header label also changes to red.
  - **info:** The info icon (represented by a blue circle with an "I" inside) replaces any specified icon image.
  - **none:** Default. No icon is displayed.
  - **warning:** The warning icon (represented by a yellow triangle with an exclamation mark inside) replaces any specified icon image.

[Figure 8–59](#) shows the icons used for the different message types.

**Figure 8–59 Icons for Message Types**

Error	
Warning	
Confirmation	
Info	

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**Note:** Because alternative text cannot be provided for this icon, in order to create an accessible product, use this icon only when it is purely decorative. You must provide the meaning of this icon in some accessible manner.

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- To display help for the header, enter the topic ID for **HelpTopicId**. For more information about creating and using help topics, see [Section 17.5, "Displaying Help for Components."](#)
- To override the heading level for the component, set **headerLevel** to the desired level, for example H1, H2, etc. through H6.

The heading level is used to determine the correct page structure, especially when used with screen reader applications. By default, **headerLevel** is set to -1, which allows the headers to determine their size based on the physical location on the page. In other words, the first header component will be set to be a H1. Any header component nested in that H1 component will be set to H2, and so on.

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**Note:** Screen reader applications rely on the HTML header level assignments to identify the underlying structure of the page. Make sure your use of header components and assignment of header levels make sense for your page.

When using an override value, consider the effects of having headers inside disclosable sections of the page. For example, if a page has collapsible areas, you need to be sure that the overridden structure will make sense when the areas are both collapsed and disclosed.

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- If you want to change just the size of the header text, and not the structure of the heading hierarchy, set the `size` attribute.

The `size` attribute specifies the number to use for the header text and overrides the skin. The largest number is 0, and it corresponds to an H1 header level; the smallest is 5, and it corresponds to an H6 header.

By default, the `size` attribute is -1. This means ADF Faces automatically calculates the header level style to use from the topmost, parent component. When you use nested components, you do not have to set the `size` attribute explicitly to get the proper header style to be displayed.

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**Note:** While you can force the style of the text using the `size` attribute, (where 0 is the largest text), the value of the `size` attribute will not affect the hierarchy. It only affects the style of the text.

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In the default skin used by ADF Faces, the style used for sizes above 2 will be displayed the same as size 2. That is, there is no difference in styles for sizes 3, 4, or 5—they all show the same style as size 2. You can change this by creating a custom skin. For more information, see [Chapter 20, "Customizing the Appearance Using Styles and Skins."](#)

9. If you want to control how the `panelHeader` component handles geometry management, expand the Other section and set **Type** to one of the following. For more information about geometry management, see [Section 8.2.1, "Geometry Management and Component Stretching."](#)
  - **flow:** The component will not stretch or stretch its children. The height of the `panelHeader` component will be determined solely by its children.
  - **stretch:** The component will stretch and stretch its child (will only stretch a single child component).
  - **default:** if you want the parent component of the `panelHeader` component to determine geometry management.
10. To add toolbar buttons to a panel, insert the `toolbar` component into the `toolbar` facet. Then, insert the desired number of `commandToolBarButton` components into the `toolbar` component. For information about using `toolbar` and `commandToolBarButton`, see [Section 14.3, "Using Toolbars."](#)

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**Note:** Toolbar overflow is not supported in `panelHeader` components.

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11. To add menus to a panel, insert menu components into the `menuBar` facet. For information about creating menus in a menu bar, see [Section 14.2, "Using Menus in a Menu Bar."](#)

**Tip:** You can place menus in the `toolbar` facet and toolbars (and toolboxes) in the `menu` facet. The main difference between these facets is location. The `toolbar` facet is before the `menu` facet.

12. Add contents to the other facets as needed.

**Tip:** If any facet is not visible in the visual editor:

1. Right-click the `panelHeader` component in the Structure window.
2. From the context menu, choose **Facets - Panel Header >facet name**. Facets in use on the page are indicated by a checkmark in front of the facet name.

13. To add contents to the panel, insert the desired child components into the `panelHeader` component.

### 8.13.2 How to Use the `decorativeBox` Component

You use the `decorativeBox` component to provide a colored area or box in a page. This component is typically used as a container for the `navigationPane` component that is configured to display tabs. For more information, see [Section 18.5, "Using Navigation Items for a Page Hierarchy."](#)

**To create and use a decorativeBox component:**

1. In the Component Palette, from the Layout panel, drag and drop a **Decorative Box** onto the page.
2. In the Property Inspector, expand the **Common** section and set **Top Height** to the height for the top facet.
3. To change the theme, expand the **Style and Theme** section and choose a different theme.
4. The decorativeBox component can stretch to fill available browser space. If instead, you want to use the decorativeBox component as a child to a component that does not stretch its children, then you need to change how the decorativeBox component handles stretching.

You configure whether the component will stretch or not using the dimensionsFrom attribute.

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**Note:** The default value for the dimensionsFrom attribute is handled by the DEFAULT\_DIMENSIONS web.xml parameter. If you always want the components whose geometry management is determined by the dimensionsFrom attribute to stretch if its parent component allows stretching of its child, set the DEFAULT\_DIMENSIONS parameter to auto, instead of setting the dimensionsFrom attribute. Set the dimensionsFrom attribute when you want to override the global setting.

By default, DEFAULT\_DIMENSIONS is set so that the value of dimensionsFrom is based on the component's default value, as documented in the following descriptions. For more information, see [Section A.2.3.25, "Geometry Management for Layout and Table Components."](#)

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To use the dimensionsFrom attribute, expand the **Other** section, and set **DimensionsFrom** to one of the following:

- children: the decorativeBox component will get its dimensions from its child components.

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**Note:** If you use this setting, you cannot use a percentage to set the height of the top facet. If you do, the top facet will try to get its dimensions from the size of this decorativeBox component, which will not be possible, as the decorativeBox component will be getting its height from its contents, resulting in a circular dependency. If a percentage is used, it will be disregarded and the default 50px will be used instead.

Similarly, you cannot set the height of the decorativeBox (for example through the inlineStyle or styleClass attributes). Doing so would cause conflict between the decorativeBox height and the child component height.

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- parent: the size of the decorativeBox component will be determined in the following order:
  - From the inlineStyle attribute.

- If no value exists for `inlineStyle`, then the size is determined by the parent container.
- If the parent container is not configured or not able to stretch its children, the size will be determined by the skin.
- `auto`: If the parent component to the `decorativeBox` component allows stretching of its child, then the `decorativeBox` component will stretch to fill the parent. If the parent does not stretch its children then the size of the `decorativeBox` component will be based on the size of its child component.

For more information, see [Section 8.13.3, "What You May Need to Know About Geometry Management and the `decorativeBox` Component."](#)

### 8.13.3 What You May Need to Know About Geometry Management and the `decorativeBox` Component

The `decorativeBox` component can stretch child components in its center facet and it can also be stretched. The following components can be stretched inside the center facet of the `decorativeBox` component:

- `inputText` (when configured to stretch)
- `deck`
- `decorativeBox` (when configured to stretch)
- `panelAccordion` (when configured to stretch)
- `panelBox`
- `panelCollection`
- `panelDashboard`
- `panelGridLayout` (when `gridRow` and `gridCell` components are configured to stretch)
- `panelGroupLayout` (only with the `layout` attribute set to `scroll` or `vertical`)
- `panelSplitter` (when configured to stretch)
- `panelStretchLayout` (when configured to stretch)
- `panelTabbed` (when configured to stretch)
- `region`
- `table` (when configured to stretch)
- `tree` (when configured to stretch)
- `treeTable` (when configured to stretch)

The following components cannot be stretched when placed inside a facet of the `decorativeBox` component:

- `panelBorderLayout`
- `panelFormLayout`
- `panelGroupLayout` (only with the `layout` attribute set to `default` or `horizontal`)
- `panelHeader`
- `panelLabelAndMessage`
- `panelList`

- `showDetail`
- `showDetailHeader`
- `tableLayout` (MyFaces Trinidad component)

You cannot place components that cannot stretch into facets of a component that stretches its child components. Therefore, if you need to place one of the components that cannot be stretched into a facet of the `decorativeBox` component, wrap that component in a transition component that does not stretch its child components.

For example, if you want to place content in a `panelBox` component and have it flow within a facet of the `decorativeBox` component, you could place a `panelGroupLayout` component with its `layout` attribute set to `scroll` in the facet of the `decorativeBox` component, and then place the `panelBox` component in that `panelGroupLayout` component. For more information, see [Section 8.2.2, "Nesting Components Inside Components That Allow Stretching."](#)

## 8.14 Displaying a Bulleted List in One or More Columns

The `panelList` component is a layout element for displaying a vertical list of child components with a bullet next to each child, as shown in [Figure 8–60](#). Only child components whose `rendered` attribute is set to `true` and whose `visible` attribute is set to `true` are considered for display by in the list.

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**Note:** To display dynamic data (for example, a list of data determined at runtime by JSF bindings), use the selection components, as documented in [Section 9.6, "Using Selection Components."](#) If you need to create lists that change the model layer, see [Chapter 11, "Using List-of-Values Components."](#)

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**Figure 8–60** *PanelList Component with Default Disc Bullet*

- `outputText1`
- `outputText2`
- `outputText3`
- `commandLink 1`
- `commandLink 2`

By default, the disc bullet is used to style the child components. There are other styles you can use, such as square bullets and white circles. You can also split the list into columns when you have a very long list of items to display.

### 8.14.1 How to Use the `panelList` Component

Use one `panelList` component to create each list of items.

**To create and use the `panelList` component:**

1. In the Component Palette, from the Layout panel, drag and drop a **Panel List** to the JSF page.
2. In the Property Inspector, expand the **Common** section, and set the `listStyle` attribute to a valid CSS 2.1 list style value, such as one of the following:
  - `list-style-type: disc`
  - `list-style-type: square`



- `list-style-type: circle`
- `list-style-type: decimal`
- `list-style-type: lower-alpha`
- `list-style-type: upper-alpha`

For example, the `list-style-type: disc` attribute value corresponds to a disc bullet, and the `list-style-type: circle` value corresponds to a circle bullet.

For a complete list of the valid style values to use, refer to the CSS 2.1 Specification for generated lists at

<http://www.w3.org/TR/CSS21/generate.html>

[Example 8–18](#) shows the code for setting the list style to a circle.

**Example 8–18 PanelList Component with ListStyle Attribute Set**

```
<af:panelList listStyle="list-style-type: circle" ...>
  <!-- child components here -->
</af:panelList>
```

3. Insert the desired number of child components (to display as bulleted items) into the `panelList` component.

**Tip:** Panel lists also allow you to use the `iterator`, `switcher`, and `group` components as direct child components, providing these components wrap child components that would typically be direct child components of the panel list.

For example, you could insert a series of `commandLink` components or `outputFormatted` components.

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**Note:** By default, ADF Faces displays all rendered child components of a `panelList` component in a single column. For details on how to split the list into two or more columns and for information about using the `rows` and `maxColumns` attributes, see [Section 8.7, "Arranging Content in Forms."](#) The concept of using the `rows` and `maxColumns` attributes for columnar display in the `panelList` and `panelFormLayout` components are the same.

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## 8.14.2 What You May Need to Know About Creating a List Hierarchy

You can nest `panelList` components to create a list hierarchy. A list hierarchy, as shown in [Figure 8–61](#), has outer items and inner items, where the inner items belonging to an outer item are indented under the outer item. Each group of inner items is created by one nested `panelList` component.

**Figure 8–61 Hierarchical List Created Using Nested `panelList` Components**

- item 1
  - item 1.1
  - item 1.2
  - item 1.3
  - item 1.4
- item 2
  - item 2.1
  - item 2.2

To achieve the list hierarchy as shown in [Figure 8–61](#), use a group component to wrap the components that make up each group of outer items and their respective inner items. [Example 8–19](#) shows the code for how to create a list hierarchy that has one outer item with four inner items, and another outer item with two inner items.

**Example 8–19 Nested `PanelList` Components**

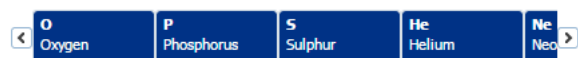
```
<af:panelList>
  <!-- First outer item and its four inner items -->
  <af:group>
    <af:commandLink text="item 1"/>
    <af:panelList>
      <af:commandLink text="item 1.1"/>
      <af:commandLink text="item 1.2"/>
      <af:commandLink text="item 1.3"/>
      <af:commandLink text="item 1.4"/>
    </af:panelList>
  </af:group>
  <!-- Second outer item and its two inner items -->
  <af:group>
    <af:commandLink text="item 2"/>
    <af:panelList>
      <af:commandLink text="item 2.1"/>
      <af:commandLink text="item 2.2"/>
    </af:panelList>
  </af:group>
</af:panelList>
```

By default, the outer list items (for example, item 1 and item 2) are displayed with the disc bullet, while the inner list items (for example, item 1.1 and item 2.1) have the white circle bullet.

For more information about the `panelGroupLayout` component, see [Section 8.16](#), "Grouping Related Items."

## 8.15 Displaying Components in a Scrollable Bar

Often at the top of a page you need to supply a number of components that act as navigation aids throughout the application. The `conveyorBelt` provides a container for those components and handles overflow using navigation buttons that when clicked, cause the items in the bar to scroll in that direction, like a conveyor belt. The belt can display either horizontally or vertically. [Figure 8–62](#) shows a `conveyorBelt` set to display horizontally.

**Figure 8–62** conveyorBelt with Buttons

When the belt's contents are larger than the display area, it displays an overflow icon (in left-to-right locals, the icon first displays on the right, in right-to-left locals, on the left). When the user clicks the overflow icon, the contents scroll in that direction, causing a second overflow icon to display at the opposite end. The user can then choose to scroll to either the right or left until the end is reached.

Navigation is handled by paging. That is, when the user scrolls, the next full set of components is displayed. When the user scrolls to the right, the first item in the next set is displayed as the left-most item in the belt, and the last component in the set will be displayed at the right end (if there is not room to display it fully, it may be partially displayed). Conversely, when a user scrolls to the left, the last item in the previous set is displayed as the right-most item in the belt, and the first component in that set is displayed at the left end. If a component is bigger than the belt size, when the user scrolls, the item will be scrolled the width of the container until the next item is partially displayed. Items at the end of the set will always be partially displayed.

### 8.15.1 How to Use the conveyorBelt

Any number of components can be used as children to the `conveyorBelt` component.

#### To use the conveyorBelt component:

1. In the Component Palette, from the ADF Faces panel, drag and drop a **Conveyor Belt** to the JSF page.
2. In the Property Inspector, set **Orientation** to either **horizontal** (default) or **vertical**.
3. Add any number of child components.

## 8.16 Grouping Related Items

To keep like items together within a parent component, you can use the `group` or the `panelGroupLayout`. The `group` component aggregates or groups together child components that are related semantically. Unlike the `panelGroupLayout` component, the `group` component does not provide any layout for its child components. Used on its own, the `group` component does not render anything; only the child components inside of a `group` component render at runtime.

You can use any number of `group` components to group related components together. For example, you might want to group some of the input fields in a form layout created by the `panelFormLayout` component. [Example 8–20](#) shows sample code that groups two sets of child components inside a `panelFormLayout` component.

#### **Example 8–20** Grouping Child Components in `panelFormLayout`

```
<af:panelFormLayout>
  <af:inputDate label="Pick a date"/>
  <!-- first group -->
  <af:group>
    <af:selectManyCheckbox label="Select all that apply">
      <af:selectItem label="Coffee" value="1"/>
      <af:selectItem label="Cream" value="1"/>
      <af:selectItem label="Low-fat Milk" value="1"/>
      <af:selectItem label="Sugar" value="1"/>
    </af:selectManyCheckbox>
  </af:group>
</af:panelFormLayout>
```

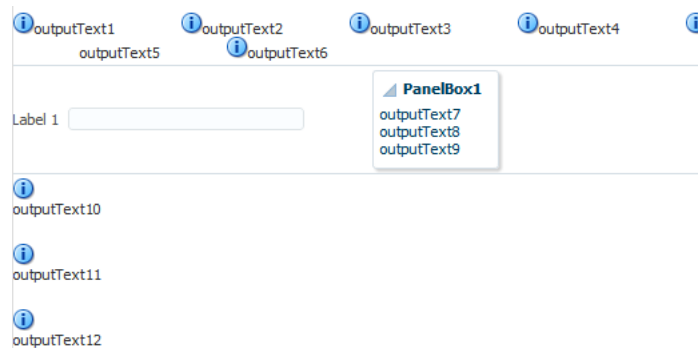
```

        <af:selectItem label="Sweetener" />
    </af:selectManyCheckbox>
    <af:inputText label="Special instructions" rows="3" />
</af:group>
<!-- Second group -->
<af:group>
    <af:inputFile label="File to upload" />
    <af:inputText label="Enter passcode" />
</af:group>
<af:inputText label="Comments" rows="3" />
<af:spacer width="10" height="15" />
<f:facet name="footer" />
</af:panelFormLayout>

```

The `panelGroupLayout` component lets you arrange a series of child components vertically or horizontally without wrapping, or consecutively with wrapping, as shown in [Figure 8–63](#). The `layout` attribute value determines the arrangement of the child components.

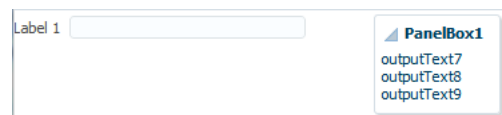
**Figure 8–63** *panelGroupLayout Arrangements*



In all arrangements, each pair of adjacent child components can be separated by a line or white space using the `separator` facet of the `panelGroupLayout` component. For more information, see [Section 8.17, "Separating Content Using Blank Space or Lines."](#)

When using the horizontal layout, the child components can also be vertically or horizontally aligned. For example, you could make a short component beside a tall component align at the top, as shown in [Figure 8–64](#).

**Figure 8–64** *Top-Aligned Horizontal Layout with panelGroupLayout*



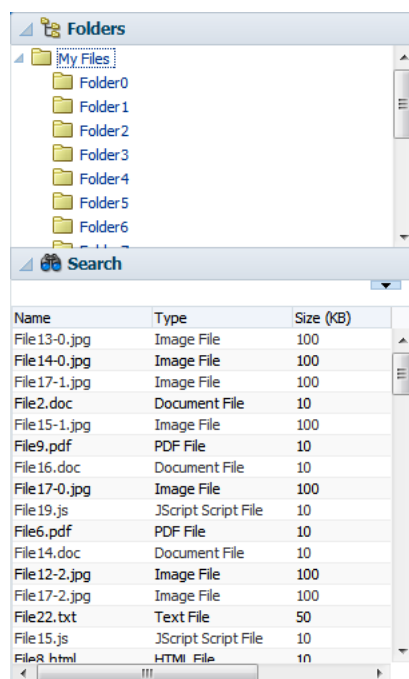
Unlike the `panelSplitter` or `panelStretchLayout` components, the `panelGroupLayout` component does not stretch its child components. Suppose you are already using a `panelSplitter` or `panelStretchLayout` component as the root component for the page, and you have a large number of child components to flow, but are not to be stretched. To provide scrollbars when flowing the child components, wrap the child components in the `panelGroupLayout` component with its `layout` attribute set to `scroll`, and then place the `panelGroupLayout` component inside a facet of the `panelSplitter` or `panelStretchLayout` component.

When the `layout` attribute is set to `scroll` on a `panelGroupLayout` component, ADF Faces automatically provides a scrollbar at runtime when the contents contained by the `panelGroupLayout` component are larger than the `panelGroupLayout` component itself. You do not have to write any code to enable the scrollbars, or set any inline styles to control the overflow.

For example, when you use layout components such as the `panelSplitter` component that let users display and hide child components contents, you do not have to write code to show the scrollbars when the contents are displayed, and to hide the scrollbars when the contents are hidden. Simply wrap the contents to be displayed inside a `panelGroupLayout` component, and set the `layout` attribute to `scroll`.

In the File Explorer application, the Search Navigator contains a `panelSplitter` component used to hide and show the search criteria. When the search criteria are hidden, and the search results content does not fit into the area, a scrollbar is rendered, as shown in [Figure 8–65](#).

**Figure 8–65** Scrollbars Rendered Using `panelGroupLayout`



The `conveyorBelt` component groups components in a horizontal or vertical row that allows the user to scroll through the child components, as shown in

### 8.16.1 How to Use the `panelGroupLayout` Component

Any number of `panelGroupLayout` components can be nested to achieve the desired layout.

#### To create and use the `panelGroupLayout` component:

1. In the Component Palette, from the Layout panel, drag and drop a **Panel Group Layout** to the JSF page.
2. Insert the desired child components into the `panelGroupLayout` component.

**Tip:** The `panelGroupLayout` component also allows you to use the `iterator`, `switcher`, and `group` components as direct child components, providing these components wrap child components that would typically be direct child components of the `panelGroupLayout` component.

3. To add spacing or separator lines between adjacent child components, insert the `spacer` or `separator` component into the `separator` facet.
4. In the Property Inspector, expand the **Appearance** section. To arrange the child components in the desired layout, set **Layout** to one of the following values:

- **default:** Provides consecutive layout with wrapping.

At runtime, when the contents exceed the browser space available (that is, when the child components are larger than the width of the parent container `panelGroupLayout`), the browser flows the contents onto the next line so that all child components are displayed.

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**Note:** ADF Faces uses the bidirectional algorithm when making contents flow. Where there is a mix of right-to-left content and left-to-right content, this may result in contents not flowing consecutively.

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- **horizontal:** Uses a horizontal layout, where child components are arranged in a horizontal line. No wrapping is provided when contents exceed the amount of browser space available.

In a horizontal layout, the child components can also be aligned vertically and horizontally. By default, horizontal child components are aligned in the center with reference to an imaginary horizontal line, and aligned in the middle with reference to an imaginary vertical line. To change the horizontal and vertical alignments of horizontal components, use the following attributes:

- **halign:** Sets the horizontal alignment. The default is `center`. Other acceptable values are: `start`, `end`, `left`, `right`.

For example, set `halign` to `start` if you want horizontal child components to always be left-aligned in browsers where the language reading direction is left-to-right, and right-aligned in a right-to-left reading direction.

- **valign:** Sets the vertical alignment. Default is `middle`. Other acceptable values are: `top`, `bottom`, `baseline`.

In output text components (such as `outputText`) that have varied font sizes in the text, setting `valign` to `baseline` would align the letters of the text along an imaginary line on which the letters sit, as shown in [Figure 8–66](#). If you set `valign` to `bottom` for such text components, the resulting effect would not be as pleasant looking, because `bottom` vertical alignment causes the bottommost points of all the letters to be on the same imaginary line.

**Figure 8–66** Bottom and Baseline Vertical Alignment of Text

baseline valign outputText2

bottom valign outputText2

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**Note:** The `halign` and `valign` attributes are ignored if the layout is not horizontal.

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- **scroll:** Uses a vertical layout, where child components are stacked vertically, and a vertical scrollbar is provided when necessary.
- **vertical:** Uses a vertical layout, where child components are stacked vertically.

### 8.16.2 What You May Need to Know About Geometry Management and the `panelGroupLayout` Component

While the `panelGroupLayout` component cannot stretch its child components, it can be stretched when it is the child of a `panelSplitter` or `panelStretchLayout` component and its `layout` attribute is set to either `scroll` or `vertical`.

## 8.17 Separating Content Using Blank Space or Lines

You can incorporate some blank space in your pages, to space out the components so that the page appears less cluttered than it would if all the components were presented immediately next to each other, or immediately below each other. The ADF Faces component provided specifically for this purpose is the `spacer` component.

You can include either or both vertical and horizontal space in a page using the `height` and `width` attributes.

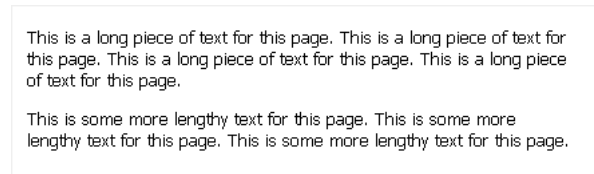
The `height` attribute determines the amount of vertical space to include in the page. [Example 8–21](#) shows a page set up to space out two lengthy `outputText` components with some vertical space.

#### **Example 8–21** Vertical Space

```
<af:panelGroupLayout layout="vertical">
  <af:outputText value="This is a long piece of text for this page..." />
  <af:spacer height="10" />
  <af:outputText value="This is some more lengthy text ..." />
</af:panelGroupLayout>
```

[Figure 8–67](#) shows the effect the `spacer` component has on the page output as viewed in a browser.

**Figure 8–67 Vertical Space Viewed in a Browser**



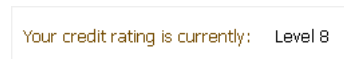
The width attribute determines the amount of horizontal space to include between components. [Example 8–22](#) shows part of the source of a page set up to space out two components horizontally.

**Example 8–22 Horizontal Space**

```
<af:outputLabel value="Your credit rating is currently:"/>
<af:spacer width="10"/>
<af:outputText value="Level 8"/>
```

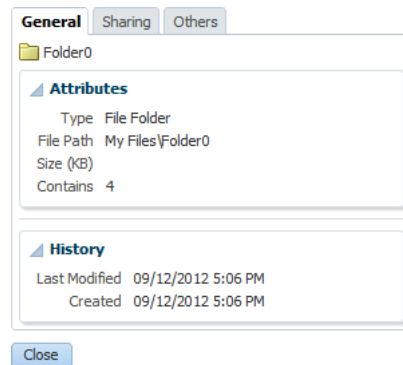
[Figure 8–68](#) shows the effect of spacing components horizontally as viewed in a browser.

**Figure 8–68 Horizontal Space Viewed in a Browser**



The separator component creates a horizontal line. [Figure 8–69](#) shows the `properties.jspx` file as it would be displayed with a separator component inserted between the two `panelBox` components.

**Figure 8–69 Using the separator Component to Create a Line**



The spacer and separator components are often used in facets of other layout components. Doing so ensures that the space or line stays with the components they were meant to separate.

### 8.17.1 How to Use the spacer Component

You can use as many spacer components as needed on a page.

**To create and use the spacer component:**

1. In the Component Palette, from the Layout panel, drag and drop a **Spacer** to the JSF page.



2. In the Property Inspector, expand the **Common** section. Set the width and height as needed.

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**Note:** If the height is specified but not the width, a block-level HTML element is rendered, thereby introducing a new line effect. If the width is specified, then, irrespective of the specified value of height, it may not get shorter than the applicable line-height in user agents that strictly support HTML standards.

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### 8.17.2 How to Use the Separator Component

You can use as many `separator` components as needed on a page.

**To create and use the separator component:**

1. In the Component Palette, from the Layout panel, drag and drop a **Separator** to the JSF page.
2. In the Property Inspector, set the properties as needed.



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## Using Input Components and Defining Forms

This chapter describes the input components that are used to enter data, select values, edit text, and load files.

This chapter includes the following sections:

- [Section 9.1, "Introduction to Input Components and Forms"](#)
- [Section 9.2, "Defining Forms"](#)
- [Section 9.3, "Using the `inputText` Component"](#)
- [Section 9.4, "Using the Input Number Components"](#)
- [Section 9.5, "Using Color and Date Choosers"](#)
- [Section 9.6, "Using Selection Components"](#)
- [Section 9.7, "Using Shuttle Components"](#)
- [Section 9.8, "Using the `richTextEditor` Component"](#)
- [Section 9.9, "Using File Upload"](#)
- [Section 9.10, "Using Code Editor"](#)

### 9.1 Introduction to Input Components and Forms

Input components accept user input in a variety of formats. The most common formats are text, numbers, date, and selection lists that appear inside a form and are submitted when the form is submitted. The entered values or selections may be validated and converted before they are processed further. For example, the File Explorer application contains a form that allows users to create a new file. Using input components, users enter the name, the size, select permissions, and add keywords, and a description, as shown in [Figure 9-1](#).

**Figure 9–1 Form Uses Input Components**

In addition to standard input components used to input text, number, date, or color, ADF Faces includes input type components that provide additional functionality. The `inputFile` component allows users to browse for a file to load.

The `richTextEditor` component provides rich text input that can span many lines and can be formatted using different fonts, sizes, justification, and other editing features. The `richTextEditor` component can also be used with command components to insert given text into the component. The inserted text can be preformatted. Additionally, you can customize the buttons that appear in the editor's toolbar.

The selection components allow the user to make selections from a list of items instead of or in addition to typing in values. For example, the `selectOneChoice` component lets the user select input from a dropdown list and the `selectOneRadio` component lets a user pick from a group of radio buttons.

You can use either selection or list-of-values (LOV) components to display a list. LOV components should be used when the selection list is large. LOV components are model-driven using the `ListOfValueModel` class and may be configured programmatically using the API. They present their selection list inside a popup window that may also include a query panel. Selection lists simply display a static list of values. For more information about using LOV components, see [Chapter 11, "Using List-of-Values Components."](#)

The `selectItem` component is used within other selection components to represent the individual selectable items for that component. For example, a `selectOneRadio` component will have a `selectItem` component for each of its radio buttons. If the radio button selections are coffee, tea, and milk, there would be a `selectItem` component for coffee, one for tea, and one for milk.

The form components provide a container for other components. The `form` component represents a region where values from embedded input components can be submitted. Form components cannot be nested. However, the `subform` component provides additional flexibility by defining subregions whose component values can be submitted separately within a form. The `resetButton` component provides an easy way for the user to reset input values within a form or subform to their previous state.

All the input and selection components deliver the `ValueChangeEvent` and `AttributeChangeEvent` events. You can create `valueChangeListener` and `attributeChangeListener` methods to provide functionality in response to the corresponding events.

All input components, selection components (except `selectItem`), and the rich text editor component have a `changed` attribute that when set to `true` enables a change indicator icon to be displayed upon changes in the `value` field. This indicator allows the user to easily see which input value has changed, which can be helpful when there are multiple components on the page. By default, the change indicator usually is displayed to the left of the component. If the value in a field automatically changes due to a change in another field's value, such as an automatically generated postal code when the city is entered, the postal code field will also display a change indicator. [Figure 9–2](#) shows changed indicators present for the checkbox and input components.

**Figure 9–2** *Changed indicators for two components*

**Tip:** You can change the icon or the position of the icon using skins. For more information, see [Chapter 20, "Customizing the Appearance Using Styles and Skins."](#)

Most input components also have the capability of displaying only the label, and not appearing capable of changing value until the user mouses over or hovers over the component. Once the user changes the value, that new value displays as read-only. [Figure 9–3](#) shows a `selectManyChoice` component configured to be editable only on access.

**Figure 9–3** *Input Components Can Appear Not Editable*

Input components can also display tooltips, error and validation messages, and context-sensitive help. For more information, see [Chapter 17, "Displaying Tips, Messages, and Help."](#)

All input components have JavaScript client APIs that you can use to set or get property values. For more information, see *Oracle Fusion Middleware Javascript API Reference for Oracle ADF Faces*.

## 9.2 Defining Forms

A *form* is a component that serves as a container for other components. When a submit action occurs within the form, any modified input values are submitted. For example, you can create an input form that consists of input and selection components, and a submit command button, all enclosed within a form. When the user enters values into the various input fields and clicks the Submit button, those new input values will be sent for processing.

By default, when you create a JSF page in JDeveloper, it automatically inserts a `form` component into the page. When you add components to the page, they will be inserted inside the `form` component.

**Tip:** If you do not already have an `af:form` tag on the page, and you drag and drop an ADF Faces component onto the page, JDeveloper will prompt you to enclose the component within a form component.

[Example 9-1](#) shows two input components and a Submit button that when clicked will submit both input values for processing.

### **Example 9-1 ADF Faces Form as a Container for Input Components**

```
<af:form>
  <af:panelFormLayout>
    <af:inputText value="#{myBean.firstName}"
      label="#{First Name}"
    </af:inputText>
    <af:inputText value="#{myBean.lastName}"
      label="#{Last Name}"
    </af:inputText>
    <f:facet name="footer">
      <af:commandButton text="Submit" />
    </f:facet>
  </af:panelFormLayout>
</af:form>
```

Because there can be only one `form` component on a page, you can use subforms within a form to create separate regions whose input values can be submitted. Within a region, the values in the subform will be validated and processed only if a component inside the subform caused the values to be submitted. You can also nest a subform within another subform to create nested regions whose values can be submitted. For more information about subforms, see [Section 4.5, "Using Subforms to Create Regions on a Page."](#)

[Example 9-2](#) shows a form with two subforms, each containing its own input components and Submit button. When a Submit button is clicked, only the input values within that subform will be submitted for processing.

### **Example 9-2 ADF Faces Subform Within a Form**

```
<af:form>
  <af:subform>
    <af:panelFormLayout>
      <af:inputText value="#{myBean.firstName}"
      </af:inputText>
      <af:inputText value="#{myBean.lastName}"
      </af:inputText>
      <f:facet name="footer">
        <af:commandButton text="Submit" />
      </f:facet>
    </af:panelFormLayout>
  </af:subform>
</af:form>
```

```

        </f:facet>
    </af:panelFormLayout>
</af:subform>
<af:subform>
    <af:panelFormLayout>
        <af:inputText value="#{myBean.primaryPhone}"
        </af:inputText>
        <af:inputText value="#{myBean.cellPhone}"
        </af:inputText>
        <f:facet name="footer">
            <af:commandButton text="Submit"/>
        </f:facet>
    </af:panelFormLayout>
</af:subform>
</af:form>

```

Aside from the basic Submit button, you can add any other command component within a form and have it operate on any field within the form. ADF Faces provides a specialized command component: the `resetButton` component, which when clicked, resets all the input and selection components within a form. That is, it updates all components whose values can be edited with the current values of the model. The `resetButton` component is different from HTML `reset` in that the `resetButton` component will reset the input components to their previous state which was partially or fully submitted successfully to the server without any validation or conversion error. For example, if a user enters value A and clicks the Submit button, and then changes the value from A to B and clicks the `resetButton` component, the value A will be restored.

## 9.2.1 How to Add a Form to a Page

In most cases, JDeveloper will add the form component for you. However, there may be cases where you must manually add a form, or configure the form with certain attribute values.

### To add a form to a page:

1. In the Component Palette, from the Common Components panel, drag and drop a **Form** onto the page.
2. In the Property Inspector expand the Common section, where you can optionally set the following:
  - **DefaultCommand:** Specify the ID attribute of the command component whose action should be invoked when the **Enter** key is pressed and the focus is inside the form.
  - **UsesUpload:** Specify whether or not the form supports uploading files. For more information about uploading files, see [Section 9.9, "Using File Upload."](#)
  - **TargetFrame:** Specify where the new page should be displayed. Acceptable values are any of the valid values for the target attribute in HTML. The default is `_self`.

## 9.2.2 How to Add a Subform to a Page

You should add subform components within a form component when you need a section of the page to be capable of independently submitting values.

**To add subforms to a page:**

1. In the Component Palette, from the Common Components panel, drag and drop a **Subform** onto the page as a child to a form component.
2. Use the Property Inspector to set the following:
  - **Default:** Specify whether or not the subform should assume it has submitted its values. When set to the default value of `false`, this subform component will consider itself to be submitted only if no other subform component has been submitted. When set to `true`, this subform component assumes it has submitted its values.

**Tip:** A subform is considered submitted if an event is queued by one of its children or facets for a phase later than Apply Request Values (that is, for later than `decode()`). For more information about lifecycle phases, see [Chapter 4, "Using the JSF Lifecycle with ADF Faces."](#)
  - **Default Command:** Specify the ID attribute of the command component whose action should be invoked when the Enter key is pressed and the focus is inside the subform.

### 9.2.3 How to Add a Reset Button to a Form

You can add the `resetButton` component inside a form or a subform. The reset button will act upon only those components within that form or subform.

**To add a reset button to a page:**

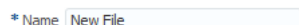
1. In the Component Palette, from the Common Components panel, drag and drop a **Reset Button** onto the page.
2. Use the Property Inspector to set the following:
  - **Text:** Specify the textual label of the button.
  - **Disabled:** Specify whether or not the button should be disabled. For example, you could enter an EL expression that determines certain conditions under which the button should be disabled.

## 9.3 Using the `inputText` Component

Although input components include many variations, such as pickers, sliders, and a spinbox, the `inputText` component is the basic input component for entering values. You can define an `inputText` component as a single-row input field or as a text area by setting the `rows` attribute to more than 1. However, if you want to create a multiple row text input, consider using the `richTextEditor` component as described in [Section 9.8, "Using the richTextEditor Component."](#)

You can hide the input values from being displayed, such as for passwords, by setting the `secret` attribute to `true`. Like other ADF Faces components, the `inputText` component supports label, text, and messages. When you want this component to be displayed without a label, you set the `simple` attribute to `true`. [Figure 9-4](#) shows a single-row `inputText` component.

**Figure 9-4** *Single-Row `inputText` Component*



\* Name



You can make the `inputText` component display more than one row of text using the `rows` attribute. If you set the `rows` attribute to be greater than one, and you set the `simple` attribute to true, then the `inputText` component can be configured to stretch to fit its container using the `dimensionsFrom` attribute. For more information about how components stretch, see [Chapter 8.2.1, "Geometry Management and Component Stretching."](#) [Figure 9–6](#) shows a multi-row `inputText` component.

You can add multiple `inputText` components to create an input form. [Figure 9–5](#) shows an input form using two `inputText` components.

**Figure 9–5 Form Created by inputText Components**

You can also configure an `insertTextBehavior` tag that works with command components to insert given text into an `inputText` component. The text to be entered can be a simple string, or it can be the value of another component, for example the selected list item in a `selectOneChoice` component. For example, [Figure 9–6](#) shows an `inputText` component with some text already entered by a user.

**Figure 9–6 inputText Component with Entered Text**

The user can then select additional text from a dropdown list, click the command button, and that text appears in the `inputText` component as shown in [Figure 9–7](#).

**Figure 9–7 inputText Component with Inserted Text**

### 9.3.1 How to Add an inputText Component

You can use an `inputText` component inside any of the layout components described in [Chapter 8, "Organizing Content on Web Pages."](#)

#### To add an inputText component:

1. In the Component Palette, from the Common Components panel, drag and drop an **Input Text** onto the page.
2. In the Property Inspector, expand the Common section and set the following:

- **Label:** Enter a value to specify the text to be used as the label.  
If the text to be used is stored in a resource bundle, use the dropdown list to select **Select Text Resource**. Use the Select Text Resource dialog either to search for appropriate text in an existing bundle, or to create a new entry in an existing bundle. For more information about using resource bundles, see [Chapter 21, "Internationalizing and Localizing Pages."](#)
  - **Value:** Specify the value of the component. If the EL binding for a value points to a bean property with a `get` method but no `set` method, and this is a component whose value can be edited, then the component will be rendered in read-only mode.
3. Expand the Appearance section, and set the following:
- **Columns:** Specify the size of the text control by entering the maximum number of characters that can be entered into the field.
  - **Rows:** Specify the height of the text control by entering the number of rows to be shown. The default value is 1, which generates a one-row input field. The number of rows is estimated based on the default font size of the browser. If set to more than 1, you must also set the `wrap` attribute.
  - **Secret:** Specify this boolean value that applies only to single-line text controls. When set to `true`, the `secret` attribute hides the actual value of the text from the user.
  - **Wrap:** Specify the type of text wrapping to be used in a multiple-row text control. This attribute is ignored for a single-row component. By default, the attribute is set to `soft`, which means multiple-row text wraps visually, but does not include carriage returns in the submitted value. Setting this attribute to `off` will disable wrapping: the multiple-row text will scroll horizontally. Setting it to `hard` specifies that the value of the text should include any carriage returns needed to wrap the lines.
  - **ShowRequired:** Specify whether or not to show a visual indication that the field is required. Note that setting the `required` attribute to `true` will also show the visual indication. You may want to use the `showRequired` attribute when a field is required *only* if another field's value is changed.
  - **Changed:** Specify whether or not to show a blue circle whenever the value of the field has changed. If you set this to `true`, you may also want to set the `changedDesc` attribute.
  - **ChangedDesc:** Specify the text to be displayed in a tooltip on a mouseover of the changed icon. By default, the text is "Changed." You can override this by providing a different value.
  - **AccessKey:** Specify the key to press that will access the field.
  - **LabelAndAccessKey:** Instead of specifying a separate label and access key, you can combine the two, so that the access key is part of the label. Simply precede the letter to be used as an access key with an ampersand (&).  
For example, if the label of a field is **Description** and you want the **D** to be the access key, you would enter `&Description`.

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**Note:** Because the value is being stored in the source of the page in XML, the ampersand (&) character must be escaped, so the value will actually be represented in the source of the page using the characters `&amp;` to represent the ampersand.

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- **Simple:** Set to `true` if you do not want the label to be displayed.
- **Placeholder:** Specify the text that appears in the input component if the component is empty and does not have focus. When the component gets focus, or has a value, then the placeholder text is hidden.

The placeholder text is used to inform the user what should be entered in the input component.

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**Note:** The placeholder value will only work on browsers that fully support HTML5.

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4. Expand the **Behavior** section and set the following:

- **Required:** Specify whether or not a value is required. If set to `true`, a visual indication is displayed to let the user know a value must be entered. If a value is not entered, an exception will occur and the component will fail validation.
- **ReadOnly:** Specify whether the control is displayed as a field whose value can be edited, or as an output-style text control.
- **AutoSubmit:** Specify whether or not the component will automatically submit when the value changes. For more information about using the `autoSubmit` attribute, see [Section 4.3, "Using the Optimized Lifecycle."](#)

- **AutoTab:** Specify whether or not focus will automatically move to the next tab stop when the maximum length for the current component is reached.

- **Usage:** Specify how the input component will be rendered in HTML 5 browser. The valid values are `auto`, `text`, and `search`. Default is `auto`.

If the usage type is `search`, the input component will render as an HTML 5 search input type. Some HTML 5 browsers may add a **Cancel** icon that can be used to clear the search text.

- **MaxLength:** Specify the maximum number of characters per line that can be entered into the text control. This includes the characters representing the new line. If set to 0 or less, the `maxLength` attribute is ignored. Note that in some browsers such as Internet Explorer, a new line is treated as two characters.
- **Converter:** Specify a converter object. For more information, see [Section 6.3, "Adding Conversion."](#)
- **Validator:** Specify a method reference to a validator method using an EL expression. For more information, see [Section 6.5, "Adding Validation."](#)

5. Expand the **Other** section and set the following:

- **DimensionsFrom:** Determine how you want the `inputText` component to handle geometry management. Set this attribute to one of the following:
  - `auto`: If the parent component to the `inputText` component allows stretching of its child, then the `inputText` component will stretch to fill the parent component, as long as the `rows` attribute is set to a number greater than one and the `simple` attribute is set to `true`. If the parent component does not allow stretching, then the `inputText` component gets its dimensions from the content.
  - `content`: The `inputText` component gets its dimensions from the component content. This is the default.

- parent: The inputText component gets its dimensions from the inlineStyle attribute. If no value exists for inlineStyle, then the size is determined by the parent container.
- **Editable:** Determine whether you want the component to always appear editable. If so, select always. If you want the value to appear as read-only until the user hovers over it, select onAccess. If you want the value to be inherited from an ancestor component, select inherit.

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**Note:** If you select inherit, and no ancestor components define the editable value, then the value always is used.

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### 9.3.2 How to Add the Ability to Insert Text into an inputText Component

The insertTextBehavior tag works with command components to insert given text into an inputText component. The text to be entered can be a simple string, or it can be the value of another component, for example the selected list item in a selectOneChoice component. To allow text to be inserted into an inputText component, add the insertTextBehavior tag as a child to a command component that will be used to insert the text.

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**Note:** The insertTextBehavior tag cancels server-side event delivery automatically; ActionListener or action attributes on the parent command component will be ignored. If you need to also trigger server-side functionality, you must add a custom client listener to deliver the server-side event. For more information, see [Section 5.4, "Sending Custom Events from the Client to the Server."](#)

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#### Before You Begin

Before you add an insertTextBehavior tag, you need to create an inputText component as described in [Section 9.3.1, "How to Add an inputText Component."](#) Set the clientComponent attribute to true.

#### To add text insert behavior:

1. Add a command component that the user will click to insert the text. For procedures, see [Section 18.2.1, "How to Use Command Buttons and Command Links."](#)
2. In the Component Palette, from the Operations panel, drag and drop an **Insert Text Behavior** as a child to the command component.
3. In the Insert Text Behavior dialog, enter the following:
  - **For:** Use the dropdown arrow to select **Edit** and then navigate to select the inputText component into which the text will be inserted.
  - **Value:** Enter the value for the text to be inserted. If you want to insert static text, then enter that text. If you want the user to be able to insert the value of another component (for example, the value of a selectOneChoice component), then enter an EL expression that resolves to that value. [Example 9–3](#) shows page code for an inputText component into which either the value of a dropdown list or the value of static text can be inserted.

#### **Example 9–3 Using the insertTextBehavior Tag**

```
<af:inputText clientComponent="true" id="idInputText" label="String value"
```

```

        value="#{demoInput.value}" rows="10" columns="60"/>
<af:selectOneChoice id="targetChoice" autoSubmit="true"
    value="#{demoInput.choiceInsertText}"
    label="Select text to insert">
    <af:selectItem label="Some Text." value="Some Text."/>
    <af:selectItem label="0123456789" value="0123456789"/>
    <af:selectItem label="~!@#%&^*" value="~!@#%&^*" />
    <af:selectItem label="Two Lines" value="\nLine 1\nLine 2"/>
</af:selectOneChoice>
<af:commandButton text="Insert Selected Text" id="firstButton"
    partialTriggers="targetChoice">
    <af:insertTextBehavior for="idInputText"
        value="#{demoInput.choiceInsertText}"/>
</af:commandButton>
<af:commandButton text="Insert Static Text">
    <af:insertTextBehavior for="idInputText"
        value="Some Static Text."/>
</commandButton>

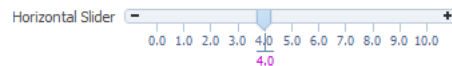
```

- By default, the text will be inserted when the action event is triggered by clicking the command component. However, you can change this to another client event by choosing that event from the dropdown menu for the `triggerType` attribute of the `insertTextBehavior` component in the Property Inspector.

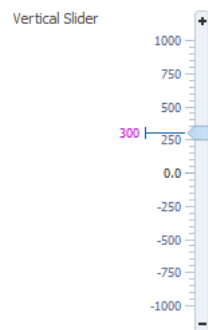
## 9.4 Using the Input Number Components

The slider components present the user with a slider with one or two markers whose position on the slider corresponds to a value. The slider values are displayed and include a minus icon at one end and a plus icon at the other. The user selects the marker and moves it along the slider to select a value. The `inputNumberSlider` component has one marker and allows the user to select one value from the slider, as shown in [Figure 9-8](#) in horizontal layout, and in [Figure 9-9](#) in vertical layout.

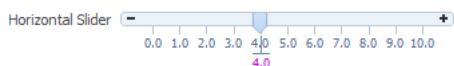
**Figure 9-8** *inputNumberSlider in Horizontal Layout*



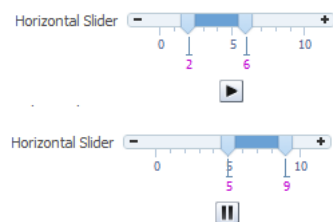
**Figure 9-9** *InputNumberSlider in Vertical Layout*



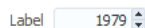
The `inputRangeSlider` component has two markers and allows the user to pick the end points of a range, as shown in [Figure 9-10](#).

**Figure 9–10** *inputRangeSlider* in horizontal layout

You can also configure the `inputNumberSlider` and `inputRangeSlider` components to add a play/pause button that animates the slider across the component's increment values, as shown in [Figure 9–11](#).

**Figure 9–11** *inputRangeSlider* with Play/Pause Button

The `inputNumberSpinbox` is an input component that presents the user with an input field for numerical values and a set of up- and down-arrow keys to increment or decrement the current value in the input field, as shown in [Figure 9–12](#).

**Figure 9–12** *inputNumberSpinbox*

### 9.4.1 How to Add an `inputNumberSlider` or an `inputRangeSlider` Component

When you add an `inputNumberSlider` or an `inputRangeSlider` component, you can determine the range of numbers shown and the increment of the displayed numbers.

#### To add an `inputNumberSlider` or `inputRangeSlider` component:

1. In the Component Palette, from the Common Components panel, drag and drop an **Input Number Slider** or **Input Range Slider** onto the page.
2. In the Property Inspector, expand the Common section (and for the `inputRangeSlider` component, also expand the **Data** section) and set the following attributes:
  - **Label:** Specify a label for the component.
  - **Minimum:** Specify the minimum value that can be selected. This value is the begin value of the slider.
  - **Maximum:** Specify the maximum value that can be selected. This value is the end value of the slider.
  - **MinimumIncrement:** Specify the smallest possible increment. This is the increment that will be applied when the user clicks the plus or minus icon.
  - **MajorIncrement:** Specify the distance between two major marks. This value causes a labeled value to be displayed. For example, the `majorIncrement` value of the `inputRangeSlider` component in [Figure 9–10](#) is 5.0. If set to less than 0, major increments will not be shown.
  - **MinorIncrement:** Specify the distance between two minor marks. If less than 0, minor increments will not be shown.

- **Value:** Specify the value of the component. If the EL binding for `value` points to a bean property with a `get` method but no `set` method, the component will be rendered in read-only mode.
- 3. Expand the Appearance section and set **Orientation** to specify whether the component will be in horizontal or vertical layout. For information about the other attributes in this section, see [Section 9.3.1, "How to Add an inputText Component."](#)
- 4. Expand the Other section and set **AnimationInterval** to a value in milliseconds. Default value is zero.

If the value is greater than zero, a play button appears below the component. When clicked, it animates the slider across its increment values, stopping at each increment for the specified number of milliseconds. While animation is playing, the play button changes to a pause button that stops the animation at the current increment value.

For example, the `animationInterval` value of the `inputRangeSlider` component in [Figure 9–11](#) is 999.

## 9.4.2 How to Add an inputNumberSpinbox Component

The `inputNumberSpinbox` component allows the user to scroll through a set of numbers to select a value.

### To add an inputNumberSpinbox component:

1. In the Component Palette, from the Common Components panel, drag and drop an **Input Number Spinbox** onto the page.
2. Expand the Data section of the Property Inspector and set the following:
  - **Value:** Specify the value of the component. If the EL binding for `value` points to a bean property with a `get` method but no `set` method, the component will be rendered in read-only mode.
  - **Minimum:** Specify the minimum value allowed in the input field.
  - **Maximum:** Specify the maximum value allowed in the input field.
  - **StepSize:** Specify the increment by which the spinbox will increase or decrease the number in the input field.
3. Expand the Appearance section and set the attributes. For more information about setting these attributes, see [Section 9.3.1, "How to Add an inputText Component."](#)
4. If you want the value of the spinbox to appear as read-only until the user hovers over it, expand the Other section and set **Editable** to `onAccess`. If you want the component to always appear editable, select `always`. If you want the value to be inherited from an ancestor component, select `inherit`.

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**Note:** If you select `inherit`, and no ancestor components define the `editable` value, then the value `always` is used.

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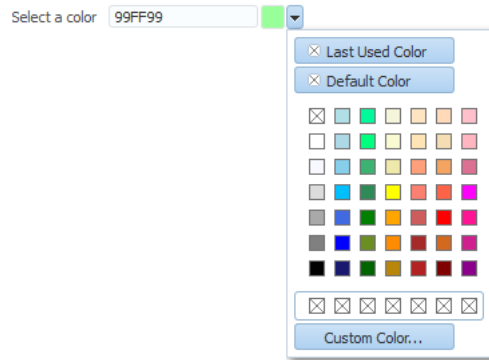
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## 9.5 Using Color and Date Choosers

The `inputColor` component presents a text input field for entering code for colors and a button for picking colors from a palette. The default color code format is the hexadecimal color format. However, you can override the format using a `ColorConverter` class.

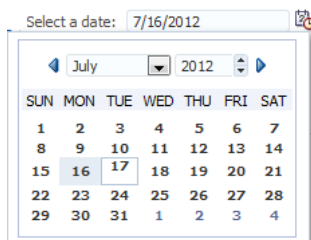
By default, the `inputColor` component opens the `chooseColor` component that allows users to pick the color from a palette. [Figure 9–13](#) shows the `inputColor` component with the `chooseColor` component in a popup dialog.

**Figure 9–13** *inputColor Component with Popup chooseColor Component*



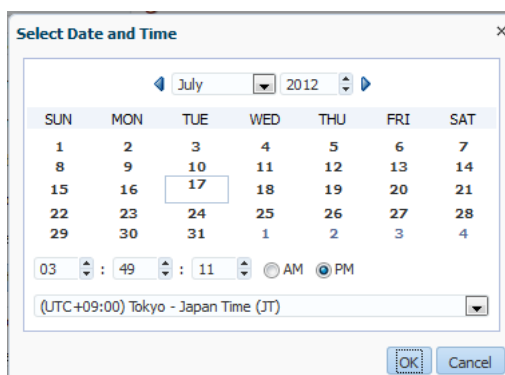
The `inputDate` component presents a text input field for entering dates and a button for picking dates from a popup calendar, as shown in [Figure 9–14](#). The default date format is the short date format appropriate for the current locale. For example, the default format in American English (ENU) is `mm/dd/yy`. However, you can override the format using a date-time converter (for more information about using converters, see [Section 6.3, "Adding Conversion"](#)).

**Figure 9–14** *inputDate Component*



When you add a date-time converter and configure it to show both the date and the time, the date picker is displayed as a modal dialog with additional controls for the user to enter a time. Additionally, if the converter is configured to show a time zone, a timezone dropdown list is shown in the dialog, as shown in [Figure 9–15](#).

**Figure 9–15** *Modal Dialog When Date-Time Converter Is Used*





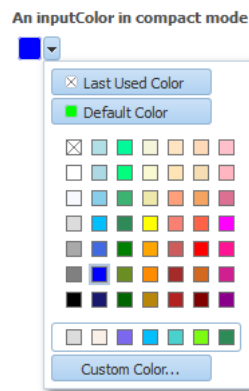
## 9.5.1 How to Add an inputColor Component

The `inputColor` component allows users either to enter a value in an input text field, or to select a color from a color chooser.

### To add an `inputColor` component:

1. In the Component Palette, from the Common Components panel, drag and drop an **Input Color** onto the page.
2. In Property Inspector, expand the Common section and set the following:
  - **Label:** Specify a label for the component.
  - **Compact:** Set to `true` if you do not want to display the input text field, as shown in [Figure 9-16](#).

**Figure 9-16** *inputColor Component in Compact Mode*



3. Expand the **Data** section and set the following attributes:
  - **Value:** Specify the value of the component. If the EL binding for `value` points to a bean property with a `get` method but no `set` method, the component will be rendered in read-only mode.
  - **ColorData:** Specify the list of colors to be displayed in the standard color palette. The number of provided colors can be 49 (7 colors x 7 colors), 64 (8 colors x 8 colors), or 121 (11 colors x 11 colors). The number set for this attribute will determine the valid value for the `width` attribute. For example, if you set the `colorData` attribute to 49, the `width` must be 7. If the number does not match the `width`, extra color elements in the list will be ignored and missing color elements will be displayed as no-color. The color list must be an array of type `TrColor` on the client side.
  - **CustomColorData:** Specify the list of custom-defined colors. The number of colors can be 7, 8, or 11. The color list must be an array of type `TrColor` on the client side. On the server side, it must be a `List` of `java.awt.Color` objects, or a list of hexadecimal color strings.
  - **DefaultColor:** Specify the default color using hexadecimal color code, for example `#000000`.
4. Expand the **Appearance** section and set the following attributes:
  - **Width:** Specify the width of the standard palette in cells. The valid values are 7, 8, and 11, which correspond to the values of the `colorData` and `customColorData` attributes.

- **CustomVisible:** Specify whether or not the **Custom Color** button and custom color row are to be displayed. When set to `true`, the **Custom Color** button and custom color row will be rendered.
- **DefaultVisible:** Specify whether or not the **Default** button is to be displayed. When set to `true`, the **Default** button will be rendered. The **Default** button allows the user to easily select the color set as the value for the `defaultColor` attribute.
- **LastUsedVisible:** Specify whether or not the **Last Used** button is to be displayed. When set to `true` the **Last Used** button will be rendered, which allows the user to select the color that was most recently used.
- **Placeholder:** Specify the text that appears in the input component if the component is empty and does not have focus. When the component gets focus, or has a value, then the placeholder text is hidden.

The placeholder text is used to inform the user what should be entered in the input component.

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**Note:** The placeholder value will only work on browsers that fully support HTML5.

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5. Expand the Behavior section and set the following attributes:
  - **ChooseId:** Specify the id of the `chooseColor` component which can be used to choose the color value. If not set, the `inputColor` component has its own default popup dialog with a `chooseColor` component.
  - **Usage:** Specify how the input component will be rendered in HTML 5 browser. The valid values are `auto`, `text`, and `search`. Default is `auto`.  
If the usage type is `search`, the input component will render as an HTML 5 search input type. Some HTML 5 browsers may add a **Cancel** icon that can be used to clear the search text.
6. If you want the value of the component to appear as read-only until the user hovers over it, expand the **Other** section and set **Editable** to `onAccess`. If you want the component to always appear editable, select `always`. If you want the value to be inherited from an ancestor component, select `inherit`.

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**Note:** If you select `inherit`, and no ancestor components define the `editable` value, then the value `always` is used.

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## 9.5.2 How to Add an InputDate Component

The `inputDate` component allows the user to either enter or select a date.

### To add an inputDate component:

1. In the Component Palette, from the Common Components panel, drag and drop an **Input Date** onto the page.
2. In the Property Inspector, in the Common section, set the following:
  - **Label:** Specify a label for the component.



- **Placeholder:** Specify the text that appears in the input component if the component is empty and does not have focus. When the component gets focus, or has a value, then the placeholder text is hidden.

The placeholder text is used to inform the user what should be entered in the input component.

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**Note:** The placeholder value will only work on browsers that fully support HTML5.

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### 9.5.3 What You May Need to Know About Selecting Time Zones Without the `inputDate` Component

By default, the `inputDate` component displays a drop down list of time zones if the associated converter is configured to do so, for example, if you include the `timezone` placeholder `z` in the converter's pattern. The end user can only modify the `timezone` using this list. The list is configured to display the most common time zones.

However, there may be times when you need to display the list of time zones outside of the `inputDate` component. For example, on a `Application Preferences` page, you may want to use a `selectOneChoice` component that allows the user to select the time zone that will be used to display all `inputDates` in the application. A backing bean would handle the conversion between the time zone ID and the `java.util.TimeZone` object. Converters for the `inputDate` instances in the application would then bind the time zone to that time zone object.

You can access this list using either an API on the `DateTimeUtils` class, or using an EL expression on a component.

Following are the methods on `DateTimeUtils` class:

- `getCommonTimeZoneSelectItems ()`: Returns a list of commonly used time zones.
- `getCommonTimeZoneSelectItems (String timeZoneId)`: Returns a list of commonly used time zones, including the given time zone if it is not part of the list.

To access this list using EL, use one of the following expressions:

- `af:getCommonTimeZoneSelectItems`

For example:

```
<f:selectItems value="#{af:getCommonTimeZoneSelectItems()}" id="tzones2" />
```

- `af:getMergedTimeZoneSelectItems (id)`

For example:

```
<f:selectItems  
value="#{af:getMergedTimeZoneSelectItems(demoInput.preferredTimeZoneId)}"  
id="tzones" />
```

If you will be using an `inputDate` component and a selection list for its time zone on the same page, you must clear out the local value for the `inputDate`'s `timezone` to ensure that the value binding for the selection takes precedence. Otherwise, a non-null local value will take precedence, and the `inputDate` component will not appear to be updated.

In [Example 9-4](#), the backing bean has a reference using the binding attribute to the `inputDate` component. When the user picks a new time zone, the `id` is set and the code

gets the converter for the `inputDate` and clears out its time zone. When the page is rendered, since the local value for the converter's time zone is null, it will evaluate `#{demoInput.preferredTimeZone}` and obtain the updated time zone.

#### Example 9-4 Using an `inputDate` and Time Zone Selection List Together

```
<af:selectOneChoice label="Select a new timezone"
                    value="#{demoInput.preferredTimeZoneId}" autoSubmit="true">
  <f:selectItems
    value="#{af:getMergedTimeZoneSelectItems(demoInput.preferredTimeZoneId)}"
    id="tzones" />
</af:selectOneChoice>
<af:inputDate label="First inputDate with timezone bound" id="bound1"
              partialTriggers="tzpick" binding="#{demoInput.boundDate1}">
  <af:convertDateTime type="both" timeStyle="full"
                    timeZone="#{demoInput.preferredTimeZone}" />
</af:inputDate>
```

```
DemoInputBean.java
public void setPreferredTimeZoneId(String _preferredTimeZoneId)
{
  TimeZone tz = TimeZone.getTimeZone(_preferredTimeZoneId);
  setPreferredTimeZone(tz);
  this._preferredTimeZoneId = _preferredTimeZoneId;
}

public void setPreferredTimeZone(TimeZone _preferredTimeZone)
{
  this._preferredTimeZone = _preferredTimeZone;
  DateTimeConverter conv1 = (DateTimeConverter)
    _boundDate1.getConverter();
  conv1.setTimeZone(null);
}
```

## 9.6 Using Selection Components

The selection components allow the user to select single and multiple values from a list or group of items. ADF Faces provides a number of different selection components, ranging from simple boolean radio buttons to list boxes that allow the user to select multiple items. The list of items within a selection component is made up of a number of `selectItem` components.

All the selection components except the `selectItem` component delivers the `ValueChangeEvent` and `AttributeChangeEvent` events. The `selectItem` component only delivers the `AttributeChangeEvent` event. You must create a `valueChangeListener` handler or an `attributeChangeListener` handler, or both for them.

The `selectBooleanCheckbox` component value must always be set to a boolean and not an object. It toggles between selected and unselected states, as shown in [Figure 9-17](#).

#### Figure 9-17 `selectBooleanCheckbox` Component

Non Smoking room

The `selectBooleanCheckbox` component also provides a third mixed state that indicates that the component is neither selected or cleared, as shown in [Figure 9-18](#).

Clicking a mixed state checkbox makes it selected. It toggles between the selected and cleared states, but it does not return to the mixed state by clicking, or any other click action.

**Figure 9–18** *selectBooleanCheckbox Component in Mixed State*

tri-state checkbox  click me

The `selectBooleanRadio` component displays a boolean choice, and must always be set to a boolean. Unlike the `selectBooleanCheckbox` component, the `selectBooleanRadio` component allows you to group `selectBooleanRadio` components together using the same `group` attribute.

For example, say you have one boolean that determines whether or not a user is age 10 to 18 and another boolean that determines whether a user is age 19-100. As shown in [Figure 9–19](#), the two `selectBooleanRadio` components can be placed anywhere on the page, they do not have to be next to each other. As long as they share the same `group` value, they will have mutually exclusive selection, regardless of their physical placement on the page.

**Tip:** Each `selectBooleanRadio` component must be bound to a unique boolean.

**Figure 9–19** *selectBooleanRadio Component*

Age  10-18  
 Parent's Name   
 Parent's E-Mail   
 Parent's Phone   
 19-100  
 Id   
 Password

You use the `selectOneRadio` component to create a list of radio buttons from which the user can select a single value, as shown in [Figure 9–20](#).

**Figure 9–20** *selectOneRadio Component*

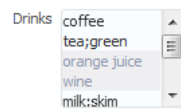
Drinks  fizz  beer  lemonade  coffee  tea  milk

You use the `selectManyCheckbox` component to create a list of checkboxes from which the user can select one or more values, as shown in [Figure 9–21](#).

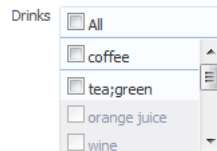
**Figure 9–21** *selectManyCheckbox Component*

Drinks  coffee  
 tea  
 orange juice  
 wine  
 milk  
 fizz  
 beer  
 lemonade

The `selectOneListbox` component creates a component which allows the user to select a single value from a list of items displayed in a shaded box, as shown in [Figure 9–22](#).

**Figure 9–22** *selectOneListbox Component*

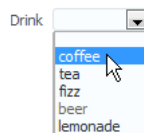
The `selectManyListbox` component creates a component which allows the user to select many values from a list of items. This component includes an **All** checkbox that is displayed at the beginning of the list of checkboxes, as shown in [Figure 9–23](#).

**Figure 9–23** *selectManyListbox Component*

The `selectOneChoice` component creates a menu-style component, which allows the user to select a single value from a dropdown list of items. The `selectOneChoice` component is intended for a relatively small number of items in the dropdown list.

**Best Practice:** If a large number of items is desired, use an `inputComboboxListOfValues` component instead. For more information, see [Chapter 11, "Using List-of-Values Components."](#)

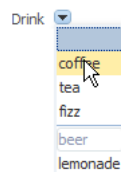
The `selectOneChoice` component is shown in [Figure 9–24](#).

**Figure 9–24** *selectOneChoice Component*

You can configure the `selectOneChoice` component to display in a compact mode, as shown in [Figure 9–25](#). When in compact mode, the input field is replaced with a smaller icon.

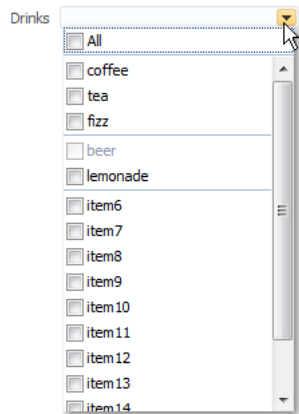
**Figure 9–25** *selectOneChoice Component in Compact Mode*

When the user clicks the icon, the dropdown list is displayed, as shown in [Figure 9–26](#).

**Figure 9–26** *List for selectOneChoice Component in Compact Mode*

The `selectManyChoice` component creates a menu-style dropdown component, which allows the user to select multiple values from a dropdown list of items. This component can be configured to include an **All** selection item that is displayed at the beginning of the list of selection items. If the number of choices is greater than 15, a scrollbar will be presented, as shown in [Figure 9–27](#).

**Figure 9–27** *selectManyChoice Component*



By default, all `selectItem` child components are built when the `selectManyChoice` component is built, as the page is rendered. However, if the way the list items are accessed is slow, then performance can be hampered. This delay can be especially troublesome when it is likely that the user will select the items once, and then not change them on subsequent visits. For example, suppose you have a `selectManyChoice` component used to filter what a user sees on a page, and that the values for the child `selectItem` components are accessed from a web service. Suppose also that the user is not likely to change that selection each time they visit the page. By default, each time the page is rendered, all the `selectItems` must be built, regardless of whether or not the user will actually need to view them. Instead, you can change the `contentDelivery` attribute on the `selectManyChoice` component from `immediate` (the default) to `lazy`. The `lazy` setting causes the `selectItem` components to be built only when the user clicks the dropdown.

For both `immediate` and `lazy`, when the user then makes a selection, the values of the selected `selectItem` components are displayed in the field. However when `lazy` content delivery is used, on subsequent visits, instead of pulling the selected values from the `selectItem` components (which would necessitate building these components), the values are pulled from the `lazySelectedLabel` attribute. This attribute is normally bound to a method that returns an array of `Strings` representing the selected items. The `selectItem` components will not be built until the user goes to view or change them, using the dropdown.

Note that there are limitations when using the `lazy` delivery method on the `selectManyChoice` component. For more information about content delivery for the `selectManyChoice` component and its limitations, see [Section 9.6.2, "What You May Need to Know About the contentDelivery Attribute on the SelectManyChoice Component."](#)

For the following components, if you want the label to appear above the control, you can place them in a `panelFormLayout` component.

- `selectOneChoice`
- `selectOneRadio`



- `selectOneListbox`
- `selectManyChoice`
- `selectManyCheckbox`
- `selectManyListbox`

For the following components, the attributes `disabled`, `immediate`, `readOnly`, `required`, `requireMessageDetail`, and `value` cannot be set from JavaScript on the client for security reasons (for more information, see [Section 3.7.1, "How to Set Property Values on the Client"](#)):

- `selectOneChoice`
- `selectOneRadio`
- `selectOneListbox`
- `selectBooleanRadio`
- `selectBooleanCheckbox`
- `selectManyChoice`
- `selectManyCheckbox`
- `selectManyListbox`

## 9.6.1 How to Use Selection Components

The procedures for adding selection components are the same for each of the components. First, you add the selection component and configure its attributes. Then you add any number of `selectItem` components for the individual items in the list, and configure those.

### To use a selection component:

1. In the Component Palette, from the Common Components panel, drag and drop the selection component onto the page.
2. For all selection components except the `selectBooleanCheckbox` and `selectBooleanRadio` components, a dialog opens where you choose either to bind to a value in a managed bean, or to create a static list. On the second page of the dialog, you can set the following properties:
  - **Label:** Enter the label for the list.
  - **RequiredMessageDetail:** Enter the message that should be displayed if a selection is not made by the user. For more information about messages, see [Section 17.3, "Displaying Hints and Error Messages for Validation and Conversion."](#)
  - **Validator:** Enter an EL expression that resolves to a validation method on a managed bean (for more information, see [Chapter 6, "Validating and Converting Input"](#)).
  - **Value:** Specify the value of the component. If the EL binding for the `value` points to a bean property with a `get` method but no `set` method, the component will be rendered in read-only mode.

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**Note:** If you are creating a `selectBooleanRadio` or `selectBooleanCheckbox` component, and you enter a value for the `value` attribute, you cannot also enter a value for the `selected` attribute, as it is a typesafe alias for the `value` attribute. You cannot use both.

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- **ValueChangedListener:** Enter an EL expression that resolves to a listener on a managed bean that handles value change events.
- 3. Expand the Appearance section of the Property Inspector and set the attributes, as described in [Table 9–1](#). Note that only attributes specific to the selection components are discussed here. Many of the attributes are the same as for input text components. For more information, see [Section 9.3.1, "How to Add an inputText Component."](#)

**Table 9–1 Appearance Attributes for Selection Components**

Components	Attribute
<code>selectOneRadio</code> , <code>selectManyCheckbox</code>	<b>Layout:</b> Set to <code>vertical</code> to have the buttons or checkboxes displayed vertically. Set to <code>horizontal</code> to have them displayed in a single horizontal line.
<code>selectManyListbox</code>	<b>Size:</b> Set to the number of items that should be displayed in the list. If the number of items in the list is larger than the <code>size</code> attribute value, a scrollbar will be displayed.
<code>selectManyListbox</code> , <code>selectManyChoice</code>	<b>SelectAllVisible:</b> Set to <code>true</code> to display an <b>All</b> selection that allows the user to select all items in the list.
<code>selectOneChoice</code>	<b>Mode:</b> Set to <code>compact</code> to display the component only when the user clicks the dropdown icon.
<code>selectOneRadio</code> , <code>selectOneListbox</code> , <code>selectOneChoice</code>	<b>UnselectedLabel:</b> Enter text for the option that represents a value of <code>null</code> , meaning nothing is selected. If <code>unselectedLabel</code> is not set and if the component does not have a selected value, then an option with an empty string as the label and value is rendered as the first option in the choice box (if there is not an empty option already defined). Note that you should set the <code>required</code> attribute to <code>true</code> when defining an <code>unselectedLabel</code> value. If you do not, two blank options will appear in the list. Once an option has been successfully selected, and if <code>unselectedLabel</code> is not set, then the empty option will not be rendered.

- 4. Expand the Behavior section of the Property Inspector and set the attributes, as described in [Table 9–2](#). Note that only attributes specific to the selection components are discussed here. Many of the attributes are the same as for input text components. For more information, see [Section 9.3.1, "How to Add an inputText Component."](#)

**Table 9–2 Behavior Attributes for Selection Components**

Component	Attribute
All except the boolean selection components	<p><b>ValuePassThru:</b> Specify whether or not the values are passed through to the client. When <code>valuePassThru</code> is <code>false</code>, the value and the options' values are converted to indexes before being sent to the client. Therefore, when <code>valuePassThru</code> is <code>false</code>, there is no need to write your own converter when you are using custom Objects as your values, options, or both. If you need to know the actual values on the client-side, then you can set <code>valuePassThru</code> to <code>true</code>. This will pass the values through to the client, using your custom converter if it is available; a custom converter is needed if you are using custom objects. The default is <code>false</code>.</p> <p>Note that if your selection components uses ADF Model binding, this value will be ignored.</p>
<code>selectBooleanRadio</code>	<p><b>Group:</b> Enter a group name that will enforce mutual exclusivity for all other <code>selectBooleanRadio</code> components with the same group value.</p>

- If you want the value of a `selectOneChoice` or `selectManyChoice` component to appear as read-only until the user hovers over it, expand the Other section and set **Editable** to `onAccess`. If you want the component to always appear editable, select `always`. If you want the value to be inherited from an ancestor component, select `inherit`.

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**Note:** If you select `inherit`, and no ancestor components define the `editable` value, then the value `always` is used.

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- If you do not want the child `selectItem` components for the `selectManyChoice` to be built each time the page is rendered, do the following:
  - Create logic that can store the labels of the selected items and also return those labels as an array of strings.
  - Expand the Other section, and set **ContentDelivery** to `lazy`.
  - Bind **LazySelectedLabel** to the method that returns the array of the selected items.

Note that there are limitations to using lazy content delivery. For more information about content delivery for the `selectManyChoice` component, see [Section 9.6.2, "What You May Need to Know About the contentDelivery Attribute on the SelectManyChoice Component."](#)

- If you want the `af:selectBooleanCheckbox` component to show the indeterminate (or mixed) state that indicates that the component is neither selected or cleared, expand the Advanced section, and set the **nullValueMeans** attribute to `mixed`.

The user cannot make the `selectBooleanCheckbox` component into the mixed state with a single click. For example, a checkbox can be used to show the mixed state when some, not all, children options of the checkbox are enabled or disabled. The mixed state changes to the selected state when all its children options are enabled, and it changes to the unselected state when all the children options under it are disabled. This behavior is not automatic and needs to be managed by backend application code.

8. For the boolean components, drag and drop any number of `selectItem` components as children to the boolean component. These will represent the items in the list (for other selection components, the dialog in Step 2 automatically added these for you).
9. With the `selectItem` component selected, in the Property Inspector, expand the **Common** section, and if not set, enter a value for the `value` attribute. This will be the value that will be submitted.
10. Expand the Appearance section, and if not set, enter a value for **Label**. This will be the text that is displayed in the list.
11. Expand the Behavior section, and set **Disabled** to `true` if you want the item to appear disabled in the list.

## 9.6.2 What You May Need to Know About the `contentDelivery` Attribute on the `SelectManyChoice` Component

When the `contentDelivery` attribute on the `selectManyChoice` component is set to `immediate` (the default), the following happens:

- First visit to the page:
  - The `selectManyChoice` and all `selectItem` components are built as the page is rendered. This can cause performance issues if there are many items, or if the values for the `selectItem` components are accessed for example, from a web service.
  - When the `selectManyChoice` component renders, nothing displays in the field, as there has not yet been a selection.
  - When user clicks drop down, all items are shown.
  - When user selects items, the corresponding labels for the selected `selectItem` components are shown in field.
  - When page is submitted, values are posted back to the model.
- Subsequent visit: The `selectManyChoice` and all `selectItem` components are built again as the page is rendered. Labels for selected `selectItem` components are displayed in field. This will cause the same performance issues as on the first visit to the page.

When the `contentDelivery` attribute on the `selectManyChoice` component is set to `lazy`, the following happens:

- First visit to the page:
  - The `selectManyChoice` is built as the page is rendered, but the `selectItem` components are not.
  - When the `selectManyChoice` component renders, nothing displays in the field, as there has not yet been a selection.
  - When user clicks drop down, the `selectItem` components are built. While this is happening, the user sees a "busy" spinner. Once the components are built, all items are shown.
  - When user selects items, the corresponding labels for the selected `selectItem` components are shown in field.
  - When page is submitted, values are posted back to the model.
- Subsequent visit:

- When page is first rendered, only the `selectManyChoice` component is built. At this point, the value of the `lazySelectedLabel` attribute is used to display the selected items.
- If user clicks drop down, the `selectItem` components are built. While this is happening, the user sees a "busy" spinner. Once the components are built, all items are shown.

Once the `selectItem` components are built, the `selectManyChoice` component will act as though its `contentDelivery` attribute is set to `immediate`, and use the actual value of the `selectItem` components to display the selected items.

Following are limitations for using lazy content delivery for the `selectManyChoice` component:

- You cannot store the value of the `selectManyChoice` is in Request scope. On postback, the value attribute is accessed from the model, rather than decoding what was returned from the client. If the value is stored in Request scope, that value will be empty. Do not store the value in Request scope.
- On postbacks, converters are not called. If you are relying on converters for postbacks, then you should not use lazy content delivery.
- The `contentDelivery` attribute is ignored when in screen reader mode. The `selectItem` components will always be built when the page is rendered.

### 9.6.3 What You May Need to Know About Passing an Empty Value From the `SelectOneChoice` Component

By default, the `selectOneChoice` component passes the index value of the selected component to its list binding. If the first value of the `selectOneChoice` component is blank or a label (such as "`<select a value>`"), it passes 0 (an integer value) instead of an empty value, or a null value. If the `selectOneChoice` component is a required component with its default selected item set to an empty value and the user submits the data without changing the selected item in the `selectOneChoice` component, this behavior might cause a validation error at the client-side as it could not map the passed value of 0 to an actual value or a no-selection item.

To make the no-selection item of `selectOneChoice` to a null value, set the `oracle.adf.view.PASS_NULL_FOR_NO_SELECTION_ITEM` parameter to `true` in `adf-settings.xml`.

[Example 9-5](#) shows sample code of `adf-settings.xml` where `oracle.adf.view.PASS_NULL_FOR_NO_SELECTION_ITEM` is set to `true`.

#### **Example 9-5** Setting `passNullForNoSelectionItem` parameter in `adf-settings.xml`

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8" ?>
<adf-settings xmlns="http://xmlns.oracle.com/adf/settings">
  <adf-properties-settings
    xmlns="http://xmlns.oracle.com/adf/properties/settings">
    <default-values>
      <property-default name=
        "oracle.adf.view.PASS_NULL_FOR_NO_SELECTION_ITEM"
        value="true" />
    </default-values>
  </adf-properties-settings>
</adf-settings>
```

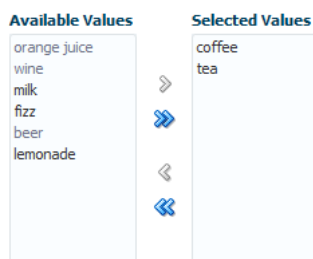
When `passNullForNoSelectedItem` is set to `true`, Faces List Binding builds the item list to use `null` value for no-selection item.

## 9.7 Using Shuttle Components

The `selectManyShuttle` and `selectOrderShuttle` components present the user with two list boxes and buttons to move or shuttle items from one list box to the other. The user can select a single item or multiple items to shuttle between the leading (**Available values**) list box and the trailing (**Selected values**) list box. For either component, if you want the label to appear above the control, place them in a `panelFormLayout` component.

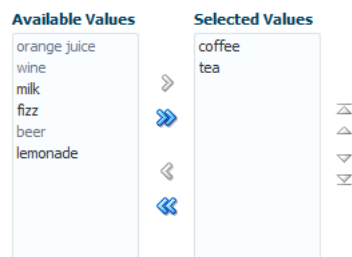
The `selectManyShuttle` component is shown in [Figure 9–28](#).

**Figure 9–28** `selectManyShuttle` component



The `selectOrderShuttle` component additionally includes up and down arrow buttons that the user can use to reorder values in the **Selected values** list box, as shown in [Figure 9–29](#). When the list is reordered, a `ValueChangeEvent` event is delivered. If you set the `readOnly` attribute to `true`, ensure the values to be reordered are selected values that will be displayed in the trailing list (**Selected values**).

**Figure 9–29** `selectOrderShuttle` Component



The value attribute of these components, like any other `selectMany` component, must be a `List` or an `Array` of values that correspond to a value of one of the contained `selectItem` components. If a value of one of the `selectItems` is in the `List` or `Array`, that item will appear in the trailing list. You can convert a `selectManyListbox` component directly into a `selectManyShuttle`; instead of the value driving which items are selected in the listbox, it affects which items appear in the trailing list of the `selectOrderShuttle` component.

Similar to other `select` components, the `List` or `Array` of items are composed of `selectItem` components nested within the `selectManyShuttle` or `selectOrderShuttle` component. [Example 9–6](#) shows a sample `selectOrderShuttle` component that allows the user to select the top five file types from a list of file types.

**Example 9–6 selectOrderShuttle JSF Page Code**

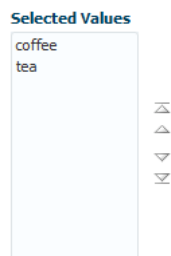
```

<af:selectOrderShuttle value="#{helpBean.topFive}"
  leadingHeader="#{explorerBundle['help.availableFileTypes']}"
  trailingHeader="#{explorerBundle['help.top5']}"
  simple="true">
  <af:selectItem label="XLS"/>
  <af:selectItem label="DOC"/>
  <af:selectItem label="PPT"/>
  <af:selectItem label="PDF"/>
  <af:selectItem label="Java"/>
  <af:selectItem label="JWS"/>
  <af:selectItem label="TXT"/>
  <af:selectItem label="HTML"/>
  <af:selectItem label="XML"/>
  <af:selectItem label="JS"/>
  <af:selectItem label="PNG"/>
  <af:selectItem label="BMP"/>
  <af:selectItem label="GIF"/>
  <af:selectItem label="CSS"/>
  <af:selectItem label="JPR"/>
  <af:selectItem label="JSPX"/>
  <f:validator validatorId="shuttle-validator"/>
</af:selectOrderShuttle>

```

If you set the `reorderOnly` attribute of a `selectOrdershuttle` component to `true`, the shuttle function will be disabled, and only the **Selected Values** listbox appears. The user can only reorder the items in the listbox, as shown in [Figure 9–30](#).

**Figure 9–30 selectOrderShuttle Component in Reorder-Only Mode**



### 9.7.1 How to Add a selectManyShuttle or selectOrderShuttle Component

The procedures for adding shuttle components are the same for both components. First you add the selection component and configure its attributes. Then you add any number of `selectItem` components for the individual items in the list, and configure those.

**To add a selectManyShuttle or selectOrderShuttle component:**

1. In the Component Palette, from the Common Components panel, drag and drop a **Select Many Shuttle** or **Select Order Shuttle** from the Component Palette onto the page.
2. A dialog appears where you choose either to bind to a value in a managed bean, or to create a static list. On the second page of the dialog, you can set the following:
  - **Label:** Enter the label for the list.
  - **RequiredMessageDetail:** Enter the message that should be displayed if a selection is not made by the user. For more information about messages, see

[Section 17.3, "Displaying Hints and Error Messages for Validation and Conversion."](#)

- **Size:** Specify the display size (number of items) of the lists. The size specified must be between 10 and 20 items. If the attribute is not set or has a value less than 10, the size would have a default or minimum value of 10. If the attribute value specified is more than 20 items, the size would have the maximum value of 20.
  - **Validator:** Enter an EL expression that resolves to a validation method on a managed bean.
  - **Value:** Specify the value of the component. If the EL binding for the `value` points to a bean property with a `get` method but no `set` method, the component will be rendered in read-only mode.
  - **ValueChangeListener:** Enter an EL expression that resolves to a listener on a managed bean that handles value change events.
3. In the Property Inspector, expand the Appearance section and set the following:
- **Layout:** Specify whether the component will be in horizontal or vertical layout. The default is `horizontal`, meaning the leading and trailing list boxes are displayed next to each other. When set to `vertical`, the leading list box is displayed above the trailing list box.
  - **LeadingHeader:** Specify the header text of the leading list of the shuttle component.
  - **LeadingDescShown:** Set to `true` to display a description of the selected item at the bottom of the leading list box.
  - **TrailingHeader:** Specify the header of the trailing list of the shuttle component.
  - **TrailingDescShown:** Set to `true` to display a description of the selected item at the bottom of the trailing list box.
4. Expand the Behavior section and optionally set the following attributes:
- **ValuePassThru:** Specify whether or not the values are passed through to the client. When `valuePassThru` is `false`, the value and the options' values are converted to indexes before being sent to the client. Therefore, when `valuePassThru` is `false`, there is no need to write your own converter when you are using custom objects as your values, options, or both. If you need to know the actual values on the client-side, then you can set `valuePassThru` to `true`. This will pass the values through to the client, using your custom converter if it is available; a custom converter is needed if you are using custom objects. The default is `false`.
  - **ReorderOnly** (`selectOrderShuttle` component only): Specify whether or not the shuttle component is in reorder-only mode, where the user can reorder the list of values, but cannot add or remove them.
5. In the Structure window, select one of the `selectItem` components, and in the Property Inspector, set any needed attributes.

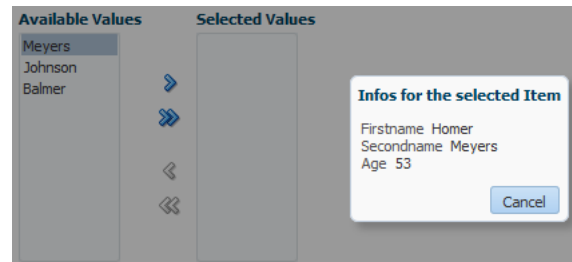
**Tip:** If you elected to have the leading or trailing list box display a description, you must set a value for the `shortDesc` attribute for each `selectItem` component.



## 9.7.2 What You May Need to Know About Using a Client Listener for Selection Events

You can provide the user with information about each selected item before the user shuttles it from one list to another list by creating JavaScript code to perform processing in response to the event of selecting an item. For example, your code can obtain additional information about that item, then display it as a popup to help the user make the choice of whether to shuttle the item or not. [Figure 9–31](#) shows a `selectManyShuttle` component in which the user selects **Meyers** and a popup provides additional information about this selection.

**Figure 9–31** *selectManyShuttle with selectionListener*



You implement this feature by adding a client listener to the `selectManyShuttle` or `selectOrderShuttle` component and then create a JavaScript method to process this event. The JavaScript code is executed when a user selects an item from the lists. For more information about using client listeners for events, see [Section 3.2, "Listening for Client Events."](#)

### How to add a client listener to a shuttle component to handle a selection event:

1. In the Component Palette, from the Operations panel, drag a **Client Listener** and drop it as a child to the shuttle component.
2. In the Insert Client Listener dialog, enter a function name in the **Method** field (you will implement this function in the next step), and select `propertyChange` from the **Type** dropdown.

If for example, you entered **showDetails** as the function, JDeveloper would enter the code shown in bold in [Example 9–7](#).

### Example 9–7 Using a clientListener to Register a Selection

```
<af:selectManyShuttle value="#{demoInput.manyListValue1}"
  valuePassThru="true" ...>
  <af:clientListener type="propertyChange" method="showDetails"/>
  <af:selectItem label="coffee" value="bean" />
  ...
</af:selectManyShuttle>
```

This code causes the `showDetails` function to be called any time the property value changes.

3. In your JavaScript, implement the function entered in the last step. This function should do the following:
  - Get the shuttle component by getting the source of the event.
  - Use the client JavaScript API calls to get information about the selected items.

In [Example 9–8](#), `AdfShuttleUtils.getLastSelectionChange` is called to get the value of the last selected item

**Example 9–8 Sample JavaScript methods showDetails used to process a selection**

```

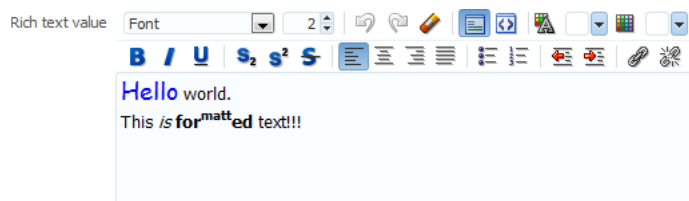
function showDetails(event)
{
    if(AdfRichSelectManyShuttle.SELECTION == event.getPropertyName())
    {
        var shuttleComponent = event.getSource();
        var lastChangedValue =
AdfShuttleUtils.getLastSelectionChange(shuttleComponent, event.getOldValue());
        var side = AdfShuttleUtils.getSide(shuttleComponent, lastChangedValue);
        if(AdfShuttleUtils.isSelected(shuttleComponent, lastChangedValue))
        {
            //do something...
        }
        else
        {
            //do something else
        }
        if(AdfShuttleUtils.isLeading(shuttleComponent, lastChangedValue))
        {
            //queue a custom event (see serverListener) to call a java method on the
server
        }
    }
}

```

## 9.8 Using the richTextEditor Component

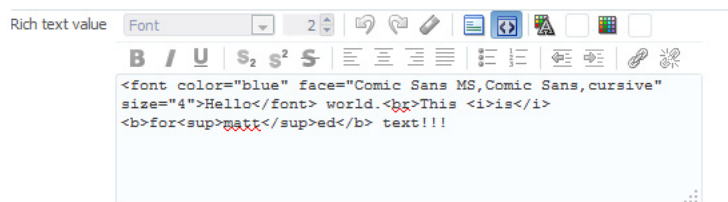
The richTextEditor component provides an input field that can accept text with formatting. It also supports label text, and messages. It allows the user to change font name, size, and style, create ordered lists, justify text, and use a variety of other features. The richTextEditor component also can be used to edit an HTML source file. Two command buttons are used to toggle back and forth between editing standard formatted text and editing the HTML source file. [Figure 9–32](#) shows the rich text editor component in standard rich text editing Mode.

**Figure 9–32 The richTextEditor Component in Standard Editing Mode**



[Figure 9–33](#) shows the editor in source code editing mode.

**Figure 9–33 The richTextEditor in Source Editing Mode**



Other supported features include:

- Font type
- Font size
- Link/unlink
- Clear styling
- Undo/redo
- Bold/italics/underline
- Subscript/superscript
- Justify (left, middle, right, full)
- Ordered/unordered lists
- Indentation
- Text color/background color
- Rich text editing mode/source code editing mode

The value (entered text) of the rich text editor is a well-formed XHTML fragment. Parts of the value may be altered for browser-specific requirements to allow the value to be formatted. Also, for security reasons, some features such as script-related tags and attributes will be removed. There are no guarantees that this component records only the minimal changes made by the user. Because the editor is editing an XHTML document, the following elements may be changed:

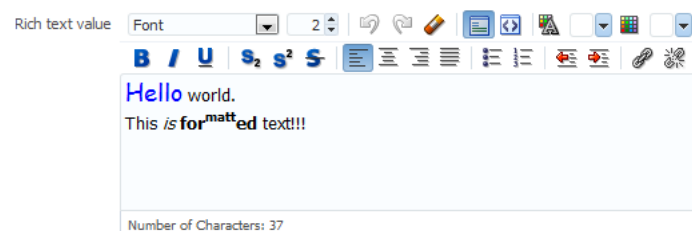
- Nonmeaningful whitespace
- Element minimization
- Element types
- Order of attributes
- Use of character entities

The editor supports only HTML 4 tags, with the exception of:

- Script, noscript
- Frame, frameset, noframes
- Form-related elements (input, select, optgroup, option, textarea, form, button, label, isindex)
- Document-related elements (html, head, body, meta, title, base, link)

The richTextEditor component provides a footer facet that you can use to display additional information, or to add user interface elements. For example, [Figure 9–34](#) shows the richTextEditor component with a character counter in its footer facet

**Figure 9–34** The richTextEditor Component with Character Counter in Footer Facet



The `richTextEditor` component also supports tags that pull in content (such as `applet`, `iframe`, `object`, `img`, and `a`). For the `iframe` tag, the content should not be able to interact with the rest of the page because browsers allow interactions only with content from the same domain. However, this portion of the page is not under the control of the application.

While the `richTextEditor` component does not support font units such as `px` and `em`, it does support font size from 1 to 7 as described in the HTML specification. It does not support embed or unknown tags (such as `<foo>`). The `richTextEditor` component also does not support links at design-time.

On the client, the `richTextEditor` component does not support `getValue` and `setValue` methods. There is no guarantee the component's value on the client is the same as the value on the server. Therefore, the `richTextEditor` does not support client-side converters and validators. Server-side converters and validators will still work.

The rich text editor delivers `ValueChangeEvent` and `AttributeChangeEvent` events. Create `valueChangeListener` and `attributeChangeListener` handlers for these events as required.

You can also configure the `richTextEditorInsertBehavior` tag, which works with command components to insert given text into the `richTextEditor` component. The text to be entered can be a simple string, or it can be preformatted text held, for example, in a managed bean.

By default, the toolbar in the `richTextEditor` component allows the user to change many aspects of the text, such as the font, font size and weight, text alignment, and view mode, as shown in [Figure 9–35](#).

**Figure 9–35** *Toolbar in richTextEditor Component*



[Figure 9–36](#) shows a toolbar that has been customized. Many of the toolbar buttons have been removed and a toolbar with a custom toolbar button and a menu have been added.

**Figure 9–36** *Customized Toolbar for richTextEditor*



## 9.8.1 How to Add a richTextEditor Component

Once you add a `richTextEditor` component, you can configure it so that text can be inserted at a specific place, and you can also customize the toolbar. For more information, see [Section 9.8.2, "How to Add the Ability to Insert Text into a richTextEditor Component,"](#) and [Section 9.8.3, "How to Customize the Toolbar."](#)

### To add a richTextEditor component:

1. In the Component Palette, from the Common Components panel, drag and drop a **Rich Text Editor** onto the page.
2. Expand the Common section of the Property Inspector and set the `value` attribute.
3. Expand the Appearance section and set the following:

- **Rows:** Specify the height of the edit window as an approximate number of characters shown.
  - **Columns:** Specify the width of the edit window as an approximate number of characters shown.
  - **Label:** Specify a label for the component.
4. Expand the Behavior section and set the following:
- **EditMode:** Select whether you want the editor to be displayed using the WYSIWYG or source mode.
  - **ContentDelivery:** Specify whether or not the data within the editor should be fetched when the component is rendered initially. When the `contentDelivery` attribute value is `immediate`, data is fetched and displayed in the component when it is rendered. If the value is set to `lazy`, data will be fetched and delivered to the client during a subsequent request. For more information, see [Section 10.1.1, "Content Delivery."](#)
  - Expand the Other section and set the **DimensionsFrom** property to one of the following:
    - `auto`: Resize the `richTextEditor` component and get dimensions from its container component, or its own content.

If the parent component to `richTextEditor` component allows stretching of its child, then the `richTextEditor` component will stretch to fill the parent component. If the parent component does not allow stretching, then the `richTextEditor` component gets its dimensions from the content.

If the `richTextEditor` component is inside a container component, it gets its dimensions from its parent component. If there is no parent component, the `richTextEditor` component gets resized as per its content.

- `content`: Resize the `richTextEditor` component and get dimensions from its own content. This is the default value.
- `parent`: Resize the `richTextEditor` component and get its dimensions from `inlineStyle`.

If `inlineStyle` is not specified, it automatically gets its dimensions from the container component. If there is no container component and `inlineStyle` is not specified, the `richTextEditor` component gets its dimensions from the specified skin.

For more information about how components stretch, see [Chapter 8.2.1, "Geometry Management and Component Stretching."](#)

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**Note:** You can also specify an EL expression that evaluates to a String value of `auto`, `content`, or `parent`.

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**Tip:** You can set the width of a `richTextEditor` component to full width or 100%. However, this works reliably only if the editor is contained in a geometry-managing parent components. It may not work reliably if it is placed in flowing layout containers such as `panelFormLayout` or `panelGroupLayout`. For more information, see [Section 8.2.1, "Geometry Management and Component Stretching."](#)

## 9.8.2 How to Add the Ability to Insert Text into a richTextEditor Component

To allow text to be inserted into a richTextEditor component, add the richTextEditorInsertBehavior tag as a child to a command component that will be used to insert the text.

### Before you begin

You need to create a richTextEditor component as described in [Section 9.3.1, "How to Add an inputText Component."](#) Set the clientComponent attribute to true.

### To add text insert behavior:

1. Add a command component that the user will click to insert the text. For procedures, see [Section 18.2.1, "How to Use Command Buttons and Command Links."](#)
2. In the Component Palette, from the Operations panel, drag and drop a **Rich Text Editor Insert Behavior** as a child to the command component.
3. In the Rich Text Editor Insert Behavior dialog, enter the following:
  - **For:** Use the dropdown arrow to select **Edit** and then navigate to select the richTextEditor component into which the text will be inserted.
  - **Value:** Enter the value for the text to be inserted. If you want to insert static text, then enter that text. If you want the user to be able to insert the value of another component (for example, the value of a selectOneChoice component), then enter an EL expression that resolves to that value. If you want the user to enter preformatted text, enter an EL expression that resolves to that text. For example [Example 9–9](#) shows preformatted text as the value for an attribute in the demoInput managed bean.

### Example 9–9 Preformatted Text in a Managed Bean

```
private static final String _RICH_INSERT_VALUE =
    "<p align=\"center\" style=\"border: 1px solid gray;
      margin: 5px; padding: 5px;\">\" +
    "<font size=\"4\"><span style=\"font-family: Comic Sans MS,
      Comic Sans,cursive;\">Store Hours</span></font><br/>\n\" +
    "<font size=\"1\">Monday through Friday 'til 8:00 pm</font><br/>\n\" +
    "<font size=\"1\">Saturday & Sunday 'til 5:00 pm</font>\" +
    "</p>\";
```

[Example 9–10](#) shows how the text is referenced from the richTextEditorInsertBehavior tag.

### Example 9–10 Using the richTextEditorInsertBehavior Tag

```
<af:richTextEditor id="idRichTextEditor" label="Rich text value"
    value="#{demoInput.richValue2}"/>
. . .
</af:richTextEditor>
<af:commandButton text="Insert Template Text">
    <af:richTextEditorInsertBehavior for="idRichTextEditor"
        value="#{demoInput.richInsertValue}"/>
</af:commandButton>
```

4. By default, the text will be inserted when the action event is triggered by clicking the command component. However, you can change this to another client event by choosing that event from the dropdown menu for the triggerType attribute.

### 9.8.3 How to Customize the Toolbar

Place the toolbar and toolbar buttons you want to add in custom facets that you create. Then, reference the facet (or facets) from an attribute on the toolbar, along with keywords that determine how or where the contained items should be displayed.

#### To customize the toolbar:

1. In the JSF page of the Component Palette, from the Core panel, drag and drop a **Facet** for each section of the toolbar you want to add. For example, to add the custom buttons shown in [Figure 9–36](#), you would add two `<f:facet>` tags. Ensure that each facet has a unique name for the page.

**Tip:** To ensure that there will be no conflicts with future releases of ADF Faces, start all your facet names with `customToolbar`.

2. In the ADF Faces page of the Component Palette, from the Common Components panel, drag and drop a **Toolbar** into each facet and add toolbar buttons or other components and configure as needed. For more information about toolbars and toolbar buttons, see [Section 14.3, "Using Toolbars."](#)
3. With the `richTextEditor` component selected, in the Property Inspector, in the Other section, click the dropdown icon for the `toolbarLayout` attribute and select **Edit** to open the Edit Property: `ToolbarLayout` dialog. The value for this attribute should be a list of the custom facet names, in the order in which you want the contents in the custom facets to appear. In addition to those facets, you can also include all, or portions, of the default toolbar, using the following keywords:
  - `all`: All the toolbar buttons and text in the default toolbar. If `all` is entered, then any keyword for noncustom buttons will be ignored.
  - `font`: The font selection and font size buttons.
  - `history`: Undo and redo buttons.
  - `mode`: Rich text mode and source code mode buttons.
  - `color`: Foreground and background color buttons.
  - `formatAll`: Bold, italic, underline, superscript, subscript, strikethrough buttons. If `formatAll` is specified, `formatCommon` and `formatUncommon` will be ignored.
  - `formatCommon`: Bold, italic, and underline buttons.
  - `formatUncommon`: Superscript, subscript, and strikethrough buttons.
  - `justify`: Left, center, right and full justify buttons.
  - `list`: Bullet and numbered list buttons.
  - `indent`: Outdent and indent buttons.
  - `link`: Add and remove Link buttons.

For example, if you created two facets named `customToolbar1` and `customToolbar2`, and you wanted the complete default toolbar to appear in between your custom toolbars, you would enter the following list:

- `customToolbar1`
- `all`
- `customToolbar2`

You can also determine the layout of the toolbars using the following keywords:

- `newline`: Places the toolbar in the next named facet (or the next keyword from the list in the `toolbarLayout` attribute) on a new line. For example, if you wanted the toolbar in the `customToolbar2` facet to appear on a new line, you would enter the following list:

```

- customToolbar1
- all
- newline
- customToolbar2

```

If instead, you did not want to use all of the default toolbar, but only the font, color, and common formatting buttons, and you wanted those buttons to appear on a new line, you would enter the following list:

```

- customToolbar1
- customToolbar2
- newline
- font
- color
- formatCommon

```

- `stretch`: Adds a spacer component that stretches to fill all available space so that the next named facet (or next keyword from the default toolbar) is displayed as right-aligned in the toolbar.

## 9.9 Using File Upload

The `inputFile` component provides users with file uploading and updating capabilities. This component allows the user to select a local file and upload it to a selectable location on the server. To download a file from the server to the user, see [Section 18.4.1, "How to Use a Command Component to Download Files."](#)

The `inputFile` component delivers the standard `ValueChangeEvent` event as files are being uploaded, and it manages the loading process transparently. The `value` property of an `inputFile` component is set to an instance of the `org.apache.myfaces.trinidad.model.UploadedFile` class when a file is uploaded.

To initiate the upload process, you can create an action component such as a command button, as shown in [Figure 9-37](#).

**Figure 9-37** *inputFile Component*



Once a file has been uploaded, and so the value of the `inputFile` is not null (either after the initial load is successful or it has been specified as an initial value), you can create an **Update** button that will be displayed instead of the **Browse** button, as shown in [Figure 9-38](#). This will allow the user to modify the value of the `inputFile` component.



**Figure 9–38** *inputFile Component in Update Mode*

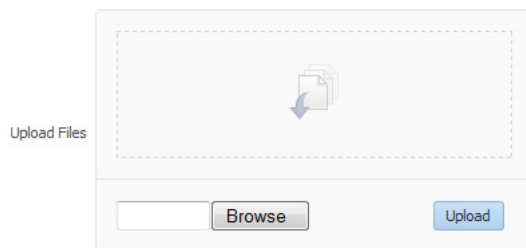
File Upload - updatable oracle.gif

You can also specify that the component be able to load only a specific file by setting the `readOnly` property to `true`. In this mode, only the specified file can be loaded, as shown in [Figure 9–39](#).

**Figure 9–39** *inputFile Component in Read-Only Mode*

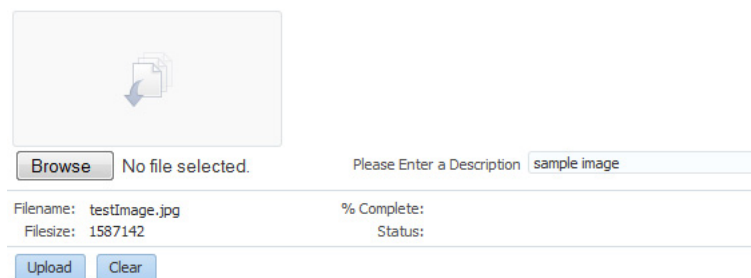
File Upload - readOnly oracle.gif

By default, the `inputFile` component allows upload of one file, but it can be configured to upload multiple files. [Figure 9–40](#) shows the `inputFile` component configured to upload multiple files.

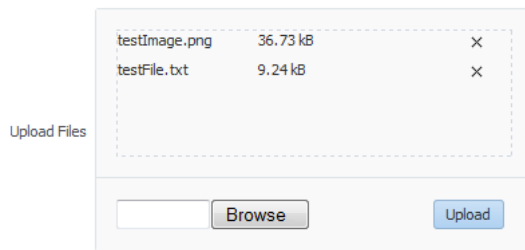
**Figure 9–40** *inputFile Component for Multiple Files*

The user can select multiple files in the File Upload dialog that opens through the **Browse** button, or drag-and-drop multiple files in the drop section of the component. When files appear in the drop section, the user clicks **Upload** to upload the files, as shown in [Figure 9–42](#).

Using Javascript APIs, you can configure the `inputFile` component to utilize custom user interface elements. For example, [Figure 9–41](#) shows the `inputFile` component with a description field that the user may use to enter a brief description of the selected file.

**Figure 9–41** *inputFile Component with Custom User Interface Element*

For more information about Javascript APIs that you can use to configure the `inputFile` component, see the documentation of class `AdfFileUploadManager` in *Oracle Fusion Middleware Javascript API Reference for Oracle ADF Faces*.

**Figure 9–42** *inputFile Component Showing Files Ready to Upload*

For security reasons, the following attributes cannot be set from the client:

- disabled (unless the `unsecure` property is set. For more information, see [Section 3.7.2, "How to Unsecure the disabled Property."](#))
- immediate
- readOnly
- requiredMessageDetail
- value

The `inputFile` component can be placed in either an `h:form` tag or an `af:form` tag, but in either case, you have to set the form tag to support file upload. If you use the JSF basic HTML `h:form`, set the `enctype` to `multipart/form-data`. This would make the request into a multipart request to support file uploading to the server. If you are using the ADF Faces `af:form` tag, set `usesUpload` to `true`, which performs the same function as setting `enctype` to `multipart/form-data` to support file upload.

The ADF Faces framework performs a generic upload of the file. You should create an `actionListener` or `action` method to process the file after it has been uploaded (for example, processing `xml` files, `pdf` files, and so on).

The value of an `inputFile` component is an instance of the `org.apache.myfaces.trinidad.model.UploadedFile` interface. The API lets you get at the actual byte stream of the file, as well as the file's name, its MIME type, and its size.

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**Note:** The API does not allow you to get path information from the client about from where the file was uploaded.

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The uploaded file may be stored as a file in the file system, but may also be stored in memory; the API hides that difference. The filter ensures that the `UploadedFile` content is cleaned up after the request is complete. Because of this, you cannot usefully cache `UploadedFile` objects across requests. If you need to keep the file, you must copy it into persistent storage before the request finishes.

For example, instead of storing the file, add a message stating the file upload was successful using a managed bean as a response to the `ValueChangeEvent` event, as shown in [Example 9–11](#).

#### **Example 9–11** *Using `valueChangeListener` to Display Upload Message*

```
JSF Page Code ----->
<af:form usesUpload="true" id="f1">
  <af:inputFile label="Upload:"
    valueChangeListener="#{managedBean.fileUploaded}" id="if1"/>
  <af:commandButton text="Begin" id="b1"/>
</af:form>
```

```

Managed Bean Code ---->
import javax.faces.application.FacesMessage;
import javax.faces.context.FacesContext;
import javax.faces.event.ValueChangeEvent;
import org.apache.myfaces.trinidad.model.UploadedFile;

public class ABackingBean
{
    ...
    public void fileUploaded(ValueChangeEvent event)
    {
        UploadedFile file = (UploadedFile) event.getNewValue();
        if (file != null)
        {
            FacesContext context = FacesContext.getCurrentInstance();
            FacesMessage message = new FacesMessage(
                "Successfully uploaded file " + file.getFilename() +
                " (" + file.getLength() + " bytes)");
            context.addMessage(event.getComponent().getClientId(context), message);
            // Here's where we could call file.getInputStream()
        }
    }
}

```

You can also handle the upload by binding the value directly to a managed bean, as shown in [Example 9-12](#).

#### **Example 9-12 Binding the Value to a Managed Bean**

```

JSF Page Code ---->
<af:form usesUpload="true">
    <af:inputFile label="Upload:" value="#{managedBean.file}" id="if1"/>
    <af:commandButton text="Begin" action="#{managedBean.doUpload}" id="b1"/>
</af:form>

```

```

Managed Bean Code ---->
import org.apache.myfaces.trinidad.model.UploadedFile;

public class AManagedBean
{
    public UploadedFile getFile()
    {
        return _file;
    }
    public void setFile(UploadedFile file)
    {
        _file = file;
    }

    public String doUpload()
    {
        UploadedFile file = getFile();
        // ... and process it in some way
    }
    private UploadedFile _file;
}

```

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**Note:** If you are using the `inputFile` component to upload multiple files, note that the return type of `event.getNewValue()` is `List<UploadedFile>`, instead of `UploadedFile`. The value binding for the managed bean is also `List<UploadedFile>`, not `UploadedFile`.

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## 9.9.1 How to Use the `inputFile` Component

A Java class must be bound to the `inputFile` component. This class will be responsible for containing the value of the uploaded file.

### To add an `inputFile` component:

1. Create a Java class that will hold the value of the input file. It must be an instance of the `org.apache.myfaces.trinidad.model.UploadedFile` interface.
2. In the Component Palette, from the Common Components panel, drag and drop an **Input File** onto the page.
3. Set **value** to be the class created in Step 1.
4. If you want the value of the component to appear as read-only until the user hovers over it, expand the **Other** section and set **Editable** to `onAccess`. If you want the component to always appear editable, select `always`. If you want the value to be inherited from an ancestor component, select `inherit`.

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**Note:** If you select `inherit`, and no ancestor components define the `editable` value, then the value `always` is used.

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5. From the Component Palette, drag and drop any command component onto the page. This will be used to initiate the upload process.
6. With the command component selected, set the `actionListener` attribute to a listener that will process the file after it has been uploaded.

## 9.9.2 How to Configure the `inputFile` Component to Upload Multiple Files

Use the `uploadType` and `maximumFiles` attributes to configure the `inputFile` component to upload multiple files.

### To configure an `inputFile` component to upload multiple files:

1. In the form, select the `inputFile` component.
2. In the Property Inspector, expand the **Appearance** section and set the following:
  - `autoHeightRows`: Specify the number of rows used to size the height of the `inputFile` component. The value must be equal to, or lower than, the value of `rows`.
  - `rows`: Specify the number of files that will appear in the drop section. By default, it is set to 5.
3. Expand the **Advanced** section and set the `maximumFiles` attribute to specify the number of maximum files the user can upload. By default, it is set to 1 and allows upload of one file only.
4. Expand the **Behavior** section and set the `uploadType` attribute to specify whether the files would be uploaded automatically, or the user would have to click **Upload** button to upload files.

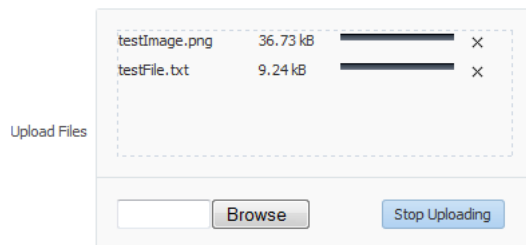
Table 9–3 lists the possible values of the `uploadType` attribute.

**Table 9–3** *uploadType Values for the inputFile Component*

Value	Description
submit	Upload one file only. The drop section, where the user can drag-and-drop files, is not displayed.
auto	Show the drop section and enable upload of multiple files. The upload starts immediately when the files appear in drop section. If <code>maximumFiles</code> is set to 1, the user can upload multiple files by selecting one file at a time, instead of selecting multiple files together.
manual	Show the drop section and enable upload of multiple files. The upload starts when the <b>Upload</b> button is clicked. If <code>maximumFiles</code> is set to 1, the user can upload multiple files by selecting one file at a time, instead of selecting multiple files together.
autoIfMultiple	Upload multiple files. The upload starts immediately when the files appear in the drop section. By default, <code>uploadType</code> is set to <code>autoIfMultiple</code> . If <code>maximumFiles</code> is set to 1, the user can select and upload one file only. The drop section is also not displayed.
manualIfMultiple	Upload multiple files. The upload starts when the <b>Upload</b> button is clicked. If <code>maximumFiles</code> is set to 1, the user can select and upload one file only. The drop section is also not displayed.

To remove an uploaded file from the drop section, or cancel upload of a file that is being uploaded, click the **Cancel** icon next to the file name and the progress bar. To cancel upload of all files, click the **Stop Uploading** button, as shown in Figure 9–43.

**Figure 9–43** *File Being Uploaded Using inputFile Component*



### 9.9.3 What You May Need to Know About Temporary File Storage

Because ADF Faces will temporarily store files being uploaded (either on disk or in memory), by default it limits the size of acceptable incoming upload requests to avoid denial-of-service attacks that might attempt to fill a hard drive or flood memory with uploaded files. By default, only the first 100 kilobytes in any one request will be stored in memory. Once that has been filled, disk space will be used. Again, by default, that is limited to 2,000 kilobytes of disk storage for any one request for all files combined. Once these limits are exceeded, the filter will throw an `EOFException`.

Files are, by default, stored in the temporary directory used by the `java.io.File.createTempFile()` method, which is usually defined by the system property `java.io.tmpdir`. Obviously, this will be insufficient for some applications, so

you can configure these values using three servlet context initialization parameters, as shown in [Example 9–13](#).

**Example 9–13 Parameters That Define File Upload Size and Directory**

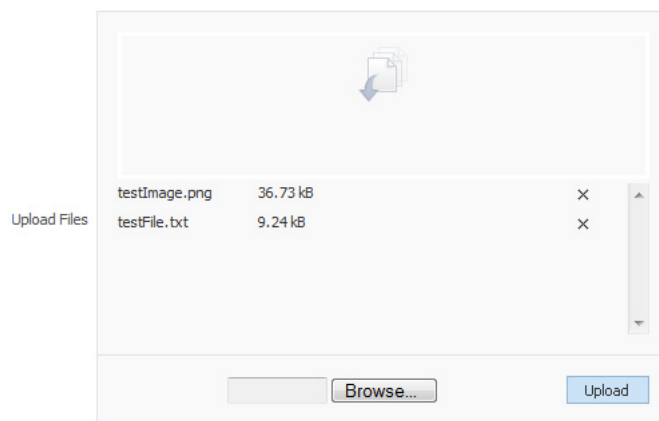
```
<context-param>
  <!-- Maximum memory per request (in bytes) -->
  <param-name>org.apache.myfaces.trinidad.UPLOAD_MAX_MEMORY</param-name>
  <!-- Use 500K -->
  <param-value>512000</param-value>
</context-param>
<context-param>
  <!-- Maximum disk space per request (in bytes) -->
  <param-name>org.apache.myfaces.trinidad.UPLOAD_MAX_DISK_SPACE</param-name>
  <!-- Use 5,000K -->
  <param-value>5120000</param-value>
</context-param>
<context-param>
  <!-- directory to store temporary files -->
  <param-name>org.apache.myfaces.trinidad.UPLOAD_TEMP_DIR</param-name>
  <!-- Use a TrinidadUploads subdirectory of /tmp -->
  <param-value>/tmp/TrinidadUploads/</param-value>
</context-param>
<context-param>
  <!-- Maximum file size that can be uploaded.-->
  <param-name>org.apache.myfaces.trinidad.UPLOAD_MAX_FILE_SIZE</param-name>
  <!-- Use 5,000K -->
  <param-value>5120000</param-value>
</context-param>
<!-- This filter is always required; one of its functions is
      file upload. -->
<filter>
  <filter-name>trinidad</filter-name>
  <filter-class>org.apache.myfaces.trinidad.webapp.TrinidadFilter</filter-class>
</filter>
```

You can customize the file upload process by replacing the entire `org.apache.myfaces.trinidad.webapp.UploadedFileProcessor` class with the `<uploaded-file-processor>` element in the `trinidad-config.xml` configuration file. Replacing the `UploadedFileProcessor` class makes the parameters listed in [Example 9–13](#) irrelevant, they are processed only by the default `UploadedFileProcessor` class.

The `<uploaded-file-processor>` element must be the name of a class that implements the `oracle.adf.view.rich.webapp.UploadedFileProcessor` interface. This API is responsible for processing each individual uploaded file as it comes from the incoming request, and then making its contents available for the rest of the request. For most applications, the default `UploadedFileProcessor` class is sufficient, but applications that need to support uploading very large files may improve their performance by immediately storing files in their final destination, instead of requiring ADF Faces to handle temporary storage during the request.

## 9.9.4 What You May Need to Know About Uploading Multiple Files

The `inputFile` component uses HTML 5 to support the drag-and-drop functionality and upload of multiple files. In browsers that do not support HTML 5, a Java applet is used for drag-and-drop functionality and upload of multiple files, as shown in [Figure 9–44](#).

**Figure 9–44** *inputFile Component in a Non-HTML 5 Browser*

If the browser does not support HTML5 and Java is also not available, then the drop section in the `inputFile` component is not displayed.

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**Note:** If you are using OracleAS Single Sign-On (SSO), you might need to configure the `mod_osso.conf` file that enables single sign-on for Oracle HTTP Server. The file is located at `ORACLEOHS_HOME/ohs/conf/`, where `ORACLEOHS_HOME` refers to the home directory of the Oracle HTTP server installation. The configuration is required for the upload applet to function properly in non-HTML5 browsers.

Update the `mod_osso.conf` file with the following parameters:

```
OssoSsoSecureCookies off
OssoSsoHTTPOnly Off
OssoSsoHeader unset Pragma
OssoSsoSendCacheHeaders off
```

For more information about OracleAS Single Sign-On, see the chapter on configuring Single Sign-On using OracleAS SSO in the *Oracle Fusion Middleware Application Security Guide*.

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The `inputFile` component can only upload files that are smaller than 2 GB when in single file upload mode. In multiple file upload mode, the `inputFile` component can upload files greater than 2 GB, by default, by splitting them into chunks of 2 GB in size. The chunk size can be controlled by the parameter `org.apache.myfaces.trinidad.UPLOAD_MAX_CHUNK_SIZE` in `web.xml` whose default and maximum value is 2 GB. For example:

```
<context-param>
  <!-- Maximum file chunk size that can be uploaded.-->
  <param-name>org.apache.myfaces.trinidad.UPLOAD_MAX_CHUNK_SIZE</param-name>
  <!-- Use 1,000 MB as chunk size -->
  <param-value>1000000000</param-value>
</context-param>
```

Note that not all browsers support the uploading of large files using the chunk functionality. For more information, see *Oracle JDeveloper Release Notes* on Oracle Technology Network.

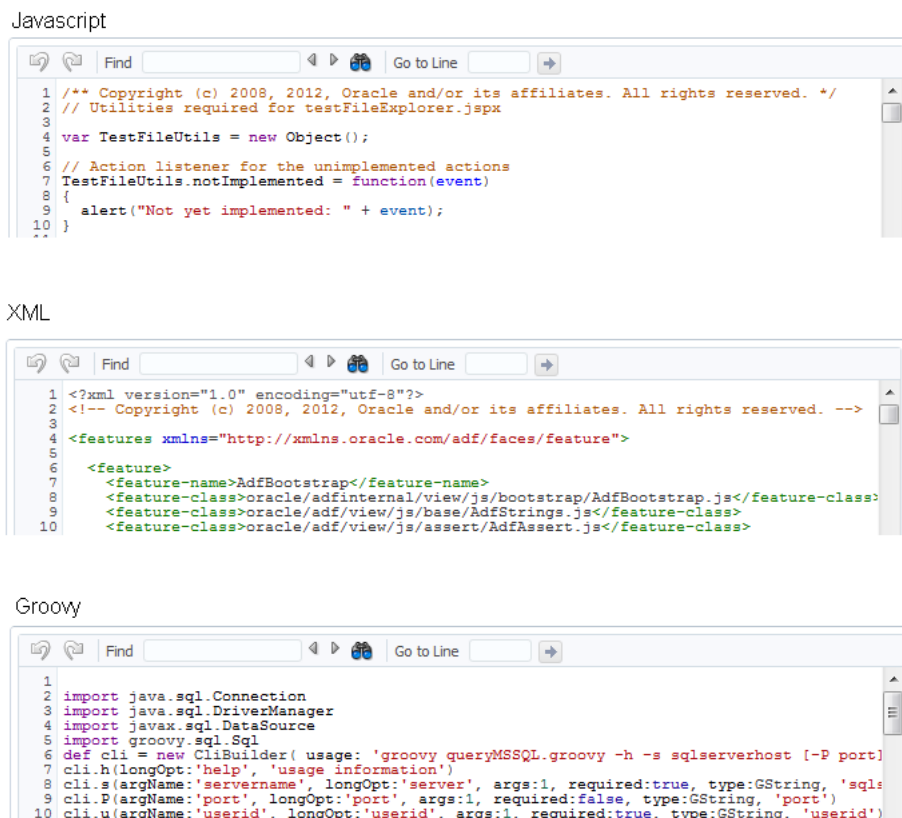
After uploading all files, you must ensure that the form is submitted, else the `inputFile` component data will not be uploaded to the server. If `autoSubmit` is set to true on the `inputFile` component, then the form is submitted automatically after all the files have finished uploading. After the form has been submitted, the `inputFile` component is refreshed and the file list of the drop section becomes empty so that more files can be uploaded. To show the list of uploaded files, add `ValueChangeListener` or bind the value to a managed bean, as described in [Example 9–11](#).

## 9.10 Using Code Editor

The `af:codeEditor` component provides an in-browser code editing solution and enables the user to display and edit program code at runtime in the Fusion web application. The input field of the code editor component accepts text, and provides some common code editing functionalities such as a toolbar, syntactical color coding of keywords, basic validation, highlighting errors, and a message pane for logs. Using the code editor, the user won't need to run an IDE software to test a program code for errors or warnings.

The code editor component supports Javascript, XML, and Groovy languages, as shown in [Figure 9–45](#).

**Figure 9–45** Code Editor Component using Javascript, XML, and Groovy



The code editor component provides the following functionalities:

- Line numbering



- Undo and redo operations (also possible using keyboard shortcuts Ctrl+Z and Ctrl+Y)
- Jump to a specific line
- Find and replace
- Color-coded text
- Highlighting syntaxes and search terms
- Auto-indent
- Auto-format
- Message pane for error messages
- Support for large files with more than thousand lines of code

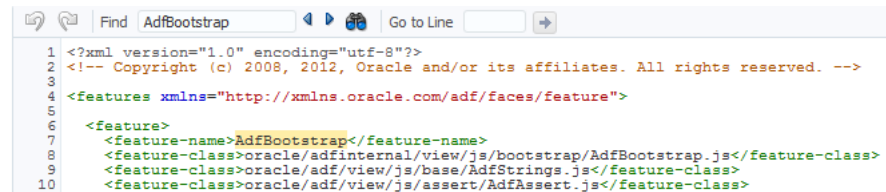
The user can use the toolbar (shown in [Figure 9-46](#)) to undo and redo the changes, search and replace text, and jump to a specific line number.

**Figure 9-46 Code Editor Toolbar**



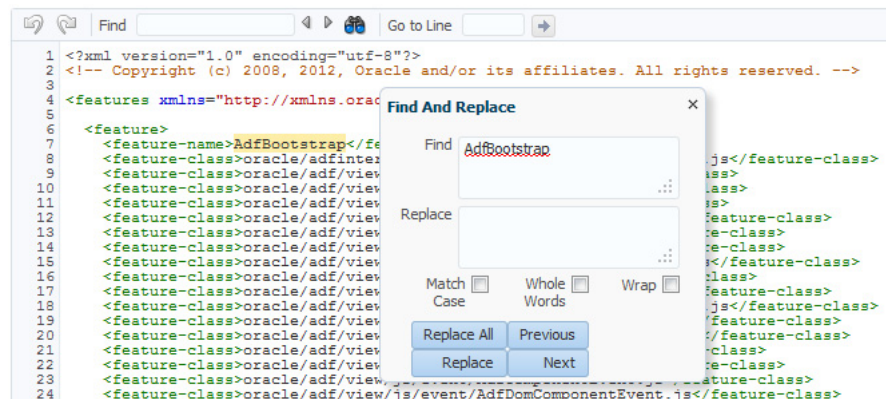
To search for a string, enter the search term in the **Find** field, and click **Find Next** or **Find Previous** icons to locate the search string in the code editor. [Figure 9-47](#) shows the Find field of the toolbar used to search a string in the code editor.

**Figure 9-47 Using the Find Field of Code Editor Toolbar**



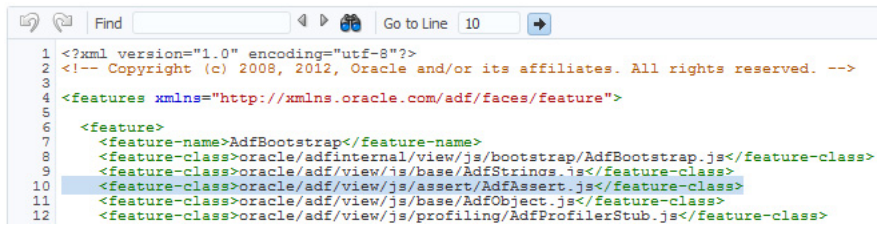
To search a case sensitive string, or replace a search term, open the Find and Replace dialog from the **Find and Replace** icon and perform the operations from the dialog, as shown in [Figure 9-48](#).

**Figure 9-48 Using Find and Replace Dialog of Code Editor**



To jump to a specific line number, enter the number in the **Go to Line** field and click **Jump to line**, as shown in [Figure 9–49](#).

**Figure 9–49 Using Go To Line Feature of Code Editor**



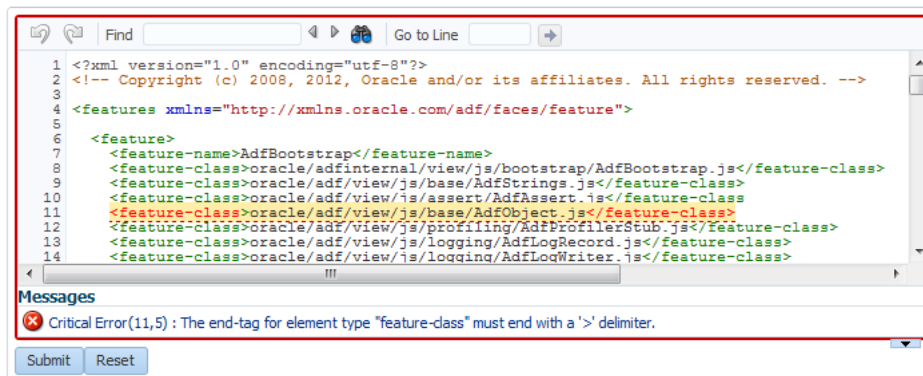
```

1 <?xml version="1.0" encoding="utf-8"?>
2 <!-- Copyright (c) 2008, 2012, Oracle and/or its affiliates. All rights reserved. -->
3
4 <features xmlns="http://xmlns.oracle.com/adf/faces/feature">
5
6 <feature>
7 <feature-name>AdfBootstrap</feature-name>
8 <feature-class>oracle/adfinternal/view/js/bootstrap/AdfBootstrap.js</feature-class>
9 <feature-class>oracle/adf/view/js/base/AdfStrings.js</feature-class>
10 <feature-class>oracle/adf/view/js/assert/AdfAssert.js</feature-class>
11 <feature-class>oracle/adf/view/js/base/AdfObject.js</feature-class>
12 <feature-class>oracle/adf/view/js/profiling/AdfProfilerStub.js</feature-class>

```

The code editor component can be configured to list all warnings and errors in a message pane that is also provided with the code editor component. [Figure 9–50](#) shows the message pane listing all XML errors noticed by the XML parser running on the server.

**Figure 9–50 Message Pane of Code Editor**



```

1 <?xml version="1.0" encoding="utf-8"?>
2 <!-- Copyright (c) 2008, 2012, Oracle and/or its affiliates. All rights reserved. -->
3
4 <features xmlns="http://xmlns.oracle.com/adf/faces/feature">
5
6 <feature>
7 <feature-name>AdfBootstrap</feature-name>
8 <feature-class>oracle/adfinternal/view/js/bootstrap/AdfBootstrap.js</feature-class>
9 <feature-class>oracle/adf/view/js/base/AdfStrings.js</feature-class>
10 <feature-class>oracle/adf/view/js/assert/AdfAssert.js</feature-class>
11 <feature-class>oracle/adf/view/js/base/AdfObject.js</feature-class>
12 <feature-class>oracle/adf/view/js/profiling/AdfProfilerStub.js</feature-class>
13 <feature-class>oracle/adf/view/js/logging/AdfLogRecord.js</feature-class>
14 <feature-class>oracle/adf/view/js/logging/AdfLogWriter.js</feature-class>

```

Messages

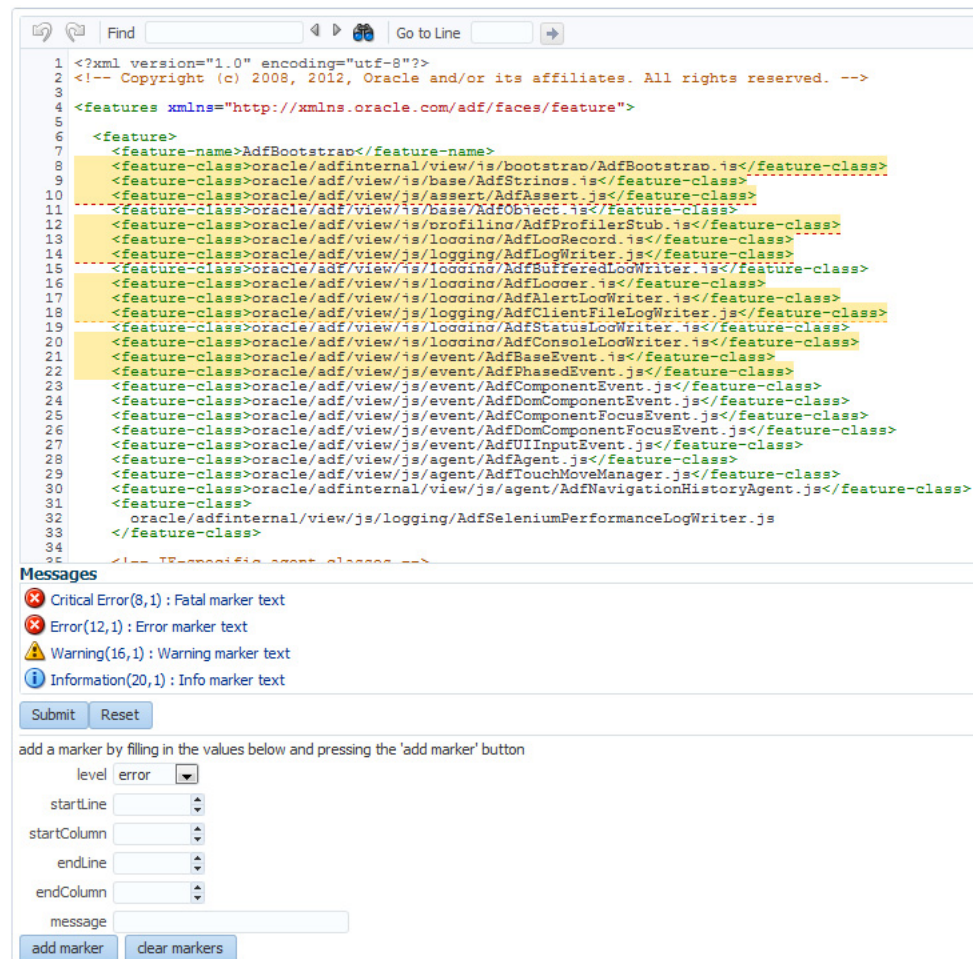
Critical Error(11,5) : The end-tag for element type "feature-class" must end with a '>' delimiter.

Submit Reset

The message pane is a non-editable region that resides below the text area of the code editor. It is used to display code-related status information, such as validation support for code compilation, and any error or warning messages. Clicking a message in the message pane navigates you to the respective code line in the code editor.

You can also configure the code editor to programmatically add various types of markers. [Figure 9–51](#) shows the code editor with error, critical, warning, and information markers.

Figure 9–51 Using Markers in Code Editor



### 9.10.1 How to Add a codeEditor Component

When you add a codeEditor component, use the language attribute to configure the programming language used by the code editor.

#### To add a codeEditor component:

1. In the Component Palette, from the Common Components panel, drag and drop a Code Editor component onto the page.
2. In the Property Inspector, expand the Common section, and set **Language**. The valid values are javascript, groovy, and xml.
3. Expand the Appearance section, and set the following:
  - **LineNumbers**: Specify whether line numbers should be visible in the code editor.  
The valid values are yes and no.
  - **Simple**: Set to true if you do not want the label to be displayed.
4. Expand the Behavior section, and set the following
  - **ReadOnly**: Specify whether the code in the code editor can be edited or displayed as output-style text.

- **Disabled:** Specify whether or not the code editor should be disabled.

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## Using Tables, Trees, and Other Collection-Based Components

This chapter describes how to display structured data in components that can iterate through collections of data and then display each row in the collection, using the ADF Faces `table`, `tree`, `treeTable`, `listView`, and `carousel` components. If your application uses the Fusion technology stack, then you can use data controls to create these components. For more information see the "Creating ADF Databound Tables," "Displaying Master-Detail Data," and "Creating More Complex Pages" chapters of the *Oracle Fusion Middleware Fusion Developer's Guide for Oracle Application Development Framework*.

This chapter includes the following sections:

- [Section 10.1, "Introduction to Using Collection-Based Components"](#)
- [Section 10.2, "Displaying Data in Tables"](#)
- [Section 10.3, "Adding Hidden Capabilities to a Table"](#)
- [Section 10.4, "Enabling Filtering in Tables"](#)
- [Section 10.5, "Displaying Data in Trees"](#)
- [Section 10.6, "Displaying Data in Tree Tables"](#)
- [Section 10.7, "Displaying Table Menus, Toolbars, and Status Bars"](#)
- [Section 10.8, "Displaying a Collection in a List"](#)
- [Section 10.9, "Displaying Images in a Carousel"](#)
- [Section 10.10, "Passing a Row as a Value"](#)
- [Section 10.11, "Exporting Data from Table, Tree, or Tree Table"](#)
- [Section 10.12, "Accessing Selected Values on the Client from Collection-Based Components"](#)

### 10.1 Introduction to Using Collection-Based Components

ADF Faces provides components that you can use to iterate through and display collections of structured data. Instead of containing a child component for each record to be displayed, and then binding these components to the individual records, these components are bound to a complete collection, and they then repeatedly render one component (for example an `outputText` component), by stamping the value for each record.

For example, say a table contains two child column components. Each column displays a single attribute value for the row using an output component, and there are four records to be displayed. Instead of binding four sets of two output components to display the data, the table itself is bound to the collection of all four records and simply stamps one set of the output components four times. As each row is stamped, the data for the current row is copied into the `var` attribute on the table, from which the output component can retrieve the correct values for the row. For more information about how stamping works, especially with client components, see [Section 10.1.5, "Accessing Client Collection Components."](#)

[Example 10–1](#) shows the JSF code for a table whose value for the `var` attribute is `row`. Each `outputText` component in a column displays the data for the row because its value is bound to a specific property on the variable.

**Example 10–1 JSF Code for a Table Uses the `var` Attribute to Access Values**

```
<af:table var="row" value="#{myBean.allEmployees}">
  <af:column>
    <af:outputText value="#{row.firstname}" />
  </af:column>
  <af:column>
    <af:outputText value="#{row.lastname}" />
  </af:column>
</af:table>
```

Collection components use a `CollectionModel` class to access the data in the underlying collection. This class extends the JSF `DataModel` class, but is based on row keys instead of indexes to support underlying data changes. It also supports more advanced functionality, such as sorting.

You may also use other model classes, such as `java.util.List`, `array`, and `javax.faces.model.DataModel`. If you use one of these other classes, the collection component automatically converts the instance into a `CollectionModel` class, but without any additional functionality. For more information about the `CollectionModel` class, see the MyFaces Trinidad javadoc at [http://myfaces.apache.org/trinidad/trinidad-1\\_2/trinidad-api/apidocs/index.html](http://myfaces.apache.org/trinidad/trinidad-1_2/trinidad-api/apidocs/index.html).

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**Note:** If your application uses the Fusion technology stack, then you can use data controls to create collection components and the collection model will be created for you. For more information see the "Creating ADF Databound Tables," "Displaying Master-Detail Data," and "Creating More Complex Pages" chapters of the *Oracle Fusion Middleware Fusion Developer's Guide for Oracle Application Development Framework*.





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The table component displays simple tabular data. Each row in the table displays one object in a collection, for example one row in a database. The column component displays the value of attributes for each of the objects.

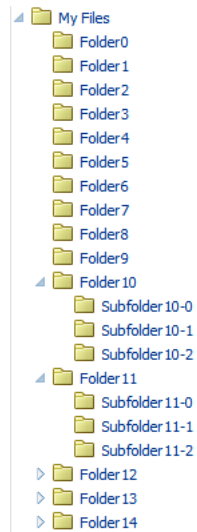
For example, as shown in [Figure 10–1](#), the Table tab in the File Explorer application uses a table to display the contents of the selected directory. The table `value` attribute is bound to the `contentTable` property of the `tableContentView` managed bean in the File Explorer demo.

**Figure 10–1 Table Component in the File Explorer Application**

Name	Size (KB)	Type	Date Modified	Properties
 File2.doc	10	Document File	06/18/2009 6:06 PM	<a href="#">Properties</a>
 File2.html	10	HTML File	06/18/2009 6:06 PM	<a href="#">Properties</a>
 File2.pdf	10	PDF File	06/18/2009 6:06 PM	<a href="#">Properties</a>
 File2.xls	10	XLS File	06/18/2009 6:06 PM	<a href="#">Properties</a>

The table component provides a range of features for end users, such as sorting columns, and selecting one or more rows and then executing an application defined action on the selected rows. They also provide a range of presentation features, such as showing grid lines and banding, row and column headers, column headers spanning groups of columns, and values wrapping within cells. Many of these features are available on all the collection components.

Hierarchical data (that is data that has parent/child relationships), such as the directory in the File Explorer application, can be displayed as expandable trees using the tree component. Items are displayed as nodes that mirror the parent/child structure of the data. Each top-level node can be expanded to display any child nodes, which in turn can also be expanded to display any of their child nodes. Each expanded node can then be collapsed to hide child nodes. [Figure 10–2](#) shows the file directory in the File Explorer application, which is displayed using a tree component.

**Figure 10–2 Tree Component in the File Explorer Application**

Hierarchical data can also be displayed using tree table components. The tree table also displays parent/child nodes that are expandable and collapsible, but in a tabular format, which allows the page to display attribute values for the nodes as columns of data. For example, along with displaying a directory's contents using a table component, the File Explorer application has another tab that uses the tree table component to display the contents, as shown in [Figure 10–3](#).



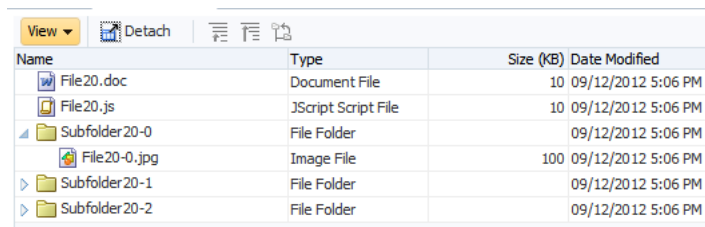
**Figure 10–3 Tree Table in the File Explorer Application**

Name	Type	Size (KB)	Date Modified
File11.doc	Document File	10	04/25/2013 5:57 PM
File11.js	JScript Script File	10	04/25/2013 5:57 PM
Subfolder 11-0	File Folder		04/25/2013 5:57 PM
File 11-0.jpg	Image File	100	04/25/2013 5:57 PM
Subfolder 11-1	File Folder		04/25/2013 5:57 PM
File 11-1.jpg	Image File	100	04/25/2013 5:57 PM
Subfolder 11-2	File Folder		04/25/2013 5:57 PM

Like the tree component, the tree table component can show the parent/child relationship between items. And like the table component, the tree table component can also show any attribute values for those items in a column.

You can add a toolbar and a status bar to tables, trees, and tree tables by surrounding them with the `panelCollection` component. The top panel contains a standard menu bar as well as a toolbar that holds menu-type components such as menus and menu options, toolbars and toolbar buttons, and status bars. Some buttons and menus are added by default. For example, when you surround a table, tree, or tree table with a `panelCollection` component, a toolbar that contains the **View** menu is added. This menu contains menu items that are specific to the table, tree, or tree table component.


[Figure 10–4](#) shows the tree table from the File Explorer application with the toolbar, menus, and toolbar buttons created using the `panelCollection` component.

**Figure 10–4 TreeTable with Panel Collection**


Name	Type	Size (KB)	Date Modified
File20.doc	Document File	10	09/12/2012 5:06 PM
File20.js	JScript Script File	10	09/12/2012 5:06 PM
Subfolder 20-0	File Folder		09/12/2012 5:06 PM
File 20-0.jpg	Image File	100	09/12/2012 5:06 PM
Subfolder 20-1	File Folder		09/12/2012 5:06 PM
Subfolder 20-2	File Folder		09/12/2012 5:06 PM

The `listView` component allows you to display structured data in a list format. Unlike a table, it does not have columns. The components that display the actual data are contained in a single child `listItem` component. [Figure 10–5](#) shows a `listView` component that contains one child `listItem` component. The `listItem` component contains a mix of layout components, output components and button components.

**Figure 10–5 The listView Component Uses listItem Components to Hold Data for Each Row**

<b>Task Name 1</b> Project name1 > ...> T1..1 Created By:Annett Barnes	Action
 <b>Task Name 2</b> Project name2 > ...> T2..2 Created By:Benjamin Lee	Action
<b>Task Name 3</b> Project name3 > ...> T3..3 Created By:Amelia Sanchez	Action
<b>Task Name 4</b> Project name4 > ...> T4..4 Created By:Jacob Miller	Action

The `listView` component can also display hierarchical data. When a component that is bound to the parent data is placed in the `groupHeaderStamp` facet, that data is displayed in a header. [Figure 10–6](#) shows how the alphabet letters, which are the



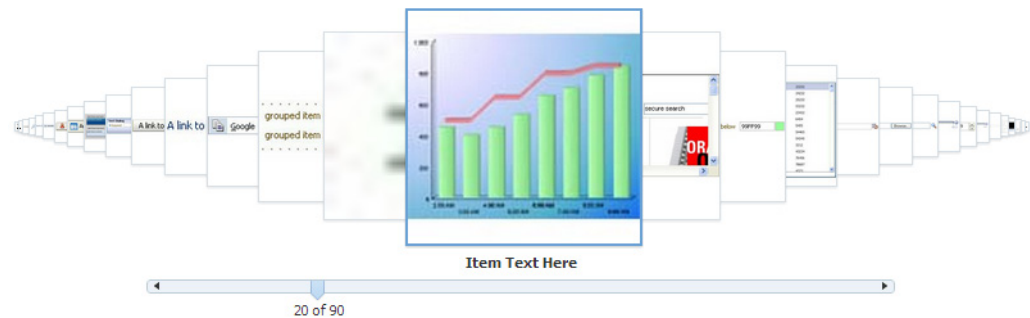
parent data, are displayed in headers, while the child personnel data is displayed in rows below the parent.

**Figure 10–6 Hierarchical Data Can be Displayed in Groups**



The carousel component displays a collection of images in a revolving carousel, as shown in Figure 10–7. Users can change the image at the front either by using the slider at the bottom or by clicking one of the auxiliary images to bring that specific image to the front.

**Figure 10–7 The ADF Faces Carousel**



### 10.1.1 Content Delivery

The collection components are *virtualized*, meaning not all the rows that are there for the component on the server are delivered to and displayed on the client. You configure a collection-based component to fetch a certain number of rows at a time from your data source. The data can be delivered to the component immediately upon rendering, when it is available, or lazily fetched after the shell of the component has been rendered (by default, the components fetch data when it is available).

With immediate delivery, the data is fetched during the initial request. With lazy delivery, when a page contains one or more collection components, the page initially goes through the standard lifecycle. However, instead of fetching the data during that initial request, a special separate partial page rendering (PPR) request is run, and the number of rows set as the value of the fetch size for the component is then returned. Because the page has just been rendered, only the Render Response phase executes for the components, allowing the corresponding data to be fetched and displayed. When a user's actions cause a subsequent data fetch (for example scrolling in a table for another set of rows), another PPR request is executed.

When content delivery is configured to be delivered when it is available, the framework checks for data availability during the initial request, and if it is available, it sends the data to the component. If it is not available, the data is loaded during the separate PPR request, as it is with lazy delivery.

**Performance Tip:** Lazy delivery should be used when a data fetch is expected to be an expensive (slow) operation, for example, slow, high-latency database connection, or fetching data from slow non-database data sources like web services. Lazy delivery should also be used when the page contains a number of components other than a collection-based component. Doing so allows the initial page layout and other components to be rendered first before the data is available.

Immediate delivery should be used if the collection-based component is the only context on the page, or if the component is not expected to return a large set of data. In this case, response time will be faster than using lazy delivery (or in some cases, simply perceived as faster), as the second request will not go to the server, providing a faster user response time and better server CPU utilizations. Note however that only the number of rows configured to be the fetch block will be initially returned. As with lazy delivery, when a user's actions cause a subsequent data fetch, the next set of rows are delivered.

When available delivery provides the additional flexibility of using immediate when data is available during initial rendering or falling back on lazy when data is not initially available.

The number of rows that are displayed on the client are just enough to fill the page as it is displayed in the browser. More rows are fetched as the user scrolls the component vertically (or if configured to page instead of scroll, when the user navigates to another set of rows). The `fetchSize` attribute determines the number of rows requested from the client to the server on each attempt to fill the component. For a table, the default value is 25. So if the height of the table is small, the fetch size of 25 is sufficient to fill the component. However, if the height of the component is large, there might be multiple requests for the data from the server. Therefore, the `fetchSize` attribute should be set to a higher number. For example, if the height of the table is 600 pixels and the height of each row is 18 pixels, you will need at least 45 rows to fill the table. With a `fetchSize` of 25, the table has to execute two requests to the server to fill the table. For this example, you would set the fetch size to 50.

However, if you set the fetch size too high, it will impact both server and client. The server will fetch more rows from the data source than needed and this will increase time and memory usage. On the client side, it will take longer to process those rows and attach them to the component.

By default, on a desktop device, tables render a scroll bar that allows the users to scroll through the rows of data. You can use the `scrollPolicy` attribute to change that behavior. If you set it to `page`, the table will be paginated, so that it displays a footer that allows the user to jump to specific pages of rows, as shown in [Figure 10-8](#).

**Figure 10–8 Paginated Table**

No.	Name	Size of the file in Kilo I	No.	Date Modified
0	.	0 B	0	07/12/2004
1	..	0 B	1	07/12/2004
2	admin.jar	1 KB	2	05/11/2004
3	applib	0 B	3	07/12/2004
4	applications	0 B	4	07/12/2004
5	config	0 B	5	07/12/2004
6	connectors	0 B	6	07/12/2004
7	database	0 B	7	07/12/2004
8	default-web-...	0 B	8	07/12/2004
9	iiop.jar	1,290 KB	9	05/11/2004
10	iiop_gen_bin...	37 KB	10	05/11/2004
11	iiop_rmic.jar	144 KB	11	05/11/2004
12	jazn	0 B	12	07/12/2004
13	jazn.jar	266 KB	13	05/11/2004
14	jazncore.jar	553 KB	14	05/11/2004
15	jaznplugin.jar	12 KB	15	05/11/2004
16	jsp	0 B	16	07/12/2004
17	lib	0 B	17	07/12/2004
18	loadbalancer....	1 KB	18	05/11/2004
19	log	0 B	19	07/12/2004

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When the viewport is too narrow to display the complete footer, the table displays a compact footer that shows only the page currently displayed and the navigation buttons, as shown in [Figure 10–9](#).

**Figure 10–9 Paginated Table in Compact Mode**

No.	Name	Size of the file in Kilo I	No.	Date
0	.	0 B	0	07/:
1	..	0 B	1	07/:
2	admin.jar	1 KB	2	05/:
3	applib	0 B	3	07/:
4	applications	0 B	4	07/:
5	config	0 B	5	07/:
6	connectors	0 B	6	07/:
7	database	0 B	7	07/:
8	default-web-...	0 B	8	07/:
9	iiop.jar	1,290 KB	9	05/:
10	iiop_gen_bin...	37 KB	10	05/:
11	iiop_rmic.jar	144 KB	11	05/:
12	jazn	0 B	12	07/:
13	jazn.jar	266 KB	13	05/:
14	jazncore.jar	553 KB	14	05/:
15	jaznplugin.jar	12 KB	15	05/:
16	jsp	0 B	16	07/:
17	lib	0 B	17	07/:
18	loadbalancer....	1 KB	18	05/:
19	log	0 B	19	07/:

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Alternatively, you can set `scrollPolicy` to `loadMore`. This setting creates a **Show More** link and a row counter at the bottom of the table, as shown in [Figure 10–10](#). Clicking the link fetches additional records.

**Figure 10–10 Table with Show More Link**

No	Name	Size of the file in Kilo B	No.	Date Modified	Col5
36	iiop.jar	1,290 KB	36	05/11/2004	iiop.jar
37	iiop_gen_bin...	37 KB	37	05/11/2004	iiop_gen_bin...
38	iiop_rmic.jar	144 KB	38	05/11/2004	iiop_rmic.jar
39	jazn	0 B	39	07/12/2004	jazn
40	jazn.jar	266 KB	40	05/11/2004	jazn.jar
41	jazncore.jar	553 KB	41	05/11/2004	jazncore.jar
42	jaznplugin.jar	12 KB	42	05/11/2004	jaznplugin.jar
43	jsp	0 B	43	07/12/2004	jsp
44	lib	0 B	44	07/12/2004	lib
45	loadbalancer...	1 KB	45	05/11/2004	loadbalancer...
46	log	0 B	46	07/12/2004	log
47	oc4j.jar	5,696 KB	47	05/11/2004	oc4j.jar
48	oc4jclient.jar	1,202 KB	48	05/11/2004	oc4jclient.jar
49	oc4j_interop...	4 KB	49	05/11/2004	oc4j_interop...

Show More... 1-50 of 5400 items

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**Note:** By default, tables are rendered to display using the `loadMore` setting on tablet devices.

If instead, you want the a table to display as paginated, you must set the `scrollPolicy` attribute to `page`, the `autoHeightRows` attribute to `0`, and the table must be placed in a flowing container (that is, a component that does not stretch its children). For more information about flowing container components, see [Section 8.2.1, "Geometry Management and Component Stretching."](#)

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As with a table configured to scroll, the number of rows on a page is determined by the `fetchSize` attribute.

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**Note:** You can hide the scroll bar using the `-tr-overflow-style: autohiding-scrollbar` skinning property. For example:

```
af|table {
  -tr-overflow-style: autohiding-scrollbar
}
```

For more information about skins, see [Chapter 20, "Customizing the Appearance Using Styles and Skins."](#)

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You can configure the set of data that will be initially displayed using the `displayRow` attribute. By default, the first record in the data source is displayed in the top row or node and the subsequent records are displayed in the following rows or nodes. You can also configure the component to first display the last record in the source instead. In this case, the last record is displayed in the bottom row or node of the component, and the user can scroll up to view the preceding records. Additionally, you can configure the component to display the selected row. This can be useful if the user is navigating to the component, and based on some parameter, a particular row will be programmatically selected. When configured to display the selected row, that row will be displayed at the top of the table and the user can scroll up or down to view other rows.

## 10.1.2 Row Selection

You can configure selection to be either for no rows, for a single row, or for multiple rows using the `rowSelection` attribute (the `carousel` component does not allow

multiple selection). This setting allows you to execute logic against the selected rows. For example, you may want users to be able to select a row in a table or a node in a tree, and then to click a command button that navigates to another page where the data for the selected row is displayed and the user can edit it.

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**Note:** If you configure your component to allow multiple selection, users can select one row and then press the shift key to select another row, and all the rows in between will be selected. This selection will be retained even if the selection is across multiple data fetch blocks. Similarly, you can use the Ctrl key to select rows that are not next to each other.

For example, if you configure your table to fetch only 25 rows at a time, but the user selects 100 rows, the framework is able to keep track of the selection.

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When the selected row (or node) of a component changes, the component triggers a selection event. This event reports which rows were just deselected and which rows were just selected. While the components handle selection declaratively, if you want to perform some logic on the selected rows, you need to implement code that can access those rows and then perform the logic. You can do this in a selection listener method on a managed bean. For more information, see [Section 10.2.8, "What You May Need to Know About Performing an Action on Selected Rows in Tables."](#)

**Performance Tip:** Users can navigate through the table using a mouse and the scrollbar, or using the up and down arrow keyboard keys. By default, a selection event is immediately fired when the user clicks a row. If the user is navigating through the rows using the arrow keys, this means that a selection event will be fired for each row, as the user navigates.

If you expect users to navigate through the table using the keys, you can set the `delaySelectionEvent` attribute to `true`, so that there is a 300 millisecond delay before the selection event is fired. If the user navigates to another row within the 300 milliseconds, the selection event is canceled.

### 10.1.3 Editing Data in Tables, Trees, and Tree Tables

You can choose the component used to display the actual data in a table, tree, or tree table. For example, you may want the data to be read-only, and therefore you might use an `outputText` component to display the data. Conversely, if you want the data to be able to be edited, you might use an `inputText` component, or if choosing from a list, one of the `SelectOne` components. All of these components are placed as children to the column component (in the case of a table and tree table) or within the `nodeStamp` facet (for a tree).

When you decide to use components whose value can be edited to display your data, you have the option of having the table, tree, or tree table either display all rows as available for editing at once, or display all but the currently active row as read-only using the `editingMode` attribute. For example, [Figure 10-11](#) shows a table whose rows can all be edited. The page renders using the components that were added to the page (for example, `inputText`, `inputDate`, and `inputComboBoxListOfValues` components).

**Figure 10–11 Table Whose Rows Can All Be Edited**

No.	Name	inputText	* Required field	inputComboBoxLis...	inputDate
0	.	0 B	07/12/2004	David1260	7/12/2004
1	..	0 B	07/12/2004	David1260	7/12/2004
2	admin.jar	1 KB	05/11/2004	David1260	5/11/2004
3	applib	0 B	07/12/2004	David1260	7/12/2004
4	applications	0 B	07/12/2004	David1260	7/12/2004
5	config	0 B	07/12/2004	David1260	7/12/2004
6	connectors	0 B	07/12/2004	David1260	7/12/2004
7	database	0 B	07/12/2004	David1260	7/12/2004
8	default-web-...	0 B	07/12/2004	David1260	7/12/2004
9	iiop.jar	1,290 KB	05/11/2004	David1260	5/11/2004
10	iiop_gen_bin.jar	37 KB	05/11/2004	David1260	5/11/2004

Figure 10–12 shows the same table (that is, it uses `inputText`, `inputDate`, and `inputComboBoxListOfValues` components to display the data), but configured so that only the active row displays the editable components. Users can then click on another row to make it editable (only one row is editable at a time). Note that `outputText` components are used to display the data in the noneditable rows, even though the same input components as in Figure 10–11 were used to build the page. The only row that actually renders those components is the active row.

**Figure 10–12 Table Allows Only One Row to Be Edited at a Time**

Name	inputText	* Required field	inputComboBoxListof	inputDate
ojspc.jar	1 KB	05/11/2004		5/11/2004
persistence	0 B	07/12/2004		7/12/2004
rmic.jar	1 KB	05/11/2004		5/11/2004
sql	0 B	07/12/2004		7/12/2004
.	0 B	07/12/2004		7/12/2004
..	0 B	07/12/2004		7/12/2004
admin.jar	1 KB	05/11/2004	David1260	5/11/2004
applib	0 B	07/12/2004		7/12/2004
applications	0 B	07/12/2004		7/12/2004
config	0 B	07/12/2004		7/12/2004
connectors	0 B	07/12/2004		7/12/2004
database	0 B	07/12/2004		7/12/2004
default-web-...	0 B	07/12/2004		7/12/2004

The currently active row is determined by the `activeRowKey` attribute on the table. By default, the value of this attribute is the first visible row of the table. When the table (or tree or tree table) is refreshed, that component scrolls to bring the active row into view, if it is not already visible. When the user clicks on a row to edit its contents, that row becomes the active row.

When you allow only a single row (or node) to be edited, the table (or tree or tree table) performs PPR when the user moves from one row (or node) to the next, thereby submitting the data (and validating that data) one row at a time. When you allow all rows to be edited, data is submitted whenever there is an event that causes PPR to typically occur, for example scrolling beyond the currently displayed rows or nodes.

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**Note:** You should not use more than one editable component in a column.

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Not all editable components make sense to be displayed in a click-to-edit mode. For example, those that display multiple lines of HTML input elements may not be good candidates. These components include:

- `SelectManyCheckbox`
- `SelectManyListBox`
- `SelectOneListBox`
- `SelectOneRadio`
- `SelectManyShuttle`

**Performance Tip:** For increased performance during both rendering and postback, you should configure your table to allow editing only to a single row.

When you elect to allow only a single row to be edited at a time, the page will be displayed more quickly, as output components tend to generate less HTML than input components. Additionally, client components are not created for the read-only rows. Because the table (or tree, or tree table) performs PPR as the user moves from one row to the next, only that row's data is submitted, resulting in better performance than a table that allows all cells to be edited, which submits all the data for all the rows in the table at the same time. Allowing only a single row to be edited also provides more intuitive validation, because only a single row's data is submitted for validation, and therefore only errors for that row are displayed.

#### 10.1.4 Using Popup Dialogs in Tables, Trees, and Tree Tables

You can configure your table, tree, or tree table so that popup dialogs will be displayed based on a user's actions. For example, you can configure a popup dialog to display some data from the selected row when the user hovers the mouse over a cell or node. You can also create popup context menus for when a user right-clicks a row in a table or tree table, or a node in a tree. Additionally, for tables and tree tables, you can create a context menu for when a user right-clicks anywhere within the table, but not on a specific row.

Tables, trees, and tree tables all contain the `contextMenu` facet. You place your popup context menu within this facet, and the associated menu will be displayed when the user right-clicks a row. When the context menu is being fetched on the server, the components automatically establish the currency to the row for which the context menu is being displayed. *Establishing currency* means that the current row in the model for the table now points to the row for which the context menu is being displayed. In order for this to happen, the `popup` component containing the menu must have its `contentDelivery` attribute set to `lazyUncached` so that the menu is fetched every time it is displayed.

**Tip:** If you want the context menu to dynamically display content based on the selected row, set the popup content delivery to `lazyUncached` and add a `setPropertyListener` tag to a method on a managed bean that can get the current row and then display data based on the current row:

```
<af:tree value="#{fs.treeModel}"
  contextMenuSelect="false" var="node" ..>
  <f:facet name="contextMenu">
    <af:popup id="myPopup" contentDelivery="lazyUncached">
      <af:setPropertyListener from="#{fs.treeModel.rowData}"
        to="#{dynamicContextMenuTable.currentTreeRowData}"
        type="popupFetch" />
      <af:menu>
        <af:menu text="Node Info (Dynamic)">
          <af:commandMenuItem actionListener=
            "#{dynamicContextMenuTable.alertTreeRowData}"
            text=
              "Name - #{dynamicContextMenuTable.currentTreeRowData.name}" />
          <af:commandMenuItem actionListener=
            "#{dynamicContextMenuTable.alertTreeRowData}"
            text=
              "Path - #{dynamicContextMenuTable.currentTreeRowData.path}" />
          <af:commandMenuItem actionListener=
            "#{dynamicContextMenuTable.alertTreeRowData}"
            text="Date -
              #{dynamicContextMenuTable.currentTreeRowData.lastModified}" />
        </af:menu>
      </af:menu>
    </af:popup>
  </f:facet>
  ...
</af:tree>
```

The code on the backing bean might look something like this:

```
public class DynamicContextMenuTableBean
{
  ...
  public void setCurrentTreeRowData(Map currentTreeRowData)
  {
    _currentTreeRowData = currentTreeRowData;
  }

  public Map getCurrentTreeRowData()
  {
    return _currentTreeRowData;
  }

  private Map _currentTreeRowData;
}
```

Tables and tree tables contain the `bodyContextMenu` facet. You can add a popup that contains a menu to this facet, and it will be displayed whenever a user clicks on the table, but not within a specific row.

For more information about creating context menus, see [Section 13.2, "Declaratively Creating Popup Elements."](#)



## 10.1.5 Accessing Client Collection Components

With ADF Faces, the contents of the collection-based component are rendered on the server. There may be cases when the client needs to access that content on the server, including:

- Client-side application logic may need to read the row-specific component state. For example, in response to row selection changes, the application may want to update the disabled or visible state of other components in the page (usually menu items or toolbar buttons). This logic may be dependent on row-specific metadata sent to the client using a stamped `inputHidden` component. In order to enable this, the application must be able to retrieve row-specific attribute values from stamped components.
- Client-side application logic may need to modify row-specific component state. For example, clicking a stamped command link in a table row may update the state of other components in the same row.
- The peer may need access to a component instance to implement event handling behavior (for more information about peers, see [Section 3.1, "Introduction to Using ADF Faces Architecture"](#)). For example, in order to deliver a client-side action event in response to a mouse click, the `AdfDhtmlCommandLinkPeer` class needs a reference to the component instance which will serve as the event source. The component also holds on to relevant state, including client listeners as well as attributes that control event delivery behavior, such as `disabled` or `partialSubmit`.

Because there is no client-side support for EL in the rich client framework, nor is there support for sending entire table models to the client, the client-side code cannot rely on component stamping to access the value. Instead of reusing the same component instance on each row, a new JavaScript client component is created on each row (assuming any component must be created at all for any of the rows).

Therefore, to access row-specific data on the client, you need to use the stamped component itself to access the value. To do this without a client-side data model, you use a client-side selection change listener. For detailed instructions, see [Section 10.12, "Accessing Selected Values on the Client from Collection-Based Components."](#)

## 10.1.6 Geometry Management for Table, Tree, and Tree Table Components

By default, when tables, trees, and tree tables are placed in a component that stretches its children (for example, a `panelCollection` component inside a `panelStretchLayout` component), the table, tree, or tree table will stretch to fill the existing space. However, in order for the columns to stretch to fit the table, you must specify a specific column to stretch to fill up any unused space, using the `columnStretching` attribute. Otherwise, the table will only stretch vertically to fit as many rows as possible. It will not stretch the columns, as shown in [Figure 10-13](#).

**Figure 10–13 Table Stretches But Columns Do Not**

Name	Long String Name	Directory
.	. is a directory. It ...	true
..	.. is a directory. It...	true
admin.jar	admin.jar is a File...	false
applib	applib is a director...	true
applications	applications is a dir...	true
config	config is a director...	true
connectors	connectors is a dir...	true
database	database is a direc...	true
default-web-app	default-web-app is...	true
iiop.jar	iiop.jar is a File. It...	false
iiop_gen_bin.jar	iiop_gen_bin.jar is ...	false
iiop_rmic.jar	iiop_rmic.jar is a Fil...	false
jazn	jazn is a directory...	true
jazn.jar	jazn.jar is a File. It...	false
jazncore.jar	jazncore.jar is a Fil...	false
jaznplugin.jar	jaznplugin.jar is a ...	false
jsp	jsp is a directory. I...	true
lib	lib is a directory. It...	true
loadbalancer.jar	loadbalancer.jar is ...	false
log	log is a directory. I...	true
oc4j.jar	oc4j.jar is a File. It...	false
oc4jclient.jar	oc4jclient.jar is a F...	false
oc4j_interop.jar	oc4j_interop.jar is ...	false
ojspc.jar	ojspc.jar is a File. ...	false
persistence	persistence is a dir...	true
rmic.jar	rmic.jar is a File. It...	false
sql	sql is a directory. I...	true
.	. is a directory. It ...	true
..	.. is a directory. It...	true
admin.jar	admin.jar is a File...	false
applib	applib is a director...	true
applications	applications is a dir...	true
config	config is a director...	true
connectors	connectors is a dir...	true
database	database is a direc...	true

When placed in a component that does not stretch its children (for example, in a `panelCollection` component inside a `panelGroupLayout` component set to vertical), by default, a table width is set to 300px, as shown in [Figure 10–14](#).

**Figure 10–14 Table Does Not Stretch**

Name	Long String Name	Directory
.	. is a directory. It ...	true
..	.. is a directory. It...	true
admin.jar	admin.jar is a File...	false
applib	applib is a director...	true
applications	applications is a dir...	true
config	config is a director...	true
connectors	connectors is a dir...	true
database	database is a direc...	true
default-web-app	default-web-app is...	true
iiop.jar	iiop.jar is a File. It...	false
iiop_gen_bin.jar	iiop_gen_bin.jar is ...	false
iiop_rmic.jar	iiop_rmic.jar is a Fil...	false
jazn	jazn is a directory...	true
jazn.jar	jazn.jar is a File. It...	false
jazncore.jar	jazncore.jar is a Fil...	false

When you place a table in a component that does not stretch its children, you can control the height of the table so that is never more than a specified number of rows, using the `autoHeightRows` attribute. When you set this attribute to a positive integer,

the table height will be determined by the number of rows set. If that number is higher than the `fetchSize` attribute, then only the number of rows in the `fetchSize` attribute will be returned. You can set `autoHeightRows` to `-1` (the default), to turn off auto-sizing.

Auto-sizing can be helpful in cases where you want to use the same table both in components that stretch their children and those that don't. For example, say you have a table that has 6 columns and can potentially display 12 rows. When you use it in a component that stretches its children, you want the table to stretch to fill the available space. If you want to use that table in a component that doesn't stretch its children, you want to be able to "fix" the height of the table. However, if you set a height on the table, then that table will not stretch when placed in the other component. To solve this issue, you can set the `autoHeightRows` attribute, which will be ignored when in a component that stretches, and will be honored in one that does not.

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**Note:** The default value for the `autoHeightRows` attribute is handled by the `DEFAULT_DIMENSIONS` web.xml parameter. If you always want table components to be stretched when the parent can stretch, and to be the size of the `fetchSize` attribute when it cannot, set the `DEFAULT_DIMENSIONS` parameter instead of the `autoHeightRows` attribute. Set the `autoHeightRows` attribute when you want to override the global setting.

By default, `DEFAULT_DIMENSIONS` is set so that the value of `autoHeightRows` is `-1` (the table will not stretch). For more information, see [Section A.2.3.25, "Geometry Management for Layout and Table Components."](#)

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## 10.2 Displaying Data in Tables

The table component uses other components to actually display the data. The immediate children of a table component must be `column` components. Each visible column component is displayed as a separate column in the table. Column components contain components used to display content, images, or provide further functionality. For more information about the features available with the column component, see [Section 10.2.1, "Columns and Column Data."](#)

The child components of each column display the data for each row in that column. The column does not create child components per row; instead, the table uses stamping to render each row. Each child is stamped once per row, repeatedly for all the rows. As each row is stamped, the data for the current row is copied into a property that can be addressed using an EL expression. You specify the name to use for this property using the `var` property on the table. Once the table has completed rendering, this property is removed or reverted back to its previous value.

Because of this stamping behavior, some components may not work inside the column. Most components will work without problems, for example any input and output components. If you need to use multiple components inside a cell, you can wrap them inside a `panelGroupLayout` component. Components that themselves support stamping are not supported, such as tables within a table. For information about using components whose values are determined dynamically at runtime, see [Section 10.2.9, "What You May Need to Know About Dynamically Determining Values for Selection Components in Tables."](#)

You can use the `detailStamp` facet in a table to include data that can be optionally displayed or hidden. When you add a component to this facet, the table displays an additional column with an expand and collapse icon for each row. When the user clicks the icon to expand, the component added to the facet is displayed, as shown in

Figure 10–15.

**Figure 10–15 Extra Data Can Be Optionally Displayed**

Row No.	Size		Name	Parent Col5/6	
	Size In KB width some more text to make it wrap	Date Modified		Col5	Col6
0 >	0 B	7/12/2004	Ⓛ .	.	07/12/2004
1 >	0 B	7/12/2004	Ⓛ ..	..	07/12/2004
2 ⚙	1 KB	5/11/2004	📄 admin.jar	admin.jar	05/11/2004
<div style="border: 1px solid #ccc; padding: 5px; margin: 5px 0;">                 Name: <input type="text" value="admin.jar"/> </div> <div style="border: 1px solid #ccc; padding: 5px; margin: 5px 0;">                 Size: <input type="text" value="1 KB"/> </div> <div style="border: 1px solid #ccc; padding: 5px; margin: 5px 0;">                 Date Modified: <input type="text" value="5/11/2004"/> </div> <div style="border: 1px solid #ccc; padding: 5px; margin: 5px 0;">                 Created by: <input type="text"/> </div>					
3 >	0 B	7/12/2004	Ⓛ applib	applib	07/12/2004

When the user clicks on the expanded icon to collapse it, the component is hidden, as shown in Figure 10–16.

**Figure 10–16 Extra Data Can Be Hidden**

Row No.	Size		Name	Parent Col5/6	
	Size In KB width some more text to make it wrap	Date Modified		Col5	Col6
0 >	0 B	7/12/2004	Ⓛ .	.	07/12/2004
1 >	0 B	7/12/2004	Ⓛ ..	..	07/12/2004
2 >	1 KB	5/11/2004	📄 admin.jar	admin.jar	05/11/2004
3 >	0 B	7/12/2004	Ⓛ applib	applib	07/12/2004
4 >	0 B	7/12/2004	Ⓛ applications	applications	07/12/2004

For more information about using the detailStamp facet, see [Section 10.3, "Adding Hidden Capabilities to a Table."](#)

### 10.2.1 Columns and Column Data

Columns contain the components used to display the data. As stated previously, only one child component is needed for each item to be displayed; the values are stamped as the table renders. Columns can be sorted, and you can configure whether or not the sorting is case-sensitive (by default, it is case-sensitive).

Columns can also contain a filtering element. Users can enter a value into the filter and the returned data set will match the value entered in the filter. You can set the filter to be either case-sensitive or case-insensitive. If the table is configured to allow it, users can also reorder columns. Columns have both header and footer facets. The header facet can be used instead of using the header text attribute of the column, allowing you to use a component that can be styled. The footer facet is displayed at the bottom of the column. For example, [Figure 10–17](#) uses footer facets to display the total at the bottom of two columns. If the number of rows returned is more than can be displayed, the footer facet is still displayed; the user can scroll to the bottom row.

Figure 10-17 Footer Facets in a Column

Name	ID1	ID2	Costs	Sales
name0	0	1	\$25,904.92	\$72,547.97
name1	1	11	\$20,762.95	\$81,852.96
name2	2	21	\$11,795.32	\$17,954.32
name3	3	31	\$40,374.90	\$34,145.20
<b>Subtotal</b>			<b>\$98,838.09</b>	<b>\$206,500.46</b>
name5	5	51	\$24,415.58	\$66,602.45
name6	6	61	\$17,848.06	\$84,103.58
name7	7	71	\$36,033.19	\$45,306.54
name8	8	81	\$25,880.95	\$45,904.55
<b>Subtotal</b>			<b>\$104,177.79</b>	<b>\$241,917.12</b>
name10	10	101	\$36,716.52	\$7,057.41
name11	11	111	\$9,196.06	\$78,574.38
name12	12	121	\$12,841.26	\$39,073.41
name13	13	131	\$21,831.43	\$18,521.42
<b>Subtotal</b>			<b>\$80,585.27</b>	<b>\$143,226.61</b>
name15	15	151	\$5,646.06	\$32,986.12
name16	16	161	\$8,849.79	\$57,981.35
name17	17	171	\$48,898.86	\$15,405.79
name18	18	181	\$44,246.57	\$63,763.24
<b>Subtotal</b>			<b>\$107,641.27</b>	<b>\$170,136.49</b>
name20	20	201	\$7,440.74	\$55,178.40
name21	21	211	\$10,324.60	\$12,813.21
name22	22	221	\$25,141.40	\$34,837.29
name23	23	231	\$16,351.75	\$6,366.33
<b>Subtotal</b>			<b>\$59,258.50</b>	<b>\$109,195.23</b>
<b>Total</b>			<b>Total \$963,747.97</b>	<b>Total \$1,855,520.75</b>

## 10.2.2 Formatting Tables

A table component offers many formatting and visual aids to the user. You can enable these features and specify how they can be displayed. These features include:

- **Row selection:** By default, at runtime, users cannot select rows. If you want users to be able to select rows in order to perform some action on them somewhere else on the page, or on another page, then enable row selection for the table by setting the `rowSelection` attribute. You can configure the table to allow either a single row or multiple rows to be selected. For information about how to then programmatically perform some action on the selected rows, see [Section 10.2.8, "What You May Need to Know About Performing an Action on Selected Rows in Tables."](#)
- **Scrolling/Pagination:** By default, on desktop devices, tables render a scroll bar that allows the user to scroll through all rows. On tablet devices, instead of a scroll bar, the table displays a **Show More** link that fetches additional rows. You can change the default by setting the `scrollPolicy` attribute.

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**Note:** You can hide the scroll bar using the `-tr-overflow-style: autohiding-scrollbar` skinning property. For example:

```
af|table {
  -tr-overflow-style: autohiding-scrollbar
}
```

For more information about skins, see [Chapter 20, "Customizing the Appearance Using Styles and Skins."](#)

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- **Table height:** You can set the table height to be absolute (for example, 300 pixels), or you can determine the height of the table based on the number of rows you wish to display at a time by setting the `autoHeightRows` attribute. For more information, see [Section 10.1.6, "Geometry Management for Table, Tree, and Tree Table Components."](#)

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**Note:** When table is placed in a layout-managing container, such as a `panelSplitter` component, it will be sized by the container and the `autoHeightRows` is not honored.

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- **Grid lines:** By default, an ADF table component draws both horizontal and vertical grid lines. These may be independently turned off using the `horizontalGridVisible` and `verticalGridVisible` attributes.
- **Banding:** Groups of rows or columns are displayed with alternating background colors using the `columnBandingInterval` attribute. This helps to differentiate between adjacent groups of rows or columns. By default, banding is turned off.
- **Column groups:** Columns in a table can be grouped into column groups, by nesting column components. Each group can have its own column group heading, linking all the columns together.
- **Editable cells:** When you elect to use input text components to display data in a table, you can configure the table so that all cells can be edited, or so that the user must explicitly click in the cell in order to edit it. For more information, see [Section 10.1.3, "Editing Data in Tables, Trees, and Tree Tables."](#)

**Performance Tip:** When you choose to have cells be available for editing only when the user clicks on them, the table will initially load faster. This may be desirable if you expect the table to display large amounts of data.

- **Column stretching:** If the widths of the columns do not together fill the whole table, you can set the `columnStretching` attribute to determine whether or not to stretch columns to fill up the space, and if so, which columns should stretch. You can set the minimum width for columns, so that when there are many columns in a table and you enable stretching, columns will not be made smaller than the set minimum width. You can also set a width percentage for each column you want to stretch to determine the amount of space that column should take up when stretched.

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**Note:** If the total sum of the columns' minimum widths equals more than the viewable space in the viewport, the table will expand outside the viewport and a scrollbar will appear to allow access outside the viewport.

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**Performance Tip:** Column stretching is turned off by default. Turning on this feature may have a performance impact on the client rendering time when used for complex tables (that is, tables with a large amount of data, or with nested columns, and so on).

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**Note:** Columns configured to be row headers or configured to be frozen will not be stretched because doing so could easily leave the user unable to access the scrollable body of the table.

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- **Column selection:** You can choose to allow users to be able to select columns of data. As with row selection, you can configure the table to allow single or multiple column selection. You can also use the `columnSelectionListener` to respond to

the `ColumnSelectionEvent` that is invoked when a new column is selected by the user. This event reports which columns were just deselected and which columns were just selected.

- **Column reordering:** Users can reorder the columns at runtime by simply dragging and dropping the column headers. By default, column reordering is allowed, and is handled by a menu item in the `panelCollection` component. For more information, see [Section 10.7, "Displaying Table Menus, Toolbars, and Status Bars."](#)
- **Column freezing:** You can configure the table so that columns can be frozen and so will not scroll out of view. Columns can be frozen on either the left or right side of the table. This is controlled by the `freezeDirection` attribute on the table. You choose the column to start the freeze using the `frozen` attribute on the column.

**Performance Tip:** Use of row column freezing increases the complexity of tables and can have a negative performance impact.

### 10.2.3 Formatting Columns

Each column component also offers many formatting and visual aids to the user. You can enable these features and specify how they can be displayed. These features include:

- **Column sorting:** Columns can be configured so that the user can sort the contents by a given column, either in ascending or descending order using the `sortable` attribute. A special indicator on a column header lets the user know that the column can be sorted. When the user clicks on the icon to sort a previously unsorted column, the column's content is sorted in ascending order. Subsequent clicks on the same header sort the content in the reverse order.

By default, sorting is case-sensitive. That is, `abc` would be sorted before `ABC`. You can configure the column so that instead, `abc` would be sorted the same as `ABC`, using the `sortStrength` attribute.

In order for the table to be able to sort, the underlying data model must also support sorting. For more information, see [Section 10.2.7, "What You May Need to Know About Programmatically Enabling Sorting for Table Columns."](#)

- **Content alignment:** You can align the content within the column to either the start, end, left, right, or center using the `align` attribute.

**Tip:** Use `start` and `end` instead of `left` and `right` if your application supports multiple reading directions.

- **Column width:** The width of a column can be specified as an absolute value in pixels using the `width` attribute. If you configure a column to allow stretching, then you can also set the width as a percentage.
- **Column spanning:** You can configure a column to span across other columns using the `colSpan` attribute. Normally however, you use an EL expression as the value for the span, to enable only a certain cell in the column to actually span.
- **Line wrapping:** You can define whether or not the content in a column can wrap over lines, using the `noWrap` attribute. By default, content will not wrap.
- **Row headers:** You can define the left-most column to be a row header using the `rowHeader` attribute. When you do so, the left-most column is rendered with the same look as the column headers, and will not scroll off the page. [Figure 10-18](#) shows how a table showing departments appears if the first column is configured to be a row header.



**Figure 10–18 Row Header in a Table**

Dept. ID	Name	Manager	Location
10	Administration	200	1700
20	Marketing	201	1800
30	Purchasing	114	1700
40	Human Resources	203	2400
50	Shipping	121	1500
60	IT	103	1400
70	Public Relations	204	2700
80	Sales	145	2500
90	Executive	100	1700
100	Finance	108	1700
110	Accounting	205	1700
120	Treasury		1700
130	Corporate Tax		1700
140	Control And Credit		1700
150	Shareholder Services		1700

If you elect to use a row header column and you configure your table to allow row selection, the row header column displays a selection arrow when a users hovers over the row, as shown in [Figure 10–19](#).

**Figure 10–19 Selection Icon in Row Header**

Dept. ID	Name	Manager	Location
10	Administration	200	1700
20	Marketing	201	1800
➔ 30	Purchasing	114	1700
40	Human Resources	203	2400
50	Shipping	121	1500
60	IT	103	1400
70	Public Relations	204	2700
80	Sales	145	2500
90	Executive	100	1700
100	Finance	108	1700
110	Accounting	205	1700

For tables that allow multiple selection, users can mouse down and then drag on the row header to select a contiguous blocks of rows. The table will also autoscroll vertically as the user drags up or down.

**Performance Tip:** Use of row headers increases the complexity of tables and can have a negative performance impact.

**Tip:** While the user can change the way the table displays at runtime (for example the user can reorder columns or change column widths), those values will not be retained once the user leaves the page unless you configure your application to allow user customization. For information, see [Chapter 34, "Allowing User Customization on JSF Pages."](#)

## 10.2.4 How to Display a Table on a Page

You use the Create an ADF Faces Table dialog to add a table to a JSF page. You also use this dialog to add column components for each column you need for the table. You can also bind the table to the underlying model or bean using EL expressions.

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**Note:** If your application uses the Fusion technology stack, then you can use data controls to create tables and the binding will be done for you. For more information see the "Creating ADF Databound Tables" chapter of the *Oracle Fusion Middleware Fusion Developer's Guide for Oracle Application Development Framework*.

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Once you complete the dialog, and the table and columns are added to the page, you can use the Property Inspector to configure additional attributes of the table or columns, and add listeners to respond to table events. You must have an implementation of the `CollectionModel` class to which your table will be bound.

### To display a table on a page:

1. Create a Java class that extends the `org.apache.myfaces.trinidad.model.CollectionModel` class.

Collection components use a `CollectionModel` class to access the data in the underlying collection. This class extends the JSF `DataModel` class, but is based on row keys instead of indexes to support underlying data changes. It also supports more advanced functionality, such as sorting.

You may also use other model classes, such as `java.util.List`, `array`, and `javax.faces.model.DataModel`. If you use one of these other classes, the collection component automatically converts the instance into a `CollectionModel` class, but without any additional functionality. For more information about the `CollectionModel` class, see the MyFaces Trinidad javadoc at [http://myfaces.apache.org/trinidad/trinidad-1\\_2/trinidad-api/apidocs/index.html](http://myfaces.apache.org/trinidad/trinidad-1_2/trinidad-api/apidocs/index.html).

2. In the Component Palette, from the Common Components panel, drag and drop a **Table** to open the Create ADF Faces Table dialog.

Use the dialog to bind the table to any existing model you have. When you bind the table to a valid model, the dialog automatically shows the columns that will be created. You can then use the dialog to edit the values for the columns' header and value attributes, and choose the type of component that will be used to display the data. Alternatively, you can manually configure columns and bind at a later date. For more information about using the dialog, press F1 or click **Help**.

3. In the Property Inspector, expand the Common section. If you have already bound your table to a model, the value attribute should be set. You can use this section to set the following table-specific attributes:
  - **RowSelection:** Set a value to make the rows selectable. Valid values are: `none`, `single`, and `multiple`, and `multipleNoSelectAll`.

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**Note:** Users can select all rows and all columns in a table by clicking the column header for the row header if the `rowSelection` attribute is set to `multiple` and that table also contains a row header. If you do not want users to be able to select all columns and rows, then set `rowSelection` to `multipleNoSelectAll`.

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For information about how to then programmatically perform some action on the selected rows, see [Section 10.2.8, "What You May Need to Know About Performing an Action on Selected Rows in Tables."](#)

- **ColumnSelection:** Set a value to make the columns selectable. Valid values are: `none`, `single`, and `multiple`.
4. Expand the Columns section. If you previously bound your table using the Create ADF Faces Table dialog, then these settings should be complete. You can use this section to change the binding for the table, to change the variable name used to access data for each row, and to change the display label and components used for each column.

**Tip:** If you want to use a component other than those listed, select any component in the Property Inspector, and then manually change it:

1. In the Structure window, right-click the component created by the dialog.
2. Choose **Convert** from the context menu.
3. Select the desired component from the list. You can then use the Property Inspector to configure the new component.

**Tip:** If you want more than one component to be displayed in a column, add the other component manually and then wrap them both in a `panelGroupLayout` component. To do so:

1. In the Structure window, right-click the first component and choose **Insert before** or **Insert after**. Select the component to insert.
2. By default the components will be displayed vertically. To have multiple components displayed next to each other in one column, press the shift key and select both components in the Structure window. Right-click the selection and choose **Surround With**.
3. Select `panelGroupLayout`.

5. Expand the Appearance section. You use this section to set the appearance of the table, by setting the following table-specific attributes:

- **Width:** Specify the width of the table. You can specify the width as either a percentage or as a number of pixels. The default setting is 300 pixels. If you configure the table to stretch columns (using the `columnStretching` attribute), you must set the width to percentages.

**Tip:** If the table is a child to a component that stretches its children, then this width setting will be overridden and the table will automatically stretch to fit its container. For more information about how components stretch, see [Section 8.2.1, "Geometry Management and Component Stretching."](#)

- **ColumnStretching:** If the widths of the columns do not together fill the whole table, you can set this attribute to determine whether or not to stretch columns to fill up the space, and if so, which columns should stretch.

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**Note:** If the table is placed inside a component that can stretch its children, only the table will stretch automatically. You must manually configure column stretching if you want the columns to stretch to fill the table.

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**Note:** Columns configured to be row headers or configured to be frozen will not be stretched because doing so could easily leave the user unable to access the scrollable body of the table.

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**Performance Tip:** Column stretching is turned off by default. Turning on this feature may have a performance impact on the client rendering time for complex tables.

You can set column stretching to one of the following values:

- **blank**: If you want to have an empty blank column automatically inserted and have it stretch (so the row background colors will span the entire width of the table).
- **A specifically named column**: Any column currently in the table can be selected to be the column to stretch.
- **last**: If you want the last column to stretch to fill up any unused space inside of the window.
- **none**: The default option where nothing will be stretched. Use this for optimal performance.
- **multiple**: All columns that have a percentage value set for their width attribute will be stretched to that percent, once other columns have been rendered to their (non-stretched) width. The percentage values will be weighted with the total. For example, if you set the width attribute on three columns to 50%, each column will get 1/3 of the remaining space after all other columns have been rendered.

**Tip:** While the user can change the values of the column width at runtime, those values will not be retained once the user leaves the page unless you configure your application to use change persistence. For information about enabling and using change persistence, see [Chapter 34, "Allowing User Customization on JSF Pages."](#)

- **HorizontalGridVisible**: Specify whether or not the horizontal grid lines are to be drawn.
- **VerticalGridVisible**: Specify whether or not the vertical grid lines are to be drawn.
- **RowBandingInterval**: Specify how many consecutive rows form a row group for the purposes of color banding. By default, this is set to 0, which displays all rows with the same background color. Set this to 1 if you want to alternate colors.
- **ColumnBandingInterval**: Specify the interval between which the column banding occurs. This value controls the display of the column banding in the table. For example, `columnBandingInterval=1` would display alternately banded columns in the table.
- **FilterVisible**: You can add a filter to the table so that it displays only those rows that match the entered filter criteria. If you configure the table to allow filtering, you can set the filter to be case-insensitive or case-sensitive. For more information, see [Section 10.4, "Enabling Filtering in Tables."](#)
- **ScrollPolicy**: By default, on desktop devices, tables render a scroll bar that allows the user to scroll through all rows. On tablet devices, instead of a scroll bar, a **Show More** link displays at the bottom of the table, along with a row counter. The user clicks the link to fetch the next set of rows.

Set the value to `auto` to keep this default behavior. Set the value to `scroll` to have the table always render a scroll bar. Set the value to `page` to have the table always display the rows as sets of pages, with a navigation to those pages in the footer. Set the value to `loadMore` to have the table display the **Show More** link.

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**Note:** In order for a table to display as paginated, you must set the `scrollPolicy` attribute to `page`, the `autoHeightRows` attribute to `0`, and the table must be placed in a flowing container (that is, a component that does not stretch its children). If these conditions are not met, the table will display a scroll bar. For more information about flowing container components, see [Section 8.2.4, "Tips for Using Geometry-Managed Components."](#)

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- Text attributes: You can define text strings that will determine the text displayed when no rows can be displayed, as well as a table summary and description for accessibility purposes.
6. Expand the Behavior section. You use this section to configure the behavior of the table by setting the following table-specific attributes:
- **DisableColumnReordering:** By default, columns can be reordered at runtime using a menu option contained by default in the `panelCollection` component. You can change this so that users will not be able to change the order of columns. (The `panelCollection` component provides default menus and toolbar buttons for tables, trees, and tree tables. For more information, see [Section 10.7, "Displaying Table Menus, Toolbars, and Status Bars."](#))

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**Note:** While the user can change the order of columns, those values will not be retained once the user leaves the page unless you configure your application to allow user customization. For information, see [Chapter 34, "Allowing User Customization on JSF Pages."](#)

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- **FetchSize:** Set the size of the block that should be returned with each data fetch. The default is 25.
- Tip:** You should determine the value of the `fetchSize` attribute by taking the height of the table and dividing it by the height of each row to determine how many rows will be needed to fill the table. If the `fetchSize` attribute is set too low, it will require multiple trips to the server to fill the table. If it is set too high, the server will need to fetch more rows from the data source than needed, thereby increasing time and memory usage. On the client side, it will take longer to process those rows and attach them to the component. For more information, see [Section 10.1.1, "Content Delivery."](#)
- **ContentDelivery:** Specify when the data should be delivered. When the `contentDelivery` attribute is set to `immediate`, data is fetched at the same time the component is rendered. If the `contentDelivery` attribute is set to `lazy`, data will be fetched and delivered to the client during a subsequent request. If the attribute is set to `whenAvailable` (the default), the renderer checks if the data is available. If it is, the content is delivered immediately. If it is not, then lazy delivery is used. For more information, see [Section 10.1.1, "Content Delivery."](#)
  - **AutoHeightRows:** Specify the number of rows to initially display in the table. When the returned number of rows exceeds this value, a scrollbar is displayed. If you want your table to size to be the same as the `fetchSize`, set it to `0`. If you want the table to stretch to fill its parent container that is configured to stretch children, set it to `-1` (for more information about

stretching the table, see [Section 10.1.6, "Geometry Management for Table, Tree, and Tree Table Components"](#)). Otherwise set it to a specific number that is lower than the current setting for `fetchSize`.

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**Note:** Note the following about setting the `autoHeightRows` attribute:

- Specifying height on the `inlineStyle` attribute will have no effect and will be overridden by the value of `AutoHeightRows`.
- Specifying a `min-height` or `max-height` on the `inlineStyle` attribute is not recommended and is incompatible with the `autoHeightRows` attribute.
- When the component is placed in a layout-managing container, such as `panelSplitter`, it will be sized by the container (no auto-sizing will occur).

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**Note:** The default value for the `autoHeightRows` attribute is handled by the `DEFAULT_DIMENSIONS` `web.xml` parameter. If you always want table components to be stretched when the parent can stretch, and to be the size of the `fetchSize` attribute when it cannot, set the `DEFAULT_DIMENSIONS` parameter to `auto`, instead of setting the `autoHeightRows` attribute.

When you set the `DEFAULT_DIMENSIONS` parameter to `auto` and place the table in a parent that does not stretch its children, and there is no override value for the `autoHeightRows` attribute, then the table will take its width from the `AFStretchWidth` style class, which by default, will stretch the width of the table to accommodate its child column components.

Set the `autoHeightRows` attribute when you want to override the global setting.

By default, `DEFAULT_DIMENSIONS` is set so that the value of `autoHeightRows` is `-1` (the table will not stretch). For more information, see [Section A.2.3.25, "Geometry Management for Layout and Table Components."](#)

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- **DisplayRow:** Specify the row to be displayed in the table during the initial display. The possible values are `first` to display the first row at the top of the table, `last` to display the last row at the bottom of the table (users will need to scroll up to view preceding rows) and `selected` to display the first selected row in the table.

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**Note:** The total number of rows from the table model must be known in order for this attribute to work successfully.

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- **DisplayRowKey:** Specify the row key to display in the table during initial display. This attribute should be set programmatically rather than declaratively because the value may not be strings. Specifying this attribute will override the `displayRow` attribute.

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**Note:** The total number of rows must be known from the table model in order for this attribute to work successfully.

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- **EditMode:** Specify whether for any editable components, you want all the rows to be editable (`editAll`), or you want the user to click a row to make it editable (`clickToEdit`). For more information, see [Section 10.1.3, "Editing Data in Tables, Trees, and Tree Tables."](#)

**Tip:** If you choose `clickToEdit`, then only the active row can be edited. This row is determined by the `activeRowKey` attribute. By default, when the table is first rendered, the active row is the first visible row. When a user clicks another row, then that row becomes the active row. You can change this behavior by setting a different value for the `activeRowKey` attribute, located in the Other section.

- **ContextMenuSelect:** Specify whether or not the row is selected when you right-click to open a context menu. When set to `true`, the row is selected. For more information about context menus, see [Chapter 13, "Using Popup Dialogs, Menus, and Windows."](#)
- **FilterModel:** Use in conjunction with `filterVisible`. For more information, see [Section 10.4, "Enabling Filtering in Tables."](#)
- Various listeners: Bind listeners to methods that will execute when the table invokes the corresponding event (the `columnSelectionListener` is located in the Other section). For more information, see [Chapter 5, "Handling Events."](#)

7. Expand the Other section, and set the following:

- **ActiveRowKey:** If you choose `clickToEdit`, then only the active row can be edited. This row is determined by the `activeRowKey` attribute. By default, when the table is first rendered, the active row is the first visible row. When a user clicks another row, then that row becomes the active row. You can change this behavior by setting a different value for the `activeRowKey` attribute.
- **ColumnResizing:** Specify whether or not you want the end user to be able to resize a column's width at runtime. When set to `disabled`, the widths of the columns will be set once the page is rendered, and the user will not be able to change those widths.

**Tip:** While the user can change the values of the column width at runtime, those width values will not be retained once the user leaves the page unless you configure your application to use change persistence. For information about enabling and using change persistence, see [Chapter 34, "Allowing User Customization on JSF Pages."](#)

- **FreezeDirection:** If you want columns to be able to be frozen, specify whether they should be frozen from the start of the table (the left side in a LTR locale) or the end of the table (the right side in a LTR locale). You must configure the column to start to the freeze using that column's `frozen` attribute.

For example, say you want the first three columns to be frozen. On the table, you would set `freezeDirection` to `start`, and on the third column, you would set `frozen` to `true`.

If you want the last four columns to be frozen, you would set `freezeDirection` to `end`, and on the fourth from last column, you would set `frozen` to `true`

- **SelectionEventDelay:** Set to `true` if you expect users to navigate through the table using the up and down arrow keys.

Users can navigate through the table using a mouse and the scrollbar, or using the up and down arrow keys. By default, a selection event is immediately fired when the user clicks a row. If the user is navigating through the rows using the arrow keys, this means that a selection event will be fired for each row, as the user navigates.

If you expect users to navigate through the table using the keys, you can set the `delaySelectionEvent` attribute to `true`, so that there is a 300 millisecond delay before the selection event is fired. If the user navigates to another row within the 300 milliseconds, the selection event is canceled.

8. In the Structure window, select a column. In the Property Inspector, expand the Common section, and set the following column-specific attributes:

- **HeaderText:** Specify text to be displayed in the header of the column. This is a convenience that generates output equivalent to adding a header facet containing an `outputText` component. If you want to use a component other than `outputText`, you should use the column's header facet instead (for more information, see Step 14). When the header facet is added, any value for the `headerText` attribute will not be rendered in a column header.
- **Align:** Specify the alignment for this column. `start`, `end`, and `center` are used for left-justified, right-justified, and center-justified respectively in left-to-right display. The values `left` or `right` can be used when left-justified or right-justified cells are needed, irrespective of the left-to-right or right-to-left display. The default value is `null`, which implies that it is skin-dependent and may vary for the row header column versus the data in the column. For more information about skins, see [Chapter 20, "Customizing the Appearance Using Styles and Skins."](#)
- **Sortable:** Specify whether or not the column can be sorted. A column that can be sorted has a header that when clicked, sorts the table by that column's property. Note that in order for a column to be sortable, the `sortable` attribute must be set to `true` and the underlying model must support sorting by this column's property. For more information, see [Section 10.2.7, "What You May Need to Know About Programmatically Enabling Sorting for Table Columns."](#)

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**Note:** When column selection is enabled, clicking on a column header selects the column instead of sorting the column. In this case, columns can be sorted by clicking the ascending/descending sort indicator.

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- **SortStrength:** Specify the level of difference to be considered significant when sorting. Choose from one of the following:
  - **Primary:** The sorting considers only the letter itself. Case and any accents are ignored: `abc`, `ÁBC`, `ábc`, and `ABC` will be sorted as `abc`, `ÁBC`, `ábc`, `ABC` (the order in which they appear). Use this for case-insensitive sorting.
  - **Secondary:** The sorting considers the letter and then any accent. Case is ignored: `abc`, `ÁBC`, `ábc`, and `ABC` will be sorted as `abc`, `ABC`, `ÁBC`, `ábc`. In



locales that do not have accents, this will result in a case-insensitive search.

- Tertiary: The sorting will consider the letter, then the accent, and then the case: abc, *ÁBC*, *ábc*, and ABC will be sorted as abc, ABC, *ábc*, *ÁBC*. In locales that do not have accents, this will result in a case-sensitive search.
- Identical: The letters, accents, cases, and any other differences (such as words with punctuation) will be considered: abc, ab-c, *ÁBC*, *ábc*, and ABC will be sorted as abc, ABC, *ábc*, *ÁBC*, ab-c. This is the default.
- **Filterable:** Specify whether or not the column can be filtered. A column that can be filtered has a filter field on the top of the column header. Note that in order for a column to be filterable, this attribute must be set to true and the `filterModel` attribute must be set on the table. Only leaf columns can be filtered and the filter component is displayed only if the column header is present. This column's `sortProperty` attribute must be used as a key for the `filterProperty` attribute in the `filterModel` class.

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**Note:** For a column with filtering turned on (`filterable=true`), you can specify the input component to be used as the filter criteria input field. To do so, add a filter facet to the column and add the input component. For more information, see [Section 10.4, "Enabling Filtering in Tables."](#)

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9. Expand the Appearance section. Use this section to set the appearance of the column, using the following column-specific attributes:
  - **DisplayIndex:** Specify the display order index of the column. Columns can be rearranged and they are displayed in the table based on the `displayIndex` attribute. Columns without a `displayIndex` attribute value are displayed at the end, in the order in which they appear in the data source. The `displayIndex` attribute is honored only for top-level columns, because it is not possible to rearrange a child column outside of the parent column.
  - **Width:** Specify the width of the column.
  - **MinimumWidth:** Specify the minimum number of pixels for the column width. When a user attempts to resize the column, this minimum width will be enforced. Also, when a column is flexible, it will never be stretched to be a size smaller than this minimum width. If a pixel width is defined and if the minimum width is larger, the minimum width will become the smaller of the two values. By default, the minimum width is 10 pixels.
  - **ShowRequired:** Specify whether or not an asterisk should be displayed in the column header if data is required for the corresponding attribute.
  - **HeaderNoWrap** and **NoWrap:** Specify whether or not you want content to wrap in the header and in the column.
  - **RowHeader:** Set to true if you want this column to be a row header for the table.

**Performance Tip:** Use of row headers increases the complexity of tables and can have a negative performance impact.

10. Expand the Behavior section. Use this section to configure the behavior of the columns, using the following column-specific attributes:



- **SortProperty:** Specify the property that is to be displayed by this column. This is the property that the framework might use to sort the column's data.
  - **Frozen:** Specify whether the column is frozen; that is they can't be scrolled off the page. In the table, columns up to the frozen column are locked with the header, and not scrolled with the rest of the columns. The frozen attribute is honored only on the top-level column, because it is not possible to freeze a child column by itself without its parent being frozen.
- Performance Tip:** Use of frozen columns increases the complexity of tables and can have a negative performance impact.
- **Selected:** When set to `true`, the column will be selected on initial rendering.
11. Expand the Other section and set **ColSpan** if you want this column to span over subsequent columns. You can set it to the number of columns you want it to span, or you can set it to `ALL` to span to the end of the table. If you don't want the whole column to span, you can use an EL expression that resolves to a cell or cells.

[Example 10-2](#) shows how you might set **colSpan** in a tree table component where you want only the parent node to span across all columns.

#### **Example 10-2 Set colSpan to Span Parent Node to End of Table**

```
<af:column id="c1" sortable="true" sortProperty="Dname"
          colSpan="#{testBean.container ? 'ALL' : '1'}"
          headerText="DepartmentName">
  <af:outputText value="#{node.Dname}" id="ot2"/>
</af:column>
```

[Example 10-3](#) shows the corresponding managed bean code.

#### **Example 10-3 Managed Bean Code to Span Columns**

```
public class TestBean
{
    public boolean isContainer()
    {
        return _treeTable.isContainer();
    }
}
```

12. To add a column to an existing table, in the Structure window, right-click the table and from the context menu choose **Insert Inside Table > Column**.
13. To add facets to the table, right-click the table and from the context menu, choose **Facets - Table** and choose the type of facet you want to add. You can then add a component directly to the facet.

**Tip:** Facets can have only one direct child. If you want the facet to display more than one component, first insert a group component (such as `panelGroupLayout`) and then insert the multiple components as children to the group component.

14. To add facets to a column, right-click the column and from the context menu, choose **Facets - Column** and choose the type of facet you want to add. You can then add a component directly to the facet.

**Tip:** Facets can have only one direct child. If you want the facet to display more than one component, first insert a group component (such as `panelGroupLayout`) and then insert the multiple components as children to the group component.

**15.** Add components as children to the columns to display your data.

The component's value should be bound to the variable value set on the table's `var` attribute and the attribute to be displayed. For example, the table in the File Explorer application uses `file` as the value for the `var` attribute, and the first column displays the name of the file for each row. Therefore, the value of the output component used to display the directory name is `#{file.name}`.

**Tip:** If an input component is the direct child of a column, be sure its width is set to a width that is appropriate for the width of the column. If the width is set too large for its parent column, the browser may extend its text input cursor too wide and cover adjacent columns. For example, if an `inputText` component has its size set to 80 pixels and its parent column size is set to 20 pixels, the table may have an input cursor that covers the clickable areas of its neighbor columns.

To allow the input component to be automatically sized when it is not the direct child of a column, set `contentType="width:auto"`.

## 10.2.5 What Happens When You Add a Table to a Page

When you use JDeveloper to add a table onto a page, JDeveloper creates a table with a column for each attribute. If you bind the table to a model, the columns will reflect the attributes in the model. If you are not yet binding to model, JDeveloper will create the columns using the default values. You can change the default values (add/delete columns, change column headings, and so on) during in the table creation dialog or later using the Property Inspector.

[Example 10-4](#) shows abbreviated page code for the table in the File Explorer application.

### **Example 10-4** ADF Faces Table in the File Explorer Application

```
<af:table id="folderTable" var="file"
  value="#{explorer.contentViewManager.
           tableContentView.contentModel}"
  binding="#{explorer.contentViewManager.
           tableContentView.contentTable}"
  emptyText="#{explorerBundle['global.no_row']}"
  rowselection="multiple"
  contextMenuId=":context1" contentDelivery="immediate"
  columnStretching="last"
  selectionListener="#{explorer.contentViewManager.
           tableContentView.tableFileItem}"
  summary="table data">
  <af:column width="180" sortable="true" sortStrength="identical"
    sortProperty="name"
    headerText="" align="start">
    <f:facet name="header">
      <af:outputText value="#{explorerBundle['contents.name']}" />
    </f:facet>
    <af:panelGroupLayout>
      <af:image source="#{file.icon}"
        inlineStyle="margin-right:3px; vertical-align:middle;"
```

```

        shortDesc="file icon"/>
        <af:outputText value="#{file.name}" noWrap="true"/>
    </af:panelGroupLayout>
</af:column>
<af:column width="70" sortable="true" sortStrength="identical"
    sortProperty="property.size">
    <f:facet name="header">
        <af:outputText value="#{explorerBundle['contents.size']}/>
    </f:facet>
    <af:outputText value="#{file.property.size}" noWrap="true"/>
</af:column>
...
<af:column width="100">
    <f:facet name="header">
        <af:outputText value="#{explorerBundle['global.properties']}/>
    </f:facet>
    <af:commandLink text="#{explorerBundle['global.properties']}"
        partialSubmit="true"
        action="#{explorer.launchProperties}"
        returnListener="#{explorer.returnFromProperties}"
        windowWidth="300" windowHeight="300"
        useWindow="true"></af:commandLink>
</af:column>
</af:table>

```

## 10.2.6 What Happens at Runtime: Data Delivery

When a page is requested that contains a table, and the content delivery is set to lazy, the page initially goes through the standard lifecycle. However, instead of fetching the data during that request, a special separate PPR request is run. Because the page has just rendered, only the Render Response phase executes, and the corresponding data is fetched and displayed. If the user's actions cause a subsequent data fetch (for example scrolling in a table), another PPR request is executed. [Figure 10–20](#) shows a page containing a table during the second PPR request.

**Figure 10–20** Table Fetches Data in a Second PPR Request

Dept. ID	Name	Manager
Fetching Data...		

When the user clicks a sortable column header, the table component generates a `SortEvent` event. This event has a `getSortCriteria` property, which returns the criteria by which the table must be sorted, along with the sort strength. The table responds to this event by calling the `setSortCriteria()` method on the underlying `CollectionModel` instance, and calls any registered `SortListener` instances.

## 10.2.7 What You May Need to Know About Programmatically Enabling Sorting for Table Columns

Sorting can be enabled for a table column only if the underlying model supports sorting. If the model is a `CollectionModel` instance, it must implement the following methods:

- `public boolean isSortable(String propertyName)`
- `public List getSortCriteria()`
- `public void setSortCriteria(List criteria)`

The criteria in the second and third methods is an instance of `org.apache.myfaces.trinidad.model.SortCriterion`, which supports sort strength.

For more information, see the MyFaces Trinidad website at <http://myfaces.apache.org/trinidad/index.html>.

If the model is not a `CollectionModel` instance, the table component wraps that model into an `org.apache.myfaces.trinidad.model.SortableModel` instance. `SortableModel` is a concrete class that extends `CollectionModel` and implements all the sorting functionalities.

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**Note:** Automatic support provides sorting for only one column. Multi-column sorting is not supported.

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## 10.2.8 What You May Need to Know About Performing an Action on Selected Rows in Tables

A collection-based component can allow users to select one or more rows and perform some actions on those rows (the carousel component does not support multiple selection).

When the selection state of a component changes, the component triggers selection events. A `selectionEvent` event reports which rows were just deselected and which rows were just selected.

To listen for selection events on a component, you can register a listener on the component either using the `selectionListener` attribute or by adding a listener to the component using the `addSelectionListener()` method. The listener can then access the selected rows and perform some actions on them.

The current selection, that is the selected row or rows, are the `RowKeySet` object, which you obtain by calling the `getSelectedRowKeys()` method for the component. To change a selection programmatically, you can do either of the following:

- Add `rowKey` objects to, or remove `rowKey` objects from, the `RowKeySet` object.
- Make a particular row current by calling the `setRowIndex()` or the `setRowKey()` method on the component. You can then either add that row to the selection, or remove it from the selection, by calling the `add()` or `remove()` method on the `RowKeySet` object.

**Example 10–5** shows a portion of a table in which a user can select some rows then click the **Delete** button to delete those rows. Note that the actions listener is bound to the `performDelete` method on the `mybean` managed bean.

### **Example 10–5** Selecting Rows

```
<af:table binding="#{mybean.table}" rowselection="multiple" ...>
```

```

...
</af:table>
<af:commandButton text="Delete" actionListener="#{mybean.performDelete}"/>

```

[Example 10–6](#) shows an actions method, `performDelete`, which iterates through all the selected rows and calls the `markForDeletion` method on each one.

**Example 10–6 Using the rowKey Object**

```

public void performDelete(ActionEvent action)
{
    UITable table = getTable();
    Iterator selection = table.getSelectedRowKeys().iterator();
    Object oldKey = table.getRowKey();
    while(selection.hasNext())
    {
        Object rowKey = selection.next();
        table.setRowKey(rowKey);
        MyRowImpl row = (MyRowImpl) table.getRowData();
        //custom method exposed on an implementation of Row interface.
        row.markForDeletion();
    }
    // restore the old key:
    table.setRowKey(oldKey);
}

// Binding methods for access to the table.
public void setTable(UITable table) { _table = table; }
public UITable getTable() { return _table; }
private UITable _table;

```

## 10.2.9 What You May Need to Know About Dynamically Determining Values for Selection Components in Tables

There may be a case when you want to use a `selectOne` component in a table, but you need each row to display different choices in a component. Therefore, you need to dynamically determine the list of items at runtime.

While you may think you should use a `forEach` component to stamp out the individual items, this will not work because `forEach` does not work with the `CollectionModel` instance. It also cannot be bound to EL expressions that use component-managed EL variables, as those used in the table. The `forEach` component performs its functions in the JSF tag execution step while the table performs in the following component encoding step. Therefore, the `forEach` component will execute before the table is ready and will not perform its iteration function.

In the case of a `selectOne` component, the direct child must be the `items` component. While you could bind the `items` component directly to the row variable (for example, `<f:items value="#{row.Items}"/>`), doing so would not allow any changes to the underlying model.

Instead, you should create a managed bean that creates a list of items, as shown in [Example 10–7](#).

**Example 10–7 Managed Bean Returns a List of Items**

```

public List<SelectItem> getItems()
{
    // Grab the list of items

```

```

FacesContext context = FacesContext.getCurrentInstance();
Object rowItemObj = context.getApplication().evaluateExpressionGet(
    context, "#{row.items}", Object.class);
if (rowItemObj == null)
    return null;
// Convert the model objects into items
List<SomeModelObject> list = (List<SomeModelObject>) rowItemObj;
List<SelectItem> items = new ArrayList<SelectItem>(list.size());
for (SomeModelObject entry : list)
{
    items.add(new SelectItem(entry.getValue(), entry.getLabel());public
}
// Return the items
return items;
}

```

You can then access the list from the one component on the page, as shown in [Example 10-8](#).

**Example 10-8 Accessing the Items from a JSF Page**

```

<af:table var="row">
  <af:column>
    <af:selectOneChoice value="#{row.myValue}">
      <f:Items value="#{page_backing.Items}"/>
    </af:selectOneChoice>
  </af:column>
</af:table>

```

## 10.2.10 What You May Need to Know About Using the Iterator Tag

When you do not want to use a table, but still need the same stamping capabilities, you can use the iterator tag. For example, say you want to display a list of periodic table elements, and for each element, you want to display the name, atomic number, symbol, and group. You can use the iterator tag as shown in [Example 10-9](#).

**Example 10-9 Using the Iterator Tag**

```

<af:iterator var="row" first="3" rows="3" varStatus="stat"
    value="#{periodicTable.tableData}" >
  <af:outputText value="#{stat.count}.Index:#{stat.index} of
      #{stat.model.rowCount}"/>
  <af:inputText label="Element Name" value="#{row.name}"/>
  <af:inputText label="Atomic Number" value="#{row.number}"/>
  <af:inputText label="Symbol" value="#{row.symbol}"/>
  <af:inputText label="Group" value="#{row.group}"/>
</af:iterator>

```

Each child is stamped as many times as necessary. Iteration starts at the index specified by the first attribute for as many indexes specified by the row attribute. If the row attribute is set to 0, then the iteration continues until there are no more elements in the underlying data.

## 10.3 Adding Hidden Capabilities to a Table

You can use the detailStamp facet in a table to include data that can be displayed or hidden. When you add a component to this facet, the table displays an additional column with a toggle icon. When the user clicks the icon, the component added to the

facet is shown. When the user clicks on the toggle icon again, the component is hidden. [Figure 10–21](#) shows the additional column that is displayed when content is added to the `detailStamp` facet.

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**Note:** When a table that uses the `detailStamp` facet is rendered in Screen Reader mode, the contents of the facet appear in a popup window. For more information about accessibility, see [Chapter 22, "Developing Accessible ADF Faces Pages."](#)

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**Figure 10–21 Table with Unexpanded DetailStamp Facet**

Row No.	Size		Name	Parent Col5/6	
	Size In KB width some more text to make it wrap	Date Modified		Col5	Col6
0 >	0 B	7/12/2004	·	·	07/12/2004
1 >	0 B	7/12/2004	·	·	07/12/2004
2 >	1 KB	5/11/2004	admin.jar	admin.jar	05/11/2004
3 >	0 B	7/12/2004	applib	applib	07/12/2004
4 >	0 B	7/12/2004	applications	applications	07/12/2004

[Figure 10–22](#) shows the same table, but with the `detailStamp` facet expanded for the first row.

**Figure 10–22 Expanded detailStamp Facet**

Row No.	Size		Name	Parent Col5/6	
	Size In KB width some more text to make it wrap	Date Modified		Col5	Col6
0 >	0 B	7/12/2004	·	·	07/12/2004
1 >	0 B	7/12/2004	·	·	07/12/2004
2 ▲	1 KB	5/11/2004	admin.jar	admin.jar	05/11/2004
<div style="border: 1px solid #ccc; padding: 5px; margin-bottom: 5px;"> <p>Name: admin.jar</p> </div> <div style="border: 1px solid #ccc; padding: 5px; margin-bottom: 5px;"> <p>Size: 1 KB</p> </div> <div style="border: 1px solid #ccc; padding: 5px; margin-bottom: 5px;"> <p>Date Modified: 5/11/2004</p> </div> <div style="border: 1px solid #ccc; padding: 5px; margin-bottom: 5px;"> <p>Created by:</p> </div>					
3 >	0 B	7/12/2004	applib	applib	07/12/2004

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**Note:** If you set the table to allow columns to freeze, the freeze will not work when you display the `detailStamp` facet. That is, a user cannot freeze a column while the details are being displayed.

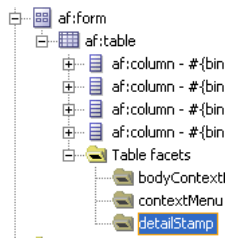
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### 10.3.1 How to Use the `detailStamp` Facet

To use the `detailStamp` facet, you insert a component that is bound to the data to be displayed or hidden into the facet.

**To use the `detailStamp` facet:**

1. In the Component Palette, drag the components you want to appear in the facet to the `detailStamp` facet folder. [Figure 10–23](#) shows the `detailStamp` facet folder in the Structure window.

**Figure 10–23** *detailStamp Facet in the Structure Window*

**Tip:** If the facet folder does not appear in the Structure window, right-click the table and choose **Facets - Table > Detail Stamp**.

2. If the attribute to be displayed is specific to a current record, replace the JSF code (which simply binds the component to the attribute), so that it uses the table's variable to display the data for the current record.

[Example 10–10](#) shows abbreviated code used to display the `detailStamp` facet shown in [Figure 10–22](#), which shows details about the selected row.

#### **Example 10–10** Code for `detailStamp` Facet

```
<af:table rowSelection="multiple" var="test1"
  value="#{tableTestData}"
  <f:facet name="detailStamp">
    <af:panelFormLayout rows="4" labelWidth="33%" fieldWidth="67%"
      inlineStyle="width:400px">
      <af:inputText label="Name" value="#{test1.name}"/>
      <af:group>
        <af:inputText label="Size" value="#{test1.size}"/>
        <af:inputText label="Date Modified" value="#{test1.inputDate}"/>
        <af:inputText label="Created by"/>
      </af:group>
    </af:panelFormLayout>
  </f:facet>
</af:table>
```

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**Note:** If your application uses the Fusion technology stack, then you can drag attributes from a data control and drop them into the `detailStamp` facet. You don't need to modify the code.

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### 10.3.2 What Happens at Runtime: Disclosing Row Data

When the user hides or shows the details of a row, the table generates a `rowDisclosureEvent` event. The event tells the table to toggle the details (that is, either expand or collapse).

The `rowDisclosureEvent` event has an associated listener. You can bind the `rowDisclosureListener` attribute on the table to a method on a managed bean. This method will then be invoked in response to the `rowDisclosureEvent` event to execute any needed post-processing.



## 10.4 Enabling Filtering in Tables

You can add a filter to a table that can be used so that the table displays only rows whose values match the filter. When enabled and set to visible, a search criteria input field displays above each filterable column.

For example, the table in [Figure 10–24](#) has been filtered to display only rows in which the `Location` value is 1700.

**Figure 10–24 Filtered Table**

Dept. ID	Name	Manager	Location
10	Administration	200	1700
30	Purchasing	114	1700
90	Executive	100	1700
100	Finance	108	1700
110	Accounting	205	1700
120	Treasury		1700
130	Corporate Tax		1700
140	Control And Credit		1700
150	Shareholder Services		1700
160	Benefits		1700
170	Manufacturing		1700

Filtered table searches are based on Query-by-Example and use the QBE text or date input field formats. The input validators are turned off to allow for entering characters for operators such as `>` and `<` to modify the search criteria. For example, you can enter `>1500` as the search criteria for a number column. Wildcard characters may also be supported. Searches can be either case-sensitive or case-insensitive. If a column does not support QBE, the search criteria input field will not render for that column.

The filtering feature uses a model for filtering data into the table. The table's `filterModel` attribute must be bound to an instance of the `FilterableQueryDescriptor` class.

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**Note:** If your application uses the Fusion technology stack, then you can use data controls to create tables and filtering will be created for you. For more information see the "Creating ADF Databound Tables" chapter of the *Oracle Fusion Middleware Web User Interface Developer's Guide for Oracle Application Development Framework*

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In [Example 10–11](#), the table `filterVisible` attribute is set to `true` to enable the filter input fields. For each column to be filtered, you must set the `sortProperty` attribute to the associated column in the `filterModel` instance and the `filterable` attribute set to `true`.

### Example 10–11 Table Component with Filtering Enabled

```
<af:table value="#{myBean.products}" var="row"
  ...
  filterVisible="true"
  ...
  rowselection="single">
  ...
  <af:column sortProperty="ProductID" filterable="true" sortable="true"
    <af:outputText value="#{row.ProductID}">
    ...
  </af:column>
  <af:column sortProperty="Name" filterable="true" sortable="true"
    <af:outputText value="#{row.Name}"/>
```

```

        ...
    </af:column>
    <af:column sortProperty="warehouse" filterable="true" sortable="true"
        <af:outputText value="#{row.warehouse}"/>
        ...
    </af:column>
</af:table>

```

## 10.4.1 How to Add Filtering to a Table

To add filtering to a table, first create a class that can provide the filtering functionality. You then bind the table to that class, and configure the table and columns to use filtering. The table that will use filtering must either have a value for its `headerText` attribute, or it must contain a component in the header facet of the column that is to be filtered. This allows the filter component to be displayed. Additionally, the column must be configured to be sortable, because the `filterModel` class uses the `sortProperty` attribute.

### To add filtering to a table:

1. Create a Java class that is a subclass of the `FilterableQueryDescriptor` class.

The `ConjunctionCriterion` object returned from the `getFilterConjunctionCriterion` method must not be null. For more information about this class, see the [ADF Faces Javadoc](#).

2. Create a table, as described in [Section 10.2, "Displaying Data in Tables."](#)
3. Select the table in the Structure window and set the following attributes in the Property Inspector:

- **FilterVisible:** Set to `true` to display the filter criteria input field above searchable column.
- **FilterModel:** Bind to an instance of the `FilterableQueryDescriptor` class created in Step 1.

**Tip:** If you want to use a component other than an `inputText` component for your filter (for example, an `inputDate` component), then instead of setting `filterVisible` to `true`, you can add the needed component to the `filter` facet. To do so:

1. In the Structure window, right-click the column to be filtered and choose **Insert inside af:column > JSF Core > Filter facet**.
2. From the Component Palette, drag and drop a component into the facet.
3. Set the value of the component to the corresponding attribute within the `FilterableQueryDescriptor` class created in Step 1. Note that the value must take into account the variable used for the row, for example:

```

#{af:inputDate label="Select Date" id="name"
    value="row.filterCriteria.date"}

```

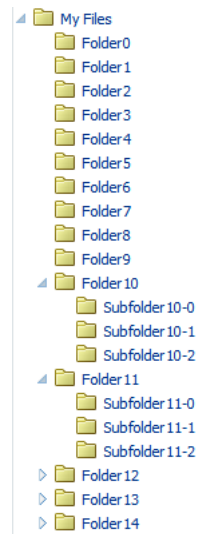
4. In the Structure window, select a column in the table and in the Property Inspector, and set the following for each column in the table:
  - **Filterable:** Set to `true`.
  - **FilterFeatures:** Set to `caseSensitive` or `caseInsensitive`. If not specified, the case sensitivity is determined by the model.

## 10.5 Displaying Data in Trees

The ADF Faces tree component displays hierarchical data, such as organization charts or hierarchical directory structures. In data of these types, there may be a series of top-level nodes, and each element in the structure may expand to contain other elements. For example, in an organization chart, any number of employees in the hierarchy may have any number of direct reports. The tree component can be used to show that hierarchy, where the direct reports appear as children to the node for the employee.

The tree component supports multiple root elements. It displays the data in a form that represents the structure, with each element indented to the appropriate level to indicate its level in the hierarchy. Users can expand and collapse portions of the hierarchy. [Figure 10–25](#) shows a tree used to display directories in the File Explorer application.

**Figure 10–25** Tree Component in the File Explorer Application



The ADF Faces tree component uses a model to access the data in the underlying hierarchy. The specific model class is `oracle.adf.view.rich.model.TreeModel`, which extends `CollectionModel`, described in [Section 10.2, "Displaying Data in Tables."](#)

You must create your own tree model to support your tree. The tree model is a collection of rows. It has an `isContainer()` method that returns `true` if the current row contains child rows. To access the children of the current row, you call the `enterContainer()` method. Calling this method results in the `TreeModel` instance changing to become a collection of the child rows. To revert back up to the parent collection, you call the `exitContainer()` method.

You may find the `oracle.adf.view.rich.model.ChildPropertyTreeModel` class useful when constructing a `TreeModel` class, as shown in [Example 10–12](#).

### Example 10–12 Constructing a TreeModel

```
List<TreeNode> root = new ArrayList<TreeNode>();
for(int i = 0; i < firstLevelSize; i++)
{
    List<TreeNode> level1 = new ArrayList<TreeNode>();
    for(int j = 0; j < i; j++)
    {
```

```

        List<TreeNode> level2 = new ArrayList<TreeNode>();
        for(int k=0; k<j; k++)
        {
            TreeNode z = new TreeNode(null, _nodeValue(i,j,k));
            level2.add(z);
        }
        TreeNode c = new TreeNode(level2, _nodeValue(i,j));
        level1.add(c);
    }
    TreeNode n = new TreeNode(level1, _nodeValue(i));
    root.add(n);
}
ChildPropertyTreeModel model = new ChildPropertyTreeModel(root, "children");
private String _nodeValue(Integer... args)
{
    StringBuilder s = new StringBuilder();
    for(Integer i : args)
        s.append(i);
    return s.toString();
}

```

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**Note:** If your application uses the Fusion technology stack, then you can use data controls to create trees and the model will be created for you. For more information see the "Displaying Master-Detail Data" chapter of the *Oracle Fusion Middleware Web User Interface Developer's Guide for Oracle Application Development Framework*

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You can manipulate the tree similar to the way you can manipulate a table. You can do the following:

- To make a node current, call the `setRowIndex()` method on the tree with the appropriate index into the list. Alternatively, call the `setRowKey()` method with the appropriate `rowKey` object.
- To access a particular node, first make that node current, and then call the `getRowData()` method on the tree.
- To access rows for expanded or collapsed nodes, call `getAddedSet` and `getRemovedSet` methods on the `RowDisclosureEvent`. For more information, see [Section 10.5.4, "What You May Need to Know About Programmatically Expanding and Collapsing Nodes."](#)
- To manipulate the node's child collection, call the `enterContainer()` method before calling the `setRowIndex()` and `setRowKey()` methods. Then call the `exitContainer()` method to return to the parent node.
- To point to a `rowKey` for a node inside the tree (at any level) use the `focusRowKey` attribute. The `focusRowKey` attribute is set when the user right-clicks on a node and selects the **Show as top** context menu item (or the **Show as top** toolbar button in the `panelCollection` component).

When the `focusRowKey` attribute is set, the tree renders the node pointed to by the `focusRowKey` attribute as the root node in the Tree and displays a Hierarchical Selector icon next to the root node. Clicking the Hierarchical Selector icon displays a Hierarchical Selector dialog which shows the path to the `focusRowKey` object from the root node of the tree. How this displays depends on the components placed in the `pathStamp` facet.

As with tables, trees use stamping to display content for the individual nodes. Trees contain a `nodeStamp` facet, which is a holder for the component used to display the data for each node. Each node is rendered (stamped) once, repeatedly for all nodes. As each node is stamped, the data for the current node is copied into a property that can be addressed using an EL expression. Specify the name to use for this property using the `var` property on the tree. Once the tree has completed rendering, this property is removed or reverted back to its previous value.

Because of this stamping behavior, only certain types of components are supported as children inside an ADF Faces tree. All components that have no behavior are supported, as are most components that implement the `ValueHolder` or `ActionSource` interfaces.

In [Example 10–13](#), the data for each element is referenced using the variable `node`, which identifies the data to be displayed in the tree. The `nodeStamp` facet displays the data for each element by getting further properties from the `node` variable:

**Example 10–13 Displaying Data in a Tree**

```
<af:tree var="node">
  <f:facet name="nodeStamp">
    <af:outputText value="#{node.firstname}"/>
  </f:facet>
</af:tree>
```

Trees also contain a `pathStamp` facet. This facet determines how the content of the Hierarchical Selector dialog is rendered, just like the `nodeStamp` facet determines how the content of the tree is rendered. The component inside the `pathStamp` facet can be a combination of simple `outputText`, `image`, and `outputFormatted` tags and cannot not be any input component (that is, any `EditableValueHolder` component) because no user input is allowed in the Hierarchical Selector popup. If this facet is not provided, then the Hierarchical Selector icon is not rendered.

For example, including an `image` and an `outputText` component in the `pathStamp` facet causes the tree to render an image and an `outputText` component for each node level in the Hierarchical Selector dialog. Use the same EL expression to access the value. For example, if you want to show the first name for each node in the path in an `outputText` component, the EL expression would be `<af:outputText value="#{node.firstname}"/>`.

**Tip:** The `pathStamp` facet is also used to determine how default toolbar buttons provided by the `panelCollection` component will behave. If you want to use the buttons, add a component bound to a node value. For more information about using the `panelCollection` component, see [Section 10.7, "Displaying Table Menus, Toolbars, and Status Bars."](#)

## 10.5.1 How to Display Data in Trees

To create a tree, you add a tree component to your page and configure the display and behavior properties.

**To add a tree to a page:**

1. Create a Java class that extends the `org.apache.myfaces.trinidad.model.TreeModel` class, as shown in [Example 10–12](#).

2. In the Component Palette, from the Common Components panel, drag and drop a **Tree** to open the Insert Tree dialog. Configure the tree as needed. Click **Help** or press F1 for help in using the dialog.
3. In the Property Inspector, expand the Data section and set the following attributes:
  - **Value:** Specify an EL expression for the object to which you want the tree to be bound. This must be an instance of `org.apache.myfaces.trinidad.model.TreeModel` as created in Step 1.
  - **Var:** Specify a variable name to represent each node.
  - **VarStatus:** Optionally enter a variable that can be used to determine the state of the component. During the Render Response phase, the tree iterates over the model rows and renders each node. For any given node, the `varStatus` attribute provides the following information:
    - `model`: A reference to the `CollectionModel` instance
    - `index`: The current row index
    - `rowKey`: The unique key for the current node
4. Expand the Appearance section and set the following attributes:
  - **DisplayRow:** Specify the node to display in the tree during the initial display. The possible values are `first` to display the first node, `last` to display the last node, and `selected` to display the first selected node in the tree. The default is `first`.
  - **DisplayRowKey:** Specify the row key to display in the tree during the initial display. This attribute should be set only programmatically. Specifying this attribute will override the `displayRow` attribute.
  - **Summary:** Optionally enter a summary of the data displayed by the tree.
5. Expand the Behavior section and set the following attributes:
  - **InitiallyExpanded:** Set to `true` if you want all nodes expanded when the component first renders.
  - **EditingMode:** Specify whether for any editable components used to display data in the tree, you want all the nodes to be editable (`editAll`), or you want the user to click a node to make it editable (`clickToEdit`). For more information, see [Section 10.1.3, "Editing Data in Tables, Trees, and Tree Tables."](#)
  - **ContextMenuSelect:** Determines whether or not the node is selected when you right-click to open a context menu. When set to `true`, the node is selected. For more information about context menus, see [Chapter 13, "Using Popup Dialogs, Menus, and Windows."](#)
  - **RowSelection:** Set a value to make the nodes selectable. Valid values are: `none`, `single`, or `multiple`. For information about how to then programmatically perform some action on the selected nodes, see [Section 10.5.5, "What You May Need to Know About Programmatically Selecting Nodes."](#)
  - **ContentDelivery:** Specify when the data should be delivered. When the `contentDelivery` attribute is set to `immediate`, data is fetched at the same time the component is rendered. If the `contentDelivery` attribute is set to `lazy`, data will be fetched and delivered to the client during a subsequent request. If the attribute is set to `whenAvailable` (the default), the renderer checks if the data is available. If it is, the content is delivered immediately. If it is not, then lazy delivery is used. For more information, see [Section 10.1.1, "Content Delivery."](#)

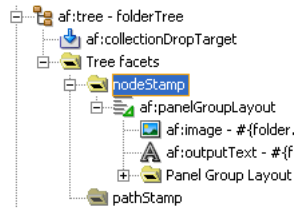
- **FetchSize:** Specify the number of rows in the data fetch block. For more information, see [Section 10.1.1, "Content Delivery."](#)
  - **SelectionListener:** Optionally enter an EL expression for a listener that handles selection events. For more information, see [Section 10.5.5, "What You May Need to Know About Programmatically Selecting Nodes."](#)
  - **FocusListener:** Optionally enter an EL expression for a listener that handles focus events.
  - **RowDisclosureListener:** Optionally enter an EL expression for a listener method that handles node disclosure events.
6. Expand the Advanced section and set the following attributes:
    - **FocusRowKey:** Optionally enter the node that is to be the initially focused node.
    - **DisclosedRowKeys:** Optionally enter an EL expression to a method on a backing bean that handles node disclosure. For more information, see [Section 10.5.4, "What You May Need to Know About Programmatically Expanding and Collapsing Nodes."](#)
    - **SelectedRowKeys:** Optionally enter the keys for the nodes that should be initially selected. For more information, see [Section 10.5.5, "What You May Need to Know About Programmatically Selecting Nodes."](#)
  7. If you want your tree to size its height automatically, expand the Other section and set **AutoHeightRows** to the maximum number of nodes to display before a scroll bar is displayed. The default value is -1 (no automatic sizing for any number of number). You can set the value to 0 to have the value be the same as the `fetchSize` value.

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**Note:** Note the following about setting the `autoHeightRows` attribute:

- Specifying height on the `inlineStyle` attribute will have no effect and will be overridden by the value of `AutoHeightRows`.
  - Specifying a min-height or max-height on the `inlineStyle` attribute is not recommended and is incompatible with the `autoHeightRows` attribute.
  - When the component is placed in a layout-managing container, such as `panelSplitter`, it will be sized by the container (no auto-sizing will occur). For more information, see [Section 10.1.6, "Geometry Management for Table, Tree, and Tree Table Components."](#)
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8. To add components to display data in the tree, drag the desired component from the Component Palette to the **nodeStamp** facet. [Figure 10–26](#) shows the **nodeStamp** facet for the tree used to display directories in the File Explorer application.

**Figure 10–26** *nodeStamp Facet in the Structure Window*

The component's value should be bound to the variable value set on the tree's `var` attribute and the attribute to be displayed. For example, the tree in the File Explorer application uses `folder` as the value for the `var` attribute, and displays the name of the directory for each node. Therefore, the value of the output component used to display the directory name is `#{folder.name}`.

**Tip:** Facets can accept only one child component. Therefore, if you want to use more than one component per node, place the components in a group component that can be the facet's direct child, as shown in [Figure 10–26](#).

## 10.5.2 What Happens When You Add a Tree to a Page

When you add a tree to a page, JDeveloper adds a `nodeStamp` facet to stamp out the nodes of the tree. [Example 10–14](#) shows the abbreviated code for the tree in the File Explorer application that displays the directory structure.

**Example 10–14** *ADF Faces Tree Code in a JSF Page*

```
<af:tree id="folderTree"
  var="folder"
  binding="#{explorer.navigatorManager.foldersNavigator
    .foldersTreeComponent}"
  value="#{explorer.navigatorManager.foldersNavigator.
    foldersTreeModel}"
  disclosedRowKeys="#{explorer.navigatorManager.foldersNavigator.
    foldersTreeDisclosedRowKeys}"
  rowSelection="single"
  contextMenuId=":context2"
  selectionListener="#{explorer.navigatorManager.foldersNavigator.
    showSelectedFolderContent}">
  <f:facet name="nodeStamp">
    <af:panelGroupLayout>
      <af:image id="folderNodeStampImg" source="#{folder.icon}"
        inlineStyle="vertical-align:middle; margin-right:3px;
          shortDesc="folder icon"/>
      <af:outputText id="folderNodeStampText" value="#{folder.name}"/>
    </af:panelGroupLayout>
  </f:facet>
</af:tree>
```

## 10.5.3 What Happens at Runtime: Tree Component Events

The tree is displayed in a format with nodes indented to indicate their levels in the hierarchy. The user can click nodes to expand them to show children nodes. The user can click expanded nodes to collapse them. When a user clicks one of these icons, the component generates a `RowDisclosureEvent` event. You can register a custom `rowDisclosureListener` method to handle any processing in response to the event.



For more information, see [Section 10.5.4, "What You May Need to Know About Programmatically Expanding and Collapsing Nodes."](#)

When a user selects or deselects a node, the tree component invokes a `selectionEvent` event. You can register custom `selectionListener` instances, which can do post-processing on the tree component based on the selected nodes. For more information, see [Section 10.5.5, "What You May Need to Know About Programmatically Selecting Nodes."](#)

## 10.5.4 What You May Need to Know About Programmatically Expanding and Collapsing Nodes

The `RowDisclosureEvent` event has two `RowKeySet` objects: the `RemovedSet` object for all the collapsed nodes and the `AddedSet` object for all the expanded nodes. The component expands the subtrees under all nodes in the added set and collapses the subtrees under all nodes in the removed set.

Your custom `rowDisclosureListener` method can do post-processing, on the tree component, as shown in [Example 10–15](#).

### **Example 10–15** Tree Table Component with `rowDisclosureListener`

```
<af:treeTable id="folderTree" var="directory" value="#{fs.treeModel}"
  binding="#{editor.component}" rowselection="multiple"
  columnselection="multiple" focusRowKey="#{fs.defaultFocusRowKey}"
  selectionListener="#{fs.Table}"
  contextMenuId="treeTableMenu"
  rowDisclosureListener="#{fs.handleRowDisclosure}">
```

The backing bean method that handles row disclosure events is shown in [Example 10–16](#). The example illustrates expansion of a tree node. For the contraction of a tree node, you would use `getRemovedSet`.

### **Example 10–16** Backing Bean Method for `RowDisclosureEvent`

```
public void handleRowDisclosure(RowDisclosureEvent rowDisclosureEvent)
  throws Exception {
    Object rowKey = null;
    Object rowData = null;
    RichTree tree = (RichTree) rowDisclosureEvent.getSource();
    RowKeySet rks = rowDisclosureEvent.getAddedSet();

    if (rks != null) {
        int setSize = rks.size();
        if (setSize > 1) {
            throw new Exception("Unexpected multiple row disclosure
                added row sets found.");
        }

        if (setSize == 0) {
            // nothing in getAddedSet indicates this is a node
            // contraction, not expansion. If interested only in handling
            // node expansion at this point, return.
            return;
        }

        rowKey = rks.iterator().next();
        tree.setRowKey(rowKey);
    }
}
```

```

        rowData = tree.getRowData();

        // Do whatever is necessary for accessing tree node from
        // rowData, by casting it to an appropriate data structure
        // for example, a Java map or Java bean, and so forth.
    }
}

```

Trees and tree tables use an instance of the `oracle.adf.view.rich.model.RowKeySet` class to keep track of which nodes are expanded. This instance is stored as the `disclosedRowKeys` attribute on the component. You can use this instance to control the expand or collapse state of a node in the hierarchy programmatically, as shown in [Example 10-17](#). Any node contained by the `RowKeySet` instance is expanded, and all other nodes are collapsed. The `addAll()` method adds all elements to the set, and the `removeAll()` method removes all the nodes from the set.

**Example 10-17 Tree Component with `disclosedRowKeys` Attribute**

```

<af:tree var="node"
    inlineStyle="width:90%; height:300px"
    id="displayRowTable"
    varStatus="vs"
    rowselection="single"
    disclosedRowKeys="#{treeTableTestData.disclosedRowKeys}"
    value="#{treeTableTestData.treeModel}">

```

The backing bean method that handles the disclosed row keys is shown in [Example 10-18](#).

**Example 10-18 Backing Bean Method for Handling Row Keys**

```

public RowKeySet getDisclosedRowKeys()
{
    if (disclosedRowKeys == null)
    {
        // Create the PathSet that we will use to store the initial
        // expansion state for the tree
        RowKeySet treeState = new RowKeySetTreeImpl();
        // RowKeySet requires access to the TreeModel for currency.
        TreeModel model = getTreeModel();
        treeState.setCollectionModel(model);
        // Make the model point at the root node
        int oldIndex = model.getRowIndex();
        model.setRowKey(null);
        for(int i = 1; i<=19; ++i)
        {
            model.setRowIndex(i);
            treeState.setContained(true);
        }
        model.setRowIndex(oldIndex);
        disclosedRowKeys = treeState;
    }
    return disclosedRowKeys;
}

```

## 10.5.5 What You May Need to Know About Programmatically Selecting Nodes

The tree and tree table components allow nodes to be selected, either a single node only, or multiple nodes. If the component allows multiple selections, users can select multiple nodes using Control+click and Shift+click operations.

When a user selects or deselects a node, the tree component fires a `selectionEvent` event. This event has two `RowKeySet` objects: the `RemovedSet` object for all the deselected nodes and the `AddedSet` object for all the selected nodes.

Tree and tree table components keep track of which nodes are selected using an instance of the class `oracle.adf.view.rich.model.RowKeySet`. This instance is stored as the `selectedRowKeys` attribute on the component. You can use this instance to control the selection state of a node in the hierarchy programmatically. Any node contained by the `RowKeySet` instance is deemed selected, and all other nodes are not selected. The `addAll()` method adds all nodes to the set, and the `removeAll()` method removes all the nodes from the set. Tree and tree table node selection works in the same way as table row selection. You can refer to sample code for table row selection in [Section 10.2.8, "What You May Need to Know About Performing an Action on Selected Rows in Tables."](#)

## 10.6 Displaying Data in Tree Tables

The ADF Faces tree table component displays hierarchical data in the form of a table. The display is more elaborate than the display of a tree component, because the tree table component can display columns of data for each tree node in the hierarchy. The component includes mechanisms for focusing on subtrees within the main tree, as well as expanding and collapsing nodes in the hierarchy. [Figure 10–27](#) shows the tree table used in the File Explorer application. Like the tree component, the tree table can display the hierarchical relationship between the files in the collection. And like the table component, it can also display attribute values for each file.

**Figure 10–27** Tree Table in the File Explorer Application

Name	Type	Size (KB)	Date Modified
File11.doc	Document File	10	04/25/2013 5:57 PM
File11.js	JScript Script File	10	04/25/2013 5:57 PM
Subfolder11-0	File Folder		04/25/2013 5:57 PM
File11-0.jpg	Image File	100	04/25/2013 5:57 PM
Subfolder11-1	File Folder		04/25/2013 5:57 PM
File11-1.jpg	Image File	100	04/25/2013 5:57 PM
Subfolder11-2	File Folder		04/25/2013 5:57 PM

The immediate children of a tree table component must be column components, in the same way as for table components. Unlike the table, the tree table component has a `nodeStamp` facet which holds the column that contains the primary identifier of a node in the hierarchy. The `treeTable` component supports the same stamping behavior as the `Tree` component (for details, see [Section 10.5, "Displaying Data in Trees"](#)).

For example, in the File Explorer application (as shown in [Figure 10–27](#)), the primary identifier is the file name. This column is what is contained in the `nodeStamp` facet. The other columns, such as **Type** and **Size**, display attribute values on the primary identifier, and these columns are the direct children of the tree table component. This tree table uses `node` as the value of the variable that will be used to stamp out the data for each node in the `nodeStamp` facet column and each component in the child columns. [Example 10–19](#) shows abbreviated code for the tree table in the File Explorer application.

**Example 10–19 Stamping Rows in a TreeTable**

```

<af:treeTable id="folderTreeTable" var="file"
    value="#{explorer.contentViewManager.treeTableContentView.
        contentModel}"
    binding="#{explorer.contentViewManager.treeTableContentView.
        contentTreeTable}"
    emptyText="#{explorerBundle['global.no_row']}"
    columnStretching="last"
    rowSelection="single"
    selectionListener="#{explorer.contentViewManager.
        treeTableContentView.treeTableSelectFileItem}"
    summary="treeTable data">
<f:facet name="nodeStamp">
    <af:column headerText="#{explorerBundle['contents.name']}"
        width="200" sortable="true" sortProperty="name">
        <af:panelGroupLayout>
            <af:image source="#{file.icon}"
                shortDesc="#{file.name}"
                inlineStyle="margin-right:3px; vertical-align:middle;"/>
            <af:outputText id="nameStamp" value="#{file.name}"/>
        </af:panelGroupLayout>
    </af:column>
</f:facet>
<f:facet name="pathStamp">
    <af:panelGroupLayout>
        <af:image source="#{file.icon}"
            shortDesc="#{file.name}"
            inlineStyle="margin-right:3px; vertical-align:middle;"/>
        <af:outputText value="#{file.name}"/>
    </af:panelGroupLayout>
</f:facet>
<af:column headerText="#{explorerBundle['contents.type']}">
    <af:outputText id="typeStamp" value="#{file.type}"/>
</af:column>
<af:column headerText="#{explorerBundle['contents.size']}">
    <af:outputText id="sizeStamp" value="#{file.property.size}"/>
</af:column>
<af:column headerText="#{explorerBundle['contents.lastmodified']}"
    width="140">
    <af:outputText id="modifiedStamp"
        value="#{file.property.lastModified}"/>
</af:column>
</af:treeTable>

```

The tree table component supports many of the same attributes as both tables and trees. For more information about these attributes see [Section 10.2, "Displaying Data in Tables"](#) and [Section 10.5, "Displaying Data in Trees."](#)

**10.6.1 How to Display Data in a Tree Table**

You use the Insert Tree Table wizard to create a tree table. Once the wizard is complete, you can use the Property Inspector to configure additional attributes on the tree table.

**To add a tree table to a page:**

1. In the Component Palette, from the Common Components panel, drag and drop a **Tree Table** onto the page to open the Insert Tree Table wizard. Configure the table by completing the wizard. If you need help, press F1 or click **Help**.
2. Use the Property Inspector to configure any other attributes.

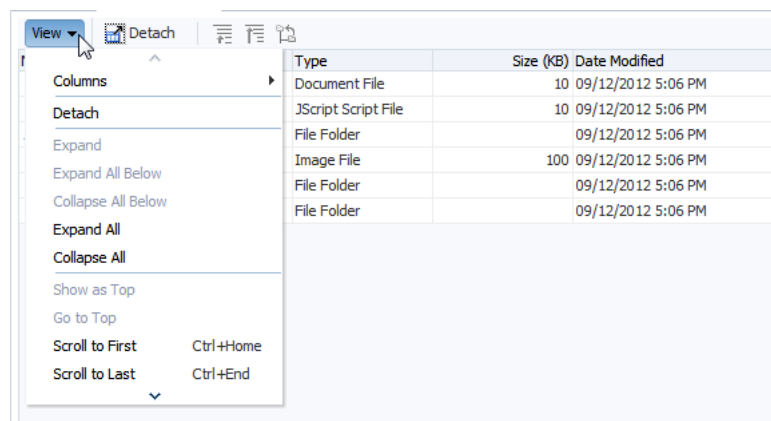
**Tip:** The attributes of the tree table are the same as those on the table and tree components. Refer to [Section 10.2.4, "How to Display a Table on a Page,"](#) and [Section 10.5.1, "How to Display Data in Trees"](#) for help in configuring the attributes.

## 10.7 Displaying Table Menus, Toolbars, and Status Bars

You can use the `panelCollection` component to add menus, toolbars, and status bars to tables, trees, and tree tables. To use the `panelCollection` component, you add the table, tree, or tree table component as a direct child of the `panelCollection` component. The `panelCollection` component provides default menus and toolbar buttons.

[Figure 10–28](#) shows the `panelCollection` component with the tree table component in the File Explorer application. The toolbar contains a menu that provides actions that can be performed on the tree table (such as expanding and collapsing nodes), a button that allows users to detach the tree table, and buttons that allow users to change the rows displayed in the tree table. You can configure the toolbar to not display certain toolbar items. For example, you can turn off the buttons that allow the user to detach the tree or table. For more information about menus, toolbars, and toolbar buttons, see [Chapter 14, "Using Menus, Toolbars, and Toolboxes."](#)

**Figure 10–28** Panel Collection for Tree Table with Menus and Toolbar



Among other facets, the `panelCollection` component contains a menu facet to hold menu components, a toolbar facet for toolbar components, a `secondaryToolbar` facet for another set of toolbar components, and a `statusbar` facet for status items.

The default top-level menu and toolbar items vary depending on the component used as the child of the `panelCollection` component:

- Table and tree: Default top-level menu is **View**.
- Table and tree table with selectable columns: Default top-level menu items are **View** and **Format**.
- Table and tree table: Default toolbar menu is **Detach**.
- Table and tree table with selectable columns: Default top-level toolbar items are **Freeze**, **Detach**, and **Wrap**.
- Tree and tree table (when the `pathStamp` facet is used): The toolbar buttons **Go Up**, **Go To Top**, and **Show as Top** also appear.

[Example 10–20](#) shows how the `panelCollection` component contains menus and toolbars.

**Example 10–20 The `panelCollection` Component with Table, Menus, and Toolbars**

```
<af:panelCollection
  binding="#{editor.component}">
  <f:facet name="viewMenu">
    <af:group>
      <af:commandMenuItem text="View Item 1..." />
      <af:commandMenuItem text="View Item 2..." />
      <af:commandMenuItem text="View Item 3..." disabled="true" />
      <af:commandMenuItem text="View Item 4" />
    </af:group>
  </f:facet>

  <f:facet name="menus">
    <af:menu text="Actions">
      <af:commandMenuItem text="Add..." />
      <af:commandMenuItem text="Create.." />
      <af:commandMenuItem text="Update..." disabled="true" />
      <af:commandMenuItem text="Copy" />
      <af:commandMenuItem text="Delete" />
      <af:commandMenuItem text="Remove" accelerator="control A" />
      <af:commandMenuItem text="Preferences" />
    </af:menu>
  </f:facet>
  <f:facet name="toolbar">
    <af:toolbar>
      <af:commandToolBarButton shortDesc="Create" icon="/new_ena.png">
      </af:commandToolBarButton>
      <af:commandToolBarButton shortDesc="Update" icon="/update_ena.png">
      </af:commandToolBarButton>
      <af:commandToolBarButton shortDesc="Delete" icon="/delete_ena.png">
      </af:commandToolBarButton>
    </af:toolbar>
  </f:facet>
  <f:facet name="secondaryToolbar">
  </f:facet>
  <f:facet name="statusbar">
    <af:toolbar>
      <af:outputText id="statusText" ... value="Custom Statusbar Message" />
    </af:toolbar>
  </f:facet>
  <af:table rowselection="multiple" columnselection="multiple"
    ...
  <af:column
    ...
  </af:column>
```

**Tip:** You can make menus detachable in the `panelCollection` component. For more information, see [Section 14.2, "Using Menus in a Menu Bar."](#) Consider using detached menus when you expect users to do any of the following:

- Execute similar commands repeatedly on a page.
- Execute similar commands on different rows of data in a large table, tree table, or tree.
- View data in long and wide tables or tree tables, and trees. Users can choose which columns or branches to hide or display with a single click.
- Format data in long or wide tables, tree tables, or trees.

### 10.7.1 How to Add a `panelCollection` with a Table, Tree, or Tree Table

You add a `panelCollection` component and then add the table, tree, or tree table inside the `panelCollection` component. You can then add and modify the menus and toolbars for it.

**To create a `panelCollection` component with an aggregate display component:**

1. In the Component Palette, from the Layout panel, drag and drop a **Panel Collection** onto the page. Add the table, tree, or tree table as a child to that component.

Alternatively, if the table, tree, or tree table already exists on the page, you can right-click the component and choose **Surround With**. Then select **Panel Collection** to wrap the component with the `panelCollection` component.

2. Optionally, customize the `panelCollection` toolbar by turning off specific toolbar and menu items. To do so, select the `panelCollection` component in the Structure window. In the Property Inspector, set the `featuresOff` attribute. [Table 10–1](#) shows the valid values and the corresponding effect on the toolbar.

**Table 10–1 Valid Values for the `featuresOff` Attribute**

Value	Will not display...
<code>statusBar</code>	status bar
<code>viewMenu</code>	View menu
<code>formatMenu</code>	Format menu
<code>columnsMenuItem</code>	Columns menu item in the View menu
<code>columnsMenuItem:colId</code> For example: <code>columnsMenuItem:col1, col2</code>	Columns with matching IDs in the Columns menu For example, the value to the left would not display the columns whose IDs are <code>col1</code> and <code>col2</code>
<code>freezeMenuItem</code>	Freeze menu item in the View menu
<code>detachMenuItem</code>	Detach menu item in the View menu
<code>sortMenuItem</code>	Sort menu item in the View menu
<code>reorderColumnsMenuItem</code>	Reorder Columns menu item in the View menu
<code>resizeColumnsMenuItem</code>	Resize Columns menu item in the Format menu
<code>wrapMenuItem</code>	Wrap menu item in the Format menu
<code>showAsTopMenuItem</code>	Show As Top menu item in the tree's View menu

**Table 10–1 (Cont.) Valid Values for the featuresOff Attribute**

Value	Will not display...
scrollToFirstMenuItem	Scroll To First menu item in the tree’s View menu
scrollToLastMenuItem	Scroll To Last menu item in the tree’s View menu
freezeToolBarItem	Freeze toolbar item
detachToolBarItem	Detach toolbar item
wrapToolBarItem	Wrap toolbar item
showAsTopToolBarItem	Show As Top toolbar item
wrap	Wrap menu and toolbar items
freeze	Freeze menu and toolbar items
detach	Detach menu and toolbar items

3. Add your custom menus and toolbars to the component:
  - Menus: Add a menu component inside the menu facet.
  - Toolbars: Add a toolbar component inside the toolbar or secondaryToolBar facet.
  - Status items: Add items inside the statusBar facet.
  - View menu: Add `commandMenuItem` components to the `viewMenu` facet. For multiple items, use the `group` component as a container for the many `commandMenuItem` components.

From the Component Palette, drag and drop the component into the facet. For example, drop **Menu** into the `menu` facet, then drop **Menu Items** into the same facet to build a menu list. For more instructions about menus and toolbars, see [Chapter 14, "Using Menus, Toolbars, and Toolboxes."](#)

## 10.8 Displaying a Collection in a List

Instead of using a table with multiple columns, you can use the `listView` and `listItem` components to display structured data in a simple table-like format that contains just one column. [Figure 10–29](#) shows a `listView` component that contains one `listItem` component used to display an error icon, task information, and an action button, for each row.

**Figure 10–29 The listView Component with a listItem Component**

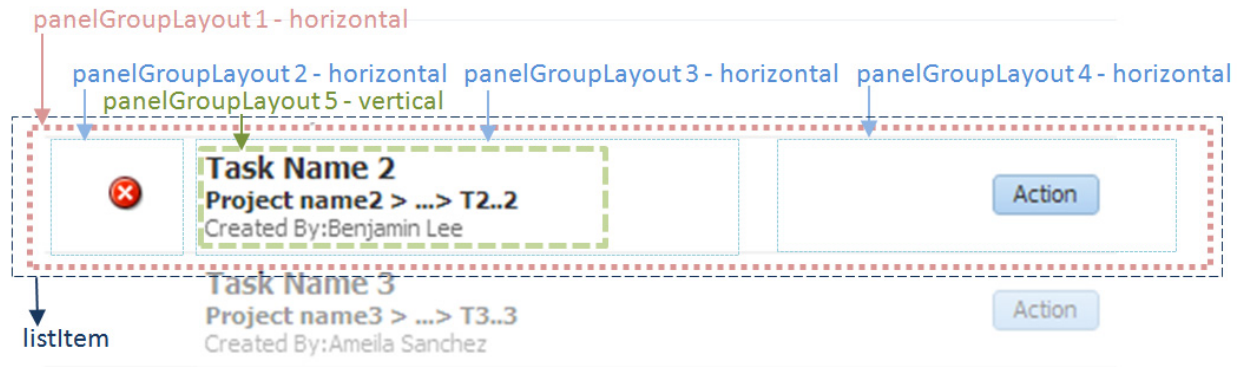


As shown in [Figure 10–30](#), instead of using columns to group the data to be displayed, a mix of layout components and other components, held by one `listItem` component, display the actual the data. In this example, the `listItem` component contains one



large `panelGroupLayout` component set to display its children horizontally. The children are three other `panelGroupLayout` components used to group their children as columns might in a table. These `panelGroupLayout` components are also set to display their children horizontally. The second of these layout components contains one `panelGroupLayout` component set to display its child components (in this case three `outputText` components) vertically.

**Figure 10–30** The `listItem` Component Contains Multiple Components That Display the Data



Example 10–21 shows the corresponding code.

**Example 10–21** The `listView` Component

```
<af:listView id="listView" binding="#{editor.component}"
    var="item" varStatus="vs" partialTriggers="::pprLV"
    value="#{demolistView.taskModel}"
    selection="multiple">
  <af:listItem id="lvi">
    <af:showPopupBehavior popupId="::ctxtMenu"
      triggerType="contextMenu"/>
    <af:panelGroupLayout id="panelGroupLayout1"
      layout="horizontal"
      styleClass="AFStretchWidth">
      <af:panelGroupLayout id="panelGroupLayout2"
        layout="horizontal"
        inlineStyle="margin-left:20px; width:45px"
        valign="middle">
        <af:image rendered="#{vs.index %6 ==1}"
          source="/images/error.png" id="i1"
          shortDesc="Error at Line #{vs.index + 1}"/>
      </af:panelGroupLayout>
      <af:panelGroupLayout id="panelGroupLayout3" layout="horizontal"
        inlineStyle="width:100%">
        <af:panelGroupLayout id="panelGroupLayout5"
          layout="vertical"
          inlineStyle="min-width:300px">
          <af:outputText id="outputText1" value="#{item.taskName}"
            styleClass="taskName"/>
          <af:outputText id="outputText2"
            value="#{item.projectDesc}"
            styleClass="taskProjectDesc"/>
          <af:outputText id="outputText3" value="#{item.created}"
            styleClass="taskCreated"/>
        </af:panelGroupLayout>
      </af:panelGroupLayout>
    </af:listItem>
  </af:listView>
```

```

<af:panelGroupLayout id="panelGroupLayout4"
    layout="horizontal" halign="end"
    valign="middle"
    inlineStyle="margin-right:20px">
  <af:commandButton id="cb1" text="Action"
    shortDesc="Click To Invoke Action for Item #{vs.index + 1}">
    <af:showPopupBehavior popupId="::popupDialog"
      alignId="cb1" align="afterStart"/>
  </af:commandButton>
</af:panelGroupLayout>
</af:panelGroupLayout>
</af:listItem>
</af:listView>

```

You bind the `listView` component to the collection. The component then repeatedly renders one `listItem` component by stamping the value for each item. As each item is stamped, the data for the current row is copied into a property that can be addressed by an EL expression that uses the `listView` component's `var` attribute. Once the list has completed rendering, this property is removed or reverted back to its previous value.

In this example, the `listView` value is bound to the `demolistView.taskModel` object. The properties on this object can be accessed using the `var` property, which is set to `item`. For example, in order to display the task name, the `outputText` component value is set to `item.taskName`.

The `listView` component can also display a limited, two-level hierarchy. To display a hierarchy, the `listView` needs to be bound to a `TreeModel` instead of a `CollectionModel`. The `TreeModel` can contain one root level and one child level (for more information about the `TreeModel` class, see [Section 10.5, "Displaying Data in Trees"](#)).

As with trees, the `listView` uses stamping to display content for the individual nodes, and a facet (named the `groupHeaderStamp` facet) that acts as a holder for the component used to display the parent data for the nodes. However, since the `listView` only allows two levels, the `groupHeaderStamp` facet contains the component used to display only the root level.

[Figure 10–31](#) shows a `listView` component displaying a simple hierarchy that has letters of the alphabet as the root, and employee objects as the leaf nodes.

**Figure 10–31 Simple Hierarchy in a listView Component**



The components used to display the employee object are placed in a `listItem` component, while the components used to display the letter of the alphabet are placed

in a `listItem` component inside the `groupHeaderStamp` facet, as shown in [Example 10–22](#).

**Example 10–22 The `groupHeaderStamp` Facet in a `listView` Component**

```
<af:listView id="listView" binding="#{editor.component}"
    var="item" varStatus="vs" groupDisclosurePolicy="noDisclosure"
    value="#{demolistView.ABTreeModel}">
  <af:listItem id="listItem1">
    <af:panelGroupLayout id="pg13" layout="vertical">
      <af:outputText id="ot2" value="#{item.ename}" styleClass="ABName"/>
      <af:outputText id="ot3" value="#{item.job}" styleClass="ABJob"/>
    </af:panelGroupLayout>
  </af:listItem>
  <f:facet name="groupHeaderStamp">
    <af:listItem id="listItem2" styleClass="ABHeader">
      <af:outputText id="ot1" value="#{item.alphabetHeading}"/>
    </af:listItem>
  </f:facet>
</af:listView>
```

When you display a hierarchy in a `listView` component, you can configure it so that the headers can disclose or hide its child components, as shown in [Figure 10–32](#).

**Figure 10–32 The `listView` Component Configured to Provide Collapsing Headers**



By default, the `listView` component is configured to display all children. You can change this using the `groupDisclosurePolicy` attribute.

When a user collapses or expands a group, a `RowDisclosureEvent` is fired. You can use the `groupDisclosureListener` to programmatically expand and collapse nodes. For more information, see [Section 10.5.4, "What You May Need to Know About Programmatically Expanding and Collapsing Nodes."](#)

When a user selects or deselects a row or a node, a `SelectionEvent` is fired. You can use the `selectionListener` to programmatically respond to the event. For more information, see [Section 10.2.8, "What You May Need to Know About Performing an Action on Selected Rows in Tables."](#)

## 10.8.1 How to Display a Collection in a List

You use a `listView` component bound to a `CollectionModel` instance and one `listItem` component to create the list. If you want to display a simple parent-child

hearers, you place a second `listItem` component in the `groupHeaderStamp` facet. You then add layout components and other text components to display the actual data.

**To display a collection in a list:**

1. Create a Java class for the model to which the list will be bound. If you want the list to display groups with headers, the model must extend the `org.apache.myfaces.trinidad.model.TreeModel` class. If not, it should extend the `org.apache.myfaces.trinidad.model.CollectionModel` class.

**Tip:** You may also use other model classes, such as `java.util.List`, `array`, and `javax.faces.model.DataModel`. If you use one of these other classes, the `listView` component automatically converts the instance into a `CollectionModel` class, but without any additional functionality. For more information about the `CollectionModel` class, see the MyFaces Trinidad Javadoc at [http://myfaces.apache.org/trinidad/trinidad-1\\_2/trinidad-api/apidocs/index.html](http://myfaces.apache.org/trinidad/trinidad-1_2/trinidad-api/apidocs/index.html).

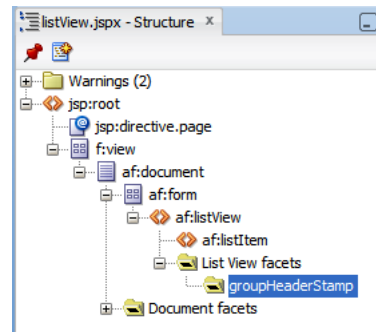
2. In the Component Palette, from the Common Components panel, drag and drop a **List View** on to the page.
3. In the Property Inspector, expand the Other section and set the following:
  - **Value:** Specify an EL expression to bind the list to the mode created in Step 1.
  - **Var:** Specify a variable name to represent each node.
  - **First:** Specify a row to set as the first row to display in the list.
  - **FetchSize:** Set the size of the block that should be returned with each data fetch. The default is 25.

**Tip:** You should determine the value of the `fetchSize` attribute by taking the height of the list and dividing it by the height of each row to determine how many rows will be needed to fill the list. If the `fetchSize` attribute is set too low, it will require multiple trips to the server to fill the list. If it is set too high, the server will need to fetch more rows from the data source than needed, thereby increasing time and memory usage. On the client side, it will take longer to process those rows and attach them to the component. For more information, see [Section 10.1.1, "Content Delivery."](#)

- **Rows:** Specific the number of rows to display in the range of rows. By default this is 25 (the same value as the `fetchSize` attribute). Set it to 0 to display all rows.
  - **SelectedRowKeys:** Optionally enter the keys for the nodes that should be initially selected. For more information, see [Section 10.5.5, "What You May Need to Know About Programmatically Selecting Nodes."](#)
  - **Selection:** Set a value to make the rows selectable (this is the `rowSelection` attribute). Valid values are: `none`, `single`, and `multiple`. For information about how to then programatically perform some action on the selected rows, see [Section 10.2.8, "What You May Need to Know About Performing an Action on Selected Rows in Tables."](#)
4. Drag and drop a **List Item** as a child to the `listView` component.

5. Drag and drop layout and other components into the `listView` component, to create your desired configuration. See [Figure 10–30](#) and [Example 10–21](#) for an example.
6. If you want the `listView` component to display a simple hierarchy, drag and drop a **List Item** into the `groupHeaderStamp` facet. [Figure 10–33](#) shows the `groupHeaderStamp` facet in the Structure window.

**Figure 10–33** The `groupHeaderStamp` Facet in the Structure Window

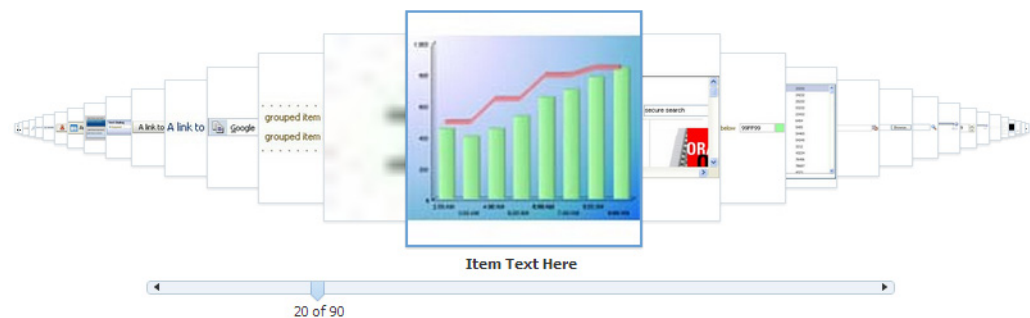


7. Drag and drop an **Output Text** into the `listItem` component to display your header text, and configure the `outputText` component as needed.

## 10.9 Displaying Images in a Carousel

You can display images in a revolving carousel, as shown in [Figure 10–34](#). Users can change the image at the front either by using the slider at the bottom or by clicking one of the auxiliary images to bring that specific image to the front.

**Figure 10–34** The ADF Faces Carousel



By default, the carousel is displayed horizontally. The objects within the horizontal orientation of the carousel are vertically aligned to the middle and the carousel itself is horizontally aligned to the center of its container.

You can configure the carousel so that it can be displayed vertically, as you might want for a reference card file. By default, the objects within the vertical orientation of the carousel are horizontally aligned to the center and the carousel itself is vertically aligned to the middle, as shown in [Figure 10–35](#). You can change the alignments using the carousel's alignment attributes.

**Figure 10–35 Vertical Carousel Component**



**Best Practice:** Generally the carousel should be placed in a parent component that stretches its children (such as a `panelSplitter` or `panelStretchLayout`). If you do not place the carousel in a component that stretches its children, your carousel will display at the default dimension of 500px wide and 300px tall. You can change these dimensions.

The carousel component can display in circular mode, as in [Figure 10–34](#), or you can configure it so that it displays only the current image, as shown in [Figure 10–36](#)

**Figure 10–36 Carousel Can Display Just One Image.**



You can also configure the controls used to browse through the images. You can display a slider that has next and previous arrows and that spans more than one image (as shown in [Figure 10–34](#)), you can display only next and previous buttons, (as shown in [Figure 10–36](#)), or you can display next and previous buttons, along with the slide

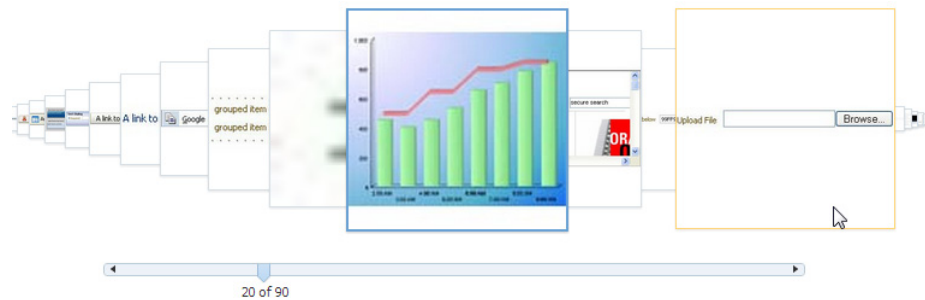
counter, (as shown in [Figure 10-37](#)).

**Figure 10-37** Next and Previous Buttons With a Slide Counter



By default, when the carousel is configured to display in the circular mode, when you hover over an auxiliary item (that is, an item that is not the current item at the center), the item is outlined to show that it can be selected (note that this outline will only appear if your application is using the Skyros or Fusion FX v1.2 and above skins). You can configure the carousel so that instead, the item pops out and displays at full size, as shown in [Figure 10-38](#).

**Figure 10-38** Auxiliary Item Pops Out on Hover



When set to the circular mode, you can also configure the space between images, and you can also configure the size of the auxiliary images. By default, the space between images is set to 0.45 times the size of the preceding image, resulting in the images overlapping each other, and the auxiliary image size is set to 0.8, so that each image is 0.8 times the size of the preceding image, as shown in [Figure 10-34](#). You can change these settings to alter how the carousel appears. For example, if you wanted the carousel to appear more like a filmstrip, you might set the space between the images to be 1.1, and the size of the auxiliary items to be 1, so that they are all the same size, as shown in [Figure 10-39](#).



**Figure 10–39 Configuring a Carousel to Display Like a Filmstrip**



A child `carouselItem` component displays the objects in the carousel, along with a title for the object. You bind the `carousel` component to the collection. The component then repeatedly renders one `carouselItem` component by stamping the value for each item. As each item is stamped, the data for the current item is copied into a property that can be addressed by an EL expression that uses the `carousel` component's `var` attribute. Once the carousel has completed rendering, this property is removed or reverted back to its previous value. Carousels contain a `nodeStamp` facet, which is both a holder for the `carouselItem` component used to display the text and short description for each item, and the parent component to the image displayed for each item.

For example, the `carouselItem` JSF page in the ADF Faces demo shown in [Figure 10–34](#) contains a carousel component that displays an image of each of the ADF Faces components. The `demoCarouselItem` (`CarouselBean.java`) managed bean contains a list of each of these components. The `value` attribute of the `carousel` component is bound to the `items` property on that bean, which represents that list. The carousel component's `var` attribute is used to hold the value for each item to display, and is used by both the `carouselItem` component and the `image` component to retrieve the correct values for each item. [Example 10–23](#) shows the JSF page code for the carousel. For more information about stamping behavior in a carousel, see [Section 10.5, "Displaying Data in Trees."](#)

**Example 10–23 Carousel Component JSF Page Code**

```
<af:carousel id="carousel" binding="#{editor.component}"
    var="item"
    value="#{demoCarousel.items}"
    carouselSpinListener="#{demoCarousel.handleCarouselSpin}">
  <f:facet name="nodeStamp">
    <af:carouselItem id="crslItem" text="#{item.title}" shortDesc="#{item.title}">
      <af:image id="img" source="#{item.url}" shortDesc="#{item.title}" />
    </af:carouselItem>
  </f:facet>
</af:carousel>
```

A `carouselItem` component stretches its sole child component. If you place a single `image` component inside of the `carouselItem`, the image stretches to fit within the square allocated for the item (as the user spins the carousel, these dimensions shrink or grow).



**Best Practice:** The image component does not provide any geometry management controls for altering how it behaves when stretched. You should use images that have equal width and height dimensions in order for the image to retain its proper aspect ratio when it is being stretched.

The carousel component uses a `CollectionModel` class to access the data in the underlying collection. This class extends the JSF `DataModel` class and adds on support for row keys. In the `DataModel` class, rows are identified entirely by index. However, to avoid issues if the underlying data changes, the `CollectionModel` class is based on row keys instead of indexes.

You may also use other model classes, such as `java.util.List`, `array`, and `javax.faces.model.DataModel`. If you use one of these other classes, the carousel component automatically converts the instance into a `CollectionModel` class, but without any additional functionality. For more information about the `CollectionModel` class, see the MyFaces Trinidad javadoc at [http://myfaces.apache.org/trinidad/trinidad-1\\_2/trinidad-api/apidocs/index.html](http://myfaces.apache.org/trinidad/trinidad-1_2/trinidad-api/apidocs/index.html).

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**Note:** If your application uses the Fusion technology stack, you can create ADF Business Components over your data source that represent the items, and the model will be created for you. You can then declaratively create the carousel, and it will automatically be bound to that model. For more information, see the "Using the ADF Faces Carousel Component" section of the *Oracle Fusion Middleware Fusion Developer's Guide for Oracle Application Development Framework*.

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The carousel components are *virtualized*, meaning that not all the items available to the component on the server are delivered to, and displayed on, the client. You configure the carousel to fetch a certain number of rows at a time from your data source. The data can be delivered to the component either immediately upon rendering, or lazily fetched after the shell of the component has been rendered. By default, the carousel lazily fetches data for the initial request. When a page contains one or more of these components, the page initially goes through the standard lifecycle. However, instead of the carousel fetching the data during that initial request, a special separate partial page rendering (PPR) request is run on the component, and the number of items set as the value of the fetch size for the carousel is then returned. Because the page has just been rendered, only the Render Response phase executes for the carousel, allowing the corresponding data to be fetched and displayed. When a user does something to cause a subsequent data fetch (for example, spinning the carousel for another set of images), another PPR request is executed.

**Performance Tip:** You should use lazy delivery when the page contains a number of components other than a carousel. Using lazy delivery allows the initial page layout and other components to be rendered first before the data is available.

Use immediate delivery if the carousel is the only context on the page, or if the carousel is not expected to return a large set of items. In this case, response time will be faster than with lazy delivery (or in some cases, simply perceived as faster), as the second request will not go to the server, providing a faster user response time and better server CPU utilizations. Note, however, that only the number of items configured to be the fetch block will be initially returned. As with lazy delivery, when a user's actions cause a subsequent data fetch, the next set of items is delivered.

A slider control allows users to navigate through the collection. Normally, the thumb on the slider displays the current object number out of the total number of objects, for example 6 of 20. When the total number of objects is too high to calculate, the thumb on the slider will show only the current object number. For example, say a carousel is used for a company's employee directory. By default, the directory might show faces for every employee, but it may not know without an expensive database call that there are exactly 94,409 employees in the system that day.

You can use other components in conjunction with the carousel. For example, you can add a toolbar or menu bar, and to that, add buttons or menu items that allow users to perform actions on the current object.

## 10.9.1 How to Create a Carousel

To create a carousel, you must first create the data model that contains the images to display. You then bind a `carousel` component to that model and insert a `carouselItem` component into the `nodeStamp` facet of the carousel. Lastly, you insert an `image` component (or other components that contain an `image` component) as a child to the `carouselItem` component.

### To Create a Carousel:

1. Create the data model that will provide the collection of images to display. The data model can be a `List`, `Array`, `DataModel`, or `CollectionModel`. If the collection is anything other than a `CollectionModel`, the framework will automatically convert it to a `CollectionModel`. For more information about the `CollectionModel` class, see the MyFaces Trinidad Javadoc at [http://myfaces.apache.org/trinidad/trinidad-1\\_2/trinidad-api/apidocs/index.html](http://myfaces.apache.org/trinidad/trinidad-1_2/trinidad-api/apidocs/index.html).

The data model should provide the following information for each of the images to be displayed in the carousel:

- URL to the images
- Title, which will be displayed below the image in the carousel
- Short description used for text displayed when the user mouses over the image

For examples, see the `CarouselBean.java` and the `CarouselMediaBean.java` classes in the ADF Faces demo application.

2. In the Component Palette, from the Common Components panel, drag and drop a **Carousel** onto the page.

3. In the Property Inspector, expand the Common section, and set the following:
  - **Orientation:** By default, the carousel displays horizontally. Select `vertical` if you want it to display vertically, as shown in [Figure 10–35](#). If you set it to `horizontal`, you must configure how the items line up using the `halign` attribute. If you set it to `vertical`, set how the items line up using the `valign` attribute.
  - **Halign:** Specify how you want items in a vertical carousel to display. Valid values are:
    - **Center:** Aligns the items so that they have the same centerpoint. This is the default.
    - **End:** Aligns the items so that the right edges line up (when the browser is displaying a left-to-right language).
    - **Start:** Aligns the items so that the left edges line up (when the browser is displaying a left-to-right language).
  - **Valign:** Specify how you want items in a horizontal carousel to display. Valid values are:
    - **Bottom:** Aligns the items so that the bottom edges line up.
    - **Middle:** Aligns the items so that they have the same middle point. This is the default.
    - **Top:** Aligns the items so that the top edges line up.
  - **Value:** Bind the carousel to the model.
4. Expand the Data section and set the following:
  - **Var:** Enter a variable that will be used in EL to access the individual item data.
  - **VarStatus:** Enter a variable that will be used in EL to access the status of the carousel. Common properties of `varStatus` include:
    - `model`: Returns the `CollectionModel` for the component.
    - `index`: Returns the zero-based item index.
5. Expand the Appearance section and set `EmptyText` to the text that should display if no items are returned. If using a resource bundle, use the dropdown menu to choose **Select Text Resource**.
6. Expand the Behavior section, and set the following:
  - **FetchSize:** Set the size of the block that should be returned with each data fetch.
  - **ContentDelivery:** Specify when the data should be delivered. When the `contentDelivery` attribute is set to `immediate`, items are fetched at the same time the carousel is rendered. If the `contentDelivery` attribute is set to `lazy`, items will be fetched and delivered to the client during a subsequent request.
  - **CarouselSpinListener:** Bind to a handler method that handles the spinning of the carousel when you need logic to be executed when the carousel spin is executed. [Example 10–24](#) shows the handler method on the `CarouselBean` which redraws the detail panel when the spin happens.

**Example 10–24 Handler for the `CarouselSpinEvent`**

```
public void handleCarouselSpin(CarouselSpinEvent event)
{
```

```

RichCarousel carousel = (RichCarousel)event.getComponent();
carousel.setRowKey(event.getNewItemKey());
ImageInfo itemData = (ImageInfo)carousel.getRowData();
_currentImageInfo = itemData;

// Redraw the detail panel so that we can update the selected details.
RequestContext rc = RequestContext.getCurrentInstance();
rc.addPartialTarget(_detailPanel);
}
    
```

7. Expand the Advanced section and set **CurrentItemKey**. Specify which item is showing when the carousel is initially rendered. The value should be (or evaluate to) the item's primary key in the `CollectionModel`:
8. Expand the Other section, and set the following:
  - **AuxiliaryOffset**: Set to a number to determine how much an image will be offset from the preceding image. The default is `0.45`.
  - **AuxiliaryPopOut**: Set to `hover` to cause an auxiliary image to render full-size when the user hovers over it. The default is `off`.
  - **AuxiliaryScale**: Set to a number to determine what size each image should be in comparison to the image before it. A setting of `1` means all images would be the same size. A setting of less than `1` causes each image to be incrementally smaller, greater than `1` and they will be larger. By default, the setting is `0.8`, which means each image is 80% smaller than the preceding image.
  - **ControlArea**: Specify the controls used to browse through the carousel images. Valid values are:
    - **full**: The slider is larger than the current image, and displays next and previous buttons.
    - **small**: The slider is the size of the current image, and displays next and previous buttons.
    - **compact**: Only the next and previous buttons are displayed.
    - **none**: The slider and controls are not displayed.
  - **DisplayItems**: Select **circular** to have the carousel display multiple images. Select **oneByOne** to have the carousel display one image at a time.
9. From the Component Palette, drag a **Carousel Item** to the `nodeStamp` facet of the `Carousel` component.

Bind the `CarouselItem` component's attributes to the properties in the data model using the variable value set on the carousel's `var` attribute. For example, the carousel in [Example 10-23](#) uses `item` as the value for the `var` attribute. So the value of the `carouselItem`'s `text` attribute would be `item.title` (given that `title` is the property used to access the text used for the carousel items on the data model).

10. Drag an image from the Component Palette and drop it as a child to the `carouselItem`.

Bind the image component's attributes to the properties in the data model using the variable value set on the carousel's `var` attribute. For example, the carousel in [Example 10-23](#) uses `item` as the value for the `var` attribute. So the value of the image's `source` attribute would be `item.url` (given that `url` is the property used to access the image).

You can surround the image component with other components if you want more functionality. For example, [Figure 10-40](#) shows a carousel whose images are

surrounded by a `panelGroupLayout` component and that also uses a `clientListener` to call a JavaScript function to show a menu and a navigation bar.

**Figure 10–40 Using a More Complex Layout in a Carousel**



Example 10–25 shows the corresponding page code.

**Example 10–25 A More Complex Layout for a Carousel**

```
<af:carouselItem id="mainItem" text="#{item.title}" shortDesc="#{item.title}">
  <af:panelGroupLayout id="itemPgl" layout="vertical">
    <af:image id="mainImg" source="#{item.url}" shortDesc="#{item.title}"
      styleClass="MyImage">
      <af:clientListener method="handleItemOver" type="mouseOver"/>
      <af:clientListener method="handleItemDown" type="mouseDown"/>
      <af:showPopupBehavior triggerType="contextMenu" popupId="::itemCtx"/>
    </af:image>
    <af:panelGroupLayout id="overHead" styleClass="MyOverlayHeader"
      layout="vertical" clientComponent="true">
      <af:menuBar id="menuBar">
        <af:menu id="menu" text="Menu">
          <af:commandMenuItem id="menuItem1" text="Menu Item 1"/>
          <af:commandMenuItem id="menuItem2" text="Menu Item 2"/>
          <af:commandMenuItem id="menuItem3" text="Menu Item 3"/>
        </af:menu>
      </af:menuBar>
    </af:panelGroupLayout>
    <af:panelGroupLayout id="overFoot" styleClass="MyOverlayFooter"
      layout="vertical" clientComponent="true"
      halign="center">
      <af:panelGroupLayout id="footHorz" layout="horizontal">
        <f:facet name="separator">
          <af:spacer id="footSp" width="8"/>
        </f:facet>
        <af:commandImageLink . . .
          />
        <af:outputText id="pageInfo" value="Page 1 of 1"/>
        <af:commandImageLink . . .
          />
      </af:panelGroupLayout>
    </af:panelGroupLayout>
  </af:panelGroupLayout>
</af:carouselItem>
```

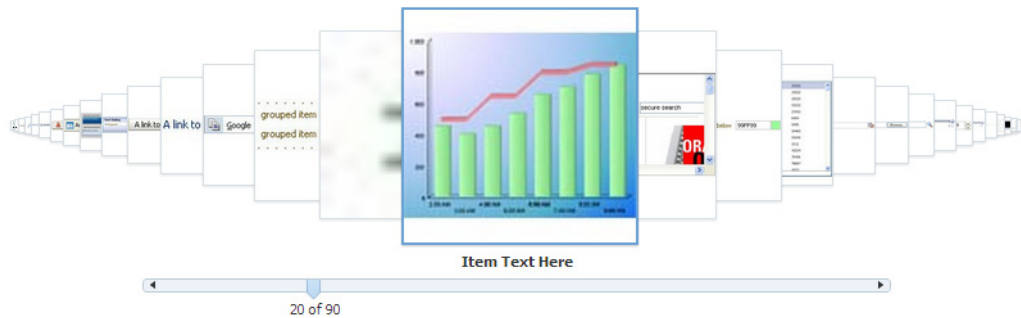
```
</af:carouselItem>
```

**Performance Tip:** The simpler the structure for the carousel is, the faster it will perform.

## 10.9.2 What You May Need to Know About the Carousel Component and Different Browsers

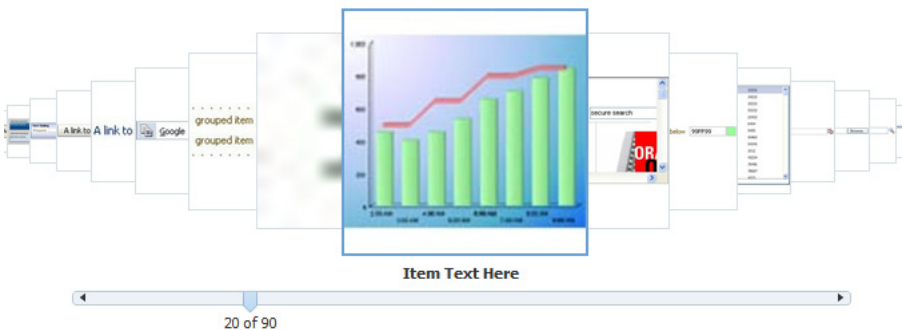
In some browsers, the visual decoration of the carousel's items will be richer. For example, Safari and Google Chrome display subtle shadows around the carousel's items, and the noncurrent items have a brightness overlay to help make clear that the auxiliary items are not the current item, as shown in [Figure 10-41](#).

**Figure 10-41** *Carousel Component Displayed in Google Chrome*



[Figure 10-42](#) shows the same component in Internet Explorer.

**Figure 10-42** *Carousel Component Displayed in Microsoft Internet Explorer*



## 10.10 Passing a Row as a Value

There may be a case where you need to pass an entire row from a collection as a value. To do this, you pass the variable used in the table to represent the row, or used in the tree to represent a node, and pass it as a value to a property in the pageFlow scope. Another page can then access that value from the scope. The `setPropertyListener` tag allows you to do this (for more information about the `setPropertyListener` tag, including procedures for using it, see [Section 4.7, "Passing Values Between Pages"](#)).

For example, suppose you have a master page with a single-selection table showing employees, and you want users to be able to select a row and then click a command button to navigate to a new page to edit the data for that row, as shown in [Example 10-26](#). The EL variable name `emp` is used to represent one row (employee) in the table. The action attribute value of the `commandButton` component is a static string

outcome `showEmpDetail`, which allows the user to navigate to the Employee Detail page. The `setPropertyListener` tag takes the `from` value (the variable `emp`), and stores it with the `to` value.

#### Example 10–26 Using `setPropertyListener` and `PageFlowScope`

```
<af:table value="#{myManagedBean.allEmployees}" var="emp"
    rowSelection="single">
  <af:column headerText="Name">
    <af:outputText value="#{emp.name}" />
  </af:column>
  <af:column headerText="Department Number">
    <af:outputText value="#{emp.deptno}" />
  </af:column>
  <af:column headertext="Select">
    <af:commandButton text="Show more details" action="showEmpDetail">
      <af:setPropertyListener from="#{emp}"
        to="#{pageFlowScope.empDetail}"
        type="action" />
    </af:commandButton>
  </af:column>
</af:table>
```

When the user clicks the command button on an employee row, the listener executes, and the value of `#{emp}` is retrieved, which corresponds to the current row (employee) in the table. The retrieved row object is stored as the `empDetail` property of `pageFlowScope` with the `#{pageFlowScope.empDetail}` EL expression. Then the action event executes with the static outcome, and the user is navigated to a detail page. On the detail page, the `outputText` components get their value from `pageFlowScope.empDetail` objects, as shown in [Example 10–27](#).

#### Example 10–27 Retrieving `PageFlowScope` Objects

```
<h:panelGrid columns="2">
  <af:outputText value="Firstname:" />
  <af:inputText value="#{pageFlowScope.empDetail.name}" />
  <af:outputText value="Email:" />
  <af:inputText value="#{pageFlowScope.empDetail.email}" />
  <af:outputText value="Hiredate:" />
  <af:inputText value="#{pageFlowScope.empDetail.hiredate}" />
  <af:outputText value="Salary:" />
  <af:inputText value="#{pageFlowScope.empDetail.salary}" />
</h:panelGrid>
```

## 10.11 Exporting Data from Table, Tree, or Tree Table

You can export the data from a table, tree, or tree table, or from the table region of the data visualization project, scheduling, or resource utilization Gantt chart to a Microsoft Excel spreadsheet or to a comma-separated values (CSV) file. To allow users to export a table, you create an action source, such as a button or command link that will be used to invoke the export, and add an `exportCollectionActionListener` component and associate it with the data you wish to export. You can configure the `exportCollectionActionListener` so that all the rows of the source table or tree will be exported, or so that only the rows selected by the user will be exported.

**Tip:** You can also export data from a DVT pivot table. For more information, see [Section 27.9, "Exporting from a Pivot Table."](#)



For example, [Figure 10–43](#) shows the table from the ADF Faces demo application that includes buttons that allow users to export the data to an Excel spreadsheet or as a CSV file.

**Figure 10–43 Table with Command Button for Exporting Data**

		Export All Rows to Excel		Export Selected Rows to Excel		Export All Rows to CSV		Export Selected Rows to CSV	
Number	Name	Size of the file in Kilo B	Number	Date Modified	Col5	Col6			
0	·	0 B	0	07/12/2004	.	07/12/2004			
1	..	0 B	1	07/12/2004	..	07/12/2004			
2	admin.jar	1 KB	2	05/11/2004	admin.jar	05/11/2004			
3	applib	0 B	3	07/12/2004	applib	07/12/2004			
4	applications	0 B	4	07/12/2004	applications	07/12/2004			
5	config	0 B	5	07/12/2004	config	07/12/2004			
6	connectors	0 B	6	07/12/2004	connectors	07/12/2004			
7	database	0 B	7	07/12/2004	database	07/12/2004			

When the user clicks a button, the listener processes the exporting of all the rows to a spreadsheet or CSV. As shown in [Figure 10–43](#), you can also configure the `exportCollectionActionListener` component so that only the rows the user selects are exported.

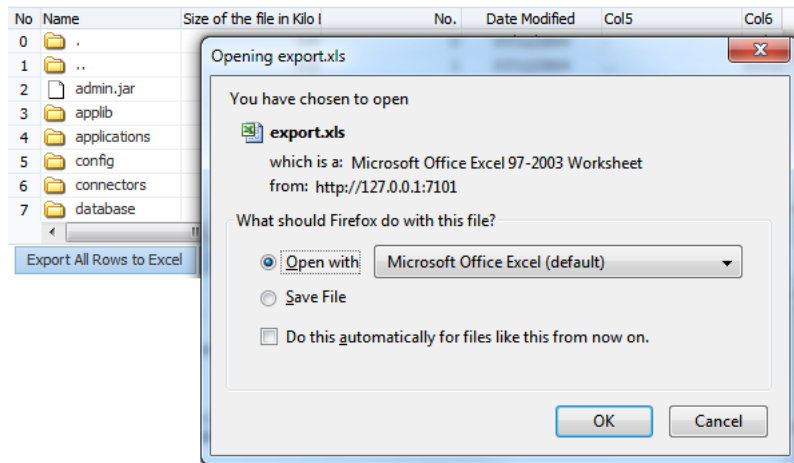
Only the following can be exported:

- Value of value holder components (such as input and output components).
- Value of `selectItem` components used in `selectOneChoice` and `selectOneListbox` components (the value of `selectItem` components in other selection components are not exported).
- Value of the text attribute of a command component.
- Value of the `shortDesc` attribute on image and icon components.

If you do not want the value of the `shortDesc` attribute on image and icon components to be exported (for example, if a cell contains an image), you can use the predefined `skipObjectComponent` filter method. This method will run before the `exportCollectionActionListener`, and will keep any `Object` components from being exported. You can also create your own custom filter method to apply any needed logic before the `exportCollectionActionListener` runs.

Depending on the browser, and the configuration of the listener, the browser will either open a dialog, allowing the user to either open or save the file as shown in [Figure 10–44](#), or the file will be displayed in the browser. For example, if the user is viewing the page in Microsoft Internet Explorer, and no file name has been specified on the `exportCollectionActionListener` component, the file is displayed in the browser. In Mozilla Firefox, the dialog opens.



**Figure 10-44** Exporting to Excel Dialog

If the user chooses to save the file, it can later be opened in Excel, as shown in Figure 10-45. If the user chooses to open the file, what happens depends on the browser. For example, if the user is viewing the page in Microsoft Internet Explorer, the spreadsheet opens in the browser window. If the user is viewing the page in Mozilla Firefox, the spreadsheet opens in Excel.

**Figure 10-45** Exported Data File in Excel

	A	B	C	D	E
1	No	Name	Size of the file in Kilo Bytes	No.	Date Modified
2	0	.	0 B	0	7/12/2004
3	1	..	0 B	1	7/12/2004
4	2	admin.jar	1 KB	2	5/11/2004
5	3	applib	0 B	3	7/12/2004
6	4	applications	0 B	4	7/12/2004
7	5	config	0 B	5	7/12/2004
8	6	connectors	0 B	6	7/12/2004
9	7	database	0 B	7	7/12/2004
10	8	default-web-app	0 B	8	7/12/2004
11	9	iiop.jar	1,290 KB	9	5/11/2004
12	10	iiop_gen_bin.jar	37 KB	10	5/11/2004
13	11	iiop_rmic.jar	144 KB	11	5/11/2004
14	12	jazn	0 B	12	7/12/2004
15	13	jazn.jar	266 KB	13	5/11/2004

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**Note:** You may receive a warning from Excel stating that the file is in a different format than specified by the file extension. This warning can be safely ignored.

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### 10.11.1 How to Export Table, Tree, or Tree Table Data to an External Format

You create a command component, such as a button, link, or menu item, and add the `exportCollectionActionListener` inside this component. Then you associate the data collection you want to export by setting the `exportCollectionActionListener` component's `exportedId` attribute to the ID of the collection component whose data you wish to export.

**Before you begin:**

You should already have a table, tree, or tree table on your page. If you do not, follow the instructions in this chapter to create a table, tree, or tree table. For example, to add a table, see [Section 10.2, "Displaying Data in Tables."](#)

**Tip:** If you want users to be able to select rows to export, then configure your table to allow selection. For more information, see [Section 10.2.2, "Formatting Tables."](#)

**To export collection data to an external format:**

1. In the Component Palette, from the Common Components panel, drag and drop a command component, such as a button, to your page.

**Tip:** If you want your table, tree, or tree table to have a toolbar that will hold command components, you can wrap the collection component in a `panelCollection` component. This component adds toolbar functionality. For more information, see [Section 10.7, "Displaying Table Menus, Toolbars, and Status Bars."](#)

You may want to change the default label of the command component to a meaningful name such as **Export to Excel**.

2. In the Component Palette, from the Operations panel, drag an **Export Collection Action Listener** as a child to the command component.
3. In the Insert Export Collection Action Listener dialog, set the following:
  - **ExportedId:** Specify the ID of the table, tree, or tree table to be exported. Either enter it manually or use the dropdown menu to choose **Edit**. Use the Edit Property dialog to select the component.
  - **Type:** Set to `excelHTML` to export to a Microsoft Excel spreadsheet. Set to `CSV` to export to a comma-separated values file.
4. With the `exportCollectionActionListener` component still selected, in the Property Inspector, set the following:
  - **Filename:** Specify the proposed file name for the exported content. When this attribute is set, a "Save File" dialog will typically be displayed, though this is ultimately up to the browser. If the attribute is not set, the content will typically be displayed inline, in the browser, if possible.
  - **Title:** Specify the title of the exported document. Whether or not the title is displayed and how exactly it is displayed depends on the spreadsheet application.
  - **ExportedRows:** Specify if you want to export all rows in the table, or only rows selected by the user. If your table uses the `detailStamp` facet, you can elect to either export that data or not (for more information about the `detailStamp` facet, see [Section 10.3, "Adding Hidden Capabilities to a Table"](#)). Set to one of the following:
    - `all`: All rows will be automatically selected and exported.
    - `selected`: Only the rows the user has selected will be exported.
    - `allWithoutDetails`: All rows, except the data in the `detailStamp` facet, will be selected and exported.
    - `selectedWithoutDetails`: Only the rows the user has selected will be exported, except for the data in the `detailStamp` facet.

- **RowLimit:** Enter a number that represents the maximum number of rows that can be exported. Enter -1 if there should be no limit.
- **Charset:** By default, UTF-8 is used. You can specify a different character set if needed.
- **FilterName:** Enter `skipObjectComponent`, if you want a built-in method to run that will skip any `Object` component from being processed.
- **FilterMethod:** Enter an EL expression that evaluates to a method that will be invoked before the `ExportCollectionActionListener` that will handle any needed override logic.

[Example 10–28](#) shows the code for a table and its `exportCollectionActionListener` component. Note that the `exportedId` value is set to the table `id` value.

**Example 10–28 Using the `exportCollectionActionListener` to Export a Table**

```
<af:table contextMenuId="thePopup" selectionListener="#{fs.Table}"
  rowselection="multiple" columnselection="multiple"
  columnBandingInterval="1"
  binding="#{editor.component}" var="test1" value="#{tableTestData}"
  id="table" summary="table data">
  <af:column>
    . . .
  </af:column>
</af:table>
<af:commandButton text="Export To Excel" immediate="true">
  <af:exportCollectionActionListener type="excelHTML" exportedId="table"
    filename="export.xls" title="ADF Faces Export"/>
```

### 10.11.2 What Happens at Runtime: How Row Selection Affects the Exported Data

Exported data is exported in index order, not selected key order. This means that if you allow selected rows to be exported, and the user selects rows (in this order) 8, 4, and 2, then the rows will be exported and displayed in Excel in the order 2, 4, 8.

## 10.12 Accessing Selected Values on the Client from Collection-Based Components

Since there is no client-side support for EL in the rich client framework, nor is there support for sending entire collection models to the client, if you need to access values on the client using JavaScript, the client-side code cannot rely on component stamping to access the value. Instead of reusing the same component instance on each row, a new JavaScript component is created on each row (assuming any component needs to be created at all for any of the rows), using the fully resolved EL expressions.

Therefore, to access row-specific data on the client, you need to use the stamped component itself to access the value. To do this without a client-side data model, you use a client-side selection change listener.

### 10.12.1 How to Access Values from a Selection in Stamped Components.

To access values on the client from a collection-based component, you first need to make sure the component has a client representation. Then you need to register a selection change listener on the client and then have that listener handle determining the selected row, finding the associated stamped component for that row, use the

stamped component to determine the row-specific name, and finally interact with the selected data as needed.

**To access selected values from stamped components:**

1. In the Structure window for your page, select the component associated with the stamped row. For example, in [Example 10–29](#) the table uses an `outputText` component to display the stamped rows.

**Example 10–29 Table Component Uses an `outputText` Component for Stamped Rows**

```
<af:table var="row" value="#{data}" rowSelection="single">
  <af:column headerText="Name">
    <af:outputText value="#{row.name}" />
  </af:column>
</af:table>
```

Set the following on the component:

- Expand the **Common** section of the Property Inspector and if one is not already defined, set a unique ID for the component using the `Id` attribute.
  - Expand the **Advanced** section and set **ClientComponent** to `True`.
2. In the Component Palette, from the Operations panel, drag and drop a **Client Listener** as a child to the table.
  3. In the Insert Client Listener dialog, enter a function name in the **Method** field (you will implement this function in the next step), and select `selection` from the **Type** dropdown.

If for example, you entered `mySelectedRow` as the function, JDeveloper would enter the code shown in bold in [Example 10–30](#).

**Example 10–30 Using a `clientListener` to Register a Selection**

```
<af:table var="row" value="#{data}" rowSelection="single">
  <af:clientListener type="selection" method="mySelectedRow" />
  ...
</af:table>
```

This code causes the `mySelectedRow` function to be called any time the selection changes.

4. In your JavaScript library, implement the function entered in the last step. This function should do the following:
  - Figure out what row was selected. To do this, use the event object that is passed into the listener. In the case of selection events, the event object is of type `AdfSelectionEvent`. This type provides access to the newly selected row keys via the `getAddedSet()` method, which returns a POJSO (plain old JavaScript object) that contains properties for each selected row key. Once you have access to this object, you can iterate over the row keys using a "for in" loop. For example, the code in [Example 10–31](#) extracts the first row key (which in this case, is the only row key).

**Example 10–31 Iterating Over Row Keys Using a "for" in Loop**

```
function showSelectedName(event)
{
  var firstRowKey;
  var addRowKeys=event.getAddedSet();
```

```

for(var rowKey in addedRowKeys)
{
    firstRowKey=rowKey;
    break;
}
}

```

- Find the stamped component associated with the selected row. The client-side component API `AdfUIComponent` exposes a `findComponent()` method that takes the ID of the component to find and returns the `AdfUIComponent` instance. When using stamped components, you need to find a component not just by its ID, but by the row key as well. In order to support this, the `AdfUITable` class provides an overloaded method of `findComponent()`, which takes both an ID as well as a row key.

In the case of selection events, the component is the source of the event. So you can get the table from the source of the event and then use the table to find the instance using the ID and row key. [Example 10-32](#) shows this, where `nameStamp` is the ID of the table.

#### **Example 10-32 Finding a Stamped Component Instance Given a Selected Row**

```

// We need the table to find our stamped component.
// Fortunately, in the case of selection events, the
// table is the event source.
var table = event.getSource();

// Use the table to find the name stamp component by id/row key:
var nameStamp = table.findComponent("nameStamp", firstRowKey);

```

- Add any additional code needed to work with the component. Once you have the stamped component, you can interact with it as you would with any other component. For example, [Example 10-33](#) shows how to use the stamped component to get the row-specific value of the name attribute (which was the stamped value as shown in [Example 10-29](#)) and then display the name in an alert.

#### **Example 10-33 Retrieving the Name of the Row in a Stamped Component**

```

if (nameStamp)
{
    // This is the row-specific name
    var name = nameStamp.getValue();

    alert("The selected name is: " + name);
}

```

[Example 10-34](#) shows the entire code for the JavaScript.

#### **Example 10-34 JavaScript Used to Access Selected Row Value**

```

function showSelectedName(event)
{
    var firstRowKey;
    var addedRowKeys = event.getAddedSet();

    for (var rowKey in addedRowKeys)
    {
        firstRowKey = rowKey;
        break;
    }
}

```

```
    }
    // We need the table to find our stamped component.
    // Fortunately, in the case of selection events, the
    // table is the event source.
    var table = event.getSource();

    // We use the table to find the name stamp component by id/row key:
    var nameStamp = table.findComponent("nameStamp", firstRowKey);

    if (nameStamp)
    {
        // This is the row-specific name
        var name = nameStamp.getValue();

        alert("The selected name is: " + name);
    }
}
```

### 10.12.2 What You May Need to Know About Accessing Selected Values

Row keys are *tokenized* on the server, which means that the row key on the client may have no resemblance to the row key on the server. As such, only row keys that are served up by the client-side APIs (like `AdfSelectionEvent.getAddedSet()`) are valid.

Also note that `AdfUITable.findComponent(id, rowKey)` method may return null if the corresponding row has been scrolled off screen and is no longer available on the client. Always check for null return values from `AdfUITable.findComponent()` method.

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## Using List-of-Values Components

This chapter describes how to use a list-of-values component to display a model-driven list of objects from which a user can select a value.

This chapter includes the following sections:

- [Section 11.1, "Introduction to List-of-Values Components"](#)
- [Section 11.2, "Creating the ListOfValues Data Model"](#)
- [Section 11.3, "Using the inputListOfValues Component"](#)
- [Section 11.4, "Using the InputComboboxListOfValues Component"](#)

### 11.1 Introduction to List-of-Values Components

ADF Faces provides two list-of-values (LOV) input components that can display multiple attributes of each list item and can optionally allow the user to search for the needed item. These LOV components are useful when a field used to populate an attribute for one object might actually be contained in a list of other objects, as with a foreign key relationship in a database. For example, suppose you have a form that allows the user to edit employee information. Instead of having a separate page where the user first has to find the employee record to edit, that search and select functionality can be built into the form, as shown in [Figure 11-1](#).

**Figure 11-1** List-of-Values Input Field



In this form, the employee name field is an LOV that contains a list of employees. When the user clicks the search icon of the `inputListOfValues` component, a Search and Select dialog displays all employees, along with a search field that allows the user to search for the employee, as shown in [Figure 11-2](#).

**Figure 11–2 The Search Popup Dialog for a List-of-Values Component**

Search Basic

Ename A

Search Reset

EMPNO	ENAME	JOB	MGR	DEPTNO
0	Adam0	Engineer	1	10
1	Avance1	Manager	1	20
2	Abdu2	Analyst	1	10
3	Blake3	Technician	1	30
4	Bob4	Engineer	1	40
5	Brenta5	Manager	1	30
6	Bejond6	Analyst	1	10
7	Calvin7	Analyst	1	10
8	Carl8	Engineer	1	40
9	Chris9	Technician	1	20
10	Claire10	Manager	1	20
11	Dave11	Operator	1	40
12	David12	Manager	1	10
13	Derek13	Analyst	1	30
14	Eric14	Technician	1	10
15	Eilane15	Engineer	1	40
16	Frank16	Analyst	1	50
17	Fonda17	Technician	1	30
18	Ford18	Manager	1	30
19	Gary19	Analyst	1	20
20	Good20	Engineer	1	60
21	Goodon21	Analyst	1	60
22	T.J22	Technician	1	50
23	James23	Engineer	1	10
24	Henry24	Operator	1	20

OK Cancel

When the user returns to the page, the current information for that employee is displayed in the form, as shown in [Figure 11–3](#). The user can then edit and save the data.

**Figure 11–3 Form Populated Using LOV Component**

Ename Avance118

Empno 118

Deptno 20

HireDate 1/15/2002

Manager 1

Salary 24232

Commision 32211

Other list components, such as `selectOneChoice`, also allow users to select from a list, but they do not include a popup dialog and they are intended for smaller lists. This



chapter describes only the `inputListOfValues` and `inputComboboxListOfValues` LOV components. For more information about select choice components, list box components, and radio buttons, see [Chapter 9, "Using Input Components and Defining Forms."](#)

As shown in the preceding figures, the `inputListOfValues` component provides a popup dialog from which the user can search for and select an item. The list is displayed in a table. In contrast, the `inputComboboxListOfValues` component allows the user two different ways to select an item to input: from a simple dropdown list, or by searching as you can in the `inputListOfValues` component.

You can also create custom content to be rendered in the Search and Select dialog by using the `searchContent` facet. You define the `returnPopupDataValue` attribute and programmatically set it with a value when the user selects an item from the Search and Select dialog and then closes the dialog. This value will be the return value from `ReturnPopupEvent` to the `returnPopupListener`. When you implement the `returnPopupListener`, you can perform functions such as setting the value of the LOV component, its dependent components, and displaying the custom content. In the `searchContent` facet you can add components such as tables, trees, and `inputText` to display your custom content.

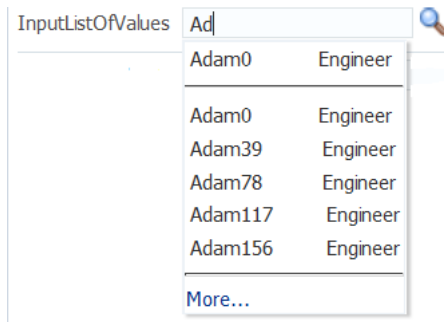
If you implement both the `searchContent` facet and the `ListOfValues` model, the `searchContent` facet implementation will take precedence in rendering the Search and Select dialog. [Example 11–1](#) show the code to display custom content using a table component.

**Example 11–1 Adding Custom Content to the Search and Select Dialog**

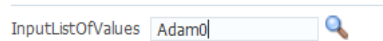
```
<af:inputListOfValues model="#{bean.listOfValuesModel}"
...
    returnPopupDataValue="#{bean.returnPopupDataValue}"
    returnPopupListener="#{bean.returnPopupListener}">
  <f:facet name="searchContent">
    <af:table id="t1" value="#{bean.listModel}" var="row"
      selectionListener="#{bean.selected}"
    ...
  </f:facet>
</af:inputListOfValues>
```

If the `readOnly` attribute is set to `true`, the input field is disabled. If `readOnly` is set to `false`, then the `editMode` attribute determines which type of input is allowed. If `editMode` is set to `select`, the value can be entered only by selecting from the list. If `editMode` is set to `input`, then the value can also be entered by typing.

You can also implement the LOV component to automatically display a list of suggested items when the user types in a partial value. For example, when the user enters `Ca`, then a suggested list which partially matches `Ca` is displayed as a suggested items list, as shown in [Figure 11–4](#).

**Figure 11–4 Suggested Items List for an LOV**

The user can select an item from this list to enter it into the input field, as shown in [Figure 11–5](#).

**Figure 11–5 Suggested Items Selected**

You add the *auto suggest behavior* by adding the `af:autoSuggestBehavior` tag inside the LOV component with the tag's `suggestItems` values set to a method that retrieves and displays the list. You can create this method in a managed bean. If you are using ADF Model, the method is implemented by default.

In your LOV model implementation, you can implement a *smart list* that filters the list further. You can implement a smart list for both LOV components. If you are using ADF Model, the `inputComboboxListOfValues` allows you declaratively select a smart list filter defined as a view criteria for that LOV. If the smart list is implemented, and auto suggest behavior is also used, auto suggest will search from the smart list first. If the user waits for two seconds without a gesture, auto suggest will also search from the full list and append the results. The `maxSuggestedItems` attribute specifies the number of items to return (-1 indicates a complete list). If `maxSuggestedItems > 0`, a **More** link is rendered for the user to click to launch the LOV's Search and Select dialog. [Example 11–2](#) shows the code for an LOV component with both auto suggest behavior and smart list.

**Example 11–2 Auto Suggest Behavior and Smart List**

```
<af:autoSuggestBehavior
  suggestItems="#{bean.suggestItems}"
  smartList="#{bean.smartList}"
  maxSuggestedItems="7" />
```

[Figure 11–6](#) shows how a list can be displayed by an `inputComboboxListOfValues` component. If the popup dialog includes a query panel, then a **Search** link is displayed at the bottom of the dropdown list. If a query panel is not used, a **More** link is displayed.

**Figure 11–6** *inputComboBoxListOfValues Displays a List of Employee Names*

Index	Employee Name	Role	Count
0	Adam0	Engineer	1
1	Avance1	Manager	1
2	Abdul2	Analyst	1
3	Blake3	Technician	1
4	Bob4	Engineer	1
5	Brenta5	Manager	1
6	Bejond6	Analyst	1
7	Calvin7	Analyst	1
8	Carl8	Engineer	1
9	Chris9	Technician	1
10	Claire10	Manager	1
11	Dave11	Operator	1
12	David12	Manager	1
13	Derek13	Analyst	1
14	Eric14	Technician	1
15	Eilane15	Engineer	1
16	Frank16	Analyst	1
17	Fonda17	Technician	1
18	Ford18	Manager	1
19	Gary19	Analyst	1
20	Good20	Engineer	1
21	Goodon21	Analyst	1
22	T.J22	Technician	1
23	James23	Engineer	1
24	Henry24	Operator	1

Search...

You can control when the contents of the dropdown list are sent and rendered to the client using the `contentDelivery` attribute. When set to `immediate` delivery, the contents of the list are fetched during the initial request. With `lazy` delivery, the page initially goes through the standard lifecycle. However, instead of fetching the list content during that initial request, a special separate partial page rendering (PPR) request is run, and the list content is then returned. You can configure the list so that its contents are not rendered to the client until the first request to disclose the content and the contents then remain in the cache (`lazy`), or so that the contents are rendered each time there is a request to disclose them (`lazyUncached`), which is the default.

How you set the `contentDelivery` attribute effects when the `LaunchPopupEvent` is queued. When `contentDelivery` is set to `lazyUncached`, this event is queued while displaying the dropdown panel. When `contentDelivery` is `lazy`, the event is queued only the first time the dropdown displays. When set to `immediate`, the `LaunchPopupEvent` is not queued at all.

The dropdown list of the `inputComboBoxListOfValues` component can display the following:

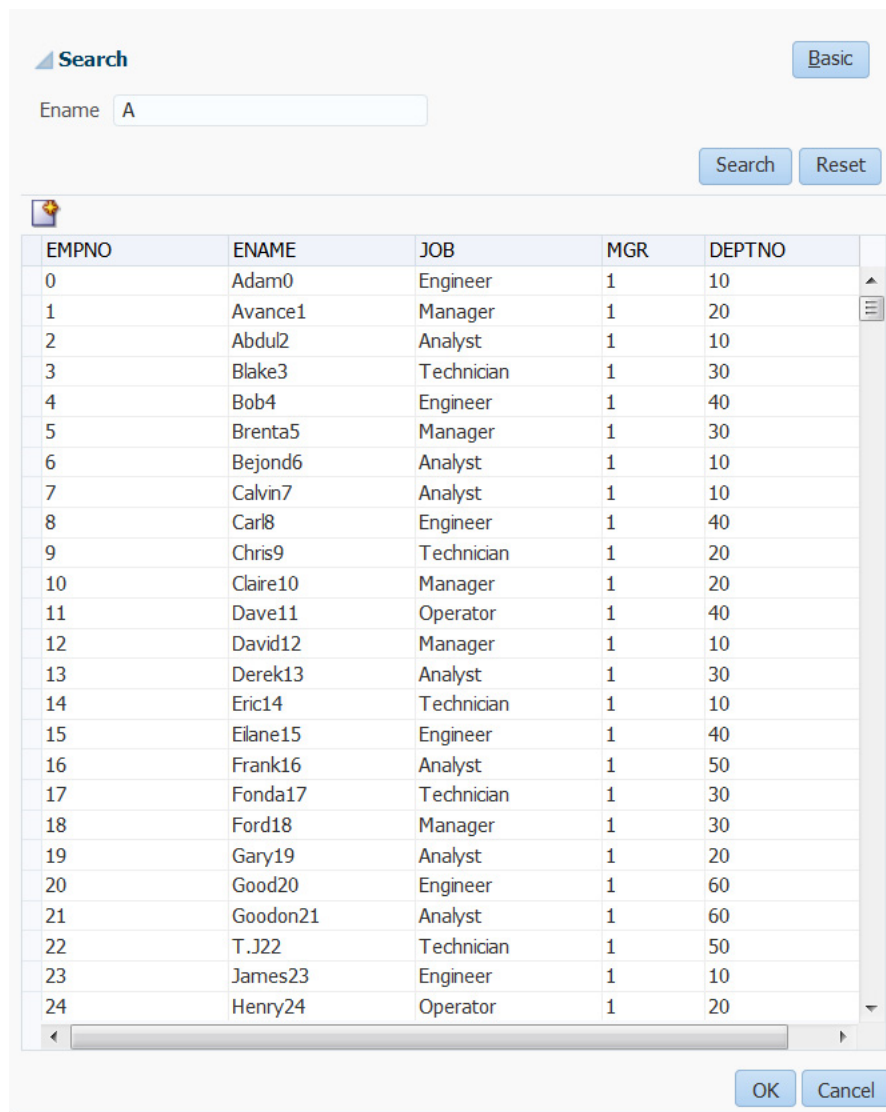
- **Full list:** As shown in [Figure 11–6](#), a complete list of items returned by the `ListOfValuesModel.getItems()` method.
- **Favorites list:** A list of recently selected items returned by the `ListOfValuesModel.getRecentItems()` method.
- **Search link:** A link that opens a popup Search and Select dialog. The link is not on the scrollable region on the dropdown list.
- **customActions facet:** A facet for adding additional content. Typically, this contains one or more `commandLink` components. You are responsible for implementing any

logic for the `commandLink` to perform its intended action, for example, launching a popup dialog.

The number of columns to be displayed for each row can be retrieved from the model using the `getItemDescriptors()` method. The default is to show all the columns.

The popup dialog from within an `inputListOfValues` component or the optional search popup dialog in the `inputComboboxListOfValues` component also provides the ability to create a new record. For the `inputListOfValues` component, when the `createPopupId` attribute is set on the component, a toolbar component with a `commandToolBarButton` is displayed with a create icon. At runtime, a `commandToolBarButton` component appears in the LOV popup dialog, as shown in [Figure 11-7](#).

**Figure 11-7** Create Icon in Toolbar of Popup Dialog



When the user clicks the **Create** button, a popup dialog is displayed that can be used to create a new record. For the `inputComboboxListOfValues`, instead of a toolbar, a `commandLink` with the label **Create** is displayed in the `customActions` facet, at the

bottom of the dialog. This link launches a popup where the user can create a new record. In both cases, you must provide the code to actually create the new record.

**Tip:** Instead of having to build your own create functionality, you can use ADF Business Components and ADF data binding. For more information, see the "Creating an Input Table" section of the *Oracle Fusion Middleware Fusion Developer's Guide for Oracle Application Development Framework*.

Like the query components, the LOV components rely on a data model to provide the functionality. This data model is the `ListOfValuesModel` class. This model uses a table model to display the list of values, and can also access a query model to perform a search against the list. You must implement the provided interfaces for the `ListOfValuesModel` in order to use the LOV components.

**Tip:** Instead of having to build your own `ListOfValuesModel` class, you can use ADF Business Components to provide the needed functionality. For more information, see the "Creating Databound Selection Lists and Shuttles" chapter of the *Oracle Fusion Middleware Fusion Developer's Guide for Oracle Application Development Framework*.

When the user selects an item in the list, the data is returned as a list of objects for the selected row, where each object is the `rowData` for a selected row. The list of objects is available on the `ReturnPopupEvent` event, which is queued after a selection is made.

If you choose to also implement a `QueryModel` class, then the popup dialog will include a `Query` component that the user can use to perform a search and to filter the list. Note the following about using the `Query` component in an LOV popup dialog:

- The saved search functionality is not supported.
- The `Query` component in the popup dialog and its functionality is based on the corresponding `QueryDescriptor` class.
- The only components that can be included in the LOV popup dialog are `query`, `toolbar`, and `table`.

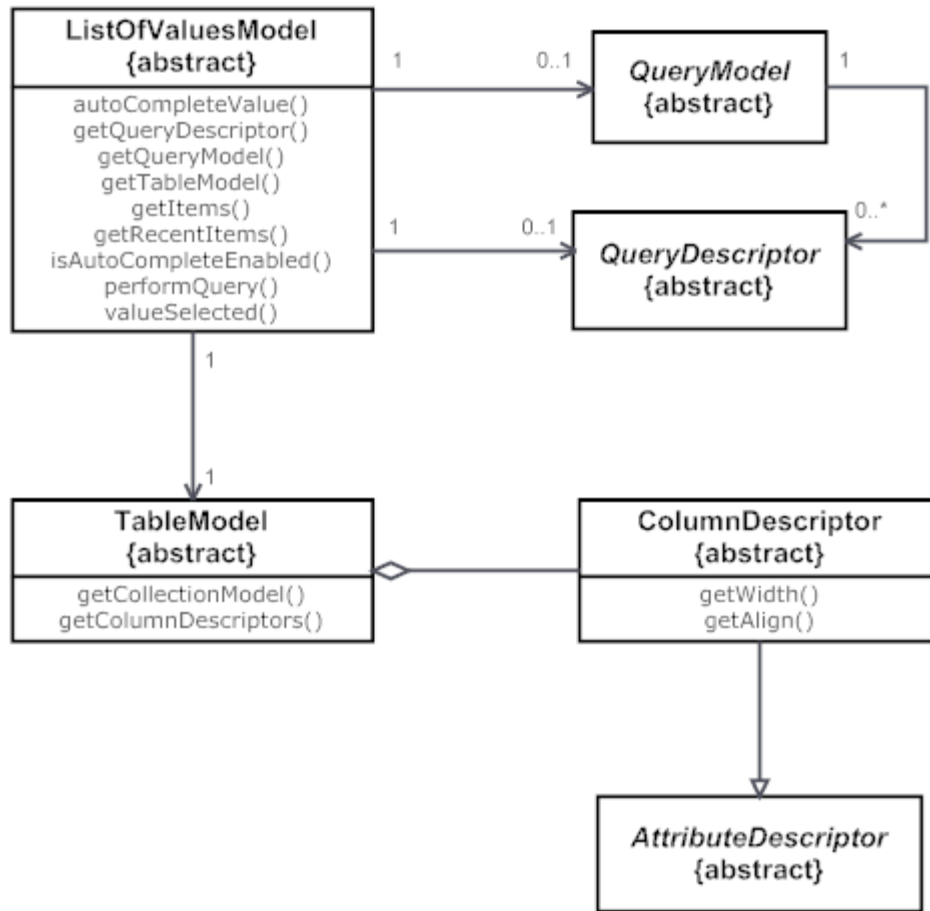
When the user clicks the **Search** button to start a search, the `ListOfValuesModel.performQuery()` method is invoked and the search is performed. For more information about the query model, see [Chapter 12, "Using Query Components."](#)

Both components support the auto-complete feature, which allows the user to enter a partial value in the input field, tab out, and have the dialog populated with the rows that match the partial criteria. For this to work, you must implement logic so that when the user tabs out after a partial entry, the entered value is posted back to the server. On the server, your model implementation filters the list using the partially entered value and performs a query to retrieve the list of values. ADF Faces provides APIs for this functionality.

## 11.2 Creating the ListOfValues Data Model

Before you can use the LOV components, you must have a data model that uses the ADF Faces API to access the LOV functionality. [Figure 11–8](#) shows the class diagram for a `ListOfValues` model.

Figure 11–8 Class Diagram for ListOfValues Model



### 11.2.1 How to Create the ListOfValues Data Model

To create a ListOfValues model and associated events:

1. Create implementations of each of the interface classes shown in Figure 11–8. Table 11–1 provides a description of the APIs.

Table 11–1 ListOfValues Model API

Method	Functionality
autoCompleteValue()	Called when the search icon is clicked or the value is changed and the user tabs out from the input field, as long as autoSubmit is set to true on the component. This method decides whether to open the dialog or to auto-complete the value. The method returns a list of filtered objects.
valueSelected(value)	Called when the value is selected from the Search and Select dialog and the OK button is clicked. This method gives the model a chance to update the model based on the selected value.
isAutoCompleteEnabled()	Returns a boolean to decide whether or not the auto complete is enabled.

**Table 11-1 (Cont.) ListOfValues Model API**

Method	Functionality
<code>getTableModel()</code>	Returns the implementation of the <code>TableModel</code> class, on which the table in the search and select dialog will be based and created.
<code>getItems()</code> and <code>getRecentItems()</code>	Return the <code>items</code> and <code>recentItems</code> lists to be displayed in the combobox dropdown. Valid only for the <code>inputComboboxListOfValues</code> component. Returns null for the <code>inputListOfValues</code> component.
<code>getItemDescriptors()</code>	Return the list of <code>columnDescriptors</code> to be displayed in the dropdown list for an <code>inputComboboxListOfValues</code> component.
<code>getQueryModel()</code> and <code>getQueryDescriptor()</code>	Return the <code>queryModel</code> based on which the query component inside the Search and Select dialog is created.
<code>performQuery()</code>	Called when the search button in the query component is clicked.

For an example of a `ListOfValues` model, see the `DemoLOVBean` and `DemoComboboxLOVBean` classes located in the `oracle.adfdemo.view.lov` package, found in the Application Sources directory of the ADF Faces application.

- For the `inputListOfValues` component, provide logic in a managed bean (it can be the same managed bean used to create your LOV model) that accesses the attribute used to populate the list. The `inputComboboxListOfValues` component uses the `getItems()` and `getRecentItems()` methods to return the list.
- For the Search and Select dialog used in the `InputListOfValues` component, or if you want the `InputComboboxListOfValues` component to use the Search and Select dialog, implement the `ListOfValuesModel.autoCompleteValue()` and `ListOfValuesModel.valueSelected()` methods. These methods open the popup dialog and apply the selected values onto the component.

## 11.3 Using the inputListOfValues Component

The `inputListOfValues` component uses the `ListOfValues` model you implemented to access the list of items, as documented in [Section 11.2, "Creating the ListOfValues Data Model."](#)

### 11.3.1 How to Add the InputListOfValues Component

#### Before you begin:

You should already have a created a page or page fragment. If you also implemented the search API in the model, the component would also allows the user to search through the list for the value.

#### To add an inputListOfValues component:

- In the Component Palette, from the Common panel, drag an **Input List Of Values** component and drop it onto the page.
- In the Property Inspector, expand the **Common** section and set the following attributes:



- **model:** Enter an EL expression that resolves to your `ListOfValuesModel` implementation, as created in [Section 11.2, "Creating the ListOfValues Data Model."](#)
  - **value:** Enter an EL expression that resolves to the attribute values used to populate the list, as created in [Section 11.2, "Creating the ListOfValues Data Model."](#)
3. Expand the **Appearance** section and set the following attribute values:
- **popupTitle:** Specify the title of the Search and Select popup dialog.
  - **searchDesc:** Enter text to display as a mouseover tip for the component.
  - **Placeholder:** Specify the text that appears in the `inputListOfValues` component if the component is empty and does not have focus. When the component gets focus, or has a value, then the placeholder text is hidden.
- The placeholder text is used to inform the user what should be entered in the `inputListOfValues` component.

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**Note:** The placeholder value will only work on browsers that fully support HTML5.

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The rest of the attributes in this section can be populated in the same manner as any other input component. For more information, see [Section 9.3, "Using the inputText Component."](#)

4. Expand the **Behavior** section and set the following attribute values:
- **autoSubmit:** Set to `true` if you want the component to automatically submit the enclosing form when an appropriate action takes place (a click, text change, and so on). This will allow the auto-complete feature to work.
  - **createPopupId:** If you have implemented a popup dialog used to create a new object in the list, specify the ID of that popup component. Doing so will display a `toolbar` component above the table that contains a `commandToolBarButton` component bound to the popup dialog you defined. If you have added a dialog to the popup, then it will intelligently decide when to refresh the table. If you have not added a dialog to the popup, then the table will be always refreshed.
  - **launchPopupListener:** Enter an EL expression that resolves to a `launchPopupListener` that you implement to provide additional functionality when the popup is launched.
  - **returnPopupListener:** Enter an EL expression that resolves to a `returnPopupListener` component that you implement to provide additional functionality when the value is returned.
  - **Usage:** Specify how the `inputListOfValues` component will be rendered in HTML 5 browser. The valid values are `auto`, `text`, and `search`. Default is `auto`.
- If the usage type is `search`, the `inputListOfValues` component will render as an HTML 5 search input type. Some HTML 5 browsers may add a **Cancel** icon that can be used to clear the search text.

The rest of the attributes in this section can be populated in the same manner as any other input component. For more information, see [Section 9.3, "Using the inputText Component."](#)



5. If you want users to be able to create a new item, create a popup dialog with the ID given in Step 4. For more information, see [Chapter 13, "Using Popup Dialogs, Menus, and Windows."](#)
6. In the Component Palette, from the Operations panel, drag an **Auto Suggest Behavior** and drop it as a child to the `inputListOfValues` component.
7. In the Property Inspector, for each of the auto suggest attributes, enter the:
  - EL expression that resolves to the `suggestItems` method.  
The method should return `List<javax.model.SelectItem>` of the `suggestItems`. The method signature should be of the form  

```
List<javax.model.SelectItem>
suggestItems(javax.faces.context.FacesContext,
oracle.adf.view.rich.model.AutoSuggestUIHints)
```
  - EL expression that resolves to the `smartList` method. The method should return `List<javax.model.SelectItem>` of the smart list items.
  - number of items to be displayed in the auto suggest list. Enter -1 to display the complete list.

If you are implementing this method in a managed bean, the JSF page entry should have the format shown in [Example 11-3](#).

#### **Example 11-3 autoSuggestBehavior Tag in an LOV**

```
<af:inputListOfValues value="#{bean.value}" id="inputId">
  ...
  <af:autoSuggestBehavior
    suggestItems="#{bean.suggestItems}"
    smartList="#{bean.smartList}"
    maxSuggestedItems="7"/>
</af:inputListOfValues>
```

If the component is being used with a data model such as ADF Model, the `suggestItem` method should be provided by the default implementation.

8. If you are not using ADF Model, create the `suggestItems` method to process and display the list. The `suggestItems` method signature is shown in [Example 11-4](#).

#### **Example 11-4 suggestItems Method Signature**

```
List<javax.model.SelectItem> suggestItems(javax.faces.context.FacesContext,
oracle.adf.view.rich.model.AutoSuggestUIHints)
```

## 11.3.2 What You May Need to Know About Skinning the Search and Select Dialogs in the LOV Components

By default, the search and select dialogs that the `InputComboboxListOfValues` and `InputListOfValues` components can be resized by end users when they render. You can disable the end user's ability to resize these dialogs by setting the value of the `-tr-stretch-search-dialog` selector key to `false` in your application's skin file, as shown in [Example 11-5](#). The default value of the `-tr-stretch-search-dialog` selector key is `true`. For more information about skinning, see the skinning chapter.

#### **Example 11-5 Disabling the Resizing of Search and Select Dialogs**

```
af|inputComboboxListOfValues{
  -tr-stretch-search-dialog: false;
```

```
}  
af|inputListOfValues{  
  -tr-stretch-search-dialog: false;  
}
```

## 11.4 Using the InputComboboxListOfValues Component

The `inputComboboxListOfValues` component allows a user to select a value from a dropdown list and populate the LOV field, and possibly other fields, on a page, similar to the `inputListOfValues` component. However, it also allows users to view the values in the list either as a complete list, or by most recently viewed. You can also configure the component to perform a search in a popup dialog, as long as you have implemented the query APIs, as documented in [Section 11.2, "Creating the ListOfValues Data Model."](#)

For more information about skinning and the Search and Select dialog sizing, see [Section 11.3.2, "What You May Need to Know About Skinning the Search and Select Dialogs in the LOV Components."](#)

### 11.4.1 How to Add the InputComboboxListOfValues Component

#### Before you begin:

You should already have a created a page or page fragment.

#### To add an `inputComboboxListOfValues` component:

1. In the Component Palette, from the Common panel, drag an **Input Combobox List Of Values** and drop it onto the page.
2. In the Property Inspector, expand the **Common** section and set the following attributes:
  - **model**: Enter an EL expression that resolves to your `ListOfValuesModel` implementation, as created in [Section 11.2, "Creating the ListOfValues Data Model."](#)
  - **value**: Enter an EL expression that resolves to the attribute values used to populate the list, as created in [Section 11.2, "Creating the ListOfValues Data Model."](#)
3. Expand the **Appearance** section and set the following attribute values:
  - **popupTitle**: Specify the title of the Search and Select popup dialog.
  - **searchDesc**: Enter text to display as a mouseover tip for the component.
  - **Placeholder**: Specify the text that appears in the `inputComboboxListOfValues` component if the component is empty and does not have focus. When the component gets focus, or has a value, then the placeholder text is hidden.

The placeholder text is used to inform the user what should be entered in the `inputComboboxListOfValues` component.

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**Note:** The placeholder value will only work on browsers that fully support HTML5.

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The rest of the attributes in this section can be populated in the same manner as any other input component. For more information, see [Section 9.3, "Using the inputText Component."](#)

4. Expand the **Behavior** section and set the following attribute values:
  - **autoSubmit**: Set to `true` if you want the component to automatically submit the enclosing form when an appropriate action takes place (a click, text change, and so on). This will allow the auto complete feature to work.
  - **createPopupId**: If you have implemented a popup dialog used to create a new object in the list, specify the ID of that popup component. Doing so will display a `toolbar` component above the table that contains a `commandToolBarButton` component bound to the dialog you defined. If you have added a dialog to the popup, then it will intelligently decide when to refresh the table. If you have not added a dialog to the popup, then the table will always be refreshed.
  - **launchPopupListener**: Enter an EL expression that resolves to a `launchPopupListener` handler that you implement to provide additional functionality when the popup dialog is opened.
  - **returnPopupListener**: Enter an EL expression that resolves to a `returnPopupListener` handler that you implement to provide additional functionality when the value is returned.
  - **Usage**: Specify how the `inputComboboxListOfValues` component will be rendered in HTML 5 browser. The valid values are `auto`, `text`, and `search`. Default is `auto`.

If the usage type is `search`, the `inputComboboxListOfValues` component will render as an HTML 5 search input type. Some HTML 5 browsers may add a **Cancel** icon that can be used to clear the search text.

The rest of the attributes in this section can be populated in the same manner as any other input component. For more information, see [Section 9.3, "Using the inputText Component."](#)

5. If you want to control when the contents of the dropdown are delivered, expand the **Other** section, and set the `contentDelivery` attribute to one of the following:
  - `immediate`: All undisclosed content is sent when the dropdown list is disclosed. The `LaunchPopupEvent` will not be queued.
  - `lazy`: The undisclosed content is sent only when the content is first disclosed. Once disclosed and the content is rendered, it remains in memory. The `LaunchPopupEvent` will be queued only the first time the dropdown displays.
  - `lazyUncached`: The undisclosed content is created every time it is disclosed. If the content is subsequently hidden, it is destroyed. The `LaunchPopupEvent` will be queued while displaying the dropdown panel. This is the default.
6. If you are using a `launchPopupListener`, you can use the `getPopupType()` method of the `LaunchPopupEvent` class to differentiate the source of the event. `getPopupType()` returns `DROPDOWN_LIST` if the event is a result of the launch of the LOV Search and Select dialog, and `SEARCH_DIALOG` if the event is the result of the user clicking the **Search** button in the dialog.
7. If you want users to be able to create a new item, create a popup dialog with the ID given in Step 5. For more information, see [Chapter 13, "Using Popup Dialogs, Menus, and Windows."](#)

8. In the Component Palette, from the Operations panel, drag an **Auto Suggest Behavior** and drop it as child to the `inputComboboxListOfValues` component.
9. In the Property Inspector, for each of the auto suggest attributes, enter the:
  - EL expression that resolves to the `suggestItems` method.  
The method should return `List<javax.model.SelectItem>` of the `suggestItems`. The method signature should be of the form  

```
List<javax.model.SelectItem>
suggestItems(javax.faces.context.FacesContext,
oracle.adf.view.rich.model.AutoSuggestUIHints)
```
  - EL expression that resolves to the `smartList` method. The method should return `List<javax.model.SelectItem>` of the smart list items.
  - number of items to be displayed in the auto suggest list. Enter -1 to display the complete list.

If you are implementing this method in a managed bean, the JSF page entry should have the format shown in [Example 11-6](#).

**Example 11-6 autoSuggestBehavior Tag in an LOV**

```
<af:inputComboboxListOfValues value="#{bean.value}" id="inputId">
  ...
  <af:autoSuggestBehavior
    suggestItems="#{bean.suggestItems}"
    smartList="#{bean.smartList}"
    maxSuggestedItems="7"/>
</af:inputComboboxListOfValues>
```

If the component is being used with a data model such as ADF Model, the `suggestItem` method should be provided by the default implementation.

10. If you are not using the component with ADF Model, create the `suggestItems` method to process and display the list. The `suggestItems` method signature is shown in [Example 11-7](#).

**Example 11-7 suggestItems Method Signature**

```
List<javax.model.SelectItem> suggestItems(javax.faces.context.FacesContext,
oracle.adf.view.rich.model.AutoSuggestUIHints)
```

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## Using Query Components

This chapter describes how to use the `query` and `quickQuery` search panel components.

This chapter includes the following sections:

- [Section 12.1, "Introduction to Query Components"](#)
- [Section 12.2, "Implementing the Model for Your Query"](#)
- [Section 12.3, "Using the quickQuery Component"](#)
- [Section 12.4, "Using the query Component"](#)

### 12.1 Introduction to Query Components

The `query` and `quickQuery` components are used to search through data sets. The `query` component provides a comprehensive set of search criteria and controls, while the `quickQuery` component can be used for searching on a single criterion.

The `query` component supports the following functionality:

- Selecting and searching against multiple search criteria
- Dynamically adding and deleting criteria items
- Selecting search operators (associated to a single criterion)
- Choosing match all or match any conjunction
- Displaying in a basic, advanced, compact, simple, or design mode
- Creating saved searches
- Personalizing saved searches

By default, the advanced mode of the `query` component allows the user to add and delete criteria items to the currently displayed search. However you can implement your own `QueryModel` class that can hide certain features in basic mode (and expose them only in advanced mode). For example, you might display operators only in advanced mode or display more criteria in advanced mode than in basic mode.

Typically, the results of the `query` are displayed in a table or tree table, which is identified using the `resultComponentId` attribute of the `query` component. However, you can display the results in any other output components as well. The component configured to display the results is automatically rerendered when a search is performed.

[Figure 12-1](#) shows an advanced mode `query` component with three search criteria.

**Figure 12–1 Query Component with Three Search Criteria**

The screenshot shows a search interface with the following elements:

- A "Search" button on the left.
- A "Basic" button and a "Saved Search" dropdown menu showing "System Search 1".
- A "\* Required" label.
- A "Match" section with radio buttons for "All" and "Any".
- Three search criteria:
  - \* Employee Name: A dropdown menu with "Joe" entered.
  - \* Department Number: A dropdown menu with "Equals" selected and a numeric input field with "529".
  - Hire Date: A dropdown menu with "Before" selected and a date input field with "6/8/2007".
- Four buttons at the bottom: "Search", "Reset", "Save...", and "Add Fields" with a dropdown arrow.

You can create *seeded searches*, that is, searches whose criteria are already determined and from which the user can choose, or you can allow the user to add criterion and then save those searches. For example, [Figure 12–1](#) shows a seeded search for an employee. The user can enter values for the criteria on which the search will execute. The user can also choose the operands (greater than, equals, less than) and the conjunction (matches all or matches any, which creates either an "and" or "or" query). The user can click the Add Fields dropdown list to add one or more criteria and then save that search. If the application is configured to use persistence, then those search criteria, along with the chosen operands and conjunctions, can be saved and reaccessed using a given search name (for more information about persistence, see [Chapter 34, "Allowing User Customization on JSF Pages"](#)).

The `quickQuery` component is a simplified version of the `query` component. The user can perform a search on any one of the searchable attributes by selecting it from a dropdown list. [Figure 12–2](#) shows a `quickQuery` component in horizontal layout.

**Figure 12–2 A QuickQuery Component in Horizontal Layout**

The screenshot shows a horizontal search interface with the following elements:

- A "Search" label followed by a dropdown menu showing "Employee Name".
- An "Advanced" button with a right-pointing arrow.

Both the `query` and `quickQuery` components use the `QueryModel` class to define and execute searches. You need to create the associated `QueryModel` classes for each specific search you want users to be able to execute.

**Tip:** Instead of having to build your own `QueryModel` implementation, you can use ADF Business Components, which provide the needed functionality. For more information, see the "Creating ADF Databound Search Forms" chapter of the *Oracle Fusion Middleware Fusion Developer's Guide for Oracle Application Development Framework*.

The `QueryModel` class manages `QueryDescriptor` objects, which define a set of search criteria. The `QueryModel` class is responsible for creating, deleting, and updating `QueryDescriptor` objects. The `QueryModel` class also retrieves saved searches, both those that are seeded and those that the user personalizes. For more information, refer to the ADF Faces Javadoc.

You must create a `QueryDescriptor` class for each set of search criteria items. The `QueryDescriptor` class is responsible for accessing the criteria and conjunction needed to build each seeded search. It is also responsible for dynamically adding, deleting, or adding and deleting criteria in response to end-user's actions. The `QueryDescriptor` class also provides various UI hints such as mode, auto-execute, and so on. For more information, refer to the ADF Faces Javadoc. One `QueryModel` class can manage multiple `QueryDescriptor` objects.

When a user creates a new saved search, a new `QueryDescriptor` object is created for that saved search. The user can perform various operations on the saved search, such as deleting, selecting, resetting, and updating. When a search is executed or changed, in addition to calling the appropriate `QueryModel` method to return the correct `QueryDescriptor` object, a `QueryOperationEvent` event is broadcast during the Apply Request Values phase. This event is consumed by the `QueryOperationListener` handlers during the Invoke Application phase of the JSF lifecycle. The `QueryOperationEvent` event takes the `QueryDescriptor` object as an argument and passes it to the listener. ADF Faces provides a default implementation of the listener. For details of what the listener does, see [Table 12-2](#).

For example, updating a saved search would be accomplished by calling the `QueryModel`'s `update()` method. A `QueryOperationEvent` event is queued, and then consumed by the `QueryOperationListener` handler, which performs processing to change the model information related to the update operation.

The query operation actions that generate a `QueryOperationEvent` event are:

- Saving a search
- Deleting a saved search
- Toggling between the basic and advanced mode
- Resetting a saved search
- Selecting a different saved search
- Updating a saved search
- Updating the value of a criterion that has dependent criteria

The `hasDependentCriterion` method of the `AttributeCriterion` class can be called to check to see whether a criterion has dependents. By default, the method returns `false`, but it returns `true` if the criterion has dependent criteria. When that criterion's value has changed, a `QueryOperationEvent` is queued for the Update Model Values JSF lifecycle phase. The model will need a listener to update the values of the dependent criterion based on the value entered in its root criteria.

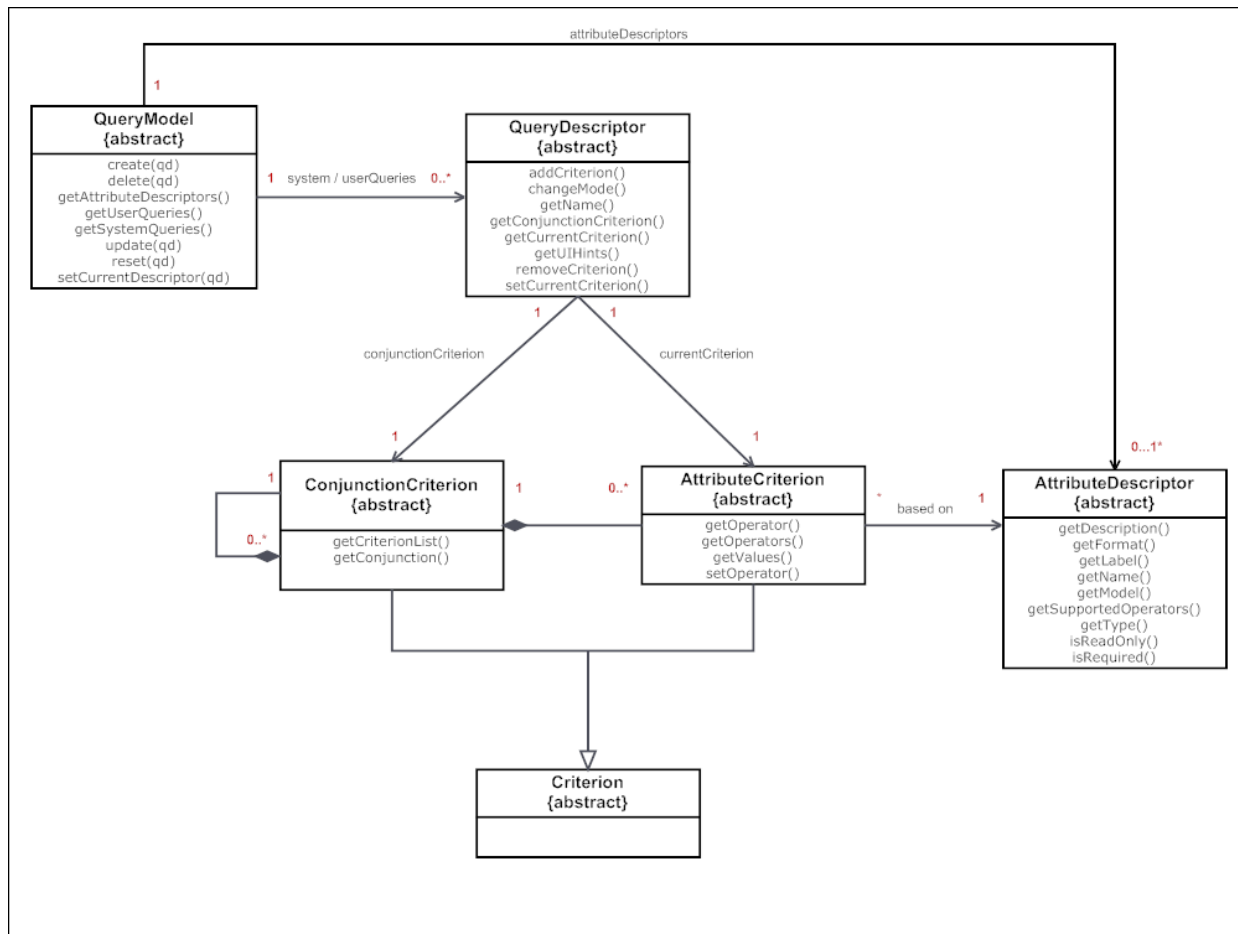
## 12.2 Implementing the Model for Your Query

Before you can use the query components, you must to create your `QueryModel` classes.

**Tip:** You can use the `quickQuery` component without implementing a `QueryModel` class. However, you will have to add some additional logic to a managed bean. For more information, see [Section 12.3.2](#), "[How to Use a quickQuery Component Without a Model.](#)"

[Figure 12-3](#) shows the class diagram for a `QueryModel` class.

Figure 12-3 Class Diagram for QueryModel



**To create the model classes:**

1. Create implementations of each of the interface classes shown in Figure 12-3. Implement one QueryModel class and then a QueryDescriptor class with appropriate criteria (operators and values) for each system-seeded search. For example implementations of the different model classes for a query, see the classes located in the oracle.adfdemo.view.query.rich package of the ADF Faces sample application.

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**Note:** If your query uses composition (for example, ConjunctionCriterion 1..n with AttributeCriterion/ConjunctionCriterion), this relationship is not enforced by the abstract interfaces. Your implementation must decide whether to use composition over association, and determine how the lifecycle of these objects are managed.

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2. Create a QueryListener handler method on a managed bean that listens for the QueryEvent event (this will be referenced by a button on the query component). This listener will invoke the proper APIs in the QueryModel to execute the query. Example 12-1 shows the listener method of a basic QueryListener implementation that constructs a String representation of the search criteria. This String is then displayed as the search result.



**Example 12–1 A QueryListener Handler Method**

```
public void processQuery(QueryEvent event)
{
    DemoQueryDescriptor descriptor = (DemoQueryDescriptor) event.getDescriptor();
    String sqlString = descriptor.getSavedSearchDef().toString();
    setSqlString(sqlString);
}
```

Query component has a refresh() method on the UIXQuery component. This method should be called when the model definition changes and the query component needs to be refreshed (i.e., all its children removed and recreated). When a new criterion is added to the QueryDescriptor or an existing one is removed, if the underlying model returns a different collection of criterion objects than what the component subtree expects, then this method should be called. QueryOperationListener, QueryListener, and ActionListener should all call this method. The query component itself will be flushed at the end of the Invoke Application Phase. This method is a no-op when called during the Render Response Phase.

To better understand what your implementations must accomplish, Table 12–1 and Table 12–2 map the functionality found in the UI component shown in Figure 12–4 with the corresponding interface.

**Figure 12–4 Query Component and Associated Popup Dialog**

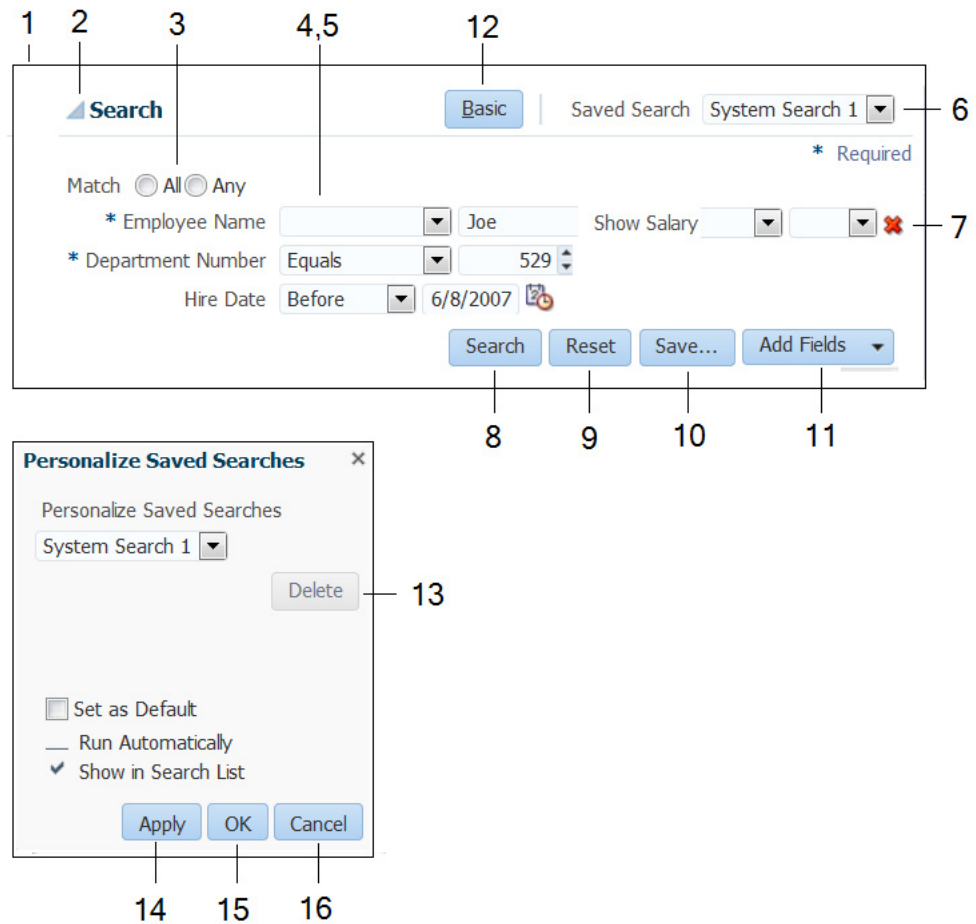


Table 12–1 shows UI artifacts rendered for the `query` component, the associated class, class property, and methods used by the artifact.

**Table 12–1 Query UI Artifacts and Associated Model Class Operations and Properties**

UI Artifact	Class Property/Methods Used	Comments
1 Search panel	The <code>QueryDescriptor</code> instance provides the items displayed in the panel.	Based on a saved search.
2 Disclosure icon		Opens or closes the search panel
3 Match type radio button	Available through the <code>getConjunction()</code> method on the <code>ConjunctionCriterion</code> class.	<p>Displays the default conjunction to use between search fields, when a query is performed. If a default is set, and it is the same for all search fields, it appears selected. If the search fields are configured such that a mix of different conjunctions must be used between them, then a value may not be selected on the UI.</p> <p>For example, if the <code>All</code> conjunction type is used between all the search fields, then <code>All</code> appears selected. If it is a mix of <code>All</code> and <code>Any</code>, then none of the radio buttons appears selected.</p> <p>The Match Type will be read only if the <code>conjunctionReadOnly</code> property is set to <code>true</code>. Its not rendered at all when the <code>displayMode</code> attribute is set to <code>simple</code>.</p>

Table 12–1 (Cont.) Query UI Artifacts and Associated Model Class Operations and

UI Artifact	Class Property/Methods Used	Comments
4 Group of search fields	The collection of search fields for a <code>QueryDescriptor</code> object is represented by a <code>ConjunctionCriterion</code> object, returned by the method <code>getConjunctionCriterion()</code> on the <code>QueryDescriptor</code> class. The <code>getCriterionList()</code> method returns a <code>List&lt;Criterion&gt;</code> list.	Displays one or more search fields associated with the currently selected search.
5 Search field	<p>An <code>AttributeCriterion</code> class provides information specific to a search field instance. An <code>AttributeCriterion</code> object is an item in the <code>List&lt;Criterion&gt;</code> list returned by <code>getCriterionList()</code> method on the <code>ConjunctionCriterion</code> class (see #4).</p> <p>An <code>AttributeDescriptor</code> class provides static information pertaining to a search field. This is available through the method <code>getAttribute()</code>, on the <code>AttributeCriterion</code> class.</p> <p>The <code>getConverter()</code> method of the <code>AttributeDescriptor</code> class can be overridden to return a converter object of type <code>javax.faces.convert.Converter</code>. When defined, the attribute value is converted using this converter instance. The default return value is <code>null</code>.</p> <p>The <code>hasDependentCriterion</code> method in the <code>AttributeCriterion</code> class returns <code>true</code> if the criterion has dependents. If the criterion has dependents, then the dependent criterion fields are refreshed when the value for this criterion changes. By default this method returns <code>false</code>.</p>	<p>Each search field contains a label, an operator, one or more value components (for example, an input text component), and an optional delete icon. The information required to render these can be either specific to an instance of a search field (in a saved search) or it can be generic and unchanging regardless of which saved search it is part of.</p> <p>For example, assume an <code>Employee</code> business object contains the search fields <code>Employee Name</code> and <code>Salary</code>.</p> <p>A user can then configure two different searches: one named <code>Low Salaried Employees</code> and one named <code>High Salaried Employees</code>. Both searches contain two search fields based on the <code>Employee</code> and <code>Salary</code> attributes. Even though both saved searches are based on the same attributes of the <code>Employee</code> object, the search field <code>Salary</code> is configured to have its default operator as <b>less than</b> and value as <b>50000.00</b> for the <code>low Salaried Employees</code> search and for the <code>High Salaried Employees</code> search, with a default operator of <b>greater than</b> and value of <b>100000.00</b>. Selecting the saved searches on the UI will show the appropriate operator and values for that search.</p> <p>Regardless of the search selected by the user, the search field for <code>Salary</code> always has to render a number component, and the label always has to show <code>Salary</code>.</p>
6 Saved Searches dropdown	System- and user-saved searches are available through the methods <code>getSystemQueries()</code> and <code>getUserQueries()</code> on the <code>QueryModel</code> class.	<p>Displays a list of available system- and user-saved searches. Saved searches are listed in alphabetical order and are case-insensitive.</p> <p>A <b>Personalize</b> option is also added if the <code>saveQueryMode</code> property is set to <code>default</code>. Selecting this option opens a <code>Personalize</code> dialog, which allows users to personalize saved searches. They can duplicate or update an existing saved search.</p>

Table 12–2 shows the behaviors of the different UI artifacts, and the associated methods invoked to execute the behavior.

**Table 12–2 UI Artifact Behaviors and Associated Methods**

UI Artifact	Class Method Invoked	Event Generated	Comments
7 Delete icon	During the Invoke Application phase, the method <code>removeCriterion()</code> on the <code>QueryDescriptor</code> class is called automatically by an internal <code>ActionListener</code> handler registered with the command component.	<code>ActionEvent</code>	Deletes a search field from the current <code>QueryDescriptor</code> object.
8 Search button	<p>During the Apply Request Values phase of the JSF lifecycle, a <code>QueryEvent</code> event is queued, to be broadcast during the Invoke Application phase.</p> <p>During the Update Model Values phase, the selected operator and the values entered in the search fields are automatically updated to the model using the EL expressions added to the operator and value components (for more information, see <a href="#">Section 12.4.1, "How to Add the Query Component"</a>). These expressions should invoke the <code>get/setOperator()</code>; <code>get/setOperators()</code>; and <code>getValues()</code> methods, respectively, on the <code>AttributeCriterion</code> class.</p> <p>During the Invoke Application phase, the <code>QueryListener</code> registered with the query component is invoked and this performs the search.</p> <p>You must implement this listener.</p>	<code>QueryEvent</code>	<p>Rendered always on the footer (footer contents are not rendered at all when the <code>displayMode</code> attribute is <code>simple</code>)</p> <p>Performs a query using the select operator and selected Match radio (if no selection is made the default is used), and the values entered for every search field.</p>
9 Reset button	<p>During the Apply Request Values phase of the JSF lifecycle, a <code>QueryOperationEvent</code> event is queued with the operation type <code>QueryOperationEvent.Operation.RESET</code>, to be broadcast during the Invoke Application phase.</p> <p>During the Invoke Application phase, the method <code>reset()</code> on the <code>QueryModel</code> class is called. This is done automatically by an internal <code>QueryOperationListener</code> handler registered with the query component. You must override this method to reset the <code>QueryDescriptor</code> object to its original state.</p>	<code>QueryOperationEvent</code> (an internal <code>QueryOperationListener</code> handler is registered with the query component that in turn calls the model methods).	Resets the search fields to its previous saved state.

**Table 12–2 (Cont.) UI Artifact Behaviors and Associated Methods**

UI Artifact	Class Method Invoked	Event Generated	Comments
10 Save button	<p>During the Apply Request Values phase of the JSF lifecycle, a <code>QueryOperationEvent</code> event is queued with the operation type <code>QueryOperationEvent.Operation.SAVE</code>, to be broadcast during the Invoke Application phase.</p> <p>During the Invoke Application phase, the method <code>create()</code> on the <code>QueryModel</code> class is called. After the call to the <code>create()</code> method, the <code>update()</code> method is called to save the hints (selected by the user in the dialog) onto the new saved search. This is done automatically by an internal <code>QueryOperationListener</code> handler registered with the query component. You must override this method to create a new object based on the argument passed in.</p>	<code>QueryOperationEvent</code> (an internal <code>QueryOperationListener</code> handler is registered with the query component that in turn calls the model methods).	Creates a new saved search based on the current saved search settings, including any new search fields added by the user.
11 Add Fields dropdown list	<p>During the Invoke Application phase, the method <code>addCriterion()</code> on the <code>QueryDescriptor</code> class is called automatically by an internal <code>ActionListener</code> handler registered with the command component. You must override this method to create a new <code>AttributeCriterion</code> object based on the <code>AttributeDescriptor</code> object (identified by the name argument).</p>	<code>ActionEvent</code>	Adds an attribute as a search field to the existing saved search.
12 Mode (Basic or Advanced) button	<p>During the Apply Request Values phase of the JSF lifecycle, a <code>QueryOperationEvent</code> event is queued with the operation type <code>QueryOperationEvent.Operation.MODE_CHANGE</code>, to be broadcast during the Invoke Application phase.</p> <p>During the Invoke Application phase, the method <code>changeMode()</code> on the <code>QueryModel</code> class is called.</p>	<code>QueryOperationEvent</code> (an internal <code>QueryOperationListener</code> handler is registered with the query component that in turn calls the model methods).	Clicking the mode button toggles the mode.

**Table 12–2 (Cont.) UI Artifact Behaviors and Associated Methods**

UI Artifact	Class Method Invoked	Event Generated	Comments
13 Delete button	During the Invoke Application phase, the method <code>delete()</code> on the <code>QueryModel</code> class is called. This is done automatically by an internal <code>QueryOperationListener</code> handler registered with the query component. You must override this method order to delete the <code>QueryDescriptor</code> object.	<code>ActionEvent</code>	Deletes the selected saved search, unless it is the one currently in use.
14 Apply button	During the Apply Request Values phase of the JSF lifecycle, a <code>QueryOperationEvent</code> event is queued with the operation type <code>QueryOperationEvent.Operation.UPDATE</code> , to be broadcast during the Invoke Application phase.  During the Invoke Application phase, the method <code>update()</code> on the <code>QueryModel</code> class is called. This is done automatically by an internal <code>QueryOperationListener</code> handler registered with the query component. You must override this method in order to update the <code>QueryDescriptor</code> object using the arguments passed in.	<code>QueryOperationEvent</code> (an internal <code>QueryOperationListener</code> is registered with the query component that in turn calls the model methods).	Applies changes made to the selected saved search.
15 OK button	Same as the Apply button.	<code>QueryOperationEvent</code> (an internal <code>QueryOperationListener</code> handler is registered with the query component that in turn calls the model methods).	Applies changes made to the selected saved search and the dialog is closed afterwards.
16 Cancel button	No method defined for this action.	<code>QueryOperationEvent</code> (an internal <code>QueryOperationListener</code> handler is registered with the query component that in turn calls the model methods).	Cancels any edits made in the dialog.

## 12.3 Using the quickQuery Component

The `quickQuery` component has one dropdown list that allows a user to select an attribute to search on. The available searchable attributes are drawn from your implementation of the model or from a managed bean. The user can search against the selected attribute or against all attributes.

A `quickQuery` component may be used as the starting point of a more complex search using a `query` component. For example, the user may perform a quick query search on one attribute, and if successful, may want to continue to a more complex search. The `quickQuery` component supports this by allowing you to place command components in the end facet, which you can bind to a method on a managed bean that allows the user to switch from a `quickQuery` to a `query` component.

The `quickQuery` component renders the searchable criteria in a dropdown list and then, depending on the type of the criteria chosen at runtime, the `quickQuery` component renders different criteria fields based on the attribute type. For example, if the attribute type is `Number`, it renders an `inputNumberSpinbox` component. You do not need to add these components as long as you have implemented the complete model for your query. If instead you have the logic in a managed bean and do not need a complete model, then you create the `quickQuery` component artifacts manually. For more information, see [Section 12.3.2, "How to Use a quickQuery Component Without a Model."](#)

## 12.3.1 How to Add the quickQuery Component Using a Model

### Before you begin

Implement a `QueryModel` class and associated classes. For more information, see [Section 12.2, "Implementing the Model for Your Query."](#)

### To add a quickQuery component:

1. In the Component Palette, from the Common Components panel, drag a **Quick Query** and drop it onto the page.
2. Expand the **Common** section of the Property Inspector and set the following attributes:
  - **id**: Enter a unique ID for the component.
  - **layout**: Specify if you want the component to be displayed horizontally with the criterion and value next to each other, as shown in [Figure 12-2](#), or vertically as shown in [Figure 12-5](#).

**Figure 12-5 A quickQuery Component Set to Display Vertically**

The screenshot shows a search component with the following elements:
 

- A label "Search" above a dropdown menu.
- The dropdown menu is currently set to "Employee Name".
- A search input field with a right-pointing arrow button.
- The word "Advanced" is displayed below the search input field.

- **model**: Enter an EL expression that evaluates to the class that implements the `QueryModel` class, as created in [Section 12.2, "Implementing the Model for Your Query."](#)
  - **value**: Enter an EL expression that evaluates to the class that implements the `QueryDescriptor` class, as created in [Section 12.2, "Implementing the Model for Your Query."](#)
3. Expand the **Behavior** section and set the following attributes:
    - **conjunctionReadOnly**: Specify whether or not the user should be able to set the Match Any or Match All radio buttons. When set to `false`, the user can set the conjunction. When set to `true`, the radio buttons will not be rendered.
    - **queryListener**: Enter an EL expression that evaluates to the `QueryListener` handler you created in [Section 12.2, "Implementing the Model for Your Query."](#)
  4. Drag and drop a table (or other component that will display the search results) onto the page. Set the results component's `PartialTriggers` with the ID of the `quickQuery` component. The value of this component should resolve to a `CollectionModel` object that contains the filtered results.

5. If you want users to be able to click the **Advanced** link to turn the quickQuery component into a full query component, add a command component to the `End` facet of the quickQuery component, and implement logic that will hide the quickQuery component and display the query component.

### 12.3.2 How to Use a quickQuery Component Without a Model

You can use the quickQuery component without a model, for example if all your query logic resides in a simple managed bean, including a QueryListener handler that will execute the search and return the results. You must manually add and bind the components required to create the complete quickQuery component.

#### To add a quickQuery component:

1. On a managed bean, create a `valueChangeListener` handler for the `selectOneChoice` component that will display the attributes on which the user can search. The `valueChangeListener` handler should handle the choice for which attribute to search on.
2. On a managed bean, create the `QueryListener` handle to execute the search. This handle will use the ID of the input component used to enter the search criterion value, to retrieve the component and the value to execute the query.
3. In the Component Palette, from the Common Components panel, drag a **Quick Query** and drop it onto the page.
4. In the Property Inspector, expand the **Common** section, and set the following attributes:
  - **id**: Enter a unique ID for the component.
  - **layout**: Specify if you want the component to display horizontally with the criterion and value next to each other, as shown in [Figure 12-2](#), or vertically, as shown in [Figure 12-5](#).
5. Expand the **Behavior** section and set the `QueryListener` attribute to an EL expression that evaluates to the `QueryListener` handler created in Step 2.
6. In the Component Palette, from the Common Components panel, drag a **Select One Choice** and drop it onto the `criteriaItems` facet of the quickQuery component. In the dialog, choose either to enter an EL expression that evaluates to the list of attributes on which the user can search, or to enter a static list. For help with the dialog, press F1 or click **Help**.
7. In the Structure window, select the `selectOneChoice` component in the `criteriaItems` facet, and set the following attributes:
  - **simple**: Set to `true` so that no label for the component displays.
  - **valueChangeListener**: Enter an EL expression that evaluates to the listener created in Step 1.
  - **autoSubmit**: Set to `true`.
8. From the Component Palette, add select list items as needed. For more information about using the `selectOneChoice` and `selectItems` components, see [Section 9.6, "Using Selection Components."](#)
9. In the Component Palette, from the Common Components panel, drag an **inputText** component as a direct child to the quickQuery component. Set the following attributes:
  - **simple**: Set to `true` so that the label is not displayed.



- **value:** Enter an EL expression that evaluates to the property that will contain the value that the user enters.

**Tip:** If you do not provide an `inputText` component, then at runtime, a disabled `inputText` component and a disabled Go icon will be rendered.

10. If you want users to be able to click the **Advanced** link to turn the `quickQuery` component into a full `query` component, add a command component to the `End` facet of the `quickQuery` component, and implement logic that will hide the `quickQuery` component and display the `query` component.
11. In the Component Palette, from the Common Components panel, drag a **table** (or other component that will display the search results) onto the page. Set the results component's `PartialTriggers` with the ID of the `quickQuery` component. The value of this component should resolve to a `CollectionModel` object that contains the filtered results.

### 12.3.3 What Happens at Runtime: How the Framework Renders the `quickQuery` Component and Executes the Search

When the `quickQuery` component is bound to a `QueryDescriptor` object, the `selectOneChoice` and `inputText` components are automatically added at runtime as the page is rendered. However, you can provide your own components. If you do provide both the component to display the searchable attributes and the `inputText` components, then you need the `QueryListener` handler to get the name-value pair from your components.

If you provide only your own component to show the searchable attributes (and use the default `inputText` component), the framework will display an `inputText` component. You must have your `QueryListener` handler get the attribute name from the dropdown list and the value from the `QueryDescriptor.getCurrentCriterion()` method to perform the query.

If you provide only your own component to collect the searchable attribute value (and use the default `selectOneChoice` component to provide the attribute name), then the framework will display the `selectOneChoice` component. You must have your `QueryListener` handler get the attribute name from the `QueryDescriptor.getCurrentCriterion()` method and the value from your component.

If you choose not to bind the `QuickQuery` component value attribute to a `QueryDescriptor` object, and you provide both components, when the **Go** button is clicked, the framework queues a `QueryEvent` event with a null `QueryDescriptor` object. The provided `QueryListener` handler then executes the query using the `changeValueListener` handler to access the name and the `inputText` component to access the value. You will need to implement a `QueryListener` handler to retrieve the attribute name from your `selectOneChoice` component and the attribute value from your `inputText` component, and then perform a query.

## 12.4 Using the query Component

The `query` component is used for full feature searches. It has a basic and an advanced mode, which the user can toggle between by clicking a button.

The features for a basic mode query include:

- Dropdown list of selectable search criteria operators

- Selectable WHERE clause conjunction of either AND or OR (match all or match any)
- Saved (seeded) searches
- Personalized saved searches

The advanced mode query form also includes the ability for the user to dynamically add search criteria by selecting from a list of searchable attributes. The user can subsequently delete any criteria that were added.

The user can select from the dropdown list of operators to create a query for the search. The input fields may be configured to be list-of-values (LOV), number spinners, date choosers, or other input components.

To support selecting multiple items from a list, the model must expose a control hint on `viewCriteriaItem` and the underlying attribute must be defined as an LOV in the corresponding view object. The hint is used to enable or disable the multiple selection or "in" operator functionality. When multiple selection is enabled, selecting the `Equals` or `Does not equal` operator will render the search criteria field as a `selectManyChoice` component. The user can choose multiple items from the list.

The component for the search criteria field depends on the underlying attribute data type, the operator that was chosen, and whether multiple selection is enabled. For example, a search field for an attribute of type `String` with the `Contains` operator chosen would be rendered as an `inputText` component, as shown in [Table 12-3](#).

If the operator is `Equals` or `Does not equal`, but multiple selection is not enabled, the component defaults to the component specified in the `Default List Type` hint from the model.

**Table 12-3** Rendered Component for Search Criteria Field of Type String

Operator	Component	Component When Multiple Select Is Enabled
Starts with	<code>af:inputText</code>	<code>af:inputText</code>
Ends with	<code>af:inputText</code>	<code>af:inputText</code>
Equals	Default list type hint	<code>af:selectManyChoice</code>
Does not equal	Default list type hint	<code>af:selectManyChoice</code>
Less than	<code>af:inputText</code>	<code>af:inputText</code>
Greater than	<code>af:inputText</code>	<code>af:inputText</code>
Less than or equal to	<code>af:inputText</code>	<code>af:inputText</code>
Greater than or equal to	<code>af:inputText</code>	<code>af:inputText</code>
Between	<code>af:inputText</code>	<code>af:inputText</code>
Not Between	<code>af:inputText</code>	<code>af:inputText</code>
Contains	<code>af:inputText</code>	<code>af:inputText</code>
Does not contain	<code>af:inputText</code>	<code>af:inputText</code>
Is blank	None	None
Is not blank	None	None

If the underlying attribute is the Number data type, the component that will be rendered is shown in [Table 12-4](#).

**Table 12-4** *Rendered Component for Search Criteria Field of Type Number*

Operator	Component	Component When Multiple Select Is Enabled
Equals	Default list type hint	af:selectManyChoice
Does not equal	Default list type hint	af:selectManyChoice
Less than	af:inputNumberSpinBox	af:inputNumberSpinBox
Less than or equal to	af:inputNumberSpinBox	af:inputNumberSpinBox
Greater than	af:inputNumberSpinBox	af:inputNumberSpinBox
Greater than or equal to	af:inputNumberSpinBox	af:inputNumberSpinBox
Between	af:inputNumberSpinBox	af:inputNumberSpinBox
Not between	af:inputNumberSpinBox	af:inputNumberSpinBox
Is blank	None	None
Is not blank	None	None

If the underlying attribute is the Date data type, the component that will be rendered is shown in [Table 12-5](#).

**Table 12-5** *Rendered Component for Search Criteria Field of Type Date*

Operator	Component	Component When Multiple Select Is Enabled
Equals	Default list type hint	af:selectManyChoice
Does not equal	Default list type hint	af:selectManyChoice
Before	af:inputDate	af:inputDate
After	af:inputDate	af:inputDate
On or before	af:inputDate	af:inputDate
On or after	af:inputDate	af:inputDate
Between	af:inputDate (2)	af:inputDate (2)
Not between	af:inputDate (2)	af:inputDate (2)
Is blank	None	None
Is not blank	None	None

If a search criterion's underlying attribute was defined as an LOV, in order for the auto-complete feature to work, the `ListOfValues` model instance returned by the `getModelList` method of the `AttributeCriterion` class must return `true` for its `isAutoCompleteEnabled` method. For more information about LOV, see [Chapter 11, "Using List-of-Values Components."](#)

When `autoSubmit` is set to `true`, any value change on the search criterion will be immediately pushed to the model. The query component will automatically flush its

criterion list only when it has dependent criteria. If the criterion instance has no dependent criteria but `autoSubmit` is set to `true`, then the query component will be only partially refreshed.

A **Match All** or **Match Any** radio button group further modifies the query. A Match All selection is essentially an `AND` function. The query will return only rows that match all the selected criteria. A Match Any selection is an `OR` function. The query will return all rows that match any one of the criteria items.

After the user enters all the search criteria values (including null values) and selects the **Match All** or **Match Any** radio button, the user can click the **Search** button to initiate the query. The query results can be displayed in any output component. Typically, the output component will be a table or tree table, but you can associate other display components such as `af:forms`, `af:outputText`, and graphics to be the results component by specifying it in the `resultComponentId` attribute.

If the **Basic** or **Advanced** button is enabled and displayed, the user can toggle between the two modes. Each mode will display only the search criteria that were defined for that mode. A search criteria field can be defined to appear only for basic, only for advanced, or for both modes.

In advanced mode, the control panel also includes an **Add Fields** button that exposes a popup list of searchable attributes. When the user selects any of these attributes, a dynamically generated search criteria input field and dropdown operator list is displayed. The position of all search criteria input fields, as well as newly added fields, are determined by the model implementation.

This newly created search criteria field will also have a delete icon next to it. The user can subsequently click this icon to delete the added field. The originally defined search criteria fields do not have a delete icon and therefore cannot be deleted by the user. [Figure 12–6](#) shows an advanced mode query component with a dynamically added search criteria field named Salary. Notice the delete icon (an X) next to the field.

**Figure 12–6 Advanced Mode Query with Dynamically Added Search Criteria**

The user can also save the entered search criteria and the mode by clicking the **Save** button. A popup dialog allows the user to provide a name for the saved search and specify hints by selecting checkboxes. A persistent data store is required if the saved search is to be available beyond the session. For more information about persistence, see [Chapter 34, "Allowing User Customization on JSF Pages."](#)

A seeded search is essentially a saved search that was created by the application developer. When the component is initialized, any seeded searches associated with that query component become available for the user to select.

Any user-created saved searches and seeded system searches appear in the Saved Search dropdown list. The seeded searches and user-saved searches are separated by a divider. They are sorted alphabetically and are case insensitive.

Users can also personalize the saved and seeded searches for future use. Personalization of saved searches requires the availability of a persistent data store. For more information about persistence, see [Chapter 34, "Allowing User Customization on JSF Pages."](#)

Along with the default display described previously, you can also configure the query component to display in a compact mode, simple mode, or design mode. The compact mode has no header or border, and the **Saved Search** dropdown list moves next to the expand or collapse icon. [Figure 12-7](#) shows the same query component as in [Figure 12-6](#), but set to compact mode.

**Figure 12-7 Query Component in Compact Mode**

The simple mode displays the component without the header and footer, and without the buttons typically displayed in those areas. [Figure 12-8](#) shows the same query component set to simple mode.

**Figure 12-8 Query Component in Simple Mode**

The design mode has the same visual appearance as the simple mode but is used mostly for designing the `QueryDescriptor`.

The query component supports toolbar and footer facets that allow you to add additional components to the query, such as command buttons. For example, you can create command components to toggle between the `quickQuery` and `query` components and place those in a toolbar in the toolbar facet.

## 12.4.1 How to Add the Query Component

### Before you begin:

Implement a `QueryModel` class and associated classes. For more information, see [Section 12.2, "Implementing the Model for Your Query."](#)

### To add a query component:

1. In the Component Palette, from the Common Components panel, drag a **Query** and drop it onto the page.

2. In the Property Inspector, expand the **Common** section and set the following attributes:
  - **id**: Set a unique ID for the component.
  - **model**: Enter an EL expression that resolves to the `QueryModel` class, as created in [Section 12.2, "Implementing the Model for Your Query."](#)
  - **value**: Enter an EL expression that resolves to the `QueryDescriptor` class, as created in [Section 12.2, "Implementing the Model for Your Query."](#)
3. Expand the **Appearance** section and set the following attributes:
  - **displayMode**: Specify if you want the component to display in Default, Simple, Compact, or Design mode.
  - **saveQueryMode**: Specify if you want saved searches to be displayed and used at runtime. Set to default if you want the user to be able to view and edit all saved searches. Set to `readOnly` if you want the user to only be able to view and select saved searches, but not update them. Set to `hidden` if you do not want any saved searches to be displayed.
  - **modeButtonPosition**: Specify if you want the button that allows the user to switch the mode from basic to advanced to be displayed in toolbar (the default) or in the footer facet.
  - **modeChangeVisible**: Set to `false` if you want to hide the basic or advanced toggle button.
4. Expand the **Behavior** section and set the following:
  - **conjunctionReadOnly**: Set to `false` if you want the user to be able to select a radio button to determine if the search should match all criteria (query will use the `AND` function) or any criteria (query will use the `OR` function). When set to `true`, the radio buttons will not be rendered.
  - **queryListener**: Enter an EL expression that evaluates to the `QueryListener` handler, as created in [Section 12.2, "Implementing the Model for Your Query."](#)
5. Expand the **Other** section and set the following:
  - **criterionFeatures**: Enter `matchCaseDisplayed` to allow the user to set `matchCase` for a criterion. This option is available only for `String` data types.
  - **runQueryAutomatically**: Select `allSavedSearches` to enable all system and user-created saved searches to run automatically upon initial render, changes in saved search selection, and reset.

Select `searchDependent` to allow the developer to choose the **Run Automatically** option at design time for each system query. Default is `searchDependent`.

For new user-created saved searches, if `searchDependent` is selected, the Create Saved Search dialog will have the **Run Automatically** option selected by default. If `allSavedSearches` is selected, the **Run Automatically** option is not displayed but is set to `true` implicitly.
6. In the Component Palette, from the Common Components panel, drag a **table** (or other component that will display the search results) onto the page. Set an ID on the table. The value of this component should resolve to a `CollectionModel` object that contains the filtered results.
7. In the Structure window, select the `query` component and set the `resultComponentID` to the ID of the table.

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## Using Popup Dialogs, Menus, and Windows

This chapter describes how to create and use popup elements in secondary windows including dialogs, menus, and windows on JSF pages. The chapter also describes how to use the ADF Faces dialog framework to create dialogs with a separate page flow.

This chapter includes the following sections:

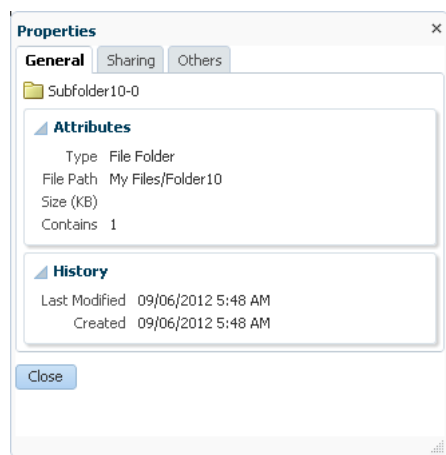
- [Section 13.1, "Introduction to Using Popup Elements"](#)
- [Section 13.2, "Declaratively Creating Popup Elements"](#)
- [Section 13.3, "Programmatically Invoking a Popup"](#)
- [Section 13.4, "Invoking Popup Elements"](#)
- [Section 13.5, "Displaying Contextual Information"](#)
- [Section 13.6, "Controlling the Automatic Cancellation of Inline Popups"](#)

### 13.1 Introduction to Using Popup Elements

ADF Faces provides a set of rich client components for hiding and showing information in a secondary window. The `popup` component is an invisible layout control, typically used in conjunction with other components to display inline (that is, belonging to the same page) dialogs, windows, and menus.

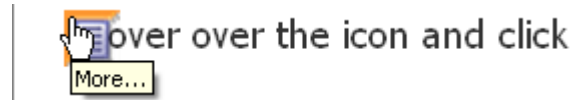
For example, [Figure 13–1](#) shows a dialog box created by placing a `dialog` component as a child to a `popup` component. A user can enter search criteria and click **OK** to submit the entry, or exit the dialog by clicking **Cancel** or closing the dialog.

**Figure 13–1** *af:dialog Component*



You can also use components within a popup to display contextual information related to another component. When so configured, the related component displays a small square. When moused over, the icon grows and also displays a note icon as shown in [Figure 13–2](#).

**Figure 13–2 With Mouseover, Larger Icon with Note is Displayed**



When the user clicks the note icon, the associated popup displays its enclosed content.

ADF Faces also provides a *dialog framework* to support building pages for a process displayed *separate* from the parent page. This framework supports multiple dialog pages with a control flow of their own. For example, say a user is checking out of a web site after selecting a purchase and decides to sign up for a new credit card before completing the checkout. The credit card transaction could be launched using the dialog framework in an external browser window. The completion of the credit card transaction does not close the checkout transaction on the original page.

This dialog framework can also be used inline as part of the parent page. This can be useful when you want the pages to have a control flow of their own, but you don't want the external window blocked by popup blockers.

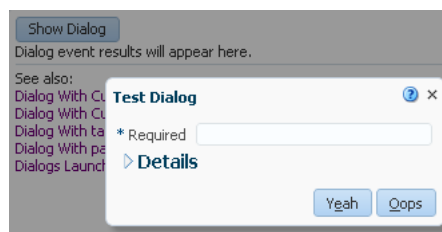
If your application uses the full Fusion technology stack, note that this dialog framework is integrated with ADF Controller for use with ADF task flows. For more information, see the "Running a Bounded Task Flow in a Modal Dialog" section in the *Oracle Fusion Middleware Fusion Developer's Guide for Oracle Application Development Framework*.

## 13.2 Declaratively Creating Popup Elements

The `dialog`, `panelWindow`, `menu`, and `noteWindow` components can all be used inside the `popup` component to display inline popup elements, as shown in [Table 13–1](#). When no child component exists for the `popup` component, a very simple inline popup is displayed.

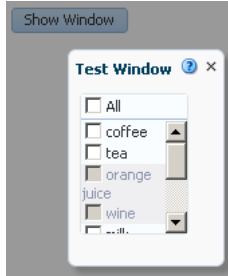

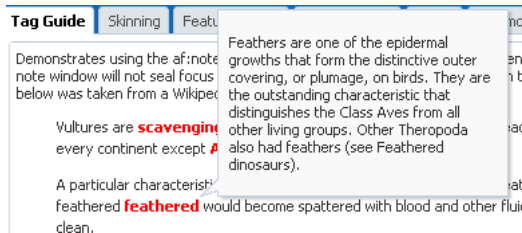
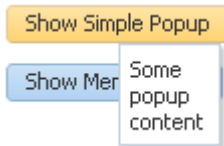
**Table 13–1 Components Used with the popup Component**

Component	Displays at Runtime
<code>dialog</code>	Displays its children inside a dialog and delivers events when the OK, Yes, No, and Cancel actions are activated. For more information, see <a href="#">Section 13.2.1, "How to Create a Dialog."</a>





**Table 13–1 (Cont.) Components Used with the popup Component**

Component	Displays at Runtime
panelWindow	<p>Displays its children in a window that is similar to a dialog, but does not support events. For more information, see <a href="#">Section 13.2.2, "How to Create a Panel Window."</a></p> 
menu	<p>Displays a context menu for an associated component. For more information, see <a href="#">Section 13.2.3, "How to Create a Context Menu."</a></p> 
noteWindow	<p>Displays read-only information associated with a particular UI component. Note windows are used to display help and messages and are commonly shown on mouseover or on focus gestures. For more information, see <a href="#">Section 13.2.4, "How to Create a Note Window."</a></p> 
popup component without a parent component	<p>Displays content inline.</p> 

Both the `dialog` and `panelWindow` components support definition help, content displayed when a user moves the cursor over a help icon (a blue circle with a question mark). For more information, see [Section 17.5, "Displaying Help for Components."](#)

Typically, you use a command component in conjunction with the `showPopupBehavior` tag to launch a popup element. You associate the `showPopupBehavior` tag with the component it should launch. This tag also controls the positioning of the popup element (when needed).

In addition to being used with action events on command components, the `showPopupBehavior` tag can be used in conjunction with other events, such as the

showDetail event and the selection event. For more information, see [Section 13.4, "Invoking Popup Elements."](#)

By default, the content of the popup element is not sent from the server until the popup element is displayed. This represents a trade-off between the speed of showing the popup element when it is opened and the speed of rendering the parent page. Once the popup element is loaded, by default the content will be cached on the client for rapid display.

You can modify this content delivery strategy by setting the contentDelivery attribute on the popup component to one of the following options:

- `lazy` - The default strategy previously described. The content is not loaded until you show the popup element once, after which it is cached.
- `immediate` - The content is loaded onto the page immediately, allowing the content to be displayed as rapidly as possible. Use this strategy for popup elements that are consistently used by all users every time they use the page.
- `lazyUncached` - The content is not loaded until the popup element is displayed, and then the content is reloaded every time you show the popup element. Use this strategy if the popup element shows data that can become stale or outdated.

If you choose to set the popup component's contentDelivery attribute to `lazy` or `lazyUncached`, you can further optimize the performance of the popup component and the page that hosts it by setting another popup component attribute (`childCreation`) to `deferred`. This defers the creation of the popup component's child components until the application delivers the content. The default value for the `childCreation` attribute is `immediate`.

### 13.2.1 How to Create a Dialog

Create a dialog when you need the dialog to raise events when dismissed. Once you add the dialog component as a child to the popup component, you can add other components to display and collect data.

By default, the dialog component can have the following combination of buttons:

- Cancel
- OK
- OK and Cancel
- Yes and No
- Yes, No, and Cancel
- None

These buttons launch a dialogEvent when clicked. You can add other buttons to a dialog using the buttonBar facet. Any buttons that you add do not invoke the dialogEvent. Instead, they invoke the standard actionEvent. It is recommended that any of these buttons that you add have their partialSubmit attribute set to true. This makes sure that an actionEvent invokes only on components within the dialog. However, you can add buttons and set their partialSubmit attribute to false if you set the af:popup component's autoCancel property's value to disabled. Choosing this latter option (partialSubmit set to false) results in increased wait times for end users because your application reloads the page and reinitializes components on the page before it restores the popup component's visibility (and by extension, the dialog component). Note that you must set the command component's partialSubmit attribute to true if the af:popup component's autoCancel property's value is set to

enabled (the default value). For more information about the use of the `af:popup` component's `autoCancel` property, see [Section 13.6, "Controlling the Automatic Cancellation of Inline Popups."](#)

### To create an inline dialog:

1. In the Component Palette, from the Common Components panel, drag and drop a **Popup** onto the JSF page.

**Tip:** It does not matter where the `popup` component appears on the page, as the position is driven by the component used to invoke the `popup`. However, the `popup` component must be within a `form` component.

2. In the Property Inspector, expand the Common section and set the following attributes:

- **ContentDelivery:** Select how the content is delivered to the component in the popup.

**Tip:** Values of input components in a dialog are not reset when a user clicks the dialog's **Cancel** button. If the user opens the dialog a second time, those values will still display. If you want the values to match the current values on the server, then set the `contentDelivery` attribute to `lazyUncached`.

- **Animate:** Select `true` to enable animation. Animation is determined by configuration in the `trinidad-config.xml` file and by its skin properties (for more information, see [Section A.6.2.1, "Animation Enabled"](#)). You can override this setting by selecting `false`.
- **LauncherVar:** Enter a variable to be used to reference the launch component. This variable is reachable only during event delivery on the popup or its child components, and only if the **EventContext** is set to `launcher`.
- **EventContext:** Set to `launcher` if the popup is shared by multiple objects, for example if the dialog within the popup will display information for the selected row in a table. Setting this attribute to `launcher` makes the row clicked current before the event listener is called, and returns data only for that row. For more information, see [Section 13.2.5, "What Happens at Runtime: Popup Component Events."](#)

3. Optionally, in the Property Inspector, expand the Other section and set a value for the **AutoCancel** property to determine the automatic cancel behavior. For more information, see [Section 13.6, "Controlling the Automatic Cancellation of Inline Popups."](#)
4. From the Component Palette, drag and drop a **Dialog** as a direct child to the `popup` component.
5. In the Property Inspector, expand the Common section and set the following attributes:
  - **Type:** Select the built-in partial-submit command buttons you want to display in your dialog.

For example, if you set the `type` attribute to `yesNoCancel`, the dialog will display **Yes**, **No**, and **Cancel** buttons. When any of these buttons are pressed, the dialog dismisses itself, and the associated outcome (either `ok`, `yes`, `no`, or `cancel`) is delivered with an event. `Ok`, `yes`, and `no` outcomes are delivered

with the `dialogEvent`. Cancel outcomes are sent with the `PopupCanceled` event. You can use the appropriate listener property to bind to a method to handle the event, using the outcome to determine the logic.

**Tip:** A dialog will not dismiss if there are any ADF Faces messages with a severity of error or greater.

- **Title:** Enter text to be displayed as the title on the dialog window.
- **CloseIconVisible:** Select whether or not you want the **Close** icon to display in the dialog.
- **Modal:** Select whether or not you want the dialog to be modal. Modal dialogs do not allow the user to return to the main page until the dialog has been dismissed.
- **Resize:** Select whether or not you want users to be able to change the size of the dialog. The default is `off`.
- **StretchChildren:** Select whether or not you want child components to stretch to fill the dialog. When set to `first`, the dialog stretches a single child component. However, the child component must allow stretching. For more information, see [Section 8.2.1, "Geometry Management and Component Stretching."](#)

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**Note:** If you set **Resize** to `on` or set **StretchChildren** to `first`, you must also set **ContentWidth** and **ContentHeight** (see Step 8). Otherwise, the size will default to 250x250 pixels.

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6. Expand the Appearance section and set the text attributes.

Instead of specifying separate button text and an access key, you can combine the two, so that the access key is part of the button text. Simply precede the letter to be used as an access key with an ampersand (&).

For example, if you want the text for the affirmative button to be **OK**, and you want the **O** in **OK** to be the access key, enter `&OK`.

7. Expand the Behavior section and if needed, enter a value for the **dialogListener** attribute. The value should be an EL expression method reference to a dialog listener method that will handle the event.

For example, suppose you create a dialog to confirm the deletion of an item. You might then create a method on a managed bean similar to the `deleteItem` method shown in [Example 13–1](#). This method accesses the outcome from the event. If the outcome is anything other than `yes`, the dialog is dismissed. If the outcome is `yes` (meaning the user wants to delete the item), the method then gets the selected item and deletes it.

**Example 13–1 Handler for dialogEvent That Deletes an Item**

```
public void deleteItem(DialogEvent dialogEvent)
{
    if (dialogEvent.getOutcome() != DialogEvent.Outcome.yes)
    {
        return;
    }

    // Ask for selected item from FileExplorerBean
```

```

    FileItem selectedFileItem = _feBean.getLastSelectedFileItem();
    if (selectedFileItem == null)
    {
        return;
    }
    else
    {
        // Check if we are deleting a folder
        if (selectedFileItem.isDirectory())
        {
            _feBean.setSelectedDirectory(null);
        }
    }

    this.deleteSelectedFileItem(selectedFileItem);
}

```

[Example 13-2](#) shows how the `dialogListener` attribute is bound to the `deleteItem` method.

#### **Example 13-2** Binding the `dialogListener` attribute to a Method

```

<af:dialog title="{explorerBundle['deletepopup.popuptitle']}"
    type="yesNo"
    dialogListener="{explorer.headerManager.deleteItem}"
    id="d1">

```

The `dialogEvent` is propagated to the server only when the outcome is `ok`, `yes`, or `no`. You can block this if needed. For more information, see [Section 5.3.5, "How to Prevent Events from Propagating to the Server."](#)

If the user instead clicks the **Cancel** button (or the **Close** icon), the outcome is `cancel`, the `popupCancel` client event is raised on the `popup` component, and any other events (including the `dialogEvent`) are prevented from getting to the server. However, the `popupCancel` event is delivered to the server.

8. If you want to set a fixed size for the dialog, or if you have set **resize** to `on` or set **stretchChildren** to `first`, expand the `Other` section and set the following attributes:
  - **ContentHeight**: Enter the desired height in pixels.
  - **ContentWidth**: Enter the desired width in pixels.

**Tip:** While the user can change the values of these attributes at runtime (if the `resize` attribute is set to `on`), the values will not be retained once the user leaves the page unless you configure your application to use change persistence. For information about enabling and using change persistence, see [Chapter 34, "Allowing User Customization on JSF Pages."](#)

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**Note:** If a command component without the `showPopupBehavior` tag is used to launch the dialog, and if that command component has values for the `windowHeight` and `windowWidth` attributes, the values on the command component will override the `contentHeight` and `contentWidth` values. For more information about the `showPopupBehavior` tag, see [Section 13.4, "Invoking Popup Elements."](#)

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9. If needed, add command components to the `buttonBar` facet. It is recommended that you set the `partialSubmit` attribute to `true` for every added command component. However, you can set the command component's `partialSubmit` attribute to `false` if the `af:popup` component's `autoCancel` property is set to disabled. The values an `af:popup` component's `autoCancel` property and a command component `partialSubmit` property determine how a command component dismisses and reloads a dialog. For more information, see [Section 13.6, "Controlling the Automatic Cancellation of Inline Popups."](#)

**Tip:** If the facet is not visible in the visual editor:

1. Right-click the `dialog` component in the Structure window.
2. From the context menu, choose **Facets - Dialog > ButtonBar**. Facets in use on the page are indicated by a checkmark in front of the facet name.

By default, added command components do not dismiss the dialog. You need to bind the `actionListener` on the command component to a handler that manages closing the dialog, as well as any needed processing. For examples on how to do this, see the tag documentation.

10. Insert components to display or collect data for the dialog. Use a layout component like `panelGroupLayout` to contain the components.

**Tip:** Normally, clicking a dialog's **Cancel** button or **Close** icon prevents any data entered into an `inputText` component from being submitted. However, setting the `autoSubmit` attribute to `true` on an `inputText` component in a dialog overrides the dialog's cancel behavior, as this setting causes a submit.

11. Add logic on the parent page to invoke the popup and dialog. For more information, see [Section 13.4, "Invoking Popup Elements."](#)

## 13.2.2 How to Create a Panel Window

The `panelWindow` component is similar to the `dialog` component, but it does not allow you to configure the buttons or to add buttons to a facet. If you need some logic to be invoked to handle data in the `panelWindow`, then you need to create a listener for the popup component's cancel event.

The popup component that contains the `panelWindow` component must be contained within a `form` component.

**Tip:** If you are using the `panelWindow` as an inline popup in an application that uses the Fusion technology stack, and you want to emulate the look of a dialog, place the `panelWindow` component in the center facet of a `panelStretchLayout` component, and place command buttons in the `bottom` facet.

**To create an inline window:**

1. In the Component Palette, from the Common Components panel, drag and drop a **Popup** onto the JSF page.

**Tip:** It does not matter where the popup component appears on the page, as the position is driven by the component used to invoke the popup. However, the popup component must be within a `form` component.

2. In the Property Inspector, expand the Common section and set the following attributes:
  - **ContentDelivery:** Select how the content is to be delivered to the component in the popup.

**Tip:** Values of input components are not reset when a user closes the `panelWindow` component. If the user opens the window a second time, those values will still display. If you want the values to match the current values on the server, then set the `contentDelivery` attribute to `lazyUncached`.
  - **Animate:** Select `true` to enable animation. Animation is determined by configuration in the `trinidad-config.xml` file and by its skin properties (for more information, see [Section A.6.2.1, "Animation Enabled"](#)). You can override this setting by selecting `false`.
  - **LauncherVar:** Enter a name (for example, `source`) for a variable. Similar to the `var` attribute on a table, this variable is used to store reference in the Request scope to the component containing the `showPopupBehavior` tag. The variable is reachable only during event delivery on the `popup` or its child components, and only if **EventContext** is set to `launcher`.
  - **EventContext:** Set to `launcher` if the popup is shared by multiple objects, for example if the window within the popup will display information for the selected row in a table. Setting this attribute to `launcher` makes the row clicked current before the event listener is called, and returns data only for that row. For more information, see [Section 13.2.5, "What Happens at Runtime: Popup Component Events."](#)
  - **PopupCancelListener:** set to an EL expression that evaluates to a handler with the logic that you want to invoke when the window is dismissed.
3. Optionally, in the Property Inspector, expand the Other section and set a value for the **AutoCancel** property to determine the automatic cancel behavior. For more information, see [Section 13.6, "Controlling the Automatic Cancellation of Inline Popups."](#)
4. In the Component Palette, from the Layout panel, drag and drop a **Panel Window** as a direct child to the `popup` component.
5. In the Property Inspector, expand the Common section and set the following attributes:
  - **Modal:** Select whether or not you want the window to be modal. Modal windows do not allow the user to return to the main page until the window has been dismissed.
  - **CloseIconVisible:** Select whether or not you want the **Close** icon to display in the window.
  - **Title:** The text displayed as the title in the window.
  - **Resize:** Select whether or not you want users to be able to change the size of the dialog. The default is `off`.
  - **StretchChildren:** Select whether or not you want child components to stretch to fill the window. When set to `first`, the window stretches a single child component. However, the child component must allow stretching. For more information, see [Section 8.2.1, "Geometry Management and Component Stretching."](#)



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**Note:** If you set **Resize** to on or set **StretchChildren** to first, you must also set **ContentWidth** and **ContentHeight** (see Step 6). Otherwise, the size will default to 250x250 pixels.

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6. If you want to set a fix size for the window, or if you have set **resize** to on or set **stretchChildren** to first, expand the Other section and set the following attributes:
  - **ContentHeight:** Enter the desired height in pixels.
  - **ContentWidth:** Enter the desired width in pixels.

**Tip:** While the user can change the values of these attributes at runtime (if the `resize` attribute is set to on), the values will not be retained once the user leaves the page unless you configure your application to use change persistence. For information about enabling and using change persistence, see [Chapter 34, "Allowing User Customization on JSF Pages."](#)

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**Note:** If a command component without the `showPopupBehavior` tag is used to launch the dialog, and if that command component has values for the `windowHeight` and `windowWidth` attributes, the values on the command component will override the `contentHeight` and `contentWidth` values. For more information about the `showPopupBehavior` tag, see [Section 13.4, "Invoking Popup Elements."](#)

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7. Insert components to display or collect data for the window. Use a layout component like `panelGroupLayout` to contain the components.
8. Add logic on the parent page to invoke the popup and panel window. For more information, see [Section 13.4, "Invoking Popup Elements."](#)

### 13.2.3 How to Create a Context Menu

You create a context menu by using menu components within the popup component. You can then invoke the context menu popup from another component, based on a given trigger. If instead, you want toolbar buttons in a toolbar to launch popup menus, then see [Section 14.3, "Using Toolbars."](#)

#### To create an inline context menu:

1. In the Component Palette, from the Common Components panel, drag and drop a **Popup** onto the JSF page.

**Tip:** It does not matter where the popup component appears on the page, as the position is driven by the component used to invoke the popup. However, the `popup` component must be within a `form` component.

2. In the Property Inspector, expand the Common section and set the following attributes.
  - **ContentDelivery:** Determines how the content is delivered to the component in the popup.



- **Animate:** Select `true` to enable animation. Animation is determined by configuration in the `trinidad-config.xml` file and by its skin properties (for more information, see [Section A.6.2.1, "Animation Enabled"](#)). You can override this setting by selecting `false`.
  - **LauncherVar:** Enter a variable name (for example, `source`) to be used to reference the launch component. This variable is reachable only during event delivery on the `popup` or its child components, and only if the **EventContext** is set to `launcher`.
  - **EventContext:** Set to `launcher` if the popup is shared by multiple objects, for example if the menu within the popup will display information for the selected row in a table. Setting this attribute to `launcher` makes the row clicked current before the event listener is called, and returns only data for that row. For more information, see [Section 13.2.5, "What Happens at Runtime: Popup Component Events."](#)
3. Optionally, in the Property Inspector, expand the Other section and set a value for the **AutoCancel** property to determine the automatic cancel behavior. For more information, see [Section 13.6, "Controlling the Automatic Cancellation of Inline Popups."](#)
  4. From the Component Palette, drag and drop a **Menu** as a direct child to the `popup` component, and build your menu using `commandMenuItem` components, as documented starting with Step 6 in [Section 14.2.1, "How to Create and Use Menus in a Menu Bar."](#)
    - Tip:** Because this is a context menu, you do not need to create a menu bar or multiple menus, as documented in Steps 1 through 5 in [Section 14.2.1, "How to Create and Use Menus in a Menu Bar."](#)
  5. Add logic on the parent page to invoke the popup and context menu. For more information, see [Section 13.4, "Invoking Popup Elements."](#)

## 13.2.4 How to Create a Note Window

Use the `noteWindow` component to display read-only text. The `popup` component that contains the `noteWindow` component must be contained within a `form` component.

### To create an inline window:

1. In the Component Palette, from the Common Components panel, drag and drop a **Popup** onto the JSF page.
  - Tip:** It does not matter where the popup component appears on the page, as the position is driven by the component used to invoke the popup. However, the `popup` component must be within a `form` component.
2. In the Property Inspector, expand the Common section and set the following attributes.
  - **ContentDelivery:** Determines how the content is delivered to the component in the popup.
  - **Animate:** Select `true` to enable animation. Animation is determined by configuration in the `trinidad-config.xml` file and by its skin properties (for more information, see [Section A.6.2.1, "Animation Enabled"](#)). You can override this setting by selecting `false`.

- **LauncherVar:** Enter a variable to be used to reference the launch component. This variable is reachable only during event delivery on the `popup` or its child components, and only if the **EventContext** is set to `launcher`.
  - **EventContext:** Set to `launcher` if the popup is shared by multiple objects, for example if the window within the popup will display information for the selected row in a table. Setting this attribute to `launcher` makes the row clicked current before the event listener is called, and returns only data for that row. For more information, see [Section 13.2.5, "What Happens at Runtime: Popup Component Events."](#)
  - **PopupCancelListener:** set to an EL expression that evaluates to a handler with the logic that you want to invoke when the window is dismissed.
3. Optionally, in the Property Inspector, expand the Other section and set a value for the **AutoCancel** property to determine the automatic cancel behavior. For more information, see [Section 13.6, "Controlling the Automatic Cancellation of Inline Popups."](#)
  4. From the Component Palette, drag and drop a **Note Window** as a direct child to the `popup` component.
  5. To enter the text to display in the window:
    1. Click the **Source** tab to view the page source code.
    2. Remove the closing slash (`/`) from the `af:noteWindow` tag.
    3. Below the `af:noteWindow` tag, enter the text to display, using simple HTML tags, and ending with a closed `af:noteWindow` tag.

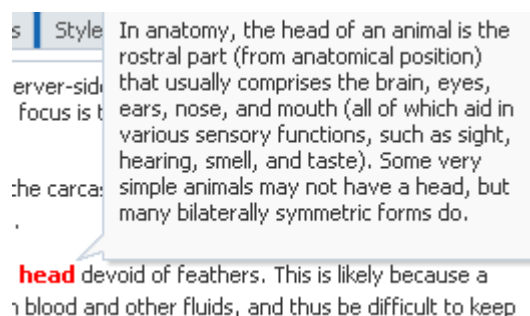
[Example 13–3](#) shows text for a note window.

#### **Example 13–3 Text Within an `af:noteWindow` Tag**

```
<af:popup id="popupHead" contentDelivery="lazyUncached">
  <af:noteWindow inlineStyle="width:200px" id="nw3">
    <p>In anatomy, the head of an animal is the rostral part (from
      anatomical position) that usually comprises the brain, eyes,
      ears, nose, and mouth (all of which aid in various sensory
      functions, such as sight, hearing, smell, and taste). Some very
      simple animals may not have a head, but many bilaterally
      symmetric forms do.</p>
  </af:noteWindow>
</af:popup>
```

[Figure 13–3](#) shows how the note would display.

#### **Figure 13–3 Text Displayed in a Note Window**



- Optionally, in the Property Inspector, expand the Other section and specify a number of seconds for the **AutoDismissalTimeout** property. The value you specify determines the time in seconds that the note window displays before the application automatically dismisses it. Any value you specify overrides the default automatic dismissal behavior. This override is revoked if the end user moves the mouse over the content of the note window because this gesture reverts the automatic dismissal behavior back to the default automatic dismissal behavior for the note window. The default automatic dismissal behavior is to dismiss the note window when focus changes from the launching source or from the content of the popup.

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**Note:** The feature enabled by this property is not accessible friendly because a mouse over triggers the timeout cancellation period and there is no keyboard equivalent.

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- Add logic on the parent page to invoke the popup and note window. For more information, see [Section 13.4, "Invoking Popup Elements."](#)

### 13.2.5 What Happens at Runtime: Popup Component Events

When content is delivered to the popup, and the `contentDelivery` attribute is set to either `lazy` or `lazyUncached`, the `popupFetch` server-side event is invoked. This event has two properties, `eventContext` and `launcherVar`. The `eventContext` property determines the context from which the event is delivered, either from the context of the popup (`self`) or from the component that launched the popup (`launcher`). Setting the context to `launcher` can be very useful if the popup is shared by multiple components, because the framework will behave as though the component that launched the popup had launched the event, and not the popup. The `launcherVar` property is used to keep track of the current launcher, similar to the way in which variables are used to stamp out rows in a table.

For example, say you have a column in a table that displays a person's first name using a command link. When the command link is hovered over, a popup `noteWindow` is invoked that shows the person's full name. Because this `noteWindow` will be used by all rows in the table, but it needs to display the full name only for the row containing the command link that was clicked, you need to use the `eventContext` property to ensure that the context is that row, as shown in [Example 13-4](#).

#### **Example 13-4** Using `eventContext` for Shared Popup elements

```
<af:popup id="noteWindow" contentDelivery="lazyUncached" eventContext="launcher"
  launcherVar="source">
  <af:noteWindow>
    <af:outputText value="#{testBean.fullName}" />
  </af:noteWindow>
</af:popup>
<af:table var="person" value="#{testBean.people}">
  <af:column id="firstName">
    <af:commandLink text="#{person.firstName}">
      <af:showPopupBehavior popupId=":noteWindow" triggerType="mouseHover" />
    </af:commandLink>
  </af:column>
</af:table>
```

Using the variable `source`, you can take values from the source and apply them, or you can set values. For example, you could get the full name value of the `people` object

used in the table, and set it as the value of the testBean's fullName property used by the window, using a setPropertyListener and clientAttribute tag, as shown in [Example 13-5](#).

**Example 13-5 Setting the Value of a Component in a Popup Using the launcherVar Property**

```
<af:popup id="noteWindow" contentDelivery="lazyUncached" eventContext="launcher"
    launcherVar="source">
  <af:noteWindow>
    <af:outputText value="#{testBean.fullName}" />
  </af:noteWindow>
  <af:setPropertyListener from="#{source.attributes.fullName}"
    to="#{testBean.fullName}" type="popupFetch" />
</af:popup>
<af:table var="person" value="#{testBean.people}">
  <af:column id="firstName">
    <f:facet name="header">
      <af:outputText value="First Name" />
    </f:facet>
    <af:commandLink text="#{person.firstName}">
      <af:showPopupBehavior popupId=":noteWindow" triggerType="mouseHover" />
      <af:clientAttribute name="fullName" value="#{person.fullName}" />
    </af:commandLink>
  </af:column>
</af:table>
```

In this example, the launcherVar property source gets the full name for the current row using the popupFetch event. For more information about using the setPropertyListener tag, see [Section 4.7.2, "How to Use the pageFlowScope Scope Without Writing Java Code."](#) For more information about using client attributes, see [Section 3.8, "Using Bonus Attributes for Client-Side Components."](#) For more information about the showPopupBehavior tag, see [Section 13.4, "Invoking Popup Elements."](#)

Popups also invoke the following client-side events:

- popupOpening: Fired when the popup is invoked. If this event is canceled in a client-side listener, the popup will not be shown.
- popupOpened: Fired after the popup becomes visible. One example for using this event would be to create custom rules for overriding default focus within the popup.
- popupCanceled: Fired when a popup is unexpectedly dismissed by auto-dismissal or by explicitly invoking the popup client component's cancel method. This client-side event also has a server-side counterpart.
- popupClosed: Fired when the popup is hidden or when the popup is unexpectedly dismissed. This client-side event also has a server-side counterpart.

When a popup is closed by an affirmative condition, for example, when the **Yes** button is clicked, it is hidden. When a popup is closed by auto-dismissal, for example when either the **Close** icon or the **Cancel** button is clicked, it is canceled. Both types of dismissals result in raising a popupClosed client-side event. Canceling a popup also raises a client-side popupCanceled event that has an associated server-side counterpart. The event will not be propagated to the server unless there are registered listeners for the event. If it is propagated, it prevents processing of any child components to the popup, meaning any submitted values and validation are ignored. You can create a

listener for the `popupCanceled` event that contains logic to handle any processing needed when the popup is canceled.

If you want to invoke some logic based on a client-side event, you can create a custom client listener method. For more information, see [Section 3.2, "Listening for Client Events."](#) If you want to invoke server-side logic based on a client event, you can add a `serverListener` tag that will invoke that logic. For more information, see [Section 5.4, "Sending Custom Events from the Client to the Server."](#)

## 13.2.6 What You May Need to Know About Animation and Popups

The `dialog`, `panelWindow`, `menu`, and `noteWindow` components that render inside the `popup` component to display popups can use animation when rendering. You enable animation for these components in an application by setting the `<animation-enabled>` element to `true` in the application's `trinidad-config.xml` file, as described in [Section A.6.2.1, "Animation Enabled."](#)

You can further customize or disable the animation of these components by writing values for the `-tr-animate` and `-tr-open-animation-duration` ADF skin properties in the application's ADF skin. [Example 13-6](#) demonstrates how you can permit animation for menu components in an application while you disable animation for dialog components.

### Example 13-6 ADF Skin Properties for Animation

```
/** Animate menu components and specify 10 seconds as the duration to open a menu
or a popup menu */
af|menu {
    -tr-open-animation-duration: 10000;
    -tr-animate: true;
}

/** Disable animation for dialog components */
af|dialog {
    -tr-animate: false;
}
```

The animation behavior of specific instances of a `popup` component can be configured by setting the appropriate value for the `popup` component's `animate` property, as described in the following list:

- **default:** The `<animation-enabled>` element in the application's `trinidad-config.xml` file and ADF skin properties in the application's ADF skin determine the animation behavior of the `popup` component.
- **false:** Turns off animation for the `popup` regardless of the animation settings that you have configured for the application in the `trinidad-config.xml` file or the application's ADF skin. For example, assume that you set this value for a `popup` component that displays a menu component. Animation is disabled for this specific `popup` menu despite an application enabling animation and containing the ADF skin properties for menu components shown in [Example 13-6](#).
- **true:** Overrides an `-tr-animate: false` entry in an application's ADF skin. For example, if you set the `animate` property to `true` for a `popup` component that renders a dialog component, the `popup` dialog uses animation when rendering despite the ADF skin properties configured for dialog components shown in [Example 13-6](#).

For more information about the ADF skin properties for animation, see *Oracle Fusion Middleware Tag Reference for Oracle ADF Faces Skin Selectors*.

## 13.3 Programmatically Invoking a Popup

You can programmatically show, hide, or cancel a popup in response to an `actionEvent` generated by a command component. Implement this functionality if you want to deliver the `actionEvent` to the server immediately so you can invoke server-side logic and show, hide, or cancel the popup in response to the outcome of invoking the server-side logic.

Programmatically invoking a popup as described here differs to the method of invoking a popup described in [Section 13.2, "Declaratively Creating Popup Elements"](#) where the `showPopupBehavior` tag does not deliver the `actionEvent` to the server immediately.

You create the type of popup that you want by placing one of the components (`dialog`, `panelWindow`, `menu`, or `noteWindow`) inside the `popup` component as described in [Section 13.2, "Declaratively Creating Popup Elements."](#) Make sure that the `popup` component is in the right context when you invoke it. One of the easier ways to do this is to bind it to the backing bean for the page, as in [Example 13-7](#).

### **Example 13-7 Binding a popup Component to a Backing Bean**

```
<af:popup id="p1"
         binding="#{mybean.popup}"
         ...
       />
```

Once you have done this, you configure a command component's `actionListener` attribute to reference the `popup` component by calling an accessor for the `popup` binding.

Write code for the backing bean method that invokes, cancels, or hides the popup. [Example 13-8](#) shows a `showPopup` backing bean method that uses the `HINT_LAUNCH_ID` hint to identify the command component that passes the `actionEvent` to it and `p1` to reference the popup on which we invoke the `show` method.

### **Example 13-8 Backing Bean Method Invoking a Popup**

```
public void showPopup(ActionEvent event) {
    {
        FacesContext context = FacesContext.getCurrentInstance();
        UIComponent source = (UIComponent)event.getSource();
        String alignId = source.getClientId(context);
        RichPopup.PopupHints hints = new RichPopup.PopupHints();
        hints.add(RichPopup.PopupHints.HintTypes.HINT_ALIGN_ID, source)
            .add(RichPopup.PopupHints.HintTypes.HINT_LAUNCH_ID, source)
            .add(RichPopup.PopupHints.HintTypes.HINT_ALIGN,
                RichPopup.PopupHints.AlignTypes.ALIGN_AFTER_END);
        p1.show(hints);
    }
}
```

[Example 13-9](#) shows a backing bean method that cancels a popup in response to an `actionEvent`:

### **Example 13-9 Backing Bean Method Canceling a Popup**

```
public void cancelPopupActionListener(ActionEvent event) {
    FacesContext context = FacesContext.getCurrentInstance();
    p1.cancel();
}
```

[Example 13–10](#) shows a backing bean method that hides a popup in response to an `actionEvent`:

**Example 13–10 Backing Bean Method Hiding a Popup**

```
public void hidePopupActionListener(ActionEvent event) {
    FacesContext context = FacesContext.getCurrentInstance();
    p1.hide();
}
```

The `p1` object in the previous examples refers to an instance of the `RichPopup` class from the following package:

```
oracle.adf.view.rich.component.rich.RichPopup
```

For more information about `RichPopup`, see the *Oracle Fusion Middleware Java API Reference for Oracle ADF Faces*.

### 13.3.1 How to Programmatically Invoke a Popup

You configure the command component's `actionListener` attribute to reference the backing bean method that shows, cancels or hides the popup.

**Before you begin:**

Create the type of popup that you want the server-side method to invoke, as described in [Section 13.2, "Declaratively Creating Popup Elements."](#)

It may be helpful to have an understanding of the configuration options available to you if you want to invoke a popup component programmatically. For more information, see [Section 13.3, "Programmatically Invoking a Popup."](#)

**To programmatically invoke a popup:**

1. In the Component Palette, from the General Controls panel, drag and drop a command component onto the JSF page.

For example, a **Button** component.

2. In the Property Inspector, expand the Behavior section and set the following attributes:

- **PartialSubmit:** set to `true` if you do not want the Fusion web application to render the entire page after an end user clicks the command component. The default value (`false`) causes the application to render the whole page after an end user invokes the command component. For more information about page rendering, see [Chapter 7, "Rerendering Partial Page Content."](#)
- **ActionListener:** set to an EL expression that evaluates to a backing bean method with the logic that you want to execute when the end user invokes the command component at runtime.

3. Write the logic for the backing bean that is invoked when the command component in step 1 passes an `actionEvent`.

For more information, see [Example 13–8, "Backing Bean Method Invoking a Popup"](#), [Example 13–9, "Backing Bean Method Canceling a Popup"](#), or [Example 13–10, "Backing Bean Method Hiding a Popup"](#).



### 13.3.2 What Happens When You Programmatically Invoke a Popup

At runtime, end users can invoke the command components you configure to invoke the server-side methods to show, cancel, or hide a popup. For example, [Figure 13–4](#) shows a `panelWindow` component that renders inside a popup component. It exposes two command buttons (**Cancel** and **Hide**) that invoke the `cancel` and `hide` methods respectively. End users invoke a `commandLink` component rendered in the **Supplier Name** column of the `table` component in the underlying page to show the popup.

**Figure 13–4** *Popup Component Invoked by a Server-Side Method*

The screenshot shows a table with columns: Suppliers ID, Supplier's Name, Supplier Status, Phone Number, Email, and Creation Date. A popup dialog titled "Panel Window inside Popup Component to Change Supplier's Name" is open over the table. The dialog contains a text input field labeled "Enter a new name:" and three buttons: "OK", "Cancel", and "Hide". The table data is as follows:

Suppliers ID	Supplier's Name	Supplier Status	Phone Number	Email	Creation Date
100	Stuffz	ACTIVE	402.555.0158	contact@stuffz.ex	17/03/2011
101	Nexus	ACTIVE	608.555.0114	contact@nexus.ex	17/03/2011
102	Gifts-N-More	ACTIVE	225.555.0181	contact@giftsnmor	17/03/2011
103					17/03/2011
104					17/03/2011
105					17/03/2011
106					17/03/2011
107					17/03/2011
108	BigSwamp	ACTIVE	248.555.0154	contact@bigswamp	17/03/2011
109	7-Mart	ACTIVE	959.555.0120	contact@7mart.ev	17/03/2011

## 13.4 Invoking Popup Elements

With ADF Faces rich client components, JavaScript is not needed to show or hide popups. The `showPopupBehavior` client behavior tag provides a declarative solution, so that you do not have to write JavaScript to open the popup or register the script with the component. For more information about client behavior tags, see [Section 5.6, "Using Client Behavior Tags."](#)

The `showPopupBehavior` tag listens for a specified event, for example the `actionEvent` on a command component, or the `disclosureEvent` on a `showDetail` component. However, the `showPopupBehavior` tag also cancels delivery of that event to the server. Therefore, if you need to invoke some server-side logic based on the event that the `showPopupBehavior` tag is listening for, then you need to use either JavaScript to launch the popup, or to use a custom event as documented in [Section 5.4, "Sending Custom Events from the Client to the Server."](#)

### 13.4.1 How to Use the `af:showPopupBehavior` Tag

You use the `showPopupBehavior` tag in conjunction with the component that will invoke the popup element, for example a `commandButton` component that will invoke a dialog, or an `inputText` component that, when right-clicked, will invoke a context menu.

#### Before you begin:

1. Create a popup component and its holder.
2. Create the component that will invoke the popup.

#### To use the `showPopupBehavior` tag:

1. In the Component Palette, from the Operations panel, drag a **Show Popup Behavior** and drop it as a child to the component that will be used to invoke the popup element.



2. In the Property Inspector, use the dropdown menu for the **PopupId** attribute to choose **Edit**. Use the Edit Property: PopupId dialog to select the popup component to invoke.
3. From the **TriggerType** dropdown menu, choose the trigger that should invoke the popup. The default is `action` which can be used for command components. Use `contextMenu` to trigger a popup when the right-mouse is clicked. Use `mouseHover` to trigger a popup when the cursor is over the component. The popup closes when the cursor moves off the component. For a detailed list of component and mouse/keyboard events that can trigger the popup, see the `showPopupBehavior` tag documentation.

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**Note:** The event selected for the `triggerType` attribute will not be delivered to the server. If you need to invoke server-side logic based on this event, then you must launch the popup using either JavaScript or a custom event as documented in [Section 5.4, "Sending Custom Events from the Client to the Server."](#)

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4. From the **AlignId** dropdown, choose **Edit**, and then use the Edit Property: AlignId dialog to select the component with which you want the popup to align.
5. From the **Align** dropdown menu, choose how the popup should be positioned relative to the component selected in the previous step.

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**Note:** The dialog and `panelWindow` components do not require `alignId` or `align` attributes, as the corresponding popup can be moved by the user. If you set **AlignId**, the value will be overridden by any manual drag and drop repositioning of the dialog or window. If no value is entered for **AlignId** or **Align**, then the dialog or window is opened in the center of the browser.

Additionally, if the `triggerType` attribute is set to `contextMenu`, the alignment is always based on mouse position.

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[Example 13–11](#) shows sample code that displays some text in the `af:popup` component with the id "popup1" when the button "Click Me" is clicked.

**Example 13–11** *showPopupBehavior Associated with commandButton component*

```
<af:commandButton text="Click me" id="button">
  <af:showPopupBehavior popupId="popup1" alignId="button" align="afterEnd"/>
</af:commandButton>

<af:popup id="popup1">
  <af:panelGroupLayout layout="vertical">
    <af:outputText value="Some"/>
    <af:outputText value="popup"/>
    <af:outputText value="content"/>
  </af:panelGroupLayout>
</af:popup>
```

The code in [Example 13–11](#) tells ADF Faces to align the popup contents with the `commandButton` that is identified by the value of `alignId` (`button`), and to use the alignment position of `afterEnd`, which aligns the popup element underneath the button, as shown in [Figure 13–5](#).

**Figure 13–5 Button and Popup Contents**



## 13.5 Displaying Contextual Information

There may be cases when you think the user may need more information to complete a task on a page, but you don't want to clutter the page with information that may not be needed each time the page is accessed, or with multiple buttons that might launch dialogs to display information. While you could put the information in a popup element that was launched with a right-click on a component, the user would have no way of knowing the information was available in a popup.

The `contextInfo` component allows you to display additional information in a popup element and also notifies users that additional information is available. When you place the `contextInfo` component into the `context` facet of a component that supports contextual information, a small orange square is shown in the upper left-hand corner of the component, as shown in [Figure 13–6](#).

**Figure 13–6 `contextInfo` Displays a Square**

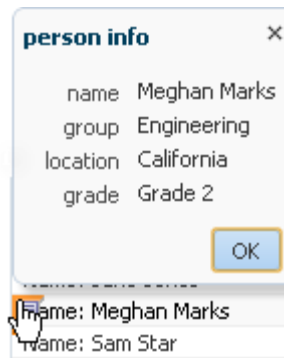


When the user places the cursor over the square, a larger triangle with a note icon and tooltip is displayed, indicating that additional information is available, as shown in [Figure 13–7](#)

**Figure 13–7 `contextInfo` Component Indicates Additional Information Is Available**



Because a `showPopupBehavior` tag is a child to the `contextInfo` component, the referenced popup will display when the user clicks the information icon, as shown in [Figure 13–8](#).

**Figure 13–8** Dialog launched From contextInfo Component

### 13.5.1 How to Create Contextual Information

You use the `showPopupBehavior` component as a child to the `contextInfo` component, which allows the popup component to align with the component that contains the `contextInfo` component.

#### Before you begin:

1. Create the component that will be the parent to the `contextInfo` component. The following components support the `contextInfo` component:
  - `column`
  - `commandLink`
  - `inputComboboxListOfValues`
  - `inputListOfValues`
  - `inputText`
  - `outputFormatted`
  - `outputText`
  - `selectOneChoice`
2. Create the popup element to display, as documented in [Section 13.2, "Declaratively Creating Popup Elements."](#)

#### To use a `contextInfo` component:

1. In the Component Palette, from the Common Components panel, drag a **Context Info** and drop it into the `Context` facet of the component that is to display the additional information icons.

**Tip:** If the facet is not visible in the visual editor:

1. Right-click the `outputText` component in the Structure window.
  2. From the context menu, choose **Facets - component name > Context**. Facets in use on the page are indicated by a checkmark in front of the facet name.
2. If you need server-side logic to execute when the `contextInfo` component displays, bind the `contextInfoListener` attribute to a handler that can handle the event.

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**Note:** If you use the `showPopupBehavior` tag to launch the popup, then delivery of the `contextInfoEvent` to the server is cancelled. If you need to invoke server-side logic based on this event, then you must launch the popup by using either JavaScript or a custom event as documented in [Section 5.4, "Sending Custom Events from the Client to the Server."](#)

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3. In the Component Palette, from the Operations panel, drag a **Show Popup Behavior** and drop it as a child to the `contextInfo` component.
4. With the `showPopupBehavior` tag selected in the editor, in the Property Inspector, set the attributes as described in [Section 13.4.1, "How to Use the `af:showPopupBehavior` Tag."](#) For the `triggerType` value, be sure to enter `contextInfo`.

## 13.6 Controlling the Automatic Cancellation of Inline Popups

You can use the `af:popup` component with a number of other components to create inline popups. That is, inline windows, dialogs, and context menus. These other components include the:

- Dialog component to create an inline dialog  
For more information, see [Section 13.2.1, "How to Create a Dialog."](#)
- `panelWindow` component to create an inline window  
For more information, see [Section 13.2.2, "How to Create a Panel Window."](#)
- Menu components to create context menus  
For more information, see [Section 13.2.3, "How to Create a Context Menu."](#)
- `noteWindow` component to create a note window  
For more information, see [Section 13.2.4, "How to Create a Note Window."](#)

By default, a Fusion web application automatically cancels an inline popup if the metadata that defines the inline popup is replaced. Scenarios where this happens include the following:

- Invocation of a command component that has its `partialSubmit` property set to `false`. The Fusion web application renders the entire page after it invokes such a command component. In contrast, a command component that has its `partialSubmit` property set to `true` causes the Fusion web application to render partial content. For more information about page rendering, see [Chapter 7, "Rerendering Partial Page Content."](#)
- A component that renders a toggle icon for end users to display or hide content hosts the popup component. Examples include the `showDetailItem` and `panelTabbed` components. For more information about the use of components that render toggle icons, see [Section 8.10, "Displaying and Hiding Contents Dynamically."](#)
- Failover occurs when the Fusion web application displays an inline popup. During failover, the Fusion web application replaces the entire page.

You can change the default behavior described in the previous list by disabling the automatic cancellation of an inline popup component. This means that the Fusion web

application does not automatically cancel the inline popup if any of the above events occur. Instead, the Fusion web applications restores the inline popup.

### 13.6.1 How to Disable the Automatic Cancellation of an Inline Popup

You disable the automatic cancellation of an inline popup by setting the `popup` component's `autoCancel` property to `disabled`.

#### Before you begin:

It may be helpful to understand how other components can affect functionality. For more information, see [Section 13.6, "Controlling the Automatic Cancellation of Inline Popups."](#)

#### To control the automatic cancellation of inline popups:

1. In the Structure window, right-click the `af:popup` component for which you want to configure the automatic cancellation behavior and choose **Go to Properties**.
2. In the Property Inspector, expand the Other section and use the dropdown menu for the **AutoCancel** property to choose **disabled**.

### 13.6.2 What Happens When You Disable the Automatic Cancellation of an Inline Popup

JDeveloper sets the `af:popup` component `autoCancel` property's value to `disabled`, as shown in [Example 13–12](#):

#### Example 13–12 Metadata to Prevent the Automatic Cancellation of an Inline Popup

```
<af:popup id="p1" autoCancel="disabled">
    ...
</af:popup>
```

At runtime, the Fusion web application restores an inline popup after it rerenders a page if the inline popup displayed before invocation of the command to rerender the page.



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## Using Menus, Toolbars, and Toolboxes

This chapter describes how to create menu bars and toolbars that contain tool buttons. For information about creating navigation menus, that is, menus that allow you to navigate through a hierarchy of pages, see [Section 18.5, "Using Navigation Items for a Page Hierarchy."](#)

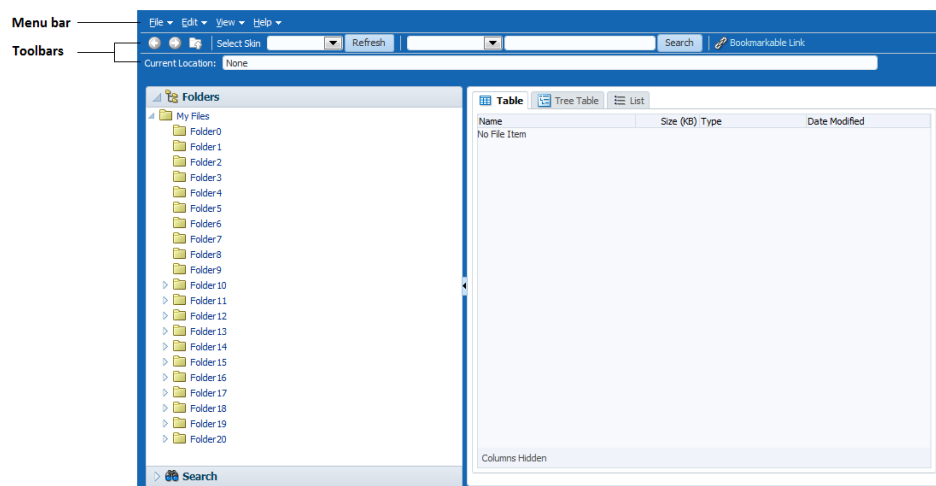
This chapter includes the following sections:

- [Section 14.1, "Introduction to Menus, Toolbars, and Toolboxes"](#)
- [Section 14.2, "Using Menus in a Menu Bar"](#)
- [Section 14.3, "Using Toolbars"](#)

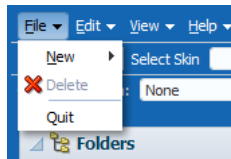
### 14.1 Introduction to Menus, Toolbars, and Toolboxes

Menus and toolbars allow users to choose from a specified list of options (in the case of a menu) or to click buttons (in the case of a toolbar) to effect some change to the application. The File Explorer application contains both a menu bar and a toolbar, as shown in [Figure 14-1](#).

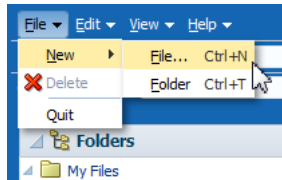
**Figure 14-1** Menu Bar and Toolbar in File Explorer Application



When a user chooses a menu item in the menu bar, the menu component displays a list of menu items, as shown in [Figure 14-2](#).

**Figure 14–2 Menu in the File Explorer Application**

Note that as shown in [Figure 14–3](#), menus can be nested.

**Figure 14–3 Nested Menu Items**

Buttons in a toolbar also allow a user to invoke some sort of action on an application or to open a popup menu that behaves the same as a standard menu.

You can organize toolbars and menu bars using a toolbox. The toolbox gives you the ability to define relative sizes for the toolbars on the same line and to define several layers of toolbars and menu bars vertically.

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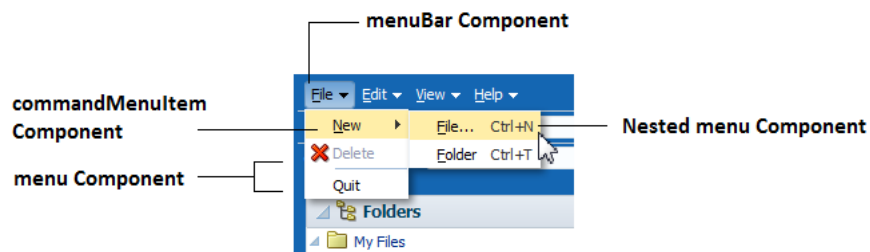
**Note:** If you want to create menus and toolbars in a table, then follow the procedures in [Section 10.7, "Displaying Table Menus, Toolbars, and Status Bars."](#)

If you want to create a context menu for a component (that is a menu that launches when a user right-clicks the component), follow the procedures in [Section 13.2.3, "How to Create a Context Menu."](#)

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## 14.2 Using Menus in a Menu Bar

Use the `menuBar` component to render a bar that contains the menu bar items (such as **File** in the File Explorer application). Each item on a menu bar is rendered by a menu component, which holds a vertical menu. Each vertical menu consists of a list of `commandMenuItem` components that can invoke some operation on the application. You can nest menu components inside menu components to create submenus. The different components used to create a menu are shown in [Figure 14–4](#).

**Figure 14–4 Components Used to Create a Menu**



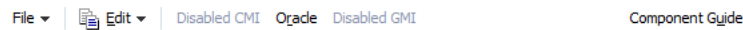
You can use more than one menu bar by enclosing them in a toolbox. Enclosing them in a toolbox stacks the menu bars so that the first menu bar in the toolbox is displayed at the top, and the last menu bar is displayed at the bottom. When you use more than one menu bar in a single toolbox row (by having them grouped inside the toolbox), then the `flex` attribute will determine which menu bar will take up the most space.

If you wish menu bars to be displayed next to each other (rather than being stacked), you can enclose them in a `group` component.

**Tip:** You can also use the `toolbox` component to group menu bars with toolbars, or to group multiple menu bars. Use the `group` component to group menu bars and toolbars on the same row.

Within a menu bar, you can set one component to stretch so that the menu bar will always be the same size as its parent container. For example, in [Figure 14-5](#), the menu bar is set to stretch a spacer component that is placed between the Disabled GMI menu and the Component Guide button. When the window is resized, that spacer component either stretches or shrinks so that the menu bar will always be the same width as the parent. Using a spacer component like this also ensures that any components to the right of the spacer will remain right-justified in the menu bar.

**Figure 14-5** *Spacer Component Stretches and Shrinks*



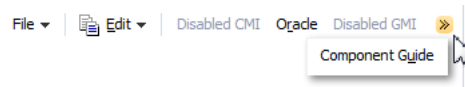
When a window is resized such that all the components within the menu bar can no longer be displayed, the menu bar displays an overflow icon, identified by the arrow cursor as shown in [Figure 14-6](#).

**Figure 14-6** *Overflow Icon in a Menu Bar*

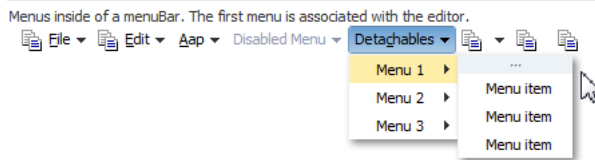


Clicking that overflow icon displays the remaining components in a popup window, as shown in [Figure 14-7](#).

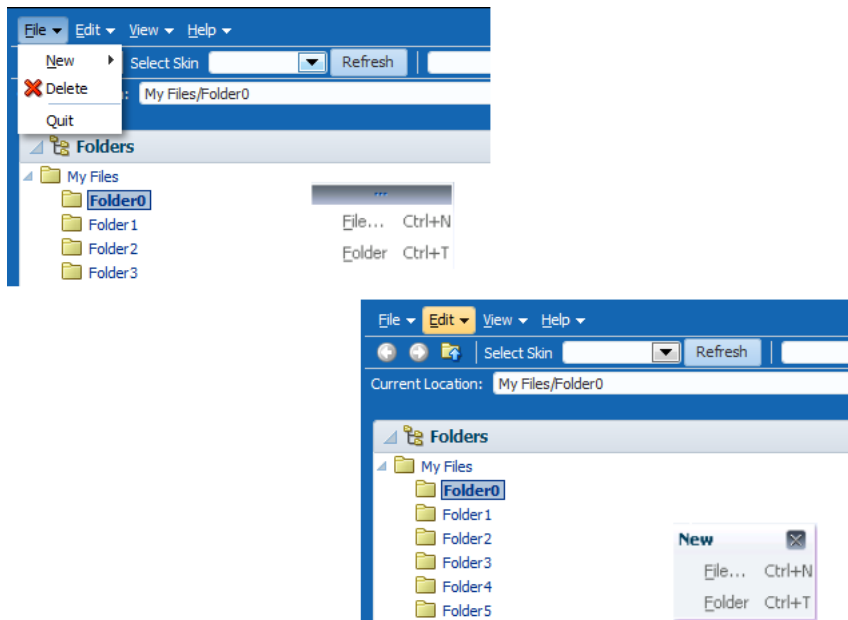
**Figure 14-7** *menu Component in an Overflow Popup Window*



Menus and submenus can be made to be detachable and to float on the browser window. [Figure 14-8](#) shows a submenu configured to be detachable. The top of the menu is rendered with a bar to denote that it can be detached.

**Figure 14–8 Detachable Menu**

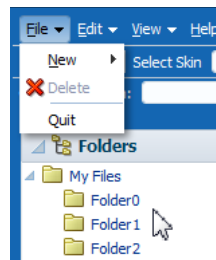
The user can drag the detachable menu to anywhere within the browser. When the mouse button is released, the menu stays on top of the application until the user closes it, as shown in [Figure 14–9](#).

**Figure 14–9 Floating Detached Menu**

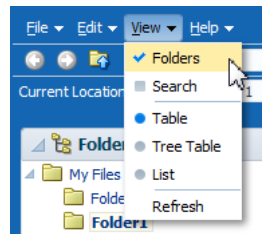
**Tip:** Consider using detachable menus when you expect users to:

- Execute similar commands repeatedly on a page.
- Execute similar commands on different rows of data in a large table, tree table, or tree.
- View data in long and wide tables, tree tables, or trees. Users can choose which columns or branches to hide or display with a single click.
- Format data in long or wide tables, tree tables, or trees.

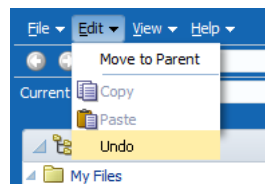
The menu and `commandMenuItem` components can each include an icon image. [Figure 14–10](#) shows the **Delete** menu item configured to display a delete icon (a red X).

**Figure 14–10 Icons Can Be Used in Menus**

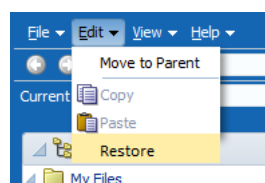
You can configure `commandMenuItem` components to be specific types that change how they are displayed when the menu item is chosen. For example, you can configure a `commandMenuItem` component to display a checkmark or a radio button next to the label when the item is chosen. [Figure 14–11](#) shows the **View** menu with the **Folders** menu item configured to use a checkmark when chosen. The **Table**, **Tree Table**, and **List** menu items are configured to be radio buttons, and allow the user to choose only one of the group.

**Figure 14–11 Icons Denote the Chosen Menu Items**

You can also configure a `commandMenuItem` component to have an antonym. Antonyms display different text when the user chooses a menu item. [Figure 14–12](#) shows an **Undo** menu item in the **Edit** menu (added to the File Explorer application for this example).

**Figure 14–12 The Edit Menu of the File Explorer Application**

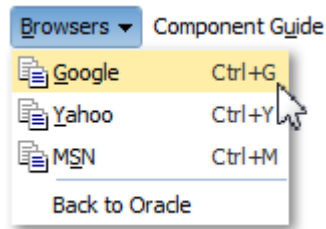
[Figure 14–12](#) shows the `commandMenuItem` component for the **Undo** menu item configured to be an antonym. When the user chooses **Undo**, the next time the user returns to the menu, the menu item will display the antonym **Restore**, as shown in [Figure 14–13](#).

**Figure 14–13 Menu Items Can Be Antonyms**

Because an action is expected when a user chooses a menu item, you must bind the action or `actionListener` attribute of the `commandMenuItem` component to some method that will execute the needed functionality.

Along with `commandMenuItem` components, a menu can also include one or more `goMenuItem` components. These are navigation components similar to the `goLink` component, in that they perform direct page navigation, without delivering an `ActionEvent` event. [Figure 14-14](#) shows three `goMenuItem` components used to navigate to external web sites.

**Figure 14-14** *Menu Can Use goMenuItem Components*



Aside from menus that are invoked from menu bars, you can also create context menus that are invoked when a user right-clicks a UI component, and popup menus that are invoked when a user clicks a command component. For more information, see [Section 13.2.3, "How to Create a Context Menu."](#)

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**Note:** ADF Faces provides a button with built-in functionality that allows a user to view a printable version of the current page. Menus and menu bars do not render on these pages. For more information, see [Section 5.6, "Using Client Behavior Tags."](#)

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By default, the contents of the menu are delivered immediately, as the page is rendered. If you plan on having a large number of children in a menu (multiple `menu` and `commandMenuItem` components), you can choose to configure the menu to use *lazy content delivery*. This means that the child components are not retrieved from the server until the menu is accessed.

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**Note:** Content delivery for menus used as popup context menus is determined by the parent popup dialog, and not the menu itself.

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You can also create menus that mainly provide navigation throughout the application, and are not used to cause any change on a selected item in an application. To create this type of menu, see [Section 18.6, "Using a Menu Model to Create a Page Hierarchy."](#)

## 14.2.1 How to Create and Use Menus in a Menu Bar

To create a menu, you first have to create a menu bar to hold the menus. You then add and configure `menu` and `commandMenuItem` components as needed.

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**Note:** If you want to create menus in a table, follow the procedures outlined in [Section 10.7, "Displaying Table Menus, Toolbars, and Status Bars."](#)

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**To create and use menus in a menu bar:**

1. If you plan on using more than one menu bar or a combination of toolbars and menu bars, create a `toolbox` component by dragging and dropping a **Toolbox** component from the Layout panel of the Component Palette.

**Tip:** The `panelHeader`, `showDetailHeader`, and `showDetailItem` components support a `toolbar` facet for adding toolboxes and toolbars to section headers and accordion panel headers.

2. Create a menu bar by dragging and dropping a **Panel Menu Bar** from the Common Components panel of the Component Palette. If you are using a `toolbox` component, the **Panel Menu Bar** should be dropped as a direct child of the `toolbox` component.

**Tip:** Toolboxes also allow you to use the `iterator`, `switcher`, and `group` components as direct children, providing these components wrap child components that would usually be direct children of the `toolbox`. For more information about toolboxes, see [Section 14.3, "Using Toolbars."](#)

3. If grouping more than one menu bar within a `toolbox`, for each menu bar, expand the **Appearance** section and set the `flex` attribute to determine the relative sizes of each of the menu bars. The higher the number given for the `flex` attribute, the longer the `toolbox` will be. For the set of menu bars shown in [Example 14-5](#), `menuBar2` will be the longest, `menuBar4` will be the next longest, and because their `flex` attributes are not set, the remaining menu bars will be the same size and shorter than `menuBar4`.

**Example 14-1 Flex Attribute Determines Length of Toolbars**

```
<af:toolbox>
  <af:menuBar id="menuBar1" flex="0">
    <af:menu text="MenuA" />
  </af:menuBar>
  <af:menuBar id="menuBar2" flex="2">
    <af:menu text="MenuB" />
  </af:menuBar>
  <af:menuBar id="menuBar3" flex="0">
    <af:menu text="MenuC" />
  </af:menuBar>
  <af:menuBar id="menuBar4" flex="1">
    <af:menu text="MenuD" />
  </af:menuBar>
</af:toolbox>
```

**Performance Tip:** At runtime, when available browser space is less than the space needed to display the contents of the `toolbox`, ADF Faces automatically displays overflow icons that enable users to select and navigate to those items that are out of view. The number of child components within a `toolbox` component, and the complexity of the children, will affect the performance of the overflow. You should set the size of the `toolbox` component to avoid overflow when possible. For more information, see [Section 14.3.2, "What Happens at Runtime: Determining the Size of Menu Bars and Toolbars."](#)

**Tip:** You can use the `group` component to group menu bars (or menu bars and toolbars) that you want to appear on the same row. If you do not use the `group` component, the menu bars will appear on subsequent rows.

For information about how the `flex` attribute works, see [Section 14.3.2, "What Happens at Runtime: Determining the Size of Menu Bars and Toolbars."](#)

4. Insert the desired number of menu components into the menu bar by dragging a **Menu** from the Component Palette, and dropping it as a child to the `menuBar` component.

You can also insert `commandMenuItem` components directly into a menu bar by dragging and dropping a **Menu Item**. Doing so creates a `commandMenuItem` component that renders similar to a toolbar button.

**Tip:** Menu bars also allow you to use the `iterator`, `switcher`, and `group` components as direct children, providing these components wrap child components that would usually be direct children of the menu bar.

5. For each menu component, expand the Appearance section in the Property Inspector and set the following attributes:
  - **Text:** Enter text for the menu's label. If you wish to also provide an access key (a letter a user can use to access the menu using the keyboard), then leave this attribute blank and enter a value for `textAndAccessKey` instead.
  - **TextAndAccessKey:** Enter the menu label and access key, using conventional ampersand notation. For example, `&File` sets the menu label to **File**, and at the same time sets the menu access key to the letter **F**. For more information about access keys and the ampersand notation, see [Section 22.3, "Specifying Component-Level Accessibility Properties."](#)
  - **Icon:** Use the dropdown list to select the icon. If the icon does not display in this menu, use the dropdown menu to the right of the list to choose **Edit**, and browse to select the icon.

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**Note:** Because alternative text cannot be provided for this icon, in order to create an accessible product, this icon must only be used when the use is purely decorative. You must provide the meaning of this icon using another accessible manner.

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6. If you want the menu to be detachable (as shown in [Figure 14-8](#)), expand the Behavior section in the Property Inspector and set the **Detachable** attribute to `true`. At runtime, the user can drag the menu to detach it, and drop it anywhere on the screen (as shown in [Figure 14-9](#)).
7. If you want the menu to use lazy content delivery, expand the Other section in the Property Inspector and set the **ContentDelivery** attribute to `lazy`.

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**Note:** If you use lazy content delivery, any accelerators set on the child `commandMenuItem` components will not work because the contents of the menu are not known until the menu is accessed. If your menu must support accelerators, then **ContentDelivery** must be set to `immediate`.

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**Note:** If the menu will be used inside a popup dialog or window, leave **ContentDelivery** set to `immediate`, because the popup dialog or window will determine the content delivery for the menu.

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8. To create a menu item that invokes some sort of action along with navigation, drag a **MenuItem** from the Component Palette and drop it as a child to the menu component to create a `commandMenuItem` component. Create a number of `commandMenuItem` components to define the items in the vertical menu.

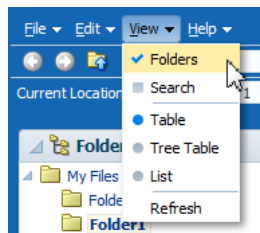
If necessary, you can wrap the `commandMenuItem` components within a group component to display the items as a group. [Example 14-2](#) shows simplified code for grouping the **Folders** and **Search** menu items in one group, the **Table**, **Tree Table** and **List** menu items in a second group, and the **Refresh** menu item by itself at the end.

#### Example 14-2 Grouping Menu Items

```
<af:menu id="viewMenu"
  <af:group>
    <af:commandMenuItem type="check" text="Folders" />
    <af:commandMenuItem type="check" text="Search" />
  </af:group>
  <af:group>
    <af:commandMenuItem type="radio" text="Table" />
    <af:commandMenuItem type="radio" text="Tree Table" />
    <af:commandMenuItem type="radio" text="List" />
  </af:group>
  <af:commandMenuItem text="Refresh" />
</menu>
```

[Figure 14-15](#) shows how the menu is displayed.

**Figure 14-15** Grouped `commandMenuItem` Components in a Menu



**Tip:** By default, only up to 14 items are displayed in the menu. If more than 14 items are added to a menu, the first 14 are displayed along with a scrollbar, which can be used to access the remaining items. If you wish to change the number of visible items, edit the `af|menu {-tr-visible-items}` skinning key. For more information, see [Chapter 20, "Customizing the Appearance Using Styles and Skins."](#)

You can also insert another menu component into an existing menu component to create a submenu (as shown in [Figure 14-3](#)).

**Tip:** Menus also allow you to use the iterator and switcher components as direct children, providing these components wrap child components that would usually be direct children of the menu.

9. For each `commandMenuItem` component, expand the Common section in the Property Inspector and set the following attributes:
  - **Type:** Specify a type for this menu item. When a menu item type is specified, ADF Faces adds a visual indicator (such as a radio button) and a toggle behavior to the menu item. At runtime, when the user selects a menu item with a specified type (other than the default), ADF Faces toggles the visual indicator or menu item label. Use one of the following acceptable `type` values:
    - **check:** In the default Skyros skin, toggles a square next to the menu item label. The square is displayed as solid blue when the menu item is chosen, and greyed out when not.
    - **radio:** Toggles a radio button next to the menu item label. The radio button is displayed as a solid blue circle when the menu item is chosen, and greyed out when not.
    - **antonym:** Toggles the menu item label. The value set in the **SelectedText** attribute is displayed when the menu item is chosen, instead of the menu item defined by the value of `text` or `textAndAccessKey` attribute (which is what is displayed when the menu item is not chosen). If you select this type, you must set a value for **SelectedText**.
    - **default:** Assigns no type to this menu item. The menu item is displayed in the same manner whether or not it is chosen.
  - **Text:** Enter text for the menu item's label. If you wish to also provide an access key (a letter a user can use to access the item using the keyboard), then leave this attribute blank and enter a value for **TextAndAccessKey** instead. Or, you can set the access key separately using the `accessKey` attribute.
  - **Selected:** Set to `true` to have this menu item appear to be chosen. The `selected` attribute is supported for check-, radio-, and antonym-type menu items only.
  - **SelectedText:** Set the alternate label to display for this menu item when the menu item is chosen. This value is ignored for all types except `antonym`.

**Example 14-3** shows the **Special** menu with one group of menu items configured to use radio buttons and another group of menu items configured to show blue squares when chosen. The last group contains a menu item configured to be the antonym **Open** when it is first displayed, and then it toggles to **Closed**.

**Example 14-3 Using the Type Attribute in a `commandMenuItem` Component**

```
<af:menu text="Special">
  <af:group>
    <af:commandMenuItem text="Radio 1" type="radio" selected="true"
    <af:commandMenuItem text="Radio 2" type="radio" />
    <af:commandMenuItem text="Radio 3" type="radio" />
  </af:group>
  <af:group>
    <af:commandMenuItem text="Check 1" type="check" selected="true"
    <af:commandMenuItem text="Check 2" type="check" />
  </af:group>
  <af:commandMenuItem text="Open (antonym)" type="antonym"
    selectedText="Close (antonym)" />
</af:menu>
```



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</af:menu>
```

Figure 14–16 shows how the menu will be displayed when it is first accessed.

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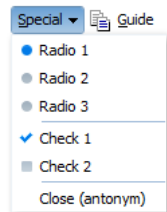
**Note:** By default, ADF Faces components use the Skyros skin, which displays the check type as a square. You can change this by creating your own skin. For more information, see [Chapter 20, "Customizing the Appearance Using Styles and Skins."](#)

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**Figure 14–16** Menu Items Using the Type Attribute



10. Expand the Appearance section and set the following attributes:

- **Icon:** Use the dropdown list to select the icon. If the icon does not display in this menu, use the dropdown menu to the right of the list to choose **Edit**, and browse to select the icon.

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**Note:** Because alternative text cannot be provided for this icon, in order to create an accessible product, this icon must only be used when the use is purely decorative. You must provide the meaning of this icon using another accessible manner.

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- **Accelerator:** Enter the keystroke that will activate this menu item's command when the item is chosen, for example, `Control O`. ADF Faces converts the keystroke and displays a text version of the keystroke (for example, `Ctrl+O`) next to the menu item label, as shown in [Figure 14–3](#).

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**Note:** If you choose to use lazy content delivery, any accelerators set on the child `commandMenuItem` components will not work because the contents of the menu are not known until it is accessed. If your menu must support accelerator keys, then the `contentDelivery` attribute must be set to `immediate`.

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- **TextAndAccessKey:** Enter the menu item label and access key, using conventional ampersand notation. For example, `& Save` sets the menu item label to **Save**, and at the same time sets the menu item access key to the letter `S`. For more information about access keys and the ampersand notation, see [Section 22.3, "Specifying Component-Level Accessibility Properties."](#)

11. Expand the Behavior section and set the following attributes:

- **Action:** Use an EL expression that evaluates to an action method in an object (such as a managed bean) that will be invoked when this menu item is chosen. The expression must evaluate to a public method that takes no parameters, and returns a `java.lang.Object` object.

If you want to cause navigation in response to the action generated by `commandMenuItem` component, instead of entering an EL expression, enter a static action outcome value as the value for the `action` attribute. You then must either set the `partialSubmit` attribute to `false`, or use a `redirect`. For more information about configuring navigation in your application, see [Section 2.3, "Defining Page Flows."](#)

- **ActionListener:** Specify the expression that refers to an action listener method that will be notified when this menu item is chosen. This method can be used instead of a method bound to the `action` attribute, allowing the `action` attribute to handle navigation only. The expression must evaluate to a public method that takes an `ActionEvent` parameter, with a return type of `void`.
12. To create a menu item that simply navigates (usually to an external site), drag and drop a **Go Menu Item** from the Component Palette as a child to the menu.
  13. In the Property Inspector, expand the **Other** section and set the following attributes:
    - **Destination:** Enter the URI of the page to which the link should navigate. For example, to navigate to the Oracle Corporation Home Page, you would enter `http://www.oracle.com`.
    - **Icon:** Use the dropdown list to select the icon. If the icon does not display in this menu, use the dropdown menu to the right of the list to choose **Edit**, and browse to select the icon.

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**Note:** Because alternative text cannot be provided for this icon, in order to create an accessible product, this icon must only be used when the use is purely decorative. You must provide the meaning of this icon using another accessible manner.

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- **TargetFrame:** Use the dropdown list to specify where the new page should display. Choose one of the following values:
  - `_blank`: The link opens the document in a new window.
  - `_parent`: The link opens the document in the window of the parent. For example, if the link appeared in a dialog, the resulting page would render in the parent window.
  - `_self`: The link opens the document in the same page or region.
  - `_top`: The link opens the document in a full window, replacing the entire page.
- **Text:** Enter the text for the link.

**Tip:** Instead, you can use the `textAndAccessKey` attribute to provide a single value that defines the label and the access key to use for the link. For information about how to define access keys, see [Section 22.3.4, "How to Define Access Keys for an ADF Faces Component."](#)

14. If you want a menu bar to stretch so that it equals the width of the containing parent component, select the `menuBar` component in the Structure window, then expand the **Appearance** section in the Property Inspector and set **StretchId** to be the ID of the component within the menu bar that should be stretched so that the

menu bar is the same size as the parent. This one component will stretch, while the rest of the components in the menu bar remain a static size.

You can also use the `stretchId` attribute to justify components to the left and right by inserting a spacer component, and setting that component ID as the `stretchId` for the menu bar, as shown in [Example 14–7](#).

#### Example 14–4 Using a Spacer to Justify menuBar Components

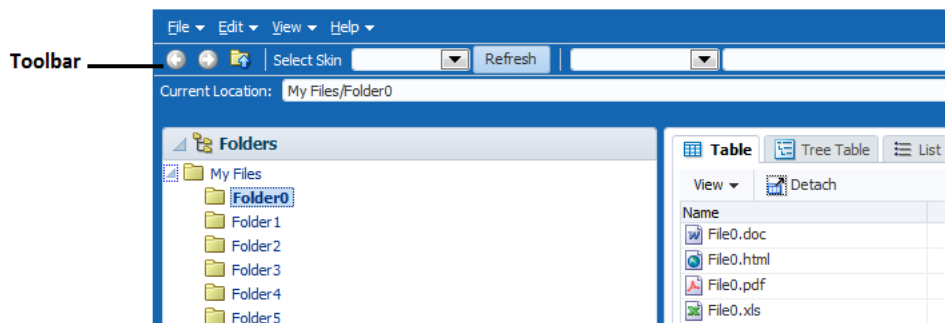
```
<af:menuBar binding="#{editor.component}" id="menuBar1" stretchId="stretch1">
  <af:menu text="File" id="m1">
    . . .
  </af:menu>
  . . .
  <af:commandMenuItem text="Disabled CMI"/>
  <af:goMenuItem textAndAccessKey="O&racle destination="http://www.oracle.com"
    id="gmi1"/>
  <af:goMenuItem text="Disabled GMI" destination="http://www.gizmo.com"
    shortDesc="disabled goMenuItem" id="gmi2"/>
  <af:spacer id="stretch1" clientComponent="true"/>
  <af:commandMenuItem textAndAccessKey="Component G&uide"
    action="guide" id="cmi9"/>
</af:menuBar>
```

## 14.3 Using Toolbars

Along with menus, you can create toolbars in your application that contain toolbar buttons used to initiate some operation in the application. The buttons can display text, an icon, or a combination of both. Toolbar buttons can also open menus in a popup window. Along with toolbar buttons, other UI components, such as dropdown lists, can be displayed in toolbars. [Figure 14–17](#) shows the toolbar from the File Explorer application.

**Tip:** Toolbars can also include command buttons and command links (including the `commandImageLink` component) instead of toolbar buttons. However, toolbar buttons provide additional functionality, such as opening popup menus. Toolbar buttons can also be used outside of a toolbar component

Figure 14–17 Toolbar in the File Explorer Application



The toolbar component can contain many different types of components, such as `inputText` components, `LOV` components, `selection list` components, and `command` components. ADF Faces also includes a `commandToolbarButton` component that has a `popup` facet, allowing you to provide popup menus from a toolbar button. You can

configure your toolbar button so that it only opens the popup dialog and does not fire an action event. As with menus, you can group related toolbar buttons on the toolbar using the `group` component.

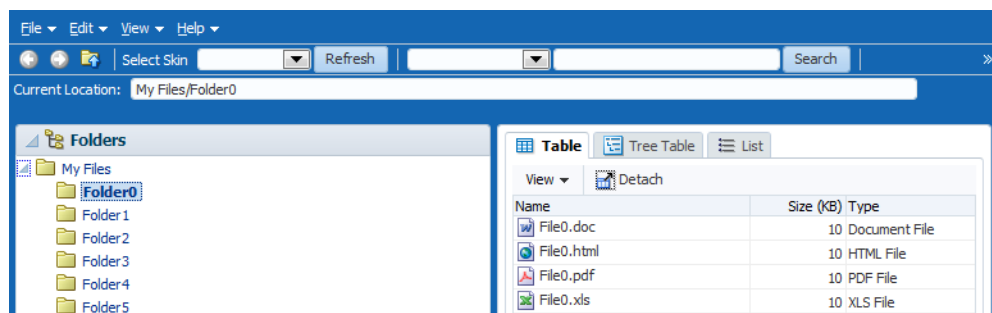
You can use more than one toolbar by enclosing them in a toolbox. Enclosing toolbars in a toolbox stacks them so that the first toolbar on the page is displayed at the top, and the last toolbar is displayed on the bottom. For example, in the File Explorer application, the currently selected folder name is displayed in the Current Location toolbar, as shown in [Figure 14–17](#). When you use more than one toolbar, you can set the `flex` attribute on the toolbars to determine which toolbar should take up the most space. In this case, the Current Location toolbar is set to be the longest.

If you wish toolbars to be displayed next to each other (rather than stacked), you can enclose them in a `group` component.

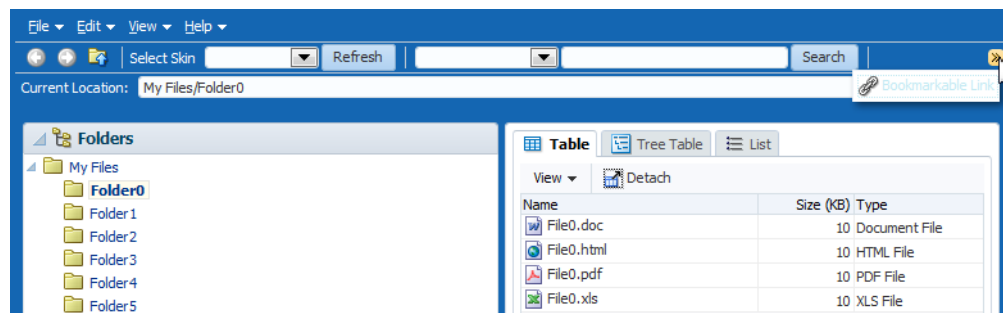
**Tip:** You can also use the `toolbox` component to group menu bars with toolbars, or to group multiple menu bars. As with grouping toolbars, use the `group` component to group menu bars and toolbars on the same row.

Within a toolbar, you can set one component to stretch so that the toolbar will always be the same size as its parent container. For example, in the File Explorer application, the lower toolbar that displays the current location contains the component that shows the selected folder. This component is set to stretch so that when the window is resized, that component and the toolbar will always be the same width as the parent. However, because no component in the top toolbar is set to stretch, it does not change size when the window is resized. When a window is resized such that all the components within the toolbar can no longer be displayed, the toolbar displays an overflow icon, identified by an arrow cursor in the upper right-hand corner, as shown in [Figure 14–18](#).

**Figure 14–18** Overflow Icon in a Toolbar



Clicking that overflow icon displays the remaining components in a popup window, as shown in [Figure 14–19](#).

**Figure 14–19** *Toolbar Component in an Overflow Popup Window*

When you expect overflow to occur in your toolbar, it is best to wrap it in a toolbox that has special layout logic to help in the overflow.

### 14.3.1 How to Create and Use Toolbars

If you are going to use more than one toolbar component on a page, or if you plan to use menu bars with toolbars, you first create the `toolbox` component to hold them. You then create the toolbars, and last, you create the toolbar buttons.

**Tip:** If you encounter layout issues with single toolbars or menu bars, consider wrapping them in a toolbox component, because this component can handle overflow and layout issues.

#### To create and use toolbars:

1. If you plan on using more than one toolbar or a combination of toolbars and menu bars, create a `toolbox` component by dragging and dropping a **Toolbox** component from the Layout panel of the Component Palette.

**Tip:** The `panelHeader`, `showDetailHeader`, and `showDetailItem` components support a toolbar facet for adding toolboxes and toolbars to section headers and accordion panel headers.

2. In the Component Palette, from the Common Components panel, drag and drop a **Toolbar** onto the JSF page. If you are using a toolbox component, the **Toolbar** should be dropped as a direct child of the `toolbox` component.

**Tip:** Toolboxes also allow you to use the `iterator`, `switcher`, and `group` components as direct children, providing these components wrap child components that would usually be direct children of the toolbox.

3. If grouping more than one toolbar within a toolbox, for each toolbar, select the toolbar, expand the **Appearance** section and set the Flex attributes to determine the relative sizes of each of the toolbars. The higher the number given for the `flex` attribute, the longer the toolbox will be. For the set of toolbars shown in [Example 14–5](#), `toolbar2` will be the longest, `toolbar4` will be the next longest, and because their `flex` attributes are not set, the remaining toolbars will be the same size and shorter than `toolbar4`.

#### **Example 14–5** *Flex Attribute Determines Length of Toolbars*

```
<af:toolbox>
  <af:toolbar id="toolbar1" flex="0">
```

```
<af:commandToolbarButton text="ButtonA"/>
</af:toolbar>
<af:toolbar id="toolbar2" flex="2">
  <af:commandToolbarButton text="ButtonB"/>
</af:toolbar>
<af:toolbar id="toolbar3" flex="0">
  <af:commandToolbarButton text="ButtonC"/>
</af:toolbar>
<af:toolbar id="toolbar4" flex="1">
  <af:commandToolbarButton text="ButtonD"/>
</af:toolbar>
</af:toolbox>
```

**Performance Tip:** At runtime, when available browser space is less than the space needed to display the contents of the toolbox, ADF Faces automatically displays overflow icons that enable users to select and navigate to those items that are out of view. The number of child components within a `toolbox` component, and the complexity of the children, will affect the performance of the overflow. You should set the size of the `toolbox` component to avoid overflow when possible. For more information, see [Section 14.3.2, "What Happens at Runtime: Determining the Size of Menu Bars and Toolbars."](#)

**Tip:** You can use the `group` component to group toolbars (or menu bars and toolbars) that you want to appear on the same row. If you do not use the `group` component, the toolbars will appear on subsequent rows.

For information about how the `flex` attribute works, see [Section 14.3.2, "What Happens at Runtime: Determining the Size of Menu Bars and Toolbars."](#)

4. Insert components into the toolbar as needed. To create a `commandToolbarButton` drag a **ToolbarButton** from the Component Palette and drop it as a direct child of the `toolbar` component.

**Tip:** You can use the `group` component to wrap related buttons on the bar. Doing so inserts a separator between the groups, as shown surrounding the group for the **Select Skin** dropdown list and **Refresh** button in [Figure 14-17](#).

Toolbars also allow you to use the `iterator` and `switcher` components as direct children, providing these components wrap child components that would usually be direct children of the toolbar.

**Tip:** You can place other components, such as command buttons and links, input components, and select components in a toolbar. However, they may not have the capability to stretch. For details about stretching the toolbar, see Step 9.

**Tip:** If you plan to support changing the `visible` attribute of the button through active data (for example, data being pushed from the data source will determine whether or not the toolbar is displayed), then you should use the `activeCommandToolBarButton` component instead of the `commandToolBarButton` component. Create an `activeCommandToolBarButton` component by dragging a **ToolBarButton (Active)** from the Component Palette.

5. For each `commandToolBarButton` component, expand the Common section of the Property Inspector and set the following attributes:
  - **Type:** Specify a type for this toolbar button. When a toolbar button type is specified, an icon can be displayed when the button is clicked. Use one of the following acceptable `type` values:
    - **check:** Toggles to the `depressedIcon` value if selected or to the default `icon` value if not selected.
    - **radio:** When used with other toolbar buttons in a group, makes the button currently clicked selected, and toggles the previously clicked button in the group to unselected.

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**Note:** When setting the type to `radio`, you must wrap the toolbar button in a `group` tag that includes other toolbar buttons whose types are set to `radio` as well.

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- **default:** Assigns no type to this toolbar button.
- **Selected:** Set to `true` to have this toolbar button appear as selected. The `selected` attribute is supported for checkmark- and radio-type toolbar buttons only.
- **Icon:** Use the dropdown list to select the icon. If the icon does not display in this menu, use the dropdown menu to the right of the list to choose **Edit**, and browse to select the icon.

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**Note:** Because alternative text cannot be provided for this icon, in order to create an accessible product, this icon must only be used when the use is purely decorative. You must provide the meaning of this icon using another accessible manner.

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- **Text:** Enter the label for this toolbar button.
- **Action:** Use an EL expression that evaluates to an action method in an object (such as a managed bean) that will be invoked when a user presses this button. The expression must evaluate to a public method that takes no parameters, and returns a `java.lang.Object` object.

If you want to cause navigation in response to the action generated by the button, instead of entering an EL expression, enter a static action outcome value as the value for the `action` attribute. You then must set either `partialSubmit` to `false`, or use a `redirect`. For more information about configuring navigation, see [Section 2.3, "Defining Page Flows."](#)

- **ActionListener:** Specify the expression that refers to an action listener method that will be notified when a user presses this button. This method can be used

instead of a method bound to the `action` attribute, allowing the `action` attribute to handle navigation only. The expression must evaluate to a public method that takes an `ActionEvent` parameter, with a return type of `void`.

6. Expand the **Appearance** section and set the following properties:
  - **HoverIcon**: Use the dropdown list to select the icon to display when the mouse cursor is directly on top of this toolbar button. If the icon is not in this menu, use the dropdown menu to the right of the list to choose **Edit**, and browse to select the icon.
  - **DepressedIcon**: Use the dropdown list to select the icon to display when the toolbar button is activated. If the icon is not in this menu, use the dropdown menu to the right of the list to choose **Edit**, and browse to select the icon.
7. Expand the **Behavior** section and set **ActionDelivery** to `none` if you do not want to fire an action event when the button is clicked. This is useful if you want the button to simply open a popup window. If set to `none`, you must have a popup component in the popup facet of the toolbar button (see Step 8), and you cannot have any value set for the `action` or `actionListener` attributes. Set to `clientServer` attribute if you want the button to fire an action event as a standard command component.
8. To have a toolbar button invoke a popup menu, insert a menu component into the popup facet of the `commandToolBarButton` component. For information, see [Section 14.2.1, "How to Create and Use Menus in a Menu Bar."](#)
9. If you want a toolbar to stretch so that it equals the width of the containing parent component, set **stretchId** to be the ID of the component within the toolbar that should be stretched. This one component will stretch, while the rest of the components in the toolbar remain a static size.

For example, in the File Explorer application, the `inputText` component that displays the selected folder's name is the one that should stretch, while the `outputText` component that displays the words "Current Folder" remains a static size, as shown in [Example 14-6](#).

#### **Example 14-6 Using the stretchId Attribute**

```
<af:toolbar id="headerToolBar2" flex="2" stretchId="pathDisplay">
  <af:outputText id="currLocation" noWrap="true"
    value="#{explorerBundle['menuitem.location']}" />
  <af:inputText id="pathDisplay" simple="true" inlineStyle="width:100%"
    contentStyle="width:100%"
    binding="#{explorer.headerManager.pathDisplay}"
    value="#{explorer.headerManager.displayedDirectory}"
    ="true"
    validator="#{explorer.headerManager.validatePathDisplay}" />
</af:toolbar>
```

You can also use the `stretchId` attribute to justify components to the left and right by inserting a spacer component, and setting that component ID as the `stretchId` for the toolbar, as shown in [Example 14-7](#).

#### **Example 14-7 Using a Spacer to Justify Toolbar Components**

```
<af:toolbar flex="1" stretchId="stretch1">
  <af:commandToolBarButton text="Forward"
    icon="/images/fwdarrow_gray.gif"
    disabled="true"></af:commandToolBarButton>
  <af:commandToolBarButton icon="/images/uplevel.gif" />
</af:toolbar>
```



```
<!-- Insert a stretched spacer to push subsequent buttons to the right -->

<af:spacer id="stretch1" clientComponent="true"/>

<af:commandToolbarButton text="Reports" />
<af:commandToolbarButton id="toggleRefresh"
                           text="Refresh:OFF" />

</af:toolbar>
```

## 14.3.2 What Happens at Runtime: Determining the Size of Menu Bars and Toolbars

When a page with a menu bar or toolbar is first displayed or resized, the space needed for each bar is based on the value of the bar's `flex` attribute. The percentage of size allocated to each bar is determined by dividing its `flex` attribute value by the sum of all the `flex` attribute values. For example, say you have three toolbars in a toolbox, and those toolbars are grouped together to display on the same line. The first toolbar is given a `flex` attribute value of 1, the second toolbar also has a `flex` attribute value of 1, and the third has a `flex` attribute value of 2, giving a total of 4 for all `flex` attribute values. In this example, the toolbars would have the following allocation percentages:

- Toolbar 1:  $1/4 = 25\%$
- Toolbar 2:  $1/4 = 25\%$
- Toolbar 3:  $2/4 = 50\%$

Once the allocation for the bars is determined, and the size set accordingly, each element within the toolbars are placed left to right. Any components that do not fit are placed into the overflow list for the bar, keeping the same order as they would have if displayed, but from top to bottom instead of left to right.

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**Note:** If the application is configured to read right to left, the toolbars will be placed right to left. For more information, see [Section A.6.2.6, "Language Reading Direction."](#)

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## 14.3.3 What You May Need to Know About Toolbars

Toolbars are supported and rendered by parent components such as `panelHeader`, `showDetailHeader`, and `showDetailItem`, which have a `toolbar` facet for adding toolbars and toolbar buttons to section headers and accordion panel headers.

Note the following points about toolbars at runtime:

- A toolbar and its buttons do not display on a header if that header is in a collapsed state. The toolbar displays only when the header is in an expanded state.
- When the available space on a header is less than the space needed by a toolbar and all its buttons, ADF Faces automatically renders overflow icons that allow users to select hidden buttons from an overflow list.
- Toolbars do not render on printable pages.



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## Creating a Calendar Application

This chapter describes how to use the ADF Faces calendar component to create a calendar application.

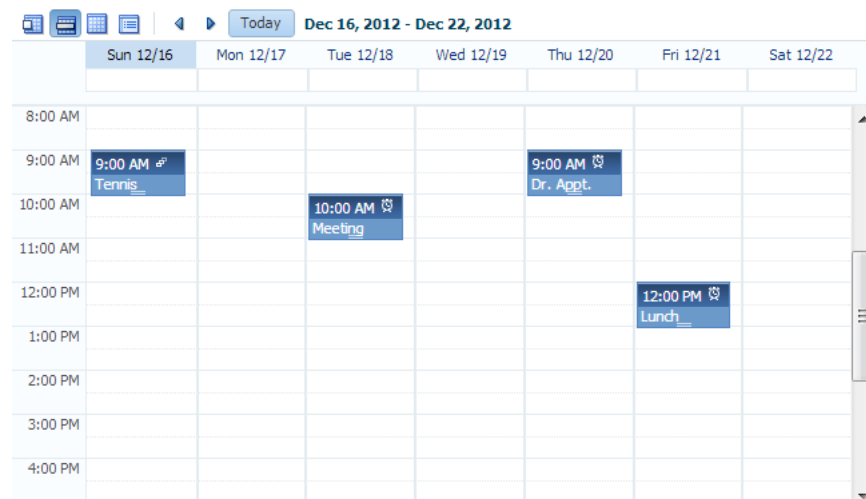
This chapter includes the following sections:

- [Section 15.1, "Introduction to Creating a Calendar Application"](#)
- [Section 15.2, "Creating the Calendar"](#)
- [Section 15.3, "Configuring the Calendar Component"](#)
- [Section 15.4, "Adding Functionality Using Popup Components"](#)
- [Section 15.5, "Customizing the Toolbar"](#)
- [Section 15.6, "Styling the Calendar"](#)

### 15.1 Introduction to Creating a Calendar Application

ADF Faces includes a calendar component that displays activities in daily, weekly, monthly, or list views for a given provider or providers (a provider is the owner of an activity). [Figure 15–1](#) shows an ADF Faces calendar in weekly view mode with some sample activities.

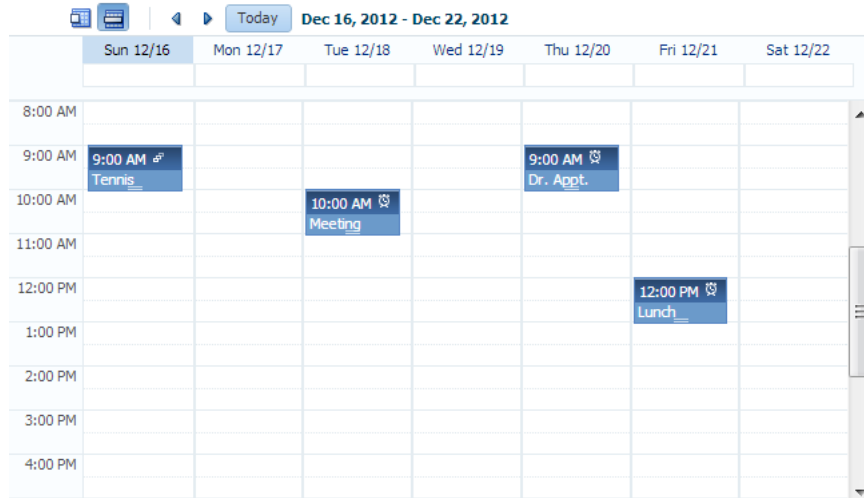
**Figure 15–1** ADF Faces Calendar Showing Weekly View



You can configure the calendar so that it only displays a subset of those views. For example, you may not want your calendar to use the month and list views. You can

configure it so that only the day and week views are available, as shown in [Figure 15–2](#). Because only day and week views are available, those are the only buttons displayed in the toolbar.

**Figure 15–2** *Calendar Configured to Use Only Week and Day Views*



By default, the calendar displays dates and times based on the locale set in the `trinidad-config.xml` file (see [Section A.6, "Configuration in `trinidad-config.xml`"](#)). If a locale is not specified in that file, then it is based on the locale sent by the browser. For example, in the United States, by default, the start day of the week is Sunday, and 2 p.m. is shown as 2:00 PM. In France, the default start day is Monday, and 2 p.m. is shown as 14:00. The time zone for the calendar is also based on the setting in `trinidad-config.xml`. You can override the default when you configure the calendar. For more information, see [Section 15.3, "Configuring the Calendar Component."](#)

The calendar uses the `CalendarModel` class to display the activities for a given time period. You must create your own implementation of the model class for your calendar. If your application uses the Fusion technology stack, then you can create ADF Business Components over your data source that represents the activities, and the model will be created for you. You can then declaratively create the calendar, and it will automatically be bound to that model. For more information, see the "Using the ADF Faces Calendar Component" section of the *Oracle Fusion Middleware Fusion Developer's Guide for Oracle Application Development Framework*.

If your application does not use the Fusion technology stack, then you create your own implementation of the `CalendarModel` class and the associated `CalendarActivity` and `CalendarProvider` classes. The classes are abstract classes with abstract methods. You must provide the functionality behind the methods, suitable for your implementation of the calendar. For more information, see [Section 15.2, "Creating the Calendar."](#)

The calendar includes a toolbar with built-in functionality that allows a user to change the view (between daily, weekly, monthly, or list), go to the previous or next day, week, or month, and return to today. The toolbar is fully customizable. You can choose which buttons and text to display, and you can also add buttons or other components. For more information, see [Section 15.5, "Customizing the Toolbar."](#)

**Tip:** When these toolbar buttons are used, attribute values on the calendar are changed. You can configure these values to be persisted so that they remain for the user during the duration of the session. For more information, see [Chapter 34, "Allowing User Customization on JSF Pages."](#)

You can also configure your application so that the values will be persisted and used each time the user logs into the system. For this persistence to take place, your application must use the Fusion technology stack. For more information, see the "Allowing User Customizations at Runtime" chapter of the *Oracle Fusion Middleware Fusion Developer's Guide for Oracle Application Development Framework*.

The calendar component displays activities based on those activities and the provider returned by the `CalendarModel` class. By default, the calendar component is read-only. That is, it can display only those activities that are returned. You can add functionality within supported facets of the calendar so that users can edit, create, and delete activities. When certain events are invoked, popup components placed in these corresponding facets are opened, which can allow the user to act on activities or the calendar.

For example, when a user clicks on an activity in the calendar, the `CalendarActivityEvent` is invoked and the popup component in the `ActivityDetail` facet is opened. You might use a dialog component that contains a form where users can view and edit the activity, as shown in [Figure 15-3](#).

**Figure 15-3** Dialog Implemented to Edit an Activity

The screenshot shows a dialog box titled "Create New Activity" with a close button (x) in the top right corner. The dialog contains the following form elements:

- Text: "Create a new activity."
- Text: "Owner me"
- Text input: "Title Meeting"
- Text input: "Location"
- Checkbox: "All-Day" (unchecked)
- Text: "From 12/18/2012 1:30 PM" with a calendar icon
- Text: "To 12/18/2012 2:30 PM" with a calendar icon
- Checkbox: "Recurring" (checked)
- Checkbox: "Reminder" (unchecked)
- Text: "Priority Medium" with a dropdown arrow
- Text: "Status Confirmed" with a dropdown arrow
- Text: "Access Public" with a dropdown arrow
- Buttons: "OK" and "Cancel" at the bottom right.

For more information about implementing additional functionality using events, facets, and popup components, see [Section 15.4, "Adding Functionality Using Popup Components."](#)

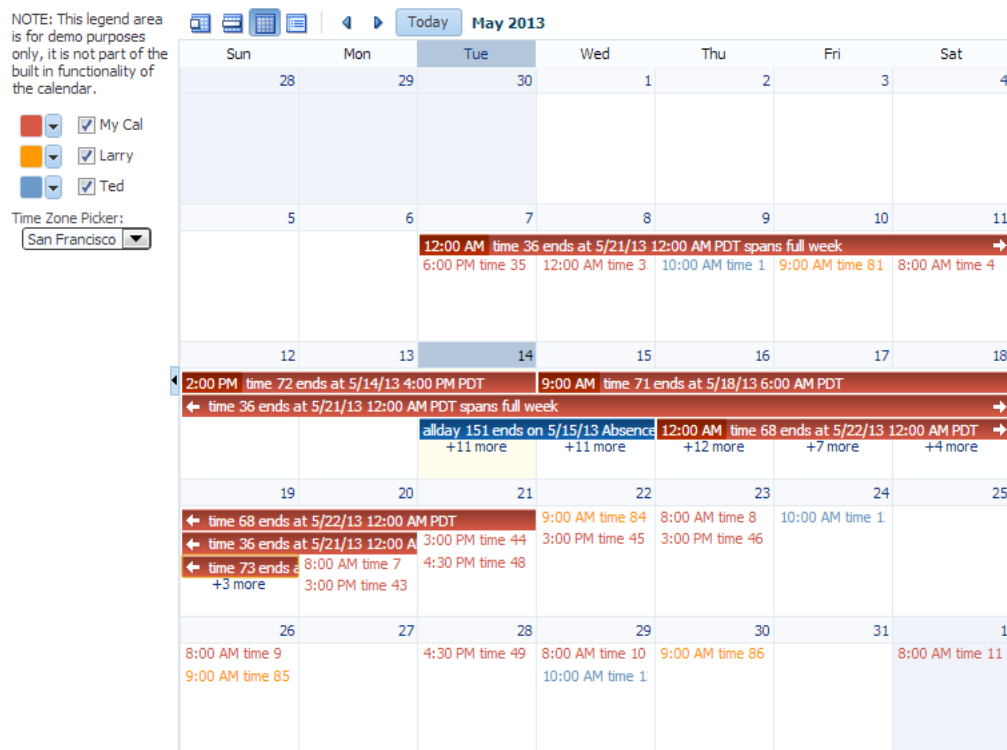
The calendar component supports the ADF Faces drag and drop architectural feature. Users can drag activities to different areas of the calendar, executing either a copy or a move operation, and can also drag handles on the activity to change the duration of the activity. For more information about adding drag and drop functionality, see [Section 35.7, "Adding Drag and Drop Functionality to a Calendar."](#)

By default, the calendar displays activities using a blue color ramp. A *color ramp* is a set of colors in a color family and is used to represent the different states of activities. In the default calendar, for a short-duration activity shown in the daily view, the time of

an activity is shown with a dark blue background, while the title of the activity is shown with a light blue background, as shown in [Figure 15–1](#). You can customize how the activities are displayed by changing the color ramp.

Each activity is associated with a provider, that is, an owner. If you implement your calendar so that it can display activities from more than one provider, you can also style those activities so that each provider’s activity shows in a different color, as shown in [Figure 15–4](#).

**Figure 15–4** Month View with Activities from Different Providers



## 15.2 Creating the Calendar

Before you can add a calendar component to a page, you must implement the logic required by the calendar in Java classes that extend ADF Faces calendar abstract classes. For an ADF Faces application, create the classes as managed beans. After you create the classes, you can add the calendar to a page.

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**Note:** If your application uses the Fusion technology stack, implement the calendar classes using ADF Business Components. This will allow you to declaratively create and bind your calendar component. For more information, see the "Using the ADF Faces Calendar Component" section of the *Oracle Fusion Middleware Fusion Developer’s Guide for Oracle Application Development Framework*.

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Before you implement your logic, it helps to have an understanding of the `CalendarModel` and `CalendarActivity` classes, as described in the following section.

## 15.2.1 Calendar Classes

The calendar component must be bound to an implementation of the `CalendarModel` class. The `CalendarModel` class contains the data for the calendar. This class is responsible for returning a collection of calendar activities, given the following set of parameters:

- **Provider ID:** The owner of the activities. For example, you may implement the `CalendarModel` class such that the calendar can return just the activities associated with the owner currently in session, or it can also return other owners' activities.
- **Time range:** The expanse of time for which all activities that begin within that time should be returned. A date range for a calendar is inclusive for the start time and exclusive for the end time (also known as *half-open*), meaning that it will return all activities that intersect that range, including those that start before the start time, but end after the start time (and before the end time).

A calendar activity represents an object on the calendar, and usually spans a certain period of time. The `CalendarActivity` class is an abstract class whose methods you can implement to return information about the specific activities.

Activities can be recurring, have associated reminders, and be of a specific time type (for example, hour or minute). Activities can also have start and end dates, a location, a title, and a tag.

The `CalendarProvider` class represents the owner of an activity. A provider can be either enabled or disabled for a calendar.

## 15.2.2 How to Create a Calendar

Create your own implementations of the `CalendarModel` and `CalendarActivity` classes and implement the abstract methods to provide the logic.

### To create the calendar model classes:

1. Create a managed bean that will hold logic for the calendar. This bean must:

- Extend the `oracle.adf.view.rich.model.CalendarModel` class.
- Implement the abstract methods.

For more information about the `CalendarModel` class, see the ADF Faces Javadoc.

- Implement any other needed functionality for the calendar. For example, you might add logic that sets the time zone, as in the `oracle.adfdemo.view.calendar.rich.model.DemoCalendarBean` managed bean in the ADF Faces demo application (for more information about the demo application, see [Section 1.4, "ADF Faces Demonstration Application"](#)).

For more information about creating managed beans, see [Section 2.6, "Creating and Using Managed Beans."](#)

2. Create a managed bean that will hold logic for the activities. This bean must:

- Extend the `oracle.adf.view.rich.model.CalendarActivity` class.
- Implement the abstract methods.
- Implement any other required functionality for the calendar. As an example, see the `oracle.adfdemo.view.calendar.rich.model.DemoCalendarActivity` managed bean in the ADF Faces demo application.

**Tip:** If you want to style individual instances of an activity (for example, if you want each provider's activities to be displayed in a different color), then the `getTags` method must return a string that represents the activity instance. For more information, see [Section 15.6.1, "How to Style Activities."](#)

3. Create a managed bean that will hold information and logic for providers.
  - Extend the `oracle.adf.view.rich.model.CalendarProvider` class.
  - Implement the abstract methods.
  - Implement any other required functionality for the provider.

**To create the calendar component:**

1. In the Component Palette, from the Common Components section, drag a **Calendar** and drop it onto a JSF page.

**Tip:** The calendar component can be stretched by any parent component that can stretch its children. If the calendar is a child component to a component that cannot be stretched, it will use a default width and height, which cannot be stretched by the user at runtime. However, you can override the default width and height using inline style attributes. For more information about the default height and width, see [Section 15.3, "Configuring the Calendar Component."](#) For more information about stretching components, see [Section 8.2.1, "Geometry Management and Component Stretching."](#)

2. Expand the Calendar Data section of the Property Inspector, and enter an EL expression for **Value** that resolves to the managed bean that extends the `CalendarModel` class.

## 15.3 Configuring the Calendar Component

Configure the many display attributes for the calendar, for example, the day that a week starts, and the time displayed at the beginning of a day.

### 15.3.1 How to Configure the Calendar Component

You configure the calendar using the Property Inspector.

**To configure a calendar:**

1. In the Property Inspector, view the attributes for the calendar. Use the Help button to display the complete tag documentation for the `calendar` component.
2. With the `calendar` component selected, expand the Common section of the Property Inspector, and set the following:
  - **AvailableViews:** Select the available views. The value can be one of or a combination of the following:
    - `month`
    - `week`
    - `day`
    - `list`



- all

If you want to enter more than one value, enter the values with a space between. For example, if you want the calendar to use day and week views, you would enter the following:

```
day week
```

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**Note:** If `all` is entered, then all views are available, regardless if one is left out of the list.

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The corresponding buttons will automatically be displayed in the toolbar, in the order they appear in the list.

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**Note:** In order to handle an overflow of tasks for a given day in the month view, if you enter `month` and do not also enter `all`, then you must also enter `day`.

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- **View:** Select the view (either `day`, `list`, `month`, or `week`) that should be the default when the calendar is displayed. Users change this value when they click the corresponding button in the calendar's toolbar.
- **StartDayOfWeek:** Enter the day of the week that should be shown as the starting day, at the very left in the monthly or weekly view. When not set, the default is based on the user's locale. Valid values are:
  - sun
  - mon
  - tue
  - wed
  - thu
  - fri
  - sat
- **StartHour:** Enter a number that represents the hour (in 24 hour format, with 0 being midnight) that should be displayed at the top of the day and week view. While the calendar (when in `day` or `week` view) starts the day at 12:01 a.m., the calendar will automatically scroll to the `startHour` value, so that it is displayed at the top of the view. The user can always scroll above that time to view activities that start before the `startHour` value.
- **ListType:** Select how you want the `list` view to display activities. Valid values are:
  - `day`: Shows activities only for the active day.
  - `dayCount`: Shows a number of days including the active day and after, based on the value of the `listCount` attribute.
  - `month`: Shows all the activities for the month to which the active day belongs.
  - `week`: Shows all the activities for the week to which the active day belongs.

- **ListCount:** Enter the number of days' activities to display (used only when the `listType` attribute is set to `dayCount`).

Figure 15–5 shows a calendar in list view with the `listType` set to `dayCount` and the `listCount` value set to 14.

**Figure 15–5 List View Using dayCount Type**

Day	Date	Time	Duration	Frequency	Tags	Calendar
Tuesday	Apr 23	4:30 PM	time 50	recurring weekly 3	My Cal	My Cal
Wednesday	Apr 24	8:00 AM	time 10		My Cal	My Cal
		10:00 AM	time 124		Ted	Ted
Thursday	Apr 25	9:00 AM	time 87		Larry	Larry
Saturday	Apr 27	8:00 AM	time 11		My Cal	My Cal
Monday	Apr 29	9:00 AM	time 88		Larry	Larry
		10:00 AM	time 125		Ted	Ted
Tuesday	Apr 30	8:00 AM	time 12		My Cal	My Cal
		4:30 PM	time 51	recurring weekly 4	My Cal	My Cal
Friday	May 3	8:00 AM	time 13		My Cal	My Cal
		9:00 AM	time 89		Larry	Larry
Saturday	May 4	10:00 AM	time 126		Ted	Ted
Monday	May 6	8:00 AM	time 14		My Cal	My Cal

- Expand the Calendar Data section of the Property Inspector, and set the following:

- **ActiveDay:** Set the day used to determine the date range that is displayed in the calendar. By default, the active day is today's date for the user. Do not change this if you want today's date to be the default active day when the calendar is first opened.

Note that when the user selects another day, this becomes the value for the `activeDay` attribute. For example, when the user first accesses the calendar, the current date is the active day. The user can select another day to be the active day by clicking on the day link in the month view. The active day also changes when the user selects a different month or year.

- **TimeZone:** Set the time zone for the calendar. If not set, the value is taken from `AdfFacesContext`. The valid value is a `java.util.TimeZone` object.

- Expand the Appearance section of the Property Inspector and set the following:

- **AllDayActivityOrder:** Control the display of all-day activities by specifying a list of strings that correspond to tags on the activities. Activities will be grouped by tags and display in the order specified by `allDayActivityOrder`. Activities without any tags, or whose tags are not listed in `allDayActivityOrder`, will display together in a default group.

Within each group, the calendar displays rows with the most activities first. For example, if `allDayActivityOrder = "holiday absence"`, then all-day activities will be displayed in this order:

- Activities with the `holiday` tag
- Activities with the `absence` tag
- Activities with no tags

- **HourZoom:** Set the zoom factor for time cells to be displayed in the calendar. The zoom factor applies to the height of the hour in day or week view. Valid values are `auto` or a non-zero positive number (including fractions). By default, the value is 1.

A value greater than 1 will scale up the calendar by the specified factor. For example, a value of 2 will scale up the calendar by 200%. A value of 0.5 will scale down the calendar by 50%. When set to `auto` the calendar will scale by an optimal factor for best viewing, ensuring that tightly scheduled non-overlapping activities will not display overlapping each other for lack of vertical space.

- **TimeSlotsPerHour:** Set the number of time slots to display per hour in day or week view. Time slots are minor divisions per hour, indicated by a dotted line splitting the hour into shorter intervals. For example, the value 4 will render four time slots per hour, measuring 15 minutes each. Valid values are `auto` or a non-zero positive whole number. By default, the value is `auto`.

When set to `auto` the calendar will use the skin property

`-tr-time-slots-per-hour`. For example, `af|calendar`

`{-tr-time-slots-per-hour: 4}` will render a minor division (dotted line) at 15-minute intervals.

5. If you want the user to be able to drag and resize the calendar regions, expand the **Other** section of the Property Inspector and set the `splitterCollapsed` and `splitterPosition` attributes. The splitter separates the all-day and timed activities areas in the day and week views of the calendar (it has no effect in month and list views). By default `splitterCollapsed` is `false`, which means that both the all-day and timed activities areas are displayed. When the splitter is collapsed (`splitterCollapsed = true`), the all-day activities area is hidden and the timed activities area stretches to fill all available vertical space. The `splitterPosition` attribute specifies the initial height in pixels of the all-day activities area; the timed activities area gets the remaining space. Valid values are `auto` or a non-zero positive whole number. By default, the value is `auto`. For more information, see the tag documentation for the `calendar` component.
6. If you want the user to be able to drag a handle on an existing activity to expand or collapse the time period of the activity, then implement a handler for `CalendarActivityDurationChangeListener`. This handler should include functionality that changes the end time of the activity. If you want the user to be able to move the activity (and, therefore, change the start time as well as the end time), then implement drag and drop functionality. For more information, see [Section 35.7, "Adding Drag and Drop Functionality to a Calendar."](#)

You can now add the following functionality:

- Create, edit, and delete activities using popup components. For more information, see [Section 15.4, "Adding Functionality Using Popup Components."](#)
- Move activities around on the calendar. For more information, see [Section 35.7, "Adding Drag and Drop Functionality to a Calendar."](#)
- Change or add to the toolbar buttons in the toolbar. For more information, see [Section 15.5, "Customizing the Toolbar."](#)
- Change the appearance of the calendar and events. For more information, see [Section 15.6, "Styling the Calendar."](#)

### 15.3.2 What Happens at Runtime: Calendar Events and PPR

The calendar has two events that are used in conjunction with facets to provide a way to easily implement additional functionality needed in a calendar, such as editing or adding activities. These two events are `CalendarActivityEvent` (invoked when an action occurs on an activity) and `CalendarEvent` (invoked when an action occurs on the calendar itself). For more information about using these events to provide

additional functionality, see [Section 15.4, "Adding Functionality Using Popup Components."](#)

The calendar also supports events that are fired when certain changes occur. The `CalendarActivityDurationChangeEvent` is fired when the user changes the duration of an activity by dragging the box that displays the activity. The `CalendarDisplayChangeEvent` is fired when the value of a display attribute changes. For example, if a user changes the view attribute from day to month, the calendar is re-rendered automatically because the calendar component becomes a partial page rendering (PPR) target, triggering an immediate refresh

## 15.4 Adding Functionality Using Popup Components

When a user acts upon an activity, a `CalendarActivityEvent` is fired. This event causes the popup component contained in a facet to be displayed, based on the user's action. For example, if the user right-clicks an activity, the `CalendarActivityEvent` causes the popup component in the `activityContextMenu` to be displayed. The event is also delivered to the server, where a configured listener can act upon the event. You create the popup components for the facets (or if you do not want to use a popup component, implement the server-side listener). It is in these popup components and facets where you can implement functionality that will enable users to create, delete, and edit activities, as well as to configure their instances of the calendar.

[Table 15–1](#) shows the different user actions that invoke events, the event that is invoked, and the associated facet that will display its contents when the event is invoked. The table also shows the component you must use within the popup component. You create the popup and the associated component within the facet, along with any functionality implemented in the handler for the associated listener. If you do not insert a popup component into any of the facets in the table, then the associated event will be delivered to the server, where you can act on it accordingly by implementing handlers for the events.

**Table 15–1 Calendar Faces Events and Associated Facets**

User Action	Event	Associated Facet	Component to Use in Popup
Right-click an activity.	<code>CalendarActivityEvent</code>	<code>activityContextMenu</code> : The enclosed popup component can be used to display a context menu, where a user can choose some action to execute against the activity (for example, edit or delete).	menu
Select an activity and press the Delete key.	<code>CalendarActivityEvent</code>	<code>activityDelete</code> : The enclosed popup component can be used to display a dialog that allows the user to delete the selected activity.	dialog
Click or double-click an activity, or select an activity and press the Enter key.	<code>CalendarActivityEvent</code>	<code>activityDetail</code> : The enclosed popup component can be used to display the activity's details.	dialog
Hover over an activity.	<code>CalendarActivityEvent</code>	<code>activityHover</code> : The enclosed popup component can be used to display high-level information about the activity.	noteWindow

**Table 15–1 (Cont.) Calendar Faces Events and Associated Facets**

User Action	Event	Associated Facet	Component to Use in Popup
Right-click the calendar (not an activity or the toolbar).	CalendarEvent	contextMenu: The enclosed popup component can be used to display a context menu for the calendar.	menu
Click or double-click any free space in the calendar (not an activity).	CalendarEvent	create: The enclosed popup component can be used to display a dialog that allows a user to create an activity.	dialog

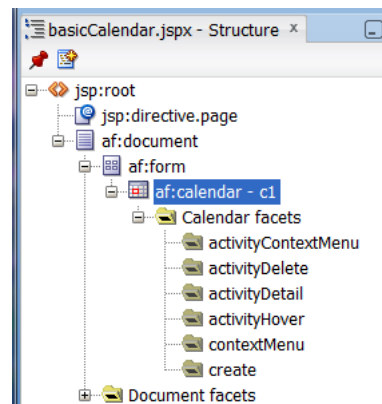
## 15.4.1 How to Add Functionality Using Popup Components

To add functionality, create the popups and associated components in the associated facets.

### To add functionality using popup components:

1. In the Structure window, expand the **af:calendar** component node so that the calendar facets are displayed, as shown in [Figure 15–6](#).

**Figure 15–6 Calendar Facets in the Structure Window**



2. Based on [Table 15–1](#), create popup components in the facets that correspond to the user actions for which you want to provide functionality. For example, if you want users to be able to delete an activity by clicking it and pressing the Delete key, you add a popup dialog to the `activityDelete` facet.

To add a popup component, right-click the facet in the Structure window and choose **Insert inside *facetName* > Popup**.

For more information about creating popup components, see [Chapter 13, "Using Popup Dialogs, Menus, and Windows."](#)

[Example 15–1](#) shows the JSF code for a dialog popup component used in the `activityDelete` facet.

### **Example 15–1 JSF Code for an Activity Delete Dialog**

```
<f:facet name="activityDelete">
  <af:popup id="delete" contentDelivery="lazyUncached">
    <!-- don't render if the activity is null -->
```

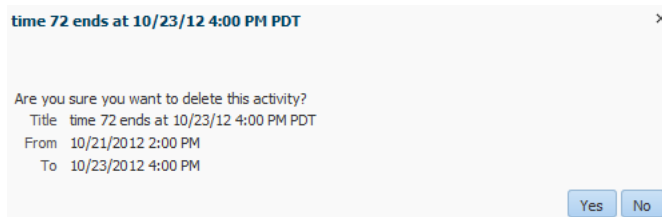
```

<af:dialog dialogListener="#{calendarBean.deleteListener}"
    affirmativeTextAndAccessKey="Yes" cancelTextAndAccessKey="No"
    rendered="#{calendarBean.currActivity != null}">
    <af:outputText value="NOTE: This popup is for demo purposes only,
        it is not part of the built in functionality of the calendar."/>
    <af:spacer height="20"/>
    <af:outputText value="Are you sure you want to delete this activity?"/>
    <af:panelFormLayout>
        <af:inputText label="Title" value="#{calendarBean.currActivity.title}"
            readOnly="true"/>
        <af:inputDate label="From" value="#{calendarBean.currActivity.from}"
            readOnly="true">
            <af:convertDateTime type="date" dateStyle="short"
                timeZone="#{calendarBean.timeZone}"
                pattern="#{calendarBean.currActivity.dateTimeFormat}"/>
        </af:inputDate>
        <af:inputDate label="To" value="#{calendarBean.currActivity.to}"
            readOnly="true">
            <af:convertDateTime type="date" dateStyle="short"
                timeZone="#{calendarBean.timeZone}"
                pattern="#{calendarBean.currActivity.dateTimeFormat}"/>
        </af:inputDate>
        <af:inputText label="Location" readOnly="true"
            rendered="#{calendarBean.currActivity.location != null}"
            value="#{calendarBean.currActivity.location}"/>
    </af:panelFormLayout>
</af:dialog>
</af:popup>
</f:facet>

```

Figure 15–7 shows how the dialog is displayed when a user clicks an activity and presses the Delete key.

**Figure 15–7 Delete Activity Dialog**



3. Implement any needed logic for the `calendarActivityListener`. For example, if you are implementing a dialog for the `activityDeleteFacet`, then implement logic in the `calendarActivityListener` that can save-off the current activity so that when you implement the logic in the dialog listener (in the next step), you will know which activity to delete. Example 15–2 shows the `calendarActivityListener` for the `calendar.jspx` page in the ADF Faces demo application.

**Example 15–2 calendarActivityListener Handler**

```

public void activityListener(CalendarActivityEvent ae)
{
    CalendarActivity activity = ae.getCalendarActivity();

    if (activity == null)

```

```

{
    // no activity with that id is found in the model
    System.out.println("No activity with event " + ae.toString());
    setCurrActivity(null);
    return;
}

System.out.println("providerId is " + activity.getProviderId());
System.out.println("activityId is " + activity.getId());

setCurrActivity(new DemoCalendarActivityBean((DemoCalendarActivity)activity,
getTimeZone()))

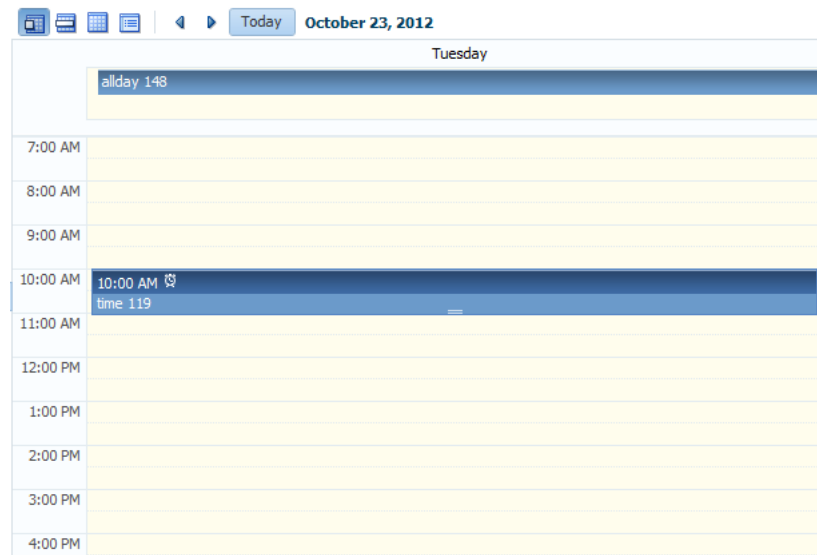
```

4. Implement the logic for the popup component in the handler for the popup event. For example, for the delete dialog, implement a handler for the `dialogListener` that actually deletes the activity when the dialog is dismissed. For more information about creating dialogs and other popup components, see [Chapter 13, "Using Popup Dialogs, Menus, and Windows."](#)

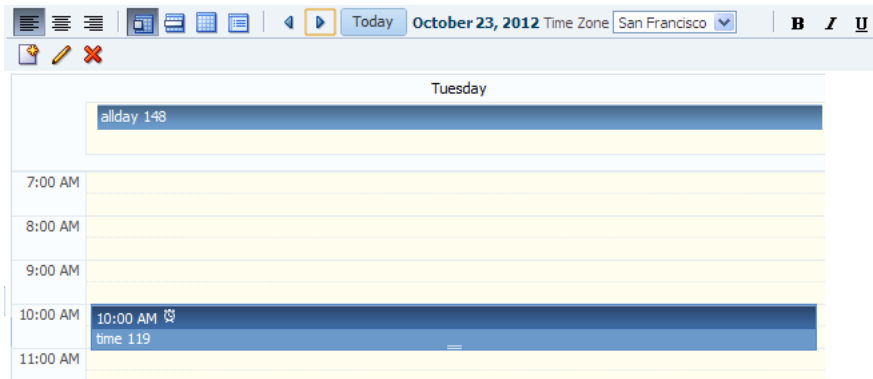
## 15.5 Customizing the Toolbar

By default, the toolbar in the calendar enables the user to change the view between day, week, month, and list, go to the next or previous item in the view, or go to the present day. The toolbar also displays a text description of the current view. For example, in the day view, it displays the active date, as shown in [Figure 15-8](#).

**Figure 15-8** *Toolbar in Day View of a Calendar*



[Figure 15-9](#) shows a toolbar that has been customized. It has added toolbar buttons, including buttons that are right-aligned on the top toolbar, and buttons in a second toolbar.

**Figure 15–9 Customized Toolbar for a Calendar**

### 15.5.1 How to Customize the Toolbar

Place the toolbar and toolbar buttons you want to add in custom facets that you create. Then, reference the facet (or facets) from an attribute on the toolbar, along with keywords that determine how or where the contained items should be displayed.

#### To customize the toolbar:

1. In the JSF page of the Component Palette, from the Core panel, drag and drop a **Facet** for each section of the toolbar you want to add. For example, to add the custom buttons shown in [Figure 15–9](#), you would add four facet tags. Ensure that each facet has a unique name for the page.

**Tip:** To ensure that there will be no conflicts with future releases of ADF Faces, start all your facet names with `customToolbar`. For example, the section of the toolbar that contains the alignment buttons shown in [Figure 15–9](#) are in the `customToolbarAlign` facet.

2. In the ADF Faces page of the Component Palette, from the Common Components panel, drag and drop a **Toolbar** to each facet and add toolbar buttons and configure the buttons and toolbar as needed. For more information about toolbars and toolbar buttons, see [Section 14.3, "Using Toolbars."](#)
3. In the Property Inspector, from the dropdown menu next to the `toolboxLayout` attribute, choose **Edit**.
4. In the Edit Property: `ToolboxLayout` dialog set the value for this attribute. It should be a list of the custom facet names, in the order in which you want the contents in the custom facets to appear. In addition to those facets, you can also include all, or portions of the default toolbar, using the following keywords:
  - `all`: Displays all the toolbar buttons and text in the default toolbar
  - `dates`: Displays only the previous, next, and today buttons
  - `range`: Displays only the string showing the current date range
  - `views`: Displays only the buttons that allows the user to change the view

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**Note:** If you use the `all` keyword, then the `dates`, `range`, and `views` keywords are ignored.

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For example, if you created two facets named `customToolbar1` and `customToolbar2`, and you wanted the complete default toolbar to appear in between your custom toolbars, the value of the `toolbarLayout` attribute would be the following list items:

- `customToolbar1`
- `all`
- `customToolbar2`

You can also determine the layout of the toolbars using the following keywords:

- `newline`: Places the toolbar in the next named facet (or the next keyword from the list in the `toolbarLayout` attribute) on a new line. For example, if you wanted the toolbar in the `customToolbar2` facet to appear on a new line, the list would be:
  - `customToolbar1`
  - `all`
  - `newline`
  - `customToolbar2`

If instead, you did not want to use all of the default toolbar, but only the views and dates sections, and you wanted those to each appear on a new line, the list would be:

- `customToolbar1`
- `customToolbar2`
- `newline`
- `views`
- `newline`
- `dates`

- `stretch`: Adds a spacer component that stretches to fill up all available space so that the next named facet (or next keyword from the default toolbar) is displayed as right-aligned in the toolbar. [Example 15-3](#) shows the value of the `toolbarLayout` attribute for the toolbar displayed in [Figure 15-9](#), along with the toolbar placed in the `customToolbarAlign` facet. Note that the toolbar buttons displayed in the `customToolbarBold` facet are right-aligned in the toolbar because the keyword `stretch` is named before the facet.

### Example 15-3 Value for Custom Toolbar

```
<af:calendar binding="#{editor.component}" id="calendar1"
  value="#{calendarBean.calendarModel}"
  timeZone="#{calendarBean.timeZone}"
  toolbarLayout="customToolbarAlign all customToolbarTZ stretch
               customToolbarBold newline customToolbarCreate"
  . . .
<f:facet name="customToolbarAlign">
  <af:toolbar>
    <af:commandToolbarButton id="alignLeft" shortDesc="align left"
      icon="/images/alignleft16.png" type="radio"
      selected="true"/>
    <af:commandToolbarButton id="alignCenter" shortDesc="align center"
      icon="/images/aligncenter16.png" type="radio"
```

```

selected="false" />
<af:commandToolbarButton id="alignRight" shortDesc="align right"
icon="/images/alignright16.png" type="radio"
selected="false" />
</af:toolbar>
</f:facet>
. . .
</af:calendar>

```

## 15.6 Styling the Calendar

Like other ADF Faces components, the calendar component can be styled as described in [Chapter 20, "Customizing the Appearance Using Styles and Skins."](#) However, along with standard styling procedures, the calendar component has specific attributes that make styling instances of a calendar easier. These attributes are:

- `activityStyles`: Allows you to individually style each activity instance. For example, you may want to show activities belonging to different providers in different colors.
- `dateCustomizer`: Allows you to display strings other than the calendar date for the day in the month view. For example, you may want to display countdown or countup type numbers, as shown in [Figure 15–10](#). This attribute also allows you to add strings to the blank portion of the header for a day, for example to show the total number of hours worked per day. You can also use this attribute to color code certain days, such as holidays. For more information, see [Section 15.6.3, "How to Customize Dates."](#)

**Figure 15–10 Customized Display of Dates in a Calendar**

The screenshot shows a calendar for May 2013 with a 'Today' button and a 'custom MONTH: May 2013' label. The calendar grid displays dates from Sunday to Saturday. Each date cell contains a number representing a count (e.g., -24, -23, -22, -21, -20, -19, -18 for Week 18) and a list of activities with their start and end times. For example, on Thursday (May 20), there is an activity '2:00 PM time 73 ends at 5/2/13 4:00 PM PDT' and another 'allday 71 ends on 5/5/13'. The calendar also shows week boundaries and navigation arrows.

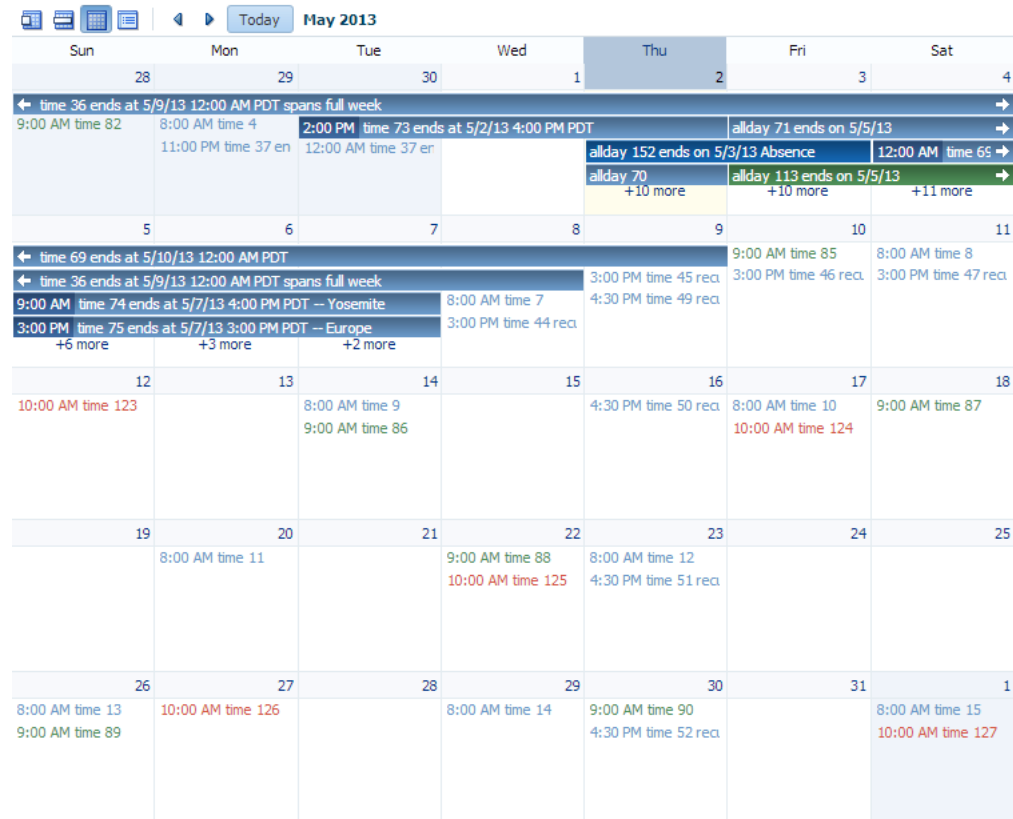
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Week 18	-24	-23	-22	-21	-20	-18
← time 36 ends at 5/9/13 12:00 AM PDT spans full week →						
9:00 AM time 82	8:00 AM time 4	2:00 PM time 73 ends at 5/2/13 4:00 PM PDT		+12 more	+12 more	+13 more
	11:00 PM time 37 en	12:00 AM time 37 er				
Week 19	-17	-16	-15	-14	-13	-11
← time 69 ends at 5/10/13 12:00 AM PDT →						
← time 36 ends at 5/9/13 12:00 AM PDT spans full week →				3:00 PM time 45 rec.	3:00 PM time 46 rec.	3:00 PM time 47 rec.
+3 more	+5 more	+4 more	+2 more	4:30 PM time 49 rec.		
Week 20	-10	-9	-8	-7	-6	-4
10:00 AM time 123		8:00 AM time 9		4:30 PM time 50 rec.	8:00 AM time 10	9:00 AM time 87
		9:00 AM time 86			10:00 AM time 124	
Week 21	-3	-2	-1	0	+1	+2
	8:00 AM time 11		9:00 AM time 88	8:00 AM time 12		
			10:00 AM time 125	4:30 PM time 51 rec.		
Week 22	+4	+5	+6	+7	+8	+10
8:00 AM time 13	10:00 AM time 126		8:00 AM time 14	9:00 AM time 90		8:00 AM time 15
9:00 AM time 89				4:30 PM time 52 rec.		10:00 AM time 127

### 15.6.1 How to Style Activities

The `activityStyles` attribute uses `InstanceStyles` objects to style specific instances of an activity. The `InstanceStyles` class is a way to provide per-instance inline styles based on skinning keys.

The most common usage of the `activityStyles` attribute is to display activities belonging to a specific provider using a specific color. For example, the calendar shown in [Figure 15–11](#) shows activities belonging to three different providers. The user can change the color used to represent a provider's activities in the left panel. The `activityStyles` attribute is used to determine the color displayed for each activity, based on the provider with which it is associated.

**Figure 15–11** Activities Styled to Display Color for Different Providers



Note that instead of using a single color, a range of a color is used in the calendar. This is called a *color ramp*. A color ramp is a set of colors in a color family and is used to represent the different states of activities. For example, Ted's activities use the blue color ramp. Activities whose time span is within one day are displayed in medium blue text. Activities that span across multiple days are shown in a medium blue box with white text. Darker blue is the background for the start time, while lighter blue is the background for the title. These different blues are all part of the blue color ramp.

The `CalendarActivityRamp` class is a subclass of `InstanceStyles`, and can take a representative color (for example, the red chosen for "Me" activities) and return the correct color ramp to be used to display each activity in the calendar.

The `activityStyles` attribute must be bound to a map object. The map key is the set returned from the `getTags` method on an activity. The map value is an `InstanceStyles` object, most likely an instance of `CalendarActivityRamp`. This `InstanceStyles` object will take in skinning keys, and for each activity, styles will be returned.

**To style activities:**

1. In your `CalendarActivity` class, have the `getTags` method return a string set that will be used by the `activityStyles` attribute to map the returned string to a specific style. For example, to use the different color ramps for the different providers shown in [Figure 15–11](#), you must return a string for each provider. In this case, an activity belonging to the current user might return `Me`, an activity belonging to L.E. might return `LE`, and an activity belonging to T.F. might return `TF`. For more information about implementing the `CalendarActivity` class, see [Section 15.2.2, "How to Create a Calendar."](#)
2. Create a map whose key is the string returned from the `getTags` method, and whose value is an `InstanceStyles` object (for example, a `CalendarActivityRamp` instance).

For example, to use the different color ramps shown in [Figure 15–11](#), you would create a map using the values shown in [Table 15–2](#).

**Table 15–2** Map for `activityStyles` Attribute

Key (String Set)	Value (InstanceStyles Object)
{ "Me" }	<code>CalendarActivityRamp.getActivityRamp (CalendarActivityRamp.RampKey.RED)</code>
{ "LE" }	<code>CalendarActivityRamp.getActivityRamp (CalendarActivityRamp.RampKey.ORANGE)</code>
{ "TF" }	<code>CalendarActivityRamp.getActivityRamp (CalendarActivityRamp.RampKey.BLUE)</code>

3. In the Structure window, select the calendar component, and in the Property Inspector, bind the `activityStyles` attribute to the map.

## 15.6.2 What Happens at Runtime: Activity Styling

During calendar rendering for each activity, the renderer calls the `CalendarActivity.getTags` method to get a string set. The string set is then passed to the map bound to the `activityStyles` attribute, and an `InstanceStyles` object is returned (which may be a `CalendarActivityRamp`).

Using the example:

- If the string set { "Me" } is passed in, the red `CalendarActivityRamp` is returned.
- If the string set { "LE" } is passed in, the orange `CalendarActivityRamp` is returned.
- If the string set { "TF" } is passed in, the blue `CalendarActivityRamp` is returned.

## 15.6.3 How to Customize Dates

If you want to display something other than the date number string in the day header of the monthly view, you can bind the `dateCustomizer` attribute to an implementation of a `DateCustomizer` class that determines what should be displayed for the date. You can use the `dateCustomizer` attribute to add strings to the blank portion of the header for a day, for example to show the total number of hours worked per day.

To color code dates, implement a new method named `getInlineStyle` in the `DateCustomizer` class. The `getInlineStyle` method returns inline CSS styles, which

can be applied to the style attribute for the section of the calendar specified by a key. You can use `getInlineStyle` to set the background color on a date in the month grid. For accessibility, the information provided by the color coding must also be available to a screen reader. You can expose this information using the `dateHeaderStamp` facet to specify components that will be displayed in the header section of a date cell. For example, if the date is color coded because it is a holiday, you can specify an `af:image` with the `shortDesc` set to the holiday name, as well as programmatically specify which date it should display for, and the image will be displayed in the header for that date. For more information about the `DateCustomizer` class, refer to the ADF Faces Javadoc. For information about the `dateHeaderStamp` facet, see the tag documentation for the calendar component.

### To customize the date string:

1. Create a subclass of the `oracle.adf.view.rich.util.DateCustomizer` class. This subclass determines what to display using the following skinning keys.

Keys passed to the `DateCustomizer.format` method:

- `af|calendar::day-header-row`: In day view, customize the day of the week in the header. For example, replace "Thursday" with "Thu".
- `af|calendar::day-header-row-misc`: In day view, customize the text beneath the day of the week in the header. For example, display "New Year's Day" on Jan 1.
- `af|calendar::list-day-of-month-link`: In list view, customize the text for the day of the month link. For example, replace "Jan 1" with "New Year's Day".
- `af|calendar::list-day-of-week-column`: In list view, customize the day of the week in the left list column. For example, replace "Thursday" with "Thu".
- `af|calendar::list-day-of-week-column-misc`: In list view, customize the text that appears beneath the day of the week in the left list column. For example, display "New Year's Day" on Jan 1.
- `af|calendar::month-grid-cell-header-day-link`: In month view, customize the date link labels in the cell header. For example, replace "5" with "-34".
- `af|calendar::month-grid-cell-header-misc`: In month view, add miscellaneous text to the empty area of the cell header. For example, on Jan 1, add the text "New Year's Day".
- `af|calendar::week-header-day-link`: In week view, customize the date link for each date in the header. For example, replace "Sun 1/1" with "New Year's Day".
- `af|calendar::week-header-cell-misc`: In week view, customize the text that appears beneath the date in the header. For example, display "New Year's Day" on Jan 1.
- `af|calendar::toolbar-display-range:day`: In day view, or in list view when `listType = day`, customize the date string on the toolbar.
- `af|calendar::toolbar-display-range:month`: In month view, or in list view when `listType = month`, customize the date string on the toolbar.

Keys passed to the `DateCustomizer.formatRange` method:

- `af|calendar::toolbar-display-range:week`: In week view, or in list view when `listType = week`, customize the date range string on the toolbar.

- `af|calendar::toolbar-display-range:list`: In list view, or in list view when `listType = dayCount`, customize the date range string on the toolbar.

Keys passed to the `DateCustomizer.getInlineStyle` method:

- `af|calendar::list-row`: In list view, apply a CSS style to the current activity row.
  - `af|calendar::month-grid-cell`: In month view, apply a CSS style for the specified date.
2. In a managed bean, create an instance of the `DateCustomizer` class. For example:
 

```
private DateCustomizer _dateCustomizer = new DemoDateCustomizer();
```
  3. In the calendar component, bind the `dateCustomizer` attribute to the `DateCustomizer` instance created in the managed bean.

[Example 15-4](#) shows an example of the `DemoDateCustomizer` class that displays the week number in the first day of the week, and instead of the day of the month, a countdown number to a specific date, as shown in [Figure 15-10](#). [Example 15-5](#) shows an example of the `DemoDateCustomizer` class that displays color coded holidays, and [Example 15-6](#) shows an example that displays color coded holidays using the `dateHeaderStamp` facet as it is used on the `dateCustomizerCalendar.jspx` page of the File Explorer application.

#### **Example 15-4 Date Customizer Displaying Countdown Numbers**

```
public class MyDateCustomizer extends DateCustomizer
{
    public String format(Date date, String key, Locale locale, TimeZone tz)
    {
        if ("af|calendar::month-grid-cell-header-misc".equals(key))
        {
            // return appropriate string
        }
        else if ("af|calendar::month-grid-cell-header-day-link".equals(key))
        {
            // return appropriate string
        }
        return null;
    }
}
```

#### **Example 15-5 Date Customizer Displaying Color Coded Holidays**

```
public class MyDateCustomizer extends DateCustomizer
{
    public String getInlineStyle(Date date, String key, Locale locale, TimeZone tz)
    {
        if ("af|calendar::day-all-day-activity-area".equals (key) ||
            "af|calendar::day-timed-activity-area".equals (key) ||
            "af|calendar::week-all-day-activity-area".equals (key) ||
            "af|calendar::week-timed-activity-area".equals (key) ||
            "af|calendar::month-grid-cell".equals(key) ||
```

```
        "af|calendar::list-row".equals(key))

    {
        Calendar curCal = Calendar.getInstance (tz, locale);
        curCal.setTime (date);

        if (_getUSHoliday (curCal) != null)
            return "background-color: #fafaeb;";
    }

    return null;

}

}
```

**Example 15–6 Date Customizer Displaying Color Coded Holidays with dateHeaderStamp**

```
<af:calendar id="cal" ..>
  <f:facet name="dateHeaderStamp">
    <af:image rendered="{calendarBean.dateCustomizer.USHoliday}"
              source="/images/holidayStar_16X16.png"
              shortDesc="{calendarBean.dateCustomizer.dateHeaderDesc}"
    ..>
  </f:facet>
</af:calendar>
```





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## Using Output Components

This chapter describes how to display output text, images, and icons using ADF Faces components, and how to use components that enable users to play video and audio clips.

This chapter includes the following sections:

- [Section 16.1, "Introduction to Output Text, Image, Icon, and Media Components"](#)
- [Section 16.2, "Displaying Output Text and Formatted Output Text"](#)
- [Section 16.3, "Displaying Icons"](#)
- [Section 16.4, "Displaying Images"](#)
- [Section 16.5, "Using Images as Links"](#)
- [Section 16.6, "Displaying Application Status Using Icons"](#)
- [Section 16.7, "Playing Video and Audio Clips"](#)

### 16.1 Introduction to Output Text, Image, Icon, and Media Components

ADF Faces provides components for displaying text, icons, and images, and for playing audio and video clips on JSF pages.

Read-only text can be displayed using the `outputText` or `outputFormatted` components. The `outputFormatted` component enables you to add a limited set of HTML markup to the value of the component, allowing for some very simple formatting to the text.

Many ADF Faces components can have icons associated with them. For example, in a menu, each of the menu items can have an associated icon. You identify the image to use for each one as the value of an `icon` attribute for the menu item component itself. Information and instructions for adding icons to components that support them are covered in those components' chapters. In addition to providing icons within components, ADF Faces also provides icons used when displaying messages. You can use these icons outside of messages as well.

To display an image on a page, you use the `image` component. Images can also be used as links (including image maps) or to depict the status of the server.

The `media` component can play back an audio clip or a video clip. These components have attributes so that you can define how the item is to be presented on the page.

## 16.2 Displaying Output Text and Formatted Output Text

There are two ADF Faces components specifically for displaying output text on pages: `outputText`, which displays unformatted text, and `outputFormatted`, which displays text and can include a limited range of formatting options.

To display simple text specified either explicitly or from a resource bundle or bean, you use the `outputText` component. You define the text to be displayed as the value of the `value` property. For example:

```
<af:outputText value="The submitted value was: " />
```

[Example 16–1](#) shows two `outputText` components: the first specifies the text to be displayed explicitly, and the second takes the text from a managed bean and converts the value to a text value ready to be displayed (for more information about conversion, see [Section 6.3, "Adding Conversion"](#)).

### **Example 16–1** Output Text

```
<af:panelGroupLayout>
  <af:outputText value="The submitted value was: " />
  <af:outputText value="#{demoInput.date}">
    <af:convertDateTime dateStyle="long" />
  </af:outputText>
</af:panelGroupLayout>
```

You can use the `escape` attribute to specify whether or not special HTML and XML characters are escaped for the current markup language. By default, characters are escaped.

[Example 16–2](#) illustrates two `outputText` components, the first of which uses the default value of `true` for the `escape` attribute, and the second of which has the attribute set to `false`.

### **Example 16–2** Output Text With and Without the `escape` Attribute Set

```
<af:outputText value="&lt;h3>output & amp; heading&lt;/h3>" />
<af:outputText value="&lt;h3>output & amp; heading&lt;/h3>"
  escape="false" />
```

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**Caution:** Avoid setting the `escape` attribute to `false` unless absolutely necessary. When `escape` is set to `false`, your website may be exposed to cross-site scripting attacks if the value of the `outputText` component is in any way derived from values supplied by a user. A better option is to use the `outputFormatted` component, which allows a limited number of HTML tags. In addition, nearly all attributes are ignored when the `escape` attribute is set to `false` (for example, `styleClass` is not output).

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[Figure 16–1](#) shows the different effects seen in a browser of the two different settings of the `escape` attribute.

**Figure 16–1 Using the escape Attribute for Output Text**

```
<h3>output & heading</h3>
```

**output & heading**

As with the `outputText` component, the `outputFormatted` component also displays the text specified for the `value` property, but the value can contain HTML tags. Use the formatting features of the `outputFormatted` component specifically when you want to format only parts of the value in a certain way. If you want to use the same styling for the whole component value, instead of using HTML within the value, apply a style to the whole component. If you want all instances of a component to be formatted a certain way, then you should create a custom skin. For more information about using inline styles and creating skins, see [Chapter 20, "Customizing the Appearance Using Styles and Skins."](#)

[Example 16–3](#) shows an `outputFormatted` component displaying only a few words of its value in bold.

**Example 16–3 Using outputFormatted to Bold Some Text**

```
<af:outputFormatted value="&lt;b>This is in bold.&lt;/b> This is not bold"/>
```

[Figure 16–2](#) shows how the component displays the text.

**Figure 16–2 Text Formatted Using the outputFormatted Component**

**This is in bold.** This is not bold

## 16.2.1 How to Display Output Text

Before displaying any output text, decide whether or not any parts of the value must be formatted in a special way.

### To display output text:

1. In the Component Palette, from the Common Components panel, drag and drop an **Output Text** onto the page. To create an `outputFormatted` component, drag and drop an **Output Formatted** from the Component Palette.

**Tip:** If parts of the value require special formatting, use an `outputFormatted` component.

**Tip:** If you plan to support changing the text of the component through active data (for example, data being pushed from the data source will determine the text that is displayed), then you should use the `activeOutputText` component instead of the `outputText` component. Create an `activeOutputText` component by dragging an **Output Text (Active)** from the Component Palette.

2. Expand the Common section of the Property Inspector and set the `value` attribute to the value to be displayed. If you are using the `outputFormatted` component, use HTML formatting codes to format the text as needed, as described in [Table 16–1](#) and [Table 16–2](#).

The `outputFormatted` component also supports the `styleUsage` attribute whose values are the following predefined styles for the text:

- `inContextBranding`
- `instruction`
- `pageStamp`

Figure 16–3 shows how the `styleUsage` values apply styles to the component.

**Figure 16–3 styleUsage Attribute Values**

This text has no StyleUsage set  
 This is the `inContextBranding` style  
 This is the `instruction` style  
 This is the `pageStamp` style

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**Note:** If the `styleUsage` and `styleClass` attributes are both set, the `styleClass` attribute takes precedence.

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## 16.2.2 What You May Need to Know About Allowed Format and Character Codes in the `outputFormatted` Component

Only certain formatting and character codes can be used. Table 16–1 lists the formatting codes allowed for formatting values in the `outputFormatted` component.

**Table 16–1 Formatting Codes for Use in `af:outputFormatted` Values**

Formatting Code	Effect
<code>&lt;br&gt;</code>	Line break
<code>&lt;hr&gt;</code>	Horizontal rule
<code>&lt;ol&gt;...&lt;/ol&gt;&lt;ul&gt;...&lt;/ul&gt;&lt;li&gt;...&lt;/li&gt;</code>	Lists: ordered list, unordered list, and list item
<code>&lt;h1&gt;...&lt;/h1&gt;</code> to <code>&lt;h6&gt;...&lt;/h6&gt;</code>	Headings: Ranked from <code>&lt;h1&gt;</code> , the most important heading, down to <code>&lt;h6&gt;</code> , the least important heading
<code>&lt;p&gt;...&lt;/p&gt;</code>	Paragraph
<code>&lt;b&gt;...&lt;/b&gt;</code>	Bold
<code>&lt;i&gt;...&lt;/i&gt;</code>	Italic
<code>&lt;tt&gt;...&lt;/tt&gt;</code>	Teletype or monospaced
<code>&lt;big&gt;...&lt;/big&gt;</code>	Larger font
<code>&lt;small&gt;...&lt;/small&gt;</code>	Smaller font
<code>&lt;pre&gt;...&lt;/pre&gt;</code>	Preformatted: Text, including spaces and returns, appears as it would in a text editor (with space and line break characters preserved)
<code>&lt;span&gt;...&lt;/span&gt;</code>	Span the enclosed text (used to group elements for styling purposes)
<code>&lt;a&gt;...&lt;/a&gt;</code>	Anchor

Table 16–2 lists the character codes for displaying special characters in the values.

**Table 16–2 Character Codes for Use in `af:outputFormatted` Values**

Character Code	Character
<code>&amp;lt;</code>	Less than
<code>&amp;gt;</code>	Greater than
<code>&amp;amp;</code>	Ampersand
<code>&amp;reg;</code>	Registered
<code>&amp;copy;</code>	Copyright
<code>&amp;nbsp;</code>	Nonbreaking space
<code>&amp;quot;</code>	Double quotation marks

The attributes `class`, `style`, and `size` can also be used in the `value` attribute of the `outputFormatted` component, as can `href` constructions. All other HTML tags are ignored.

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**Note:** For security reasons, JavaScript is not supported in output values.

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**Note:** Because other components (like `panelHeader`) can also display `<h1>`-`<h6>` tags, check the rendered HTML to ensure that any hard-coded header tags in your `outputFormatted` component display in relative order to those added by other components.

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## 16.3 Displaying Icons

ADF Faces provides a set of icons used with message components, shown in [Figure 16–4](#).

**Figure 16–4 ADF Faces Icons**

If you want to display icons outside of a message component, you use the `icon` component and provide the name of the icon type you want to display.

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**Note:** The images used for the icons are determined by the skin the application uses. If you want to change the image, create a custom skin. For more information, see [Chapter 20, "Customizing the Appearance Using Styles and Skins."](#)

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When you use messages in an ADF Faces application, the icons are automatically added for you. You do not have to add them to the message component. However, you

can use the icons outside of a message component. To display one of the standard icons defined in the skin for your application, use the `icon` component.

**To display a standard icon:**

1. In the Component Palette, from the Common Components panel, drag and drop an **Icon** onto your page.
2. Expand the Common section and set **Name** to the name of one of the icon functions shown in [Figure 16-4](#). For example, if you want to display a red circle with a white X, you would set **Name** to `error`.
3. Expand the Appearance section, and set **ShortDesc** to the text you want to be displayed as the alternate text for the icon.

## 16.4 Displaying Images

To display an image on a page, you use the `image` component and set the `source` attribute to the URI where the file is located. The `image` component also supports accessibility description text by providing a way to link to a long description of the image.

The `image` component can also be used as a link and can include an image map, however, it must be placed inside a `goLink` component. For more information, see [Section 16.5, "Using Images as Links."](#)

**To display an image:**

1. In the Component Palette, from the Common Components panel, drag and drop an **Image** onto your page.

**Tip:** If you plan to support changing the `source` attribute of the image through active data (for example, data being pushed from the data source will determine the image that is displayed), then you should use the `activeImage` component instead of the `image` component. Create an `activeImage` component by dragging an **Image (Active)** from the Component Palette.

2. In the Insert Image dialog, set the following:
  - **ShortDesc:** Set to the text to be used as the alternate text for the image.
  - **Source:** Enter the URI to the image file.
3. If you want to include a longer description for the image, in the Property Inspector, set **LongDescURL** attribute to the URI where the information is located.

## 16.5 Using Images as Links

ADF Faces provides the `commandImageLink` component that renders an image as a link, along with optional text. You can set different icons for when the user hovers the mouse over the icon, and for when the icon is depressed or disabled. For more information about the `commandImageLink` component, see [Section 18.2, "Using Buttons and Links for Navigation."](#)

If you simply want an image to be used to navigate to a given URI, you can enclose the image in the `goLink` component and then, if needed, link to an image map.

You can use an image as a `goLink` component to one or more destinations. If you want to use an image as a simple link to a single destination, use a `goLink` component to

enclose your image, and set the `destination` attribute of the `goLink` component to the URI of the destination for the link.

If your image is being used as a graphical navigation menu, with different areas of the graphic navigating to different URIs, enclose the `image` component in a `goLink` component and create a server-side image map for the image.

#### To use an image as one or more `goLink` components:

1. In the Component Palette, from the Common Components panel, drag and drop a **Go Link** onto the page.
2. Drag and drop an **Image** as a child to the `goLink` component.
3. In the Insert Image dialog, set the following:
  - **ShortDesc:** Set to the text to be used as the alternate text for the image.
  - **Source:** Enter the URI to the image file.
4. If different areas of the image are to link to different destinations:
  - Create an image map for the image and save it to the server.
  - In the Property Inspector, set **ImageMapType** attribute to **server**.
  - Select the **goLink** component and in the Property Inspector, set **Destination** to the URI of the image map on the server.
5. If the whole image is to link to a single destination, select the **goLink** component and enter the URI of the destination as the value of **Destination**.

## 16.6 Displaying Application Status Using Icons

ADF Faces provides the `statusIndicator` component that you can use to indicate server activity. What displays depends both on the skin your application uses and on how your server is configured. By default, the following are displayed:

- When your application is configured to use the standard data transfer service, during data transfer an animated spinning icon is displayed:



When the server is not busy, a static icon is displayed:



- When your application is configured to use the Active Data Service (ADS), what the status indicator displays depends on how ADS is configured.

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**Note:** ADS allows you to bind your application to an active data source. You must use the Fusion technology stack in order to use ADS. For more information, see the "Using the Active Data Service" chapter of the *Oracle Fusion Middleware Fusion Developer's Guide for Oracle Application Development Framework*.





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ADS can be configured to either have data pushed to the model, or it can be configured to have the application poll for the data at specified intervals.

[Table 16-3](#) shows the icons that are used to display server states for push and poll

modes (note that the icons are actually animated).

**Table 16–3 Icons Used in Status Indicator for ADS**

Icon	Push Mode	Pull Mode
	At the first attempt at connecting to the server.	At the first attempt at connecting to server.
	When the first connection is successfully established.	When the first connection is successfully established and when a connection is reestablished.
	When subsequent attempts are made to reconnect to the server.	Before every poll request.
	When a connection cannot be established or reestablished.	When the configured number of poll attempts are unsuccessful.

After you drop a status indicator component onto the page, you can use skins to change the actual image files used in the component. For more information about using skins, see [Chapter 20, "Customizing the Appearance Using Styles and Skins."](#)

**To use the status indicator icon:**

1. In the Component Palette, from the Common Components panel, drag and drop a **Status Indicator** onto the page.
2. Use the Property Inspector to set any needed attributes.

**Tip:** For help in setting attributes, use the field’s dropdown menu to view a description of the attribute.

## 16.7 Playing Video and Audio Clips

The ADF Faces `media` component allows you to include video and audio clips on your application pages.

The media control handles two complex aspects of cross-platform media display: determining the best player to display the media, and sizing the media player.

You can specify which media player is preferred for each clip, along with the size of the player to be displayed for the user. By default, ADF Faces uses the MIME type of the media resource to determine the best media player and the default inner player size to use, although you can specify the type of content yourself, using the `contentType` attribute.

You can specify which controls are to be available to the user, and other player features such as whether or not the clip should play automatically, and whether or not it should play continuously or a specified number of times.

### 16.7.1 How to Allow Playing of Audio and Video Clips

Once you add a media component to your page, you can configure the media player to use by default, the size of the player and screen, the controls, and whether or not the clip should replay.



**To include an audio or video clip in your application page:**

1. In the Component Palette, from the Common Components panel, drag and drop a **Media** onto the page.
2. In the Insert Media dialog, set the following attributes:
  - **Source:** Enter the URI to the media to be played.
  - **StandbyText:** Enter a message that will be displayed while the content is loading.
3. Expand the Common section of the Property Inspector and set the following:
  - **Player:** Select the media player that should be used by default to play the clip. You can choose from Real Player, Windows Media Player, or Apple Quick Time Player.

Alternatively, you can create a link in the page that starts the playing of the media resource based on the user agent's built-in content type mapping. The media control attempts to pick the appropriate media player using the following steps:

- If the primary MIME type of the content is image, the built-in user-agent support is used.
  - If a media player has been specified by the `player` attribute, and that player is available on the user agent and can display the media resource, that player is used.
  - If one player is especially good at playing the media resource and that player is available on the user agent, that player is used.
  - If one player is especially dominant on the user agent and that player can play the media resource, that player is used.
  - The player connected to the link provided on the page is used.
- **Autostart:** Set to **True** if you want the clip to begin playing as soon as it loads.
  - **ContentType:** Enter the MIME type of the media to play. This will be used to determine which player to use, the configuration of the controls, and the size of the display.
4. Expand the Appearance section of the Property Inspector and set the following:
    - **Controls:** Select the amount and types of controls you want the player to display.

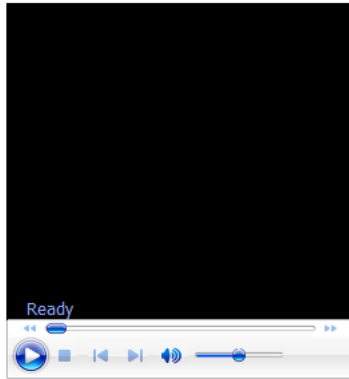
Because the set of controls available varies between players, you define what set of controls to display in a general way, rather than listing actual controls. For example, you can have the player display all controls available, the most commonly used controls, or no controls.

As an example, [Example 16–4](#) uses the `all` setting for a media component.

**Example 16–4 Controls for a Media Player**

```
<af:media source="/images/myvideo.wmv" controls="all"/>
```

[Figure 16–5](#) shows how the player is displayed to the user.

**Figure 16–5 Media Player with All Controls**

Following values are valid:

- **All:** Show all available controls for playing media on the media player.  
Using this setting can cause a large amount of additional space to be required, depending on the media player used.
- **Minimal:** Show a minimal set of controls for playing media on the media player.  
This value gives users control over the most important media playing controls, while occupying the least amount of additional space on the user agent.
- **None:** Do not show any controls for the media player and do not allow control access through other means, such as context menus.  
You would typically use this setting only for kiosk-type applications, where no user control over the playing of the media is allowed. This setting is typically used in conjunction with settings that automatically start the playback, and to play back continuously.
- **NoneVisible:** Do not show any controls for the media player, but allow control access through alternate means, such as context menus.  
You would typically use this value only in applications where user control over the playing of the media is allowed, but not encouraged. As with the none setting, this setting is typically used in conjunction with settings that automatically start the playback, and to play back continuously.
- **Typical:** Show the typical set of controls for playing media on the media player.  
This value, the default, gives users control over the most common media playing controls, without occupying an inordinate amount of extra space on the user agent.
- **Width and Height:** Define the size in pixels of the complete display, including the whole player area, which includes the media content area.  
**Tip:** Using the `width` and `height` attributes can lead to unexpected results because it is difficult to define a suitable width and height to use across different players and different player control configurations. Instead of defining the size of the complete display, you can instead define just the size of the media content area using the `innerWidth` and `innerHeight` attributes.

- **InnerWidth** and **InnerHeight**: Define the size in pixels of only the media content area. This is the preferred scheme, because you control the amount of space allocated to the player area for your clip.

**Tip:** If you do not specify a size for the media control, a default inner size, determined by the content type of the media resource, is used. While this works well for audio content, it can cause video content to be clipped or to occupy too much space.

If you specify dimensions from both schemes, such as a `height` and an `innerHeight`, the overall size defined by the `height` attribute is used. Similarly, if you specify both a `width` and an `innerWidth`, the `width` attribute is used.

5. Expand the Behavior section and set **Autostart**. By default, playback of a clip will not start until the user starts it using the displayed controls. You can specify that playback is to start as soon as the clip is loaded by setting the `autostart` attribute to `true`.

Set **PlayCount** to the number of times you want the media to play. Once started, by default, the clip will play through once only. If the users have controls available, they can replay the clip. However, you can specify that the clip is to play back a fixed number of times, or loop continuously, by setting a value for the `playCount` attribute. Setting the `playCount` attribute to 0 replays the clip continuously. Setting the attribute to some other number plays the clip the specified number of times.

[Example 16-5](#) shows an `af:media` component in the source of a page. The component will play a video clip starting as soon as it is loaded and will continue to play the clip until stopped by the user. The player will display all the available controls.

**Example 16-5 Media Component to Play a Video Clip Continuously**

```
<af:media source="/components/images/seattle.wmv" playCount="0"
  autostart="true" controls="all"
  innerHeight="112" innerWidth="260"
  shortDesc="My Video Clip"
  standbyText="My video clip is loading"/>
```



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## Displaying Tips, Messages, and Help

This chapter describes how to define and display tips and messages for ADF Faces components, and how to provide different levels of help information for users.

This chapter includes the following sections:

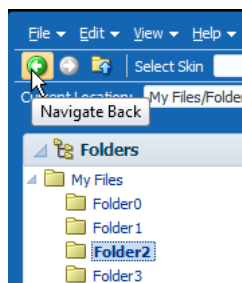
- [Section 17.1, "Introduction to Displaying Tips and Messages"](#)
- [Section 17.2, "Displaying Tips for Components"](#)
- [Section 17.3, "Displaying Hints and Error Messages for Validation and Conversion"](#)
- [Section 17.4, "Grouping Components with a Single Label and Message"](#)
- [Section 17.5, "Displaying Help for Components"](#)

### 17.1 Introduction to Displaying Tips and Messages

ADF Faces provides many different ways for displaying informational text in an application. You can create simple tip text, validation and conversion tip text, validation and conversion failure messages, as well as elaborate help systems.

Many ADF Faces components support the `shortDesc` attribute, which for most components, displays tip information when a user hovers the cursor over the component. [Figure 17-1](#) shows a tip configured for a toolbar button. For more information about creating tips, see [Section 17.2, "Displaying Tips for Components."](#)

**Figure 17-1** Tip Displays Information



Along with tips, `EditableValueHolder` components (such as the `inputText` component, or the selection components) can display hints used for validation and conversion. When you configure validation or conversion, a default hint automatically displays in a note window (for more information, see [Chapter 6, "Validating and Converting Input"](#)). For example, when users click **Help > Give Feedback** in the File Explorer application, a dialog displays where they can enter a time and date for a

customer service representative to call. Because the `inputDate` component contains a converter, when the user clicks in the field, a note window displays a hint that shows the expected pattern, as shown in [Figure 17-2](#). If the `inputDate` component was also configured with a minimum or maximum value, the hint would display that information as well. These hints are provided by the converters and validators automatically.

**Figure 17-2 Attached Converters and Validators Include Messages**

The screenshot shows a web interface for FileExplorer.com. At the top, there are navigation links: 'Email Customer Service', 'Speak with Customer Service', 'Rate the Site', and 'User Polls'. Below these is a section titled 'Speak with a FileExplorer.com Customer Service Representative'. It states: 'We're available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year. Let us know a good time to call you, and we'll have a customer service representative call you.' A note window is open, displaying the text: 'Example format: 11/29/98 3:45:13 PM' and '(UTC-08:00) PST8PDT'. Below the note window, there is a text input field with the value 'November 13'. Underneath are two rows of form fields: 'Phone number where we should call you' and 'Alternate phone number', each followed by an 'Extension' field.

ADF Faces uses the standard JSF messaging API. JSF supports a built-in framework for messaging by allowing `FacesMessage` instances to be added to the `FacesContext` object using the `addMessage(java.lang.String clientId, FacesMessage message)` method. In general there are two types of messages that can be created: component-level messages, which are associated with a specific component based on any client ID that was passed to the `addMessage` method, and global-level messages, which are not associated with a component because no the client ID was passed to the `addMessage` method. When conversion or validation fails on an `EditableValueHolder` ADF Faces component, `FacesMessages` objects are automatically added to the message queue on the `FacesContext` instance, passing in that component's ID. These messages are then displayed in the note window for the component. ADF Faces components are able to display their own messages. You do not need to add any tags.

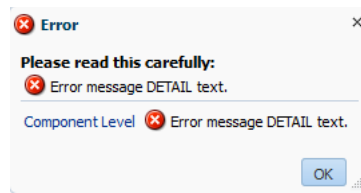
For example, if a user enters a date incorrectly in the field shown in [Figure 17-2](#), an error message is displayed, as shown in [Figure 17-3](#). Note that the error message appears in the note window along with the hint.

**Figure 17-3 Validation and Conversion Errors Display in Note Window**

This screenshot is similar to Figure 17-2, but the note window now displays an error message. The error message text is: 'Error: The date and time is not in the correct format. Enter a date and time in the same format as this example: 11/29/98 3:45:13 PM. Example format: 11/29/98 3:45:13 PM'. The date input field still contains 'November 13'.

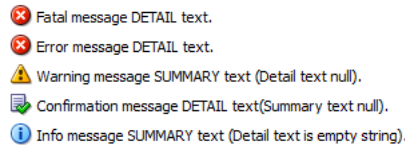
If you want to display a message for a non-ADF Faces component, or if you want the message to be displayed inline instead of the note window, use the ADF Faces message component.

Similarly, the `document` tag handles and displays all global `FacesMessages` objects (those that do not contain an associated component ID), as well as component `FacesMessages`. Like component messages, you do not need to add any tags for messages to be displayed. Whenever a global message is created (or more than two component messages), all messages in the queue will be displayed in a popup window, as shown in [Figure 17-4](#).

**Figure 17-4 Global and Component Messages Displayed by the Document**

However, you can use the ADF Faces messages component if you want messages to display on the page rather than in a popup window. For more information about displaying hints and messages for components, see [Section 17.3, "Displaying Hints and Error Messages for Validation and Conversion."](#)

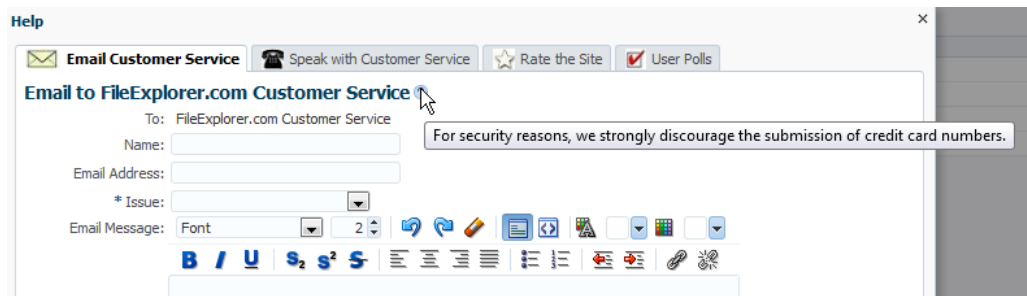
**Tip:** While ADF Faces provides messages for validation and conversion, you can add your own `FacesMessages` objects to the queue using the standard JSF messaging API. When you do so, ADF Faces will display icons with the message based on the message level, as follows:



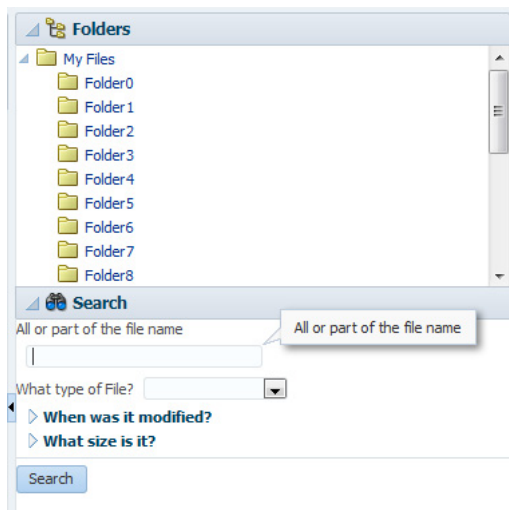
Instead of having each component display its own messages, you can use the `panelLabelAndMessage` component to group components and display a message in one area. This can be very useful when you have to group components together. For example, the File Explorer application uses a `panelLabelAndMessage` component where users enter a telephone number. The telephone number input field is actually three separate `inputText` components. The `panelLabelAndMessage` component wraps three `inputText` components. Instead of each having its own label and message, the three have just one label and one message, as shown in [Figure 17-3](#). For more information, see [Section 17.4, "Grouping Components with a Single Label and Message."](#)

Instead of configuring messages for individual component instances, you can create a separate help system that provides information that can be reused throughout the application. You create help information using different types of providers, and then reference the help text from the UI components. The following are the three types of help supported by ADF Faces:

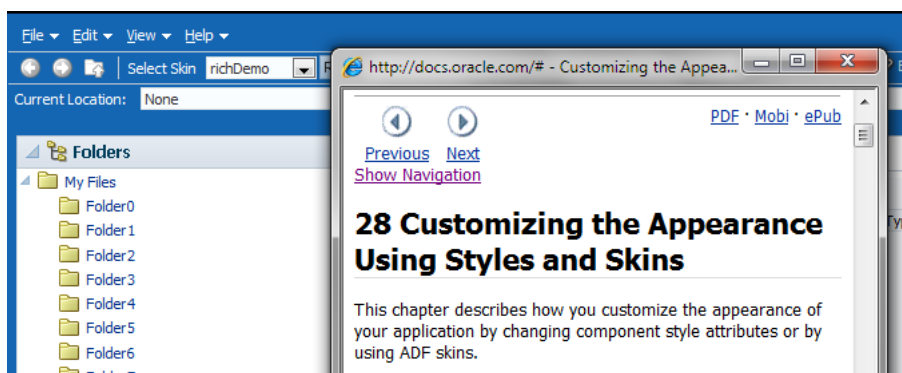
- **Definition:** Provides a help icon (by default, a question mark in a blue circle) with the help text appearing when the user mouses over the icon, as shown in [Figure 17-5](#).

**Figure 17–5 Definition Messages Display When Mousing Over the Icon**

- **Instruction:** Depending on the component, this type of help either provides instruction text within the component (as with `panelHeader` components), or displays text in the note window that is opened when the user clicks in the component, as shown in [Figure 17–6](#). The text can be any length.

**Figure 17–6 Instruction Messages Display in a Note Window**

- **External URL:** You can have a help topic that resides in an external application, which will open in a separate browser window. For example, instead of displaying instruction help, [Figure 17–7](#) shows the `Select Skin` `selectOneChoice` component configured to open a help topic about skins. When a user clicks the `selectOneChoice` component, the help topic opens.

**Figure 17–7 External URL Help Opens in a New Window**



For more information about creating help systems, see [Section 17.5, "Displaying Help for Components."](#)

## 17.2 Displaying Tips for Components

ADF Faces components use the `shortDesc` attribute to display a tip when the user hovers the mouse over the component. Input components display the tips in their note window. Other component types display the tip in a standard tip box. This text should be kept short. If you have to display more detailed information, or if the text can be reused among many component instances, consider using help text, as described in [Section 17.5, "Displaying Help for Components."](#)

Figure 17–8 shows the effect when the focus is on an `inputText` component.

**Figure 17–8 Tip for an `inputText` Component**

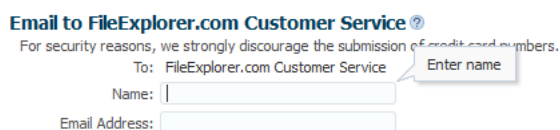
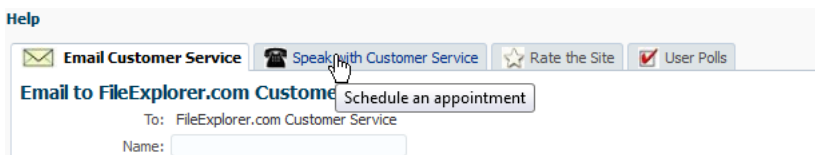


Figure 17–9 shows a tip for a `showDetailItem` component.

**Figure 17–9 Tip for a `showDetailItem` Component**



### To define a tip for a component:

1. In the Structure window, select the component for which you want to display the tip.
2. In the Property Inspector, expand the **Appearance** section and enter a value for the `shortDesc` attribute.

**Tip:** The value should be less than 80 characters, as some browsers will truncate the tip if it exceeds that length.

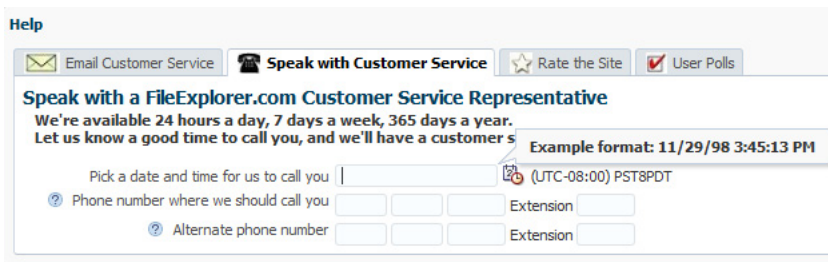
If the text to be used is stored in a resource bundle, use the dropdown list to select **Select Text Resource**. Use the Select Text Resource dialog to either search for appropriate text in an existing bundle, or to create a new entry in an existing bundle. For more information about using resource bundles, see [Chapter 21, "Internationalizing and Localizing Pages."](#)

## 17.3 Displaying Hints and Error Messages for Validation and Conversion

Validators and converters have a default hint that is displayed to users when they click in the associated field. For converters, the hint usually tells the user the correct format to use. For validators, the hint is used to convey what values are valid.

For example, in the File Explorer application, when a user clicks in the input date field on the Speak with Customer Service page, a tip is displayed showing the correct format to use, as shown in [Figure 17–10](#).

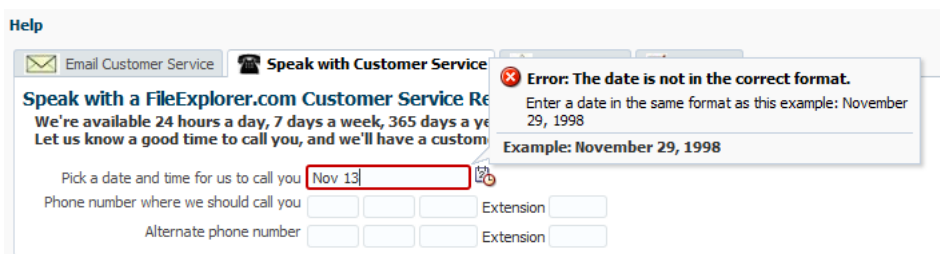
**Figure 17–10 Validators and Converters Have Built-in Messages**



When the value of an ADF Faces component fails validation, or cannot be converted by a converter, the component displays the resulting `FacesMessage` instance.

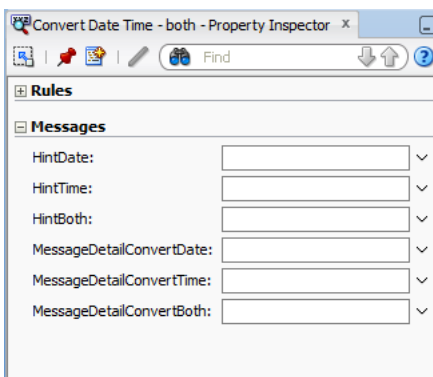
For example, entering a date that does not match the `dateStyle` attribute of the converter results in an error message, as shown in [Figure 17–11](#).

**Figure 17–11 Validation Error at Runtime**

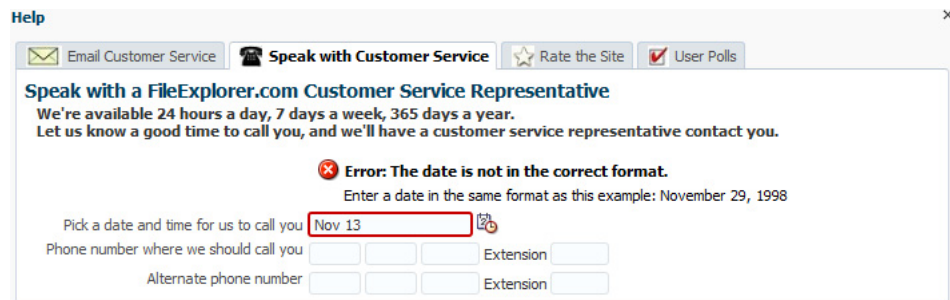


You can override the default validator and converter hint and error messages. Each ADF Faces validator and converter component has attributes you can use to define the detail messages to be displayed for the user. The actual attributes vary according to the validator or converter. [Figure 17–12](#) shows the attributes that you can populate to override the messages for the `convertDateTime` converter, as displayed in the Property Inspector.

**Figure 17–12 Message Attributes on a Converter**



If you do not want messages to be displayed in the note window, you can use the message component, and messages will be displayed inline with the component. [Figure 17–13](#) shows how messages are displayed using the message component.

**Figure 17–13 Use the message Component to Display Messages Inline**

JSF pages in an ADF Faces application use the `document` tag, which among other things, handles displaying all global messages (those not associated with a component) in a popup window. However, if you want to display global messages on the page instead, use the messages component.

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**Note:** To format the message using HTML tags, you must enclose the message within `<html></html>` tags. For example:

```
<html><b>error</b> message details</html>
```

The following HTML tags are allowed in error messages:

- `<span>`
  - `<b>`
  - `<a>`
  - `<i>`
  - `<em>`
  - `<br>`
  - `<hr>`
  - `<li>`
  - `<ol>`
  - `<ul>`
  - `<p>`
  - `<tt>`
  - `<big>`
  - `<small>`
  - `<pre>`
- 

### 17.3.1 How to Define Custom Validator and Converter Messages

To override the default validator and converter messages, set values for the different message attributes.

**To define a validator or converter message:**

1. In the Structure window, select the converter or validator for which you want to create the error message.

**Note:** You can override messages only for ADF Faces components. If you want to create a message for a non-ADF Faces component (for example for the `f:validator` component), then use the `message` component. For more information, see [Section 17.3.3, "How to Display Component Messages Inline."](#)

2. In the Property Inspector, expand the **Messages** section and enter a value for the attribute for which you want to provide a message.

The values can include dynamic content by using parameter placeholders such as `{0}`, `{1}`, `{2}`, and so on. For example, the `messageDetailConvertDate` attribute on the `convertDateTime` converter uses the following parameters:

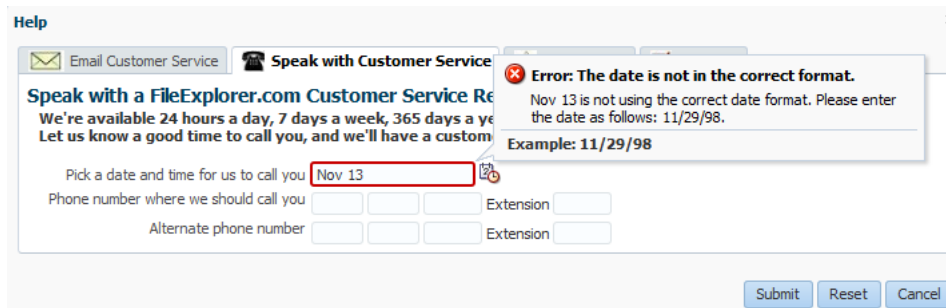
- `{0}` the label that identifies the component
- `{1}` the value entered by the user
- `{2}` an example of the format expected by the component.

Using these parameters, you could create this message:

```
{1} is not using the correct date format. Please enter the date as follows:
{2}.
```

The error message would then be displayed as shown in [Figure 17-14](#).

**Figure 17-14** Detail Message at Runtime



**Tip:** Use the dropdown menu to view the property help, which includes the parameters accepted by the message.

If the text to be used is stored in a resource bundle, use the dropdown list to select **Select Text Resource**. Use the Select Text Resource dialog to either search for appropriate text in an existing bundle, or to create a new entry in an existing bundle. For more information about using resource bundles, see [Chapter 21, "Internationalizing and Localizing Pages."](#)

**Note:** The message text is for the detail message of the `FacesMessage` object. If you want to override the summary (the text shown at the top of the message), you can only do this globally. For more information, see [Section 17.3.2, "What You May Need to Know About Overriding Default Messages Globally."](#)

## 17.3.2 What You May Need to Know About Overriding Default Messages Globally

Instead of changing the message string per component instance with the `messageDetail[XYZ]` attributes, override the string globally so that the string will be displayed for all instances. To override globally, create a message bundle whose contents contain the key for the message and the message text you wish to use.

You create and use a message bundle in the same way you create and use resource bundles for translation, using either Java classes or properties files. For procedures and information, see [Chapter 21, "Internationalizing and Localizing Pages."](#)

For message key information, see [Appendix B, "Message Keys for Converter and Validator Messages."](#)

## 17.3.3 How to Display Component Messages Inline

Instead of having a component display its messages in the note window, use the message component to display the messages inline on the page. In order for the message component to display the correct messages, associate it with a specific component.

### To display component messages inline:

1. In the Structure window, select the component that will display its messages using the message component. If not already set, enter an ID for the component.
2. In the Component Palette, from the Common Components panel, drag a **Message** and drop it where you want the message to be displayed on the page.
3. Use the dropdown menu for the `for` attribute to select **Edit**.
4. In the Edit Property dialog, locate the component for which the message component will display messages. Only components that have their ID set are valid selections.

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**Note:** The message icon and message content that will be displayed are based on what was given when the `FacesMessage` object was created. Setting the `messageType` or `message` attributes on the message component causes the `messageType` or `message` attribute values to be displayed at runtime, regardless of whether or not an error has occurred. Only populate these attributes if you want the content to always be displayed when the page is rendered.

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## 17.3.4 How to Display Global Messages Inline

Instead of displaying global messages in a popup window for the page, display them inline using the messages component.

1. In the Component Palette, from the Common Components panel, drag a **Messages** and drop it onto the page where you want the messages to be displayed.
2. In the Property Inspector set the following attributes:
  - `globalOnly`: By default, ADF Faces displays global messages (messages that are not associated with components) followed by individual component messages. If you want to display only global messages in the box, set this attribute to `true`. Component messages will continue to be displayed with the associated component.

- `inline`: Set to `true` to show messages at the top of the page. Otherwise, messages will be displayed in a dialog.

## 17.4 Grouping Components with a Single Label and Message

By default, ADF Faces input and select components have built-in support for label and message display. If you want to group components and use a single label, wrap the components using the `panelLabelAndMessage` component.

For example, the File Explorer application collects telephone numbers using four separate `inputText` components; one for the area code, one for the exchange, one for the last four digits, and one for the extension. Because a single label is needed, the four `inputText` components are wrapped in a `panelLabelAndMessage` component, and the label value is set on that component. However, the input component for the extension requires an additional label, so an `outputText` component is used. [Example 17–1](#) shows the JSF code for the `panelLabelAndMessage` component.

### Example 17–1 `panelLabelAndMessage` Can Display a Single Label and Help Topic

```
<af:panelLabelAndMessage labelAndAccessKey="#{explorerBundle['help.telephone']}"
    helpTopicId="HELP_TELEPHONE_NUMBER"
    labelStyle="vertical-align: top;
    padding-top: 0.2em;">
  <af:inputText autoTab="true" simple="true" maximumLength="3"
    columns="3">
    <af:convertNumber type="number" integerOnly="true"/>
  </af:inputText>
  <af:inputText autoTab="true" simple="true" maximumLength="3"
    columns="3">
    <af:convertNumber type="number" integerOnly="true"/>
  </af:inputText>
  <af:inputText autoTab="true" simple="true" maximumLength="4"
    columns="4">
    <af:convertNumber type="number" integerOnly="true"/>
  </af:inputText>
  <af:outputText value="#{explorerBundle['help.extension']}" />
  <af:inputText simple="true" columns="4">
    <af:convertNumber type="number" integerOnly="true"/>
  </af:inputText>
</af:panelLabelAndMessage>
```

[Figure 17–15](#) shows how the `panelLabelAndMessage` and nested components are displayed in a browser.

### Figure 17–15 Examples Using the `panelLabelAndMessage` Component

Phone number where we should call you    Extension

The `panelLabelAndMessage` component also includes an `End` facet that can be used to display additional components at the end of the group. [Figure 17–16](#) shows how the telephone number fields would be displayed if the `End` facet was populated with an `outputText` component.

### Figure 17–16 `End` Facet in a `panelLabelAndMessage` Component

Phone number where we should call you    Extension  End facet text

Use a `panelGroupLayout` component within a `panelLabelAndMessage` component to group the components for the required layout. For information about using the `panelGroupLayout` component, see [Section 8.16, "Grouping Related Items."](#)

You set the `simple` attribute to `true` on each of the input components so that their individual labels are not displayed. However, you may want to set a value for the `label` attribute on each of the components for messaging purposes and for accessibility.

**Tip:** If you have to use multiple `panelLabelAndMessage` components one after another, wrap them inside an `af:panelFormLayout` component, so that the labels line up properly. For information about using the `panelFormLayout` component, see [Section 8.7, "Arranging Content in Forms."](#)

Group and wrap components using the `panelLabelAndMessage` component. The `panelLabelAndMessage` component can be used to wrap any components, not just those that typically display messages and labels.

### To arrange form input components with one label and message:

1. Add input or select components as needed to the page.

For each input and select component:

- Set the `simple` attribute to `true`.
- For accessibility reasons, set the `label` attribute to a label for the component.

2. In the Structure window, select the input and/or select components created in Step 1. Right-click the selection and choose **Surround With > Panel Label And Message**.

3. With the `panelLabelAndMessage` component selected, in the Property Inspector, set the following:

- **label:** Enter the label text to be displayed for the group of components.
- **for:** Use the dropdown menu to choose `Edit`. In the `Edit Property` dialog, select the ID of the child input component. If there is more than one input component, select the first component.

Set the `for` attribute to the first `inputComponent` to meet accessibility requirements.

If one or more of the nested input components is a required component and you want a marker to be displayed indicating this, set the `showRequired` attribute to `true`.

4. To place content in the End facet, drag and drop the desired component into the facet.

Because facets accept one child component only, if you want to add more than one child component, you must wrap the child components inside a container, such as a `panelGroupLayout` or `group` component.

**Tip:** If the facet is not visible in the visual editor:

1. Right-click the `panelLabelAndMessage` component in the Structure window.
2. From the context menu, choose **Facets - Panel Label And Message >facet name**. Facets in use on the page are indicated by a checkmark in front of the facet name.

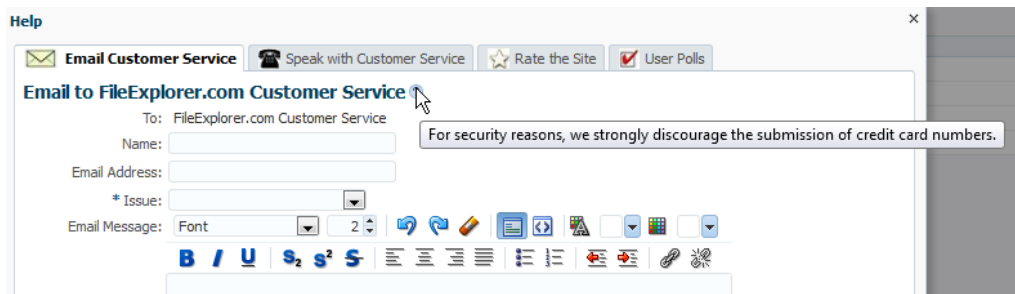


## 17.5 Displaying Help for Components

ADF Faces provides a framework that allows you to create and display three different types of help whose content comes from an external source, rather than as text configured on the component. Because it is not configured directly on the component, the content can be used by more than one component, saving time in creating pages and also allowing you to change the content in one place rather than everywhere the content appears.

The first type of external help provided by ADF Faces is Definition help. Like a standard tip, the content appears in a message box. However, instead of appearing when the user mouses over the component, by default, Definition help provides a help icon: a blue circle with a question mark. Or you can use a skinning attribute instead display a dotted line under the text (for more information, see [Section 17.5.8, "What You May Need to Know About Skinning and Definition Help."](#)). When the user mouses over the icon, the content is displayed, as shown in [Figure 17-17](#).

**Figure 17-17** Definition Text for a Component



[Table 17-1](#) shows the components that support Definition help.

**Table 17-1** Components That Support Definition Help

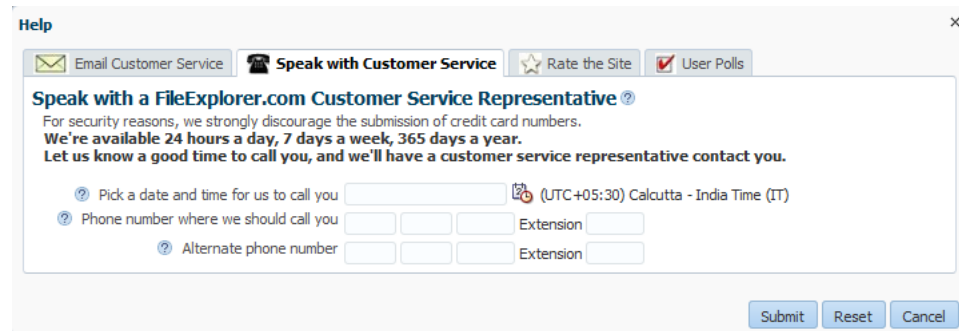
Supported Components	Help Icon Placement	Example
All input components, Select components, Choose Color, Choose Date, Query components	Before the label, or if no label exists, at the start of the field	
Panel Header, PanelBox, Show Detail Header	End of header text	
Panel Window, Dialog	Next to close icon in header	
Columns in table and tree	Below header text	

The second type of help is Instruction help. Where Instruction help is displayed depends on the component with which it is associated. The `panelHeader` and `Search` panel components display Instruction help within the header. [Figure 17-18](#) shows how



the text that typically is displayed as Definition help as shown in Figure 17-17 would be displayed as Instruction help within the panelHeader component.

**Figure 17-18** Instruction Text for panelHeader



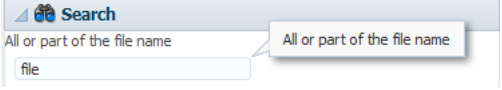
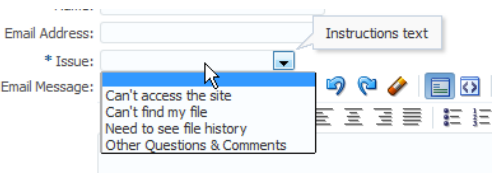
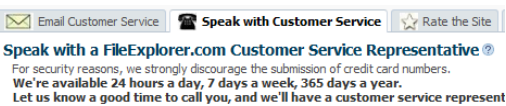
All other components that support Instruction help display the text within a note window, as shown in Figure 17-19. Note that no help icon is displayed.

**Figure 17-19** Instruction Text for a Component



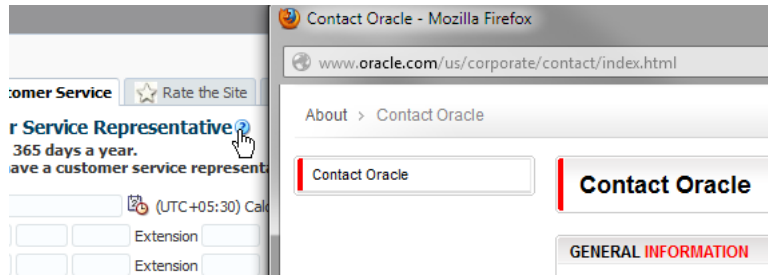
Table 17-2 shows the components that support Instruction help.

**Table 17-2** Components That Support Instruction Help

Supported Components	Help Placement	Example
Input components, Choose Color, Choose Date, Quick Query	Note window, on focus only	
Select components	Note window, on hover and focus	
Panel Header, Panel Box, Query	Text below header text	

The last type of help is External URL help. You provide a URL to a web page in an external application, and when the help icon is clicked, the web page opens in a separate browser window, as shown in Figure 17-20. Instead of clicking a help icon, you can also use JavaScript to open a help window based on any client-based event.

**Figure 17–20 External URL Help**



ADF Faces includes a variety of help providers. The `ResourceBundleHelpProvider` help provider allows you to create resource bundles that hold the help content. The `ELHelpProvider` help provider allows you to create XLIFF files that get converted into maps, or create a managed bean that contains a map of help text strings. You can use a combination of the different help providers. You can also create your own help provider class.

To create help for your application, do the following:

- Determine the help provider(s) to use and then implement the required artifacts.
- Register the help provider(s), specifying the prefix that will be used to access the provider’s help. Each help provider has its own unique prefix, which is used as its identifier. A particular provider will be called to produce help only for help topic IDs that start with the prefix under which the provider is registered.
- Have the UI components access the help contained in the providers by using the component’s `helpTopicId` attribute. A `helpTopicId` attribute contains the following.
  - The prefix that is used by the provider of the help
  - The topic name

For example, the value of the `helpTopicId` attribute on the `inputText` component shown in Figure 17–19 might be `RBHELP_FILE_NAME`, where `RBHELP` is the resource bundle help providers prefix, and `FILE_NAME` is the help topic name.

### 17.5.1 How to Create Resource Bundle-Based Help

You can store help text within standard resource bundle property files and use the `ResourceBundleHelpProvider` class to deliver the content.

**To create resource bundle-based help:**

1. Create a properties file that contains the topic ID and help text for each help topic. The topic ID must contain the following:
  - The prefix that will be used by this provider, for example, `RBHELP`.
  - The topic name, for example, `TELEPHONE_NUMBER`.
  - The help type, for example, `DEFINITION`.

For example, a topic ID might be `RBHELP_TELEPHONE_NUMBER_DEFINITION`.

---

**Note:** All prefixes under which help providers are registered must be unique. It is also not permissible for one prefix to begin with the same characters as another prefix. For example, if help providers have already been registered for the two prefixes AAB and AC, then the following prefixes are all invalid and will cause an exception to be thrown at registration time: AABC, A, AA, AC, ACB. However, the following are valid: AAD, AB, and so on.

UI components access the help content based on the topic name. Therefore, if you use the same topic name for two different types of help (as shown in [Example 17-2](#)), then both types of help will be displayed by the UI component.

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[Example 17-2](#) shows an example resource bundle with three topics.

**Example 17-2 Resource Bundle Help**

```
RBHELP_CUST_SERVICE_EMAIL_DEFINITION=For security reasons,
    we strongly discourage the submission of credit card numbers.
RBHELP_TELEPHONE_NUMBER_DEFINITION=We only support calling telephone numbers
    in the United States at this time.
RBHELP_TELEPHONE_NUMBER_INSTRUCTIONS=Enter a telephone number.
```

---

**Note:** If you wish to use an external URL help type, create a subclass of the `ResourceBundleHelpProvider` class. For more information, see [Step 3](#).

---

2. Register the resource bundle as a help provider in the `adf-settings.xml` file (for information on creating the `adf-settings.xml` file if one does not exist, see [Section A.5.1, "How to Configure for ADF Faces in `adf-settings.xml`"](#)).

To register the provider, open the `adf-settings.xml` file, click the **Source** tab, and add the following elements:

- `<help-provider>`: Use the `prefix` attribute to define the prefix that UI components will use to access this help provider. This must be unique in the application, and must match the prefix used in the resource bundle.

---

**Note:** If the `prefix` attribute is missing, or is empty, then the help provider will be registered as a special default help provider. It will be used to produce help for help topic IDs that cannot be matched with any other help provider. Only one default help provider is permitted.

---

- `<help-provider-class>`: Create as a child element to the `<help-provider>` element and enter `oracle.adf.view.rich.help.ResourceBundleHelpProvider`.
- `<property>`: Create as a child element to the `<help-provider>` element. The property defines the actual help source.
- `<property-name>`: Create as a child element to the `<property>` element, and enter a name for the source, for example, `baseName`.
- `<value>`: Create as a child element to the `<property>` element and enter the fully qualified class name of the resource bundle. For example, the qualified

class name of the resource bundle used in the ADF Faces demo application is `oracle.adfdemo.view.resource.DemoResources`.

[Example 17-3](#) shows how the resource bundle in [Example 17-2](#) would be registered in the `adf-settings.xml` file.

**Example 17-3 Registering a Resource Bundle as a Help Provider**

```
<adf-settings xmlns="http://xmlns.oracle.com/adf/settings">
<adf-faces-config xmlns="http://xmlns.oracle.com/adf/faces/settings">
  <help-provider prefix="RBHELP_">
    <help-provider-class>
      oracle.adf.view.rich.help.ResourceBundleHelpProvider
    </help-provider-class>
    <property>
      <property-name>baseName</property-name>
      <value>oracle.adfdemo.view.resource.DemoResources</value>
    </property>
  </help-provider>
</adf-faces-config>
</adf-settings>
```

3. If you want to use External URL help, then you also must extend the `ResourceBundleHelpProvider` class and implement the `getExternalUrl` method. [Example 17-4](#) shows an example method.

**Example 17-4 Overriding the `getExternalURL` Method**

```
protected String getExternalUrl(FacesContext context, UICoMponent component,
                               String topicId)
{
  if (topicId == null)
    return null;
  if (topicId.contains("TOPICID_ALL") ||
      topicId.contains("TOPICID_DEFN_URL") ||
      topicId.contains("TOPICID_INSTR_URL") ||
      topicId.contains("TOPICID_URL"))
    return http://www.myURL.com;
  else
    return null;
}
```

In [Example 17-4](#), all the topics in the method return the same URL. You would have to create separate `if` statements to return different URLs.

If you want the external window to be launched based on a component's client event instead of from a help icon, use a JavaScript function. For more information, see [Section 17.5.4, "How to Use JavaScript to Launch an External Help Window."](#)

## 17.5.2 How to Create XLIFF-Based Help

You can store the help text in XLIFF XML files and use the `ELHelpProvider` class to deliver the content. This class translates the XLIFF file to a map of strings that will be used as the text in the help.

**To create XLIFF help:**

1. Create an XLIFF file that defines your help text, using the following elements within the `<body>` tag:

- `<trans-unit>`: Enter the topic ID. This must contain the prefix, the topic name, and the help type, for example, `XLIFFHELP_CREDIT_CARD_DEFINITION`. In this example, `XLIFFHELP` will become the prefix used to access the XLIFF file. `CREDIT_CARD` is the topic name, and `DEFINITION` is the type of help.

---

**Note:** All prefixes under which help providers are registered must be unique. It is also not permissible for one prefix to begin with the same characters as another prefix. For example, if help providers have already been registered for the two prefixes `AAB` and `AC`, then the following prefixes are all invalid and will cause an exception to be thrown at registration time: `AABC`, `A`, `AA`, `AC`, `ACB`. However, the following are valid: `AAD`, `AB`, and so on.

UI components access the help content based on the topic name. Therefore, if you use the same topic name for two different types of help (as shown in [Example 17-5](#)), then both types of help will be displayed by the UI component.

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- `<source>`: Create as a direct child of the `<trans-unit>` element and enter the help text.
- `<target>`: Create as a direct child of the `<trans-unit>` element and leave it blank. This is used to hold translated text.
- `<note>`: Create as a direct child of the `<trans-unit>` element and enter a description for the help text.

[Example 17-5](#) shows an example of an XLIFF file that contains two topics.

#### **Example 17-5 XLIFF Help**

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8" ?>
<xliff version="1.1" xmlns="urn:oasis:names:tc:xliff:document:1.1">
  <file source-language="en" original="this" datatype="xml">
    <body>
      <trans-unit id="XLIFF_CREDIT_CARD_DEFINITION">
        <source>Credit Card Definition</source>
        <target/>
        <note>Credit Card definition text.</note>
      </trans-unit>
      <trans-unit id="XLIFF_CREDIT_CARD_INSTRUCTIONS">
        <source>Credit Card Instructions</source>
        <target/>
        <note>Credit card instruction text.</note>
      </trans-unit>
    </body>
  </file>
</xliff>
```

2. Register XLIFF as a help provider in the `adf-settings.xml` file (for information on creating the `adf-settings.xml` file if one does not exist, see [Section A.5.1, "How to Configure for ADF Faces in `adf-settings.xml`"](#)).

To register the provider, open the `adf-settings.xml` file and add the following elements:

- `<help-provider>`: Use the `prefix` attribute to define the prefix that UI components will use to access this help provider. This must be unique in the application, and must match the prefix used in the XLIFF file.

---



---

**Note:** If the `prefix` attribute is missing, or is empty, then the help provider will be registered as a special default help provider. It will be used to produce help for help topic IDs that cannot be matched with any other help provider. Only one default help provider is permitted.

---



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- `<help-provider-class>`: Create as a child element to the `<help-provider>` element and enter `oracle.adf.view.rich.help.ELHelpProvider`.
- `<property>`: Create as a child element to the `<help-provider>` element. The property values define the actual help source.
- `<property-name>`: Create as a child element to the `<property>` element and enter a name for the help, for example, `helpSource`.
- `<value>`: Create as a child element to the `<property>` element and enter an EL expression that resolves to the XLIFF file, wrapped in the `adfBundle` EL function, for example,
 

```
#{adfBundle['project1xliff.view.Project1XliffBundle']}
```

Example 17–6 shows how the XLIFF file in Example 17–5 would be registered in the `adf-settings.xml` file.

**Example 17–6 Registering an XLIFF File as a Help Provider**

```
<adf-settings xmlns="http://xmlns.oracle.com/adf/settings">
<adf-faces-config xmlns="http://xmlns.oracle.com/adf/faces/settings">
  <help-provider prefix="XLIFF">
    <help-provider-class>
      oracle.adf.view.rich.help.ELHelpProvider
    </help-provider-class>
    <property>
      <property-name>helpSource</property-name>
      <value>#{adfBundle['project1xliff.view.Project1XliffBundle']}</value>
    </property>
  </help-provider>
</adf-faces-config>
</adf-settings>
```

### 17.5.3 How to Create Managed Bean Help

To implement managed bean help, create a managed bean that contains a map of strings that will be used as the text in the help. Managed bean help providers use the `ELHelpProvider` class to deliver the help.

**To create managed bean help:**

1. Create a managed bean that returns a map of strings, each of which is the ID and content for a help topic, as shown in Example 17–7.

**Example 17–7 Managed Bean that Returns a Map of Help Text Strings**

```
public class ELHelpProviderMapDemo
{
  public ELHelpProviderMapDemo()
  {
  }
}

/* To use the ELHelpProvider, the EL expression must point to a Map, otherwise
```

```

* you will get a coerceToType error. */

public Map<String, String> getHelpMap()
{
    return _HELP_MAP;
}

static private final Map<String, String> _HELP_MAP =
                                                new HashMap<String, String>();

static
{
    _HELP_MAP.put("MAPHELP_CREDIT_CARD_DEFINITION",
                  "Map value for credit card definition");
    _HELP_MAP.put("MAPHELP_CREDIT_CARD_INSTRUCTIONS",
                  "Map value for credit card instructions");
    _HELP_MAP.put("MAPHELP_SHOPPING_DEFINITION",
                  "Map value for shopping definition");
    _HELP_MAP.put("MAPHELP_SHOPPING_INSTRUCTIONS",
                  "Map value for shopping instructions");
}
}

```

The first string must contain the prefix, the topic name, and the help type, for example, `MAPHELP_CREDIT_CARD_DEFINITION`. In this example, `MAPHELP` will become the prefix used to access the bean. `CREDIT_CARD` is the topic name, and `DEFINITION` is the type of help. The second string is the help text.

---

**Note:** All prefixes under which help providers are registered must be unique. It is also not permissible for one prefix to begin with the same characters as another prefix. For example, if help providers have already been registered for the two prefixes `AAB` and `AC`, then the following prefixes are all invalid and will cause an exception to be thrown at registration time: `AABC`, `A`, `AA`, `AC`, `ACB`. However, the following are valid: `AAD`, `AB`, and so on.

UI components access the help content based on the topic name. Therefore, if you use the same topic name for two different types of help (as shown in [Example 17-7](#)), then both types of help will be displayed by the UI component.

---

**Note:** If you wish to use external URL help, create a subclass of the `ELHelpProvider` class. For more information, see [Step 4](#).

---

2. Register the managed bean in the `faces-config.xml` file. [Example 17-8](#) shows the bean shown in [Example 17-7](#) registered in the `faces-config.xml` file.

**Example 17-8 Managed Bean Registration in the `faces-config.xml` File.**

```

<managed-bean>
  <managed-bean-name>helpTranslationMap</managed-bean-name>
  <managed-bean-class>
    oracle.adfdemo.view.webapp.ELHelpProviderMapDemo
  </managed-bean-class>
  <managed-bean-scope>session</managed-bean-scope>
</managed-bean>

```

For more information about using and registering managed beans, see [Section 2.6, "Creating and Using Managed Beans."](#)

3. Register the managed bean as a help provider in the `adf-settings.xml` file (for information on creating the `adf-settings.xml` file if one does not exist, see [Section A.5.1, "How to Configure for ADF Faces in `adf-settings.xml`"](#)).

To register the provider, open the `adf-settings.xml` file and add the following elements:

- `<help-provider>`: Create and use the `prefix` attribute to define the prefix that UI components will use to access this help provider. This must be unique in the application.

---

**Note:** If the `prefix` attribute is missing, or is empty, then the help provider will be registered as a special default help provider. It will be used to produce help for help topic IDs that cannot be matched with any other help provider. Only one default help provider is permitted.

---

- `<help-provider-class>`: Create as a child element to the `<help-provider>` element and enter the fully qualified class path to the class created in Step 1.
- `<property>`: Create as a child element to the `<help-provider>` element. The property defines the map of help strings on the managed bean.
- `<property-name>`: Create as a child element to the `<property>` element and enter a property name, for example `helpSource`.
- `<value>`: Create as a child element to the `<property>` element and enter an EL expression that resolves to the help map on the managed bean.

[Example 17-9](#) shows how the bean in [Example 17-8](#) would be registered in the `adf-settings.xml` file.

**Example 17-9 Registering a Managed Bean as a Help Provider**

```
<adf-settings xmlns="http://xmlns.oracle.com/adf/settings">
<adf-faces-config xmlns="http://xmlns.oracle.com/adf/faces/settings">
  <help-provider prefix="MAPHELP_">
    <help-provider-class>
      oracle.adf.view.rich.help.ELHelpProvider
    </help-provider-class>
    <property>
      <property-name>helpSource</property-name>
      <value>#{helpTranslationMap.helpMap}</value>
    </property>
  </help-provider>
</adf-faces-config>
</adf-settings>
```

4. If you want to use External URL help with the managed bean provider, then extend the `ELHelpProvider` class and implement the `getExternalUrl` method. [Example 17-10](#) shows an example method.

**Example 17-10 Overriding the `getExternalURL` Method**

```
protected String getExternalUrl(FacesContext context, UICComponent component,
                               String topicId)
{
```



```

if (topicId == null)
    return null;
if (topicId.contains("TOPICID_ALL") ||
    topicId.contains("TOPICID_DEFN_URL") ||
    topicId.contains("TOPICID_INSTR_URL") ||
    topicId.contains("TOPICID_URL"))
    return http://www.myURL.com;
else
    return null;
}

```

In [Example 17–10](#), all the topics in the method return the same URL. You must create separate `if` statements to return different URLs.

If you want the external window to be launched based on a component's client event instead of from a help icon, use a JavaScript function. For more information, see [Section 17.5.4, "How to Use JavaScript to Launch an External Help Window."](#)

## 17.5.4 How to Use JavaScript to Launch an External Help Window

If you want to use external URL help, by default, the user clicks a help icon to launch the help window. Instead, you can use JavaScript and a client event listener for a specific component's event to launch the help window.

### To use JavaScript to launch an external help window:

1. Create a JavaScript function that uses the `launchHelp` API to launch a specific URL or page.

[Example 17–11](#) shows the `launchHelp` function used to launch the `helpClient.jspx`.

#### **Example 17–11 JavaScript to Launch an External Help Page**

```

<af:resource type="javascript">
    function launchHelp(event)
    {
        AdfPage.PAGE.launchHelpWindow("helpClient.jspx");
    }
</af:resource>

```

2. Drag and drop a component whose client event will cause the function to be called. You must set the `clientId` on this component to `true`.
3. In the Component Palette, from the Operations panel, drag and drop a **Client Listener** as a child to the component created in Step 2. Configure the `clientListener` to invoke the function created in Step 1. For more information about using the `clientListener` tag, see [Section 3.2, "Listening for Client Events."](#)

[Example 17–12](#) shows the code used to have a click event on a `commandToolBarButton` component launch the `helpClient.jspx` page.

#### **Example 17–12 Page Code Used to Launch an External Help Window**

```

<af:toolbar id="tb1">
    <af:commandToolBarButton text="Launch help window" id="ctb1"
        icon="/images/happy_computer.gif">
        <af:clientListener method="launchHelp" type="click"/>
    </af:commandToolBarButton>
</af:toolbar>
<af:resource type="javascript">

```

```

function launchHelp(event)
{
    AdfPage.PAGE.launchHelpWindow("helpClient.jspx");
}
</af:resource>

```

## 17.5.5 How to Create a Java Class Help Provider

Instead of using one of the ADF Faces help providers, create your own. Create the actual text in some file that your help provider will be able to access and display. To create a Java class help provider, extend the `HelpProvider` class. For more information about this class, refer to the ADF Faces Javadoc.

### To create a Java class help provider:

1. Create a Java class that extends `oracle.adf.view.rich.help.HelpProvider`.
2. Create a public constructor with no parameters. You also must implement the logic to access and return help topics.
3. This class will be able to access properties and values that are set in the `adf-settings.xml` file when you register this provider. For example, the ADF Faces providers all use a property to define the actual source of the help strings. To access a property in the `adf-settings.xml` file, create a method that sets a property that is a `String`. For example:

```
public void setMyCustomProperty(String arg)
```

4. To register the provider, open the `adf-settings.xml` file and add the following elements:
  - `<help-provider>`: Use the `prefix` attribute to define the prefix that UI components will use to access this help provider. This must be unique in the application.

---

**Note:** If the `prefix` attribute is missing, or is empty, then the help provider will be registered as a special default help provider. It will be used to produce help for help topic IDs that cannot be matched with any other help provider. Only one default help provider is permitted. All prefixes under which help providers are registered must be unique. It is also not permissible for one prefix to begin with the same characters as another prefix. For example, if help providers have already been registered for the two prefixes `AAB` and `AC`, then the following prefixes are all invalid and will cause an exception to be thrown at registration time: `AABC`, `A`, `AA`, `AC`, `ACB`. However, the following are valid: `AAD`, `AB`, and so on.

---

- `<help-provider-class>`: Create as a child element to the `<help-provider>` element and enter the fully qualified class path to the class created in Step 1.
- `<property>`: Create as a child element to the `<help-provider>` element and use it to define the property that will be used as the argument for the method created in Step 3.
- `<property-name>`: Create as a child element to the `<property>` element and enter the property name.

- `<value>`: Create as a child element to the `<property>` element and enter the value for the property.

[Example 17–13](#) shows an example of a help provider class registered in the `adf-settings.xml` file.

#### **Example 17–13 Registering a Help Provider Class**

```
<adf-settings xmlns="http://xmlns.oracle.com/adf/settings">
<adf-faces-config xmlns="http://xmlns.oracle.com/adf/faces/settings">
  <help-provider prefix="MYAPP">
    <help-provider-class>
      oracle.adfdemo.view.webapp.MyHelpProvider
    </help-provider-class>
  <property>
    <property-name>myCustomProperty</property-name>
    <value>someValue</value>
  </property>
</help-provider>
</adf-faces-config>
</adf-settings>
```

## 17.5.6 How to Access Help Content from a UI Component

Use the `HelpTopicId` attribute on components to access and display the help.

#### **To access help from a component:**

1. In the Structure window, select the component to which you want to add help. For a list of components that support help, see [Table 17–1](#) and [Table 17–2](#).
2. In the Property Inspector, expand the **Appearance** section, and enter a value for the `helpTopicId` attribute. This should include the prefix to access the correct help provider and the topic name. It should not include the help type, as all help types registered with that name will be returned and displayed, for example:

```
<af:inputText label="Credit Card" helpTopicId="XLIFF_CREDIT_CARD"/>
```

This example will return both the definition and instruction help defined in the XLIFF file in [Example 17–5](#).

3. If you want to provide help for a component that does not support help, you can instead add an `outputText` component to display the help text, and then bind that component to the help provider, for example:

```
<af:outputFormatted
  value="#{adfFacesContext.helpProvider['XLIFF_CREDIT_CARD'].instructions}"/>
```

This will access the instruction help text.

## 17.5.7 What You May Need to Know About Combining Different Message Types

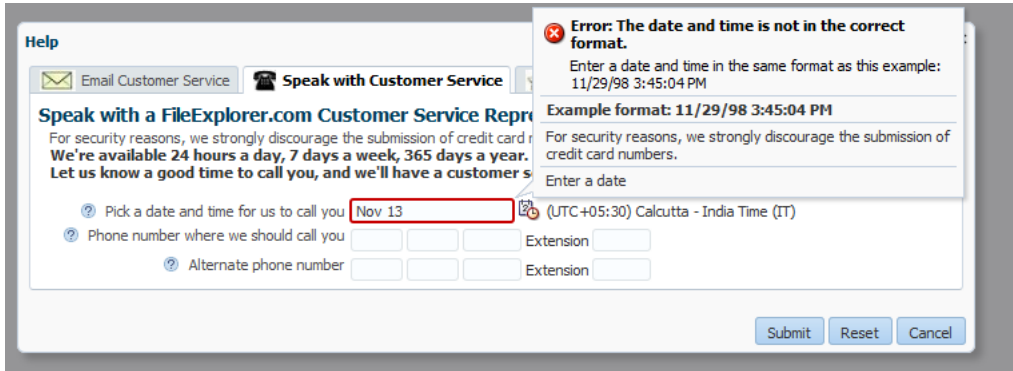
When you add help messages to input components that may already display messages for validation and conversion, ADF Faces displays the messages in the following order within the note window:

1. Validation and conversion error messages.
2. Validation and conversion hints.
3. For input and select components only, Instruction help. For `panelHeader` components, Instruction help is always displayed below the header.

- Value for shortDesc attribute.

Figure 17–21 shows an `inputDate` component that contains a converter, instruction help, and a tip message.

**Figure 17–21** Different Message Types Can Be Displayed at One Time



## 17.5.8 What You May Need to Know About Skinning and Definition Help

By default, when definition help is associated with a component, a question mark icon is displayed. The user clicks that icon to display the help. You can configure a custom skin to instead display a dotted line under the label of the component. This line denotes that the text is clickable. When the user clicks the text, the help is displayed.

---

**Note:** If the component does not have label text, then only the icon can be displayed.

---

Figure 17–22 shows an `inputText` component with the default question mark icon.

**Figure 17–22** Definition Help Icon



Figure 17–23 shows the same `inputText` component, but configured to display a link instead of the question mark.

**Figure 17–23** Definition Help Text Link



You use the `-tr-help-def-location` skin selector key to configure the display. Set it to `icon` to display the icon. Set it to `label` to display the underline. Example 17–14 shows the help configured to display the underline.

**Example 17–14** Skin Selector Key for Definition Help Display

```
af|help {
  -tr-help-def-location: label;
}
```

---

---

**Note:** External URL help also displays a link under the label text. If a component has both definition help and external help associated with it, then the icon will be displayed for the definition help.

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## Working with Navigation Components

This chapter describes how to use ADF Faces navigation components such as `commandButton`, `navigationPane`, and `train` to provide navigation in web user interfaces.

This chapter includes the following sections:

- [Section 18.1, "Introduction to Navigation Components"](#)
- [Section 18.2, "Using Buttons and Links for Navigation"](#)
- [Section 18.3, "Configuring a Browser's Context Menu for Command Links"](#)
- [Section 18.4, "Using Buttons or Links to Invoke Functionality"](#)
- [Section 18.5, "Using Navigation Items for a Page Hierarchy"](#)
- [Section 18.6, "Using a Menu Model to Create a Page Hierarchy"](#)
- [Section 18.7, "Creating a Simple Navigational Hierarchy"](#)
- [Section 18.8, "Using Train Components to Create Navigation Items for a Multi-Step Process"](#)

### 18.1 Introduction to Navigation Components

Like any JSF application, an application that uses ADF Faces components contains a set of rules for choosing the next page to display when a button or link (or other navigation component) is clicked. You define the rules by adding JSF navigation rules and cases in the application's configuration resource file (`faces-config.xml`).

JSF uses an outcome string to select the navigation rule to use to perform a page navigation. ADF Faces navigation components that implement `javax.faces.component.ActionSource` interface generate an `ActionEvent` event when users activate the component. The JSF `NavigationHandler` and default `ActionListener` mechanisms use the outcome string on the activated component to find a match in the set of navigation rules. When JSF locates a match, the corresponding page is selected, and the Render Response phase renders the selected page. For more information about the JSF lifecycle, see [Chapter 4, "Using the JSF Lifecycle with ADF Faces"](#). Also note that navigation in an ADF Faces application may use partial page rendering. For more information, see [Section 7.4, "Using Partial Page Navigation"](#).

Command components in ADF Faces include:

- Button and link components for navigating to another location with or without server-side actions. See [Section 18.2, "Using Buttons and Links for Navigation"](#).

- Components that render items such as tabs and breadcrumbs for navigating hierarchical pages. See [Section 18.5, "Using Navigation Items for a Page Hierarchy"](#).
- Train components for navigating a multistep process. See [Section 18.8, "Using Train Components to Create Navigation Items for a Multi-Step Process"](#).

In addition to using command components for navigation, ADF Faces also includes listener tags that you can use in conjunction with command components to have specific functionality execute when the action event fires. For more information, see [Section 18.4, "Using Buttons or Links to Invoke Functionality"](#).

## 18.2 Using Buttons and Links for Navigation

Buttons and links in ADF Faces include the command components `commandButton`, `commandLink`, and `commandImageLink`, as well as the go components `goButton`, `goImageLink`, and `goLink`. The main difference between command components and go components is that while command components submit requests and fire `ActionEvent` events, go components navigate directly to another location without delivering an action. Visually, the rendered command and go components look the same, as shown in [Figure 18–16](#).

**Figure 18–1** *Command Components and Go Components*



**Tip:** ADF Faces also provides specialized command components that can be used inside menus and toolbars. For more information, see [Chapter 14, "Using Menus, Toolbars, and Toolboxes"](#).

The `commandImageLink` and `goImageLink` components render images as links, along with optional text, as shown in [Figure 18–2](#). You can determine the position of the image relative to the optional text by setting a value for the `iconPosition` attribute. In addition, you can set different icons for when the user hovers over an icon, or the icon is depressed or disabled.



**Figure 18–2** Command Image Link and Go Image Link

ADF Faces also includes a toolbar button that provides additional functionality, such as a popup facet that can open popup menus from a toolbar button. For more information, see [Section 14.3, "Using Toolbars"](#).

You can configure your application to allow end users invoke a browser's context menu when they right-click a command component that renders a link. End users who right-click the link rendered by a command component may use a browser's context menu to invoke an action that you do not want them to invoke (for example, open the link in a new window). For more information, see [Section 18.3, "Configuring a Browser's Context Menu for Command Links."](#)

You can show a warning message to users if the page that they attempt to navigate away from contains uncommitted data. Add the `checkUncommittedDataBehavior` component as a child to command components that have their `immediate` attribute set to `true`. If the user chooses not to navigate, the client event will be cancelled. You can add the `checkUncommittedDataBehavior` component as a child to the following components:

- `af:commandButton`
- `af:commandLink`
- `af:commandImageLink`
- `af:commandToolbarButton`
- `af:activeCommandToolbarButton`

For the warning message to appear to end users, the page must contain uncommitted data and you must have also set the document tag's `uncommittedDataWarning` attribute to `on`, as described in [Section 8.2.5, "How to Configure the document Tag."](#)

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**Note:** A warning message may also appear for uncommitted data if you set the document tag's `uncommittedDataWarning` tag to on and your page renders an ADF Controller bounded task flow that is configured as `critical`, as described in the "How to Enable Implicit Save Points" section of the *Oracle Fusion Middleware Fusion Developer's Guide for Oracle Application Development Framework*.

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## 18.2.1 How to Use Command Buttons and Command Links

Typically, you use `commandButton`, `commandLink`, and `commandImageLink` components to perform page navigation and to execute any server-side processing.

### To create and use command components:

1. Create a `commandButton` component by dragging and dropping a **Button** from the Component Palette to the JSF page. Create a `commandLink` component by dragging and dropping a **Link**. Create a `commandImageLink` component by dragging and dropping an **Image Link**.
2. In the Property Inspector, expand the **Common** section and set the `text` attribute.

**Tip:** Alternatively, you can use the `textAndAccessKey` attribute to provide a single value that defines the label along with the access key to use for the button or link. For information about how to define access keys, see [Section 22.3.4, "How to Define Access Keys for an ADF Faces Component"](#)

3. Set the `icon` attribute to the URI of the image file you want to use for inside a `commandButton` or `commandImageLink` component (this is not supported for `commandLink`). For a `commandImageLink` component, you can also set the `hoverIcon`, `disabledIcon`, and `depressedIcon` attributes.

**Tip:** You can use either the `text` attribute (or `textAndAccessKey` attribute) or the `icon` attribute, or both.

4. Set the `action` attribute to an outcome string or to a method expression that refers to a backing bean action method that returns a logical outcome `String`. For more information about configuring the navigation between pages, see [Section 2.3, "Defining Page Flows"](#).

The default JSF `ActionListener` mechanism uses the outcome string to select the appropriate JSF navigation rule, and tells the JSF `NavigationHandler` what page to use for the Render Response phase. For more information about using managed bean methods to open dialogs, see [Chapter 13, "Using Popup Dialogs, Menus, and Windows"](#). For more information about outcome strings and navigation in JSF applications, see the Java EE 6 tutorial at <http://download.oracle.com/javaee/index.html>.

**Tip:** The `actionListener` attribute can also be used for navigation when bound to a handler that returns an outcome. Usually, you should use this attribute only to handle user interface logic and not navigation.

For example, in the File Explorer application, the **Search** button in Search panel does not navigate anywhere. Instead, it is used to perform a search. It has the following value for its `actionListener` attribute:

```
actionListener="#{explorer.navigatorManager.searchNavigator.  
searchForFileItem}"
```

This expression evaluates to a method that actually performs the search.

5. Expand the **Behavior** section and set the `disabled` attribute to `true` if you want to show the component as a non-interactive button or link.
6. Set the `partialSubmit` attribute to `true` to fire a partial page request each time the component is activated. For more information, see [Section 7.2, "Enabling Partial Page Rendering Declaratively"](#).
7. Set the `immediate` attribute to `true` if you want skip the Process Validations and Update Model phases. The component's action listeners (if any), and the default JSF `ActionListener` handler are executed at the end of the Apply Request Values phase of the JSF lifecycle. For more information, see [Section 4.2, "Using the Immediate Attribute"](#).
8. Optionally, if you set the `immediate` attribute to `true` as described in step 7, you can add the `af:checkUncommittedDataBehavior` component as a child to the command component to display a warning message to the user if the page contains uncommitted data. Drag the **Check Uncommitted Data Behavior** from the Behavior section of the Operations panel in the Component Palette and drop it as a child of the command component you added in step 1.

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**Note:** You must have also set the document tag's `uncommittedDataWarning` attribute to `on`, as described in [Section 8.2.5, "How to Configure the document Tag."](#)

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Command buttons and links can also be used to open secondary windows through these attributes: `useWindow`, `windowHeight`, `windowWidth`, `launchListener`, and `returnListener`. For information about opening secondary windows, see [Chapter 18, "Working with Navigation Components"](#).

## 18.2.2 How to Use Go Buttons and Go Links

You use the `goButton`, `goImageLink`, and `goLink` components to perform direct page navigation, without delivering an `ActionEvent` event.

### To create and use go buttons and go links:

1. Create a `goButton` component by dragging and dropping a **Go Button** from the Component Palette to the JSF page. Create a `goLink` component by dragging and dropping a **Go Link**. Create a `goImageLink` component by dragging and dropping a **Go Image Link**.

2. In the Property Inspector, expand the **Common** section and set the `text` attribute if you created a `goButton` or `goLink` component. If you created a `goImageLink` component, you set the `text` attribute in the **Other** section.

**Tip:** Instead, you can use the `textAndAccessKey` attribute to provide a single value that defines the label and the access key to use for the button or link. For information about how to define access keys, see [Section 22.3.4, "How to Define Access Keys for an ADF Faces Component"](#)

3. Set the `icon` attribute to the URI of the image file you want to use for inside a `goButton` or `goImageLink` component (not supported for `goLink`). For a `goImageLink` component, you can also set the `hoverIcon`, `disabledIcon`, `depressedIcon`, and `iconPosition` attributes.

The `iconPosition` attribute supports two values: `leading` (default) and `trailing`. Set to `leading` to render the icon before the text. Set to `trailing` to render the icon after the text.

**Tip:** You can use either the `text` attribute (or `textAndAccessKey` attribute) or the `icon` attribute, or both.

4. Set the `destination` attribute to the URI of the page to which the link should navigate.

For example, in the File Explorer application, the `goLink` component in the `popups.jspx` file has the following EL expression set for its `destination` attribute:

```
destination="http://www.oracle.com"
```

5. Set the `targetFrame` attribute to specify where the new page should display. Acceptable values are:
  - `_blank`: The link opens the document in a new window.
  - `_parent`: The link opens the document in the window of the parent. For example, if the link appeared in a dialog, the resulting page would render in the parent window.
  - `_self`: The link opens the document in the same page or region.
  - `_top`: The link opens the document in a full window, replacing the entire page.
6. Expand the **Behavior** section and set the `disabled` attribute to `true` if you want to show the component as a non-interactive button or link. You set the `disabled` attribute for the `goImageLink` component in the **Other** section.

## 18.3 Configuring a Browser's Context Menu for Command Links

The command components that render links at runtime allow your end users to invoke actions. In addition you can configure your application so that the ADF Faces framework allows the end user's browser to render a context menu for these command components. The context menu may present menu options that invoke a different action (for example, open a link in a new window) to that specified by the command component. The components for which you can configure this behavior include the following:

- `af:commandLink`

- `af:commandImageLink`
- `af:commandMenuItem` (stand-alone or within an `af:menuBar` component)
- `af:commandNavigationItem` if no value is specified for the destination attribute, the ADF Faces framework enables the browser context menu in the following scenarios:
  - For the two anchors that `af:commandNavigationItem` renders when inside an `af:train` component
  - When an `af:commandNavigationItem` renders inside an `af:breadcrumbs` component
  - When an `af:commandNavigationItem` renders inside an `af:navigationPane` component (any `hint-tabs`, `bar`, `buttons`, `choice`, `list`)
- `af:panelTabbed`: the tabs and overflow indicators
- `af:panelAccordion`: the disclosure link and overflow indicators

You cannot configure this behavior for components that specify a destination and do not invoke an action. Examples of these components include the following:

- `af:goLink`
- `af:goImageLink`
- `af:commandNavigationItem` where you specify a value for the destination attribute and no value for the action attribute

### 18.3.1 How to Configure a Browser's Context Menu for Command Links

Set the value of the `oracle.adf.view.rich.ACTION_LINK_BROWSER_CONTEXT_SUPPRESSION` context parameter in your application's `web.xml` file to `no`.

#### Before you begin:

It may help to understand what command components you can configure this functionality for. For more information, [Section 18.3, "Configuring a Browser's Context Menu for Command Links."](#)

#### To configure a browser's context menu for a command link:

1. In the Application Navigator, double-click `web.xml` to open the file.  
By default, JDeveloper opens the `web.xml` file in the Overview editor.
2. In the Context Initialization Parameters table, add an entry for the `oracle.adf.view.rich.ACTION_LINK_BROWSER_CONTEXT_SUPPRESSION` parameter and set it to `no`.
3. Save and close the `web.xml` file.

### 18.3.2 What Happens When You Configure a Browser's Context Menu for Command Links

If you followed the procedure outlined in [Section 18.3, "Configuring a Browser's Context Menu for Command Links,"](#) JDeveloper writes a value to the `web.xml` file, as shown in [Example 18-1](#).

#### Example 18-1 Context Parameter to Configure a Browser's Context Menu

```
<context-param>
```

```

<param-name>oracle.adf.view.rich.ACTION_LINK_BROWSER_CONTEXT_SUPPRESSION</param-name>
<param-value>no</param-value>
</context-param>

```

For more information about ADF Faces configuration options in your application's `web.xml` file, see [Section A.2, "Configuration in web.xml."](#)

At runtime, end users can invoke a browser's context menu by right-clicking on the links rendered by certain components, as described in [Section 18.3, "Configuring a Browser's Context Menu for Command Links."](#)

## 18.4 Using Buttons or Links to Invoke Functionality

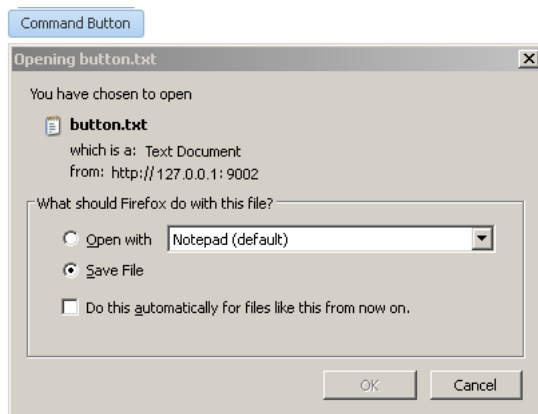
In addition to using command components for navigation, ADF Faces also includes listener tags that you can use in conjunction with command components to have specific functionality execute when the action event fires. Listener tags included with ADF Faces include:

- `exportCollectionActionListener`: Use to export data from an ADF Faces application to an Excel spreadsheet. For more information, see [Section 10.11, "Exporting Data from Table, Tree, or Tree Table"](#).
- `fileDownloadActionListener`: Use to initiate a file download from the server to the local computer. For more information, see [Section 18.4.1, "How to Use a Command Component to Download Files"](#).
- `resetActionListener`: Use to reset submitted values. However, no data model states will be altered. For more information, see [Section 18.4.2, "How to Use a Command Component to Reset Input Fields"](#). If you want to reset the input components to their previous state, which was partially or fully submitted successfully to the server, then you can use a reset button. For more information, see [Section 9.2.3, "How to Add a Reset Button to a Form"](#).

### 18.4.1 How to Use a Command Component to Download Files

You can create a way for users to download files by creating an action component such as a command button and associating it with a `fileDownloadActionListener` tag. When the user selects or clicks the action component, a popup dialog is displayed that allows the user to select different download options, as shown in [Figure 18–3](#).

**Figure 18–3** File Download Dialog



The `fileDownloadActionListener` tag is used declaratively to allow an action component such as command button, command link, or menu item to programmatically send the contents of a file to the user. You can also declare a specific content type or file name. Because file download must be processed with an ordinary request instead of the XMLHttpRequest AJAX requests, the parent component's `partialSubmit` attribute, if supported, must be set to `false`.

**Tip:** For information about uploading a file to the server, see [Section 9.9, "Using File Upload"](#).

After the content has been sent to the browser, how that content is displayed or saved depends on the option selected in the dialog. If the **Open with** option was selected, the application associated with that file type will be invoked to display the content. For example, a text file may result in the Notepad application being started. If the **Save to Disk** option was selected, depending on the browser, a popup dialog may appear to select a file name and a location in which to store the content.

[Example 18-2](#) shows the tags of a command button with the `fileDownloadActionListener` tag to download the file content `Hi there!` to the user.

**Example 18-2 File Download Using Command Button and `fileDownloadActionListener` Tag**

```
<af:commandButton value="Say Hello">
  <af:fileDownloadActionListener filename="hello.txt"
    contentType="text/plain; charset=utf-8"
    method="#{bean.sayHello}"/>
</af:commandButton>
```

[Example 18-3](#) shows the managed bean method used to process the file download.

**Example 18-3 Managed Bean Method Used to Process File Download**

```
public void sayHello(FacesContext context, OutputStream out) throws IOException
{
    OutputStreamWriter w = new OutputStreamWriter(out, "UTF-8");
    w.write("Hi there!");
    . . .
}
```

**To create a file download mechanism:**

1. From the Component Palette, drag and drop any action component to your page (for more information about action components, see [Section 18.2, "Using Buttons and Links for Navigation"](#)).
2. Expand the **Operations** section of the Component Palette, and drag and drop the **File Download Action Listener** tag as a child to the action component.
3. In the Property Inspector set the following attributes:
  - `contentType`: Specify the MIME type of the file, for example `text/plain`, `text/csv`, `application/pdf`, and so on.
  - `filename`: Specify the proposed file name for the object. When the file name is specified, a Save File dialog will typically be displayed, though this is ultimately up to the browser. If the name is not specified, the content will typically be displayed inline in the browser, if possible.



- **method:** Specify the method that will be used to download the file contents. The method takes two arguments, a `FacesContext` object and an `OutputStream` object. The `OutputStream` object will be automatically closed, so the sole responsibility of this method is to write all bytes to the `OutputStream` object.

For example, the code for a command button would be similar to the following:

```
<af:commandButton text="Load File">
  <af:fileDownloadActionListener contentType="text/plain"
    filename="MyFile.txt"
    method="#(mybean.LoadMyFile)" />
</af:commandButton>
```

## 18.4.2 How to Use a Command Component to Reset Input Fields

You can use the `resetActionListener` tag in conjunction with a command component to reset input values. All values will be returned to null or empty. If you want to reset the input components to their previous state, which was partially or fully submitted successfully to the server, then you should use a reset button. For more information, see [Section 9.2.3, "How to Add a Reset Button to a Form"](#).

### To use the reset tag:

1. Create a command component as documented in [Section 18.2, "Using Buttons and Links for Navigation"](#).
2. Drag and drop a **Reset Action Listener** from the Component Palette as a child to the command component.

## 18.5 Using Navigation Items for a Page Hierarchy

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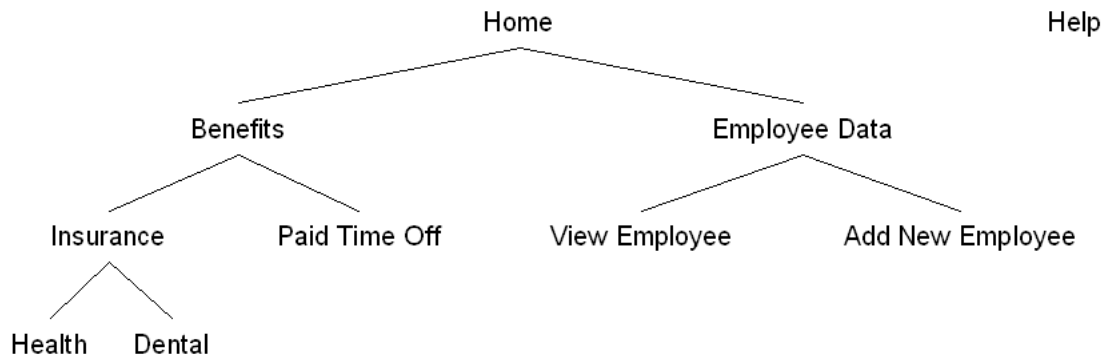
**Note:** If your application uses the Fusion technology stack with the ADF Controller, then you should use ADF task flows and an `XMLMenuModel` implementation to create the navigation system for your application page hierarchy. For details, see the "Creating a Page Hierarchy" section of the *Oracle Fusion Middleware Fusion Developer's Guide for Oracle Application Development Framework*.

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An application may consist of pages that are related and organized in a tree-like hierarchy, where users gain access to specific information on a page by drilling down a path of links. For example, [Figure 18–4](#) shows a simple page hierarchy with three levels of nodes under the top-level node, Home. The top-level node represents the root parent page; the first-level nodes, Benefits and Employee Data, represent parent pages that contain general information for second-level child nodes (such as Insurance and View Employee) that contain more specific information; the Insurance node is also a parent node, which contains general information for third-level child nodes, Health and Dental. Each node in a page hierarchy (except the root Home node) can be a parent and a child node at the same time, and each node in a page hierarchy corresponds to a page.



**Figure 18–4** Benefits and Employee Page Hierarchy

Navigation in a page hierarchy follows the parent-child links. For example, to view Health information, the user would start drilling from the Benefits page, then move to the Insurance page where two choices are presented, one of which is Health. The path of selected links starting from Home and ending at Health is known as the *focus path* in the tree.

In addition to direct parent-child navigation, some cross-level or cross-parent navigation is also possible. For example, from the Dental page, users can jump to the Paid Time Off page on the second level, and to the Benefits page or the Employee Data page on the first level.

As shown in [Figure 18–4](#), the Help node, which is not linked to any other node in the hierarchy but is on the same level as the top-level Home node, is a global node. Global nodes represent global pages (such as a Help page) that can be accessed from any page in the hierarchy.

Typical widgets used in a web user interface for a page hierarchy are tabs, bars, lists, and global links, all of which can be created by using the `navigationPane` component. [Figure 18–5](#) shows the hierarchy illustrated in [Figure 18–4](#), as rendered using the `navigationPane` and other components.

Figure 18–5 Rendered Benefits and Employee Pages



In general, tabs are used as first-level nodes, as shown in Figure 18–5, where there are tabs for the Benefits and Employee Detail pages. Second-level nodes, such as Insurance and Paid Time Off are usually rendered as bars, and third-level nodes, such as Health and Dental are usually rendered as lists. However, you may use tabs for both first- and second-level nodes. Global links (which represent global nodes) are rendered as text links. In Figure 18–5, the Home and Help global links are rendered as text links.

One `navigationPane` component corresponds to one level of nodes, whether they are first-, second-, or third-level nodes, or global nodes. Regardless of the type of navigation items the `navigationPane` component is configured to render for a level, you always use the `commandNavigationItem` component to represent each item within the `navigationPane` component.

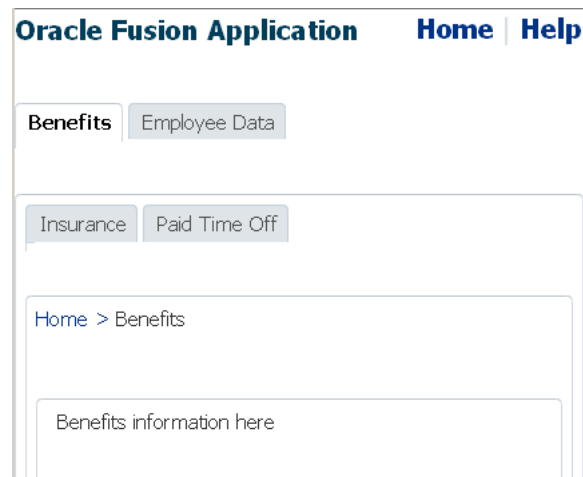
The `navigationPane` component simply renders tabs, bars, lists, and global links for navigation. To achieve the positioning and visual styling of the page background, as shown in Figure 18–10 and Figure 18–11, you use the `decorativeBox` component as the parent to the first level `navigationPane` component. The `decorativeBox` component uses themes and skinning keys to control the borders and colors of its different facets. For example, if you use the default theme, the `decorativeBox` component body is white and the border is blue, and the top-left corner is rounded. If you use the medium theme, the body is a medium blue. For information about using themes and skins, see Chapter 20, "Customizing the Appearance Using Styles and Skins".

**Tip:** Because creating a page hierarchy requires that each page in the hierarchy use the same layout and look and feel, consider using a template to determine where the navigation components should be placed and how they should be styled. For more information, see Section 19.3, "Using Page Templates".

For each page of simpler hierarchies, you first use a series of `navigationPane` components to represent each level of the hierarchy. Then you add `commandNavigationItem` components as direct children of the `navigationPane` components for each of links for each level. For example, to create the Health insurance page as shown in Figure 18–5, you would first use a `navigationPane` component for each level displayed on the page, in this case it would be four: one for

the global links, one for the first-level nodes, one for the second-level nodes, and one for the third-level nodes. You would then need to add `commandNavigationItem` components as children to each of the `navigationPane` components to represent the individual links. If instead you were creating the Benefits page, as shown in [Figure 18–6](#), you would create only three `navigationPane` components (one each for the global, first, and second levels), and then create just the `commandNavigationItem` components for the links seen from this page.

**Figure 18–6** *First-Level Page*



As you can see, with large hierarchies, this process can be very time consuming and error prone. Instead of creating each of the separate `commandNavigationItem` components on each page, for larger hierarchies you can use an `XMLMenuModel` implementation and managed beans to dynamically generate the navigation items on the pages. The `XMLMenuModel` class, in conjunction with a metadata file, contains all the information for generating the appropriate number of hierarchical levels on each page, and the navigation items that belong to each level. Instead of using multiple `commandNavigationItem` components within each `navigationPane` component and marking the current items as selected on each page, you declaratively bind each `navigationPane` component to the same `XMLMenuModel` implementation, and use one `commandNavigationItem` component in the `nodeStamp` facet to provide the navigation items. The `commandNavigationItem` component acts as a stamp for `navigationPane` component, stamping out navigation items for nodes (at every level) held in the `XMLMenuModel` object. The JSF navigation model, through the default `ActionListener` mechanism, is used to choose the page to navigate to when users select a navigation item. For more information about the menu model, see [Section 18.6, "Using a Menu Model to Create a Page Hierarchy"](#).

On any page, to show the user's current position in relation to the entire page hierarchy, you use the `breadcrumbs` component with a series of `commandNavigationItem` components or one `commandNavigationItem` component as a `nodeStamp`, to provide a path of links from the current page back to the root page (that is, the current nodes in the focus path).

For more information about creating a navigational hierarchy using the `XMLMenuModel`, see [Section 18.6, "Using a Menu Model to Create a Page Hierarchy"](#). For more information about manually creating a navigational hierarchy, see [Section 18.7, "Creating a Simple Navigational Hierarchy"](#).

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**Note:** If you want to create menus that can be used to cause some sort of change in an application (for example, a File menu that contains the commands Open and Delete), then see [Chapter 14, "Using Menus, Toolbars, and Toolboxes"](#).

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## 18.6 Using a Menu Model to Create a Page Hierarchy

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**Note:** If your application uses the Fusion technology stack or the ADF Controller, then you should use ADF task flows and an `XMLMenuModel` implementation to create the navigation system for your application page hierarchy. For details, see the "Creating a Page Hierarchy" section of the *Oracle Fusion Middleware Fusion Developer's Guide for Oracle Application Development Framework*.

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[Section 18.5, "Using Navigation Items for a Page Hierarchy"](#) describes how you can create a navigation menu for a very simple page hierarchy using `navigationPane` components with multiple `commandNavigationItem` children components. Using the same method for more complex page hierarchies would be time consuming and error prone. It is inefficient and tedious to manually insert and configure individual `commandNavigationItem` components within `navigationPane` and `breadCrumbs` components on several JSF pages to create all the available items for enabling navigation. It is also difficult to maintain the proper selected status of each item, and to deduce and keep track of the breadcrumb links from the current page back to the root page.

For more complex page hierarchies (and even for simple page hierarchies), a more efficient method of creating a navigation menu is to use a menu model. A *menu model* is a special kind of tree model. A *tree model* is a collection of rows indexed by row keys. In a tree, the current row can contain child rows (for more information about a tree model, see [Section 10.5, "Displaying Data in Trees"](#)). A menu model is a tree model that knows how to retrieve the `rowKey` of the node that has the current focus (the *focus node*). The menu model has no special knowledge of page navigation and places no requirements on the nodes that go into the tree.

The `XMLMenuModel` class creates a menu model from a navigation tree model. But `XMLMenuModel` class has additional methods that enable you to define the hierarchical tree of navigation in XML metadata. Instead of needing to create Java classes and configuring many managed beans to define and create the menu model (as you would if you used one of the other ADF Faces menu model classes), you create one or more `XMLMenuModel` metadata files that contain all the node information needed for `XMLMenuModel` class to create the menu model.

**Performance Tip:** Using the `navigationPane` component with the menu model results in a full page refresh every time the user switches the tab. Instead, you can use the `panelTabbed` component (see [Section 8.11, "Displaying or Hiding Contents in Panels"](#)). This component has built-in support for partial page rendering of the tabbed content. However, it cannot bind to any navigational model and the whole content must be available from within the page, so it has limited applicability.

To create a page hierarchy using a menu model, you do the following:

- Create the JSF navigation rule and navigation cases for the page hierarchy and then create the `XMLMenuModel` metadata. See [Section 18.6.1, "How to Create the Menu Model Metadata"](#).
- Configure the managed bean for the `XMLMenuModel` class. The application uses the managed bean to build the hierarchy. This configuration is automatically done for you when you use the Create ADF Menu Model dialog in JDeveloper to create the `XMLMenuModel` metadata file. See [Section 18.6.2, "What Happens When You Use the Create ADF Menu Model Wizard"](#).
- Create a JSF page for each of the hierarchical nodes (including any global nodes).
 

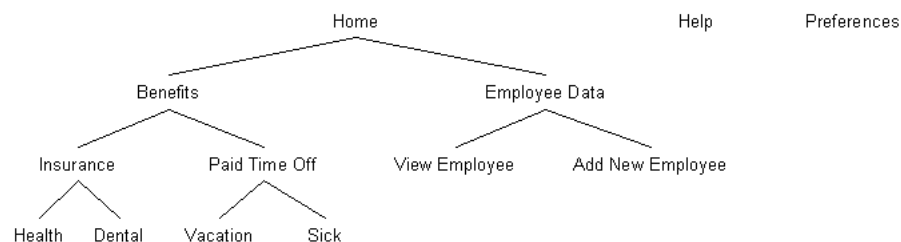
**Tip:** Typically, you would use a page template that contains a facet for each level of items (including global items and breadcrumbs) to create each JSF page. For example, the `navigationPane` component representing global items might be wrapped in a facet named `navigationGlobal`, and the `navigationPane` component representing first level tabs might be wrapped in a `navigation1` facet. For information about creating page templates, see [Chapter 19, "Creating and Reusing Fragments, Page Templates, and Components"](#).
- On each page, bind the `navigationPane` and `breadCrumbs` components to the `XMLMenuModel` class. See [Section 18.6.3, "How to Bind to the XMLMenuModel in the JSF Page"](#) and [Section 18.6.4, "How to Use the breadCrumbs Component"](#).

## 18.6.1 How to Create the Menu Model Metadata

The `XMLMenuModel` metadata file is a representation of a navigation menu for a page hierarchy in XML format. In the `XMLMenuModel` metadata file, the entire page hierarchy is described within the `menu` element, which is the root element of the file. Every `XMLMenuModel` metadata file is required to have a `menu` element and only one `menu` element is allowed.

The remaining nodes in the hierarchy can be made up of item nodes, group nodes, and shared nodes. Item nodes represent navigable nodes (or pages) in the hierarchy. For example, say you wanted to build the hierarchy as depicted in [Figure 18–7](#).

**Figure 18–7 Sample Page Hierarchy**



If you wanted each node in the hierarchy to have its own page to which a user can navigate, then you would create an item node in the metadata for each page. You nest the children nodes inside the parent node to create the hierarchy. However, say you did not need a page for the Employee Data node, but instead wanted the user to navigate directly to the View Employee page. You would then use a group node to represent the Employee Data page and use the group node's `idref` attribute to reference the page that opens (the View Employee page) when an end user clicks the

Employee Data tab. The *group* node allows you to retain the hierarchy without needing to create pages for nodes that are simply aggregates for their children nodes.

You can also nest menu models using the shared nodes. This approach is recommended where you have sub trees in the hierarchy (for example, the Benefits tree) as it makes the page hierarchy easier to maintain. For example, you might create the entire Benefits tree as its own model so that it could be reused across an application. Instead of creating the nodes for each use, you could instead create the nodes once as a separate menu and then within the different hierarchies, use a shared node to reference the Benefits menu model.

[Example 18-4](#) shows an `XMLMenuModel` metadata file for defining a page hierarchy illustrated in [Figure 18-7](#).

#### **Example 18-4 XMLMenuModel Metadata File Sample**

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="windows-1252" ?>
<menu xmlns="http://myfaces.apache.org/trinidad/menu">
  <itemNode id="Home" focusViewId="/home.jspx" label="Home" action="goHome">
    <itemNode id="benefits" focusViewId="/benefits.jspx" action="goBene"
      label="Benefits">
      <itemNode id="insurance" focusViewId="/insurance.jspx" action="goIns"
        label="Insurance">
        <itemNode id="health" focusViewId="/health.jspx" action="goHealth"
          label="Health"/>
        <itemNode id="dental" focusViewId="/dental.jspx" action="goDental"
          label="Dental"/>
        </itemNode>
      <itemNode id="pto" focusViewId="/pto.jspx" action="goPto"
        label="Paid Time Off">
        <itemNode id="vacation" focusViewId="/vacation.jspx"
          action="goVacation" label="Vacation"/>
        <itemNode id="sick" focusViewId="/sick.jspx" action="goSick"
          label="Sick Pay"/>
        </itemNode>
      </itemNode>
    <groupNode id="empData" idref="newEmp" label="Employee Data">
      <itemNode id="newEmp" focusViewId="/createemp.jspx" action="goCreate"
        label="Create New Employee"/>
      <itemNode id="viewdata" focusViewId="/viewdata.jspx" action="goView"
        label="View Data"/>
    </groupNode>
  </itemNode>
  <itemNode id="Help" focusViewId="/globalhelp.jspx" action="goHelp"
    label="Help"/>
  <itemNode id="Preferences" focusViewId="/preferences.jspx" action="goPref"
    label="Preferences"/>
</menu>
```

Within the root menu element, global nodes are any types of nodes that are direct children of the menu element; in other words, the first level of elements under the menu element are global nodes. For example, the code in [Example 18-4](#) shows three global nodes, namely, Home, Help, and Preferences. Within a first-level child node, nodes can be nested to provide more levels of navigation. For example, the code in [Example 18-4](#) shows two second-level nodes under Home, namely, Benefits and Employee Data. Within Benefits, there are two third-level nodes, Insurance and Paid Time Off, and so on.

JDeveloper simplifies creating metadata for an `XMLMenuModel` class by providing the Create ADF Menu Model wizard.

**To create the XMLMenuModel metadata:**

1. Create one global JSF navigation rule that has the navigation cases for all the nodes in the page hierarchy.

For example, the page hierarchy shown in [Figure 18–4](#) has 10 nodes, including the global Help node. Thus, you would create 10 navigation cases within one global navigation rule in the `faces-config.xml` file, as shown in [Example 18–5](#).

For each navigation case, specify a unique outcome string, and the path to the JSF page that should be displayed when the navigation system returns an outcome value that matches the specified string.

**Example 18–5 Global Navigation Rule for a Page Hierarchy in `faces-config.xml`**

```
<navigation-rule>
  <navigation-case>
    <from-outcome>goHome</from-outcome>
    <to-view-id>/home.jsp</to-view-id>
  </navigation-case>
  <navigation-case>
    <from-outcome>goHelp</from-outcome>
    <to-view-id>/globalhelp.jsp</to-view-id>
  </navigation-case>
  <navigation-case>
    <from-outcome>goEmp</from-outcome>
    <to-view-id>/empdata.jsp</to-view-id>
  </navigation-case>
  <navigation-case>
    <from-outcome>goBene</from-outcome>
    <to-view-id>/benefits.jsp</to-view-id>
  </navigation-case>
  <navigation-case>
    <from-outcome>goIns</from-outcome>
    <to-view-id>/insurance.jsp</to-view-id>
  </navigation-case>
  <navigation-case>
    <from-outcome>goPto</from-outcome>
    <to-view-id>/pto.jsp</to-view-id>
  </navigation-case>
  <navigation-case>
    <from-outcome>goView</from-outcome>
    <to-view-id>/viewdata.jsp</to-view-id>
  </navigation-case>
  <navigation-case>
    <from-outcome>goCreate</from-outcome>
    <to-view-id>/createemp.jsp</to-view-id>
  </navigation-case>
  <navigation-case>
    <from-outcome>goHealth</from-outcome>
    <to-view-id>/health.jsp</to-view-id>
  </navigation-case>
  <navigation-case>
    <from-outcome>goDental</from-outcome>
    <to-view-id>/dental.jsp</to-view-id>
  </navigation-case>
  ...
</navigation-rule>
```

For more information about creating navigation cases in JDeveloper, see [Section 2.3, "Defining Page Flows"](#).



- In the Application Navigator, locate the project where you wish to create the XMLMenuModel metadata file. Under the project's **Web Content - WEB-INF** folder, right-click the `faces-config.xml` file, and choose **Create ADF Menu** from the context menu.

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**Note:** If your application uses ADF Controller, then this menu option will not be available to you. You need to instead use a bounded task flow to create the hierarchy. See the "Creating a Page Hierarchy" section of the *Oracle Fusion Middleware Fusion Developer's Guide for Oracle Application Development Framework*.

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- In the Create ADF Menu Model dialog, enter a file name for the XMLMenuModel metadata file, for example, `root_menu`.
- Enter a directory for the metadata file. By default, JDeveloper will save the XMLMenuModel metadata file in the `WEB-INF` directory of the application.

When you click **OK**, JDeveloper automatically does the following for you:

- Creates a managed bean for the model in the `faces-config.xml` file, using the name specified in Step 3 for the managed bean name.
- Sets the value of the managed bean's `source` managed property to the XMLMenuModel metadata file, specified in Step 3, for example, `/WEB-INF/root_menu.xml`.
- Displays the source file (that is, `/WEB-INF/root_menu.xml`) as a blank XMLMenuModel metadata file in the source editor, as shown in [Example 18-6](#).

**Example 18-6 Blank XMLMenuModel Metadata File**

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="windows-1252" ?>
<menu xmlns="http://myfaces.apache.org/trinidad/menu"></menu>
```

For more information about the managed bean configuration JDeveloper automatically adds for you, see [Section 18.6.2, "What Happens When You Use the Create ADF Menu Model Wizard"](#).

- Select the **menu** node in the Structure window and enter the appropriate information in the Property Inspector.

[Table 18-1](#) shows the attributes you can specify for the menu element.

**Table 18-1 Menu Element Attributes**

Attribute	Description
<code>resourceBundle</code>	Optional. This is the resource bundle to use for the labels (visible text) of the navigation items at runtime. For example, <code>org.apache.myfaces.demo.xmlmenuDemo.resource.MenuBundle</code> .
<code>var</code>	If using a resource bundle, specify an ID to use to reference the bundle in EL expressions for navigation item labels. For example, <code>#{bundle.somelabel}</code> . See <a href="#">Example 18-7</a> for a sample XMLMenuModel metadata file that uses a resource bundle.
<code>xmlns</code>	Required. Set to <code>http://myfaces.apache.org/trinidad/menu</code>

[Example 18-7](#) shows sample XMLMenuModel metadata code that uses EL expressions to access a resource bundle for the navigation item labels.



**Example 18–7 XMLMenuModel Using Resource Bundle**

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="windows-1252" ?>
<menu xmlns="http://myfaces.apache.org/trinidad/menu"
      resourceBundle="org.apache.myfaces.demo.xmlmenuDemo.resource.MenuBundle"
      var="bundle">
  <itemNode id="in1" label="#{bundle.somelabel1}" ../>
  <itemNode id="in2" label="#{bundle.somelabel2}" ../>
</menu>
```

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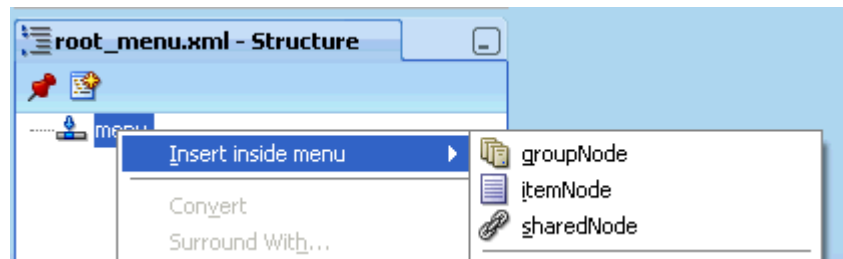
**Note:** When you use a `sharedNode` element to create a submenu and you use resource bundles for the navigation item labels, it is quite possible that the shared menu model will use the same value for the `var` attribute on the root menu element. The `XMLMenuModel` class handles this possibility during parsing by ensuring that each resource bundle is assigned a unique hash key.

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For more information about using resource bundles, see [Chapter 21, "Internationalizing and Localizing Pages"](#).

6. In the Structure window, add the desired elements for the nodes in your hierarchy, using `itemNode`, `groupNode`, or `sharedNode` as needed. To begin, right-click **menu** and choose **Insert inside menu**, and then choose the desired element from the context menu, as shown in [Figure 18–8](#).

**Figure 18–8 Context Menu for Inserting Elements into Menu**



The elements can be one of the following:

- `itemNode`: Specifies a node that performs navigation upon user selection.
- `groupNode`: Groups child components; the `groupNode` itself does no navigation. Child nodes node can be `itemNode` or another `groupNode`.

For example, say you did not need a page for the Employee Data node, but instead, wanted the user to navigate directly to the View Employee page. You would then use a group node to represent the Employee Data page by specifying the `id` attribute of the desired child node as a value for the group node's `idref` attribute. The group node allows you to retain the hierarchy without needing to create pages for nodes that are simply aggregates for their children nodes.

- `sharedNode`: References another `XMLMenuModel` instance. A `sharedNode` element is not a true node; it does not perform navigation nor does it render anything on its own.

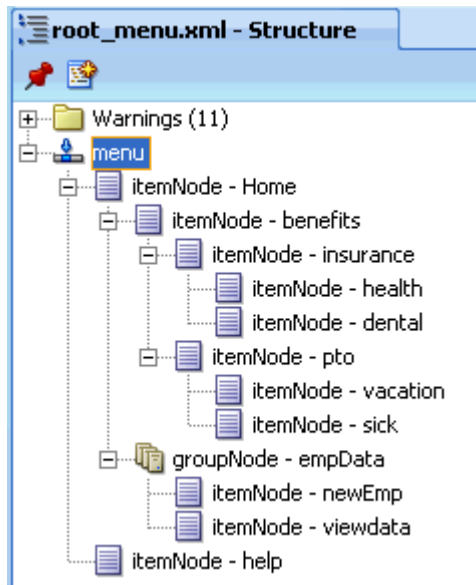
You can insert a `sharedNode` element anywhere within the hierarchy. For example, in the code shown in [Example 18–8](#), the `sharedNode` element adds a submenu on the same level as the global nodes.

**Example 18–8 SharedNode Sample Code**

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="windows-1252" ?>
<menu xmlns="http://myfaces.apache.org/trinidad/menu"
  <itemNode id="in1" label="Home" ../>
  <sharedNode ref="#{shared_menu}"/>
  <itemNode id="in6" label="Help" ../>
</menu>
```

As you build the `XMLMenuModel` metadata file, the tree structure you see in the Structure window exactly mirrors the indentation levels of the menu metadata, as shown in [Figure 18–9](#).

**Figure 18–9 Tree Structure of XMLMenuModel Metadata in Structure Window**



- For each element used to create a node, set the properties in the Property Inspector, as described in [Table 18–2](#) for `itemNode` elements, [Table 18–3](#) for `groupNode` elements, and [Table 18–4](#) for `sharedNode` elements.

**Table 18–2 itemNode Element Attributes**

Attribute	Description
<code>action</code>	Specify either an outcome string or an EL method binding expression that returns an outcome string. In either case, the outcome string must match the <code>from-outcome</code> value to the navigation case for that node as configured in the <code>faces-config.xml</code> file.

**Table 18–2 (Cont.) itemNode Element Attributes**

Attribute	Description
destination	<p>Specify the URI of the page to navigate to when the node is selected, for example, <code>http://www.oracle.com</code>. If the destination is a JSF page, the URI must begin with <code>"/faces"</code>.</p> <p>Alternatively, specify an EL method expression that evaluates to the URI.</p> <p>If both <code>action</code> and <code>destination</code> are specified, <code>destination</code> takes precedence over <code>action</code>.</p>
focusViewId	<p>Required. The URI of the page that matches the node's navigational result, that is, the <code>to-view-id</code> value of the navigation case for that node as specified in the <code>faces-config.xml</code> file.</p> <p>For example, if the action outcome of the node navigates to <code>/page_one.jspx</code> (as configured in the <code>faces-config.xml</code> file), then <code>focusViewId</code> must also be <code>/page_one.jspx</code>.</p> <p>The <code>focusViewId</code> does not perform navigation. Page navigation is the job of the <code>action</code> or <code>destination</code> attributes. The <code>focusViewId</code>, however, is required for the <code>XMLMenuModel</code> to determine the correct focus path.</p>
id	<p>Required. Specify a unique identifier for the node.</p> <p>As shown in <a href="#">Example 18–4</a>, it is good practice to use "inX" for the ID of each <code>itemNode</code>, where for example, "inX" could be <code>in1</code>, <code>in11</code>, <code>in111</code>, <code>in2</code>, <code>in21</code>, <code>in211</code>, and so on.</p>
label	<p>Specify the label text to display for the node. Can be an EL expression to a string in a resource bundle, for example, <code>#{bundle.somelabel}</code>, where <code>bundle</code> must match the root menu element's <code>var</code> attribute value.</p>

A `groupNode` element does not have the `action` or `destination` attribute that performs navigation directly, but it points to a child node that has the `action` outcome or `destination` URI, either directly by pointing to an `itemNode` child (which has the `action` or `destination` attribute), or indirectly by pointing to a `groupNode` child that will then point to one of its child nodes, and so on until an `itemNode` element is reached. Navigation will then be determined from the `action` outcome or `destination` URI of that `itemNode` element.

Consider the `groupNode` code shown in [Example 18–9](#). At runtime, when users click `groupNode id="gn1"`, or `groupNode id="gn11"`, or `itemNode id="in1"`, the navigation outcome is `"goToSubTabOne"`, as specified by the first `itemNode` reached (that is `itemNode id="id1"`). [Table 18–3](#) shows the attributes you must specify when you use a `groupNode` element.

**Example 18–9 groupNode Elements**

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="windows-1252" ?>
<menu xmlns:"http://myfaces.apache.org/trinidad/menu">
  <groupNode id="gn1" idref="gn11" label="GLOBAL_TAB_0">
    <groupNode id="gn11" idref="in1" label="PRIMARY_TAB_0">
      <itemNode id="in1" label="LEVEL2_TAB_0" action="goToSubTabOne"
        focusViewId="/menuDemo/subtab1.jspx"/>
      <itemNode id="in2" label="LEVEL2_TAB_1" action="goToSubTabTwo"
        focusViewId="/menuDemo/subtab2.jspx"/>
    </groupNode>
    <itemNode id="in3" label="PRIMARY_TAB_1" focusViewId="/menuDemo/tab2.jspx"
      destination="/faces/menuDemo/tab2.jspx"/>
  </groupNode>
</menu>
```

```

</groupNode>
<itemNode id="gin1" label="GLOBAL_TAB_1" action="goToGlobalOne"
    focusViewId="/menuDemo/global1.jspx"/>
<itemNode id="gin2" label="GLOBAL_TAB_2"
    destination="/faces/menuDemo/global2.jspx"
    focusViewId="/menuDemo/global2.jspx"/>
</menu>

```

**Table 18–3 GroupNode Element Attribute**

Attribute	Description
id	A unique identifier for the group node.  As shown in <a href="#">Example 18–4</a> , it is good practice to use gnX for the ID of each groupNode, where for example, gnX could be gn1, gn2, and so on.
idref	Specify the ID of a child node, which can be an itemNode, or another groupNode. When adding a groupNode as a child node, that child in turn can reference another groupNode and so on, but eventually an itemNode child must be referenced as the last child.  The idref attribute can contain more than one child ID, separated by spaces; the IDs are processed in the order they are listed.
label	Specify the label text to display for the group node. Can be an EL expression to a string in a resource bundle, for example, #{bundle.somelabel}.

**Table 18–4 sharedNode Element Attribute**

Attribute	Description
ref	Specify the managed bean name of another XMLMenuModel class, as configured in the faces-config.xml file, for example, #{shared_menu}.  At runtime, the referenced navigation menu is created, inserted as a submenu into the main (root) menu, and rendered.

## 18.6.2 What Happens When You Use the Create ADF Menu Model Wizard

When you use the Create ADF Menu Model wizard to create an XMLMenuModel metadata file, JDeveloper automatically configures for you a managed bean for the metadata file in the faces-config.xml file, using the metadata file name you provide as the managed bean name.

[Example 18–10](#) shows part of the faces-config.xml file that contains the configuration of one XMLMenuModel metadata file. By default, JDeveloper uses the oracle.adf.view.rich.model.MDSMenuModel class as the managed bean class, and request as the managed bean scope, which is required and cannot be changed.

**Example 18–10 Managed Bean Configuration for XMLMenuModel in faces-config.xml**

```

<managed-bean>
  <managed-bean-name>root_menu</managed-bean-name>
  <managed-bean-class>oracle.adf.view.rich.model.
    MDSMenuModel</managed-bean-class>
  <managed-bean-scope>request</managed-bean-scope>
  <managed-property>
    <property-name>createHiddenNodes</property-name>
  </managed-property>
</managed-bean>

```

```

        <value>>false</value>
    </managed-property>
    <managed-property>
        <property-name>source</property-name>
        <property-class>java.lang.String</property-class>
        <value>/WEB-INF/root_menu.xml</value>
    </managed-property>
</managed-bean>

```

In addition, the following managed properties are added by JDeveloper for each XMLMenuModel managed bean:

- `createHiddenNodes`: When `true`, specifies that the hierarchical nodes must be created even if the component's `rendered` attribute is `false`. The `createHiddenNodes` value is obtained and made available when the source menu metadata file is opened and parsed. This allows the entire hierarchy to be created, even when you do not want the actual component to be rendered.

The `createHiddenNodes` property must be placed before the `source` property, which JDeveloper does for you when the managed bean is automatically configured. The XMLMenuModel managed bean must have this value already set to properly parse and create the menu's XML metadata from the `source` managed property.

- `source`: Specifies the source metadata file to use.

For each XMLMenuModel metadata file that you create in a project using the wizard, JDeveloper configures a managed bean for it in the `faces-config.xml` file. For example, if you use a `sharedNode` element in an XMLMenuModel to reference another XMLMenuModel metadata file (as shown in [Example 18–8](#)), you would have created two metadata files. And JDeveloper would have added two managed bean configurations in the `faces-config.xml` file, one for the main (root) menu model, and a second managed bean for the shared (referenced) menu model, as shown in [Example 18–11](#).

**Example 18–11 Managed Bean for Shared Menu Model in `faces-config.xml`**

```

<!-- managed bean for referenced, shared menu model -->
<managed-bean>
    <managed-bean-name>shared_menu</managed-bean-name>
    <managed-bean-class>
        <managed-bean-class>oracle.adf.view.
            rich.model.MDSMenuModel</managed-bean-class>
    </managed-bean-class>
    <managed-bean-scope>request</managed-bean-scope>
    <managed-property>
        <property-name>createHiddenNodes</property-name>
        <value>true</value>
    </managed-property>
    <managed-property>
        <property-name>source</property-name>
        <property-class>java.lang.String</property-class>
        <value>/WEB-INF/shared_menu.xml</value>
    </managed-property>
</managed-bean>

```

This means, if you use shared nodes in your XMLMenuModel metadata file, the `faces-config.xml` file will have a root menu model managed bean, plus menu model managed beans for any menu models referenced through shared nodes.

### 18.6.3 How to Bind to the XMLMenuModel in the JSF Page

Each node in the page hierarchy corresponds to one JSF page. On each page, you use one `navigationPane` component for each level of navigation items that you have defined in your `XMLMenuModel` metadata file, including global items. Levels are defined by a zero-based index number: Starting with global nodes in the metadata file (that is, direct children nodes under the menu element as shown in [Example 18-4](#)), the level attribute value is 0 (zero), followed by 1 for the next level (typically tabs), 2 for the next level after that (typically bars), and so on. For example, if you had a page hierarchy like the one shown in [Figure 18-7](#) and [Example 18-4](#), you would use three `navigationPane` components on a page such as Home (for the three levels of navigation under the Home node), plus one more `navigationPane` component for the global nodes.

**Tip:** Because the menu model dynamically determines the hierarchy (that is, the links that appear in each `navigationPane` component) and also sets the current nodes in the focus path as selected, you can practically reuse the same code for each page. You need to change only the page's document title, and add the specific page contents to display on that page.

Because of this similar code, you can create a single page fragment that has just the facets containing the `navigationPane` components, and include that fragment in each page, where you change the page's document title and add the page contents.

As described in [Section 18.7.1, "How to Create a Simple Page Hierarchy"](#), you use the `hint` attribute to specify the type of navigation item you want to use for each hierarchical level (for example, buttons, tabs, or bar). But instead of manually adding multiple `commandNavigationItem` components yourself to provide the navigation items, you bind each `navigationPane` component to the `XMLMenuModel` managed bean, and insert only one `commandNavigationItem` component into the `nodeStamp` facet of each `navigationPane` component, as shown in [Example 18-12](#).

**Example 18-12 navigationPane Component Bound to XMLMenuModel Managed Bean**

```
<af:navigationPane var="menuNode" value="#{root_menu}" level="1"
    hint="tabs">
  <f:facet name="nodeStamp">
    <af:commandNavigationItem text="#{menuNode.label}"
        action="#{menuNode.doAction}"
        icon="#{menuNode.icon}"
        destination="#{menuNode.destination}"
        visible="#{menuNode.visible}"
        rendered="#{menuNode.rendered}"/>
  </f:facet>
</af:navigationPane>
```

The `nodeStamp` facet and its single `commandNavigationItem` component, in conjunction with the `XMLMenuModel` managed bean, are responsible for:

- Stamping out the correct number of navigation items in a level.
- Displaying the correct label text and other properties as defined in the metadata. For example, the EL expression `#{menuNode.label}` retrieves the correct label text to use for a navigation item, and `#{menuNode.doAction}` evaluates to the action outcome defined for the same item.

- Marking the current items in the focus path as selected. You should not specify the `selected` attribute at all for the `commandNavigationItem` components.

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**Note:** If there is no node information in the `XMLMenuModel` object for a particular hierarchical level (for example, level 3 lists), ADF Faces does not display those items on the page even though the page contains the `navigationPane` code for that level.

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#### To bind to the `XMLMenuModel` managed bean:

1. If you want the menu tabs to be styled, create a `decorativeBox` component by dragging and dropping a **Decorative Box** from the **Layout** section of the Component Palette to the JSF page. Set the theme to determine how you want the tabs to appear. Valid values are:
  - `default`: Body is white with a blue border. Top-left corner is rounded.
  - `light`: Body is light blue. Top-left corner is rounded.
  - `medium`: Body is medium blue. Top-left corner is rounded.
  - `dark`: Body is dark blue. Top-left corner is rounded.

You can change how the themes are displayed. For more information, see [Chapter 20, "Customizing the Appearance Using Styles and Skins"](#).

2. Create a `navigationPane` component by dragging and dropping a **Navigation Pane** from the Component Palette to the JSF page. Add a `navigationPane` component for each level of the hierarchy.

**Tip:** The Navigation Pane component can be found in the **Layout** pane of the Component Palette.

For example, to create any of the pages as shown in the hierarchy in [Figure 18–5](#), you would drag and drop four `navigationPane` components.

3. For each `navigationPane` component, in the Property Inspector, expand the **Common** section and set the `Hint` attribute to one of the following types of navigation items to determine how the `navigationPane` will display the following:
  - `bar`: Displays the navigation items separated by a bar, for example the **Insurance** and **Paid Time Off** links in [Figure 18–11](#).
  - `buttons`: Displays the navigation items separated by a bar in a global area, for example the **Home** and **Help** links in [Figure 18–11](#).
  - `choice`: Displays the navigation items in a popup list when the associated dropdown icon is clicked. You must include a value for the `navigationPane` component's `icon` attribute and you can associate a label to the dropdown list using the `title` attribute.
  - `list`: Displays the navigation items in a bulleted list, for example the **Health** and **Dental** links in [Figure 18–11](#).
  - `tabs`: Displays the navigation items as tabs, for example the **Benefits** and **Employee Data** tabs in [Figure 18–11](#).
4. Set the `level` attribute to point to the appropriate level of metadata in the `XMLMenuModel` metadata file. The `level` attribute is a zero-based index number: Starting with global nodes in the metadata file (that is, direct children nodes under the `menu` element as shown in [Example 18–4](#)), the `level` attribute value is 0 (zero),



followed by 1 for the next level (typically tabs), 2 for the next level after that (typically bars), and so on.

The `commandNavigationItem` component is able to get its metadata from the metadata file through the `level` attribute on the parent `navigationPane` component. By default, if you do not specify a `level` attribute value, 0 (zero) is used, that means the `navigationPane` component will take the metadata from the first-level under the menu element for rendering by the `commandNavigationItem` component.

5. In the Property Inspector, expand the **Data** section. Set the `value` attribute to the menu model managed bean that is configured for the root `XMLMenuModel` class in the `faces-config.xml` file.

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**Note:** The `value` attribute can reference root menu models and menu models referenced by shared nodes. If you reference a shared node in the `value` attribute, the `faces-config.xml` file needs to have a new managed bean entry with a different managed bean name than the one which is used in a root menu model definition in the menu model metadata file. This promotes the menu model of a shared node to a root menu model which can then be referred to in the `value` attribute.

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6. Set the `var` attribute to text that you will use in the `commandNavigationItem` components to get the needed data from the menu model.

As the hierarchy is created at runtime, and each node is stamped, the data for the current node is copied into the `var` attribute, which can then be addressed using an EL expression. You specify the name to use for this property in the EL expression using the `var` property.

**Tip:** You use the same value for the `var` attribute for every `navigationPane` component on the page or in the application.

7. Drag and drop a **Navigation Item** from the Component Palette to the `nodeStamp` facet of the `navigationPane` component.
8. Set the values for the remaining attributes that have corresponding values in the metadata using EL expressions that refer to the menu model (whose metadata contains that information). You access these values using the value of the `var` attribute you set for the parent `navigationPane` component in Step 6 along with the name of the corresponding `itemNode` element that holds the value in the metadata. [Table 18-5](#) shows the attributes on the navigation item that has corresponding values in the metadata.

**Table 18-5** *Navigation Item Attributes and the Associated Menu Model Attributes*

Navigation Item Attribute	Associated Menu Model Element Attribute
text	label
action	doAction
icon	icon
destination	destination
visible	visible
rendered	rendered



For example, if you had set the `var` attribute on the parent `navigationPane` component to `menuNode`, you would use `#{menuNode.doAction}` as the EL expression for the value of the `action` attribute. This would resolve to the action property set in the metadata for each node. [Example 18–13](#) shows the JSF code for binding to a menu model for the HR example.

### Example 18–13 Binding to the XML Model

```
<af:form>
  <af:navigationPane hint="buttons" level="0" value="#{root_menu}"
    var="menuNode">
    <f:facet name="nodeStamp">
      <af:commandNavigationItem text="#{menuNode.label}"
        action="#{menuNode.doAction}"
        icon="#{menuNode.icon}"
        destination="#{menuNode.destination}"/>
    </f:facet>
  </af:navigationPane>
  <af:navigationPane hint="tabs" level="1" value="#{root_menu}"
    var="menuNode">
    <f:facet name="nodeStamp">
      <af:commandNavigationItem text="#{menuNode.label}"
        action="#{menuNode.doAction}"
        icon="#{menuNode.icon}"
        destination="#{menuNode.destination}"/>
    </f:facet>
  </af:navigationPane>
  <af:navigationPane hint="bar" level="2" value="#{root_menu}"
    var="menuNode">
    <f:facet name="nodeStamp">
      <af:commandNavigationItem text="#{menuNode.label}"
        action="#{menuNode.doAction}"
        icon="#{menuNode.icon}"
        destination="#{menuNode.destination}"/>
    </f:facet>
  </af:navigationPane>
  <af:navigationPane hint="list" level="3" value="#{root_menu}"
    var="menuNode">
    <f:facet name="nodeStamp">
      <af:commandNavigationItem text="#{menuNode.label}"
        action="#{menuNode.doAction}"
        icon="#{menuNode.icon}"
        destination="#{menuNode.destination}"/>
    </f:facet>
  </af:navigationPane>
</af:form>
```

## 18.6.4 How to Use the `breadCrumbs` Component

Creating a breadcrumb using the menu model is similar to creating the page hierarchy; you use the `breadCrumbs` component with a `nodeStamp` facet that stamps a `commandNavigationItem` component with data from the model.

### To create a breadcrumb:

1. Create a `breadCrumbs` component by dragging and dropping a **Bread Crumbs** component from the Component Palette to the JSF page.

- By default, breadcrumb links are displayed in a horizontal line. To change the layout to be vertical, in the Property Inspector, expand the **Common** section and set the `orientation` attribute to `vertical`.
- In the Property Inspector, expand the **Data** section. Set the `value` attribute to the root menu model managed bean as configured in the `faces-config.xml` file. This is the same bean to which the `navigationPane` component is bound.

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**Note:** The `value` attribute should reference only a root menu model and not any menu models referenced through shared nodes. For example, if you use a shared node in your main `XMLMenuModel` element (as shown in [Example 18–8](#)), JDeveloper would have created managed bean configurations for the shared node and the root `XMLMenuModel` bean that consumes the shared model. The shared model managed bean is automatically incorporated into the root menu model managed bean as the menu tree is parsed at startup.

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- Set the `var` attribute to text that you will use in the `commandNavigationItem` components to get the needed data from the menu model.

As the hierarchy is created at runtime, and each node is stamped, the data for the current node is copied into the `var` attribute, which can then be addressed using an EL expression. You specify the name to use for this property in the EL expression using the `var` property.

**Tip:** You can use the same value for the `var` attribute for the `breadCrums` component as you did for the `navigationPane` components on the page or in the application.

- Add one `commandNavigationItem` component as a child by dragging and dropping a **Navigation Item** from the Component Palette to the `nodeStamp` facet of the `breadCrums` component.

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**Note:** The `nodeStamp` facet of the `breadCrums` component determines what links appear according to the menu model that you specify for the `value` attribute of the `breadCrums` component. If you do not specify the menu model you want to render for the `value` attribute of the `breadCrums` component, no links appear at runtime. Do not use a `nodeStamp` facet for the `breadCrums` component if you do not use a menu model because no stamps will be required.

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- Set the values for the remaining attributes that have corresponding values in the metadata using EL expressions that refer to the menu model (whose metadata contains that information). You access these values using the value of the `var` attribute you set for the parent `breadCrums` component in Step 4 along with the name of the corresponding `itemNode` element that holds the value in the metadata. [Table 18–5](#) shows the attributes on the navigation item that has corresponding values in the metadata.

For example, if you had set the `var` attribute on the `breadCrums` component to `menuNode`, you would use `#{menuNode.doAction}` as the EL expression for the value of the `action` attribute. This would resolve to the action property set in the metadata for each node.

**Example 18–14 *breadcrumbs* Component Bound to a *MenuModel***

```

<af:breadcrumbs var="menuNode" value="#{root_menu}">
  <f:facet name="nodeStamp">
    <af:commandNavigationItem text="#{menuNode.label}"
                             action="#{menuNode.doAction}" />
  </f:facet>
</af:breadcrumbs>

```

**18.6.5 What Happens at Runtime**

The `value` attribute of `navigationPane` component references the managed bean for the `XMLMenuModel` element. When that managed bean is requested, the following takes place:

- The `setSource()` method of the `XMLMenuModel` class is called with the location of the model's metadata, as specified in the `managed-property` element in the `faces-config.xml` file.
- An `InputStream` object to the metadata is made available to the parser (`SAXParser`); the metadata for the navigation items is parsed, and a call to `MenuContentHandler` method is made.
- The `MenuContentHandler` builds the navigation menu tree structure as a `List` object in the following manner:
  - The `startElement()` method is called at the start of processing a node in the metadata.
  - The `endElement()` method is called at the end of processing the node.
  - As each node is processed, a `List` of navigation menu nodes that make up the page hierarchy of the menu model is created.
- A `TreeModel` object is created from the list of navigation menu nodes.
- The `XMLMenuModel` object is created from the `TreeModel` object.

If a `groupNode` element has more than one child id in its `idref` attribute, the following occurs:

- The IDs are processed in the order they are listed. If no child node is found with the current ID, the next ID is used, and so on.
- Once a child node is found that matches the current ID in the `idref` list, then that node is checked to see if its `rendered` attribute is set to `true`, its `disabled` attribute is set to `false`, its `readOnly` attribute is set to `false`, and its `visible` attribute is set to `true`. If any of the criteria is not met, the next ID in the `idref` list is used, and so on.
- The first child node that matches the criteria is used to obtain the action outcome or destination URI. If no child nodes are found that match the criteria, an error is logged. However, no error will be shown in the UI.
- If the first child node that matches the criteria is another `groupNode` element, the processing continues into its children. The processing stops when an `itemNode` element that has either an `action` or `destination` attribute is encountered.
- When the `itemNode` element has an `action` attribute, the user selection initiates a `POST` action and the navigation is performed through the action outcome. When the `itemNode` element has a `destination` attribute, the user selection initiates a `GET` action and navigation is performed directly using the `destination` value.

The `XMLMenuModel` class provides the model that correctly highlights and enables the items on the navigation menus (such as tabs and bars) as you navigate through the navigation menu system. The model is also instantiated with values for `label`, `doAction`, and other properties that are used to dynamically generate the navigation items.

The `XMLMenuModel` class does no rendering; the `navigationPane` component uses the return value from the call to the `getFocusRowKey()` method to render the navigation menu items for a level on a page.

The `commandNavigationItem` component housed within the `nodeStamp` facet of the `navigationPane` component provides the label text and action outcome for each navigation item. Each time the `nodeStamp` facet is stamped, the data for the current navigation item is copied into an EL-reachable property, the name of which is defined by the `var` attribute on the `navigationPane` component that houses the `nodeStamp` facet. The `nodeStamp` displays the data for each item by getting further properties from the EL-reachable property. Once the navigation menu has completed rendering, this property is removed (or reverted back to its previous value). When users select a navigation item, the default JSF `actionListener` mechanism uses the action outcome string or destination URI to handle the page navigation.

The `XMLMenuModel` class, in conjunction with `nodeStamp` facet also controls whether or not a navigation item is rendered as selected. As described earlier, the `XMLMenuModel` object is created from a tree model, which contains `viewId` attribute information for each node. The `XMLMenuModel` class has a method `getFocusRowKey()` that determines which page has focus, and automatically renders a node as selected if the node is on the focus path. The `getFocusRowKey()` method in its most simplistic fashion does the following:

- Gets the current `viewId` attribute.
- Compares the `viewId` attribute value with the IDs in internal maps used to resolve duplicate `viewId` values and in the `viewIdFocusPathMap` object that was built by traversing the tree when the menu model was created.
- Returns the focus path to the node with the current `viewId` attribute or returns `null` if the current `viewId` attribute value cannot be found.

The `viewId` attribute of a node is used to determine the focus `rowKey` object. Each item in the model is stamped based on the current `rowKey` object. As the user navigates and the current `viewId` attribute changes, the focus path of the model also changes and a new set of navigation items is accessed.

### 18.6.6 What You May Need to Know About Using Custom Attributes

Custom attributes that you have created can be displayed, but only for `itemNode` elements. To add an `itemNode` element to access the value of a custom attribute, you need to get the tree from the menu model by:

- Calling the menu models `getWrappedData()` method
- Calling the `getFocusRowKey()` method to get the current focus path
- Using this focus path to traverse the tree and return a list of nodes in the focus path
- Testing one or more of these nodes for custom attribute(s) by calling the `getCustomProperty()` API

[Example 18–15](#) shows an example of the required code.

**Example 18–15 Accessing Custom Attributes from the XMLMenuModel**

```

/**
 * Returns the nodes corresponding to a focus path
 *
 * @param tree
 * @param focusPath
 */
public List getNodesFromFocusPath(TreeModel tree, ArrayList focusPath)
{
    if (focusPath == null || focusPath.size() == 0)
        return null;

    // Clone the focusPath cause we remove elements
    ArrayList fp = (ArrayList) focusPath.clone();

    // List of nodes to return
    List nodeList = new ArrayList<Object>(fp.size());

    // Convert String rowkey to int and point to the
    // node (row) corresponding to this index
    int targetNodeIdx = Integer.parseInt((String)fp.get(0));
    tree.setRowIndex(targetNodeIdx);

    // Get the node
    Object node = tree.getRowData()

    // put the Node in the List
    nodeList.add(node);

    // Remove the 0th rowkey from the focus path
    // leaving the remaining focus path
    fp.remove(0);

    // traverse into children
    if ( fp.size() > 0
        && tree.isContainer()
        && !tree.isContainerEmpty()
    )
    {
        tree.enterContainer();

        // get list of nodes in remaining focusPath
        List childList = getNodesFromFocusPath(tree, fp);

        // Add this list to the nodeList
        nodeList.addAll(childList);

        tree.exitContainer();
    }

    return nodeList;
}

public String getElementLabel(XMLMenuModel model, Object myVal, String myProp)
{
    TreeModel tree = model.getWrappedData();

    Object node = findNodeByPropertyValue(tree, myVal, myProp);

    FacesContext context = FacesContext.getCurrentInstance();

```

```
PropertyResolver resolver = context.getApplication().getPropertyResolver();

String label = (String) resolver.getValue(node, _LABEL_ATTR);

return label;
}

public Object findNodeByPropertyValue(TreeModel tree, Object myVal, String
myProp)
{
    FacesContext context = FacesContext.getCurrentInstance();
    PropertyResolver resolver = context.getApplication().getPropertyResolver();

    for ( int i = 0; i < tree.getRowCount(); i++)
    {
        tree.setRowIndex(i);

        // Get a node
        Object node = tree.getRowData();

        // Get the value of the attribute of the node
        Object propVal = resolver.getValue(node, myProp);

        if (propVal == myVal)
        {
            return node;
        }

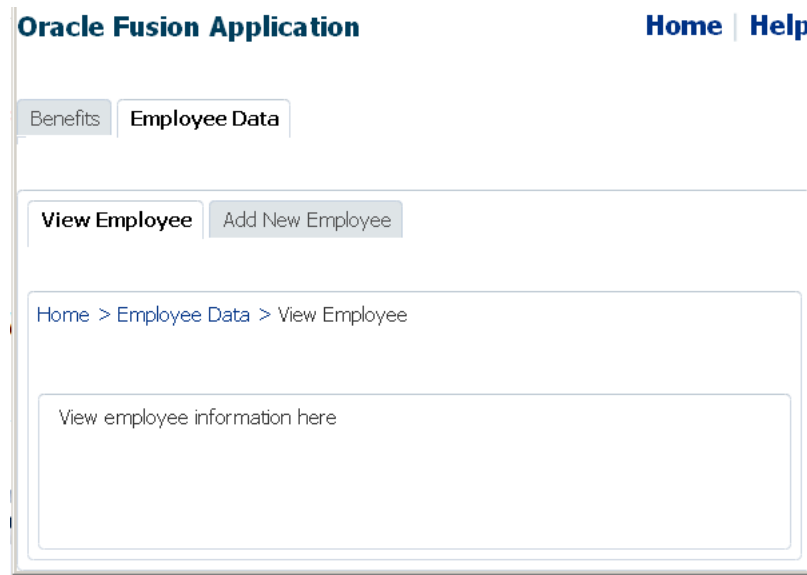
        if (tree.isContainer() && !tree.isContainerEmpty())
        {
            tree.enterContainer();
            node = findNodeByPropertyValue(tree, myVal, myProp);

            if (node != null)
                return node;

            tree.exitContainer();
        }
    }
    return null;
}
```

## 18.7 Creating a Simple Navigational Hierarchy

[Figure 18-10](#) and [Figure 18-11](#) show an example of what the user interface looks like when the `navigationPane` component and individual `commandNavigationItem` components are used to create a view for the page hierarchy shown in [Figure 18-4](#).

**Figure 18–10** Navigation Items Available from the View Employee Page

When you create the hierarchy manually, first determine the focus path of each page (that is, where exactly in the hierarchy the page resides) in order to determine the exact number of `navigationPanes` and `commandNavigationItem` components needed for each page, as well as to determine whether or not each component should be configured as selected when the user visits the page. For example, in [Figure 18–10](#), which shows the Employee Data page, only the child bars of Employee Data are needed, and the Employee Data tab renders as selected.

Similarly in [Figure 18–11](#), which shows the Health page, only the child bars of Benefits are needed, and the Benefits tab must be configured as selected. Additionally for this page, you would create the child nodes under Insurance, which can be presented as vertical lists on the side of the page. The contents of the page are displayed in the middle, to the right of the vertical lists.

**Figure 18–11** Navigation Items Available from the Health Page

Regardless of the type of navigation items you use (such as tabs or bars), a series of `commandNavigationItem` child components within each `navigationPane` component provide the actual navigation items. For example, in [Figure 18–11](#) the actual link for

the Employee Data tab, the Insurance and Paid Time Off bars, and the Health and Dental links in the list are each provided by a `commandNavigationItem` component.

## 18.7.1 How to Create a Simple Page Hierarchy

When your navigational hierarchy contains only a few pages and is not very deep, you can elect to manually create the hierarchy. Doing so involves creating the navigation metadata, using the `navigationPane` component to create the hierarchy, and using the `commandNavigationItem` component to create the links.

### To manually create a navigation hierarchy:

1. Create one global JSF navigation rule that has the navigation cases for all the nodes (that is, pages) in the page hierarchy.

For example, the page hierarchy shown in [Figure 18–4](#) has 10 nodes, including the global Help node. Thus, you would create 10 navigation cases within one global navigation rule in the `faces-config.xml` file, as shown in [Example 18–16](#).

For each navigation case, specify a unique outcome string, and the path to the JSF page that should be displayed when the navigation system returns an outcome value that matches the specified string.

#### **Example 18–16 Global Navigation Rule for a Page Hierarchy in `faces-config.xml`**

```
<navigation-rule>
  <navigation-case>
    <from-outcome>goHome</from-outcome>
    <to-view-id>/home.jsp</to-view-id>
  </navigation-case>
  <navigation-case>
    <from-outcome>goHelp</from-outcome>
    <to-view-id>/globalhelp.jsp</to-view-id>
  </navigation-case>
  <navigation-case>
    <from-outcome>goEmp</from-outcome>
    <to-view-id>/empdata.jsp</to-view-id>
  </navigation-case>
  <navigation-case>
    <from-outcome>goBene</from-outcome>
    <to-view-id>/benefits.jsp</to-view-id>
  </navigation-case>
  <navigation-case>
    <from-outcome>goIns</from-outcome>
    <to-view-id>/insurance.jsp</to-view-id>
  </navigation-case>
  <navigation-case>
    <from-outcome>goPto</from-outcome>
    <to-view-id>/pto.jsp</to-view-id>
  </navigation-case>
  <navigation-case>
    <from-outcome>goView</from-outcome>
    <to-view-id>/viewdata.jsp</to-view-id>
  </navigation-case>
  <navigation-case>
    <from-outcome>goCreate</from-outcome>
    <to-view-id>/createemp.jsp</to-view-id>
  </navigation-case>
  <navigation-case>
    <from-outcome>goHealth</from-outcome>
```



```

    <to-view-id>/health.jsp</to-view-id>
  </navigation-case>
  <navigation-case>
    <from-outcome>goDental</from-outcome>
    <to-view-id>/dental.jsp</to-view-id>
  </navigation-case>
</navigation-rule>

```

For more information about creating navigation cases in JDeveloper, see [Section 2.3, "Defining Page Flows"](#).

2. If you want the menu tabs to be styled, create a `decorativeBox` component by dragging and dropping a **Decorative Box** from the **Layout** section of the Component Palette to the JSF page. Set the theme to determine how you want the tabs to appear. Valid values are:
  - `default`: Body is white with a blue border. Top-left corner is rounded.
  - `light`: Body is light blue. Top-left corner is rounded.
  - `medium`: Body is medium blue. Top-left corner is rounded.
  - `dark`: Body is dark blue. Top-left corner is rounded.

You can change how the themes are displayed. For more information, see [Chapter 20, "Customizing the Appearance Using Styles and Skins"](#).

3. Create a `navigationPane` component by dragging and dropping a **Navigation Pane** from the **Layout** section of the Component Palette as a child to the `decorativeBox` component. Add a `navigationPane` component for each level of the hierarchy.

For example, to create the Health page as shown in [Figure 18–11](#), drag and drop four `navigationPane` components. In the Health page, the components are dropped into specific areas of a template that already contains layout components to create the look and feel of the page.

4. For each `navigationPane` component, in the Property Inspector, expand the **Common** section and set the `Hint` attribute to one of the following types of navigation items to determine how the `navigationPane` component will be displayed:
  - `bar`: Displays the navigation items separated by a bar, for example the **Insurance** and **Paid Time Off** links in [Figure 18–11](#).
  - `buttons`: Displays the navigation items separated by a bar in a global area, for example the **Home** and **Help** links in [Figure 18–11](#).
  - `choice`: Displays the navigation items in a popup list when the associated dropdown icon is clicked. You must include a value for the `navigationPane` component's `icon` attribute and you can associate a label to the dropdown list using `title` attribute.
  - `list`: Displays the navigation items in a bulleted list, for example the **Health** and **Dental** links in [Figure 18–11](#).
  - `tabs`: Displays the navigation items as tabs, for example the **Benefits** and **Employee Data** tabs in [Figure 18–11](#).
5. For each `navigationPane` component, add the needed `commandNavigationItem` components to represent the different links by dragging and dropping a **Navigation Item** from the **Common Components** section of the Component

Palette. Drop a **Navigation Item** as a child to the `navigationPane` component for each link needed.

For example, to create the Health page as shown in [Figure 18–11](#), you would use a total of six `commandNavigationItem` components, two for each `navigationPane` component.

**Performance Tip:** At runtime, when available browser space is less than the space needed to display the contents in a tab or bar of a navigation pane, or the contents of the breadcrumb, ADF Faces automatically displays overflow icons that enable users to select and navigate to those items that are out of view. The number of child components within a `navigationPane` or `breadCrumbs` component, and the complexity of the children, will affect the performance of the items within the overflow. You should set the size of the `navigationPane` or `breadCrumbs` component to avoid overflow when possible.

6. For each `commandNavigationItem` component, set the navigation to the desired page. In the Property Inspector, expand the **Common** section and provide a static string outcome of an action or use an EL expression to reference an action method through the `action` property. If you use a string, it must match the navigation metadata set up in the navigation rules for the page created in Step 1. If referencing a method, that method must return the required string.
7. In the Property Inspector, expand the **Behavior** section and set the `selected` attribute. This attribute should be `true` if the `commandNavigationItem` component should be displayed as selected when the page is first rendered, and `false` if it should not.

At runtime, when a navigation item is selected by the user, that component's `selected` attribute changes to `selected` and the appearance changes to indicate to the user that the item has been selected. For example, in [Figure 18–11](#) the Benefits tab, Insurance bar, and Health list item are shown as selected by a change in either background color or font style. You do not have to write any code to show the selected status; the `selected` attribute on the `commandNavigationItem` component for that item takes care of turning on the selected status when the attribute value is `true`.

[Example 18–17](#) shows code used to generate the navigation items that are available when the current page is Health. Because the Health page is accessed from the Insurance page from the Benefits page, the `commandNavigationItem` components for those three links have `selected="true"`.

**Example 18–17 Sample Code Using Individual Navigation Items on One Page**

```
<af:navigationPane hint="buttons">
  <af:commandNavigationItem text="Home" action="goHome"/>
  <af:commandNavigationItem text="Help" action="goHelp"/>
</af:navigationPane>
.
.
.
<af:navigationPane hint="tabs">
  <af:commandNavigationItem text="Benefits" action="goBene"
    selected="true"/>
  <af:commandNavigationItem text="Employee Data" action="goEmp"/>
</af:navigationPane>
.
```

```

.
.
<af:navigationPane hint="bar">
  <af:commandNavigationItem text="Insurance" action="goIns"
    selected="true" />
  <af:commandNavigationItem text="Paid Time Off" action="goPto" />
</af:navigationPane>
.
.
.
<af:navigationPane hint="list">
  <af:commandNavigationItem text="Health" action="goHealth"
    selected="true" />
  <af:commandNavigationItem text="Dental" action="goDental" />
</af:navigationPane>

```

## 18.7.2 How to Use the breadcrumb Component

In both [Figure 18–10](#) and [Figure 18–11](#), the user’s current position in the page hierarchy is indicated by a path of links from the current page back to the root page. The path of links, also known as *breadcrumbs*, is displayed beneath the secondary bars, above the vertical lists (if any). To create such a path of links, you use the `breadcrumb` component with a series of `commandNavigationItem` components as children.

### To create a breadcrumb:

1. Create a `breadcrumb` component by dragging and dropping a **Bread Crumbs** component from the Component Palette to the JSF page.
2. By default, breadcrumb links are displayed in a horizontal line. To change the layout to be vertical, in the Property Inspector, expand the **Common** section and set the `orientation` attribute to `vertical`.
3. For each link in the breadcrumb, create a `commandNavigationItem` component by dragging and dropping a **Navigation Item** from the Component Palette as a child to the `breadcrumb` component. The last item should represent the current page.

**Tip:** Depending on the renderer or client device type, the last link in the breadcrumb may not be displayed, but you still must add the `commandNavigationItem` component for it. On clients that do display the last breadcrumb link, the link is always disabled automatically because it corresponds to the current page.

4. For each `commandNavigationItem` component (except the last), set the navigation to the desired page. In the Property Inspector, expand the **Common** section and provide a static string outcome of an action or use an EL expression to reference an action method through the `action` property. If you use a string, it must match the navigation metadata set up in the navigation rule for the page created in Step 1. If referencing a method, that method must return the required string.

For example, to create the breadcrumb as shown on the Health page in [Figure 18–11](#), drag and drop four `navigationPane` components, as shown in [Example 18–18](#).

### Example 18–18 BreadCrumbs Component With Individual CommandNavigationItem Children

```

<af:breadcrumb>
  <af:commandNavigationItem text="Home" action="goHome" />

```

```

<af:commandNavigationItem text="Benefits" action="goBene"/>
<af:commandNavigationItem text="Insurance" action="goIns"/>
<af:commandNavigationItem text="Health"/>
</af:breadcrumbs>

```

---

**Note:** Similarly, instead of using individual `commandNavigationItem` components, you can bind the `value` attribute of the `breadcrumbs` component to an `XMLMenuModel` implementation, and use one `commandNavigationItem` component in the `nodeStamp` facet of the `breadcrumbs` component to stamp out the items for a page. For information about the `XMLMenuModel` class, see [Section 18.6, "Using a Menu Model to Create a Page Hierarchy"](#).

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### 18.7.3 What You May Need to Know About Removing Navigation Tabs

You can configure a `navigationPane` component whose `hint` attribute value is `tabs` so that the individual tabs can be closed. You can set it such that all tabs can be closed, all but the last tab can be closed, or no tabs can be closed. When navigation tabs are configured to be removed, a close icon (for example, an X) is displayed at the end of each tab as the mouse cursor hovers over the tab.

To enable tabs removal in a `navigationPane` component when `hint="tabs"`, you need to do the following:

- Set the `itemRemoval` attribute on `navigationPane hint="tabs"` to `all` or `allExceptLast`. When set to `allExceptLast`, all but one tab can be closed. This means as a user closes tabs, when there is only one tab left, that single last tab cannot be closed.
- Implement a handler to do the tab removal. When a user closes a tab, an `ItemEvent` of type `remove` is launched. Your code must handle this event and the actual removal of the tab, and any other desired functionality (for example, show a warning dialog or how to handle child components). For more information about events, see [Chapter 5, "Handling Events."](#) For information about using popup dialogs and windows, see [Chapter 13, "Using Popup Dialogs, Menus, and Windows."](#)
- Set the `itemListener` attribute on the `commandNavigationItem` component to an EL expression that resolves to the handler method that will handle the actual tab removal, as shown in [Example 18–19](#).

#### **Example 18–19 Using `itemListener` to Remove a Tab Item**

JSF Page Code ----->

```

<af:navigationPane hint="tabs" itemRemoval="all">
  <af:commandNavigationItem text="Benefits" partialSubmit="true"
                           itemListener="#{closebean.handleCloseTabItem}"/>
  .
  .
  .
</af:navigationPane>

```

Managed Bean Code ----->

```

import oracle.adf.view.rich.event.ItemEvent;
...
public void handleCloseTabItem(ItemEvent itemEvent)
{

```

```

if (itemEvent.getType().equals(ItemEvent.Type.remove))
{
    Object item = itemEvent.getSource();
    if (item instanceof RichCommandNavigationItem)
    {
        RichCommandNavigationItem tabItem = (RichCommandNavigationItem) item;
        tabItem.setVisible(false);
        // do other desired functionality here ...
    }
}
}

```

## 18.7.4 What You May Need to Know About Skinning and Navigation Tabs

You can use the `-tr-layout-type` skinning key to configure the type of indicator that the `navigationPane` component renders in an application window that is in a compressed layout. That is, the application window is not wide enough to display all the navigation tabs.

Figure 18–12 shows an overflow indicator that renders a dropdown list where the user can choose the navigation tab to navigate to.

**Figure 18–12** Overflow Indicator for a `navigationPane` Component in Compressed Layout



Example 18–20 shows how you configure the `-tr-layout-type` skinning key so that the `navigationPane` component displays an overflow indicator.

**Example 18–20** Using a Skinning Key to Set the Compressed Layout to Overflow

```

af|navigationPane {
    -tr-layout-type: overflow;
}

```

Rather than display overflow indicators, as shown in Figure 18–12, you can configure the `-tr-layout-type` skinning key for the `navigationPane` component so that the component renders a conveyor belt where users can scroll left or right to tabs that are not currently visible. Configuring the `-tr-layout-type` skinning key also renders all navigation tabs in one dropdown list, as shown in Figure 18–13. This configuration only takes effect if the `navigationPane` component’s `hint` attribute is set to `tabs`. If the `navigationPane` component’s `hint` attribute is set to another value, set the `-tr-layout-type` skinning key to `overflow`.

Example 18–21 shows how you configure the `-tr-layout-type` skinning key so that the `navigationPane` component renders a conveyor belt.

**Example 18–21** Using a Skinning Key to Set the Compressed Layout to Conveyor Belt

```

af|navigationPane {
    -tr-layout-type: conveyor;
}

```

Figure 18–13 shows the `navigationPane` component rendering a conveyor belt in a compressed layout.

**Figure 18–13** Conveyor Belt for a `navigationPane` Component in Compressed Layout



For more information about skinning, see [Chapter 20, "Customizing the Appearance Using Styles and Skins."](#)

## 18.8 Using Train Components to Create Navigation Items for a Multi-Step Process

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**Note:** If your application uses the Fusion technology stack or the ADF Controller, then you should use ADF task flows to create the navigation system for your application page hierarchy. For details, see the "Creating a Train" section of the *Oracle Fusion Middleware Fusion Developer's Guide for Oracle Application Development Framework*.

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If you have a set of pages that users should visit in a particular order, consider using the `train` component on each page to display a series of navigation items that guide users through the multistep process. Figure 18–14 shows an example of what a rendered train component might look like on a page. Not only does a train display the number of steps in a multistep process, it also indicates the location of the current step in relation to the entire process.

**Figure 18–14** Navigation Items Rendered by a `train` Component



The `train` component renders each configured step represented as a *train stop*, and with all the stops connected by lines. Each train stop has an image (for example, a square block) with a label underneath the image.

Each train stop corresponds to one step or one page in your multistep process. Users navigate the train stops by clicking an image or label, which causes a new page to be displayed. Typically, train stops must be visited in sequence, that is, a user must start at step 1, move to step 2, then step 3, and so on; a user cannot jump to step 3 if the user has not visited step 2.

As shown in Figure 18–14, the `train` component provides at least four styles for train stops. The current stop where the user is visiting is indicated by a bold font style in the train stop's label, and a different image for the stop; visited stops before the current stop are indicated by a different label font color and image color; the next stop

immediately after the current stop appears enabled; any other stops that have not been visited are grayed-out.

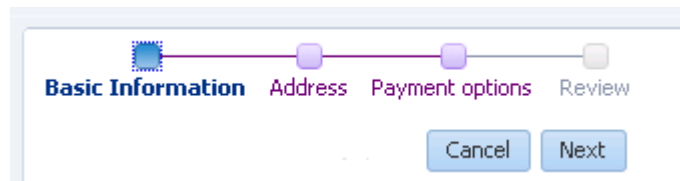
A train stop can include a subtrain, that is, you configure a command component (for example, a `commandButton` component) to start a child multistep process from a parent stop, and then return to the correct parent stop after completing the subprocess. Suppose stop number 4 has a subprocess train containing three stops, when the user navigates into the first stop in the subprocess train, ADF Faces displays an icon representation of the parent train before and after the subprocess train, as shown in [Figure 18–15](#).

**Figure 18–15 Parent Train Icons At Start and End of a Subtrain**



You can use the `trainButtonBar` component in conjunction with the `train` component to provide additional navigation items for the train, in the form of **Back** and **Next** buttons, as shown in [Figure 18–16](#). These **Back** and **Next** buttons allow users to navigate only to the next or previous train stop from the current stop. You can also use the `trainButtonBar` component without a `train` component. For example, you may want to display just the **Back** and **Next** buttons without displaying the stops when not all of the stops will be visited based on some conditional logic.

**Figure 18–16 Navigation Buttons Rendered by a `trainButtonBar` Component**



Both train components work by having the value attribute bound to a train model of type `org.apache.myfaces.trinidad.model.MenuModel`. The train menu model contains the information needed to:

- Control a specific train behavior (that is, how the train advances users through the train stops to complete the multistep process).
- Dynamically generate the train stops, including the train stop labels, and the status of each stop (that is, whether a stop is currently selected, visited, unvisited, or disabled).

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**Note:** In an application that uses the ADF Model layer and ADF Controller, this navigation and display is set up and handled in a different manner. For more information, see the "Creating a Train" section of the *Oracle Fusion Middleware Fusion Developer's Guide for Oracle Application Development Framework*.

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Briefly, a menu model for the train is implemented by extending the `MenuModel` abstract class, which in turn extends the `TreeModel` class (for more information, see [Chapter 10, "Using Tables, Trees, and Other Collection-Based Components"](#)). A `MenuModel` object represents the menu structure of a page or application or could represent the hierarchy of pages and stops involved in a flow.



Because an instance of a `MenuModel` class is a special kind of a `TreeModel` object, the nodes in the `TreeModel` object can represent the stops of a train. The node instance that represents a train stop within the train component can be of type `TrainStopModel`, or it can be any object as long as it provides the same EL structure as a `TrainStopModel` object. However, the `TrainStopModel` class exposes methods to retrieve the outcome, as well as the label of a stop and its `immediate`, `disabled`, and `visited` attribute states.

The `MenuModel` class can also indicate where in the tree the current train stop (page) is focused. The `getFocusRowKey()` method in the `MenuModel` class returns the `rowKey` object of the focus page for the current `viewId`. The menu model implementation for the train must also have a specific train behavior, which you can create by extending the `org.apache.myfaces.trinidad.model.ProcessMenuModel` class. The train behavior controls what stops along the train users can visit while visiting at a current train stop.

To create a train stop model, you can either extend the `TrainStopModel` abstract class and implement the abstract methods, or you can create your own class with the same method signatures. Your class must return a `rowData` object.

Binding a train component to a train menu model is similar to binding a `navigationPane` component to an `XMLMenuModel` class (described in [Section 18.6.3, "How to Bind to the XMLMenuModel in the JSF Page"](#)). However, as long as your `TrainStopModel` implementation returns a `rowData` object, you do not need to provide the `commandNavigationItem` components for each stop. At runtime ADF Faces dynamically creates the `nodeStamp` facet and `commandNavigationItem` component, and automatically binds the methods in the train stop model to the appropriate properties on the `commandNavigationItem` component. [Example 18–22](#) shows the simplified binding for a train.

**Tip:** If you need to collate information for the train stops from various places, then you will need to manually create the `nodeStamp` facet and the individual `commandNavigationItem` components that represent the train stops. For more information, see [Section 18.8.3, "How to Bind to the Train Model in JSF Pages"](#).

#### **Example 18–22 Simplified Train Model Binding**

```
<af:train value="#{simpleTrainModel}"/>
```

The `MenuModel` implementation of your train model must provide specific train behavior. Train behavior defines how you want to control the pages users can access based on the page they are currently visiting. ADF Faces supports two train behaviors: `Plus One` and `Max Visited`.

Suppose there are 5 pages or stops in a train, and the user has navigated from page 1 to page 4 sequentially. At page 4 the user jumps back to page 2. Where the user can go next depends on which train behavior is used in the train model.

In `Max Visited`, from the current page 2 the user can go back to page 1, go ahead to page 3, or jump ahead to page 4. That is, `Max Visited` allows the user to return to a previous page or advance to any page up to the farthest page already visited. The user cannot jump ahead to page 5 from page 2 because page 5 has not yet been visited.

Given the same situation, in the `Plus One` behavior the user can only go ahead to page 3 or go back to page 1. That is, `Plus One` allows the user to return to a previous page or advance one more stop further than the current stop. The user cannot jump ahead to page 4 even though page 4 has already been visited.

To define and use a train for all pages in a multistep process:



- Create a JSF navigation rule and the navigation cases for the train. Creating a navigation rule and its navigation cases for a train is similar to [Section 18.7.1, "How to Create a Simple Page Hierarchy"](#), where you create one global navigation rule that has the navigation cases for all the train stops in the train.

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**Note:** You may want to set the value of the `redirect` element to `true` for each navigation case that you define within the JSF navigation rule if each train stop is an individual page and you want the client browser's URL to reference each new page. If you enable partial page rendering, the displayed URL may be different. For more information about the `redirect` element, see the JavaServer Faces specification. For more information about partial page rendering, see [Chapter 7, "Rerendering Partial Page Content"](#).

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- Create a train model that implements a specific train behavior and provides the train stop items for stamping. This includes creating a train stop model class and a menu model class. See [Section 18.8.1, "How to Create the Train Model"](#).
- Configure managed beans for the train model. See [Section 18.8.2, "How to Configure Managed Beans for the Train Model"](#).
- Create a JSF page for each train stop.
- On each page, bind the `train` component to the train model. See [Section 18.8.3, "How to Bind to the Train Model in JSF Pages"](#). Optionally, bind the `trainButtonBar` component to the same train model, if you want to provide additional navigation buttons for the train.

### 18.8.1 How to Create the Train Model

To define a train menu model, you create:

- A train stop model that provides data for rendering a train stop.
- A `MenuModel` implementation with a specific train behavior (either `Max Visited` or `Plus One`) that controls what stops along the train users can visit while visiting at a current train stop, which stops should be disabled or whether the train needs to be navigated sequentially or not, among other things.

ADF Faces makes it easier for you to define a train menu model by providing additional public classes, such as:

- The abstract class `TrainStopModel` for implementing a train stop model
- The classes `ProcessMenuModel` and `ProcessUtils` for implementing a train behavior for the train model

For examples of train model classes, see the `oracle.adfdemo.view.nav.rich` package of the ADF Faces Demonstration application.

#### To create the train model:

1. Create a train stop model class. A train stop model object holds the row data for stamping each train stop. The train stop model implementation you create should set and get the properties for each stop in the train, and define the methods required to render a train stop. The properties of a train stop correspond to the properties of the `commandNavigationItem` component. This will allow you to use the simplified binding, as shown in [Example 18-22](#).

Alternatively, you can extend the abstract class `TrainStopModel`, and implement the abstract methods in the subclass.

The properties on the `commandNavigationItem` component that will be automatically EL bound are:

- `action`: A static action outcome or a reference to an action method that returns an action outcome. The outcome is used for page navigation through the default `ActionListener` mechanism in JSF.
  - `disabled`: A boolean value that indicates whether or not the train stop should be non-interactive. Note that the train behavior you elect to use affects the value of this property. For more information, see Step 2.
  - `immediate`: A boolean value that determines whether or not data validations should be performed. Note that the train behavior you elect to use affects the value of this property. For more information, see Step 2.
  - `messageType`: A value that specifies a message alert icon over the train stop image. Possible values are `none`, `error`, `warning`, and `info`, and `complete`. For more information about messages, see [Chapter 17, "Displaying Tips, Messages, and Help"](#).
  - `shortDesc`: A value that is commonly used by client user agents to display as tooltip help text for the train stop.
  - `showRequired`: A boolean value that determines whether or not to display an asterisk next to the train stop to indicate that required values are contained in that train stop page.
  - `textAndAccessKey`: A single value that sets both the label text to display for the train stop, as well as the access key to use.
  - `visited`: A boolean value that indicates whether or not the train stop has already been visited. Note that the train behavior you elect to use affects the value of this property. For more information, see Step 2.
2. Create a class based on the `MenuItemModel` class to facilitate the construction of a train model.

The `MenuItemModel` implementation of your train model must have a specific train behavior. The `ProcessMenuItemModel` class in the `org.apache.myfaces.trinidad.model` package is a reference implementation of the `MenuItemModel` class that supports the two train behaviors: `Plus One` and `Max Visited`. To implement a train behavior for a train model, you can either extend the `ProcessMenuItemModel` class, or create your own.

In your train model class, you override the `getFocusRowKey()` method (see the `MenuItemModel` class) and implement a train behavior (see the `ProcessMenuItemModel` and `ProcessUtils` classes).

The train behaviors provided in the `ProcessMenuItemModel` class have an effect on the `visited`, `immediate`, and `disabled` properties of the `commandNavigationItem` component.

The `visited` attribute is set to `true` only if that page in the train has been visited. The `ProcessMenuItemModel` class uses the following logic to determine the value of the `visited` attribute:

- `Max Visited`: A *max visited* stop is the farthest stop the user has visited in the current session. `visited` is set to `true` for any stop if it is before a max visited stop, or if it is the max visited stop itself.

- **Plus One:** A *plus one* stop does not keep track of the farthest stop that was visited. The `visited` attribute is set to `true` for the current stop, or a stop that is before the current stop.

When the data on the current page does not have to be validated, the `immediate` attribute should be set to `true`. Suppose page 4 in the Plus One behavior described earlier has data that must be validated. If the user has advanced to page 4 and then goes back to page 2, the user has to come back to page 4 again later to proceed on to page 5. This means the data on page 4 does not have to be validated when going back to page 1, 2, or 3 from page 4, but the data should be validated when going ahead to page 5. For more information about how the `immediate` attribute works, see [Section 4.2, "Using the Immediate Attribute"](#).

The `ProcessMenuModel` class uses the following logic to determine the value of the `immediate` attribute:

- **Plus One:** The `immediate` attribute is set to `true` for any previous step, and `false` otherwise.
- **Max Visited:** When the current page and the maximum page visited are the same, the behavior is the same as the Plus One scenario. If the current page is before the maximum page visited, then the `immediate` attribute is set to `false`.

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**Note:** In an application that uses the ADF Model layer, the `pageDefinition` element in a page definition file supports an attribute (`SkipValidation`) that, when set to `true`, skips data validation for the page. Set `SkipValidation` to `true` if you want users to navigate from the page without invoking data validation. For more information, see the "`pageNamePageDef.xml`" section in the *Oracle Fusion Middleware Fusion Developer's Guide for Oracle Application Development Framework*.

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The `disabled` attribute is set to `true` only if that page in the train cannot be reached from the current page. The `ProcessMenuModel` class uses the following logic to determine the value of the `disabled` attribute:

- **Plus One:** The `disabled` attribute will be `true` for any page beyond the next available page.
- **Max Visited:** When the current stop and the maximum page visited are the same, the behavior is the same as the Plus One behavior. If the current page is before the maximum page visited, then `disabled` is set to `true` for any page beyond the maximum page visited.

By default, ADF Faces uses the Max Visited behavior when a non-null `maxPathKey` value is passed into the train model, as determined by the managed bean you will create to support the behavior (for more information, see [Section 18.8.2, "How to Configure Managed Beans for the Train Model"](#)). If the `maxPathKey` value is `null`, then ADF Faces uses the Plus One behavior.

## 18.8.2 How to Configure Managed Beans for the Train Model

You use managed beans in a train model to gather the individual train stops into an `ArrayList` object, which is turned into the tree model that is then injected into a menu model to create the train model. You must instantiate the beans with the proper values for injection into the models, and you also have to configure a managed bean for each train stop or page in the train.

**To configure managed beans for the train model:**

1. Configure a managed bean for each stop in the train, with values for the properties that require setting at instantiation, to create the train stops to pass into an `ArrayList`.

If a train stop has subprocess train children, there should be a managed bean for each subprocess train stop as well.

Each bean should be an instance of the train stop model class created in [Section 18.8.1, "How to Create the Train Model"](#). [Example 18–23](#) shows sample managed bean code for train stops in the `faces-config.xml` file.

**Example 18–23 Managed Beans for All Train Stops**

```
<!-- First train stop -->
<managed-bean>
  <managed-bean-name>train1</managed-bean-name>
  <managed-bean-class>project1.DemoTrainStopModel</managed-bean-class>
  <managed-bean-scope>none</managed-bean-scope>
  <managed-property>
    <property-name>viewId</property-name>
    <value>/train.jsp</value>
  </managed-property>
  <managed-property>
    <property-name>outcome</property-name>
    <value>guide.train</value>
  </managed-property>
  <managed-property>
    <property-name>label</property-name>
    <value>First Step</value>
  </managed-property>
  <managed-property>
    <property-name>model</property-name>
    <value>trainMenuModel</value>
  </managed-property>
</managed-bean>

<!-- Second train stop -->
<managed-bean>
  <managed-bean-name>train2</managed-bean-name>
  <managed-bean-class>project1.DemoTrainStopModel</managed-bean-class>
  <managed-bean-scope>none</managed-bean-scope>
  <managed-property>
    <property-name>viewId</property-name>
    <value>/train2.jsp</value>
  </managed-property>
  <managed-property>
    <property-name>outcome</property-name>
    <value>guide.train2</value>
  </managed-property>
  <managed-property>
    <property-name>label</property-name>
    <value>Second Step</value>
  </managed-property>
  <managed-property>
    <property-name>model</property-name>
    <value>trainMenuModel</value>
  </managed-property>
</managed-bean>
```

```
<!-- And so on -->
.
.
.
```

The managed properties set the values to the train stop model object (the class created in Step 1 in [Section 18.8.1, "How to Create the Train Model"](#)).

The `viewId` value is the path and file name to the page that is navigated to when the user clicks a train stop.

The `outcome` property value is the action outcome string that matches a JSF navigation case. The default JSF `ActionListener` mechanism is used to choose the page associated with the train stop as the view to navigate to when the train stop is selected.

The `label` property value is the train stop label text that displays beneath the train stop image. The value can be static or an EL expression that evaluates to a string in a resource bundle.

The `model` property value is the managed bean name of the train model (see [Example 18-27](#)).

If a train stop has subprocess train children, the managed bean configuration should also include the property (for example, `children`) that lists the managed bean names of the subprocess train stops in value expressions (for example, `#{train4a}`), as shown in [Example 18-24](#).

**Example 18-24 Managed Bean for a Train Stop with Subprocess train Children**

```
<managed-bean>
  <managed-bean-name>train4</managed-bean-name>
  <managed-bean-class>project1.DemoTrainStopModel</managed-bean-class>
  <managed-bean-scope>none</managed-bean-scope>
  <managed-property>
    <property-name>viewId</property-name>
    <value>/train4.jsp</value>
  </managed-property>
  <managed-property>
    <property-name>outcome</property-name>
    <value>guide.train4</value>
  </managed-property>
  <managed-property>
    <property-name>label</property-name>
    <value>Fourth Step</value>
  </managed-property>
  <managed-property>
    <property-name>children</property-name>
    <list-entries>
      <value-class>project1.DemoTrainStopModel</value-class>
      <value>#{train4a}</value>
      <value>#{train4b}</value>
      <value>#{train4c}</value>
    </list-entries>
  </managed-property>
  <managed-property>
    <property-name>model</property-name>
    <value>trainMenuModel</value>
  </managed-property>
</managed-bean>
```

2. Configure a managed bean that is an instance of an `ArrayList` object to create the list of train stops to pass into the train tree model.

[Example 18–25](#) shows sample managed bean code for creating the train stop list.

#### **Example 18–25 Managed Bean for Train List**

```
<managed-bean>
  <managed-bean-name>trainList</managed-bean-name>
  <managed-bean-class>
    java.util.ArrayList
  </managed-bean-class>
  <managed-bean-scope>
    none
  </managed-bean-scope>
  <list-entries>
    <value-class>project1.DemoTrainStopModel</value-class>
    <value>#{train1}</value>
    <value>#{train2}</value>
    <value>#{train3}</value>
    <value>#{train4}</value>
    <value>#{train5}</value>
  </list-entries>
</managed-bean>
```

The `list-entries` element contains the managed bean names for the train stops (excluding subprocess train stops) in value expressions (for example, `#{train1}`), listed in the order that the stops should appear on the train.

3. Configure a managed bean to create the train tree model from the train list.

The train tree model wraps the entire train list, including any subprocess train lists. The train model managed bean should be instantiated with a `childProperty` value that is the same as the property name that represents the list of subprocess train children (see [Example 18–24](#)).

#### **Example 18–26 Managed Bean for Train Tree Model**

```
<managed-bean>
  <managed-bean-name>trainTree</managed-bean-name>
  <managed-bean-class>
    org.apache.myfaces.trinidad.model.ChildPropertyTreeModel
  </managed-bean-class>
  <managed-bean-scope>none</managed-bean-scope>
  <managed-property>
    <property-name>childProperty</property-name>
    <value>children</value>
  </managed-property>
  <managed-property>
    <property-name>wrappedData</property-name>
    <value>#{trainList}</value>
  </managed-property>
</managed-bean>
```

The `childProperty` property defines the property name to use to get the child list entries of each train stop that has a subprocess train.

The `wrappedData` property value is the train list instance to wrap, created by the managed bean in Step 2.

4. Configure a managed bean to create the train model from the train tree model.

This is the bean to which the train component on each page is bound. The train model wraps the train tree model. The train model managed bean should be instantiated with a `viewIdProperty` value that is the same as the property name that represents the pages associated with the train stops.

[Example 18–27](#) shows sample managed bean code for a train model.

#### **Example 18–27 Managed Bean for Train Model**

```
<managed-bean>
  <managed-bean-name>trainMenuModel</managed-bean-name>
  <managed-bean-class>
    org.apache.myfaces.trinidad.model.ProcessMenuModel
  </managed-bean-class>
  <managed-bean-scope>session</managed-bean-scope>
  <managed-property>
    <property-name>viewIdProperty</property-name>
    <value>viewId</value>
  </managed-property>
  <managed-property>
    <property-name>wrappedData</property-name>
    <value>#{trainTree}</value>
  </managed-property>
  <!-- to enable plusOne behavior instead, comment out the maxPathKey property -->
  <managed-property>
    <property-name>maxPathKey</property-name>
    <value>TRAIN_DEMO_MAX_PATH_KEY</value>
  </managed-property>
</managed-bean>
```

The `viewIdProperty` property value is set to the property that is used to specify the page to navigate to when the user clicks the train stop.

The `wrappedData` property value is the train tree instance to wrap, created by the managed bean in Step 3.

The `maxPathKey` property value is the value to pass into the train model for using the Max Visited train behavior. ADF Faces uses the Max Visited behavior when a non-null `maxPathKey` value is passed into the train model. If the `maxPathKey` value is null, then ADF Faces uses the Plus One behavior.

### 18.8.3 How to Bind to the Train Model in JSF Pages

Each stop in the train corresponds to one JSF page. On each page, you use one train component and optionally a `trainButtonBar` component to provide buttons that allow the user to navigate through the train.

#### **To bind the train component to the train model:**

1. Create a train component by dragging and dropping a **Train** from the Component Palette to the JSF page. Optionally drag and drop a **Train Button Bar**.
2. Bind the component. If your `MenuModel` implementation for a train model returns a `rowData` object similar to the public abstract class `oracle.adf.view.rich.model.TrainStopModel`, you can use the simplified form of train binding in the train components, as shown in the following code:

```
<af:train value="#{trainMenuModel}"/>
  <af:trainButtonBar value="#{trainMenuModel}"/>
```

The `trainMenuModel` in the EL expression is the managed bean name for the train model (see [Example 18-27](#)).

If you cannot use the simplified binding, you must bind the train value to the train model bean, manually add the `nodeStamp` facet to the train, and to that, add a `commandNavigationItem` component, as shown in [Example 18-28](#).

**Example 18-28 Metadata to Bind a Train Component to the Train Model Bean**

```
<af:train value="#{aTrainMenuModel}" var="stop">
  <f:facet name="nodeStamp">
    <af:commandNavigationItem
      text="#{stop.label}"
      action="#{stop.outcome}"
      ...
    </af:commandNavigationItem>
  </f:facet>
</af:train>
```



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## Creating and Reusing Fragments, Page Templates, and Components

This chapter describes how you can create reusable content and then use that content to build portions of your JSF pages or entire pages.

This chapter includes the following sections:

- [Section 19.1, "Introduction to Reusable Content"](#)
- [Section 19.2, "Using Page Fragments"](#)
- [Section 19.3, "Using Page Templates"](#)
- [Section 19.4, "Using Declarative Components"](#)
- [Section 19.5, "Adding Resources to Pages"](#)

### 19.1 Introduction to Reusable Content

As you build JSF pages for your application, some pages may become complex and long, making editing complicated and tedious. Some pages may always contain a group of components arranged in a very specific layout, while other pages may always use a specific group of components in multiple parts of the page. And at times, you may want to share some parts of a page or entire pages with other developers. Whatever the case is, when something changes in the UI, you have to replicate your changes in many places and pages. Building and maintaining all those pages, and making sure that some sets or all are consistent in structure and layout can become increasingly inefficient.

Instead of using individual UI components to build pages, you can use page building blocks to build parts of a page or entire pages. The building blocks contain the frequently or commonly used UI components that create the reusable content for use in one or more pages of an application. Depending on your application, you can use just one type of building block, or all types in one or more pages. And you can share some building blocks across applications. When you modify the building blocks, the JSF pages that use the reusable content are automatically updated as well. Thus, by creating and using reusable content in your application, you can build web user interfaces that are always consistent in structure and layout, and an application that is scalable and extensible.

ADF Faces provides the following types of reusable building blocks:

- **Page fragments:** Page fragments allow you to create parts of a page. A JSF page can be made up of one or more page fragments. For example, a large JSF page can be broken up into several smaller page fragments for easier maintenance. For details about creating and using page fragments, see [Section 19.2, "Using Page](#)

### Fragments."

- **Page templates:** By creating page templates, you can create entire page layouts using individual components and page fragments. For example, if you are repeatedly laying out some components in a specific way in multiple JSF pages, consider creating a page template for those pages. When you use the page template to build your pages, you can be sure that the pages are always consistent in structure and layout across the application. For details about creating and using page templates, see [Section 19.3, "Using Page Templates,"](#) and [Section 19.3.3, "How to Create JSF Pages Based on Page Templates."](#)
- **Declarative components:** The declarative components feature allows you to assemble existing, individual UI components into one composite, reusable component, which you then declaratively use in one or more pages. For example, if you are always inserting a group of components in multiple places, consider creating a composite declarative component that comprises the individual components, and then reusing that declarative component in multiple places throughout the application. Declarative components can also be used in page templates. For details about creating and using declarative components, see [Section 19.4, "Using Declarative Components."](#)

**Tip:** If your application uses the ADF Controller and the ADF Model layer, then you can also use ADF regions. Regions used in conjunction with ADF bounded task flows, encapsulate business logic, process flow, and UI components all in one package, which can then be reused throughout the application. For complete information about creating and using ADF bounded task flows as regions, see the "Using Task Flows as Regions" chapter of the *Oracle Fusion Middleware Fusion Developer's Guide for Oracle Application Development Framework*.

Page templates, declarative components, and regions implement the `javax.faces.component.NamingContainer` interface. At runtime, in the pages that consume reusable content, the page templates, declarative components, or regions create component subtrees, which are then inserted into the consuming page's single, JSF component tree. Because the consuming page has its own naming container, when you add reusable content to a page, take extra care when using mechanisms such as `partialTargets` and `findComponent()`, as you will need to take into account the different naming containers for the different components that appear on the page. For more information about naming containers, see [Section 3.5, "Locating a Client Component on a Page."](#)

If you plan to include resources such as CSS or JavaScript, you can use the `af:resource` tag to add the resources to the page. If this tag is used in page templates and declarative components, the specified resources will be added to the consuming page during JSP execution. For more information, see [Section 19.5, "Adding Resources to Pages."](#)

## 19.2 Using Page Fragments

As you build web pages for an application, some pages may quickly become large and unmanageable. One possible way to simplify the process of building and maintaining complex pages is to use page fragments.

Large, complex pages broken down into several smaller page fragments are easier to maintain. Depending on how you design a page, the page fragments created for one page may be reused in other pages. For example, suppose different parts of several pages use the same form, then you might find it beneficial to create page fragments

containing those components in the form, and reuse those page fragments in several pages. Deciding on how many page fragments to create for one or more complex pages depends on your application, the degree to which you wish to reuse portions of a page between multiple pages, and the desire to simplify complex pages.

Page fragments are incomplete JSF pages. A complete JSF page that uses ADF Faces must have the `document` tag enclosed within an `f:view` tag. The contents for the entire page are enclosed within the `document` tag. A page fragment, on the other hand, represents a portion of a complete page, and does not contain the `f:view` or `document` tags. The contents for the page fragment are simply enclosed within a `jsp:root` tag.

**Best Practice:** There can be only one `document` tag per page. You should place the tag on the consuming page for consistency. JDeveloper does this for you when you use the wizards.

When you build a JSF page using page fragments, the page can use one or more page fragments that define different portions of the page. The same page fragment can be used more than once in a page, and in multiple pages.

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**Note:** The view parts of a page (fragments, declarative components, and the main page) all share the same request scope. This may result in a collision when you use the same fragment or declarative component multiple times on a page and the fragments or components share a backing bean. For more information about scopes, see [Section 4.6, "Object Scope Lifecycles."](#)

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For example, the File Explorer application uses one main page (`index.jspx`) that includes the following page fragments:

- `popups.jspx`: Contains all the popup code used in the application.
- `help.jspx`: Contains the help content.
- `header.jspx`: Contains the toolbars and menus for the application.
- `navigators.jspx`: Contains the tree that displays the folder hierarchy of the application.
- `contentViews.jspx`: Contains the content for the folder selected in the navigator pane.

[Example 19-1](#) shows the abbreviated code for the included `header.jspx` page fragment. Note that it does not contain an `f:view` or `document` tag.

**Example 19-1 header.jspx Page Fragment**

```
<?xml version='1.0' encoding='UTF-8'?>
<jsp:root xmlns:jsp="http://java.sun.com/JSP/Page" version="2.0"
          xmlns:af="http://xmlns.oracle.com/adf/faces/rich"
          xmlns:f="http://java.sun.com/jsf/core">
  <af:panelStretchLayout id="headerStretch">
    <f:facet name="center">
      <!-- By default, every toolbar is placed on a new row -->
      <af:toolbox id="headerToolbox"
                binding="#{explorer.headerManager.headerToolbox}">
        .
        .
        .
      </af:toolbox>
```

```

    </f:facet>
  </af:panelStretchLayout>
</jsp:root>

```

When you consume a page fragment in a JSF page, at the part of the page that will use the page fragment contents, you insert the `jsp:include` tag to include the desired page fragment file, as shown in [Example 19–2](#), which is abbreviated code from the `index.jspx` page.

**Example 19–2 File Explorer Index JSF Page Includes Fragments**

```

<?xml version='1.0' encoding='utf-8'?>
<jsp:root xmlns:jsp="http://java.sun.com/JSP/Page" version="2.0"
  xmlns:f="http://java.sun.com/jsf/core"
  xmlns:af="http://xmlns.oracle.com/adf/faces/rich"
  xmlns:trh="http://myfaces.apache.org/trinidad/html">
  <jsp:directive.page contentType="text/html;charset=utf-8"/>
  <f:view>
  .
  .
  .
  <af:document id="fileExplorerDocument"
    title="#{explorerBundle['global.branding_name']}">
    <af:form id="mainForm">
      <!-- Popup menu definition -->
      <jsp:include page="/fileExplorer/popups.jspx"/>
      <jsp:include page="/fileExplorer/help.jspx"/>
      .
      .
      .
      <f:facet name="header">
        <af:group>
        <!-- The file explorer header with all the menus and toolbar buttons -->
        <jsp:include page="/fileExplorer/header.jspx"/>
        </af:group>
      </f:facet>
      <f:facet name="navigators">
        <af:group>
        <!-- The auxiliary area for navigating the file explorer -->
        <jsp:include page="/fileExplorer/navigators.jspx"/>
        </af:group>
      </f:facet>
      <f:facet name="contentViews">
        <af:group>
        <!-- Show the contents of the selected folder in the folders navigator -->
        <jsp:include page="/fileExplorer/contentViews.jspx"/>
        </af:group>
      </f:facet>
      .
      .
      .
    </af:form>
  </af:document>
</f:view>
</jsp:root>

```

When you modify a page fragment, the pages that consume the page fragment are automatically updated with the modifications. With pages built from page fragments, when you make layout changes, it is highly probable that modifying the page

fragments alone is not sufficient; you may also have to modify every page that consumes the page fragments.

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**Note:** If the consuming page uses ADF Model data binding, the included page fragment will use the binding container of the consuming page. Only page fragments created as part of ADF bounded task flows can have their own binding container. For information about ADF bounded task flows, see the "Getting Started with ADF Task Flows" chapter of the *Oracle Fusion Middleware Fusion Developer's Guide for Oracle Application Development Framework*.

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Like complete JSF pages, page fragments can also be based on a page template, as shown in [Example 19–3](#). For information about creating and applying page templates, see [Section 19.3, "Using Page Templates,"](#) and [Section 19.3.3, "How to Create JSF Pages Based on Page Templates."](#)

**Example 19–3 Page Fragment Based on a Template**

```
<?xml version='1.0' encoding='windows-1252'?>
<jsp:root xmlns:jsp="http://java.sun.com/JSP/Page" version="2.0"
          xmlns:af="http://xmlns.oracle.com/adf/faces/rich"
          xmlns:f="http://java.sun.com/jsf/core">
  <af:pageTemplate viewId="/someTemplateDefinition.jspx">
    .
    .
    .
  </af:pageTemplate>
</jsp:root>
```

## 19.2.1 How to Create a Page Fragment

Page fragments are just like any JSF page, except you do not use the `f:view` or `document` tags in page fragments. You can use the Create JSF Page Fragment wizard to create page fragments. When you create page fragments using the wizard, JDeveloper uses the extension `.jsff` for the page fragment files. If you do not use the wizard, you can use `.jspx` as the file extension (as the File Explorer application does); there is no special reason to use `.jsff` other than quick differentiation between complete JSF pages and page fragments when you are working in the Application Navigator in JDeveloper.

**Best Practice:** There can be only one document tag per page. You should place the tag on the consuming page for consistency and not on the page fragment.

**To create a page fragment:**

1. In the Application Navigator, right-click the folder where you wish to create and store page fragments and choose **New**.
2. In the **Categories** tree, select the **JSF** node, in the **Items** pane select **JSF Page Fragment**, and click **OK**.
3. Enter a name for the page fragment file.
4. Accept the default directory for the page fragment, or choose a new location.

By default, JDeveloper saves page fragments in the project's `/public_html` directory in the file system. For example, you could change the default directory to `/public_html/fragments`.

5. You can have your fragment pre-designed for you by using either a template or a Quick Start Layout.
  - If you want to create a page fragment based on a page template, select the **Page Template** radio button and then select a template name from the dropdown list. For more information about using page templates, see [Section 19.3.3, "How to Create JSF Pages Based on Page Templates."](#)
  - If you want to use a Quick Start Layout, select the **Quick Start Layout** radio button and then click Browse to select the layout you want your fragment to use. Quick Start Layouts provide the correctly configured layout components need to achieve specific behavior and look. For more information, see [Section 8.2.3, "Using Quick Start Layouts."](#)

When the page fragment creation is complete, JDeveloper displays the page fragment file in the visual editor.

6. To define the page fragment contents, drag and drop the desired components from the Component Palette onto the page.

You can use any ADF Faces or standard JSF component, for example `table`, `panelHeader`, or `f:facet`.

[Example 19–4](#) shows an example of a page fragment that contains a menu component.

#### **Example 19–4 Page Fragment Sample**

```
<?xml version='1.0' encoding='windows-1252'?>
<jsp:root xmlns:jsp="http://java.sun.com/JSP/Page" version="2.0"
          xmlns:af="http://xmlns.oracle.com/adf/faces/rich">
  <!-- page fragment contents start here -->
  <af:menu id="viewMenu"
    <af:group>
      <af:commandMenuItem type="check" text="Folders"/>
      <af:commandMenuItem type="check" text="Search"/>
    </af:group>
    <af:group>
      <af:commandMenuItem type="radio" text="Table"/>
      <af:commandMenuItem type="radio" text="Tree Table"/>
      <af:commandMenuItem type="radio" text="List"/>
    </af:group>
    <af:commandMenuItem text="Refresh"/>
  </menu>
</jsp:root>
```

## 19.2.2 What Happens When You Create a Page Fragment

In JDeveloper, because page fragment files use a different file extension from regular JSF pages, configuration entries are added to the `web.xml` file for recognizing and interpreting `.jsff` files in the application. [Example 19–5](#) shows the `web.xml` configuration entries needed for `.jsff` files, which JDeveloper adds for you when you first create a page fragment using the wizard.

#### **Example 19–5 Entries in web.xml for Recognizing and Interpreting .jsff Files**

```
<jsp-config>
```

```

<jsp-property-group>
  <url-pattern>*.jsff</url-pattern>
  <is-xml>>true</is-xml>
</jsp-property-group>
</jsp-config>

```

By specifying the `url-pattern` subelement to `*.jsff` and setting the `is-xml` subelement to `true` in a `jsp-property-group` element, the application will recognize that files with extension `.jsff` are actually JSP documents, and thus must be interpreted as XML documents.

## 19.2.3 How to Use a Page Fragment in a JSF Page

To consume a page fragment in a JSF page, add the page using either the Component Palette or the Application Navigator.

### 19.2.3.1 Adding a Page Fragment Using the Component Palette

You can use the `jsp:include` tag to include the desired page fragment file

#### To add a page fragment using the Component Palette:

1. In the Component Palette, use the dropdown menu to choose **JSP**.
2. Add a `jsp:include` tag by dragging and dropping **Include** from the Component Palette.
3. In the Insert Include dialog, use the dropdown list to select the JSF page to include. Optionally, select whether or not to flush the buffer before the page is included. For more information, click **Help** in the dialog.

### 19.2.3.2 Adding a Page Fragment Using the Application Navigator

You can drag and drop the page fragment directly onto the page.

#### To add a page fragment using the Application Navigator:

1. In the Application Navigator, drag and drop the page fragment onto the page.
2. In the Confirm Add Subview Element dialog, click **Yes**.

## 19.2.4 What Happens at Runtime: Resolving Page Fragments

When the page that contains the included page(s) is executed, the `jsp:include` tag evaluates the view ID during JSF tree component build time and dynamically adds the content to the parent page at the location of the `jsp:include` tag. The fragment becomes part of the parent page after the component tree is built.

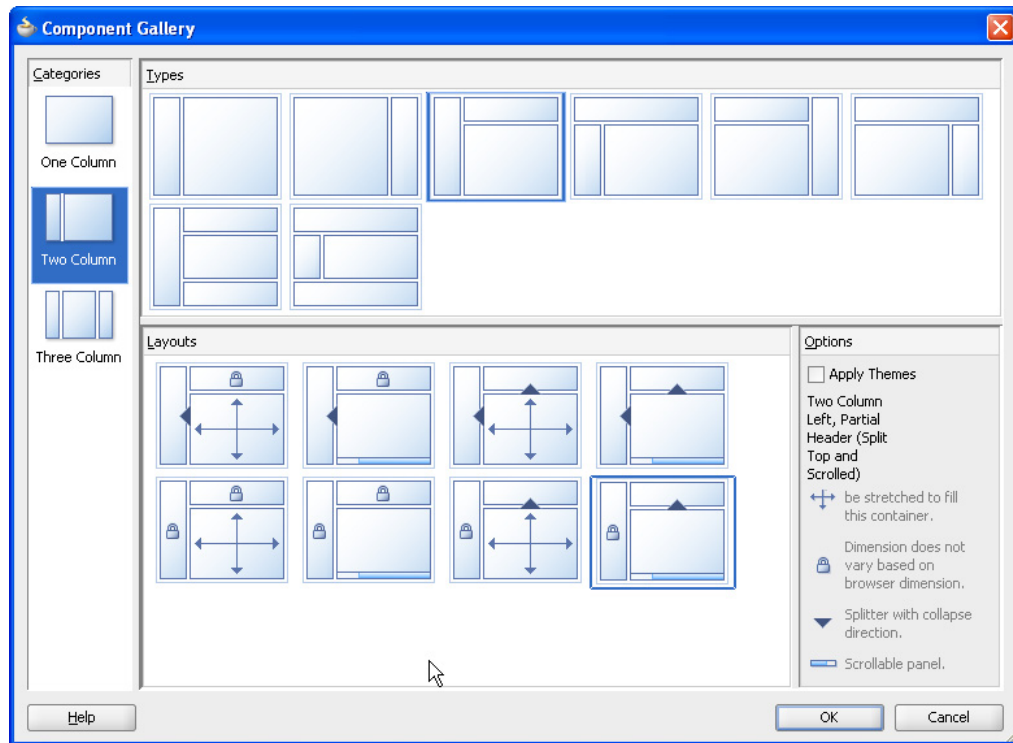
## 19.3 Using Page Templates

Page templates let you define entire page layouts, including values for certain attributes of the page. When pages are created using a template, they all inherit the defined layout. When you make layout modifications to the template, all pages that consume the template will automatically reflect the layout changes. You can either create the layout of your template yourself, or you can use one of the many quick layout designs. These predefined layouts automatically insert and configure the correct components required to implement the layout look and behavior you want. For example, you may want one column's width to be locked, while another column stretches to fill available browser space. [Figure 19–1](#) shows the quick layouts available



for a two-column layout with the second column split between two panes. For more information about the layout components, see [Chapter 8, "Organizing Content on Web Pages."](#)

**Figure 19–1 Quick Layouts**



To use page templates in an application, you first create a page template definition. Page template definitions must be JSF documents written in XML syntax (with the file extension of `.jspx`) because page templates embed XML content. In contrast to regular JSF pages where all components on the page must be enclosed within the `f:view` tag, page template definitions cannot contain an `f:view` tag and must have `pageTemplateDef` as the root tag. Either the template or the page that uses the template must contain the `document` tag, but they cannot both contain the tag (by default, JDeveloper adds the `document` tag to the consuming page).

A page template can have fixed content areas and dynamic content areas. For example, if a Help button should always be located at the top right-hand corner of pages, you could define such a button in the template layout, and when page authors use the template to build their pages, they do not have to add and configure a Help button. Dynamic content areas, on the other hand, are areas of the template where page authors can add contents within defined facets of the template or set property values that are specific to the type of pages they are building.

The entire description of a page template is defined within the `pageTemplateDef` tag, which has two sections. One section is within the `xmlContent` tag, which contains all the page template component metadata that describes the template's supported content areas (defined by facets), and available properties (defined as attributes). The second section (anything outside of the `xmlContent` tag) is where all the components that make up the actual page layout of the template are defined. The components in the layout section provide a JSF component subtree that is used to render the contents of the page template.



Facets act as placeholders for content on a page. In a page that consumes a template, page authors can insert content for the template only in named facets that have already been defined. This means that when you design a page template, you must define all possible facets within the `xmlContent` tag, using a `facet` element for each named facet. In the layout section of a page template definition, as you build the template layout using various components, you use the `facetRef` tag to reference the named facets within those components where content can eventually be inserted into the template by page authors.

For example, the `fileExplorerTemplate` template contains a facet for copyright information and another facet for application information, as shown in [Example 19–6](#).

#### **Example 19–6 Facet Definition in a Template**

```
<facet>
  <description>
    <![CDATA[Area to put a commandLink to more information
              about the application.]]>
  </description>
  <facet-name>appAbout</facet-name>
</facet>
<facet>
  <description>
    <![CDATA[The copyright region of the page. If present, this area
              typically contains an outputText component with the copyright
              information.]]>
  </description>
  <facet-name>appCopyright</facet-name>
</facet>
```

In the layout section of the template as shown in [Example 19–7](#), a `panelGroupLayout` component contains a table whose cell contains a reference to the `appCopyright` facet and another facet contains a reference to the `appAbout` facet. This is where a page developer will be allowed to place that content.

#### **Example 19–7 Facet References in a Page Template**

```
<af:panelGroupLayout layout="vertical">
  <afh:tableLayout width="100%">
    <afh:rowLayout>
      <afh:cellFormat>
        <af:facetRef facetName="appCopyright"/>
      </afh:cellFormat>
    </afh:rowLayout>
  </afh:tableLayout>
  <af:facetRef facetName="appAbout"/>
</af:panelGroupLayout>
```

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**Note:** To avoid component ID collisions at runtime, each named facet can be referenced only once in the layout section of the page template definition. That is, you cannot use multiple `facetRef` tags referencing the same `facetName` value in the same template definition.

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While the `pageTemplateDef` tag describes all the information and components needed in a page template definition, the JSF pages that consume a page template use the `pageTemplate` tag to reference the page template definition. [Example 19–7](#) shows how

the `index.jspx` page references the `fileExplorerTemplate` template, provides values for the template's attributes, and places content within the template's facet definitions.

At design time, page developers using the template can insert content into the `appCopyright` facet, using the `f:facet` tag, as shown in [Example 19-8](#)

**Example 19-8 Using Page Templates Facets in a JSF Page**

```
<af:pageTemplate id="fe"
    viewId="/fileExplorer/templates/fileExplorerTemplate.jspx">
  <f:attribute name="documentTitle"
    value="#{explorerBundle['global.branding_name']}" />
  <f:attribute name="headerSize" value="70" />
  <f:attribute name="navigatorsSize" value="370" />
  .
  .
  .
  <f:facet name="appCopyright">
    <!-- Copyright info about File Explorer demo -->
    <f:outputFormatted value="#{explorerBundle['about.copyright']}" />
  </f:facet>
  .
  .
  .
</af:pageTemplate>
```

At runtime, the inserted content is displayed in the right location on the page, as indicated by `af:facetRef facetName="appCopyright"` in the template definition.

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**Note:** You cannot run a page template as a run target in JDeveloper. You can run the page that uses the page template.

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Page template attributes specify the component properties (for example, `headerGlobalSize`) that can be set or modified in the template. While `facet` element information is used to specify where in a template content can be inserted, `attribute` element information is used to specify what page attributes are available for passing into a template, and where in the template those attributes can be used to set or modify template properties.

For the page template to reference its own attributes, the `pageTemplateDef` tag must have a `var` attribute, which contains an EL variable name for referencing each attribute defined in the template. For example, in the `fileExplorerTemplate` template, the value of `var` on the `pageTemplateDef` tag is set to `attrs`. Then in the layout section of the template, an EL expression such as `#{attrs.someAttributeName}` is used in those component attributes where page authors are allowed to specify their own values or modify default values.

For example, the `fileExplorerTemplate` template definition defines an attribute for the header size, which has a default `int` value of 100 pixels as shown in [Example 19-9](#).

**Example 19-9 Page Template AttributeDefinition**

```
<attribute>
  <description>
    Specifies the number of pixels tall that the global header content should
    consume.
  </description>
  <attribute-name>headerGlobalSize</attribute-name>
```

```

<attribute-class>int</attribute-class>
<default-value>100</default-value>
</attribute>

```

In the layout section of the template, the `splitterPosition` attribute of the `panelSplitter` component references the `headerGlobalSize` attribute in the EL expression `#{attrs.headerGlobalSize}`, as shown in the following code:

```
<af:panelSplitter splitterPosition="#{attrs.headerGlobalSize}" ../>
```

When page authors use the template, they can modify the `headerGlobalSize` value using `f:attribute`, as shown in the following code:

```

<af:pageTemplate ..>
  <f:attribute name="headerGlobalSize" value="50"/>
  .
  .
  .
</af:pageTemplate>

```

At runtime, the specified attribute value is substituted into the appropriate part of the template, as indicated by the EL expression that bears the attribute name.

**Tip:** If you define a resource bundle in a page template, the pages that consume the template will also be able to use the resource bundle. For information about using resource bundles, see [Section 21.3, "Manually Defining Resource Bundles and Locales."](#)

For a simple page template, it is probably sufficient to place all the components for the entire layout section into the page template definition file. For a more complex page template, you can certainly break the layout section into several smaller fragment files for easier maintenance, and use `jsp:include` tags to include and connect the various fragment files.

When you break the layout section of a page template into several smaller fragment files, all the page template component metadata must be contained within the `xmlContent` tag in the main page template definition file. There can be only one `xmlContent` tag within a `pageTemplateDef` tag. You cannot have page template component metadata in the fragment files; fragment files can contain portions of the page template layout components only.

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**Note:** You cannot nest page templates inside other page templates.

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If your template requires resources such as custom styles defined in CSS or JavaScript, then you need to include these on the consuming page, using the `af:resource` tag. For more information, see [Section 19.5, "Adding Resources to Pages."](#)

### 19.3.1 How to Create a Page Template

JDeveloper simplifies creating page template definitions by providing the Create JSF Page Template wizard, which lets you add named facets and attributes declaratively to create the template component metadata section of a template. In addition to generating the metadata code for you, JDeveloper also creates and modifies a `pagetemplate-metadata.xml` file that keeps track of all the page templates you create in a project.

**Performance Tip:** Because page templates may be present in every application page, templates should be optimized so that common overhead is avoided. One example of overhead is round corners, for example on boxes, which are quite expensive. Adding them to the template will add overhead to every page.

**To create a page template definition:**

1. In the Application Navigator, right-click the folder where you wish to create and store page templates and choose **New**.
2. In the **Categories** tree, select the **JSF** node, in the **Items** pane select **JSF Page Template**, and click **OK**.
3. Enter a file name for the page template definition. Page template definitions must be XML documents (with file extension `.jspx`) because they embed XML content.

**Performance Tip:** Avoid long names because they can have an impact on server-side, network traffic, and client processing.

4. Accept the directory name for the template definition, or choose a new location.  
If the page template is intended to be packaged as an ADF Library, you should not accept the default directory name. You should try to specify a unique directory name so that it will be less likely to clash with page templates from other ADF Libraries.
5. Enter a Page Template name for the page template definition.
6. If you want to use one of the predefined quick layouts, select **Use a Quick Start Layout** and click **Browse** to select the one you want to use.
7. To add named facets, click the **Facet Definitions** tab and click the **Add** icon.  
Facets are predefined areas on a page template where content can eventually be inserted when building pages using the template. Each facet must have a unique name. For example, you could define a facet called `main` for the main content area of the page, and a facet called `branding` for the branding area of the page.
8. To add attributes, click the **Attributes** tab and click the **Add** icon.  
Attributes are UI component attributes that can be passed into a page when building pages using the template. Each attribute must have a name and class type. Note that whatever consumes the attribute (for example an attribute on a component that you configure in Step 12) must be able to accept that type. You can assign default values, and you can specify that the values are mandatory by selecting the `Required` checkbox.
9. If the page template contents use ADF Model data bindings, select the **Create Associated ADFm Page Definition** checkbox, and click **Model Parameters** to add one or more model parameters. For information about using model parameters and ADF Model data bindings, see the "Using Page Templates" section of the *Oracle Fusion Middleware Fusion Developer's Guide for Oracle Application Development Framework*.

Once you complete the wizard, JDeveloper displays the page template definition file in the visual editor. [Example 19–10](#) shows the code JDeveloper adds for you when you use the wizard to define the metadata for a page template definition. You can view this code in the source editor.

**Tip:** Once a template is created, you can add facets and attributes by selecting the `pageTemplateDef` tag in the Structure window and using the Property Inspector.

**Note:** When you change or delete any facet name or attribute name in the template component metadata, you have to manually change or delete the facet or attribute name referenced in the layout section of the template definition, as well as the JSF pages that consume the template.

### Example 19–10 Component Metadata in Page Template Definition

```
<af:pageTemplateDef var="attrs">
  <af:xmlContent>
    <component xmlns="http://xmlns.oracle.com/adf/faces/rich/component">
      <display-name>sampleTemplateDef1</display-name>
      <facet>
        <facet-name>main</facet-name>
      </facet>
      .
      .
      .
      <attribute>
        <attribute-name>Title</attribute-name>
        <attribute-class>java.lang.String</attribute-class>
        <default-value>Replace title here</default-value>
        <required>true</required>
      </attribute>
      .
      .
      .
    </component>
  </af:xmlContent>
  .
  .
  .
</af:pageTemplateDef>
```

10. Drag a component from the Component Palette and drop it onto the page in the visual editor.

In the layout section of a page template definition (or in fragment files that contain a portion of the layout section), you cannot use the `f:view` tag, because it is already used in the JSF pages that consume page templates.

**Best Practice Tip:** You should not use the `document` or `form` tags in the template. While theoretically, template definitions can use the `document` and `form` tags, doing so means the consuming page cannot. Because page templates can be used for page fragments, which in turn will be used by another page, it is likely that the consuming page will contain these tags.

You can add any number of components to the layout section. If you did not choose to use one of the quick start layouts, then typically, you would add a panel component such as `panelStretchLayout` or `panelGroupLayout`, and then add the components that define the layout into the panel component. For more information, see [Chapter 8, "Organizing Content on Web Pages."](#)

Declarative components and databound components may be used in the layout section. For information about using declarative components, see [Section 19.4, "Using Declarative Components."](#) For information about using databound components in page templates, see the "Using Page Templates" section of the *Oracle Fusion Middleware Fusion Developer's Guide for Oracle Application Development Framework*.

11. Within those components (in the layout section) where content can eventually be inserted by page authors using the template, drag **FacetRef** from the Component Palette and drop it in the desired location on the page.

For example, if you have defined a main facet for the main content area on a page template, you might add the `facetRef` tag as a child in the center facet of `panelStretchLayout` component to reference the main facet. At design time, when the page author drops content into the main facet, the content is placed in the correct location on the page as defined in the template.

When you use the `facetRef` tag to reference the appropriate named facet, JDeveloper displays the Insert FacetRef dialog. In that dialog, select a facet name from the dropdown list, or enter a facet name. If you enter a facet name that is not already defined in the component metadata of the page template definition file, JDeveloper automatically adds an entry for the new facet definition in the component metadata within the `xmlContent` tag.

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**Note:** Each facet can be referenced only once in the layout section of the page template definition. That is, you cannot use multiple `facetRef` tags referencing the same `facetName` value in the same template definition.

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12. To specify where attributes should be used in the page template, use the page template's `var` attribute value to reference the relevant attributes on the appropriate components in the layout section.

The `var` attribute of the `pageTemplateDef` tag specifies the EL variable name that is used to access the page template's own attributes. As shown in [Example 19-10](#), the default value of `var` used by JDeveloper is `attrs`.

For example, if you have defined a `title` attribute and added the `panelHeader` component, you might use the EL expression `#{attrs.title}` in the `text` value of the `panelHeader` component, as shown in the following code, to reference the value of `title`:

```
<af:panelHeader text="#{attrs.title}">
```

13. To include another file in the template layout, use the `jsp:include` tag wrapped inside the `subview` tag to reference a fragment file, as shown in the following code:

```
<f:subview id="secondaryDecoration">
  <jsp:include page="fileExplorerSecondaryDecoration.jspx"/>
</f:subview>
```

The included fragment file must also be an XML document, containing only `jsp:root` at the top of the hierarchy. For more information about using fragments, see [Section 19.2.3, "How to Use a Page Fragment in a JSF Page."](#)

By creating a few fragment files for the components that define the template layout, and then including the fragment files in the page template definition, you

can split up an otherwise large template file into smaller files for easier maintenance.

## 19.3.2 What Happens When You Create a Page Template

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**Note:** If components in your page template use ADF Model data binding, or if you chose to associate an ADF page definition when you created the template, JDeveloper automatically creates files and folders related to ADF Model. For information about the files used with page templates and ADF Model data binding, the "Using Page Templates" section of the *Oracle Fusion Middleware Fusion Developer's Guide for Oracle Application Development Framework*.

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The first time you use the wizard to create a JSF page template in a project, JDeveloper automatically creates the `pagetemplate-metadata.xml` file, which is placed in the `/ViewController/src/META-INF` directory in the file system.

For each page template that you define using the wizard, JDeveloper creates a page template definition file (for example, `sampleTemplateDef1.jspx`), and adds an entry to the `pagetemplate-metadata.xml` file. [Example 19–11](#) shows an example of the `pagetemplate-metadata.xml` file.

### Example 19–11 Sample `pagetemplate-metadata.xml` File

```
<pageTemplateDefs xmlns="http://xmlns.oracle.com/adf/faces/rich/pagetemplate">
  <pagetemplate-jsp-ui-def>/sampleTemplateDef1.jspx</pagetemplate-jsp-ui-def>
  <pagetemplate-jsp-ui-def>/sampleTemplateDef2.jspx</pagetemplate-jsp-ui-def>
</pageTemplateDefs>
```

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**Note:** When you rename or delete a page template in the Application Navigator, JDeveloper renames or deletes the page template definition file in the file system, but you must manually change or delete the page template entry in the `pagetemplate-metadata.xml` file, and update or remove any JSF pages that use the template.

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The `pagetemplate-metadata.xml` file contains the names and paths of all the page templates that you create in a project. This file is used to determine which page templates are available when you use a wizard to create template-based JSF pages, and when you deploy a project containing page template definitions.

## 19.3.3 How to Create JSF Pages Based on Page Templates

Typically, you create JSF pages in the same project where page template definitions are created and stored. If the page templates are not in the same project as where you are going to create template-based pages, first deploy the page templates project to an ADF Library JAR. For information about deploying a project, see the "Reusing Application Components" chapter of the *Oracle Fusion Middleware Fusion Developer's Guide for Oracle Application Development Framework*. Deploying a page template project also allows you to share page templates with other developers working on the application.



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**Note:** If the template uses `jsp:include` tags, then it cannot be deployed to an ADF Library to be reused in other applications.

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You can use page templates to build JSF pages or page fragments. If you modify the layout section of a page template later, all pages or page fragments that use the template are automatically updated with the layout changes.

In the page that consumes a template, you can add content before and after the `pageTemplate` tag. In general, you would use only one `pageTemplate` tag in a page, but there are no restrictions for using more than one.

JDeveloper simplifies the creation of JSF pages based on page templates by providing a template selection option in the Create JSF Page or Create JSF Page Fragment wizard.

### To create a JSF page or page fragment based on a page template:

1. Follow the instructions in [Section 2.4.1, "How to Create JSF JSP Pages"](#) to open the Create JSF Page dialog. In the dialog, select a page template to use from the **Use Page Template** dropdown list.

**Tip:** Only page templates that have been created using the template wizard in JDeveloper are available for selection. If the **Use Page Template** dropdown list is disabled, this means no page templates are available in the project where you are creating new pages.

By default, JDeveloper displays the new page or page fragment in the visual editor. The facets defined in the page template appear as named boxes in the visual editor. If the page template contains any default values, you should see the values in the Property Inspector, and if the default values have some visual representation (for example, size), that will be reflected in the visual editor, along with any content that is rendered by components defined in the layout section of the page template definition.

2. In the Structure window, expand `jsp:root` until you see `af:pageTemplate` (which should be under `af:form`).

Within the `form` tag, you can drop content before and after the `pageTemplate` tag.

3. Add components by dragging and dropping components from the Component Palette in the facets of the template. In the Structure window, within `af:pageTemplate`, the facets (for example, `f:facet - main`) that have been predefined in the component metadata section of the page template definition are shown.

The type of components you can drop into a facet may be dependent on the location of the `facetRef` tag in the page template definition. For example, if you've defined a `facetRef` tag to be inside a `table` component in the page template definition, then only `column` components can be dropped into the facet because the `table` component accepts only `column` components as children.

**Tip:** The content you drop into the template facets may contain ADF Model data binding. In other words, you can drag and drop items from the Data Controls panel. For more information about using ADF Model data binding, see *Oracle Fusion Middleware Fusion Developer's Guide for Oracle Application Development Framework*.



4. In the Structure window, select **af:pageTemplate**. Then, in the Property Inspector, you can see all the attributes that are predefined in the page template definition. Predefined attributes might have default values.

You can assign static values to the predefined attributes, or you can use EL expressions (for example, `#{myBean.somevalue}`). When you enter a value for an attribute, JDeveloper adds the `f:attribute` tag to the code, and replaces the attribute's default value (if any) with the value you assign (see [Example 19–12](#)).

At runtime, the default or assigned attribute value is used or displayed in the appropriate part of the template, as specified in the page template definition by the EL expression that bears the name of the attribute (such as `#{attrs.someAttributeName}`).

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**Note:** In addition to predefined template definition attributes, the Property Inspector also shows other attributes of the `pageTemplate` tag such as `Id`, `Value`, and `ViewId`.

The `ViewId` attribute of the `pageTemplate` tag specifies the page template definition file to use in the consuming page at runtime. JDeveloper automatically assigns the `ViewId` attribute with the appropriate value when you use the wizard to create a template-based JSF page. The `ViewId` attribute value cannot be removed, otherwise a runtime error will occur, and the parts of the page that are based on the template will not render.

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5. To include resources, such as CSS or JavaScript, you need to use the `af:resource` tag. For more information, see [Section 19.5, "Adding Resources to Pages."](#)

### 19.3.4 What Happens When You Use a Template to Create a Page

When you create a page using a template, JDeveloper inserts the `pageTemplate` tag, which references the page template definition, as shown in [Example 19–12](#). Any components added inside the template's facets use the `f:facet` tag to reference the facet. Any attribute values you specified are shown in the `f:attribute` tag.

#### **Example 19–12 JSF Page that References a Page Template**

```
<?xml version='1.0' encoding='windows-1252'?>
<jsp:root xmlns:jsp="http://java.sun.com/JSP/Page" version="2.0"
  xmlns:f="http://java.sun.com/jsf/core"
  xmlns:af="http://xmlns.oracle.com/adf/faces/rich">
  <jsp:directive.page contentType="text/html; charset=windows-1252"/>
  <f:view>
    <af:document>
      <af:form>
        .
        .
        .
        <af:pageTemplate viewId="/sampleTemplateDef1.jspx" id="template1">
          <f:attribute name="title" value="Some Value"/>
          <f:facet name="main">
            <!-- add contents here -->
          </f:facet>
        </af:pageTemplate>
        .
        .
        .
```

```
        </af:form>
    </af:document>
</f:view>
</jsp:root>
```

### 19.3.5 What Happens at Runtime: How Page Templates Are Resolved

When a JSF page that consumes a page template is executed:

- The `pageTemplate` component in the consuming page, using the `viewId` attribute (for example, `<af:pageTemplate viewId="/sampleTemplateDef1.jspx"/>`), locates the page template definition file that contains the template component metadata and layout.
- The component subtree defined in the layout section of the `pageTemplateDef` tag is instantiated and inserted into the consuming page's component tree at the location identified by the `pageTemplate` tag in the page.
- The consuming page passes facet contents into the template using the `facet` tag. The facet contents of each `facet` tag are inserted into the appropriate location on the template as specified by the corresponding `facetRef` tag in the layout section of the `pageTemplateDef` tag.
- The consuming page passes values into the template by using the `attribute` tag. The `pageTemplateDef` tag sets the value of the `var` attribute so that the `pageTemplate` tag can internally reference its own parameters. The `pageTemplate` tag just sets the parameters; the runtime maps those parameters into the attributes defined in the `pageTemplateDef` tag.
- Using template component metadata, the `pageTemplate` tag applies any default values to its attributes and checks for required values.

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**Note:** Page templates are processed during JSP execution, not during JSF processing (that is, component tree creation). This means that fragments built from page templates cannot be used within tags that require the component tree creation. For example, you could not include a fragment based on a template within an `iterator` tag and expect it to be included in a loop.

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For information about what happens when the page template uses ADF Model data binding, see the "Using Page Templates" section of the *Oracle Fusion Middleware Fusion Developer's Guide for Oracle Application Development Framework*.

### 19.3.6 What You May Need to Know About Page Templates and Naming Containers

The `pageTemplate` component acts as a naming container for all content in the template (whether it is direct content in the template definition, or fragment content included using the `jsp:include` action). When working with client-side events in template-based pages, you must include the template's ID when using code to locate a component. For more details, see [Section 5.3.7, "What You May Need to Know About Using Naming Containers."](#)

## 19.4 Using Declarative Components

Declarative components are reusable, composite UI components that are made up of other existing ADF Faces components. Suppose you are reusing the same components

consistently in multiple circumstances. Instead of copying and pasting the commonly used UI elements repeatedly, you can define a declarative component that comprises those elements, and then reuse that composite declarative component in multiple places or pages.

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**Note:** If you want to use ADF Model layer bindings as values for the attributes, then you should use a page template instead. For more information, see [Section 19.3, "Using Page Templates."](#)

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To use declarative components in an application, you first create an XML-based declarative component definition, which is a JSF document written in XML syntax (with a file extension of `.jspx`). Declarative component JSF files do not contain the `f:view` and `document` tags, and they must have `componentDef` as the root tag.

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**Note:** The view parts of a page (fragments, declarative components, and the main page) all share the same request scope. This may result in a collision when you use the same fragment or declarative component multiple times on a page, and when they share a backing bean. For more information about scopes, see [Section 4.6, "Object Scope Lifecycles."](#)

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The entire description of a declarative component is defined within two sections. One section is `xmlContent`, which contains all the page template component metadata that describes the declarative component's supported content areas. A declarative component's metadata includes the following:

- **Facets:** Facets act as placeholders for the content that will eventually be placed in the individual components that make up the declarative component. Each component references one facet. When page designers use a declarative component, they insert content into the facet, which in turn, allows the content to be inserted into the component.

**Tip:** Facets are the only area within a declarative component that can contain content. That is, when used on a JSF page, a declarative component may not have any children. Create facets for all areas where content may be needed.

- **Attributes:** You define attributes whose values can be used to populate attributes on the individual components. For example, if your declarative component uses a `panelHeader` component, you may decide to create an attribute named `Title`. You may then design the declarative component so that the value of the `Title` attribute is used as the value for the `text` attribute of the `panelHeader` component. You can provide default values for attributes that the user can then override.

**Tip:** Because users of a declarative component will not be able to directly set attributes on the individual components, you must be sure to create attributes for all attributes that you want users to be able to set or override the default value.

Additionally, if you want the declarative component to be able to use client-side attributes (for example, `attributeDragSource`), you must create that attribute and be sure to include it as a child to the appropriate component used in the declarative component. For more information, see [Section 19.4.1, "How to Create a Declarative Component."](#)

- **Methods:** You can define a method to which you can bind a property on one of the included components. For example, if your declarative component contains a button, you can declare a method name and signature and then bind the `actionListener` attribute to the declared method. When page developers use the declarative component, they rebind to a method on a managed bean that contains the logic required by the component.

For example, say your declarative component contains a button that you knew always had to invoke an `actionEvent` method. You might create a declarative method named `method1` that used the signature `void method(javax.faces.event.ActionEvent)`. You might then bind the `actionListener` attribute on the button to the declared method. When page developers use the declarative component, JDeveloper will ask them to provide a method on a backing bean that uses the same signature.

- **Tag library:** All declarative components must be contained within a tag library that you import into the applications that will use them.

The second section (anything outside of the `xmlContent` tag) is where all the components that make up the declarative component are defined. Each component contains a reference back to the facet that will be used to add content to the component.

To use declarative components in a project, you first must deploy the library that contains the declarative component as an ADF Library. You can then add the deployed ADF Library JAR to the project's properties, which automatically inserts the JSP tag library or libraries into the project's properties. Doing so allows the component(s) to be displayed in the Component Palette so that you can drag and drop them onto a JSF page.

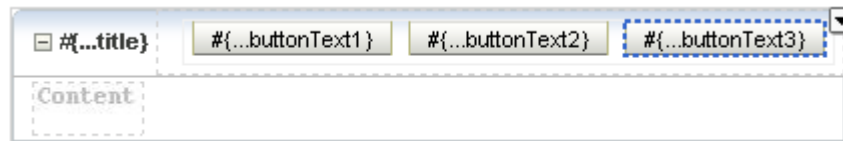
For example, say you want to create a declarative component that uses a `panelBox` component. In the `panelBox` component's toolbar, you want to include three buttons that can be used to invoke `actionEvent` methods on a backing bean. To do this, create the following:

- One facet named `Content` to hold the content of the `panelBox` component.
- One attribute named `Title` to determine the text to display as the `panelBox` component's title.
- Three attributes (one for each button, named `buttonText1`, `buttonText2`, and `buttonText3`) to determine the text to display on each button.
- Three attributes (one for each button, named `display1`, `display2`, `display3`) to determine whether or not the button will render, because you do not expect all three buttons will be needed every time the component is used.

- Three declarative methods (one for each button, named `method1`, `method2`, and `method3`) that each use the `actionEvent` method signature.
- One `panelBox` component whose `text` attribute is bound to the created `Title` attribute, and references the `Content` facet.
- Three `toolbarButton` components. The `text` attribute for each would be bound to the corresponding `buttonText` attribute, the `render` attribute would be bound to the corresponding `display` attribute, and the `actionListener` attribute would be bound to the corresponding method name.

Figure 19–2 shows how such a declarative component would look in the visual editor.

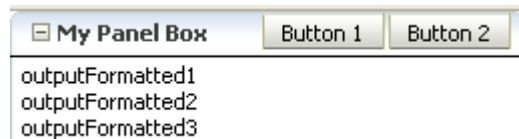
**Figure 19–2 Declarative Component in the Visual Editor**



When a page developer drops a declarative component that contains required attributes or methods onto the page, a dialog opens asking for values.

If the developer set values where only the first two buttons would render, and then added a `panelGroupLayout` component with output text, the page would render as shown in Figure 19–3.

**Figure 19–3 Displayed Declarative Component**




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**Note:** You cannot use fragments or ADF databound components in the component layout of a declarative component. If you think some of the components will need to be bound to the ADF Model layer, then create attributes for those component attributes that need to be bound. The user of the declarative component can then manually bind those attributes to the ADF Model layer.

Additionally, because declarative components are delivered in external JAR files, the components cannot use the `jsp:include` tag because it will not be able to find the referenced files.

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If your declarative component requires resources such as custom styles defined in CSS or JavaScript, then you need to include these using the `af:resource` tag on the consuming page. For more information, see [Section 19.5, "Adding Resources to Pages."](#)

### 19.4.1 How to Create a Declarative Component

JDeveloper simplifies creating declarative component definitions by providing the Create JSF Declarative Component wizard, which lets you create facets, and define attributes and methods for the declarative component. The wizard also creates

metadata in the `component-extension` file that describes tag library information for the declarative component. The tag library metadata is used to create the JSP tag library for the declarative component.

First you add the template component metadata for facets and attributes inside the `xmlContent` section of the `componentDef` tag. After you have added all the necessary component metadata for facets and attributes, then you add the components that define the actual layout of the declarative component in the section outside of the `xmlContent` section.

**Best Practice Tip:** Because the tag library definition (TLD) for the declarative component must be generated before the component can be used, the component must be deployed to a JAR file before it can be consumed. It is best to create an application that contains only your declarative components. You can then deploy all the declarative components in a single library for use in multiple applications.

### To create a declarative component definition:

1. In the Application Navigator, right-click the folder where you wish to create and store declarative components and choose **New**.
2. In the **Categories** tree, select the **JSF** node, in the **Items** pane select **JSF Declarative Component**, and click **OK**.
3. Enter a name and file name for the declarative component.

The name you specify will be used as the display name of the declarative component in the Component Palette, as well as the name of the Java class generated for the component tag. Only alphanumeric characters are allowed in the name for the declarative component, for example, `SampleName` or `SampleName1`.

The file name is the name of the declarative component definition file (for example, `componentDef1.jspx`). By default, JDeveloper uses `.jspx` as the file extension because declarative component definition files must be XML documents.

4. Accept the default directory name for the declarative component, or choose a new location.

By default, JDeveloper saves declarative component definitions in the `/ViewController/public_html` directory in the file system. For example, you could save all declarative component definitions in the `/ViewController/public_html/declcomps` directory.

5. Enter a package name (for example, `dcomponent1`). JDeveloper uses the package name when creating the Java class for the declarative component.
6. Select a tag library to contain the new declarative component. If no tag library exists, or if you wish to create a new one, click **Add Tag Library**, and do the following to create metadata for the tag library:
  - a. Enter a name for the JSP tag library to contain the declarative component (for example, `dcompLib1`).
  - b. Enter the URI for the tag library (for example, `/dcomponentLib1`).
  - c. Enter a prefix to use for the tag library (for example, `dc`).
7. If you want to be able to add custom logic to your declarative component, select the **Use Custom Component Class** checkbox and enter a class name.
8. To add named facets, click the **Facet Definitions** tab and click the **Add** icon.

Facets in a declarative component are predefined areas where content can eventually be inserted. The components you use to create the declarative component will reference the facets. When page developers use the declarative components, they will place content into the facets, which in turn will allow the content to be placed into the individual components. Each facet must have a unique name. For example, your declarative component has a `panelBox` component, you could define a facet named `box-main` for the content area of the `panelBox` component.

9. To add attributes, click **Attributes** and click **Add**.

Attributes are UI component attributes that can be passed into a declarative component. Each attribute must have a name and class type. Possible class types to use are: `java.lang.String`, `int`, `boolean`, and `float`. You can assign default values, and you can specify that the values are mandatory by selecting the **Required** checkbox.

**Tip:** You must create attributes for any attributes on the included components for which you want users to be able to set or change values.

Remember to also add attributes for any tags you may need to add to support functionality of the component, for example values required by the `attributeDragSource` tag used for drag and drop functionality.

10. To add declarative methods, click the **Methods** tab and click the **Add** icon.

Declarative methods allow you to bind command component actions or action listeners to method signatures, which will later resolve to actual methods of the same signature on backing beans for the page on which the components are used. You can click the ellipses button to open the Method Signature dialog, which allows you to search for and build your signature.

When you complete the dialog, JDeveloper displays the declarative component definition file in the visual editor.

**Tip:** Once a declarative component is created, you can add facets and attributes by selecting the `componentDef` tag in the Structure window, and using the Property Inspector.

11. Drag a component from the Component Palette and drop it as a child to the `componentDef` tag in the Structure window.

Suppose you dropped a `panelBox` component. In the Structure window, JDeveloper adds the component after the `xmlContent` tag. It does not matter where you place the components for layout, before or after the `xmlContent` tag, but it is good practice to be consistent.

You can use any number of components in the component layout of a declarative component. Typically, you would add a component such as `panelFormLayout` or `panelGroupLayout`, and then add the components that define the layout into the panel component.

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**Note:** You cannot use fragments or ADF databound components in the component layout of a declarative component. If you think some of the components will need to be bound to the ADF Model layer, then create attributes for those component attributes. The user of the declarative component can then manually bind those attributes to the ADF Model layer. For more information about using the ADF Model layer, see the "Using ADF Model in a Fusion Web Application" chapter in the *Oracle Fusion Middleware Fusion Developer's Guide for Oracle Application Development Framework*.

Additionally, because declarative components are delivered in external JAR files, the components cannot use the `jsp:include` tag because it will not be able to find the referenced files.

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12. Within those components (in the layout section) where content can eventually be inserted by page authors using the component, use the `facetRef` tag to reference the appropriate named facet.

For example, if you have defined a content facet for the main content area, you might add the `facetRef` tag as a child in the `panelBox` component to reference the content facet. At design time, when the page developer drops components into the content facet, the components are placed in the `panelBox` component.

When you drag **FacetRef** from the Component Palette and drop it in the desired location on the page, JDeveloper displays the Insert FacetRef dialog. In that dialog, select a facet name from the dropdown list, or enter a facet name. If you enter a facet name that is not already defined in the component metadata of the definition file, JDeveloper automatically adds an entry for the new facet definition in the component metadata within the `xmlContent` tag.

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**Note:** Each facet can be referenced only once. That is, you cannot use multiple `facetRef` tags referencing the same `facetName` value in the same declarative component definition.

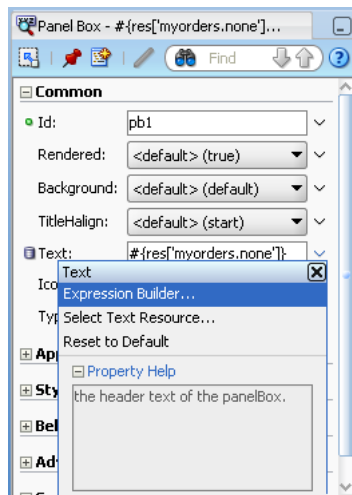
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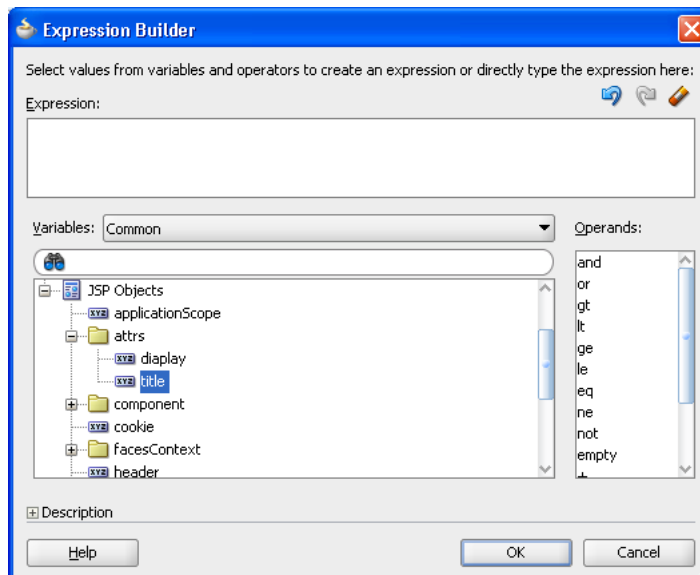
13. To specify where attributes should be used in the declarative component, use the Property Inspector and the Expression Builder to bind component attribute values to the created attributes.

For example, if you have defined a `title` attribute and added a `panelBox` as a component, you might use the dropdown menu next to the text attribute in the Property Inspector to open the Expression Builder, as shown in [Figure 19-4](#).



**Figure 19–4** Opening the Expression Builder for an Attribute in the Property Inspector

In the Expression Builder, you can expand the **JSP Objects** > **attrs** node to select the created attribute that should be used for the value of the attribute in the Property Inspector. For example, [Figure 19–5](#) shows the **title** attribute selected in the Expression Builder. Click the **Insert Into Expression** button and then click **OK** to add the expression as the value for the attribute.

**Figure 19–5** Expression Builder Displays Created Attributes

- To specify the methods that command buttons in the declarative component should invoke, use the dropdown menu next to that component's `actionListener` attribute and choose **Edit** to open the Edit Property dialog. This dialog allows you to choose one of the declarative methods you created for the declarative component.

In the dialog, select **Declarative Component Methods**, select the declarative method from the dropdown list, and click **OK**.

## 19.4.2 What Happens When You Create a Declarative Component

When you first use the Create JSF Declarative Component wizard, JDeveloper creates the metadata file using the name you entered in the wizard. The entire definition for the component is contained in the `componentDef` tag. This tag uses two attributes. The first is `var`, which is a variable used by the individual components to access the attribute values. By default, the value of `var` is `attrs`. The second attribute is `componentVar`, which is a variable used by the individual components to access the methods. By default the value of `componentVar` is `component`.

The metadata describing the facets, attributes, and methods is contained in the `xmlContent` tag. Facet information is contained within the `facet` tag, attribute information is contained within the `attribute` tag, and method information is contained within the `component-extension` tag, as is library information.

[Example 19–13](#) shows abbreviated code for the declarative component shown in [Figure 19–2](#).

### **Example 19–13** Declarative Component Metadata in the `xmlContent` Tag

```
<af:xmlContent>
  <component xmlns="http://xmlns.oracle.com/adf/faces/rich/component">
    <display-name>myPanelBox</display-name>
    <facet>
      <description>Holds the content in the panel box</description>
      <facet-name>Content</facet-name>
    </facet>
    <attribute>
      <attribute-name>title</attribute-name>
      <attribute-class>java.lang.String</attribute-class>
      <required>true</required>
    </attribute>
    <attribute>
      <attribute-name>buttonText1</attribute-name>
      <attribute-class>java.lang.String</attribute-class>
    </attribute>
    . . .
    <component-extension>
      <component-tag-namespace>component</component-tag-namespace>
      <component-taglib-uri>/componentLib1</component-taglib-uri>
      <method-attribute>
        <attribute-name>method1</attribute-name>
        <method-signature>
          void method(javax.faces.event.ActionEvent)
        </method-signature>
      </method-attribute>
      <method-attribute>
        <attribute-name>method2</attribute-name>
        <method-signature>
          void method(javax.faces.event.ActionEvent)
        </method-signature>
      </method-attribute>
      . . .
    </component-extension>
  </component>
</af:xmlContent>
```

Metadata for the included components is contained after the `xmlContent` tag. The code for these components is the same as it might be in a standard JSF page, including any attribute values you set directly on the components. Any bindings you created to the attributes or methods use the component's variables in the bindings. [Example 19–14](#)

shows the code for the `panelBox` component with the three buttons in the toolbar. Notice that the `facetRef` tag appears as a child to the `panelBox` component, as any content a page developer will add will then be a child to the `panelBox` component.

#### **Example 19–14 Components in a Declarative Component**

```
<af:panelBox text="#{attrs.title}" inlineStyle="width:25%;">
  <f:facet name="toolbar">
    <af:group>
      <af:toolbar>
        <af:commandToolbarButton text="#{attrs.buttonText1}"
                                actionListener="#{component.handleMethod1}"
                                rendered="#{attrs.display1}" />
        <af:commandToolbarButton text="#{attrs.buttonText2}"
                                rendered="#{attrs.display2}"
                                actionListener="#{component.handleMethod2}" />
        <af:commandToolbarButton text="#{attrs.buttonText3}"
                                rendered="#{attrs.display3}"
                                actionListener="#{component.handleMethod3}" />
      </af:toolbar>
    </af:group>
  </f:facet>
  <af:facetRef facetName="Content" />
</af:panelBox>
```

The first time you use the wizard to create a declarative component in a project, JDeveloper automatically creates the `declarativecomp-metadata.xml` file, which is placed in the `/ViewController/src/META-INF` directory in the file system.

For each declarative component that you define using the wizard, JDeveloper creates a declarative component definition file (for example, `componentDef1.jspx`), and adds an entry to the `declarativecomp-metadata.xml` file. [Example 19–15](#) shows an example of the `declarativecomp-metadata.xml` file.

#### **Example 19–15 Sample declarativecomp-metadata.xml File**

```
<declarativeCompDefs
  xmlns="http://xmlns.oracle.com/adf/faces/rich/declarativecomp">
  <declarativecomp-jsp-ui-def>
    /componentDef1.jspx
  </declarativecomp-jsp-ui-def>
  <declarativecomp-taglib>
    <taglib-name>
      dCompLib1
    </taglib-name>
    <taglib-uri>
      /dcomponentLib1
    </taglib-uri>
    <taglib-prefix>
      dc
    </taglib-prefix>
  </declarativecomp-taglib>
</declarativeCompDefs>
```

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**Note:** When you rename or delete a declarative component in the Application Navigator, JDeveloper renames or deletes the declarative component definition file in the file system, but you must manually change or delete the declarative component entry in the `declarativecomp-metadata.xml` file, and update or remove any JSF pages that use the declarative component.

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The `declarativecomp-metadata.xml` file contains the names, paths, and tag library information of all the declarative components you create in the project. When you deploy the project, the metadata is used by JDeveloper to create the JSP tag libraries and Java classes for the declarative components.

### 19.4.3 How to Deploy Declarative Components

Declarative components require a tag library definition (TLD) in order to be displayed. JDeveloper automatically generates the TLD when you deploy the project. Because of this, you must first deploy the project that contains your declarative components before you can use them. This means before you can use declarative components in a project, or before you can share declarative components with other developers, you must deploy the declarative component definitions project to an ADF Library JAR. For instructions on how to deploy a project to an ADF Library JAR, see the "Reusing Application Components" chapter of the *Oracle Fusion Middleware Fusion Developer's Guide for Oracle Application Development Framework*.

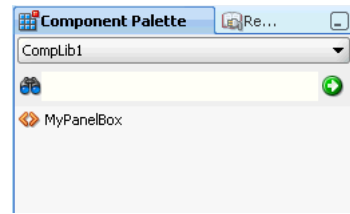
Briefly, when you deploy a project that contains declarative component definitions, JDeveloper adds the following for you to the ADF Library JAR:

- A component tag class (for example, the `componentDef1Tag.class`) for each declarative component definition (that is, for each `componentDef` component)
- One or more JSP TLD files for the declarative components, using information from the project's `declarativecomp-metadata.xml` file

To use declarative components in a consuming project, you add the deployed ADF Library JAR to the project's properties. For instructions on how to add an ADF Library JAR, see the "Reusing Application Components" chapter of the *Oracle Fusion Middleware Fusion Developer's Guide for Oracle Application Development Framework*. By adding the deployed JAR, JDeveloper automatically inserts the JSP tag library or libraries (which contain the reusable declarative components) into the project's properties, and also displays them in the Component Palette.

### 19.4.4 How to Use Declarative Components in JSF Pages

In JDeveloper, you add declarative components to a JSF page just like any other UI components, by selecting and dragging the components from the Component Palette, and dropping them into the desired locations on the page. Your declarative components appear in a page of the palette just for your tag library. [Figure 19–6](#) shows the page in the Component Palette for a library with a declarative component.

**Figure 19–6 Component Palette with a Declarative Component**

When you drag a declarative component that contains required attributes onto a page, a dialog opens where you enter values for any defined attributes.

Once the declarative component is added to the page, you must manually bind the declarative methods to actual methods on managed beans.

Before proceeding with the following procedure, you must already have added the ADF Library JAR that contains the declarative components to the project where you are creating JSF pages that are to consume the declarative components. For instructions on how to add an ADF Library JAR, see the "Reusing Application Components" chapter of the *Oracle Fusion Middleware Fusion Developer's Guide for Oracle Application Development Framework*.

#### To use declarative components in a JSF page:

1. In the Application Navigator, double-click the JSF page (or JSF page template) to open it in the visual editor.
2. In the Component Palette, select the declarative components tag library name from the dropdown list. Drag and drop the desired declarative component onto the page. You can add the same declarative component more than once on the same page.

If the declarative component definition contains any required attributes, JDeveloper opens a dialog for you to enter the required values for the declarative component that you are inserting.

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**Note:** If you want to use ADF Model layer bindings as values for the attributes, then to create these bindings manually by using the Expression Builder to locate the needed binding property.

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3. Add components by dragging and dropping components from the Component Palette in the facets of the template. In the Structure window, expand the structure until you see the element for the declarative component, for example, `dc:myPanelBox`, where `dc` is the tag library prefix and `myPanelBox` is the declarative component name.

Under that are the facets (for example, `f:facet - content`) that have been defined in the declarative component definition. You add components to these facets.

You cannot add content directly into the declarative component; you can drop content into the named facets only. The types of components you can drop into a facet may be dependent on the location of the `facetRef` tag in the declarative component definition. For example, if you have defined `facetRef` to be a child of `table` in the declarative component definition, then only `column` components can be dropped into the facet because `table` accepts `column` children only.

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**Note:** You cannot place any components as direct children of a declarative component. All content to appear within a declarative component must be placed within a facet of that component.

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4. In the Structure window, again select the declarative component element, for example, `dc:myPanelBox`. The Property Inspector displays all the attributes and methods that have been predefined in the declarative component definition (for example, `title`). The attributes might have default values.

You can assign static values to the attributes, or you can use EL expressions (for example, `#{myBean.somevalue}`). For any of the methods, you must bind to a method that uses the same signature as the declared method defined on the declarative component.

At runtime, the attribute value will be displayed in the appropriate location as specified in the declarative component definition by the EL expression that bears the name of the attribute (for example, `#{attrs.someAttributeName}`).

5. If you need to include resources such as CSS or JavaScript, then you need to include these using the `af:resource` tag. For more information, see [Section 19.5, "Adding Resources to Pages."](#)

### 19.4.5 What Happens When You Use a Declarative Component on a JSF Page

After adding a declarative component to the page, the visual editor displays the component's defined facets as named boxes, along with any content that is rendered by components defined in the component layout section of the declarative component definition.

Like other UI components, JDeveloper adds the declarative component tag library namespace and prefix to the `jsp:root` tag in the page when you first add a declarative component to a page, for example:

```
<jsp:root xmlns:dc="/dcomponentLib1: ..>
```

In this example, `dc` is the tag library prefix, and `/dcomponentLib1` is the namespace.

JDeveloper adds the tag for the declarative component onto the page. The tag includes values for the component's attributes as set in the dialog when adding the component. [Example 19-16](#) shows the code for the `MyPanelBox` declarative component to which a user has added a `panelGroupLayout` component that contains three `outputFormatted` components.

#### **Example 19-16 JSF Code for a Declarative Component that Contains Content**

```
<dc:myPanelBox title="My Panel Box" buttonText1="Button 1"
    display1="true" display2="true" buttonText2="Button 2"
    display3="false">
  <f:facet name="Content">
    <af:panelGroupLayout layout="scroll">
      <af:outputFormatted value="outputFormatted1"
        styleUsage="instruction"/>
      <af:outputFormatted value="outputFormatted2"
        styleUsage="instruction"/>
      <af:outputFormatted value="outputFormatted3"
        styleUsage="instruction"/>
    </af:panelGroupLayout>
  </f:facet>
```

```
</dc:myPanelBox>
```

## 19.4.6 What Happens at Runtime

When a JSF page that consumes a declarative component is executed:

- The declarative component tag in the consuming page locates the declarative component tag class and definition file that contains the declarative component metadata and layout.
- The component subtree defined in the layout section of the `componentDef` tag is instantiated and inserted into the consuming page's component tree at the location identified by the declarative component tag in the page.
- The `componentDef` tag sets the value of the `var` attribute so that the declarative component can internally reference its own attributes. The declarative component just sets the attribute values; the runtime maps those values into the attributes defined in the `componentDef` tag.
- Using declarative component metadata, the declarative component applies any default values to its attributes and checks for required values.
- The consuming page passes facet contents into the declarative component by using the `facet` tag. The facet contents of each `facet` tag are inserted into the appropriate location on the declarative component as specified by the corresponding `facetRef` tag in the layout section of the `componentDef` tag.

## 19.5 Adding Resources to Pages

You should use the `af:resource` tag to add CSS or JavaScript to pages, page templates, or declarative components. This tag is especially useful for page templates and declarative components because resources can only be added to the page (in the HTML head element). When you can use this tag in page templates and declarative components, the resources will be added to the consuming page during JSP execution. If this tag is not used, browsers may need to re-layout pages that use page templates and declarative components whenever it encounters a style or link tag. The resources can be added to the page during any page request, but they must be added before the document component is rendered.

The resource tag can be used with PPR. During PPR, the following requirements apply:

- URL resources are compared on the client before being added to the page. This ensures duplicates are not added.
- CSS resources are removed from the page during a PPR navigation. The new page will have the new CSS resources.

### 19.5.1 How to Add Resources to Page Templates and Declarative Components

You use the `af:resource` tag to define the location of the resource. The resource will then be added to the document header of the consuming page.

#### To add resources:

1. From the **Operations** section of the Component Palette, drag and drop a **Resource** tag anywhere onto the consuming page.
2. In the Insert Resource dialog, select either `css` or `javascript`.

3. In the Property Inspector, enter the URI of the resource as the value for the `source` attribute. Start the URI with a single forward slash (/) if the URI should be context relative. Start the URI with two forward slashes if the URI should be server relative. If you start the URI with something other than one or two slashes, the URI will be resolved relative to URI location in the browser

### 19.5.2 What Happens at Runtime: Adding Resources to the Document Header

During JSP tag execution, the `af:resource` tag only executes if its parent component has been created. When it executes, it adds objects to a set in the `RichDocument` component. `RichDocument` then adds the specified resources (CSS or JavaScript) to the consuming page.



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# Customizing the Appearance Using Styles and Skins

This chapter describes how to change the appearance of your application by changing style properties using ADF Faces skins and component style attributes.

This chapter includes the following sections:

- [Section 20.1, "Introduction to Skins, Style Selectors, and Style Properties"](#)
- [Section 20.2, "Applying Custom Skins to Applications"](#)
- [Section 20.3, "Defining Skin Style Properties"](#)
- [Section 20.4, "Changing the Style Properties of a Component"](#)
- [Section 20.5, "Referring to URLs in a Skin's CSS File"](#)
- [Section 20.6, "Versioning Custom Skins"](#)
- [Section 20.7, "Deploying a Custom Skin File in a JAR File"](#)

## 20.1 Introduction to Skins, Style Selectors, and Style Properties

JDeveloper supports two options for applying style information to your ADF Faces components:

- Build a *skin* and a cascading style sheet (CSS) using defined *style selectors* and configure your ADF application to use the skin and style sheet.
- Use *style properties* to override the style information from the skin CSS to set specific instances of component display.

ADF Faces components delegate the functionality of the component to a component class, and the display of the component to a renderer. By default, all tags for ADF Faces combine the associated component class with an HTML renderer, and are part of the HTML render kit. HTML render kits are included with ADF Faces. You cannot customize ADF Faces renderers. However, you can customize how components display using skins.

If you do not wish to change ADF Faces components throughout the entire application, you can choose to change the styles for the instance of a component on a page. You can also programmatically set styles conditionally. For example, you may want to display text in red only under certain conditions. For more information, see [Section 20.4, "Changing the Style Properties of a Component"](#).

The File Explorer application allows you to select several skins from a dropdown list. It provides several CSS files to support skin selection. For more information, see [Section 1.4.3, "Overview of the File Explorer Application"](#).

It is beyond the scope of this guide to explain the concept of CSS. For extensive information on style sheets, including the official specification, visit the W3C web site at:

<http://www.w3.org/>

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**Note:** The 11g Release 2 (11.1.2.0.0) introduced the ADF Skin Editor. Using this standalone product, you can visually create and modify skins for multiple releases of ADF Faces applications. The ADF Skin Editor provides a range of features that simplify the process of creating a skin. For more information, including how to install the ADF Skin Editor, see the Downloads for Oracle ADF 11g page at <http://www.oracle.com/technetwork/developer-tools/adf/downloads/index.html>.

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## 20.1.1 ADF Faces Skins

A *skin* is a style sheet based on the CSS 3.0 syntax specified in one place for an entire application. Instead of providing a style sheet for each component, or inserting a style sheet on each page, you can create one skin for the entire application. Every component automatically uses the styles as described by the skin. You do not have to make design-time changes to JSF pages to change their appearance when you use a skin. The skin allows you to globally change the appearance of ADF Faces components.

Existing ADF Faces applications use the skin that the application was configured to use when the application was created. For example, if you create an application using Oracle ADF 11g Release 1 (11.1.1)(11.1.1.7.0), the application uses the `skyros` skin. If you upgrade an application, the application continues to use the skin that it was configured to use when first created. You edit the `trinidad-config.xml` file, as described in [Section 20.2.4, "How to Configure an Application to Use a Custom Skin,"](#) if you want your application to use another skin.

You can create your own custom skin by extending one of the skins provided by ADF Faces. For more information, see [Section 20.2.1, "How to Add a Custom Skin to an Application."](#) Create or edit the `trinidad-skins.xml` file, as described in [Section 20.2.3, "How to Register a Custom Skin,"](#) in addition to editing the `trinidad-config.xml` file if you want your application to use a custom skin that you created.

ADF Faces provides the following skins for use in your applications:

- `simple`: Contains only minimal formatting.
- `fusion`: Defines styles for ADF Faces components. This skin provides a significant amount of styling.
- `fusion-11.1.1.3.0`: Modifies the `fusion` skin to make the hierarchy structure in certain components that render tabs clearer. These components are `panelTabbed`, `navigationPane` (attribute `hint="tabs"`), and `decorativeBox`. This skin also defines a more subtle background image for disclosed `panelAccordion` component panes to make text that appears in these panes easier to read.
- `fusionFx-v1`: This skin extends from the `fusion-11.1.1.3.0` skin. If you create a custom skin that extends any of the skins provided by ADF Faces, you need to register it in the `trinidad-skins.xml` file. Use the following values in the `trinidad-skins.xml` file if you extend the `fusionFx-v1` skin:

```
<skin>
```

```

<id>yourSkin.desktop</id>
<family>yourSkinFamily</family>
<extends>fusionFx-v1.desktop</extends>
</skin>

```

Use the following value in the `trinidad-config.xml` file if you want your application to use the `fusionFx-v1` skin:

```
<skin-family>fusionFx</skin-family>
```

The `fusionFx-v1` contains design improvements and changes to address a number of issues. Specifically, it adds:

- A background color to the `.AFMaskingFrame` global style selector to prevent the display of content from an underlying frame when an inline popup displays in certain browsers.
- A boolean ADF skin property, `-tr-stretch-dropdown-table`, for the `inputComboboxListOfValues` component. This property determines whether the table in the dropdown list stretches to show the content of the table columns or limits the width of the table to the width of the input field in the `inputComboboxListOfValues` component.
- The `inlineFrame` component displays an image that serves as a loading indicator until the browser determines that the frame's contents have been loaded.

You can implement this functionality in a custom skin that you create. The `af|inlineFrame` selector has "busy" and "flow" pseudo-classes that enable you to do this. The `inlineFrame` component only generates an `IFrame` element when the parent component does not stretch the `inlineFrame` component (the `inlineFrame` component is flowing). Use `af|inlineFrame:busy:flow` to define a `background-image` style that references a loading indicator. When the parent component stretches the `inlineFrame` component, the generated content is more complex. This complexity allows you define a content image URL using the `af|inlineFrame::status-icon` and an optional additional `background-image` using the `af|inlineFrame::status-icon-style`. It also allows you to reuse images that other component selectors use. For example, the carousel component's `af|carousel::status-icon` and `af|carousel::status-icon-style` selectors. Use skinning aliases to reuse these images.

The following global selectors have also been introduced that you can use if you implement this functionality in your ADF skin:

- \* `.AFBackgroundImageStatus:alias`: use to reference the background image used in `af|inlineFrame::busy:flow`.
- \* `.AFStatusIcon:alias` use to reference the `af|carousel::status-icon` and `af|inlineFrame::status-icon`.
- \* `.AFStatusIconStyle:alias` use to reference the `af|carousel::status-icon-style` and `af|inlineFrame::status-icon-style`.

A resource key (`af_inlineFrame.LABEL_FETCHING`) defines the string to display for the `inlineFrame` component's loading icon.

- `fusionFx-v1.1`: This skin extends from the `fusionFx-v1` skin. It adds supports for the ability to clear Query-By-Example (QBE) filters in an `af:table` component.

If you create a custom skin that extends any of the skins provided by ADF Faces, you need to register it in the `trinidad-skins.xml` file. Use the following values in the `trinidad-skins.xml` file if you want to extend the `fusionFx-v1.1` skin:

```
<skin>
  <id>yourSkin.desktop</id>
  <family>yourSkinFamily</family>
  <extends>fusionFx-v1.1.desktop</extends>
  ...
</skin>
```

Use the following value in the `trinidad-config.xml` file if you want your application to use the `fusionFx-v1.1` skin:

```
<skin-family>fusionFx</skin-family>
<skin-version>v1.1</skin-version>
```

- `fusionFx-v1.2`: This skin extends from the `fusionFx-v1.1` skin. It contains a number of user interface enhancements including optimizations for when your application renders in a touch screen device.

Use the following values in the `trinidad-skins.xml` file if you want to extend the `fusionFx-v1.2` skin.

```
<skin>
  <id>yourSkin.desktop</id>
  <family>yourSkinFamily</family>
  <extends>fusionFx-v1.2.desktop</extends>
  ...
</skin>
```

Use the following value in the `trinidad-config.xml` file if you want your application to use the `fusionFx-v1.2` skin:

```
<skin-family>fusionFx</skin-family>
<skin-version>v1.2</skin-version>
```

- `fusionFx-v1.3`: This skin extends from the `fusionFx-v1.2` skin. Changes include a new skin property (`-tr-pop-out-animation-duration`) and a number of modified pseudo-elements for the `af|carousel` selector.

Use the following values in the `trinidad-skins.xml` file if you want to extend the `fusionFx-v1.3` skin.

```
<skin>
  <id>yourSkin.desktop</id>
  <family>yourSkinFamily</family>
  <extends>fusionFx-v1.3.desktop</extends>
  ...
</skin>
```

Use the following value in the `trinidad-config.xml` file if you want your application to use the `fusionFx-v1.3` skin:

```
<skin-family>fusionFx</skin-family>
<skin-version>v1.3</skin-version>
```

- **Fusion Simple**: ADF Faces also provides the Fusion Simple family of skins. These skins resemble the Fusion family of skins, but are easier to modify using the ADF Skin Editor because they use fewer colors and fonts. There is a corresponding skin from the Fusion Simple family for each skin in the Fusion family. For example, the `fusionFx-simple-v1` skin corresponds to the `fusionFx-v1` skin and the

`fusion-simple` skin corresponds to the `fusion` skin.

- **Projector skins:** ADF Faces provides skins that define styles for an application that you want to demonstrate to an audience using a projector. Each projector skin modifies a number of elements in its parent skin so that an application renders appropriately when displayed using table-top projectors (particularly older models of projector). For example, the `fusion-projector` skin modifies a number of elements in the `fusion` skin. These skins are useful if the audience is present at the same location as the projector. They may not be appropriate for an audience that views an application online through a web conference. ADF Faces provides the projector skins as a download from the Oracle Technology Network (OTN) web site.
- **skyros:** Defines the default styles for ADF Faces components. It extends the `simple` skin to provide a colorful look and feel to applications that use it. It is also fully compatible with the ADF Skin Editor. The `skyros` skin also introduces a simpler DOM structure alternative for image borders in comparison to, for example, the `fusion` skins. This latter feature can also be enabled for custom skins that extend the `simple` skin by configuring the `<feature>` element in the `trinidad-skins.xml` file. For more information, see [Section 20.2.3, "How to Register a Custom Skin."](#)

The `skyros` skin also imports a `skyros-v1-touchScreen-desktop.css` skin that defines styles targeted towards touchscreen devices.

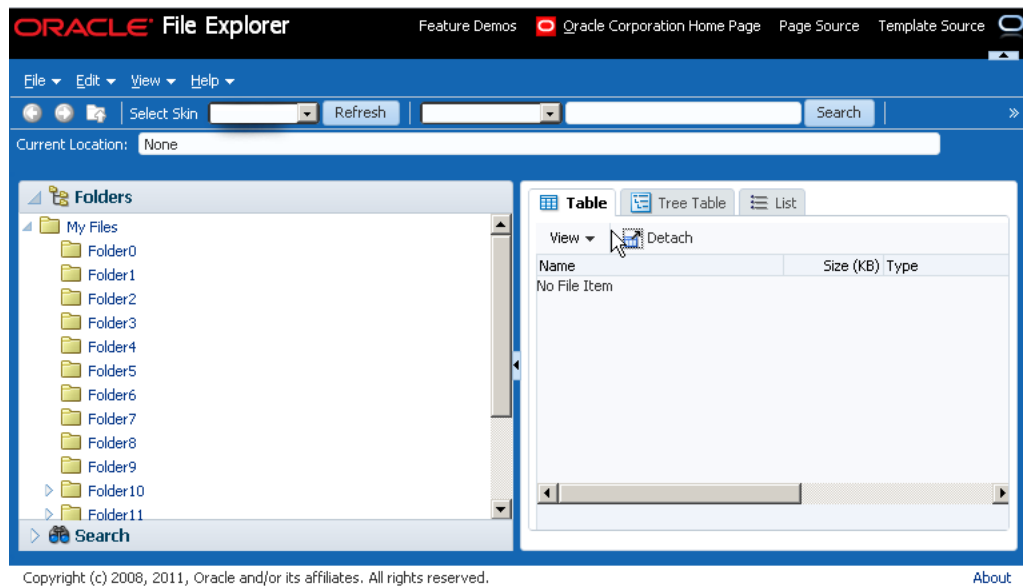
Use the following values in the `trinidad-skins.xml` file if you want to extend the `skyros` skin.

```
<skin>
  <id>yourSkin.desktop</id>
  <family>yourSkinFamily</family>
  <extends>skyros-v1.desktop</extends>
  ...
</skin>
```

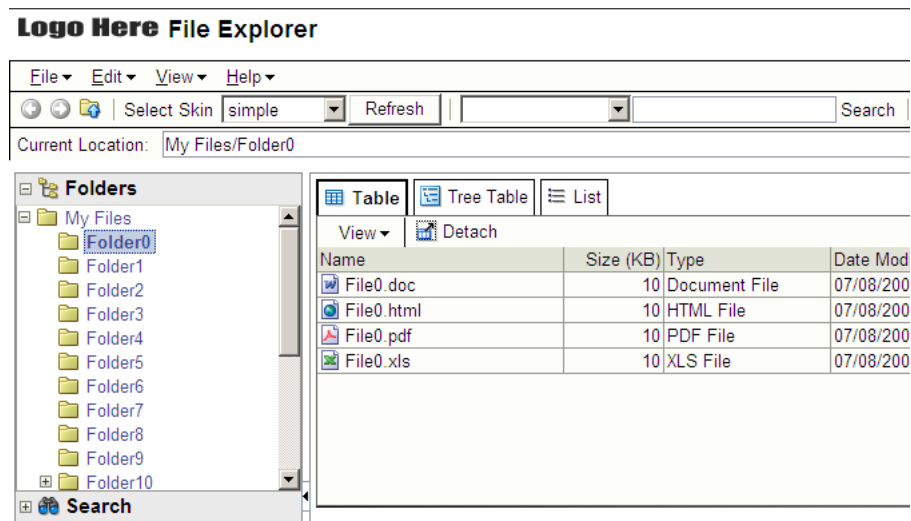
Use the following value in the `trinidad-config.xml` file if you want your application to use the `skyros` skin:

```
<skin-family>skyros</skin-family>
<skin-version>v1</skin-version>
```

[Figure 20–1](#) shows the default `skyros` skin applied to the File Explorer Application index page.

**Figure 20–1** Index Page Using the Skyros Skin

ADF Faces also provides the simple skin, shown in [Figure 20–2](#) as applied to the File Explorer Application index page.

**Figure 20–2** Index Page Using the Simple Skin

Skins provide more options than setting standard CSS styles and layouts. The skin's CSS file is processed by the skin framework to extract skin properties and icons and register them with the Skin object. For example, you can customize the skin file using rules and pseudo classes that are supported by the skinning framework. Supported rules and pseudo classes include @platform, @agent, @accessibility-profile, :rtl, and @locale. For more information, see [Section 20.1.2, "Skin Style Selectors."](#)

## 20.1.2 Skin Style Selectors

Style sheet rules include a style selector, which identifies an element, and a set of style properties, which describe the appearance of the components. ADF Faces components include two categories of skin style selectors:

- Global selectors

Global selectors determine the style properties for multiple ADF Faces components. If the global selector name ends in the `:alias` pseudo-class, then the selector is most likely included in other component-specific selectors and will affect the skin for more than one component. For example, most, if not all, components use the `.AFDefaultFontFamily:alias` definition to specify the font family. If your skin overrides this selector with a different font family, that change will affect all the components that have included it in their selector definition. [Example 20–1](#) shows the global selector for the default font family for ADF Faces components in an application.

**Example 20–1 Global Selector for Default Font Family**

```
.AFDefaultFontFamily:alias {
    font-family: Tahoma, Verdana, Helvetica, sans-serif;
}
```

- Component selectors

Component-specific selectors are selectors that can apply a skin to a particular ADF Faces component. [Example 20–2](#) shows the selector set to red as the background color for the content area of the `af:inputText` component.

**Example 20–2 af:inputText Component Selector**

```
af|inputText::content {
    background-color: red;
}
```

Each category may include one or more of these *types* of ADF Faces skin selectors:

- Standard selectors

Standard selectors are those that directly represent an element that can have styles applied to it. For example, `af|body` represents the `af:body` component. You can set CSS styles, properties, and icons for this type of element.

- Selectors with pseudo-elements

Pseudo-elements are used to denote a specific area of a component that can have styles applied. Pseudo-elements are denoted by a double colon followed by the portion of the component the selector represents. For example, `af|chooseDate::days-row` provides the styles and properties for the appearance of the dates within the calendar grid.

- Icon selectors

Some components render icons (`<img>` tags) using a set of base icons. These icons can have skins applied even though no entries appear in the CSS source file for the icons in the way, for example, that entries appear for the `background-image` CSS property. Instead, the icons are registered with the `Skin` object for use by the renderer. As no entries for an icon selector appear in the CSS source file that a browser interprets, you cannot create containment selector definitions for an icon definition. You can only create a containment selector definition for items that have an entry in the CSS source file.

Icon selectors are denoted by `-icon` for component selectors and `Icon:alias` for global selectors. For example, the `af:inputDate` component has a changed icon that can have a skin using the selector `af|inputDate::changed-icon`. The changed icon can also be globally set for all components using that icon with the global

selector `.AFChangedIcon:alias`. For more information, see [Section 20.3.2, "How to Apply Skins to Icons"](#).

- Resource strings

The text rendered by ADF Faces components is translatable. The text is abstracted as a resource string that has skins applied. For example, `af_dialog.LABEL_OK` is a resource string for the text label of an `af:dialog` component when the **OK** button has been configured. Resource strings do not have skins in the CSS skin file, but in a resource bundle referenced from the skin definition file in the `trinidad-skins.xml` file using the `<bundle-name>` parameter. You can also use the `<translation-source>` parameter for an EL binding to point to a `Map` or `ResourceBundle`. For more information, see [Section 20.3.1, "How to Apply Skins to Text"](#).

- Selectors with style properties

Skin style properties allow you to customize the rendering of a component throughout the application. A CSS property is stored with a value in the skin object and is available when the component is being rendered. For example, in `af|breadCrumbs{-tr-show-last-item: false}`, the skin property `-tr-show-last-item` is set to hide the last item in the `af:breadCrumbs` navigation path.

The CSS specification defines pseudo-classes such as `:hover` and `:active` that can apply to almost every component. ADF Faces provides additional pseudo-classes for specialized functions. Pseudo-classes are denoted in the selector by a colon followed by the class definition. The following are common pseudo-classes used by ADF Faces style selectors:

- Alias: The `:alias` pseudo-class is a special type of class that serves as a syntax aid to organize code in your skin file. You can, for example, use it to set styles for more than one component or more than one portion of a component. You can also create your own alias classes that you can then include on other selectors. For example, you can define an alias pseudo-class (`.AFLabel:alias`) where you define label colors for a number of form components. Subsequent changes to the alias pseudo-class impact all components referenced by the alias pseudo-class.

```
af|inputText::label,  
af|inputChoice::label,  
af|selectOneChoice::label {-tr-rule-ref: ".AFLabel:alias"}  
.AFLabel:alias { color: blue }
```

The `.AFLabel:alias` pseudo-class has color set to blue, but you can change all the component's label color to red by simply changing `.AFLabel:alias`:

```
.AFLabel:alias {color: red}
```

For more information, see [Section 20.3.5, "How to Create a Custom Alias"](#).

- Drag and drop: The two pseudo-classes available are `:drag-source` applied to the component initiating the drag and removed once the drag is over, and `:drop-target` applied to a component willing to accept the drop of the current drag.
- Standard: In CSS, pseudo-classes like `:hover`, `:active`, and `:focus` are considered states of the component. This same concept is used in applying skins to components. Components can have states like `read-only` or `disabled`. When states are combined in the same selector, the selector applies only when all states are satisfied.



- **Right-to-left:** Use this pseudo-class to set a style or icon definition when the browser is in a right-to-left language. Another typical use case is asymmetrical images. You will want the image to be flipped when setting skin selectors that use the image in a right-to-left reading direction. Be sure to append the `:rtl` pseudo-class to the very end of the selector and point it to a flipped image file. For example, the end image of the `panelBox` component will be the `panelBoxStart.png` file when the browser is set to right-to-left. The `panelBox` end image in right-to-left is the same as the flipped left-to-right `panelBox` start image.

```
af|panelBox::medium af|panelBox::top-end:rtl {
    background-image: url(/skins/purple/images/panelBoxStart.png);
    width:8px;
    height:8px
}
```

You can also use `:rtl` to apply to skin icons. For more information, see [Section 20.3.2, "How to Apply Skins to Icons"](#).

- **Inline editing:** This pseudo-class is applied when the application activates a component subtree for editing in the browser. For example, `:inline-selected` is a pseudo-class applied to currently selected components in the active inline-editable subtree.
- **Message:** This pseudo-class is used to set component-level message styles using CSS pseudo-classes of `:fatal`, `:error`, `:warning`, `:confirmation`, and `:info`. For more information, see [Section 20.3.3, "How to Apply Skins to Messages."](#)

You may not want your selector's CSS properties to be applied to all browsers, all platforms, all locales, and both reading-directions. For example, you may need to add some padding in Internet Explorer that you do not need on any other browser. You may want the font style to be different on Windows than it is on other platforms. To style a selector for a particular user environment, put that skinning information inside a skinning framework rule or `:rtl` pseudo-class. The skinning framework picks the styles based on the HTTP request information, such as agent and platform, and merges them with the styles without rules. Those CSS properties that match the rules get merged with those outside of any rules. The most specific rules that match a user's environment take precedence. The skinning framework currently supports these rules and pseudo-classes:

- `@platform` and `@agent`

Define platform styles using `@platform` and browser styles using `@agent`.

The supported values to set a platform-specific style are `windows`, `macos`, `linux`, `solaris`, and `ppc`. For a browser agent-specific style, the supported values are `ie`, `mozilla`, `gecko`, `webkit` (maps to safari), `ice`, and `email`.

In this example, the content area of the `af:inputText` component is set to the color pink for version 8 of Internet Explorer, and set to version 1.9 of `gecko` on Windows and Linux platforms:

```
@platform window, linux {
    @agent ie and (version: 8), gecko and (version: 1.9) {
        af|inputText::content {background-color:pink
        }
    }
}
```

Note that the following syntax examples results in the same behavior:

```
@agent ie and (version: 7.*)
```

```
@agent ie and (version: 7)
```

In order to specify only version 7.0.x of Internet Explorer, use the following syntax:

```
@agent ie and (version: 7.0)
```

There is currently no syntax to specify a range of versions.

You can also use the @agent rule to determine styles to apply to agents that are touchscreen devices. The following examples show the syntax that you write in a custom skin file to configure this capability.

```
@agent (touchScreen:none) {
    /* Styles that should not render on touchscreen devices. */
}

@agent (touchScreen:single) {
    /* Styles specific for a touchscreen device with single touch. */
}

@agent (touchScreen:multiple) {
    /* Styles specific for a touchscreen with multiple touch. */
}

@agent (touchScreen) {
    /* Touchscreen specific styles for all touchscreen devices: both single and
    multiple touch. */
}
```

For more information about creating applications to render in touchscreen devices, see [Appendix D, "Creating Web Applications for Touch Devices Using ADF Faces."](#)

- @accessibility-profile

Define @accessibility-profile, which defines styles for *high-contrast* and *large-fonts* accessibility profile settings from the trinidad-config.xml file.

The *high-contrast* value would be for cases where background and foreground colors need to be highly contrasted with each other. The *large-fonts* value would be for cases where the user must be allowed to increase or decrease the text scaling setting in the web browser. Defining *large-fonts* does not mean that the fonts are large, but rather that they are scalable fonts or dimensions instead of fixed pixel sizes.

```
<!-- Enable both high-contrast and large-fonts content -->
<accessibility-profile>high-contrast large-fonts</accessibility-profile>
```

- :rtl

Use the :rtl pseudo-class to create a style or icon definition when the browser is displaying a right-to-left language.

- @locale

- Suppress *skin* styles with the -tr-inhibit skin property.

Suppress or reset CSS properties inherited from a base skin with the -tr-inhibit skin property. For example, the -tr-inhibit:padding property will remove any inherited padding. Remove (clear) all inherited properties with the -tr-inhibit:all property. The suppressed property name must be matched exactly with the property name in the base skin.

- Merge styles with the -tr-rule-ref property.

Create your own alias and combine it with other style selectors using the `-tr-rule-ref` property. For more information, see [Section 20.3.5, "How to Create a Custom Alias"](#).

- Alter themes of child components with the `-tr-children-theme` property.

For more information, see [Section 20.3.4, "How to Apply Themes to Components"](#).

[Example 20–3](#) shows several selectors in the CSS file that will be merged together to provide the final style.

### **Example 20–3 Merging of Style Selectors**

```

/** For IE and Gecko on Windows, Linux and Solaris, make the color pink. */
@platform windows, linux, solaris
{
    @agent ie, gecko
    {
        af|inputText::content {background-color: pink}
    }
}

/** For IE, we need to increase the width, so we override the width.
    We still want the color and padding; this gets merged in. We want to add
    height in IE. */
af|someComponent {color: red; width: 10px; padding: 4px}
@agent ie
{
    af|someComponent {width: 25px; height: 10px}
}

/* For IE 8, we also need some margins.*/
@agent ie and (version: 8)
{
    af|someComponent {margin: 5px;}
}

/* For Firefox 3 (Gecko 1.9) use a smaller margin.*/
@agent gecko (version: 1.9)\
{
    af|someComponent {margin: 4px;}
}

/* The following selectors are for all platforms and all browsers. */
/* rounded corners on the top-start and top-end */
/* shows how to use :rtl mode pseudo-class. The start image in ltr mode is the */
/* same as the end image in the right-to-left mode. */
af|panelBox::medium af|panelBox::top-start,
af|panelBox::medium af|panelBox::top-end:rtl {
    background-image: url(/skins/purple/images/panelBoxStart.png);
    width: 8px;
    height: 8px
}

af|panelBox::medium af|panelBox::top-end,
af|panelBox::medium af|panelBox::top-start:rtl {
    background-image: url(/skins/purple/images/panelBoxEnd.png);
    height: 8px;
    width: 8px;
}

```

The selectors used to apply skins to the ADF Faces components are defined in the "Oracle ADF Faces Skin Selectors" and "Oracle ADF Data Visualization Tools Skin Selectors" topics in JDeveloper's Help Center. Expand the following nodes in the Help Center's **Contents** tab to view these reference documents:

**Developing Oracle ADF Applications > Developing Oracle ADF Faces Applications**

You can also apply themes as a way to implement look and feel at the component level. For information about themes, see [Section 20.3.4, "How to Apply Themes to Components"](#).

For information about defining skin style properties, see [Section 20.3, "Defining Skin Style Properties"](#).

### 20.1.3 Component Style Properties

You can adjust the look and feel of any component at design time by changing the style-related properties, `inlineStyle` and `styleClass`, both of which render on the *root* DOM element. Any style-related property you specify at design time overrides the comparable style specified in the application skin or CSS for that particular instance of the component.

The `inlineStyle` attribute is a semicolon-delimited string of CSS styles that can set individual attributes, for example, `background-color:red; color:blue; font-style:italic; padding:3px`. The `styleClass` attribute is a CSS style class selector used to group a set of inline styles. The style classes can be defined using an ADF public style class, for example, `.AFInstructionText`, sets all properties for the text displayed in an `af:outputText` component.

For information about applying component style properties, see [Section 20.4, "Changing the Style Properties of a Component"](#).

## 20.2 Applying Custom Skins to Applications

Custom skins can change the colors, fonts, and even the location of portions of ADF Faces components to represent your company's preferred look and feel. You build the skin by defining style selectors in a CSS file. After you create your custom style sheet, register it as a valid skin in the application, and then configure the application to use the skin. If you versioned multiple ADF skins in the same skin family, as described in [Section 20.6, "Versioning Custom Skins,"](#) use the `<skin-version>` element to identify the specific version that you want the application to use.

By default, ADF Faces components use the `skyros` skin. Custom skins can extend to any of the ADF Faces skins, `skyros`, `fusion`, or `simple`. To create a custom skin, you declare selectors in a style sheet that override or inhibit the selectors in the style sheet being extended. Any selectors that you choose not to override will continue to use the style as defined in that skin.

Extending the `simple` skin does not require inhibiting as many properties as you would if you extended one of the other skins. For example, the `Skyros` skin uses many different *colors* for style properties, including text, background, and borders. The `simple` skin uses the `:alias` pseudo-class, as in `.AFDarkBackground:alias`, instead of specific colors. Changing a color scheme would require overriding far fewer global skin selectors than component skin selectors that specify multiple colors.

The text used in a skin is defined in a resource bundle. As with the selectors for the `skyros` skin, you can override the text by creating a custom resource bundle and declaring only the text you want to change. After you create your custom resource bundle, register it with the skin.

You can create and apply multiple skins. For example, you might create one skin for the version of an application for the web, and another for when the application runs on a handheld device. Or you can change the skin based on the locale set on the current user's browser. Additionally, you can configure a component, for example an `af:selectOneChoice` component, to allow a user to switch between skins.

While you can bundle the custom skin resources and configuration files with the application for deployment, you can also store skin definitions in a Java Archive (JAR) file and then add it to the deployed application. The advantages to using a JAR file are that the custom skin can be developed and deployed separately from the application, improving consistency in the look and feel, and that skin definitions and image files can be partitioned into their own JAR files, reducing the number of files that may have to be deployed to an application.

The steps to apply a custom skin to your application are the following:

1. Add a custom skin to your application. For details, see [Section 20.2.1, "How to Add a Custom Skin to an Application"](#).
2. Register the custom skin. For details, see [Section 20.2.2, "How to Register the XML Schema Definition File for a Custom Skin"](#) and [Section 20.2.3, "How to Register a Custom Skin"](#).
3. Configure the application to use the custom skin. For details, see [Section 20.2.4, "How to Configure an Application to Use a Custom Skin"](#).
4. Deploy a custom skin in a JAR file. For details, see [Section 20.7, "Deploying a Custom Skin File in a JAR File"](#).

## 20.2.1 How to Add a Custom Skin to an Application

To add a custom skin to your application, create a CSS file within JDeveloper, which places the CSS in a project's source file for deployment with the application.

### To add a custom skin to an application:

1. In JDeveloper, make sure that **CSS Level 3** and **ADF Faces** are selected. From the main toolbar, choose **Tools > Preferences > CSS Editor**. For Support Level, choose **CSS Level 3** from the dropdown menu, and for Supported Components, select **ADF Faces Extension**.
2. In the Application Navigator, right-click the project that contains the code for the user interface and choose **New** from the context menu.
3. In the New Gallery under **Categories**, expand **Web Tier** and select **HTML**.
4. Double-click the **CSS File** option.
5. In the Create Cascading Style Sheet dialog, enter a name and path for the CSS.
6. Click **OK**.

You can now open the CSS in the CSS editor and define styles for your application. For information about setting ADF Faces component style selectors, see [Section 20.3, "Defining Skin Style Properties"](#).

You can also create a CSS outside the context of Oracle JDeveloper and package the CSS with the skin resources into a JAR file. For information about this recommended option, see [Section 20.7, "Deploying a Custom Skin File in a JAR File"](#).

## 20.2.2 How to Register the XML Schema Definition File for a Custom Skin

You need to register the `trinidad-skins.xsd` file with JDeveloper if you plan to register a custom skin, as described in [Section 20.2.3, "How to Register a Custom Skin"](#). The `trinidad-skins.xsd` file defines the valid elements for a custom skin.

### To register an XML schema definition file:

1. In JDeveloper, select **Tools > Preferences**.
2. In the Preferences dialog, select **XML Schemas** in the left pane and click **Add**.
3. In the Add Schema dialog, click **Browse** to navigate to the XML schemas included in your version of JDeveloper.

The directory path to the XML schemas is similar to the following:

```
JDeveloper_Home/oracle_common/modules/oracle.adf.view_11.1.1/trinidad-impl.jar!/org/apache/myfaces/trinidadinternal/ui/laf/xml/schemas/skin/trinidad-skins.xsd
```

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**Note:** In the Add Schema dialog, make sure the value in the **Extension** input field is `.xml`. If you change it to `.xsd`, when you later create XML files, you will not be able to use the XML schema you have created.

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4. Click **OK**.

## 20.2.3 How to Register a Custom Skin

Registering a skin involves creating a file named `trinidad-skins.xml` and populating it with values that identify the skin's ID, family, location, and the custom resource bundle if you are using one.

### Before you begin:

Register the XML schema definition file that defines valid elements for the `trinidad-skins.xml` file. For more information, see [Section 20.2.2, "How to Register the XML Schema Definition File for a Custom Skin"](#).

### To register a custom skin:

1. In the Application Navigator, right-click the project and select **New**.
2. In the New Gallery, expand **General** and select **XML**.
3. Select **XML Document from XML Schema** and click **OK**.
4. In the Create XML from XML Schema - Step 1 of 2 dialog:
  - **XML File:** Enter `trinidad-skins.xml`.
  - **Directory:** Click the **Browse** button to select the `WEB-INF` folder in the `public_html` directory of the `ViewController` project. Click **Select** to close the dialog once you have selected the `WEB-INF` folder. This makes sure that you create the `trinidad-skins.xml` file in the following location in your project:  
`/ViewController/public_html/WEB-INF`.
  - Select **Use Registered Schemas**, and click **Next**.
5. In the Create XML Schema - Step 2 of 2 dialog:

- **Target Namespace:** Select `http://myfaces.apache.org/trinidad/skin`.
  - **Root Element:** Select skins.
  - Click **Finish**. The new file automatically opens in the XML Editor.
6. In the XML editor, enter values for the following elements:

- `<id>`

A skin is required to have a unique ID. You can also use an EL expression to reference the skin ID. For example, if you want to have different skins for different locales, create an EL expression that selects the correct skin based on its ID. The convention is to put a "desktop" at the end of the ID, such as "skin1.desktop".

- `<family>`

You configure an application to use a particular *family* of skins. This allows you to group skins together for an application, based on the render kit used.

For example, you can define the `richDemo.desktop` skin to be part of the `richDemo` family and the system automatically chooses the right skin based on the `render-kit-id`.

```
<skin>
  <id>richdemo.desktop</id>
  <family>richDemo</family>
  <extends>skyros-v1.desktop</extends>
  <render-kit-id>org.apache.myfaces.trinidad.desktop</render-kit-id>
  <style-sheet-name>skins/richdemo/richdemo.css</style-sheet-name>
</skin>
```

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**Note:** If you create more than one skin in a particular family of skins, you can version the skins that you create. For more information, see [Section 20.6, "Versioning Custom Skins."](#)

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- `<extends>`

You extend a custom skin by using this element. The default value for this element is `simple.desktop`. However, you can extend any skin by using this element.

For example, you can easily change the font of the entire skin by extending the skin and creating a CSS with the font alias. For example, extend the `skyros.desktop` family as follows:

```
<extends>skyros-v1.desktop</extends>
<style-sheet-name>skins/fod_skin.css</style-sheet-name>
```

In the CSS, set the alias to change the font for the entire skin:

```
.AFDefaultFontFamily:alias {font-family: Tahoma}
.AFDefaultFont:alias {font-size: 16px}
```

- `<render-kit-id>`

This value determines which render kit to use for the skin. Enter `org.apache.myfaces.trinidad.desktop` to use the skin when the application renders on a desktop.

- `<style-sheet-name>`



This is the URL of the custom style sheet. The style sheet name file is retrieved as a URL object using the following methods:

- For nonstatic URLs, those that could change after the server has started, the URL is created by calling `new java.net.URL(style-sheet-name)` if `style-sheet-name` starts with `http:`, `https:`, `file:`, `ftp:`, or `jar:`. Otherwise, the URL is created by calling `<FacesContext>` `<ExternalContext>` `getResource<style-sheet-name>`. It will add a slash (`/`) to delimit the URL parts if it is not already present. For example, the slash is added between `skins/bigfont/bigfont.css`.
- If still not retrieved, the URL is created using the `<ClassLoader>` `getResource` in a `style-sheet-name` format similar to `META-INF/purpleSkin/styles/myPurpleSkin.css`. Once the URL is converted to this format, it can be searched for in JAR files that may contain the style sheet.

- `<bundle-name>`

This is the resource bundle created for the skin. If you did not create a custom bundle, then you do not need to declare this element. For more information, see [Section 20.3.1, "How to Apply Skins to Text"](#).

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**Note:** If you have created localized versions of the resource bundle, then you need to register only the base resource bundle.

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- `<translation-source>`

This is an EL binding that can point to a `Map` or a `ResourceBundle`. You can use this instead of the bundle name if you would like to be more dynamic in your skin translations at runtime. The `<bundle-name>` tag takes precedence.

- `<feature>`

This allows you to specify a simple border style for custom skins that extend the simple skin. When you specify a simple border style for your custom skin, it reduces the number of selectors that components, such as the `decorativeBox` component and panel components (for example, `panelBox` and `panelAccordion`), render at runtime and, as a result, simplifies the DOM structure. [Example 20–4](#) shows how you configure the `<feature>` element to implement this change.

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**Note:** The `skyros` skin and custom skins that extend the `skyros` skin implement the simple border style without requiring you to make configuration changes in the `trinidad-skins.xml` file.

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[Example 20–4](#) shows the entry in the `trinidad-skins.xml` file for the `mySkin` skin.

**Example 20–4 Skin Entry in the `trinidad-skins.xml` File**

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="ISO-8859-1"?>
<skins xmlns="http://myfaces.apache.org/trinidad/skin">
  <skin>
    <id>
      mySkin.desktop
    </id>
    <family>
```



```

        mySkin
    </family>
    <extends>simple.desktop</extends>
    <render-kit-id>
        org.apache.myfaces.trinidad.desktop
    </render-kit-id>
    <style-sheet-name>
        skins/mySkin/mySkin.css
    </style-sheet-name>
    <bundle-name>
        myBundle
    </bundle-name>
    <translation-source></translation-source>
    <features>
        <feature name="BORDER_STYLE">simple</feature>
    </features>
</skin>
</skins>

```

7. Save the file.

## 20.2.4 How to Configure an Application to Use a Custom Skin

You set an element in the `trinidad-config.xml` file that determines which skin to use, and if necessary, under what conditions.

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**Note:** If you do not see the skin, check to see whether or not the `af:document` tag has been added to the page. The `af:document` tag initializes the skin framework to create the CSS and link it to the page.

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### To configure an application to use a skin:

1. Open the `trinidad-config.xml` file.
2. In the `trinidad-config.xml` file, write entries to specify the value of the `<skin-family>` element for the skin you want to use and, optionally, the `<skin-version>` element.

[Example 20-5](#) shows the configuration to use for the `mySkin` skin family.

#### **Example 20-5 Configuration to Use a Skin Family**

```

<trinidad-config xmlns="http://myfaces.apache.org/trinidad/config">
    <skin-family>mySkin</skin-family>
    <skin-version>v2</skin-version>
</trinidad-config>

```

3. To conditionally set the value, enter an EL expression that can be evaluated to determine the skin to display.

For example, if you want to use the German skin when the user's browser is set to the German locale, and to use the English skin otherwise, you would have the following entry in the `trinidad-config.xml` file:

```

<skin-family>#{facesContext.viewRoot.locale.language=='de' ? 'german' :
'english'}</skin-family>

```

4. Save the file.

During development, after you make changes to the custom skin, you can see your CSS changes without restarting the server by setting the `web.xml` file parameter `org.apache.myfaces.trinidad.CHECK_FILE_MODIFICATION` to `true`, as shown in [Example 20–6](#). However, you must always restart the server to see icon and skin property changes.

**Example 20–6 web.xml Parameter to Check Skin Changes**

```
<context-param>
  <param-name>org.apache.myfaces.trinidad.CHECK_FILE_MODIFICATION</param-name>
  <param-value>true</param-value>
</context-param>
```

### 20.2.5 What You May Need to Know About Using a Skin in an Oracle BI User Interface

If you embed an Oracle Business Intelligence Presentation Services dashboard or report in an ADF application page, you must include a `SkinMappings` element in the Oracle BI Presentation Services' `instanceconfig.xml` file to map the skins provided by ADF to the skins provided by Oracle BI Presentation Services. For more information, see the *Oracle Fusion Middleware System Administrator's Guide for Oracle Business Intelligence Enterprise Edition*.

## 20.3 Defining Skin Style Properties

The ADF Faces skin style selectors support multiple options for applying skins to a component to create a custom look and feel to your application. The `af:goButton` component skin style selectors are described in [Table 20–1](#).

**Table 20–1 af:goButton Component Style Selectors**

Name	Description
<code>af goButton</code>	Style on the root element of the <code>af:goButton</code> component. You can use any valid CSS-2.1 pseudo-class, like <code>:hover</code> , <code>:active</code> , or <code>:focus</code> , as well as <code>:disabled</code> , to style the component for different states. Note that for buttons, the <code>:active</code> and <code>:focus</code> pseudo-classes do not work in Internet Explorer 7 (IE7). IE7 also does not allow disabled buttons to be styled. You should use the <code>.AFButton*:alias</code> selectors as a shortcut to apply a skin to all button components in the same manner.
<code>af goButton::icon-style</code>	Style on the button icon, if the icon attribute is set on the <code>af:goButton</code> .
<code>af goButton::access-key</code>	Style on the text of the button. This includes the <code>.AFButtonAccessKeyStyle:alias</code> style.

[Figure 20–3](#) shows the application of the default `skyros` skin on the `af:goButton` component and the component icon.

**Figure 20–3 af:goButton Component Default Appearance**



[Figure 20–4](#) shows the new appearance of the button and icon by setting style properties in a custom skin:

```
af|goButton::access-key {color: red;}
af|goButton::icon-style {border: 1px solid black;}
```

**Figure 20–4** *af:goButton Component with Custom Skin Applied*



The ADF Faces skin style selectors used by the default skin are defined in the "Skin Selectors for Fusion's ADF Faces Components" and "Skin Selectors for Fusion's Data Visualization Tools Components" topics in JDeveloper's online help. They are located in **All Online Help > Developing Oracle ADF Faces Applications**.

JDeveloper provides coding support while editing your CSS files. You can invoke the CSS code editor when editing your file directly or when editing an ADF Faces component in the JSP source editor. Code support is available for the following:

- Code insight
- Error highlighting
- Preview of styles
- Refactoring
- Finding usages
- Quick comment
- Formatting
- Matching tag highlighting

### 20.3.1 How to Apply Skins to Text

In addition to using a CSS file to determine styles, skins also use a resource bundle to determine the text within a component. The text that ADF Faces components render can be translated and abstracted as a resource string. For example, `af_chooseDate.LABEL_SELECT_YEAR` is the resource string for the label of the field used to select the year using an `af:chooseDate` component. All the ADF Faces skins use the same resource bundle.

To apply a skin to the text in ADF Faces components, create a custom resource bundle and override the default resource string values. Then, set the `<bundle-name>` property for your custom resource bundle in the `trinidad-skins.xml` file.

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**Note:** ADF Faces components provide automatic translation. The resource bundle used for the components' skin is translated into 28 languages. If a user sets the browser to use the German (Germany) language, any text contained within the components will automatically be displayed in German. For this reason, if you create a resource bundle for a custom skin, you must also create localized versions of that bundle for any other languages the application supports.

See [Chapter 21, "Internationalizing and Localizing Pages"](#) for more information.

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**To create and register a custom resource bundle:**

1. In JDeveloper, create a new simple Java class:
  - In the Application Navigator, right-click where you want the file to be placed and choose **New** to open the New Gallery.
  - In the **Categories** tree, select **Java**, and in the **Items** list, select **Java Class**.
  - Enter a name and package for the class. The class must extend `java.util.ListResourceBundle`.
2. Add any keys to your bundle that you wish to override and set the text as needed. [Example 20-7](#) shows the `SkinBundle` custom resource bundle.

**Example 20-7 Resource Strings Set in Custom SkinBundle**

```
public class SkinBundle extends ListResourceBundle {
    @Override
    public Object[][] getContents() {
        return _CONTENTS;
    }

    static private final Object[][] _CONTENTS = {
        {"af_tableSelectMany.SELECT_COLUMN_HEADER", "Select A Lot"},
        {"af_tableSelectOne.SELECT_COLUMN_HEADER", "Select Just One"},
        {"af_showDetail.DISCLOSED_TIP", "Click to Hide"}
    };
}
```

3. Set the name of your custom resource bundle in the `<bundle-name>` parameter of the `trinidad-skins.xml` file. [Example 20-8](#) shows the custom `SkinBundle` set in the `trinidad-skins.xml` file.

**Example 20-8 Custom SkinBundle Set in trinidad-skins.xml**

```
<skin>
  <id>
    purple.desktop
  </id>
  <family>
    purple
  </family>
  <render-kit-id>
    org.apache.myfaces.trinidad.desktop
  </render-kit-id>
  <style-sheet-name>
    skins/purple/purpleSkin.css
  </style-sheet-name>
  <bundle-name>
    org.apache.myfaces.trinidaddemo.resource.SkinBundle
  </bundle-name>
</skin>
```

Another option for applying skins to text is to use the `<translation-source>` parameter instead of `<bundle-name>`. The `<translation-source>` parameter is an EL binding that points to a `Map` or a `ResourceBundle`. The benefit of this option is that you can automatically change the translation value based on any logic that you want at runtime. The `<bundle-name>` tag takes precedence if both are set. [Example 20-9](#) shows the code for using an EL expression to set the `<translation-source>` parameter in a bundle map.

**Example 20–9 Custom Resource Bundle Map**

```

public class SkinTranslationMapDemo
{
    /* Test a skin's translation-source EL pointing to a Map */
    public Map<String, String> getContents()
    {
        return _CONTENTS;
    }

    static private final Map<String, String> _CONTENTS = new HashMap<String,
String>();
    static
    {
        _CONTENTS.put("af_inputDate.LAUNCH_PICKER_TIP", "Launch PickerMap");
        _CONTENTS.put("af_showDetail.DISCLOSED_TIP", "Hide Tip Map");
        _CONTENTS.put("af_showDetail.DISCLOSED", "Hide Map");
    }
}

```

[Example 20–10](#) shows setting the <translation-source> parameter for the resource map in the trinidad-skins.xml file.

**Example 20–10 Custom Resource Bundle Map Set in trinidad-skins.xml**

```

<skin>
  <id>
    purple.desktop
  </id>
  <family>
    purple
  </family>
  <render-kit-id>
    org.apache.myfaces.trinidad.desktop
  </render-kit-id>
  <style-sheet-name>
    skins/purple/purpleSkin.css
  </style-sheet-name>
  <translation-source>
    #{skinTranslationMap.resourceBundle}
  </translation-source>
</skin>

```

## 20.3.2 How to Apply Skins to Icons

You can apply skins to the default icons associated with ADF Faces components by specifying the URL path to the icon image in the icon style selector.

Note that CSS syntax like pseudo-classes (:hover, and so forth) and descendant selectors and composite class selectors does not work with icon selectors.

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**Note:** If you are overriding a selector for an icon, use a context-relative path for the URL to the icon image (that is, start with a leading slash (/)), and do not use quotation marks.

Also, you must include the width and the height for the icon.

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[Example 20–11](#) shows a selector for an icon.

**Example 20–11 Selector for an Icon**

```
.AFErrorIcon:alias {
    content:url(/adf/images/error.png);
    width:7px; height:18px
}
```

Icons and buttons can both use the `rtl` pseudo-class. This defines an icon or button for use when the application displays in right-to-left mode. [Example 20–12](#) shows the `rtl` pseudo-class used for an icon.

**Example 20–12 Icon Selector Using the `rtl` Pseudo-Class**

```
.AFErrorIcon:alias:rtl {
    content:url(/adf/images/error.png);
    width:16px; height:16px
}
```

### 20.3.3 How to Apply Skins to Messages

You can apply style to ADF Faces input components based on whether or not they have certain levels of messages associated with them. When a message of a particular type is added to a component, the styles of that component are automatically modified to reflect the new status. If styles are not defined for the status in question, then the default styles are used.

In order to define styles for your input components based on message levels that are tied to them, you would append a style pseudo-class to your component definition. For example, to define the base style for the content region of the `af:inputText` component to a background color of purple, use the style selector `af|inputText::content{background-color:purple}`. To define the content region of the component when an error message is present, use the skin style selector `af|inputText:error::content`.

The valid message properties are `:fatal`, `:error`, `:warning`, `:confirmation`, and `:info`.

### 20.3.4 How to Apply Themes to Components

Themes are a way of implementing a look and feel at a component level. The purpose is to provide a consistent look and feel across multiple components for a portion of a page. A common usage for themes is in a JSF page template where certain areas have a distinct look. For example, a page may have a branding area at the top with a dark background and light text, a navigation component with a lighter background, and a main content area with a light background.

A component that sets a theme exposes that theme to its child components and therefore the theme is inherited. Themes can be set (started or changed) by the following components:

- `af:document`
- `af:decorativeBox`

The Skyros and Fusion skins support the following themes:

- Dark

- Medium
- Light
- None (default)

In the JSPX page, the theme is started by the `af:document` component, as in:

```
<af:document theme="dark">
  <af:panelTabbed>...</af:panelTabbed>
</af:document>
```

To set the theme for a component, specify a `theme` attribute in the skin selector in the CSS file. For example, the selector to change the text color under an `af:panelTabbed` component to a dark theme is:

```
af|panelTabbed[theme="dark"] {
  color: red;
}
```

If you do not want a child component to inherit modifications made to a parent component in a JSPX page, set a value for the `-tr-children-theme` property in the CSS file. For example, you do not want the `af:panelTabbed` child component to inherit the dark theme defined for the `af:document` parent component in the JSPX page. Set the `-tr-children-theme` property in the CSS file as follows:

```
af|panelTabbed::content {
  -tr-children-theme: default;
}
```

By default, themes are not set for components or their child components. Because themes are inherited, the following values are supported when a component has a `theme` attribute that is not set:

- not given - If no theme is given, the theme is inherited, as in `<af:decorativeBox>...`
- `{null}` - The theme is inherited; same as not given.
- `inherit` - The theme is inherited; same as `null`.
- `default` - The theme is removed for the component and its child components.
- empty string - If the theme is set to a blank string, it has the same behavior as `default`. For example, `<af:decorativeBox theme="">` will remove the theme for the component and its child components.

Because the themes are added to every HTML element of a component that supports themes and that has style classes, there is no need for containment-style CSS selectors for themes. With the exception of `:ltr` and `:rtl`, all theme selectors should always appear on the last element of the selector. For example, the selector to apply a dark theme to each step of an `af:breadcrumbs` component would be:

```
af|breadcrumbs::step:disabled[theme="dark"] {
  color:#FFFFFF;
}
```

Color incompatibility may occur if a component sets its background color to a color that is not compatible with its encompassing theme color. For example, if a `panelHeader` component is placed in a dark theme, the CSS styles inside the `panelHeader` component will set its component background to a light color without changing its foreground color accordingly. The result is a component with a light foreground on a light background. Many other components also set their foreground

color to a light color when placed in a dark theme. If color incompatibility occurs, you can resolve color incompatibility between parent and child components by setting a value for the `-tr-children-theme` property.

### 20.3.5 How to Create a Custom Alias

You can create your own alias that you can then include on other selectors.

#### To create a custom alias:

1. Create a selector class for the alias. For example, you can add an alias to set the color of a link when a mouse cursor hovers over it:

```
.MyLinkHoverColor:alias {color: #CC6633;}
```

2. To include the alias in another selector, add a pseudo-element to an existing selector to create a new selector, and then reference the alias using the `-tr-rule-ref:selector` property.

For example, you can create a new selector for the `af|menuBar::enabled-link` selector to style the hover color, and then reference the custom alias, as shown in [Example 20–13](#).

#### **Example 20–13 Referencing a Custom Alias in a New Selector**

```
af|menuBar::enabled-link:hover
{
  -tr-rule-ref:selector(".MyLinkHoverColor:alias");
}
```

### 20.3.6 How to Configure a Component for Changing Skins Dynamically

To configure a component to dynamically change the skin, you must first configure the component on the JSF page to set a scope value that can later be evaluated by the configuration file. You then configure the skin family in the `trinidad-config` file to be dynamically set by that value.

#### To conditionally configure a component to set the skin family:

1. Open the main JSF page (such as the `index.jspx` or a similar file) that contains the component that will be used to set the skin family.
2. Configure the page to display the skin family by using the `sessionScope` component.

[Example 20–14](#) shows an `af:selectOneChoice` component that takes its selected value, and sets it as the value for the `skinFamily` attribute in the `sessionScope` component on the `index.jspx` page.

#### **Example 20–14 Using a Component to Set the Skin Family**

```
<af:selectOneChoice label="Choose Skin:" value="#{sessionScope.skinFamily}"
autoSubmit="true">
  <af:selectItem value="skyros-v1" label="skyros"/>
  <af:selectItem value="simple" label="simple"/>
  <af:selectItem value="richDemo" label="richDemo"/>
  <af:selectItem value="mySkin" label="mySkin"/>
</af:selectOneChoice>
```



The **Refresh** button on the page resubmits the page. Every time the page refreshes, the EL expression is evaluated and if there is a change, the page is redrawn with the new skin.

**To conditionally configure a component for changing skins at runtime:**

In the `trinidad-config.xml` file, use an EL expression to dynamically evaluate the skin family:

```
<skin-family>#{sessionScope.skinFamily}</skin-family>
```

## 20.4 Changing the Style Properties of a Component

ADF Faces components use the CSS style properties based on the Cascading Style Sheet (CSS) specification. Cascading style sheets contain rules, composed of selectors and declarations, that define how styles will be applied. These are then interpreted by the browser and override the browser's default settings.

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**Note:** Do not use styles to achieve stretching of components. Using styles to achieve stretching is not declarative and, in many cases, will result in inconsistent behavior across different web browsers. Instead, you can use the geometry management provided by the ADF Faces framework to achieve component stretching. For more information about layouts and stretching, see [Section 8.2.1, "Geometry Management and Component Stretching."](#)

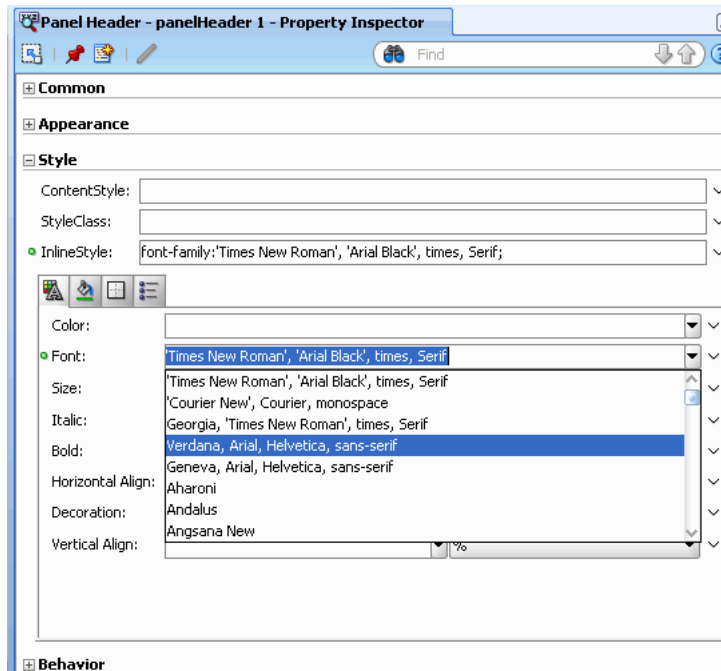
---

### 20.4.1 How to Set an Inline Style

Set an inline style for a component by defining the `inlineStyle` attribute. You can use inline style to specify the style of a component for that instance of the component. For more information, see [Section 8.3, "Arranging Contents to Stretch Across a Page"](#).

**To set an inline style:**

1. Set the `inlineStyle` attribute of the component to the inline style you want to use.
2. If you use the Property Inspector to set a style, you can select the style features you want from dropdown lists, as shown in [Figure 20-5](#).

**Figure 20–5** Setting an *inlineStyle*

JDeveloper adds the corresponding code for the component to the JSF page. [Example 20–15](#) shows the source for an `af:outputText` component with an `inlineStyle` attribute.

#### **Example 20–15** *InlineStyle in the Page Source*

```
<af:outputText value="outputText1"
               inlineStyle="color:Red; text-decoration:overline;"/>
```

3. You can use an EL expression for the `inlineStyle` attribute itself to conditionally set inline style attributes. For example, if you want the date to be displayed in red when an action has not yet been completed, you could use the code similar to that in [Example 20–16](#).

#### **Example 20–16** *EL Expression Used to Set an inlineStyle Attribute*

```
<af:outputText value="#{row.assignedDate eq
null?res['srsearch.unassignedMessage']:row.assignedDate}"
               inlineStyle="#{row.assignedDate eq null?'color:rgb(255,0,0);':''}"/>
```

4. The ADF Faces component may have other style attributes not available for styling that do not register on the root DOM element. For example, for the `af:inputText` component, set the text of the element using the `contentStyle` property, as shown in [Example 20–17](#).

#### **Example 20–17** *Using the contentStyle Property*

```
<af:inputText value="outputText1"
              contentStyle="color:Red;"/>
```

## 20.4.2 How to Set a Style Class

You can define the style for a component using a style class. You create a style class to group a set of inline styles.

### To set a style using a style class:

1. Set the `styleClass` attribute of the component to the style class you want to use.

[Example 20–18](#) shows an example of a style class being used in the page source.

#### **Example 20–18** Page Source for Using a Style Class

```
<af:outputText value="Text with a style class"
  styleClass="overdue"/>
```

2. You can also use EL expressions for the `styleClass` attribute to conditionally set style attributes. For example, if you want the date to be displayed in red when an action has not yet been completed, you could use code similar to that in [Example 20–16](#).

## 20.5 Referring to URLs in a Skin's CSS File

You can refer to a URL from a skin's CSS file in a number of different formats. The supported formats are:

- Absolute

You specify the complete URL to the resource. For example, a URL in the following format:

```
http://www.mycompany.com/WebApp/Skin/skin1/img/errorIcon.gif
```

- Relative

You can specify a relative URL if the URL does not start with `/` and no protocol is present. A relative URL is based on the location of the skin's CSS file. For example, if the skin's CSS file directory is `WebApp/Skin/skin1/` and the specified URL is `img/errorIcon.gif`, the final URL is `/WebApp/Skin/mySkin/img/errorIcon.gif`

- Context relative

This format of URL is resolved relative to the context root of your web application. You start a context relative root with `/`. For example, if the context relative root of a web application is:

```
/WebApp
```

and the specified URL is:

```
/img/errorIcon.gif
```

the resulting URL is:

```
/WebApp/img/errorIcon.gif
```

- Server relative

A server relative URL is resolved relative to the web server. This differs to the context relative URL in that it allows you reference a resource located in another application on the same web server. You specify the start of the URL using `//`. For example, write a URL in the following format:

```
//WebApp/Skin/mySkin/img/errorIcon.gif
```

## 20.6 Versioning Custom Skins

You can specify version numbers for your custom skins in the `trinidad-skins.xml` file using the `<version>` element. Use this capability if you want to distinguish between custom skins that have the same value for the `<family>` element in the `trinidad-skins.xml` file. Note that when you configure an application to use a particular custom skin, you do so by specifying values in the `trinidad-config.xml` file, as described in [Section 20.2, "Applying Custom Skins to Applications."](#)

### 20.6.1 How to Version a Custom Skin

You specify a version for your custom skin by entering a value for the `<version>` element in the `trinidad-skins.xml` file.

#### To version a custom skin:

1. In the Application Navigator, double-click the `trinidad-skins.xml` file. By default, this is in the **Web Content/WEB-INF** node.
2. In the structure window, right-click the **skin** node for the custom skin that you want to version and choose **Insert inside skin > version**.
3. In the Insert version dialog, select **true** from the default list if you want your application to use this version of the custom skin when no value is specified in the `<skin-version>` element of the `trinidad-config.xml` file, as described in [Section 20.2, "Applying Custom Skins to Applications."](#)
4. Enter a value in the name field. For example, enter `v1` if this is the first version of the custom skin.
5. Click **OK**.

### 20.6.2 What Happens When You Version Custom Skins

[Example 20–19](#) shows an example `trinidad-skins.xml` that references three source files for custom skins (`skin1.css`, `skin2.css`, and `skin3.css`). Each of these custom skins have the same value for the `<family>` element (`test`). The values for the child elements of the `<version>` elements distinguish between each of these custom skins. At runtime, an application that specifies `test` as the value for the `<skin-family>` element in the application's `trinidad-config.xml` file uses `skin3` because this custom skin is configured as the default skin in the `trinidad-skins.xml` file (`<default>true</default>`). You can override this behavior by specifying a value for the `<skin-version>` element in the `trinidad-config.xml` file, as described in [Section 20.2, "Applying Custom Skins to Applications."](#)

#### **Example 20–19** *trinidad-skins.xml with versioned custom skin files*

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="windows-1252"?>
<skins xmlns="http://myfaces.apache.org/trinidad/skin">
  <skin>
    <id>skin1.desktop</id>
    <family>test</family>
    <extends>simple.desktop</extends>
    <render-kit-id>org.apache.myfaces.trinidad.desktop</render-kit-id>
    <style-sheet-name>skins/skin1/skin1.css</style-sheet-name>
    <version>
      <name>v1</name>
    </version>
  </skin>
  <skin>
```

```

<id>skin2.desktop</id>
<family>test</family>
<extends>skyros-v1.desktop</extends>
<render-kit-id>org.apache.myfaces.trinidad.desktop</render-kit-id>
<style-sheet-name>skins/skin2/skin2.css</style-sheet-name>
<version>
  <name>v2</name>
</version>
</skin>
<skin>
  <id>skin3.desktop</id>
  <family>test</family>
  <extends>fusion.desktop</extends>
  <render-kit-id>org.apache.myfaces.trinidad.desktop</render-kit-id>
  <style-sheet-name>skins/skin3/skin3.css</style-sheet-name>
  <version>
    <default>true</default>
    <name>v3</name>
  </version>
</skin>
</skins>

```

## 20.7 Deploying a Custom Skin File in a JAR File

You may want to store skin definitions in a Java Archive (JAR) file and then add it to the deployed application. The benefits of packaging skins into a JAR file as compared to bundling them into the application are the following:

- A skin can be deployed and developed separately from the application. This also helps to reduce the number of files to be checked in case some changes must be applied to the skin. Foremost is that using a skin definition contained in a JAR file improves consistency in the look and feel of the application.
- Skin definitions and images can be separated into their own JAR files. Therefore, you can partition the image base into separate JAR files, so that not all files have to be deployed with all applications.

To deploy a skin into a JAR file, follow these rules:

- The `trinidad-skins.xml` file that defines the skin and that references the CSS file must be within the `META-INF` directory.
- All image resources and CSS files must also be under the `META-INF` directory. The images must be in a directory that starts with an `adf` root directory or any directory name that is mapped in the `web.xml` file for the resource servlet, as shown in [Example 20–20](#).
- The JAR file must be placed in the `WEB-INF/lib` directory of the view layer project of the application to deploy (or use a shared library at the application-server level).

### **Example 20–20** *web.xml File with Paths*

```

<servlet-mapping>
  <servlet-name>resources</servlet-name>
  <url-pattern>/adf/*</url-pattern>
</servlet-mapping>
<servlet-mapping>
  <servlet-name>resources</servlet-name>
  <url-pattern>/afr/*</url-pattern>
</servlet-mapping>

```

**To deploy a skin into a JAR file:**

1. Create a directory structure similar to the following:

```
c:\temp\META-INF\adf\oracle\skin\images
    META-INF\skins\skyrosskin.css
    META-INF\trinidad-skins.xml
```

2. Confirm that the directory in the META-INF directory starts with adf. The images directory contains all the images used within the oracle.css skin. The CSS reference to the images should have a path similar to this:

```
af|inputColor::launch-icon:rtl {
    content:url(..adf/oracle/skin/images/cfsort1.png);
    width: 12; height: 12;
    left:-7px;
    position:relative;
    right:-7px;
    top:5px;
}
```

Note the two leading periods in front of the image path

`../adf/oracle/skin/images/cfsort1.png`. This allows the search for the META-INF root to start one directory above the META-INF/skin directory in which the CSS is located.

3. Check that the trinidad-skins.xml file is located in the META-INF directory and that it contains content in a format similar to this:

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="ISO-8859-1"?>
<skins xmlns="http://myfaces.apache.org/trinidad/skin">
  <skin>
    <id>richdemo.desktop</id>
    <family>richDemo</family>
    <extends>skyros-v1.desktop</extends>
    <render-kit-id>org.apache.myfaces.trinidad.desktop</render-kit-id>
    <style-sheet-name>skins/richdemo/richdemo.css</style-sheet-name>
  </skin>
</skins>
```

This example defines the skin as `richdemo.desktop` in the `richDemo` family. The `trinidad-skins.xml` file can have more than one skin definition. The `richdemo.css` file (or your custom CSS file) is referenced from the `style-sheet-name` element.

4. To create the JAR file, issue the following command from the `c:\temp` directory:

```
jar -cvf customSkin.jar META-INF/
```

5. Copy the resulting `customSkin.jar` file to the `WEB-INF/lib` directory of the consuming ADF project. Configure the `trinidad-skins.xml` file located on the `WEB-INF` directory of the ADF project.

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="windows-1252"?>
<trinidad-config xmlns="http://myfaces.apache.org/trinidad/config">
  <skin-family>oracle</skin-family>
</trinidad-config>
```

Because the skin can be discovered at runtime, you do not need to code the skin family name.

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**Note:** The skin definition in the JAR file is not displayed in the JDeveloper visual editor. You may see a message in the log window that the skin family could not be found. You can ignore this message.

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## Internationalizing and Localizing Pages

This chapter describes how to configure JSF pages or an application to display text in the correct language of a user's browser.

This chapter includes the following sections:

- [Section 21.1, "Introduction to Internationalization and Localization of ADF Faces Pages"](#)
- [Section 21.2, "Using Automatic Resource Bundle Integration in JDeveloper"](#)
- [Section 21.3, "Manually Defining Resource Bundles and Locales"](#)
- [Section 21.4, "Configuring Pages for an End User to Specify Locale at Runtime"](#)
- [Section 21.5, "Configuring Optional ADF Faces Localization Properties"](#)

### 21.1 Introduction to Internationalization and Localization of ADF Faces Pages

*Internationalization* is the process of designing and developing products for easy adaptation to specific local languages and cultures. *Localization* is the process of adapting a product for a specific local language or culture by translating text and adding locale-specific components. A successfully localized application will appear to have been developed within the local culture. JDeveloper supports easy localization of ADF Faces components using the abstract class `java.util.ResourceBundle` to provide locale-specific resources.

When your application will be viewed by users in more than one country, you can configure your JSF page or application to use different locales so that it displays the correct language for the language setting of a user's browser. For example, if you know your page will be viewed in Italy, you can localize your page so that when a user's browser is set to use the Italian language, text strings in the browser page will appear in Italian.

ADF Faces components may include text that is part of the component, for example the `af:table` component uses the resource string `af_table.LABEL_FETCHING` for the message text that is displayed in the browser while the table is fetching data during the initial load of data or while the table is being scrolled. JDeveloper provides automatic translation of these text resources into 28 languages. These text resources are referenced in a resource bundle. If you set the browser to use the language in Italy, any text contained within the components will automatically be displayed in Italian. For more information on skins and resource bundles, see [Chapter 20, "Customizing the Appearance Using Styles and Skins"](#).

For any text you add to a component, for example if you define the label of an `af:commandButton` component by setting the `text` attribute, you must provide a resource bundle that holds the actual text, create a version of the resource bundle for each locale, and add a `<locale-config>` element to define default and support locales in the application's `faces-config.xml` file. You must also add a `<resource-bundle>` element to your application's `faces-config.xml` file in order to make the resource bundles available to all the pages in your application. Once you have configured and registered a resource bundle, the Expression Language (EL) editor will display the key from the bundle, making it easier to reference the bundle in application pages.

To simplify the process of creating text resources for text you add to ADF components, JDeveloper supports automatic resource bundle synchronization for any translatable string in the visual editor. When you edit components directly in the visual editor or in the Property Inspector, text resources are automatically created in the base resource bundle.

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**Note:** Any text retrieved from the database is not translated. This document explains how to localize static text, not text that is stored in the database.

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For instance, if the title of this page is *My Purchase Requests*, instead of having *My Purchase Requests* as the value for the `title` attribute of the `af:panelPage` component, the value is bound to a key in the `UIResources` resource bundle. The `UIResources` resource bundle is registered in the `faces-config.xml` file for the application, as shown in [Example 21-1](#).

**Example 21-1 Resource Bundle Element in JSF Configuration File**

```
<resource-bundle>
  <var>res</var>
  <base-name>resources.UIResources</base-name>
</resource-bundle>
```

The resource bundle is given a variable name (in this case, `res`) that can then be used in EL expressions. On the page, the `title` attribute of the `af:panelPage` component is then bound to the `myDemo.pageTitle` key in that resource bundle, as shown in [Example 21-2](#).

**Example 21-2 Component Text Referencing Resource Bundle**

```
<af:panelPage text="#{res['myDemo.pageTitle']}"
```

The `UIResources` resource bundle has an entry in the English language for all static text displayed on each page in the application, as well as for text for messages and global text, such as generic labels. [Example 21-3](#) shows the keys for the `myDemo` page.

**Example 21-3 Resource Bundle Keys for the myDemo Page Displayed in English**

```
#myDemo Screen
myDemo.pageTitle=My Purchase Requests
myDemo.menubar.openLink=Open Requests
myDemo.menubar.pendingLink=Requests Awaiting customer
myDemo.menubar.closedLink=Closed Requests
myDemo.menubar.allRequests=All Requests
myDemo.menubar.newLink=Create New Purchase Request
myDemo.selectAnd=Select and
```

```
myDemo.buttonbar.view=View
myDemo.buttonbar.edit=Edit
```

Note that text in the banner image and data retrieved from the database are not translated.

[Example 21–4](#) shows the resource bundle version for the Italian (Italy) locale, `UIResources_it`. Note that there is not an entry for the selection facet's title, yet it was translated from *Select* to *Seleziona* automatically. That is because this text is part of the ADF Faces table component's selection facet.

**Example 21–4 Resource Bundle Keys for the myDemo Page Displayed in Italian**

```
#myDemo Screen
myDemo.pageTitle=Miei Ticket
myDemo.menubar.openLink=Ticket Aperti
myDemo.menubar.pendingLink=Ticket in Attesa del Cliente
myDemo.menubar.closedLink=Ticket Risolti
myDemo.menubar.allRequests=Tutti i Ticket
myDemo.menubar.newLink=Creare Nuovo Ticket
myDemo.selectAnd=Seleziona e
myDemo.buttonbar.view=Vedere Dettagli
myDemo.buttonbar.edit=Aggiorna
```

## 21.2 Using Automatic Resource Bundle Integration in JDeveloper

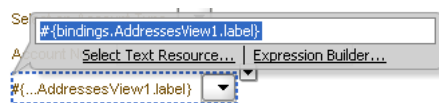
By default, JDeveloper supports the automatic creation of text resources in the default resource bundle when editing ADF Faces components in the visual editor. To treat user-defined strings as static values, disable **Automatically Synchronize Bundle** in the Project Properties dialog, as described in [Section 21.2.1, "How to Set Resource Bundle Options"](#).

Automatic resource bundle integration can be configured to support one resource bundle per page or project, or multiple shared bundles.

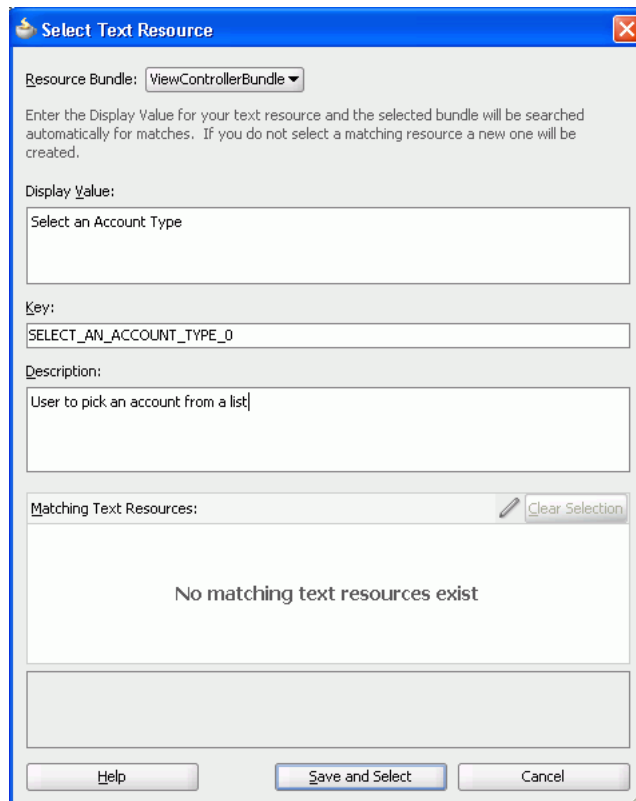
You can edit translatable text strings using any one of the following methods:

- In the visual editor, enter the new text directly in the component. Click the component to bring up a text input window, as shown in [Figure 21–1](#).

**Figure 21–1 Adding Text to a Component**



- From the text input window, choose **Select Text Resource** to launch the Select Text Resource dialog, as shown in [Figure 21–2](#). The dialog can also be accessed by right-clicking the component and choosing **Select Text Resource for**, or from the Property Inspector, by clicking the icon to the right of a translatable property and selecting **Select Text Resource**.

**Figure 21–2 Select Text Resource Dialog**

- From the text input window, select **Expression Builder** to launch the Expression Builder dialog. The dialog can also be accessed from the Property Inspector by clicking the icon to the right of a translatable property and selecting **Expression Builder**.
- In the Property Inspector, enter a valid expression language string for a translatable property.

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**Note:** JDeveloper only writes strings to a resource bundle that you enter using one of the previously-listed methods.

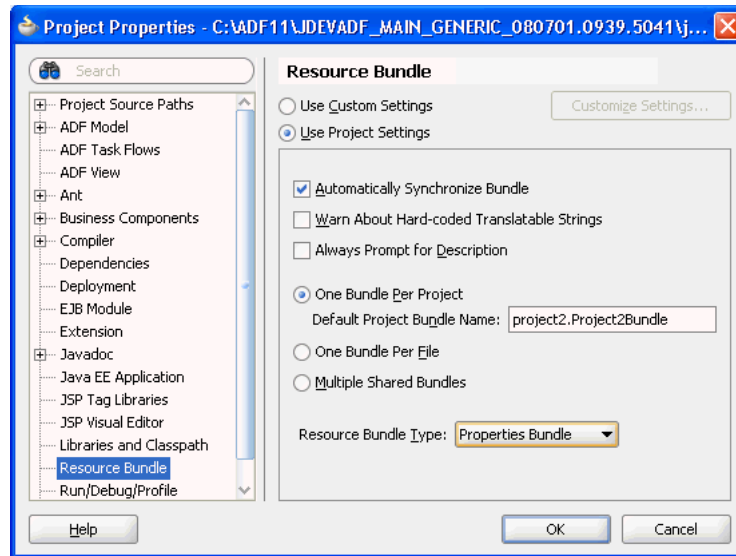
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### 21.2.1 How to Set Resource Bundle Options

After you have created a project, you can set resource bundle options in the Project Properties dialog.

**To set resource bundle options for a project:**

1. In the Application Navigator, double-click the project.
2. In the Project Properties dialog, select **Resource Bundle** to display the resource bundle options, as shown in [Figure 21–3](#).

**Figure 21–3 Project Properties Resource Bundle dialog**

3. If you want JDeveloper to automatically generate a default resource file, select **Automatically Synchronize Bundle**.
4. Select one of the following resource bundle file options:
  - **One Bundle Per Project** - configured in a file named <ProjectName>.properties.
  - **One Bundle Per Page** - configured in a file named <PageName>.properties.
  - **Multiple Shared Bundles**.
5. Select the resource bundle type from the dropdown list:
  - **XML Localization Interchange File Format (XLIFF) Bundle**
  - **List Resource Bundle**
  - **Properties Bundle**
6. Click OK.

## 21.2.2 What Happens When You Set Resource Bundle Options

JDeveloper generates one or more resource bundles of a particular type based on the selections that you make in the resource bundle options part of the Project Properties dialog, as illustrated in [Figure 21–3](#). It generates a resource bundle the first time that you invoke the Select Text Resource dialog illustrated in [Figure 21–2](#).

Assume, for example, that you select the **One Bundle Per Project** checkbox and the **List Resource Bundle** value from the **Resource Bundle Type** dropdown list. The first time that you invoke the Select Text Resource dialog, JDeveloper generates one resource bundle for the project. The generated resource bundle is a Java class named after the default project bundle name in the Project Properties dialog (for example, `ViewControllerBundle.java`).

JDeveloper generates a resource bundle as an `.xlf` file if you select the **XML Localization Interchange File Format (XLIFF) Bundle** option and a `.properties` file if you select the **Properties Bundle** option.

By default, JDeveloper creates the generated resource bundle in the view subdirectory of the project's Application Sources directory.

### 21.2.3 How to Create an Entry in a JDeveloper-Generated Resource Bundle

JDeveloper generates one or more resource bundles based on the values you select in the resource bundle options part of the Project Properties dialog. It generates a resource bundle the first time that you invoke the Select Text Resource dialog from a component property in the Property Inspector.

JDeveloper writes key-value pairs to the resource bundle based on the values that you enter in the Select Text Resource dialog. It also allows you to select an existing key-value pair from a resource bundle to render a runtime display value for a component.

#### To create an entry in the resource bundle generated by JDeveloper:

1. In the JSF page, select the component for which you want to write a runtime value.

For example, select an `af:inputText` component.

2. In the Property Inspector, use a property's dropdown list to select **Select Text Resource** to create a new entry in the resource bundle.

The **Select Text Resource** entry in the dropdown list only appears for properties that support text resources. For example, the **Label** property of an `af:inputText` component.

3. Write the value that you want to appear at runtime in the **Display Value** input field, as illustrated in [Figure 21–2](#).

JDeveloper generates a value in the Key input field.

4. Optionally, write a description in the **Description** input field.

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**Note:** JDeveloper displays a matching text resource in the Matching Text Resource field if a text resource exists that matches the value you entered in the Display Value input field exists.

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5. Click **Save and Select**.

### 21.2.4 What Happens When You Create an Entry in a JDeveloper-Generated Resource Bundle

JDeveloper writes the key-value pair that you define in the Select Text Resource dialog to the resource bundle. The options that you select in the resource bundle options part of the Project Properties dialog determine what type of resource bundle JDeveloper writes the key-value pair to. For more information, see [Section 21.2.2, "What Happens When You Set Resource Bundle Options"](#).

The component property for which you define the resource bundle entry uses an EL expression to retrieve the value from the resource bundle at runtime. For example, an `af:inputText` component's **Label** property may reference an EL expression similar to the following:

```
#{viewControllerBundle.NAME}
```

where `viewControllerBundle` references the resource bundle and `NAME` is the key for the runtime value.

## 21.3 Manually Defining Resource Bundles and Locales

A resource bundle contains a number of named resources, where the data type of the named resources is `String`. A bundle may have a parent bundle. When a resource is not found in a bundle, the parent bundle is searched for the resource. Resource bundles can be either Java classes, property files, or XLIFF files. The abstract class `java.util.ResourceBundle` has two subclasses: `java.util.PropertyResourceBundle` and `java.util.ListResourceBundle`. A `java.util.PropertyResourceBundle` is stored in a property file, which is a plain-text file containing translatable text. Property files can contain values only for `String` objects. If you need to store other types of objects, you must use a `java.util.ListResourceBundle` class instead.

For more information about using XLIFF, see <http://docs.oasis-open.org/xliff/xliff-core/xliff-core.html>

To add support for an additional locale, replace the values for the keys with localized values and save the property file, appending a language code (mandatory) and an optional country code and variant as identifiers to the name, for example, `UIResources_it.properties`.

The `java.util.ListResourceBundle` class manages resources in a name and value array. Each `java.util.ListResourceBundle` class is contained within a Java class file. You can store any locale-specific object in a `java.util.ListResourceBundle` class. To add support for an additional locale, you create a subclass from the base class, save it to a file with a locale or language extension, translate it, and compile it into a class file.

The `ResourceBundle` class is flexible. If you first put your locale-specific `String` objects in a `java.util.PropertyResourceBundle` file, you can still move them to a `ListResourceBundle` class later. There is no impact on your code, because any call to find your key will look in both the `java.util.ListResourceBundle` class and the `java.util.PropertyResourceBundle` file.

The precedence order is class before properties. So if a key exists for the same language in both a class file and a property file, the value in the class file will be the value presented to you. Additionally, the search algorithm for determining which bundle to load is as follows:

1. (baseclass)+(specific language)+(specific country)+(specific variant)
2. (baseclass)+(specific language)+(specific country)
3. (baseclass)+(specific language)
4. (baseclass)+(default language)+(default country)+(default variant)
5. (baseclass)+(default language)+(default country)
6. (baseclass)+(default language)

For example, if your browser is set to the Italian (Italy) locale and the default locale of the application is US English, the application attempts to find the closest match, looking in the following order:

1. `it_IT`
2. `it`
3. `en_US`
4. `en`
5. The base class bundle

**Tip:** The `getBundle` method used to load the bundle looks for the default locale classes before it returns the base class bundle. If it fails to find a match, it throws a `MissingResourceException` error. A base class with no suffixes should always exist as a default. Otherwise, it may not find a match and the exception is thrown.

### 21.3.1 How to Define the Base Resource Bundle

You must create a base resource bundle that contains all the text strings that are not part of the components themselves. This bundle should be in the default language of the application. You can create a resource bundle as a property file, as an XLIFF file, or as a Java class. After a resource bundle file has been created, you can edit the file using the Edit Resource Bundles dialog.

#### To create a resource bundle as a property file or an XLIFF file:

1. In JDeveloper, create a new file.
  - In the Application Navigator, right-click where you want the file to be placed and choose **New** from the context menu to open the New Gallery.

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**Note:** If you are creating a localized version of the base resource bundle, save the file to the same directory as the base file.

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- In the **Categories** tree, select **General**, and in the **Items** list, select **File**. Click **OK**.
- In the Create File dialog, enter a name for the file using the convention `<name><_lang>.properties` for the using the properties file or `<name><_lang>.xlf` for using the XLIFF file, where the `<_lang>` suffix is provided for translated files, as in `_de` for German, and omitted for the base language.

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**Note:** If you are creating a localized version of a base resource bundle, you must append the ISO 639 lowercase language code to the name of the file. For example, the Italian version of the `UIResources` bundle is `UIResources_it.properties`. You can add the ISO 3166 uppercase country code (for example `it_CH`, for Switzerland) if one language is used by more than one country. You can also add an optional nonstandard variant (for example, to provide platform or region information).

If you are creating the base resource bundle, do not append any codes.

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2. Enter the content for the file. You can enter the content manually by entering the key-value pairs. You can use the Edit Resource Bundle dialog to enter the key-value pairs, as described in [Section 21.3.2, "How to Edit a Resource Bundle File"](#).
  - If you are creating a property file, create a key and value for each string of static text for this bundle. The key is a unique identifier for the string. The value is the string of text in the language for the bundle. If you are creating a localized version of the base resource bundle, any key not found in this version will inherit the values from the base class.



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**Note:** All non-ASCII characters must be UNICODE-escaped or the encoding must be explicitly specified when compiling, for example:

```
javac -encoding ISO8859_5 UIResources_it.java
```

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For example, the key and the value for the title of the myDemo page is:

```
myDemo.pageTitle=My Purchase Requests
```

- If you are creating an XLIFF file, enter the proper tags for each key-value pair. For example:

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="windows-1252" ?>
<xliff version="1.1" xmlns="urn:oasis:names:tc:xliff:document:1.1">
  <file source-language="en" original="myResources" datatype="xml">
    <body>
      <trans-unit id="NAME">
        <source>Name</source>
        <target/>
        <note>Name of employee</note>
      </trans-unit>
      <trans-unit id="HOME_ADDRESS">
        <source>Home Address</source>
        <target/>
        <note>Adress of employee</note>
      </trans-unit>
      <trans-unit id="OFFICE_ADDRESS">
        <source>Office Address</source>
        <target/>
        <note>Office building </note>
      </trans-unit>
    </body>
  </file>
</xliff>
```

3. After you have entered all the values, click **OK**.

### To create a resource bundle as a Java class:

1. In JDeveloper, create a new Java class:
  - In the Application Navigator, right-click where you want the file to be placed and choose **New** to open the New Gallery.

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**Note:** If you are creating a localized version of the base resource bundle, it must reside in the same directory as the base file.

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- In the **Categories** tree, select **General**, and in the **Items** list, select **Java Class**. Click **OK**.
- In the Create Java Class dialog, enter a name and package for the class. The class must extend `java.util.ListResourceBundle`.

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**Note:** If you are creating a localized version of a base resource bundle, you must append the ISO 639 lowercase language code to the name of the class. For example, the Italian version of the `UIResources` bundle might be `UIResources_it.java`. You can add the ISO 3166 uppercase country code (for example `it_CH`, for Switzerland) if one language is used by more than one country. You can also add an optional nonstandard variant (for example, to provide platform or region information).

If you are creating the base resource bundle, do not append any codes.

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2. Implement the `getContents()` method, which simply returns an array of key-value pairs. Create the array of keys for the bundle with the appropriate values. Or use the Edit Resource Bundles dialog to automatically generate the code, as described in [Section 21.3.2, "How to Edit a Resource Bundle File"](#). [Example 21–5](#) shows a base resource bundle Java class.

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**Note:** Keys must be `String` objects. If you are creating a localized version of the base resource bundle, any key not found in this version will inherit the values from the base class.

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**Example 21–5 Base Resource Bundle Java Class**

```
package sample;

import java.util.ListResourceBundle;

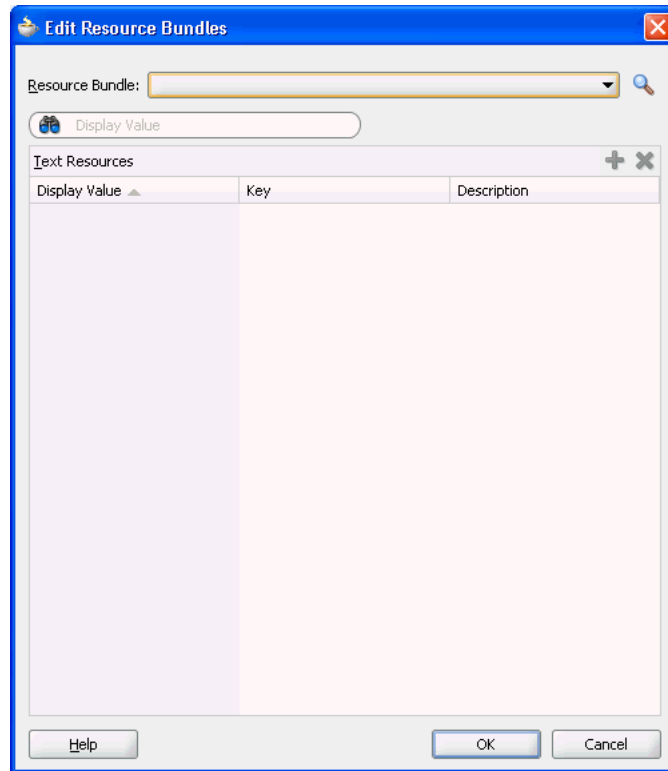
public class MyResources extends ListResourceBundle {
    public Object[][] getContents() {
        return contents;
    }
    static final Object[][] contents = {
        {"button_Search", "Search"},
        {"button_Reset", "Reset"},
    };
}
```

## 21.3.2 How to Edit a Resource Bundle File

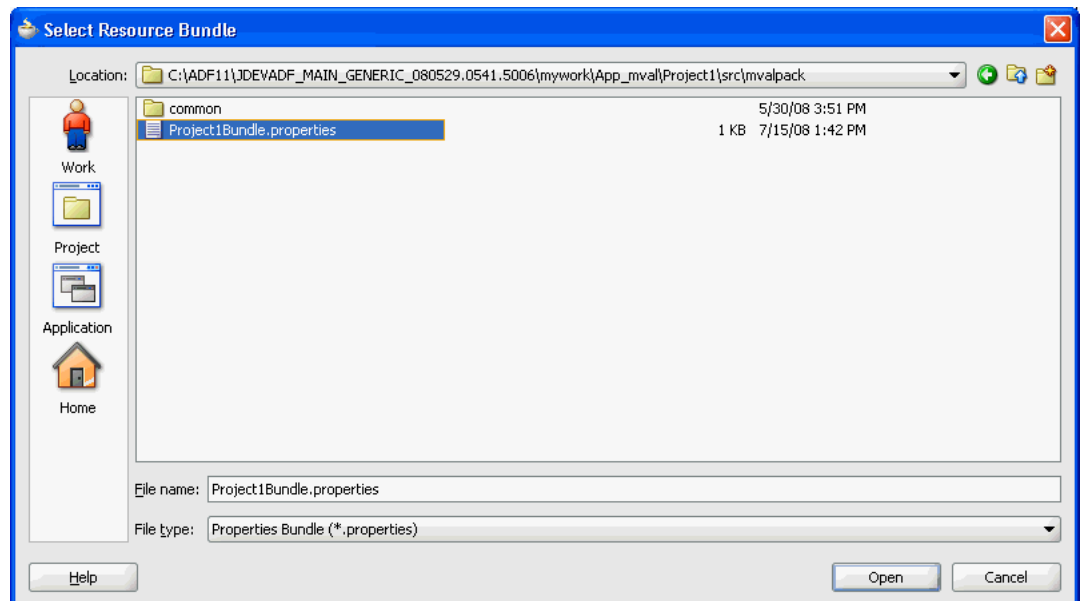
After you have created a resource bundle property file, XLIFF file, or Java class file, you can edit it using the source editor.

**To edit a resource bundle after it has been created:**

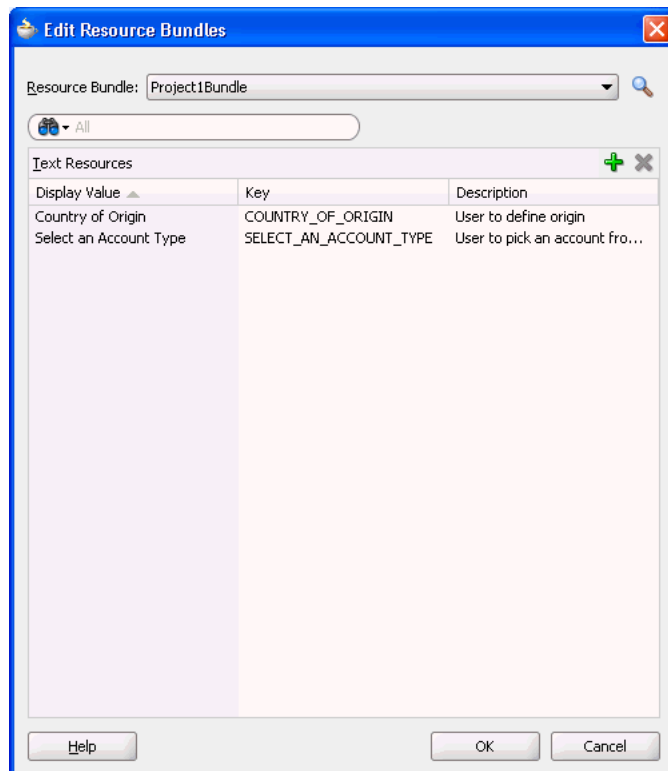
1. In JDeveloper, choose **Application > Edit Resource Bundles** from the main menu.
2. In the Edit Resource Bundles dialog, select the resource bundle file you want to edit from the **Resource Bundle** dropdown list, as shown in [Figure 21–4](#), or click the **Search** icon to launch the Select Resource Bundle dialog.

**Figure 21–4 Edit Resource Bundle Dialog**

3. In the Select Resource Bundle dialog, select the file type from the **File type** dropdown list. Navigate to the resource bundle you want to edit, as shown in [Figure 21–5](#). Click **OK**.

**Figure 21–5 Select Resource Bundle Dialog**

4. In the Edit Resource Bundles dialog, click the **Add** icon to add a key-value pair, as shown in [Figure 21–6](#). When you have finished, click **OK**.

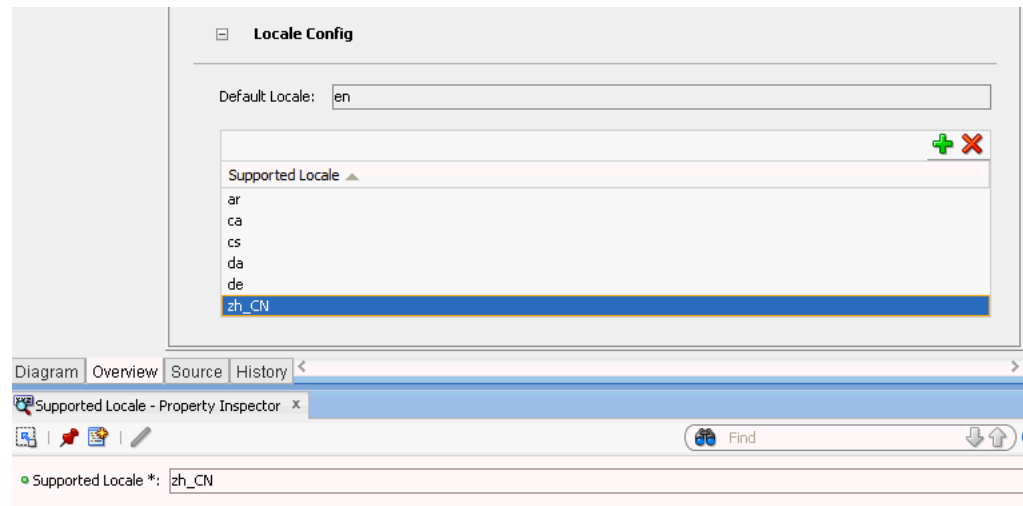
**Figure 21–6 Adding Values to a Resource Bundle**

### 21.3.3 How to Register Locales and Resource Bundles in Your Application

You must register the locales and resource bundles used in your application in the `faces-config.xml` file.

**To register a locale for your application:**

1. Open the `faces-config.xml` file and click the **Overview** tab in the editor window. The `faces-config.xml` file is located in the `<View_Project>/WEB-INF` directory.
2. In the editor window, select **Application**.
3. In the **Locale Config** area, click **Add** to open the Property Inspector to add the code for the locale, as shown in [Figure 21–7](#).

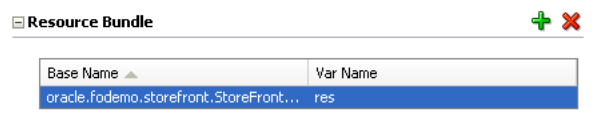
**Figure 21–7 Adding a Locale to faces-config.xml**

After you have added the locales, the `faces-config.xml` file should have code similar to the following:

```
<locale-config>
  <default-locale>en</default-locale>
  <supported-locale>ar</supported-locale>
  <supported-locale>ca</supported-locale>
  <supported-locale>cs</supported-locale>
  <supported-locale>da</supported-locale>
  <supported-locale>de</supported-locale>
  <supported-locale>zh_CN</supported-locale>
</locale-config>
```

#### To register the resource bundle:

1. Open the `faces-config.xml` file and click the **Overview** tab in the editor window. The `faces-config.xml` file is located in the `<View_Project>/WEB-INF` directory.
2. In the editor window, select **Application**.
3. In the **Resource Bundle** section, click **Add** to enable editor input. Enter the fully qualified name of the base bundle that contains messages to be used by the application and a variable name that can be used to reference the bundle in an EL expression, as shown in [Figure 21–8](#).

**Figure 21–8 Adding a Resource Bundle to faces-config.xml**

After you have added the resource bundle, the `faces-config.xml` file should have code similar to the following:

```
<resource-bundle>
  <base-name>oracle.fodemo.storefront.StoreFrontUIBundle</base-name>
  <var>res</var>
</resource-bundle>
```

## 21.3.4 How to Use Resource Bundles in Your Application

With JSF 1.2 you are not required to load the base resource bundle on each page in your application with the `<f:loadBundle>` tag.

### To use a base resource bundle on your page:

1. Set your page encoding and response encoding to be a superset of all supported languages. If no encoding is set, the page encoding defaults to the value of the response encoding set using the `contentType` attribute of the page directive. [Example 21–6](#) shows the encoding for a sample page.

#### Example 21–6 Page and Response Encoding

```
<?xml version='1.0' encoding='windows-1252'?>
<jsp:root xmlns:jsp="http://java.sun.com/JSP/Page" version="2.0"
  xmlns:h="http://java.sun.com/jsf/html"
  xmlns:f="http://java.sun.com/jsf/core"
  xmlns:af="http://xmlns.oracle.com/adf/faces"
  xmlns:afc="http://xmlns.oracle.com/adf/faces/webcache">
  <jsp:output omit-xml-declaration="true" doctype-root-element="HTML"
    doctype-system="http://www.w3.org/TR/html4/loose.dtd"
    doctype-public="-//W3C//DTD HTML 4.01 Transitional//EN"/>
  <jsp:directive.page contentType="text/html;charset=UTF-8"/>
  <f:view>
```

**Tip:** By default JDeveloper sets the page encoding to `windows-1252`. To set the default to a different page encoding:

1. From the menu, choose **Tools > Preferences**.
  2. In the left-hand pane, select **Environment** if it is not already selected.
  3. Set **Encoding** to the preferred default.
2. Bind all attributes that represent strings of static text displayed on the page to the appropriate key in the resource bundle, using the variable defined in the `faces-config.xml` file for the `<resource-bundle>` element. [Example 21–7](#) shows the code for the **View** button on the `myDemo` page.

#### Example 21–7 Binding to a Resource Bundle

```
<af:commandButton text="#{res['myDemo.buttonbar.view']}"
  . . . />
```

**Tip:** If you type the following syntax in the source editor, JDeveloper displays a dropdown list of the keys that resolve to strings in the resource bundle:

```
<af:commandButton text="#{res.
```

JDeveloper completes the EL expression when you select a key from the dropdown list.

3. You can also use the `adfBundle` keyword to resolve resource strings from specific resource bundles as EL expressions in the JSF page.

The usage format is `#{adfBundle[ bundleID ] [ resource_Key ]}`, where `bundleID` is the fully qualified bundle ID, such as `project.EmpMsgBundle`, and

*resource\_Key* is the resource key in the bundle, such as `Deptno_LABEL`.

[Example 21–8](#) shows how `adfBundle` is used to provide the button text with a resource strings from a specific resource bundle.

**Example 21–8 Binding Using `adfBundle`**

```
<af:commandButton text="{adfBundle['project.EmpMsgBundle']} ['Deptno_LABEL']" />
```

### 21.3.5 What You May Need to Know About Custom Skins and Control Hints

If you use a custom skin and have created a custom resource bundle for the skin, you must also create localized versions of the resource bundle. Similarly, if your application uses control hints to set any text, you must create localized versions of the generated resource bundles for that text.

### 21.3.6 What You May Need to Know About Overriding a Resource Bundle in a Customizable Application

If you are developing a customizable application using the Oracle Metadata Services (MDS) framework and you create a resource bundle (an override bundle) that overrides key-value pairs from the base resource bundle, you need to configure your application's `adf-config.xml` file to support the overriding of the base resource bundle. An override bundle is a resource bundle that contains the key-value pairs that differ from the base resource bundle that you want to use in your customizable application. If, for example, you have a base bundle with the name `oracle.demo.CustAppUIBundle`, you configure an entry in your application's `adf-config.xml` file as shown in [Example 21–9](#) to make it overrideable. Once it is marked as overridden, any customizations of that bundle will be stored in your application's override bundle.

**Example 21–9 Entry for Override Bundle in `adf-config.xml` File**

```
<adf-resourcebundle-config xmlns="http://xmlns.oracle.com/adf/resourcebundle/config">
  <applicationBundleName>oracle/app.../xliffBundle/FusionAppsOverrideBundle</applicationBundleName>
  <bundleList>
    <bundleId override="true">oracle.demo.CustAppUIBundle</bundleId>
  </bundleList>
</adf-resourcebundle-config>
```

For more information about the `adf-config.xml` file, see [Section A.4, "Configuration in `adf-config.xml`."](#) For more information about creating customizable applications using MDS, see the "Customizing Applications with MDS" chapter of the *Oracle Fusion Middleware Fusion Developer's Guide for Oracle Application Development Framework*.

## 21.4 Configuring Pages for an End User to Specify Locale at Runtime

You can configure an application so end users can specify the locale at runtime rather than the default behavior where the locale settings of the end user's browser determine the runtime locale. Implement this functionality if you want your application to allow end users to specify their preferred locale and save their preference.

### 21.4.1 How to Configure a Page for an End User to Specify Locale

Create a new page or open an existing page. Configure it so that:

- It references a backing bean to store locale information
- An end user can invoke a control at runtime to update the locale information in the backing bean
- The `locale` attribute of the `f:view` tag references the backing bean

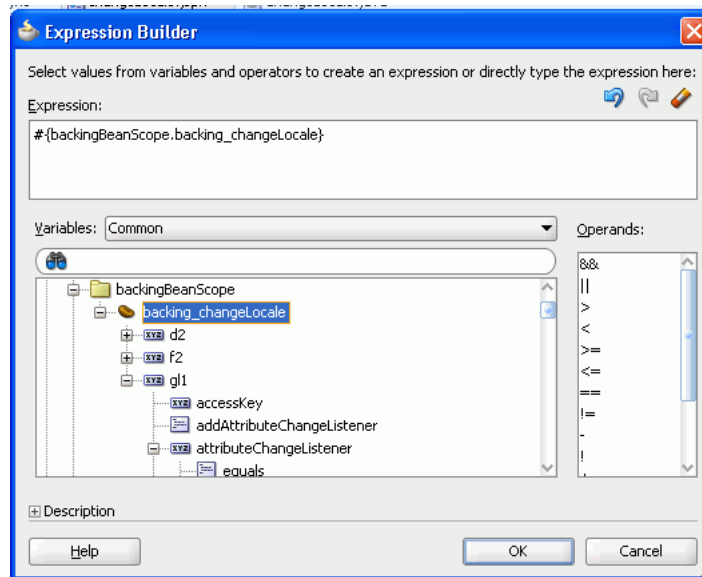
**To configure a page for an end user to specify locale:**

1. Create a page with a backing bean to store locale information.  
For more information, see [Section 2.4.1, "How to Create JSF JSP Pages"](#).
2. Provide a control (for example, a `selectOneChoice` component) that an end user can use to change locale.  
For example, in the Components Palette, from the Common Components panel, drag and drop a **Select One Choice** anywhere onto the page.
3. Bind the control to a backing bean that stores the locale value, as illustrated in the following example.

```
<af:selectOneChoice label="Select Locale"
  binding="#{backingBeanScope.backing_changeLocale.soc1}"
  id="soc1">
  <af:selectItem label="French" value="FR"
    binding="#{backingBeanScope.backing_changeLocale.sil1}"
    id="sil1"/>
  ...
</af:selectOneChoice>
```

4. Bind the `locale` attribute of the `f:view` tag to the locale value in the backing bean.
  1. In the Structure window for the JSF page, right-click the `f:view` tag and choose **Go to Properties**.
  2. In the Property Inspector, use the dropdown menu next to the `locale` attribute to open the Expression Builder.
  3. Use the Expression Builder to bind to the locale value in the backing bean, as shown in [Figure 21-9](#).



**Figure 21–9 Expression Builder Binding the Locale Attribute to a Backing Bean**

5. Save the page.

## 21.4.2 What Happens When You Configure a Page to Specify Locale

JDeveloper generates a reference to the backing bean for the command component that you use to change the locale. [Example 21–10](#) shows an example using the `selectOneChoice` component.

### **Example 21–10** *selectOneChoice Component Referencing a Backing Bean*

```
<af:selectOneChoice label="Select Locale"
  binding="#{backingBeanScope.backing_changeLocale.soc1}"
  id="soc1">
  <af:selectItem label="French" value="FR"
  binding="#{backingBeanScope.backing_changeLocale.si1}"
  id="si1"/>
  ...
</af:selectOneChoice>
```

JDeveloper also generates the required methods in the backing bean for the page. [Example 21–11](#) shows extracts for the backing bean that correspond to [Example 21–10](#).

### **Example 21–11** *Backing Bean Methods to Change Locale*

```
package view.backing;

...
import oracle.adf.view.rich.component.rich.input.RichSelectOneChoice;

public class ChangeLocale {
  ...
  ...
  private RichSelectOneChoice soc1;
  ...
  ...
}
```

```
...
public void setD2(RichDocument d2) {
    this.d2 = d2;
}

...

public void setSoc1(RichSelectOneChoice soc1) {
    this.soc1 = soc1;
}

public RichSelectOneChoice getSoc1() {
    return soc1;
}

public void setSic1(RichSelectItem sic1) {
    this.sic1 = sic1;
}
...
}
```

### 21.4.3 What Happens at Runtime When an End User Specifies a Locale

At runtime, an end user invokes the command component you configured to change the locale of the application. The backing bean stores the updated locale information. Pages where the `locale` attribute of the `f:view` tag reference the backing bean render using the locale specified by the end user.

The locale specified by the end user must be registered with your application. For more information about specifying a locale and associated resource bundles, see [Section 21.3.3, "How to Register Locales and Resource Bundles in Your Application"](#).

## 21.5 Configuring Optional ADF Faces Localization Properties

Along with providing text translation, ADF Faces also automatically provides other types of translation, such as text direction and currency codes. The application will automatically be displayed appropriately, based on the user's selected locale. However, you can also manually set the following localization settings for an application in the `trinidad-config.xml` file:

- `<currency-code>`: Defines the default ISO 4217 currency code used by `oracle.adf.view.faces.converter.NumberConverter` to format currency fields that do not specify a currency code in their own converter.
- `<number-grouping-separator>`: Defines the separator used for groups of numbers (for example, a comma). ADF Faces automatically derives the separator from the current locale, but you can override this default by specifying a value in this element. If set, this value is used by `oracle.adf.view.faces.converter.NumberConverter` while it parses and formats.
- `<decimal-separator>`: Defines the separator used for the decimal point (for example, a period or a comma). ADF Faces automatically derives the separator from the current locale, but you can override this default by specifying a value in this element. If set, this value is used by `oracle.adf.view.faces.converter.NumberConverter` while it parses and formats.

- `<right-to-left>`: Defines the direction in which text appears in a page. ADF Faces automatically derives the rendering direction from the current locale, but you can explicitly set the default page rendering direction by using the values `true` or `false`.
- `<time-zone>`: Defines the time zone appropriate to the selected locale. ADF Faces automatically uses the time zone used by the client browser. This value is used by `oracle.adf.view.faces.converter.DateTimeConverter` when it converts `String` to `Date`.
- `<formatting-locale>`: Defines the date and number format appropriate to the selected locale. *ADF Faces* and *Trinidad*, will by default, format dates and numbers in the same locale used for localized text. If you want dates and numbers formatted in a different locale, you can use an IANA-formatted locale (for example, `ja`, `fr-CA`). The contents of this element can also be an EL expression pointing at an IANA string or a `java.util.Locale` object.

### 21.5.1 How to Configure Optional Localization Properties

You can configure optional localization properties by entering elements in the `trinidad-config.xml` file.

#### To configure optional localization properties:

1. Open the `trinidad-config.xml` file. The file is located in the `<View_Project>/WEB-INF` directory.
2. From the Component Palette, drag the element you wish to add to the file into the Structure window. An empty element is added to the page.
3. Enter the desired value.

[Example 21–12](#) shows a sample `trinidad-config.xml` file with all the optional localization elements set.

#### **Example 21–12** Configuring Currency Code and Separators for Numbers and Decimal Point

```
<!-- Set the currency code to US dollars. -->
<currency-code>USD</currency-code>

<!-- Set the number grouping separator to period for German -->
<!-- and comma for all other languages -->
<number-grouping-separator>
  #{view.locale.language=='de' ? '.' : ','}
</number-grouping-separator>

<!-- Set the decimal separator to comma for German -->
<!-- and period for all other languages -->
<decimal-separator>
  #{view.locale.language=='de' ? ',' : '.'}
</decimal-separator>

<!-- Render the page right-to-left for Arabic -->
<!-- and left-to-right for all other languages -->
<right-to-left>
  #{view.locale.language=='ar' ? 'true' : 'false'}
</right-to-left>

<formatting-locale>
  #{request.locale}
```

```
</formatting-locale>
```

```
<!-- Set the time zone to Pacific Daylight Savings Time -->  
<time-zone>PDT</time-zone>
```

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## Developing Accessible ADF Faces Pages

This chapter describes how to add accessibility support to ADF Faces components with keyboard shortcuts and text descriptions of the component name and state. Accessibility guidelines for ADF pages that use partial page rendering, scripting, styles, and certain page and navigation structures are also described.

This chapter includes the following sections:

- [Section 22.1, "Introduction to Accessible ADF Faces Pages"](#)
- [Section 22.2, "Exposing Accessibility Preferences"](#)
- [Section 22.3, "Specifying Component-Level Accessibility Properties"](#)
- [Section 22.4, "Creating Accessible Pages"](#)
- [Section 22.5, "Running Accessibility Audit Rules"](#)

### 22.1 Introduction to Accessible ADF Faces Pages

Accessibility involves making your application usable for persons with disabilities such as low vision or blindness, deafness, or other physical limitations. This means creating applications that can be used without a mouse (keyboard only), used with a screen reader for blind or low-vision users, and used without reliance on sound, color, or animation and timing.

Oracle software implements the U.S. Section 508 and Web Content Accessibility Guidelines (WCAG) 1.0 AA standards. The interpretation of these standards is available at <http://www.oracle.com/accessibility/standards.html>.

While the ADF Faces accessibility guidelines for components, page, and navigation structures is useful, it is not a substitute for familiarity with accessibility standards and performing accessibility testing with assistive technology. While creating your application, make sure that the following criterion are met:

- Success criterion for sensory characteristics.  
For more information, see the section on Success Criterion 1.3.3 [Sensory Characteristics] in <http://www.w3.org/TR/UNDERSTANDING-WCAG20/Overview.html#contents>.
- Success criterion for images of text.  
For more information, see the section on Success Criterion 1.4.5 [Images of Text] in <http://www.w3.org/TR/UNDERSTANDING-WCAG20/Overview.html#contents>.
- Success criterion for visible focus.

For more information, see the section on Success Criterion 2.4.7 [Focus Visible] in <http://www.w3.org/TR/UNDERSTANDING-WCAG20/Overview.html#contents>.

- Success criterion for elements receiving focus.

For more information, see the section on Success Criterion 3.2.1 [On Focus] in <http://www.w3.org/TR/UNDERSTANDING-WCAG20/Overview.html#contents>.

- Success criterion for consistent identification of functional components

For more information, see the section on Success Criterion 3.2.4 [Consistent Identification] in <http://www.w3.org/TR/UNDERSTANDING-WCAG20/Overview.html#contents>.

Additional framework and platform issues presented by client-side scripting, in particular using asynchronous JavaScript and XML (AJAX) have been addressed in Oracle's accessibility strategy.

ADF Faces user interface components have built-in accessibility support for visually and physically impaired users. User agents such as a web browser rendering to nonvisual media such as a screen reader can read component text descriptions to provide useful information to impaired users. Access key support provides an alternative method to access components and links using only the keyboard. ADF Faces accessibility audit rules provide direction to create accessible images, tables, frames, forms, error messages and popup windows using accessible HTML markup.

While following provided ADF Faces accessibility guidelines for components, page, and navigation structures is useful, it is not a substitute for familiarity with accessibility standards and performing accessibility testing with assistive technology.

## 22.2 Exposing Accessibility Preferences

ADF Faces provides two levels of application accessibility support, configured in the `trinidad-config.xml` file using the `<accessibility-mode>` element. The acceptable values for `<accessibility-mode>` are:

- `default`: By default, ADF Faces generates components that have rich user interface interaction, and are also accessible through the keyboard. Note that in the default mode, screen readers cannot access all ADF Faces components. If a visually impaired user is using a screen reader, it is recommended to use the `screenReader` mode.
- `screenReader`: ADF Faces generates components that are optimized for use with screen readers. The `screenReader` mode facilitates the display for visually impaired users, but will degrade the display for sighted users (without visual impairment).

It is recommended that you provide the ability to switch between the above accessibility support levels in the application, so that users can choose their desired type of accessibility support, if required.

You can also use the `@accessibility-profile` element to define finer-grain accessibility preferences in the style sheet or you can specify the accessibility profile options in the `trinidad-config.xml` file. The options are `high-contrast`, `large-fonts`, or both. For more information, see [Section 20.1.1, "ADF Faces Skins."](#)

The acceptable values for `<accessibility-profile>` are:

- `high-contrast`: ADF Faces can generate high-contrast-friendly visual content. The high-contrast mode is intended to make ADF Faces applications compatible with operating systems or browsers that have high-contrast features enabled. For

example, ADF Faces changes its use of background images and background colors in high-contrast mode to prevent the loss of visual information. Note that the high-contrast mode is more beneficial if it is used in conjunction with your browser's or operating system's high-contrast mode. Also, some users might find it beneficial to use the large-font mode along with the high-contrast mode.

- **large-fonts:** ADF Faces can generate browser-zoom-friendly content. In default mode, most text and many containers have a fixed size to provide a consistent and defined look. In the large-font mode, text and containers have a scalable size. This allows ADF Faces both to be compatible with browsers that are set to larger font sizes and to work with browser-zoom capabilities. Note that if you are not using the large-font mode or browser-zoom capabilities, you should disable the large-font mode. Also, some users might find it beneficial to use the high contrast mode along with the large-font mode.

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**Note:** The `<accessibility-mode>` and `<accessibility-profile>` elements should be EL-bound to a session scope managed bean that contains the user-specific preference.

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## 22.2.1 How to Configure Accessibility Support in `trinidad-config.xml`

In JDeveloper, when you insert an ADF Faces component into a JSF page for the first time, a starter `trinidad-config.xml` file is automatically created for you in the `/WEB-INF/` directory. The file has a simple XML structure that enables you to define element properties using the JSF expression language (EL) or static values. The order of elements in the file does not matter. You can configure accessibility support by editing the XML file directly or by using the Structure window.

### To configure accessibility support in `trinidad-config.xml` in JDeveloper:

1. In the Application Navigator, double-click **trinidad.xml**.
2. In the XML editor, enter the element name `<accessibility-mode>` and accessibility support value (default, `screenReader`, or `inaccessible`). For example:

```
<accessibility-mode>screenReader</accessibility-mode>
```

This code sets the application's accessibility support to the screen reader mode.

3. Enter the element name `<accessibility-profile>` and accessibility profile value (`high-contrast`, `large-fonts`). For example:

```
<!-- Enable both high-contrast and large-fonts content -->
<accessibility-profile>high-contrast large-fonts</accessibility-profile>
```

This code sets the application's profile support to use both high contrast and large fonts.

4. Alternatively, you can use the Structure window to insert the value:
  - a. In the Application Navigator, select the **trinidad-config.xml** file.
  - b. In the Structure window, right-click the XML file root element, choose the **Insert inside** menu item, and click the `<accessibility-mode>` element.
  - c. Double-click the newly inserted element in the Structure window to open the Property Inspector. Enter a value or select one from the dropdown list.

Once you have configured the `trinidad-config.xml` file, you can retrieve the property values programmatically or by using JSF EL expressions.

For example the following code returns nothing if the accessibility mode is not explicitly set:

```
String mode=ADFFacesContext.getCurrentInstance().getAccessibilityMode;
```

In this EL expression example, a null is returned if the accessibility mode is not explicitly set:

```
<af:outputText value="*#{requestContext.accessibilityMode}"/>
```

## 22.3 Specifying Component-Level Accessibility Properties

Guidelines for component-specific accessibility are provided in [Section 22.3.1, "ADF Faces Component Accessibility Guidelines."](#) The guidelines include a description of the relevant property with examples and tips. For information about auditing compliance with ADF Faces accessibility rules, see [Section 22.5, "Running Accessibility Audit Rules."](#)

Access key support for ADF Faces input or command and go components such as `af:inputText`, `af:commandButton`, and `af:goLink` involves defining labels and specifying keyboard shortcuts. While it is possible to use the tab key to move from one control to the next in a web application, keyboard shortcuts are more convenient and efficient.

To specify an access key for a component, set the component's `accessKey` attribute to a keyboard character (or mnemonic) that is used to gain quick access to the component. You can set the attribute in the Property Inspector or in the page source using `&amp;` encoding.

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**Note:** Access keys are not displayed if the accessibility mode is set to `screenReader` mode. For more information, see [Section 22.2, "Exposing Accessibility Preferences."](#)

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The same access key can be bound to several components. If the same access key appears in multiple locations in the same page, the rendering agent will cycle among the components accessed by the same key. That is, each time the access key is pressed, the focus will move from component to component. When the last component is reached, the focus will return to the first component.

Using access keys on `af:goButton` and `af:goLink` components may immediately activate them in some browsers. Depending on the browser, if the same access key is assigned to two or more go components on a page, the browser may activate the first component instead of cycling through the components that are accessed by the same key.

To develop accessible page and navigation structures follow the additional accessibility guidelines described in [Section 22.4, "Creating Accessible Pages."](#)

### 22.3.1 ADF Faces Component Accessibility Guidelines

To develop accessible ADF Faces components, follow the guidelines described in [Table 22–1](#). Components not listed do not have accessibility guidelines.



**Note:** In cases where the `label` property is referenced in the accessibility guidelines, the `labelAndAccessKey` property may be used where available, and is the preferred option.

Unless noted otherwise, you can also label ADF Faces input and select controls by:

- Specifying the `for` property in an `af:outputLabel` component
- Specifying the `for` property in an `af:panelLabelAndMessage` component

**Table 22-1 ADF Faces Components Accessibility Guidelines**

Component	Guidelines
<code>af:chooseColor</code>	For every <code>af:chooseColor</code> component, there must be at least one <code>af:inputColor</code> component with a <code>chooseId</code> property which points to the <code>af:chooseColor</code> component.
<code>af:chooseDate</code>	For every <code>af:chooseDate</code> component, there must be at least one <code>af:inputDate</code> component with a <code>chooseId</code> property which points to the <code>af:chooseDate</code> component
<code>af:commandButton</code>	One of the following properties must be specified: <code>text</code> , <code>textAndAccessKey</code> , or <code>shortDesc</code> . The text should specify the action to be taken and make sense when read out of context. For example use "go to index" instead of "click here."
<code>af:commandLink</code>	Specify the <code>text</code> property. The text should specify where the link will take the user and make sense when read out of context. For example use "go to index" instead of "click here." Multiple links that go to the same location must use the same text and unique links must have unique text.
<code>af:commandMenuItem</code> <code>af:commandNavigationItem</code> <code>af:comandToolBarButton</code>	One of the following properties must be specified: <code>text</code> , <code>textAndAccessKey</code> , or <code>shortDesc</code> .
<code>af:dialog</code> <code>af:document</code>	Specify the <code>title</code> property.
<code>af:goButton</code>	One of the following properties must be specified: <code>text</code> , <code>textAndAccessKey</code> , or <code>shortDesc</code> . The text should specify the action to be taken and make sense when read out of context. For example use "go to index" instead of "click here."
<code>af:goLink</code>	Specify the <code>text</code> property. The text should specify where the link will take the user and make sense when read out of context. For example use "go to index" instead of "click here." Multiple links that go to the same location must use the same text and unique links must have unique text.
<code>af:image</code>	Specify the <code>shortDesc</code> property. If the image is only present for decorative purposes and communicates no information, set <code>shortDesc</code> to the empty string.  Use the <code>longDescURL</code> property for images where a complex explanation is necessary. For example, charts and graphs require a description file that includes all details that make up the chart.
<code>af:inlineFrame</code>	Specify the <code>shortDesc</code> property.

**Table 22–1 (Cont.) ADF Faces Components Accessibility Guidelines**

<b>Component</b>	<b>Guidelines</b>
af:inputColor	Specify the label property.
af:inputComboboxListOfValues af:inputDate af:inputFile af:inputListOfValues af:inputNumberSlider af:inputNumberSpinbox af:inputRangeSlider af:inputText	For af:inputComboboxListOfValues and af:inputListOfValues components, the searchDesc must also be specified.
af:outputFormatted	The value property must specify valid HTML.
af:outputLabel	When using this component to label an ADF Faces input or select control, the for property must be specified.
af:media	<p>When including multimedia content in your application, make sure that all accessibility requirements for that media are met.</p> <p>Here are some examples:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ If including audio only content, provide an alternate way of conveying the same information, such as a textual transcript of the audio.</li> <li>■ Any audio that plays automatically for more than 3 seconds must have a pause, stop, or mute control.</li> <li>■ If including video only content, provide an alternate way of conveying the same information, such as a textual or audio transcript.</li> <li>■ When including video content with audio, captions (and audio descriptions) should also be available.</li> </ul>
af:panelBox af:panelHeader	Specify the text property.
af:panelLabelAndMessage	When using this component to label an ADF Faces input or select control, the for property must be specified.
af:panelSplitter af:panelStretchLayout	Refer to <a href="#">Section 22.4.4, "How to Use Page Structures and Navigation."</a>
af:panelWindow	Specify the title property.
af:poll	When using polling to update content, allow end users to control the interval, or to explicitly initiate updates instead of polling.

**Table 22–1 (Cont.) ADF Faces Components Accessibility Guidelines**

Component	Guidelines
af:query	Specify the following properties: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ headerText</li> <li>■ addFieldsButtonAccessKey</li> <li>■ addFieldsButtonText</li> <li>■ resetButtonAccessKey</li> <li>■ resetButtonText</li> <li>■ saveButtonAccessKey</li> <li>■ saveButtonText</li> <li>■ searchButtonAccessKey</li> <li>■ searchButtonText</li> </ul>
af:quickQuery	Specify the searchDesc property.
af:richTextEditor	Specify the label property.
af:selectBooleanCheckbox af:selectBooleanRadio	One of the following properties must be specified: text, textAndAccessKey, or label.
af:selectItem	Specify the label property. Note that using the for attribute of af:outputLabel and af:panelMessageAndLabel components is not an acceptable alternative.
af:selectManyCheckbox af:selectManyChoice af:selectManyListbox af:selectManyShuttle af:selectOneChoice af:selectOneListbox af:selectOneRadio af:selectOrderShuttle	Specify the label property. For the af:selectManyShuttle and af:selectOrderShuttle components, the leadingHeader and trailingHeader properties must be specified.
af:showDetailHeader	Specify the text property.
af:showDetailItem	Specify the text or textAndAccessKey property.
af:showPopupBehavior	Specify the triggerType property. Note that trigger types of mouseHover, mouseMove, mouseOver, and mouseOut are suppressed in the screen reader mode. Hence, you must provide alternate access to the content for these trigger types in the screen reader mode. For all popups that are accessible with the mouse, make sure they are also through the keyboard. For example, if you want to display a note window on mouseOver, set up two showPopupBehavior tags: one triggering on mouseOver and one triggering on action, so that a keyboard only can also access the popup. Do not show a popup on focus or blur event types. It makes application difficult to use by a keyboard-only user. While these are available event types, they should not be used in any real application with showPopupBehavior.

**Table 22–1 (Cont.) ADF Faces Components Accessibility Guidelines**

Component	Guidelines
af:table af:treeTable	Specify the <code>summary</code> property. The summary should describe the purpose of the table.  If the table is used for layout purposes, the <code>summary</code> property must contain an empty string.  All table columns must have column headers.

### 22.3.2 Using ADF Faces Table components in Screen Reader mode

If you are using ADF Faces table components in your web application, you must designate a column as the row header for screen reader mode. The row header is used by the screen reader software to announce the row when the end user selects it. Typically, a single column is used as a row header that allows multiple selections, but you can mark multiple columns as row headers. When you mark multiple columns as row headers, they appear as the initial columns of the table, and they are frozen.

Sometimes, for display purposes, you may not want to have a row header. In such a case, you must define one column in the table to have the `rowHeader` attribute set to `unstyled`. In screen reader mode, the table or the tree table component with the `unstyled` row header column is moved to the starting position with `displayIndex` set to 0, and it is frozen. In default mode, the table or tree table component with the `unstyled` row header column is not moved to the starting position, it is not frozen, and it is rendered without any row header CSS style.

### 22.3.3 ADF Data Visualization Components Accessibility Guidelines

To develop accessible ADF Data Visualization components, follow the accessibility guidelines described in [Table 22–2](#). Components not listed do not have accessibility guidelines.

**Table 22–2 ADF Data Visualization Components Accessibility Guidelines**

Component	Guideline
dvt:projectGantt dvt:resourceUtilizationGantt dvt:schedulingGantt	Specify the <code>summary</code> property. The summary should describe the purpose of the Gantt chart component.
dvt:areaChart dvt:barChart dvt:bubbleChart dvt:comboChart dvt:horizontalLineChart dvt:lineChart dvt:pieChart dvt:scatterChart	Charts automatically assign a value to the <code>shortDesc</code> property for the following chart child components when you add them to a page. The property describes the series, group, and value information for the component. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ <code>dvt:chartDataItem</code></li> <li>■ <code>dvt:pieDataItem</code></li> </ul> Specify the <code>shortDesc</code> property for the following chart reference objects when used. The property should describe the purpose and data information of the component. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ <code>dvt:referenceArea</code></li> <li>■ <code>dvt:referenceLine</code></li> </ul>
dvt:gauge	Specify the <code>shortDesc</code> property. The property should describe the purpose and data information of the gauge.

**Table 22–2 (Cont.) ADF Data Visualization Components Accessibility Guidelines**

Component	Guideline
dvt:funnelGraph dvt:paretoGraph dvt:radarGraph dvt:stockGraph	<p>Specify the <code>shortDesc</code> property. The <code>shortDesc</code> property should describe the purpose of the graph.</p> <p>Note that in screen reader mode, an instance of pivot table substitutes for the graph component, and the end user can then use the standard cursor keys to navigate through the data.</p> <p>In screen reader mode, the following visualization features of the graph component are not supported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Data change animation during partial page rendering.</li> <li>■ Zoom and scroll. Scrolling is supported in pivot table.</li> <li>■ The <code>seriesRolloverBehavior</code> and <code>hideAndShowBehavior</code> properties on simple graph tags.</li> <li>■ Precise control of data marker shapes and colors, including the following:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Declarative properties on the <code>Series</code> child tag</li> <li>■ Callback APIs</li> <li>■ Conditional formatting rules from a backing bean</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>In screen reader mode, the following interactive features of the graph component are not supported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Context menu facets</li> <li>■ Popups</li> <li>■ The <code>drillingEnabled</code> property of simple graph tags</li> <li>■ <code>ShapeAttributes</code> support, and access to fine-grained mouse and key events from all graph components</li> <li>■ Programmatic <code>TickLabelCallback</code> support</li> </ul>
dvt:hierarchyViewer dvt:sunburst dvt:treemap	<p>Specify the <code>summary</code> property. The <code>summary</code> should describe the purpose of the component.</p> <p>For sunbursts and treemaps, also specify the <code>shortDesc</code> property for the <code>dvt:sunburstNode</code> or <code>dvt:treemapNode</code> child components. The property should contain information identifying the label and node data for the node.</p> <p>Note that in screen reader mode, an instance of the tree table component substitutes for the component, and the end user can then use the standard cursor keys to navigate through the data.</p>
dvt:map	<p>Specify the <code>summary</code> property. The <code>summary</code> should describe the purpose of the geographic map.</p> <p>Note that in screen reader mode, an instance of the table component substitutes for the geographic map component, and the end user can then use the standard cursor keys to navigate through the data.</p>

**Table 22–2 (Cont.) ADF Data Visualization Components Accessibility Guidelines**

Component	Guideline
<code>dvt:thematicMap</code>	<p>Specify the <code>summary</code> property. The summary should describe the purpose of the thematic map.</p> <p>Note that in screen reader mode, an instance of the table component substitutes for each <code>DataLayer</code> component, and the end user can then use the standard cursor keys to navigate through the data.</p> <p>If the thematic map instance has multiple <code>DataLayers</code> associated with it, then a dropdown list is also rendered in screen reader mode to enable end users to switch between the corresponding table instances.</p>
<code>dvt:pivotTable</code>	Specify the <code>summary</code> property. The summary should describe the purpose of the timeline component.
<code>dvt:timeline</code>	Specify the <code>summary</code> property. The summary should describe the purpose of the pivot table component.
<code>dvt:sparkChart</code>	Specify the <code>shortDesc</code> property. The property should describe the purpose and data of the spark chart component.

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**Note:** DVT chart, sunburst, and treemap components conform to the Accessible Rich Internet Applications Suite (WAI-ARIA) technical specification. The WAI-ARIA framework defines roles, states, and properties to make widgets, navigation, and behaviors accessible. For more information about WAI-ARIA, see <http://www.w3.org/WAI/intro/aria>.

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### 22.3.4 How to Define Access Keys for an ADF Faces Component

In the Property Inspector of the component for which you are defining an access key, enter the mnemonic character in the `accessKey` attribute field. When simultaneously setting the text, label, or value and mnemonic character, use the ampersand (&) character in front of the mnemonic character in the relevant attribute field.

Use one of four attributes to specify a keyboard character for an ADF Faces input or command and go component:

- `accessKey`:** Use to set the mnemonic character used to gain quick access to the component. For command and go components, the character specified by this attribute must exist in the text attribute of the instance component; otherwise, ADF Faces does not display the visual indication that the component has an access key.

**Example 22–1** shows the code that sets the access key to the letter h for the `af:goLink` component. When the user presses the keys ALT+H, the text value of the component will be brought into focus.

**Example 22–1 AccessKey Attribute Defined**

```
<af:goLink text="Home" accessKey="h">
```

- `textAndAccessKey`:** Use to simultaneously set the text and the mnemonic character for a component using the ampersand (&) character. In JSPX files, the conventional ampersand notation is `&amp;`. In JSP files, the ampersand notation is simply `&`. In the Property Inspector, you need only the `&`.

[Example 22–2](#) shows the code that specifies the button text as `Home` and sets the access key to `H`, the letter immediately after the ampersand character, for the `af:commandButton` component.

**Example 22–2 TextAndAccessKey Attribute Defined**

```
<af:commandButton textAndAccessKey="&Home" />
```

- `labelAndAccessKey`: Use to simultaneously set the `label` attribute and the access key on an input component, using conventional ampersand notation.

[Example 22–3](#) shows the code that specifies the label as `Date` and sets the access key to `a`, the letter immediately after the ampersand character, for the `af:selectInputDate` component.

**Example 22–3 LabelAndAccessKey Attribute Defined**

```
<af:inputSelectDate value="Choose date" labelAndAccessKey="D&ate" />
```

- `valueAndAccessKey`: Use to simultaneously set the `value` attribute and the access key, using conventional ampersand notation.

[Example 22–4](#) shows the code that specifies the label as `Select Date` and sets the access key to `e`, the letter immediately after the ampersand character, for the `af:outputLabel` component.

**Example 22–4 ValueAndAccessKey Attribute Defined**

```
<af:outputLabel for="someid" valueAndAccessKey="Select Dat&e" />
<af:inputText simple="true" id="someid" />
```

Access key modifiers are browser and platform-specific. If you assign an access key that is already defined as a menu shortcut in the browser, the ADF Faces component access key will take precedence. Refer to your specific browser's documentation for details.

In some browsers, if you use a space as the access key, you must provide the user with the information that `Alt+Space` or `Alt+Spacebar` is the access key because there is no way to present a blank space visually in the component's label or textual label. For that browser you could provide text in a component tooltip using the `shortDesc` attribute.

## 22.3.5 How to Define Localized Labels and Access Keys

Labels and access keys that must be displayed in different languages can be stored in resource bundles where different language versions can be displayed as needed. Using the `<resource-bundle>` element in the JSF configuration file available in JSF 1.2, you can make resource bundles available to all the pages in your application without using a `f:loadBundle` tag in every page.

**To define localized labels and access keys:**

1. Create the resource bundles as simple `.properties` files to hold each language version of the labels and access keys. For details, see [Section 21.3.1, "How to Define the Base Resource Bundle."](#)
2. Add a `<locale-config>` element to the `faces-config.xml` file to define the default and supported locales for your application. For details, see [Section 21.3.3, "How to Register Locales and Resource Bundles in Your Application."](#)

3. Create a key and value for each string of static text for each resource bundle. The key is a unique identifier for the string. The value is the string of text in the language for the bundle. In each value, place an ampersand (& or amp) in front of the letter you wish to define as an access key.

For example, the following code defines a label and access key for an edit button field in the `UIStrings.properties` base resource bundle as `Edit`:

```
srlist.buttonbar.edit=&Edit
```

In the Italian language resource bundle, `UIStrings_it.properties`, the following code provides the translated label and access key as `Aggiorna`:

```
srlist.buttonbar.edit=A&ggiorna
```

4. Add a `<resource-bundle>` element to the `faces-config.xml` file for your application. [Example 22-5](#) shows an entry in a JSF configuration file for a resource bundle.

#### **Example 22-5 Resource Bundle in JSF Configuration File**

```
<resource-bundle>
  <var>res</var>
  <base-name>resources.UIStrings</base-name>
</resource-bundle>
```

Once you set up your application to use resource bundles, the resource bundle keys show up in the Expression Language (EL) editor so that you can assign them declaratively.

In the following example, the UI component accesses the resource bundle:

```
<af:outputText value="#{res['login.date']}" />
```

For more information, see [Chapter 21, "Internationalizing and Localizing Pages."](#)

## 22.4 Creating Accessible Pages

In addition to component-level accessibility guidelines, you should also follow page-level accessibility guidelines when you design your application. While component-level guidelines may determine how you use a component, page-level accessibility guidelines are more involved with the overall design and function of the application as a whole.

The page-level accessibility guidelines are for:

- Using partial page rendering
- Using scripting
- Using styles
- Using page structures and navigation
- Using WAI-ARIA landmark regions

### 22.4.1 How to Use Partial Page Rendering

Screen readers do not reread the full page in a partial page request. Partial page rendering (PPR) causes the screen reader to read the page starting from the component that triggered the partial action. Therefore, place the target component after the



component that triggers the partial request; otherwise, the screen reader will not read the updated target.

For example, the most common PPR use case is the master-detail user interface, where selecting a value in the master component results in partial page replacement of the detail component. In such scenarios, the master component must always appear before the detail component in the document order.

Screen reader or screen magnifier users may have difficulty determining exactly what content has changed as a result of partial page rendering activity. It may be helpful to provide guidance in the form of inline text descriptions that identify relationships between key components in the page. For example, in the master-detail scenario, some text that indicates that selecting a row on a master component will result in the detail component being updated could be helpful. Alternatively, a help topic that describes the structure of the page and the relationships between components may also be helpful.

## 22.4.2 How to Use Scripting

Client-side scripting is not recommended for any application problem for which there is a declarative solution and should be kept to a minimum.

Follow these accessibility guidelines when using scripting:

- Do not interact with the component DOM (Document Object Model) directly.  
ADF Faces components automatically synchronize with the screen reader when DOM changes are made. Direct interaction with the DOM is not allowed.
- Do not use JavaScript timeouts.  
Screen readers do not reliably track modifications made in response to timeouts implemented using the JavaScript `setTimeout()` or `setInterval()` APIs. Do not call these methods.
- Provide keyboard equivalents.  
Some users may not have access to a mouse. For example, some users may be limited to keyboard use only, or may use alternate input devices or technology such as voice recognition software. When adding functions using client-side listeners, the function must be accessible in a device-independent way. Practically speaking this means that:
  - All functions must be accessible using the keyboard events.
  - Click events should be preferred over mouseover or mouseout.
  - Mouseover or mouseout events should additionally be available through a click event.
- Avoid focus changes.  
Focus changes can be confusing to screen reader users as these involve a change of context. Applications should avoid changing the focus programmatically, and should never do so in response to focus events. Additionally, popup windows should not be displayed in response to focus changes because standard tabbing will be disrupted.
- Provide explicit popup triggers.  
Screen readers do not automatically respond to inline popup startups. In order to force the screen reader to read the popup contents when in the screen reader mode, the rich client framework explicitly moves the keyboard focus to any popup

window just after it is opened. An explicit popup trigger such as a link or button must be provided, or the same information must be available in some other keyboard or screen reader accessible way.

### 22.4.3 How to Use Styles

ADF Faces components are already styled and you may not need to make any changes. If you want to use cascading style sheet (CSS) to directly modify their default appearance, you should follow these accessibility guidelines:

- Be aware of accessibility implications when you override default component appearance.

Using CSS to change the appearance of components can have accessibility implications. For example, changing colors may result in color contrast issues.

- Use scalable size units.

When specifying sizes using CSS, use size units that scale relative to the font size rather than absolute units. For example, use `em`, `ex` or `%` units rather than `px`. This is particularly important when specifying heights using CSS, because low-vision users may scale up the font size, causing contents restricted to fixed or absolute heights to be clipped.

- Do not use CSS positioning.

CSS positioning should be used only in the case of positioning the stretched layout component. Do not use CSS positioning elsewhere.

### 22.4.4 How to Use Page Structures and Navigation

Follow these accessibility guidelines when using these page structures and navigation tools:

- Use `af:panelSplitter` component for layouts.

When implementing geometry-managed layouts, using `af:panelSplitter` allows users to:

- Redistribute space to meet their needs
- Hide or collapse content that is not of immediate interest.

If you are planning to use `af:panelStretchLayout`, you should consider using `af:panelStretchLayout` instead when is appropriate

These page structure qualities are useful to all users, and are particularly helpful for low-vision users and screen-reader users

As an example, a chrome navigation bar at the top of the page should be placed within the first facet of a vertical `af:panelSplitter` component, rather than within the top facet of `af:panelStretchLayout` component. This allows the user to decrease the amount of space used by the bar, or to hide it altogether. Similarly, in layouts that contain left, center, or right panes, use horizontal splitters to lay out the panes.

- Enable scrolling of flow layout contents.

When nesting flow layout contents such as layout controls inside of geometry-managed parent components such as `af:panelSplitter` or `af:panelStretchLayout`, wrap `af:panelGroupLayout` with `layout="scroll"` around the flow layout contents. This provides scrollbars in the event that the font

size is scaled up such that the content no longer fits. Failure to do this can result in content being clipped or truncated.

- Use header-based components to identify page structure.
 

HTML header elements play an important role in screen readability. Screen readers typically allow users to gain an understanding of the overall structure of the page by examining or navigating across HTML headers. Identify major portions of the page through components that render HTML header contents including:

  - `af:panelHeader`
  - `af:showDetailHeader`
  - `af:showDetailItem` in `af:panelAccordion` (each accordion in a pane renders an HTML header for the title area)
- Use `af:breadcrumbs` component to identify page location.
 

Accessibility standards require that users be able to determine their location within a web site or application. The use of `af:breadcrumbs` achieves this purpose.

## 22.4.5 How to Use WAI-ARIA Landmark Regions

The WAI-ARIA standard defines different sections of the page as different landmark regions. Together with WAI-ARIA roles, they convey information about the high-level structure of the page and facilitate navigation across landmark areas. This is particularly useful to users of assistive technologies such as screen readers.

ADF Faces includes landmark attributes for several layout components, as listed in [Table 22-3](#).

**Table 22-3** *ADF Faces Components with Landmark Attributes*

Component	Attribute
decorativeBox	topLandmark
	centerLandmark
panelGroupLayout	landmark
panelSplitter	firstLandmark
	secondLandmark
panelStretchLayout	topLandmark
	startLandmark
	centerLandmark
	endLandmark
	bottomLandmark

These attributes can be set to one of the WAI-ARIA landmark roles, including:

- banner
- complimentary
- contentinfo
- main
- navigation

- search

When any of the landmark-related attributes is set, ADF Faces renders a role attribute with the value you specified.

## 22.5 Running Accessibility Audit Rules

JDeveloper provides ADF Faces accessibility audit rules to investigate and report compliance with many of the common requirements described in [Table 22–1](#) Running an audit report involves creating and running an audit profile.

### To create an audit profile:

1. From the main menu, choose **Tools > Preferences**.
2. Select **Audit > Profiles**.
3. In the Audit: Profiles dialog, deselect all checkboxes except **ADF Faces Accessibility Rules**.
4. Save the profile with a unique name and click **OK**.

### To run the audit report:

1. From the main menu, choose **Build > Audit target**.
2. Select the audit profile you created from the list.
3. Click **OK** to generate the report.

The audit report results are displayed in the Log window. After the report completes, you can export the results to HTML by clicking the **Export** icon in the Log window toolbar.

# Part IV

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## Using ADF Data Visualization Components

Part IV contains the following chapters:

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## Introduction to ADF Data Visualization Components

This chapter highlights the common characteristics and focus of the ADF Data Visualization components, which are an expressive set of interactive ADF Faces components. The remaining chapters in this part of the guide provide detailed information about how to create and customize each component.

This chapter includes the following sections:

- [Section 23.1, "Introduction to the ADF Data Visualization Components"](#)
- [Section 23.2, "Defining the ADF Data Visualization Components"](#)
- [Section 23.3, "Common Functionality in Data Visualization Components"](#)
- [Section 23.4, "Providing Data for ADF Data Visualization Components"](#)

### 23.1 Introduction to the ADF Data Visualization Components

The ADF Data Visualization components provide significant graphical and tabular capabilities for displaying and analyzing data. These components provide the following common features:

- They are full ADF Faces components that support the use of ADF data controls.
- They provide for declarative design time creation using the Data Controls Panel, the JSF Visual Editor, Property Inspector, and Component Palette.

For information about the data binding of ADF Data Visualization Components, see the "Creating Databound ADF Data Visualization Components" chapter in the *Oracle Fusion Middleware Fusion Developer's Guide for Oracle Application Development Framework*.

### 23.2 Defining the ADF Data Visualization Components

The ADF Data Visualization components include the following: chart, graph, gauge, NBox, pivot table, geographic map, thematic map, Gantt chart, hierarchy viewer, treemap, sunburst, and diagram. The prefix `dvt:` occurs at the beginning of each component name indicating that the component belongs to the ADF Data Visualization Tools (DVT) tag library.

#### 23.2.1 Chart Component Use Cases and Examples

The chart components include nine types of charts with one or more variations for a total of over 13 different charts that you can use to display data. Chart components

give you the capability of producing a variety of data visualizations that let you evaluate multiple data points on multiple axes in many ways. For example, a number of charts assist you in the comparison of results from one group with the results from another group.

Chart categories include:

- **Area (areaChart):** Represents data as a filled-in area. Use area charts to show trends over time, such as sales for the last 12 months. Area charts require at least two groups of data along an axis. The axis is often labeled with increments of time such as months.
- **Bar (barChart):** Represents data as a series of vertical bars. Use bar charts to examine trends over time or to compare items at the same time, such as sales for different product divisions in several regions.
- **Horizontal bar (horizontalBarChart):** Displays bars horizontally along the y-axis. Use horizontal bar charts to provide an orientation that allows you to show trends or compare values.
- **Bubble (bubbleChart):** Represents data by the location and size of round data markers (bubbles). Use bubble charts to show correlations among three types of values, especially when you have a number of data items and you want to see the general relationships. For example, use a bubble chart to plot salaries (x-axis), years of experience (y-axis), and productivity (size of bubble) for your work force. Such a chart allows you to examine productivity relative to salary and experience.
- **Combination (comboChart):** Chart that uses different types of data markers (bars, lines, or areas) to display different kinds of data items. Use combination charts to compare bars and lines, bars and areas, lines and areas, or all three combinations.
- **Line (lineChart):** Represents data as a line, as a series of data points, or as data points that are connected by a line. Line charts require data for at least two points for each member in a group. For example, a line chart over months requires at least two months. Typically a line of a specific color is associated with each group of data such as the Americas, Europe, and Asia. Use line charts to compare items over the same time.
- **Pie (pieChart):** Represents a set of data items as proportions of a total. The data items are displayed as sections of a circle causing the circle to look like a sliced pie. Use pie charts to show the relationship of parts to a whole such as how much revenue comes from each product line.
- **Scatter (scatterChart):** Represents data by the location of data markers. Use scatter charts to show correlation between two different kinds of data values such as sales and costs for top products. Use scatter charts in particular to see general relationships among a number of items.
- **Spark (sparkChart):** A simple, condensed chart that displays trends or variations in a single data value, typically stamped in the column of a table or in line with related text. Spark charts have basic conditional formatting. Since spark charts contain no labels, the adjacent columns of a table or surrounding text provide context for spark chart content

Figure 23–1 shows examples of area, bar, horizontal bar, bubble, combination, line, pie, and scatter charts.



**Figure 23–1 Example of ADF Data Visualization Charts**



Figure 23–2 shows a line sparkchart displaying sales trends in a table column.

**Figure 23–2 Sparkchart of Sales Trends**

Stock Symbol	Prices for 2008
AAPL	
CSCO	
GOOG	
HPQ	
IBM	
INTC	
MSFT	
ORCL	

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**Note:** The funnel, pareto, radar, and stock graphs are legacy server-side components, and their use is discouraged in favor of the client-side chart components. For information about using legacy graphs, see [Appendix H, "Using Graph Components."](#)

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For more information including how to use charts in your application, see [Chapter 24, "Using Chart Components."](#)

## 23.2.2 Gauge Component Use Cases and Examples

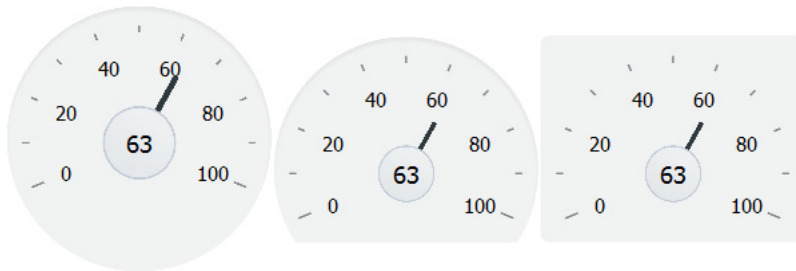
The gauge (*gauge*) component is a measuring instrument for indicating a quantity such as sales, stock levels, temperature, or speed. Gauges typically display a single data value, often more effectively than a charts. Using thresholds, gauges can show state information such as acceptable or unacceptable ranges using color.

The following kinds of gauges can be produced by this component:

- **Dial:** Displays a metric value plotted on a circular axis. The gauge’s background attribute determines whether the gauge’s background is displayed as a rectangle, circle, or semicircle. An indicator points to the dial gauge’s metric value on the axis.

[Example 23–3](#) shows three dial gauges with backgrounds set to full circle, partial circle, and rectangle. In all three examples, the gauge’s metric value is 63.

**Figure 23–3 Dial Gauge Examples**



- LED (lighted electronic display): Graphically depicts a measurement, such as a key performance indicator (KPI). Several styles of shapes are available for LED gauges, including round or rectangular shapes that use color to indicate status, and triangles or arrows that point up, left, right, or down in addition to a color indicator.

Example 23–4 shows LED gauges configured with a variety of shapes, sizes, and thresholds.

**Figure 23–4 LED Gauge Examples**



- Rating: Displays and optionally accepts input for a metric value. This gauge is typically used to show ratings for products or services, such as the star rating for a movie.

Example 23–5 shows four rating gauges configured with star, diamond, circle, and rectangle shapes.

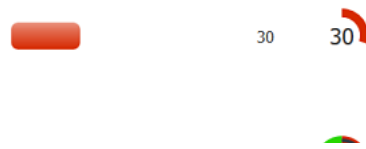
**Figure 23–5 Rating Gauge Examples**



- Status meter: Displays the metric value on a horizontal or circular axis. An inner rectangle shows the current level of a measurement against the ranges marked on an outer rectangle. Optionally, status meters can display colors to indicate where the metric value falls within predefined thresholds.

Example 23–6 shows examples of status meter gauges configured as both horizontal and circular status meters. The gauges are configured to use thresholds that display color to indicate whether the gauge’s value falls within an acceptable range.

**Figure 23–6 Status Meter Gauge Examples**



For more information including how to use gauges in your application, see [Chapter 25, "Using Gauge Components."](#)

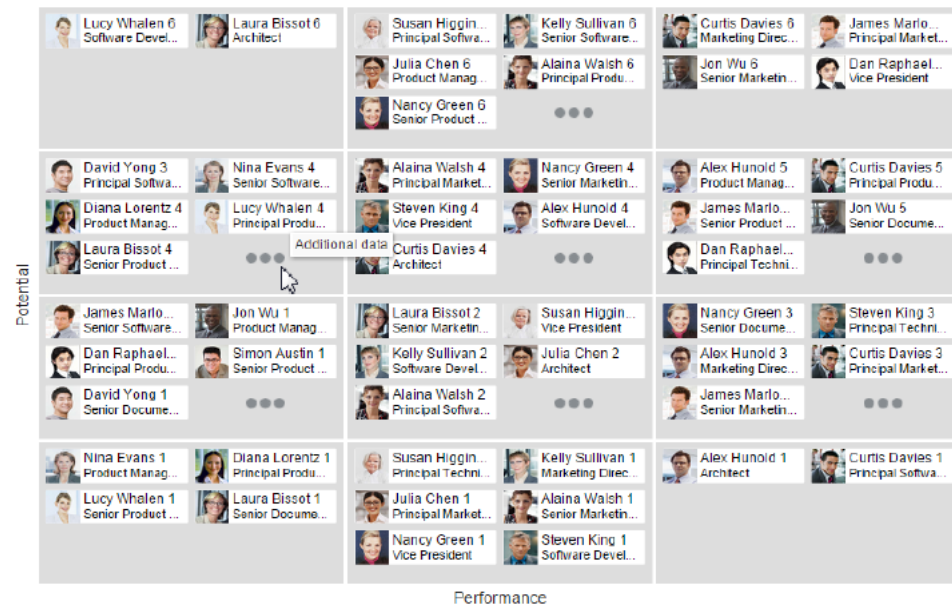
### 23.2.3 NBox Use Cases and Examples

The ADF NBox is an interactive data visualization tool that allows users to view data displayed in a grid across two dimensions, each dimension representing a range of data. Customizable nodes representing data items are displayed in the cells formed by the intersection of the two dimensions.

The nBox component is comprised of two parts: the node that represents the data and the grid that comprises the cells into which the nodes are placed. If the number of nodes is greater than the space allocated for the cell, the NBox displays an indicator that users can click to access the additional nodes.

For example, as illustrated in [Figure 23–7](#) you can use the nBox component to compare employee potential and performance data, where the row represents employee potential and the column represents employee performance. The node that represents the employee is stamped into the appropriate cell.

**Figure 23–7 NBox Component Comparing Employee Potential and Performance**



For more information including how to use NBoxes in your application, see [Chapter 26, "Using NBox Components."](#)

### 23.2.4 Pivot Table Use Cases and Examples

The pivot table produces a grid that supports multiple layers of data labels on rows or columns. An optional pivot filter bar can be associated with the pivot table to filter

data not displayed in the row or column edge. When bound to an appropriate data control such as a row set, the component also supports the option of generating subtotals and totals for grid data, and drill operations at runtime. In JDeveloper, a **Create Pivot Table** wizard provides declarative support for databinding and configuring the pivot table. For more information, see the "Creating Databound Pivot Tables" section in the *Oracle Fusion Middleware Fusion Developer's Guide for Oracle Application Development Framework*.

Pivot tables let you swap data labels from one edge (row or column) or pivot filter bar (page edge) to another edge to obtain different views of your data. For example, a pivot table might initially display total sales data for products within regions on the row edge, broken out by years on the column edge. If you swap region and year at runtime, then you end up with total sales data for products within years, broken out by region.

Pivot tables support horizontal and vertical scrolling, header and cell formatting, and drag-and-drop pivoting. Pivot tables also support ascending and descending group sorting of rows at runtime. [Figure 23–8](#) shows an example pivot table with a pivot filter bar.

**Figure 23–8 Pivot Table with Pivot Filter Bar**

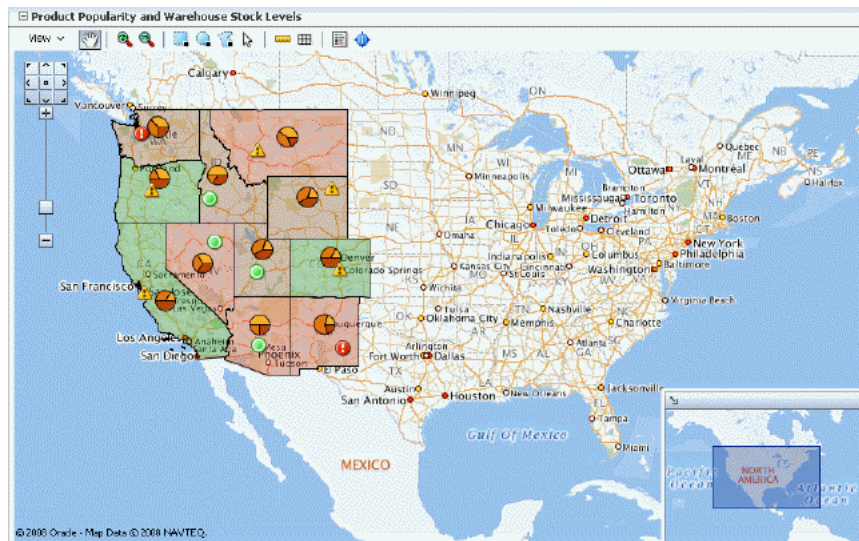
		World		Boston		Total Geography	
		Sales	Units	Sales	Units	Sales	Units
▼ 2005		8,750	35	500	9	9,250	44
	Canoes	3,750	20	375	2	4,125	22
	Tents	5,000	50	125	15	5,125	65
▼ 2006		17,500	70	1,000	15	18,500	85
	Canoes	7,500	40	750	4	8,250	44
	Tents	10,000	100	250	25	10,250	125
▼ 2007		15,000	28	900	11	15,900	39
	Tents	5,000	5	400	20	5,400	25
	Canoes	10,000	50	500	2	10,500	52
Average Year		6,875	44	400	11	7,275	56

For more information including how to use pivot tables in your application, see [Chapter 27, "Using ADF Pivot Table Components."](#)

## 23.2.5 Geographic Map Use Cases and Examples

The geographic map provides the functionality of Oracle Spatial within the ADF framework. This component represents business data on a map and lets you superimpose multiple layers of information on a single map. This component supports the simultaneous display of a color theme, a graph theme (bar or pie graph), and point themes. You can create any number of each type of theme and you can use the map toolbar to select the desired themes at runtime.

As an example of a geographic map, consider a base map of the United States with a color theme that provides varying color intensity to indicate the popularity of a product within each state, a pie chart theme that shows the stock levels of warehouses, and a point theme that identifies the exact location of each warehouse. When all three themes are superimposed on the United States map, you can easily evaluate whether there is sufficient inventory to support the popularity level of a product in specific locations. [Figure 23–9](#) shows a geographic map with color theme, pie graph theme, and point theme.

**Figure 23–9 Geographic Map with Color Theme, Pie Graph Theme, and Point Theme**

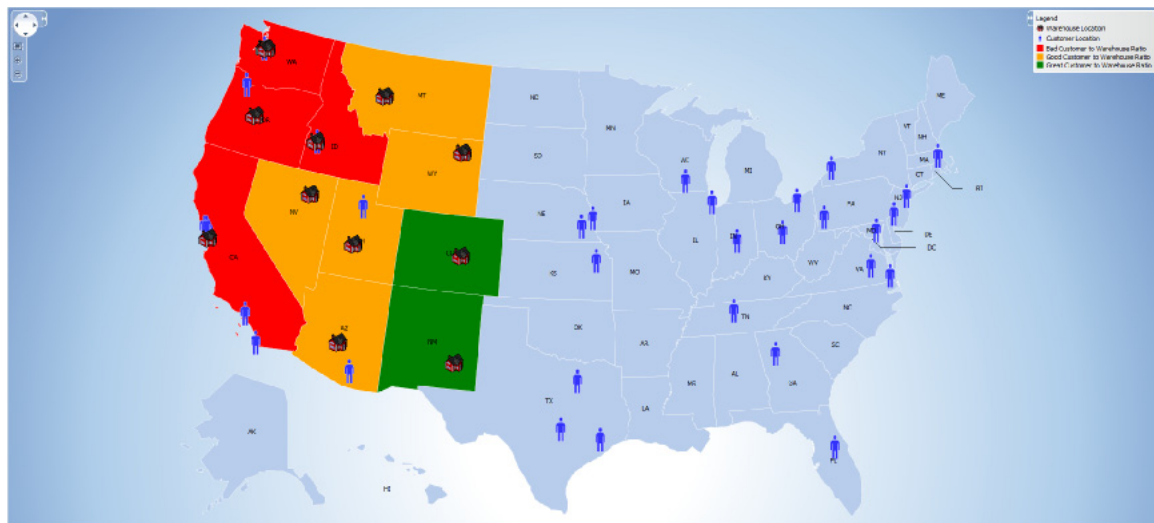
For more information including how to use geographic maps in your application, see [Chapter 30, "Using Map Components."](#)

### 23.2.6 Thematic Map Use Cases and Examples

A thematic map represents business data as patterns in stylized areas or associated markers and does not require a connection to a remote Oracle MapViewer service. Thematic maps focus on data without the geographic details in a geographic map.

The thematic map is packaged with prebuilt base maps including a USA base map, a world base map, and base maps for continents and regions of the world including EMEA and APAC. Each base map includes several sets of regions and one fixed set of cities. A set of regions or cities is referred to as a layer. Each layer can be bound to a data collection and stylized to represent the data with color and pattern fills, or a data marker, or both. At runtime, only one map layer and its associated data can be displayed at a time, unless the thematic map has been enabled for drilling.

[Figure 23–10](#) shows a thematic map using a USA base map with a states map layer to display customer and warehouse locations, and the product inventory levels for states with warehouses. The example illustrates thematic map default features including a data bound legend and labels associated with the styled points and areas when you use the Data Controls panel and thematic map binding dialogs.

**Figure 23–10 Thematic Map Displaying Customer and Warehouse Locations**

For more information including how to use thematic maps in your application, see [Chapter 30, "Using Map Components."](#)

### 23.2.7 Gantt Chart Use Cases and Examples

The Gantt chart is a type of horizontal bar graph (with time on the horizontal axis) that is used in planning and tracking projects to show resources or tasks in a time frame with a distinct beginning and end.

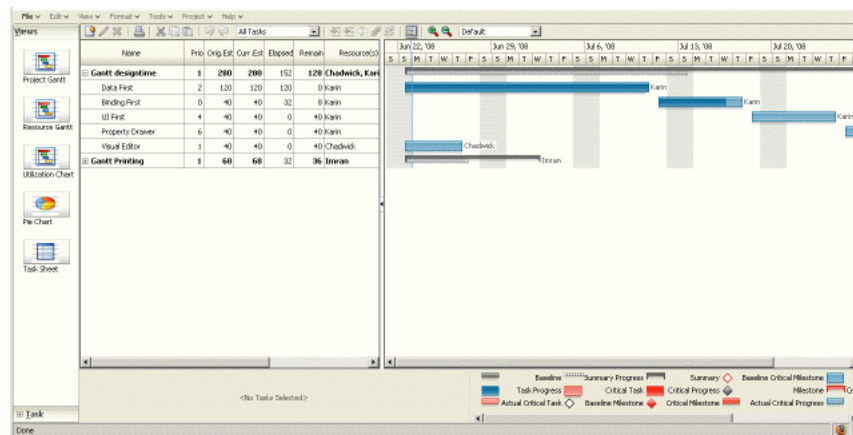
A Gantt chart consists of two ADF Faces tree tables combined with a splitter. The left-hand table contains a list of tasks or resources while the right-hand table consists of a single column in which progress is graphed over time.

There are three types of gantt components:

- **Project Gantt:** Creates a Gantt chart that shows tasks vertically, and the duration of the task is represented as a bar on a horizontal timeline.
- **Resource utilization Gantt:** Creates a Gantt chart that shows graphically whether resources are over or under allocated. It shows resources vertically while showing their allocation and, optionally, capacity on the horizontal time axis.
- **Scheduling Gantt:** Creates a Gantt chart that shows resource management and is based on manual scheduling boards. It shows resources vertically with corresponding activities on the horizontal time axis.

[Figure 23–11](#) shows a project Gantt view of staff resources and schedules.



**Figure 23–11 Project Gantt**

For more information including how to use Gantt charts in your application, see [Chapter 28, "Using Gantt Chart Components."](#)

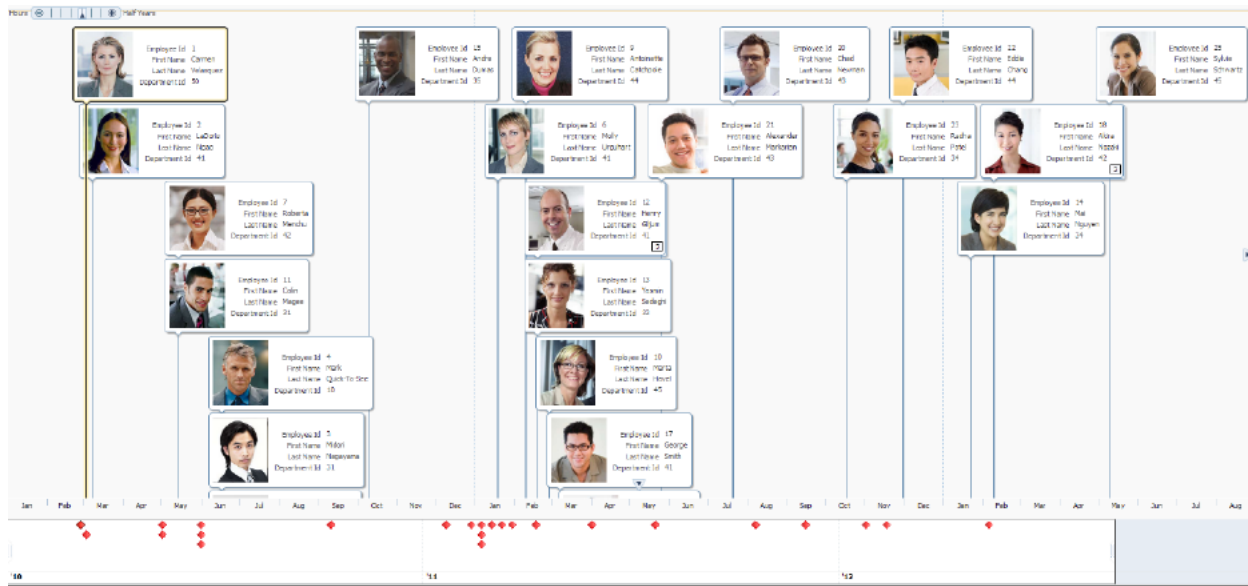
## 23.2.8 Timeline Use Cases and Examples

The timeline component is an interactive data visualization tool that allows users to view events in chronological order and easily navigate forwards and backwards within a defined time range. Events are represented as timeline items using simple ADF components to display information such as text and images, or supply actions such as links. A dual timeline can be configured to display two series of events to allow a side-by-side comparison of related information.

A timeline is composed of the display of events as timeline items along a time axis, a movable overview window that corresponds to the period of viewable time in the timeline, and an overview time axis that displays the total time increment for the timeline. A horizontal zoom control is available to change the viewable time range. Timeline items corresponding to events display associated information or actions and are connected to the date of the event in the time axis. Timeline items are represented by a marker in the overview panel. No more than two series of events are supported by the timeline component.

[Figure 23–12](#) shows a timeline displaying the chronological order of the hire dates of employees. In this example, timeline items representing each event display information about the employee using an image and text with labels. When selection is configured, the timeline item, line feeler, and the event marker in the overview panel are highlighted.

**Figure 23–12 Timeline of Employee Hire Dates**



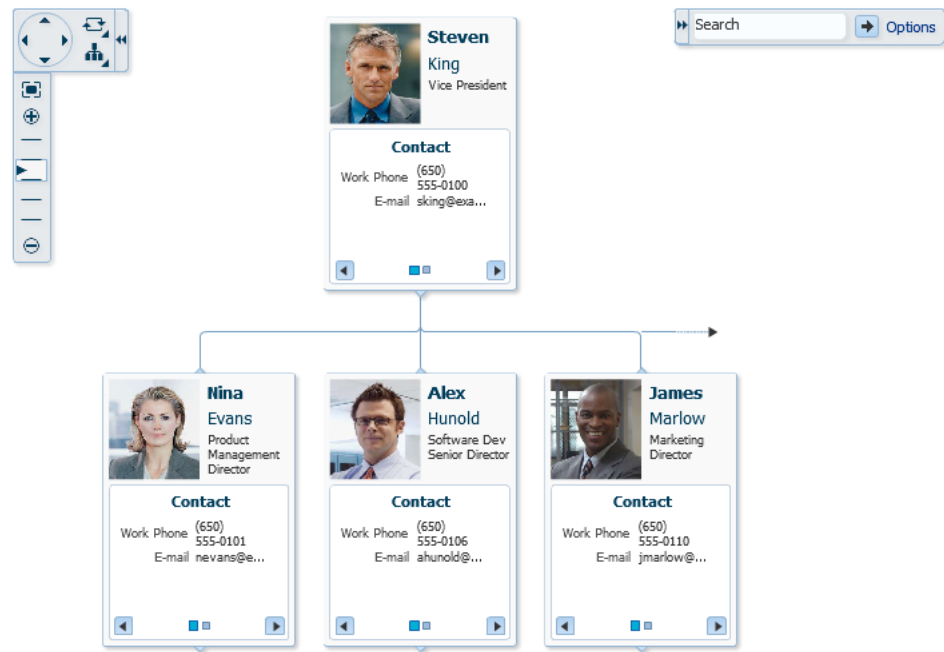
For more information including how to use timelines in your application, see [Chapter 29, "Using Timeline Components."](#)

### 23.2.9 Hierarchy Viewer Use Cases and Examples

The hierarchy viewer component displays hierarchical data as a set of linked nodes in a diagram. The nodes and links correspond to the elements and relationships to the data. The component supports pan and zoom operations, expanding and collapsing of the nodes, rendering of simple ADF Faces components within the nodes, and search of the hierarchy viewer data. A common use of the hierarchy viewer is to display an organization chart, as shown in [Figure 23–13](#).

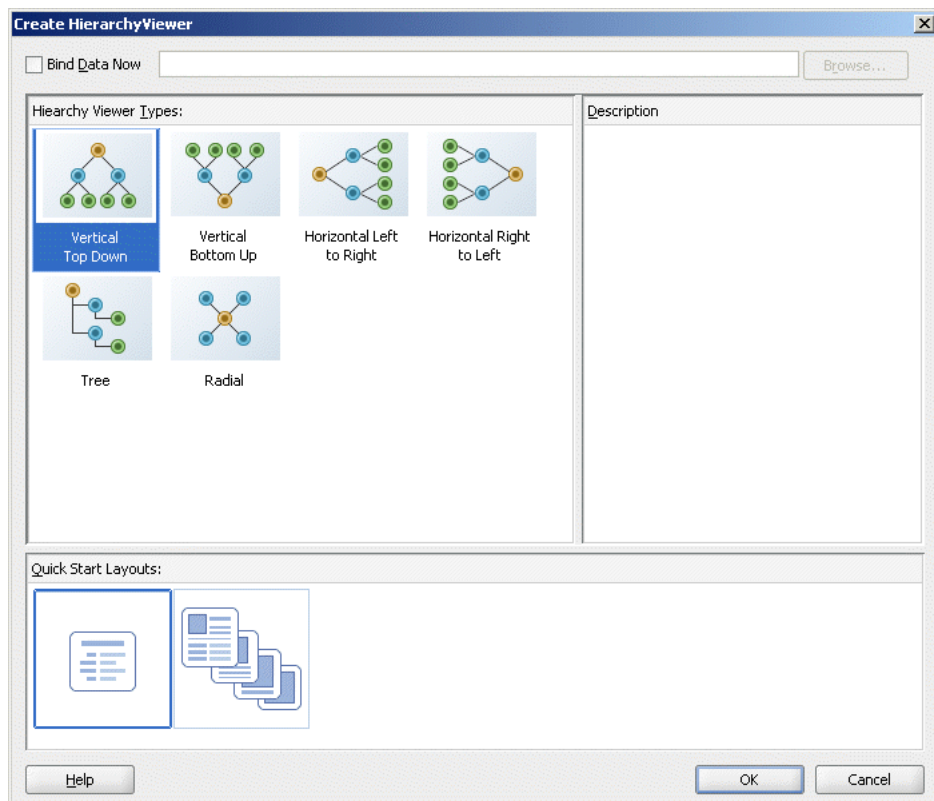


**Figure 23–13 Hierarchy Viewer as Organizational Chart**



In JDeveloper, a Component Gallery displays available hierarchy viewer types and descriptions to provide visual assistance when designing the component and defining a quick layout. [Figure 23–14](#) shows the Component Gallery for the hierarchy viewer.

**Figure 23–14 Component Gallery for Hierarchy Viewer**



For more information including how to use hierarchy viewers in your application, see [Chapter 31, "Using Hierarchy Viewer Components."](#)

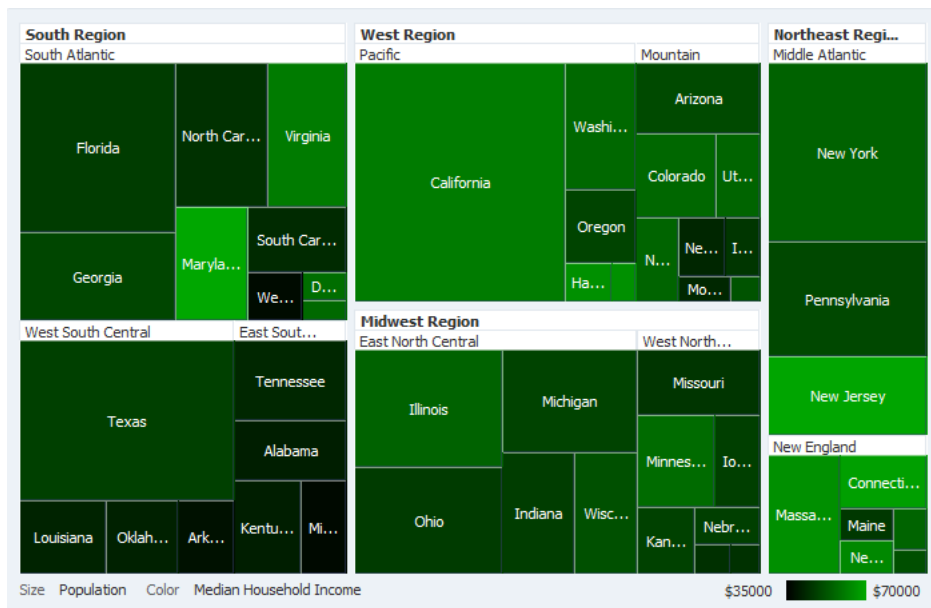
### 23.2.10 Treemap and Sunburst Use Cases and Examples

The treemap and sunburst components display quantitative hierarchical data across two dimensions, represented visually by size and color. For example, you can use a treemap or sunburst to display quarterly regional sales and to identify sales trends, using the size of the node to indicate each region’s sales volume and the node’s color to indicate whether that region’s sales increased or decreased over the quarter.

Treemaps and sunbursts use a shape called a node to reference the data in the hierarchy. Treemaps display nodes as a set of nested rectangles. Each branch of the tree is given a rectangle, which is then tiled with smaller rectangles representing sub-branches.

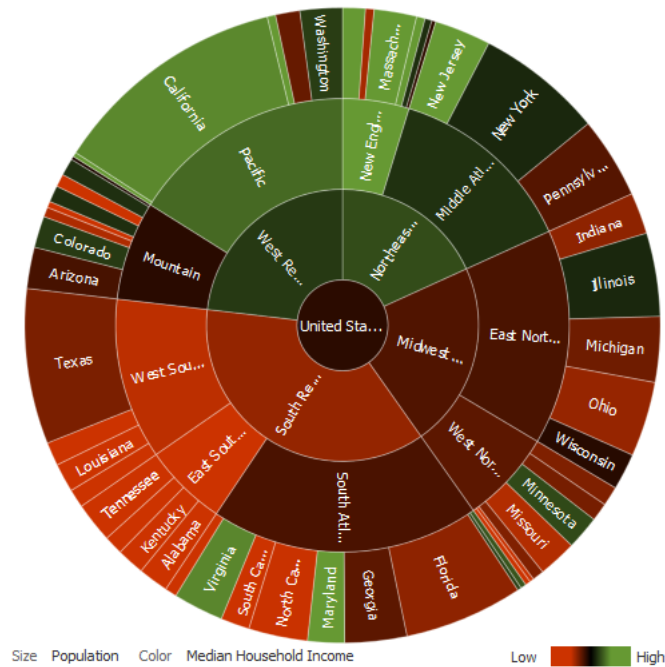
[Figure 23–15](#) shows a treemap displaying United States census data grouped by regions, with the color attribute used to indicate median income levels. States with larger populations display in larger-sized nodes than states with smaller populations.

**Figure 23–15 Treemap Displaying United States Census Data by Region**



Sunbursts display the nodes in a radial rather than a rectangular layout, with the top of the hierarchy at the center and deeper levels farther away from the center.

[Figure 23–16](#) shows the same census data displayed in a sunburst.

**Figure 23–16 Sunburst Displaying United States Census Data by Region**

Treemaps and sunbursts can display thousands of data points in a relatively small spatial area. These components are a good choice for identifying trends for large hierarchical data sets, where the proportional size of the nodes represents their importance compared to the whole. Color can also be used to represent an additional dimension of information.

Use treemaps if you are primarily interested in displaying two metrics of data using size and color at a single layer of the hierarchy. Use sunbursts instead if you want to display the metrics for all levels in the hierarchy. Drilling can be enabled to allow the end user to traverse the hierarchy and focus in on key parts of the data.

For additional information about treemaps and sunbursts and how to use them in your application, see [Chapter 32, "Using Treemap and Sunburst Components."](#)

### 23.2.11 Diagram Use Cases and Examples

Use diagrams to model, represent, and visualize information using a shape called a node to represent data, and links to represent relationships between nodes. Diagrams are flexible and highly configurable components that can display a wide range of data items using simple shapes or images with a label, or more complex data using zoom levels and stylistic attribute values such as colors for each unique group in the data set.

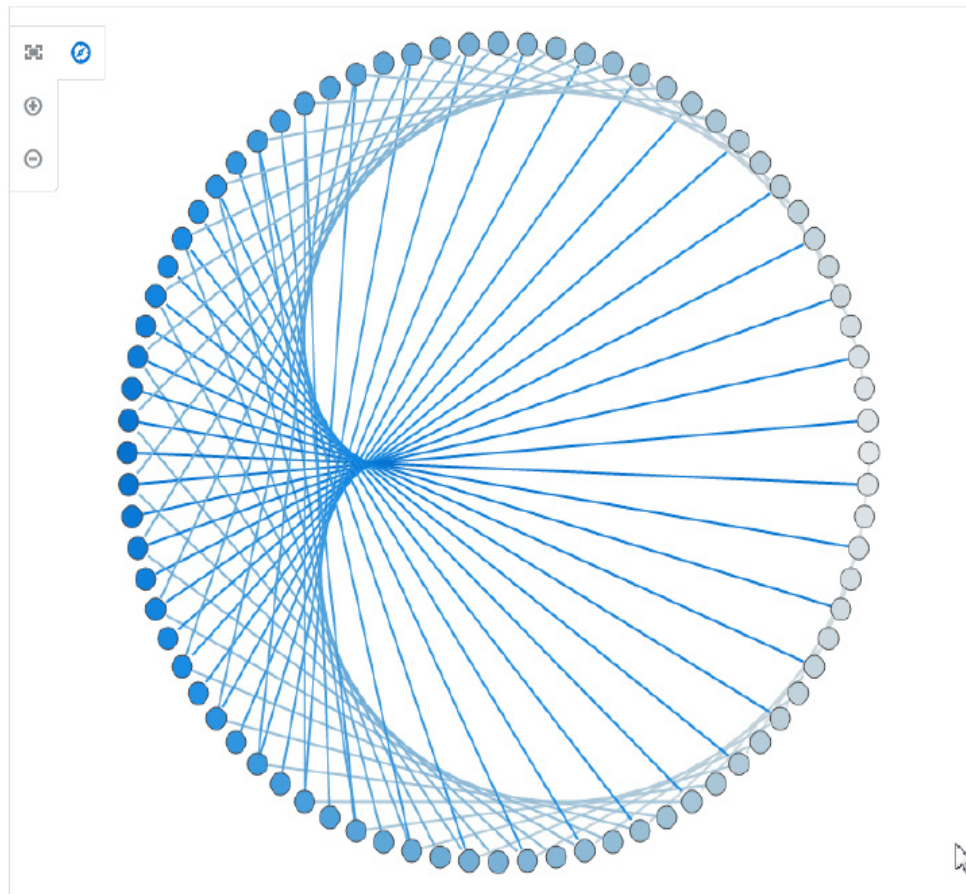
The layout of diagram links and nodes is configured through a framework using one or more custom JavaScript files. The framework supports rendering in multiple platforms including SVG and Java2D.

For example, diagrams can model a database schema to logically group objects such as tables, views, and stored procedures; represent an employee tree with a complex set of information for each employee at different zoom levels; or visualize the net migration between US states using a sunburst layout.

Diagrams use shapes for the node, and lines for links to represent the relationships between the nodes. [Figure 23–17](#) shows a simple diagram configured in a circular

layout pattern with circles and lines representing the relationships between them. The example includes the default control panel for diagram zooming.

**Figure 23–17 Simple Diagram with Nodes and Links with Control Panel**



For additional information about diagrams and how to use them in your application, see [Chapter 33, "Using Diagram Components."](#)

## 23.3 Common Functionality in Data Visualization Components

Data visualization components share much of the same functionality, such as how data is delivered, automatic partial page rendering (PPR), the image format used to display the component, and how data can be displayed and edited. It is important that you understand this shared functionality and how it is configured before you use these components.

### 23.3.1 Content Delivery

Data visualization components including chart, gauge, diagram, Gantt chart, hierarchy viewer, pivot table, sunburst, thematic map, timeline, and treemap can be configured for how data is delivered from the data source. The data can be delivered to the components either immediately upon rendering, as soon as the data is available, or lazily fetched after the shell of the component has been rendered. By default all data visualization components, with the exception of the geographic map, support the delivery of content from the data source when it is available. The `contentDelivery` attribute of these components is set to `whenAvailable` by default.

Data visualization components based on a tree or tree table model including Gantt charts, hierarchy viewers, pivot tables, sunbursts, timelines, and treemaps are virtualized, meaning not all the rows, columns, or levels that are there for the component on the server are delivered to and displayed on the client. You configure these components to fetch a certain number of rows, columns, or levels at a time from your data source. Use these attributes to configure fetch size:

- Gantt charts:
  - `fetchSize`: Specifies the number of rows in the data fetch block. The default value is 25.
  - `horizontalFetchSize`: Specifies the size of the horizontal data window in number of pixels in which the data are fetched. Only task bars within this data window would be rendered. In contrast with `fetchSize`, which provides vertical virtualization, `horizontalFetchSize` provides horizontal virtualization.
- Hierarchy Viewer:
  - `levelFetchSize`: Specifies the number of child nodes that will be fetched and displayed at a single time for each expanded parent node. Additional child nodes may be fetched and displayed by using the lateral navigation controls shown in the hierarchy viewer. The default value is 25.
- Pivot table:
  - `rowFetchSize`: Specifies the number of rows in a data fetch block. The default value is 25.
  - `columnFetchSize`: Specifies the number of columns in a data fetch block. The default value is 10.
- Sunburst:
  - `displayLevelsChildren`: Specifies the number of child levels to display during initial render. This property is 0-based. A value of 0 means that no child levels below the root will be shown; the root itself will be shown. The default value is 2, which means that the root and the first two levels of children will be shown.
- Timeline:
  - `fetchStartTime`: Specifies the start of the time range where data is currently being fetched
  - `fetchEndTime`: Specifies the end of the time range where data is currently being fetched.
- Treemap:
  - `displayLevelsChildren`: Specifies the number of child levels to display during initial render. This property is 0-based. A value of 0 means that no child levels below the root will be shown; the root itself will be shown. The default value is 2, which means that the root and the first two levels of children will be shown.

For lazy delivery, when a page contains one or more of these components, the page initially goes through the standard life cycle. However, instead of fetching the data during that initial request, a special separate partial page rendering (PPR) request is run, and the value of the fetch size for the component is then returned. Because the page has just been rendered, only the Render Response phase executes for the components, allowing the corresponding data to be fetched and displayed. When a

user's actions cause a subsequent data fetch (for example scrolling in a pivot table grid for another set of rows), another PPR request is executed.

When content delivery is configured to be delivered when it is available, the framework checks for data availability during the initial request, and if it is available, it sends the data to the component. If it is not available, the data is loaded during the separate PPR request, as it is with lazy delivery.

**Performance Tip:** Lazy delivery should be used when a data fetch is expected to be an expensive (slow) operation, for example, slow, high-latency database connection, or fetching data from slow data sources like web services. Lazy delivery should also be used when the page contains a number of components other than a data visualization component. Doing so allows the initial page layout and other components to be rendered first before the data is available.

Immediate delivery should be used if the data visualization component is the only context on the page, or if the component is not expected to return a large set of data. In this case, response time will be faster than using lazy delivery (or in some cases, simply perceived as faster), as the second request will not go to the server, providing a faster user response time and better server CPU utilizations. Note that for components based on a tree or tree table model, only the value configured to be the fetch block will be initially returned. As with lazy delivery, when a user's actions cause a subsequent data fetch, the next set of rows are delivered.

The `whenAvailable` delivery provides the additional flexibility of using immediate when data is available during initial rendering or falling back on lazy when data is not initially available.

For more information about setting the fetch size for components based on the tree or tree table model, see [Section 10.1.1, "Content Delivery."](#)

### 23.3.2 Automatic Partial Page Rendering (PPR)

ADF Faces supports Partial Page Rendering (PPR), which allows certain components on a page to be rerendered without the need to rerender the entire page. In addition to built-in PPR functionality, you can configure components to use cross-component rendering, which allows you to set up dependencies so that one component acts as a trigger and another as the listener. For more information, see [Section 7.1, "Introduction to Partial Page Rendering."](#)

By default, ADF Data Visualization components support automatic PPR, where any component whose values change as a result of backend business logic is automatically rerendered. If your application uses the Fusion technology stack, you can enable the automatic partial page rendering feature on any page. For more information, see the "What You May Need to Know About Automatic Partial Page Rendering" section in *Oracle Fusion Middleware Fusion Developer's Guide for Oracle Application Development Framework*.

### 23.3.3 Active Data Support

The Fusion technology stack includes the Active Data Service (ADS), which is a server-side push framework that allows you to provide real-time data updates for ADF Faces components and ADF Data Visualization components. You bind ADF Faces

components to a data source and ADS pushes the data updates to the browser client without requiring the browser client to explicitly request it.

[Table 23–1](#) lists the DVT components that support active data and where you can find additional detail.

**Table 23–1 DVT Components Supporting Active Data**

DVT Component	Link to Component Detail
geographic map	<a href="#">Section 30.2.4, "What You May Need to Know About Active Data Support for Map Point Themes"</a>
pivot table and pivot filter bar	<a href="#">Section 27.2.1, "Active Data Support (ADS)"</a> Supports ADS only when the <code>outputText</code> component or <code>sparkChart</code> is configured to display the active data; other components are not supported inside collection-based component.
sunburst	<a href="#">Section 32.1.2.16, "Active Data Support (ADS)"</a>
treemap	<a href="#">Section 32.1.2.16, "Active Data Support (ADS)"</a>

For additional information about using the Active Data Service, see [Chapter 37, "Using the Active Data Service with an Asynchronous Backend."](#)

### 23.3.4 Text Resources from Application Resource Bundles

JDeveloper supports easy localization of ADF Faces and data visualization components using the abstract class `java.util.ResourceBundle` to provide locale-specific resources.

Data visualization components may include text that is part of the component, for example the `af:table` component uses the resource string `af_table.LABEL_FETCHING` for the message text that displays in the browser while the `af:table` component fetches data during the initial load of data or while the user scrolls the table. JDeveloper provides automatic translation of these text resources into 28 languages. These text resources are referenced in a resource bundle. If you set the browser to use the language in Italy, any text contained within the components will automatically be displayed in Italian.

For any text you add to a component, for example if you define the title of a `pieGraph` component by setting the `text` attribute on its child `graphTitle` component, you must provide a resource bundle that holds the actual text, create a version of the resource bundle for each locale, and add a `<locale-config>` element to define default and support locales in the application's `faces-config.xml` file. You must also add a `<resource-bundle>` element to your application's `faces-config.xml` file in order to make the resource bundles available to all the pages in your application. Once you have configured and registered a resource bundle, the Expression Language (EL) editor will display the key from the bundle, making it easier to reference the bundle in application pages.

To simplify the process of creating text resources for text you add to ADF components, JDeveloper supports automatic resource bundle synchronization for any translatable string in the visual editor. When you edit components directly in the visual editor or in the Property Inspector, text resources are automatically created in the base resource bundle. For more information, see [Section 21.2, "Using Automatic Resource Bundle Integration in JDeveloper."](#)



**Note:** Any text retrieved from the database is not translated.

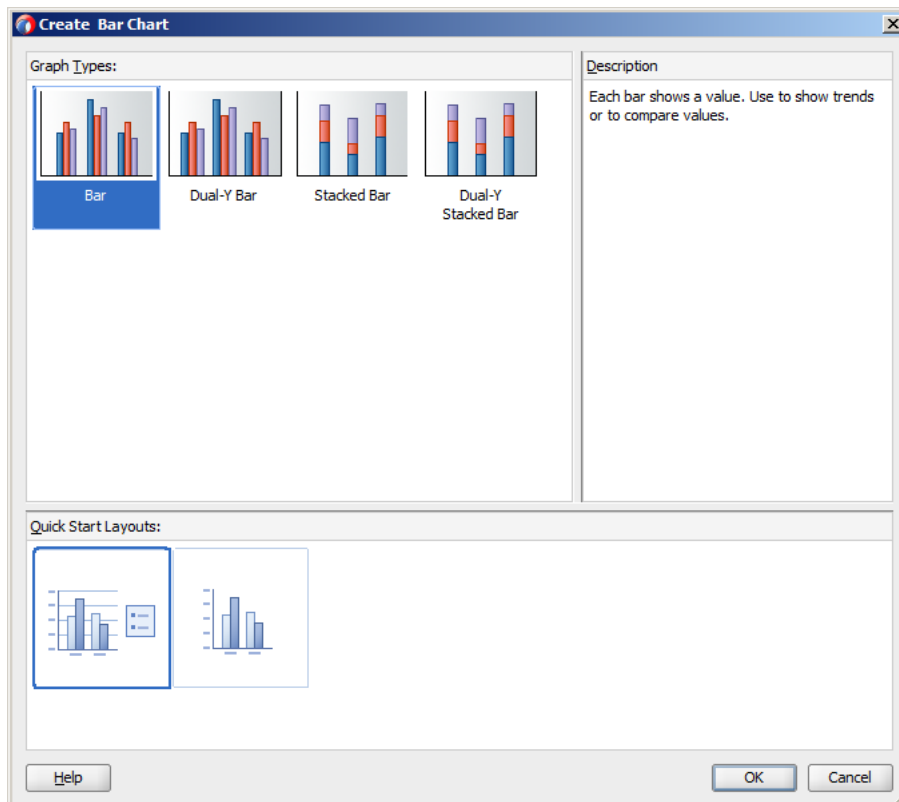
For data visualization components with title and label child components, you can also create and add text resources to a resource bundle by using the attribute dropdown list to open a Select Text Resource dialog to select or add a translatable string from an application resource bundle. Alternatively, you can select Expression Builder to open the Expression Language (EL) editor to create an expression to be executed at runtime for the title or label.

## 23.4 Providing Data for ADF Data Visualization Components

In JDeveloper you can add any Data Visualization component to your JSF page using UI-first development, and then later manually bind the data you wish to display using ADF data controls or managed beans. In this case you drag the component from the Component Palette to the page and manually bind the data in the Property Inspector.

For example, when you are designing your page using simple UI-first development, you use the Component Palette to add a bar chart to a JSF page. When you drag and drop a chart component onto the page, a Create Chart dialog displays available categories of chart types, with descriptions, to provide visual assistance when creating charts. You can also specify a quick start layout of the chart's legend. [Figure 23–18](#) shows the Create Bar Chart dialog for bar charts with the default bar chart type and quick start layout selected.

**Figure 23–18** Create Bar Chart Dialog



For information about creating Data Visualization components using UI-first development, understanding component data requirements, configuring DVT parent



and child components, customizing the appearance of components, and adding special effects and interactivity to components, see the following chapters in this part of the guide:

- [Chapter 24, "Using Chart Components"](#)

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**Note:** The funnel, pareto, radar, and stock graphs are legacy server-side components, and their use is discouraged in favor of the client-side chart components. For information about using legacy graphs, see [Appendix H, "Using Graph Components."](#)

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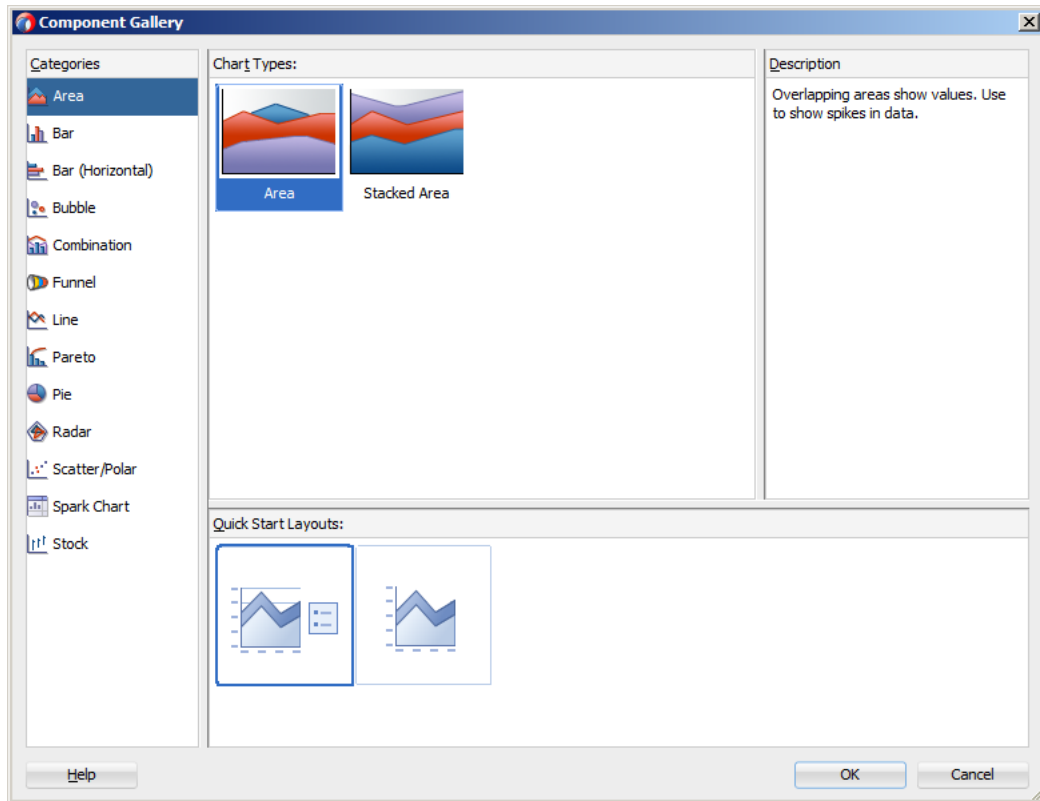
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- [Chapter 25, "Using Gauge Components"](#)
- [Chapter 26, "Using NBox Components"](#)
- [Chapter 27, "Using ADF Pivot Table Components"](#)
- [Chapter 28, "Using Gantt Chart Components"](#)
- [Chapter 29, "Using Timeline Components"](#)
- [Chapter 30, "Using Map Components"](#)
- [Chapter 31, "Using Hierarchy Viewer Components"](#)
- [Chapter 32, "Using Treemap and Sunburst Components"](#)
- [Chapter 33, "Using Diagram Components"](#)

Alternatively, you can use data-first development and create the component using an ADF data control that will handle the data binding for you. In this case you drag a data collection from the Data Controls panel and complete the data binding dialogs to configure the display of data.

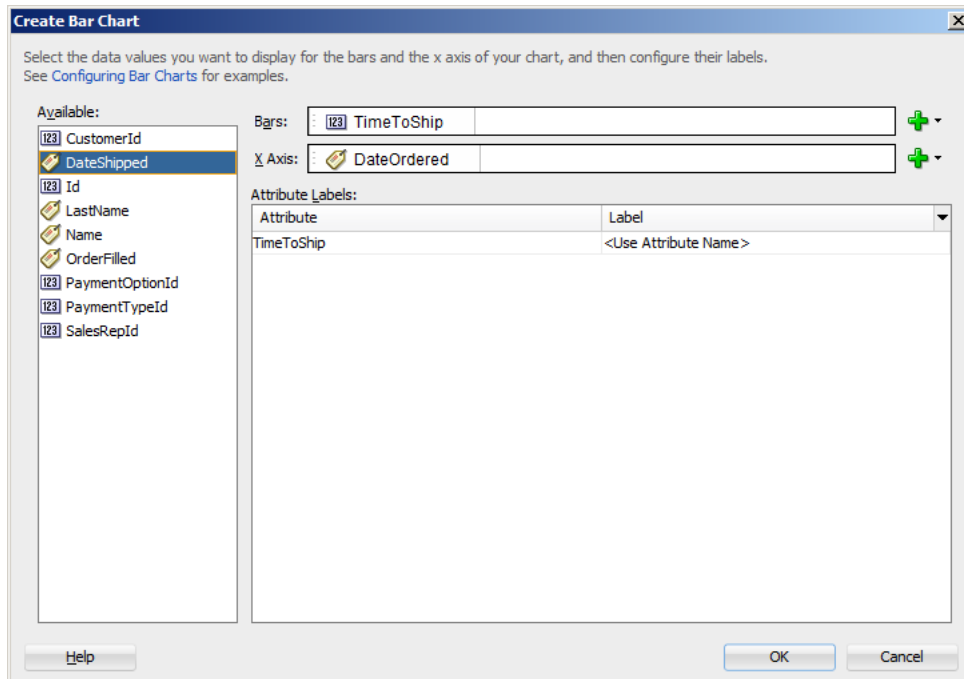
For example, you can create and data bind a DVT chart by dragging a data control from the Data Controls Panel. A Component Gallery displays available chart categories, types, and descriptions to provide visual assistance when designing charts and defining a quick layout. [Figure 23–19](#) shows the Component Gallery that displays when creating a chart from a data control.

**Figure 23–19 Component Gallery for Charts**



After selecting the category and type of chart you wish to create, a data binding dialog is displayed to bind the data collection attributes to the chart component. [Figure 23–20](#) shows the Create Bar Chart dialog used to create and data bind a bar chart.

**Figure 23–20 Create Bar Chart Dialog**



All data visualization components can be bound to data collections in an ADF data control. For information and examples of data binding these components to data controls, see the following:

- "Creating Databound Charts" section in *Oracle Fusion Middleware Fusion Developer's Guide for Oracle Application Development Framework*.
- "Creating Databound Graphs" section in *Oracle Fusion Middleware Fusion Developer's Guide for Oracle Application Development Framework*.

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**Note:** The funnel, pareto, radar, and stock graphs are legacy server-side components whose use is discouraged in favor of the client-side charts.

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- "Creating Databound Gauges" section in *Oracle Fusion Middleware Fusion Developer's Guide for Oracle Application Development Framework*.
- "Creating Databound NBoxes" section in *Oracle Fusion Middleware Fusion Developer's Guide for Oracle Application Development Framework*.
- "Creating Databound Pivot Tables" section in *Oracle Fusion Middleware Fusion Developer's Guide for Oracle Application Development Framework*.

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**Note:** In JDeveloper, a **Create Pivot Table** wizard provides declarative support for data-binding and configuring the pivot table.

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- "Creating Databound Geographic Maps" section in *Oracle Fusion Middleware Fusion Developer's Guide for Oracle Application Development Framework*.
- "Creating Databound Thematic Maps" section in *Oracle Fusion Middleware Fusion Developer's Guide for Oracle Application Development Framework*.
- "Creating Databound Gantt Charts" section in *Oracle Fusion Middleware Fusion Developer's Guide for Oracle Application Development Framework*.
- "Creating Databound Timelines" section in *Oracle Fusion Middleware Fusion Developer's Guide for Oracle Application Development Framework*.
- "Creating Databound Hierarchy Viewers" section in *Oracle Fusion Middleware Fusion Developer's Guide for Oracle Application Development Framework*.
- "Creating Databound Treemaps and Sunbursts" section in *Oracle Fusion Middleware Fusion Developer's Guide for Oracle Application Development Framework*.
- "Creating Databound Diagrams" section in *Oracle Fusion Middleware Fusion Developer's Guide for Oracle Application Development Framework*.



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## Using Chart Components

This chapter describes how to use the ADF Data Visualization chart components to display data in charts using simple UI-first development. The chart components include area, bar, bubble, combination, funnel, line, pie, polar, radar, scatter, and spark charts. The chapter defines the data requirements, tag structure, and options for customizing the look and behavior of these components.

If your application uses the Fusion technology stack, you can use data controls to create charts. For more information, see "Creating Databound Charts" in *Oracle Fusion Middleware Fusion Developer's Guide for Oracle Application Development Framework*.

This chapter includes the following sections:

- [Section 24.1, "Introduction to the Chart Component"](#)
- [Section 24.2, "Using the Chart Component"](#)
- [Section 24.3, "Adding Data to Charts"](#)
- [Section 24.4, "Customizing Chart Display Elements"](#)
- [Section 24.5, "Adding Interactive Features to Charts"](#)

The DVT graph components are legacy server-side components used for displaying data in graphs. However, the use of these components is discouraged in favor of the client-side charts. Graph components include Pareto and stock graphs. For information about the DVT graph components, see [Appendix H, "Using Graph Components."](#)

### 24.1 Introduction to the Chart Component

The DVT chart components give you the capability of producing a variety of data visualizations that let you evaluate multiple data points on multiple axes in many ways. For example, a number of charts assist you in the comparison of results from one group with the results from another group.

Charts display series and groups of data. Series and groups are analogous to the rows and columns of a grid of data. Typically, the rows in the grid appear as a series in a chart, and the columns in the grid appear as groups.

For most charts, a series appears as a set of markers that are the same color. Typically, the chart legend shows the identification and associated color of each series. For example, in a bar chart, the yellow bars might represent the sales of shoes and the green bars might represent the sales of boots.

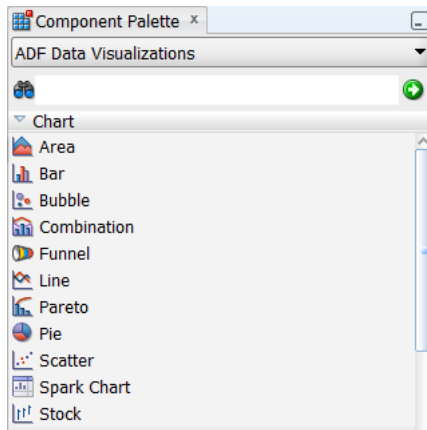
Groups appear differently in different chart types. For example, in a stacked bar chart, each stack is a group. A group might represent time periods, such as years. A group might also represent geographical locations such as regions.

Depending on the data requirements for a chart type, a single data item might require one or more data values. For example, a scatter chart requires two values for each data marker. The first value determines where the marker appears along the x-axis while the second value determines where the marker appears along the y-axis.

### 24.1.1 Chart Component Use Cases and Examples

The chart components include nine types of charts with one or more variations for a total of over 13 different charts that you can use to display data. JDeveloper provides a Component Palette that displays available chart categories. [Figure 24-1](#) shows the Component Palette for area, bar, bubble, combination, funnel, line, pie, scatter, and spark charts.

**Figure 24-1** Component Palette for Charts



The pareto and stock graphs are legacy server-side components used for displaying data in graphs, and their use is discouraged in favor of the client-side chart components. For information about the DVT graph components, see [Appendix H, "Using Graph Components."](#)

When you select a chart category in the Component Palette, JDeveloper displays a dialog with descriptions about the available chart types to provide visual assistance when you are creating charts. [Figure 24-2](#) shows the different area chart types and layouts available when you select the `Area` chart in the Component Palette.

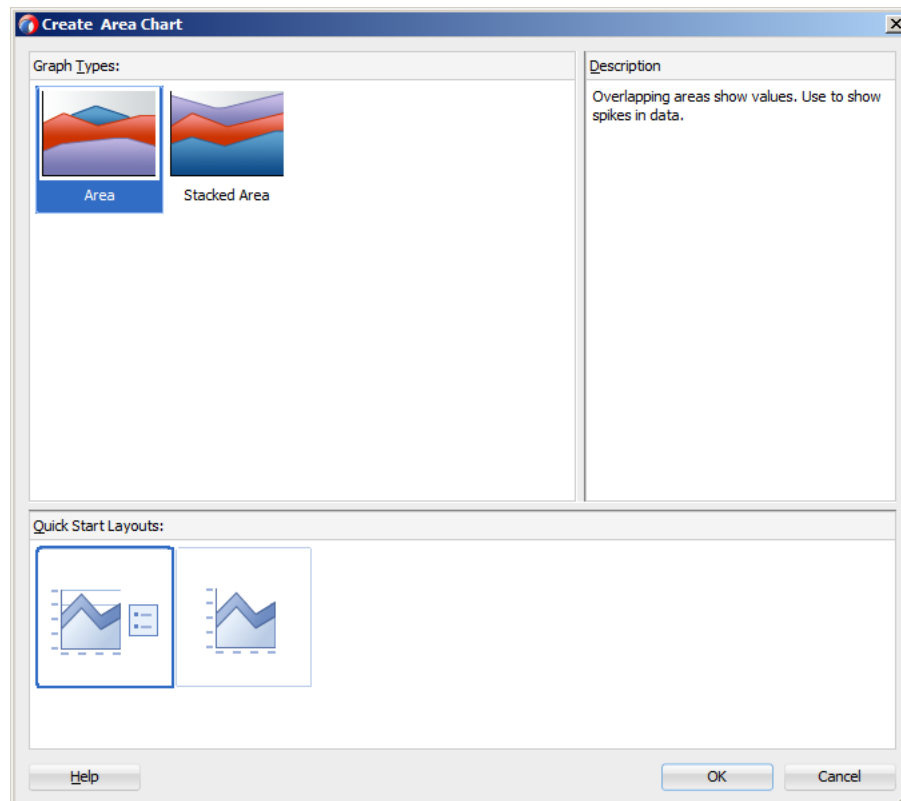
**Figure 24–2 Area Chart Types in Create Area Chart Dialog**

Chart categories include:

- Area: Represents data as a filled-in area. Use area charts to show trends over time, such as sales for the last 12 months. Area charts require at least two groups of data along an axis. The axis is often labeled with increments of time such as months.

Area charts represent these kinds of data values:

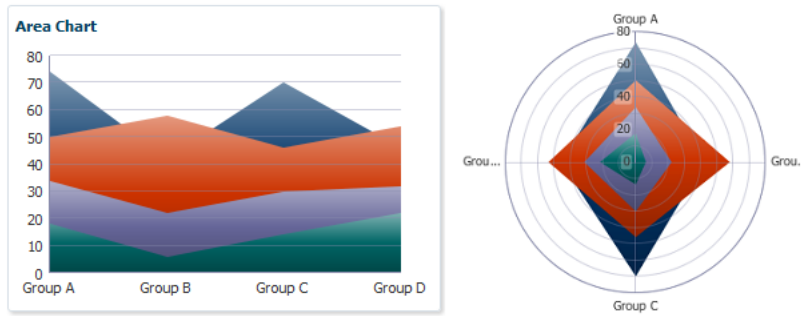
- Absolute: Each area marker connects a series of two or more data values.
- Stacked: Area markers are stacked. The values of each set of data are added to the values for previous sets. The size of the stack represents a cumulative total.

**Tip:** Stacked charts are generally preferred over absolute charts. Areas in absolute charts can be visually obscured by other areas, depending on the area's data value.

All variations of area charts can be configured with a single y-axis or dual y-axis.

[Figure 24–3](#) shows example area charts with cartesian and polar coordinate systems.

**Figure 24–3 Area Chart Example**



- Bar: Represents data as a series of vertical bars. Use bar charts to examine trends over time or to compare items at the same time, such as sales for different product divisions in several regions.

Bar charts represent these kinds of data values:

- Clustered: Each cluster of bars represents a group of data. For example, if data is grouped by employee, one cluster might consist of a Salary bar and a Commission bar for a given employee. This kind of chart includes the following variations: vertical clustered bar charts and horizontal clustered bar charts.
- Stacked: Bars for each set of data are appended to previous sets of data. The size of the stack represents a cumulative data total.

All variations of bar charts can be configured with a single y-axis or dual y-axis. Bar charts may also be displayed horizontally using the `orientation` attribute.

Figure 24–4 shows variations of the bar chart type as displayed in the Create Bar Chart dialog with the Dual-Y Stacked Bar chart selected.

**Figure 24–4 Bar Chart Types**

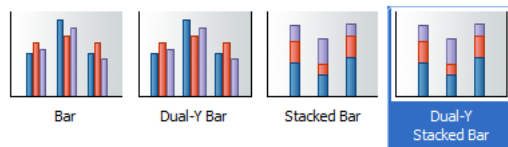


Figure 24–5 shows example bar charts with cartesian and polar coordinate systems.

**Figure 24–5 Bar Chart Example**

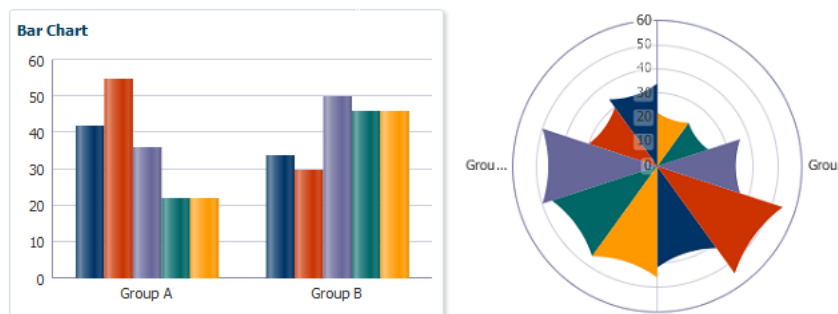
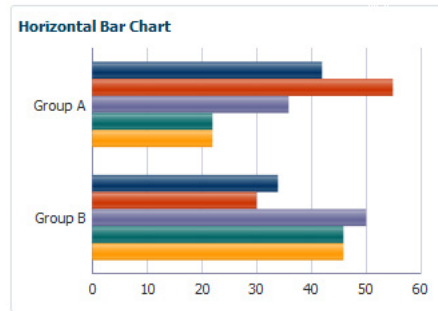




Figure 24–6 shows an example bar chart with horizontal orientation.

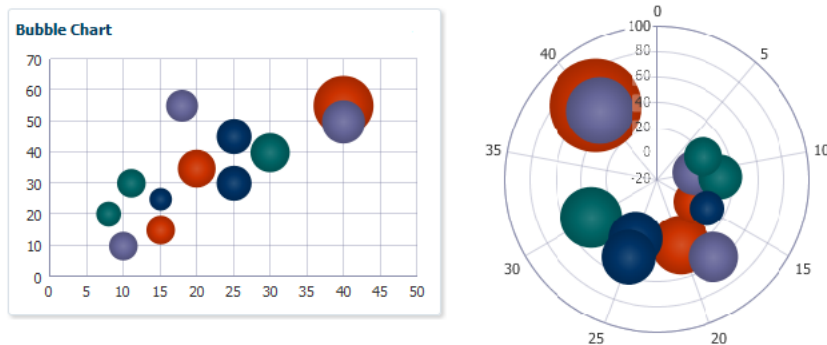
**Figure 24–6 Bar Chart with Horizontal Orientation Example**



- **Bubble:** Represents data by the location and size of round data markers (bubbles). Use bubble charts to show correlations among three types of values, especially when you have a number of data items and you want to see the general relationships. For example, use a bubble chart to plot salaries (x-axis), years of experience (y-axis), and productivity (size of bubble) for your work force. Such a chart allows you to examine productivity relative to salary and experience.

Figure 24–7 shows example bubble charts with cartesian and polar coordinate systems.

**Figure 24–7 Bubble Chart Example**



- **Combination:** Chart that uses different types of data markers (bars, lines, or areas) to display different kinds of data items. Use combination charts to compare bars and lines, bars and areas, lines and areas, or all three combinations.

Figure 24–8 shows variations of the combination chart type as displayed in the Create Combination Chart dialog with the default combination chart selected. Combination charts can be configured with a single y-axis or dual y-axis.

**Figure 24–8 Combination Chart Type Variations**

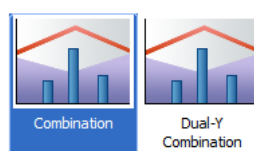
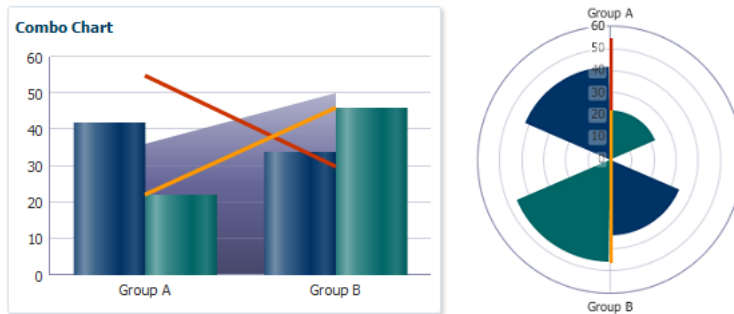


Figure 24–9 shows example combination charts with cartesian and polar coordinate systems.

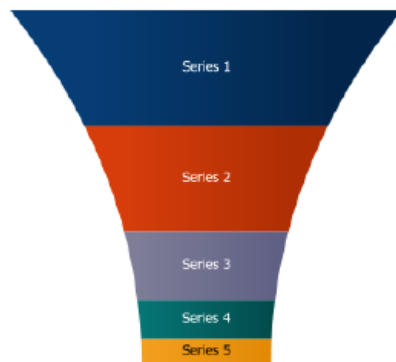
**Figure 24–9 Combination Chart Example**



- **Funnel:** Visually represents data related to steps in a process. The steps appear as vertical slices across a vertical or horizontal cone-shaped section. As the actual value for a given step or slice approaches the quota for that slice, the slice fills. Typically, a funnel chart requires actual values and target values against a stage value, which might be time. For example, use the funnel chart to watch a process where the different sections of the funnel represent different stages in the sales cycle.

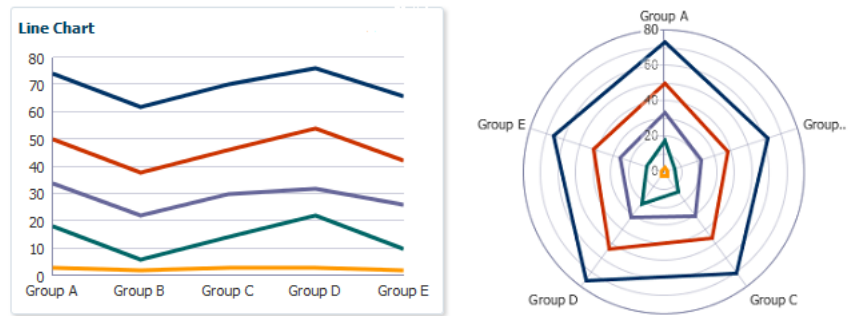
Figure 24–10 shows an example funnel chart.

**Figure 24–10 Funnel Chart Example**



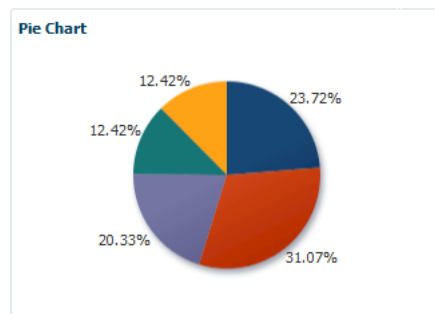
- **Line:** Represents data as a line, as a series of data points, or as data points that are connected by a line. Line charts require data for at least two points for each member in a group. For example, a line chart over months requires at least two months. Typically a line of a specific color is associated with each group of data such as the Americas, Europe, and Asia. Use line charts to compare items over the same time.

Figure 24–11 shows example line charts with cartesian and polar coordinate systems. Line charts can be configured with a single y-axis or dual y-axis

**Figure 24–11 Line Chart Example**

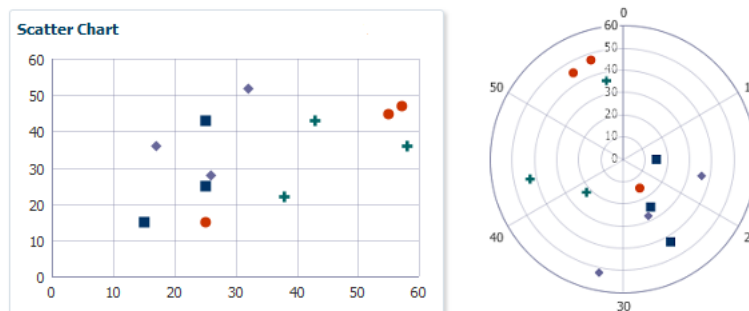
- Pie: Represents a set of data items as proportions of a total. The data items are displayed as sections of a circle causing the circle to look like a sliced pie. Use pie charts to show the relationship of parts to a whole such as how much revenue comes from each product line.

Figure 24–12 shows an example pie chart.

**Figure 24–12 Pie Chart Example**

- Scatter: Represents data by the location of data markers. Use scatter charts to show correlation between two different kinds of data values such as sales and costs for top products. Use scatter charts in particular to see general relationships among a number of items.

Figure 24–13 shows example scatter charts with cartesian and polar coordinate systems.

**Figure 24–13 Scatter Chart Example**

- Spark: A simple, condensed chart that displays trends or variations in a single data value, typically stamped in the column of a table or in line with related text. Spark

charts have basic conditional formatting. Since spark charts contain no labels, the adjacent columns of a table or surrounding text provide context for spark chart content

Figure 24–14 shows variations of the spark chart type as displayed in the Create Spark Chart dialog with the default chart selected.

**Figure 24–14 Spark Chart Type Variations**

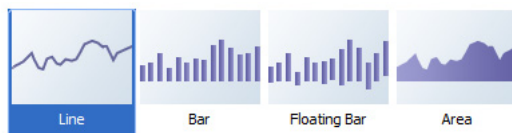


Figure 24–15 shows examples of bar, line, area, and floating bar spark charts.

**Figure 24–15 Spark Chart Example**




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**Note:** The pareto and stock components shown in the Component Palette are legacy server-side graphs, and their use is discouraged in favor of the client-side chart components. For information about using legacy graphs, see [Appendix H, "Using Graph Components."](#)

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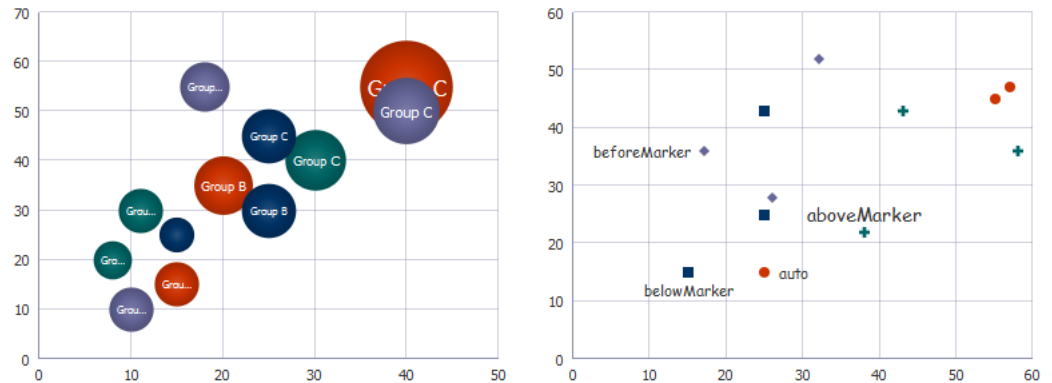
## 24.1.2 End User and Presentation Features of Charts

Chart end user and configurable presentation features include a rich variety of options.

### 24.1.2.1 Chart Data Labels

Use data labels to display information about the data points. You can customize the text, position, and style.

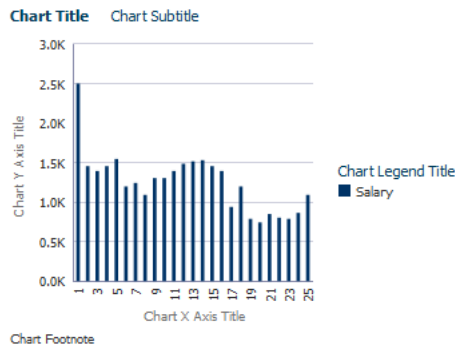
Figure 24–16 shows a bubble chart and a scatter chart, each configured to show data labels. In the bubble chart, the group's value is displayed in the center of the bubble. In the scatter chart, the label position varies by series. In the first series, the label is positioned below the series marker, and the second series is set to `auto` which displays the label after the marker. The third series label is configured to display the label before the series marker, and the fourth series label displays the label above the marker.

**Figure 24–16** Chart Data Labels

### 24.1.2.2 Chart Element Labels

You can add descriptive labels to most chart components and subcomponents, including titles, subtitles, axis labels, footnotes, and legends.

Figure 24–17 shows a bar chart configured to show a title and subtitle. The chart is also configured to show titles for the x-axis, y-axis, legend, and footnote.

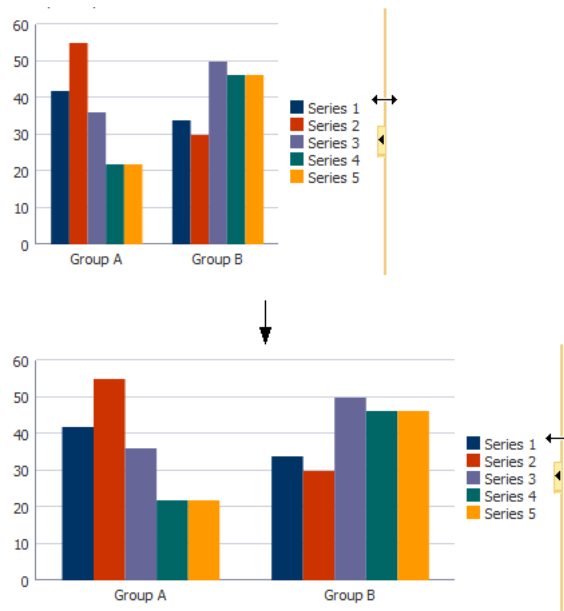
**Figure 24–17** Bar Chart Configured with Labels for Chart, X-Axis, Y-Axis, and Legend

### 24.1.2.3 Chart Sizing

Charts use client-side layout management for controlling the size of the chart. A chart can automatically adjust to the size of the chart's container, and the user can resize the chart by resizing its container. You can also specify the size of a chart using its `inlineStyle` or `styleClass` attributes.

Figure 24–18 shows a portion of a page configured with the `af:panelSplitter` and `dvt:barChart` components. The user can drag the splitter to change the bar chart's size.

**Figure 24–18 Bar Chart Resized by Dragging a Panel Splitter**

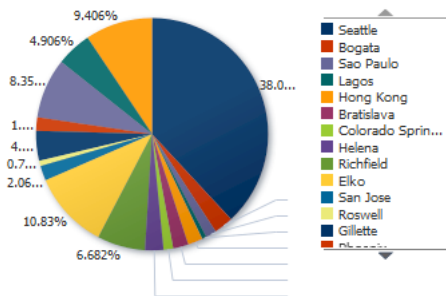


When charts are displayed in a horizontally or vertically restricted area, as in a web page sidebar, the chart is displayed in a fully featured, although simplified display.

#### 24.1.2.4 Chart Legends

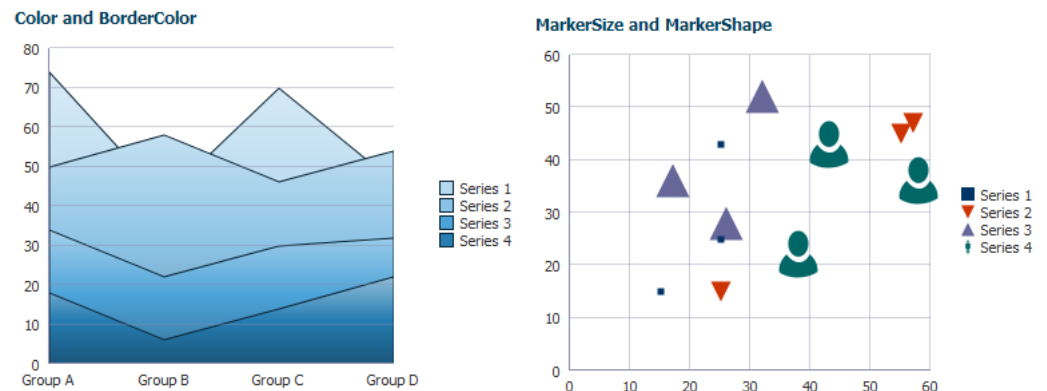
Chart legends identify the chart’s series and associated colors. [Figure 24–19](#) shows a pie chart configured with a legend. In this example, the number of series is greater than the legend area, and the user can scroll through the legend items to see all series on the chart.

**Figure 24–19 Pie Chart With Scrollable Legend**



#### 24.1.2.5 Chart Styling

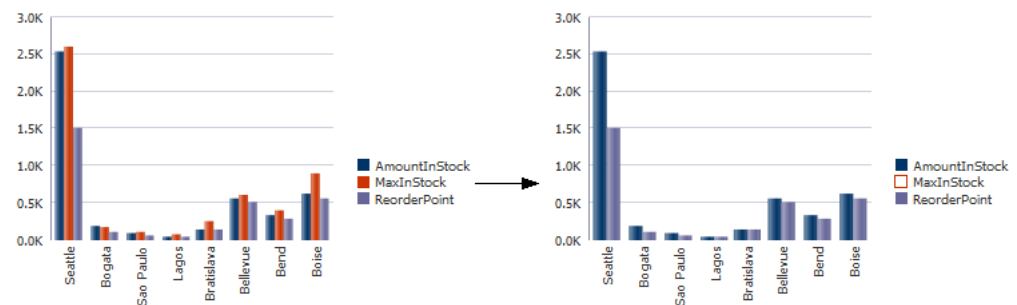
Charts support styling of colors, sizes, and text to customize series, markers, lines, and data items. [Figure 24–20](#) shows an area chart configured with custom colors for the series items and borders and a scatter chart configured with custom markers.

**Figure 24–20** Charts Showing Styling for Colors and Markers

### 24.1.2.6 Chart Series Hiding

You can configure charts to allow the user to click on a legend series item to hide a series item from view. The resulting chart can be rescaled or rendered without rescaling.

Figure 24–21 shows a bar chart configured for series show and hide. When the user clicks the `MaxInStock` series item in the chart legend, the series no longer renders, and the legend changes to show which series item is hidden from view. The user can click the series item again to restore the series view.

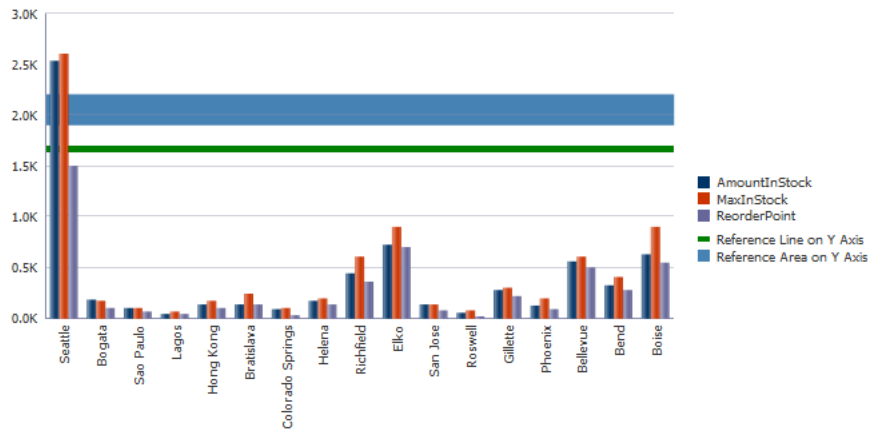
**Figure 24–21** Bar Chart Configured for Series Show and Hide

### 24.1.2.7 Chart Reference Objects

You can add reference lines or areas to a specified location or area on a chart's axis.

Figure 24–22 shows an example of a bar chart configured to show a reference line and reference area along its y-axis. In this example, the chart is configured to display a green reference line at 1665 on the y-axis. The reference area is configured to display in blue all values between a minimum of 1900 and a maximum of 2200.

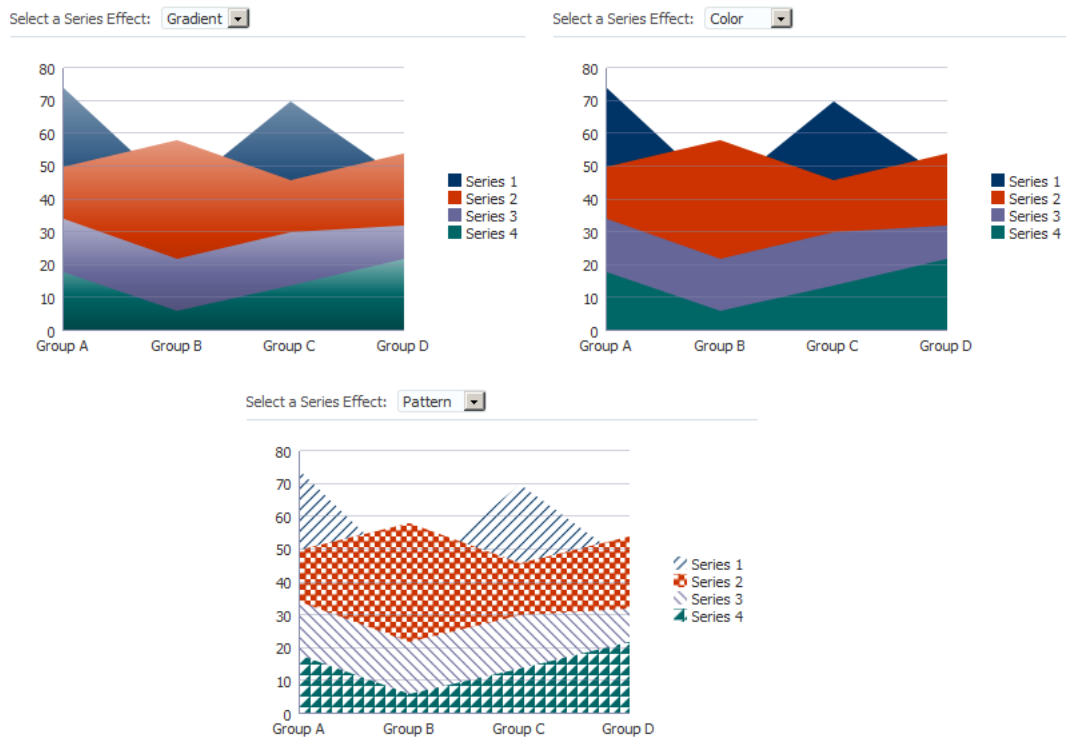
**Figure 24–22 Bar Chart Configured With Reference Line and Reference Area**



### 24.1.2.8 Chart Series Effects

By default, charts apply gradients to chart series. You can remove the gradients to achieve a flatter design or display the series with patterns. [Figure 24–23](#) shows three area charts configured for series effects.

**Figure 24–23 Area Charts Configured for Series Effects**



### 24.1.2.9 Chart Series Customization

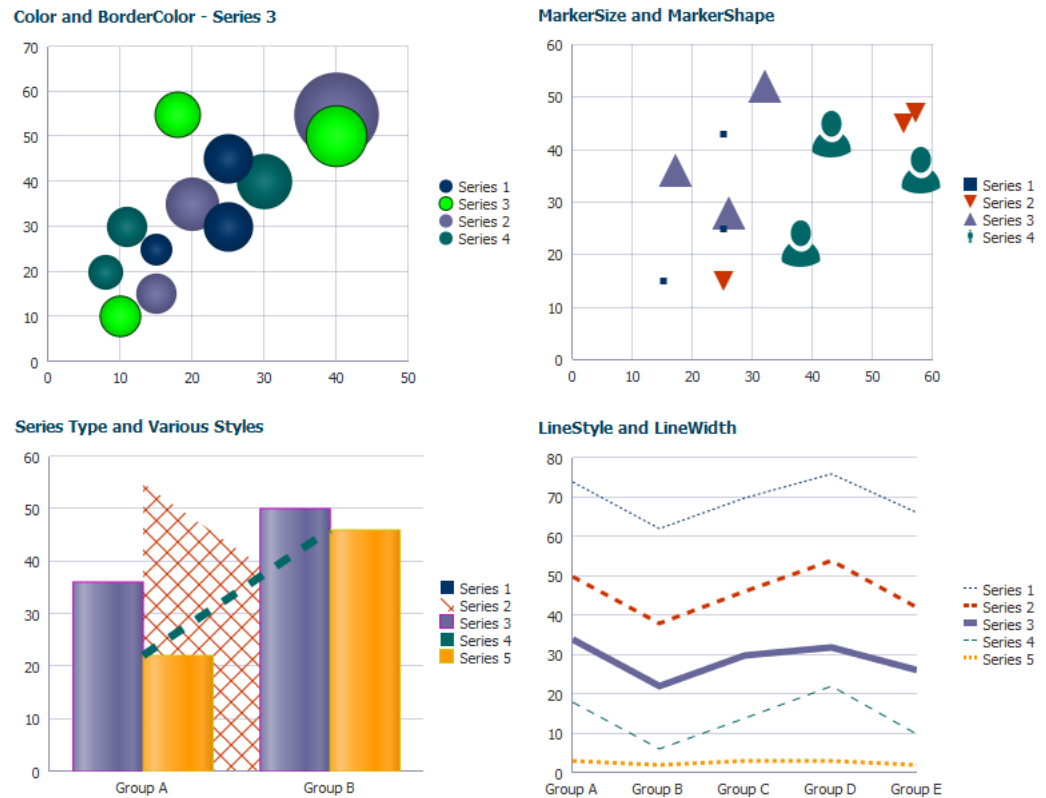
You can customize the appearance of individual series in a chart. Depending upon the chart type, you can customize colors, markers, lines, and fill effects. For combination charts, the series is a chart, and you can also specify which chart to display.

[Figure 24–24](#) shows a bubble, scatter, line, and combination chart configured with customized series. The charts illustrate how you might customize series colors, lines,



and markers. The combination chart also shows how you might configure the series type to display an area, bar, and line chart.

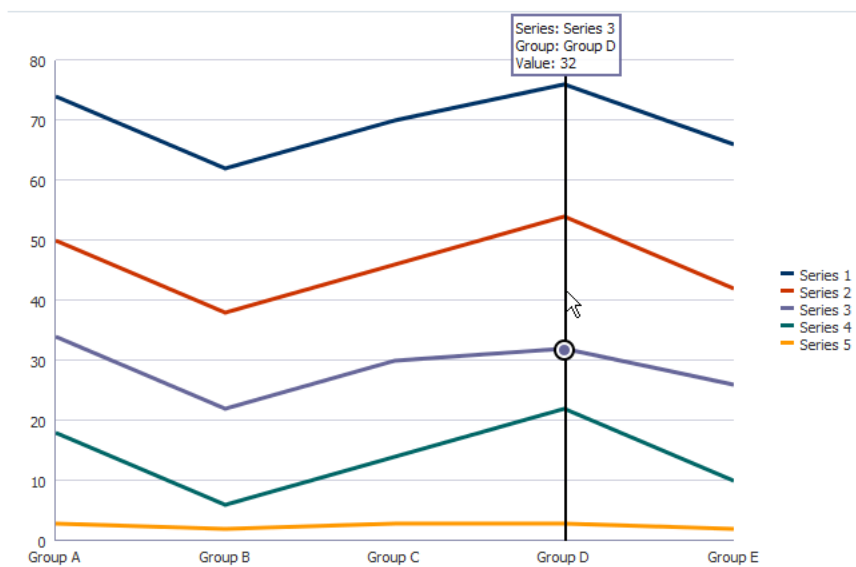
**Figure 24–24 Chart Series Customization**



#### 24.1.2.10 Chart Data Cursor

You can add a data cursor to a chart that the user can move to display detail about a data point.

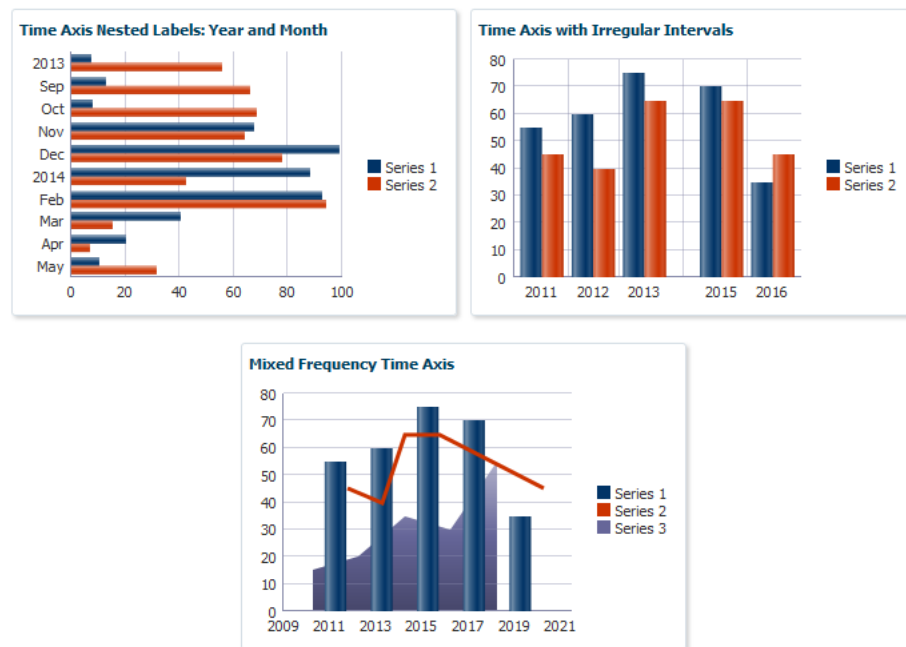
Figure 24–25 shows a line chart configured with a data cursor. In this example, the user chose to display the detail for the chart’s third series in the fourth group.

**Figure 24–25** Line Chart Configured With Data Cursor

#### 24.1.2.11 Chart Time Axis

Charts support the use of a time axis when the chart's data is based on dates. For example, you can use a time axis to display daily sales. The time data can cover regular or irregular time intervals. Time axes also support mixed frequency time data, where the time stamps vary by series.

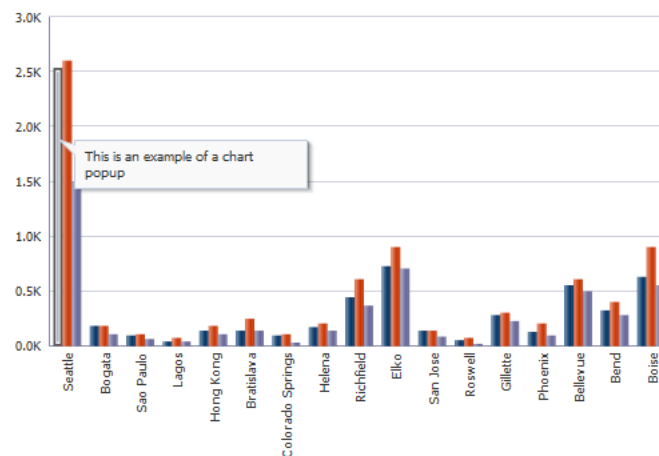
Figure 24–26 shows three charts configured with a time axis. The horizontal bar chart's time axis contains regular monthly data and is configured to show the year and month with nested labels. The bar chart shows the time axis configured for irregular yearly intervals. The combination chart shows a mixed frequency time axis with time data that varies by series.

**Figure 24–26** Charts Configured With a Time Axis

### 24.1.2.12 Chart Popups and Context Menus

You can configure charts to display popups or context menus using the `af:showPopupBehavior` tag.

Figure 24–27 shows a bar chart configured to show a popup when the user clicks the chart. The popup displays an output message in a note window.

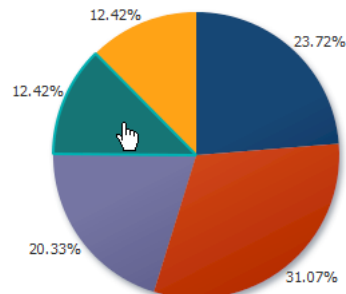
**Figure 24–27** Bar Chart Showing a Popup

### 24.1.2.13 Chart Selection Support

Charts can be enabled for single or multiple selection of data markers such as bubbles in a bubble chart or shapes in a scatter chart. Enabling selection is required for popups and context menus and for responding programmatically to user clicks on the data markers.

Figure 24–28 shows a pie chart enabled for multiple selection. Each data marker is highlighted as the user moves over it to provide a visual clue that the marker is selectable. The user can press **Ctrl** while selecting to add or delete slices from the selection.

**Figure 24–28** Pie Chart Enabled for Selection

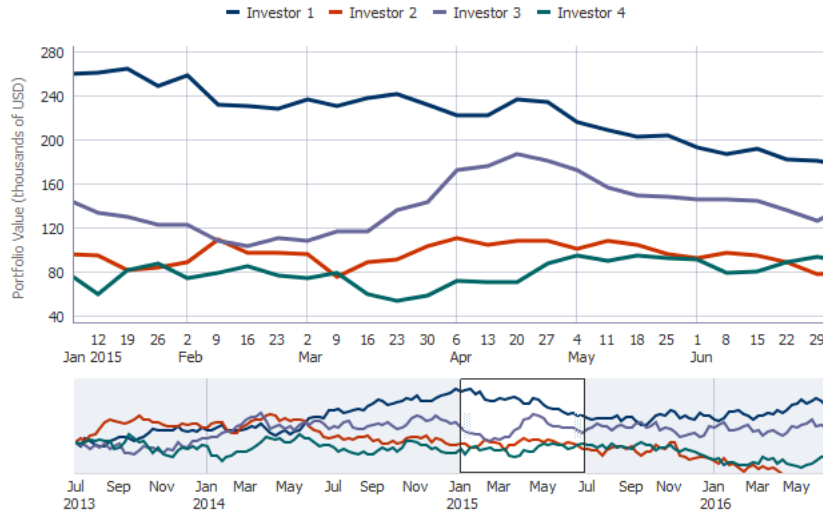


#### 24.1.2.14 Chart Zoom and Scroll

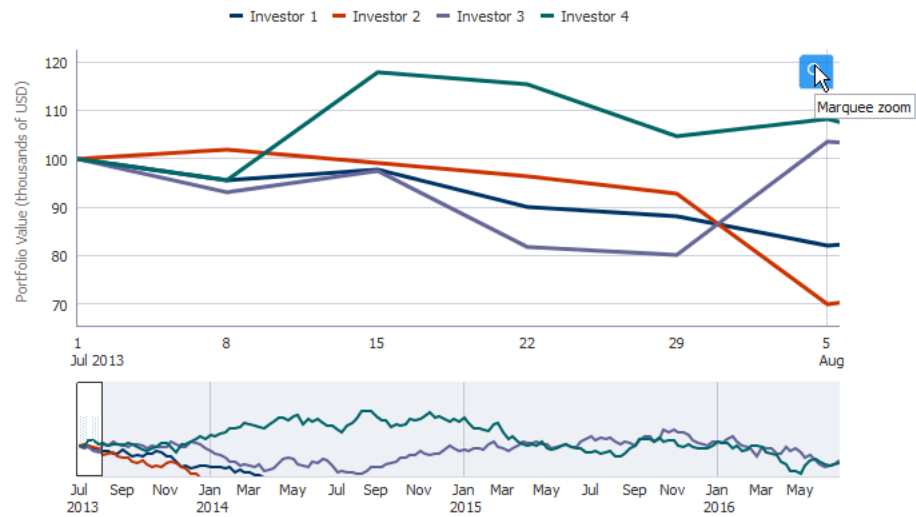
Charts provide the ability to scroll through the data via a view port or simple scrollbar. This feature can be useful for charts containing large amounts of data.

Figure 24–29 shows a line chart configured for scrolling with a view port. As the user moves the view port on the master line chart, the detail chart changes to reflect the selected range.

**Figure 24–29** Line Chart Configured With Viewport for Scrolling

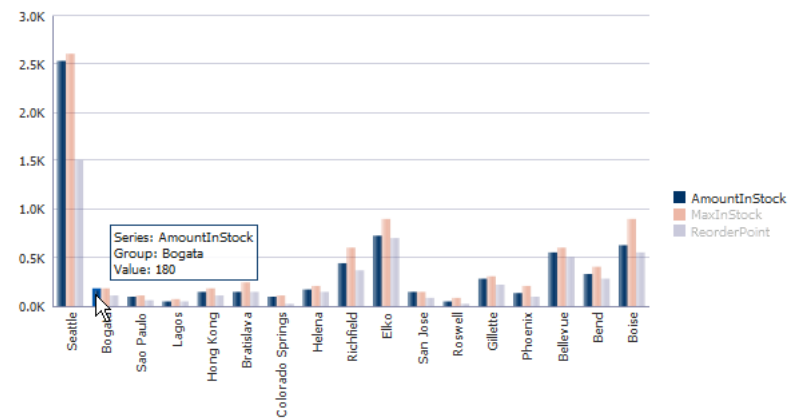


The user can also choose to zoom in on a specific period by clicking the **Marquee Zoom** icon that appears when the user hovers over the chart. Figure 24–30 shows the same line chart configured for marquee zoom. In this example, the user chose to zoom the chart on the October 2013 time period.

**Figure 24–30 Line Chart Configured for Marquee Zoom**

### 24.1.2.15 Legend and Marker Dimming

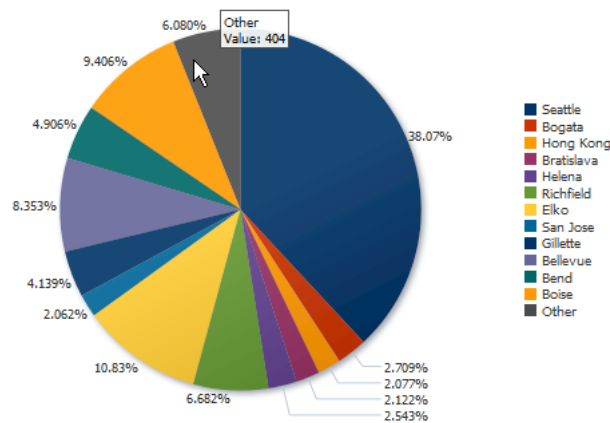
Charts provide the ability to highlight a series when the user hovers over a legend item or marker. [Figure 24–31](#) shows a bar chart configured with three series. As the user hovers over each series, the remaining series dim from view.

**Figure 24–31 Chart Configured for Legend and Marker Dimming**

### 24.1.2.16 Pie Chart Other Slice Support

Pie charts provide the ability to aggregate data if your data model includes a large number of smaller contributors in relation to the larger contributors.

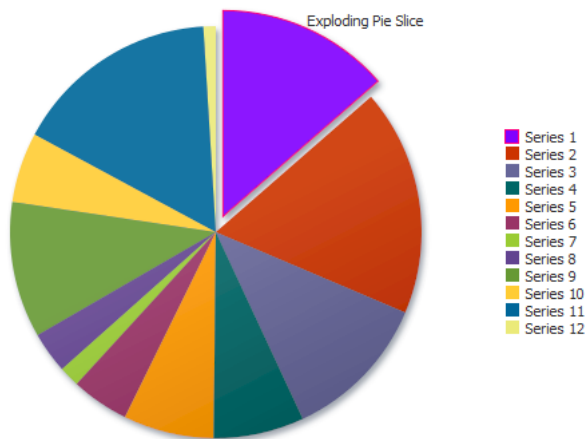
[Figure 24–32](#) shows a pie chart configured to aggregate all values less than two percent of the total. In this example, the tooltip shows the total value of the aggregated slices.

**Figure 24–32 Pie Chart Showing Other Slice Support**

### 24.1.2.17 Exploding Slices in Pie Charts

When one slice is separated from the other slices in a pie, this display is referred to as an exploding pie slice. You can explode a slice to make it stand out from the other slices.

Figure 24–33 shows an example of an exploded pie slice.

**Figure 24–33 Pie Chart Configured With Exploding Pie Slice**

### 24.1.2.18 Chart Animation

Charts support animation upon initial display or data change.

### 24.1.2.19 Chart Image Formats

Chart components rely on HTML5 technologies available in modern browsers for animations and interactivity.

## 24.2 Using the Chart Component

To use the chart component, define the data, add the chart to a page, and complete the additional configuration in JDeveloper.

## 24.2.1 Chart Component Data Requirements

The chart component use a standard `CollectionModel` for its data structure. This class extends the JSF `DataModel` class and adds on support for row keys and sorting. In the `DataModel` class, rows are identified entirely by index. This can cause problems when the underlying data changes from one request to the next, for example a user request to delete one row may delete a different row when another user adds a row. To work around this, the `CollectionModel` class is based on row keys instead of indexes. For more information about collection-based components, see [Chapter 10, "Using Tables, Trees, and Other Collection-Based Components."](#)

Data requirements for charts differ with chart type. Data requirements can be any of the following kinds:

- **Geometric:** Some chart types need a certain number of data points in order to display data. For example, a line chart requires at least two groups of data because a line requires at least two points.
- **Complex:** Some chart types require more than one data point for each marker (which is the component that actually represents the data in a chart). A scatter chart, for example, needs two values for each group so that it can position the marker along the x-axis and along the y-axis. If the data that you provide to a chart does not have enough data points for each group, the chart component does its best to display a chart.
- **Logical:** Some chart types cannot accept certain kinds of data. The following examples apply:
  - **Negative data:** Do not pass negative data to a pie or funnel chart.
  - **Null or zero data:** A bar or marker will not be visible if its value is zero, but an invisible region will be drawn to provide tooltip information.
  - **Insufficient sets (or series) of data:** Dual-Y charts require a set of data for each y-axis. Usually, each set represents different information. For example, the y-axis might represent sales for specific countries and time periods, while the y2-axis might represent total sales for all countries. If you pass only one set of y-axis data, then the chart cannot display data on two different y-axes. It displays the data on a single y-axis.

### 24.2.1.1 Area, Bar, and Line Chart Data Requirements

Data requirements for area, bar, and line charts include:

- At least two groups of data are required for area, bar and line charts. A group is represented by a position along the horizontal axis of area, bar, and line charts. In a chart that shows data for a three-month period, the groups might be labeled January, February, and March.
- One or more series of data is required. In a chart that shows data for a three-month period, the series might be sales and quota.
- Dual-Y charts require two sets of data.

### 24.2.1.2 Bubble Chart Data Requirements

Bubble charts require at least three data values for a data marker. Each data marker in a bubble chart represents three group values:

- The x value that determines the marker's location along the x-axis.
- The y value that determines the marker's location along the y-axis.

- The z value that determines the size of the marker.

For more than one group of data, bubble charts require that data be in multiples of three. For example, in a specific bubble chart, you might need three values for Paris, three for Tokyo, and so on. An example of these three values might be: x value is average life expectancy, y value is average income, and z value is population.

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**Note:** When you look at a bubble chart, you can identify groups of data by examining tooltips on the markers. However, identifying groups is not as important as looking at the overall pattern of the data markers.

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### 24.2.1.3 Combination Chart Data Requirements

Combination charts require one set of data for each chart included in the combination chart. Each chart in the combination chart must meet the data requirements for the area, bar, or line chart components on which it is based. For a list of the data requirements for area, bar, or line chart components, see [Section 24.2.1.1, "Area, Bar, and Line Chart Data Requirements."](#)

### 24.2.1.4 Funnel Chart Data Requirements

Funnel charts require at least two data values and an optional third value for each funnel section. The data structure is as follows:

- One data value represents the different steps in a process. Each value is the label of a step, and it appears in the legend text.
- One data value is required to show the actual value of a funnel section. In a chart that shows the process of dealing with customers, the actual value is the number of customers at each stage in the process.
- One data value is optional and shows the target value of a funnel section. The actual value is compared against the target at each stage. In a chart that shows the process of dealing with customers, the target value is the desired number of customers at each stage in the process.
- Data values cannot be negative. Target values should be greater than or equal to actual values.

### 24.2.1.5 Pie Chart Data Requirements

One collection of data with one or more sets of data items is required for a pie chart. The data structure is as follows:

- A series or set of data is represented by the pie slice. You see legend text for each set of this data. For example, if there is a separate set of data for each country, then the name of each country appears in the legend text.
- Data values cannot be negative.

### 24.2.1.6 Scatter Chart Data Requirements

Scatter charts require at least two data values for each marker. Each data marker represents the following:

- The x value that determines the marker's location along the x-axis.
- The y value that determines the marker's location along the y-axis.

For more than one group of data, the data must be in multiples of two.



### 24.2.1.7 Spark Chart Data Requirements

Line, bar, and area spark charts require a single series of data values.

Floating bar spark charts require two series of data values, one for the float offset, and one for the bar value.

## 24.2.2 Configuring Charts

Because of the many chart types and the significant flexibility of the chart components, charts have a large number of DVT tags. The prefix `dvt:` occurs at the beginning of each chart tag name indicating that the tag belongs to the ADF Data Visualization Tools (DVT) tag library. The following list identifies groups of tags related to the chart component:

- Chart component tags: The nine chart component tags provide a convenient and quick way to create a chart type. They are represented in the Component Palette as categories of charts with one or more type variations.

[Table 24–1](#) provides a description of the chart component tags and their variations.

**Table 24–1** Chart Component Tags

Chart Tag	Description	Variations
<code>areaChart</code>	Represents data as a filled in area.	dual y-axis stacked
<code>barChart</code>	Represents data as a series of vertical bars.	dual y-axis stacked
<code>bubbleChart</code>	Represents data by the location and size of the round (bubble) data marker.	
<code>comboChart</code>	Represents data as a combination of area, bar, or line markers.	dual y-axis stacked
<code>funnelChart</code>	Represents data as a stepped cone.	
<code>lineChart</code>	Represents data as a series of lines.	dual y-axis stacked
<code>pieChart</code>	Displays values that are parts of a whole, where each value is shown as a sector of a circle.	
<code>scatterChart</code>	Represents data by the location of data markers on a two-dimensional plane.	
<code>sparkChart</code>	Simple, condensed chart that displays trends or variations in a single data value, typically stamped in the column of a table or in line with related text.	area bar floating bar line

- Chart child component tags: These child tags are supported by most chart components to provide a variety of customization options.

[Table 24–2](#) provides a list and description of these child tags.

**Table 24–2 Common Chart Child Tags**

Child Tag	Description
chartDataItem	Defines properties for the data item of an area, bar, bubble, combination, line, or scatter chart.
chartLegend	Defines properties for the chart legend.
chartSeriesStyle	Defines properties for the series of an area, bar, bubble, combination, line, or scatter chart.
chartValueFormat	Defines formatting properties for the values of a chart.
chartXAxis	Defines properties for the x-axis of a chart.
chartYAxis	Defines properties for the y-axis of a chart.
chartY2Axis	Defines properties for the y2-axis of a chart.
chartAxisLine	Child tags of the <code>chartXAxis</code> , <code>chartYAxis</code> , and <code>chartY2Axis</code> components. Provides additional customization for the chart axes.
chartTickLabel	
majorTick	
minorTick	
referenceArea	
referenceLine	
pieDataItem	Defines properties for the data item of a pie chart.
funnelDataItem	Defines properties for the data item of a funnel chart.

- Chart attributes: Properties of chart components. Attributes may be applicable to all charts or specific to a chart type.

[Table 24–3](#) provides a list and description of commonly used attributes.

**Table 24–3 Common Chart Attributes**

Child Tag	Description
animationIndicators	Specifies the type of data change animation indicator.
barGapRatio	Specifies the amount of space between bars in a bar chart and the thickness of the bars, expressed as a ratio or percentage.
coordinateSystem	Specifies if the chart uses Cartesian or Polar coordinates.
dataCursor	Specifies whether or not the data cursor is enabled.
dataLabelPosition	Specifies the position of the data labels.
dataSelection	Specifies the selection mode for the chart.
footnote	Defines the footnote and its horizontal alignment.
footnoteHAlign	
hideAndShowBehavior	Specifies the hide and show behavior when clicking on legend items.
hoverBehavior	Specifies whether or not to dim other markers when the user hovers over a marker.
maximumBarWidth	Specifies the maximum width of bars in a bar chart, expressed in pixels.
orientation	Specifies whether the chart is displayed vertically or horizontally.

**Table 24–3 (Cont.) Common Chart Attributes**

Child Tag	Description
otherColor	Defines the color and percentage for the Other slice in a pie chart.
otherThreshold	
seriesEffect	Defines the fill properties for data items.
sliceLabelPosition	Specifies the position of the pie chart's data labels.
stack	Specifies whether or not the data should be stacked.
subtitle	Specifies the subtitle for the chart.
timeAxisType	Defines a time axis type for the chart.
title	Defines the title and its horizontal alignment.
titleHAlign	
var	
zoomAndScroll	Specifies the chart's zoom and scroll behavior.

- Chart facets: All charts with the exception of spark charts and pie charts support facets, which are named sections within a component.

[Table 24–4](#) provides a list and description of supported chart facets.

**Table 24–4 Chart Facets**

Child Tag	Description
dataStamp	Wraps the data item component or components to stamp for each row of the model. To stamp multiple data items, wrap them in the <code>af:group</code> tag.
overview	Specifies the rendering of the optional overview window.
seriesStamp	Specifies the series style component to stamp for each row of the model. The properties of the stamp will be processed once for each unique series. To declaratively define multiple series, wrap them in the <code>af:group</code> tag.

- Spark chart tags: Properties of the spark chart component. Spark charts contain a minimal set of formatting attributes.

[Table 24–5](#) provides a list and description of commonly used spark chart tags.

**Table 24–5 Common Spark Chart Attributes**

Child Tag	Description
axisScaledFromBaseline	Specifies whether or not the axis is scaled to include the baseline value of zero.
borderColor	Specifies the border color of the data item.
color	Specifies the color of the bars, line, or area in the spark chart.
lineWidth	Specifies line width in pixels, whether the line is solid, dashed or dotted, and the type of line connector, such as straight, curved, stepped or segmented.
lineStyle	
lineType	

**Table 24–5 (Cont.) Common Spark Chart Attributes**

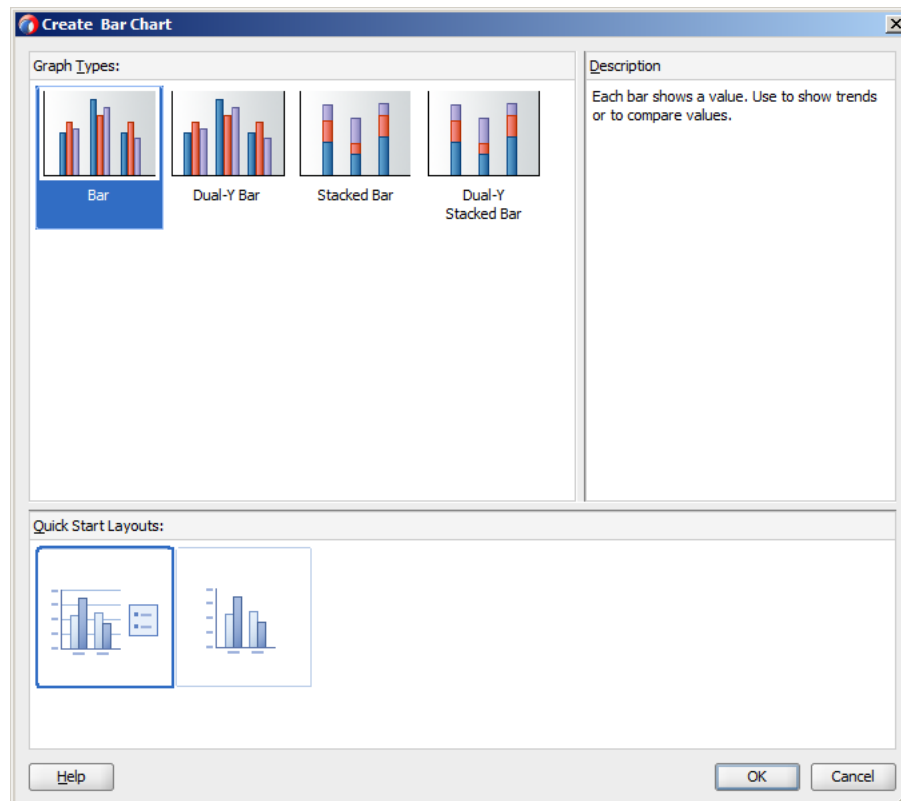
Child Tag	Description
firstMarkerColor	Specifies the colors for the first, last, high, and low markers and whether or not the markers are displayed.
highMarkerColor	
lastMarkerColor	
lowMarkerColor	
markers	
markerShape	Specifies the shape of the marker, such as square, circle, diamond etc. and the size of the marker in pixels.
markerSize	
sparkItem	Specifies the data value for the spark chart
subType	Specifies whether the spark chart is displayed as an area, bar, floating bar, or line.
dataSelection	Specifies the selection mode for the chart.
threshold	Defines thresholds for the spark chart.
thresholdSet	
tooltip	Specifies text to display when the user hovers over the spark chart.
timeAxisType	Defines a time axis type for the chart.

For complete descriptions of all the tags, their attributes, and a list of valid values, consult the DVT tag documentation. To access this documentation for a specific chart tag in JDeveloper, select the tag in the Structure window and press F1 or click **Component Help** in the Property Inspector.

### 24.2.3 How to Add a Chart to a Page

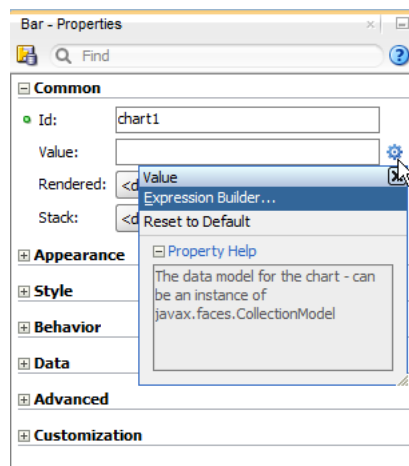
When you are designing your page using simple UI-first development, you use the Component Palette to add a chart to a JSF page. When you drag and drop a chart component onto the page, a Create Chart dialog displays available categories of chart types, with descriptions, to provide visual assistance when creating charts. You can also specify a quick start layout of the chart's legend.

[Figure 24–34](#) shows the Create Bar Chart dialog for bar charts with the default bar chart type and quick start layout selected.

**Figure 24–34 Create Bar Chart Dialog**

Once you complete the dialog, and the chart is added to your page, you can use the Property Inspector to specify data values and configure additional display attributes for the chart.

In the Property Inspector you can use the dropdown menu for each attribute field to display a property description and options. [Figure 24–35](#) shows the dropdown menu for a bar chart component value attribute.

**Figure 24–35 Bar Chart Value Attribute**

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**Note:** If your application uses the Fusion technology stack, then you can use data controls to create a chart and the binding will be done for you. For more information, see "Creating Databound Charts" in *Oracle Fusion Middleware Fusion Developer's Guide for Oracle Application Development Framework*

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**Before you begin:**

It may be helpful to have an understanding of how chart attributes and chart child tags can affect functionality. For more information, see [Section 24.2.2, "Configuring Charts."](#)

You must complete the following tasks:

1. Create an application workspace as described in [Section 2.2, "Creating an Application Workspace."](#)
2. Create a view page as described in [Section 2.4, "Creating a View Page."](#)

**To add a chart to a page:**

1. In the ADF Data Visualizations page of the Component Palette, from the Charts panel, drag and drop the desired chart category onto the page to open the Create Graph dialog.
2. Use the dialog to select the chart type and the quick start layout for display of chart title, legend, and labels. For help with the dialog, press F1 or click **Help**.
3. Click **OK** to add the chart to the page.
4. In the Property Inspector, view the attributes for the chart. Use the **Component Help** button to display the complete tag documentation for the chart.

## 24.2.4 What Happens When You Add a Chart to a Page

JDeveloper generates only a minimal set of tags when you drag and drop a gauge from the Component Palette onto a JSF page.

[Example 24–1](#) shows the code inserted in the JSF page for a bar chart with the quick start layout selected in [Figure 24–34](#).

**Example 24–1 Bar Chart Sample Code**

```
<dvt:barChart id="chart1">
  <dvt:chartLegend id="leg1" rendered="true"/>
</dvt:barChart>
```

After inserting a chart component into the page, you can use the visual editor or Property Inspector to add data or customize chart features. For information about setting component attributes, see [Section 2.4.8, "How to Set Component Attributes."](#)

## 24.3 Adding Data to Charts

The process to add data to charts depends upon the chart's type. In most cases, you specify the data model in the chart's `value` attribute and configure the chart's data items in the `chartDataItem`, `pieDataItem`, or `funnelDataItem` attributes. For spark charts, you specify the spark chart's value in the `sparkItem` child component.

You can specify the chart's value and chart data items in a managed bean that returns the chart's data or by binding a data control to the chart.

### 24.3.1 How to Add Data to Area, Bar, Combination, and Line Charts

To add data to area, bar, combination, and line charts, specify the data model in the chart's `value` attribute and configure a `chartDataItem` for each unique group. For details about data requirements, see [Section 24.2.1, "Chart Component Data Requirements."](#)

[Example 24–2](#) shows an example of a managed bean that defines the data for a line chart that shows weekly portfolio values for four investors. In this example, the `ChartDataSource` class defines the chart's `CollectionModel` in the `getWeeklyStockData()` method which calls the `getPortfolioData()` method to define the chart's data items.

#### **Example 24–2** *Managed Bean Example Defining Data for a Line Chart*

```
package view;

import java.util.ArrayList;
import java.util.Calendar;
import java.util.GregorianCalendar;
import java.util.HashMap;
import java.util.Random;

import java.util.List;

import org.apache.myfaces.trinidad.model.CollectionModel;
import org.apache.myfaces.trinidad.model.ModelUtils;

public class ChartDataSource {
    /**
     * Object representing the data for a single row of the model.
     */
    public static class ChartDataItem extends HashMap<String, Object> {
        @SuppressWarnings("compatibility")
        private static final long serialVersionUID = 1L;

        public ChartDataItem(String series, Object group, Number value) {
            put("series", series);
            put("group", group);
            put("value", value);
        }

        public ChartDataItem(String series, Object group, Object x, Number y) {
            put("series", series);
            put("group", group);
            put("x", x);
            put("y", y);
        }

        public ChartDataItem(String series, Object group, Number x, Number y, Number z)
        {
            put("series", series);
            put("group", group);
            put("x", x);
            put("y", y);
            put("z", z);
        }

        public ChartDataItem(String series, Number value, Number targetValue) {
            put("series", series);
        }
    }
}
```

```

        put("value", value);
        put("targetValue", targetValue);
    }
}
public CollectionModel getWeeklyStockData() {
    return getPortfolioData(4, 157, 2013, 6, 1, Calendar.DATE, 7);
}

private Random random = new Random(23);

private double getNextValue(double curValue, double std) {
    if (curValue == 0)
        return 0;
    else
        return Math.max(curValue + random.nextGaussian() * std, 0);
}

public CollectionModel getPortfolioData(int numSeries, int numGroups,
                                       int startYear, int startMonth,
                                       int startDate, int dateField,
                                       int addCount)
{
    List<ChartDataItem> dataItems = new ArrayList<ChartDataItem>();
    GregorianCalendar cal;
    double curValue;
    for(int series=0; series<numSeries; series++) {
        cal = new GregorianCalendar(startYear, startMonth, startDate);
        curValue = 100;
        for(int group=0; group<numGroups; group++) {
            dataItems.add(new ChartDataItem("Investor " + (series+1), cal.getTime(),
                                           curValue));

            cal.add(dateField, addCount);
            curValue = getNextValue(curValue, 10);
        }
    }
    return ModelUtils.toCollectionModel(dataItems);
}
}

```

[Example 24-3](#) shows the code on the JSF page that defines the line chart and references the `ChartDataSource` class. In this example, the managed bean is named `chartDataSource`.

**Example 24-3 Sample Code on JSF Page for Line Chart Using Managed Bean for Data**

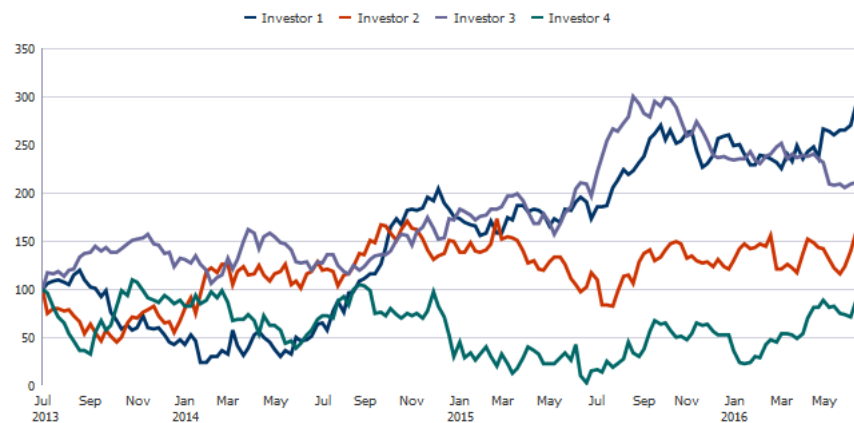
```

<dvt:lineChart id="chart1" value="#{chartDataSource.weeklyStockData}"
              timeAxisType="enabled" var="row">
  <dvt:chartLegend id="leg1" rendered="true" position="top"/>
  <f:facet name="dataStamp">
    <dvt:chartDataItem id="cdi1" series="#{row.series}" group="#{row.group}"
                      value="#{row.value}"/>
  </f:facet>
</dvt:lineChart>

```

[Figure 24-36](#) shows the line chart that is displayed if you configure the line chart using the `ChartDataSource` class.



**Figure 24–36 Line Chart Showing Portfolio Data for Four Investors****Before you begin:**

It may be helpful to have an understanding of how chart attributes and child tags can affect functionality. For more information about configuring charts, see [Section 24.2.2, "Configuring Charts."](#)

Add an area, bar, combination, or line chart to your page. For help with adding a chart to a page, see [Section 24.2.3, "How to Add a Chart to a Page."](#)

**To add data to an area, bar, combination, or line chart:**

1. Optionally, create the managed bean that will return the chart's data model.

If you need help creating classes, see the "Working with Java Code" section of the JDeveloper online help. For help with managed beans, see [Section 2.6, "Creating and Using Managed Beans."](#)

2. In the Structure window, right-click `dvt:typeChart` and choose **Go To Properties**.
3. In the Property Inspector, expand the **Data** section, and enter a value for the **Var** field.

The `var` property is the name of an EL variable that references each element in the data collection. In [Example 24–3](#), the `var` attribute is defined as `row`.

4. In the Property Inspector, do one of the following:

- To reference a managed bean that returns the chart's data model, expand the **Common** section and specify the EL expression that references the data model in the **Value** field.

You can enter a static numeric value or specify an EL expression that references the managed bean and metric value.

For example, to specify an EL expression for a managed bean named `chartDataSource` that includes the class referenced in [Example 24–2](#), enter the following in the **Value** field: `#{chartDataSource.weeklyStockData}`.

For help with creating EL expressions, see [Section 2.5.1, "How to Create an EL Expression."](#)

- To bind the chart to a data control, click **Bind to ADF Control** to select a data collection.

For more information about using data controls to supply data to your chart, see "Creating Databound Charts" in *Oracle Fusion Middleware Fusion Developer's Guide for Oracle Application Development Framework*.

5. If you specified a managed bean for the chart's data model, do the following to add a `chartDataItem` to the chart:
  1. In the Structure window, right-click `dvt:typeChart` and choose **Insert inside Chart > f:facet - dataStamp**.
  2. To add multiple chart data items, right-click `f:facet - dataStamp` and choose **Insert inside Facet data Stamp > af:group**.
  3. Right-click `f:facet - dataStamp` or `af:group` and choose **Insert inside (Facet data Stamp or Group) > dvt:chartDataItem**.
  4. To add additional data items, right-click `af:group` and choose **Insert inside Group > dvt:chartDataItem** for each additional data item.
  5. Right-click `dvt:chartDataItem` and choose **Go to Properties**.
  6. In the Property Inspector, in the **Common** section, enter a value for the **Value** field.  
  
For example, to reference the value defined in the `chartDataSource` managed bean, enter the following in the **Value** field: `{row.value}`.  
  
In this example, `row` is the variable that you defined in the previous step, and `value` is defined in the `chartDataSource` bean's `getPortfolioData()` method shown in [Example 24-2](#).
  7. Expand the **Data** section, and enter a value in the **Group** field.  
  
To use the same `chartDataSource` managed bean, enter the following in the **Group** field: `{row.group}`.
  8. Enter a value in the **Series** field.  
  
To use the same `chartDataSource` managed bean, enter the following in the **Series** field: `{row.series}`.
  9. To customize the tooltip that is displayed when the user moves the focus to a data point, enter a value in the `shortDesc` field.
  10. Configure any additional properties as needed to customize the data item.  
  
For example, you can add a label or configure a series marker. For additional information, see [Section 24.4, "Customizing Chart Display Elements."](#)  
  
If your chart includes time data on the x-axis, you can enable a time axis. For additional information, see [Section 24.4.4.1, "How to Configure a Time Axis."](#)
  11. To configure additional chart data items, repeat Step f through Step i for each additional data item.

### 24.3.2 How to Add Data to Pie Charts

To add data to a pie chart, specify the data model in the pie chart's `value` attribute and configure a `pieDataItem` for each unique series. For information about pie chart data requirements, see [Section 24.2.1.5, "Pie Chart Data Requirements."](#)

The process to add data to pie charts is similar to the process for adding data to area, bar, bubble, combination, line, and scatter charts. The primary difference is that you add a `pieDataItem` instead of a `chartDataItem` to the chart.

[Example 24-4](#) shows a simple example for configuring a pie chart from a managed bean. In this example, the `getDefaultPieData()` method is added to the `chartDataSource` bean referenced in [Example 24-2](#).

**Example 24-4 Sample Method to Supply Data to a Pie Chart**

```
public CollectionModel getDefaultPieData() {
    List<ChartDataItem> dataItems = new ArrayList<ChartDataItem>();
    dataItems.add(new ChartDataItem("Series 1", "Group A", 42));
    dataItems.add(new ChartDataItem("Series 2", "Group A", 55));
    dataItems.add(new ChartDataItem("Series 3", "Group A", 36));
    dataItems.add(new ChartDataItem("Series 4", "Group A", 22));
    dataItems.add(new ChartDataItem("Series 5", "Group A", 22));
    return ModelUtils.toCollectionModel(dataItems);
}
```

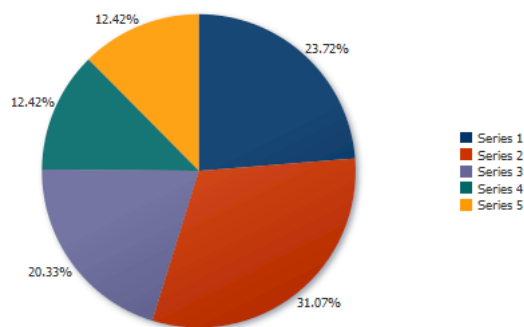
[Example 24-5](#) shows the code on the JSF page that defines a pie chart and references the `ChartDataSource` class. In this example, the managed bean is named `chartDataSource`.

**Example 24-5 Sample Code on JSF Page for Pie Chart Using Managed Bean for Data**

```
<dvt:pieChart id="chart1" value="#{chartDataSource.defaultPieData}" var="row">
  <dvt:chartLegend id="leg1" rendered="true"/>
  <dvt:pieDataItem label="#{row.series}" value="#{row.value}" id="pd11"/>
</dvt:pieChart>
```

[Figure 24-37](#) shows the pie chart at run time. In this example, the pie chart is rendered with a legend, and the data labels show the percentage of each slice as a portion of the total.

**Figure 24-37 Pie Chart Configured From Managed Bean**



**Before you begin:**

It may be helpful to have an understanding of how chart attributes and child tags can affect functionality. For more information about configuring charts, see [Section 24.2.2, "Configuring Charts."](#)

Add a pie chart to your page. For help with adding a chart to a page, see [Section 24.2.3, "How to Add a Chart to a Page."](#)

**To add data to a pie chart:**

1. Optionally, create the managed bean that will return the chart's data model.

If you need help creating classes, see the "Working with Java Code" section of the JDeveloper online help. For help with managed beans, see [Section 2.6, "Creating and Using Managed Beans."](#)

2. In the Structure window, right-click **dvt:pieChart** and choose **Go To Properties**.
3. In the Property Inspector, do one of the following:
  - To reference a managed bean that returns the chart's data model, expand the **Common** section and specify the EL expression that references the data model in the **Value** field.

You can enter a static numeric value or specify an EL expression that references the managed bean and metric value.

For example, to specify an EL expression for a managed bean named `chartDataSource` that includes the method shown in [Example 24-4](#), enter the following in the **Value** field: `#{chartDataSource.defaultPieData}`.

For help with creating EL expressions, see [Section 2.5.1, "How to Create an EL Expression."](#)

- To bind the chart to a data control, click **Bind to ADF Control** to select a data collection.
- For more information about using data controls to supply data to your chart, see "Creating Databound Charts" in *Oracle Fusion Middleware Fusion Developer's Guide for Oracle Application Development Framework*.
4. If you specified a managed bean for the chart's data model, do the following to add a `pieDataItem` to the pie chart:

1. Right-click **dvt:pieChart** and choose **Insert inside Pie > dvt:pieDataItem**.

2. In the Insert Pie Data Item dialog, enter a label and value for the data item.

For example, to use the `chartDataSource` managed bean, enter the following for the label and value, respectively:

```
#{row.series}
#{row.value}
```

3. In the Structure window, right-click **dvt:pieChart** and choose **Go to Properties**.
4. In the Property Inspector, expand the **Data** section, and enter a value for the **Var** field.

The `var` property is the name of an EL variable that references each element in the data collection. In [Example 24-3](#), the `var` attribute is defined as `row`.

5. To customize the tooltip that is displayed when the user moves the focus to a data point, enter a value in the `shortDesc` field.
  6. Configure any additional properties as needed to customize the data item.
- For example, you can customize the label or explode the pie slice. For additional information, see [Section 24.4, "Customizing Chart Display Elements."](#)
7. To add additional pie data items, repeat Step a through Step e for each additional data item.

### 24.3.3 How to Add Data to Bubble or Scatter Charts

To add data to a bubble or scatter chart, specify the data model in the chart's value attribute and configure a `chartDataItem` for each unique group. For details about data requirements, see [Section 24.2.1, "Chart Component Data Requirements."](#)

The process to add data to bubble or scatter charts is similar to the process for adding data to area, bar, combination, and line charts. The primary difference is that you must also specify values for the x-axis and y-axis. For bubble charts, you must also specify values for the z-axis, which represents the size of the bubbles.

[Example 24–6](#) shows a simple example for configuring a bubble chart from a managed bean. In this example, the `getDefaultBubbleData()` method is added to the `chartDataSource` bean referenced in [Example 24–2](#).

#### **Example 24–6 Sample Method to Supply Data to a Bubble Chart**

```
public CollectionModel getDefaultBubbleData() {
    List<ChartDataItem> dataItems = new ArrayList<ChartDataItem>();
    // Each data item below defines a series, group, x, y, and z value
    dataItems.add(new ChartDataItem("Series 1", "Group A", 15, 25, 5));
    dataItems.add(new ChartDataItem("Series 1", "Group B", 25, 30, 12));
    dataItems.add(new ChartDataItem("Series 1", "Group C", 25, 45, 12));

    dataItems.add(new ChartDataItem("Series 2", "Group A", 15, 15, 8));
    dataItems.add(new ChartDataItem("Series 2", "Group B", 20, 35, 14));
    dataItems.add(new ChartDataItem("Series 2", "Group C", 40, 55, 35));

    dataItems.add(new ChartDataItem("Series 3", "Group A", 10, 10, 8));
    dataItems.add(new ChartDataItem("Series 3", "Group B", 18, 55, 10));
    dataItems.add(new ChartDataItem("Series 3", "Group C", 40, 50, 18));

    dataItems.add(new ChartDataItem("Series 4", "Group A", 8, 20, 6));
    dataItems.add(new ChartDataItem("Series 4", "Group B", 11, 30, 8));
    dataItems.add(new ChartDataItem("Series 4", "Group C", 30, 40, 15));
    return ModelUtils.toCollectionModel(dataItems);
}
```

For scatter charts, only the x-axis and y-axis positions are required. [Example 24–7](#) shows a simple example for configuring a scatter chart from a managed bean. In this example, the `getDefaultScatterData()` method is added to the `chartDataSource` bean referenced in [Example 24–2](#).

#### **Example 24–7 Sample Method to Supply Data to a Scatter Chart**

```
public CollectionModel getDefaultScatterData() {
    List<ChartDataItem> dataItems = new ArrayList<ChartDataItem>();
    dataItems.add(new ChartDataItem("Series 1", "Group A", 15, 15));
    dataItems.add(new ChartDataItem("Series 1", "Group B", 25, 43));
    dataItems.add(new ChartDataItem("Series 1", "Group C", 25, 25));

    dataItems.add(new ChartDataItem("Series 2", "Group A", 25, 15));
    dataItems.add(new ChartDataItem("Series 2", "Group B", 55, 45));
    dataItems.add(new ChartDataItem("Series 2", "Group C", 57, 47));

    dataItems.add(new ChartDataItem("Series 3", "Group A", 17, 36));
    dataItems.add(new ChartDataItem("Series 3", "Group B", 32, 52));
    dataItems.add(new ChartDataItem("Series 3", "Group C", 26, 28));

    dataItems.add(new ChartDataItem("Series 4", "Group A", 38, 22));
    dataItems.add(new ChartDataItem("Series 4", "Group B", 43, 43));
}
```

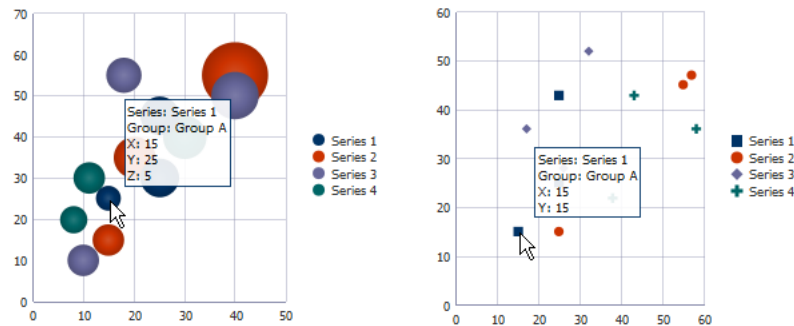
```

dataItems.add(new ChartDataItem("Series 4", "Group C", 58, 36));
return ModelUtils.toCollectionModel(dataItems);
}

```

Figure 24–38 shows the bubble chart and scatter chart displayed at runtime. The tooltips show the data from the first `ChartDataItem` defined in Example 24–6 and Example 24–7.

**Figure 24–38 Bubble and Scatter Charts Configured From Managed Bean**



### Before you begin:

It may be helpful to have an understanding of how chart attributes and child tags can affect functionality. For more information about configuring charts, see Section 24.2.2, "Configuring Charts."

Add a bubble or scatter chart to your page. For help with adding a chart to a page, see Section 24.2.3, "How to Add a Chart to a Page."

### To add data to a bubble or scatter chart:

1. Optionally, create the managed bean that will return the chart's data model.

If you need help creating classes, see the "Working with Java Code" section of the JDeveloper online help. For help with managed beans, see Section 2.6, "Creating and Using Managed Beans."

2. In the Structure window, right-click `dvt:typeChart` and choose **Go To Properties**.
3. In the Property Inspector, expand the **Data** section, and enter a value for the **Var** field.

The `var` property is the name of an EL variable that references each element in the data collection. For the bubble and scatter charts shown in Figure 24–38, the `var` attribute is defined as `row`.

4. In the Property Inspector, do one of the following:
  - To reference a managed bean that returns the chart's data model, expand the **Common** section and specify the EL expression that references the data model in the **Value** field.

You can enter a static numeric value or specify an EL expression that references the managed bean and metric value.

For example, to specify an EL expression for a managed bean named `chartDataSource` that includes the method referenced in Example 24–6, enter the following in the **Value** field: `# {chartDataSource.defaultBubbleData}`.

For help with creating EL expressions, see [Section 2.5.1, "How to Create an EL Expression."](#)

- To bind the chart to a data control, click **Bind to ADF Control** to select a data collection.

For more information about using data controls to supply data to your chart, see "Creating Databound Charts" in *Oracle Fusion Middleware Fusion Developer's Guide for Oracle Application Development Framework*.

5. If you specified a managed bean for the chart's data model, do the following to add a `chartDataItem` to the chart:
  1. In the Structure window, right-click `dvt:typeChart` and choose **Insert inside Chart > f:facet - dataStamp**.
  2. To add multiple chart data items, right-click `f:facet - dataStamp` and choose **Insert inside Facet data Stamp > af:group**.
  3. Right-click `f:facet - dataStamp` or `af:group` and choose **Insert inside (Facet data Stamp or Group) > dvt:chartDataItem**.
  4. To add additional data items, right-click `af:group` and choose **Insert inside Group > dvt:chartDataItem** for each additional data item.
  5. Right-click `dvt:chartDataItem` and choose **Go to Properties**.
  6. Expand the **Data** section, and enter a value in the **X** field.
 

To use the managed beans shown in [Example 24–6](#) and [Example 24–7](#), enter the following in the **X** field: `{row.x}`.
  7. Enter a value in the **Y** field.
 

For example, enter the following in the **Y** field: `{row.y}`.
  8. For bubble charts, enter a value in the **Z** field.
 

For example, enter the following in the **Z** field: `{row.z}`.
  9. Enter a value in the **Group** field.
 

For example, enter the following in the **Group** field: `{row.group}`.
  10. Enter a value in the **Series** field.
 

For example, enter the following in the **Series** field: `{row.series}`.
  11. To customize the tooltip that is displayed when the user moves the focus to a data point, enter a value in the `shortDesc` field.
  12. Configure any additional properties as needed to customize the data item.
 

For example, you can add a label or configure a series marker. For additional information, see [Section 24.4, "Customizing Chart Display Elements."](#)
  13. To configure additional chart data items, repeat Step 5 through Step 12 for each additional data item.

### 24.3.4 How to Add Data to Funnel Charts

To add data to a funnel chart, specify the data model in the chart's `value` attribute and configure a `funnelDataItem` for each unique group. For details about data requirements, see [Section 24.2.1, "Chart Component Data Requirements."](#)

The process to add data to funnel charts is similar to the process for adding data to area, bar, bubble, combination, line, and scatter charts. The primary difference is that you add a `funnelDataItem` instead of a `chartDataItem` to the chart.

[Example 24–8](#) shows a simple example for configuring a funnel chart from a managed bean. In this example, the `getDefaultFunnelData()` method is added to the `chartDataSource` bean referenced in [Example 24–2](#).

**Example 24–8 Sample Method to Supply Data to a Funnel Chart**

```
public CollectionModel getDefaultFunnelData() {
    List<ChartDataItem> dataItems = new ArrayList<ChartDataItem>();
    dataItems.add(new ChartDataItem("Series 1", 46, 60));
    dataItems.add(new ChartDataItem("Series 2", 42, 50));
    dataItems.add(new ChartDataItem("Series 3", 33, 33));
    dataItems.add(new ChartDataItem("Series 4", 21, 25));
    return ModelUtils.toCollectionModel(dataItems);
}
```

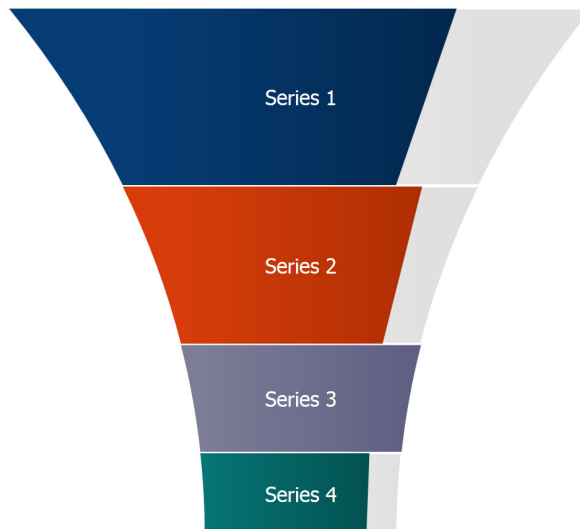
[Example 24–9](#) shows the code on the JSF page that defines a funnel chart and references the `ChartDataSource` class. In this example, the managed bean is named `chartDataSource`.

**Example 24–9 Sample Code on JSF Page for Funnel Chart Using Managed Bean for Data**

```
<dvt:funnelChart id="chart1" value="#{chartDataSource.defaultFunnelData}"
var="row">
    <dvt:funnelDataItem label="#{row.series}" value="#{row.value1}" id="pd11"/>
</dvt:funnelChart>
```

[Figure 24–39](#) shows the funnel chart at run time.

**Figure 24–39 Funnel Chart Configured From Managed Bean**



**Before you begin:**

It may be helpful to have an understanding of how chart attributes and child tags can affect functionality. For more information about configuring charts, see [Section 24.2.2, "Configuring Charts."](#)



Add a funnel chart to your page. For help with adding a chart to a page, see [Section 24.2.3, "How to Add a Chart to a Page."](#)

**To add data to a funnel chart:**

1. Optionally, create the managed bean that will return the chart's data model.

If you need help creating classes, see the "Working with Java Code" *section of the JDeveloper online help*. For help with managed beans, see [Section 2.6, "Creating and Using Managed Beans."](#)

2. In the Structure window, right-click **dvt:funnelChart** and choose **Go To Properties**.

3. In the Property Inspector, do one of the following:

- To reference a managed bean that returns the chart's data model, expand the **Common** section and specify the EL expression that references the data model in the **Value** field.

You can enter a static numeric value or specify an EL expression that references the managed bean and metric value.

For example, to specify an EL expression for a managed bean named `chartDataSource` that includes the method shown in [Example 24–8](#), enter the following in the **Value** field: `#{chartDataSource.defaultFunnelData}`.

For help with creating EL expressions, see [Section 2.5.1, "How to Create an EL Expression."](#)

- To bind the chart to a data control, click **Bind to ADF Control** to select a data collection.

For more information about using data controls to supply data to your chart, see "Creating Databound Charts" in *Oracle Fusion Middleware Fusion Developer's Guide for Oracle Application Development Framework*.

4. If you specified a managed bean for the chart's data model, do the following to add a `funnelDataItem` to the pie chart:

1. Right-click **dvt:funnelChart** and choose **Insert inside dvt:funnelChart > Funnel Data Item**.

2. In the Insert Funnel Data Item dialog, enter a label and value for the data item.

For example, to use the `chartDataSource` managed bean, enter the following for the label and value, respectively:

```
#{row.series}
#{row.value}
```

3. In the Structure window, right-click **dvt:funnelChart** and choose **Go to Properties**.

4. In the Property Inspector, expand the **Data** section, and enter a value for the **Var** field.

The `var` property is the name of an EL variable that references each element in the data collection. In [Example 24–9](#), the `var` attribute is defined as `row`.

5. Optionally, enter a value in the **TargetValue** field.

For example, enter the following in the **TargetValue** field:

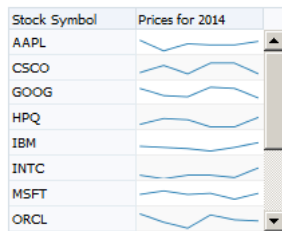
```
#{row.targetValue}.
```

6. To customize the tooltip that is displayed when the user moves the focus to a data point, enter a value in the `shortDesc` field.
7. Configure any additional properties as needed to customize the data item.  
For example, you can customize the label. For additional information, see [Section 24.4, "Customizing Chart Display Elements."](#)
8. To add additional funnel data items, repeat Step 1 through Step 6 for each additional data item.

### 24.3.5 How to Add Data to Spark Charts

Spark charts are simple, charts that display trends or variations, often in the column of a table, or inline with text. Line, bar, and area spark charts require a single series of data values. [Example 24-40](#) shows an example of a line spark chart in a table column.

**Figure 24-40** Line Spark Chart in Table of Stock Prices



Floating bar spark charts require two series of data values, one for the float offset, and one for the bar value. [Figure 24-41](#) shows an example of a floating bar spark chart.

**Figure 24-41** Floating Bar Spark Chart



In a simple UI-first development scenario you can insert a spark chart using the Component Palette and bind it to data afterwards.

You can provide data to spark charts in any of the following ways:

- Specify data statically in child `dvt:sparkItem` tags. [Example 24-10](#) shows an example of providing static data to a spark chart.

**Example 24-10** Static Data in Spark Chart

```
<dvt:sparkChart>
  <dvt:sparkItem value="20"/>
  <dvt:sparkItem value="15"/>
  <dvt:sparkItem value="30"/>
</dvt:sparkChart>
```

- Specify data using EL Expression in child `dvt:sparkItem` tags.

[Example 24-11](#) shows an example of providing data to spark charts using EL Expressions to produce the table shown in [Figure 24-40](#).

**Example 24-11** EL Expression Data in Spark Chart

```
<af:table summary="Table" value="#{sparkChart.tableData}" var="row"
  columnStretching="last"
```

```

        rowBandingInterval="1" id="t1" width="230"
        disableColumnReordering="true"
        contentDelivery="immediate" autoHeightRows="8">
<af:column sortable="false" headerText="Stock Symbol" align="start" id="c1"
    rowHeader="true">
    <af:outputText value="#{row[0]}" id="ot4"/>
</af:column>
<af:column sortable="false" headerText="Prices for 2014" id="c2">
    <dvt:sparkChart id="sparkchart1" subType="line" axisScaledFromBaseline="off"
        shortDesc="Sparkchart in Table">
        <dvt:sparkItem value="#{row[1]}" id="si6"/>
        <dvt:sparkItem value="#{row[2]}" id="si5"/>
        <dvt:sparkItem value="#{row[3]}" id="si4"/>
        <dvt:sparkItem value="#{row[4]}" id="si3"/>
        <dvt:sparkItem value="#{row[5]}" id="si2"/>
        <dvt:sparkItem value="#{row[6]}" id="si1"/>
    </dvt:sparkChart>
</af:column>
</af:table>

```

In this example, the spark chart's data is defined in a managed bean named `sparkChart`. [Example 24–12](#) shows the managed bean. The class is defined as `SparkchartSample`, and the `getTableData()` method defines the columns for the table.

#### **Example 24–12 Sample Method to Define Data for a Table Containing a Spark Chart**

```

import java.util.ArrayList;
import java.util.Arrays;
import java.util.List;
import java.util.Random;

public class SparkchartSample {
    public List <List <Object>> getTableData() {
        List <List <Object>> list = new ArrayList <List <Object>>();

        // Create a random number generator with a constant seed
        Random rand = new Random(5);

        String stocks[] = {"ORCL", "AAPL", "MSFT", "YHOO", "CSCO", "PALM", "GOOG",
            "SAP", "HPQ", "IBM", "INTC", "RIMM"};
        Arrays.sort(stocks); // sort to look nice
        for(int i=0; i<stocks.length; i++)
        {
            List <Object> row = new ArrayList <Object>();
            row.add(stocks[i]);
            for(int j=0; j<6; j++) {
                // Let the value vary between 40 and 70 (for simplicity)
                row.add((rand.nextDouble()*30) + 40);
            }
            list.add(row);
        }
        return list;
    }
}

```

- Use `af:iterator` to stamp spark items.

[Example 24–13](#) shows an example of using `af:iterator` to provide data to a bar spark chart.

**Example 24–13 Using `af:iterator` to Stamp Spark Chart Data Items**

```
<dvt:sparkChart subType="bar" id="sc5">
  <af:iterator value="#{sparkChart.collection}" var="row" id="i3">
    <dvt:sparkItem value="#{row.close}" id="si9"/>
  </af:iterator>
</dvt:sparkChart>
```

In this example, the iteration is defined in the `sparkChart` managed bean.

[Example 24–14](#) shows the `collection()` method that creates the spark items.

**Example 24–14 Sample Method to Define Spark Chart Items Used by `af:iterator`**

```
import java.util.ArrayList;
import java.util.Arrays;
import java.util.HashMap;
import java.util.List;
import java.util.Map;
public List <Map <String,Object>> getCollection() {
    List <Map <String,Object>> list = new ArrayList <Map <String,Object>>();

    // Generate some sort of stock data
    double open[] = {5, 6, 4.5, 6.3, 4.1, 7.6, 8.4, 11.5, 10.5, 11.3};
    double close[] = {6.8, 4.2, 6.7, 4.5, 7.1, 8.6, 10.4, 10.0, 12.5, 14.5};
    for(int i=0; i<open.length; i++)
    {
        Map <String,Object> row = new HashMap <String,Object>();
        row.put("open", open[i]);
        row.put("close", close[i]);
        list.add(row);
    }
    return list;
}
```

[Figure 24–42](#) shows the runtime view of the spark chart that displays if you create the spark chart defined in [Example 24–13](#).

**Figure 24–42 Spark Chart Data Items Stamped by `af:iterator`****Before you begin:**

It may be helpful to have an understanding of how chart attributes and child tags can affect functionality. For more information about configuring charts, see [Section 24.2.2, "Configuring Charts."](#)

If you plan on displaying your spark chart in a table, create the ADF table. If you need help creating the table, see [Section 10.2.4, "How to Display a Table on a Page."](#)

Add a spark chart to your page. For help with adding a chart to a page, see [Section 24.2.3, "How to Add a Chart to a Page."](#)

**To add data to a spark chart:**

1. Create the managed bean that will return the chart's data model.

If you need help creating classes, see the "Working with Java Code" section of the JDeveloper online help. For help with managed beans, see [Section 2.6, "Creating and Using Managed Beans."](#)

2. To use an `af:iterator` to stamp the spark chart data items, do the following:

1. Right-click `dvt:sparkChart` and choose **Insert inside Spark Chart > af:iterator**.
  2. In the Structure window, right-click `af:iterator` and choose **Go to Properties**.
  3. In the Property Inspector, expand the **Common** section, and enter a value for the **Value** field.  
Reference the EL expression that returns the value for the spark chart data item. To reference the method used in [Example 24-14](#), specify the following for the value: `#{sparkChart.collection}`.
  4. Enter a value for the **Var** field.  
The `var` property is the name of an EL variable that references each element in the data collection. In [Example 24-14](#), the `var` attribute is defined as `row`.
  5. Configure any additional properties as needed to customize the iterator.  
For example, you can specify a maximum number of rows. For more information about working with `af:iterator`, click **Component Help**.
3. To add the spark chart data items, do the following:
    1. Right-click `dvt:sparkChart` or `af:iterator` and choose **Insert inside (Spark Chart or Iterator > ADF Data Visualizations) > dvt:sparkItem**.
    2. In the Structure window, right-click `dvt:sparkItem` and choose **Go to Properties**.
    3. In the Property Inspector, expand the **Common** section, and enter a value for the **Value** field.  
You can enter a static numeric value or reference an EL expression that returns the value for the spark chart data item. To reference the method used in [Example 24-14](#), specify the following for the **Value**: `#{row.close}`.
    4. Configure any additional properties as needed to customize the data item.  
For example, you must specify a **FloatValue** for floating bar spark charts. For additional information about the available attributes, click **Component Help**.
    5. To add additional spark chart data items, repeat Step a through Step d for each additional data item.

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**Note:** You can also bind the spark chart to a data control if your application uses the Fusion technology stack. To do so, click **Bind to ADF Control** in the Property Inspector to select a data collection. For more information about using data controls to supply data to your chart, see "Creating Databound Charts" in *Oracle Fusion Middleware Fusion Developer's Guide for Oracle Application Development Framework*.

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## 24.4 Customizing Chart Display Elements

You can customize most aspects of the chart's display, including its labels, legend, axes, series, and animation effects.

Depending upon the chart type, you can also add reference objects to charts, specify the stacking behavior, or add a dual Y-Axis to charts that support it. Pie charts also support the ability to aggregate smaller values or explode a pie slice.

## 24.4.1 How to Configure Chart Labels

You can customize the style and position of chart data labels on all charts other than spark charts. Depending on the chart type, you can also add a title, subtitle, footnote, legend title, or axis title.

**Tip:** Use data labels sparingly because they cause clutter and decrease readability. Use data labels primarily to highlight outliers or important values and not to show values for all data points.

### 24.4.1.1 How to Configure Chart Data Labels

To configure chart data labels, configure the attributes of the `dvt:chartDataItem`, `dvt:pieDataItem`, or `dvt:funnelDataItem` chart child component.

If you want the style and position of all chart or pie data items to be the same, you can configure attributes directly on the chart component.

#### Before you begin:

It may be helpful to have an understanding of how chart attributes and child tags can affect functionality. For more information about configuring charts, see [Section 24.2.2, "Configuring Charts."](#)

Add a chart to your page. For help with adding a chart to a page, see [Section 24.2.3, "How to Add a Chart to a Page."](#)

Add data to your chart. For additional information, see [Section 24.3, "Adding Data to Charts."](#)

#### To configure data labels for charts:

1. In the Structure window, right-click `dvt:chartDataItem`, `dvt:pieDataItem`, or `dvt:funnelDataItem` and choose **Go to Properties**.
2. In the Property Inspector, expand the **Appearance** section.
3. To customize the data label colors, enter a value for the following:
  - **Color:** Specify the RGB value in hexadecimal notation or choose **Expression Builder** from the attribute's dropdown menu to enter an expression that evaluates to the RGB value.  
For example, enter `#008000` to render the data label in green.
  - **BorderColor:** For all charts except spark charts, specify the RGB value in hexadecimal notation or choose **Expression Builder** from the attribute's dropdown menu to enter an expression that evaluates to the RGB value.  
For example, enter `#FF0000` to render the data label in red.
  - **BorderWidth:** For all charts except spark charts, specify a numeric value or choose **Expression Builder** from the attribute's dropdown menu to enter an expression that evaluates to the numeric width value.  
For example, enter `4` to render the data label border width at 4 units.
4. To customize the position and style of the data label on area, bar, bubble, combination, line, and scatter charts:
  1. In the Property Inspector, expand the **Data** section.
  2. From the **DataLabelPosition** attribute's dropdown list, choose a location for the data label.

By default, the **DataLabelPosition** attribute is set to `auto` which will center the label on bubble and stacked bar charts, render the label inside the bar edge for non-stacked bar charts, and render the label after the marker on line, area, and scatter charts.

You can select `Center` to position the label on the center of the data point. For bubble charts, if the label is too long, the content will be truncated.

You can also select `aboveMarker`, `belowMarker`, `beforeMarker`, and `afterMarker` to position the label above, below, before, or after the marker for area, bubble, line, and scatter charts. For bar charts, you can also select `insideBarEdge` which renders the label inside the bar edge or `outsideBarEdge` to render the data label on top of the bar for positive data values and below the bar for negative data values.

3. To customize the text style of the data label, in the **Style** section, enter a value for the **StyleClass** or **InlineStyle** attributes.

For example, if you want to specify a bold font for the data label, enter the following for the **InlineStyle** attribute:

```
font-weight:bold;
```

4. To customize the position or text style of a specific chart data item, in the Property Inspector, configure the **LabelPosition**, **Style**, or **InlineStyle** attributes of the `dvt:chartItem` child component.

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**Note:** If you configure label positions on both the chart and its child data item, the values you set for the chart's data item will override any settings on the chart.

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5. To customize the position and style of the data label on pie charts:
  1. In the Structure window, right-click `dvt:pieChart` and choose **Go to Properties**.
  2. In the Property Inspector, from the **SliceLabelPosition** attribute's dropdown list, choose a location for the data label.

By default, the **SliceLabelPosition** is set to `auto` which will position the label outside the slice. You can select `inside` to position the label inside the slice or `none` to remove the label entirely.

3. To customize the text style of the data label, in the **Style** section, enter a value for the **StyleClass** or **InlineStyle** attributes.

For example, if you want to specify a bold font for the data label, enter the following for the **InlineStyle** attribute:

```
font-weight:bold;
```

#### 24.4.1.2 How to Configure Chart Element Labels

To configure a chart label, add the chart child component as needed, and configure the style and position of the label. Depending upon the chart type, you can specify labels for the chart's title, subtitle, footnote, legend title, or axis title and tick labels.

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**Note:** Spark charts are condensed charts that contain minimal formatting and have little support for labels. Use the spark chart's container to provide descriptive text for the spark chart.

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**Before you begin:**

It may be helpful to have an understanding of how chart attributes and child tags can affect functionality. For more information about configuring charts, see [Section 24.2.2, "Configuring Charts."](#)

Add a chart to your page. For help with adding a chart to a page, see [Section 24.2.3, "How to Add a Chart to a Page."](#)

**To add a title, subtitle or footnote to a chart:**

1. In the Structure window, right-click `dvt:typeChart` and choose **Go to Properties**.
2. In the Property Inspector, expand the **Appearance** section.
3. To add a title to the chart:
  - In the Property Inspector, enter a value for the title in the **Title** field.  
You can enter text for the title or choose **Expression Builder** from the attribute's dropdown menu to enter an expression that evaluates to the chart's title.
  - From the **TitleHAlign** attribute's dropdown list, select the alignment to use for the title.  
By default, the title's alignment is set to `start` which aligns the title to the left in left-to-right mode and aligns the title to the right in right-to-left mode.  
You can set the alignment to `center` which positions the title in the center. You can also set the alignment to `end` which aligns the title to the right in left-to-right mode and aligns the title to the left in right-to-left mode.
4. To add a subtitle to the chart, enter a value in the **Subtitle** field.  
You can enter text for the subtitle or choose **Expression Builder** from the attribute's dropdown menu to enter an expression that evaluates to the chart's subtitle.
5. To add a footnote to the chart:
  - In the Property Inspector, enter a value for the footnote in the **Footnote** field.  
You can enter text for the footnote or choose **Expression Builder** from the attribute's dropdown menu to enter an expression that evaluates to the chart's footnote.
  - From the **FootnoteHAlign** attribute's dropdown list, select the alignment to use for the title.  
By default, the footnote's alignment is set to `start` which aligns the footnote to the left in left-to-right mode and aligns the footnote to the right in right-to-left mode.  
You can set the alignment to `center` which positions the footnote in the center. You can also set the alignment to `end` which aligns the footnote to the right in left-to-right mode and aligns the footnote to the left in right-to-left mode.



**To configure chart axis labels:**

1. In the structure window, right-click `dvt:typeChart` and choose **Insert inside Chart > (dvt:chartXAxis or dvt:chartYAxis or dvt:chartY2Axis)**.
2. Right-click the axis you added in the previous step and choose **Go to Properties**.  
For example, right-click `dvt:chartXAxis` and choose **Go to Properties**.
3. To add a title to the axis, in the Property Inspector, expand the **Common** section and enter a value in the **Title** field.

You can enter text for the axis title or choose **Expression Builder** from the attribute's dropdown menu to enter an expression that evaluates to the axis title.

4. To configure axis tick labels, in the Structure window, right-click the `dvt:chartXAxis`, `dvt:chartYAxis`, or `dvt:ChartY2Axis` node and choose **Insert inside Axis > dvt:chartTickLabel**.
5. Right-click `dvt:chartTickLabel` and choose **Go to Properties**.
6. In the Property Inspector, enter values for the following:
  - **LabelStyle:** Enter the CSS attribute to use for the axis label.  
For example, if you want to specify a bold font for the axis label, enter the following for the **InlineStyle** attribute:

```
font-weight:bold;
```

- **Rotation:** From the **Rotation** attribute's dropdown list, select `off` to turn off rotation.  
By default, the chart will automatically rotate the labels by 90 degrees if needed to fit more labels on the axis. The rotation will only be applied to categorical labels for a horizontal axis.
- **Scaling:** From the attribute's dropdown list, select the scale factor for the numeric value.

Scaling options range from `none` to `quadrillion`.

For information about customizing chart legend titles, see [Section 24.4.2, "How to Configure Chart Legends."](#)

## 24.4.2 How to Configure Chart Legends

You can add a legend to all charts except the spark chart to identify the chart's series and associated colors. If you chose a quick start layout that included a legend when you created your chart, you should already have a legend on the page.

After you have added the legend, you can customize its position, configure a legend title, or disable scrolling.

**Before you begin:**

It may be helpful to have an understanding of how chart attributes and child tags can affect functionality. For more information about configuring charts, see [Section 24.2.2, "Configuring Charts."](#)

Add a chart to your page. For help with adding a chart to a page, see [Section 24.2.3, "How to Add a Chart to a Page."](#)

**To configure a chart legend:**

1. In the Structure window, expand the `dvt:typeChart` node.

2. If the `dvt:chartLegend` node is missing in the expanded display, right-click `dvt:typeChart` and choose **Insert inside Chart > dvt:chartLegend**.
3. Right-click `dvt:chartLegend` and choose **Go to Properties**.
4. In the Property Inspector, enter values in the following fields as needed.
  - **Position:** From the **Position** attribute's dropdown list, select a position for the legend.

By default, the legend's position is set to `auto` which will position the legend on the side or bottom of the chart, depending upon the size and content of the chart.

You can set the position to `start`, which aligns the legend to the left in left-to-right mode and aligns the legend to the right in right-to-left mode, or `end` which aligns the legend to the right in left-to-right mode and aligns the legend to the left in right-to-left mode

You can also set the alignment to `top` which positions the legend at the top of the chart or `bottom` to position the legend at the bottom of the chart.
  - **Title:** Enter a title for the legend.

You can enter text for the legend title or choose **Expression Builder** from the attribute's dropdown menu to enter an expression that evaluates to the legend title.
  - **TitleHAlign:** From the **TitleHAlign** attribute's dropdown list, select an alignment for the legend's title.

By default, the legend's alignment is set to `start` which aligns the legend's title to the left in left-to-right mode and aligns the legend to the right in right-to-left mode.

You can set the alignment to `center` which positions the legend's title in the center. You can also set the alignment to `end` which aligns the legend's title to the right in left-to-right mode and aligns the title to the left in right-to-left mode.
  - **ReferenceObjectTitle:** Enter a title for the reference object area, if one exists.

You can enter text for the title or choose **Expression Builder** from the attribute's dropdown menu to enter an expression that evaluates to the title.

For information about adding reference objects to your chart, see [Section 24.4.5, "Adding Reference Objects to a Chart."](#)
  - **Scrolling:** From the **Scrolling** attribute's dropdown list, select the legend's scrolling behavior.

By default, the chart's scrolling behavior is set to `asNeeded` which will add a scrollbar to the legend if needed. You can select `off` to disable legend scrolling.

### 24.4.3 How to Format Chart Numerical Values

You can customize the appearance of numeric values on charts using the `dvt:chartValueFormat` or `dvt:chartTickLabel` tags.

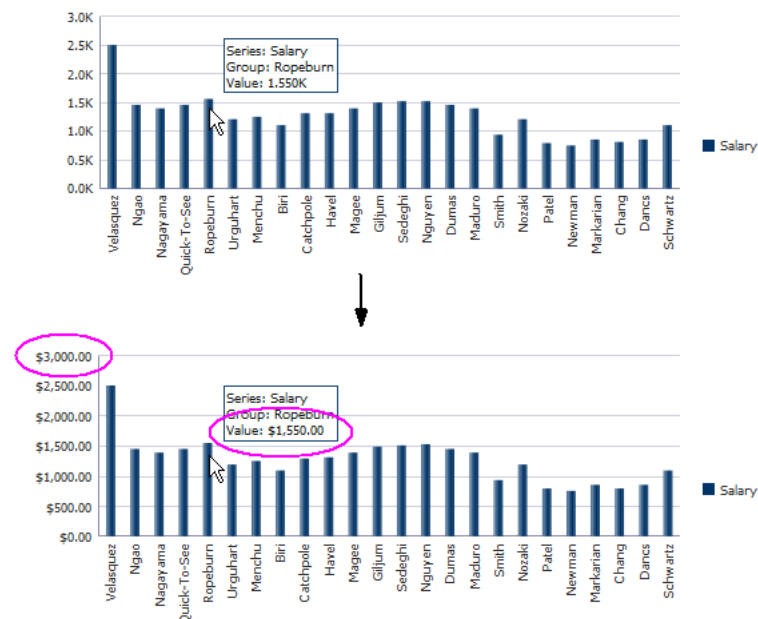
Use the `dvt:chartValueFormat` tag to format numeric values for the chart's value, value label, or axis values. Use the `dvt:chartTickLabel` tag to format the values on the axis labels.

The `dvt:chartValueFormat` and `dvt:chartTickLabel` tags both allow you to specify the scaling for numeric display. The `dvt:chartTickLabel` tag also has a `rotation` property to specify whether the chart will automatically rotate the labels by 90 degrees in order to fit more labels on the axis. The rotation will only be applied to categorical labels for a horizontal axis.

You can also specify specific patterns for the numeric values or change the numeric display to currency or percent by adding the `af:convertNumber` tag to the `dvt:chartValueFormat` or `dvt:chartTickLabel` tags. For additional information about using the `af:convertNumber` tag, see [Chapter 6, "Validating and Converting Input."](#)

[Figure 24-43](#) shows the effect of adding `dvt:chartValueFormat` and `dvt:chartTickLabel` tags to a bar chart configured to display monthly salaries for a fictitious department. In this example, the top bar chart is using default numeric formatting. The bar chart at the bottom of the figure is configured to display the series value and axis label as currency values.

**Figure 24-43** Bar Chart Configured to Display Currency Values



#### Before you begin:

It may be helpful to have an understanding of how chart attributes and child tags can affect functionality. For more information about configuring charts, see [Section 24.2.2, "Configuring Charts."](#)

Add a chart to your page. For help with adding a chart to a page, see [Section 24.2.3, "How to Add a Chart to a Page."](#)

#### To format numeric values on a chart's value, value label, or axis values:

1. In the Structure window, right-click `dvt:typeChart` and choose **Insert inside Chart > dvt:chartValueFormat**.
2. Right-click the `dvt:chartValueFormat` node and choose **Go to Properties**.
3. In the Property Inspector, enter values for the following:

- **Type:** From the attribute's dropdown list, select the tag that identifies the chart element that you wish to format. Valid values include `x`, `y`, `y2`, `z`, `value`, or `label`.

For example, to format the numeric value for the bar chart's series shown in [Figure 24-43](#), select `y` from the **Type** attribute's dropdown list.

- **Scaling:** From the attribute's dropdown list, select the scale factor for the numeric value.

Scaling options range from none to quadrillion.

#### To format numeric values on a chart's axis label:

1. In the Structure window, expand the `dvt:typeChart` node.
2. If the expanded node does not contain the axis that you wish to format, right-click `dvt:typeChart` and choose **Insert inside Chart > (dvt:chartXAxis or dvt:chartYAxis or dvt:ChartY2Axis)**.
3. Right-click the `dvt:chartXAxis`, `dvt:chartYAxis`, or `dvt:ChartY2Axis` node and choose **Insert inside Axis > dvt:chartTickLabel**.
4. Right-click `dvt:chartTickLabel` and choose **Go to Properties**.
5. In the Property Inspector, enter values for the following:
  - **Rotation:** From the **Rotation** attribute's dropdown list, select `off` to turn off rotation.

By default, the chart will automatically rotate the labels by 90 degrees in order to fit more labels on the axis. The rotation will only be applied to categorical labels for a horizontal axis.

- **Scaling:** From the attribute's dropdown list, select the scale factor for the numeric value.

Scaling options range from none to quadrillion.

#### To specify numeric patterns, currency, or percent using `af:convertNumber`:

1. In the Structure window, right-click `dvt:chartTickLabel` or `dvt:chartValueFormat` and choose **Insert inside (Chart Tick Label or Chart Value Format) > dvt:convertNumber**.
2. Right-click `af:convertNumber` and choose **Go to Properties**.
3. In the Property Inspector, from the **Type** attribute's dropdown list, select the desired numeric type.

By default, **Type** is set to `number`, but you can also select `currency` or `percent`.

4. Configure additional attributes as needed.

For example, you can specify which currency symbol to use in the **CurrencySymbol** field. For help with an individual field or to look at the complete tag documentation for the `af:convertNumber` tag, click **Component Help**.

### 24.4.4 Customizing a Chart Axis

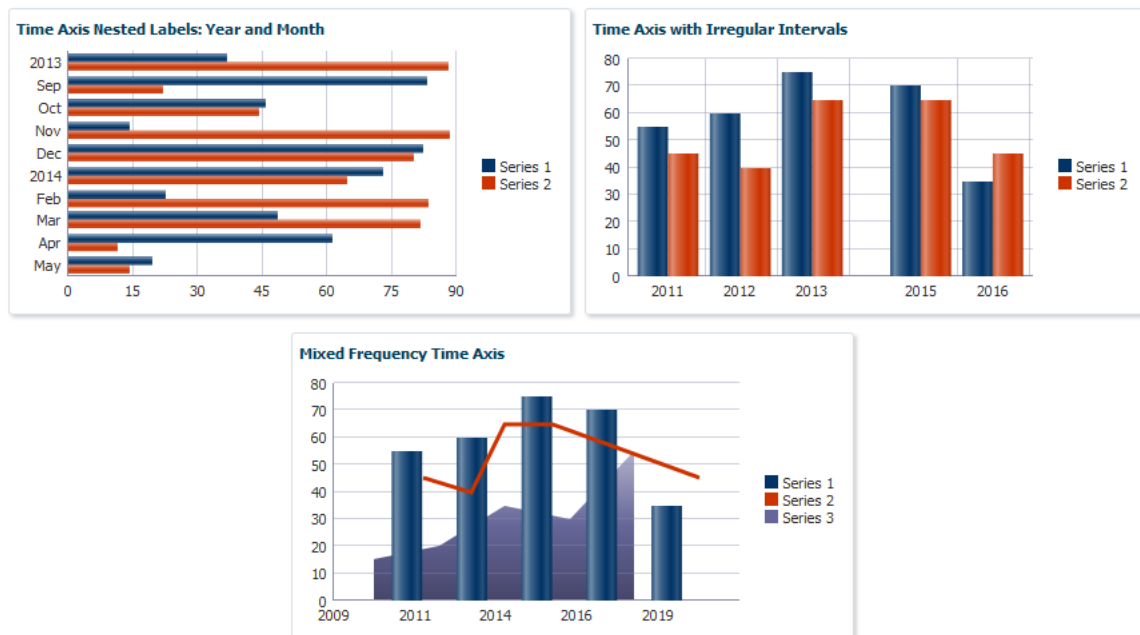
Depending upon the chart type, you can configure a time axis on the x-axis or customize the properties of a chart's x-axis, y-axis, y2-axis, or z-axis.

### 24.4.4.1 How to Configure a Time Axis

If your x-axis includes time data, then you can enable the time axis display. Charts include support for time data that is based on regular or irregular intervals. Charts also support mixed frequency time data, where the individual series contain differing dates.

Figure 24–44 shows three charts configured for a time axis. In the horizontal bar chart, the time data is spaced equally. The vertical bar chart shows an example of irregularly spaced data, and the chart provides a visual clue that there is no data for 2014. The combination chart shows mixed frequency time data. In this example, the time data is different for each series (chart) in the combination chart.

**Figure 24–44** Charts Configured for Regular, Irregular, and Mixed Frequency Time Data



To configure a time axis, set the `timeAxisType` attribute's value to `enabled` for regular or irregular data, and set it to `mixedFrequency` for time data that varies by series.

Example 24–15 shows the code snippet on the JSF page that defines the horizontal bar chart, bar chart, and combination chart, with the `timeAxisType` definition highlighted in bold font.

#### Example 24–15 Code on JSF page Defining `timeAxisType`

```
<af:panelBox text="Time Axis Nested Labels: Year and Month"
  showDisclosure="false">
  <dvt:barChart orientation="horizontal"
value="#{chartDataSource.monthlyTimeData}"
  var="row" hoverBehavior="dim" timeAxisType="enabled">
  <f:facet name="dataStamp">
  <dvt:chartDataItem series="#{row.series}" group="#{row.group}"
  value="#{row.value}"/>
  </f:facet>
  </dvt:barChart>
</af:panelBox>
<af:panelBox text="Time Axis with Irregular Intervals" showDisclosure="false">
  <dvt:barChart value="#{chartDataSource.yearlyIrregularTimeData}"
```

```

        var="row" hoverBehavior="dim" timeAxisType="enabled">
    <f:facet name="dataStamp">
        <dvt:chartDataItem series="#{row.series}" group="#{row.group}"
            value="#{row.value}"/>
    </f:facet>
    <dvt:chartXAxis>
        <dvt:majorTick rendered="true"/>
    </dvt:chartXAxis>
    </dvt:barChart>
</af:panelBox>
<af:panelBox text="Mixed Frequency Time Axis" showDisclosure="false">
    <dvt:comboChart value="#{chartDataSource.yearlyMixedFrequencyTimeData}"
        var="row" hoverBehavior="dim" timeAxisType="mixedFrequency">
    <f:facet name="dataStamp">
        <dvt:chartDataItem series="#{row.series}" group="#{row.group}" x="#{row.x}"
            y="#{row.y}"/>
    </f:facet>
    </dvt:comboChart>

```

The code that defines the charts' collection models and populate them with data is stored in the `chartDataSource` managed bean shown in [Example 24–2](#).

[Example 24–16](#) shows the `getMonthlyTimeData()`, `getYearlyIrregularTimeData()`, and `getYearlyMixedFrequencyTimeData()` methods. In this example, the `getMonthlyTimeData()` method calls the `getTimeData()` method which is a reusable method that takes the series, group, and time data as its arguments.

#### **Example 24–16 Sample Methods Defining Chart Collection Models With Time Data**

```

public CollectionModel getYearlyIrregularTimeData() {
    List<ChartDataItem> dataItems = new ArrayList<ChartDataItem>();
    dataItems.add(new ChartDataItem("Series 1", new GregorianCalendar(2011, 7,
27).getTime(), 55));
    dataItems.add(new ChartDataItem("Series 1", new GregorianCalendar(2012, 7,
27).getTime(), 60));
    dataItems.add(new ChartDataItem("Series 1", new GregorianCalendar(2013, 7,
27).getTime(), 75));
    dataItems.add(new ChartDataItem("Series 1", new GregorianCalendar(2015, 1,
27).getTime(), 70));
    dataItems.add(new ChartDataItem("Series 1", new GregorianCalendar(2016, 1,
27).getTime(), 35));

    dataItems.add(new ChartDataItem("Series 2", new GregorianCalendar(2011, 7,
27).getTime(), 45));
    dataItems.add(new ChartDataItem("Series 2", new GregorianCalendar(2012, 7,
27).getTime(), 40));
    dataItems.add(new ChartDataItem("Series 2", new GregorianCalendar(2013, 7,
27).getTime(), 65));
    dataItems.add(new ChartDataItem("Series 2", new GregorianCalendar(2015, 1,
27).getTime(), 65));
    dataItems.add(new ChartDataItem("Series 2", new GregorianCalendar(2016, 1,
27).getTime(), 45));

    return ModelUtils.toCollectionModel(dataItems);
}

public CollectionModel getYearlyMixedFrequencyTimeData() {
    List<ChartDataItem> dataItems = new ArrayList<ChartDataItem>();
    dataItems.add(new ChartDataItem("Series 1", "Group 1", new
GregorianCalendar(2011, 7, 27).getTime(), 55));
    dataItems.add(new ChartDataItem("Series 1", "Group 2", new

```

```

GregorianCalendar(2013, 7, 27).getTime(), 60));
    dataItems.add(new ChartDataItem("Series 1", "Group 3", new
GregorianCalendar(2015, 7, 27).getTime(), 75));
    dataItems.add(new ChartDataItem("Series 1", "Group 4", new
GregorianCalendar(2017, 7, 27).getTime(), 70));
    dataItems.add(new ChartDataItem("Series 1", "Group 5", new
GregorianCalendar(2019, 7, 27).getTime(), 35));

    dataItems.add(new ChartDataItem("Series 2", "Group 1", new
GregorianCalendar(2012, 1, 27).getTime(), 45));
    dataItems.add(new ChartDataItem("Series 2", "Group 2", new
GregorianCalendar(2013, 7, 27).getTime(), 40));
    dataItems.add(new ChartDataItem("Series 2", "Group 3", new
GregorianCalendar(2014, 7, 27).getTime(), 65));
    dataItems.add(new ChartDataItem("Series 2", "Group 4", new
GregorianCalendar(2016, 1, 27).getTime(), 65));
    dataItems.add(new ChartDataItem("Series 2", "Group 5", new
GregorianCalendar(2020, 7, 27).getTime(), 45));
    dataItems.add(new ChartDataItem("Series 3", "Group 1", new
GregorianCalendar(2010, 7, 27).getTime(), 15));
    dataItems.add(new ChartDataItem("Series 3", "Group 2", new
GregorianCalendar(2012, 7, 27).getTime(), 20));
    dataItems.add(new ChartDataItem("Series 3", "Group 3", new
GregorianCalendar(2014, 7, 27).getTime(), 35));
    dataItems.add(new ChartDataItem("Series 3", "Group 4", new
GregorianCalendar(2016, 7, 27).getTime(), 30));
    dataItems.add(new ChartDataItem("Series 3", "Group 5", new
GregorianCalendar(2018, 7, 27).getTime(), 55));
    return ModelUtils.toCollectionModel(dataItems);
}
public CollectionModel getMonthlyTimeData() {
    return getTimeData(2, 10, 2013, 7, 1, Calendar.MONTH, 1);
}
private double getValue() {return Math.random() * 100;}
public CollectionModel getTimeData(int numSeries, int numGroups,
    int startYear, int startMonth, int startDate,
    int dateField, int addCount){
    List<ChartDataItem> dataItems = new ArrayList<ChartDataItem>();
    GregorianCalendar cal = new GregorianCalendar(startYear, startMonth, startDate);
    for(int group=0; group<numGroups; group++) {
        for(int series=0; series<numSeries; series++) {
            dataItems.add(new ChartDataItem("Series " + (series+1), cal.getTime(),
getValue()));
        }
        cal.add(dateField, addCount);
    }
    return ModelUtils.toCollectionModel(dataItems);
}
}

```

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**To configure a chart time axis:**

1. In the Structure window, right-click `dvt:typeChart` and choose **Go To Properties**.
2. In the Property Inspector, expand the **Appearance** section.
3. From the **TimeAxisType** attribute's dropdown list, select `enabled` if your chart includes regular or irregular time data. Select `mixedFrequency` if your chart contains mixed frequency time data.

**24.4.4.2 How to Customize the Chart Axis**

Charts include support for customizing the x-axis, y-axis, and y2-axis. Depending upon the axis type, you can customize the minimum and maximum values of the data and axis, add a title, specify tick mark increments, configure viewport boundaries, and specify whether the axis baseline starts at the minimum value of the data or at zero.

To customize a chart axis, add the `dvt:chartXAxis`, `dvt:chartYAxis`, or `dvt:chartY2Axis` component to the chart and configure the properties for the axis in the Property Inspector.

Table 24–6 lists the chart axis attributes and the axis on which they apply. Most attributes have default settings which are based upon the data, and you only need to change these if you want to modify the defaults. However, you must specify values for the `title`, `attributeChangeListener`, and `binding` attributes if you want to use them.

**Table 24–6 Chart Axis Attributes**

Name	Description	X-Axis Support?	Y-Axis Support?	Y2-Axis Support?
<code>alignTickMarks</code>	Specifies whether the tick marks of the y1 and y2 axes are aligned.	No	No	Yes
<code>attributeChangeListener</code>	Method reference to a listener for renderer changes to a property without the application's specific request.	Yes	Yes	Yes
<code>baselineScaling</code>	Specifies whether the axis baseline starts at the minimum value of the data or at zero.	Yes	Yes	Yes
<code>binding</code>	Specifies a binding reference to store a specific instance of the axis from a backing bean. Set this attribute only to access code in a backing bean.	Yes	Yes	Yes
<code>dataMaximum</code>	Specifies the maximum data value on a numerical axis. If not set, attribute defaults to the maximum value of the data set.	Yes	Yes	Yes
<code>dataMinimum</code>	Specifies the minimum data value on a numerical axis. If not set, attribute defaults to the maximum value of the data set.	Yes	Yes	Yes
<code>id</code>	Specifies the component's identifier.	Yes	Yes	Yes
<code>majorIncrement</code>	Specifies the increment for the major ticks of a numerical axis.	Yes	Yes	Yes
<code>maximum</code>	Specifies the maximum value of the axis.	Yes	Yes	Yes
<code>minimum</code>	Specifies the minimum value of the axis.	Yes	Yes	Yes
<code>minimumIncrement</code>	Specifies the minimum increment between tick marks on a numerical axis.	Yes	Yes	Yes



**Table 24–6 (Cont.) Chart Axis Attributes**

Name	Description	X-Axis Support?	Y-Axis Support?	Y2-Axis Support?
minorIncrement	Specifies the increment for the minor ticks of the axis.	Yes	Yes	Yes
rendered	Specifies whether the axis is rendered.	Yes	Yes	Yes
title	Specifies the title of the axis.	Yes	Yes	Yes
viewportEndGroup	Specifies the end group of the current viewport on group or time axes.	Yes	No	No
viewportStartGroup	Specifies the start group of the current viewport on group or time axes.	Yes	No	No
viewportMaximum	Specifies the maximum x-coordinate or y-coordinate of the current viewport on bubble and scatter charts.	Yes	Yes	No
viewportMinimum	Specifies the minimum x-coordinate of the current viewport	Yes	Yes	No

Chart axes also support optional child components which allow you to customize the major and minor tick marks, axis tick labels, and axis lines.

- `dvt:majorTick` and `dvt:minorTick`: Specifies the line color, style, and width of the chart's tick marks.
- `dvt:chartAxisLine`: Specifies the line color and width of the axis line.
- `dvt:chartTickLabel`: Specifies the scaling, styling, and rotation of the chart's tick labels.

For details about configuring `dvt:chartTickLabel`, see [Section 24.4.3, "How to Format Chart Numerical Values"](#) and [Section 24.4.1.2, "How to Configure Chart Element Labels."](#)

- `dvt:referenceArea` and `dvt:referenceLine`: Specifies a reference area or line on the axis.

For information about adding a reference area or line to your chart, see [Section 24.4.5, "Adding Reference Objects to a Chart."](#)

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#### **To customize a chart axis:**

1. In the Structure window, expand the `dvt:typeChart` node.
2. If the expanded node does not contain the axis that you wish to customize, right-click `dvt:typeChart` and choose **Insert inside Chart > (dvt:chartXAxis or dvt:chartYAxis or dvt:ChartY2Axis)**.
3. Right-click the `dvt:chartXAxis`, `dvt:chartYAxis`, or `dvt:ChartY2Axis` node and choose **Go to Properties**.

4. To customize a numerical axis, in the Property Inspector, enter values for the following:
  - **BaselineScaling:** From the **BaselineScaling**'s attribute's dropdown list, select `min` to set the axis baseline to the minimum value of the data. By default, this attribute is set to `zero`.
  - **DataMaximum** and **DataMinimum:** Enter the minimum and maximum values for which data will be displayed.  
By default, the chart will display the entire data set.
  - **MajorTickIncrement** and **MinorTickIncrement:** Specify the increments for the major and minor ticks.  
By default, the tick increments are calculated from the data.
  - **Scaling:** From the attribute's dropdown list, select the scale factor for the numeric value.  
Scaling options range from `none` to `quadrillion`.
5. For all axis types, in the Property Inspector, enter values for the following attributes.
  - **Minimum** and **Maximum:** Enter the minimum and maximum axis values.  
By default, the minimum and maximum values are calculated from the data.
  - **Title:** Specify the axis title. By default, the axis does not include a title.
6. To configure a viewport, in the Property Inspector, enter values for the **viewportEndGroup**, **viewportStartGroup**, **viewportMaximum**, and **viewportMinimum** attributes as needed.  
For information about adding a viewport to your chart, see [Section 24.5.6, "How to Configure Chart Zoom and Scroll."](#)
7. Configure additional attributes as needed.  
For example, you can turn off alignment of the tick marks on the `y1` and `y2` axes of a dual-Y chart using the **AlignTickMarks** attribute. For help with an individual field or to look at the complete tag documentation for the axis, click **Component Help**.
8. Right-click the **dvt:chartXAxis**, **dvt:chartYAxis**, or **dvt:ChartY2Axis** node and choose **Insert inside Axis > dvt:chartTickLabel**.
9. Right-click **dvt:chartTickLabel** and choose **Go to Properties**.
10. In the Property Inspector, enter values for the following attributes.
  - **Rotation:** From the **Rotation** attribute's dropdown list, select `off` to turn off rotation.  
By default, the chart will automatically rotate the labels by 90 degrees in order to fit more labels on the axis. The rotation will only be applied to categorical labels for a horizontal axis.
  - **Scaling:** From the attribute's dropdown list, select the scale factor for the numeric value.  
Scaling options range from `none` to `quadrillion`.
11. To further customize the numeric value, in the Structure window, right-click **dvt:chartTickLabel** and choose **Insert inside Chart Tick Label > af:convertNumber**.

12. Right-click **af:convertNumber** and choose **Go to Properties**.
13. In the Property Inspector, from the **Type** attribute's dropdown list, select the desired numeric type.  
By default, **Type** is set to number, but you can also select currency or percent.
14. Configure additional attributes as needed.  
For example, you can specify which currency symbol to use in the **CurrencySymbol** field. For help with an individual field or to look at the complete tag documentation for the **af:convertNumber** tag, click **Component Help**.

#### To customize the chart's axis line:

1. In the Structure window, right-click the **dvt:chartXAxis**, **dvt:chartYAxis**, or **dvt:ChartY2Axis** node and choose **Insert inside Axis > dvt:chartAxisLine**.
2. Right-click **dvt:chartAxisLine** and choose **Go to Properties**.
3. In the Property Inspector, enter values for the following attributes.
  - **LineColor**: Specify the RGB value in hexadecimal notation or choose **Expression Builder** from the attribute's dropdown menu to enter an expression that evaluates to the RGB value.  
For example, enter #008000 to render the axis line's color in green.
  - **LineWidth**: Enter the axis line's width in pixels. By default, **LineWidth** is set to 1.

#### To customize the axis major or minor ticks:

1. In the Structure window, right-click the **dvt:chartXAxis**, **dvt:chartYAxis**, or **dvt:ChartY2Axis** node and choose **Insert inside Axis > (dvt:majorTick or dvt:minorTick)**.
2. Right-click **dvt:majorTick** or **dvt:minorTick** and choose **Go to Properties**.
3. In the Property Inspector, enter values for the following attributes.
  - **LineColor**: Specify the RGB value in hexadecimal notation or choose **Expression Builder** from the attribute's dropdown menu to enter an expression that evaluates to the RGB value.  
For example, enter #008000 to render the tick mark's color in green.
  - **LineStyle**: From the **LineStyle** attribute's dropdown list, select the tick mark's line style.  
By default, **LineStyle** is set to solid, but you can select dashed or dotted to change the default line style.
  - **LineWidth**: Enter the tick mark's width in pixels. By default, **LineWidth** is set to 1.

#### 24.4.4.3 Configuring Dual Y-Axis

You can add a second y-axis to area, bar, combination, and line charts. This feature is useful if you have two series with different ranges of data. For example, you could have a bar chart that shows salary on one y-axis and commission percent on the second.

To configure a dual y-axis, add the `dvt:chartSeriesStyle` component to your chart, and set the `assignedToY2` attribute to `true`. For instructions to configure the

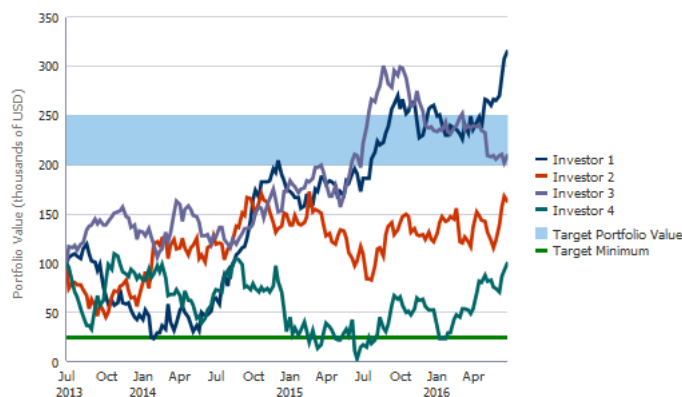
`dvt:chartSeriesStyle` component, see [Section 24.4.7.1, "How to Customize a Chart Series."](#)

## 24.4.5 Adding Reference Objects to a Chart

You can add reference areas or lines to all charts except pie charts using the `dvt:referenceLine` or `dvt:referenceArea` components. Reference areas are associated with the chart's axis and typically are associated with the y-axis. Use reference areas or lines to show target values or ranges.

[Figure 24–45](#) shows the line chart displayed in [Figure 24–36](#) with a reference area and reference line. In this example, the reference area is configured with a light blue color and a range between 200 and 250. The reference line is configured with a green color and a value of 25.

**Figure 24–45** Line Chart Configured With Reference Area and Reference Line

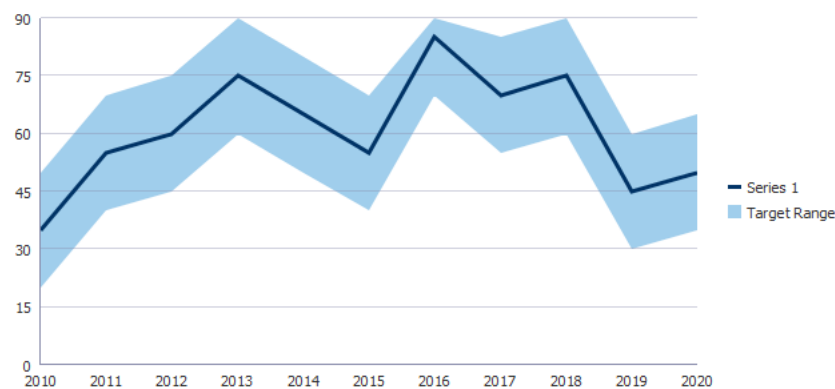
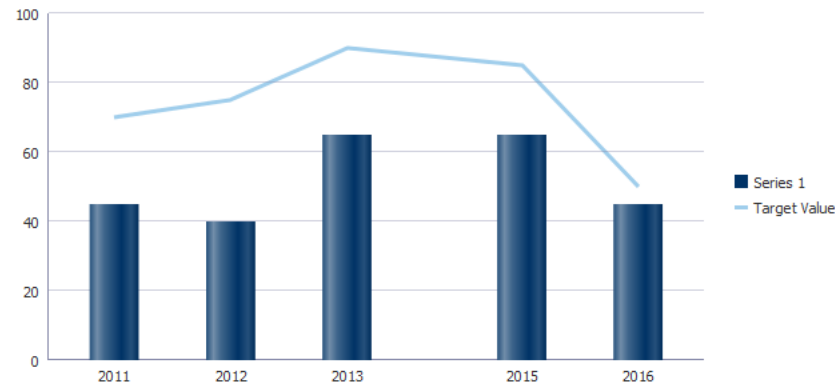


[Example 24–17](#) shows the code snippet on the JSF page that defines the reference area and line. In this example, the reference area and line are configured as children of the chart's y-axis.

**Example 24–17** Sample Code on JSF Page Defining Reference Area and Reference Line

```
<dvt:chartYAxis title="Portfolio Value (thousands of USD)">
  <dvt:referenceArea id="ral" color="#A0CEEC" maximum="250" minimum="200"
    displayInLegend="on" text="Target Portfolio Value"/>
  <dvt:referenceLine id="rl1" color="#008000" value="25" displayInLegend="on"
    text="Target Minimum" rendered="true" lineWidth="3"/>
</dvt:chartYAxis>
```

You can also specify multi-segment reference lines or areas as shown in [Figure 24–46](#). In this example, the bar chart is configured with a multi-segment reference line, and the line chart is configured with a multi-segment reference area. In these examples, the target values vary by year.

**Figure 24–46 Multi-Segment Reference Line and Reference Area**

Multi-segment reference lines or reference areas are defined by adding the `dvt:referenceAreaItem` or `dvt:referenceLineItem` elements as children of the `dvt:referenceArea` and `dvt:referenceLine` components. You can explicitly define a reference area or line item for each segment in the reference line or area, or use the `af:iterator` tag to loop through the segments.

[Example 24–18](#) shows the code snippets on the JSF page that define the bar and line charts. The code related to the reference area and reference line is highlighted in bold.

**Example 24–18 Code on JSF Page Defining Segmented Reference Area and Line**

```
<dvt:barChart value="#{chartDataSource.yearlyIrregularTimeData}"
             var="row" timeAxisType="enabled" inlineStyle="width:650px">
  <f:facet name="dataStamp">
    <dvt:chartDataItem series="Series 1" group="#{row.group}"
                     value="#{row.value}"/>
  </f:facet>
  <dvt:chartYAxis maximum="100">
    <dvt:referenceLine color="#A0CEEC" displayInLegend="on" text="Target Value"
                     lineWidth="3" shortDesc="Target Value">
      <af:iterator id="it1" value="#{chartDataSource.yearlyIrregularTimeData}"
                  var="row">
        <dvt:referenceLineItem x="#{row.series == 'Series 1' ? row.group:0}"
                             value="#{row.series == 'Series 1' ? row.value + 15:0}"/>
      </af:iterator>
    </dvt:referenceLine>
  </dvt:chartYAxis>
  <dvt:chartLegend rendered="true"/>
</dvt:barChart>
```

```

</dvt:barChart>
    ...
<dvt:lineChart value="#{chartDataSource.yearlySingleTimeData}" var="row"
    timeAxisType="enabled" inlineStyle="width:650px" id="chart1">
  <f:facet name="dataStamp">
    <dvt:chartDataItem series="#{row.series}" group="#{row.group}"
      value="#{row.value}"/>
  </f:facet>
  <dvt:chartYAxis>
    <dvt:referenceArea color="#A0CEEC" displayInLegend="on" text="Target Range"
      shortDesc="Target Range">
      <af:iterator id="it3" value="#{chartDataSource.yearlySingleTimeData}"
        var="row">
        <dvt:referenceAreaItem x="#{row.group}" minimum="#{row.value - 15}"
          maximum="#{row.value + 15}"/>
      </af:iterator>
    </dvt:referenceArea>
  </dvt:chartYAxis>
  <dvt:chartLegend rendered="true"/>
</dvt:lineChart>

```

The data for the bar chart is defined in the `getYearlyIrregularTimeData()` method and is shown in [Example 24–16](#), and the line chart's data is defined in the `getYearlySingleTimeData()` method. Both methods are contained in the `chartDataSource` managed bean.

[Example 24–19](#) shows the `getYearlySingleTimeData()` method that defines the line chart's collection model and populates it with sample data.

**Example 24–19 Sample Method to Define a Chart With Single Series**

```

public CollectionModel getYearlySingleTimeData() {
    List<ChartDataItem> dataItems = new ArrayList<ChartDataItem>();
    dataItems.add(new ChartDataItem("Series 1",
        new GregorianCalendar(2010, 1, 27).getTime(), 35));
    dataItems.add(new ChartDataItem("Series 1",
        new GregorianCalendar(2011, 1, 27).getTime(), 55));
    dataItems.add(new ChartDataItem("Series 1",
        new GregorianCalendar(2012, 1, 27).getTime(), 60));
    dataItems.add(new ChartDataItem("Series 1",
        new GregorianCalendar(2013, 1, 27).getTime(), 75));
    dataItems.add(new ChartDataItem("Series 1",
        new GregorianCalendar(2014, 1, 27).getTime(), 65));
    dataItems.add(new ChartDataItem("Series 1",
        new GregorianCalendar(2015, 1, 27).getTime(), 55));
    dataItems.add(new ChartDataItem("Series 1",
        new GregorianCalendar(2016, 1, 27).getTime(), 85));
    dataItems.add(new ChartDataItem("Series 1",
        new GregorianCalendar(2017, 1, 27).getTime(), 70));
    dataItems.add(new ChartDataItem("Series 1",
        new GregorianCalendar(2018, 1, 27).getTime(), 75));
    dataItems.add(new ChartDataItem("Series 1",
        new GregorianCalendar(2019, 1, 27).getTime(), 45));
    dataItems.add(new ChartDataItem("Series 1",
        new GregorianCalendar(2020, 1, 27).getTime(), 50));
    return ModelUtils.toCollectionModel(dataItems);
}

```

### 24.4.5.1 How to Add a Reference Object to a Chart

To add a reference object to a chart, add the `dvt:referenceArea` or `dvt:referenceLine` component as a child of the chart's associated axis. The process is the same for all charts except the spark charts which use reference objects wrapped inside a reference object set for reference areas and lines.

To specify segmented reference lines or areas, add the `dvt:referenceAreaItem` or `dvt:referenceLineItem` as a child of the `dvt:referenceArea` or `dvt:referenceLine`. To use `af:iterator` to loop through the reference items, add the `af:iterator` as a child of the chart's axis and then add the reference item.

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**Note:** To add a reference line or object to a spark chart, add the `dvt:referenceObjectSet` component to the spark chart and configure a `dvt:referenceObject` for each reference line or area. Consult the tag documentation for additional information.

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#### To add a reference line to a chart:

1. In the Structure window, expand the `dvt:typeChart` node.
2. If the expanded node does not contain the axis that will contain the reference line, right-click `dvt:typeChart` and choose **Insert inside Chart > (dvt:chartXAxis or dvt:chartYAxis or dvt:chartY2Axis)**.
3. Right click the `dvt:axis` node and choose **Insert inside Axis > dvt:referenceLine**.
4. Right-click `dvt:referenceLine` and choose Go to Properties.
5. In the Property Inspector, enter values for the following:
  - **Value:** Specify the value on the axis where the line is to appear.  
For example, enter 25 to position the line where the axis equals 25.
  - **Color:** Specify the RGB value in hexadecimal notation or choose **Expression Builder** from the attribute's dropdown menu to enter an expression that evaluates to the RGB value.  
For example, enter #008000 to display the reference line in green.
  - **LineStyle:** From the attribute's dropdown list, select dashed or dotted to change the default display from solid.
  - **LineType:** From the attribute's dropdown list, select a line type. By default, this attribute is set to auto. You can also set this to straight, curved, stepped, centeredStepped, segmented, or centeredSegmented.
  - **LineWidth:** Enter the width in pixels for the line.
  - **Text:** Enter a description for the reference line.
  - **DisplayedInLegend:** From the attribute's dropdown list, select on to have the reference line included in the chart's legend.

6. In the Structure window, to specify a segmented reference line and define the reference line items using `af:iterator`, right-click `dvt:referenceLine` and choose **Insert inside Reference Line Item > af:iterator**.
7. Right-click the `af:iterator` or `dvt:referenceLine` node and choose **Insert inside (Iterator or Reference Line) > dvt:referenceLineItem**.
8. Right-click `dvt:referenceLineItem` and choose **Go to Properties**.
9. In the Property Inspector, enter values for the following:
  - **Value:** Specify the value of the reference line item.

You can enter a static value or use an EL Expression that evaluates to the reference line item's value. For example, to specify the value for the reference line item for the line chart shown in [Figure 24-46](#), enter `{row.series == 'Series 1' ? row.value + 15:0}`.
  - **X:** Specify the location on the x-axis where the reference line item is to be rendered.

For charts with time data, this is the time stamp. For charts with a categorical axis, this is the index of the group, which starts at 0.

To specify the x-axis position for the line chart shown in [Figure 24-46](#), enter `{row.series == 'Series 1' ? row.group:0}`.
10. To add additional reference line items, repeat Step 7 through Step 9 for each additional item.

**To add a reference area to a chart:**

1. In the Structure window, expand the `dvt:typeChart` node.
2. If the expanded node does not contain the axis that will contain the reference area, right-click `dvt:typeChart` and choose **Insert inside Chart > (dvt:chartXAxis or dvt:chartYAxis or dvt:chartY2Axis)**.
3. Right click the `dvt:axis` node and choose **Insert inside Axis > dvt:referenceArea**.
4. Right-click `dvt:referenceArea` and choose **Go to Properties**.
5. In the Property Inspector, enter values for the following:
  - **LineType:** From the attribute's dropdown list, select a line type. By default, this attribute is set to `auto`. You can also set this to `straight`, `curved`, `stepped`, or `centeredStepped`.
  - **Maximum:** Specify the upper bound of the reference area.

For example, enter 300 to set the upper bound of the reference area to 300 along the chart's associated axis.
  - **Minimum:** Specify the lower bound of the reference area.

For example, enter 250 to set the lower bound of the reference area to 250 along the chart's associated axis.
  - **Color:** Specify the RGB value in hexadecimal notation or choose **Expression Builder** from the attribute's dropdown menu to enter an expression that evaluates to the RGB value.

For example, enter `#A0CEEC` to display the reference line in light blue.
  - **Text:** Enter a description for the reference line.



- **DisplayedInLegend:** From the attribute's dropdown list, select on to have the reference area included in the chart's legend.
- 6. In the Structure window, to specify a segmented reference area and define the reference area items using `af:iterator`, right-click `dvt:referenceArea` and choose **Insert inside Reference Area Item > af:iterator**.
- 7. Right-click the `af:iterator` or `dvt:referenceArea` node and choose **Insert inside (Iterator or Reference Area) > dvt:referenceAreaItem**.
- 8. Right-click `dvt:referenceAreaItem` and choose **Go to Properties**.
- 9. In the Property Inspector, enter values for the following:
  - **Maximum:** Specify the maximum value of the reference area item.  
You can enter a static value or use an EL Expression that evaluates to the reference area item's value. For example, to specify the maximum value for the reference area item for the line chart shown in [Figure 24-46](#), enter `#{row.value + 15}`.
  - **Minimum:** Specify the minimum value of the reference area item.  
You can enter a static value or use an EL Expression that evaluates to the reference area item's value. For example, to specify the minimum value for the reference area item for the line chart shown in [Figure 24-46](#), enter `#{row.value + 15}`.
  - **X:** Specify the location on the x-axis where the reference line item is to be rendered.  
For charts with time data, this is the time stamp. To specify the x-axis position for the line chart shown in [Figure 24-46](#), enter `#{row.group}`.
- 10. To add additional reference area items, repeat Step 7 through Step 9 for each additional item.

#### 24.4.5.2 What You May Need to Know About Adding Reference Objects to Charts

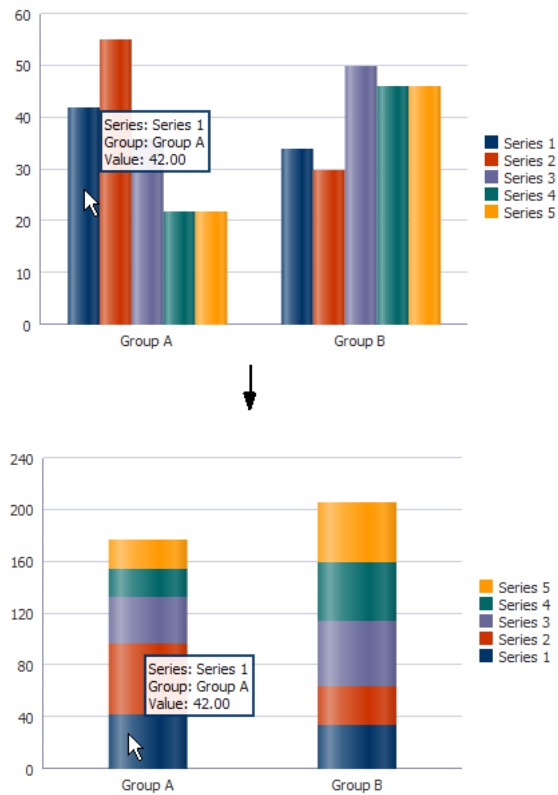
The multi-segmented reference line or area is supported on bubble charts, scatter charts, and charts configured with a time axis.

### 24.4.6 How to Configure a Stacked Chart

Stacked charts show cumulative values across groups. Stacked charts typically contain two or more series which are aggregated into one bar, area, or line. For example, you might want to show the total sales of three products, grouped by city. In a clustered bar chart, the bar chart would display three bars, one for each product. In a stacked bar chart, the three bars would be aggregated into one bar for each city.

[Figure 24-47](#) shows the effect of stacking series in a bar chart. In this example, the five series in the clustered bar chart at the top of the figure are configured as a stacked bar chart at the bottom of the figure.

**Figure 24-47 Stacked Bar Chart**



If you chose a quick start layout that included a stacked display, then JDeveloper automatically stacked the series by group. Otherwise, you can enable stacking by setting the `stack` attribute to on.

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**To configure a stacked chart:**

1. In the Structure window, right-click `dvt:typeChart` and choose **Go To Properties**.
2. In the Property Inspector, from the **Stack** attribute's dropdown list, select on.

**24.4.7 Customizing Chart Series**

You can customize the fill of all series in a chart by setting the `seriesEffect` attribute on the chart component.

You can customize the appearance of individual series in a chart by adding the `dvt:chartSeriesStyle` component to your chart. Depending upon the chart type, you can customize colors, markers, lines, and fill effects. For combination charts, you can also specify which chart to display.

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**Note:** Spark charts contain only a single series and do not support `seriesEffect` or `chartSeriesStyle`. To customize the spark chart, enter values for the `dvt:sparkChart` component in the Property Inspector. You can customize the series color and specify which markers are displayed. For more information, click **Component Help** in the Property Inspector.

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#### 24.4.7.1 How to Customize a Chart Series

To customize an individual series in a chart, add the `dvt:chartSeriesStyle` component and configure its properties in the Property Inspector.

Table 24–7 lists the attributes available on the `chartSeriesStyle` component and the chart types for which they apply.

**Table 24–7** *dvt:chartSeriesStyle* Tags

Chart Tag	Description	Supported Chart Types
<code>action</code>	Method reference to an action.	area, bar, bubble, combination, line
<code>actionListener</code>	Method reference to an action listener.	area, bar, bubble, combination, line
<code>areaColor</code>	Specifies the color of an area series.	area, combination (with area)
<code>assigned2Y2</code>	Specifies whether the series should be assigned to the Y2 axis.	area, bar, combination, line
<code>attributeChangeListener</code>	Method reference to an attribute change listener.	all
<code>borderColor</code>	Specifies the border color of the series.	all
<code>color</code>	Specifies the color of the series.	all
<code>displayInLegend</code>	Specifies whether the series is displayed in the chart legend	all
<code>id</code>	Specifies the id of the component.	all
<code>lineStyle</code>	Specifies the appearance of the line.	combination (with line), line
<code>lineType</code>	Specifies the appearance of line connectors	area, scatter, combination (with line), line
<code>lineWidth</code>	Specifies the width of the line in pixels.	combination (with line), line
<code>markerColor</code>	Specifies the color of the data item markers, if different than the series color.	area, bubble, combination (with area or line), line, scatter
<code>markerDisplayed</code>	Specifies whether the data item markers are displayed.	area, bubble, combination (with area or line), line, scatter

**Table 24–7 (Cont.) *dvt:chartSeriesStyle* Tags**

<b>Chart Tag</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Supported Chart Types</b>
markerShape	Specifies the shape of the data item markers.	area, bubble, combination (with area or line), line, scatter
markerSize	Specifies the size of the data item markers if displayed.	area, bubble, combination (with area or line), line, scatter
pattern	Specifies the pattern of the series.	all
rendered	Specifies whether the component is rendered.	all
series	Identifies the series for which the series style applies.	all
type	Specifies whether the series is displayed as an area, bar, line, or lineWithArea chart.	combination

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**To customize a chart series:**

1. In the Structure window, right-click **dvt:typeChart** and choose **Insert inside Chart > f:facet seriesStamp**.
2. If you plan on customizing more than one series in your chart, right-click **f:facet - dataStamp** and choose **Insert inside Facet series Stamp > af:group**.
3. Right-click **af:group** or **f:facet seriesStamp** and choose **Insert inside (Group or Facet seriesStamp) > dvt:chartSeriesStyle**.
4. To add additional series style elements, right-click **af:group** and choose **Insert inside Group > dvt:chartSeriesStyle** for each additional element.
5. Right-click **dvt:chartSeriesStyle** and choose **Go to Properties**.
6. In the Property Inspector, enter values for the desired customization.
  - **Action:** Specify the method reference to use for the action attribute, or choose **Expression Builder** from the attribute's dropdown menu to enter an expression that evaluates to the method reference.
  - **ActionListener:** Specify the method reference to use for the action listener, or choose **Expression Builder** from the attribute's dropdown menu to enter an expression that evaluates to the method reference.
  - **AreaColor:** Specify the RGB value in hexadecimal notation to use for the area fill color, or choose **Expression Builder** from the attribute's dropdown menu to enter an expression that evaluates to the RGB value.

For example, enter #000080 to display the area fill color in blue.

- **Assigned2Y2:** From the attribute's dropdown list, select `true` to customize the y2-axis.
- **BorderColor:** Specify the RGB value in hexadecimal notation to use for the border color, or choose **Expression Builder** from the attribute's dropdown menu to enter an expression that evaluates to the RGB value.  
For example, enter `#008000` to display the series border color in green.
- **Color:** Specify the RGB value in hexadecimal notation to use for the series color, or choose **Expression Builder** from the attribute's dropdown menu to enter an expression that evaluates to the RGB value.
- **DisplayInLegend:** From the attribute's dropdown list, select `false` if you do not want to display the series in the legend. By default, this attribute is set to `true`.
- **LineStyle:** From the attribute's dropdown list, select a line style. By default, this attribute is set to `solid` which will display a solid line. You can also set this to `dashed` or `dotted`.
- **LineType:** From the attribute's dropdown list, select a line type. By default, this attribute is set to `auto`. You can also set this to `straight`, `curved`, `stepped`, `centeredStepped`, `segmented`, `centeredSegmented` or `none`.
- **LineWidth:** Specify the width in pixels for the line.
- **MarkerColor:** Specify the RGB value in hexadecimal notation to use for the series color, or choose **Expression Builder** from the attribute's dropdown menu to enter an expression that evaluates to the RGB value.
- **MarkerDisplayed:** From the attribute's dropdown list, select `true` to display the line or area series marker. By default, this attribute is set to `false`.
- **MarkerSize:** Enter a value in pixels for the marker size.
- **Pattern:** From the attribute's dropdown list, select a series pattern.  
Available patterns include `smallChecker`, `smallCrosshatch`, `smallDiagonalLeft`, `smallDiagonalRight`, `smallDiamond`, `smallTriangle`, `largeChecker`, `largeCrosshatch`, `largeDiagonalLeft`, `largeDiagonalRight`, `largeDiamond`, and `largeTriangle`.
- **Series:** Enter the name of the series.  
For example, to customize the first series in your chart, enter: `Series 1`.  
If your application uses the Fusion technology stack and you are configuring a databound chart, the Series field will display the available bindings in the attribute's dropdown list. For more information about databound charts, see "Creating Databound Charts" in *Oracle Fusion Middleware Fusion Developer's Guide for Oracle Application Development Framework*.
- **Type:** From the attribute's dropdown list, select the chart type to use for the combination chart series.  
Available choices include `area`, `bar`, `line` or `lineWithArea`.

#### 24.4.7.2 How to Configure Series Fill Effects on All Series in a Chart

To customize the series fill effects for all series in the chart, specify a value for the `seriesEffect` attribute.

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**To configure series fill effects for all series in a chart:**

1. In the Structure window, right-click `dvt:typeChart` and choose **Go To Properties**.
2. In the Property Inspector, from the **SeriesEffect** attribute's dropdown list, select the desired fill effect.

By default, the **SeriesEffect** attribute is set to gradient. You can select color to render the chart without gradients or pattern to display each series in a different pattern.

If you want to specify specific patterns for a series, see [Section 24.4.7.1, "How to Customize a Chart Series."](#)

## 24.4.8 How to Configure the Pie Chart Other Slice

Use the Other slice to aggregate smaller data sets visually into one larger set for easier comparison, as shown in [Figure 24-32](#). To configure the Other slice, set a value for the `otherThreshold` attribute which specifies the percentage under which the slice would be aggregated into the Other slice. Optionally, you can set a value for the Other slice color.

**Before you begin:**

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**To configure the pie chart Other slice:**

1. In the Structure window, right-click `dvt:typeChart` and choose **Go To Properties**.
2. In the Property Inspector, expand the **Appearance** section.

By default, the **SeriesEffect** attribute is set to gradient. You can select color to render the chart without gradients or pattern to display each series in a different pattern.

If you want to specify specific patterns for a series, see [Section 24.4.7.1, "How to Customize a Chart Series."](#)

3. In the **OtherThreshold** field, enter a value between 0 and 1 to set the percentage under which the slide will be aggregated.

For example, if you want to aggregate all slices whose values are less than two percent of the pie chart's total, enter `0.02`.

4. Optionally, in the **OtherColor** field, specify the RGB value in hexadecimal notation to use for the border color, or choose **Expression Builder** from the attribute's dropdown menu to enter an expression that evaluates to the RGB value.

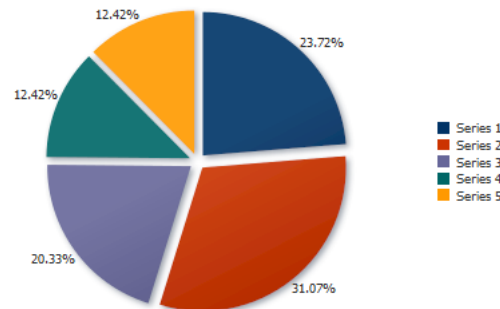
For example, enter `#008000` to display the Other slice in green.

## 24.4.9 How to Explode Pie Chart Slices

You can configure the slices of a pie chart so that each slice is separated from the other using the `explode` attribute of the `dvt:pieDataItem`. You can specify a value between 1 and 10 for the distance between the slices.

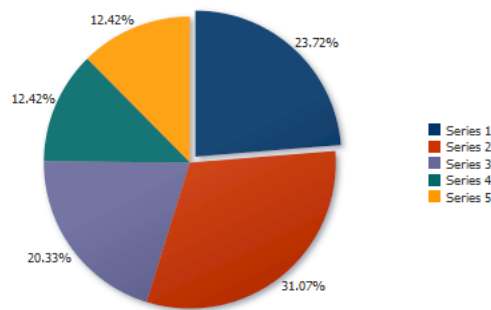
Figure 24–48 shows the pie chart displayed in Figure 24–37 configured for exploding slices. In this example, the `explode` attribute for the pie chart's data item is defined as 0.25.

**Figure 24–48** Pie Chart Configured For Exploding Slices



You can also configure an individual slice to explode using the `explode` attribute. Figure 24–49 shows the same pie chart configured to explode the Series 1 slice.

**Figure 24–49** Pie Chart Configured With Single Exploding Slice



To configure an individual slice, you can use an EL expression to identify the slice and the value for the `explode` attribute. The individual slices in a pie chart are its series, and you can reference the series number in the EL expression.

For example, to set the `explode` attribute for the first series (slice) in the pie chart to 0.5, enter the following for the EL expression: `{row.series == 'Series 1' ? 0.5 : 0}`. If you wanted to set the `explode` attribute for the third series to 0.25, you could enter the following for the EL expression: `{row.series == 'Series 3' ? 0.25 : 0}`.

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**To explode pie slices:**

1. In the Structure window, right-click `dvt:pieDataItem` and choose **Go To Properties**.
2. In the Property Inspector, expand the **Appearance** section.
3. To explode all slices in the pie chart, in the **Explode** field, enter a value between 0 and 1.
4. To explode a single slice in the pie chart, in the **Explode** field, enter an EL Expression that evaluates to the series name and explode value.

For example, to explode the first series in the pie chart shown in [Example 24-49](#), enter the following in the **Explode** field: `{row.series == 'Series 1' ? 0.5 : 0}`.

## 24.4.10 How to Configure Animation

To configure chart animation, add the `af:transition` tag as a child of the chart component and configure the trigger type and transition effect.

**Before you begin:**

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**To configure gauge animation:**

1. In the Structure window, click the chart component.
2. In the Source editor, add the `af:transition` tag as a child of the highlighted chart component as shown in the following example.

```
<af:transition triggerType="display" transition="auto"/>
```

## 24.4.11 What You May Need to Know About Skinning and Customizing Chart Display Elements

Charts also support skinning to customize the color and font styles for the top level components as well as the axes, legend, series, marquee icon, labels, and plot area. You can also use skinning to define the animation duration and chart series effect.

[Example 24-20](#) shows the skinning key for a chart configured to show patterns for its series fill effect.

**Example 24-20 Using a Skinning Key to Define Chart Series Fill Effect**

```
af|dvt-chart
{
  -tr-series-effect: pattern;
}
```



For the complete list of chart skinning keys, see the *Oracle Fusion Middleware Data Visualization Tools Tag Reference for Oracle ADF Faces Skin Selectors*. For additional information about customizing your application using skinning and styles, see [Chapter 20, "Customizing the Appearance Using Styles and Skins."](#)

## 24.5 Adding Interactive Features to Charts

You can add a variety of interactive features to your charts, including data cursors, hide and show behavior, hover behavior, selection support, popups, context menus, and zoom and scroll.

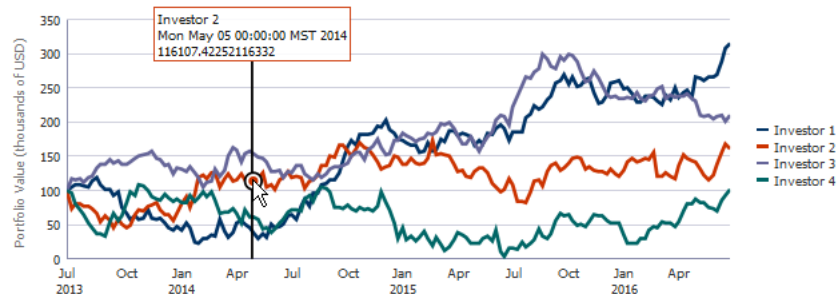
### 24.5.1 How to Add a Data Cursor

Add a data cursor to your chart to allow the user to focus more easily on data points. For charts where selection and other click interactivity is not enabled, the data cursor can be used to provide feedback for the closest data item to the mouse or touch gesture.

The data cursor is enabled by default for area and line charts on touch devices. To add the data cursor explicitly, set the `dataCursor` attribute to `on` and define the data cursor's behavior.

[Figure 24–50](#) shows the line chart displayed in [Figure 24–36](#) configured with a data cursor. In this example, the data cursor displays the series name, group value and series value. The box surrounding the data detail is displayed in the same color as the series fill color.

**Figure 24–50 Line Chart With Data Cursor Showing Investor Detail**



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#### To configure a chart data cursor:

1. In the Structure window, right-click `dvt:typeChart` and choose **Go To Properties**.
2. In the Property Inspector, expand the **Data** section.
3. From the **DataCursor** attribute's dropdown list, select `on` to enable the data cursor.
4. From the **DataCursorBehavior** attribute's dropdown list, select `smooth` or `snap` to specify the data cursor behavior.

By default, the data cursor's behavior is set to `auto`, and the data cursor moves smoothly for line and area charts, and it snaps for other chart types. You can set this to `smooth` or `snap` to set the behavior explicitly.

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**Note:** The content displayed in the data cursor's tooltip is determined by the `dvt:chartDataItem`, `dvt:pieDataItem`, or `dvt:funnelDataItem` component's `shortDesc` attribute. You can edit this value in the Property Inspector for `dvt:chartDataItem`, or `dvt:pieDataItem`, or `dvt:funnelDataItem`.

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## 24.5.2 How to Configure Hide and Show Behavior

To configure hide and show behavior, which permits the user to click on a legend series item to hide or show a series item, configure the chart's `hideAndShowBehavior` attribute.

### Before you begin:

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### To configure hide and show behavior:

1. In the Structure window, right-click `dvt:typeChart` and choose **Go To Properties**.
2. In the Property Inspector, expand the **Behavior** section.
3. From the **HideAndShowBehavior** attribute's dropdown list, select `withRescale` or `withoutRescale` to specify the data cursor behavior.

If you select `withoutRescale`, the chart will not rescale the axes to fit the data. Select `withRescale` if you want the chart to rescale the axes.

## 24.5.3 How to Configure Legend and Marker Dimming

To configure legend and marker dimming, set the chart's `hoverBehavior` attribute to `dim`. As the user hovers over each series, the remaining series dim from view.

### Before you begin:

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### To configure legend and marker dimming:

1. In the Structure window, right-click `dvt:typeChart` and choose **Go To Properties**.
2. In the Property Inspector, expand the **Behavior** section.
3. From the **HoverBehavior** attribute's dropdown list, select `dim`.

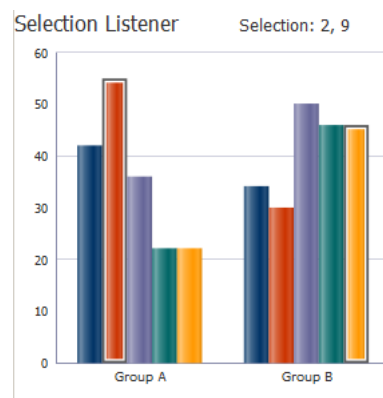
## 24.5.4 How to Configure Selection Support

Charts can be enabled for single or multiple selection of data markers. Enabling selection is required for popups and context menus and for responding programmatically to user clicks on the data markers. To enable selection support, set the chart's `dataSelection` attribute to `single` or `multiple`.

After you have enabled selection support, you can specify a selection listener that will respond to user clicks on the chart.

Figure 24–51 shows a bar chart configured for multiple selection support. The user can click to select a single bar or use Ctrl-Click to select multiple bars. The bars highlight to show which bars are selected, and a message is displayed at the top of the page indicating which row key was selected.

**Figure 24–51 Bar Chart Configured for Multiple Selection**



Example 24–21 shows the code on the JSF page that defines the bar chart and selection listener, with the selection code highlighted.

**Example 24–21 Sample Code on JSF Page for Bar Chart Configured for Multiple Selection**

```
<af:group id="g1">
  <af:outputText inlineStyle="font-size:large;" value="Selection Listener"
id="ot1"/>
  <af:spacer width="50px"/>
  <af:outputText partialTriggers="chartSelect"
    value="#{chartDataSource.selectionState}"
    inlineStyle="font-size:larger;" id="ot2"/>
  <af:panelGroupLayout id="pg11" layout="horizontal">
    <dvt:barChart id="chartSelect" value="#{chartDataSource.defaultBarData}"
      var="row" dataSelection="multiple"
      selectionListener="#{chartDataSource.selectionListener}">
      <dvt:chartLegend id="leg1" rendered="false"/>
      <f:facet name="dataStamp">
        <dvt:chartDataItem id="cd11" value="#{row.value}" group="#{row.group}"
          series="#{row.series}"/>
      </f:facet>
    </dvt:barChart>
  </af:panelGroupLayout>
</af:group>
```

In this example, the code that defines the bar chart is included in a method named `defaultBarData()`, and the selection listener is defined in a method named `selectionListener()`.

[Example 24-22](#) shows the `defaultBarData()` and `selectionListener()` methods. The methods and imports were added to the `chartDataSource` class created in [Example 24-2](#).

**Example 24-22 Sample Methods to Create Bar Chart With a Selection Listener**

```
// Additional imports needed by selection listener
import oracle.adf.view.faces.bi.component.chart.UIChartBase;
import org.apache.myfaces.trinidad.event.SelectionEvent;
import org.apache.myfaces.trinidad.model.RowKeySet;

// Bar Chart data
public CollectionModel getDefaultBarData() {
    List<ChartDataItem> dataItems = new ArrayList<ChartDataItem>();
    dataItems.add(new ChartDataItem("Series 1", "Group A", 42));
    dataItems.add(new ChartDataItem("Series 1", "Group B", 34));
    dataItems.add(new ChartDataItem("Series 2", "Group A", 55));
    dataItems.add(new ChartDataItem("Series 2", "Group B", 30));
    dataItems.add(new ChartDataItem("Series 3", "Group A", 36));
    dataItems.add(new ChartDataItem("Series 3", "Group B", 50));
    dataItems.add(new ChartDataItem("Series 4", "Group A", 22));
    dataItems.add(new ChartDataItem("Series 4", "Group B", 46));
    dataItems.add(new ChartDataItem("Series 5", "Group A", 22));
    dataItems.add(new ChartDataItem("Series 5", "Group B", 46));
    return ModelUtils.toCollectionModel(dataItems);
}

// Selection state
private String m_selection = "No Nodes Selected";
public String getSelectionState() {
    return m_selection;
}

// Selection Listener
public void selectionListener(SelectionEvent event) {
    UIChartBase chart = (UIChartBase) event.getComponent();
    RowKeySet rowKeySet = chart.getSelectedRowKeys();
    if(rowKeySet != null && rowKeySet.size() > 0) {
        StringBuilder sb = new StringBuilder("Selection: ");
        for(Object rowKey : rowKeySet) {
            sb.append(rowKey).append(", ");
        }
        // Remove the trailing comma and set the selection string
        sb.setLength(sb.length()-2);
        m_selection = sb.toString();
    }
    else
        m_selection = "No Nodes Selected";
}
}
```

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**To configure chart selection support:**

1. In the Structure window, right-click `dvt:typeChart` and choose **Go to Properties**.
2. In the Property Inspector, expand the **Data** section.
3. From the **DataSelection** dropdown list, select `single` or `multiple` to enable selection support.
4. Optionally, to enable a selection listener, do the following.
  1. Create the method or methods that define the selection listener, and add it to the chart's managed bean.

If you need help creating classes, see the "Working with Java Code" section of the JDeveloper online help. For help with managed beans, see [Section 2.6, "Creating and Using Managed Beans."](#)

2. In the Property Inspector, in the **SelectionListener** field, enter the name of the selection listener.

For example, for a managed bean named `chartDataSource` and a method named `selectionListener()`, enter the following in the **SelectionListener** field: `{chartDataSource.selectionListener}`.

You can also choose **Edit** from the **SelectionListener** attribute's dropdown menu to select a managed bean and method in the Edit Property: Selection Listener dialog, or choose **Expression Builder** to enter an expression that returns the selection listener.

5. Configure any additional elements as needed.

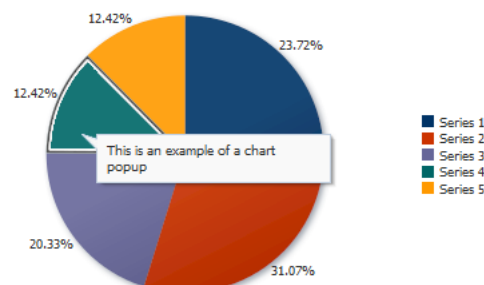
For example, to duplicate the multiple selection example in this section, add the `af:outputText` components shown in [Example 24-21](#).

## 24.5.5 How to Configure Popups and Context Menus

The process to add a popup or context menu is essentially the same. Add the `af:showPopupBehavior` tag as a child of one of the chart's data items, define the trigger type as `click` for popup menus or `contextMenu` for context menus, and add an `af:popup` containing the desired behavior to the page.

[Figure 24-52](#) shows the pie chart displayed in [Figure 24-37](#) configured for popup support. If the user clicks one of the pie slices, a note window pops up with a message.

**Figure 24-52** Pie Chart Configured With a Note Window Popup



[Example 24–23](#) shows the code on the page for the popup menu shown in [Figure 24–52](#). In this example, the `af:showPopupBehavior` component uses the `popupId` to reference the `af:popup` component. The `af:popup` component is configured with the `af:noteWindow` component which is configured to display a simple message in the `af:outputFormatted` component. The `triggerType` of the `af:showPopupBehavior` tag is set to `click`, and the note window will launch when the user clicks one of the pie chart's slices.

**Example 24–23 Code Example for Pie Chart Popup**

```
<af:group id="g1">
  <dvt:pieChart id="chart1" value="#{chartDataSource.defaultPieData}"
    var="row" dataSelection="single">
    <dvt:chartLegend id="leg1" rendered="true"/>
    <dvt:pieDataItem label="#{row.series}" value="#{row.value}" id="pd1">
      <af:showPopupBehavior popupId=":noteWindowPopup" triggerType="click"
        align="afterStart"/>
    </dvt:pieDataItem>
  </dvt:pieChart>
  <af:popup childCreation="deferred" autoCancel="disabled"
    id="noteWindowPopup" clientComponent="true"
    launcherVar="source" eventContext="launcher">
    <af:noteWindow id="nw1">
      <af:outputFormatted value="This is an example of a chart popup" id="of1"/>
    </af:noteWindow>
  </af:popup>
</af:group>
```

You can change the popup to a context menu by simply changing the trigger type for the `af:showPopupBehavior` component to `contextMenu` as shown in the following code snippet:

```
<af:showPopupBehavior popupId=":noteWindowPopup" triggerType="contextMenu"/>
```

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Add a popup component to your page. For help with configuring the `af:popup` component, see [Chapter 13, "Using Popup Dialogs, Menus, and Windows."](#)

**To add a popup or context menu to a chart:**

1. In the Structure window, right-click `dvt:typeChart` and choose **Insert inside Chart > af:showPopupBehavior**.
2. Right-click `af:showPopupBehavior` and choose **Go to Properties**.
3. In the Property Inspector, enter values for the following:
  - **PopupId:** Specify the ID of the `af:popup` component.
  - **TriggerType:** For popup menus, enter `click`. For context menus, enter `contextMenu`.

Optionally, set values for **Align**, **AlignId**, and **Disabled**. Click **Component Help** for more information about the `af:showPopupBehavior` component.

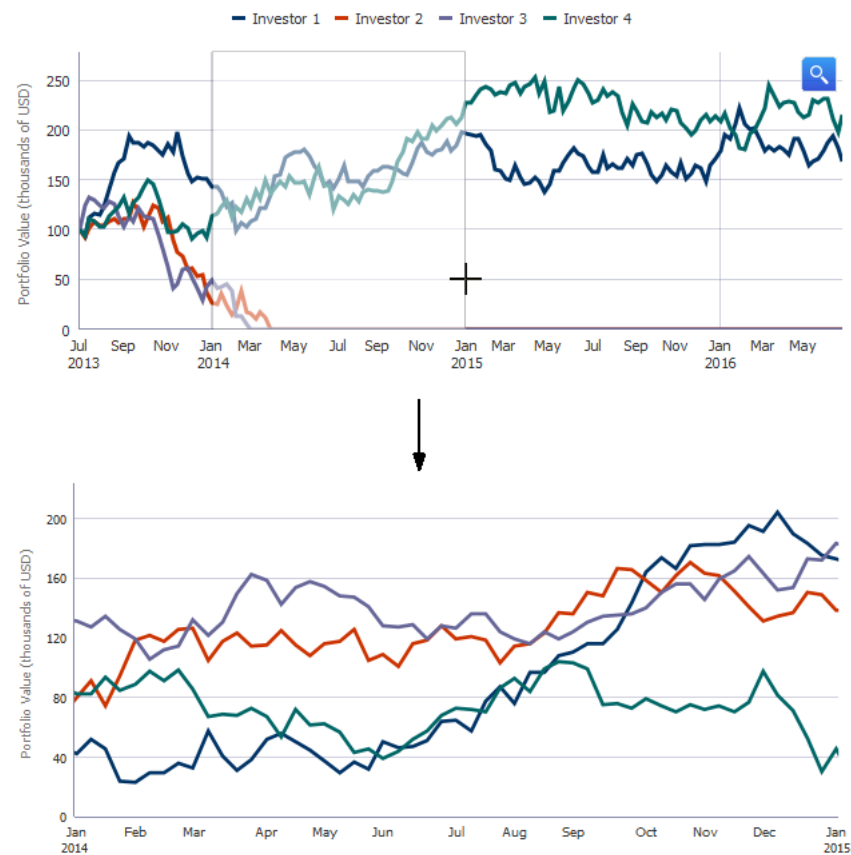
4. In the Structure window, right-click `dvt:typeChart` and choose **Go to Properties**.
5. In the Property Inspector, expand the **Data** section.
6. From the **DataSelection** dropdown list, select `single` or `multiple` to enable selection support.

## 24.5.6 How to Configure Chart Zoom and Scroll

You can configure your chart to include marquee zoom and scroll which permits the user to focus on an area of the chart or scroll through the data using the mouse. This feature can be useful for large data sets.

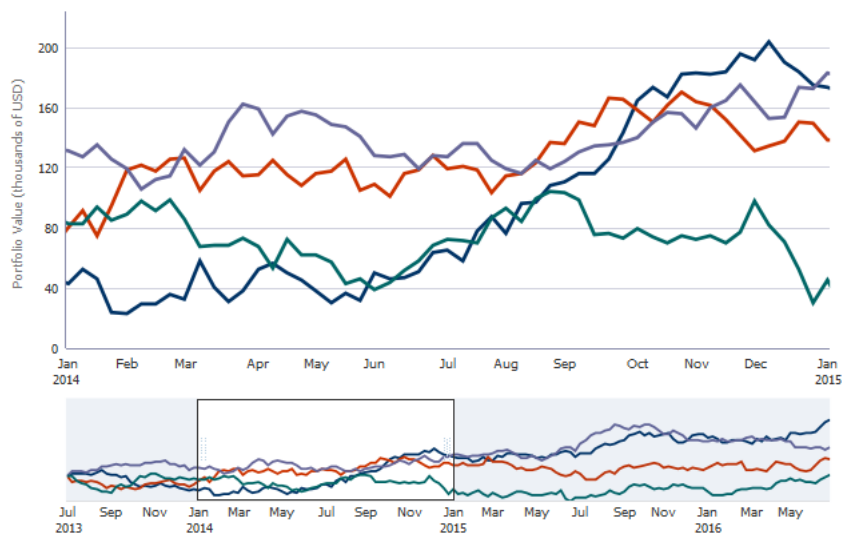
Figure 24–53 shows the line chart shown in Figure 24–36 configured for marquee zoom and scroll. The user can select an area on the chart and then release the mouse button to zoom in on the selected area. The user can also scroll the mouse wheel upward to zoom in on chart data. To restore the chart to its original display, the user can scroll the mouse wheel downward.

**Figure 24–53** Line Chart Configured for Marquee Zoom and Scroll



You can also add a viewport to the chart which uses a small form factor to display the entire data set, and then configure the original line chart to display a subset of the data.

Figure 24–54 shows the same line chart configured with an overview port. When the user zooms in on a chart area, the viewport changes to match the user’s selection. The user can stretch or shrink the viewport dragging the handles on each side of the viewport.

**Figure 24–54 Line Chart Configured With Overview**

To configure marquee zoom and scroll, set a value for the chart's `zoomAndScroll` attribute. To configure an overview window, add the overview facet and overview window to the chart, and configure the chart's axis for the overview range.

#### Before you begin:

It may be helpful to have an understanding of how chart attributes and child tags can affect functionality. For more information about configuring charts, see [Section 24.2.2, "Configuring Charts."](#)

Add a chart to your page. For help with adding a chart to a page, see [Section 24.2.3, "How to Add a Chart to a Page."](#)

#### To configure marquee zoom and scroll:

1. In the Structure window, right-click `dv:typeChart` and choose **Go to Properties**.
2. In the Property Inspector, expand the **Behavior** section.
3. From the **ZoomAndScroll** dropdown list, select the desired zoom and scroll behavior. By default, this attribute is set to `off`. Available options include:
  - `delayed`: Specifies that the chart update will wait until the zoom or scroll action is done. Both zoom and scroll will be enabled.  
Specify a delay if the chart display is slow to render.
  - `delayedScrollOnly`: Specifies that the chart update will wait until the scroll action is done. The marquee zoom icon will not be displayed.
  - `live`: Specifies that the chart will be updated continuously as it is being manipulated. Both zoom and scroll will be enabled.
  - `liveScrollOnly`: Specifies that the chart will be updated continuously as it is being manipulated. The marquee zoom icon will not be displayed.

You can also choose **Expression Builder** from the **ZoomAndScroll** attribute's dropdown menu to enter an expression that returns the zoom and scroll behavior.

4. Optionally, to enable a selection listener, do the following.
  1. Create the method or methods that define the selection listener, and add it to the chart's managed bean.



If you need help creating classes, see the "Working with Java Code" section of the JDeveloper online help. For help with managed beans, see [Section 2.6, "Creating and Using Managed Beans."](#)

2. In the Property Inspector, in the **SelectionListener** field, enter the name of the selection listener.

For example, for a managed bean named `chartDataSource` and a method named `selectionListener()`, enter the following in the **SelectionListener** field: `{chartDataSource.selectionListener}`.

You can also choose **Edit** from the **SelectionListener** attribute's dropdown menu to select a managed bean and method in the Edit Property: Selection Listener dialog, or choose **Expression Builder** to enter an expression that returns the selection listener.

5. Configure any additional elements as needed.

For example, to duplicate the multiple selection example in this section, add the `af:outputText` components shown in [Example 24-21](#).

#### To add an overview window to your chart:

1. In the Structure window, right-click `dvt:typeChart` and choose **Insert inside Chart > f:facet - overview**.
2. Right-click `f:facet - overview` and choose **Insert inside Facet overview > dvt:overview**.
3. Right-click `dvt:overview` and choose **Go to Properties**.
4. In the Property Inspector, enter values to style the overview window as desired.  
For example, you can specify an inline style or style class to use for the overview window. For help with the overview window properties, click **Component Help**.
5. If your chart does not include an x-axis, in the Structure window, right-click `dvt:typeChart` and choose **Insert inside Chart > dvt:chartXAxis**.
6. Right-click `dvt:chartXAxis` and choose **Go to Properties**.
7. In the Property Inspector, expand the **Viewport** section.
8. From the **Viewport** attribute's dropdown list, enter values for the following as needed to set the viewport's range.

- **ViewportStartGroup:** Specifies the start group of the current viewport. This attribute only applies to charts with a group or time x axis. If not specified, the default start group is the first group in the data set.

For example, if your chart's groups consist of city data, you could enter the city name for the **ViewportStartGroup**: `London`.

You can also choose **Expression Builder** from the attribute's dropdown menu to enter an expression that returns the viewport's start group.

- **ViewportEndGroup:** Specifies the end group of the current viewport. This attribute only applies to charts with a group or time x axis. If not specified, the default end group is the last group in the data set.
- **ViewportMinimum:** Specifies the minimum x-axis coordinate of the current viewport for zoom and scroll.

For a group axis, the group index will be treated as the x-axis coordinate. For a time axis, the time stamp of the group will be treated as the x-axis

coordinate. If both **viewportStartGroup** and **viewportMinimum** are specified, then **viewportStartGroup** takes precedence. If not specified, this value will be the axis minimum.

You can also choose **Expression Builder** from the attribute's dropdown menu to enter an expression that returns the viewport minimum. For the line chart displayed in [Figure 24–54](#), a method is added to the `chartDataSource` managed bean to return the viewport minimum.

[Example 24–24](#) shows a sample method that returns the viewport minimum. In this example, the chart is configured with a viewport minimum of January 1, 2016.

**Example 24–24 Sample Code to Return a Viewport Start Group on a Time Axis**

```
// Add these imports to your bean
import java.util.Date;
import java.util.GregorianCalendar;

public Date getStockViewportMinimum() {
    return new GregorianCalendar(2016, 0, 1).getTime();
}
```

To use this method for your chart, enter the following for the **ViewportMinimum**: `{chartDataSource.stockViewportMinimum}`.

- **ViewportMaximum**: Specifies the maximum x-axis coordinate of the current viewport for zoom and scroll.

You can also choose **Expression Builder** from the **ViewportMaximum** attribute's dropdown menu to enter an expression that returns the zoom and scroll behavior.

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## Using Gauge Components

This chapter describes how to use the ADF Data Visualization dial, LED, rating, and status meter gauge components using simple UI-first development. The chapter defines the data requirements, tag structure, and options for customizing the look and behavior of the components.

If your application uses the Fusion technology stack, you can use data controls to create gauges. For more information, see "Creating Databound Gauges" in *Oracle Fusion Middleware Fusion Developer's Guide for Oracle Application Development Framework*.

This chapter includes the following sections:

- [Section 25.1, "Introduction to the Gauge Component"](#)
- [Section 25.2, "Using the Gauge Component"](#)
- [Section 25.3, "Customizing Gauge Display Elements"](#)
- [Section 25.4, "Adding Interactivity to Gauges"](#)

### 25.1 Introduction to the Gauge Component

Gauges are measuring instruments for indicating a quantity such as sales, stock levels, temperature, or speed. Gauges typically display a single data value, often more effectively than a charts. Using thresholds, gauges can show state information such as acceptable or unacceptable ranges using color. For example, a gauge value axis might show ranges colored red, yellow, and green to represent low, medium, and high states. When you need to compare many data values at a glance, multiple gauges can be shown inside table cells.

**Best Practice Tip:** When multiple data values, such as the text values of thresholds and the current value are required, a list or table component may be a better choice than a gauge.

The gauge component supports four categories of gauge types: dial, LED, rating, and status meter.

#### 25.1.1 Gauge Component Use Cases and Examples

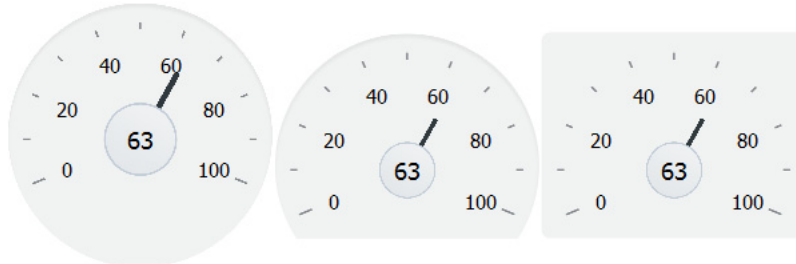
Gauges are typically used to display a single data point. The following types of gauges are supported by the gauge component:

- **Dial:** Displays a metric value plotted on a circular axis. The gauge's background attribute determines whether the gauge's background is displayed as a rectangle,

circle, or semicircle. An indicator points to the dial gauge’s metric value on the axis.

Figure 25–1 shows three dial gauges with backgrounds set to full circle, partial circle, and rectangle. In all three examples, the gauge’s metric value is 63.

**Figure 25–1 Dial Gauge Examples**



- **LED:** Graphically depicts a measurement, such as a key performance indicator (KPI). Several styles of shapes are available for LED gauges, including round or rectangular shapes that use color to indicate status, and triangles or arrows that point up, left, right, or down indicate good (up), fair (left- or right-pointing), or poor (down) states in addition to the color indicator.

Figure 25–2 shows LED gauges configured with a variety of shapes, sizes, and thresholds.

**Figure 25–2 LED Gauge Examples**



- **Rating:** Displays and optionally accepts input for a metric value. This gauge is typically used to show ratings for products or services, such as the star rating for a movie.

Figure 25–3 shows five rating gauges configured with star, diamond, circle, rectangle and triangle shapes.

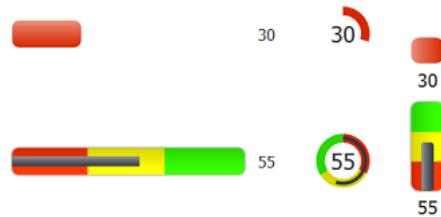
**Figure 25–3 Rating Gauge Examples**



- **Status Meter:** Displays the metric value on a horizontal, circular or vertical axis. An inner rectangle shows the current level of a measurement against the ranges marked on an outer rectangle. Optionally, status meters can display colors to indicate where the metric value falls within predefined thresholds.

Figure 25–4 shows examples of status meter gauges configured as horizontal, circular and vertical status meters. The gauges are configured to use thresholds that display color to indicate whether the gauge’s value falls within an acceptable range.

**Figure 25–4 Status Meter Gauge Examples**



You can also display gauges in table cells where users can see and compare them alongside related information. Figure 25–5 shows an example of a status meter gauge comparing population density of the countries with the highest population in 2010. In this example, the status meter is configured with thresholds that show red for the most densely populated countries and green for the least densely populated countries.

**Figure 25–5 Status Meter Gauges Displayed in Table**

Country	Density (1/km <sup>2</sup> )	Population	Percent with World Population
China		1,338,134,000	19.98%
India		1,182,276,000	17.65%
USA		309,527,000	4.62%
Indonesia		231,369,500	3.45%
Brazil		193,087,500	2.88%
Pakistan		169,784,000	2.54%
Bangladesh		162,221,000	2.42%
Nigeria		154,729,000	2.31%
Russia		141,927,000	2.12%
Japan		127,380,000	1.90%
Mexico		107,550,500	1.61%

## 25.1.2 End User and Presentation Features of Gauge Components

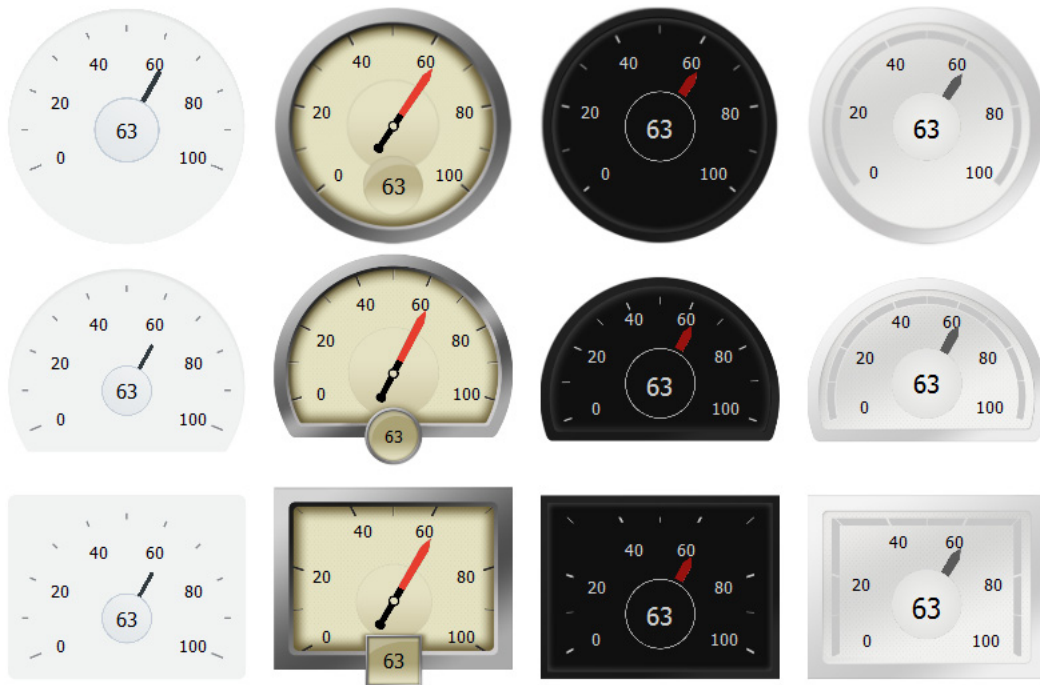
ADF Data Visualization gauge components provide a range of presentation features, such as shape variations, threshold display, visual effects, animation, and customizable color and label styles.

The gauge components also support interactivity features such as popup and context menus. All gauges also include value change support, which allows the user to change the gauge’s metric value.

### 25.1.2.1 Gauge Shape Variations

Gauge shapes are configurable and vary by gauge type.

- Dial gauges: The background attribute sets shape and shading. Example 25–6 shows the backgrounds available for dial gauges, which include the circle, dome, and rectangular shapes with alta, antique, dark, or light shading.

**Figure 25–6 Dial Gauge Backgrounds**

- LED gauge: The `type` attribute sets the LED gauge's shape. [Figure 25–7](#) shows the types available for the LED gauge, which include circle, rectangle, arrow, triangle, diamond, and star.

**Figure 25–7 LED Gauge Types**

- Status meter gauge: The `orientation` attribute determines whether the status meter is displayed along a horizontal or circular axis. [Figure 25–4](#) shows status meter gauges configured as rectangles and circles.
- Rating gauge: The rating gauge's `shape` attribute determines the rating gauge's shape. [Figure 25–3](#) shows the shapes available for the rating gauge, which include the star, diamond, circle, and rectangle shapes.

### 25.1.2.2 Gauge Thresholds

Gauge thresholds contain values that represent the upper bound of a range on the status meter or LED gauge. Typically, thresholds are defined to indicate whether a gauge's metric value falls within an acceptable range.

[Figure 25–8](#) shows three horizontal and three circular status meter gauges, each configured to show a red indicator when the gauge's metric value is at or below 25, a yellow indicator when the metric value is at or below 50, and a green indicator when the metric value is greater than 50.

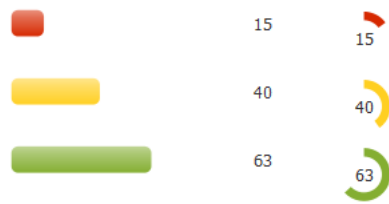
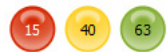
**Figure 25–8 Status Meter Gauge Thresholds**

Figure 25–9 shows three LED gauge, each configured to display its shape in red when the gauge’s metric value is at or below 25, in yellow when the metric value is at or below 50, and in green when the metric value is greater than 50.

**Figure 25–9 LED Gauge Thresholds**

### 25.1.2.3 Gauge Visual Effects

By default, gauges apply gradients and overlays to color display. You can disable visual effects to achieve a flatter design. The second row in Figure 25–10 shows the result of disabling visual effects on the three LED gauges in Figure 25–9.

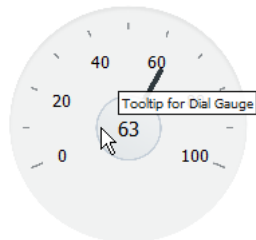
**Figure 25–10 LED Gauges Showing Enabled and Disabled Visual Effects**

### 25.1.2.4 Gauge Animation

For browsers that support HTML5 technologies, gauges support animation on initial display or data change using the `af:transition` child tag.

### 25.1.2.5 Gauge Tooltips

You can configure a tooltip of contextual information to display when a user moves a cursor over the gauge using the `shortDesc` attribute. Figure 25–11 shows the tooltip for a dial gauge.

**Figure 25–11 Dial Gauge Displaying a Tooltip**

### 25.1.2.6 Gauge Popups and Context Menus

You can configure gauges to display popups or context menus using the `af:showPopupBehavior` tag.

Figure 25–12 shows a dial gauge configured to show a popup when the user clicks the gauge. The popup displays an output message in a note window.

**Figure 25–12 Dial Gauge Displaying a Popup**

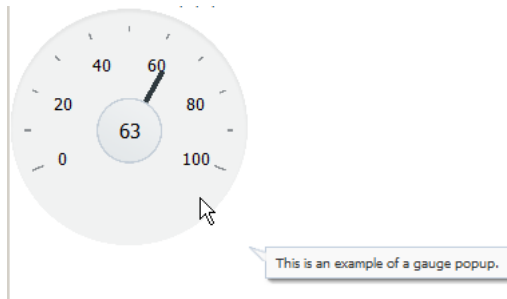
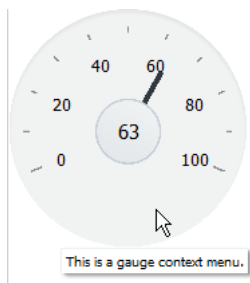


Figure 25–13 shows a dial gauge configured to show a context menu when the user right-clicks the gauge. The context menu displays an output message in a note window.

**Figure 25–13 Dial Gauge Displaying a Context Menu**



### 25.1.2.7 Gauge Value Change Support

You can configure gauges to accept input from the user to change the metric value. For example, you could configure a rating gauge that allows the user to assign the number of stars to a movie rating.

Figure 25–14 shows an example of a rating gauge configured to accept user input. The gauge’s initial metric value is 1. As the user glides the mouse over the stars, the color changes to indicate the number of selected stars. To effect the change, the user clicks the highlighted star with the largest desired value.

**Figure 25–14 Rating Gauge Illustrating Value Change Support**



### 25.1.2.8 Gauge Reference Lines (Status Meter Gauges)

You can configure status meter gauges to display a reference line. Reference lines can be used in conjunction with thresholds to display trend information, such as the previous value, and target information at the same time.



Figure 25–15 shows a horizontal and circular status meter gauge configured to show reference lines. Each gauge is configured to show one white and one black reference line. The white reference line's value is set to 45, and the black reference line's value is set to 95.

**Figure 25–15** Status Meter Gauges Displaying Reference Lines



## 25.2 Using the Gauge Component

To use the gauge component, define the data, add the gauge to a page, and complete the additional configuration in JDeveloper.

### 25.2.1 Gauge Component Data Requirements

Gauges display the following kinds of data values:

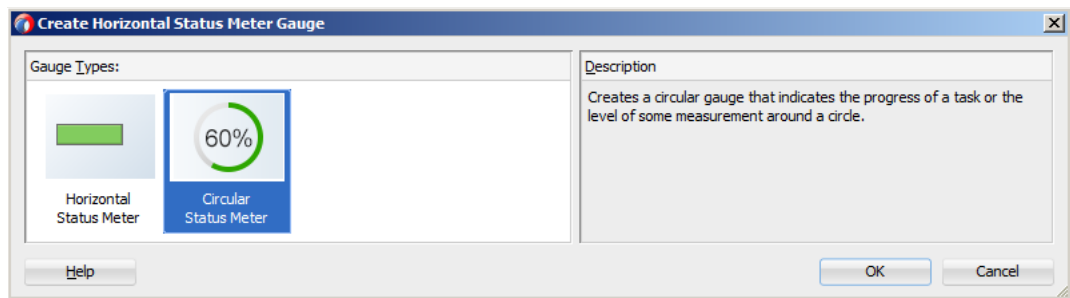
- **Metric:** The value that the gauge is to plot. This value can be specified as static data in the `Value` attribute in the Property Inspector. It can also be specified through data controls. This is the only required data for a gauge.
- **Minimum and maximum:** Optional values that identify the lowest and highest points on the gauge value axis. These values can be provided as dynamic data from a data collection. They can also be specified as static data in the `Minimum` and `Maximum` fields in the Property Inspector for the gauge.

The default minimum value for all gauges is 0. The default maximum value for dial, LED, and status meters gauges is 100, and the default maximum value for rating gauges is 5. You must change this value if your gauge's metric exceeds the maximum value for your gauge to display properly.

- **Thresholds:** Optional values that can be provided as dynamic data from a data collection to identify ranges of acceptability on the value axis of the gauge. You can also specify these values as static data using gauge threshold tags in the Property Inspector. For more information, see [Section 25.3.1, "How to Configure Gauge Thresholds."](#)

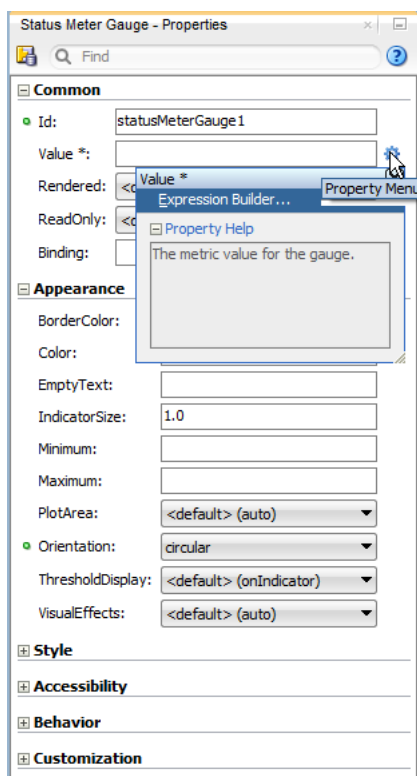
### 25.2.2 How to Add a Gauge to a Page

When you are designing your page using simple UI-first development, you use the Component Palette to add a gauge to a JSF page. When you drag and drop a gauge component onto the page, a Create Gauge dialog displays available categories of gauge types, with descriptions, to provide visual assistance when creating gauges. [Figure 25–16](#) shows the Create Horizontal Status Meter Gauge dialog.

**Figure 25–16 Create Gauge Dialog for Horizontal Status Meter**

Once you complete the dialog, and the gauge is added to your page, you can use the Property Inspector to specify data values and configure additional display attributes for the gauge.

In the Property Inspector you can use the dropdown menu for each attribute field to display a property description and options. [Figure 25–17](#) shows the Property menu for a gauge component value attribute.

**Figure 25–17 Gauge Value Attribute in Property Inspector**


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**Note:** If your application uses the Fusion technology stack, then you can use data controls to create a gauge and the binding will be done for you. For more information, see "Creating Databound Gauges" in *Oracle Fusion Middleware Fusion Developer's Guide for Oracle Application Development Framework*.

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**Before you begin:**

It may be helpful to have an understanding of how gauge attributes and gauge child components can affect functionality. For more information, see [Section 25.2.5, "Configuring Gauges."](#)

You must complete the following tasks:

1. Create an application workspace as described in [Section 2.2, "Creating an Application Workspace."](#)
2. Create a view page as described in [Section 2.4, "Creating a View Page."](#)

**To add a gauge to a page:**

1. In the ADF Data Visualizations page of the Component Palette, from the Gauge panel, drag and drop the desired gauge onto the page to open the Create Gauge dialog.
2. In the Create Gauge dialog, click **OK** to add the gauge to the page.
3. In the Property Inspector, view the attributes for the gauge. Use the **Component Help** button to display the complete tag documentation for the gauge component.

## 25.2.3 What Happens When You Add a Gauge to a Page

JDeveloper generates only a minimal set of tags when you drag and drop a gauge from the Component Palette onto a JSF page.

For all gauges but the rating gauge, JDeveloper adds the `dvt:gaugeMetricLabel` tag to the page. For the status meter and LED gauges which support thresholds, JDeveloper adds one `dvt:gaugeThreshold` tag representing the maximum bound of the gauge.

[Example 25–1](#) shows the default code that JDeveloper adds to the page for a dial, LED, status meter, and rating gauge. In this example, each gauge is contained in a grid cell of the `af:panelGridLayout` component. The gauge-related tags are highlighted in bold.

### **Example 25–1 Gauge Sample Code in UI-First Development**

```
<af:panelGridLayout id="pg11">
  <af:gridRow marginTop="5px" height="auto" id="gr1">
    <af:gridCell marginStart="5px" width="50%" id="gc1">
      <b>dvt:dialGauge id="dialGauge1" value="10">
        <b>dvt:gaugeMetricLabel rendered="true" id="gml1"/>
      </b>
    </af:gridCell>
    <af:gridCell marginStart="5px" width="50%" id="gc2">
      <b>dvt:ledGauge id="ledGauge1" type="circle" value="10">
        <b>dvt:gaugeThreshold id="thr1" color="#d62800"/>
        <b>dvt:gaugeMetricLabel rendered="true" id="gml2"/>
      </b>
    </af:gridCell>
  </af:gridRow>
  <af:gridRow marginTop="5px" height="auto" marginBottom="5px" id="gr2">
    <af:gridCell marginStart="5px" width="50%" id="gc4">
      <b>dvt:statusMeterGauge id="statusMeterGauge1" value="10">
        <b>dvt:gaugeThreshold id="thr3" color="#d62800"/>
        <b>dvt:gaugeMetricLabel rendered="true" id="gml3"/>
      </b>
    </af:gridCell>
    <af:gridCell marginStart="5px" width="50%" marginEnd="5px" id="gc6">
      <b>dvt:ratingGauge id="ratingGauge1" value="10" />
    </af:gridCell>
  </af:gridRow>
</af:panelGridLayout>
```

```
</af:gridCell>
</af:gridRow>
</af:panelGridLayout>
```

For information about the panel grid layout component, see [Section 8.5.1, "How to Use the panelGridLayout, gridRow, and gridCell Components to Create a Grid-Based Layout."](#)

## 25.2.4 How to Add Data to Gauges

A gauge's metric value is the only required value for a gauge, and you specify this value in the gauge's `value` attribute. You can specify the value for the `value` attribute as a static numeric value in the Property Inspector, in a managed bean that returns the gauge's numeric value, or by binding a data control to a gauge.

### Before you begin:

It may be helpful to have an understanding of how gauge attributes and child tags can affect functionality. For more information about configuring gauges, see [Section 25.2.5, "Configuring Gauges."](#)

Add a gauge to your page. For help with adding a gauge to a page, see [Section 25.2.2, "How to Add a Gauge to a Page."](#)

### To add data to a gauge:

1. Optionally, create the managed bean that will return the gauge's metric value.

If you need help creating classes, see the "Working with Java Code" section of the JDeveloper online help. For help with managed beans, see [Section 2.6, "Creating and Using Managed Beans."](#)

2. In the Structure window, right-click the `dvt:typeGauge` node and choose **Go To Properties**.

3. In the Property Inspector, do one of the following:

- To add data to the gauge statically or to reference a managed bean that returns the gauge's metric value, expand the **Common** section and specify the metric value in the **Value** field.

You can enter a static numeric value or specify an EL expression that references the managed bean and metric value.

For example, to specify an EL expression for a managed bean named `gauge` that returns the gauge's metric value in a method named `getGaugeMetric()`, enter the following in the **Value** field: `#{gauge.gaugeMetric}`.

For help with creating EL expressions, see [Section 2.5.1, "How to Create an EL Expression."](#)

- To bind the gauge to a data control, click **Bind to ADF Control** to select a data collection.

For more information about using data controls to supply data to your gauge, see "Creating Databound Gauges" in *Oracle Fusion Middleware Fusion Developer's Guide for Oracle Application Development Framework*.

4. If needed, in the Property Inspector, expand the **Appearance** section and enter values for the **Minimum** and **Maximum** fields.

You can enter a static numeric value or specify an EL expression that references a managed bean and minimum or maximum value.

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**Note:** If your gauge's metric value exceeds the default maximum value for the gauge, you must change the maximum value or your gauge will not display properly.

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If you want your LED or status meter gauge to display thresholds for predefined ranges, add a `dvt:gaugeThreshold` tag for each threshold. For additional information, see [Section 25.3.1, "How to Configure Gauge Thresholds."](#)

## 25.2.5 Configuring Gauges

The properties for the gauge component are sufficient to produce a gauge, but you can modify the gauge properties to customize the display and behavior of the gauge. You can also add and configure child components or supported facets to customize the display and behavior of the gauge. The prefix `dvt:` occurs at the beginning of each gauge component name indicating that the component belongs to the *Oracle Fusion Middleware Data Visualization Tools Tag Reference for Oracle ADF Faces* tag library.

Configurable elements vary by gauge type. Some elements are available to all or more than one gauge type and include:

- `minimum` and `maximum`: Attributes that specify the minimum and maximum values for the gauge.
- `inlineStyle`: Attribute that specifies the style of the outer element (enclosing `div`) of the component.
- `shortDesc`: Attribute that specifies the short description of this component. This is used to customize the tooltip text that appears when the user hovers the mouse over the gauge.
- `visualEffects`: Attribute that specifies whether gradients and overlays are displayed. By default, this is set to `auto`, but you can also set this to `none` to turn off visual effects.
- `styleClass`: Attribute that sets a CSS style class to use for this component.
- `gaugeMetricLabel`: Child component that determines the metric label's style, visibility, scaling, and text type. This attribute is not available on the rating gauge which uses the number of shapes as its metric value.
- `readOnly`: Attribute on dial, rating, and status meter gauges that determines whether the user can change the gauge's metric value.
- `gaugeThreshold`: Child component that specifies a threshold for LED or status meter gauges.
- `borderColor`: Attribute that specifies the border color of the LED or status meter gauge's indicator.
- `color`: Attribute that specifies the fill color of the LED or status meter gauge's indicator.

You can view a complete list of gauge tags and supported child components by clicking **Component Help** in the Property Inspector for the gauge.

### 25.2.5.1 Configuring Dial Gauges

Configurable elements specific to dial gauges include:

- `background`: Attribute that determines the shape and background style of the dial gauge.

- `indicator`: Attribute that specifies the indicator style for the dial gauge.
- `gaugeTickLabel`: Child component that determines the tick label's style, visibility, scaling, and text type.

### 25.2.5.2 Configuring LED Gauges

Configurable elements specific to LED gauges include:

- `type`: Attribute that specifies the shape of the LED gauge.
- `size`: Attribute that determines the relative size of the LED gauge.
- `rotation`: Attribute that specifies the rotation of LED gauges configured to use arrow or triangle shapes.

### 25.2.5.3 Configuring Rating Gauges

Configurable elements specific to rating gauges include:

- `shape`: Attribute that determines the shape of the rating gauge increments.
- `inputIncrement`: Attribute that specifies the change increment when users edit the metric value.
- `unselectedShape`: Attribute that determines the shape of gauge increments that are not selected.
- `changedStyle`: Attribute that determines the color and border color of selected gauge increments after a change in value has been made.
- `selectedStyle`: Attribute that determines the color and border color of gauge increments that have been selected.
- `unselectedStyle`: Attribute that determines the color and border color of gauge increments that are not selected.
- `hoverStyle`: Attribute that controls the color and border color of gauge increments that are hovered on but not yet selected.

### 25.2.5.4 Configuring Status Meter Gauges

Configurable elements specific to status meter gauges include:

- `orientation`: Attribute that determines whether the gauge is displayed as a horizontal, circular or vertical status meter gauge.
- `indicatorSize`: Attribute that determines the relative size of the indicator.
- `plotArea`: Attribute that determines whether or not the plot area is displayed.
- `thresholdDisplay`: Attribute that determines how thresholds are displayed.

## 25.2.6 How to Add Gauges to Tables

You can display gauges in table cells where users can see and compare them alongside related information. The immediate children of an ADF `table` component must be `column` components. Each visible column component is displayed as a separate column in the table. Column components contain components used to display content, images, or provide further functionality.

The child components of each column display the data for each row in that column. The column does not create child components per row; instead, the table uses stamping to render each row. Each child is stamped once per row, repeatedly for all the rows. As each row is stamped, the data for the current row is copied into a property

that can be addressed using an EL expression. You specify the name to use for this property using the `var` property on the table. Once the table has completed rendering, this property is removed or reverted back to its previous value.

[Example 25–2](#) shows sample code for displaying gauges in the Oracle ADF table component shown in [Figure 25–5](#). In this example, the table's `var` property is `row`, and the table's value is stored in a managed bean named `gaugeData`. The gauge's metric is set in the `value` field to `#{row.density}`. The code related to the gauge is highlighted.

### Example 25–2 Gauge Component Stamped in Table Column

```
<af:table var="row" rowBandingInterval="0" id="t1"
    value="#{gaugeData.gaugeTableData}"
    summary="Status Meter Gauges in Table"
    inlineStyle="height:400px;" styleClass="AFStretchWidth"
    columnStretching="last">
  <af:column sortable="false" headerText="Country" id="c1" rowHeader="true"
    align="center" inlineStyle="font-weight:bold">
    <af:outputText value="#{row.name}" id="ot1"/>
  </af:column>
  <af:column sortable="false" headerText="Density (1/km^2)" id="c2"
    align="center" width="300">
    <dvt:statusMeterGauge id="statusMeterGauge1" value="#{row.density}"
      inlineStyle="height:22px"
      styleClass="AFStretchWidth"
      maximum="1200.0" thresholdDisplay="all"
      indicatorSize="0.5">
      <dvt:gaugeThreshold id="gt1" maximum="300" color="#86B132"/>
      <dvt:gaugeThreshold id="gt2" maximum="700" color="#FFF200"/>
      <dvt:gaugeThreshold id="thr1" color="#F23300"/>
      <dvt:gaugeMetricLabel rendered="false" id="gm11"/>
    </dvt:statusMeterGauge>
  </af:column>
  <af:column sortable="false" headerText="Population" id="c3" align="center">
    <af:outputText value="#{row.population}" id="ot3">
      <af:convertNumber pattern="#,##0"/>
    </af:outputText>
  </af:column>
  <af:column sortable="false" headerText="Percent with World Population"
    id="c4" align="center">
    <af:outputText value="#{row.percent}" id="ot4">
      <af:convertNumber type="percent" pattern="#.00%"/>
    </af:outputText>
  </af:column>
</af:table>
```

[Example 25–3](#) shows the sample code for the `gaugeData` managed bean. In this example, the class is named `GaugeTableData`.

### Example 25–3 Managed Bean Code for Gauge in Table Example

```
import java.util.ArrayList;
import java.util.List;
public class GaugeTableData {
    private List<CountryData> _gaugeTableData;
    public GaugeTableData() {
        ArrayList<CountryData> list = new ArrayList<CountryData>(11);
        list.add(new CountryData("China", 1338134000,139.434));
        list.add(new CountryData("India", 1182276000, 359.654));
        list.add(new CountryData("USA", 309527000,32.145));
    }
}
```

```

        list.add(new CountryData("Indonesia", 231369500,121.481));
        list.add(new CountryData("Brazil", 193087500, 22.676));
        list.add(new CountryData("Pakistan", 169784000, 211.19));
        list.add(new CountryData("Bangladesh", 162221000,1126.55));
        list.add(new CountryData("Nigeria", 154729000, 167.498));
        list.add(new CountryData("Russia", 141927000,8.301));
        list.add(new CountryData("Japan", 127380000,337.097));
        list.add(new CountryData("Mexico", 107550500,54.923));
        _gaugeTableData = list;
    }
    public List<CountryData> getGaugeTableData(){
        return _gaugeTableData;
    }
    public static class CountryData {
        private String _name;
        private long _population;
        private double _percent;
        private double _density;
        private static long worldPopulation = 6697254000L;
        public CountryData(String name, int population, double density) {
            _name = name;
            _population = population;
            _density = density;
            _percent = (double)population / (double)worldPopulation;
        }
        public String getName() {
            return _name;
        }
        public double getPercent() {
            return _percent;
        }
        public long getPopulation() {
            return _population;
        }
        public double getDensity() {
            return _density;
        }
    }
}

```

When configuring gauges in table cells, use these guidelines to improve usability:

- Make gauges as small as possible while maintaining legibility.
- Use only one type of gauge per column and use the same axis values and thresholds.
- Avoid displaying so many gauges that users must scroll to see them all.

If your application uses the Fusion technology stack, then you can use data controls to create a databound ADF table and add the gauge during table creation. For more information, see "Creating Databound Gauges" in *Oracle Fusion Middleware Fusion Developer's Guide for Oracle Application Development Framework*.

#### **Before you begin:**

It may be helpful to have an understanding of how gauge attributes and gauge child tags can affect functionality. For more information, see [Section 25.2.5, "Configuring Gauges."](#)

You must complete the following tasks:



1. Create the managed bean that contains the data for the table and gauge.

To duplicate the table displayed in [Figure 25–5](#), create a managed bean named `gaugeData` and add the code in [Example 25–3](#). For help with managed beans, see [Section 2.6, "Creating and Using Managed Beans."](#)

2. Create the ADF table.

[Example 25–2](#) shows the code used to display the table in [Figure 25–5](#). By default, the gauge component is not listed as an option during table creation. Configure the column that will contain the gauge as any valid component. You will delete the component when you add the gauge to the table.

If you need help creating the table, see [Section 10.2.4, "How to Display a Table on a Page."](#)

#### To add gauges to a table:

1. In the Structure window, expand `af:table`.

2. Right-click the component that the gauge will replace and choose **Delete**.

For example, if you configured the table column to use `af:outputText`, right-click it and choose **Delete**.

3. Right-click the column that will contain the gauge and choose **Insert inside Column > ADF Data Visualizations > dvt:gaugeType**.

For example, to add a horizontal status meter gauge to the table, choose **Insert inside Column > ADF Data Visualizations > dvt:statusMeterGauge**.

4. In the Create Gauge dialog, choose the gauge type and click **OK** to add the gauge to the table.

5. In the Structure window, right-click the `dvt:gaugeType` node and choose **Go to Properties**.

6. In the Property Inspector, in the **Value** field, enter the metric value that the gauge is to display.

For example, to set the gauge to the value used by the gauge in [Figure 25–5](#), enter: `#{row.density}`.

7. Optionally, in the Property Inspector, in the **Minimum** and **Maximum** fields, enter the maximum value for the gauge.

8. Optionally, if you created a gauge that supports thresholds, add the desired number of thresholds to the gauge.

For example, the status meter gauge in [Figure 25–5](#) is configured with thresholds that show red for the most densely populated countries and green for the least densely populated countries. For help with configuring thresholds, see [Section 25.3.1, "How to Configure Gauge Thresholds."](#)

9. Format the gauge elements as needed.

For example, the code example in [Example 25–2](#) sets values for height and size to the following:

```
inlineStyle="height:22px" styleClass="AFStretchWidth"
```

For help with configuring gauge style elements, see [Section 25.3.2, "Formatting Gauge Style Elements."](#)

## 25.3 Customizing Gauge Display Elements

You can customize a number of gauge display elements, including thresholds, styles, numeric data values, visual effects, animation, and reference lines.

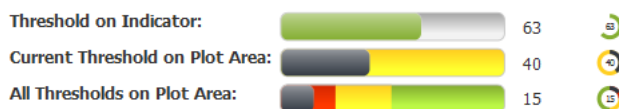
### 25.3.1 How to Configure Gauge Thresholds

Thresholds are numerical data values in status meter or LED gauges that highlight a particular range of values. Thresholds must be values between the minimum and the maximum value for a gauge.

On status meter gauges, the range identified by a threshold is filled with a color that is different than the color of other ranges. The threshold can be displayed on the indicator or the plot area.

Figure 25–18 shows horizontal and circular status meters configured for thresholds. The gauges in the first row are configured to show the threshold on the indicator. In the second row, the gauges are configured to display the current threshold on the plot area. In the third row, the gauges are configured to display all thresholds on the plot area.

**Figure 25–18 Status Meter Gauge Threshold Display Options**



On LED gauges, the background is filled with the color defined for the threshold range containing the metric value. Figure 25–19 shows three LED gauges configured with thresholds using the same maximum bound and color values as the status meters shown in Figure 25–18.

**Figure 25–19 LED Gauges Configured with Three Thresholds**



When you create a status meter or LED gauge by dragging the gauge to the page from the Component Palette, JDeveloper adds one `dvt: gaugeThreshold` tag as a child of the gauge. You can add additional thresholds by inserting additional `dvt: gaugeThreshold` tags and defining the threshold's value and color attributes.

The data collection for a gauge can provide dynamic values for thresholds when the gauge is databound. For information about using dynamic values for thresholds, see "Creating Databound Gauges" in *Oracle Fusion Middleware Fusion Developer's Guide for Oracle Application Development Framework*.

#### Before you begin:

It may be helpful to have an understanding of how gauge attributes and child tags can affect functionality. For more information about configuring gauges, see [Section 25.2.5, "Configuring Gauges."](#)

Add a gauge to your page. For help with adding a gauge to a page, see [Section 25.2.2, "How to Add a Gauge to a Page."](#)

**To configure status meter or LED gauge thresholds:**

1. In the Structure window, right-click the `dvt:statusMeterGauge` or `dvt:LEDGauge` component and choose **Insert inside (Status Meter or LED) Gauge > dvt:gaugeThreshold**.

Depending upon how you created the gauge, you may already have one `dvt:gaugeThreshold` component defined and can proceed to the next step for that threshold.

2. Right-click the `dvt:gaugeThreshold` node and choose **Go to Properties**.
3. In the Property Inspector, set values for the following:

- **Maximum:** Specify the maximum bound for the threshold. You can enter an integer value or use the dropdown menu to choose **Expression Builder** to enter an EL Expression that represents the maximum bound.

You do not need to enter a value for the threshold representing the maximum bound for the gauge. This value is automatically derived from the value in the gauge's `maximum` attribute.

- **Color:** Specify the RGB value in hexadecimal notation or choose **Expression Builder** from the attribute's dropdown menu to enter an expression that evaluates to the RGB value.

For example, enter `#0000FF` to render the threshold in blue.

- **BorderColor:** Specify the RGB value in hexadecimal notation or choose **Expression Builder** from the attribute's dropdown menu to enter an expression that evaluates to the RGB value.

For example, enter `#000000` to render the threshold's border color in black.

- **ShortDesc:** Specify the custom hover text for the threshold in plain text or choose **Expression Builder** from the attribute's dropdown menu to enter an EL expression that contains the text value.

4. Repeat Step 1 through Step 3 for each threshold that you want to configure.
5. For status meter gauges, set the following attributes to customize the threshold display.

1. In the Structure window, right-click the `dvt:statusMeterGauge` and choose **Go to Properties**.

2. In the Property Inspector, in the **ThresholdDisplay** field, use the dropdown menu to customize the placement and appearance of the threshold.

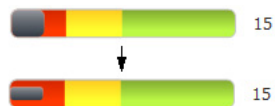
By default, the threshold is displayed on the indicator. If you want the current threshold displayed on the plot area, choose `currentOnly`. To display all thresholds on the plot area, choose `all`.

3. In the **PlotArea** field, use the dropdown menu to turn the plot area display on or off.

By default, **PlotArea** is set to `auto` which will show the plot area when thresholds are configure and **ThresholdDisplay** is set to `currentOnly` or `all`. You can also set this to `on` or `off`.

4. In the **Indicator** field, enter a value between 0 and 1 to change the relative size of the indicator.

For example, to set the indicator to consume 50% of the plot area, enter `0.5`. [Figure 25–20](#) shows the effect of changing the indicator size to 0.5.

**Figure 25–20 Status Meter Gauge Indicator Size Set to 0.5**

## 25.3.2 Formatting Gauge Style Elements

You can customize the styling of gauges to change the initial size of a gauge and apply style elements to labels and other presentation features.

### 25.3.2.1 How to Change Gauge Size and Apply CSS Styles

You can customize the width and height of a gauge by applying a CSS style or specifying a value in the gauge's `inlineStyle` attribute.

#### Before you begin:

It may be helpful to have an understanding of how gauge attributes and child tags can affect functionality. For more information about configuring gauges, see [Section 25.2.5, "Configuring Gauges."](#)

Add a gauge to your page. For help with adding a gauge to a page, see [Section 25.2.2, "How to Add a Gauge to a Page."](#)

#### To specify the size of a gauge:

1. In the Structure window, right-click the gauge component and choose **Go to Properties**.
2. In the Property Inspector, expand the **Style** section. Specify the initial size of the gauge in the **InlineStyle** attribute. You can specify a fixed size or specify a relative percent for both width and height.

For example, to create a gauge that fills 50% of its container's width and has a height of 200 pixels, use the following setting for the **InlineStyle** attribute:

```
width:50%;height:200px
```

**Best Practice Tip:** Instead of specifying width at 100% in the `inlineStyle` attribute, set the `styleClass` attribute to `AFStretchWidth`.

#### To apply CSS styles to a gauge:

1. In the Structure window, right-click the gauge component and choose **Go to Properties**.
2. In the Property Inspector, expand the **Style** section and enter the name of the style class in the **StyleClass** field.

For example, to set the width of the gauge to fill 100% of its container's width, use the following setting for the **StyleClass** attribute:

```
AFStretchWidth
```

For information about applying CSS styles, see [Chapter 20, "Customizing the Appearance Using Styles and Skins."](#)

### 25.3.2.2 How to Format Gauge Text

You can format the text in the following gauge child components:

- `gaugeMetricLabel`
- `gaugeTickLabel`

#### Before you begin:

It may be helpful to have an understanding of how gauge attributes and child tags can affect functionality. For more information about configuring gauges, see [Section 25.2.5, "Configuring Gauges."](#)

Add a gauge to your page. For help with adding a gauge to a page, see [Section 25.2.2, "How to Add a Gauge to a Page."](#)

#### To format gauge text:

1. In the Structure window, right-click `dvt:gaugeMetricLabel` or `dvt:gaugeTickLabel` and choose **Go to Properties**.
2. In the Property Inspector, enter a value for **LabelStyle**.

This property accepts font-related CSS attributes such as `font-weight` and `font-size`. For example, to set the label to bold, enter the following for **LabelStyle**:

```
font-weight:bold;
```

You can also set the style attributes of gauge components globally across all pages in your application by using a cascading style sheet (CSS) to build a skin, and configuring your application to use the skin. By applying a skin to define the styles used in gauge components, the pages in an application will be smaller and more organized, with a consistent style easily modified by changing the CSS file. For more information, see [Section 25.3.2.3, "What You May Need to Know About Skinning and Formatting Gauge Style Elements."](#)

### 25.3.2.3 What You May Need to Know About Skinning and Formatting Gauge Style Elements

You can set the font and other style attributes of gauge components globally across all pages in your application by using a cascading style sheet (CSS) to build a skin and configuring your application to use the skin. By applying a skin to define the styles used in gauge components, the pages in an application will be smaller and more organized, with a consistent style easily modified by changing the CSS file.

You can use the ADF Data Visualization Tools Skin Selectors to define the styles for gauge components. Gauge component skin selectors that support styling include the following:

- `af|dvt-dialGauge`
- `af|dvt-ledGauge`
- `af|dvt-ratingGauge`
- `af|dvt-ratingGauge::selected-shape`
- `af|dvt-ratingGauge::unselected-shape`
- `af|dvt-ratingGauge::hover-shape`
- `af|dvt-ratingGauge::changed-shape`

- `af|dvt-statusMeterGauge`
- `af|dvt-gaugeMetricLabel`
- `af|dvt-gaugeTickLabel`
- `af|dvt-gaugeThreshold`
- `af|dvt-gaugeThreshold::index$`

**Before you begin:**

It may be helpful to have an understanding of how gauge attributes and child tags can affect functionality. For more information about configuring gauges, see [Section 25.2.5, "Configuring Gauges."](#)

Add a gauge to your page. For help with adding a gauge to a page, see [Section 25.2.2, "How to Add a Gauge to a Page."](#)

**To use a custom skin to set gauge styles:**

1. Add a custom skin to your application containing the defined skin style selectors for the gauge subcomponents.

For example, specify the font family for all gauge metric labels in a `mySkin.css` file as follows:

```
af|dvt-gaugeMetricLabel
{
  -tr-font-weight:bold;
}
```

2. Configure the application to use the custom skin in the `trinidad-config.xml` file.

For additional information about using styles and skins, see [Chapter 20, "Customizing the Appearance Using Styles and Skins."](#)

### 25.3.3 How to Format Numeric Data Values in Gauges

You can use the gauge's `gaugeMetricLabel` child component to format the appearance of the gauge's metric value in dial, LED, and status meter gauges. You can also format the appearance of dial gauge tick labels using the `gaugeTickLabel` child tag. Each component has a `textType` attribute that lets you specify whether you want to display the metric value itself or a percentage that the value represents.

In some cases, this might be sufficient numeric formatting, but you can use properties on the component to change scaling.

If you wish to further format the gauge metric or tick label value, you can use an ADF Faces standard converter, `af:convertNumber`. For example, you may wish to display the value as currency or display specific decimal settings.

**Before you begin:**

It may be helpful to have an understanding of how gauge attributes and child tags can affect functionality. For more information about configuring gauges, see [Section 25.2.5, "Configuring Gauges."](#)

Add a dial, LED, or status meter gauge to your page. For help with adding a gauge to a page, see [Section 25.2.2, "How to Add a Gauge to a Page."](#)

**To format numeric values in a gauge:**

1. If you are formatting a dial gauge's tick label, in the Structure window, right-click the `dvt:dialGauge` component and choose **Insert inside Dial Gauge > dvt:gaugeMetricLabel** or **dvt:gaugeTickLabel**.
2. In the Structure window, right-click the `dvt:gaugeMetricLabel` or `dvt:gaugeTickLabel` node and choose **Go to Properties**.
3. In the Property Inspector, set values for the following:
  - **Scaling:** Use the attribute's dropdown list to change the default scaling from auto. You can select one of the available scaling options or none to turn off scaling.
  - **TextType:** Use the attribute's dropdown list to change the default text type from number to percent.
4. If you want to specify additional formatting for the data values displayed in the gauge metric or tick label, do the following:
  - a. In the Structure window, right-click the `dvt:gaugeMetricLabel` or `dvt:gaugeTickLabel` node and choose **Insert inside (Gauge Metric Label or Gauge Tick Label) > af:convertNumber**.
  - b. Right-click the `af:convertNumber` node and choose **Go to Properties**.
  - c. In the Property Inspector, specify values for the attributes of the `af:convertNumber` component to produce additional formatting. Click **Help** or press F1 to display the complete tag documentation for the `af:convertNumber` component.

### 25.3.4 How to Disable Gauge Visual Effects

By default, gauges are displayed with gradient coloring and overlays as shown in [Figure 25-10](#). To disable these visual effects, set the gauge's `visualEffects` attribute to none.

**Before you begin:**

It may be helpful to have an understanding of how gauge attributes and child tags can affect functionality. For more information about configuring gauges, see [Section 25.2.5, "Configuring Gauges."](#)

Add a gauge to your page. For help with adding a gauge to a page, see [Section 25.2.2, "How to Add a Gauge to a Page."](#)

**To disable visual effects on a gauge:**

1. In the Structure window, right-click the `dvt:typeGauge` component and choose **Go to Properties**.
2. In the Property Inspector, expand the **Appearance** section, and from the `VisualEffects` attribute's dropdown list, select none.

### 25.3.5 How to Configure Gauge Animation

To configure gauge animation, add the `af:transition` tag as a child of the gauge component and configure the trigger type and transition effect.

**Before you begin:**

It may be helpful to have an understanding of how gauge attributes and child tags can affect functionality. For more information about configuring gauges, see [Section 25.2.5, "Configuring Gauges."](#)

Add a gauge to your page. For help with adding a gauge to a page, see [Section 25.2.2, "How to Add a Gauge to a Page."](#)

**To configure gauge animation:**

1. In the Structure window, click the gauge component.
2. In the Source editor, add the `af:transition` tag as a child of the highlighted gauge component as shown in the following example.

```
<af:transition triggerType="display" transition="auto"/>
```

### 25.3.6 How to Configure Status Meter Gauge Reference Lines

You can add reference lines to status meter gauges at specified values on the gauge's axis. To configure reference lines, add the `dvt:referenceLine` component to the status meter gauge and configure as needed.

[Example 25-4](#) shows the code on the JSF page that creates the gauge and reference lines in [Figure 25-15](#).

**Example 25-4 Code Example for Status Meter Gauge Reference Lines**

```
<af:panelGroupLayout id="pgl1" layout="horizontal">
  <af:spacer width="5" id="s1"/>
  <dvt:statusMeterGauge value="90" indicatorSize="0.5" plotArea="on" id="smg1">
    <dvt:referenceLine color="#FFFFFF" value="75" id="r11"/>
    <dvt:referenceLine color="#000000" value="95" id="r12"/>
    <dvt:gaugeThreshold maximum="33" id="gt1"/>
    <dvt:gaugeThreshold maximum="67" id="gt2"/>
    <dvt:gaugeThreshold id="gt3"/>
  </dvt:statusMeterGauge>
  <af:spacer width="25" id="s2"/>
  <dvt:statusMeterGauge inlineStyle="width:50px;height:50px;"
    orientation="circular" value="90" id="smg2">
    <dvt:referenceLine color="#FFFFFF" value="75" id="r13"/>
    <dvt:referenceLine color="#000000" value="95" id="r14"/>
    <dvt:gaugeThreshold maximum="33" id="gt4"/>
    <dvt:gaugeThreshold maximum="67" id="gt5"/>
    <dvt:gaugeThreshold id="gt6"/>
  </dvt:statusMeterGauge>
</af:panelGroupLayout>
```

**Before you begin:**

It may be helpful to have an understanding of how gauge attributes and child tags can affect functionality. For more information about configuring gauges, see [Section 25.2.5, "Configuring Gauges."](#)

Add a gauge to your page. For help with adding a gauge to a page, see [Section 25.2.2, "How to Add a Gauge to a Page."](#)



**To add a reference line to a status meter gauge:**

1. In the Structure window, right-click the `dvt:statusMeterGauge` and choose **Insert inside Status Meter Gauge > dvt:referenceLine**.
2. Right-click the `dvt:referenceLine` node and choose **Go to Properties**.
3. In the Property Inspector, enter values for the following:
  - **Value:** Specify the value for the reference line or choose **Expression Builder** from the attribute's dropdown menu to enter an expression that evaluates to the value.
  - **Color:** Specify the RGB value in hexadecimal notation or choose **Expression Builder** from the attribute's dropdown menu to enter an expression that evaluates to the RGB value.  
For example, to render the reference line in white, enter `#000000`.
  - **LineStyle:** Use the attribute's dropdown list to change the line from `solid` to `dashed` or `dotted`.
  - **LineWidth:** Specify the width of the line.

## 25.4 Adding Interactivity to Gauges

You can make your gauges more interactive by adding tooltips, popups and context menus, and value change support.

### 25.4.1 How to Configure Gauge Tooltips

You configure a gauge tooltip by setting a value for the gauge's `shortDesc` attribute.

**Before you begin:**

It may be helpful to have an understanding of how gauge attributes and child tags can affect functionality. For more information about configuring gauges, see [Section 25.2.5, "Configuring Gauges."](#)

Add a gauge to your page. For help with adding a gauge to a page, see [Section 25.2.2, "How to Add a Gauge to a Page."](#)

**To add a tooltip to a gauge:**

1. In the Structure window, right-click the `dvt:typeGauge` component and choose **Go to Properties**.
2. In the Property Inspector, expand the **Accessibility** section.
3. In the **ShortDesc** field, enter a description for the gauge. You can also use the attribute's dropdown menu to open the Select Text Resource or Expression Builder dialogs to select a text resource or EL expression that contains the gauge's description.

### 25.4.2 How to Add a Popup or Context Menu to a Gauge

The process to add a popup or context menu is essentially the same. Add the `af:showPopupBehavior` tag as a child of the gauge component, define the trigger type as `click` for popup menus or `contextMenu` for context menus, and add an `af:popup` containing the desired behavior to the page.

[Example 25-5](#) shows the code on the page for the popup menu shown in [Figure 25-12](#). In this example, the `af:showPopupBehavior` component uses the `popupId` to reference

the `af:popup` component. The `af:popup` component is configured with the `af:noteWindow` component which is configured to display a simple message in the `af:outputFormatted` component. The `triggerType` of the `af:showPopupBehavior` tag is set to `click`, and the note window will launch when the user clicks anywhere in the gauge.

**Example 25–5 Code Example for Gauge Popup Menu**

```
<af:group id="g1">
  <dvt:dialGauge id="dialGauge1" value="63" shortDesc="Dial Gauge with Popup">
    <af:showPopupBehavior popupId="::noteWindowPopup" triggerType="click"/>
    <dvt:gaugeMetricLabel rendered="true" id="gml1"/>
  </dvt:dialGauge>
  <af:popup childCreation="deferred" autoCancel="disabled"
    id="noteWindowPopup" launcherVar="source"
    clientComponent="true" eventContext="launcher">
    <af:noteWindow id="nw1">
      <af:outputFormatted value="This is an example of a gauge popup." id="of1"
        shortDesc="Gauge Popup Example"/>
    </af:noteWindow>
  </af:popup>
</af:group>
```

You can change the popup to the context menu displayed in [Figure 25–13](#) by simply changing the trigger type for the `af:showPopupBehavior` component to `contextMenu` as shown in the following code snippet:

```
<af:showPopupBehavior popupId="::noteWindowPopup" triggerType="contextMenu"/>
```

**Before you begin:**

It may be helpful to have an understanding of how gauge attributes and child tags can affect functionality. For more information about configuring gauges, see [Section 25.2.5, "Configuring Gauges."](#)

Add a gauge to your page. For help with adding a gauge to a page, see [Section 25.2.2, "How to Add a Gauge to a Page."](#)

Add a popup component to your page. For help with configuring the `af:popup` component, see [Chapter 13, "Using Popup Dialogs, Menus, and Windows."](#)

**To add a popup or context menu to a gauge:**

1. In the Structure window, right-click the gauge component and choose **Insert inside Type Gauge > af:showPopupBehavior**.
2. Right-click **af:showPopupBehavior** and choose **Go to Properties**.
3. In the Property Inspector, enter values for the following:
  - **PopupId:** Specify the ID of the `af:popup` component.
  - **TriggerType:** For popup menus, enter `click`. For context menus, enter `contextMenu`.

Optionally, set values for **Align**, **AlignId**, and **Disabled**. Click **Component Help** for more information about the `af:showPopupBehavior` component.

### 25.4.3 How to Configure Value Change Support for a Gauge

You can allow users to change the metric value for a dial or rating gauge by setting the gauge's `readOnly` attribute to `false`.

To process the change on the server, specify a listener in the gauge's `valueChangeListener` attribute.

[Example 25–6](#) shows an example of a value change listener for a rating gauge configured to process a value change on the server. In this example, the rating gauge and listener are contained in a managed bean named `gaugeData`. The listener is named `ratingChangedListener` and simply outputs the new value to the console.

#### **Example 25–6 Server-Side Value Change Listener for a Gauge**

```
import javax.faces.event.ValueChangeEvent;

public class GaugeData {
    private Double gaugeValue = 3.0;
    public void ratingChangedListener (ValueChangeEvent e){
        if (e != null){
            gaugeValue = (Double) e.getNewValue();
            System.out.println("You clicked on " + gaugeValue + " stars");
        }
    }
    public Double getGaugeValue(){
        return gaugeValue;
    }
}
```

[Example 25–7](#) shows the code on the JSF page for a rating gauge configured to use the `gaugeData` managed bean.

#### **Example 25–7 Code on JSF Page for Rating Gauge Configured With a Value Change Listener**

```
<dvt:ratingGauge id="ratingGauge1" readOnly="false"
value="#{gaugeData.gaugeValue}"
valueChangeListener="#{gaugeData.ratingChangedListener}">
</dvt:ratingGauge>
```

You can also process the change on the client using `af:clientListener` components configured for `valueChange` and `input` event types. To use this method, you must create JavaScript functions that perform change event handling.

[Example 25–8](#) shows an example of a rating gauge configured with two `af:clientListener` components, one to handle the `valueChange` event and one to handle the `input` event. In this example, the `valueChangeListener` function sends an alert to the browser, and the `inputListener` function sends a message to the browser's console log.

#### **Example 25–8 Code on JSF Page for Rating Gauge Configured for Client-Side Event Handling**

```
<script type="text/javascript" xmlns="http://www.w3.org/1999/xhtml">
    function valueChangeListener(event) {
        alert("valueChange for " + event.getSource().getId() + ": " +
            event.getOldValue() + " --> " + event.getNewValue());
    }
    function inputListener(event) {
        console.log("input for " + event.getSource().getId() + ": " +
```

```

        event.getValue());
    }
</script>
<dvt:ratingGauge id="ratingGauge1" readOnly="false" value="#{gauge.gaugeValue}">
  <af:clientListener method="valueChangeListener" type="valueChange"/>
  <af:clientListener method="inputListener" type="input"/>
</dvt:ratingGauge>

```

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**Note:** This example uses inline JavaScript for the purposes of illustration only. Inline JavaScript can increase response payload size, will never be cached in the browser, and can block browser rendering. Instead of using inline JavaScript, consider putting all scripts in JavaScript libraries. For additional information about adding JavaScript to a page, see [Section 3.3, "Adding JavaScript to a Page."](#) For additional information about client-side event handling, see [Section 3.2, "Listening for Client Events."](#)

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### Before you begin:

It may be helpful to have an understanding of how gauge attributes and child tags can affect functionality. For more information about configuring gauges, see [Section 25.2.5, "Configuring Gauges."](#)

Add a gauge to your page. For help with adding a gauge to a page, see [Section 25.2.2, "How to Add a Gauge to a Page."](#)

If you are configuring server-side event handling, add the value change listener to the gauge's managed bean. If you need help with managed beans, see [Section 2.6, "Creating and Using Managed Beans."](#)

If you are configuring client-side event handling, create the JavaScript functions that will handle the `valueChange` and `input` events. For additional information about client-side event handling, see [Section 3.2, "Listening for Client Events."](#)

### To configure value change support for a gauge:

1. If you are configuring server-side change support, do the following:
  1. In the Structure window, right-click the gauge component and choose **Go to Properties**.
  2. In the Property Inspector, expand the **Common** section if needed.
  3. From the **ReadOnly** attribute's dropdown list, select `False`.
  4. Expand the **Behavior** section.
  5. From the **ValueChangeListener** attribute's dropdown menu, choose **Edit** to select the gauge's managed bean and listener.

For example, to reference the `gaugeData` sample bean, select `gaugeData` from the **Managed Bean** field's dropdown list, and select `ratingChangedListener` for the method. You can also choose **Expression Builder** from the **ValueChangeListener** attribute's dropdown menu to enter an EL expression that evaluates to the gauge's listener.

2. If you are configuring client-side event support, do the following:
  1. In the Structure window, right-click the gauge component and choose **Insert inside Type Gauge > af:clientListener**.

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2. In the Insert Client Listener dialog, enter the name of the JavaScript function that will handle the event and the event type.

For example, to use the example `valueChangeListener()` function shown in [Example 25-8](#), enter `valueChangeListener` for the method and `valueChange` for the event type.

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3. Repeat Step 1 and Step 2 to insert additional client listeners as needed.
4. In the Structure window, right-click the gauge component and choose **Go to Properties**.
5. In the Property Inspector, expand the **Common** section if needed.
6. From the **ReadOnly** attribute's dropdown list, select `False`.



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## Using NBox Components

This chapter describes how to use the ADF Data Visualization NBox component to display data in NBoxes using simple UI-first development. The chapter defines the data requirements, tag structure, and options for customizing the look and behavior of these components.

If your application uses the Fusion technology stack, you can use data controls to create NBoxes. For more information, see "Creating Databound NBox Components" in *Oracle Fusion Middleware Fusion Developer's Guide for Oracle Application Development Framework*.

This chapter includes the following sections:

- [Section 26.1, "Introduction to ADF Data Visualization NBox Components"](#)
- [Section 26.2, "Using the NBox Component"](#)

### 26.1 Introduction to ADF Data Visualization NBox Components

ADF Data Visualization components provide extensive graphical and tabular capabilities for visually displaying and analyzing business data. Each component needs to be bound to data before it can be rendered since the appearance of the components is dictated by the data that is displayed.

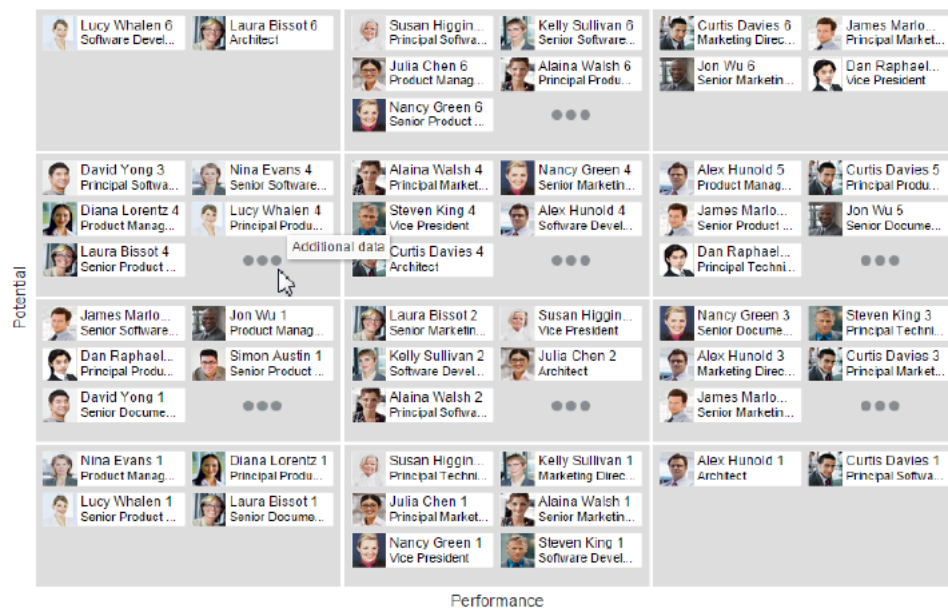
The ADF NBox is an interactive data visualization tool that allows users to view data displayed in a grid across two dimensions, each dimension representing a range of data. Customizable nodes representing data items are displayed in the cells formed by the intersection of the two dimensions.

#### 26.1.1 NBox Use Cases and Examples

The `nBox` component is comprised of two parts: the node that represents the data and the grid that comprises the cells into which the nodes are placed. If the number of nodes is greater than the space allocated for the cell, the NBox displays an indicator that users can click to access the additional nodes.

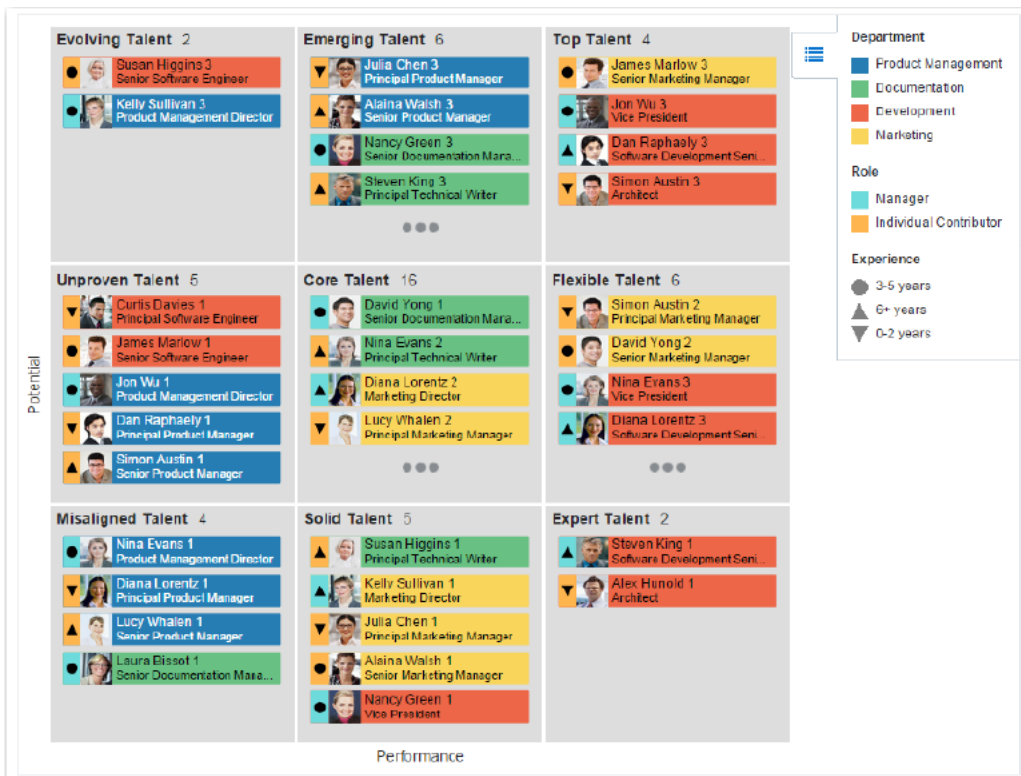
For example, as illustrated in [Figure 26-1](#) you can use the `nBox` component to compare employee potential and performance data, where the row represents employee potential and the column represents employee performance. The node that represents the employee is stamped into the appropriate cell.

**Figure 26–1 NBox Component Comparing Employee Potential and Performance**



NBox nodes can also be styled with colors, markers, and indicators to represent each unique value, or group, in the data set using attribute groups. Figure 26–2 shows an NBox with employee nodes styled by department, role, and experience.

**Figure 26–2 NBox Nodes Styled with Attribute Groups**

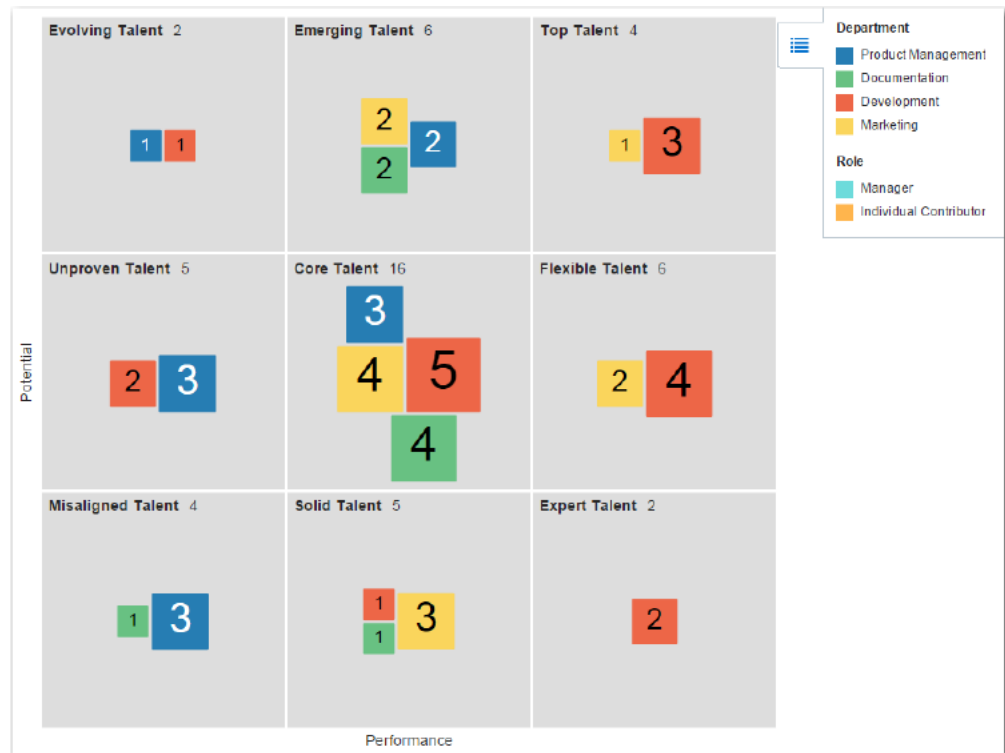


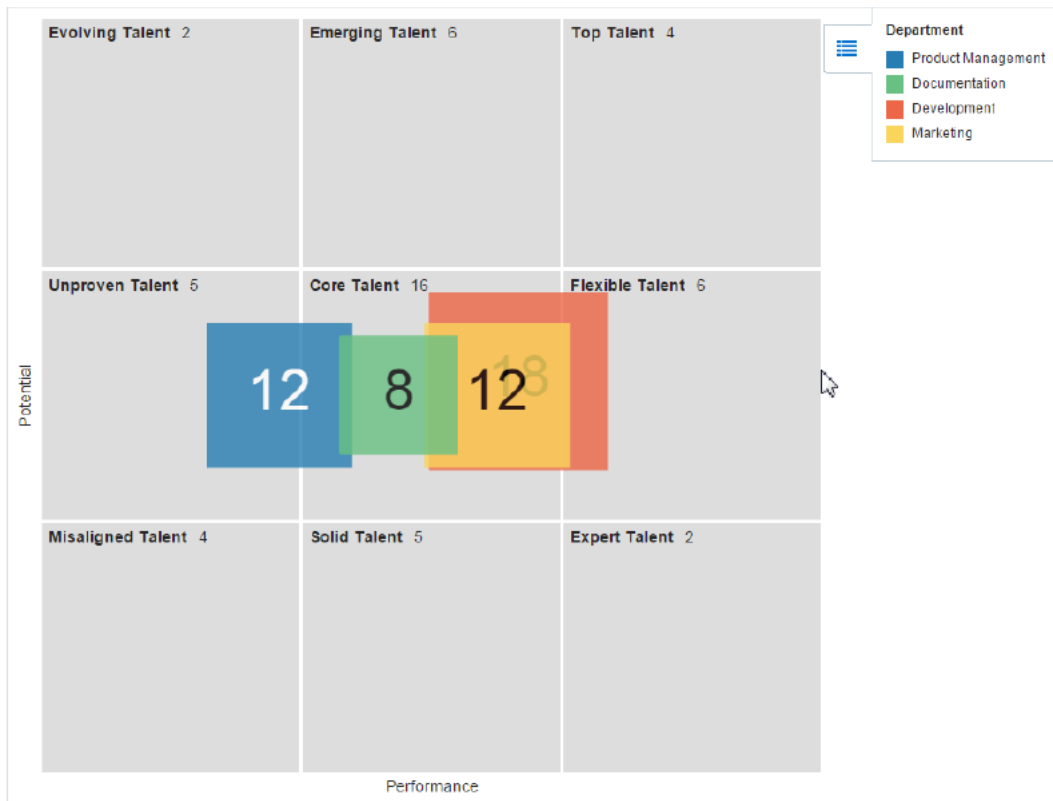
NBox nodes representing attribute groups can also be configured to display by size and number within each grid cell as illustrated in Figure 26–3, or across all cells are



illustrated in [Figure 26-4](#).

**Figure 26-3 NBox Nodes Displayed by Size and Number Within Cells**



**Figure 26–4 NBox Nodes Displayed by Size and Number Across Cells**

### 26.1.2 End User and Presentation Features of NBoxes

The ADF Data Visualization nBox component provides a range of features for end users, such as selection and tooltips. They also provide a range of presentation features, such as legend display, and customizable node shapes and colors.

To use and customize NBox components, it may be helpful to understand these features and components:

- Popup Support:** NBox components can be configured to display popup dialogs, windows, and menus that provide information or request input when the user clicks or hovers the mouse over a node.
- Context Menus:** NBoxes support the ability to display context menus to provide additional information about the selected node.
- Attribute Groups:** NBox nodes support the use of the `dvt:attributeGroups` tag to generate stylistic attribute values such as colors, markers, images, or indicators for each unique group in the data set.
- Legend Support:** NBoxes display legends to provide a visual clue to the type of data controlling the image and color. If the component uses attribute groups to specify colors based on conditions such as level of performance, the legend can also display the colors used and indicate what value each color represents.
- Node Selection Support:** NBoxes support the ability to respond to user clicks on one or more nodes to display information about the selected node(s).
- Tooltip Support:** NBoxes support the ability to display additional information about a node when the user moves the mouse over a node.

- **Grouping:** You can configure NBoxes to group nodes together based on attribute groups and then display the group within each cell or across cells.
- **Other Node Support:** NBox components provide the ability to aggregate data if your data model includes a large number of smaller contributors in relation to the larger contributors.
- **Maximize Row or Column:** NBox rows or columns can be configured to magnify a specify row or column in the NBox, or a cell at the intersection of a specified row and column.

## 26.2 Using the NBox Component

To use the `nBox` component, define the data, add the NBox to a page and complete the additional configuration in JDeveloper.

### 26.2.1 NBox Data Requirements

The ADF NBox component displays data in a grid layout, with a configurable number of rows and columns used to represent two dimensions or measures of data. Nodes represent the actual data and are stamped inside the grid's cells according to where the node's value falls within the ranges or measures specified for the cells.

Data is supplied as a collections of data provided either as an implementation of the `List` interface (`java.util.ArrayList`), or a `CollectionModel` (`org.apache.myfaces.trinidad.model.CollectionModel`). The data can be of any type, typically `String`, `int`, or `long`.

The collection of NBox nodes requires an attribute that represents the unique Id for each row in the collection. The collection is mapped using a `value` attribute to stamp out each instance of the node using a component to iterate through the collection. Each time a child component is stamped out, the data for the current component is copied into a `var` property used by the data layer component in an EL Expression. Once the NBox has completed rendering, the `var` property is removed, or reverted back to its previous value. By convention, `var` is set to `node` or `link`.

The values for the `value` attribute must be stored in the node's or link's data model or in classes and managed beans if you are using UI-first development.

### 26.2.2 Configuring NBoxes

The `nBox` component has configurable attributes and child components that you can add or modify to customize the display or behavior of the NBox. The prefix `dvt:` occurs at the beginning of each NBox component name indicating that the component belongs to the ADF Data Visualization Tools (DVT) tag library.

You can configure NBox child components, attributes, and supported facets in the following areas:

- NBox (`dvt:nBox`): Wraps the NBox nodes. Configure the following attributes to control the NBox display:
  - `columnsTitle`: Optional label for the ordered list of columns from bottom to top along the horizontal axis of the NBox grid.
  - `rowsTitle`: Optional label for the ordered list of rows from start to end along the vertical axis of the NBox grid.
  - Empty text (`emptyText`): Use the `emptyText` attribute to specify the text to display if an NBox node contains no data.

- `groupBy`: Use to group nodes together by listing the attribute group IDs in a space-separated list.
- `groupBehavior`: Use to specify the display of a group of nodes within the cells or across the cells of the NBox.
- **Animation**: Use a child `af:transition` tag to enable animation by setting a `triggerType` attribute to display when the NBox initially displays, and to `dataChange` when the values of the NBox nodes change.
- **Maximize**: Use the `maximizedColumn` or `maximizedRow` attributes to magnify a specific column or row in the NBox. Specifying both attributes will magnify the cell at the intersection of the specified row and column.
- **Other group**: Use the `otherThreshold`, and `otherColor` attributes to aggregate child data into an **Other** node.

The NBox component supports the use of these `f:facet` elements:

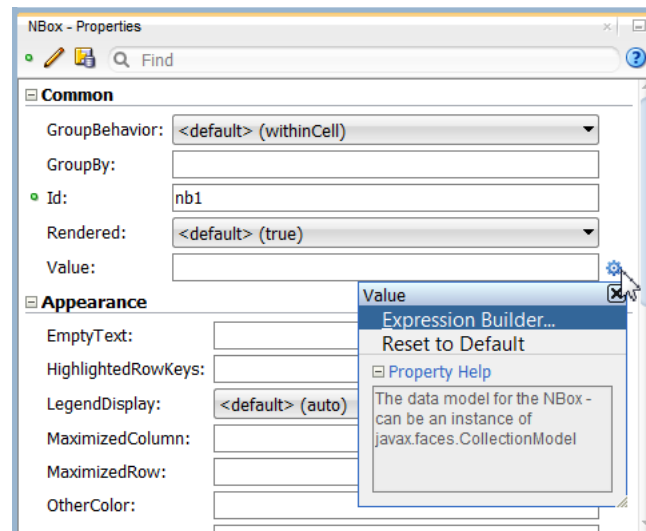
- **Columns**: Use to specify the number and optional label of columns for the NBox grid. An `af:group` element wraps the `dvt:nBoxColumn` elements representing the ordered list of columns from bottom to top along the horizontal axis of the grid.
- **Rows**: Use to specify the number and optional label of rows for the NBox grid. An `af:group` element wraps the `dvt:nBoxRow` elements representing the ordered list of rows from start to end along the vertical axis of the grid.
- **cells**: Use to configure the attributes of individual cells, for example, background colors and labels.
- **NBox nodes (`nBoxNode`)**: Use to define the properties for an NBox node. The component supports the use of these `f:facet` elements:
  - `icon`: Specifies a `dvt:marker` to be used as the primary graphical element of this node, such as an employee photo or human shape.
  - `indicator`: Specifies a `dvt:marker` to be used as the secondary graphical element of this node, such as a color bar.
- **Attribute groups (`attributeGroups`)**: Use this optional child tag of an NBox node child element, typically the `dvt:marker` component, to generate style values for each unique value, or group, in the data set.

Attribute groups are necessary to provide information for the display of the NBox and are therefore recommended.
- **Legend (`legend`)**: Use to display multiple sections of marker and label pairs. Define the legend as a child of the NBox component.

### 26.2.3 How to Add an NBox to a Page

When you are designing your page using simple UI-first development, you use the Components Palette to add an NBox to a JSF page. When you drag and drop an `nBox` component onto the page, the NBox is added to your page, and you can use the Property Inspector to specify data values and configure additional display attributes.

In the Property Inspector you can click the icon that appears when you hover over the property field to display a property description or edit options. [Figure 26–5](#) shows the dropdown menu for an NBox `value` attribute.

**Figure 26–5 NBox Value Attribute Dropdown Menu**


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**Note:** If your application uses the Fusion technology stack, then you can use data controls to create an NBox and the binding will be done for you. For more information, see the "Creating Databound NBox Components" section in *Oracle Fusion Middleware Fusion Developer's Guide for Oracle Application Development Framework*.

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#### Before you begin:

It may be helpful to have an understanding of how NBox attributes and child tags can affect functionality. For more information, see [Section 26.2.2, "Configuring NBoxes."](#)

You must complete the following tasks:

1. Create an application workspace as described in [Section 2.2, "Creating an Application Workspace."](#)
2. Create a view page as described in [Section 2.4, "Creating a View Page."](#)

#### To add an NBox to a page:

1. In the ADF Data Visualization page of the Components Palette, from the Common panel, drag and drop an **NBox** onto the page.
2. In the Property Inspector, view the attributes for the NBox. Use the help button to display the complete tag documentation for the `nBox` component.
3. Expand the **Appearance** section, and enter values for the following attributes:
  - **ColumnsTitle:** Enter text to label the ordered list of columns from bottom to top along the horizontal axis of the NBox grid. Alternatively, choose **Select Text Resource** or **Expression Builder** from the attribute's dropdown menu to select a text resource or EL expression.
  - **RowsTitle:** Enter text to label the ordered list of rows from start to end along the vertical axis of the NBox grid. Alternatively, choose **Select Text Resource** or **Expression Builder** from the attribute's dropdown menu to select a text resource or EL expression.
  - **Summary:** Enter a summary of the NBox purpose and structure for screen reader support.

4. In the Structure window, expand the **dvt:nBox** element, then expand the NBox Facets element and choose **Insert Inside NBox > Facet Columns**.
5. In the Structure window, right-click the **f:facet - columns** element and choose **Insert inside Facet columns > Group**.
6. In the Structure window, right-click the **Group** element and for each column you wish to add to the NBox, choose **Insert inside Group > ADF Data Visualizations > NBox Column**.
7. In the Insert NBox Column dialog enter the value representing a defined range of data within the column dimension of the NBox. For example, for an NBox displaying a range of US population size across 3 columns, you might enter *low*, *medium*, and *high*.
8. In the Structure window, right-click the **dvt:nBox** element and choose **Insert Inside NBox > Facet Rows**.
9. In the Structure window, right-click the **f:facet - row** element and choose **Insert inside Facet Rows > Group**.
10. In the Structure window, right-click the **Group** elements and for each row you wish to add to the NBox, choose **Insert inside Group > ADF Data Visualizations > NBox Row**.
11. In the Insert NBox Row dialog enter the value representing a defined range of data within the row dimension of the NBox. For example, for an NBox displaying a range of income levels across 3 rows, you might enter *lower*, *medium*, and *upper*.

#### 26.2.4 What Happens When You Add an NBox to a Page

Developer generates only a minimal set of tags when you drag and drop an NBox from the Components Palette onto a JSF page and choose not to bind the data during creation. The generated code is:

```
<dvt:nBox id="exampleNBox"/>
```

If you choose to bind the data to a data control when creating the NBox, JDeveloper generates code based on the data model. For more information, see the "Creating Databound NBox Components" section in *Oracle Fusion Middleware Fusion Developer's Guide for Oracle Application Development Framework*.

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## Using ADF Pivot Table Components

This chapter describes how to use a databound ADF pivot table component to display data, and provides the options for pivot table customization.

This chapter includes the following sections:

- [Section 27.1, "Introduction to Pivot Tables"](#)
- [Section 27.2, "Understanding Data Requirements for a Pivot Table"](#)
- [Section 27.3, "Pivoting Layers"](#)
- [Section 27.4, "Displaying Large Data Sets in Pivot Tables"](#)
- [Section 27.5, "Using Selection in Pivot Tables"](#)
- [Section 27.6, "Sorting in a Pivot Table"](#)
- [Section 27.7, "Sizing in a Pivot Table"](#)
- [Section 27.8, "Updating Pivot Tables with Partial Page Rendering"](#)
- [Section 27.9, "Exporting from a Pivot Table"](#)
- [Section 27.10, "Displaying Pivot Tables in Printable Pages"](#)
- [Section 27.11, "Customizing the Cell Content of a Pivot Table"](#)
- [Section 27.12, "Pivot Table Data Cell Stamping and Editing"](#)
- [Section 27.13, "Using a Pivot Filter Bar with a Pivot Table"](#)

For information about the data binding of ADF pivot tables, see the "Creating Databound Pivot Tables" section in the *Oracle Fusion Middleware Fusion Developer's Guide for Oracle Application Development Framework*.

### 27.1 Introduction to Pivot Tables

The ADF pivot table component displays a grid of data with rows and columns. Similar to spreadsheets, this component provides the option of automatically generating subtotals and totals for grid data. The pivot table lets you *pivot* or move data labels and the associated data layer from one row or column edge to another to obtain different views of your data, supporting interactive analysis.

The power of the pivot table's interactive capability is based in its display of multiple nested attributes on row and column headers. You can dynamically change the layout of these attributes using drag-and-drop operations.

[Figure 27-1](#) shows a pivot table with multiple attributes nested on its rows and columns.

**Figure 27–1 Sales Pivot Table with Multiple Rows and Columns**

		Sales		Units	
		All Channels		All Channels	
		World	Boston	World	Boston
2007	Tents	20,000.000	500.000	200.000	50.000
	Canoes	15,000.000	1,500.000	75.000	8.000
2006	Tents	10,000.000	250.000	100.000	25.000
	Canoes	7,500.000	750.000	40.000	4.000
2005	Tents	5,000.000	125.000	50.000	15.000
	Canoes	3,750.000	375.000	20.000	2.000

A *pivot filter bar* is a component that can be added to a pivot table to provide the user with a way to filter pivot table data in layers not displayed in one of the other edges of the pivot table. Users can also drag and drop these layers between the pivot filter bar and the associated pivot table to change the view of the data. [Figure 27–2](#) shows a pivot filter bar for a pivot table.

**Figure 27–2 Pivot Filter Bar Component**

The screenshot shows a Pivot Filter Bar with two dropdown menus: 'Audio Components' and 'Massachusetts'. Below the filter bar is a pivot table with the following data:

	First Quarter			Second Quarter		Third Quarter		
	January	February	March	July	August	September		
Direct	5,000	5,400	5,800	7,200	5,000	5,400	5	
Indirect	500	540	580	1,711	500	540		

### 27.1.1 Pivot Table Elements and Terminology

The following list of pivot table terms uses [Figure 27–1](#) as a Sales Pivot Table sample in its descriptions of terms:

- Edges: The axes in pivot tables, including:
  - Row edge: The vertical axis to the left of the body of the pivot table. In [Figure 27–1](#), the row edge contains two layers, Year and Product, and each row in the pivot table represents the combination of a particular year and a particular product.
  - Column edge: The horizontal axis above the body of the pivot table. In [Figure 27–1](#), the column edge contains three layers, Measure, Channel, and Geography, and each column in the pivot table represents the combination of a particular measure value (Sales or Units), a particular channel indicator (All Channels), and a particular geographic location (World or Boston).
  - Page edge: The edge represented by the pivot filter bar, whose layers can be filtered or pivoted with the layers in the row and column edges.
- Layers: Nested attributes that appear in a single edge. In [Figure 27–1](#), the following three layers appear in the column edge: Measure, Channel, and Geography. The following two layers appear in the row edge: Year and Product.
- Header cell: The labels that identify the data displayed in a row or column. Row header cells appear on the row edge, and column header cells appear on the column edge.



- Data cell: The cells within the pivot table that contain data values, not header information. In the sample, the first data cell contains a value of 20,000.000.
- QDR (Qualified Data Reference): A fully qualified data reference to a row, a column, or an individual cell. For example, in [Figure 27-1](#), the QDR for the first data cell in the pivot table must provide the following information:
  - Year=2007
  - Product=Tents
  - Measure=Sales
  - Channel=All Channels
  - Geography=World

## 27.2 Understanding Data Requirements for a Pivot Table

The pivot table component uses a model to display and interact with data. The specific model class used is `oracle.adf.view.faces.bi.model.DataModel`.

You can use any row set (flat file) data collection to supply data to a pivot table. During the data binding operation, you have the opportunity to drag each data element to the desired location on the row edge or column edge of the pivot table in the data binding dialog.

During data binding, you also have the option of specifying subtotals and totals for pivot table rows and columns, specifying drill operations at runtime, defining how to aggregate duplicate records, and setting up initial sort criteria.

For information about the data binding of pivot tables, see the "Creating Databound Pivot Tables" section in the *Oracle Fusion Middleware Fusion Developer's Guide for Oracle Application Development Framework*

### 27.2.1 Active Data Support (ADS)

Pivot tables and pivot filter bars support ADS by sending a Partial Page Refresh (PPR) request when an active data event is received. The PPR response updates the pivot table and pivot filter bar values as follows:

- If the ADS event results in an update to the value of one or more existing pivot table data cells, the values are updated in place.
- If the ADS event results in an insert or delete of a row or column, or multiple rows or columns, the entire pivot table is refreshed to display the change.
- ADS is only supported for a single stamped `af:outputText` or `dvt:sparkChart` component in a data cell.
- If an event arrives while the pivot table is in an operation such as a pivot, the event is buffered so that it can be applied after the operation is completed; except in the case where the event is older than the data that the pivot operation just fetched, in which case the event is discarded.

For additional information about using the Active Data Service, see [Chapter 37, "Using the Active Data Service with an Asynchronous Backend."](#)

## 27.3 Pivoting Layers

You can drag any layer in a pivot table to a different location on the same edge or to a different edge. This operation is called *pivoting* and is enabled by default.

When you move the mouse over a layer, the layer's pivot handle is selected and an optional pivot label is displayed. If you move the mouse over the pivot handle, the cursor changes to a four-point arrow drag cursor. You can then use the handle to drag the layer to the new location. If you move the mouse over a layer on the row edge, the pivot handle appears above the layer, as shown in [Figure 27-3](#).

**Figure 27-3 Display of Pivot Handle on the Row Edge**

	Sales			
	All Channels	Boston	All C	
Time	World	Boston	World	
2007	20,000.000	500.000	200.00	
Canoes	15,000.000	1,500.000	75.00	
2006	Tents	10,000.000	250.000	100.00
Canoes	7,500.000	750.000	40.00	
2005	Tents	5,000.000	125.000	50.00
Canoes	3,750.000	375.000	20.00	

If you move the cursor over a layer in the column edge, the pivot handle appears to the left of the layer, as shown in [Figure 27-4](#).

**Figure 27-4 Display of Pivot Handle on the Column Edge**

	Sales			Units	
	All Channels	Boston	World	All Channels	Boston
2007	Tents	20,000.000	500.000	200.000	50.000
Canoes	15,000.000	1,500.000	75.000	8.000	
2006	Tents	10,000.000	250.000	100.000	25.000
Canoes	7,500.000	750.000	40.000	4.000	
2005	Tents	5,000.000	125.000	50.000	15.000
Canoes	3,750.000	375.000	20.000	2.000	

If, in [Figure 27-3](#), you drag the pivot handle of the Time (Year) layer from the row edge to the column edge between the Measure (Sales) layer and the Channel layer, the pivot table will change shape as shown in [Figure 27-5](#).

**Figure 27-5 Sales Pivot Table After Pivot of Year**

	Sales					
	2007		2006		2005	
	All Channels		All Channels		All Channels	
Tents	World	Boston	World	Boston	World	Boston
Canoes	20,000.000	500.000	10,000.000	250.000	5,000.000	125.000
	15,000.000	1,500.000	7,500.000	750.000	3,750.000	375.000

You can customize pivoting to disable pivot labels and pivoting.

#### To customize pivoting in a pivot table:

1. In the Structure window, right-click the `dvt:pivotTable` node and choose **Go to Properties**.
2. Optionally, in the **Appearance** category of the Property Inspector, in the `PivotLabelVisible` field, select **false** from the dropdown list to disable the display of the label in the pivot handle.
3. Optionally, in the **Behavior** category of the Property Inspector, in the `PivotEnabled` field, select **false** from the dropdown list to disable the pivoting.

## 27.4 Displaying Large Data Sets in Pivot Tables

By default pivot tables support on-demand data scrolling for large data sets. Only the data being viewed in the pivot table is loaded. As the user scrolls vertically or horizontally, data is fetched or discarded to fill the new pivot table view. [Figure 27-6](#) shows a pivot table with a large data set using on-demand data scrolling.

**Figure 27-6 On-Demand Data Scrolling in a Pivot Table**

		Acres						Bytes		
		Atlanta			Boston			Atlanta		
		Avocados	Bobbins	Canoes	Avocados	Bobbins	Canoes	Avocados	Bobbins	Canoes
Harley-Davidson	Daphne	2,870	2,903	2,915	3,624	3,657	3,669	2,715	2,748	2,760
	Ezra	2,470	2,503	2,515	3,224	3,257	3,269	2,315	2,348	2,360
	Archie	2,831	2,864	2,876	3,585	3,618	3,630	2,676	2,709	2,721
	Betty	2,483	2,516	2,528	3,237	3,270	3,282	2,328	2,361	2,373
	Chet	2,201	2,234	2,246	2,955	2,988	3,000	2,046	2,079	2,091
	Daphne	2,865	2,898	2,910	3,619	3,652	3,664	2,710	2,743	2,755
Isdera	Ezra	2,465	2,498	2,510	3,219	3,252	3,264	2,310	2,343	2,355
	Archie	2,929	2,962	2,974	3,683	3,716	3,728	2,774	2,807	2,819
	Betty	2,581	2,614	2,626	3,335	3,368	3,380	2,426	2,459	2,471
	Chet	2,299	2,332	2,344	3,053	3,086	3,098	2,144	2,177	2,189
	Daphne	2,963	2,996	3,008	3,717	3,750	3,762	2,808	2,841	2,853
	Ezra	2,563	2,596	2,608	3,317	3,350	3,362	2,408	2,441	2,453
Jaguar	Archie	2,917	2,950	2,962	3,671	3,704	3,716	2,762	2,795	2,807
	Betty	2,569	2,602	2,614	3,323	3,356	3,368	2,414	2,447	2,459
	Chet	2,287	2,320	2,332	3,041	3,074	3,086	2,132	2,165	2,177
	Daphne	2,951	2,984	2,996	3,705	3,738	3,750	2,796	2,829	2,841
	Ezra	2,551	2,584	2,596	3,305	3,338	3,350	2,396	2,429	2,441
	Archie	2,790	2,823	2,835	3,544	3,577	3,589	2,635	2,668	2,680
Kia	Betty	2,442	2,475	2,487	3,196	3,229	3,241	2,287	2,320	2,332
	Chet	2,160	2,193	2,205	2,914	2,947	2,959	2,005	2,038	2,050
	Daphne	2,824	2,857	2,869	3,578	3,611	3,623	2,669	2,702	2,714

Instead of scroll bars, you can configure a page control to navigate large data sets in pivot tables for desktop applications and for mobile browsers on touch devices. This control is only available when there are more rows than the data fetch size, and the component is not being stretched by its containing layout component. For example, the page control for columns display at the top of the pivot table and the page control for rows display at the foot of the pivot table as shown in [Figure 27-7](#).

**Figure 27-7 Pivot Table Column and Row Page Controls**

		Acres						Bytes		
		Atlanta			Boston			Atlanta		
		Avocados	Bobbins	Canoes	Avocados	Bobbins	Canoes	Avocados	Bobbins	Canoes
Aston Martin	Archie	2,449	2,482	2,494	3,203	3,236	3,248	2,294	2,327	2,339
	Betty	2,101	2,134	2,146	2,855	2,888	2,900	1,946	1,979	1,991
	Chet	1,819	1,852	1,864	2,573	2,606	2,618	1,664	1,697	1,709
	Daphne	2,483	2,516	2,528	3,237	3,270	3,282	2,328	2,361	2,373
	Ezra	2,083	2,116	2,128	2,837	2,870	2,882	1,928	1,961	1,973
	Daphne	2,556	2,589	2,601	3,310	3,343	3,355	2,401	2,434	2,446
Bentley	Ezra	2,156	2,189	2,201	2,910	2,943	2,955	2,001	2,034	2,046
	Archie	2,522	2,555	2,567	3,276	3,309	3,321	2,367	2,400	2,412
	Betty	2,174	2,207	2,219	2,928	2,961	2,973	2,019	2,052	2,064
	Chet	1,892	1,925	1,937	2,646	2,679	2,691	1,737	1,770	1,782
	Daphne	2,556	2,589	2,601	3,310	3,343	3,355	2,401	2,434	2,446
	Ezra	2,156	2,189	2,201	2,910	2,943	2,955	2,001	2,034	2,046
Corvette	Archie	2,667	2,700	2,712	3,421	3,454	3,466	2,512	2,545	2,557
	Betty	2,319	2,352	2,364	3,073	3,106	3,118	2,164	2,197	2,209
	Chet	2,037	2,070	2,082	2,791	2,824	2,836	1,882	1,915	1,927
	Daphne	2,701	2,734	2,746	3,455	3,488	3,500	2,546	2,579	2,591
	Ezra	2,301	2,334	2,346	3,055	3,088	3,100	2,146	2,179	2,191
	Daphne	2,681	2,714	2,726	3,435	3,468	3,480	2,526	2,559	2,571
DeLorean	Archie	2,647	2,680	2,692	3,401	3,434	3,446	2,492	2,525	2,537
	Betty	2,299	2,332	2,344	3,053	3,086	3,098	2,144	2,177	2,189
	Chet	2,017	2,050	2,062	2,771	2,804	2,816	1,862	1,895	1,907
	Daphne	2,681	2,714	2,726	3,435	3,468	3,480	2,526	2,559	2,571

When you are developing an ADF Faces web application, by default pivot tables use a vertical or horizontal scroll bar for displaying rows over the size of the data being fetched. To configure an alternative page control for the `pivotTable` component, set the `scrollPolicy` attribute to page. For example:

```
scrollPolicy="page"
```

While a standard ADF Faces web application will run in mobile browsers, because the user interaction is different and because screen size is limited, when your application needs to run in a mobile browser, you should create touch device-specific versions of the pages. For more information, see [Appendix D, "Creating Web Applications for Touch Devices Using ADF Faces."](#)

By default, when rendered on mobile devices, pivot tables display a page control that allows the user to jump to specific pages of rows. For pivot tables to display on a mobile device, you should:

- Place the pivot table component within a flowing container (that is, a component that does not stretch its children). For more information about flowing container components, see [Section 8.2.1, "Geometry Management and Component Stretching."](#)
- Set the `scrollPolicy` attribute to `auto` (if the page may also run on a desktop device) or `page` (if the page will only run on a mobile device).

If the pivot table is not in a flowing container, or if those attributes are not set correctly, the pivot table will display a scroll bar instead of pages.

When displaying large data sets using scroll bars or page controls, you can also improve readability by configuring the pivot table to always display the labels that appear above each row header layer and beside each column header layer. To configure consistent display of the row and column header labels for the `pivotTable` component, set the `layerLabelMode` attribute to `rendered`. The default value is `hidden`.

## 27.5 Using Selection in Pivot Tables

Selection in a pivot table allows a user to select one or more cells in a pivot table. Only one of the three areas including the row header, column header, or data cells can be selected at one time.

An application can implement features such as displaying customized content for a context menu, based on currently selected cells. [Example 27-1](#) shows sample code for getting the currently selected header cells.

### **Example 27-1 Sample Code to Get Selected Header Cells**

```
UIPivotTable pt = getPivotTable()
if (pt == null)
    return null;
HeaderCellSelectionSet headerCells = null;
if (pt.getSelection().getColumnHeaderCells().size() > 0) {
    headerCells = pt.getSelection().getColumnHeaderCells();
} else if (pt.getSelection().getRowHeaderCells().size() > 0) {
    headerCells = pt.getSelection().getRowHeaderCells();
}
```

At runtime, selection in a data cell highlights the cell, as shown in [Figure 27-8](#).

**Figure 27–8 Selected Data Cell**

		Sales		Units	
		All Channels		All Channels	
		World	Boston	World	Boston
2007	Tents	20,000	500	200	50
	Canoes	15,000	1,500	75	8
2006	Tents	10,000	250	100	25
	Canoes	7,500	750	40	4
2005	Tents	5,000	125	50	15
	Canoes	3,750	375	20	2

Pivot tables can contain both read-only and editable data cells. Editable cells are those containing an input component, for example, `af:inputText` or `af:comboBox`. When a pivot table containing editable cells is initially displayed, the first data cell is selected and the pivot table is open for editing. Users can initiate editing anywhere in the pivot table by clicking in a cell to edit or overwrite the cell value. Clicking in editable cells enables the user to identify a specific location within the cell, and then navigate within that cell using the arrow keys. Any edit performed on an editable cell can be reverted by pressing Esc.

**Note:** Pressing Esc will not revert a value selected in a list of values component, for example `af:inputComboboxListOfValues`, since the value is submitted immediately when the dropdown is closed.

Data cells selected for direct editing are displayed as shown in [Figure 27–9](#).

**Figure 27–9 Data Cell Open for Direct Editing**

		Sales		Units		Enter between 2 and 6 characters.		Link		Size		Supply Date	
						Item Available	Price	Color	Weight	Link	Size	Supply Date	
2007	Tents	All Channels	World	20000.0	200.0	Item Available	33.0	red	33.0	Main-link	L	1/1/2000	
			Boston	500.0	50.0	Item Available	66.0	coffee	66.0	Main-link	S	4/4/2004	
	Jacket	All Channels	World	40000.0	4000.0	Item Available	11.0	red	44.0	Main-link	L	1/1/2000	
			Boston	700.0	70.0	Item Available	13.0	coffee	42.0	Main-link	S	4/4/2004	
2008	Tents	All Channels	World	30000.0	300.0	Item Available	36.0	red	33.0	Main-link	L	1/1/2000	
			Boston	3000.0	30.0	Item Available	69.0	coffee	66.0	Main-link	S	4/4/2004	
	Jacket	All Channels	World	10000.0	1000.0	Item Available	12.0	red	44.0	Sub-link	M	3/3/2003	
			Boston	600.0	60.0	Item Available	15.0	coffee	42.0	Main-link	S	4/4/2004	

Data cells selected for dropdown list editing are displayed as shown in [Figure 27–10](#).

**Figure 27–10 Data Cell Open for Dropdown List Editing**

		Sales		Units		Available		Price		Color		Weight		Link		Size		Supply Date	
						Item Available	Price	Color	Weight	Link	Size	Supply Date							
2007	Tents	All Channels	World	20000.0	200.0	Item Available	33.0	red	33.0	Main-link	L	1/1/2000							
			Boston	500.0	50.0	Item Available	66.0	coffee	66.0	Main-link	S	4/4/2004							
	Jacket	All Channels	World	40000.0	4000.0	Item Available	11.0	red	44.0	Main-link	L	1/1/2000							
			Boston	700.0	70.0	Item Available	13.0	coffee	42.0	Main-link	S	4/4/2004							
2008	Tents	All Channels	World	30000.0	300.0	Item Available	36.0	red	33.0	Main-link	L	1/1/2000							
			Boston	3000.0	30.0	Item Available	69.0	coffee	66.0	Main-link	S	4/4/2004							
	Jacket	All Channels	World	10000.0	1000.0	Item Available	12.0	red	44.0	Sub-link	M	3/3/2003							
			Boston	600.0	60.0	Item Available	15.0	coffee	42.0	Main-link	S	4/4/2004							

For more information about enabling data cell editing, see [Section 27.12, "Pivot Table Data Cell Stamping and Editing."](#)

## 27.6 Sorting in a Pivot Table

Pivot tables support sorting of data within the pivot table. When sorting is enabled, ascending and descending sort icons are displayed as the user hovers the cursor over the innermost layer of the column header. By default, the `sortMode` attribute of the `dvt:pivotTable` component is set to `grouped`, effectively sorting the data grouped by the row edge outermost layer. [Figure 27–11](#) shows the sort icons in the World Sales column of the pivot table, where the data is grouped by the Year row edge outermost layers.

**Figure 27–11 Ascending and Descending Sorting Icons in a Pivot Table**

	Geography	Sales		Units	
		All Channels	Boston	World	Boston
2007	Tents	20,000,000	500,000	200,000	50,000
	Canoes	15,000	Sort Data Ascending		1,000
2006	Tents	10,000,000	250,000	100,000	25,000
	Canoes	7,500,000	750,000	40,000	4,000
2005	Tents	5,000,000	125,000	50,000	15,000
	Canoes	3,750,000	375,000	20,000	2,000

## 27.7 Sizing in a Pivot Table

When you create a pivot table, default settings determine the overall size of that pivot table. The pivot table also automatically sizes rows, columns, and layers within the space allowed for the overall size. You have the option of changing the overall size of the pivot table, resizing rows and columns, and resizing layers.

### 27.7.1 How to Set the Overall Size of a Pivot Table

The default size of a pivot table is a width of 300 pixels and a height of 300 pixels. Instead of entering pixels for width and height, you have the option of specifying a percentage value for width, height, or both. This percentage value refers to the portion of the page that you want the pivot table to use.

#### To customize the default settings of a pivot table:

1. In the visual editor, display the page that contains the pivot table.
2. Click **Source** to display the XML code on the JSPX page.
3. Enter the following code for the `inlineStyle` attribute of the `pivotTable` tag, where `value1` is an integer with the unit type for the width of the pivot table and `value2` is an integer with the unit type for the height of the pivot table:  
`inlineStyle="width:value1;height:value2".`

[Example 27–2](#) shows the setting of the `inlineStyle` attribute that specifies the width of the table as 50 percent of the page size and the height of the table as 400 pixels.

#### Example 27–2 XML Code for Customizing Pivot Table Size

```
<dvt:pivotTable
.
.
.
    inlineStyle="width:50%;height:400px">
</dvt:pivotTable>
```



## 27.7.2 How to Resize Rows, Columns, and Layers

The pivot table autosizes rows, columns, and layers when the pivot table is initially displayed. At runtime, you can change the size of rows, columns, or layers by dragging the row, column, or layer separator to a new location.

### To resize rows, columns, and layers at runtime:

1. If you want to resize a row, do the following:
  - a. Position the cursor in the row header on the separator between the row you want to resize and the next row.
  - b. When the cursor changes to a double-sided arrow, click and drag the row separator to the desired location.
2. If you want to resize a column, do the following:
  - a. Position the cursor in the column header on the separator between the column you want to resize and the next column.
  - b. When the cursor changes to a double-sided arrow, click and drag the column separator to the desired location.
3. If you want to resize a layer, do the following:
  - a. Position the cursor in the row or column header on the separator between the layer you want to resize and the next layer.
  - b. When the cursor changes to a double-sided arrow, click and drag the layer separator to the desired location.

## 27.7.3 What You May Need to Know About Resizing Rows, Columns, and Layers

When you resize rows, columns, or layers, the new sizes remain until you perform a pivot operation. After a pivot operation, the new sizes are cleared and the pivot table rows, columns, and layers return to their original sizes.

If you do not perform a pivot operation, then the new sizes remain for the life of the session. However, you cannot save these sizes through MDS (Metadata Services) customization.

## 27.8 Updating Pivot Tables with Partial Page Rendering

You can update pivot tables, for example, to display the totals in a pivot table when triggered by a checkbox, by using partial page rendering (PPR). PPR allows only certain components on a page to be rerendered without the need to refresh the entire page. For more information about PPR, see [Chapter 7.1, "Introduction to Partial Page Rendering."](#)

For a component to be rerendered based on an event caused by another component, it must declare which other components are the triggers. Use the `partialTriggers` attribute to provide a list of IDs of the components that should trigger a partial update of the pivot table. The pivot table listens on the trigger components and if one of the trigger components receives an event that will cause it to update in some way, the pivot table is also updated.

[Example 27-3](#) shows sample code for updating a pivot table by displaying the totals when a checkbox is triggered. The triggering component uses the ID as the `partialTriggers` value.

**Example 27–3 Partial Update of a Pivot Table**

```

<dvt:pivotTable id="goodPT"
  value="#{richPivotTableModel.dataModel}"
  partialTriggers="showTotals"/>

<af:selectBooleanCheckbox id="showTotals" autoSubmit="true" label="Show Totals"
  value="#{richPivotTableModel.totalsEnabled}"/>

```

## 27.9 Exporting from a Pivot Table

You can export the data from a pivot table to a Microsoft Excel spreadsheet. Create an action source, such as a command button or command link, and add a `dvt:exportPivotTableData` component and associate it with the data you wish to export. You can configure the `dvt:exportPivotTableData` component so that the entire pivot table will be exported, or so that only the rows selected by the user will be exported. For example, [Figure 27–12](#) shows a pivot table that includes command button components that allow users to export the data to an Excel spreadsheet.

**Figure 27–12 Pivot Table with Export to Excel Command Buttons**

		Sales		Units	
		All Channels		All Channels	
		World	Boston	World	Boston
2007	Tents	20,000	500	200	50
	Canoes	15,000	1,500	75	8
2006	Tents	10,000	250	100	25
	Canoes	7,500	750	40	4
2005	Tents	5,000	125	50	15
	Canoes	3,750	375	20	2

When the user clicks the command button, by default all the rows and columns are exported in an Excel format written to the file specified in the `filename` attribute of the tag. Alternatively, you can configure the `dvt:exportPivotTableData` component so that only the rows the user selects are exported, by setting the `exportedData` attribute to `selected`. [Example 27–4](#) shows the sample code for the **Export to Excel** command button.

**Example 27–4 Sample Code for Export to Excel Command Button**

```

<af:commandButton text="Export To Excel" immediate="true">
  <dvt:exportPivotTableData type="excelHTML" exportedId="goodPT"
    filename="updated_export.xls" title="PivotTable export"/>
</af:commandButton>

```

[Figure 27–13](#) shows the resulting Excel spreadsheet.



**Figure 27–13 Pivot Table Export to Excel Spreadsheet**

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
1			Sales		Units			
2			All Channels		All Channels			
3			World	Boston	World	Boston		
4	2007	Tents	20,000	500	200	50		
5		Canoes	15,000	1,500	75	8		
6	2006	Tents	10,000	250	100	25		
7		Canoes	7,500	750	40	4		
8	2005	Tents	5,000	125	50	15		
9		Canoes	3,750	375	20	2		

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**Note:** You may receive a warning from Excel stating that the file is in a different format than specified by the file extension. This warning can be safely ignored.

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## 27.10 Displaying Pivot Tables in Printable Pages

ADF Faces allows you to output your JSF page from an ADF Faces web application in a simplified mode for printing. For example, you may want users to be able to print a page (or a portion of a page), but instead of printing the page exactly as it is rendered in a web browser, you want to remove items that are not needed on a printed page, such as scrollbars and buttons. For information about creating simplified pages for these outputs, see [Chapter 36, "Using Different Output Modes."](#)

When a pivot table and pivot filter bar is displayed on a JSF page to be output in printable pages:

- All data cells in the pivot table are displayed.
- Limited client interactivity including cell select and row or column resizing is supported.
- Pivoting, drilling, and sorting operations are not supported.
- Context menus including the ability to resize rows or columns is not supported.
- If configured, the pivot table data filter displayed in the pivot filter bar will be displayed, although the contents cannot be changed.

## 27.11 Customizing the Cell Content of a Pivot Table

All cells in a pivot table are either header cells or data cells. Before rendering a cell, the pivot table calls a method expression. You can customize the content of pivot table header cells and data cells by providing method expressions for the following attributes of the `dvt:pivotTable` tag:

- For header cells, use one of the following attributes:
  - `headerFormat`: Use to create formatting rules to customize header cell content.

- `headerFormatManager`: Use only if you want to provide custom state saving for the formatting rules of the application's pivot table header cells.
- For data cells, use one of the following attributes:
  - `dataFormat`: Use to create formatting rules to customize data cell content.
  - `dataFormatManager`: Use only if you want to provide custom state saving for the formatting rules of the application's pivot table data cells.

### 27.11.1 How to Create a CellFormat Object for a Data Cell

To specify customization of the content of a data cell, you must code a method expression that returns an instance of `oracle.dss.adf.view.faces.bi.component.pivotTable.CellFormat`.

#### To create an instance of a CellFormat object for a data cell:

1. Construct an `oracle.adf.view.faces.bi.component.pivotTable.DataCellContext` object for the data cells that you want to format. The `DataCellContext` method requires the following parameters in its constructor:
  - `model`: The name of the `dataModel` used by the pivot table.
  - `row`: An integer that specifies the zero-based row that contains the data cell on which you are operating.
  - `column`: An integer that specifies the zero-based column that contains the data cell that you want to format.
  - `qdr`: The QDR that is a fully qualified reference for the data cell that you want to format.
  - `value`: A `java.lang.Object` that contains the value in the data cell that you want to format.
2. Pass the `DataCellContext` to a method expression for the `dataFormat` attribute of the pivot table.
3. In the method expression, write code that specifies the kind of formatting you want to apply to the data cells of the pivot table. This method expression must return a `CellFormat` object.

### 27.11.2 How to Construct a CellFormat Object

An instance of a `CellFormat` object lets you specify the following arguments:

- `Converter`: An instance of `javax.faces.convert.Converter`, which is used to perform number, date, or text formatting of a raw value in a cell.
- `CSS style`: Used to change the CSS style of a cell. For example, you might use this argument to change the background color of a cell.
- `CSS text style`: Used to change the CSS style of the text in a cell. For example, you might use this argument to set text to bold.
- `New raw value`: Used to change the cell's underlying value that was returned from the data model. For example, you might choose to change the abbreviated names of states to longer names. In this case, the abbreviation NY might be changed to New York.

### 27.11.3 How to Change Format and Text Styles

You can apply formatting and text styles to emphasize aspects of the data displayed in the pivot table. [Figure 27–14](#) shows a pivot table with sales totals generated for products and for product categories. In the rows that contain totals, this pivot table displays bold text (a text style change) against a shaded background (a style change). These changes show in both the row header cells and the data cells for the pivot table. The row headers for totals contain the text "Sales Total."

The pivot table also shows stoplight and conditional formatting of data cells. For more information, see [Section 27.11.4, "How to Create Stoplight and Conditional Formatting in a Pivot Table."](#)

**Figure 27–14 Sales Data Per Product Category**

Sales Data Per Product Category		Colorado	Oregon	Wyoming	Idaho	California	N
Audio and Video	Ipod Nano 1Gb	\$1,499.50	\$1,499.50	\$1,499.50			
	Ipod Nano 2Gb				\$199.95		
	Ipod Nano 4Gb					\$499.90	
	Ipod Shuffle 1Gb						
	Ipod Speakers						
	Ipod Video 60Gb	\$399.99					
	LCD HD Television				\$899.99		
	Plasma HD Television	\$1,999.99	\$1,999.99	\$1,999.99		\$1,999.99	
	Tungsten E PDA		\$195.99				
	Zune 30Gb					\$225.99	
<b>Sales Total</b>	<b>\$3,899.48</b>	<b>\$3,695.48</b>	<b>\$3,499.49</b>	<b>\$1,099.94</b>	<b>\$2,725.88</b>		
Cell Phones	Bluetooth Adaptor						
	Bluetooth Headset	\$49.99		\$49.99	\$149.97		
	Treo 650 Phone/PDA	\$299.99	\$899.97	\$599.98		\$599.98	
	<b>Sales Total</b>	<b>\$349.98</b>	<b>\$899.97</b>	<b>\$649.97</b>	<b>\$149.97</b>	<b>\$599.98</b>	
Games	Nintendo DS				\$129.99		
	Nintendo Wii				\$1,319.98		
	PlayStation 2 Video Game	\$599.97	\$199.99	\$299.95	\$199.95	\$799.96	
	XBox 360 Video Game		\$299.99				
<b>Sales Total</b>	<b>\$599.97</b>	<b>\$499.98</b>	<b>\$299.95</b>	<b>\$1,649.92</b>	<b>\$799.96</b>		

[Example 27–5](#) shows sample code that produces the required custom formats for the sales totals, but not for the stoplight formatting. The example includes the code for method expressions for both the `dataFormat` attribute and the `headerFormat` attribute of the `dv:pivotTable` tag. If you want to include stoplight formatting in the pivot table, you might want to include the code from [Example 27–6](#).

**Example 27–5 Sample Code to Change Style and Text Style in a Pivot Table**

```
public CellFormat getDataFormat(DataCellContext cxt)
{
    CellFormat cellFormat = new CellFormat(null, null, null);
    QDR qdr = cxt.getQDR();
    //Obtain a reference to the product category column.
    Object productCateg = qdr.getDimMember("ProductCategory");
    //Obtain a reference to the product column.
    Object product = qdr.getDimMember("ProductId");

    if (productCateg != null && productCateg.toString().equals("Sales Total"))
    {
        cellFormat.setTextStyle("font-weight:bold")
        cellFormat.setStyle("background-color:#C0C0C0");
    }
    else if (product != null && product.toString().equals("Sales Total"))
    {

```

```

        cellFormat.setTextStyle("font-weight:bold");
        cellFormat.setStyle("background-color:#C0C0C0");
    }
    return cellFormat;
}

public CellFormat getHeaderFormat(HeaderCellContext cxt)
{
    if (cxt.getValue() != null)
    {
        String header = cxt.getValue().toString();
        if (header.equals("Sales Total"))
        {
            return new CellFormat(null, "background-color:#C0C0C0",
                                   "font-weight:bold");
        }
    }
    return null;
}

```

#### 27.11.4 How to Create Stoplight and Conditional Formatting in a Pivot Table

Stoplight and conditional formatting of the cells in a pivot table are examples of customizing the cell content. For this kind of customization, an application might prompt a user for a high value and a low value to be associated with the stoplight formatting. Generally three colors are used as follow:

- Values equal to and above the high value are colored green to indicate they have no issues.
- Values above the low value but below the high value are colored yellow to warn that they are below the high standard.
- Values at or below the low value are colored red to indicate that they fall below the minimum acceptable level.

[Figure 27-14](#) shows data cells with stoplight formatting for minimum, acceptable, and below standards sales for States.

[Example 27-6](#) shows code that performs stoplight formatting in a pivot table that does not display totals. If you want to do stoplight formatting for a pivot table that displays totals, then you might want to combine the code from [Example 27-5](#) (which addresses rows with totals) with the code for stoplight and conditional formatting.

##### **Example 27-6 Sample Code for Stoplight and Conditional Formatting**

```

public CellFormat getDataFormat(DataCellContext cxt)
{
    //Use low and high values provided by the application.
    double low = m_rangeValues.getMinimum().doubleValue() * 100;
    double high = m_rangeValues.getMaximum().doubleValue() * 100;

    CellFormat cellFormat = new CellFormat(null, null, null);

    // Create stoplight format
    if (isStoptlightingEnabled())
    {
        String color = null;
        Object value = cxt.getValue();
        if (value != null && value instanceof Number)

```

```

    {
        double dVal = ((Number)value).doubleValue();
        if (dVal <= low)
        {
            color = "background-color:" + ColorUtils.colorToHTML(m_belowColor) + ";";
        }
        else if (dVal > low && dVal <= high)
        {
            color = "background-color:" + ColorUtils.colorToHTML(m_goodColor) + ";";
        }
        else if (dVal > high)
        {
            color = "background-color:" + ColorUtils.colorToHTML(m_aboveColor) + ";";
        }
    }
    cellFormat.setStyle(color);
}
return cellFormat;
}

```

## 27.12 Pivot Table Data Cell Stamping and Editing

The content in a pivot table data cell can be stamped using the `dvt:dataCell` child component to place a read-only or input component in each data cell. When you use stamping, child components are not created for every data cell in a pivot table. Rather, the content of the `dvt:dataCell` component is repeatedly rendered, or stamped, once per data attribute, such as the rows in a pivot table. Only certain types of components are supported, including all components with no activity and most components that implement the `EditableValueHolder` or `ActionSource` interfaces. You can also use stamping to specify custom CSS styles for the data cell.

Each time a child component is stamped, the data for the current cell is copied into a `var` property used by the data cell component in an EL Expression. Once the pivot table has completed rendering, the `var` property is removed, or reverted back to its previous value.

Data cell editing is enabled by using an input component as the child component of `dvt:dataCell`. Clicking in editable cells enables the user to identify a specific location within the cell, and then navigate within that cell using the arrow keys.

[Example 27-7](#) shows sample code for data cell stamping.

### **Example 27-7 Data Cell Stamping Sample Code**

```

<dvt:pivotTable var="cellData" varStatus="cellStatus">
  <dvt:dataCell>
    <af:switcher defaultFacet="default"
facetName="#{cellStatus.members.MeasDim.value}">
      <f:facet name="Sales">
        <af:inputText value="#{cellData.dataValue}" />
      </f:facet>
      <f:facet name="Weight">
        <af:outputText value="#{cellData.dataValue}"
inlineStyle="#{cellStatus.cellFormat.textStyle}"/>
      </f:facet>
      <f:facet name="Available">
        <af:selectBooleanCheckbox id="idselectbooleancheckbox"
label="Availability" text="Item Available" autoSubmit="true"
value="#{cellData.dataValue}"/>
      </f:facet>

```

```

    <f:facet name="default">
      <af:outputText value="#{cellData.dataValue}" />
    </f:facet>
  </af:switcher>
</dvt:dataCell>
</dvt:pivotTable>

```

Figure 27–15 shows the resulting pivot table.

**Figure 27–15 Pivot Table Using Data Cell Stamping**

				Sales	Units	Available	Price	Color	Weight	Link	Size
2007	Tents	All Channels	World	20000.0	200.0	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Item Available	33.0	red	33.0	<a href="#">Main-link</a>	L
			Boston	500.0	50.0	<input type="checkbox"/> Item Available	66.0	coffee	66.0	<a href="#">Main-link</a>	S
2008	Jacket	All Channels	Cambridge	500.0	50.0	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Item Available	44.0	milk	44.0	<a href="#">Sub-link</a>	M

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**Note:** In order to temporarily or permanently write values back to a set of cells within a cube, called a writeback, the pivot table must be bound to a data control or data model that supports writeback operations. A row set based data control is transformed into a cube and therefore cannot support writeback operations.

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### 27.12.1 How to Specify Custom Images for Data Cells

With data cell stamping you can use the `dvt:dataCell` tag to specify a custom image for a data cell using `af:image`, `af:icon`, or `af:commandImageLink` as a child tag.

Example 27–8 shows sample code for using an `af:commandImageLink` as a custom image in a pivot table data cell.

**Example 27–8 Using a Custom Image for a Data Cell**

```

<dvt:pivotTable var="cellData" varStatus="cellStatus">

  <!-- This is the default data cell that will be used for all data attributes-->
  <dvt:dataCell>
    <af:commandImageLink text="Go"
      icon="/images/go.gif"
      actionListener="#{pivotTableBean.imageLinkClick}"/>
    <af:outputText value="#{cellData.dataValue}" />
  </dvt:dataCell>
</dvt:pivotTable>

```

Actions associated with the image are handled through a registered listener, `actionListener`. In a bean class you specify the method to be called when the image link is clicked, for example:

```
public void imageLinkClick (javax.faces.event.ActionEvent.action)
```

### 27.12.2 How to Specify Images, Icons, Links, and Read-Only Content in Header Cells

In the same way that you use stamping in data cells, you can customize the content in header cells using the `dvt:headerCell` child component to place a read-only component in each header cell. Only read-only components or noneditable components are supported, including `af:outputText`, `af:image`, `af:icon`, `af:commandImageLink`, and `af:commandLink`.

By default, header cells do not support word wrapping for long text strings. You can use the `dvt:headerCell` component `whiteSpace` attribute to change the setting from the default `noWrap` to `normal` to specify header cell word wrapping.

[Example 27–9](#) shows sample code for using word wrapping for `af:outputText`, an `af:commandImageLink` as a custom image, and `af:icon` as a custom icon in pivot table header cells.

#### **Example 27–9 Using Custom Components in Header Cells**

```
<dvt:pivotTable id="goodPT"
    binding="#{pivotTableHeaderCellDemo.pivotTable}"
    contentDelivery="immediate"
    value="#{pivotTableHeaderCellDemo.dataModel}"
    var="cellData"
    varStatus="cellStatus">
<!-- header cell components -->
<dvt:headerCell whiteSpace="normal">
  <af:switcher defaultFacet="default" facetName="#{cellData.layerName}">
    <f:facet name="Geography">
      <af:outputText value="#{cellData.label}"
        shortDesc="#{cellData.label}"/>
      <af:icon name="info" shortDesc="#{cellData.indent}"/>
    </f:facet>
    <f:facet name="Channel">
      <af:outputText value="#{cellData.label}"/>
      <af:commandImageLink shortDesc="Sample commandImageLink"
        icon="/resources/images/pivotTableCSVDemo/smily-normal.gif"
        hoverIcon="/resources/images/pivotTableCSVDemo/smily-glasses.gif"
      />
      <af:commandButton text="Go to Tag Guide page" immediate="true"
        action="guide"/>
    </f:facet>

    <f:facet name="Product">
      <af:outputText value="#{cellData.label}"/>
      <af:commandButton text="Go to Tag Guide page" immediate="true"
        action="guide"/>
    </f:facet>

    <f:facet name="default">
      <af:commandLink text="#{cellData.label}"
        immediate="true" action="guide"/>
    </f:facet>
  </af:switcher>
</dvt:headerCell>
...
</dvt:pivotTable>
```

[Figure 27–16](#) shows the resulting pivot table.

**Figure 27–16 Pivot Table with Customized Header Cells**

		Sales		Units	
		😊 All Channels		😊 All Channels	
		Go to Tag Guide page		Go to Tag Guide page	
		🌐 World	🌐 Boston	🌐 World	🌐 Boston
2007	Tents	20,000.000	500.000	200.000	50.000
	Go to Tag Guide page				
	Canoes	15,000.000	1,500.000	75.000	8.000
	Go to Tag Guide page				
2006	Tents	10,000.000	250.000	100.000	25.000
	Go to Tag Guide page				
	Canoes	7,500.000	750.000	40.000	4.000
	Go to Tag Guide page				
2005	Tents	5,000.000	125.000	50.000	15.000
	Go to Tag Guide page				
	Canoes	3,750.000	375.000	20.000	2.000
	Go to Tag Guide page				

### 27.12.3 What You May Need to Know About Skinning and Customizing the Appearance of Pivot Tables

For the complete list of pivot table and pivot filter bar skinning keys, see the *Oracle Fusion Middleware Documentation Tag Reference for Oracle Data Visualization Tools Skin Selectors*. To access the list from JDeveloper, from the Help Center, choose Documentation Library, and then Fusion Middleware Reference and APIs. For additional information about customizing your application using skins, see [Chapter 20, "Customizing the Appearance Using Styles and Skins."](#)

## 27.13 Using a Pivot Filter Bar with a Pivot Table

You can enhance the data filtering capacity in a pivot table by adding a pivot filter bar. Zero or more layers of data not already displayed in the pivot table row edge or column edge are displayed in the page edge. [Figure 27–17](#) shows a pivot filter bar with Component and Geography layers that can be used to filter the data displayed in the pivot table.

**Figure 27–17 Pivot Filter Bar with Data Layer Filters**

		First Quarter			Second Quarter			Third Quarter		
		January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September
Direct	5,000	5,400	5,800			7,200	5,000	5,400	5,800	5,200
Indirect	500	540	580			1,711	500	540	580	520

You can also change the display of data in the pivot table by pivoting layers between the row, column, or page edges. Use the pivot handle to drag the layers between the edges as desired. [Figure 27–18](#) shows the modified pivot table and pivot filter bar when the Channel data layer is pivoted to the page edge.



**Figure 27–18 Pivot Table and Pivot Filter Bar After Pivot**

Filters			
Quarter	First Quarter	Month	January
Channel	Direct		
	Massachusetts	Rhode Island	
Audio Components	5,000	2,000	
Video Components	10,000	500	
Gaming Systems	10,000	700	
Photography Equipment	7,000	3,050	
Phones	10,500	1,050	
Miscellaneous	10,500	1,050	

### 27.13.1 How to Associate a Pivot Filter Bar with a Pivot Table

You associate a pivot filter bar component, `dvt:pivotFilterBar`, to work with a pivot table component, `dvt:pivotTable`, by configuring the data model and associated properties to work with both components. [Example 27–10](#) shows sample code for associating a pivot filter bar with a pivot table.

#### **Example 27–10 Sample Code for Pivot Filter Bar**

```
<dvt:pivotFilterBar id="pf1" value="#{binding.pt.pivotFilterBarModel}"
  modelName="pt1Model" />
<dvt:pivotTable id="pt1" value="#{binding.pt.dataModel}" modelName="pt1Model"
  partialTriggers="pf1" />
```

You can associate a pivot filter bar with a pivot table in any of the following ways:

- Create a pivot table using the Data Controls Panel.

When you drag a data collection from the Data Controls Panel to create a pivot table on your page, the Select Display Attributes page of the Create Pivot Table wizard provides the option to create a pivot filter bar to associate with the pivot table. You can choose to specify zero or more attributes representing data layers in the page edge. The data model and associated properties are automatically configured for you. For detailed information, see the "Creating Databound Pivot Tables" section in the *Oracle Fusion Middleware Fusion Developer's Guide for Oracle Application Development Framework*.

- Add a pivot filter bar to a pivot table bound to data.

From the ADF Data Visualizations page of the Component Palette, Pivot Table panel, you can drag a `dvt:pivotFilterBar` element above a `dvt:pivotTable` element that has been bound to a data collection. In this instance, you must configure the data model and associated properties in order for the pivot filter bar to work with the pivot table.

- Add a pivot filter bar to a pivot table not bound to data.

From ADF Data Visualizations page of the Component Palette, Pivot Table panel, you can drag a `dvt:pivotFilterBar` element above a `dvt:pivotTable` element that has not been bound to a data collection. In this instance, you must configure the data model and associated properties in order for the pivot filter bar to work with the pivot table.



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## Using Gantt Chart Components

This chapter describes how to use a databound ADF Gantt chart component to display data, and provides the options for customizing Gantt charts.

This chapter includes the following sections:

- [Section 28.1, "Introduction to Gantt Charts"](#)
- [Section 28.2, "Understanding Gantt Chart Tags and Facets"](#)
- [Section 28.3, "Understanding Gantt Chart User Interactivity"](#)
- [Section 28.4, "Understanding Data Requirements for the Gantt Chart"](#)
- [Section 28.5, "Creating an ADF Gantt Chart"](#)
- [Section 28.6, "Customizing Gantt Chart Tasks and Resources"](#)
- [Section 28.7, "Customizing Gantt Chart Legends, Toolbars, and Context Menus"](#)
- [Section 28.8, "Specifying Nonworking Days, Read-Only Features, and Time Axes"](#)
- [Section 28.9, "Adding Interactive Features to Gantt Charts"](#)
- [Section 28.10, "Printing a Gantt Chart"](#)
- [Section 28.11, "Using Gantt Charts as a Drop Target or Drag Source"](#)

For information about the data binding of ADF Gantt charts, see the "Creating Databound Gantt Charts" section in the *Oracle Fusion Middleware Fusion Developer's Guide for Oracle Application Development Framework*.

### 28.1 Introduction to Gantt Charts

A Gantt chart is a type of horizontal bar graph that you use to plan and track projects. It shows resources or tasks in a time frame with a distinct beginning and end. An ADF Gantt chart component is composed of two regions, one displaying the Gantt chart data in a table, and the other displaying the Gantt chart data graphically with a resizable splitter between the two regions. The table and chart regions share the same data and selection model, supporting and synchronizing scrolling, and expanding and collapsing of rows between the two regions.

At runtime, Gantt charts provide interaction capabilities in the table region to the user such as entering data, expanding and collapsing rows, showing and hiding columns, navigating to a row, and sorting and totaling columns. In the chart region, users can drag a task to a new date, select multiple tasks to create dependencies, and extend the task date. A Gantt chart toolbar is available to support user operations such as changing or filtering the view of the data, and creating, deleting, cutting, copying, and pasting tasks.

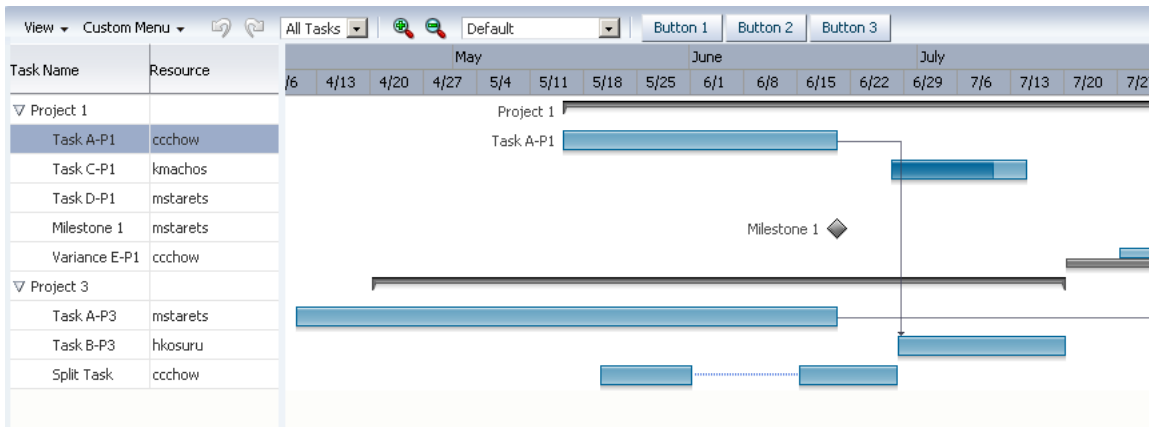
Both Gantt chart regions are based on an ADF Faces tree table component. For more information about ADF tree tables, including virtualization of rows, see [Chapter 10, "Using Tables, Trees, and Other Collection-Based Components"](#).

### 28.1.1 Types of Gantt Charts

The Gantt chart provides the following components:

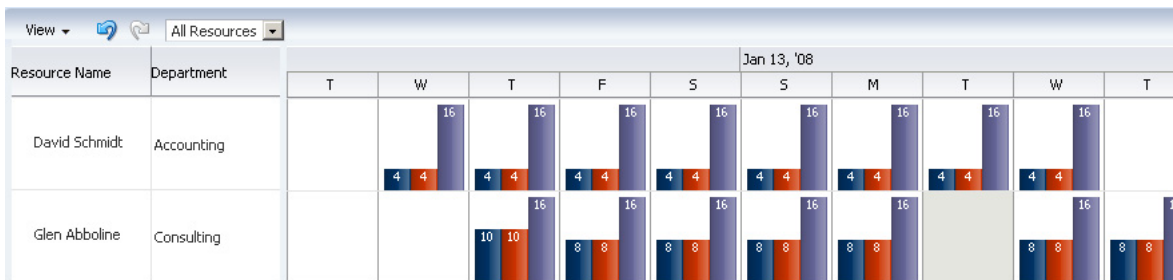
- **Project Gantt chart:** A project Gantt chart is used for project management. The chart lists tasks vertically and shows the duration of each task as a bar on a horizontal time line. It graphs each task on a separate line as shown in [Figure 28–1](#).

**Figure 28–1 Project Gantt Chart for a Software Application**

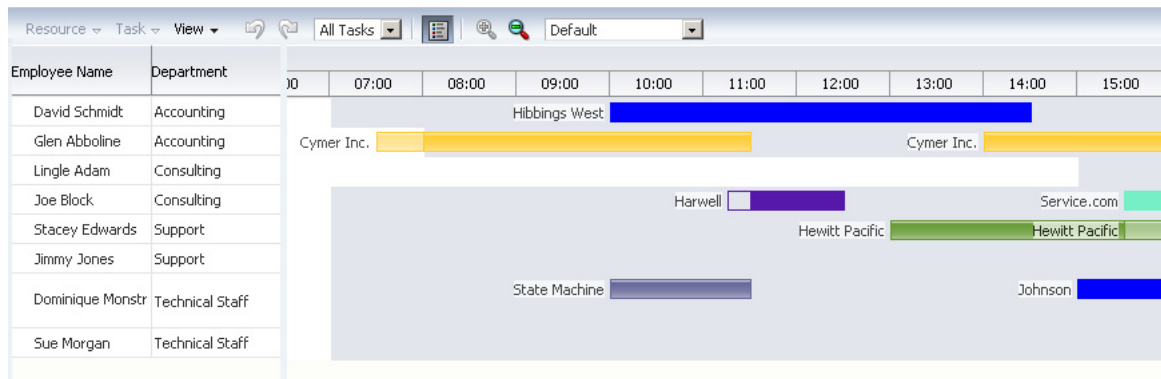


- **Resource Utilization Gantt chart:** A resource utilization Gantt chart graphically shows the metrics for a resource, for example, whether resources are over or under allocated. It shows resources vertically while showing their metrics, such as allocation and capacity on the horizontal time axis. [Figure 28–2](#) shows a resource utilization Gantt chart illustrating how many hours are allocated and utilized for a particular developer resource in a given time period.

**Figure 28–2 Resource Utilization Gantt Chart for a Software Application**



- **Scheduling Gantt chart:** A scheduling Gantt chart is used for resource scheduling. The chart is based on manual scheduling boards and shows resources vertically, with corresponding activities on the horizontal time axis. Examples of resources include people, machines, or rooms. The scheduling Gantt chart uses a single line to graph all the tasks that are assigned to a resource as shown in [Figure 28–3](#).

**Figure 28–3 Scheduling Gantt Chart for a Software Application**

## 28.1.2 Functional Areas of a Gantt Chart

A Gantt chart consists of the following functional areas:

- **Table region:** Displays Gantt chart data attributes in a table with columns. The table region requires a minimum of one column, but you can define attributes for as many columns as desired in the Gantt chart data binding dialogs.

For example, in [Figure 28–1](#), the table region contains the following columns: Name (of the task), Priority, Orig. Est., Curr. Est., Elapsed (days), Remaining (days), and Resources.

- **Chart region:** Displays a bar graph of the Gantt chart data along a horizontal time axis. The time axis provides for major and minor settings to allow for zooming. The major setting is for larger time increments and the minor setting is for smaller time increments.

For example, in [Figure 28–1](#), the chart region graphs tasks on a time axis that shows days within weeks.

- **Information panel:** Displays both the information region that displays text about the selected task or metrics about the selected resource, and the optional legend that displays task types in the area beneath the table region and the chart region. Note that the Gantt chart legend is not present unless you insert the legend child tag inside the parent Gantt chart tag.
- **Toolbar:** Lets users perform operations on the Gantt chart. The toolbar is visible in the Gantt chart by default. You can change the visibility of the toolbar by setting the `ShowToolBar` attribute on the Appearance page of the Property Inspector for the Gantt chart.

The toolbar consists of the following sections:

- **Menu bar:** The left section of the toolbar contains a set of menus for the Gantt chart. Each Gantt chart type has a set of default options. [Figure 28–4](#) displays the menu bar, which is visible in the Gantt chart by default. You can change the visibility of the menu bar by setting the `ShowMenuBar` attribute in the Appearance page of the Property Inspector for the Gantt chart. You can customize menu items by using the `menubar` facet.

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**Note:** The View menu items do *not* require that you write application code to make them functional. However, you must provide application code for any items that you want to use on the other menus.

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**Figure 28–4 Sample Menu Bar for a Gantt Chart**

- **Toolbar buttons:** The right section of the toolbar displays a set of action buttons for working with the Gantt chart. Each Gantt chart type has a set of default options. [Figure 28–5](#) shows a sample toolbar for a project Gantt chart.

**Figure 28–5 Sample Toolbar for a Project Gantt Chart**

You can customize toolbar buttons by using the `toolbar` facet.

- **Context menu:** Right-clicking in the Gantt chart table or chart regions provides a popup context menu with a standard set of menu items. You can provide your own set of menu items by using the `tablePopupMenu` or `chartPopupMenu` facet.
- **Printing service:** The Gantt chart provides printing capability in conjunction with XML Publisher by generating PDF files. For more information, see [Section 28.10, "Printing a Gantt Chart"](#).

### 28.1.3 Description of Gantt Chart Tasks

Project and scheduling Gantt charts use predefined tasks with a set of formatting properties that describe how the tasks will be rendered in the chart area. All supported tasks must have a unique identifier. The following describes the supported tasks and how they appear in a Gantt chart:

- **Normal:** The basic task type. It is a plain horizontal bar that shows the start time, end time, and duration of the task.
- **Summary:** The start and end date for a group of subtasks. A summary task cannot be moved or extended. Instead, it is the responsibility of the application to execute code to recalculate the start and end date for a summary task when the date of a subtask changes. Summary tasks are available only for the project Gantt chart.
- **Milestone:** A specific date in the Gantt chart. There is only one date associated with a milestone task. A milestone task cannot be extended but it can be moved. A milestone task is available only for the project Gantt chart.
- **Recurring:** A task that is repeated in a Gantt chart, each instance with its own start and end date. Individual recurring tasks can optionally contain a subtype. All other properties of the individual recurring tasks come from the task which they are part of. However, if an individual recurring task has a subtype, this subtype overrides the task type.
- **Split:** A task that is split into two horizontal bars, usually linked by a line. The time between the bars represents idle time due to traveling or down time.
- **Scheduled:** The basic task type for a scheduling Gantt chart. This task type shows the starting time, ending time, and duration of a task, as well as startup time if one is specified.

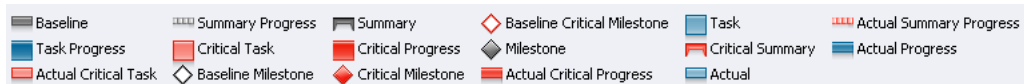
For normal, summary, and milestone tasks, additional attributes are supported that would change the appearance and activity of a task. These style attributes include:

- `percentComplete`, `completedThrough`: An extra bar would be drawn to indicate how far the task is completed. This is applicable to normal and summary task types.

- `critical`: The color of the bar would be changed to red to mark it as critical. This is applicable to normal, summary, and milestone task types.
- `actualStart` and `actualEnd`: When these attributes are specified, instead of drawing one bar, two bars are drawn. One bar indicates the base start and end date, the other bar indicates the actual start and end date. This is applicable to normal and milestone task types.

Figure 28–6 displays a legend that shows common task types in a project Gantt chart.

**Figure 28–6 Project Gantt Chart Legend for Task Types**



## 28.2 Understanding Gantt Chart Tags and Facets

The three Gantt chart components beginning with the prefix `dvt:` for each Gantt chart tag name indicates that the tag belongs to the ADF Data Visualization Tools (DVT) tag library:

- `dvt:projectGantt`
- `dvt:resourceUtilizationGantt`
- `dvt:schedulingGantt`

All Gantt chart components support the child tag `dvt:ganttLegend` to provide an optional legend in the information panel of a Gantt chart. Some menu bar and toolbar functions may or may not be available depending on whether the Gantt legend is specified.

In the Gantt chart table region, the ADF Faces `af:column` tag is used to specify the header text, icons and alignment for the data, the width of the column, and the data bound to the column. To display data in hierarchical form, a `nodeStamp` facet specifies the primary identifier of an element in the hierarchy. For example, the "Task Name" column might be used as the `nodeStamp` facet for a project Gantt chart. [Example 28–1](#) shows sample code for a project Gantt chart with "Task Name" as the `nodeStamp` facet, with columns for Resource, Start Date, and End Date.

### Example 28–1 Sample Code for Project Gantt Chart Columns

```
<dvt:projectGantt startTime="2008-04-12"
    endTime="2009-04-12"
    value="#{project.model}"
    var="task">
  <f:facet name="major">
    <dvt:timeAxis scale="months"/>
  </f:facet>
  <f:facet name="minor">
    <dvt:timeAxis scale="weeks"/>
  </f:facet>
  <f:facet name="nodeStamp">
    <af:column headerText="Task Name">
      <af:outputText value="#{task.taskName}"/>
    </af:column>
  </f:facet>
  <af:column headerText="Resource">
    <af:outputText value="#{task.resourceName}"/>
  </af:column>
</dvt:projectGantt>
```

```

<af:column headerText="Start Date">
  <af:outputText value="#{task.startTime}"/>
</af:column>
<af:column headerText="End Date">
  <af:outputText value="#{task.endTime}"/>
</af:column>
</dvt:projectGantt>

```

In addition to the `nodeStamp` facet, other facets are used for customizations by the Gantt chart components. [Table 28–1](#) shows the facets supported by Gantt chart components.

**Table 28–1 Facets Supported by Gantt Chart Components**

Name	Description
<code>chartPopupMenu</code>	Specifies the component to use to identify additional controls to appear in the context menu of the chart region. Must be an <code>af:popup</code> component. Multiple components are not allowed in this facet.
<code>customChartPopupMenu</code>	Specifies the component to use as a custom context menu instead of the default context menu of the chart region. Must be an <code>af:popup</code> component. Multiple components are not allowed in this facet.
<code>customPanel</code>	Specifies the component to use to identify controls to appear in the custom tab of the task properties dialog. In JSP pages only one component is allowed. When using Facelet pages multiple components are allowed.
<code>customTableContextMenu</code>	Specifies the component to use as a custom context menu instead of the default context menu of the table region. Must be an <code>af:popup</code> component. Multiple components are not allowed in this facet.
<code>major</code>	Specifies the component to use to identify the major time axis. Must be a <code>dvt:timeAxis</code> component. Multiple components are not allowed in this facet.
<code>menuBar</code>	Specifies the component to use to identify additional controls to appear in the Gantt menu bar. Must be an <code>af:menu</code> component. Multiple components are not allowed in this facet.
<code>minor</code>	Specifies the component to use to identify the minor time axis. Must be a <code>dvt:timeAxis</code> component. Multiple components are not allowed in this facet.
<code>nodeStamp</code>	Specifies the component to use to stamp each element in the Gantt chart. Only certain types of components are supported, including all components with no activity and most components that implement the <code>EditableValueHolder</code> or <code>ActionSource</code> interfaces. Must be an <code>af:column</code> component. Multiple components are not allowed in this facet.
<code>tablePopupMenu</code>	Specifies the component to use to identify additional controls to appear in the context menu of the table region. Must be an <code>af:popup</code> component. Multiple components are not allowed in this facet.
<code>toolbar</code>	Specifies the component to use to identify additional controls to appear in the Gantt toolbar. Must be an <code>af:toolbar</code> component. Multiple components are not allowed in this facet.

For complete descriptions of all the Gantt chart tags, their attributes, and a list of valid values, consult the DVT tag documentation. To access this documentation for a specific tag in JDeveloper, select the tag in the Structure window and press **F1**. To access the



full ADF Data Visualization Tools tag library in JDeveloper Help, expand the Javadoc and Tag Library References node in the online Help Table of Contents and click the link to the tag library in the JDeveloper Tag Library Reference topic.

## 28.3 Understanding Gantt Chart User Interactivity

At runtime, users can perform a wide range of operations on a Gantt chart, including navigation and display, as well as actions that change the data in the table or chart region.

When a user interaction involves a change in data, the Gantt chart processes the change by performing validation, event handling, and update of the data model. Validation ensures that the data submitted meets basic requirements, for example, that a date is valid and does not fall into a nonworking time period. When validation fails, the update of the data model is omitted, and an error message is returned.

When a Gantt chart server-side event is fired, an event with validated information about the change is sent to the registered listener. The listener is then responsible for updating the underlying data *model*. A customized event handler can be registered by specifying a method binding expression on the `dataChangeListener` attribute of the Gantt chart component.

Server-side events supported by the Gantt chart include:

- Update of data in the table cells of the Gantt chart table region
- Create, update, delete, move, cut, copy, paste, indent, outdent of tasks
- Reassignment of resource by dragging the task bar from one row to another
- Drag the task bar to another date
- Extend the duration of a task
- Link or unlink tasks
- Select a row or multiple rows in the Gantt chart table region
- Undo or redo of user actions
- Double-click on a task bar

Users can filter the data in a Gantt chart using a dropdown list from the toolbar. You can create a custom filter.

### 28.3.1 Navigating in a Gantt Chart

You can browse through Gantt chart regions by scrolling, or you can access a specific date in the chart region. You can also control if columns in the table region are visible.

#### 28.3.1.1 Scrolling and Panning the List Region or the Chart Region

The Gantt chart design lets you perform horizontal scrolling of the table and the chart regions independently. This is especially helpful when you want to hold specific task or resource information constant in the table region while scrolling through multiple time periods of information in the chart region.

Users can also zoom in and out on the time scale of a Gantt chart by holding the Ctrl key and using the mouse scroll wheel.

In project and scheduling Gantt charts, users can pan the chart area by dragging it vertically and horizontally using the mouse. A move cursor displays when the user clicks inside the chart area, other than on a task.

### 28.3.1.2 How to Navigate to a Specific Date in a Gantt Chart

You can move the chart region of the Gantt chart rapidly to a specific date.

**To navigate to a specific date in a Gantt chart:**

1. From the View menu, choose **Go to Date**.
2. In the Go to Date dialog, specify the desired date by clicking the **Select Date** icon and indicating the date in the calendar.
3. Click **OK**.

The display of the chart region of the Gantt chart begins at the date you requested.

### 28.3.1.3 How to Control the Visibility of Columns in the Table Region

By default, all the columns that you define when you create a databound Gantt chart are visible in the table region. You can selectively cause one or more of these columns to be hidden.

**To control the display of columns in the table region of a Gantt chart:**

1. From the View menu, select **List Pane**.
2. From the context menu, select **Columns**.
3. In the Columns menu, deselect any column that you want to be hidden in the table region of the Gantt chart. You can also select any column that you want to make visible in the table region.

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**Note:** You must keep at least one column visible in the table region.

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## 28.3.2 How to Display Data in a Hierarchical List or a Flat List

If a Gantt chart is using a hierarchical data model, then you have the option of displaying all the Gantt chart data in a collapsed form or in an expanded form.

**To control the display of Gantt chart data in a list:**

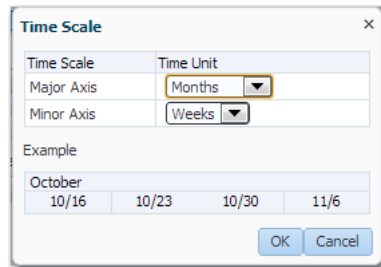
1. From the View menu, select **List Pane**.
2. From the ensuing menu, select either **Show As List**, for an expanded list, or **Show As Hierarchy**, for a collapsed list.

## 28.3.3 How to Change the Gantt Chart Time Scale

You can change the time scale display in a Gantt chart and you can zoom in and out on a time axis to display the chart region in different time units. You can also use a specialized zoom-to-fit feature in which you select the amount of time that you want to display in the chart region without a need to scroll the chart.

**To change the settings of a time axis:**

1. From the View menu, select **Time Scale**.
2. In the ensuing Time Scale dialog, in the Time Unit column, select a new unit value for either the major axis, the minor axis, or both axes. A sample box displays sample settings for the time unit that you select. [Figure 28-7](#) shows the Time Scale dialog.

**Figure 28–7 Time Scale Dialog**

3. Click OK.

#### To zoom in or out on a time axis:

1. Optionally, on the toolbar, click the **Zoom In** icon to display the time axis at a lower level time unit.
2. Optionally, on the toolbar, click the **Zoom Out** icon to display the time axis at a higher level time unit.
3. Optionally, in the box on the toolbar after the zoom icons, select a time period that represents the amount of time on the chart that you want to display without the need to scroll.
4. Optionally, right-click the time axis for which you wish to change the scale and select an available time unit from the submenu.

## 28.4 Understanding Data Requirements for the Gantt Chart

The data model for a Gantt chart can be either a tree (hierarchical) model or a collection model that contains a row set or flat list of objects. For more information, see the "Creating Databound Gantt Charts" section in the *Oracle Fusion Middleware Fusion Developer's Guide for Oracle Application Development Framework*.

When you bind a Gantt chart to a data control, you specify how the collection in the data control maps to the node definitions of the Gantt chart.

### 28.4.1 Data for a Project Gantt Chart

The data model for a project Gantt chart supports hierarchical data and uses `TreeModel` to access the data in the underlying list. The specific model class is `org.apache.myfaces.trinidad.model.TreeModel`.

The collection of objects returned by the `TreeModel` must have, at a minimum, the following properties:

- `taskId`: The ID of the task.
- `startTime`: The start time of the task.
- `endTime`: The end time of the task.

Optionally, the object could implement the `oracle.adf.view.faces.bi.model.Task` interface to ensure it provides the correct properties to the Gantt chart.

When binding the data to an ADF data control, the following node definitions are available in a project Gantt chart:

- **Task node**: Represents a collection of tasks. The task node definition has the following types of optional accessors:

- subTask (available only for project Gantt chart)
- splitTask
- Split task node: Represents a collection of split tasks. A split task node definition does not have accessors.
- Dependency node: Represents a collection of dependencies for a task. A dependency node definition does not have accessors.
- Recurring task node: Represents a collection of recurring tasks. A recurring task node definition does not have accessors.

Table 28–2 shows a complete list of data object keys for the project Gantt chart.

**Table 28–2 Data Object Keys for Project Gantt Chart**

<b>Data Object Key</b>	<b>Data Type and Description</b>
actualEnd	Date. The actual end time for normal and milestone tasks.
actualStart	Date. The actual start time for normal and milestone tasks.
completedThrough	Date. Completed through for normal and summary tasks.
critical	Boolean. Specifies whether or not the task is critical for all tasks.
Dependency (node)	A list of dependencies for a task. Data object keys for dependencies include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ fromId: The ID of the task where the dependency begins.</li> <li>■ toId: The ID of the task where the dependency ends.</li> <li>■ type: The type of the dependency. Valid values are start-start, start-finish, finish-finish, finish-start, start-before, start-together, finish-after, and finish-together.</li> </ul>
endTime (required)	Date. The end time for all tasks.
icon1	String. The first icon associated with the task bar for all tasks. The icon might change depending on other attributes
icon2	String. The second icon associated with the tasks bar for all tasks.
icon3	String. The third icon associated with the tasks bar for all tasks.
iconPlacement	String. The alignment of the icon in the task bar for all tasks. Valid values are left (default), right, inside, start, end, innerLeft, innerRight, innerCenter, innerStart, innerEnd.
isContainer	Boolean. Specifies whether or not a node definition is a container.
label	String. The label associated with the task bar for all tasks.
labelPlacement	String. The alignment of the label in the task bar for all tasks. Valid values are left (default), right, inside, start, end, innerLeft, innerRight, innerCenter, innerStart, innerEnd.
percentComplete	Integer. Percentage completed for normal and summary tasks.
Recurring tasks (node)	The list of recurring tasks for all tasks.
Split tasks (node)	The list of tasks without a continuous time line for all tasks.
startTime (required)	Date. The starting time for all tasks.
Subtasks (node)	An optional list of subtasks for all tasks.
taskId (required)	String. The unique identifier for all tasks.

**Table 28–2 (Cont.) Data Object Keys for Project Gantt Chart**

Data Object Key	Data Type and Description
type	String. The type of the tasks for all tasks.

## 28.4.2 Data for a Resource Utilization Gantt Chart

The data model for a resource utilization Gantt chart supports hierarchical data and uses `TreeModel` to access the data in the underlying list. The specific model class is `org.apache.myfaces.trinidad.model.TreeModel`.

The collection of objects returned by `TreeModel` must have, at a minimum, the following properties:

- `resourceId`: The ID of the task.
- `timeBuckets`: A collection of time bucket objects for this resource.

Optionally, the object could implement the `oracle.adf.view.faces.bi.model.Resource` interface to ensure it provides the correct properties to the Gantt chart.

The collection of objects returned by the `timeBuckets` property must also have the following properties:

- `time`: The date represented by the time bucket.
- `values`: A list of metrics for this resource.

When binding the data to an ADF data control, the following node definitions are available in a Resource Utilization Gantt chart:

- **Resource node**: Represents a collection of resources. The resource node definition has an optional `subResources` accessor that returns a collection of subresources for the current resource.
- **Time bucket node**: Represents a collection of time slots with metrics defined. The time bucket node definition has an optional `timeBucketDetails` accessor that returns a collection of rows that would be rendered along with other metric values in the time bucket.

Table 28–3 shows a complete list of data object keys for the resource utilization Gantt chart.

**Table 28–3 Data Object Keys for the Resource Utilization Gantt Chart**

Data Object Key	Data Type and Description
label	String. The label associated with the task bar.
labelAlign	String. The alignment of the label in the task bar. Valid values are <code>top</code> (default) and <code>inside</code> .
resourceId (required)	String. The unique identifier of a resource.
timeBuckets (required)	List. The list of tasks associated with a resource.
time (required)	Date. The start time of the time bucket.
values (required)	Double. The values of the metrics.

### 28.4.3 Data for a Scheduling Gantt Chart

The data model for a scheduling Gantt chart supports hierarchical data and uses `TreeModel` to access the data in the underlying list. The specific model class is `org.apache.myfaces.trinidad.model.TreeModel`.

The collection of objects returned by `TreeModel` must have, at a minimum, the following properties:

- `resourceId`: The ID of the task.
- `tasks`: A collection of task objects for this resource.

Optionally, the object could implement the `oracle.adf.view.faces.bi.model.ResourceTask` interface to ensure it provides the correct properties to the Gantt chart.

The collection of objects returned by the `tasks` property must also have the following properties:

- `taskId`: The ID of the task.
- `startTime`: The start time of the task.
- `endTime`: The end time of the task.

When binding the data to an ADF data control, the scheduling Gantt chart has a Resource node definition. The Resource node has the following types of accessors:

- `subResources`: Returns a collection of subresources for the current resource. This accessor is optional.
- `tasks`: Returns a collection of tasks for the current resource. This accessor is required. Tasks can also include a `splitTask` accessor.

[Table 28–4](#) shows a complete list of data object keys for a scheduling Gantt chart.

**Table 28–4 Data Object Keys for Scheduling Gantt Charts**

Data Object Key	Data Type and Description
Dependency (node)	A list of dependencies for a task. Data object keys for dependencies include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ <code>fromId</code>: The ID of the task where the dependency begins.</li> <li>■ <code>toId</code>: The ID of the task where the dependency ends.</li> <li>■ <code>type</code>: The type of the dependency. Valid values are <code>start-start</code>, <code>start-finish</code>, <code>finish-finish</code>, <code>finish-start</code>, <code>start-before</code>, <code>start-together</code>, <code>finish-after</code>, and <code>finish-together</code>.</li> </ul>
<code>endTime</code> (required)	Date. The end time for the all tasks.
<code>icon1</code>	String. The first icon associated with the task bar for all tasks. The icon might change depending on other attributes.
<code>icon2</code>	String. The second icon associated with the task bar for all tasks.
<code>icon3</code>	String. The third icon associated with the task bar for all tasks.
<code>iconPlacement</code>	String. The alignment of the icon in the task bar for all tasks. Valid values are <code>left</code> (default), <code>right</code> , <code>inside</code> , <code>inside_left</code> , <code>inside_right</code> , and <code>inside_center</code> .
<code>isContainer</code>	Boolean. Specifies whether or not a node definition is a container.
<code>label</code>	String. The label associated with the task bar for all tasks.

**Table 28–4 (Cont.) Data Object Keys for Scheduling Gantt Charts**

Data Object Key	Data Type and Description
labelPlacement	String. The alignment of the label in the task bar for all tasks. Valid values are left (default), right, inside, inside_left, inside_right, and inside_center.
Recurring tasks (node)	A list of recurring tasks for all tasks.
resourceId (required)	String. The unique identifier of a resource.
Split tasks (node)	A collection of tasks without a continuous time line for all tasks.
startTime (required)	Date. The start time for all tasks.
startupTime	Date. The startup time before a task begins.
Tasks (node) (required)	A list of tasks associated with a resource.
taskId (required)	String. The unique identifier of the task for all tasks.
taskType	String. The type of the task for all tasks.
workingDaysOfTheWeek	Object. A list of the working days of the week.
workingEndTime	Date. The work end time for the resource.
workingStartTime	Date. The work start time for the resource.

## 28.5 Creating an ADF Gantt Chart

You can use any of the following data sources to create an ADF Faces Gantt chart component:

- **ADF Data Controls:** You declaratively create a databound Gantt chart by dragging and dropping a data collection from the ADF Data Controls panel. You can create a Gantt chart using a data collection that provides row set data as described in the "Creating Databound Gantt Charts" section in the *Oracle Fusion Middleware Fusion Developer's Guide for Oracle Application Development Framework*.
- **Data Model:** You programmatically specify the data model for the Gantt chart by providing an EL expression that references a backing bean method using the `value` attribute of the Gantt tag.

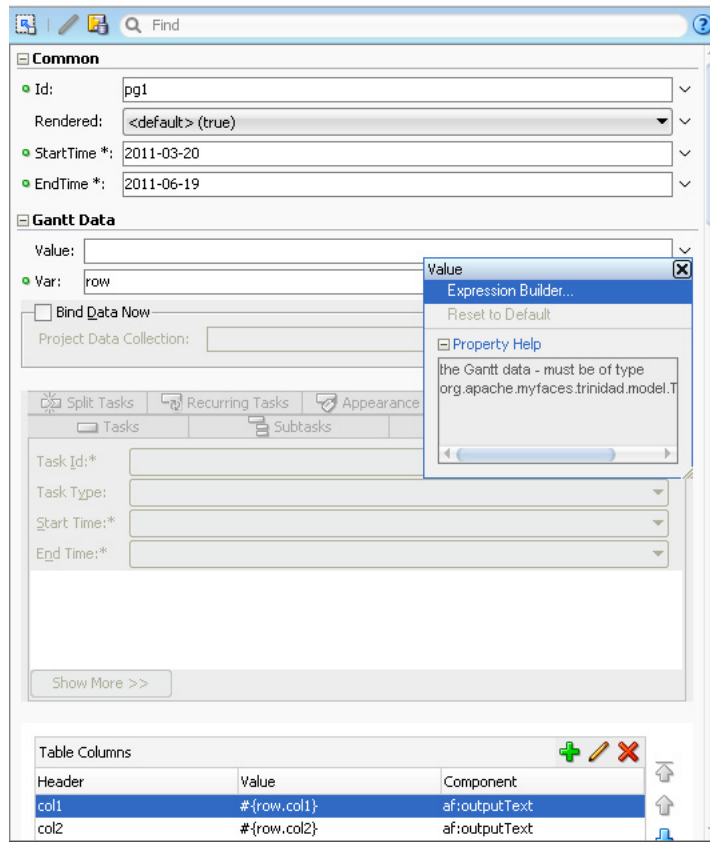
### 28.5.1 How to Add a Gantt Chart to a Page

When you are designing your page using simple UI-first development, you use the Component Palette to drag and drop a project, resource utilization, or scheduling Gantt chart component onto a JSF page.

Once the Gantt chart is added to your page, you can use the Property Inspector to specify data values and configure additional display attributes for the Gantt chart.

In the Property Inspector you can use the dropdown menu for each attribute field to display a property description and options such as displaying an EL Expression Builder or other specialized dialogs. [Example 28–8](#) shows the dropdown menu for a project Gantt chart component `value` attribute.

**Figure 28–8 Project Gantt Chart Value Attribute Dropdown Menu**




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**Note:** If your application uses the Fusion technology stack, then you can use data controls to create a Gantt chart and the binding will be done for you. For more information, see the "Creating Databound Gantt Charts" section in the *Oracle Fusion Middleware Fusion Developer's Guide for Oracle Application Development Framework*

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**To add a Gantt chart to a page:**

1. In the ADF Data Visualizations page of the Component Palette, from the Common panel, drag and drop a **Project, Resource Utilization, or Scheduling** Gantt chart onto the page to open the Create Gantt chart dialog.

Optionally, use the dialog to bind the Gantt chart by selecting **Bind Data Now** and entering or navigating to the ADF data control or ADF managed bean that represents the data you wish to display on the Gantt chart. If you choose this option, the data binding fields in the dialog will be available for editing. Otherwise, click **OK** to add the component to the page. For help with the dialog, press F1 or click **Help**.

2. In the Property Inspector, view the attributes for the Gantt chart. Use the help button to display the complete tag documentation for the `projectGantt`, `resourceUtilizationGantt`, or `schedulingGantt` component.
3. Expand the **Common** section. Use this section to set the following attributes:
  - **StartTime:** Enter the start time used to render the time period of the Gantt chart.



- **EndTime:** Enter the end time used to render the time period of the Gantt chart.
- 4. Expand the **Gantt Data** section. Use this section to set the following attributes:
  - **Value:** Specify the data model, which must be of type `org.apache.myfaces.trinidad.model.TreeModel`, using an EL Expression.
  - **Var:** Specify the variable used to reference each element of the Gantt chart data collection. Once this component has completed rendering, this variable is removed, or reverted back to its previous value.
- 5. Expand the **Appearance** section. Use this section to set the following attributes:
  - **RowBandingInterval:** Specify how many consecutive rows form a row group for the purposes of color banding. By default, this is set to 0, which displays all rows with the same background color. Set this to 1 if you want to alternate colors.
  - **ShowMenuBar:** Specify whether or not the menu bar should be shown in the Gantt chart. If this attribute is set to **false**, then any custom menu bar items specified in the `menuBar` facet will also be hidden.
  - **ShowToolBar:** Specify whether or not the toolbar should be shown in the Gantt chart. If this attribute is set to **false**, then any custom toolbar buttons specified in the `toolbar` facet will also be hidden.
  - **Summary:** Enter a description of the Gantt chart. This description is accessed by screen reader users
- 6. Expand the **Behavior** section. Use this section to set the following attributes:
  - **InitiallyExpandAll:** Specifies whether or not all the rows should be initially expanded.
  - **FetchSize:** Use to specify the number of rows in a data fetch block. The default value for rows is 25.
  - **FeaturesOff:** Enter a space delimited list of end user features to disable at runtime. The valid values will depend upon the type of Gantt chart.
- 7. Expand the **Other** section. Use this section to set the following attributes:
  - **TableColumnStretching:** Use to indicate the type of stretching to apply to the columns in the table region of the Gantt chart. Valid values include the following:
    - `none` (default): Use for optimal performance of the Gantt chart.
    - `last`: Use to stretch the last column to fill up any unused space inside of the viewport.
    - `blank`: Use to automatically insert an empty blank column stretched to span the entire wide of the table region.
    - `column`: Use to stretch a specific leaf (non-group) column to fill up any unused space inside of the column. Append the Id of the column to be stretched to this value, for example:  
`column:ColId`
    - `multiple`: Use to stretch more than one column. You can set the widths in the columns as percentages. For more information, see the tag documentation for `af:column`.

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**Note:** Row headers and frozen columns will not be stretched in order to prevent inaccessibility to the scrollable data body of the table region.

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- TableActiveRowKey:** Use to determine the currently active row on the table region. By default, the value of this attribute is the first visible row of the table region. When the table region is refreshed, that component scrolls to bring the active row into view, if it is not already visible. When the user clicks on a row to edit its contents, that row becomes the active row.

## 28.5.2 What Happens When You Add a Gantt Chart to a Page

When you use the Component Palette to create a Gantt chart, JDeveloper inserts code in the JSF page. [Example 28–2](#) shows the code inserted in the JSF page for a project Gantt chart.

### **Example 28–2 Code Sample for Project Gantt Chart**

```
<dvt:projectGantt startTime="2011-03-20" endTime="2011-06-19" var="row" id="pg1">
  <f:facet name="major">
    <dvt:timeAxis scale="weeks" id="ta5"/>
  </f:facet>
  <f:facet name="minor">
    <dvt:timeAxis scale="days" id="ta6"/>
  </f:facet>
  <f:facet name="nodeStamp">
    <af:column sortable="false" headerText="col1" id="c11">
      <af:outputText value="#{row.col1}" id="ot11"/>
    </af:column>
  </f:facet>
  <af:column sortable="false" headerText="col2" id="c12">
    <af:outputText value="#{row.col2}" id="ot12"/>
  </af:column>
  <af:column sortable="false" headerText="col3" id="c13">
    <af:outputText value="#{row.col3}" id="ot13"/>
  </af:column>
  <af:column sortable="false" headerText="col4" id="c14">
    <af:outputText value="#{row.col4}" id="ot14"/>
  </af:column>
  <af:column sortable="false" headerText="col5" id="c15">
    <af:outputText value="#{row.col5}" id="ot15"/>
  </af:column>
</dvt:projectGantt>
```

## 28.5.3 What You May Need to Know About Performing an Action on Selected Tasks or Resources

A Gantt chart allows users to select one or more rows in the table region of a Gantt chart representing tasks or resources and perform some actions on those rows. When the selection state of a Gantt chart changes, the Gantt chart triggers selection events. A `selectionEvent` event reports which rows were just deselected and which rows were just selected.

To listen for selection events on a Gantt chart, you can register a listener on the Gantt chart either using the `selectionListener` attribute or by adding a listener to the Gantt

chart using the `addSelectionListener()` method. The listener can then access the selected rows and perform some actions on them.

The current selection, that is the selected row or rows, are the `RowKeySet` object, which you obtain by calling the `getSelectedRowKeys()` method for the Gantt chart. To change a selection programmatically, you can do either of the following:

- Add `rowKey` objects to, or remove `rowKey` objects from, the `RowKeySet` object.
- Make a particular row current by calling the `setRowIndex()` or the `setRowKey()` method on the Gantt chart. You can then either add that row to the selection, or remove it from the selection, by calling the `add()` or `remove()` method on the `RowKeySet` object.

[Example 28–3](#) shows a portion of a table in which a user can select some rows then click the **Delete** button to delete those rows. Note that the actions listener is bound to the `performDelete` method on the `mybean` managed bean.

#### **Example 28–3 Selecting Rows**

```
<af:table binding="#{mybean.table}" rowselection="multiple" ...>
  ...
</af:table>
<af:button text="Delete" actionListener="#{mybean.performDelete}"/>
```

[Example 28–4](#) shows an actions method, `performDelete`, which iterates through all the selected rows and calls the `markForDeletion` method on each one.

#### **Example 28–4 Using the rowKey Object**

```
public void performDelete(ActionEvent action)
{
    UITableView table = getTable();
    Iterator selection = table.getSelectedRowKeys().iterator();
    Object oldKey = table.getRowKey();
    while(selection.hasNext())
    {
        Object rowKey = selection.next();
        table.setRowKey(rowKey);
        MyRowImpl row = (MyRowImpl) table.getRowData();
        //custom method exposed on an implementation of Row interface.
        row.markForDeletion();
    }
    // restore the old key:
    table.setRowKey(oldKey);
}

// Binding methods for access to the table.
public void setTable(UITableView table) { _table = table; }
public UITableView getTable() { return _table; }
private UITableView _table;
```

## **28.5.4 What You May Need to Know About Skinning and Customizing the Appearance of Gantt Charts**

For the complete list of project, resource utilization, and scheduling Gantt chart skinning keys, see the *Oracle Fusion Middleware Documentation Tag Reference for Oracle Data Visualization Tools Skin Selectors*. To access the list from JDeveloper, from the Help Center, choose Documentation Library, and then Fusion Middleware Reference and

APIs. For additional information about customizing your application using skins, see [Chapter 20, "Customizing the Appearance Using Styles and Skins."](#)

## 28.6 Customizing Gantt Chart Tasks and Resources

You can customize Gantt chart tasks to create a new task type, specify a custom data filter, add a double-click event to a task bar, display time bucket attribute details, and add a stepped line to.

### 28.6.1 Creating a New Task Type

A task type is represented visually as a bar in the chart region of a Gantt chart. You can create a new task type in one of three ways:

- Defining the task type style properties in the .jspx file or in a separate CSS file.
- Defining a `TaskbarFormat` object and registering the object with the `taskbarFormatManager`.
- Modifying the properties of a predefined task type by retrieving the associated `TaskbarFormat` object and updating its properties through a `set` method.

The `TaskBarFormat` object exposes the following properties:

- Fill color
- Fill image pattern
- Border color
- Images used for a milestone task
- Images used for the beginning and end of a summary task

For tasks that have more than one bar, such as a split or recurring task, properties are defined for each individual bar.

[Example 28–5](#) shows sample code to define the properties for a custom task type in the .jspx file.

#### **Example 28–5 Sample Code to Define Custom Task Type Properties**

```
<af:document>
  <f:facet name="metaContainer">
    <f:verbatim>
      <![CDATA[
        <style type="text/css">
          .onhold
        {
          background-image:url('images/Bar_Image.png');
          background-repeat:repeat-x;
          height:13px;
          border:solid 1px #000000;
        }
      </style>
    </f:verbatim>
  </f:facet>
```

[Example 28–6](#) shows sample code to define a `TaskbarFormat` object fill and border color and register the object with the `taskbarFormatManager`.

**Example 28–6 Custom TaskbarFormat Object Registered with TaskbarFormat Manager**

```
TaskbarFormat _custom = new TaskbarFormat("Task on hold", null, "onhold", null);
//      _gantt.getTaskbarFormatManager().registerTaskbarFormat("FormatId", _
      custom);
TaskbarFormat _custom = new TaskbarFormat("Task on hold", "#FF00FF", null,
      "#00FFDD", 13);
//      _gantt.getTaskbarFormatManager().registerTaskbarFormat("FormatId", _custom);
```

**28.6.2 Configuring Stacked Bars in Resource Utilization Gantt Charts**

In a resource utilization Gantt chart a time bucket displays the unit allocated and used for a resource within a specified time period. By default, these units are rendered as vertical bars in the chart region. You can also configure the graphical display to stack two or more of the bars together vertically. For example, the resource utilization Gantt chart in [Figure 28–2](#) stacks the RUN and SETUP resource metrics into a vertical bar next to the AVAILABLE resource metric bar.

To configure stacked bars in a resource utilization Gantt chart, use the `setDisplayAs()` method to update the `TaskbarFormat` object. Specifying a `STACK` display renders the task as a metric stacked on the previous metric. [Example 28–7](#) shows the RUN metric configured to stack on the previous metric, SETUP.

**Example 28–7 Code Sample for Configuring Stacked Bars**

```
public class ResourceUtilizationGantt
{
    private TreeModel m_model;
    public String[] getMetrics()
    {
        return new String[]{"SETUP", "RUN", "AVAILABLE"};
    }

    public TaskbarFormatManager getTaskbarFormatManager()
    {
        TaskbarFormatManager _manager = new TaskbarFormatManager();
        TaskbarFormat _format = TaskbarFormat.getInstance("Run Hours",
            UIResourceUtilizationGantt.MIDNIGHT_BLUE_FORMAT);
        _format.setStacked(true);

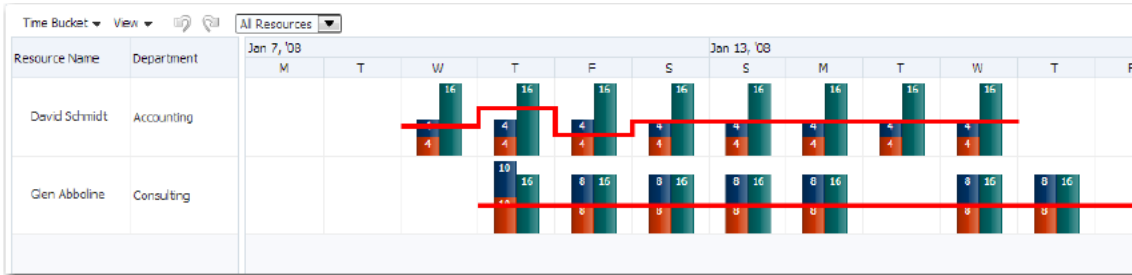
        _manager.registerTaskbarFormat("SETUP", TaskbarFormat.getInstance("Setup
            Hours", UIResourceUtilizationGantt.BRICK_RED_FORMAT));
        _manager.registerTaskbarFormat("RUN", _format);
        _manager.registerTaskbarFormat("AVAILABLE",
            TaskbarFormat.getInstance("Available Hours",
                UIResourceUtilizationGantt.TEAL_FORMAT));
        return _manager;
    }
}
```

**28.6.3 Configuring a Resource Capacity Line**

In addition to displaying the resource metrics as vertical bars in the chart region of a resource utilization Gantt chart, you can configure a metric to display as a line in the chart region. This is useful for displaying capacity metrics, such as a resource threshold level.

For example, [Figure 28–9](#) shows a resource utilization Gantt chart with a capacity line displaying a threshold metric across the stacked RUN and SETUP metrics, and the ALLOCATED metric bars.

**Figure 28–9 Resource Utilization Gantt Chart Resource Capacity Line**



To configure a resource capacity line in a resource utilization Gantt chart, use the `setDisplayAs()` method to update the `TaskbarFormat` object. Specifying a `STEPPED_LINE` display renders the task as a horizontal line over the vertical bars, stepping through each metric. [Example 28–8](#) shows the resource metric `THRESHOLD` configured to step through the vertical bar metrics.

**Example 28–8 Code Sample for Configuring Resource Capacity Line**

```
public class ResourceUtilizationGanttSteppedLine
{
    private TreeModel m_model;
    public String[] getMetrics()
    {
        return new String[]{"SETUP", "RUN", "AVAILABLE", "THRESHOLD"};
    }
    public TaskbarFormatManager getTaskbarFormatManager()
    {
        TaskbarFormatManager _manager = new TaskbarFormatManager();
        TaskbarFormat _format = TaskbarFormat.getInstance("Run Hours",
            UIResourceUtilizationGantt.MIDNIGHT_BLUE_FORMAT);
        _format.setStacked(true);

        _manager.registerTaskbarFormat("SETUP", TaskbarFormat.getInstance("Setup
            Hours", UIResourceUtilizationGantt.BRICK_RED_FORMAT));
        _manager.registerTaskbarFormat("RUN", _format);
        _manager.registerTaskbarFormat("AVAILABLE",
            TaskbarFormat.getInstance("Available Hours",
            UIResourceUtilizationGantt.TEAL_FORMAT));

        MetricFormat _threshold = new MetricFormat("threshold", "#FF0000", null,
            "#FF0000", MetricFormat.Display.STEPPED_LINE);
        _manager.registerTaskbarFormat("THRESHOLD", _threshold);
        return _manager;
    }
}
```

### 28.6.4 Configuring Custom Data Filters

You can change the display of data in a Gantt chart using a data filter dropdown list on the toolbar. Gantt charts manage all predefined and user-specified data filters using a `FilterManager`. Filter objects contain information including:

- A unique ID for the filter

- The label to display for the filter in the dropdown list
- An optional JavaScript method to invoke when the filter is selected

You can define your own filter by creating a filter object and then registering the object using the `addFilter` method on the `FilterManager`. [Example 28–9](#) shows sample code for registering a Resource filter object with the `FilterManager`.

**Example 28–9 Custom Filter Object Registered with FilterManager**

```
FilterManager _manager = m_gantt.getFilterManager();

// ID for filter display label   javascript callback (optional)
_manager.addFilter((new Filter(RESOURCE_FILTER, "Resource...",
"showResourceDialog")));
```

When the user selects a filter, a `FilterEvent` is sent to the registered `FilterListener` responsible for performing the filter logic. The `filterListener` attribute on the Gantt chart component is used to register the listener. When implemented by the application, the data model is updated and the Gantt chart component displays the filtered result. [Example 28–10](#) shows sample code for a `FilterListener`.

**Example 28–10 FilterListener for Custom Filter**

```
public void handleFilter(FilterEvent event)
{
    String _type = event.getType();
    if (FilterEvent.ALL_TASKS.equals(_type))
    {
        // update the gantt model as appropriate
    }
}
```

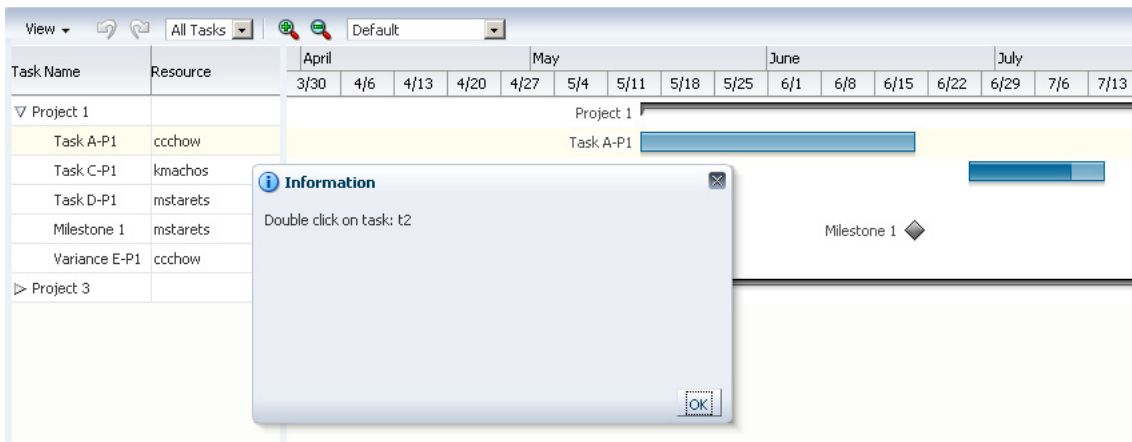
**To specify a custom data filter:**

1. In the Structure window, right-click the Gantt chart node and choose **Go to Properties**.
2. In the Behavior category of the Property Inspector, in the `FilterListener` field, enter a method reference to the `FilterListener` you defined. For example, `"#{project.handleFilter}"`.

## 28.6.5 Adding a Double-Click Event to a Task Bar

Gantt chart components support a double-click event on a task bar. For example, you may want to display detailed information about a task in a popup window.

[Figure 28–10](#) shows a project Gantt chart with a double-click event on a task bar.

**Figure 28–10 Task Bar with Double-Click Event**

Example 28–11 show sample code for adding a double-click event to a task bar.

#### **Example 28–11 Sample Code for Double-Click Event**

```
<dvt:projectGantt id="projectGanttDoubleClick"
  startTime="2008-04-01" endTime="2008-09-30"
  value="#{projectGanttDoubleClick.model}"
  var="task"
  doubleClickListener="#{projectGanttDoubleClick.handleDoubleClick}">
</dvt:projectGantt>
```

Implement the `handleDoubleClick` method in a backing bean, for example:

```
public void handleDoubleClick(DoubleClick event)
```

## **28.7 Customizing Gantt Chart Legends, Toolbars, and Context Menus**

You can modify default Gantt chart features including the information panel and legend that are displayed below the Gantt chart, menu bar options and toolbar buttons, and the popup menu that is displayed when you right-click in the Gantt chart table or chart regions.

### **28.7.1 How to Customize a Gantt Chart Legend**

The optional Gantt chart legend subcomponent includes an area that displays detailed information about the selected task, or metrics about the selected time bucket, and a legend that displays the symbol and color code bar used to represent each type of task in a Gantt chart. At runtime, users can hide or show the information panel using a toolbar button.

The `dvt:ganttLegend` tag must be added as a child of the Gantt chart tag in order to provide the legend areas. The content of the legend areas is automatically generated based on the properties for each type of task registered with the `taskbarFormatManager`.

You can customize the information displayed when a task or time bucket is selected by using the `keys` and `label` attributes on the Gantt chart legend tag. The `keys` attribute should specify the data object keys used to retrieve the value to display and the `label`s attribute should contain the corresponding labels for the values retrieved with the



keys. If these attributes are not specified, the legend will use the entire space of the information panel.

You can also add icons to the legend by using the `iconKeys` and `iconLabels` attributes on the Gantt chart legend tag. Icons will be automatically resized to 12 by 12 pixels if the icon size is too large.

[Example 28–12](#) show sample code to display information about an On Hold task in the legend of a project Gantt chart.

**Example 28–12 Adding a Gantt Chart Legend**

```
<dvt:projectGantt var="task">
  <dvt:ganttLegend id="gl" keys="TaskName StartTime EndTime" labels="Name Start
  Finish" icons="images/wait.png" iconLabels="OnHold"/>
</dvt:projectGantt>
```

## 28.7.2 Customizing Gantt Chart Toolbars

The Gantt chart toolbar subcomponent allows users to perform operations on the Gantt chart. The left section of the toolbar is a menu bar that contains a set of default menu options for each Gantt chart type. The right section of the toolbar displays a set of default action buttons for working with each Gantt chart type.

You can supply your own menu items and toolbar buttons by using the `menu` and `toolbar` facets in your Gantt chart. The Gantt chart merges the new menu items with the standard items in the Gantt chart. [Example 28–13](#) shows sample code for specifying a new menu item.

**Example 28–13 Sample Code for Custom Menu Item**

```
<dvt:projectGantt var="task">
<f:facet name="menus">
  <af:menu text="My Menu">
    <af:commandMenuItem text="Add..." />
    <af:commandMenuItem text="Create..." />
  </af:menu>
</f:facet>
</dvt:projectGantt>
```

[Example 28–14](#) shows sample code for specifying a new toolbar button.

**Example 28–14 Sample Code for Custom Toolbar Button**

```
<dvt:schedulingGantt var="task">
<f:facet name="toolbar">
  <af:toolbar>
    <af:commandToolbarButton text="Custom" disabled="true"/>
  </af:toolbar>
</dvt:schedulingGantt>
```

Actions initiated on the menu bar and toolbar buttons are handled through a registered listener, `DataChangeListener`, on the Gantt chart component. For example, when a user presses the delete button in the toolbar, a `DataChangeEvent` with the ID of the task selected for deletion would be fired on the server. The registered listener is then responsible for performing the actual deletion of the task, and the Gantt chart data model is refreshed with the updated information.

You can register `DataChangeListener` by specifying a method binding using the `dataChangeListener` attribute on the Gantt chart tag. For example, if you put the code in a backing bean in a method called `handleDataChange`, then the setting for the `dataChangeListener` attribute becomes: `"#{myBackingBean.handleDataChange}"`.

[Example 28–15](#) shows sample code in a backing bean.

**Example 28–15 Backing Bean for Handling Data Change**

```
public void handleDataChanged(DataChangeEvent evt)
{
    if (DataChangeEvent.DELETE == evt.getActionType())
        .....
}
```

### 28.7.3 Customizing Gantt Chart Context Menus

When users right-click in the Gantt chart table or chart regions, a context menu is displayed to allow users to perform operations on the Gantt chart. A standard set of options is provided for each region.

You can supply your own menu items using the `tablePopupMenu` and `chartPopupMenu` facets in your Gantt chart. The Gantt chart merges the new menu items with the standard items in the Gantt chart. [Example 28–16](#) shows sample code for specifying a custom menu item in the table region context menu.

**Example 28–16 Sample Code for Custom Context Menu Item**

```
<dvt:projectGantt startTime="#{test.startTime}" endTime="#{test.endTime}"
    value="#{test.treeModel}" var="task">

    <f:facet name="tablePopupMenu">
        <af:popup>
            <af:commandMenuItem text="Custom" disabled="true"/>
        </af:popup>
    </f:facet>
</dvt:projectGantt>
```

You can also dynamically change the context menu at runtime. [Example 28–17](#) shows sample code to update a custom popup menu on a task bar based on which task is selected in the chart region of a project Gantt chart.

**Example 28–17 Sample Code for Dynamic Context Menu**

```
<dvt:projectGantt var="task"
    taskSelectionListener="#{backing.handleTaskSelected}">
    <f:facet name="chartPopupMenu">
        <af:popup id="p1" contentDelivery="lazyUncached">
            <af:menu>
            </af:menu>
        </af:popup>
    </f:facet>
</dvt:projectGantt>
```

The `handleTaskSelected` method is specified in a backing bean. [Example 28–18](#) shows sample code for the backing bean.

**Example 28–18 Backing Bean for Handling Task Selection**

```

public void handleTaskSelected(TaskSelectionEvent evt)
{
    JUCtrlHierNodeBinding _task = (JUCtrlHierNodeBinding)evt.getTask();
    String _type = _task.getAttribute("TaskType");

    RichPopup _popup = m_gantt.getFacet("chartPopupMenu");
    if (_popup != null)
    {
        RichMenu _menu = (RichMenu)_popup.getChildren().get(0);
        _menu.getChildren().clear();
        if ("Summary".equals(_type))
        {
            RichCommandMenuItem _item = new RichCommandMenuItem();
            _item.setId("i1");
            _item.setText("Custom Action 1");
            _menu.getChildren().add(_item);
        }
        else if ("Normal".equals(_type))
        {
            RichCommandMenuItem _item = new RichCommandMenuItem();
            _item.setId("i1");
            _item.setText("Custom Action 2");
            _menu.getChildren().add(_item);
        }
    }
}

```

For more information about using the `af:popup` components see [Chapter 13, "Using Popup Dialogs, Menus, and Windows"](#).

## 28.8 Specifying Nonworking Days, Read-Only Features, and Time Axes

You can customize a Gantt chart to display nonworking days of the week, turn off user interaction features, and specify the time axes.

### 28.8.1 Identifying Nonworking Days in a Gantt Chart

You can specify nonworking days in a Gantt chart. By default, nonworking days are shaded gray, but you can select a custom color to be used for nonworking days.

#### 28.8.1.1 How to Specify Weekdays as Nonworking Days

If certain weekdays are always nonworking days, then you can indicate the days of the week that fall in this category.

##### To identify weekdays as nonworking days:

1. In the Structure window, right-click a Gantt chart node and choose **Go to Properties**.
2. In the Appearance category of the Property Inspector, in the `NonWorkingDaysOfWeek` field, enter the string of days that you want to identify as nonworking days for each week. For example, to specify that Saturday and Sunday are nonworking days, enter the following string: `"sat sun"`.

Alternatively, you can create a method in a backing bean to programmatically identify the nonworking days. For example, if you put the code in a backing bean in a method called `getNonWorkingDaysOfWeek`, then the setting for the `nonWorkingDaysOfWeek` attribute becomes: `"#{myBackingBean.nonWorkingDays}"`.

[Example 28–19](#) shows sample code in a backing bean.

**Example 28–19 Backing Bean to Identify Nonworking Days**

```
public int[] getNonWorkingDaysOfWeek()
{
    if (locale == Locale.EN_US
        return new int[] {Calendar.SATURDAY, Calendar.SUNDAY};
    else
        .....
}
```

3. Optionally, specify a custom color in the `nonWorkingDaysColor` field. The value you enter for this attribute must be a hexadecimal color string.

**28.8.1.2 How to Identify Specific Dates as Nonworking Days**

You can enter specific dates as nonworking days in a Gantt chart when individual weekdays are not sufficient.

**To identify specific dates as nonworking days:**

1. In the Structure Window, right-click a Gantt chart and choose **Go to Properties**.
2. In the Property Inspector, select the **Appearance** attributes category.
3. In the `nonWorkingDays` field, enter the string of dates that you want to identify as nonworking days. For example: "2008-07-04 2008-11-28 2008-12-25".

Alternatively, for more flexibility, you can create a method in a backing bean to programmatically identify the nonworking days. For example, if you put the code in a backing bean in a method called `getNonWorkingDays`, then the setting for the `nonWorkingDays` attribute becomes: "`#{myBackingBean.nonWorkingDays}`".

4. Optionally, specify a custom color in the `nonWorkingDaysColor` field. The value you enter for this attribute must be a hexadecimal color string.

**28.8.2 How to Apply Read-Only Values to Gantt Chart Features**

User interactions with a Gantt chart can be customized to disable features by setting the `featuresOff` property to specify read-only values. [Table 28–5](#) shows the valid values and the disabled feature for the Gantt chart types.

**Table 28–5 Valid Values for Read-Only Attributes**

Value	Feature Disabled
<code>asListMenu</code>	Show as List menu item for all Gantt charts.
<code>asHierMenu</code>	Show as Hierarchy menu item for all Gantt charts/
<code>clipboard</code>	Cut, Copy, and Paste tasks for all Gantt charts.
<code>clipboardMenu</code>	Cut, Copy, and Paste menu items for all Gantt charts.
<code>clipboardToolBar</code>	Cut, Copy, and Paste toolbar items for all Gantt charts.
<code>clipboardRightMenu</code>	Cut, Copy, and Paste right menu items for all Gantt charts.
<code>collapseAllBelowMenu</code>	Collapse All Below menu item for all Gantt charts.
<code>collapseAllMenu</code>	Collapse All menu item for all Gantt charts.
<code>columnsMenu</code>	Columns menu item for all Gantt charts.
<code>createResourceMenu</code>	Create Resource menu item for resource utilization and scheduling Gantt charts.

**Table 28–5 (Cont.) Valid Values for Read-Only Attributes**

<b>Value</b>	<b>Feature Disabled</b>
createResourceMT	Create Resource menu and toolbar items for resource utilization and scheduling Gantt charts.
createResourceToolbar	Create Resource toolbar item for resource utilization and scheduling Gantt charts.
createTaskMenu	Create Task menu for project and scheduling Gantt charts.
createTaskMT	Create Task menu and toolbar for project and scheduling Gantt charts.
createTaskToolbar	Create Task toolbar for project and scheduling Gantt charts.
deleteMenu	Delete menu item for project and scheduling Gantt charts.
deleteMenu	Delete menu, right menu, and toolbar items for project and scheduling Gantt charts.
deleteRightMenu	Delete right menu item for project and scheduling Gantt charts.
deleteToolbar	Delete toolbar item for project and scheduling Gantt charts.
dependencyLines	Show and Hide dependency lines for project and scheduling Gantt charts.
edit	Changes to the data model for all Gantt charts.
editMenu	Edit menu item for all Gantt charts.
expandAllBelowMenu	Expand All Below menu item for all Gantt charts.
expandAllMenu	Expand All menu item for all Gantt charts.
expandMenu	Expand menu item for all Gantt charts.
filter	Hide the data filter operation on the toolbar for all Gantt charts.
goToDateMenu	Go to Date menu item for all Gantt charts.
indenting	Indent and Outdent tasks for project and scheduling Gantt charts.
indentingMenu	Indent and Outdent menu items: Task for project, and Resource for scheduling and resource utilization resource Gantt charts.
indentingMenus	Indent and Outdent menu and toolbar and right menu items for all Gantt charts.
indentingRightMenu	Indent and Outdent right menu items for all Gantt charts.
indentingToolbar	Indent and Outdent toolbar items for all Gantt charts.
legend	Hide and Show legend and task information for all Gantt charts.
legendMenu	Hide and Show legend menu items for all Gantt charts.
legendToolbar	Hide and Show legend toolbar items for all Gantt charts.
linking	Link and Unlink tasks for project and scheduling Gantt charts.
linkingMenu	Link and Unlink menu items for project and scheduling Gantt charts.
linkingMenus	Link and Unlink menu, right menu, and toolbar items for project and scheduling Gantt charts.
linkingRightMenu	Link and Unlink right menu items for project and scheduling Gantt charts.
linkingToolbar	Link and Unlink toolbar items for project and scheduling Gantt charts.

**Table 28–5 (Cont.) Valid Values for Read-Only Attributes**

<b>Value</b>	<b>Feature Disabled</b>
listPaneMenu	List Pane menu item for all Gantt charts.
print	Print task for all Gantt charts.
printMenu	Print menu item for all Gantt charts.
printToolbar	Print toolbar item for all Gantt charts.
properties	Show property dialogs for all Gantt charts.
propertiesMenu	Properties menu item for all Gantt charts.
propertiesRightMenu	Properties right menu item for all Gantt charts.
resourceMenu	Resource menu item for resource utilization and scheduling Gantt charts.
snapToMenu	Snap To menu item scheduling Gantt chart.
snapToRightMenu	Snap To right menu item for scheduling Gantt chart.
split	Split and Merge tasks for project Gantt chart.
splittingMenu	Split and Merge menu items for project Gantt chart.
splittingMenus	Split and Merge menu, right menu, and toolbar items for project Gantt chart.
splittingRightMenu	Split and Merge right menu items for project Gantt chart.
splittingToolbar	Split and Merge toolbar items for project Gantt chart.
taskMenu	Task menu for project and scheduling Gantts.
timeAxisMenu	Time Axis menu item for all Gantt charts.
timeBucketMenu	Time Bucket menu item for resource utilization Gantt chart.
undo	Undo and redo tasks for all Gantt charts.
undoMenu	Undo and Redo menu items for all Gantt charts.
updateResourceMenu	Update Resource menu item for scheduling Gantt chart.
updateTaskMenu	Update Task menu item for project and scheduling Gantt charts.
updateTaskMT	Update Task Edit item, Update Task toolbar item, and right menu items for project and scheduling Gantts.
updateTaskRightMenu	Update Task right menu item for project and scheduling Gantt charts.
updateTaskToolbar	Update Task toolbar item for project and scheduling Gantt charts.
undoToolbar	Undo and Redo toolbar items for all Gantt charts.
view	Show as list, Show as hierarchy, Columns, Expand and Collapse tasks for all Gantt charts.
viewMenu	View menu items for all Gantt charts.
zoom	Changes to the zoom level for all Gantt charts.
zoomToolbar	Zoom menu item for all Gantt charts.
zoomToToolbar	Zoom to Fit menu toolbar item for all Gantt charts.

**To set read-only values on Gantt chart features:**

1. In the Structure window, right-click the Gantt chart node and choose **Go to Properties**.
2. In the **Behavior** attributes category of the Property Inspector, for the `featuresOff` attribute, enter one or more String values to specify the Gantt chart features to disable.

For example, to disable user interactions for editing the data model, printing, or changing the zoom level of a Gantt chart, use the following setting for the `featuresOff` attribute: `edit print zoom`

Alternatively, you can create a method in a backing bean to programmatically identify the features to be disabled. For example, if you put the code in a backing bean in a method called `whatToTurnOff` that returns a String array of the values, then the setting for the `featuresOff` attribute becomes:

```
"#{BackingBean.whatToTurnOff}"
```

### 28.8.3 Customizing the Time Axis of a Gantt Chart

Every Gantt chart is created with a major time axis and a minor time axis. Each time axis has a facet that identifies the level of the axis as major or minor. The default time axis settings for all Gantt charts are:

- Major time axis: Weeks
- Minor time axis: Days

You can customize the settings of a time axis. However, the setting of a major axis must be a higher time level than the setting of a minor axis. The following values for setting the scale on a `dvt:timeAxis` component are listed from highest to lowest:

- `twoyears`
- `year`
- `halfyears`
- `quarters`
- `twomonths`
- `months`
- `twoweeks`
- `weeks`
- `days`
- `sixhours`
- `threehours`
- `hours`
- `halfhours`
- `quarterhours`

[Example 28–25](#) shows sample code to set the time axis of a Gantt chart to use months as a major time axis and weeks as the minor time axis.

**Example 28–20 Gantt Chart Time Axis Set to Months and Weeks**

```
<f:facet name="major">
```

```

    <dvt:timeAxis scale="months" />
</f:facet>
<f:facet name="minor">
    <dvt:timeAxis scale="weeks" />
</f:facet>

```

The time units you specify for the major and minor axes apply only to the initial display of the Gantt chart. At runtime, the user can zoom in or out on a time axis to display the time unit level at a different level.

### 28.8.3.1 How to Create and Use a Custom Time Axis

You can create a custom time axis for the Gantt chart and specify that axis in the `scale` attribute of `dvt:timeAxis`. The custom time axis will be added to the Time Scale dialog at runtime.

#### To create and use a custom time axis:

1. Implement the `CustomTimescale.java` interface to call the method `getNextDate(Date currentDate)` in a loop to build the time axis. [Example 28–21](#) show sample code for the interface.

#### **Example 28–21 Interface to Build Custom Dates**

```

public interface CustomTimescale
{
    public String getScaleName();
    public Date getPreviousDate(Date ganttStartDate);
    public Date getNextDate(Date currentDate);
    public String getLabel(Date date);
}

```

2. In the Structure window, right-click a Gantt chart node and choose **Go to Properties**.
3. In the **Other** attributes category of the Property Inspector, for the **CustomTimeScales** attribute, register the implementation of the interface for the custom time axis.

The `customTimeScales` attribute's value is a `java.util.Map` object. The specified map object contains pairs of key/values. The key is the time scale name (`fiveyears`), and the value is the implementation of the `CustomTimeScale.java` interface. For example:

```
customTimeScales="#{project.customTimescales}"
```

4. Also in the Property Inspector, set the **Scale** attribute for major and minor time axis, and specify the **ZoomOrder** attribute to zoom to the custom times scales. [Example 28–22](#) shows sample code for setting a `threeyears` minor time axis and a `fiveyears` major time axis.

#### **Example 28–22 Custom Time Axis**

```

<f:facet name="major">
    <dvt:timeAxis scale="fiveyears" id="ta1" zoomOrder="fiveyears threeyears years
halfyears quarters months weeks days hours" />
</f:facet>
<f:facet name="minor">
    <dvt:timeAxis scale="threeyears" id="ta2" />
</f:facet>

```



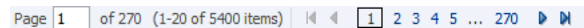
## 28.9 Adding Interactive Features to Gantt Charts

Gantt charts can be configured to support interactive features such as page controls, synchronized scrolling, and exporting data from the table region to an external format.

### 28.9.1 Configuring Page Controls in Gantt Charts

For Gantt chart table regions, you can use a page control as an alternative to vertical scrolling for both desktop applications and for mobile browsers on touch devices. This control is only available when there are more rows than the data fetch size, and the component is not being stretched by its containing layout component. The page control displays as a footer to the table region as shown in [Figure 28–11](#).

**Figure 28–11 Gantt Chart Page Control**



When you are developing an ADF Faces web application, by default Gantt chart table regions use a vertical scroll bar for displaying rows over the size of the data being fetched. To configure an alternative page control for the `schedulingGantt`, `projectGantt`, or `resourceUtilizationGantt` component table region, set the `scrollPolicy` attribute to `page`. For example:

```
scrollPolicy="page"
```

While a standard ADF Faces web application will run in mobile browsers, because the user interaction is different and because screen size is limited, when your application needs to run in a mobile browser, you should create touch device-specific versions of the pages. For more information, see [Appendix D, "Creating Web Applications for Touch Devices Using ADF Faces."](#)

By default, when rendered on mobile devices, Gantt chart table regions display a page control that allows the user to jump to specific pages of rows. For all Gantt charts to display on a mobile device, you should:

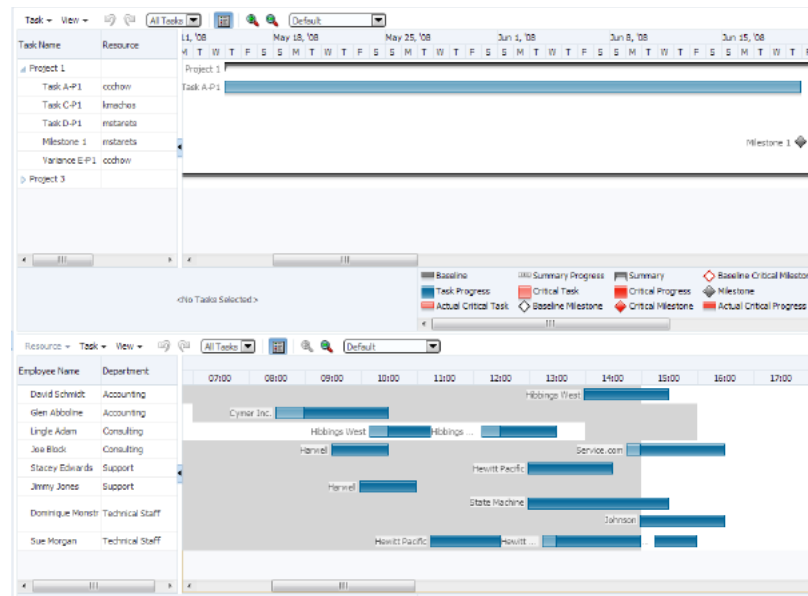
- Place the Gantt chart component within a flowing container (that is, a component that does not stretch its children). For more information about flowing container components, see [Section 8.2.1, "Geometry Management and Component Stretching."](#)
- Set the `scrollPolicy` attribute to `auto` (if the page may also run on a desktop device) or `page` (if the page will only run on a mobile device).

If the Gantt chart is not in a flowing container, or if those attributes are not set correctly, the table region will display a scroll bar instead of pages.

### 28.9.2 Configuring Synchronized Scrolling Between Gantt Charts

You can configure synchronized horizontal scrolling between the chart side of two Gantt charts. For example, you may wish to synchronize the scroll bars of a project Gantt chart and a resource utilization Gantt chart to view tasks and resources for the same project as illustrated in [Figure 28–12](#).

**Figure 28–12 Synchronized Scrolling Between Gantt Charts**



To configure synchronized scrolling between Gantt charts, use an `af:clientListener` component to listen for the `chartHorizontalScroll` event on the chart side of the Gantt chart being scrolled and set the scroll position on the other Gantt chart.

In this example inline JavaScript is used to define the methods for synchronized scrolling within an `af:resource` tag. [Example 28–23](#) shows the code for the synchronized scrolling methods. For more information, see [Section 3.3, "Adding JavaScript to a Page."](#)

**Example 28–23 Code Sample for Synchronized Scrolling Methods**

```
<af:resource type="javascript">
  var gantt1ScrollStart = null;
  var gantt2ScrollStart = null;
  //called when the top gantt component is scrolled
  function handleTopScroll(event)
  {
    var eventScrollStart = event.getScrollStart();
    if (gantt2ScrollStart == null || gantt2ScrollStart == eventScrollStart)
    {
      // clear synced gantt scroll start
      gantt2ScrollStart = null;
      // find the corresponding gantt component
      var gantt = AdfPage.PAGE.findComponent("demo:gantt2");
      if (gantt1ScrollStart != event.getScrollStart())
      {
        // set the scrollStart position of the synced gantt to match the
          event's value
        var scrollStart = gantt.getChartScrollStart();
        if (scrollStart != eventScrollStart)
        {
          //save the scrollStart value to stop feedback
          gantt1ScrollStart = eventScrollStart;
          gantt.setChartScrollStart(eventScrollStart);
        }
      }
    }
  }
}
```

```

        event.cancel();
    }

    // called when the bottom gantt component is scrolled
    function handleBottomScroll(event)
    {
        var eventScrollStart = event.getScrollStart();
        if (ganttt1ScrollStart == null || ganttt1ScrollStart == eventScrollStart)
        {
            // clear synced gantt scroll start
            ganttt1ScrollStart = null;
            // find the corresponding gantt component
            var gantt = AdfPage.PAGE.findComponent("demo:ganttt1");
            if (ganttt2ScrollStart != event.getScrollStart())
            {
                // set the scrollStart position of the synced gantt to match the
                // event's value
                var scrollStart = gantt.getChartScrollStart();
                if (scrollStart != eventScrollStart)
                {
                    //save the scrollStart value to stop feedback
                    ganttt2ScrollStart = eventScrollStart;
                    gantt.setChartScrollStart(eventScrollStart);
                }
            }
        }
        event.cancel();
    }
</af:resource

```

[Example 28–24](#) shows the code in both Gantt charts to specify a `clientListener` to listen for the Gantt charts' `scrollEvent` of type `chartHorizontalScroll` and invoke the `handleTopScroll` and `handleBottomScroll` methods defined in the `af:resource` component in [Example 28–23](#).

#### **Example 28–24 Code Sample on JSF Page for Gantt Charts with Synchronized Scrolling**

```

<dvt:projectGantt id="ganttt1" var="task" startTime="2008-04-22"
    endTime="2008-09-31" inlineStyle="height:400px;"
    value="#{projectGantt.model}"
    tooltipKeys="#{projectGantt.tooltipKeys}"
    tooltipKeyLabels="#{projectGantt.tooltipLabels}"
    summary="Project Gantt">
    <f:facet name="major">
        <dvt:timeAxis scale="weeks" id="ta1"/>
    </f:facet>
    <f:facet name="minor">
        <dvt:timeAxis scale="days" id="ta2"/>
    </f:facet>
    <f:facet name="nodeStamp">
        <af:column headerText="Task Name" id="c1">
            <af:outputText value="#{task.taskName}" id="ot1"/>
        </af:column>
    </f:facet>
    <af:column headerText="Resource" id="c2">
        <af:outputText value="#{task.resourceName}" id="ot2"/>
    </af:column>
    <af:column headerText="Start Date" id="c3">
        <af:outputText value="#{task.startTime}" id="ot3"/>
    </af:column>

```

```

        <af:column headerText="End Date" id="c4">
            <af:outputText value="#{task.endTime}" id="ot4"/>
        </af:column>
    <dvt:ganttLegend keys="#{projectGantt.legendKeys}"
        labels="#{projectGantt.legendLabels}"
        id="gl1"/>
    <af:clientListener type="chartHorizontalScroll" method="handleTopScroll"/>
</dvt:projectGantt>
<dvt:schedulingGantt id="gantt2" startTime="2006-12-21 01:00"
    endTime="2006-12-22 23:00"
    value="#{schedulingGantt.model}" var="resourceObj"
    inlineStyle="height:400px;"
    tooltipKeyLabels="#{schedulingGantt.tooltipLabels}"
    tooltipKeys="#{schedulingGantt.tooltipKeys}"
    summary="Scheduling Gantt Demo">
    <f:facet name="major">
        <dvt:timeAxis scale="days" id="ta3"/>
    </f:facet>
    <f:facet name="minor">
        <dvt:timeAxis scale="hours" id="ta4"/>
    </f:facet>
    <f:facet name="nodeStamp">
        <af:column headerText="Employee Name" id="c5">
            <af:outputText value="#{resourceObj.resourceName}" id="ot5"/>
        </af:column>
    </f:facet>
        <af:column headerText="Department" id="c6">
            <af:outputText value="#{resourceObj.department}" id="ot6"/>
        </af:column>
    <dvt:ganttLegend keys="#{schedulingGantt.legendKeys}"
        labels="#{schedulingGantt.legendLabels}"
        id="gl2"/>
    <af:clientListener type="chartHorizontalScroll" method="handleBottomScroll"/>
</dvt:schedulingGantt>

```

### 28.9.3 Exporting Gantt Chart Data to External Formats

You can export the data from the table region of the project, scheduling, or resource utilization Gantt chart to a Microsoft Excel spreadsheet or to a comma-separated values (CSV) file. To allow users to export a table, you create an action source, such as a button or link that will be used to invoke the export, and add an `exportCollectionActionListener` component and associate it with the data you wish to export. You can configure the `exportCollectionActionListener` so that all the rows of the source table will be exported, or so that only the rows selected by the user will be exported. For detailed information, see [Section 10.11.1, "How to Export Table, Tree, or Tree Table Data to an External Format."](#)

## 28.10 Printing a Gantt Chart

The ADF Gantt chart provides a helper class (`GanttPrinter`) that can generate a Formatted Object (FO) for use with XML Publisher to produce PDF files.

### 28.10.1 Print Options

In general, the `GanttPrinter` class prints the Gantt chart content as it appears on your screen. For example, if you hide the legend in the Gantt chart, then the legend will not be printed. Similarly, if you deselect a column in the List Pane section of the View

Menu, then that column will not be visible in the Gantt chart and will not appear in the printed copy unless you take advantage of the column visibility print option.

You can use the following print options in the `GanttPrinter` class:

- **Column visibility:** The `setColumnVisible` method lets you control whether individual columns in the list region of the Gantt chart will appear in the printed output.

For example, to hide the first column in the list region of a Gantt chart, use the following code, where the first parameter of the method is the zero-based index of the column and the second parameter indicates if the column should be visible in the printed Gantt chart: `_printer.setColumnVisible(o, false);`

- **Margins:** The `setMargin` method of the `GanttPrinter` lets you specify the top, bottom, left, and right margins in pixels as shown in the following code, where `_printer` is an instance of the `GanttPrinter` class:

```
_printer.setMargin(25, 16, 66, 66);
```

- **Page size:** The `setPageSize` method of the `GanttPrinter` class lets you specify the height and width of the printed page in pixels as shown in the following code, where `_printer` is an instance of the `GanttPrinter` class:

```
_printer.setPageSize (440, 600);
```

- **Time period:** The `setStartTime` and `setEndTime` methods of the `GanttPrinter` class let you identify the time period of the Gantt chart that you want to print.

[Example 28–25](#) shows sample code for setting a specific time period in the Gantt chart for printing, where `startDate` and `endDate` are variables that represent the desired dates and `_printer` is an instance of the `GanttPrinter` class.

**Example 28–25 Code for Setting the Time Period Option for Printing a Gantt Chart**

```
_printer.setStartTime(startDate);
_printer.setEndTime(endDate);
```

## 28.10.2 Action Listener to Handle the Print Event

The Gantt chart toolbar includes a print button that initiates a print action. To print a Gantt chart, you must create an `ActionListener` to handle the print event. The code in the `ActionListener` should include the following processes:

1. Access the servlet's output stream.
2. Generate the FO. This process includes creating an instance of the `GanttPrinter` class and entering the code for any print options that you want to use.
3. Generate the PDF.

[Example 28–26](#) shows the code for an `ActionListener` that handles the print event. This listener includes settings for all the print options available in the `GanttPrinter` helper class.

**Example 28–26 Sample ActionListener for Handling the Gantt Chart Print Event**

```
public void handleAction(GanttActionEvent evt)
{
    if (GanttActionEvent.PRINT == evt.getActionType())
    {
        FacesContext _context = FacesContext.getCurrentInstance();
        ServletResponse _response = (ServletResponse)
```

```

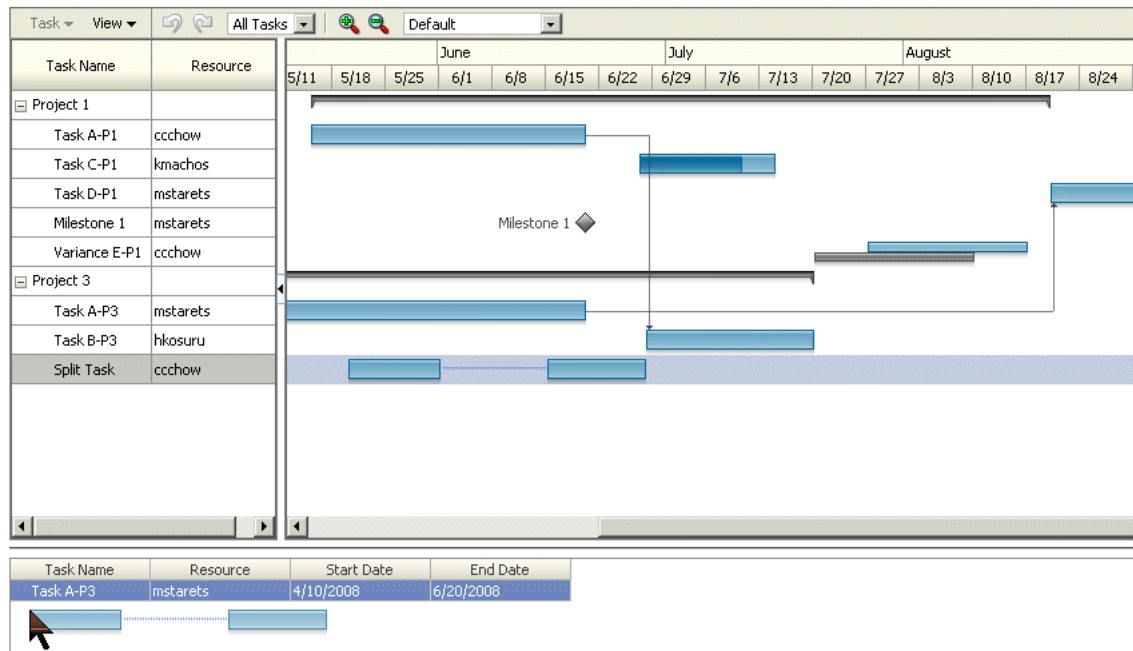
        _context.getExternalContext().getResponse();
    _response.setContentType("application/pdf");
    ServletOutputStream _sos = _response.getOutputStream();
    // Generate FO.
    GanttPrinter _printer = new GanttPrinter(m_gantt);
        // Set column visibility by column index.
    _printer.setColumnVisible(0, false);
        // Set start and end date.
    _printer.setStartTime(startDate);
    _printer.setEndTime(endDate);
        // Set top, bottom, left, and right margins in pixels.
    _printer.setMargin(25, 16, 66, 66);
        // Set height and width in pixels.
    _printer.setPageSize(440, 660);
    File _file = File.createTempFile("gantt", "fo");
    OutputStream _out = new FileOutputStream(_file);
    _printer.print(_out);
    _out.close();
    // generate PDF.
    FOProcessor _processor = new FOProcessor();
    _processor.setData(new FileInputStream(_file), "UTF-8");
    _processor.setOutputFormat(FOProcessor.FORMAT_PDF);
    _processor.setOutput(_sos);
    _processor.generate();
    _context.responseComplete();
    }
}

```

## 28.11 Using Gantt Charts as a Drop Target or Drag Source

You can add drag and drop functionality that allows users to drag an item from a collection, for example, a row from a table, and drop it into another collection component, such as a tree. Project and scheduling Gantt chart components can be enabled as drag sources as well as drop targets for ADF table or tree table components. A resource utilization Gantt chart component can be enabled only as a drop target.

The application must register the Gantt chart component as a drag source or drop target by adding the `af:collectionDragSource` or `af:collectionDropTarget` behavior tags respectively as a child to the Gantt tag. For example, you can use the `af:collectionDragSource` to register a drop listener that would be invoked when a project Gantt chart task is dragged from a table region onto a separate table. shows a project Gantt chart with tasks dragged from the table region onto a table of tasks.

**Figure 28–13 Project Gantt Chart as Drag Source**

[Example 28–27](#) shows sample code for adding drag and drop functionality to a project Gantt chart.

**Example 28–27 Sample Code for Adding Drag and Drop Functionality**

```
<dvt:projectGantt value="#{test.treeModel}"
    .....
    <af:collectionDragSource actions="COPY MOVE" modelName="treeModel" />
</dvt:projectGantt>
```

[Example 28–28](#) shows sample code for the listener method for handling the drop event.

**Example 28–28 Event Handler Code for a dropListener for a Collection**

```
public DnDAction onTableDrop(DropEvent evt)
{
    Transferable _transferable = evt.getTransferable();

    // Get the drag source, which is a row key, to identify which row has been
    dragged.
    RowKeySetImpl _rowKey = (RowKeySetImpl)_
transferable.getTransferData(DataFlavor.ROW_KEY_SET_FLAVOR).getData();

    // Set the row key on the table model (source) to get the data.
    // m_tableModel is the model for the Table (the drag source).
    object _key = _rowKey.iterator().next();
    m_tableModel.setRowKey(_key);

    // See on which resource this is dropped (specific for scheduling Gantt
    chart).
    String _resourceId = _transferable.getData(String.class);
    Resource _resource = findResourceById(_resourceId);

    // See on what time slot did this dropped.
```

```
Date _date = _transferable.getData(Date.class);

// Add code to update your model here.

// Refresh the table and the Gantt chart.
RequestContext.getCurrentInstance().addPartialTarget(_evt.getDragComponent());
RequestContext.getCurrentInstance().addPartialTarget(m_gantt);

// Indicate the drop is successful.
return DnDAction.COPY;
}
```

For a detailed procedure about adding drag and drop functionality for collections, see [Section 35.4, "Adding Drag and Drop Functionality for Collections"](#).



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## Using Timeline Components

This chapter describes how to use the ADF Data Visualization `timeline` component to display data using simple UI-first development. The chapter defines the data requirements, tag structure, and options for customizing the look and behavior of the component.

If your application uses the Fusion technology stack, then you can also use data controls to create timelines. For more information, see the "Creating Databound Timelines" section in the *Oracle Fusion Middleware Fusion Developer's Guide for Oracle Application Development Framework*.

This chapter includes the following sections:

- [Section 29.1, "Introduction to the Timeline Component"](#)
- [Section 29.2, "Using Timeline Components"](#)
- [Section 29.3, "Adding Data to Timeline Components"](#)
- [Section 29.4, "Customizing Timeline Display Elements"](#)
- [Section 29.5, "Adding Interactive Features to Timelines"](#)

### 29.1 Introduction to the Timeline Component

A *timeline* is an interactive data visualization tool that allows users to view events in chronological order and easily navigate forwards and backwards within a defined time range. Events are represented as timeline items using simple ADF components to display information such as text and images, or supply actions such as links. A dual timeline can be configured to display two series of events to allow a side-by-side comparison of related information.

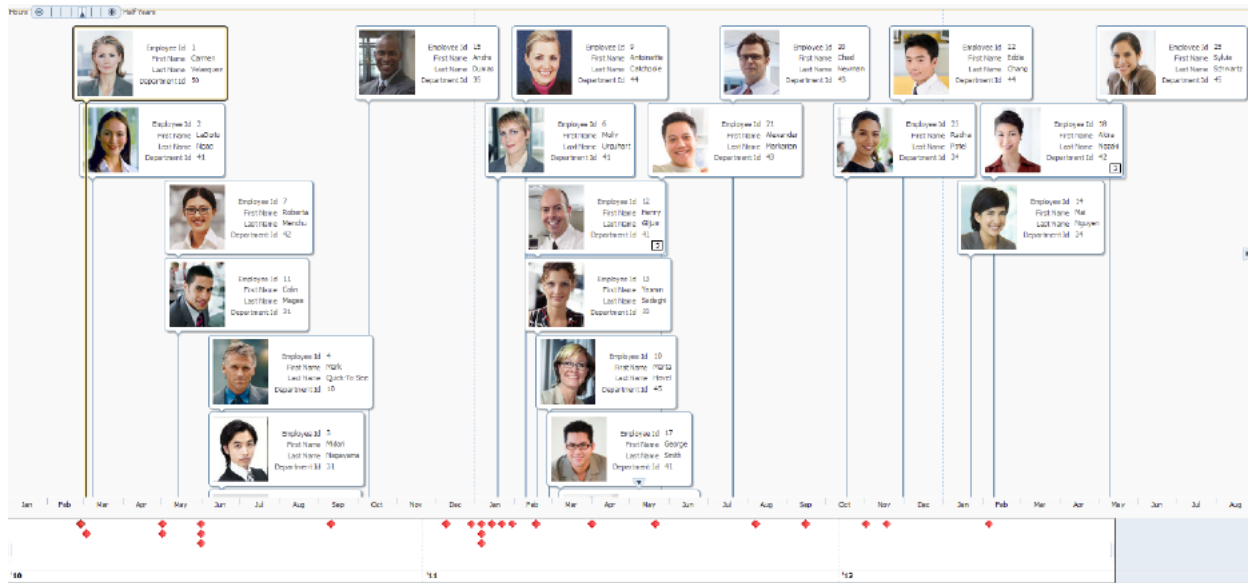
The timeline component supports expanding and collapsing a group of related timeline items, such as shared hire dates, or a group of related activities such as completion of a number of employee forms. The timeline component also supports an adjustable time range to change the view for zooming in or out.

#### 29.1.1 Timeline Use Cases and Examples

A timeline is composed of the display of events as timeline items along a time axis, a movable overview window that corresponds to the period of viewable time in the timeline, and an overview time axis that displays the total time increment for the timeline. A horizontal zoom control is available to change the viewable time range. Timeline items corresponding to events display related information or actions and are represented by a line feeder to the time axis and a marker in the overview time axis.

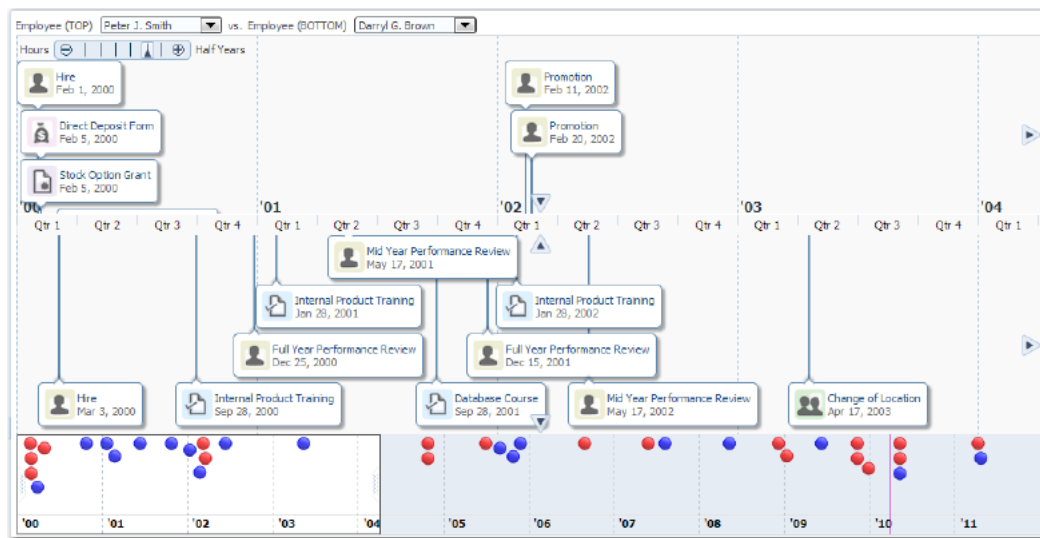
For example, the timeline in [Figure 29–6](#) is configured to display the chronological order of the hire dates of employees in the Summit application for DVT components. In this example, timeline items representing each event display information about the employee using an image and text with labels. The overview window defines the time range for the display of the timeline items, adjustable by changing the zoom control or by changing the edges of the window to a larger or smaller size. When selection is configured, the timeline item, line feeler, and the event marker in the overview panel are highlighted.

**Figure 29–1 Timeline of Employee Hire Dates**



A dual timeline can be used for comparison of up to two series of events. [Figure 29–2](#) illustrates a dual timeline comparing employee change events for two employees over a ten year time period. Timeline events are displayed using a quarterly year time axis within the three plus year overview window. The red colored line in the overview time axis indicates the current date.

**Figure 29–2 Dual Timeline Comparing Employee Change Events**



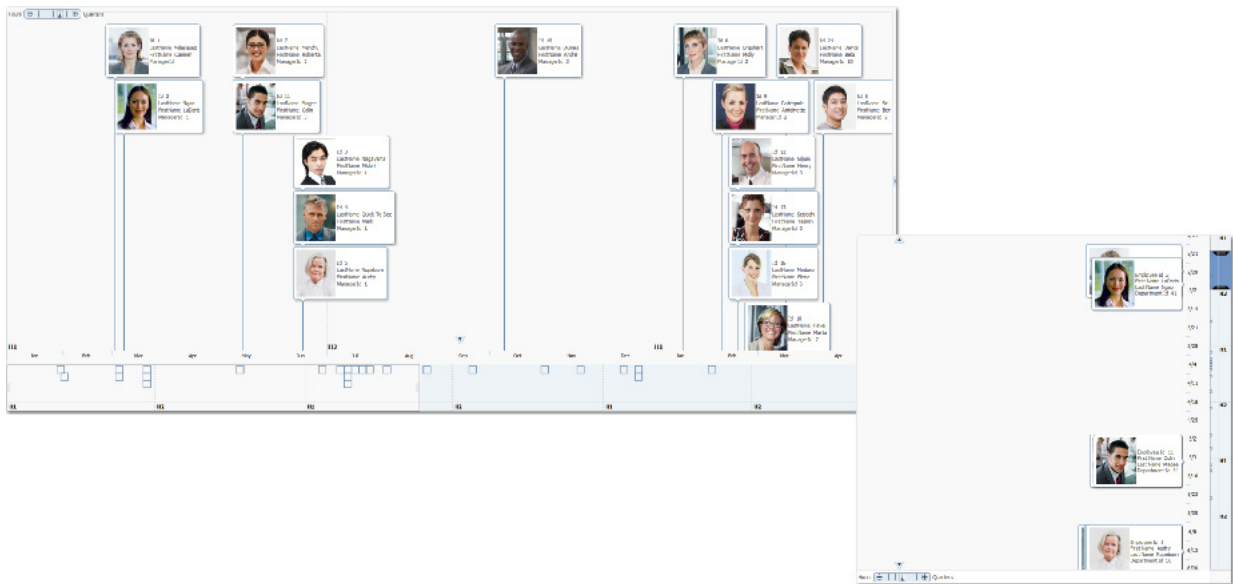
## 29.1.2 End User and Presentation Features

To understand how timelines are used and can be customized, it is helpful to understand these elements and features.

### 29.1.2.1 Layout Options

By default, timelines are displayed in a horizontal orientation with events laid out along a horizontal time axis and overview panel. You can change the layout to a vertical orientation with events displayed along a vertical time axis and overview panel. While you can specify that timeline items in a horizontal orientation will not overlap each other in the display, you cannot apply that configuration to items in a vertical orientation. [Figure 29–3](#) illustrates the comparison of a timeline using a horizontal orientation with the same timeline using a vertical orientation.

**Figure 29–3** Timeline Horizontal and Vertical Orientations



### 29.1.2.2 Timeline Item Selection

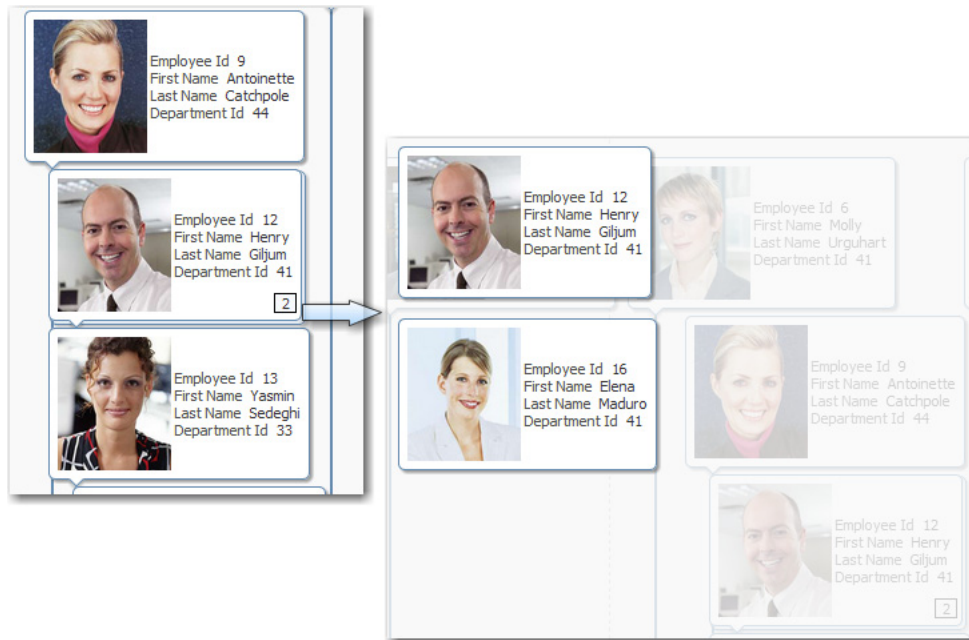
Each event displayed in the timeline is represented as a timeline item that can include data display components such as images, text, and text labels, or actions such as links, buttons, and menus. A line feeler connects the event to the date in the time axis of the timeline. Events are represented in the overview panel as a configurable marker.

By default timeline items configured for single selection at runtime. Alternatively you can configure selection of multiple or no timeline items. At runtime the event, the line feeler, and the marker in the overview panel are highlighted.

### 29.1.2.3 Timeline Grouping and Sorting

Timeline items that share a common date can be configured to display as a group that can be expanded or collapsed at runtime. By default, a number counter displaying the number of items in a group is provided in the collapsed view. Clicking the counter opens all items in the collapsed view and clicking in the timeline collapses the expanded view. [Figure 29–4](#) shows a timeline item with a counter opened into an expanded view.

**Figure 29–4 Timeline Group Counter and Expanded View**

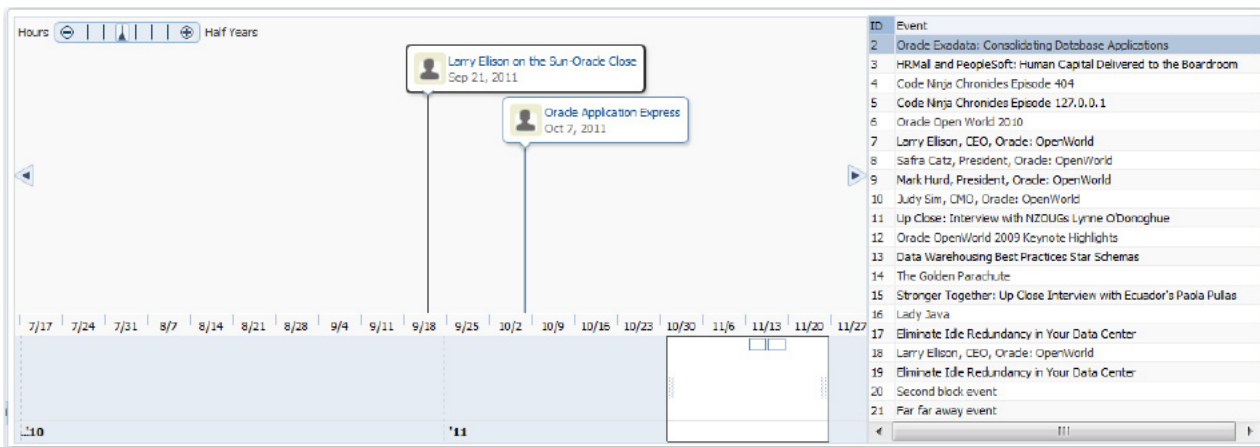


In the default horizontal orientation of the timeline, an overview panel is displayed at the bottom of the timeline. The overview panel includes a movable overview window that corresponds to the period of viewable time in the timeline, and an overview time axis that displays the total time increment for the timeline.

### 29.1.2.4 Drag and Drop Support

Timeline components support drag and drop operations to and from another collection component, for example, a table. Figure 29–5 shows a timeline configured as a drop target and drag source. When the user drags one of the rows in the table onto the timeline, attributes are displayed as a timeline item. Timeline items can also be selected and dragged to the table to display attributes on a row.

**Figure 29–5 Timeline Configured as a Drop Target and Drag Source**



### 29.1.2.5 Content Delivery

Timelines can be configured for how data is delivered from the data source. The data can be delivered to the timeline either immediately upon rendering, as soon as the data is available, or lazily fetch after the shell of the component has been rendered. By default, timelines support the delivery of content from the data source when it is available. The `contentDelivery` attribute is set to `whenAvailable` by default.

Timelines are *virtualized*, meaning not all the rows or columns that are there for the component on the server are delivered to and displayed on the client. You can configure timelines to fetch a certain number of rows or columns at a time from your data source based on date related values. Use `fetchStartTime` and `fetchEndTime` to configure fetch size.

### 29.1.2.6 Timeline Image Formats

Timelines support the following image formats: HTML5, Flash, and Portable Network Graphics (PNG).

By default, timelines will display in the best output format supported by the client browser. If the best output format is not available on the client, the application will default to an available format. For example, if the client does not support HTML5, the application will use:

- Flash, if the Flash Player is available.

You can control the use of Flash content across the entire application by setting a `flash-player-usage` context parameter in `adf-config.xml`. For more information, see [Section A.4.3, "Configuring Flash as Component Output Format."](#)

- PNG output format. Although static rendering is fully supported when using a PNG output format, certain interactive features are not available including:
  - Animation
  - Context menus
  - Drag and drop gestures
  - Popup support
  - Selection

### 29.1.2.7 Timeline Display in Printable or Emailable Modes

ADF Faces allows you to output your JSF page from an ADF Faces web application in a simplified mode for printing or emailing. For example, you may want users to be able to print a page (or a portion of a page), but instead of printing the page exactly as it is rendered in a web browser, you want to remove items that are not needed on a printed page, such as scrollbars and buttons. If a page is to be emailed, the page must be simplified so that email clients can correctly display it. For information about creating simplified pages for these outputs, see [Chapter 36, "Using Different Output Modes."](#)

When a timeline is displayed on a JSF page to be output in printable or emailable pages:

- Only the events currently in view on the timeline will be included in the content.
- In email mode, the events will be displayed as a table.
- In print mode, the timeline overview is not rendered.

### 29.1.2.8 Active Data Support (ADS)

Timelines support ADS by sending a Partial Page Refresh (PPR) request when an active data event is received. The PPR response updates the components, animating the changes as needed. Supported ADS events include:

- Timeline item content updates
- Timeline item insertion and deletion

## 29.2 Using Timeline Components

To use the `timeline` component in UI-first development, define the data, add the timeline to a page and complete the additional configuration in JDeveloper.

### 29.2.1 Timeline Component Data Requirements

The data layer for the `timeline` component is specified in its child, the `timelineSeries` component. You must specify at least one timeline series, at most two in the case of a dual timeline, using a model to access data from the underlying source. The specific model class to use is an instance of `org.apache.myfaces.trinidad.model.CollectionModel`. This class extends the JSPX `DataModel` class and adds on support for row keys. In the `DataModel` class, rows are identified entirely by index. However, to avoid issues if the underlying data changes, the `CollectionModel` class is based on row keys instead of indexes.

You may use other model instances, such as `java.util.List`, `java.util.ArrayList`, and `javax.faces.model.DataModel`. The timeline series component will automatically convert the instance into a `CollectionModel`, but without any additional functionality. For more information about the `CollectionModel` class, see the MyFaces Trinidad Javadoc at [http://myfaces.apache.org/trinidad/trinidad-1\\_2/trinidad-api/apidocs/index.html](http://myfaces.apache.org/trinidad/trinidad-1_2/trinidad-api/apidocs/index.html).

Timelines require that the following attributes be set for the `timelineSeries` component in JDeveloper:

- `value`: An EL Expression that references the data model represented in the timeline.
- `var`: The name of a variable to be used during the rendering phase to reference each element in the timeline collection. This variable is removed or reverted back to its initial value once rendering is complete.

Each immediate child of a `timelineSeries` component must be at most one `timelineItem` component. This component makes it possible to customize the event content through stamping. When you use stamping, child components are not created for every event represented in a timeline. Rather, the content of the component is repeatedly rendered, or stamped, once per timeline item, such as the events in the timeline.

Each time a timeline item is stamped, the value for the current item is copied into a `var` property, and optionally, additional data for the item is copied into a `varStatus` property. These properties can be accessed in EL expressions inside the timeline item component, for example, to pass the item value to a stamped `af:outputText` component. Once the timeline has completed rendering, the `var` and `varStatus` properties are removed, or reverted back to their previous values.

The values for the `value`, `var`, and optionally, `varStatus` attributes must be stored in the timeline's data model or in classes and managed beans if you are using UI-first development.

**Example 29–1** shows a code sample that adds a `TimelineCBBBean` managed bean to your application that references the class or bean that contains the data, and optionally, adds any other methods to customize the timeline. Not all list items in the data set specified by the `ArrayList` class are included in the example.

**Example 29–1 Managed Bean Example to Specify Timeline Data**

```
//imports needed by methods
import java.text.DateFormat;
import java.text.ParseException;
import java.text.SimpleDateFormat;
import java.util.ArrayList;
import java.util.Date;
import java.util.Iterator;
import java.util.Set;
import javax.faces.bean.ManagedBean;
import javax.faces.bean.SessionScoped;
import javax.faces.bean.RequestScoped;
import javax.faces.component.behavior.ClientBehavior;
import javax.faces.component.behavior.ClientBehaviorHint;
import javax.faces.event.AjaxBehaviorEvent;
import oracle.adf.view.faces.bi.component.timeline.UITimelineSeries;
import org.apache.myfaces.trinidad.model.CollectionModel;
import org.apache.myfaces.trinidad.model.ModelUtils;
import org.apache.myfaces.trinidad.model.RowKeySet;
@ManagedBean(name="cb")
public class TimelineCBBBean
{
    private CollectionModel m_model;
    public TimelineCBBBean()
    {
        super();
    }
    public CollectionModel getModel()
    {
        if (m_model != null)
            return m_model;
        ArrayList _list = new ArrayList(10);
        _list.add(new EmpEvent("0", parseDate("01.13.2010"), "Oracle Application
            Express", "se198AyXcsk", null));
        _list.add(new EmpEvent("1", parseDate("01.27.2010"), "Larry Ellison on the
            Sun-Oracle Close", "ylNgcD2Ay6M", null));
        ...

        m_model = ModelUtils.toCollectionModel(_list);
        return m_model;
    }
    public void handleKey(AjaxBehaviorEvent event)
    {
        ClientBehavior _behavior = (ClientBehavior)event.getBehavior();
        Set<ClientBehaviorHint> _hints = _behavior.getHints();
        UITimelineSeries _series =
            (UITimelineSeries)event.getComponent().findComponent("ts1");
        if (_series == null)
            return;
        RowKeySet _rowKeySet = _series.getSelectedRowKeys();
        Iterator _iterator = _rowKeySet.iterator();
        ArrayList _list = (ArrayList)m_model.getWrappedData();
        while (_iterator.hasNext())
        {
```



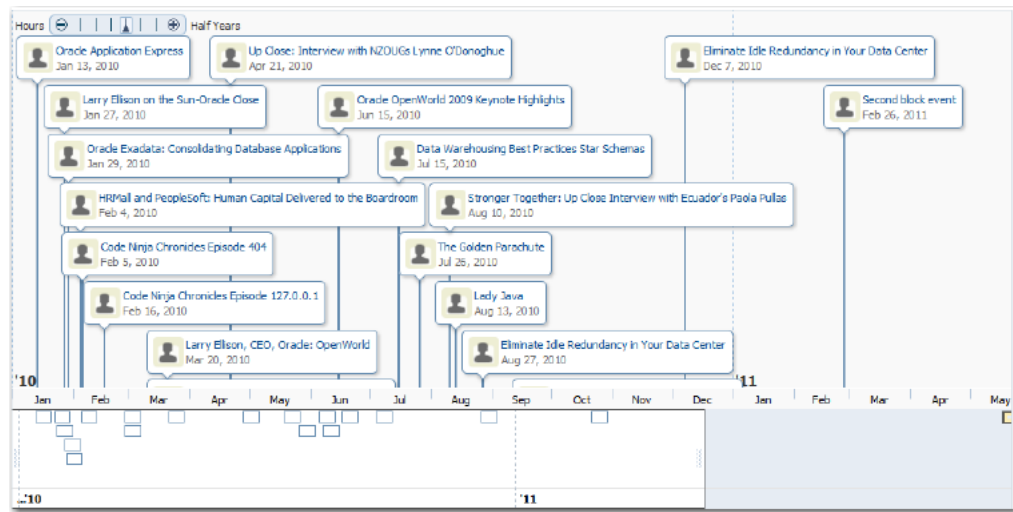
```

        Object _rowKey = _iterator.next();
        Object _event = m_model.getRowData(_rowKey);
        _list.remove(_event);
    }
}
private static Date parseDate(String date)
{
    Date ret = null;
    try
    {
        ret = s_format.parse(date);
    }
    catch (ParseException e)
    {
        e.printStackTrace();
    }
    return ret;
}
static DateFormat s_format = new SimpleDateFormat("MM.dd.yyyy");

```

The managed bean example provides the data model for the Employee Presentations timeline displayed in [Figure 29–6](#). You can find the complete source code for the TimelineCBBean in the ADF Faces demo application. For more information about the demo application, see [Section 1.4, "ADF Faces Demonstration Application."](#)

**Figure 29–6** *Timeline of Employee Presentations*



## 29.2.2 Configuring Timelines

The timeline component has configurable attributes and child components that you can add or modify to customize the display or behavior of the timeline. The prefix `dvt:` occurs at the beginning of each timeline component name indicating that the component belongs to the ADF Data Visualization Tools (DVT) tag library.

You can configure timeline child components, attributes, and supported facets in the following areas:

- **Timeline component (`timeline`):** The parent component that wraps the timeline child components and facets.



- Timeline series (`timelineSeries`): The immediate child of the timeline component used to specify the data layer for the timeline. You must specify at least one series in a timeline. You can also specify up to one additional series to be used for a comparison between timelines.

The timeline series component supports facets that can be used to configure context menus including:

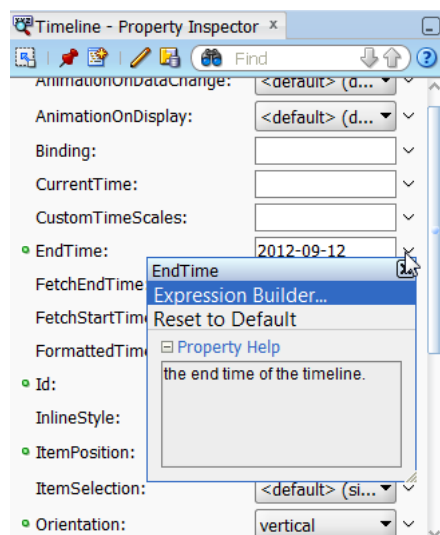
- Timeline item (`timelineItem`): The child of `timelineSeries` that represents an event in the timeline. The component supports the use of many ADF Faces components, such as `af:outputText`, `af:image`, and `af:panelGroupLayout`.
- Marker (`marker`): A configurable shape that represents the event in the overview panel. The attributes are specified in a named `overviewItem` facet child of the `timelineItem` component.
- Time axis (`timeAxis`): Child of `timeline` used to specify the time axis and `timelineOverview` used to specify the overview time axis.
- Timeline overview (`timelineOverview`): An optional component used to provide a macro view of all of the events from all timeline series in the timeline. Users can scroll through the timeline using a zoom control.

### 29.2.3 How to Add a Timeline to a Page

When you are designing your page using UI-first development, you use the Components Palette to add a timeline to a JSPX page. When you drag and drop a timeline component onto the page, a timeline artifact and source code is added to the Visual Editor, and the tag structure is added to the Structure window.

After the timeline is added to your page, you can use the Property Inspector to specify data values and configure display attributes. In the Property Inspector you can use the dropdown menu for each attribute field to display a property description and options such as displaying an EL Expression Builder or other specialized dialogs. [Figure 29–7](#) shows the dropdown menu for a timeline `endTime` attribute.

**Figure 29–7** Timeline `endTime` Attribute Value



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**Note:** If your application uses the Fusion technology stack, then you can use data controls to create a timeline and the binding will be done for you. For more information, see the "Creating Databound Timelines" section in the *Oracle Fusion Middleware Fusion Developer's Guide for Oracle Application Development Framework*.

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#### To add a timeline to a Page:

1. In the ADF Data Visualization page of the Component Palette, from the Gantt section, drag and drop a `Timeline` component onto the page.
2. In the Property Inspector, view the attributes for the timeline. Use the help button to display the complete tag documentation for the `timeline` component.
3. Expand the Appearance section, and enter values for the following attributes:
  - **EndTime:** Enter the ending date to use for the timeline time range using the format `yyyy-mm-dd`. Select an end date that will include events in the data collection you wish to display on the timeline. By default the current date is used for this attribute.
  - **StartTime:** Enter the starting date to use for the timeline time range using the format `yyyy-mm-dd`. Select a start date that will include events in the data collection you wish to display on the timeline. By default the current date is used for this attribute.
4. Optionally, enter values for the following attributes:
  - **Orientation:** Use the attribute's dropdown menu to change the default layout from horizontal to vertical.  
  
For sample images of timeline orientation, see [Section 29.1.2.1, "Layout Options."](#)
  - **ItemPosition:** If you are using a vertical orientation for the timeline, by default timeline items will not overlap each other vertically in the available space for the timeline. The default value is `noOverlap`. In a vertical orientation, this attribute does not apply to the horizontal display of timeline items.  
  
You can use an attribute value of `random` to specify that timeline items will randomly lay out the items vertically in the available space for the timeline.
  - **Summary:** Enter a summary of the timeline's purpose and structure for screen reader support.
  - **TimeZone:** Enter the time zone to use for the timeline. If not set, the value is identified from the `AdfFacesContext`.
5. Expand the Behavior section, and optionally enter values for the following attributes:
  - **ItemSelection:** Use the dropdown list to specify whether or not timeline items in the timeline are selectable. Valid values are `single` (default), `multiple`, or `none`. This setting applies to both timeline series in a dual timeline.
  - **SortData:** Use to set whether timeline events are sorted automatically by the timeline based on the time of the event, or manually sorted by the data model to which it is bound. Valid values are `auto` (default) or `none`.
  - **FetchStartTime** and **FetchEndTime:** Use these attributes to specify the start and end dates to use for delivering content from the data source.

6. To set the time axis for the timeline, do the following:
  - a. In the Structure window, right-click the `timeline` node and select **Insert inside `dvt:timeline` > Time Axis**.
  - b. In the Insert Time Axis dialog, enter the scale to use for the time axis of the timeline. Valid values are `twoyears`, `years`, `quarters`, `twomonths`, `months`, `twoweeks`, `weeks`, `days`, `sixhours`, `threehours`, `hours`, `halfhours`, and `quarterhours`.
7. To add a timeline overview to the timeline, do the following:
  - a. In the Structure window, right-click the `timeline` node and select **Insert inside `dvt:timeline` > Timeline Overview**.
  - b. In the Structure window, right-click the `timelineOverview` node and select **Insert inside `dvt:timelineOverview` > Time Axis**.
  - c. In the Insert Time Axis dialog, enter the scale to use for the overview time axis display of the timeline. Valid values are `twoyears`, `years`, `quarters`, `twomonths`, `months`, `twoweeks`, `weeks`, `days`, `sixhours`, `threehours`, `hours`, `halfhours`, and `quarterhours`.

## 29.2.4 What Happens When You Add a Timeline to a Page

JDeveloper generates only a single tag when you drag and drop a timeline from the Component Palette onto a JSPX page without setting any additional attributes in the Property Inspector. [Example 29–2](#) shows the generated code.

### **Example 29–2** Timeline Sample Code in UI-First Development

```
<dvt:timeline
  startTime="2012-06-27" endTime="2012-06-27" id="t1"/>
```

If you choose to use the Data Controls panel to bind the data to a data control when creating the timeline, JDeveloper generates code based on the data model. For more information, see the "Creating Databound Timelines" section in the *Oracle Fusion Middleware Fusion Developer's Guide for Oracle Application Development Framework*.

## 29.3 Adding Data to Timeline Components

Timeline components require a collection data model to display attributes. For example, to create the Employee Presentation timeline illustrated in [Figure 29–6](#), you must provide a data model that includes a qualifying date value and details about the events.

### 29.3.1 How to Add Data to a Timeline

To add data to the timeline using UI-first development, create the classes, managed beans, and methods that will create the model and reference the classes, beans, or methods in JDeveloper.

#### **Before you begin:**

Add a timeline to your page. For help with adding a timeline to a page, see [Section 29.2.3, "How to Add a Timeline to a Page."](#) Confirm that the start time and end time for the timeline is consistent with the data model you are using.

Create the classes and managed beans that will define the timeline's data model and supply the data to the timeline. For additional information and examples, see

[Section 29.2.1, "Timeline Component Data Requirements."](#) If you need help creating classes, see the "Working with Java Code" topic in the JDeveloper Online Help. For help with managed beans, see [Section 2.6, "Creating and Using Managed Beans."](#)

**To add data to the timeline in UI-first development:**

1. In the Structure window, right-click the `timeline` node and choose **Insert inside `dvt:imeline` > Timeline Series**.
2. Right-click the `timelineSeries` node and choose **Go to Properties**.
3. In the Property Inspector, expand the Common section, and set the following attributes:
  - **Value:** Specify an EL expression for the model to which you want the timeline to be bound. This must be an instance of `org.apache.myfaces.trinidad.model.CollectionModel`.

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**Note:** You may use other model instances, such as `java.util.List`, `array`, and `javax.faces.model.DataModel`. The timeline component will automatically convert the instance into a `CollectionModel`.

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For example, reference the managed bean you created to instantiate the timeline. In the employee presentation example, the timeline managed bean is named `cb`, and the data is instantiated when the timeline is referenced. To use the employee presentation data example with a timeline, enter the following in the **Value** field for the EL expression: `#{cb.Model}`.

For help with creating EL expressions, see [Section 2.5.1, "How to Create an EL Expression."](#)

- **Var:** Enter the name of a variable to be used during the rendering phase to reference each element in the timeline collection. This variable is removed or reverted back to its initial value once rendering is complete.
 

For example, enter `evt` in the **Var** field to reference each element in the employees presentation data example.
  - **VarStatus:** Optionally, enter the name of a variable during the rendering phase to access contextual information about the state of the component, such as the collection model or loop counter information. This variable is removed or reverted back to its initial value once rendering is complete.
4. In the Structure window, right-click the `timelineSeries` node and choose **Insert Inside Timeline Series > Timeline Item** to add a component to display the timeline series data through stamping.
  5. In the Property Inspector for the `dvt:timelineItem`, expand the Common section and enter the following values
    - **Value:** Enter an EL Expression that references the date-related value you wish to display as an item on the timeline. For example, in a collection of date-related employee presentations, you could display presentation date as a timeline item.
 

For example, to reference the employee presentations data source, enter `#{evt.date}`.
    - **Group:** Optionally, you can configure timeline items that share a common date to display as a group that can be expanded or collapsed at runtime. By default,

a number counter displaying the number of items in a group is provided in the collapsed view.

6. To configure the timeline item to display the data collection attributes in the timeline item, do the following:
  - a. Use the Structure window context menu to insert components to define the layout of the timeline item.
  - b. Use the Property Inspector to specify the content and display attributes for the timeline item. For the `value` attribute use an EL Expression that references the row in the data collection.

For example, the code highlighted in [Example 29–3](#) shows the component structure and attribute definitions for the timeline item stamped in the employee presentations timeline in [Figure 29–6](#).

7. To configure the marker representing the timeline item that displays in the timeline overview, do the following:
  - a. In the Structure window, right-click the `overviewItem` facet and select **Insert inside f:facet-overviewItem > Marker**.
  - b. In the Property Inspector, set values to specify shape, size, and fill color as desired.

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**Note:** You can specify the layout and contents of a timeline item in a number of ways. For more information, see [Section 29.4.1](#), "[Configuring Timeline Items](#)."

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#### **Example 29–3** Code Sample for Timeline Bound to Data

```
<dvt:timeline id="tl1" startTime="2010-01-01" endTime="2011-12-31"
  inlineStyle="width:1000px;height:500px" itemSelection="single">
  <dvt:timelineSeries id="ts1" var="evt" value="#{cb.model}">
    <dvt:timelineItem id="ti1" value="#{evt.date}">
      <af:panelGroupLayout id="pg1" layout="horizontal">
        <af:image id="img1" inlineStyle="width:30px;height:30px"
          source="/resources/images/timeline/employment.png"/>
        <af:spacer width="3"/>
        <af:panelGroupLayout id="pg2" layout="vertical">
          <af:outputText id="ot1" inlineStyle="color:#084B8A"
            value="#{evt.description}" noWrap="true"/>
          <af:outputText id="ot2" value="#{evt.date}" inlineStyle="color:#6e6e6e"
            noWrap="true">
            <af:convertDateTime dateStyle="medium"/>
          </af:outputText>
        </af:panelGroupLayout>
      </af:panelGroupLayout>
    </dvt:timelineItem>
  </dvt:timelineSeries>
  <dvt:timeAxis id="ta1" scale="weeks"/>
  <dvt:timelineOverview id="ov1">
    <dvt:timeAxis id="ta2" scale="years"/>
  </dvt:timelineOverview>
  <f:ajax event="keyUp" execute="@this" listener="#{cb.handleKey}"/>
</dvt:timeline>
```

## 29.3.2 What You May Need to Know About Configuring Data for a Dual Timeline

You can add up to one additional timeline series to configure a dual timeline to compare two series of events. The procedure for adding and configuring another `timelineSeries` component is the same.

## 29.3.3 What You May Need to Know About Adding Data to Timelines

The examples in this chapter use classes and managed beans to provide the data to the timeline. If your application uses the Fusion technology stack, then you can use data controls to create a timeline and the binding will be done for you. For more information, see the "Creating Databound Timelines" section in the *Oracle Fusion Middleware Fusion Developer's Guide for Oracle Application Development Framework*.

Alternatively, if you know the UI components on your page will eventually use ADF data binding, but you need to develop the pages before the data controls are ready, then you should consider using placeholder data controls, rather than manually binding the components. Using placeholder data controls will provide the same declarative development experience as using developed data controls. For more information, see the "Designing a Page Using Placeholder Data Controls" section of the *Oracle Fusion Middleware Fusion Developer's Guide for Oracle Application Development Framework*.

## 29.4 Customizing Timeline Display Elements

You can configure timeline items and add a custom time scale to your timeline.

### 29.4.1 Configuring Timeline Items

Timeline items represent the events displayed in the timeline. The `timelineItem` component supports the following ADF components to display information and provide actions associated with the event:

- Layout components including: `af:panelFormLayout`, `af:panelGroupLayout`, `af:separator`, `af:showDetailItem`, and `af:spacer`. For more information about using these components, see [Chapter 8, "Organizing Content on Web Pages."](#)
- Menu component `af:menu`. For more information about these components, see [Chapter 14, "Using Menus, Toolbars, and Toolboxes."](#)
- Output components including: `af:outputFormatted` and `af:outputText`. For more information about these components, see [Chapter 16, "Using Output Components."](#)
- Message component `af:outputLabelMessage`. For more information about this component, see [Chapter 17, "Displaying Tips, Messages, and Help."](#)
- Navigation components including: `af:button` and `af:link`. For more information about these components, see [Chapter 18, "Working with Navigation Components."](#)
- Image component `af:image`. For information about how to use the `af:image` component, see
- `af:showPopupBehavior`: For information about how to use the `af:showPopupBehavior` component, see

Timeline items are represented in the timeline overview as a configurable shape. You can specify the following attributes for a timeline item marker:

- `fillColor`: The color of the marker shape. Valid values are RGB hexadecimal colors.
- `opacity`: The opacity of the fill color of the marker. Valid values range from 0 percent for transparent, to 100 percent for opaque.
- `shape`: The shape of the overview marker for each selected timeline series value. Valid values are one of seven prebuilt shapes `circle` (default), `diamond`, `human`, `plus`, `square`, `triangleDown`, and `triangleUp`.
- `scaleX` and `scaleY`: The `scaleX` (horizontal) and `scaleY` (vertical) scale factor. Valid value is a numerical percentage. JDeveloper will automatically resize a marker to fit within the timeline overview area if the marker is too large.

## 29.4.2 How to Add a Custom Time Scale to a Timeline

You can create a custom time scale for the timeline and overview axes. The custom time scale is configured in the `scale` attribute of the `dvt:timeAxis`.

### Before you begin:

You should already have a timeline on your page. If you do not, follow the instructions in this chapter to create a timeline. For information, see [Section 29.2.3, "How to Add a Timeline to a Page."](#)

### To create and use a custom time axis:

1. Implement the `CustomTimescale.java` interface to call the method `getNextDate(Date currentDate)` in a loop to build the time axis. [Example 29-4](#) show sample code for the interface.

#### **Example 29-4** Interface to Build Custom Dates

```
public interface CustomTimescale
{
    public String getScaleName();
    public Date getPreviousDate(Date timelineStartDate);
    public Date getNextDate(Date currentDate);
    public String getLabel(Date date);
}
```

2. In the Structure window, right-click a timeline node and choose **Go to Properties**.
3. Expand the **Advanced** category of the Property Inspector, for the **CustomTimeScales** attribute, register the implementation of the interface for the custom time axis.

The `customTimeScales` attribute's value is a `java.util.Map` object. The specified map object contains pairs of key/values. The key is the time scale name (`fiveyears`), and the value is the implementation of the `CustomTimeScale.java` interface. For example:

```
customTimeScales="#{timeline.customTimescales}"
```

4. To use the custom time scale in the time axis or overview time axis, in the Structure window, right-click the `dvt:timeAxis` node and in the Property Inspector, enter the custom time scale name.

[Example 29-5](#) shows sample code for setting a `threeyears` time axis and a `fiveyears` overview time axis.



**Example 29–5 Custom Time Axis**

```
<dvt:timeline>
  <dvt:timeAxis id="ta1" scale="threeyears"/>
  <dvt:timelineOverview id="ov1">
    <dvt:timeAxis id="ta2" scale="fiveyears"/>
  </dvt:timelineOverview>
</dvt:timeline>
```

### 29.4.3 What You May Need to Know About Skinning and Customizing the Appearance of Timelines

For the complete list of timeline skinning keys, see the *Oracle Fusion Middleware Documentation Tag Reference for Oracle Data Visualization Tools Skin Selectors*. To access the list from JDeveloper, from the Help Center, choose Documentation Library, and then Fusion Middleware Reference and APIs. For additional information about customizing your application using skins, see [Chapter 20, "Customizing the Appearance Using Styles and Skins."](#)

## 29.5 Adding Interactive Features to Timelines

You can add interactive features to timelines, including support for popups, custom context menus, and drag and drop operations.

### 29.5.1 How to Add Popups to Timeline Items

The `timelineItem` component can be configured to display popup dialogs, windows, and menus that provide information or request input from end users. Using the `af:popup` component with other ADF Faces components, you can configure functionality to allow your end users to show and hide information in secondary windows, input additional data, or invoke functionality such as a context menu.

With ADF Faces components, JavaScript is not needed to show or hide popups. The `af:showPopupBehavior` tag provides a declarative solution, so that you do not have to write JavaScript to open a `popup` component or register a script with the `popup` component. For more information about these components, see [Chapter 13, "Using Popup Dialogs, Menus, and Windows."](#)

### 29.5.2 How to Configure Timeline Context Menus

Define timeline context menus using these context menu facets:

- `bodyContextMenu`: Specifies a context menu that is displayed on non-selectable elements in the timeline component.
- `contextMenu`: Specifies a context menu that is displayed on any selectable element in the timeline component.

Each facet on a JSP or JSPX page supports a single child component. For these facets to work, selection must be enabled in the timeline's properties. Context menus are currently only supported in Flash.

You create a context menu by using `af:menu` components within an `af:popup` component. You can then invoke the context menu popup from another component, based on a specified trigger. For more information about configuring context menus, see [Chapter 13, "Using Popup Dialogs, Menus, and Windows."](#)



### 29.5.3 How to Add Drag and Drop to a Timeline

You can configure timelines as a drop target or drag source between collection components on a page. For example, you can drag an item from one collection (for example, a row from a table), and drop it into a timeline, or drag an event from a timeline and drop it into a table, as illustrated in [Figure 29–5](#).

To add drop support to a timeline, add the `af:dropTarget` tag to the timeline component and include the data flavors that the timeline will support. Add a `dropListener` method to a timeline managed bean that will respond to the drop event.

To add drag support from a timeline to a collection component, add the `af:dragSource` tag to the timeline component and add the `af:collectionDropTarget` tag to the component receiving the drag. The component receiving the drag must include the `org.apache.myfaces.trinidad.model.RowKeySet` data flavor as a child of the `af:collectionDropTarget` and also define a `dropListener` method to respond to the drop event.

[Example 29–6](#) shows the JSPX page sample code for the ADF Faces demo application illustrated in [Figure 29–5](#). For additional information about the `af:table` component, see [Chapter 10, "Using Tables, Trees, and Other Collection-Based Components."](#)

#### **Example 29–6 Sample Code for Timeline Drop Target and Drag Source**

```
<dvt:timeline id="tl1" startTime="2010-01-01" endTime="2011-12-31"
  inlineStyle="width:800px;height:400px" itemSelection="single">
  <f:attribute name="horizontalFetchSizeOverride" value="3000"/>
  <dvt:timelineSeries id="ts1" var="evt" value="#{dnd.timelineModel}">
    <dvt:timelineItem id="ti1" value="#{evt.date}" group="#{evt.group}">
      <af:panelGroupLayout id="pg1" layout="horizontal">
        <af:image id="img1" inlineStyle="width:30px;height:30px"
          source="/resources/images/timeline/employment.png"/>
        <af:spacer width="3"/>
        <af:panelGroupLayout id="pg2" layout="vertical">
          <af:outputText id="ot1" inlineStyle="color:#084B8A"
            value="#{evt.description}" noWrap="true"/>
          <af:outputText id="ot2" value="#{evt.date}"
            inlineStyle="color:#6e6e6e" noWrap="true">
          <af:convertDateTime dateStyle="medium"/>
          </af:outputText>
        </af:panelGroupLayout>
      </af:panelGroupLayout>
    </dvt:timelineItem>
  </dvt:timelineSeries>
  <af:dragSource actions="COPY" discriminant="model"/>
  <af:dropTarget actions="COPY" dropListener="#{dnd.handleDropOnTimeline}">
    <af:dataFlavor flavorClass="org.apache.myfaces.trinidad.model.RowKeySet"
      discriminant="model2"/>
  </af:dropTarget>
</dvt:timeline>
<dvt:timeAxis id="ta1" scale="weeks"/>
<dvt:timelineOverview id="ov1">
  <dvt:timeAxis id="ta2" scale="years"/>
</dvt:timelineOverview>
<af:table var="row" value="#{dnd.tableModel}" rowSelection="single"
  inlineStyle="width:370px;height:400px">
  <af:column headerText="ID" width="20">
    <af:outputText value="#{row.id}"/>
  </af:column>
  <af:column headerText="Event" width="340">
    <af:outputText value="#{row.description}"/>
  </af:column>
</af:table>
```

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</af:column>
<af:dragSource actions="COPY" discriminant="model2"/>
<af:collectionDropTarget actions="COPY" modelName="model"
    dropListener="#{dnd.handleDropOnTable}"/>
</af:table>

```

The data model for this example is defined in the `TimelineDnDBean` managed bean using an `ArrayList` class. You can find the source code for the class and the supporting `EmpEvent` class in the ADF Faces demo application. For more information about the demo application, see [Section 1.4, "ADF Faces Demonstration Application."](#)

### Before you begin:

You will need to complete these tasks:

- Add a timeline to your page. For more information, see [Section 29.2.3, "How to Add a Timeline to a Page"](#)
- If you are configuring timeline items as a drag source and you did not bind the timeline to a data control when you added the component to the page, add data to the timeline. For information about adding data to timelines using UI-first development, see [Section 29.3.1, "How to Add Data to a Timeline."](#)
- Create any additional components needed to support the drag and drop.

For example, if you are using a table as the drag source or drop target, you will need to add a table to your page.

### To add drag and drop support to a timeline:

1. In the Structure window, right-click the timeline component, and select **Insert Inside Timeline > Drop Target**.
2. In the **Insert Drop Target** dialog, enter the name of the drop listener or use the dropdown menu to choose **Edit** to add a drop listener method to the timeline's managed bean. Alternatively, use the dropdown menu to choose **Expression Builder** and enter an EL Expression for the drop listener.

For example, to add a method named `handleDropOnTimeline()` on a managed bean named `dnd`, choose **Edit**, select `dnd` from the dropdown menu, and click **New** on the right of the **Method** field to create the `handleDropOnTimeline()` method.

[Example 29-7](#) shows the sample drop listener and supporting methods for the timeline displayed in [Figure 29-5](#).

#### **Example 29-7 Sample Drop Listener for a Timeline**

```

// imports needed by methods
import java.text.DateFormat;
import java.text.ParseException;
import java.text.SimpleDateFormat;
import java.util.ArrayList;
import java.util.Date;
import javax.faces.bean.ManagedBean;
import javax.faces.bean.SessionScoped;
import javax.faces.bean.RequestScoped;
import oracle.adf.view.rich.datatransfer.DataFlavor;
import oracle.adf.view.rich.datatransfer.Transferable;
import oracle.adf.view.rich.dnd.DnDAction;
import oracle.adf.view.rich.event.DropEvent;
import org.apache.myfaces.trinidad.context.RequestContext;
import org.apache.myfaces.trinidad.model.CollectionModel;

```

```

import org.apache.myfaces.trinidad.model.ModelUtils;
import org.apache.myfaces.trinidad.model.RowKeySet;
// drop listener
public DnDAction handleDropOnTimeline(DropEvent event)
{
    Date _date = (Date)event.getDropSite();
    Transferable _transferable = event.getTransferable();
    RowKeySet _rowKeySet = _transferable.getData(DataFlavor.ROW_KEY_SET_FLAVOR);
    Object _rowKey = _rowKeySet.iterator().next();
    EmpEvent _event = (EmpEvent)m_tableModel.getRowData(_rowKey);
    _event.setDate(_date);
    orderInsert(_event);
    RequestContext.getCurrentInstance().addPartialTarget
        (event.getDragComponent());
    return DnDAction.COPY;
}
private void orderInsert(EmpEvent event)
{
    int _index = -1;
    ArrayList _list = (ArrayList)m_timelineModel.getWrappedData();
    for (int i=0; i<_list.size(); i++)
    {
        EmpEvent _current = (EmpEvent)_list.get(i);
        if (event.getDate().before(_current.getDate()))
        {
            _index = i;
            break;
        }
    }
    if (_index == -1)
        _list.add(event);
    else
        _list.add(_index, event);
    ArrayList _list2 = (ArrayList)m_tableModel.getWrappedData();
    _list2.remove(event);
}

```

3. Click **OK**, and in the **Insert Data Flavor** dialog, enter `org.apache.myfaces.trinidad.model.RowKeySet`.
4. In the Structure window, right-click the `af:dropTarget` component and choose **Go to Properties** to set the following attributes in the Property Inspector:
  - **Actions:** Enter a list of the operations that the drop target will accept, separated by spaces. Allowable values are: `COPY`, `MOVE`, or `LINK`. If you do not specify a value, the drop target will use `COPY`.
  - **Discriminant:** Specify the model name shared by the drop target and drag source for compatibility purposes. The value of this attribute must match the value of the `discriminant` attribute of the `af:dragSource` component you will set for the collection component receiving the drags from the timeline in Step 5.
5. To configure another collection component as the drag source for drops into the timeline, do the following:
  - a. In the Component Palette, from the Operations panel, drag and drop a **Drag Source** tag as a child to the component that will be the source of the drag.  
For example, drag and drop a **Drag Source** tag as a child to an `af:table` component.

- b. In the Property window, for the component's **Actions** field, enter a list of the operations that the drop target will accept, separated by spaces.
  - c. For the component's **Discriminant** field, specify the model name shared by the drop target and drag source for compatibility purposes.
6. To configure the timeline as a drag source, in the Component Palette, from the Operations panel, drag and drop a **Drag Source** tag as a child to the timeline.
  7. In the Structure window, right-click the `af:dragSource` component and choose **Go to Properties** to set the following attributes in the Property Inspector:
    - **Actions:** Enter a list of the operations that the collection drop target component will accept, separated by spaces.
    - **Discriminant:** Specify the name of the model shared by the drag source and collection drop target for compatibility purposes. The value of this attribute must match the value of the `modelName` attribute of the `af:collectionDropTarget` component you will set for the collection component receiving the drags from the timeline in Step 8.
  8. To make another collection component the drop target for drops from the timeline, do the following:
    - a. In the Component Palette, from the Operations panel, drag and drop a **Collection Drop Target** onto the component that will receive the drop.  
For example, drag and drop a **Collection Drop Target** as a child to an `af:table` component that displays the results of the drop.
    - b. In the **Insert Drop Target** dialog, enter the name of the drop listener or use the dropdown menu to choose **Edit** to add a drop listener method to the appropriate managed bean.

[Example 29–8](#) shows the sample drop listener for the timeline displayed in [Figure 29–5](#). This example uses the same imports and helper methods used in [Example 29–7](#), and they are not included here.

#### **Example 29–8 Sample Drop Listener for a Table Using a Timeline as a Drag Source**

```
//Drop Listener
public DnDAction handleDropOnTable(DropEvent event)
{
    Integer _dropSite = (Integer)event.getDropSite();
    Transferable _transferable = event.getTransferable();
    RowKeySet _rowKeySet = _transferable.getData(DataFlavor.ROW_KEY_SET_FLAVOR);
    Object _rowKey = _rowKeySet.iterator().next();
    EmpEvent _event = (EmpEvent)m_timelineModel.getRowData(_rowKey);
    ArrayList _list = (ArrayList)m_tableModel.getWrappedData();
    _list.add(_dropSite.intValue(), _event);
    ArrayList _list2 = (ArrayList)m_timelineModel.getWrappedData();
    _list2.remove(_event);
    RequestContext.getCurrentInstance().addPartialTarget
        (event.getDragComponent());
    return DnDAction.COPY;
}
private static Date parseDate(String date)
{
    Date ret = null;
    try
    {
        ret = s_format.parse(date);
    }
}
```

```
catch (ParseException e)
{
    e.printStackTrace();
}
return ret;
}
```

- c. Click OK, and in the **Insert Data Flavor** dialog, enter `org.apache.myfaces.trinidad.model.RowKeySet`.
- d. In the Structure window, right-click the `af:dropTarget` component and choose **Go to Properties**.
- e. In the Property Inspector, in the **Actions** field, enter a list of the operations that the drop target will accept, separated by spaces.
- f. In the **ModelName** field, define the model for the collection. The value of the `modelName` attribute is a String object used to identify the drag source for compatibility purposes. The value of this attribute must match the value of the `discriminant` attribute of the `af:dragSource` component you set in Step 7.

For more detailed information about configuring drag and drop on ADF Faces or ADF Data Visualization components, see [Chapter 35, "Adding Drag and Drop Functionality."](#)



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## Using Map Components

This chapter describes how use ADF Faces Data Visualization map and thematicMap components to display data in geographic and thematic maps using simple UI-first development. The chapter defines the data requirements, tag structure, and options for customizing the look and behavior of the components.

If your application uses the Fusion technology stack, then you can also use data controls to create geographic map themes and thematic map area and point data layers to display data. For more information, see the "Creating Databound Geographic Maps" and "Creating Databound Thematic Maps" sections of *Oracle Fusion Middleware Fusion Developer's Guide for Oracle Application Development Framework*.

This chapter includes the following sections:

- [Section 30.1, "Introduction to Map Components"](#)
- [Section 30.2, "Using Geographic Map Components"](#)
- [Section 30.3, "Customizing Geographic Map Display Attributes"](#)
- [Section 30.4, "Customizing Geographic Map Themes"](#)
- [Section 30.5, "Adding a Toolbar to a Geographic Map"](#)
- [Section 30.6, "Using Thematic Map Components"](#)
- [Section 30.7, "Defining Thematic Map Base Maps"](#)
- [Section 30.8, "Customizing Thematic Map Display Attributes"](#)
- [Section 30.9, "Adding Interactive Features to Thematic Maps"](#)

### 30.1 Introduction to Map Components

A *geographic map* represents business data in one or more interactive layers of information (known as *themes*), superimposed on a single map. Geographic maps require a configuration that contains a URL to a remote Oracle Application Server (AS) MapViewer service, and optionally, a geocoder service if address data will have to be converted to longitude and latitude.

A *thematic map* represents business data as patterns in stylized areas or associated markers and does not require a connection to an Oracle MapViewer service. Thematic maps focus on data without the geographic details in a geographic map.

#### 30.1.1 Map Component Use Cases and Examples

Both geographic and thematic maps are designed to display data. The difference is that geographic maps focus on data that is best displayed with details such as roads or

ivers. and requires configuration to an Oracle MapViewer service and optionally, a geocoder service. Thematic maps focus on data trends or patterns without the visual clutter of geographic details and do not require configuration to an Oracle MapViewer or geocoder service.

Geographic maps support a variety of map themes, each of which must be bound to a data collection. The following kinds of map themes are available:

- **Color:** Applies to regions. For example, a color theme might identify a range of colors to represent the population in the states of a region or the popularity of a product in the states of a region. A geographic map can have multiple color themes visible at different zoom levels. For example, a color theme at zoom levels 1 to 5 might represent the population of a state, and the county median income at zoom levels 6 to 10.
- **Point:** Displays individual latitude/longitude locations in a map. For example, a point theme might identify the locations of warehouses in a map. If you customize the style of the point that is displayed, you might choose to use a different image for the type of inventory (electronics, housewares, garden supplies) in a set of warehouses to differentiate them from each other.
- **Graph:** Creates any number of pie graph themes and bar graph themes. However, only one graph theme can be visible at a given time. You select the desired theme from the **View** menu of the map toolbar. Graph themes can show statistics related to a given region such as states or counties. For example, a graph theme could display the sales values for a number of products in a state.

Figure 30–1 displays a geographic map with color, point, and graph themes.

**Figure 30–1 Geographic Map of Southwest US with Color, Point, and Pie Graph Themes**

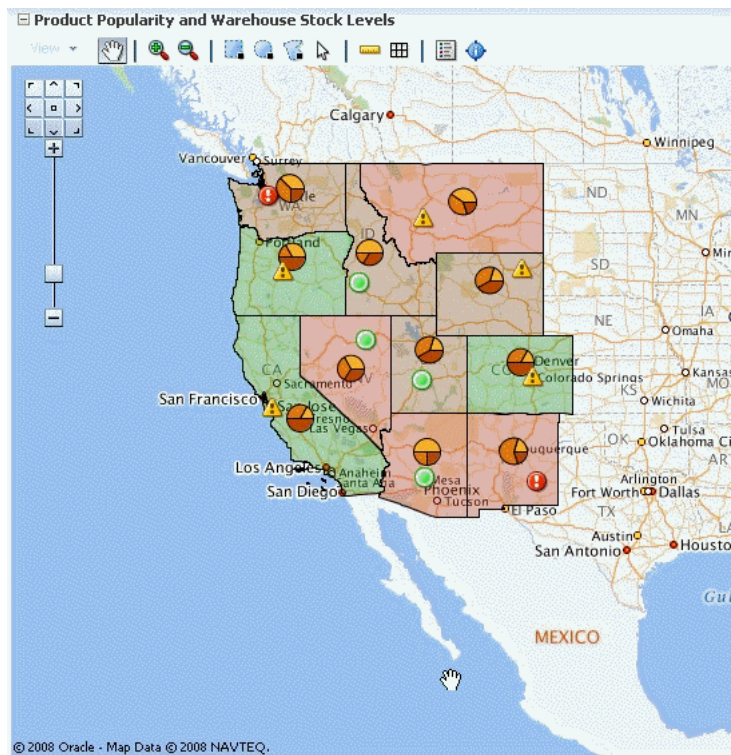
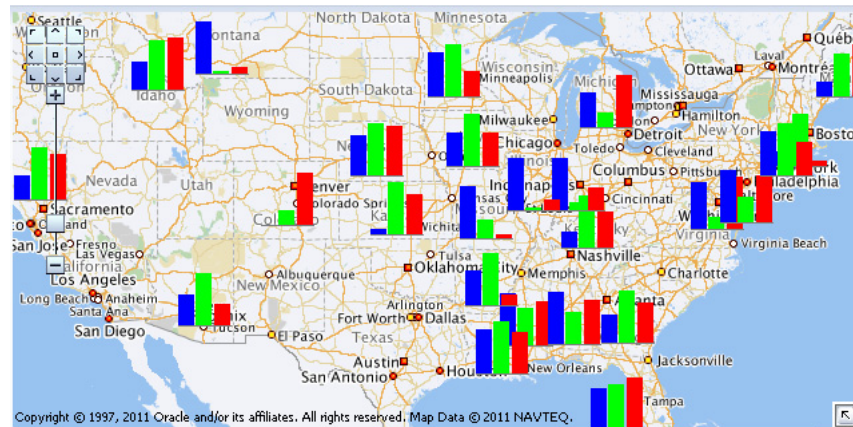


Figure 30–2 shows a geographic map with a customized bar graph theme.



**Figure 30–2 Geographic Map with Custom Bar Graph Theme**

Thematic maps display trends or patterns in data associated with a geographic location. Data is stylized by region, for example, using a fill color based on data values, associating a marker with the region, or both.

Figure 30–3 shows a thematic map that displays unemployment rates by states in the US. The map displays multiple selection of the states with an employment rate of 2.0-4.0 percent.

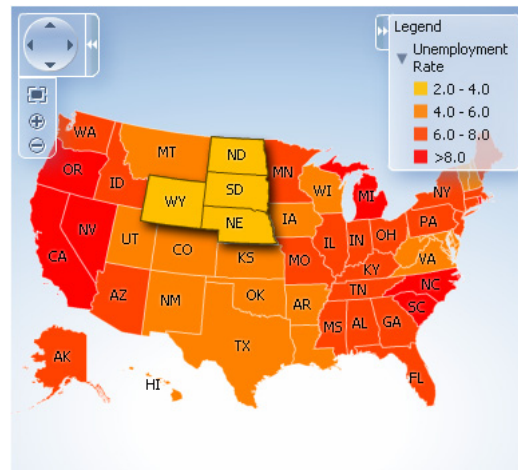
**Figure 30–3 Thematic Map of Unemployment Rates in the US**

Figure 30–4 shows a thematic map that displays a graduated symbol for the size of the major cities in South America.

**Figure 30–4 Thematic Map with City by Size in South American**



## 30.1.2 End User and Presentation Features of Maps

The ADF Data Visualization map and thematic map components provides a range of features for end users, such as panning and zooming and legend display. It also provides a range of presentation features, such as state management.

### 30.1.2.1 Geographic Map End User and Presentation Features

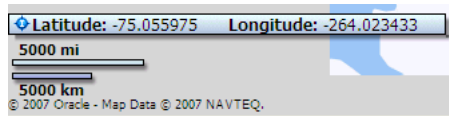
To understand how geographic maps are used and can be customized, it may be helpful to review these elements and features:

- **Viewport:** The container for the geographic map and its presentation features. The default size is 600px by 375px and is customizable.
- **Base map:** The background geographic data, zoom levels, and the appearance and presence of items such as countries, cities, and roads. By default, geographic maps use base maps from the remote Oracle MapViewer service. The base map can be any image that can be configured using a map viewer and map builder, for example, the floor maps of office buildings.
- **Zoom control:** Pan icons and a zoom slider that render in the upper left-hand corner of the map. [Figure 30–5](#) shows a map zoom control that is zoomed out all the way (that is, the zoom level is set to 0). At zero, the entire map is displayed.

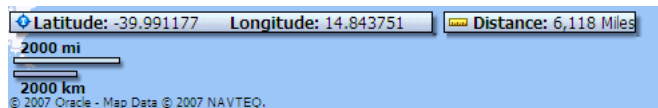
You can customize the location and the initial setting of the zoom control in the map component. The **View** menu in the map toolbar lets you determine the visibility of the zoom control. By default, the initial zoom level for a map is set to 0.

**Figure 30–5 Zoom Control of a Map**

- Pan icons: Icons (with arrows that point north, south, east, west, northeast, northwest, southeast, and southwest) at the top of the zoom control. You can use these icons to move the entire map in specific directions.
- Zoom slider: Slider with a thumb for large scale zooming and icons for zooming a single level. You can use the plus icon to zoom in and the minus icon to zoom out one level at a time. When the thumb is at the bottom of the slider, the zoom level is zero.
- Scale: Two horizontal bars that display in the lower left-hand corner of the map below the information panel and above the copyright. [Figure 30–6](#) shows the scale. The top bar represents miles (mi) and the bottom bar represents kilometers (km). Labels appear above the miles bar and below the kilometers bar in the format: [distance] [unit of measure]. The length and distance values of the bars change as the zoom level changes and as the map is panned.

**Figure 30–6 Map Information Panel, Scale, and Copyright**

- Information panel: Displays latitude and longitude in the lower left-hand corner above the scale. [Figure 30–6](#) shows the information panel. By default, the information panel is not visible. You can display this panel from the **View** menu or by clicking the Information button on the toolbar.
- Measurement panel: Displays either distance, area, or radius depending on which tools in the toolbar are currently in use. Text appears in the following format: [label] [value] [unit of measure] to the right of the information panel. [Figure 30–7](#) shows the measurement panel with a distance measurement. Area measurement and radius measurement appear in a similar manner with the appropriate labels.

**Figure 30–7 Map Measurement Panel Beside the Information Panel**

The following tools provide information in the measurement panel:

- Area measurement: Appears only when the Area, Rectangular Selection, or Multi-Point Selection tools are active.
- Distance measurement: Appears only when the Distance tool is active.

- Radius measurement: Appears only when the Circular Selection tool is active.
- Copyright: Appears in the lower left-hand corner of the map and contains text that you can customize in the map component.
- Overview map: Consists of a miniature view of the main map as shown in [Figure 30–8](#). This map appears in the lower right-hand corner of the main map and lets you change the viewable region of the main map without having to use the pan tool or the pan icons.

**Figure 30–8 Overview Map**



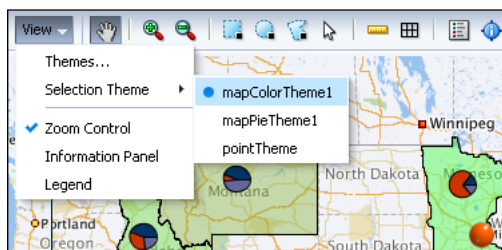
The following items are part of the overview map:

- Reticule: Appears in a small window that you can move across a miniature view of the main map. The position of the reticule in the miniature map determines the viewable area of the main map. As you move the reticule, the main map is updated automatically.
- Show/Hide icon: Appears in the upper left-hand corner when the overview map is displayed. When you click the **Show/Hide icon**, the overview map becomes invisible and only the icon can be seen in the lower right corner of the main map.
- Toolbar: Appears in association with the map to provide user controls to adjust the display of the map and map themes.

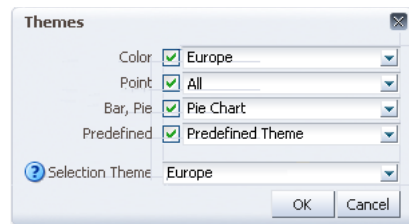
The toolbar contains the following elements in the sequence listed:

- View menu: Lets the user control which themes are visible, select a specific theme for display, and determine the visibility of the zoom control, information panel, and the legend. [Figure 30–9](#) show a sample **View** menu.

**Figure 30–9 Map View Menu**

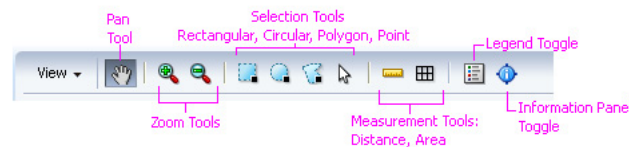


The **Themes** option on the **View** menu provides a dialog to configure a geographic map when multiple themes are available. [Figure 30–10](#) shows a sample map themes dialog.

**Figure 30–10 Map Themes Dialog**

- Toolbar buttons: Provides user controls to interact with the geographic map including:
  - \* Pan: Use to pan the map by drag and drop operation within the view
  - \* Zoom: Use to zoom in or out in the map view
  - \* Selection: Use to select shaped (rectangle, circle, or polygon) areas or points on the map. The themes within the selection will be highlighted
  - \* Measurement: Use to hide or show the map distance and area measurements tools
  - \* Legend: Use to hide or show the map legend
  - \* Information panel: Use to hide or show the map information panel

Figure 30–11 shows the features supported by the map toolbar buttons

**Figure 30–11 Map Toolbar Button Features**

### 30.1.2.2 Thematic Map End User and Presentation Features

To understand how thematic maps are used and can be customized, it may be helpful to review these elements and features:

- Viewport: The container for the thematic map and its presentation features. The default size is 600px by 375px and is customizable.
- Base map: The background geographic area. Each base map includes several sets of regions and one fixed set of cities referred to as points. A set of regions or cities is referred to as a layer. Only one base map and one layer may be displayed at a time, with the exception of enabled drilling. The base maps prebuilt for the thematic map include:
  - United States
  - United States and Canada
  - World
  - Africa
  - Asia
  - Europe
  - North America

- Latin America
- South America
- APAC (Asia Pacific)
- EMEA (Europe, Middle East, and Africa)
- World Regions

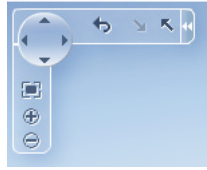
Thematic map components can be configured to retrieve geographic data from any data source including a database or an eLocation service such as Oracle MapViewer or geocoder service using any file type. For more information, see [Section 30.7, "Defining Thematic Map Base Maps."](#)

- Area layers and labels: Each base map includes several regions that represent levels in a geographical hierarchy. For example, in the United States map the hierarchy is country > states > counties. The hierarchical relationship supports drilling in the region. When displayed, the cities associated with the base map will appear as data points. By default, each region in an area layer displays a label that can be customized.

Thematic maps support one or more custom area layers, a named group of regions based on either an existing area layer or another custom region. A custom region fits naturally into the geographical hierarchy of the base map. For example, a custom area layer based on the Counties layer would appear between the US States and US Counties layers in the hierarchy.

- Data layers: Each thematic map data layer is bound to a data collection and represents the data as an area, or a marker, or both. A map layer may display only one data layer at a time, whereas multiple data markers may appear at the same time. There are two types of data layers:
  - Area data layers: Area definitions associated with a geographic area, or by points associated with a map position as in longitude and latitude, or x and y coordinates. Data is stylized with color and pattern fills, or a data marker, or both.
  - Point data layers: Point locations associated with a map position as in longitude and latitude, or x and y coordinates. Data is represented by a marker or image using shapes available with the `thematicMap` component, custom shapes, or graphic files.
- Control panel: Optional tool that allows user to control the following operations:
  - Pan and zoom control: Use to pan the map, and zoom and center the map within the view.
  - Zoom to fit: Use to center and fit the full view of the map within the viewport.
  - Zoom buttons: Use to zoom in or out on the view of the thematic map.
  - Show/hide control panel button: Use to show or hide the control panel.
  - Reset button: Available when drilling is enabled for the thematic map. Use to reset map to display with no drilling in regions.
  - Drill buttons: Available when drilling is enabled for the thematic map. Use arrows pointing up or down to drill up or down in a map region.

[Figure 30–12](#) shows the control panel with drilling enabled in the map.

**Figure 30–12 Control Panel with Drilling Enabled**

- Context menus: By default, thematic maps display context menus for the viewport background, map regions, and data markers. Custom context menu items can be added to the default menus.

Figure 30–13 shows the default context menu for the map viewport. The same menu items are available for data markers.

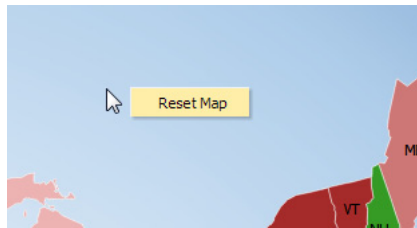
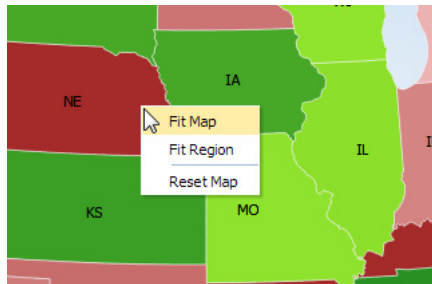
**Figure 30–13 Map Viewport Background Context Menu**

Figure 30–14 shows the context menu for a map region.

**Figure 30–14 Map Region Context Menu**

- State management: By default, display changes made to a thematic map such as center, zoom, selection, and drill state persist across sessions, and carry over to printing.
- Image formats: By default, thematic maps will display in the best output format supported by the client browser. If the best output format is not available on the client, the application will default to an available format. Thematic maps support the following image formats: HTML5, Flash, and Portable Network Graphics (PNG). All image formats support locales with right-to-left display.
- Printing: Thematic maps are printed using a PNG output format, maintaining any zoom or pan state in the map.
- Animation: By default, thematic maps are animated upon initial rendering of the map, when the data associated with the map changes, and when a region is drilled in the map.
- Drilling: When enabled, drilling of the next layer in the geographical hierarchy is displayed. For example, the counties within a US state are displayed when the

user double-clicks a state region. Drilling icons are added to the Control Panel when drilling is enabled.

- Drag and drop: Maps can be configured to support these operations:
  - Drag selected map regions or data markers to another page component.
  - Move data markers from one location to another on the map.
  - Drag data elements from another page component to a map region or data marker.
- Disable features: End user features including map zoom, zoom-to-fit, and pan can be disabled for a thematic map. When disabled, the controls are removed from the control panel.
- Tooltips: By default, thematic maps use tooltips to orient the user to the map location and associated data when moving the cursor over the map.
- Zooming: Thematic maps can be configured to scale markers on zoom, to fit data on initial zoom, and to isolate data layer zooming.

## 30.2 Using Geographic Map Components

When you create a map, you are prompted to select a base map that an administrator has already configured using the Map Builder tool of Oracle Spatial. During configuration, the map administrator defines the zoom levels that the map supports. These levels also determine the zoom capability of the geographic map.

Administrators also have the option of creating predefined map themes using the Map Builder tool. For example, a predefined theme might use specific colors to identify regions. In the geographic map component, you can select such a predefined map theme, but you cannot modify it because this theme is part of the base map.

The base map becomes the background on which you build interactive themes of information using the geographic map component. You can create as many themes as you wish, but you must define at least one map theme.

Geographic maps have the following data requirements:

- Map configuration requirements:
  - Map Viewer URL: You must provide a URL for the location of the Oracle Application Server MapViewer service. This service is required to run the base map that provides the background for the layers in the ADF geographic map component. OracleAS MapViewer is a programmable tool for rendering maps using spatial data managed by Oracle Spatial. The URL is:  
`http://elocation.oracle.com/mapviewer`
  - Geocoder URL: If you want to convert street addresses into coordinates, then you must provide the URL for the Geocoder for the geographic map. A Geocoder is a Web service that converts street addresses into longitude and latitude coordinates for mapping. The URL is:  
`http://elocation.oracle.com/geocoder/gcserver`
- Base map: You must have a base map created by the Map Builder tool in OracleAS MapViewer. This base map must define polygons at the level of detail that you require for your map themes to function as desired. For example, if you have a map pie graph or bar graph theme that you want to use for creating graphs in each



state of a certain region, then you must have a base map that defines polygons for all these states at some zoom level. You can display only one graph in a polygon.

- Map themes: Each map theme must be bound to a data collection. The data collection must contain location information that can be bound to similar information in the base map.

### 30.2.1 Configuring Geographic Map Components

The geometric map has parent components, map child components, and components that modify map themes. The prefix `dvt:` occurs at the beginning of each map component name indicating that the component belongs to the ADF Data Visualization Tools (DVT) tag library. You can configure the following map components:

- Map (`map`): The main map component. Unlike other data visualization components, the map component is *not* bound to data. Instead, all the map theme child components are bound individually to data collections. The map component contains general information about the map including the identification of the base map, the URL for the remote server that is running Oracle Application Server MapViewer service and the URL for the Geocoder Web service that converts street addresses into longitude and latitude coordinates for mapping.

The map component supports the following map child components:

- Color theme (`mapColorTheme`): Map layer that you bind to a data collection. The color theme can be used to identify regions on a base maps.
- Point theme (`mapPointTheme`): Map layer that you bind to a data collection. The point theme identifies individual locations on a map.

Optionally, you can use child map point style components (`mapPointStyleItem`) if you want to customize the image that represents points that fall in a certain data value range. To define multiple images, create a component for each image and specify the associated data value range and image.

- Bar graph theme (`mapBarGraphTheme`): Map layer that you bind to a data collection. This theme displays a bar graph at points to represent multiple data values related to that location. For example, this tag might be used to display a graph that shows inventory levels at warehouse locations.

Optionally, use the map bar graph series set component (`mapBarSeriesSet`) to wrap map bar graph series components (`mapBarSeriesItem`) if you want to customize the color of the bars in a map bar graph. Each map bar graph component customizes the color of one bar in a map bar graph.

- Pie graph theme (`mapPieGraphTheme`): Map layer that you bind to a data collection. This theme displays a pie graph at specific points to represent multiple values at that location. For example, this tag might be used to display a graph that shows inventory levels at warehouse locations.

Optionally, use the map pie slice set component (`mapPieSliceSet`) to wrap map pie slice components (`mapPieSliceItem`) if you want to customize the color of the slices in a map pie graph. Each map pie slice component customizes the color of one slice in a map pie graph.

- Predefined graph theme (`predefinedTheme`): Map layer defined using the Map administrator tool stored along with the map metadata in the database. The predefined theme tag is used when you have your own custom Oracle AS

- Map legend (`mapLegend`): Created automatically when you create a map. Use this component to customize the map legend.
- Overview map (`mapOverview`): Created automatically when you create a map. Use this tag to customize the overview map that appears in the lower right-hand corner of the map.
- Toolbar (`mapToolbar`): A parent component that allows the map toolbar to be placed in any location on a JSF page that contains a map. This toolbar contains a `mapID` attribute that points to the map associated with the toolbar. The toolbar lets you perform significant interaction with the map at runtime including the ability to display the map legend and to perform selection and distance measurement. The map toolbar tag has no child components.

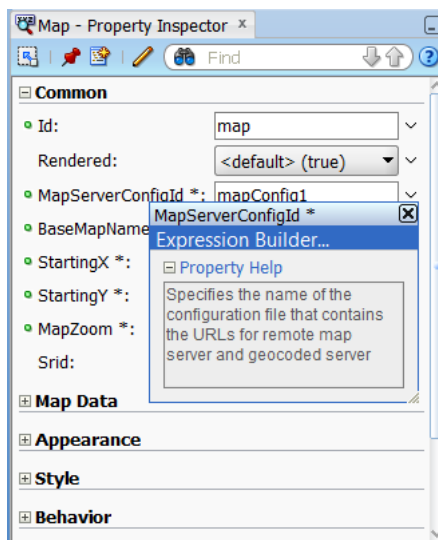
### 30.2.2 How to Add a Geographic Map to a Page

When you are designing your page using simple UI-first development, you use the Component Palette to add a geographic map to a JSF page. When you drag and drop a geographic map component onto the page, you are prompted to configure the an Oracle MapViewer service, and optionally a geocoder service.

Once you complete the configuration, and the geographic map is added to your page, you can use the Property Inspector to configure additional display attributes for the map.

In the Property Inspector you can use the dropdown menu for each attribute field to display a property description and options such as displaying an EL Expression Builder or other specialized dialogs. [Figure 30–15](#) shows the dropdown menu for a thematic map component `mapServerConfigId` attribute.

**Figure 30–15 Geographic Map `MapServerConfigId` Attribute Dropdown Menu**



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**Note:** If your application uses the Fusion technology stack, then you can use data controls to create a geographic map and the binding will be done for you. For more information, see the "Creating Databound Geographic Maps" section of *Oracle Fusion Middleware Fusion Developer's Guide for Oracle Application Development Framework*.

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**Before you begin:**

It may be helpful to have an understanding of how geographic map attributes and geographic map child components can affect functionality. For more information, see [Section 30.2.1, "Configuring Geographic Map Components."](#)

You must complete the following tasks:

1. Create an application workspace as described in [Section 2.2, "Creating an Application Workspace."](#)
2. Create a view page as described in [Section 2.4, "Creating a View Page."](#)

**To add a geographic map to a page:**

1. In the ADF Data Visualizations page of the Component Palette, from the Map and Thematic Map panel, drag and drop a **Map** onto the page to open the Create Geographic Map dialog. Use the dialog Maps page to specify **Map Configuration** in one of two ways:

- Use the dropdown list to choose an available configuration, or
- Click the Add icon to open the Create Geographic Map Configuration dialog.

In the dialog you can specify the **MapViewer URL** and **Geocoder URL** from the respective dropdown list, or click the **Add icon** to open the Create URL Connection dialog for each URL.

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**Note:** For the Oracle AS MapViewer service use this URL:

`http://elocation.oracle.com/mapviewer`

For the Oracle AS Geocoder service use this URL:

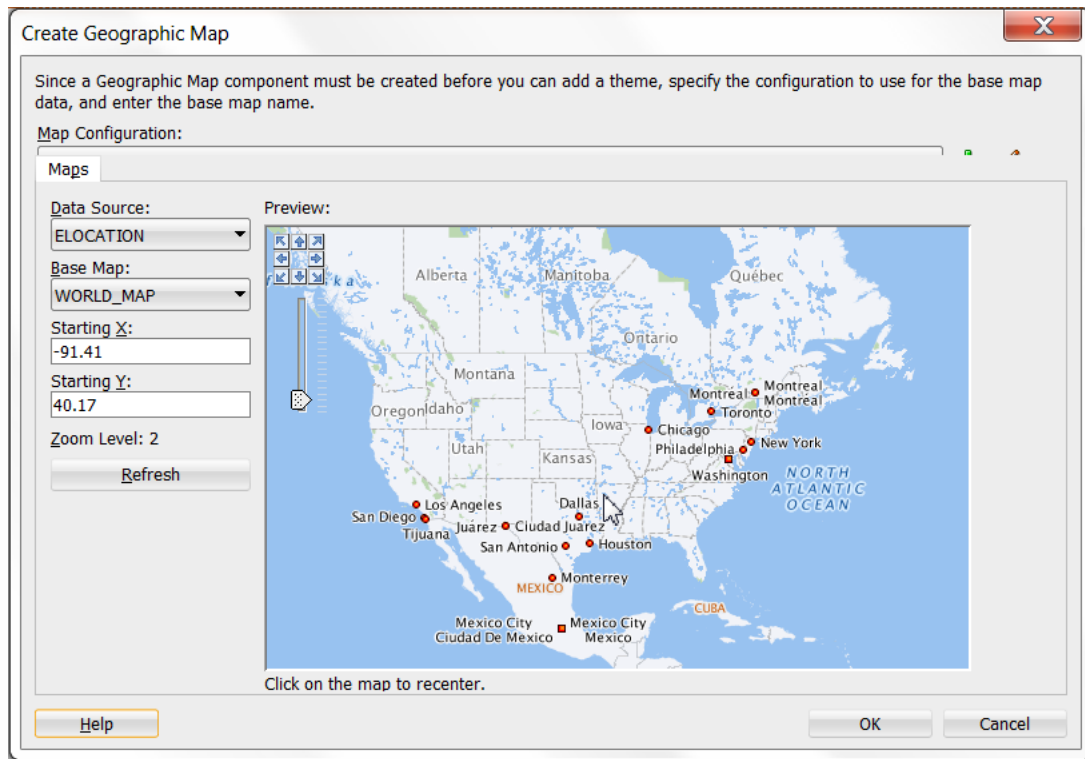
`http://elocation.oracle.com/geocoder/gcserver`

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For help with the dialog, press F1 or click **Help**. As you complete each dialog to create the configuration, the settings are reflected in the Create Geographic Map dialog. [Figure 30–16](#) shows a sample completed dialog.

Figure 30–16 Maps Page of the Create Geographic Map Dialog



2. Optionally, use the map **Preview** control panel to make adjustments to the center and zoom level of the base map. When you click **Refresh**, the **Starting X** (X coordinate of the center), **Starting Y** (Y coordinate of the center), and **Zoom Level** (initial zoom level) values are updated. If you need help, press F1 or click **Help**.

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**Note:** Optionally, use the **Themes** page of the Create Geographic Map dialog to add and configure color, point, bar graph, or pie graph themes to display data on the map.

When you create a geographic map using the Data Controls panel and the theme binding dialogs, the data bindings are created for you. For more information, see the "Creating Databound Geographic Maps" section of *Oracle Fusion Middleware Fusion Developer's Guide for Oracle Application Development Framework*.

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3. In the Property Inspector, view the attributes for the geographic map. Use the help button to display the complete tag documentation for the map component.
4. Expand the **Appearance** section. Use this section to set the following attributes:
  - **ShowScaleBar:** Use to specify the display of the map scale bar. The default value is **false**.
  - **ZoomBarPosition:** Use to specify the location of the map zoom bar. The default value is **West** for placement on the left side of the map. Other valid values include **East** for placement on the right side of the map, and **none** for no zoom bar display.
  - **AutoZoomThemeId:** Use to specify the id of the theme where the map view and zoom level will be centered upon initial map display. The value set in the

- AutoZoomStrategy** will be used to determine how the map adjusts the center and zoom level.
- **ShowInfoArea**: Use to specify the display of the information area. The default value is **true**.
  - **MapZoom**: Use to specify the initial zoom level of the geographic map. The zoom levels are defined in the map cache instance as part of the base map.
  - **Unit**: Use to specify the unit of measurement to use for the geographic map. The default value is **miles**. The attribute can also be set to **meters**.
  - **Selection** subsection: Use the attributes in this subsection to define the appearance of the area (rectangular, circular, polygon) and point selection tools. For more information, see [Section 30.3.3, "How to Customize and Use Map Selections."](#)
5. Expand the **Other** section. Use this section to set the following attributes:
- **AutoZoomStrategy**: Use to specify how the map adjusts the center and zoom level. If the **AutoZoomStrategy** value is set to **MAXZOOM** (default), the map will zoom to the maximum level where all objects in **AutoZoomThemeId** are visible. If the **AutoZoomStrategy** is set to **CENTERATZOOMLEVEL**, the map will center on the theme in **AutoZoomThemeId**, and will use the value in the **MapZoom** attribute as the starting zoom level.
  - **Summary**: Enter a description of the geographic map. This description is accessed by screen reader users.

### 30.2.3 What Happens When You Add a Geographic Map to a Page

When you use a Component Palette to add a geographic map to a page, JDeveloper adds code to the JSF page. [Example 30-1](#) shows the code added to the JSF page.

#### Example 30-1 Geographic Map Added to JSF Page

```
<dvt:map startingY="46.06" startingX="-78.67" mapZoom="1"
        mapServerConfigId="mapConfig2"
        baseMapName="ELOCATION_MERCATOR.WORLD_MAP"
        inlineStyle="width:600px; height:375px;" id="m2">
  <f:facet name="rtPopup" />
  <f:facet name="popup" />
</dvt:map>
```

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**Note:** JDeveloper automatically inserts two popup facets. The `rtPopup` facet supports a single child component for a right-click `af:menu`. The `popup` facet supports a single child component for a left click `af:dialog` or `af:noteWindow`. For more information about configuring popup components, see [Chapter 13, "Using Popup Dialogs, Menus, and Windows."](#)

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You can then configure the geographic map to display data in color, point, pie graph or bar graph themes using the ADF Data Controls panel and the theme binding dialogs. For information about configuring geographic maps to display data, see the "Creating Databound Geographic Maps" section of *Oracle Fusion Middleware Fusion Developer's Guide for Oracle Application Development Framework*.

## 30.2.4 What You May Need to Know About Active Data Support for Map Point Themes

Geographic map point themes support Active Data Support (ADS) by sending a Partial Page Refresh (PPR) request when an active data event is received. The PPR response updates the point theme values as follows:

- For update events, the point will update to the new values. If there is a latitude/longitude change, the point will animate to its new location.
- For removal events, the point will be removed from the point theme.
- For insert events, a new point corresponding to the latitude/longitude sent in the change data will be created and visible on the base map.

For additional information about using the ADS, see [Chapter 37, "Using the Active Data Service with an Asynchronous Backend."](#)

## 30.3 Customizing Geographic Map Display Attributes

You can customize geographic display attributes including the size of the map, how the map centers and zoom the map size, zoom strategy, the appearance of selected regions, and the display of the map legend.

### 30.3.1 How to Adjust the Map Size

You can control the width and height of the map by using the `inlineStyle` attribute in the `dvt:map` tag.

#### Before you begin:

It may be helpful to have an understanding of how map attributes and map child tags can affect functionality. For more information, see [Section 30.2.1, "Configuring Geographic Map Components."](#)

You should already have a map on your page. If you do not, follow the instructions in this chapter to create a map. For information, see [Section 30.2.2, "How to Add a Geographic Map to a Page."](#)

#### To adjust the size of a map:

1. In the Structure window, right-click the `dvt:map` component and choose **Go to Properties**.
2. In Property Inspector, expand the **Style** section. Specify the initial size of the map in the **InlineStyle** attribute.

For example, to specify a width of 600 pixels and a height of 400 pixels, use the following setting:

```
width:600px;height:400px
```

For a map that uses half the available width and height of the page, use the following setting:

```
width:50%;height:50%
```

**Best Practice Tip:** Instead of specifying width at 100% in the `inlineStyle` attribute, set the `styleClass` attribute to `AFStretchWidth`.

### 30.3.2 How to Specify Strategy for Map Zoom Control

You can customize how the geographic map display attributes for the initial zoom level, starting location, initial map theme, and zoom strategy.

#### Before you begin:

It may be helpful to have an understanding of how map attributes and map child tags can affect functionality. For more information, see [Section 30.2.1, "Configuring Geographic Map Components."](#)

You should already have a map on your page. If you do not, follow the instructions in this chapter to create a map. For information, see [Section 30.2.2, "How to Add a Geographic Map to a Page."](#)

You should have already configured at least one map color, point, pie graph, or bar graph theme to display data on the map.

#### To control the initial zoom and starting location on a map:

1. In the Structure window, right-click the **dvt:map** component and choose **Go to Properties**.
2. In the Property Inspector, expand the **Appearance** section. Use this section to set the following attributes:
  - **AutoZoomThemeID**: Enter the Id of the first theme that will be displayed.
  - **ZoomBarStrategy**: Select the default value **MAXZOOM** to direct the map to zoom down to the maximum level where all objects in the **AutoZoomThemeId** are visible, or select **CENTERATZOOMLEVEL** to direct the map to center on the theme in **AutoZoomThemeId** and to set the zoom level to the value in the **MapZoom** attribute.
  - If you want to change the starting location on the map, enter latitude and longitude in **StartingX** and **StartingY** respectively.
  - **MapZoom**: Enter the beginning zoom level for the map. This setting is required for the zoom bar strategy **CENTERATZOOMLEVEL**.

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**Note:** The property `autoZoomThemeID` takes precedence over the property set in `mapZoom`.

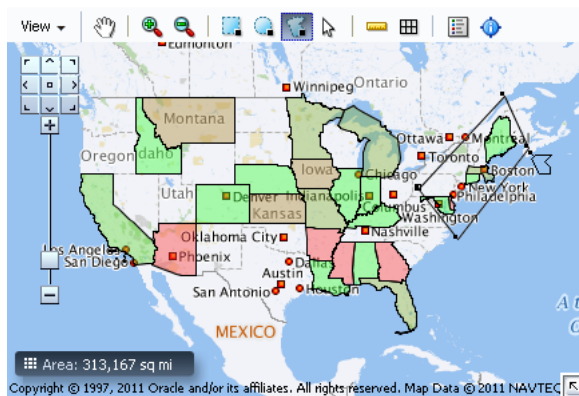
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### 30.3.3 How to Customize and Use Map Selections

The geographic map provides selection tools for map areas displaying data in color, pie graph, and bar graph themes. By default, the selection tools are available on the map toolbar and include options for rectangular, circular, polygonal, or point selection. [Figure 30-17](#) show the use of the polygon tool to select an area in a map with a color theme.

**Figure 30–17 Polygon Selection Tool in Map**

You can customize the attributes used by the selection tools when users make selection on a `colorTheme`, `barGraphTheme`, and `pieGraphTheme`, using the rectangle tool, circle tool, polygon tool or point tool on the `mapToolbar`.

#### Before you begin:

It may be helpful to have an understanding of how map attributes and map child tags can affect functionality. For more information, see [Section 30.2.1, "Configuring Geographic Map Components."](#)

You should already have a map on your page. If you do not, follow the instructions in this chapter to create a map. For information, see [Section 30.2.2, "How to Add a Geographic Map to a Page."](#)

You should have already configured at least one map color, point, pie graph, or bar graph theme to display data on the map.

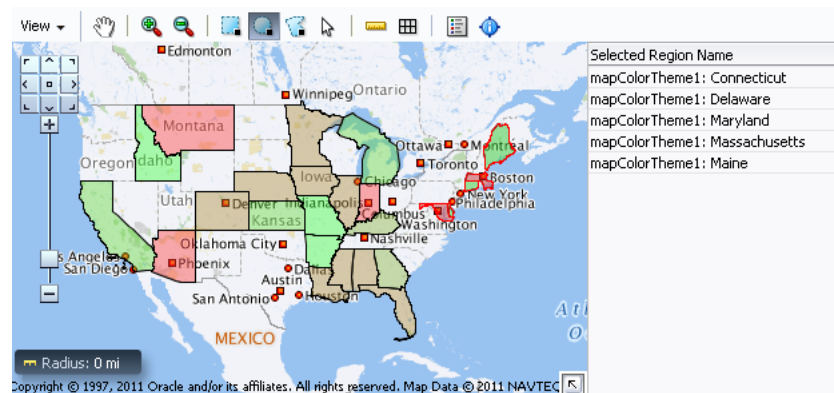
#### To customize map selection tool attributes:

1. In the Structure window, right-click the `dvt:map` component and choose **Go to Properties**.
2. In the Property Inspector, expand the **Appearance** section. Use this section to set the following attributes:
  - **SelectionFillColor:** Use to specify the fill color for the selected region. Valid values are RGB hexadecimal. For example, `color="#000000"` for black. The default value is `#49E0F6`.
  - **SelectionStrokeColor:** Use to specify the stroke color for the selected region. Valid values are RGB hexadecimal. For example, `color="#000000"` for black, the default color.
  - **SelectionOpacity:** Use to specify the opacity of the fill color for the selected region. Valid values range from **0** to **100**, where **0** is 100% transparent, and **100** is opaque. The default value is **40**.

When an end user clicks on a selection tool and uses the tool to highlight an area on the map, the data values in that area can be displayed in another UI element such as a table, or totalled in the information panel, by using a selection listener.

[Figure 30–18](#) shows a map with the states selected in the area outlined in the color red. The related information about the area is displayed in an associated table.



**Figure 30–18 Selected Map Area with Table Data Display**

You can provide a selection listener that totals the values associated with a map area selected with one of the map selection tools such as the rectangular selection tool. The total is displayed in an area under the map. You must provide a class that takes `MapSelectionEvent` as an argument in a backing bean method. [Example 30–2](#) shows sample code for a backing bean.

#### **Example 30–2 Sample Code in Backing Bean for Selection Listener**

```
package view;
import java.util.Iterator;
import oracle.adf.view.faces.bi.component.geoMap.DataContent;
import oracle.adf.view.faces.bi.event.MapSelectionEvent;
public class SelectionListener {
    private double m_total = 0.0;
    public SelectionListener() {
    }
    public void processSelection(MapSelectionEvent mapSelectionEvent) {
        // Add event code here...
        m_total = 0.0;
        Iterator selIterator = mapSelectionEvent.getIterator();
        while (selIterator.hasNext())
        {
            DataContent dataContent = (DataContent) selIterator.next();
            if (dataContent.getValues() != null)
            {
                Double allData[] = dataContent.getValues();
                m_total += allData[0];
            }
        }
    }
    public double getTotal () {
        return m_total;
    }
    public void setTotal (double total) {
        m_total = total;
    }
}
```

#### **To provide a selection listener to total map selection values:**

1. In the Structure window, right-click the `dvt:map` component and choose **Go to Properties**.

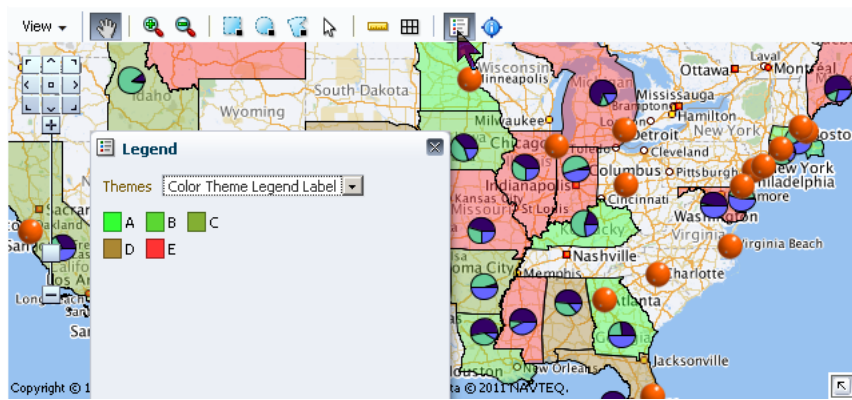
- In the Property Inspector, expand the **Behavior** section. For the **SelectionListener** attribute, enter a method reference that points to the backing bean. For example:

```
#{eventBean.processSelection}
```

### 30.3.4 How to Customize the Map Legend

The map legend provides an explanation of the map theme data in symbol and label pairs. The legend displays by default in a popup upon initial display of the map, and when a map toolbar is added and configured, the map legend can display in a window when the user clicks the legend toolbar button. When multiple themes are configured, a dropdown list is available to display the legend for each theme. [Figure 30–19](#) shows a map displaying the legend for one of its multiple themes.

**Figure 30–19 Geographic Map Theme Legend Display**




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**Note:** In order for the legend toolbar button to be available, you must add and configure a toolbar to the map. For more information, see [Section 30.5, "Adding a Toolbar to a Geographic Map."](#)

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#### Before you begin:

It may be helpful to have an understanding of how map attributes and map child tags can affect functionality. For more information, see [Section 30.2.1, "Configuring Geographic Map Components."](#)

You should already have a map on your page. If you do not, follow the instructions in this chapter to create a map. For information, see [Section 30.2.2, "How to Add a Geographic Map to a Page."](#)

You should have already configured at least one map color, point, pie graph, or bar graph theme to display data on the map.

#### To customize a map legend:

- In the Structure window, right-click the `dvt:map` component and choose **Insert inside dvt:map > dvt:mapLegend**.
- In the Property Inspector, expand the **Common** section. In this section set the following attributes:
  - InitialShown:** Use to specify whether or not the map legend is displayed in a popup upon initial display of the map. The default value is **true**.
  - Width:** Enter the width of the legend. The default value is **200px**.

- **Height:** Enter the height of the legend. The default value is **150px**.
- **PointThemeLabel:** Enter the label to use for the map point theme in the legend. All point themes are shown as one option in the dropdown list. The default value is **Point Theme**.
- **NumberOfColumns:** Enter the number of columns to use for displaying the colors of a color map theme in the legend.

For example, if a color theme has 15 colors, and the value of the attribute is set to **3**, then the legend will show 5 rows on the legend for the theme, where each row has 3 columns.

### 30.3.5 What You May Need to Know About Skinning and Customizing the Appearance of Geographic Maps

For the complete list of geographic map skinning keys, see the *Oracle Fusion Middleware Documentation Tag Reference for Oracle Data Visualization Tools Skin Selectors*. To access the list from JDeveloper, from the Help Center, choose Documentation Library, and then Fusion Middleware Reference and APIs. For additional information about customizing your application using skins, see [Chapter 20, "Customizing the Appearance Using Styles and Skins."](#)

## 30.4 Customizing Geographic Map Themes

Each of the geographic map themes, color, point, pie graph, and bar graph, can be customized using one or more of the following: the map theme binding dialogs, the attributes of the theme tag, or the child tags of the theme tag.

### 30.4.1 How to Customize Zoom Levels for a Theme

For all map themes, you must verify that the theme specifies zoom levels that match the related zoom levels in the base map. For example, if the base map shows counties only at zoom levels 6 through 8, then a theme that displays points or graphs by county should be applied only at zoom levels 6 through 8.

#### Before you begin:

It may be helpful to have an understanding of how map attributes and map child tags can affect functionality. For more information, see [Section 30.2.1, "Configuring Geographic Map Components."](#)

You should already have a map on your page. If you do not, follow the instructions in this chapter to create a map. For information, see [Section 30.2.2, "How to Add a Geographic Map to a Page."](#)

You should have already configured at least one map color, point, pie graph, or bar graph theme to display data on the map.

#### To customize the zoom levels of a map theme:

1. In the Structure window, right-click the **dvt:mapColorTheme**, **dvt:mapPointTheme**, **dvt:mapBarGraphTheme**, or **dvt:mapPieGraphTheme** component that you want to customize, and choose **Go to Properties**.
2. In the Property Inspector, expand the **Appearance** section. For the **MinZoom** and **MaxZoom** attribute, enter the desired low and high zoom values, respectively.

## 30.4.2 How to Customize the Labels of a Map Theme

By default, the `Id` attribute of a map theme is used as the label when that theme is displayed in the legend or in the **View** menu, Theme Selection dialog. You can customize map theme labels using `shortLabel` and `menuLabel` attributes to create meaningful labels that identify both the theme type (color, point, bar graph, or pie graph) and the data (such as population, sales, or inventory) so that users can easily recognize the available themes.

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### Before you begin:

It may be helpful to have an understanding of how map attributes and map child tags can affect functionality. For more information, see [Section 30.2.1, "Configuring Geographic Map Components."](#)

You should already have a map on your page. If you do not, follow the instructions in this chapter to create a map. For information, see [Section 30.2.2, "How to Add a Geographic Map to a Page."](#)

You should have already configured at least one map color, point, pie graph, or bar graph theme to display data on the map.

### To customize the labels of a map theme:

1. In the Structure window, right-click the `dvt:mapColorTheme`, `dvt:mapPointTheme`, `dvt:mapBarGraphTheme`, or `dvt:mapPieGraphTheme` component that you want to customize, and choose **Go to Properties**.
2. In the Property Inspector, expand the **Appearance** section. Use this section to set the following attributes:
  - **ShortLabel:** Use to specify a label for the theme when displayed in the map legend.
  - **MenuLabel:** Use to specify a label for the theme in the **View** menu, Theme Selection dialog.

For example, you might want to enter the following text for a color theme that colors New England states according to population:

```
shortLabel="Color - Population, NE Region"
```

## 30.4.3 How to Customize Color Map Themes

When you create a color map theme, you can customize the colors used for the coloring of the background layer. You can specify the colors associated with the minimum and maximum ranges, and then specify the number of color ranges for the theme. For example, if the colors relate to the population on the map, the least populated areas display the minimum color and the most populated areas display the maximum color. Graduated colors between the minimum and maximum color are displayed for ranges between these values.

### Before you begin:

It may be helpful to have an understanding of how map attributes and map child tags can affect functionality. For more information, see [Section 30.2.1, "Configuring Geographic Map Components."](#)

You should already have a map on your page. If you do not, follow the instructions in this chapter to create a map. For information, see [Section 30.2.2, "How to Add a Geographic Map to a Page."](#)

You should have already configured a map color theme to display data on the map.

**To customize the colors of a color map theme:**

1. In the Structure window, right-click the `dvt:mapColorTheme` component and choose **Go to Properties**.
2. In the Property Inspector, expand the **Theme Data** section. Use this section to set the following attributes:
  - If you want to change the default colors associated with the minimum and maximum range of data values, then select the desired colors for the **MinColor** and **MaxColor** attributes respectively.
  - If you want to change the default number of color ranges for this theme, change the integer in the **BucketCount** attribute.

For example, if `<dvt:mapColorTheme minColor="#000000" maxColor="#ffffff" bucketCount="5"/>`, then the colors for the five buckets are: #000000, #444444, #888888, #bbbbbb, #ffffff.

Alternatively, you can specify the color for each bucket. To specify colors for multiple buckets, for the **ColorList** attribute of `mapColorTheme`, bind a color array to the attribute or use a semicolon-separated string. Color can be specified using RGB hexadecimal.

For example, if the value is `colorList="#ff0000;#00ff00;#0000ff"`, then the value of the first bucket is red, the second bucket is green, and the third bucket is blue.

### 30.4.4 How to Customize Point Images in a Point Theme

A map point theme uses a default image to identify each point. However, you can specify multiple custom images for a point theme and identify the range of data values that each image should represent, using a `mapPointStyleItem` component for each custom image you want to use in a map point theme.

**Before you begin:**

It may be helpful to have an understanding of how map attributes and map child tags can affect functionality. For more information, see [Section 30.2.1, "Configuring Geographic Map Components."](#)

You should already have a map on your page. If you do not, follow the instructions in this chapter to create a map. For information, see [Section 30.2.2, "How to Add a Geographic Map to a Page."](#)

You should have already configured a map point theme to display data on the map.

**To customize the images for points in a map point theme:**

1. In the Structure window, right-click the `dvt:mapPointTheme` component and choose **Insert inside dvt:mapPointTheme > dvt:mapPointStyleItem**.
2. In the Property Inspector, expand the **Common** section. Use this section to set the following attributes:
  - **ImageUrl**: Use to specify the path to the image file to display on the map for a point that falls in the data value range for this custom image. Alternatively,

you can choose **Edit** from the attribute dropdown menu to open a dialog to navigate to the image file.

- **MaxValue** and **MinValue**: Use to specify the data value range that this custom image represents by entering minimum values and maximum values for each attribute respectively.
- **Id**: Enter a unique identifier for the custom image that you are defining.
- **ShortLabel**: Use to specify the descriptive text that you want to display in front of the actual data value when a user hovers the cursor over a point that falls in the range represented by this tag.

For example, you might want to enter the following text for a custom point that falls in the lowest data value range:

```
Low Inventory
```

- **HoverURL**: Optionally, specify the path to a different image to use when the end user moves the mouse over an image on the map.
- **SelectedURL**: Optionally, specify the path to a different image to use when the end user selects an image on the map.

3. Repeat Step 2 for each custom image that you want to create for your point theme.

### 30.4.5 What Happens When You Customize the Point Images in a Map

When you use the point style item components to specify a custom image representing a range of data values for a point theme, a child `mapPointStyleItem` tag is defined inside the parent `mapPointTheme` tag. [Example 30–3](#) shows the code generated on a JSF page for a map point theme that has three custom point images that represent ranges of inventory at each warehouse point.

The initial point style setting (`ps0`) applies to values that do not exceed 500. This point style displays an image for very low inventory and provides corresponding tooltip information.

The second point style setting (`ps1`) applies to values between 500 and 1000. This point style displays an image for low inventory and provides corresponding tooltip information.

The final point style setting (`ps2`) applies to values between 1000 and 1600. This point style displays an image for high inventory and provides corresponding tooltip information.

#### **Example 30–3** Map Point Theme Code with Custom Point Images

```
<dvt:map id="map1"
...
<dvt:mapPointTheme id="mapPointTheme1"
  shortLabel="Warehouse Inventory"
  value="{bindings.WarehouseStockLevelsByProduct1.geoMapModel}">
<dvt:mapPointStyleItem id="ps0" minValue="0"
  maxValue="500"
  imageURL="/images/low.png"
  selectedImageURL="/images/lowSelected.png"
  shortLabel="Very Low Inventory"/>
<dvt:mapPointStyleItem id="ps1" minValue="500"
  maxValue="1000"
  imageURL="/images/medium.png"
  selectedImageURL="/images/mediumSelected.png"
```

```

        shortLabel="Low Inventory"/>
<dvt:mapPointStyleItem id="ps2" minValue="1000"
    maxValue="1600"
    imageURL="/images/regularGreen.png"
    selectedImageURL="/images/regularGreenSelected.png"
    shortLabel="High Inventory"/>
</dvt:mapPointTheme>
</dvt:map>

```

### 30.4.6 How to Customize the Bars in a Bar Graph Theme

When you create a map bar graph theme, default colors are assigned to the bars in the graph. You can customize the colors of the bars. Use one `mapBarSeriesSet` tag to wrap all the `mapBarSeriesItem` tags for a bar graph theme and insert a `mapBarSeriesItem` tag for each bar in the graph.

#### Before you begin:

It may be helpful to have an understanding of how map attributes and map child tags can affect functionality. For more information, see [Section 30.2.1, "Configuring Geographic Map Components."](#)

You should already have a map on your page. If you do not, follow the instructions in this chapter to create a map. For information, see [Section 30.2.2, "How to Add a Geographic Map to a Page."](#)

You should have already configured a map bar graph theme to display data on the map.

#### To customize the color of the bars in a map bar graph theme:

1. In the Structure window, right-click the `dvt:mapBarGraphTheme` tag and choose **Insert inside dvt:mapBarGraphTheme > dvt:mapBarSeriesSet**.

There are no attributes to set for this tag. It is used to wrap the individual bar series item tags.

2. In the Structure window, right-click the `dvt:mapBarSeriesSet` tag and choose **Insert inside dvt:mapBarSeriesSet > dvt:mapBarSeriesItem**.
3. In the Property Inspector, set the following attributes:
  - **Id:** Enter a unique Id for the bar series item.
  - **Color:** Enter the unique color to use for the bar. Valid values are RGB hexadecimal colors. Alternatively, you can choose **Edit** from the attribute dropdown menu to open an Edit Property: Color dialog.
4. Repeat Step 3 for each bar in the graph.

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**Note:** To find and modify the sequence of the bars in the graph, examine the Edit Bar Graph Map Theme Binding dialog by clicking the **Edit icon** for the `mapBarGraphTheme` component. The sequence of the entries in the **Series Attribute** column of that dialog determines the sequence that bars appear in the graph. After selecting an existing series, use the arrow icons (**Up**, **Down**, **Top**, **Bottom**) to reorder the series or use the **Delete** icon to delete that series.

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### 30.4.7 What Happens When You Customize the Bars in a Map Bar Graph Theme

When you use the Edit Bar Graph Map Theme Binding dialog to customize the bars in a map bar graph theme, the sequence of the bars reflect the sequence of the entries in the **Series Attribute** column in the dialog. [Example 30-4](#) shows sample source code generated on the JSF page when you customize the bars in a map bar graph.

**Example 30-4 Code for Customizing the Bars in a Map Bar Graph**

```
<dvt:map
...
  <dvt:mapBarGraphTheme
    ...
    <dvt:mapBarSeriesSet>
      <dvt:mapBarSeriesItem color="#333399" id="bar1"/>
      <dvt:mapBarSeriesItem color="#0000ff" id="bar2"/>
    </dvt:mapBarSeriesSet>
  </dvt:mapBarGraphTheme>
</dvt:map>
```

### 30.4.8 How to Customize the Slices in a Pie Graph Theme

When you create a map pie graph theme, default colors are assigned to the slices in the graph. You can customize the colors of the slices. Use one `mapPieSliceSet` tag to wrap all the `mapPieSliceItem` tags for a pie graph theme and insert a `mapPieSliceItem` tag for each slice in the graph.

**Before you begin:**

It may be helpful to have an understanding of how map attributes and map child tags can affect functionality. For more information, see [Section 30.2.1, "Configuring Geographic Map Components."](#)

You should already have a map on your page. If you do not, follow the instructions in this chapter to create a map. For information, see [Section 30.2.2, "How to Add a Geographic Map to a Page."](#)

You should have already configured a map pie graph theme to display data on the map.

**To customize the color of the slices in a map pie graph theme:**

1. In the Structure window, right-click the `dvt:mapPieGraphTheme` tag and choose **Insert inside dvt:mapPieGraphTheme > dvt:mapPieSliceSet**.

There are no attributes to set for this tag. It is used to wrap the individual pie graph item tags.

2. In the Structure window, right-click the `dvt:mapPieSliceSet` node and choose **Insert inside dvt:mapPieSliceSet > dvt:mapPieSliceItem**.

3. In the Property Inspector, set the following attributes:

- **Id:** Enter a unique Id for the pie slice item.
- **Color:** Enter the unique color to use for the pie slice. Valid values are RGB hexadecimal colors. Alternatively, you can choose **Edit** from the attribute dropdown menu to open an Edit Property: Color dialog.

4. Repeat Step 3 for each pie slice in the graph.



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**Note:** To find and modify the sequence of the slices in the graph, examine the Edit Pie Graph Map Theme Binding dialog by clicking the **Edit icon** for the `mapPieGraphTheme` component. The sequence of the entries in the **Pie Slice Attribute** column of that dialog determines the sequence that bars appear in the graph. After selecting an existing pie slice, use the arrow icons (**Up, Down, Top, Bottom**) to reorder the slices or use the **Delete** icon to delete that slice.

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### 30.4.9 What Happens When You Customize the Slices in a Map Pie Graph Theme

When you use the Edit Pie Graph Map Theme Binding dialog to customize the slices in a map pie graph theme, the sequence of the slices reflect the sequence of the entries in the **Pie Slices Attribute** column of the dialog. [Example 30–5](#) shows sample code generated in a JSF page when you customize the slices in a map pie graph.

**Example 30–5 Code for Customizing the Slices in a Map Pie Graph**

```
<dvt:map
...
  <dvt:mapPieGraphTheme
...
    <dvt:mapPieSliceSet>
      <dvt:mapPieSliceItem color="#ffffff" id="slice1"/>
      <dvt:mapPieSliceItem color="#ffff00" id="slice2"/>
      <dvt:mapPieSliceItem color="#ff0000" id="slice3"/>
    </dvt:mapPieSliceSet>
  </dvt:mapPieGraphTheme>
</dvt:map>
```

## 30.5 Adding a Toolbar to a Geographic Map

When you create a geographic map, you can also add and configure a map toolbar to display the legend and information panel, select themes (if you have multiple themes of the same type) or use any of the distance measurement, area measurement, or selection tools. [Figure 30–20](#) shows a map toolbar.

**Figure 30–20 Geographic Map Toolbar**



For more information about toolbar functionality, see [Section 30.1.2.1, "Geographic Map End User and Presentation Features."](#)

### 30.5.1 How to Add a Toolbar to a Map

The map toolbar is a separate component and can be positioned on the JSF page above or below the map.

**Before you begin:**

It may be helpful to have an understanding of how map attributes and map child tags can affect functionality. For more information, see [Section 30.2.1, "Configuring Geographic Map Components."](#)

You should already have a map on your page. If you do not, follow the instructions in this chapter to create a map. For information, see [Section 30.2.2, "How to Add a](#)

## Geographic Map to a Page."

### To add and configure a map toolbar:

1. In the Structure window, right-click the `dvt:map` component and choose **Insert before dvt:map** or **Insert after dvt:map** > **ADF Data Visualization** to open the ADF Data Visualization Item dialog.
2. Use the dialog to select **Toolbar** to open the Create Map Toolbar dialog.
3. From the dialog dropdown list, choose the ID of the map on which this toolbar will operate and click **OK**.
4. In the Property Inspector, expand the **Common** section. In this section set the following attributes:
  - **ShowDistanceTools**: Use to specify whether or not the distance tool is available on the toolbar. The default value is **true**.
  - **ShowSelectThemeDialog**: Use to specify whether or not the Select Theme dialog is available on the **View** menu of the toolbar. The default value is **true**.
  - **ShowSelectThemeMenuItem**: Use to specify whether or not the Select Theme option is available on the **View** menu of the toolbar. The default value is **true**.
  - **ShowSelectionTools**: Use to specify whether or not the selection tools, area rectangle, circle, polygon, or point tool is available on the toolbar. The default value is **true**.
  - **ShowViewMenu**: Use to specify whether or not the **View** menu is available on the toolbar. The default is **true**.
  - **ShowZoomTools**: Use to specify whether or not the zoom in and zoom out tools are available on the toolbar. The default is **true**.

## 30.5.2 What Happens When You Add a Toolbar to a Map

When you add a toolbar to a map, the following occurs:

- A toolbar appears in the JSF page above or below the map as specified. By default, the toolbar contains all the tools unless you change the visibility of one or more tools.
- Source code is generated and appears in the JSF page above or below the code for the map.

[Example 30–6](#) shows sample code for a toolbar that is associated with a map with the ID of `map_us`. The example shows the location of the code for the map.

### **Example 30–6** Code Generated for a Map Toolbar

```
<af:form>
  <dvt:mapToolbar mapId="map_us" id="T1"/>
  <dvt:map id="map_us"
    ...
  </dvt:map>
</af:form>
```

## 30.6 Using Thematic Map Components

To display data in thematic maps, a named data collection is required. A data collection represents a set of data objects (also known as a row set) in the data model.

Each object in a data collection represents a specific structured data item (also known as a row) in the data model.

### 30.6.1 Configuring Thematic Maps

The thematic map has a parent component that specifies the geographic base map and child components that are used to style map regions with colors, patterns, or markers, or both, or to add a legend to the map. The prefix `dvt:` occurs at the beginning of each thematic map component name indicating that the component belongs to the ADF Data Visualization Tools (DVT) tag library. You can configure the following map components:

- Thematic map component (`thematicMap`): The main thematic map component used to specify the base map upon which data is displayed. The thematic map is packaged with prebuilt base maps including a USA base map, a world base map, as well as base maps for continents and regions of the world such as EMEA and APAC. The thematic map component does not require a map service to display a base map.
- Layer (`areaLayer`): Use to specify the layers in the base map that are displayed. Each `areaLayer` component references a single layer, for example, **Country**, or **States** in the **USA** base map, and only the map layers for which an `areaLayer` tag is present will be displayed. Data is then associated with a layer by nesting a data layer within the layer. The `areaLayer` child tags are area data layer (`areaDataLayer`) and point data layer (`pointDataLayer`).
- Area Data Layer (`areaDataLayer`): Use to associate map layers with a data collection. Using stamping, each row of data in the data model can be identified by a style, for example a color or pattern; a marker, for example a circle or square; or an image.

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**Note:** When you use stamping, child components are not created for every area, marker, or image in a thematic map. Rather, the content of the component is repeatedly rendered, or stamped, once per data attribute, such as the rows in a data collection.

Each time a child component is stamped, the data for the current component is copied into a `var` property used by the data layer component in an EL Expression. Once the thematic map has completed rendering, the `var` property is removed, or reverted back to its previous value.

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The location of the data layer is identified by its immediate child, the `areaLocation` tag. This component specifies the location of the named region or area in the map layer. The three types of data that can be stylized in a child tag to the `areaLocation` tag include:

- Area (`area`): Use to stamp out stylistic attributes such as fill colors, patterns, or opacity onto the geographical regions of the map.
- Marker (`marker`): Use to stamp out built-in or custom shapes associated with data points on the map. Markers can be customized with different stylistic attributes such as colors and patterns based on their underlying data.
- Images (`af:image`): Use to stamp out an image associated with geographical regions of the map.

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**Note:** Instead of directly specifying the style attributes for the `area` or `marker` tags, you can use a child `attributeGroups` tag to generate the style attribute type automatically based on categorical definitions of the data set. If the same style attribute is set in both the `area` or `marker` tags, and by an `attributeGroups` tag, the `attributeGroups` style type will take precedence.

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**Note:** You can format a numerical value represented in the `area` or `marker` tag, for example, apply a currency format, by using an `af:convertNumber` tag. For more information, see [Section 30.8.3, "How to Format Numeric Data Values in Area and Marker Labels."](#)

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[Example 30-7](#) illustrates the basic tag structure for configuring a data layer in a thematic map.

**Example 30-7 Tag Structure for Thematic Map Area Data Layers**

```
<dvt:thematicMap basemap="usa"...>
  <dvt:areaLayer layer="states">
    <dvt:areaDataLayer value="#{mydata.collectionModel}" var="row">
      <dvt:areaLocation name="#{row.State}">
        <dvt:area> OR <dvt:marker> OR <af:image>
          <dvt:attributeGroups> OR <af:convertNumber>
            </dvt:attributeGroups> OR </af:convertNumber>
          </dvt:area> OR </dvt:marker> OR </af:image>
        </dvt:areaLocation>
      </dvt:areaLayer>
    </dvt:areaLayer>
  <dvt:areaLayer layer="counties"/>
</dvt:thematicMap>
```

- **Point data layer (`pointDataLayer`):** Use to associate a map with a specific data point or a map layer with a data collection. The data point can be specified by a named point in a map layer, for example, cities in the USA map, or by longitude and latitude. Using stamping, each point in the data model can be identified by a marker, for example a circle or square, or an image.

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**Note:** When you use stamping, child components are not created for every marker or image in a thematic map. Rather, the content of the component is repeatedly rendered, or stamped, once per data attribute, such as the rows in a data collection.

Each time a child component is stamped, the data for the current component is copied into a `var` property used by the point layer component in an EL Expression. Once the thematic map has completed rendering, the `var` property is removed, or reverted back to its previous value.

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The location of the point layer is identified in its immediate child, a `pointLocation` tag. You can configure the location to specify longitude and latitude, or by the location of the named area in the map layer. The two types of data that can be stylized in a child tag to the `pointLocation` tag include:

- Marker (`marker`): Use to stamp out built-in or custom shapes associated with data points on the map. Markers can be customized with different stylistic attributes such as colors and patterns based on their underlying data.
- Images (`af:image`): Use to stamp out an image associated with geographical regions of the map.

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**Note:** Instead of directly specifying the style attributes for the `marker` tag, you can use a child `attributeGroups` tag to generate the style attribute type automatically based on categorical definitions of the data set. If the same style attribute is set in both the `marker` tags, and by an `attributeGroups` tag, the `attributeGroups` style type will take precedence.

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**Note:** You can format a numerical value represented in the `marker` tag, for example, apply a currency format, by using an `af:convertNumber` tag. For more information, see [Section 30.8.3, "How to Format Numeric Data Values in Area and Marker Labels."](#)

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[Example 30–8](#) illustrates the basic tag structure for configuring a point data layer in a thematic map.

**Example 30–8 Tag Structure for Configuring Thematic Map Point Data Layers**

```
<dvt:thematicMap basemap="usa"...>
  <dvt:areaLayer layer="states">
    <dvt:pointDataLayer id="pd1" value="{bean.pointData" var="row">
      <dvt:pointLocation type="pointXY"
        pointX="{row.longitude}"
        pointY="{row.latitude}">
        <dvt:marker> OR <af:image>
          <dvt:attributeGroups> OR <af:convertNumber>
        </dvt:attributeGroups> OR </af:convertNumber>
        </dvt:marker> OR </af:image>
      </dvt:pointLocation>
    </dvt:pointDataLayer>
  </dvt:areaLayer>
</dvt:thematicMap>
```

When a point data layer is configured as a direct child of the thematic map component, the data points are always displayed as a global point layer. If the point layer is nested inside a map layer, the data points are only displayed when that map layer is displayed.

[Figure 30–9](#) illustrates the tag structure for nesting point data layers. In the illustration, point data layer `pd1` is only displayed when the `states` layer is displayed. Point data layer `pd2` is always displayed.

**Example 30–9 Tag Structure for Nesting Thematic Map Point Data Layers**

```
<dvt:thematicMap basemap="usa"...>
  <dvt:areaLayer layer="states">
    <dvt:areaDataLayer.../>
    <dvt:pointDataLayer id="pd1" ...>
  </dvt:areaLayer>
  <dvt:areaLayer layer="counties"/>
```

```
<dvt:pointDataLayer id="pd12"...'>  
</dvt:thematicMap>
```

- **Custom layer (`customAreaLayer`):** Use to create a new map layer from independent region data and insert the newly created layer into the layer hierarchy. The custom layer is created by extending a predefined map layer and aggregating the lower level regions to form the new regions in the custom layer. After defining a custom map layer, it is used in the same way as any other map layer

Use the child `customArea` component to specify the regions from the predefined base map that will be aggregated to form the new area.

- **Categorical attributes (`attributeGroups`):** Use to generate stylistic attribute values such as colors or shapes based on categorical data values in a data set.

An alternative to configuring a default stamp across all areas or markers in the thematic map, you use an area or marker component child `attributeGroups` tag to generate the style attribute type automatically based on categorical groups in the data set. If the same style attribute is set in both the area or marker tag, and by an `attributeGroups` tag, the `attributeGroups` style type will take precedence.

Based on the attribute representing the column in the data model to group by, the `attributeGroups` component can generate style values for each unique value, or group, in the data. The `type` property of the `attributeGroups` tag specifies the type of stylistic attribute for which values are produced. Supported types for area components are `color`, `pattern`, and `opacity`. Supported types for marker components are `color`, `shape`, `pattern`, `opacity`, `scaleX`, and `scaleY`. These types can be combined in a space-delimited list to generate multiple stylistic properties for each unique data value.

The default style values that are generated are defined using CSS style properties in the ADF skin. Each `attributeGroups` type has a default ramp defined in the ADF skin that can be customized by setting the index-based selectors to the desired values.

To achieve a finer level of detail in the display of data, the grouping rules specified in the `attributeGroups` component can be overridden by two types of rules defined in these child components:

- **Matching rule (`attributeMatchRule`):** Use to substitute an attribute when the data matches a certain value.
- **Exception rule (`attributeExceptionRule`):** Use to replace an attribute value with another when a particular boolean condition is met.

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**Note:** The `attributeMatchRule` and `attributeExceptionRule` tags use a child `f:attribute` tag to define the override values, where the `name` property defines the type of attribute (such as color or shape), and the `value` property defines the override value to use (such as red or square). When the `value` property of the `attributeGroups` tag overrides the value in the `group` property of the `attributeMatchRule`, then the style value in the child `f:attribute` will be assigned to that group of data instead of the next value from the default ramp.

The `f:attribute` tag `name` property must match one of the attributes listed in the `type` of the `attributeGroups` tag grouping rules. If the value provided by an override also happens to be in the prebuilt ramp returned by the `attributeGroups`, then that value will only be used by the overrides and will be skipped in the prebuilt ramp.

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- Legend (`legend`): Use to display an explanatory table of the map's styled data in symbol and label pairs. Legend components support symbols for color, shape, custom shape, fill pattern, opacity, and images.
  - Legend section (`legendSection`): Use one or more to point to a thematic map area, `marker`, `attributeGroups`, or `af:image` components stamped to style the data displayed in the map. Legend items sourced from the `attributeGroups` component split area or `marker` attribute types into different sections.
  - Legend group (`showLegendGroup`): Use to create a disclosable section that contains legend section components.

## 30.6.2 Using the Layer Browser

JDeveloper provides a Layer Browser as a tool to ease the development of structuring map layers, data layers, and styling areas and markers to display data in a thematic map. The Layer Browser displays on top of the thematic map in the visual editor and can be repositioned and resized. If not visible, right-click in the map and choose **Open Layer Browser**.

The Layer Browser visually represents the logical structure of the thematic map and its hierarchical map layers and components. Selection of a component in the Layer Browser is coordinated with selection in the Property Inspector, Structure window, and page source code.

The Layer Browser toolbar provides controls for the following operations:

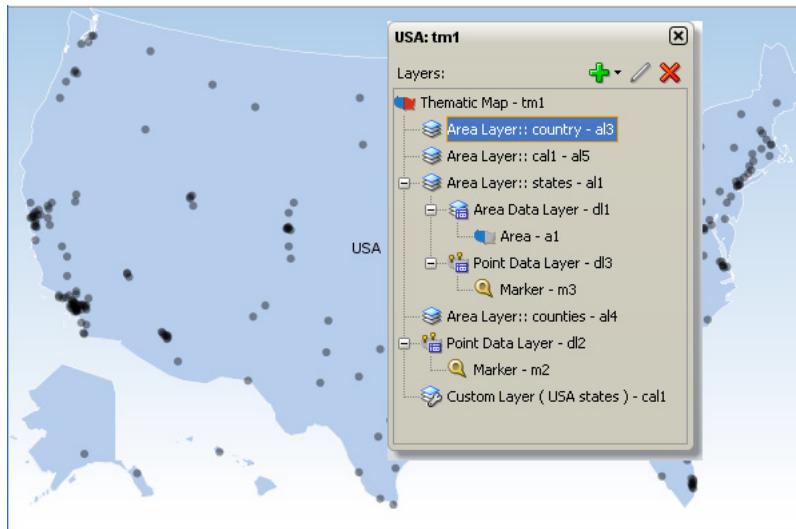
- **Add:** Provides a dropdown menu for opening a create map layer, data layer, area, or marker dialog to add and configure the component and add source code to the thematic map. The menu choices are provided to maintain the correct structure of the thematic map
- **Edit:** Open a data layer, area, or marker binding dialog to modify the settings for the component and change the thematic map source code.
- **Delete:** Remove a selected map layer, data layer, area or marker from the thematic map structure and source code.

The Layer Browser displays the `Id` for each component represented in the hierarchical structure. Components are automatically assigned a unique, consecutively numbered `id` value. Map layers (`areaLayer`) are assigned `a11`, `a12`, `a13`, and so on. Custom layers (`customAreaLayer`) are assigned `ca11`, `ca12`, `ca13`, and then referenced by an `areaLayer` component within the consecutive order. Data layers including area

(`areaDataLayer`) and point (`pointDataLayer`) components are assigned `d11`, `d12`, `d13`, and so on. When a point layer (`pointDataLayer`) is added as a direct child of the thematic map, it is a global point layer and always displayed in the thematic map. Markers (`marker`) are assigned `m1`, `m2`, `m3` and so on. Areas (`area`) are assigned `a1`, `a2`, `a3`, and so on.

Figure 30–21 shows a Layer Browser displaying the hierarchical structure of a thematic map.

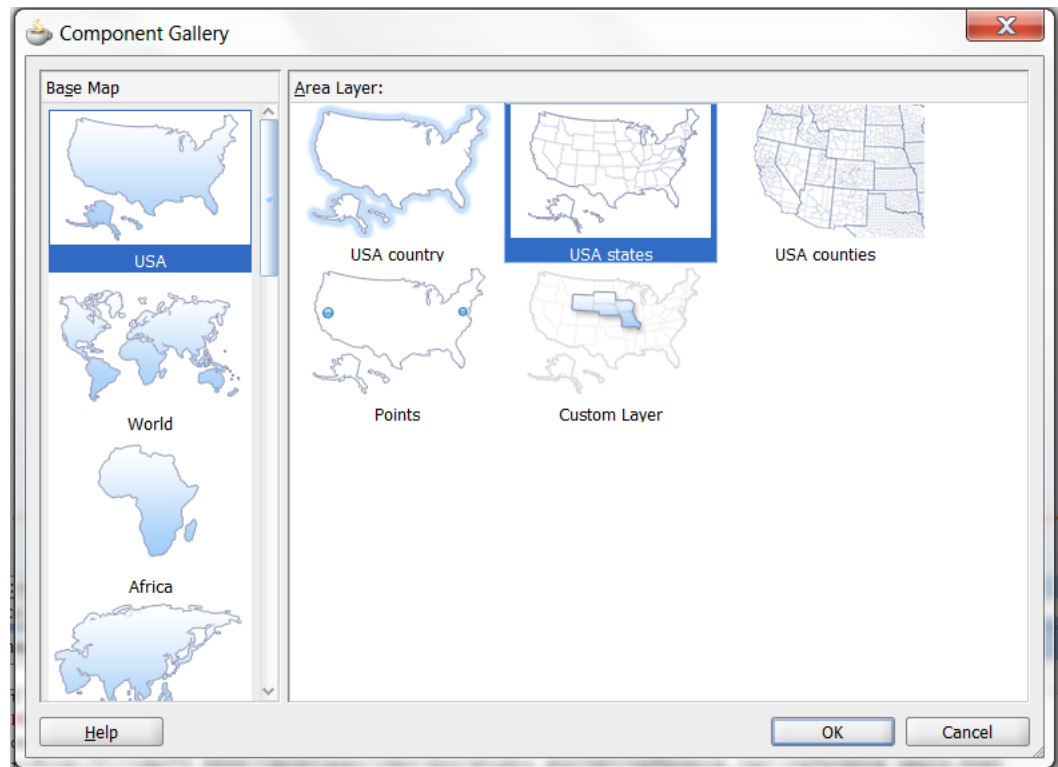
**Figure 30–21 Thematic Map Layer Browser**



### 30.6.3 How to Add a Thematic Map to a Page

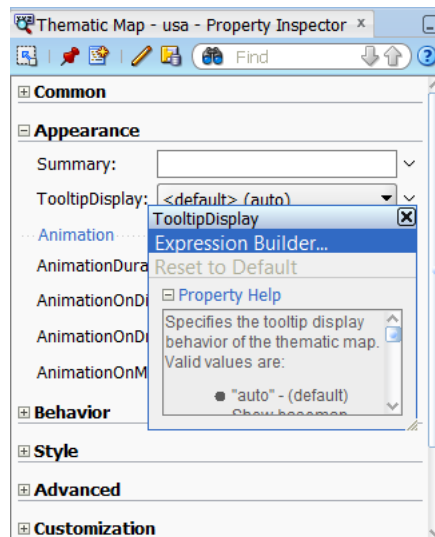
When you are designing your page using simple UI-first development, you use the Component Palette to add a thematic map to a JSF page. When you drag and drop a thematic map component onto the page, the Component Gallery displays available base maps, prebuilt regional layers, and a custom layer option to provide visual assistance when creating thematic maps. Figure 30–22 show the Component Gallery for thematic maps with the United States base map and states layer selected.



**Figure 30–22 Component Gallery for Thematic Maps**

Once you complete the dialog, and the thematic map is added to your page, you can use the Property Inspector to specify data values and configure additional display attributes for the map.

In the Property Inspector you can use the dropdown menu for each attribute field to display a property description and options such as displaying an EL Expression Builder or other specialized dialogs. Figure 30–23 shows the dropdown menu for a thematic map component `toolTipDisplay` attribute.

**Figure 30–23 Thematic Map `toolTipDisplay` Attribute Dropdown Menu**

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**Note:** If your application uses the Fusion technology stack, then you can use data controls to create a thematic map and the binding will be done for you. For more information, see the "Creating Databound Thematic Maps" section in *Oracle Fusion Middleware Fusion Developer's Guide for Oracle Application Development Framework*.

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**Before you begin:**

It may be helpful to have an understanding of how thematic map attributes and thematic map child components can affect functionality. For more information, see [Section 30.6.1, "Configuring Thematic Maps."](#)

You must complete the following tasks:

1. Create an application workspace as described in [Section 2.2, "Creating an Application Workspace."](#)
2. Create a view page as described in [Section 2.4, "Creating a View Page."](#)

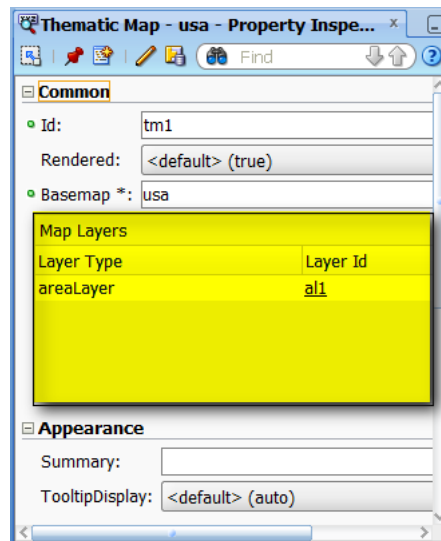
**To add a thematic map to a page:**

1. In the ADF Data Visualizations page of the Component Palette, from the Map and Thematic Map panel, drag and drop a **Thematic map** onto the page to open the Create Thematic Map dialog in the Component Gallery.

Use the dialog to select the thematic map base map and layer in the prebuilt map hierarchy that you want the thematic map to display. For help with the dialog, press F1 or click **Help**.

2. In the Property Inspector, view the attributes for the thematic map. Use the help button to display the complete tag documentation for the `thematicMap` component.
3. Expand the **Common** section. Use this section to set the following attributes:
  - **Basemap:** If you want to change the base map selected in the Component Gallery, use the dropdown list to select any of the following valid values: **usa**, **world**, **africa**, **asia**, **australia**, **europa**, **northAmerica**, **southAmerica**, **apac**, **emea**, **latinAmerica**, **usaAndCanada**, or **worldRegions**.
  - **Map Layers:** Use the dialog that displays inside the Property Inspector to add additional map layers you wish to display in the thematic map. For example, the USA base map includes a map layer for the country, the states, the counties, the cities (points), and a custom layer. Use the dropdown list associated with the **Add icon** to add available map layers in the predefined geographic hierarchy, to create a custom map layer and insert it into the hierarchy, or to add a global point layer into the base map. Use the **Delete icon** to delete a layer you do not wish to display in the thematic map. [Figure 30–24](#) shows the map layers dialog highlighted in the Property Inspector for the `thematicMap` component.

Figure 30–24 Map Layers Dialog in the Property Inspector



Alternatively, you can use the Layer Browser to add map layers to the thematic map. For more information, see [Section 30.6.2, "Using the Layer Browser."](#)

4. Expand the **Appearance** section. Use this section to set the following attributes:
  - **TooltipDisplay:** By default (**auto**), thematic maps automatically display tooltips using prebuilt map labels when the user moves the cursor over the map. If data is available, the label is concatenated with the `shortDesc` attribute from the `area` or `marker` component stamp. Other valid values include **none** to disable the display of tooltips, and **shortDesc** to display only the data coming from the stamps, not including the prebuilt label of the base map. For more information, see [Section 30.8, "Customizing Thematic Map Display Attributes."](#)
  - **Animation** subsection: Use the animation attributes in this subsection to configure animation in thematic maps. For more information, see [Section 30.9.3, "How to Configure Animation Effects."](#)
5. Expand the **Behavior** section. Use this section to set the following attributes:
  - **ControlPanelBehavior:** Use the dropdown list to select the display of the thematic map control panel. The default value is **initCollapsed** for only display of the hide/show button. Other valid values include **hidden** and **initExpanded**.
  - **Drilling:** Use to enable drilling the data view between thematic map layers. From the dropdown list select **on** to enable drilling. The default value is **off**.
  - **DrillBehavior:** Use to specify an optional **zoomToFit** effect on the area being drilled. The default value is **none**.
  - **FeaturesOff:** Enter a space delimited list of end user features to disable at runtime. Valid values are **pan**, **zoom**, and **zoomToFit**. The default value is **none**.
  - **InitialZooming:** Use to specify if the thematic map is zoomed to focus on the available data objects on initial render. All initially rendered area and point data layers are used to determine the current focus bounds for zooming. Valid values are **none** and **auto**. The default value is **none**.

- **MaintainDrill:** Use to specify an optional **true** value for maintaining the drilled state of a previously drilled area when a new area is drilled. The default value is **false**.
6. Expand the **Other** category. For the **Summary** attribute, enter a description of the thematic map. This description is accessed by screen reader users.

### 30.6.4 What Happens When You Add a Thematic Map to a Page

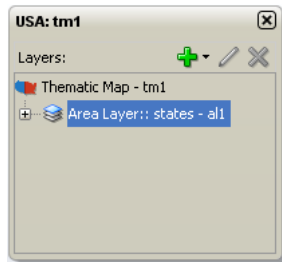
When you use the Component Palette to create a thematic map, JDeveloper inserts code in the JSF page. [Example 30–10](#) shows the code inserted in the JSF page.

#### **Example 30–10 Thematic Map Code In JSF Page**

```
<dvt:thematicMap basemap="usa" id="tm1">
  <dvt:areaLayer layer="states" id="all"/>
</dvt:thematicMap>
```

The Layer Browser displays the hierarchical structure of the thematic map. [Figure 30–25](#) shows the Layer Browser after using the Component Palette to create a thematic map.

**Figure 30–25 Thematic Map Layer Browser**



You can then configure the thematic map to display data in stylized areas or markers using the ADF Data Controls panel and the thematic map binding dialogs. For information about configuring thematic maps to display data, see the "Creating Databound Thematic Maps" section in *Oracle Fusion Middleware Fusion Developer's Guide for Oracle Application Development Framework*.

### 30.6.5 What You May Need to Know About Thematic Map Image Formats

Thematic maps support the following image formats: HTML5, Flash, and Portable Network Graphics (PNG). All image formats support locales with right-to-left display.

By default, thematic maps will display in the best output format supported by the client browser. If the best output format is not available on the client, the application will default to an available format. For example, if the client does not support HTML5, the application will use:

- Flash, if the Flash Player is available

You can control the use of Flash content across the entire application by setting a `flash-player-usage` context parameter in `adf-config.xml`. For more information, see [Appendix A.4.3, "Configuring Flash as Component Output Format."](#)

- PNG output format

Although static rendering, such as maintaining pan and zoom state of the Flash display, is fully supported when using the printable PNG output format, certain interactive features are not available including:

- Animation
- Context menus
- Drag and drop gestures
- Popup support
- Selection

## 30.7 Defining Thematic Map Base Maps

The thematic map component support the use of an extensive set of prebuilt base maps with layers that represent a set of regions. You can also define a custom base map for your thematic map using a set of `mapProvider` APIs or configuring an xml metadata file to identify data points on an image file.

### 30.7.1 Using Prebuilt Base Maps

Each base map provided for the thematic map component has two or more prebuilt map layers that represent a set of regions. For example, the `world` base map includes a map layer for `continents` and another layer for `countries`. The regions in the lower level map layers are aggregated to make up the next level in the geographical hierarchy. The map layer is specified in the `layer` attribute of the `areaLayer` component. Each base map includes several sets of regions and one fixed set of cities.

[Table 30-1](#) shows the valid map layers for each base map.

**Table 30-1** *Prebuilt Base Maps and Layers*

Base Map	Layers
<code>usa</code>	<code>country, states, counties</code>
<code>world</code>	<code>continents, countries</code>
<code>worldRegions</code>	<code>regions, countries</code>
<code>africa, asia, australia, europe, northAmerica, southAmerica</code>	<code>continents, countries</code>
<code>apac, emea, latinAmerica, usaAndCanada</code>	<code>regions, countries, cities</code>

When you are binding your data collection to a thematic map, you must provide a column in the data model that specifies the location of the area or point data using the map location Ids of the regions from the base map for which the data is being displayed. Area locations are specified in the `name` attribute of the `areaLocation` component, and point locations are specified in the `pointName` attribute for the `pointLocation` component when its `type` attribute is set to `pointName`.

You can download a comma-separated value (CSV) file for each of the prebuilt map layers with a complete listing of all the thematic map base map location Ids. Find these links in the tag documentation for the `areaLocation` component, `name` attribute. To access tag documentation for the data visualization components, select the component in the Structure window and click the help button in the Property Inspector.

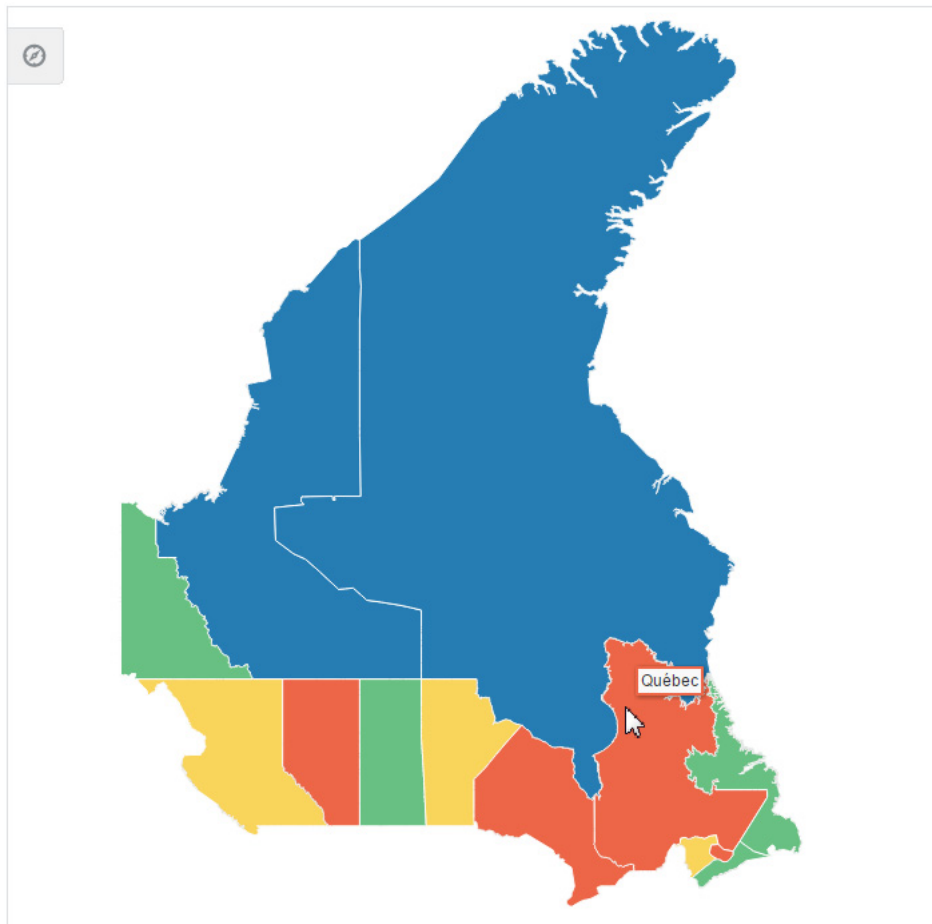
For more information, see the "What You May Need to Know About Base Map Location Ids" section in the *Oracle Fusion Middleware Fusion Developer's Guide for Oracle Application Development Framework*.

### 30.7.2 Defining a Custom Base Map Using Map Provider APIs

In addition to using the prebuilt base maps, thematic maps can be configured to retrieve geographic data from any data source including a database or an eLocation service such as Oracle MapViewer or geocoder service using any file type. The thematic map component `mapProvider` attribute requires an object of type `oracle.adf.view.faces.bi.component.thematicMap.mapProvider.MapProvider`. The `MapProvider` APIs allow the custom base map to be configured and used like a prebuilt base map with the same functionality including drilling, labels, custom region support, and point layers.

For example, [Figure 30–26](#) displays a custom Canada base map that uses the `mapProvider` attribute to retrieve geographic data from a GeoJSON formatted zip file.

**Figure 30–26** Thematic Map Custom Base Map



Use these abstract and utility classes to configure a custom basemap:

- `oracle.adf.view.faces.bi.component.thematicMap.mapProvider.MapProvider`: Abstract class that provides the APIs to render a custom basemap. Use an EL Java callback to pass an implementation of this class to the `mapProvider` attribute on `dvt:thematicMap`.

To view an implementation of the `mapProvider` class for the Canada custom base map example, see [Appendix G.1.1, "Sample Code for Thematic Map Custom Base Map."](#)

- `oracle.adf.view.faces.bi.component.thematicMap.mapProvider.utils.MapProviderUtils`: Utility class that provides APIs for converting Java 2D objects to a SVG path command.
- `oracle.adf.view.faces.bi.component.thematicMap.mapProvider.LayerArea`: Abstract class that provides APIs to get the data that the thematic map component requires to render a `dvt:areaLayer` and is used by the `getLayerAreas()` and `getChildAreas()` methods on the abstract `MapProvider` class.

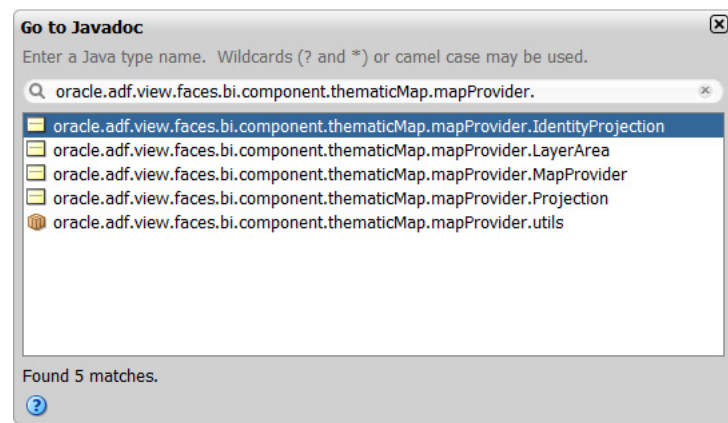
To view an implementation of the `layerArea` class for the Canada custom base map example, see [Appendix G.1.2, "Sample Code for Thematic Map Custom Base Map Area Layer."](#)

- `oracle.adf.view.faces.bi.component.thematicMap.mapProvider.Projection`: If required, abstract class that provides an API for projecting points from the `dvt:pointDataLayer` for a custom base map and is used by the `getProjection()` method on the abstract `MapProvider` class. An identity projection class (`oracle.adf.view.faces.bi.component.thematicMap.mapProvider.IdentityProjection`) will be provided and returned by default by the `MapProvider` class if no point projections need to be performed.

You can view the complete Javadoc for these classes in JDeveloper. From the toolbar select **Navigate > Go to Javadoc** and enter the class name in the search field.

[Figure 30–27](#) shows the search dialog.

**Figure 30–27 Custom Base Map APIs in Javadoc**



On the JSF page, the code for the thematic map using the Canada custom base map is as follows:

```
<dvt:thematicMap id="tm1" summary="Map Provider" basemap="canada"
    mapProvider="#{mapProviderBean.callback}" initialZooming="auto">
  <af:transition transition="auto" triggerType="display"/>
  <dvt:areaLayer layer="territories" id="a1" labelDisplay="off">
    <dvt:areaDataLayer selectionMode="none" id="adl1"
      value="#{mapProviderBean.territories}" var="row"
      varStatus="rowStatus">
      <dvt:areaLocation id="l1" name="#{row.id}">
        <dvt:area id="a1" value="#{row.value}">
          <dvt:attributeGroups id="ag1" type="color"
            value="#{row.categories[0]}"
```



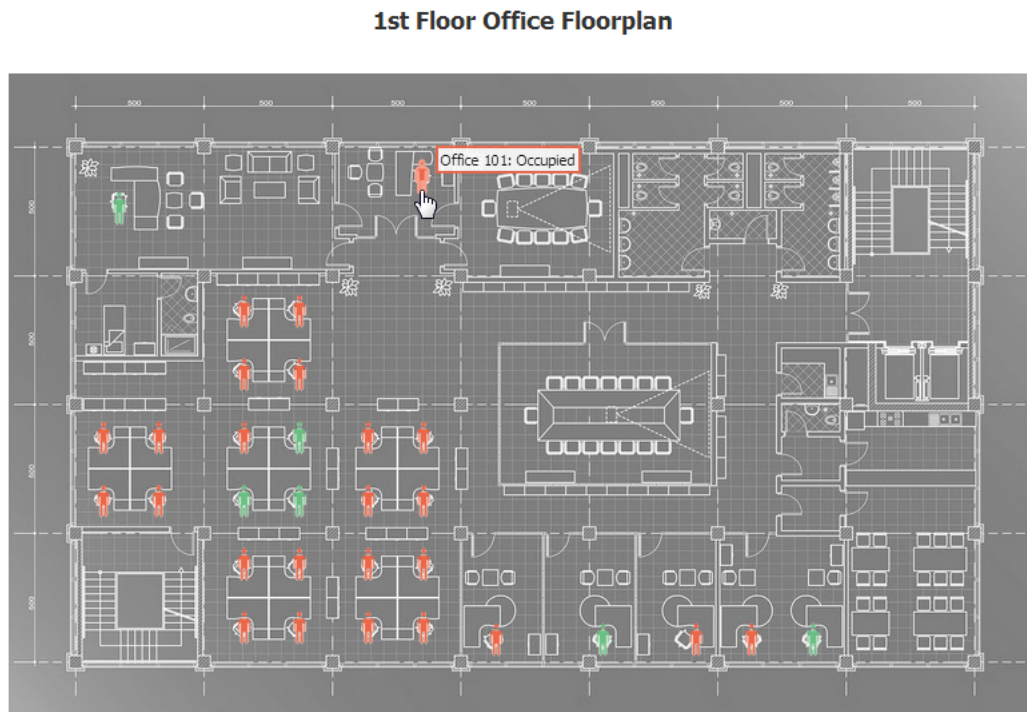
```

        label="#"{row.categories[0] == 'Group 1' ?
        'Territory C' :
        (row.categories[0] == 'Group 2' ?
        'Territory A' : 'Territory B')}"/>
    </dvt:area>
</dvt:areaLocation>
</dvt:areaDataLayer>
</dvt:areaLayer>
</dvt:thematicMap>
    
```

### 30.7.3 Defining a Custom Base Map Using Image Files

The thematic map component also supports the definition of a custom base map using an XML metadata file to define data points on an associated image. For example, the thematic map in [Figure 30–28](#) shows a custom base map of an office floor plan with points defined for each office location. In the example, a tooltip identifies if the office space is occupied or available.

**Figure 30–28 Custom Base Map with Defined Point Layer**



To define a custom base map using an image file, you must create an xml metadata file that defines the image to use for the map and add the file to your project source. In the office floor plan example, a static points for each office is specified by number, as shown in the example below.

```

<basemap id='floorplan'>
  <layer id='floor1'>
    <image height='813' width='1300'
      source='/resources/images/thematicMap/floorplan.jpg' />
  </layer>
  <points>
    <point x='140' y='170' name='100' longLabel='Office 100' />
    <point x='523' y='130' name='101' longLabel='Office 101' />
    <point x='298' y='300' name='102' longLabel='Office 102' />
  </points>
</basemap>
    
```



```

<point x='368' y='300' name='103' longLabel='Office 103' />
<point x='298' y='380' name='104' longLabel='Office 104' />
<point x='368' y='380' name='105' longLabel='Office 105' />
<point x='120' y='460' name='106' longLabel='Office 106' />
<point x='190' y='460' name='107' longLabel='Office 107' />
<point x='120' y='540' name='108' longLabel='Office 108' />
<point x='190' y='540' name='109' longLabel='Office 109' />
<point x='298' y='460' name='110' longLabel='Office 110' />
<point x='368' y='460' name='111' longLabel='Office 111' />
<point x='298' y='540' name='112' longLabel='Office 112' />
<point x='368' y='540' name='113' longLabel='Office 113' />
<point x='455' y='460' name='114' longLabel='Office 114' />
<point x='525' y='460' name='115' longLabel='Office 115' />
<point x='455' y='540' name='116' longLabel='Office 116' />
<point x='525' y='540' name='117' longLabel='Office 117' />
<point x='298' y='620' name='118' longLabel='Office 118' />
<point x='368' y='620' name='119' longLabel='Office 119' />
<point x='298' y='700' name='120' longLabel='Office 120' />
<point x='368' y='700' name='121' longLabel='Office 121' />
<point x='455' y='620' name='122' longLabel='Office 122' />
<point x='525' y='620' name='123' longLabel='Office 123' />
<point x='455' y='700' name='124' longLabel='Office 124' />
<point x='525' y='700' name='125' longLabel='Office 125' />
<point x='617' y='715' name='126' longLabel='Office 126' />
<point x='752' y='715' name='127' longLabel='Office 127' />
<point x='870' y='715' name='128' longLabel='Office 128' />
<point x='940' y='715' name='129' longLabel='Office 129' />
<point x='1018' y='715' name='130' longLabel='Office 130' />
</points>
</basemap>

```

In the thematic map component you then specify an area layer which points to the definition in the metadata file using the basemap attribute. You can then define an area layer with a specify an area layer with named points, as shown in the example below.

```

<dvt:thematicMap id="tm1" summary="Custom Base Map" basemap="floorplan"
  animationOnDisplay="none"
  source="/resources/images/thematicMap/offices.xml"
  inlineStyle="background-color:transparent;height:540px;
  width:810px;"
  controlPanelBehavior="hidden" panning="none" zooming="none">
  <dvt:areaLayer layer="floor1" id="all">
    <dvt:pointDataLayer id="pd11" selectionMode="single" partialTriggers=":::t1"
      value="#{officesBean.currentFloor.offices}" var="row"
      animationOnDataChange="alphaFade" varStatus="rowStatus">
      <dvt:pointLocation id="pl1" pointName="#{row.id}" type="pointName">
        <dvt:marker id="m1" shape="human" opacity="1" gradientEffect="none"
          fillColor="#{row.color}" scaleX="3" scaleY="3"
          shortDesc="#{row.categories[0]}" />
      </dvt:pointLocation>
    </dvt:pointDataLayer>
  </dvt:areaLayer>
</dvt:thematicMap>

```

In the metadata file you can also specify different images for different screen resolutions and display directions. The thematic map component chooses the correct image for the layer based on the screen resolution and direction. The display direction can be either left-to-right or right-to-left. The default direction for the image is left-to-right, which you can change to right-to-left by setting the dir attribute of the

image component to `rtl`. The example below shows sample code for a metadata file with images for a custom base map at different screen resolutions.

```
<basemap id="car" >
  <layer id="exterior" >
    <image source="/maps/car-800x800.png"
      width="2560"
      height="1920" />
    <image source="/maps/car-800x800-rtl.png"
      width="2560"
      height="1920"
      dir="rtl" />
    <image source="/maps/car-200x200.png"
      width="640"
      height="480" />
    <image source="/maps/car-200x200-rtl.png"
      width="640"
      height="480"
      dir="rtl" />
  </layer>
</basemap>
```

You can define an area layer with a point data layer, or define the point data layer as a direct child of the thematic map component. If the point layer is nested inside a map layer, the data points are only displayed when that map layer is displayed. When a point data layer is configured as a direct child of the thematic map component, the data points are always displayed as a global point layer. The example below shows sample code for a thematic map with a point data layer defined for an area layer.

```
<dvt:thematicMap id="tm1" basemap="car" source="customBasemaps/map1.xml" >
  <dvt:areaLayer id="all" layer="exterior" >
    <dvt:pointDataLayer id="pd1"
      var="row"
      value="{bindings.thematicMapData.collectionModel}" >
      <dvt:pointLocation id="pl1"
        type="pointXY"
        pointX="{row.x}"
        pointY="{row.y}" >
        <dvt:marker id="m1" fillColor="#FFFFFF" shape="circle" />
      </dvt:pointLocation>
    </dvt:pointDataLayer>
  </dvt:areaLayer>
</dvt:thematicMap>
```

The example below shows sample code for a thematic map with a point data layer as a direct child of the thematic map component.

```
<dvt:thematicMap id="demo1" basemap="car" source="customBasemaps/map1.xml" >
  <dvt:areaLayer id="all" layer="exterior" />
  <dvt:pointDataLayer id="pd1"
    var="row"
    value="{bindings.thematicMapData.collectionModel}" >
    <dvt:pointLocation id="pl1"
      type="pointXY"
      pointX="{row.x}"
      pointY="{row.y}" >
      <dvt:marker id="m1" fillColor="#FFFFFF" shape="circle" />
    </dvt:pointLocation>
  </dvt:pointDataLayer>
</dvt:thematicMap>
```

## 30.8 Customizing Thematic Map Display Attributes

You can customize the display attributes of thematic maps labels, including prebuilt map layer labels and labels for area and marker components that stamp out the data values for the thematic map. Data values that require special formatting, for example, currency or percentages, can be configured to display special symbols and decimal points. You can also configure tooltips to display data when the user moves the cursor over the map.

### 30.8.1 How to Customize Thematic Map Labels

By default, each region in each map layer for a prebuilt base map has a label with a short and long type, for example, BRA and Brazil in the countries layer of the world base map. The map layer is specified by the `areaLayer` component in the layer attribute, for example:

```
<dvt:areaLayer id="all" layer="countries">
```

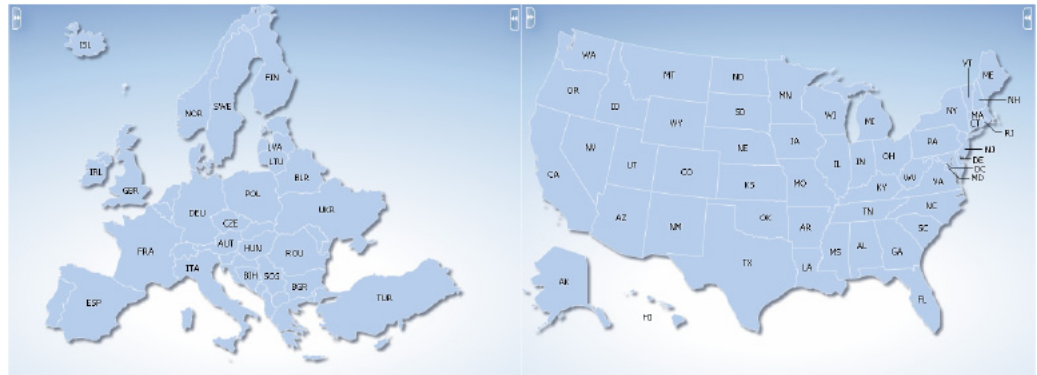
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**Note:** Labels are only displayed when they fit within the named region of the map layer. When a label does not fit inside the region, it is not displayed unless leader lines determining the alternate label location are provided for that layer in the base map. Only the prebuilt usa map provides leader lines for labels outside the states layer.

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Figure 30–29 shows the default labels for the europe and usa base maps.

**Figure 30–29** Default Labels for Europe and USA Base Maps



You can customize the default labels provided by the base map for display and style.

#### Before you begin:

It may be helpful to have an understanding of how thematic map attributes and thematic map child components can affect functionality. For more information, see [Section 30.6.1, "Configuring Thematic Maps."](#)

You should already have a thematic map on your page. If you do not, follow the instructions in this chapter to create a thematic map. For more information, see [Section 30.6.3, "How to Add a Thematic Map to a Page."](#)

**To customize a map layer label:**

1. In the Structure window, right-click the **dvt:areaLayer** component representing the map layer for which you wish to customize the label, and choose **Go to Properties**.
2. In the Property Inspector, expand the **Appearance** section, and set the following attributes:
  - **LabelDisplay:** Use the dropdown list to select how the prebuilt base map labels for the layer are to be displayed. Valid values are: **auto** (default) to display the label if there is sufficient space in the region; **on** to display the base map labels for all regions of this layer; and **off** to disable the display of labels.
  - **LabelStyle:** Enter the font-related CSS styles to use for the label font.
  - **LabelType:** Use the dropdown list to select the prebuilt base map labels to display. Valid values are **short** (default) to display the short labels defined in the base map, for example, TX, and **long** to display the long labels defined in the base map, for example, Texas.

You can also override the default labels in the base map by specifying attributes for the **area** components that stamp out stylistic attributes such as fill colors, patterns, or opacity onto the geographic regions of the map, and for **marker** components that stamp out built-in or custom shapes associated with data points on the map.

**To customize area and marker labels:**

1. In the Structure window, right-click the **dvt:area** component or **dvt:marker** component representing the stamp for which you wish to customize the label, and choose **Go to Properties**.
2. In the Property Inspector, expand the **Other** section, and set the following attributes:
  - **LabelDisplay:** Use the dropdown list to select **on** to display the text displayed in the **value** attribute.
  - **Value:** Enter the text you wish to use for the area or marker label when **LabelDisplay** is set to **on**.
  - **LabelStyle:** Enter the font-related CSS styles to use for the area or marker label font.
  - **LabelPosition:** Available only for the marker label. Use the dropdown list to select the position relative to the marker that the specified value label should be displayed. Valid values are **center** (default), **top**, and **bottom**.

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**Note:** If a marker is displayed on a region, that is as a child component to a `pointLocation` for an `areaDataLayer`, and that marker has a label, then the label associated with the base map region will not be displayed.

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- **ShortDesc:** Enter the short description you wish to use for the area or marker stamp. This value is used for the tooltip that displays when the user moves the cursor over the area or marker. For more information, see [Section 30.8.2, "How to Configure Tooltips to Display Data."](#)

## 30.8.2 How to Configure Tooltips to Display Data

By default, thematic maps automatically display tooltips using map layer labels when the user moves the cursor over the map. If data is available, the map layer label is concatenated with the value from the `area` or `marker` component stamp. You can also configure the tooltip to only display available data.

### Before you begin:

It may be helpful to have an understanding of how thematic map attributes and thematic map child components can affect functionality. For more information, see [Section 30.6.1, "Configuring Thematic Maps."](#)

You should already have a thematic map on your page. If you do not, follow the instructions in this chapter to create a thematic map. For more information, see [Section 30.6.3, "How to Add a Thematic Map to a Page."](#)

### To configure tooltips to display data:

1. In the Structure window, right-click the `dvt:thematicMap` component and choose **Go to Properties**.
2. In the Property Inspector, expand the **Appearance** section. For the **TooltipDisplay** attribute choose **auto** to display the label concatenated with the value of the area or marker stamp, or **shortDesc** to only display the value.
3. In the Structure window, right-click the `dvt:area` component or `dvt:marker` component representing the stamp for which you wish to display data in the tooltip, and choose **Go to Properties**.
4. In the Property Inspector, expand the **Other** section. For the **ShortDesc** attribute enter the value you want to display in the tooltip. For example, if an area component `value` attribute is `{row.data}`, use that same value for the `shortDesc` attribute.

## 30.8.3 How to Format Numeric Data Values in Area and Marker Labels

Thematic map `area` and `marker` components can display numeric data values in labels, for example a dollar value, or a percentage. Area and marker labels are specified in the `value` attribute of the component. You can format numeric data values by adding a standard ADF converter, `af:convertNumber`, as a child of the area or marker component, or by specifying a converter through an EL Expression directly on the component. If both a converter and a child `af:convertNumber` tag are specified, then the properties of the child tag take precedence.

### Before you begin:

It may be helpful to have an understanding of how thematic map attributes and thematic map child components can affect functionality. For more information, see [Section 30.6.1, "Configuring Thematic Maps."](#)

You should already have a thematic map on your page. If you do not, follow the instructions in this chapter to create a thematic map. For more information, see [Section 30.6.3, "How to Add a Thematic Map to a Page."](#)

You should already have configured an area or marker label in your thematic map. If you do not, follow the instructions in this chapter to customize an area or marker label. For more information, see [Section 30.8.1, "How to Customize Thematic Map Labels."](#)

**To format numeric data values in area or maker labels:**

1. In the Structure window, right-click the `dvt:area` or `dvt:marker` component representing the stamp you wish to format, and choose **Insert inside `dvt:area` or `dvt:marker` > `af:convertNumber`**.
2. In the Property Inspector, specify values for the attributes of the `af:convertNumber` component to produce numeric formatting. Use the help button to display the complete tag documentation for the `af:convertNumber` component.

[Example 30–11](#) shows sample code for formatting numeric data values for an area and a marker label.

**Example 30–11 Sample Code for Area and Marker Numeric Data Value Formatting**

```
...
<dvt:area id="a2" labelDisplay="on" value="#{mapBean.value}" >
  <af:convertNumber id="cn1" type="currency"/>
</dvt:area>
<dvt:marker id="m2" labelDisplay="on" value="#{mapBean.value}" >
  <af:convertNumber id="cn1" type="currency"/>
</dvt:marker>
...
```

Alternatively, specify a converter through an EL expression directly on the area or marker component. For example:

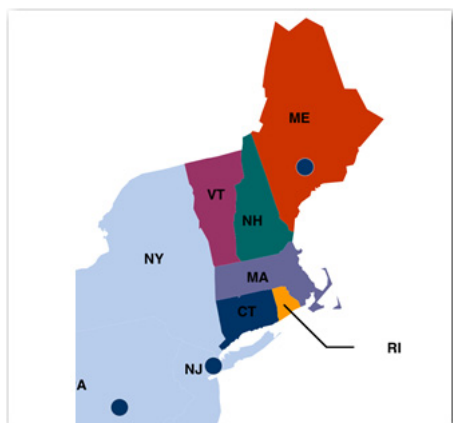
```
<dvt:marker id="m1" labelDisplay="on" value="#{mapBean.value}"
  converter="#{mapBean.myConverter}"/>
```

## 30.8.4 How to Configure Thematic Map Data Zooming

Thematic maps support customized data zooming features. You can configure the initial zoom of a thematic map to fit the rendered area and point data layers without displaying the entire base map. You can also configure a thematic map to render and zoom on an isolated data area.

For example, the thematic map in [Figure 30–30](#) displays area and point data layers for US states. In the example, data is not rendered for all states in the US base map. The initial zoom fits to the boundaries of the data layers.

**Figure 30–30 Thematic Map with Initial Zoom on Data Layers**



To set the initial zoom to fit rendered data layers, on the `dvt:thematicMap` component, set the `initialZooming` property to `auto`.

### Before you begin:

It may be helpful to have an understanding of how thematic map attributes and thematic map child components can affect functionality. For more information, see [Section 30.6.1, "Configuring Thematic Maps."](#)

You should already have a thematic map with a defined data layer on your page. If you do not, follow the instructions in this chapter to create a thematic map. For more information, see [Section 30.6.3, "How to Add a Thematic Map to a Page."](#)

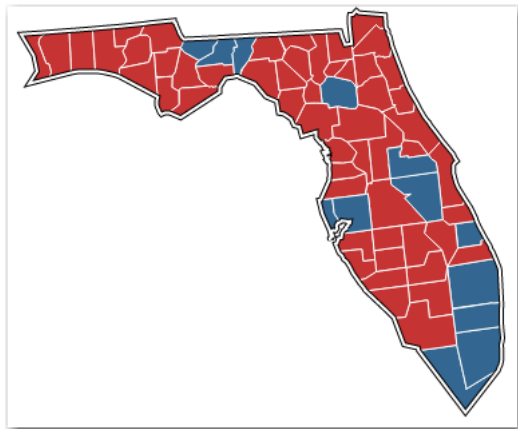
### To configure the initial zoom:

1. In the Structure window, right-click the `dvt:thematicMap` component, and choose **Go to Properties**.
2. In the Property Inspector, expand the **Behavior** section, and set the **InitialZooming** property to `auto` to automatically focus the zoom on the rendered data layers. The default value is `none`.

Use the help button to display the complete tag documentation for the `dvt:thematicMap` component.

The thematic map in [Figure 30–31](#) shows the 2012 presidential election results by county for the state of Florida. In the example, an `isolatedRowKey` property on the `dvt:areaDataLayer` is set to isolate the state of Florida on the states area layer and US base map. The `disclosedRowKey` attribute on the `dvt:areaDataLayer` is set to show Florida drilled down to the counties area layer and stylized with color to represent the winning candidate's color for each county.

**Figure 30–31** Thematic Map of 2012 Presidential Election Results for Florida



### To configure zoom on an isolated data area:

1. In the Structure window, right-click the `dvt:areaDataLayer` component, and choose **Go to Properties**.
2. In the Property Inspector, expand the **Behavior** section, and set the **IsolatedRowKey** property to the area corresponding to the isolated row key for which you wish to display data.
3. For the **DisclosedRowKey** property, specify the row keys for the disclosed regions of the data layer. Each entry in the set is a row key.

[Example 30–12](#) shows the code for configuring the thematic map in [Figure 30–31](#).

**Example 30–12 Code Sample for Thematic Map Isolated Data Area**

```
<dvt:thematicMap id="thematicMap" basemap="usa" drilling="off"
  animationOnDisplay="alphaFade"
  controlPanelBehavior="hidden" summary="presidential map"
  inlineStyle="background-color:transparent;
  width:400px;border:none;">
<dvt:areaLayer id="all" layer="states">
  <dvt:areaDataLayer id="adl1"
    disclosedRowKeys="#{electionBean.disclosedRowKey}"
    contentDelivery="lazy"
    isolatedRowKey="#{electionBean.isolatedRowKey}"
    value="#{electionBean.state}" var="row"
    varStatus="rowStatus">
    <dvt:areaLocation id="loc1" name="#{row.id}">
      <dvt:area id="a1" fillColor="#{row.color}"/>
    </dvt:areaLocation>
  </dvt:areaDataLayer>
</dvt:areaLayer>
<dvt:areaLayer id="al2" layer="counties">
  <dvt:areaDataLayer id="adl2" value="#{electionBean.counties}" var="row"
    varStatus="rowStatus"
    selectionMode="single" contentDelivery="lazy">
    <dvt:areaLocation id="loc2" name="#{row.id}">
      <dvt:area id="a2" fillColor="#{row.color}">
        </dvt:area>
      </dvt:areaLocation>
    </dvt:areaDataLayer>
  </dvt:areaLayer>
</dvt:thematicMap>
```

### 30.8.5 How to Configure Invisible Area Layers

By design, thematic maps focus on data within a defined geographic location. In some instances you may wish to display your data without showing the default background color or boundaries of the area layer. For example, the thematic map in [Figure 30–32](#) displays global GDP (gross domestic product) per capita by country in millions of US dollars using markers scaled by size and label font. In the example, displaying background colors or boundaries of the countries represented by markers do not contribute to an understanding of the data and may in fact, distract from the overall display.



**Figure 30–32 Thematic Map Displaying Global GDP Per Capita**

You can override the default area layer color and border display without using a skinning key by setting the `areaStyle` property CSS attributes for `background-color` and `border-color` to transparent on the `dvt:areaLayer` component.

#### Before you begin:

It may be helpful to have an understanding of how thematic map attributes and thematic map child components can affect functionality. For more information, see [Section 30.6.1, "Configuring Thematic Maps."](#)

You should already have a thematic map with a defined area layer on your page. If you do not, follow the instructions in this chapter to create a thematic map. For more information, see [Section 30.6.3, "How to Add a Thematic Map to a Page."](#)

#### To configure invisible area layers:

1. In the Structure window, right-click the `dvt:areaLayer` component representing the geographic area you wish to format, and choose **Go to Properties**.
2. In the Property Inspector, expand the **Other** section, and for the **AreaStyle** property, set semi-colon separated CSS values `background-color` and `border-color` to transparent. For example:

```
background-color:transparent;border-color:transparent
```

Use the help button to display the complete tag documentation for the `dvt:areaLayer` component.

The thematic map in [Figure 30–32](#) uses scaled markers and associated labels to represent a country's GDP per capita. In the example, a minimum GDP value is set to not show labels on smaller markers. [Example 30–13](#) shows the code for configuring the markers and labels.

#### Example 30–13 Code Sample for Scaling Markers and Labels

```
<dvt:marker id="m1" scaleX="#{(5 + row.categories[0]/25)}"
  value="#{row.categories[2]}"
  labelStyle="font-size:#{row.categories[0]/25 + 30}px;" opacity="0.75"
  labelDisplay="#{row.categories[0]/25 le 20 ? 'off' : 'on'}"
  gradientEffect="none"
  scaleY="#{(5 + row.categories[0]/25)}"
  shortDesc="\${row.categories[1]} Million">
<dvt:attributeGroups id="ag1" type="color" value="#{row.id}"/>
```

```
</dvt:marker>
```

---

**Note:** To maintain the relative size of the scaled markers and labels to the thematic map when it is zoomed in or out, set the `dvt:thematicMap` component `markerZoomBehavior` property to `zoom`.

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For detailed information about configuring markers to represent thematic map data, see the "Styling Areas, Markers, and Images to Display Data" section of *Oracle Fusion Middleware Fusion Developer's Guide for Oracle Application Development Framework*.

### 30.8.6 What You May Need to Know About Skinning and Customizing the Appearance of a Thematic Map

Thematic maps also support skinning to customize the color and font styles for thematic map layers, areas, and markers. In addition, you can use skinning to define the styles for a thematic map area when the user hovers the mouse over or selects it.

[Example 30-14](#) shows the skinning key for a thematic map area configured to show the border color in red when the user selects it.

**Example 30-14 Using a Skinning Key to Change Area Border Color When Selected**

```
af|dvt-area:selected
{
  -tr-border-color:#0000FF;
}
```

For the complete list of thematic map skinning keys, see the *Oracle Fusion Middleware Documentation Tag Reference for Oracle Data Visualization Tools Skin Selectors*. To access the list from JDeveloper, from the Help Center, choose Documentation Library, and then Fusion Middleware Reference and APIs. For additional information about customizing your application using skins, see [Chapter 20, "Customizing the Appearance Using Styles and Skins."](#)

## 30.9 Adding Interactive Features to Thematic Maps

Thematic maps include support for interaction features including selection and action events, drilling, popups, animation, and drag and drop operations.

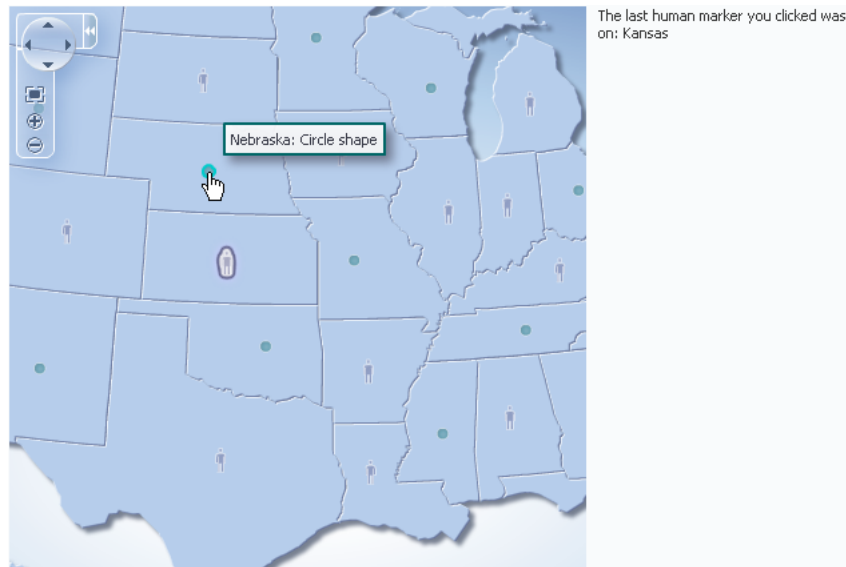
### 30.9.1 How to Configure Selection and Action Events in Thematic Maps

You can configure your thematic map components to allow users to select one or more areas or markers across multiple data layers. By default, selection is not enabled.

You configure selection on `areaDataLayer` and `pointDataLayer` components to allow selection of one or multiple area or marker stamps.

Once selection is enabled, you can configure an area or marker stamp with an action listener to specify and handle a custom event such as displaying output text or navigating to another page. For more information about ADF action events, see [Chapter 5, "Handling Events."](#)

[Figure 30-33](#) shows a thematic map configured to display output text when a human marker is clicked, and navigate to another JSF page when a circle marker is clicked.

**Figure 30–33 Thematic Map Action Events****Before you begin:**

It may be helpful to have an understanding of how thematic map attributes and thematic map child components can affect functionality. For more information, see [Section 30.6.1, "Configuring Thematic Maps."](#)

You should already have a thematic map on your page. If you do not, follow the instructions in this chapter to create a thematic map. For more information, see [Section 30.6.3, "How to Add a Thematic Map to a Page."](#)

You should have already configured a data layer with an area or marker to display data on your thematic map.

**To configure selection and action events:**

1. In the Structure window, right-click the `dvt:areaDataLayer` or `dvt:pointDataLayer` component and choose **Go to Properties**.
2. In the Property Inspector, expand the **Behavior** section. For the **SelectionMode** attribute choose **single** to enable single selection of an area or marker, or **multiple** to enable multiple selection of areas or markers.
3. In the Structure window, right-click the `dvt:area component` or `dvt:marker` component representing the stamp for which you wish to configure an action event, and choose **Go to Properties**.
4. In the Property Inspector, expand the **Behavior** section. In this section set the following attributes:
  - **Action:** Enter a reference to an action method sent by the component, or the static outcome of an action. For example, `mapAction`.
  - **ActionListener:** Enter a method reference to an action listener. For example, `#{tmapEventBean.processClick}`

[Example 30–15](#) shows sample code for configuring markers to fire action events.

**Example 30–15 Sample Code for Thematic Map Marker Action Events**

```
<f:facet name="center">
  <dvt:thematicMap id="thematicMap"
```

```

        imageFormat="flash" basemap="usa"
        inlineStyle="width:98%;height:95%;"
        summary="Thematic map showing action events">
<dvt:areaLayer id="areaLayer" layer="states"
    labelDisplay="off">
    <dvt:areaDataLayer id="dataLayer"
        contentDelivery="immediate"
        value="#{tmapBean.colorModel}"
        var="row"
        varStatus="rowStatus"
        selectionMode="single">
    <dvt:areaLocation id="dataLoc"
        name="#{row.name}">
    <dvt:marker id="marker1"
        shape="human" scaleX="3"
        scaleY="3"
        fillColor="#666699"
        actionListener="#{tmapEventBean.processClick}"
        rendered="#{row.category == 'category1'}"
        shortDesc="Human shape"/>
    <dvt:marker id="marker2"
        shape="circle"
        scaleX="2" scaleY="2"
        fillColor="#006666"
        action="mapAction"
        rendered="#{row.category == 'category2'}"
        shortDesc="Circle shape"/>
    </dvt:areaLocation>
    </dvt:areaDataLayer>
    </dvt:areaLayer>
</dvt:thematicMap>
</f:facet>
<f:facet name="end">
    <af:outputText value="#{tmapEventBean.clickString}"
        id="ot1"
        partialTriggers="thematicMap:areaLayer:dataLayer:marker1"/>
</f:facet>

```

You can also configure an area or point data layer with a selection listener for declarative master-detail processing, for example, to display the thematic map associated data in another UI component on the page such as a table. For more information, see the "What You May Need to Know About Configuring Master-Detail Relationships" section in *Oracle Fusion Middleware Fusion Developer's Guide for Oracle Application Development Framework*.

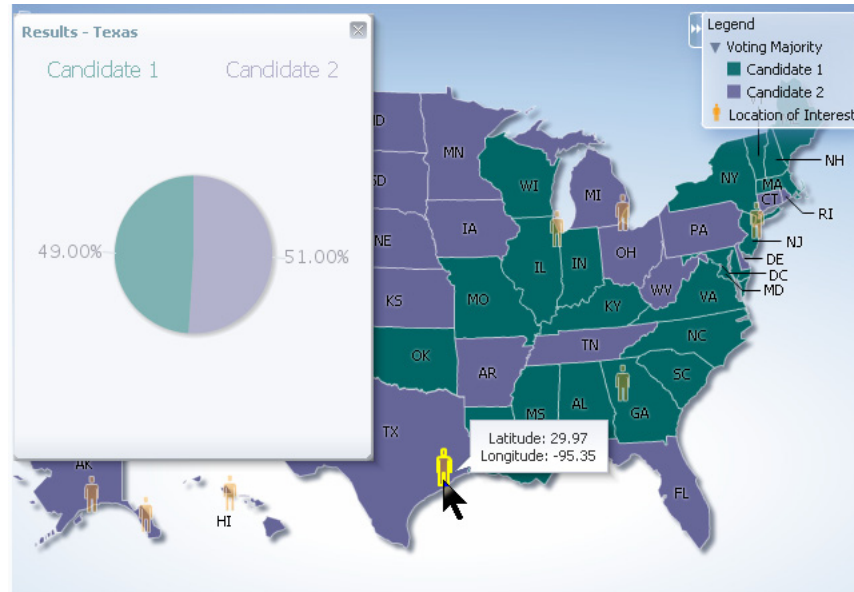
### 30.9.2 How to Add Popups to Thematic Map Areas and Markers

Thematic map area and marker components can be configured to display popup dialogs, windows, and menus that provide information or request input from end users. Using the `af:popup` component with other ADF Faces components, you can configure functionality to allow your end users to show and hide information in secondary windows, input additional data, or invoke functionality such as a context menu.

With ADF Faces components, JavaScript is not needed to show or hide popups. The `af:showPopupBehavior` tag provides a declarative solution, so that you do not have to write JavaScript to open a popup component or register a script with the popup component. For more information about these components, see [Chapter 13, "Using Popup Dialogs, Menus, and Windows."](#)

For example, you may want to associate a popup to display information in a dialog or note window with thematic map areas or markers. [Figure 30–34](#) shows a thematic map area (Texas) clicked to display a dialog of data about voting results, and the cursor hovered over marker (human) displaying a note window of data about a specific location.

**Figure 30–34 Area Dialog and Marker Note Window**



#### Before you begin:

It may be helpful to have an understanding of how thematic map attributes and thematic map child components can affect functionality. For more information, see [Section 30.6.1, "Configuring Thematic Maps."](#)

You should already have a thematic map on your page. If you do not, follow the instructions in this chapter to create a thematic map. For more information, see [Section 30.6.3, "How to Add a Thematic Map to a Page."](#)

You should already have created the popup components for the thematic map area or marker components to reference. [Example 30–16](#) shows sample code for the dialog to be referenced when an area stamp is clicked.

#### Example 30–16 Code Sample for the Area Dialog Popup

```
<af:popup id="pop1" contentDelivery="lazyUncached" launcherVar="source"
    eventContext="launcher">
  <af:setPropertyListener from="#{tmapPopupBean.colorModel.rowData}"
    to="#{tmapPopupBean.source}"
    type="popupFetch"/>
  <af:dialog id="nw1" modal="false" type="none"
    title="Results - #{tmapPopupBean.source.fullName}">
    <af:panelGroupLayout id="pg16">
      <af:panelGroupLayout id="pg17" layout="horizontal"
        halign="center">
        <af:outputText value="Candidate 1" id="ot2"
          inlineStyle="color:#{tmapPopupBean.strColor2};
          font-size:medium;"/>
        <af:spacer width="50" height="10" id="spacer1"/>
        <af:outputText value="Candidate 2" id="ot1"
```

```

        inlineStyle="color:#{tmapPopupBean.strColor1};
        font-size:medium;"/>
    </af:panelGroupLayout>
    <af:panelGroupLayout id="pg15" layout="horizontal"
        halign="center">
        <dvt:pieGraph id="graph1" subType="PIE"
            inlineStyle="height:250.0px;width:250.0px"
            tabularData="#{tmapPopupBean.graphData[tmapPopupBean.source]}"
            imageFormat="PNG">
        <dvt:background fillTransparent="true"/>
        <dvt:graphPieFrame fillTransparent="true"/>
        <dvt:seriesSet>
            <dvt:series index="0" color="#{tmapPopupBean.color1}"/>
            <dvt:series index="1" color="#{tmapPopupBean.color2}"/>
        </dvt:seriesSet>
        <dvt:sliceLabel rendered="true">
        <dvt:graphFont id="graphFont1" size="14"/>
        </dvt:sliceLabel>
        <dvt:pieLabel rendered="false"/>
        <dvt:legendArea rendered="false"/>
        </dvt:pieGraph>
    </af:panelGroupLayout>
</af:panelGroupLayout>
</af:dialog>
</af:popup>

```

**Example 30–17** shows sample code for the note window to be referenced when the user hovers the mouse over a marker stamp.

#### **Example 30–17 Sample Code for Marker Note Window**

```

<af:popup id="pop2" contentDelivery="lazyUncached" launcherVar="source"
    eventContext="launcher">
    <af:setPropertyListener from="#{tmapPopupBean.pointModel.rowData}"
        to="#{tmapPopupBean.noteSource}"
        type="popupFetch"/>
    <af:noteWindow id="nw2">
        <af:panelGroupLayout id="pg18" halign="center" layout="vertical">
            <af:outputText value="Latitude: #{tmapPopupBean.noteSource.latitude}"
                id="ot4"/>
            <af:outputText value="Longitude: #{tmapPopupBean.noteSource.longitude}"
                id="ot5"/>
        </af:panelGroupLayout>
    </af:noteWindow>
</af:popup>

```

For more information about popup components, see [Chapter 13, "Using Popup Dialogs, Menus, and Windows."](#)

#### **To add a popup to an area or marker:**

1. In the Structure window, right-click the **dvt:area** or **dvt:marker** component and choose **insert inside dvt:area** or **Insert inside dvt:marker > af:showPopupBehavior**.
2. In the Property Inspector, set the following attributes:
  - **PopupId:** Enter the ID of the popup referenced by the area or marker component. An ID beginning with a colon will be treated as absolute after trimming off the colon.

- **TriggerType:** Enter the event type that will trigger the popup being displayed. Valid values for thematic map area or marker components are **action**, **click** and **mouseHover**.
- **Align:** From the dropdown list, choose how the popup should be aligned with the area or marker component.
- **AlignID:** Enter the ID of the area or marker component associated with the popup. An ID beginning with a colon will be treated as absolute after trimming off the colon.

[Example 30–18](#) shows sample code for adding popup components to the area and marker stamps in a thematic map.

### **Example 30–18** *Popups Associated With Area and Marker Components*

```
<dvt:thematicMap id="thematicMap" imageFormat="flash
  basemap="usa" summary="Thematic map showing voting data in US">
  <dvt:legend label="Legend">
    <dvt:showLegendGroup label="Voting Majority">
      <dvt:legendSection source="areaLayer:dataLayer:area1"/>
    </dvt:showLegendGroup>
    <dvt:legendSection source="areaLayer:pointLayer:marker1"/>
  </dvt:legend>
  <dvt:areaLayer id="areaLayer" layer="states">
    <dvt:areaDataLayer id="dataLayer" contentDelivery="immediate"
      value="#{tmapPopupBean.colorModel}"
      var="row" varStatus="rowStatus">
    <dvt:areaLocation id="areaLoc" name="#{row.name}">
      <dvt:area id="area1"
        fillColor="#{row.value > 50 ? tmapPopupBean.color1 :
          tmapPopupBean.color2}"
        <f:attribute name="legendLabel" value="#{row.value > 50 ? 'Candidate 2' :
          'Candidate 1'}" />
        <af:showPopupBehavior triggerType="click"
          popupId=":::pop1"
          alignId="area1"
          align="endAfter"/>
      </dvt:area>
    </dvt:areaLocation>
  </dvt:areaDataLayer>
  <dvt:pointDataLayer id="pointLayer"
    value="#{tmapPopupBean.pointModel}" var="row"
    varStatus="rowStatus"
    contentDelivery="immediate">
    <dvt:pointLocation id="pointLoc" type="pointXY"
      pointX="#{row.longitude}"
      pointY="#{row.latitude}">
      <dvt:marker id="marker1" shape="human" fillColor="#FF9900"
        scaleX="3" scaleY="3"
        <f:attribute name="legendLabel" value="Location of Interest" />
        <af:showPopupBehavior triggerType="mouseHover"
          alignId="marker1"
          popupId=":::pop2"
          align="endAfter"/>
      </dvt:marker>
    </dvt:pointLocation>
  </dvt:pointDataLayer>
</dvt:areaLayer>
</dvt:thematicMap>
```



### 30.9.3 How to Configure Animation Effects

By default, thematic maps are animated upon initial rendering of the map, when the data associated with the map changes, and when a region is drilled in the map. You can customize the default setting of each animation event.

#### Before you begin:

It may be helpful to have an understanding of how thematic map attributes and thematic map child components can affect functionality. For more information, see [Section 30.6.1, "Configuring Thematic Maps."](#)

You should already have a thematic map on your page. If you do not, follow the instructions in this chapter to create a thematic map. For more information, see [Section 30.6.3, "How to Add a Thematic Map to a Page."](#)

#### To customize animation effects in a thematic map:

1. In the Structure window, right-click the **thematicMap** component and choose **Go to Properties**.
2. In the Property Inspector, expand the **Appearance** section. Use this section to set the following attributes:
  - **AnimationDuration**: Enter the animation duration in milliseconds. The default value is **1000**.
  - **AnimationOnDisplay**: Use the dropdown list to select the animation effect upon initial display of the thematic map. The default value is **zoom**.
  - **AnimationOnDrill**: Use the dropdown list to select the animation effect when a map layer is drilled to a lower level. The default value is **alphaFade**.
  - **AnimationOnMapChange**: Use the dropdown list to select the animation effect when the value of the area or point data layer changes, or when the base map changes. The default value is **none**.

[Table 30–2](#) shows the animation effect available for each supported thematic map event.

**Table 30–2 Thematic Map Animation Effects**

Animation Effect	AnimationOnDisplay	AnimationOnDrill	AnimationOnMapChange
none	x	x	x
alphaFade	x	x	x
conveyorFromLeft	x		x
conveyorFromRight	x		x
cubeToLeft	x		x
cubeToRight	x		x
flipLeft	x		x
flipRight	x		x
slideToLeft	x		x
slideToRight	x		x
transitionToLeft	x		x
transitionToRight	x		x



**Table 30–2 (Cont.) Thematic Map Animation Effects**

Animation Effect	AnimationOnDisplay	AnimationOnDrill	AnimationOnMapChange
zoom	x		x

### 30.9.4 How to Add Drag and Drop to Thematic Map Components

The ADF Faces framework provides the ability to drag and drop items from one place to another on a page. For thematic maps, area and marker components can be used as a drag source by adding and configuring a child `af:dragSource` component, and areaLayer components can be used as a drop target by adding and configuring a child `af:dropTarget` component. For example, you could drag an area representing the population for a state in a USA map and drop it into a table to display the data.

#### Before you begin:

It may be helpful to have an understanding of how thematic map attributes and thematic map child components can affect functionality. For more information, see [Section 30.6.1, "Configuring Thematic Maps."](#)

You should already have a thematic map on your page. If you do not, follow the instructions in this chapter to create a thematic map. For more information, see [Section 30.6.3, "How to Add a Thematic Map to a Page."](#)

#### To use an area or marker as a drag source:

1. In the Structure window, right-click the area or marker component you are configuring as a drag source, and choose **Insert inside dvt:area** or **Insert inside dvt:marker > af:dragSource**.
2. In the Property Inspector, specify the **actions** attribute.

[Example 30–19](#) shows sample code for adding and configuring an area as a drag source.

#### **Example 30–19 Sample Code for Area as a Drag Source**

```
<dvt:area id="area" fillColor="#{tmapTargetActualBean.colorObj}"
        shortDesc="#{tmapTargetActualBean.tooltip}">
  <af:dragSource actions="COPY" discriminant="DnDDemoModel"/>
</dvt:area>
```

#### To use a map layer as a drop target:

1. In the Structure window, right-click the areaLayer component you are configuring as a drop target, and choose **Insert inside dvt:areaLayer > af:dropTarget**.
2. Enter an expression for the `dropListener` that evaluates to a method on a managed bean that will handle the event.
3. In the managed bean referenced in the EL expression created in Step 2 for the `dropListener` attribute, create the event handler method (using the same name as in the EL expression) that will handle the drag and drop functionality.

[Example 30–20](#) shows sample code for adding and configuring a map layer as a drop target.

#### **Example 30–20 Sample Code for Area Layer as a Drop Target**

```
<dvt:areaLayer id="areaLayer" layer="states">
  <af:dropTarget actions="COPY">
```

```
                dropListener="#{TestDropHandler.handleCollectionFireDrop}">
    <af:dataFlavor flavorClass="java.util.Collection"/>
  </af:dropTarget>
</dvt:areaLayer>
```

For more information about adding drag and drop functionality, see [Section 35.5, "Adding Drag and Drop Functionality for Components."](#)

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## Using Hierarchy Viewer Components

This chapter describes how to use an ADF hierarchy viewer component to display data, and provides the options for hierarchy view customization.

This chapter includes the following sections:

- [Section 31.1, "Introduction to Hierarchy Viewers"](#)
- [Section 31.2, "Data Requirements for Hierarchy Viewers"](#)
- [Section 31.3, "Creating a Hierarchy Viewer"](#)
- [Section 31.4, "Managing Nodes in a Hierarchy Viewer"](#)
- [Section 31.5, "Navigating in a Hierarchy Viewer"](#)
- [Section 31.6, "Adding Interactivity to a Hierarchy Viewer Component"](#)
- [Section 31.7, "Using Panel Cards"](#)
- [Section 31.8, "Customizing the Appearance of a Hierarchy Viewer"](#)
- [Section 31.9, "Adding Search to a Hierarchy Viewer"](#)

For information about the data binding of ADF hierarchy viewers, see the "Creating Databound Hierarchy Viewers" section in the *Oracle Fusion Middleware Fusion Developer's Guide for Oracle Application Development Framework*.

### 31.1 Introduction to Hierarchy Viewers

A hierarchy viewer component can be used to display hierarchical data visually. Hierarchical data contains master-detail relationships within the data. For example, you could create a hierarchy viewer component that renders an organization chart from a data collection that contains information about the relationships between employees in an organization.

#### 31.1.1 Understanding the Hierarchy Viewer Component

JDeveloper generates the following elements in JSF pages when you drag and drop components from the Component Gallery onto a JSF page or when you use the Create Hierarchy Viewer dialog to create a hierarchy viewer component as described in the "Creating Databound Hierarchy Viewers" section in the *Oracle Fusion Middleware Fusion Developer's Guide for Oracle Application Development Framework*.

- `dvt:hierarchyViewer`

This element wraps the `dvt:node` and the `dvt:link` elements.

- `dvt:node`

A *node* is a shape that references the data in a hierarchy, for example, employees in an organization or computers in a network. You configure the child elements of the `dvt:node` element to reference whatever data you want to display. The `dvt:node` element supports the use of one or more `f:facet` elements that display content at different zoom levels (100%, 75%, 50%, and 25%). The `f:facet` element supports the use of many ADF Faces components, such as `af:outputText`, `af:image`, and `af:panelGroupLayout`, in addition to the ADF Data Visualization `dvt:panelCard` component.

At runtime, the node contains controls that allow users to navigate between nodes and to show or hide other nodes by default. For information about specifying node content and defining zoom levels, see [Section 31.4.1, "How to Specify Node Content."](#)

- `dvt:link`

You set values for the attributes of the `dvt:link` element to connect one node with another node. For information about how to customize the appearance of the link and add labels, see [Section 31.8.4, "How to Configure the Display of Links and Labels."](#)

- `dvt:panelCard`

The panel card element provides a method to switch dynamically between multiple sets of content referenced by a node element using animation by, for example, horizontally sliding the content or flipping a node over.

The `f:facet` tag for each zoom level supports the use of a `dvt:panelCard` element that contains one or more `af:showDetailItem` elements defining the content to be displayed at the specified zoom level. At runtime, the end user uses the controls on the node to switch dynamically between the content that the `af:showDetailItem` elements reference. For more information, see [Section 31.7, "Using Panel Cards."](#)

The hierarchy viewer component uses elements such as `af:panelGroupLayout`, `af:spacer`, and `af:separator` to define how content is displayed in the nodes. [Example 31–1](#) shows the code generated when the component is created by insertion from the Component Palette. Code related to the hierarchy viewer elements is highlighted in the example.

#### **Example 31–1 Hierarchy Viewer Sample Code**

```
<dvt:hierarchyViewer id="hv1" layout="hier_vert_top"
    styleClass="AFStretchWidth">
  <dvt:link linkType="orthogonalRounded" id="l1"/>
  <dvt:node width="233" height="330" id="n1">
    <f:facet name="zoom100">
      <af:panelGroupLayout layout="vertical"
        styleClass="AFStretchWidth AFHVNodeStretchHeight AFHVNodePadding"
        id="pgl1">
        <af:panelGroupLayout layout="horizontal" id="pgl3">
          <af:panelGroupLayout styleClass="AFHVNodeImageSize" id="pgl4">
            <af:image source="#{null}" styleClass="AFHVNodeImageSize" id="i1"/>
          </af:panelGroupLayout>
          <af:spacer width="5" height="5" id="s3"/>
          <af:panelGroupLayout layout="vertical" id="pgl2">
            <af:outputText value=" attribute value1 "
              styleClass="AFHVNodeTitleTextStyle"
              id="ot9"/>
            <af:outputText value=" attribute value2"
              styleClass="AFHVNodeSubtitleTextStyle"
```

```

        id="ot8"/>
    <af:outputText value=" attribute value3"
        styleClass="AFHVNodeTextStyle" id="ot5"/>
</af:panelGroupLayout>
</af:panelGroupLayout>
<af:spacer height="5" id="s2"/>
<af:separator id="s1"/>
<af:spacer height="5" id="s4"/>
<dvt:panelCard effect="slide_horz" styleClass="AFHVNodePadding"
    id="pc1">
    <af:showDetailItem text="first group title " id="sdi1">
    <af:panelFormLayout
        styleClass="AFStretchWidth AFHVNodeStretchHeight AFHVNodePadding"
        id="pfl1">
    <af:panelLabelAndMessage label="attribute label4"
        styleClass="AFHVPanelCardLabelStyle"
        id="plam3">
    <af:outputText value="attribute value4"
        styleClass="AFHVPanelCardTextStyle"
        id="ot4"/>
    </af:panelLabelAndMessage>
    <af:panelLabelAndMessage label="attribute label5"
        styleClass="AFHVPanelCardLabelStyle"
        id="plam4">
    <af:outputText value="attribute value5"
        styleClass="AFHVPanelCardTextStyle"
        id="ot1"/>
    </af:panelLabelAndMessage>
    <af:panelLabelAndMessage label="attribute label6"
        styleClass="AFHVPanelCardLabelStyle"
        id="plam5">
    <af:outputText value="attribute value6"
        styleClass="AFHVPanelCardTextStyle"
        id="ot7"/>
    </af:panelLabelAndMessage>
    </af:panelFormLayout>
    </af:showDetailItem>
    <af:showDetailItem text="second group title " id="sdi2">
    <af:panelFormLayout
        styleClass="AFStretchWidth AFHVNodeStretchHeight AFHVNodePadding"
        id="pfl2">
    <af:panelLabelAndMessage label="attribute label7"
        styleClass="AFHVPanelCardLabelStyle"
        id="plam2">
    <af:outputText value="attribute value7"
        styleClass="AFHVPanelCardTextStyle"
        id="ot2"/>
    </af:panelLabelAndMessage>
    <af:panelLabelAndMessage label="attribute label8"
        styleClass="AFHVPanelCardLabelStyle"
        id="plam1">
    <af:outputText value="attribute value8"
        styleClass="AFHVPanelCardTextStyle"
        id="ot6"/>
    </af:panelLabelAndMessage>
    <af:panelLabelAndMessage label="attribute label9"
        styleClass="AFHVPanelCardLabelStyle"
        id="plam6">
    <af:outputText value="attribute value9"
        styleClass="AFHVPanelCardTextStyle"

```

```

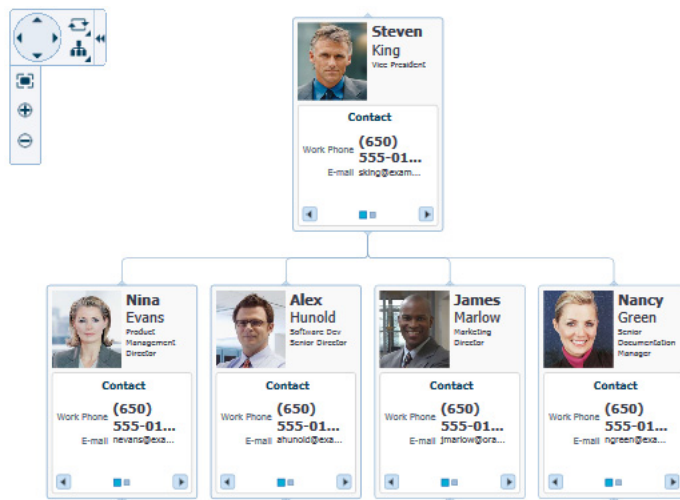
                                id="ot3"/>
                            </af:panelLabelAndMessage>
                        </af:panelFormLayout>
                    </af:showDetailItem>
                </dvt:panelCard>
            </af:panelGroupLayout>
        </f:facet>
    </dvt:node>
</dvt:hierarchyViewer>

```

### 31.1.2 Hierarchy Viewer Elements and Terminology

A hierarchy viewer visually displays hierarchical data and the master-detail relationships. [Figure 31–1](#) shows a segment of a hierarchy viewer component at runtime that includes a control panel, a number of nodes, and links that connect the nodes.

**Figure 31–1 Hierarchy Viewer Component with Control Panel and Nodes**



The Control Panel provides controls so that a user can manipulate the position and appearance of a hierarchy viewer component at runtime. By default, it appears in a hidden state in the upper left-hand corner of the hierarchy viewer component, as illustrated by [Figure 31–2](#).

**Figure 31–2 Control Panel in Hidden State**



You cannot configure the Control Panel to appear in another location. Users click the **Hide** or **Show Control Panel** button shown in [Figure 31–2](#) to hide or expand the Control Panel. [Figure 31–3](#) shows the expanded Control Panel.

**Figure 31–3 Control Panel in Show State**





You can configure the hierarchy viewer component so that the Control Panel does not appear to the user at runtime. For information about the procedure, see [Section 31.8.3, "How to Configure the Display of the Control Panel."](#)

[Table 31–1](#) describes the functionality that the controls in the Control Panel provide to users. The Panel Selector is automatically enabled if a node in your hierarchy viewer component contains a `dvt:panelCard` element with one or more `af:showDetailItem` elements. The Layout Selector appears automatically if the hierarchy viewer component uses one of the following layouts:



- Vertical top down
- Horizontal left to right
- Tree
- Radial
- Circle

For more information about layouts for a hierarchy viewer component, see [Section 31.1.3, "Available Hierarchy Viewer Layout Options."](#)

**Table 31–1 Elements in the Control Panel**

Control	Name	Description
	Pan Control	Allows user to reposition the hierarchy viewer component within the viewport.
	Zoom to Fit	Allows user to zoom a hierarchy viewer component so that all nodes are visible within the viewport.
	Zoom Control	Allows user to zoom the hierarchy viewer component.
	Hide or Show	Hides or shows the Control Panel.

**Table 31–1 (Cont.) Elements in the Control Panel**

Control	Name	Description
	Panel Selector	If you configured a panel card, displays the list of <code>af:showDetailItem</code> elements that you have defined. Users can use the panel selector to show the same panel on all nodes at once.
	Layout Selector	Allows a choice of layouts. Users can change the layout of the hierarchy viewer component from the layout you defined to another one of the layout options presented by the component. For more information, see <a href="#">Section 31.1.3, "Available Hierarchy Viewer Layout Options."</a>

Hierarchy viewers support state management for node selection, expansion, and lateral navigation. When a user selects a node, expands a node or navigates to the left or right within the same parent to view the next set of nodes, that state is maintained if the user returns to a page after navigating away, as in a tabbed panel. State management is supported through hierarchy viewer attributes including `disclosedRowKeys`, `selectedRowKeys` and `lateralNavigationRowKeys`.

Hierarchy viewers support bi-directional text in node content, the search panel, and the display of search results. Bi-directional text is text containing text in both text directionalities, both right-to-left (RTL) and left-to-right (LTR). It generally involves text containing different types of alphabets such as Arabic or Hebrew scripts. Hierarchy viewers also provide bi-directional support for flipping panel cards from one node view to the next and for swapping the positions of the Control Panel and Search Panel if those elements are defined.

### 31.1.3 Available Hierarchy Viewer Layout Options

The hierarchy viewer can use any of the following layouts, specified by the component's `layout` attribute:

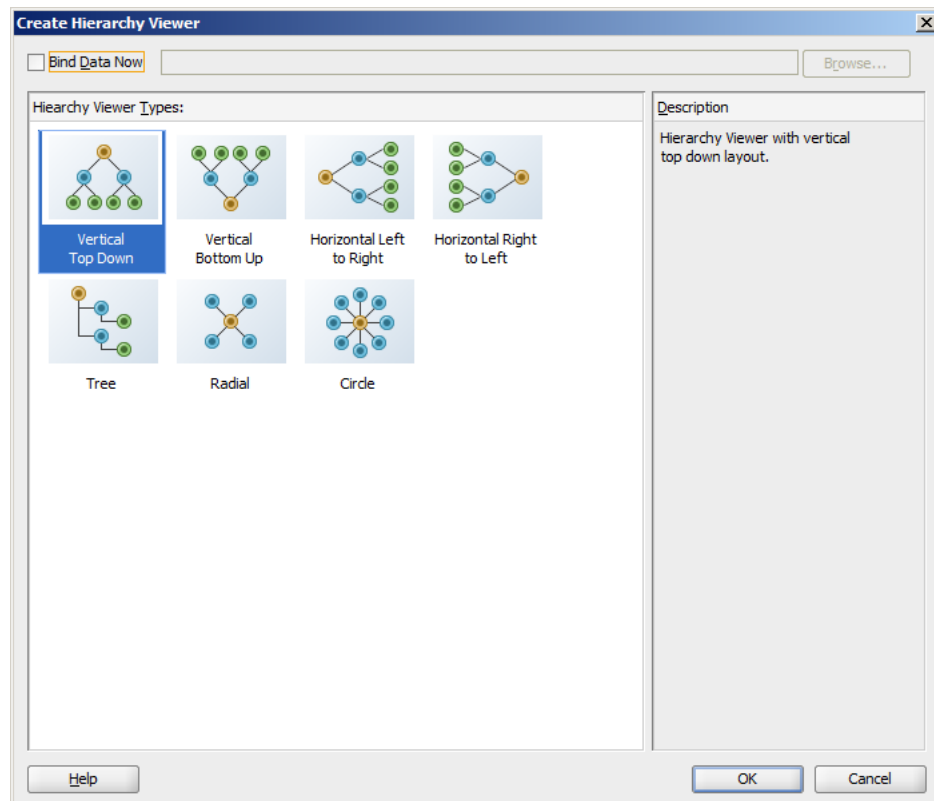
- `hier_vert_top` - Vertical top down
- `hier_vert_bottom` - Vertical bottom up
- `hier_horz_left` - Horizontal left to right
- `hier_horz_right` - Horizontal right to left
- `hier_horz_start` - Horizontal, direction depends on the locale
- `hier_horz_end` - Horizontal, direction depends on the locale
- `tree` - Tree, indented tree
- `radial` - Radial, root node in center and successive child levels radiating outward from their parent nodes
- `circle` - Circle, root node in center and all leaf nodes arranged in concentric circle, with parent nodes arranged within the circle

[Figure 31–4](#) shows an example of a circle layout for a hierarchy viewer component.



**Figure 31–4 Hierarchy Viewer Circle Layout**

You can define the initial layout of the hierarchy viewer when you insert the component on the page from either the Data Controls panel to bind a data collection to the hierarchy viewer component, or from the Component Palette to insert the component and bind to data later. The available layouts are displayed in the Hierarchy Viewer Types area of the Create Hierarchy Viewer dialog as shown in [Figure 31–5](#).

**Figure 31–5 Hierarchy Viewer Layouts**

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**Note:** The `hier_horz_start` and `hier_horz_end` layouts are not available in the Create Hierarchy Viewer dialog. In order to create a hierarchy viewer with either of these layouts, you must specify the `hier_horz_start` or `hier_horz_end` value in the `dvt:hierarchyViewer` layout attribute in the Property Inspector.

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### 31.1.4 What You May Need to Know About Hierarchy Viewer Rendering and Image Formats

By default, the hierarchy viewer component renders in HTML5. When HTML5 is not supported by the browser and Flash 10 or higher is available on the client, the hierarchy viewer is rendered in a Flash Player. If HTML5 and Flash10 or higher are not available, the hierarchy viewer is rendered in HTML4. While HTML4 rendering follows HTML5 and Flash rendering as closely as possible, there are some differences. For the most part, hierarchy viewer display and features are supported with the following exceptions:

- Isolate and restore nodes is not available.
- Node shapes are limited to rectangular.
- For links, the link end connector is not supported, link type is limited to orthogonal, and link style is limited to a solid line.
- For the control panel, all panel cards cannot be switched, panning is limited to scroll bars, and zooming and zoom to fit is limited to four zoom facets.
- Search is not supported.
- Emailable page is not supported.
- Node detail hover window is not supported.

## 31.2 Data Requirements for Hierarchy Viewers

A hierarchy viewer component requires data collections where a master-detail relationship exists between one or more detail collections and a master detail collection. The hierarchy viewer component uses the same data model as the ADF Faces `tree` component. You can test whether it is possible to bind a data collection to a hierarchy viewer component by first binding it to an ADF Faces `tree` component. If you can navigate the data collection using the ADF Faces `tree` component, it should be possible to bind it to a hierarchy viewer component.

When you add a databound hierarchy viewer component to a JSF page, JDeveloper adds a tree binding to the page definition file for the JSF page. For information about how to populate nodes in a tree binding with data, see the "Using Trees to Display Master-Detail Objects" section in the *Oracle Fusion Middleware Fusion Developer's Guide for Oracle Application Development Framework*.

The data collections that you bind to nodes in a hierarchy viewer component must contain a recursive accessor if you want users to be able to navigate downward from the root node of the hierarchy viewer component. For more information about navigating a hierarchy viewer component, see [Section 31.5, "Navigating in a Hierarchy Viewer."](#)

## 31.3 Creating a Hierarchy Viewer

You can create a hierarchy viewer by dragging a hierarchy viewer from the Component Palette to the page. You can choose to bind the data when you create the hierarchy viewer, or you can add the binding after you create the hierarchy viewer.

If your application uses the Fusion technology stack, then you can also use data controls to create hierarchy viewers. For more information, see the "Creating Databound Hierarchy Viewers" section in the *Oracle Fusion Middleware Fusion Developer's Guide for Oracle Application Development Framework*.

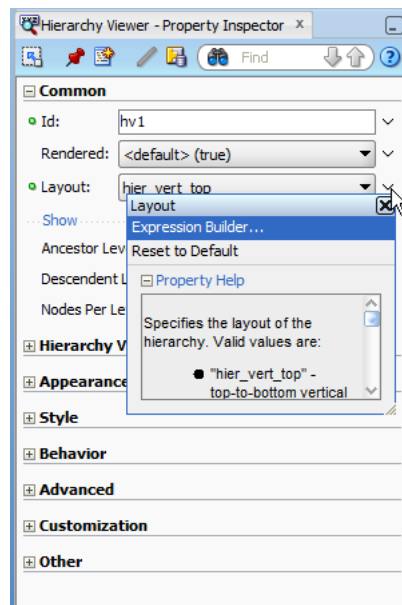
### 31.3.1 How to Add a Hierarchy Viewer to a Page

You use the Component Palette to add a hierarchy viewer to a JSF page. When you drag and drop a hierarchy viewer component onto the page, the Create Hierarchy Viewer dialog displays available categories of hierarchy viewer layouts, with descriptions, to provide visual assistance when creating hierarchy viewers. [Figure 31–5](#) shows the Create Hierarchy Viewer dialog for hierarchy viewers with the vertical top down layout type selected.

Once you select the hierarchy viewer layout, and the hierarchy viewer is added to your page, you can use the Property Inspector to specify data values and configure additional display attributes for the hierarchy viewer. Alternatively, you can choose to bind the data during creation and use the Property Inspector to configure additional display attributes.

In the Property Inspector you can use the dropdown menu for each attribute field to display a property description and options such as displaying an EL Expression Builder or other specialized dialogs. [Figure 31–6](#) shows the dropdown menu for a hierarchy viewer component `Layout` attribute.

**Figure 31–6** Hierarchy Viewer Layout Attribute Dropdown Menu



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**Note:** If your application uses the Fusion technology stack, then you can use data controls to create a hierarchy viewer and the binding will be done for you. For more information, see the "Creating Databound Hierarchy Viewers" section in the *Oracle Fusion Middleware Fusion Developer's Guide for Oracle Application Development Framework*.

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**To add a hierarchy viewer to a page:**

1. In the ADF Data Visualizations page of the Component Palette, from the Hierarchy Viewer panel, drag and drop a **Hierarchy Viewer** onto the page to open the Create Hierarchy Viewer dialog.

Use the dialog to select the hierarchy viewer layout type and click **OK**. For help with the dialog, click **Help** or press F1.

2. In the Property Inspector, view the attributes for the hierarchy viewer. Use the **Help** button to display the complete tag documentation for the `hierarchyViewer` component.
3. Expand the **Common** section. Use this section to set the following attributes:

- **Layout:** Specify the hierarchical layout of the hierarchy viewer.
- **Ancestor Levels (show sub-menu):** Use to set the `displayLevelsAncestor` attribute that specifies the number of ancestor levels to display during initial render. This property is zero-based. A value of 0 means that no ancestor levels above the root will be shown. The default value is 0.

You can click **Configure** to open a Configure Ancestor Display dialog and specify the ancestor data collection to use.

- **Descendent Levels (show sub-menu):** Use to set the `displayLevelsChildren` attribute that specifies the number of child levels to display during initial render. This property is zero-based. A value of 0 means that no child levels below the root will be shown; the root itself will be shown. The default value is 1, which means that the root and the first level of children will be shown.

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**Note:** You can also use the `disclosedRowKeys` attribute to specify the number of child levels to display during initial render. If you specify both `disclosedRowKeys` and `displayLevelsChildren` attributes, the `disclosedRowKeys` attribute takes precedence over `displayLevelsChildren`.

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- **Nodes Per Level (show sub-menu):** Use to set the `levelFetchSize` attribute that specified the number of child nodes that will be fetched and displayed at a single time for each expanded parent node. Additional child nodes may be fetched and displayed by using the lateral navigation controls shown in the hierarchy viewer. The default value is 25.
4. Expand the **Hierarchy Viewer Data** section. Use this section to set the following attributes:
    - **Value:** Specify the data model for the hierarchy viewer. The data model can be an instance of `javax.faces.TreeModel`. You can also use the attribute's dropdown menu to choose the Expression Builder and select the binding or managed bean that contains the data model for the hierarchy viewer.

- **Var:** Specify the variable used to reference each element of the hierarchy viewer data collection. Once this component has completed rendering, this variable is removed or reverted back to its previous value.
- 5. Expand the **Appearance** section. Use this section to set the following attributes:
  - **Summary:** Enter a description of the hierarchy viewer. This description is accessed by screen reader users.
  - **EmptyText:** Specify the text to display when a hierarchy viewer does not display data.
- 6. Expand the **Behavior** section. Use this section to set the following attributes:
  - **ControlPanelBehavior:** Specify the behavior of the Control Panel. For more information, see [Section 31.8.3, "How to Configure the Display of the Control Panel."](#)
  - **Panning:** Specify panning behavior. The default value is `auto` for click and drag panning. You can also specify `none` to disable panning.

## 31.4 Managing Nodes in a Hierarchy Viewer

A node is a shape that represents the individual elements in a hierarchy viewer component at runtime. Examples of individual elements in a hierarchy viewer component include an employee in an organization chart or a computer in a network diagram. By default, each node in a hierarchy viewer component includes controls that allows users to do the following:

- Navigate to other nodes in a hierarchy viewer component
 

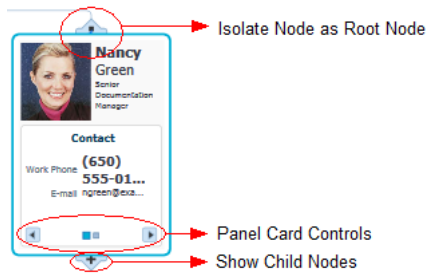
The top of each node contains a single **Restore** or **Isolate** button to either display the parent node or single out the node as the anchor node in the hierarchy viewer. One exception is the node at the very top of the hierarchy viewer component, because this node has no parent nodes and may not be isolated.
- Show or hide child nodes of the currently selected node in a hierarchy viewer component
 

The single **Show** or **Hide** button appears on the bottom of every node. When a user clicks one of these icons, the component generates a `RowDisclosureEvent` event. You can register a custom `rowDisclosureListener` method to handle any processing in response to the event in the same way as an `af:tree` component. For more information, see [Section 10.5.4, "What You May Need to Know About Programmatically Expanding and Collapsing Nodes."](#)

If you use a panel card to display different sets of information for the node that the hierarchy viewer component references, controls at the bottom of the node allow the user to change the information set in the active node. For more information, see [Section 31.7, "Using Panel Cards."](#)

[Figure 31–7](#) shows an example of a node with controls that allow an end user to isolate the node as the anchor node, show the child nodes, and change the node to show different sets of information in the active node. For information about how to configure the controls on a node, see [Section 31.4.2, "How to Configure the Controls on a Node."](#)

**Figure 31–7 Node Controls**



There are four basic types of nodes:

- *Root* nodes are the uppermost visible nodes in a hierarchy viewer component. A root node is always the root of the hierarchy returned from the tree component. Typically, only one root node is visible at a time. However, there could be more than one root node depending on the use case that you implement (for example, in a family tree).
- An *anchor* node is the node that has focus whenever the hierarchy viewer component is rendered. There is always just one anchor node visible.

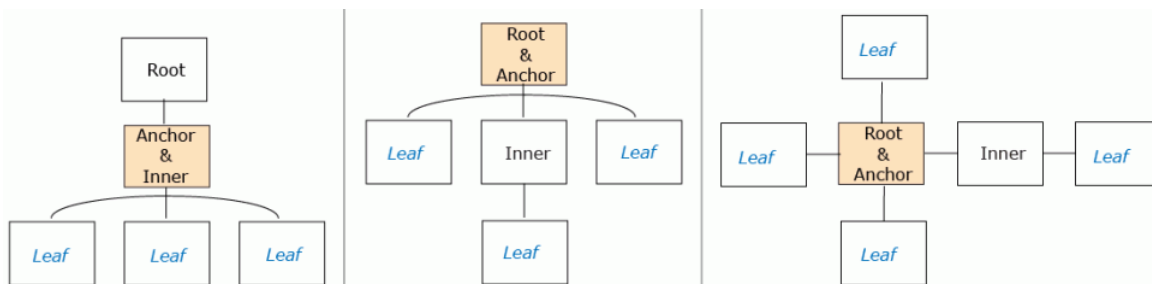
The anchor node may be the same as the root node if child nodes are defined for the tree node and if the value of the hierarchy viewer component's `displayLevelsAncestor` property is equal to 0. At runtime, if a user double-clicks another node that has a value specified for its `setAnchorListener` property, that node becomes the anchor node. An anchor node may also be an inner or leaf node, depending on whether or not it has child nodes. For information about how to specify an anchor node, see [Section 31.4.4, "How to Associate a Node Definition with a Particular Set of Data Rows."](#)

You can specify one or more ancestor levels above the anchor node. For more information, see [Section 31.4.5, "How to Specify Ancestor Levels for an Anchor Node."](#)

- *Inner* nodes are nodes that have child nodes.
- *Leaf* nodes are nodes that do not have child nodes.

[Figure 31–8](#) illustrates how a node can be a different type depending on the layout of the hierarchy viewer component.

**Figure 31–8 Node Types and Positions**



### 31.4.1 How to Specify Node Content

Although a node contains controls by default that allow you to navigate to a node and show or hide nodes, nodes do not by default include content. You must define what

content a node renders at runtime. You can specify node content in the hierarchy viewer's data model, or you can associate data bindings with the hierarchy viewer component as described in the "Creating Databound Hierarchy Viewers" section in the *Oracle Fusion Middleware Fusion Developer's Guide for Oracle Application Development Framework*.

By default, a hierarchy viewer component that you create contains one node with one facet element that has a zoom level of 100%:

```
<f:facet name="zoom100" />
```

You can insert three more instances of the facet element into the hierarchy viewer component with the following zoom levels:

- 25%: zoom25
- 50%: zoom50
- 75%: zoom75

Use these zoom level definitions to improve readability of node content when the hierarchy viewer is zoomed out to display more nodes and less display room is available in each node. You can define a subset of the available data collection within one or more of the facet elements. For example, if you have a data collection with node attributes that references data about a company department such as its name, location, and number, you can specify a facet element with a zoom level of 50% that references the node attribute for the department's name and number.

At runtime, when a user moves the mouse over a node at zoom levels less than 100%, a *hover window* displaying node content at zoom level 100% is automatically displayed, allowing the user to see the full information regardless of zoom level. The controls on the hover window are active when the node has been selected in the hierarchy viewer.

Each of the facet elements that you insert can be used to reference other components. You can use one or more of the following components when you define content for a node in a hierarchy viewer component. The node component facet's support the following components:

- af:commandButton
- af:commandImageLink
- af:commandLink
- af:commandMenuItem
- af:goButton
- af:goLink
- af:image

For information about how to use the af:image component, see [Section 31.8.2, "How to Include Images in a Hierarchy Viewer."](#)

- af:menu
- af:outputFormatted
- af:outputText
- af:panelFormLayout
- af:panelGroupLayout

For information about how to use the panelGroupLayout component, see [Section 8.16.1, "How to Use the panelGroupLayout Component."](#)

- `af:panelLabelAndMessage`
- `af:separator`
- `af:showDetailItem`
- `af:showPopupBehavior`

For information about how to use the `af:showPopupBehavior` component, see [Section 31.6.3, "Configuring a Hierarchy Viewer to Invoke a Popup Window."](#)

- `af:spacer`
- `dvt:panelCard`

For more information about how to use the `dvt:panelCard` component, see [Section 31.7, "Using Panel Cards."](#)

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**Note:** Unsupported components are flagged at design time.

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**To add a node to a hierarchy viewer component:**

1. In the Structure window, right-click the `dvt:hierarchyViewer` node and choose **Insert inside dvt:hierarchyViewer > Node**.

The following entry appears in the JSF page:

```
<dvt:node>
  <f:facet name="zoom100" />
</dvt:node>
```

2. In the Structure window, right-click the `dvt:node` and choose **Go to Properties**.
3. Configure the appropriate properties in the Property Inspector.

For example, set a value for the `shape` property to change a node's shape from the rounded rectangle default to an ellipse or rectangle. with an accessor:

### 31.4.2 How to Configure the Controls on a Node

The node component (`dvt:node`) exposes a number of properties that allow you to determine if controls such as Restore, Isolate, Show or Hide appear at runtime. It also exposes properties that determine the size and shape of the node at runtime.

**To configure the controls on a node:**

1. In the Structure window, right-click the `dvt:node` component and choose **Go to Properties**.
2. Configure properties in the **Appearance** section of the Property Inspector for the `dvt:node` component, as described in [Table 31–2](#).

**Table 31–2 Node Configuration Properties**

To do this:	Set the following value for this property:
Configure the Hide or Show controls to appear or not on a node.	Set <code>showExpandChildren</code> to <code>False</code> to hide the controls. By default the property is set to <code>True</code> .
Configure the Restore or Isolate controls to appear or not on the node.	Set the <code>showIsolate</code> property to <code>False</code> to hide these controls on the node. By default the property is set to <code>true</code> .



**Table 31–2 (Cont.) Node Configuration Properties**

To do this:	Set the following value for this property:
Configure the Navigate Up control to appear or not on the node.	Set the <code>showNavigateUp</code> property to <code>False</code> to hide this control on the node. By default the property is set to <code>true</code> .  If the <code>showNavigateUp</code> property is set to <code>true</code> , you must also set a value for the hierarchy viewer component's <code>navigateUpListener</code> property, as described in <a href="#">Section 31.5.1, "How to Configure Upward Navigation in a Hierarchy Viewer."</a>
Configure the height and width of a node.	Set values for the <code>width</code> and <code>height</code> properties.
Select the shape of the node.	Select a value from the <b>Shape</b> dropdown list. Available values are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ <code>ellipse</code></li> <li>■ <code>rect</code></li> <li>■ <code>roundedRect</code> (default)</li> </ul>

- For information about configuring the properties in the Style section of the Property Inspector for the node component, see [Section 20.4, "Changing the Style Properties of a Component."](#)

The hover detail window is automatically displayed when the user moves the mouse over the node at zoom levels less than 76%, reflecting the shape attribute set for the node. A node with the shape attribute `roundedRect`, for example, will have a detail window with the same attribute, as shown in [Figure 31–9](#).

You can disable the display of the detail window when hovering a node that is not at the 76-100% zoom level. For more information, see [Section 31.8.5, "How to Disable the Hover Detail Window."](#)

**Figure 31–9 Hover Window in Hierarchy Viewer Node**


### 31.4.3 How to Specify a Node Definition for an Accessor

By default, you associate a node component with an accessor when you use the Create Hierarchy Viewer dialog to create a hierarchy viewer component, as described in the

"Creating Databound Hierarchy Viewers" section in the *Oracle Fusion Middleware Fusion Developer's Guide for Oracle Application Development Framework*. The Create Hierarchy Viewer dialog sets the node component's `type` property to a specific accessor.

You can configure a node component's `type` property to use one or more specified accessors. Alternatively, you can configure a node component's `rendered` property to use a node definition across accessors, as described in [Section 31.4.4, "How to Associate a Node Definition with a Particular Set of Data Rows."](#) When the hierarchy viewer component determines which node definition to use for a particular data row, it first checks for a match on the `type` property:

- If the `type` property matches and the `rendered` property value is `true` (default), the hierarchy viewer component uses the node definition.
- If the `type` property does not match, the hierarchy viewer component checks for a value of the `rendered` property that evaluates to `true`. The result of evaluating the `rendered` property does not affect the `type` property.

### 31.4.4 How to Associate a Node Definition with a Particular Set of Data Rows

You can use a node component's `rendered` property to associate the node with a particular set of data rows or with a single data row. The `rendered` property accepts a boolean value so you can write an EL expression that evaluates to `true` or `false` to determine what data rows you associate with a node definition. For example, assume that you want a node to display data based on job title. You write an EL expression for the node component's `rendered` property similar to the following pseudo EL expression that evaluates to `true` when a job title matches the value you specify (in this example, CEO):

```
rendered="#{node.title == 'CEO'}"
```

When you use the node component's `rendered` property in this way, you do not define a value for the node component's `type` property.

### 31.4.5 How to Specify Ancestor Levels for an Anchor Node

The anchor node of a hierarchy viewer component is the root of the hierarchy returned by the tree binding. Depending on the use case, there can be multiple root nodes, for example, a hierarchy viewer component that renders an organization chart with one or more managers. When a hierarchy viewer component renders at runtime, the node that has focus is the anchor node. If a user double-clicks another node at runtime that has a value specified for its `setAnchorListener` property, that node becomes the anchor node.

You can configure the hierarchy viewer to display one or more levels above the anchor node, the ancestor levels. For example, if you search for an employee in a company, you may wish to display the chain of management above the employee. Specify ancestor levels using the `displayLevelsAncestor` property.

#### To specify the number of ancestor levels for an anchor node:

1. In the Structure window, right-click the `dvt:hierarchyViewer` node and choose **Go to Properties**.
2. Expand the **Common** section of the Property Inspector.
3. Specify the number of levels of ancestor nodes that you want to appear at runtime above the anchor node in the `displayLevelsAncestor` property.

For example, the following entry appears in the JSF page if you entered 2 as the number of ancestor levels for the anchor node.

```
displayLevelsAncestor="2"
```

4. Save changes to the JSF page.

## 31.5 Navigating in a Hierarchy Viewer

By default, a hierarchy viewer component has downward navigation configured for root and inner nodes. You can configure the hierarchy viewer component to enable upward navigation and to determine the number of nodes to appear when a user navigates between nodes on the same level.

For more information about node types, see [Section 31.4, "Managing Nodes in a Hierarchy Viewer."](#)

### 31.5.1 How to Configure Upward Navigation in a Hierarchy Viewer

If you want to configure upward navigation for a hierarchy view component, you configure a value for the hierarchy viewer component's `navigateUpListener` property.

**To configure upward navigation for a hierarchy viewer component:**

1. In the Structure window, select `dvt:hierarchyViewer` and choose **Go to Properties**.
2. In the Property Inspector, expand the **Behavior** section of the Property Inspector and write a value in the **NavigateUp** field for the hierarchy viewer component's `navigateUpListener` property that specifies a method to update the data model so that it references the new anchor node when the user navigates up to a new anchor node.

If you need help specifying a value, choose **Method Expression Builder** from the **Navigate Up** dropdown menu to enter the Method Expression Builder dialog. For help with the Method Expression Builder dialog, click **Help** or press F1.

3. Save the page.

### 31.5.2 How to Configure Same-Level Navigation in a Hierarchy Viewer

Same-level navigation between the nodes in a hierarchy viewer component is enabled by default. You can configure the hierarchy viewer component to determine how many nodes to display at a time. When you do this, controls appear that enable users to navigate to the following:

- Left or right to view the next set of nodes
- First or last set of nodes in the collection of available nodes

**To configure same-level navigation in a hierarchy viewer component:**

1. In the Structure window, right-click the `dvt:hierarchyViewer` node and select **Go to Properties**.
2. Expand the **Common** section of the Property Inspector and specify the number of nodes that you want to appear at runtime in the **Nodes Per Level** field (`levelFetchSize`).

For example, the following entry appears in the JSF page if you entered 3 as the number of nodes:

```
levelFetchSize="3"
```

3. Click OK.

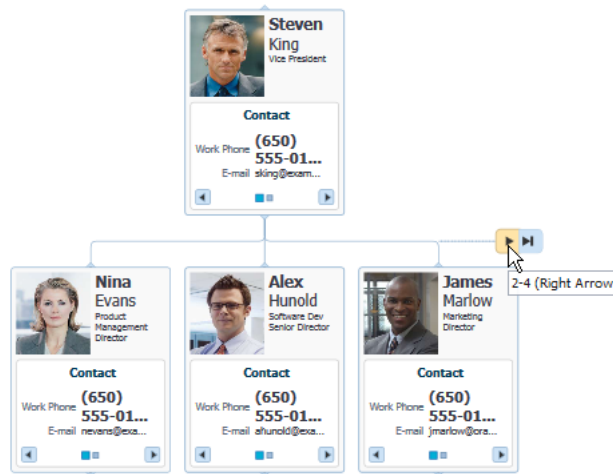
### 31.5.3 What Happens When You Configure Same-Level Navigation in a Hierarchy Viewer

At runtime, the hierarchy viewer component renders the number of nodes that you specified as a value for the hierarchy viewer component's `levelFetchSize` property. It also renders controls that allow users to do the following:

- Navigate to the left or right to view the next set of nodes
- Navigate to the first or last set of nodes in the collection of available nodes

Figure 31–10 shows a runtime example where `levelFetchSize="3"`. When a user moves the mouse over the control, the control that allows users to navigate to the last set of nodes appears.

**Figure 31–10 Hierarchy Viewer Component with Same-Level Navigation**



## 31.6 Adding Interactivity to a Hierarchy Viewer Component

You can configure a hierarchy viewer component to invoke popup windows and display menus with functionality and data from other pages in your Oracle Fusion web application.

### 31.6.1 How to Configure Panning

By default, panning in a hierarchy viewer is accomplished by clicking and dragging the component to reposition the view, or by using the panning control in the Control Panel.

You can disable the panning effect by setting the `panning` property to `none`.

### 31.6.2 How to Configure Node Selection Action

By default, clicking a hierarchy viewer node at runtime selects the node. You can customize this interaction by setting the `clickBehavior` attribute on the `dvt:node` component. Valid values for this property include:

- `focus` - The node receives focus and is selected when clicked (default).

- `expandCollapse` - Child node elements are either expanded or collapsed, depending on their current expansion state.
- `isolateRestore` - The node is either isolated or restored, depending on its current state.
- `none` - Clicking the node does nothing.

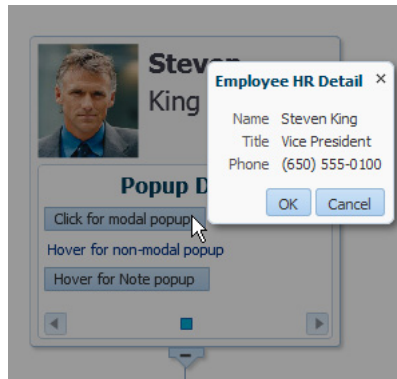
### 31.6.3 Configuring a Hierarchy Viewer to Invoke a Popup Window

You can invoke a popup window from a hierarchy viewer node by specifying values for the `af:showPopupBehavior` tag and invoking it from a command component, for example, `af:commandButton`. You must nest the command component that invokes the popup inside an `f:facet` element in a node of the hierarchy viewer component. The `triggerType` property of an `af:showPopupBehavior` tag used in this scenario supports only the following values:

- `action`
- `mouseHover`

For example, [Figure 31–11](#) shows a modal popup invoked from an **HR Detail** link in the node.

**Figure 31–11** Modal Popup in Hierarchy Viewer Node



[Example 31–2](#) shows sample code for creating the popup. In this example, the data for the hierarchy viewer is stored in the `XMLParser` managed bean.

#### **Example 31–2** Sample Code to Create the Popup

```
<af:popup id="modalPopup" contentDelivery="lazyUncached"
    eventContext="launcher" launcherVar="source">
  <af:setPropertyListener from="{XMLParser.employees.rowData}"
    to="{XMLParser.source}" type="popupFetch"/>
  <af:dialog title="Employee HR Detail" id="d2">
    <af:panelFormLayout id="pfl1">
      <af:panelLabelAndMessage label="Name" id="plam1">
        <af:outputText value="{XMLParser.source.firstName}"
          #{XMLParser.source.lastName}"
          id="ot1"/>
      </af:panelLabelAndMessage>
      <af:panelLabelAndMessage label="Title" id="plam2">
        <af:outputText value="{XMLParser.source.title}" id="ot2"/>
      </af:panelLabelAndMessage>
      <af:panelLabelAndMessage label="Phone" id="plam3">
        <af:outputText value="{XMLParser.source.workPhone}" id="ot3"/>
    </af:panelFormLayout>
  </af:dialog>
</af:popup>
```

```

        </af:panelLabelAndMessage>
    </af:panelFormLayout>
</af:dialog>
</af:popup>

```

**Example 31–3** shows sample code for the invoking the popup from a hierarchy viewer component. For brevity, elements such as `<af:panelGroupLayout>`, `<af:spacer>`, and `<af:separator>` are not included in the sample code.

**Example 31–3 Sample Code to Invoke Popup from Hierarchy Viewer Component**

```

<f:facet name="zoom100">
    ...
    <dvt:panelCard effect="slide_horz"
    ...
    <af:showDetailItem text="Popup Demo"
    ...
    <af:commandButton text="Click for modal popup" id="cb1">
        <af:showPopupBehavior popupId="::modalPopup"
            triggerType="action"
            align="endAfter"
            alignId="cb1"/>
    </af:commandButton>
    ...
    </showDetailItem>
</dvt:panelCard>
</f:facet>

```

For more information about using the `af:showPopupBehavior` tag, see [Section 13.4, "Invoking Popup Elements."](#)

### 31.6.4 Configuring Hierarchy Viewer Drag and Drop

Hierarchy viewers support the following drag and drop scenarios:

- Drag and drop one or more nodes within a hierarchy viewer
- Drag one or more nodes from a hierarchy viewer to another component
- Drag one or more items from another component to a hierarchy viewer

**Figure 31–12** shows a hierarchy viewer configured to allow drags and drops within itself. In this example, if you click and hold a node for more than one-half second, you can drag it to the background to make it another root in the hierarchy or drag it to another node to add it as a child of that node.

**Figure 31–12 Hierarchy Viewer Showing a Node Drag**

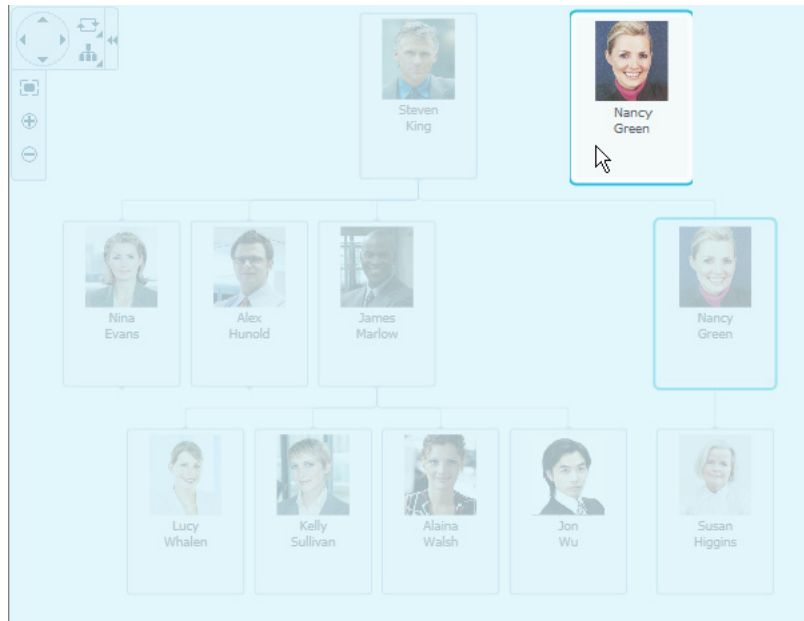
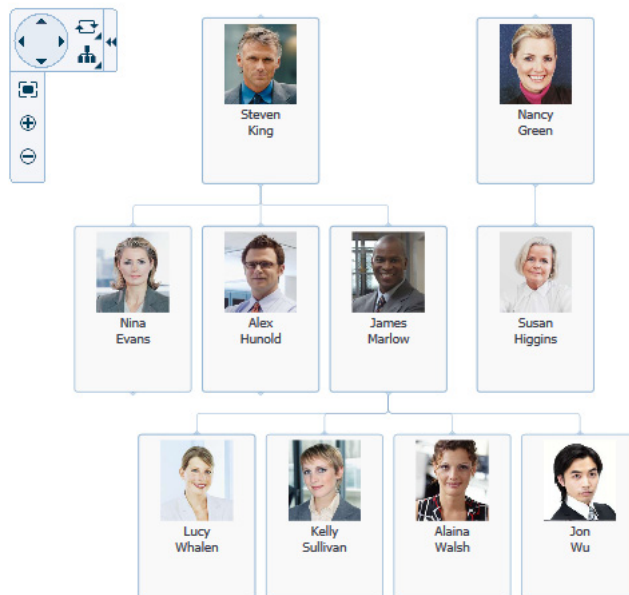


Figure 31–13 shows the result of a drag to the hierarchy viewer background. Nancy Green and her subordinate is now shown as a new tree in the hierarchy.

**Figure 31–13 Hierarchy Viewer After Node Drag to Background**



If you drag the node to another node, the dragged node and its children become the child of the targeted node. Figure 31–14 shows the result of the drag to the node containing the data for Nina Evans. Nancy Green and her subordinate are now shown as subordinates to Nina Evans.

**Figure 31–14 Hierarchy Viewer After Node Drag to Another Node**

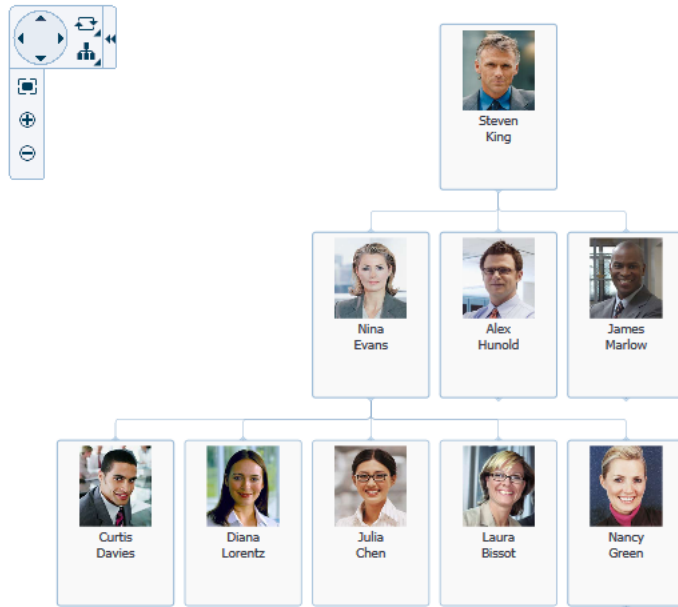


Figure 31–15 shows an example of the same hierarchy viewer configured to allow drops to or drags from an `af:outputFormatted` component. In this example, the user can drag one or more nodes to the drop text, and the text will change to indicate which node(s) the user dragged and which operation was performed. If the user drags from the drag text to a hierarchy viewer node or background, the text will change to indicate where the text was dragged and which operation was performed.

**Figure 31–15 Hierarchy Viewer Configured for Drag and Drop to Another Component**

**Hierarchy Viewer Drag and Drop Example**

- Click and hold on a node for more than one-half second to initiate the drag. Use Ctrl+Click to select multiple nodes.
- Drag one or more nodes from the hierarchy viewer to the drop text. The text will change to show which node(s) you dragged and the operation performed.
- Drag the drag text to one of the hierarchy viewer nodes or background. The text will change to show where you dropped it and the operation performed.

**Drop a node here**

**Drag this text onto a node or the hierarchy viewer background**



Figure 31–16 shows the same hierarchy viewer after the user dragged the nodes containing the data for James Marlow and Nina Evans to the drop text.

**Figure 31–16 Hierarchy Viewer After Multiple Node Drag**

**Hierarchy Viewer Drag and Drop Example**

- Click and hold on a node for more than one-half second to initiate the drag. Use Ctrl+Click to select multiple nodes.
- Drag one or more nodes from the hierarchy viewer to the drop text. The text will change to show which node(s) you dragged and the operation performed.
- Drag the drag text to one of the hierarchy viewer nodes or background. The text will change to show where you dropped it and the operation performed.

**Drag Operation:**  
Copy  
Nodes: Nina Evans, James Marlow

**Drag this text onto a node or the hierarchy viewer background**

**Steven King**  
Vice President  
Contact  
Work Phone (650) 555-0100  
Email sking@example....

**Nina Evans**  
Product Management Director  
Contact  
Work Phone (650) 555-0101  
Email nevans@exempl...

**Alex Hunold**  
Software Dev Senior Director  
Contact  
Work Phone (650) 555-0106  
Email ahunold@examp...

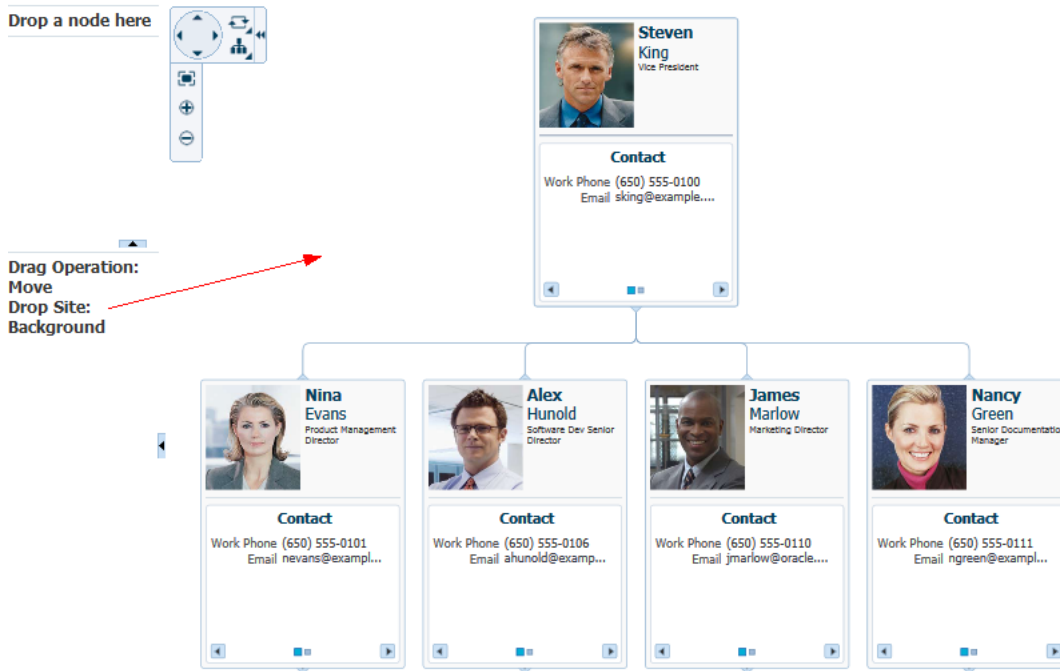
**James Marlow**  
Marketing Director  
Contact  
Work Phone (650) 555-0110  
Email jmarlow@oracle....

**Nancy Green**  
Senior Documentation Manager  
Contact  
Work Phone (650) 555-0111  
Email ngreen@exempl...

If the user drags from the drag text to a hierarchy viewer node or background, the text will change to indicate where the text was dragged and which operation was performed. Figure 31–17 shows the same hierarchy viewer after a user drags the text to the hierarchy viewer background.

**Figure 31–17 Hierarchy Viewer After Text Drag to Hierarchy Viewer Background****Hierarchy Viewer Drag and Drop Example**

- Click and hold on a node for more than one-half second to initiate the drag. Use Ctrl+Click to select multiple nodes.
- Drag one or more nodes from the hierarchy viewer to the drop text. The text will change to show which node(s) you dragged and the operation performed.
- Drag the drag text to one of the hierarchy viewer nodes or background. The text will change to show where you dropped it and the operation performed.

**31.6.4.1 How to Configure Hierarchy Viewer Drag and Drop**

To add drag support to a hierarchy viewer, which will allow components or other hierarchy viewers to drag nodes from it, add the `af:dragSource` tag to the hierarchy viewer and add the `af:dropTarget` tag to the component receiving the drag. The component receiving the drag must include the `org.apache.myfaces.trinidad.model.RowKeySet` data flavor as a child of the `af:dropTarget` and also define a `dropListener` method to respond to the drop event.

To add drop support to a hierarchy viewer, which will allow components or other hierarchy viewers to drag items to it, add the `af:dropTarget` tag to the hierarchy viewer and include the data flavors that the hierarchy viewer will support. Add a `dropListener` method to a managed bean that will respond to the drop event.

The following procedure shows how to set up a hierarchy as a simple drag source or drop target for the `af:outputFormatted` component shown in [Figure 31–15](#). For more detailed information about configuring drag and drop on ADF Faces or ADF Data Visualization components, see [Chapter 35, "Adding Drag and Drop Functionality."](#)

**Before you begin:**

It may be helpful to have an understanding of how hierarchy viewer attributes and hierarchy viewer child tags can affect functionality. For more information, see [Section 31.1.1, "Understanding the Hierarchy Viewer Component."](#)

You will need to complete these tasks:

- Add a hierarchy viewer to your page. For more information, see [Section 31.3.1, "How to Add a Hierarchy Viewer to a Page."](#)
- Create any additional components needed to support the drag and drop.

For example, the page in [Figure 31–15](#) uses an `af:panelGroupLayout` component containing `af:outputFormatted` and `af:panelList` components to provide instructions to the user. The page also uses an `af:panelSplitter` component to separate the drag and drop `af:outputFormatted` component text from the hierarchy viewer.

[Example 31–4](#) shows the completed page section for the additional components. The hierarchy viewer node details are omitted.

#### **Example 31–4 Sample Code for Hierarchy Viewer Drag and Drop Example**

```
<af:panelStretchLayout id="psl1" topHeight="auto" endWidth="auto">
  <f:facet name="top">
    <af:panelGroupLayout id="pgl1" layout="horizontal">
      <af:spacer width="10" height="10" id="s1"/>
      <af:panelGroupLayout id="pgl2">
        <af:outputFormatted value="Hierarchy Viewer Drag and Drop Example"
          id="of1"
          inlineStyle="font-size:small; font-weight:bold"/>
        <af:panelList id="pl1">
          <af:outputFormatted value="Click and hold on a node for more than
one-half second to initiate the drag. Use Ctrl+Click to select multiple nodes."
            id="of2" inlineStyle="font-size:x-small"/>
          <af:outputFormatted value="Drag one or more nodes from the hierarchy
viewer to the drop text. The text will change to show which node(s) you dragged
and the operation performed."
            id="of3"
            inlineStyle="font-size:x-small;"/>
          <af:outputFormatted value="Drag the drag text to one of the hierarchy
viewer nodes or background. The text will change to show where you dropped it and
the operation performed."
            id="of4"
            inlineStyle="font-size:x-small;"/>
        </af:panelList>
      </af:panelGroupLayout>
    </af:panelGroupLayout>
  </f:facet>
  <f:facet name="center">
    <af:panelSplitter id="ps1" orientation="horizontal"
      splitterPosition="125" positionedFromEnd="false"
      styleClass="AFStretchWidth">
      <f:facet name="first">
        <af:panelSplitter id="ps2" orientation="vertical">
          <f:facet name="first">
            <af:panelGroupLayout id="pgl3" layout="vertical">
              <af:separator id="s2"/>
              <af:outputFormatted value="#{hvBean.dropText}" id="of5"
                inlineStyle="font-size:small; font-weight:bold"
                clientComponent="true">
                <af:dropTarget dropListener="#{hvBean.fromDropListener}">
                  <af:dataFlavor
flavorClass="org.apache.myfaces.trinidad.model.RowKeySet"/>
                </af:dropTarget>
              </af:outputFormatted>
              <af:separator id="s3"/>
            </af:panelGroupLayout>
          </f:facet>
        </af:panelSplitter>
      </f:facet>
    <af:panelGroupLayout id="pgl4">
      <af:separator id="s4"/>
    </af:panelGroupLayout>
  </f:facet>
</af:panelStretchLayout>
```

```

        <af:outputFormatted value="#{hvBean.dragText}" id="of6"
                        inlineStyle="font-size:small; font-weight:bold;"
                        clientComponent="true">
            <af:componentDragSource/>
        </af:outputFormatted>
    </af:panelGroupLayout>
</f:facet>
</af:panelSplitter>
</f:facet>
<f:facet name="second">
    <dvt:hierarchyViewer id="hierarchyViewer1"
                      layout="hier_vert_top"
                      styleClass="AFStretchWidth" var="node"
                      value="#{XMLParser.employees}"
                      contentDelivery="immediate"
                      detailWindow="none"
                      summary="Hierarchy Viewer Drag and Drop Example"
                      controlPanelBehavior="initExpanded"
                      navigateUpListener="#{XMLParser.doNavigateUp}">
<dvt:link linkType="orthogonalRounded" id="l1"/>
<dvt:node width="233" height="330" id="n1"
          setAnchorListener="#{XMLParser.doSetAnchor}"
          showNavigateUp="#{node.topNode == false}"
          showExpandChildren="#{node.hasChildren}">
    <f:facet name="zoom100">
        .... remaining node details omitted
    <af:dragSource actions="COPY LINK MOVE" defaultAction="COPY"/>
    <af:dropTarget dropListener="#{hvBean.toDropListener}"
                  actions="COPY MOVE LINK">
        <af:dataFlavor flavorClass="java.lang.Object"/>
    </af:dropTarget>
    </dvt:hierarchyViewer>
</f:facet>
</af:panelSplitter>
</f:facet>
</af:panelStretchLayout>

```

For additional information about `af:outputFormatted` components, see [Chapter 16, "Using Output Components."](#) For help with the `af:panelGroupLayout` component or other page layout components, see [Chapter 8, "Organizing Content on Web Pages."](#)

### To configure hierarchy viewer drag and drop:

1. To configure a hierarchy viewer as a drop target, in the Component Palette, from the Operations panel, drag a **Drop Target** tag and drop it as a child to the hierarchy viewer.
2. In the **Insert Drop Target** dialog, enter the name of the drop listener or use the dropdown menu to choose **Edit** to add a drop listener method to the hierarchy viewer's managed bean. Alternatively, use the dropdown menu to choose **Expression Builder** and enter an EL Expression for the drop listener.

For example, to add a method named `toDropListener()` on a managed bean named `hvBean`, choose **Edit**, select **hvBean** from the dropdown menu, and click **New** on the right of the **Method** field to create the `toDropListener()` method.

[Example 31–5](#) shows the sample drop listener and supporting methods for the hierarchy viewer displayed in [Figure 31–15](#).

**Example 31–5 Sample Drop Listener for a Hierarchy Viewer**

```

// imports needed by methods
import java.util.Map;
import oracle.adf.view.rich.dnd.DnDAction;
import oracle.adf.view.rich.event.DropEvent;
import oracle.adf.view.rich.datatransfer.DataFlavor;
import oracle.adf.view.rich.datatransfer.Transferable;
import org.apache.myfaces.trinidad.context.RequestContext;
import org.apache.myfaces.trinidad.render.ClientRowKeyManager;
import javax.faces.context.FacesContext;
import oracle.adf.view.faces.bi.component.hierarchyViewer.UIHierarchyViewer;
import javax.faces.component.UIComponent;
// variables need by methods
private String dragText = "Drag this text onto a node or the hierarchy viewer
background";
// drop listener
public DnDAction toDropListener(DropEvent event) {
    Transferable transferable = event.getTransferable();
    DataFlavor<Object> dataFlavor = DataFlavor.getDataFlavor(Object.class);
    Object transferableObj = transferable.getData(dataFlavor);
    if(transferableObj == null)
        return DnDAction.NONE;
    // Build up the string that reports the drop information
    StringBuilder sb = new StringBuilder();
    // Start with the proposed action
    sb.append("Drag Operation: ");
    DnDAction proposedAction = event.getProposedAction();
    if(proposedAction == DnDAction.COPY) {
        sb.append("Copy<br>");
    }
    else if(proposedAction == DnDAction.LINK) {
        sb.append("Link<br>");
    }
    else if(proposedAction == DnDAction.MOVE) {
        sb.append("Move<br>");
    }
    // Then add the rowKeys of the nodes that were dragged
    UIComponent dropComponent = event.getDropComponent();
    Object dropSite = event.getDropSite();
    if(dropSite instanceof Map) {
        String clientRowKey = (String) ((Map) dropSite).get("clientRowKey");
        Object rowKey = getRowKey(dropComponent, clientRowKey);
        sb.append("Drop Site: ");
        if(rowKey != null) {
            sb.append("Node: ");
            sb.append(getLabel(dropComponent, rowKey));
        }
        else {
            sb.append("Background");
        }
    }
    // Update the output text
    this._dragText = sb.toString();
    RequestContext.getCurrentInstance().addPartialTarget(event.getDragComponent());
    return event.getProposedAction();
}
private String getLabel(UIComponent component, Object rowKey) {
    // save the current rowkey because we will lose this state in the for-loop
    // when we setRowKey and then get the rowData
    UIXHierarchy hierarchy = (UIXHierarchy)component;

```

```

Object savedKey = hierarchy.getRowKey();

try
{
    if(component instanceof UIHierarchyViewer) {
        UIHierarchyViewer hv = (UIHierarchyViewer) component;
        hv.setRowKey(rowKey);
        Employee rowData = (Employee) hv.getRowData();
        return rowData.getFirstName() + " " + rowData.getLastName();
    }
}
finally {
    hierarchy.setRowKey(savedKey);
}
return null;
}

private Object getRowKey(UIComponent component, String clientRowKey) {
    if(component instanceof UIHierarchyViewer) {
        UIHierarchyViewer hv = (UIHierarchyViewer) component;
        ClientRowKeyManager crkm = hv.getClientRowKeyManager();
        return crkm.getRowKey(FacesContext.getCurrentInstance(), component,
clientRowKey);
    }
    return null;
}

public String getDragText() {
    return _dragText;
}
}

```

---

**Note:** This method references an `Employee` class that defines the attributes for the hierarchy viewer. If your hierarchy viewer uses a different class, substitute the name of that class instead.

If you want to look at the source code for the `Employee` class used in this example, you can find the source code for it and other supporting classes in the ADF Faces demo application. For more information about the demo application, see [Section 1.4, "ADF Faces Demonstration Application."](#)

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3. Click OK to enter the **Insert Data Flavor** dialog.
  4. In the **Insert Data Flavor** dialog, enter the object that the drop target will accept. Alternatively, use the dropdown menu to navigate through the object hierarchies and choose the desired object.
- For example, to allow the `af:outputFormatted` component to drag text to the hierarchy viewer, enter `java.lang.Object` in the **Insert Data Flavor** dialog.
5. In the Structure window, right-click the `af:dropTarget` component and choose **Go to Properties**.
  6. In the Property Inspector, in the **Actions** field, enter a list of the operations that the drop target will accept, separated by spaces. Allowable values are: `COPY`, `MOVE`, or `LINK`. If you do not specify a value, the drop target will use `COPY`.

For example, enter the following in the **Actions** field to allow all operations:

```
COPY MOVE LINK
```

7. To use the hierarchy viewer as the drop target, do the following:
  1. In the Component Palette, from the Operations panel, drag and drop a **Drag Source** tag as a child to the component that will be the source of the drag.  
For example, drag and drop a **Drag Source** tag as a child to an `af:outputFormatted` component.
  2. In the component's value field, reference the public variable that you created in the drop listener for the hierarchy viewer in Step 2.  
For example, for a drop listener named `toDropListener()` and a variable named `dropText`, enter the following in the component's Value field:  

```
#{hvBean.dropText}
```
8. To configure the hierarchy viewer as a drag source, in the Component Palette, from the Operations panel, drag and drop a **Drag Source** tag as a child to the hierarchy viewer.
9. In the Property Inspector, in the **Actions** field, enter a list of the operations that the drop target will accept, separated by spaces. Allowable values are: `COPY`, `MOVE`, or `LINK`.  
For example, enter the following in the **Actions** field to allow all operations:  

```
COPY MOVE LINK
```
10. To specify the default action that the drag source will support, use the **DefaultAction** attribute's dropdown menu to choose `COPY`, `MOVE`, or `LINK`.  
The hierarchy viewer in the drag and drop example in [Figure 31-15](#) uses `MOVE` as the default action.
11. To make another component the drop target for drags from the hierarchy viewer, do the following:
  1. In the Component Palette, from the Operations panel, drag and drop a **Drop Target** onto the component that will receive the drop.  
For example, the page in the drag and drop example in [Figure 31-15](#) contains an `af:outputFormatted` component that displays the results of the drop.
  2. In the **Insert Drop Target** dialog, enter the name of the drop listener or use the dropdown menu to choose **Edit** to add a drop listener method to the appropriate managed bean. Alternatively, use the dropdown menu to choose **Expression Builder** and enter an EL Expression for the drop listener.  
For example, to add a method named `fromDropListener()` on a managed bean named `hvBean`, choose **Edit**, select **hvBean** from the dropdown menu, and click **New** on the right of the **Method** field to create the `fromDropListener()` method.  
[Example 31-6](#) shows the sample drop listener for the hierarchy viewer displayed in [Figure 31-15](#). This example uses the same imports and helper methods used in, and they are not included here.

**Example 31-6 Sample Drop Listener for a Component Using a Hierarchy Viewer as a Drag Source**

```
// Additional import needed for listener
import org.apache.myfaces.trinidad.model.RowKeySet;
// Variables needed by method
private String dropText = "Drop a node here";
```

```

// Drop listener
public DnDAction fromDropListener(DropEvent event) {
    Transferable transferable = event.getTransferable();
    DataFlavor<RowKeySet> dataFlavor = DataFlavor.getDataFlavor(RowKeySet.class);
    RowKeySet rowKeySet = transferable.getData(dataFlavor);
    if(rowKeySet == null || rowKeySet.getSize() <= 0)
        return DnDAction.NONE;
    // Build up the string that reports the drop information
    StringBuilder sb = new StringBuilder();
    // Start with the proposed action
    sb.append("Drag Operation: ");
    DnDAction proposedAction = event.getProposedAction();
    if(proposedAction == DnDAction.COPY) {
        sb.append("Copy<br>");
    }
    else if(proposedAction == DnDAction.LINK) {
        sb.append("Link<br>");
    }
    else if(proposedAction == DnDAction.MOVE) {
        sb.append("Move<br>");
    }
    // Then add the rowKeys of the nodes that were dragged
    sb.append("Nodes: ");
    UIComponent dragComponent = event.getDragComponent();
    for(Object rowKey : rowKeySet) {
        sb.append(getLabel(dragComponent, rowKey));
        sb.append(", ");
    }
    // Remove the trailing ,
    sb.setLength(sb.length()-2);
    // Update the output text
    this.dropText = sb.toString();
    RequestContext.getCurrentInstance().addPartialTarget(event.getDropComponent());
    return event.getProposedAction();
}

```

3. Click OK to enter the **Insert Data Flavor** dialog.

4. In the **Insert Data Flavor** dialog, enter `org.apache.myfaces.trinidad.model.RowKeySet`.

For example, to allow the `af:outputFormatted` component to drag text to the hierarchy viewer, enter `org.apache.myfaces.trinidad.model.RowKeySet` in the **Insert Data Flavor** dialog.

5. In the Structure window, right-click the `af:dropTarget` component and choose **Go to Properties**.

6. In the Property Inspector, in the **Actions** field, enter a list of the operations that the drop target will accept, separated by spaces. Allowable values are: `COPY`, `MOVE`, or `LINK`. If you do not specify a value, the drop target will use `COPY`.

For example, enter the following in the **Actions** field to allow all operations:

```
COPY MOVE LINK
```

7. In the component's value field, reference the public variable that you created in the drop listener for the treemap or sunburst in Step 2.

For example, for a drop listener named `fromDropListener()` and a variable named `dragText`, enter the following in the component's **Value** field:



```
#{hvBean.dragText}
```

### 31.6.4.2 What You May Need to Know About Configuring Hierarchy Viewer Drag and Drop

You can disable the ability to drag a node by setting its `draggable` attribute to `no`.

## 31.7 Using Panel Cards

You can use the panel card component in conjunction with the hierarchy viewer component to hold different sets of information for the nodes that the hierarchy viewer component references. The panel card component is an area inside the node element that can include one or more `af:showDetailItem` elements.

Each of the `af:showDetailItem` elements references a set of content. For example, a hierarchy viewer component that renders an organization chart would include a node for employees in the organization. This node could include a panel card component that references contact information using an `af:showDetailItem` element and another `af:showDetailItem` element that references salary information.

A panel card component displays the content referenced by one `af:showDetailItem` element at runtime. The panel card component renders navigation buttons and other controls that allow the user to switch between the sets of data referenced by `af:showDetailItem` elements. The controls that allow users to switch between different sets of data can be configured with optional transitional effects. For example, you can configure a panel card to horizontally slide between one set of data referenced by an `af:showDetailItem` element to another set of data referenced by another `af:showDetailItem` element.

### 31.7.1 How to Create a Panel Card

You can insert a panel card component into the JSF page that renders the hierarchy viewer component by using the context menu that appears when you select the Facet zoom element in the Structure window for the JSF page.

#### To create a panel card:

1. In the Structure window, right-click the zoom level within the node where you want to create a panel card.  
For example, select **f:facet - zoom100**.
2. If the selected facet does not already contain a `panelGroupLayout` component, select **Insert inside f:facet - zoomlevel > Panel Group Layout** to create a container for the panel card.
3. Use the Property Inspector to configure the properties of the `panelGroupLayout` component.

For help with configuring the `panelGroupLayout` component, see [Section 8.16.1, "How to Use the panelGroupLayout Component."](#)

4. In the Structure window, right-click the **af:panelGroupLayout** node and select **Insert inside af:panelGroupLayout > Panel Card** to create the panel card.
5. Use the Property Inspector to configure the panel card's properties.

For example, set a value for the **Effect** property for the panel card component. Valid values are:

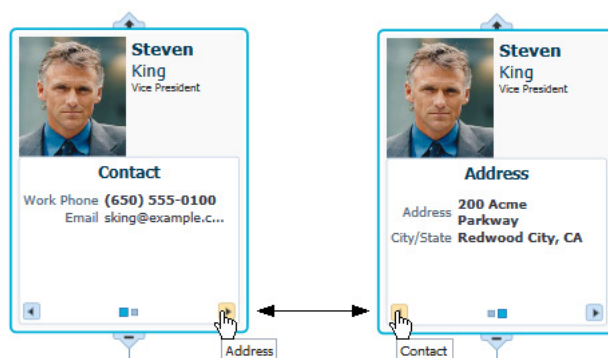
- `slide_horz` (default)  
Old content slides out on one side while new content slides in from the other side.
  - `immediate`  
Content displays immediately with no transition effect.
  - `node_flip_horz`  
The entire node flips over to reveal new contents.
  - `flip_horz`  
The `showDetailItem` flips over to reveal new contents.
6. In the Structure window, right-click the `dvt:panelCard` node and choose **Insert inside dvt:panelCard > Show Detail Item**.
  7. Use the Property Inspector to configure the properties of the `af:showDetailItem` elements that you insert.
  8. Repeat Step 6 and Step 7 for each set of content that you want the panel card to display.

### 31.7.2 What Happens at Runtime When a Panel Card Component Is Rendered

At runtime, a node appears and displays one panel card component. Users can click the navigation buttons at the bottom of the panel card to navigate to the next set of content referenced by one of the panel card's `af:showDetailItem` child elements.

Figure 31–18 shows a node with a panel card component where two different `af:showDetailItem` child elements reference different sets of information (Contact and Address). The controls in the example include arrows to slide through the panel cards as well as buttons to directly select the panel card to display. Tooltips display for both control options.

**Figure 31–18 Runtime View of a Node with a Panel Card**



## 31.8 Customizing the Appearance of a Hierarchy Viewer

You can customize the hierarchy viewer component size and appearance including adding images, configuring the display of the control panel, and customizing links and labels.

You can change the appearance of your hierarchy viewer component by changing skins and component style attributes, as described in [Chapter 20, "Customizing the Appearance Using Styles and Skins."](#)

### 31.8.1 How to Adjust the Size of a Hierarchy Viewer

You can adjust the size of the hierarchy viewer component by setting values for a number of the hierarchy viewer component's attributes using the Property Inspector.

By default, the size of a hierarchy viewer is configured to fit the width of the available space using the `AFStretchWidth` style setting for its `styleClass` attribute. You can add or modify this setting by configuring values in the **Style** section of the Property Inspector.

#### To adjust the size of a hierarchy viewer:

1. In the Structure window for the JSF page that contains the hierarchy viewer component, select the `dvt:hierarchyViewer` node and choose **Go to Properties**.
2. In the Property Inspector, to use a predefined style class to specify width or height, enter the style name in the **StyleClass** attribute or choose **Edit** from the attribute's dropdown menu to select one or more of the predefined styles.
3. To enter specific values for width or height, enter values for the `InlineStyle` attribute:

- width

Enter a value in percent (%) or pixels (px). You do not need to enter a value to set the hierarchy viewer's width to 100% as its style attribute is automatically set to `AFStretchWidth`.

- height

Write a value in percent (%) or pixels (px). The default value for height is 600px.

The final value that you enter for the `InlineStyle` property must use this syntax:

```
width:75%;height:600px;
```

4. Save changes to the JSF page.

For more information about applying styles and skins, see [Chapter 20, "Customizing the Appearance Using Styles and Skins."](#)

### 31.8.2 How to Include Images in a Hierarchy Viewer

You can configure a hierarchy viewer component to display images in the nodes of a hierarchy viewer component at runtime. This can be useful where, for example, you want pictures to appear in an organization chart. Insert an `af:image` component with the source attribute bound to the URL of the desired image. The following code example renders an image from a file that is named with the value for the person's ID and is stored in the images directory.

```
<af:panelGroupLayout>
  <af:image source="#{node.PersonId}.png"
    inlineStyle="width:64px;height:90px;" />
</af:panelGroupLayout>
```

For more information about the `af:panelGroupLayout` component, see [Section 8.16.1, "How to Use the panelGroupLayout Component."](#)

### 31.8.3 How to Configure the Display of the Control Panel

You can configure the hierarchy viewer component so that the Control Panel described in [Section 31.1.2, "Hierarchy Viewer Elements and Terminology,"](#) acts as follows when the hierarchy viewer component renders at runtime:

- Appears in an expanded or show state
- Appears in a collapsed or hidden state
- Does not appear to users

#### To configure the display of the Control Panel:

1. In the Structure window, right-click the `dvt:hierarchyViewer` node and choose **Go to Properties**.
2. Expand the **Appearance** section and select one of the following values from the **ControlPanelBehavior** dropdown list:
  - `hidden`  
Select this value if you do not want the Control Panel to appear at runtime.
  - `initCollapsed`  
This is the default value. The Control Panel appears in a collapsed or hidden state at runtime.
  - `initExpanded`  
Select this value if you want the Control Panel to appear in an expanded or show state at runtime.
3. Save changes to the JSF page.

### 31.8.4 How to Configure the Display of Links and Labels

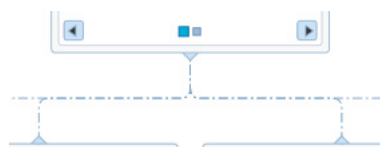
In a hierarchy viewer the relationships between nodes are represented by lines that link the nodes. The links can be configured to include labels. [Figure 31–19](#) illustrates links and labels in a hierarchy viewer.

**Figure 31–19 Hierarchy Viewer Links and Labels**



You can customize the appearance of links and labels by setting properties of the `dvt:link` element in a hierarchy viewer. [Figure 31–20](#) illustrates links with a `dashDot` value set for the `linkStyle` attribute.

**Figure 31–20 Links with dashDot Link Style**



**To customize the display of links and labels:**

1. In the Structure window, right-click the **dvt:link** node and choose **Go to Properties**.
2. In the Property Inspector, set the following attributes to customize the appearance of links between nodes in a hierarchy viewer as desired:
  - `linkStyle` - Sets the style of the link, for example, dotted or dashed line.
  - `linkColor` - Sets the color of the link.
  - `linkWidth` - Sets the width of the link, in pixels.
  - `linkType` - Sets the type of link, for example, direct line or smooth curved line fitted to what would have been a single right angle.
  - `endConnectorType` - Sets the style of the link connection end to `none` (default) or `arrowOpen`.
3. Also in the Property Inspector, enter text for the label associated with the link in the `label` property.

Alternatively, specify an EL expression to stamp out the link label based on the child node. For example, write an EL expression similar to the following where the `node var` attribute refers to the child node associated with the link.

```
label="{node.relationship}"
```

4. Optionally, also in the Property Inspector, use the `rendered` property to stamp the link for a particular relationship between nodes. The property accepts a boolean value so you can write an EL expression that evaluates to `true` or `false` to determine if the link represents the relationship. For example, assume that you want a link to display based on reporting relationship. You write an EL expression for the link component's `rendered` property similar to the following EL expression that evaluates to `true` when the relationship matches the value you specify (in this example, `CONSULTANT`):

```
rendered="{node.relationship == 'CEO'"}
```

### 31.8.5 How to Disable the Hover Detail Window

By default, the hover window automatically displays when the zoom level is less than 76%. If your hierarchy viewer uses popups, the hover window can interfere with the popup display. You can use the hierarchy viewer `detailWindow` attribute to turn off the hover window display.

**To disable the hierarchy viewer hover window:**

1. In the Structure window, right-click the **dvt:hierarchyViewer** node and choose **Go to Properties**.
2. In the Property Inspector, expand the **Behavior** section and select one of the following values from the **DetailWindow** dropdown list:
  - `auto`  
This is the default value. The hover window is always enabled.
  - `none`  
Select this value if you do not want to enable the hover window.

## 31.8.6 What You May Need to Know About Skinning and Customizing the Appearance of a Hierarchy Viewer

Hierarchy viewers also support skinning to customize the color and font styles for the top level components as well as the nodes, buttons, and links. In addition, you can use skinning to define the styles for a hierarchy viewer when the user hovers the mouse over or selects a navigation button.

[Example 31-7](#) shows the skinning key for a hierarchy viewer configured to show the border color of the panel card's navigation button in black when the user selects it.

### **Example 31-7 Using a Skinning Key to Change Panel Card Navigation Button When Selected**

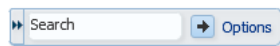
```
af|dvt-panelCard::navigation-button:active
{
    -tr-border-color:#000000;
}
```

For the complete list of hierarchy viewer skinning keys, see the *Oracle Fusion Middleware Data Visualization Tools Tag Reference for Oracle ADF Faces Skin Selectors*. For additional information about customizing your application using skins, see [Chapter 20, "Customizing the Appearance Using Styles and Skins."](#)

## 31.9 Adding Search to a Hierarchy Viewer

The hierarchy viewer search functionality looks through the data structure of the hierarchy viewer and presents matches in a scrollable list. Users can double-click a search result to display the matching node as the anchor node in the hierarchy viewer. When enabled, a search panel is displayed in the upper right-hand corner of the hierarchy viewer, and results are displayed below the search panel. [Figure 31-21](#) shows a sample search panel.

**Figure 31-21 Hierarchy Viewer Search Panel**



[Figure 31-22](#) shows sample search results.

**Figure 31–22 Hierarchy Viewer Sample Search Results**

### 31.9.1 How to Configure Searching in a Hierarchy Viewer

Add the `dvt:search` tag as a child of the `dvt:hierarchyViewer` tag to enable searching, and `dvt:searchResults` as a child of `dvt:search` to specify how to handle the results.

#### To configure search in a hierarchy viewer:

1. In the Structure window, right-click the `dvt:hierarchyViewer` node and choose **Insert inside dvt:hierarchyViewer > dvt:search**.
2. In the Property Inspector, set the following attributes to configure the search functionality:
  - `value`: Specify the variable to hold the search text.
  - `actionListener`: Enter the listener called to perform the search.
  - `initialBehavior`: Specify how the search panel is initially displayed. Valid values are `initCollapsed` for initially collapsed, `initExpanded` for initially expanded, or `hidden` for completely hidden from view.
3. Optionally, add a `f:facet` with a value of `name="end"` to specify a component that will launch an advanced search outside of the hierarchy viewer component. This facet should contain only a single component, for example `af:commandLink`, to launch a comprehensive search of a data set. For more information, see [Section 12.4, "Using the query Component."](#)
4. In the Structure window, right-click the `dvt:search` node and choose **Insert inside dvt:search > dvt:searchResults**.
5. In the Property Inspector, set the following attributes to configure the display of the search results:
  - `value`: Specify the search results data model. This must be an instance of `oracle.adf.view.faces.bi.model.DataModel`.
  - `var`: Enter the name of the EL variable used to reference each element of the hierarchy viewer collection. Once this component has completed rendering, this variable is removed, or reverted back, to its previous value.

- `varStatus`: Enter the name of the EL variable used to reference the `varStatus` information. Once this component has completed rendering, this variable is removed, or reverted back, to its previous value.
  - `resultListener`: Specify a reference to an action listener that will be called after a row in the search results is selected.
  - `emptyText`: Specify the text to display when no results are returned.
  - `fetchSize`: Specify the number of result rows to fetch at a time.
6. In the Structure window, right-click the `dvt:searchResults` node and select **Insert inside dvt:searchResults**, then select **ADF Faces**, then select **af:setPropertyListener**.
  7. In the Property Inspector, set the following attributes to map the search results node from the results model to the corresponding hierarchy viewer model:
    - `from`: Specify the source of the value, a constant or an EL expression.
    - `to`: Specify the target of the value.
    - `type`: Choose `action` as the value.
  8. In the Structure window, right-click the `dvt:searchResults` node and choose **Insert inside dvt:searchResults > f:facet** with a value of `name="content"`.
  9. In the Structure window, right-click the `f:facet` `content` node and do the following to specify the components to stamp out the search results:
    - Insert an ADF Faces `af:panelGroupLayout` element to wrap the output of the search results.
    - Insert the ADF Faces output components to display the search results. For example:

```
<af:outputText value="#{resultRow.Lastname}" id="ot1"
  inlineStyle="color:blue;"/>
<af:outputText value="#{resultRow.Firstname}" id="ot2"/>
```

Each stamped row references the current row using the `var` attribute of the `dvt:searchResults` tag.

[Example 31-8](#) shows sample code for configuring search in a hierarchy viewer.

#### **Example 31-8 Sample Hierarchy Viewer Search Code**

```
<dvt:hierarchyViewer id="shv" styleClass="AFStretchWidth"
  controlPanelBehavior="initExpanded"
  var="node" detailWindow="none"
  value="#{XMLParser.employees}"
  contentDelivery="immediate"
  navigateUpListener="#{XMLParser.doNavigateUp}">
  <dvt:search id="searchId" value="#{XMLParser.searchText}"
    actionListener="#{XMLParser.doSearch}"
    initialBehavior="initExpanded">
    <f:facet name="end">
      <af:commandLink text="Options" id="cl1">
        <af:showPopupBehavior popupId="::mypop"
          triggerType="action"/>
      </af:commandLink>
    </f:facet>
  <dvt:searchResults id="searchResultId"
    emptyText="Text not found" fetchSize="10"
```



```

        value="#{XMLParser.results}"
        resultListener="#{XMLParser.doResultAction}"
        var="resultRow">
<af:setPropertyListener from="#{resultRow.employee.personId}"
        to="#{XMLParser.selectedId}"
        type="action" />
<f:facet name="content">
  <af:panelGroupLayout layout="vertical" halign="start"
    inlineStyle="width:200px" id="pgl15">
    <af:panelGroupLayout layout="horizontal" id="pgl16">
      <af:image source="/resources/images/hv/NoseCreature.png"
        inlineStyle="width:16px;height:16px"
        id="i7" />
      <af:outputText value="#{resultRow.employee.lastName},"
        id="ot0" />
      <af:outputText value="#{resultRow.employee.firstName}"
        id="ot1" />
    </af:panelGroupLayout>
    <af:panelGroupLayout layout="horizontal"
      id="pgl17"
      styleClass="AFStretchWidth">
      <af:spacer width="20" id="s9" />
      <af:outputText value="#{resultRow.matchingAttribute}:"
        id="ot2"
        inlineStyle="font-style:italic; font-size:10px;" />
      <af:outputFormatted value="#{resultRow.matchingHtml}"
        id="ot3"
        inlineStyle="color:Gray;" />
    </af:panelGroupLayout>
  </af:panelGroupLayout>
</f:facet>
</dvt:searchResults>
</dvt:search>

```

### 31.9.2 What You May Need to Know About Configuring Search in a Hierarchy Viewer

Search in a hierarchy viewer is based on the searchable attributes or columns of the data collection that is the basis of the hierarchy viewer data model. Using a query results collection defined in data controls in Oracle ADF, JDeveloper makes this a declarative task. For more information, see the "How to Create a Databound Search in a Hierarchy Viewer" section in the *Oracle Fusion Middleware Fusion Developer's Guide for Oracle Application Development Framework*.



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## Using Treemap and Sunburst Components

This chapter describes how to use the ADF Data Visualization treemap and sunburst components to display hierarchical data in treemaps and sunbursts using simple UI-first development. The chapter defines the data requirements, tag structure, and options for customizing the look and behavior of the components.

If your application uses the Fusion technology stack, then you can also use data controls to create treemaps and sunbursts. For more information, see the "Creating Databound Treemaps and Sunbursts" section in the *Oracle Fusion Middleware Fusion Developer's Guide for Oracle Application Development Framework*.

This chapter includes the following sections:

- [Section 32.1, "Introduction to Treemaps and Sunbursts"](#)
- [Section 32.2, "Using the Treemap and Sunburst Components"](#)
- [Section 32.3, "Adding Data to Treemap and Sunburst Components"](#)
- [Section 32.4, "Customizing Treemap and Sunburst Display Elements"](#)
- [Section 32.5, "Adding Interactive Features to Treemaps and Sunbursts"](#)

### 32.1 Introduction to Treemaps and Sunbursts

Use *treemaps* and *sunbursts* to display quantitative hierarchical data across two dimensions, represented visually by size and color. For example, you can use a treemap or sunburst to display quarterly regional sales and to identify sales trends, using the size of the node to indicate each region's sales volume and the node's color to indicate whether that region's sales increased or decreased over the quarter.

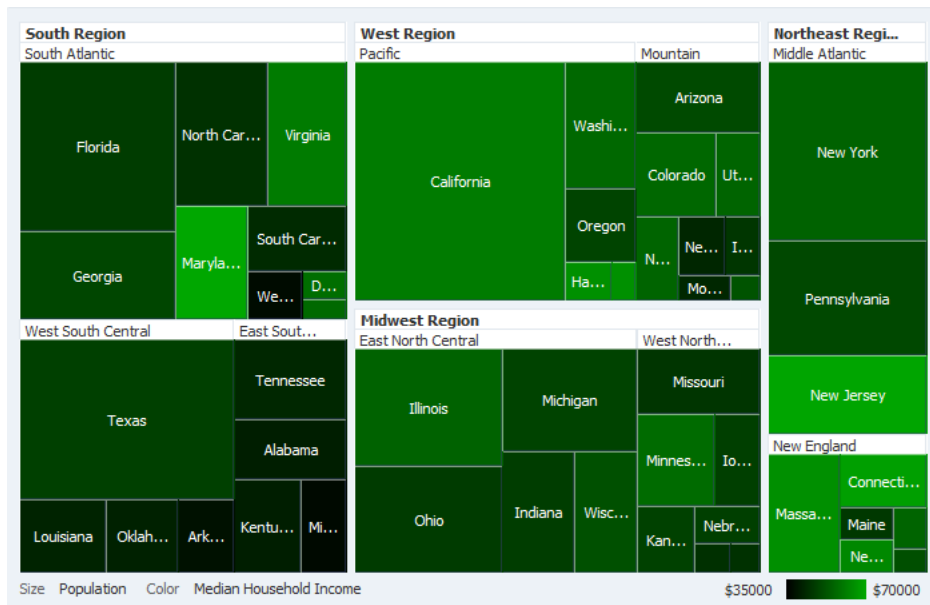
Treemaps and sunbursts use a shape called a *node* to reference the data in the hierarchy. The appearance and content of the nodes is configurable at each level of the hierarchy.

#### 32.1.1 Treemap and Sunburst Use Cases and Examples

Treemaps display nodes as a set of nested rectangles. Each branch of the tree is given a rectangle, which is then tiled with smaller rectangles representing sub-branches.

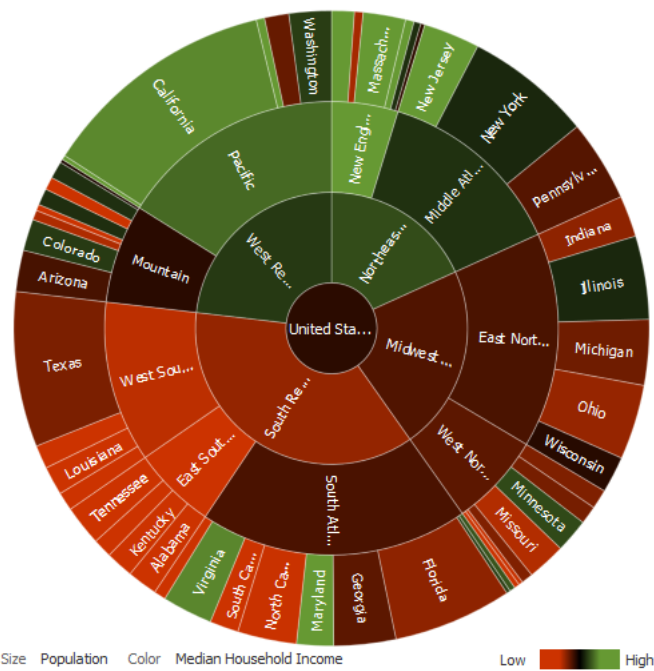
[Figure 32-1](#) shows a treemap displaying United States census data grouped by regions, with the color attribute used to indicate median income levels. States with larger populations display in larger-sized nodes than states with smaller populations.

**Figure 32–1 Treemap Displaying United States Population and Median Income by Regions**



Sunbursts display the nodes in a radial rather than a rectangular layout, with the top of the hierarchy at the center and deeper levels farther away from the center. [Figure 32–2](#) shows the same census data displayed in a sunburst.

**Figure 32–2 Sunburst Displaying United States Population and Median Income by Regions**



Both treemaps and sunbursts can display thousands of data points in a relatively small spatial area. These components are a good choice for identifying trends for large hierarchical data sets, where the proportional size of the nodes represents their

importance compared to the whole. Color can also be used to represent an additional dimension of information.

Use treemaps if you are primarily interested in displaying two metrics of data using size and color at a single layer of the hierarchy. Use sunbursts instead if you want to display the metrics for all levels in the hierarchy. Drilling can be enabled to allow the end user to traverse the hierarchy and focus in on key parts of the data.

If your application uses a smaller data set or you wish to emphasize the parent/child relationship between the nodes, then consider using the `tree`, `treeTable`, or `hierarchyViewer` component. For information about using trees and tree tables, see [Chapter 10, "Using Tables, Trees, and Other Collection-Based Components."](#) For information about using hierarchy viewers, see [Chapter 31, "Using Hierarchy Viewer Components."](#)

## 32.1.2 End User and Presentation Features of Treemaps and Sunbursts

The ADF Data Visualization `treemap` and `sunburst` components provide a range of features for end users, such as drilling, grouping, and filtering. They also provide a range of presentation features, such as layout variations, legend display, and customizable colors and label styles.

To use and customize `treemap` and `sunburst` components, it may be helpful to understand these features and components:

### 32.1.2.1 Treemap and Sunburst Layouts

You define the initial layout of the `treemap` or `sunburst` when you insert the component on the page from either the Data Controls panel to bind a data collection to the `treemap` or `sunburst` component or from the Component Palette to insert the component.

The `sunburst` component has only one layout, as shown in [Figure 32-2](#).

The layout of nodes in a `treemap` component is configurable and includes the following types of layouts:

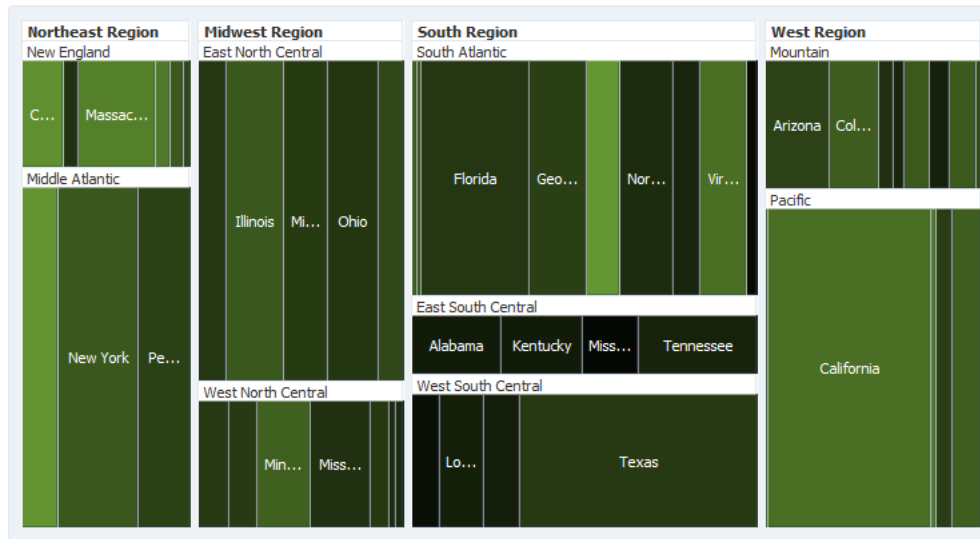
- Squarified, nodes are laid out to be as square as possible.

The squarified layout is optimized so that the user can most easily compare the relative sizes of the nodes and is the layout displayed in [Figure 32-1](#).

- Slice and dice horizontal, nodes are first laid out horizontally across the width of the `treemap` and then vertically across the height of the `treemap`.

This layout is optimized for animation because the relative ordering of the nodes remains constant. [Figure 32-3](#) displays the sample United States census data in the slice and dice horizontal layout.

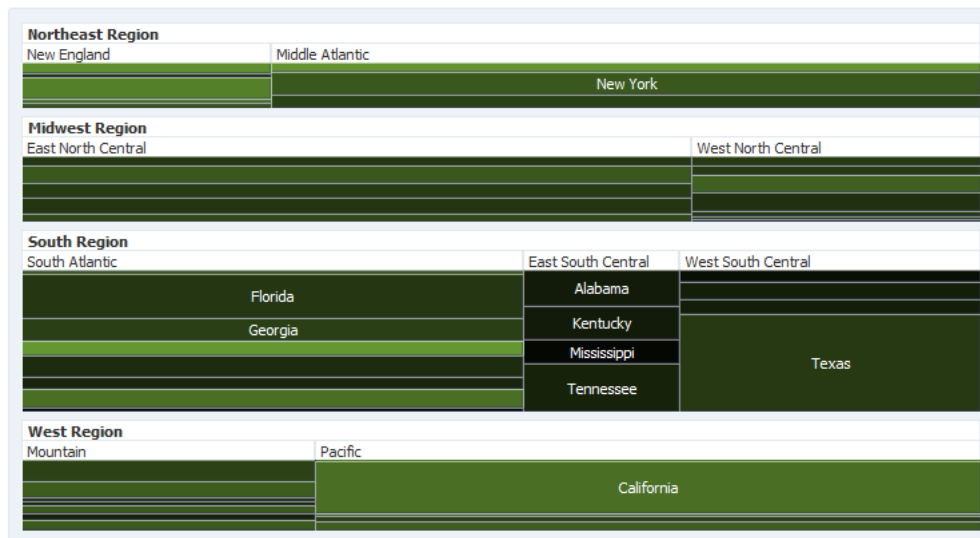
**Figure 32–3 Treemap Displaying United States Census Data in Slice and Dice Horizontal Layout**



- Slice and dice vertical, nodes are first laid out vertically across the height of the treemap and then horizontally across the width of the treemap.

This layout is also optimized for animation because the relative ordering of the nodes remains constant. [Figure 32–4](#) displays the sample United States census data in the slice and dice vertical layout.

**Figure 32–4 Treemap Displaying United States Census Data in Slice and Dice Vertical Layout**



### 32.1.2.2 Attribute Groups

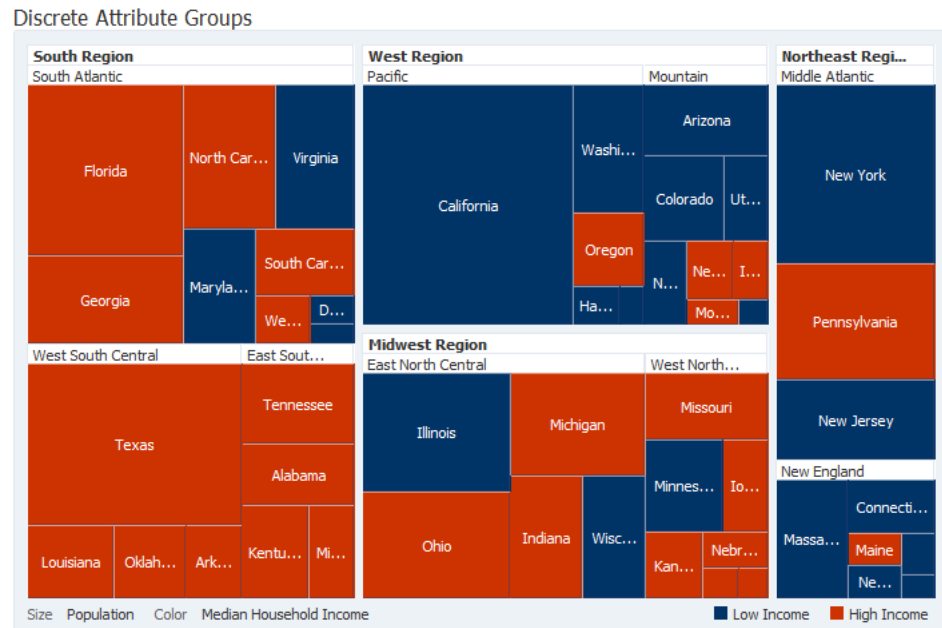
Treemaps and sunbursts support the use of the `dvt:attributeGroups` tag to generate stylistic attribute values such as colors for each unique group in the data set.

In treemaps and sunbursts, the data values determine which color to display. Both components display continuous data by selecting a color across a gradient, in which the nodes change color gradually based on the data values. The treemap in [Figure 32–1](#)

uses gradients to display the median income as a range of data.

For discrete data, treemaps and sunbursts display a specific color, also based on the data value. [Figure 32–5](#) shows the same United States census population using two colors to distinguish between high and low median incomes.

**Figure 32–5 Treemap Displaying Discrete Attribute Groups**



### 32.1.2.3 Legend Support

Treemaps and sunbursts display legends below the components to provide a visual clue to the type of data controlling the size and color. If the component uses attribute groups to specify colors based on conditions such as income levels, the legend can also display the colors used and indicate what value each color represents.

The treemap in [Figure 32–5](#) displays a legend for a treemap using discrete attribute groups. The legend makes it easy to determine which colors are used to indicate low or high median incomes.

If your treemap uses continuous attribute groups, the legend displays the colors used as a gradient. The treemap in [Figure 32–1](#) shows a legend for a treemap using continuous attribute groups to indicate median income levels.

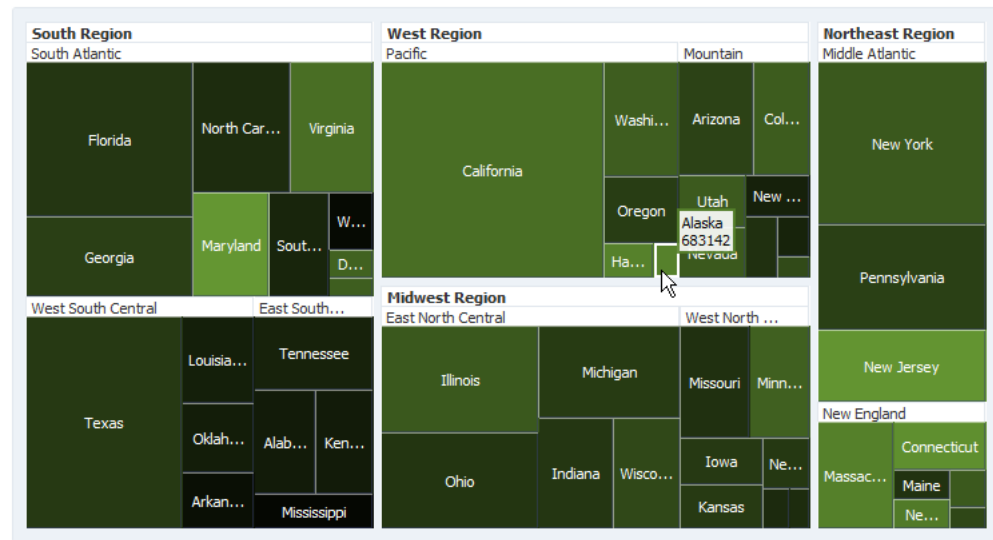
### 32.1.2.4 Pattern Support

Treemaps and sunbursts display patterns when values are specified for the `fillPattern` attribute on the child nodes. The pattern is drawn with a white background, and the `fillColor` value determines the foreground color.

[Figure 32–6](#) shows a sunburst configured with an assortment of fill patterns.





**Figure 32–8 Treemap Displaying a Tooltip**

The tooltip permits the user to see information about the data that may not be obvious from the visual display. Configuring tooltips on treemaps and sunbursts is recommended due to the space-constrained nature of the components.

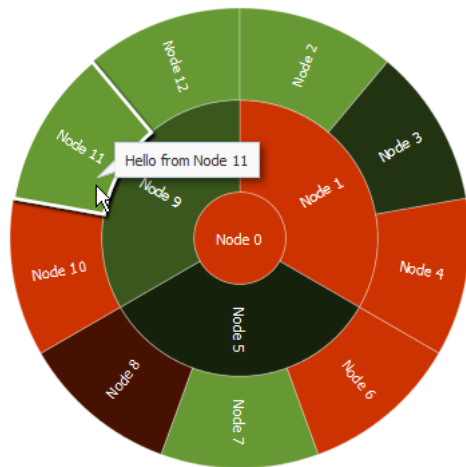
### 32.1.2.7 Popup Support

Treemap and sunburst components can be configured to display popup dialogs, windows, and menus that provide information or request input when the user clicks or hovers the mouse over a node. [Figure 32–9](#) shows a sample popup displayed when a user hovers the mouse over one of the treemap nodes.

**Figure 32–9 Treemap Popup on Mouse Hover**

[Figure 32–10](#) shows a similar popup window that is displayed when the user clicks on one of the sunburst nodes.

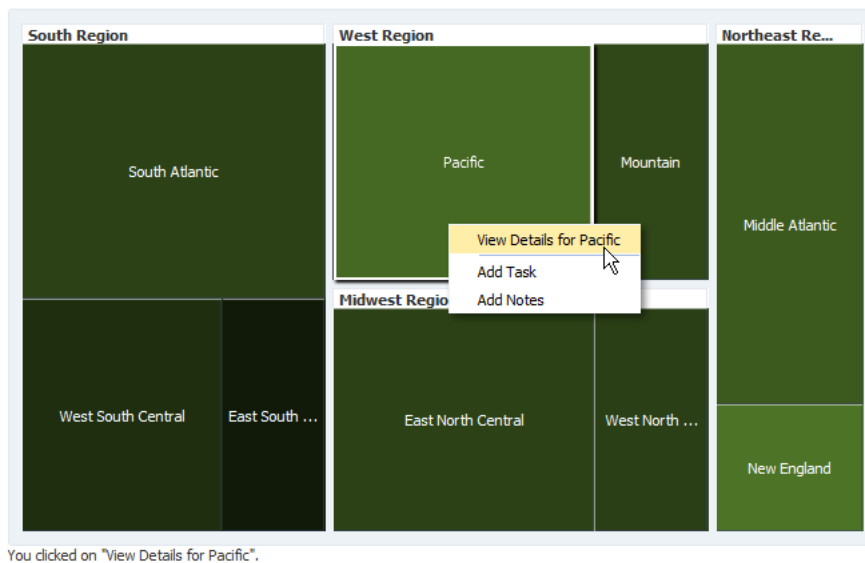
**Figure 32–10 Sunburst Popup on Mouse Click**



### 32.1.2.8 Context Menus

Treemaps and sunbursts support the ability to display context menus to provide additional information about the selected node. [Figure 32–11](#) shows a context menu displayed when the user right-clicks on one of the sunburst nodes.

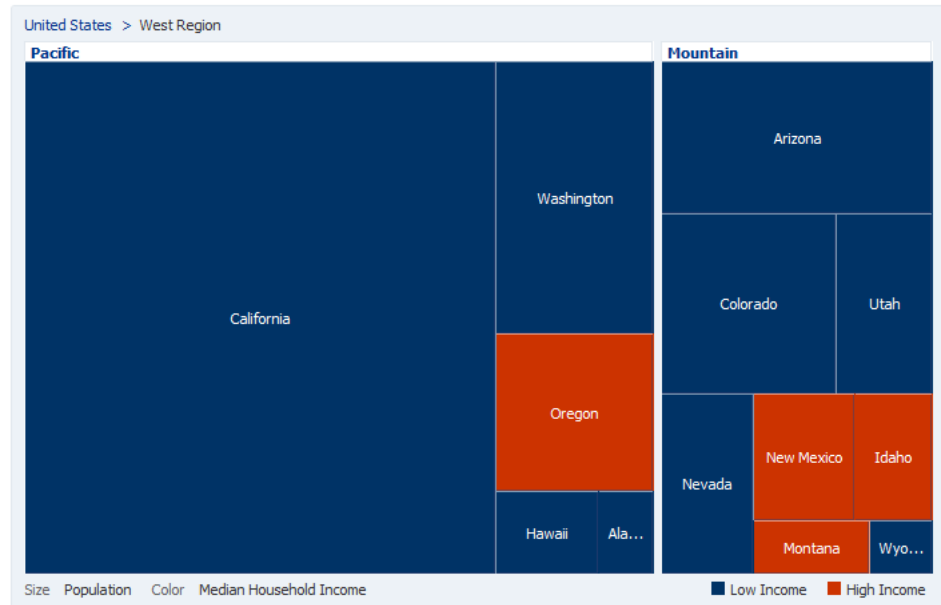
**Figure 32–11 Sunburst Context Menu**



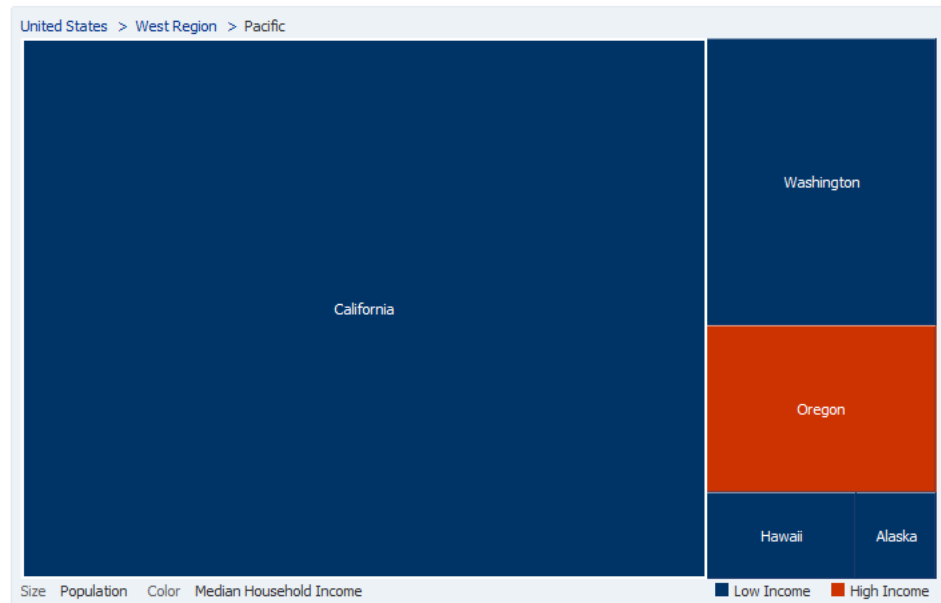
### 32.1.2.9 Drilling Support

Treemap and sunburst components support drilling to navigate through the hierarchy and display more detailed information about a node.

[Figure 32–12](#) shows the treemap that is displayed when a user clicks on the West Region header text in [Figure 32–5](#). The user can navigate back up the hierarchy by clicking on the **United States > West Region** breadcrumb.

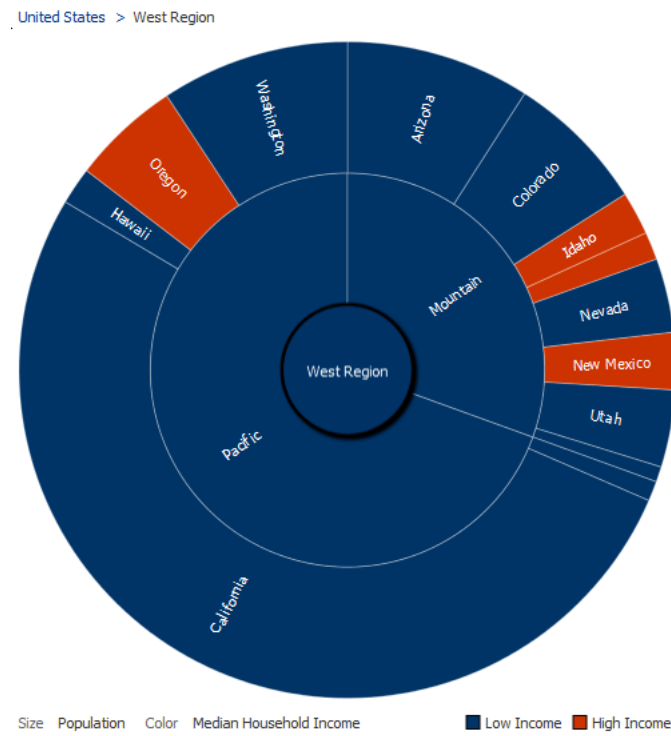
**Figure 32–12 Treemap Drilled on a Group Node Header**

The user can also double-click on a node to set the node as the root of the hierarchy as shown in [Figure 32–13](#).

**Figure 32–13 Treemap Drilled on a Node**

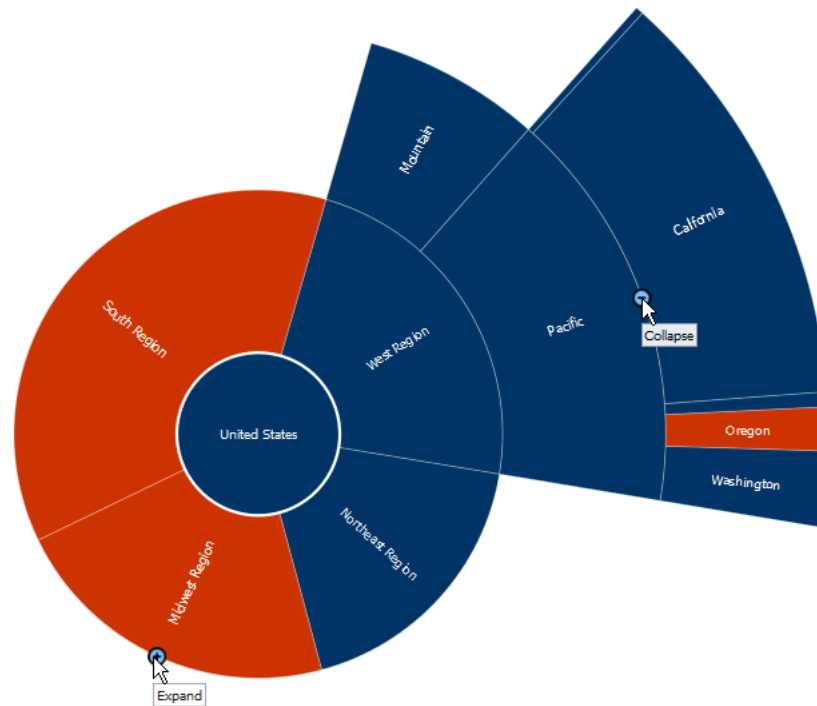
To drill on a sunburst component, the user double-clicks a sunburst node to set it as the root of the hierarchy as shown in [Figure 32–14](#). The user can navigate back up the hierarchy by clicking the **United States > West Region** breadcrumb or by pressing the shift key and double-clicking the **West Region** node.

**Figure 32–14 Sunburst Drilled on a Node**



Sunbursts also provide the ability to expand or collapse the children of a selected node. Users click the **Expand** icon that appears when the user moves the mouse over the node to expand it. To collapse the children, users click **Collapse**.

[Figure 32–15](#) shows a sunburst configured for asymmetric drilling.

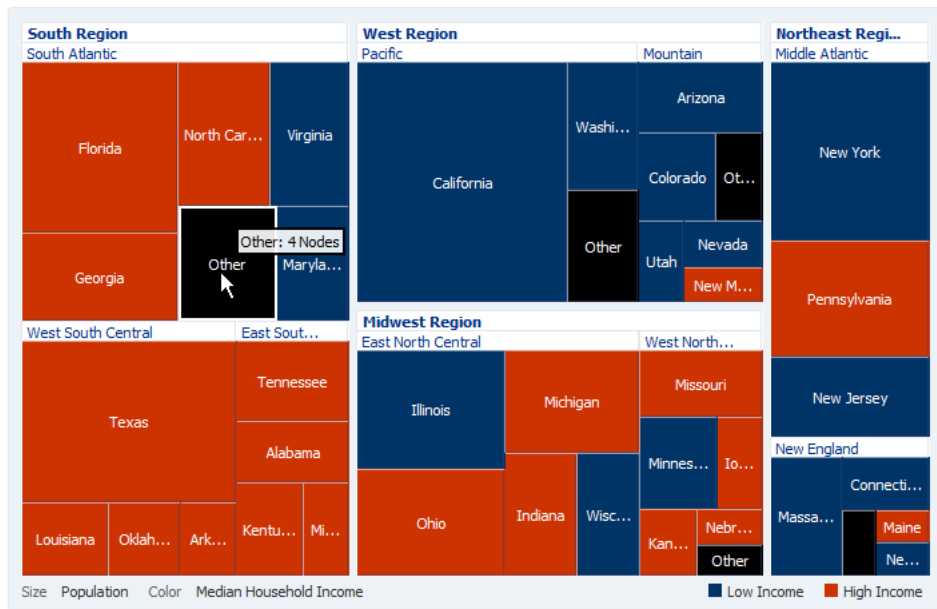
**Figure 32–15 Sunburst Configured for Asymmetric Drilling**

### 32.1.2.10 Other Node Support

Treemap and sunburst components provide the ability to aggregate data if your data model includes a large number of smaller contributors in relation to the larger contributors.

Figure 32–16 shows the census treemap displayed in Figure 32–5 with the **Other** node configured. In this example, the **South Carolina**, **Delaware**, **West Virginia**, and **District of Columbia** nodes in the South Atlantic region are represented by the **Other** node.

**Figure 32–16 Treemap Displaying Other Node**



### 32.1.2.11 Drag and Drop Support

Treemap and sunburst components support drag and drop both as a drop source and a drop target.

Figure 32–17 shows a treemap configured as a drag source. When the user drags one of the nodes to the text on the right, the text changes to reflect which node was dragged.

**Figure 32–17 Treemap Configured as a Drag Source**

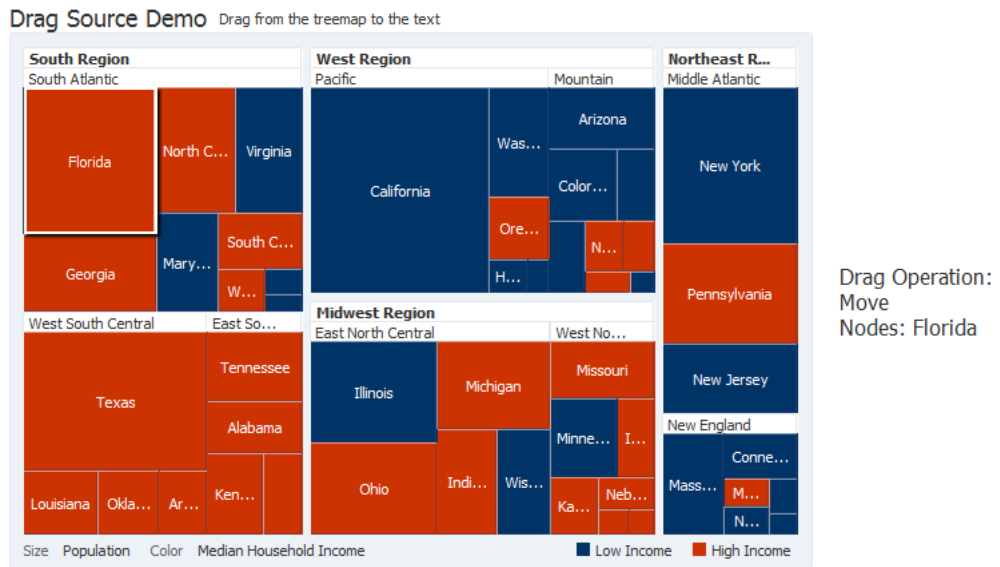
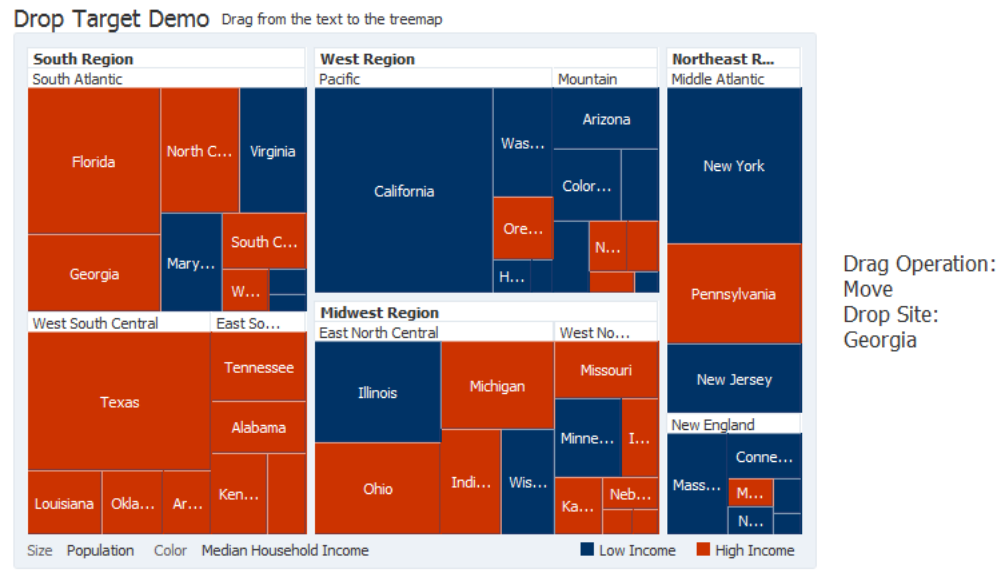


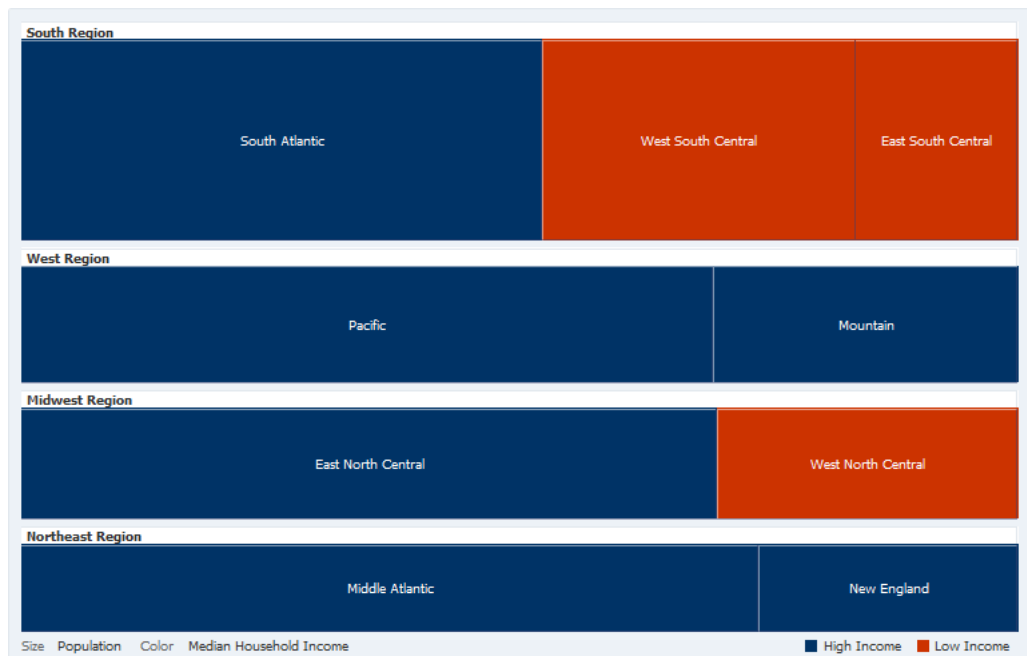
Figure 32–18 shows a treemap configured as a drop target. When the user drags the text on the right to one of the nodes, the text changes to reflect which node received the text.

**Figure 32–18 Treemap Configured as a Drop Target**

### 32.1.2.12 Sorting Support

Treemap and sunburst components support sorting to display nodes with the same parent by size. This feature is useful if your data model is not already sorted because it makes comparison of the nodes easier.

Figure 32–19 shows a sorted treemap. The nodes are arranged in decreasing size, making it easy to see which regions have the largest population.

**Figure 32–19 Sorted Treemap**


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**Note:** Treemaps support sorting in the slice and dice layouts only.

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### 32.1.2.13 Treemap and Sunburst Image Formats

Treemaps and sunbursts support the following image formats: HTML5, Flash, and Portable Network Graphics (PNG).

By default, treemaps and sunbursts will display in the best output format supported by the client browser. If the best output format is not available on the client, the application will default to an available format. For example, if the client does not support HTML5, the application will use:

- Flash, if the Flash Player is available.

You can control the use of Flash content across the entire application by setting a `flash-player-usage` context parameter in `adf-config.xml`. For more information, see [Section A.4.3, "Configuring Flash as Component Output Format."](#)

- PNG output format. Although static rendering is fully supported when using a PNG output format, certain interactive features are not available including:
  - Animation
  - Context menus
  - Drag and drop gestures
  - Popup support
  - Selection

### 32.1.2.14 Advanced Node Content

Treemaps and sunbursts provide a content facet on the nodes to add content that would not normally fit into a text label. For sunbursts, the advanced content is displayed on the root node. For treemaps, the advanced content is displayed on the leaf nodes.

[Figure 32–20](#) shows an example of a sunburst using advanced node content on the root node. In this example, the root node displays an image and title in addition to the node text.



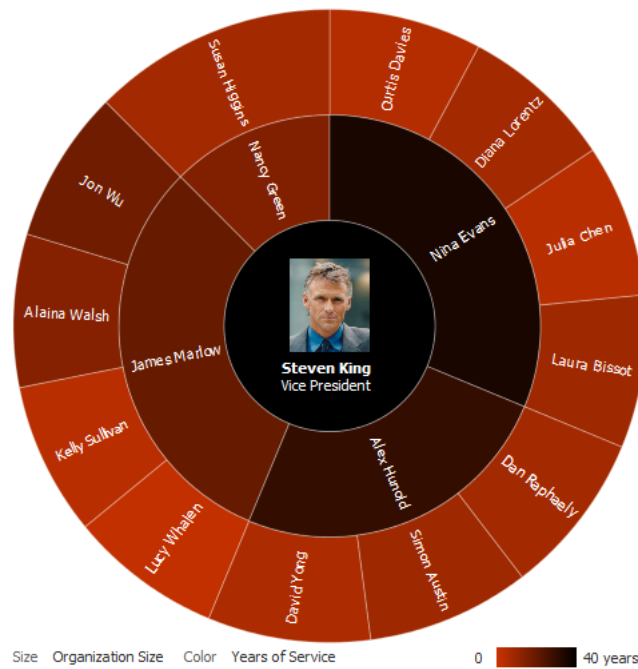
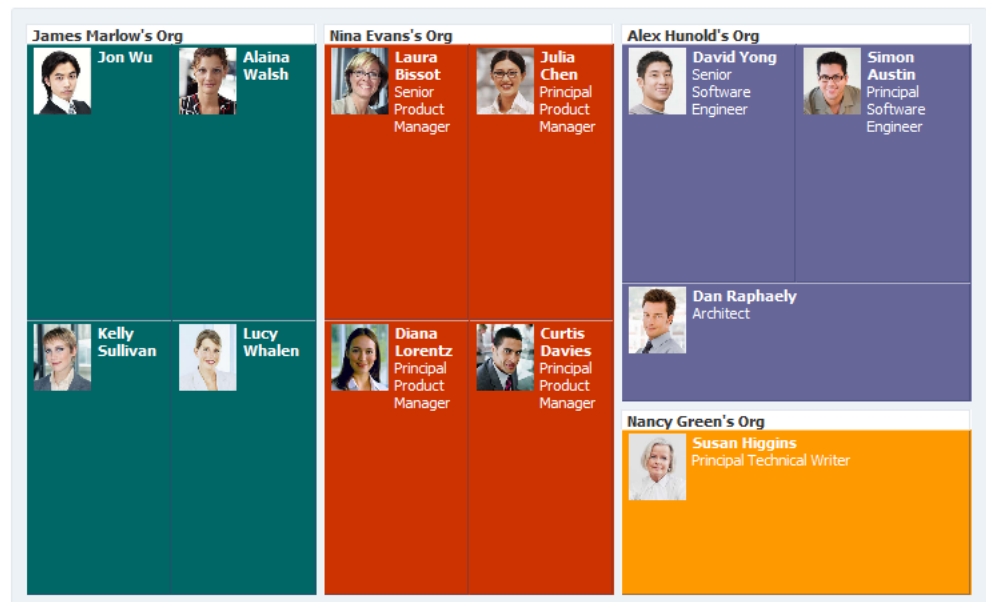
**Figure 32–20 Sunburst Displaying Advanced Root Node Content**

Figure 32–21 shows an example of a treemap using advanced node content.

**Figure 32–21 Treemap Displaying Advanced Node Content**

### 32.1.2.15 Printing and Email Support

ADF Faces allows you to output your JSF page in a simplified mode for printing or for emailing. For example, you may want users to be able to print a page (or a portion of a page), but instead of printing the page exactly as it is rendered in a web browser, you want to remove items that are not needed on a printed page, such as scroll bars and buttons. If a page is to be emailed, the page must be simplified so that email clients can

correctly display it. For more information, see [Chapter 36, "Using Different Output Modes."](#)

### 32.1.2.16 Active Data Support (ADS)

Treemaps and sunbursts support ADS by sending a Partial Page Refresh (PPR) request when an active data event is received. The PPR response updates the components, animating the changes as needed. Supported ADS events include:

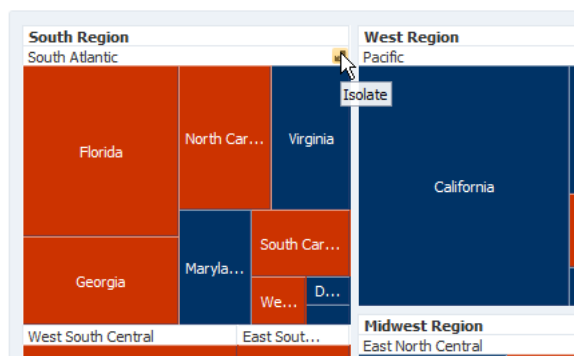
- Node size updates
- Node color updates
- Node label updates
- Node insertion
- Node deletion
- Enhanced node content changes

### 32.1.2.17 Isolation Support (Treemap Only)

Treemaps provide isolation support to focus on comparisons within groups of displayed data. Users click the **Isolate** icon that appears when the user moves the mouse over the group header to maximize the group.

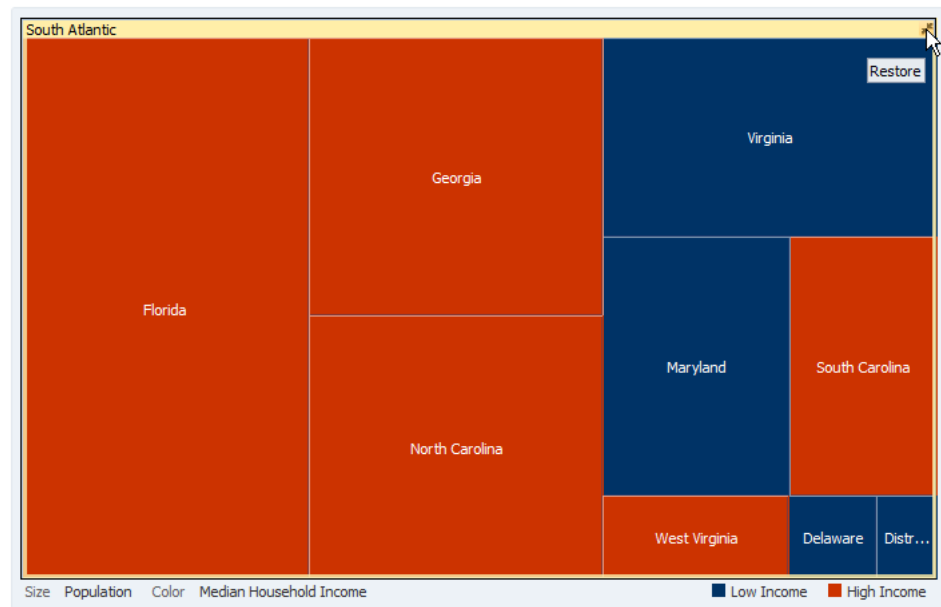
[Figure 32–22](#) shows the **Isolate** icon that appears when the user moves the mouse over the South Atlantic group header.

**Figure 32–22** *Isolate Icon Displayed on Treemap Group Header*



[Figure 32–23](#) shows the treemap that is displayed when the users click **Isolate** for the South Atlantic region in [Figure 32–22](#).

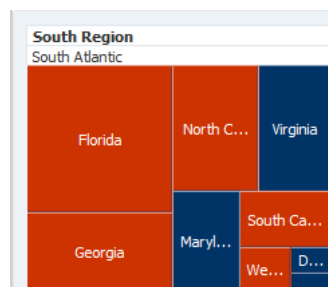
To restore the treemap to the original view, users click **Restore**.

**Figure 32–23 Treemap Isolated on a Group**

### 32.1.2.18 Treemap Group Node Header Customization (Treemap Only)

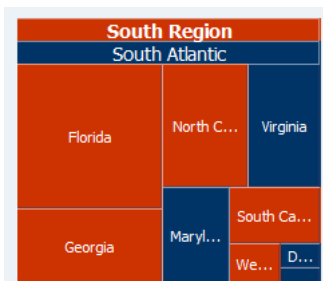
When the treemap displays multiple levels, the parent level is displayed in a group header. By default, the group header is displayed with a white background, and the group's title is aligned to the left in left-to-right mode and displayed with black text.

Figure 32–24 shows a portion of a treemap with node headers. In this example, the South Region and South Atlantic headers are formatted with the default formatting.

**Figure 32–24 Treemap Showing Default Node Header Formatting**

You can customize the headers to use the node's color, change the text alignment or customize the font.

Figure 32–25 shows the same treemap with the node header formatted to use the node's color, align the title to the center and change the font size and color.

**Figure 32–25 Treemap Showing Formatted Group Node Headers**

In this example, the treemap nodes are displayed in red when the income levels are lower than \$50,000, and the treemap nodes are displayed in blue when the income levels are higher than \$50,000.

The South Atlantic node header is displayed in blue because the color is calculated from the same rules that were used to calculate the color of the individual nodes. In this case, the income levels of all nodes contained within the South Atlantic division are higher than \$50,000. However, the South Region node header is displayed in red because it also includes the West South Central and East South Central divisions. In this case, the income levels of all nodes contained within the South Region are less than \$50,000.

## 32.2 Using the Treemap and Sunburst Components

To use the `treemap` and `sunburst` components, define the data, add the treemap or sunburst to a page and complete the additional configuration in JDeveloper.

### 32.2.1 Treemap and Sunburst Data Requirements

Treemap and sunburst components require data collections where a master-detail relationship exists between one or more detail collections and a master detail collection. Both components use the same data model as the ADF Faces `tree` component. For more information about the `tree` component, see [Section 10.5, "Displaying Data in Trees."](#)

Treemaps and sunbursts require that the following attributes be set in JDeveloper:

- `value`: the size of the node
- `fillColor`: the color of the node
- `label`: a text identifier for the node

The values for the `value` and `label` attributes must be stored in the treemap's or sunburst's data model or in classes and managed beans if you are using UI-first development. You can specify the `fillColor` values in the data model, classes, and managed beans, or declaratively in the Property Inspector.

[Figure 32–26](#) shows a subset of the data used to generate the treemap in [Figure 32–1](#). This is the same data used to generate the sunburst in [Figure 32–2](#).

**Figure 32–26 Treemap and Sunburst Sample Data**

	Value (Population)	Income (Median Household)	Color (Derived From Income)	Label
United States	301461533	51425	303030	United States
West Region	69768366	56171	3E5D1F	West Region
Pacific Division	48465072	58735	456823	Pacific
California	36308527	60392	4A6F25	California
Oregon	3727407	49033	293D14	Oregon
Hawaii	1280241	64661	56822B	Hawaii
Washington	6465755	56384	309030	Washington
Alaska	683142	64635	56822B	Alaska

In this example, United States is the root node with three child levels: region, division, and state.

In order to configure a treemap or sunburst successfully, ensure that the data adheres to the following rules:

- Each child node can have only one parent node.
- There can be no skipped levels.

To create a treemap or sunburst model in UI-first development, use classes and managed beans to define the tree node and tree model, populate the tree with data and add additional methods as needed to configure the treemap or sunburst.

[Example 32–1](#) shows a code sample defining the tree node in the census data example. Note that the required settings for label, size, and color are passed in as parameters to the tree node.

**Example 32–1 Code Sample to Create a Treemap or Sunburst Tree Node**

```
import java.awt.Color;
import java.util.ArrayList;
import java.util.List;

public class TreeNode {
    private final String m_text;
    private final Number m_size;
    private final Color m_color;
    private final List<TreeNode> m_children = new ArrayList<TreeNode>();

    public TreeNode(String text, Number size, Color color) {
        m_text = text;
        m_size = size;
        m_color = color;
    }
    public String getText() {
        return m_text;
    }
    public Number getSize() {
        return m_size;
    }
    public Color getColor() {
        return m_color;
    }
    public void addChild(TreeNode child) {
        m_children.add(child);
    }
    public void addChildren(List<TreeNode> children) {
        m_children.addAll(children);
    }
}
```

```

    }
    public List<TreeNode> getChildren() {
        return m_children;
    }
    @Override
    public String toString() {
        return m_text + ": " + m_color + " " + Math.round(m_size.doubleValue());
    }
}

```

To supply data to the treemap or sunburst in UI-first development, add a class or managed bean to your application that extends the tree node in [Example 32–1](#) and populates it with data. The class to set up the tree model must be an implementation of the `org.apache.myfaces.trinidad.model.TreeModel` class. Once the tree model is defined, create a method that implements the `org.apache.myfaces.trinidad.model.ChildPropertyTreeModel` to complete the tree model. See [Example 32–2](#) for the class that sets up the root and child node structure, populates the child levels with data and defines the color and node sizes in the census data example.

**Example 32–2 Code Sample Creating Census Data Model for Treemap and Sunburst**

```

import java.awt.Color;
import java.util.ArrayList;
import java.util.List;
import org.apache.myfaces.trinidad.model.ChildPropertyTreeModel;
import org.apache.myfaces.trinidad.model.TreeModel;

public class CensusData {

    public static TreeModel getUnitedStatesData() {
        return getModel(ROOT);
    }
    public static TreeModel getRegionWestData() {
        return getModel(REGION_W);
    }
    public static TreeModel getRegionNortheastData() {
        return getModel(REGION_NE);
    }
    public static TreeModel getRegionMidwestData() {
        return getModel(REGION_MW);
    }
    public static TreeModel getRegionSouthData() {
        return getModel(REGION_S);
    }
    public static TreeModel getDivisionPacificData() {
        return getModel(DIVISION_P);
    }

    private static TreeModel getModel(DataItem rootItem) {
        TreeNode root = getTreeNode(rootItem);
        return new ChildPropertyTreeModel(root, "children");
    }

    private static TreeNode getTreeNode(DataItem dataItem)
    {
        // Create the node itself
        TreeNode node = new CensusTreeNode(dataItem.getName(),
            dataItem.getPopulation(),
            getColor(dataItem.getIncome(), MIN_INCOME, MAX_INCOME),

```

```

        dataItem.getIncome());
    // Create its children
    List<TreeNode> children = new ArrayList<TreeNode>();
    for(DataItem childItem : dataItem.children) {
        children.add(getTreeNode(childItem));
    }
    // Add the children and return
    node.addChildren(children);
    return node;
}
private static Color getColor(double value, double min, double max) {
    double percent = Math.max((value - min) / max, 0);
    if(percent > 0.5) {
        double modifier = (percent - 0.5) * 2;
        return new Color((int)(modifier*102), (int)(modifier*153),
(int)(modifier*51));
    }
    else {
        double modifier = percent * 2;
        return new Color((int)(modifier*204), (int)(modifier*51), 0);
    }
}

public static class DataItem {
    private final String name;
    private final int population;
    private final int income;
    private final List<DataItem> children;

    public DataItem(String name, int population, int income) {
        this.name = name;
        this.population = population;
        this.income = income;
        this.children = new ArrayList<DataItem>();
    }
    public void addChild(DataItem child) {
        this.children.add(child);
    }
    public String getName() {
        return name;
    }
    public int getPopulation() {
        return population;
    }
    public int getIncome() {
        return income;
    }
    public List<CensusData.DataItem> getChildren() {
        return children;
    }
}

private static final int MIN_INCOME = 0;
private static final int MAX_INCOME = 70000;
private static final DataItem ROOT = new DataItem("United States", 301461533,
51425);
private static final DataItem REGION_NE = new DataItem("Northeast Region",
54906297, 57208);
private static final DataItem REGION_MW = new DataItem("Midwest Region",
66336038, 49932);

```

```
private static final DataItem REGION_S = new DataItem("South Region", 110450832,
47204);
private static final DataItem REGION_W = new DataItem("West Region", 69768366,
56171);
private static final DataItem DIVISION_NE = new DataItem("New England",
14315257, 61511);
private static final DataItem DIVISION_MA = new DataItem("Middle Atlantic",
40591040, 55726);
private static final DataItem DIVISION_ENC = new DataItem("East North Central",
46277998, 50156);
private static final DataItem DIVISION_WNC = new DataItem("West North Central",
20058040, 49443);
private static final DataItem DIVISION_SA = new DataItem("South Atlantic",
57805475, 50188);
private static final DataItem DIVISION_ESC = new DataItem("East South Central",
17966553, 41130);
private static final DataItem DIVISION_WSC = new DataItem("West South Central",
34678804, 45608);
private static final DataItem DIVISION_M = new DataItem("Mountain", 21303294,
51504);
private static final DataItem DIVISION_P = new DataItem("Pacific", 48465072,
58735);

static {
    // Set up the regions
    ROOT.addChild(REGION_NE);
    ROOT.addChild(REGION_MW);
    ROOT.addChild(REGION_S);
    ROOT.addChild(REGION_W);

    // Set up the divisions
    REGION_NE.addChild(DIVISION_NE);
    REGION_NE.addChild(DIVISION_MA);
    REGION_MW.addChild(DIVISION_ENC);
    REGION_MW.addChild(DIVISION_WNC);
    REGION_S.addChild(DIVISION_SA);
    REGION_S.addChild(DIVISION_ESC);
    REGION_S.addChild(DIVISION_WSC);
    REGION_W.addChild(DIVISION_M);
    REGION_W.addChild(DIVISION_P);

    // Set up the states
    DIVISION_NE.addChild(new DataItem("Connecticut", 3494487, 67721));
    DIVISION_NE.addChild(new DataItem("Maine", 1316380, 46541));
    DIVISION_NE.addChild(new DataItem("Massachusetts", 6511176, 64496));
    DIVISION_NE.addChild(new DataItem("New Hampshire", 1315419, 63033));
    DIVISION_NE.addChild(new DataItem("Rhode Island", 1057381, 55569));
    DIVISION_NE.addChild(new DataItem("Vermont", 620414, 51284));

    DIVISION_MA.addChild(new DataItem("New Jersey", 8650548, 68981));
    DIVISION_MA.addChild(new DataItem("New York", 19423896, 55233));
    DIVISION_MA.addChild(new DataItem("Pennsylvania", 12516596, 49737));

    DIVISION_ENC.addChild(new DataItem("Indiana", 6342469, 47465));
    DIVISION_ENC.addChild(new DataItem("Illinois", 12785043, 55222));
    DIVISION_ENC.addChild(new DataItem("Michigan", 10039208, 48700));
    DIVISION_ENC.addChild(new DataItem("Ohio", 11511858, 47144));
    DIVISION_ENC.addChild(new DataItem("Wisconsin", 5599420, 51569));

    DIVISION_WNC.addChild(new DataItem("Iowa", 2978880, 48052));
```



```

DIVISION_WNC.addChild(new DataItem("Kansas", 2777835, 48394));
DIVISION_WNC.addChild(new DataItem("Minnesota", 5188581, 57007));
DIVISION_WNC.addChild(new DataItem("Missouri", 5904382, 46005));
DIVISION_WNC.addChild(new DataItem("Nebraska", 1772124, 47995));
DIVISION_WNC.addChild(new DataItem("North Dakota", 639725, 45140));
DIVISION_WNC.addChild(new DataItem("South Dakota", 796513, 44828));

DIVISION_SA.addChild(new DataItem("Delaware", 863832, 57618));
DIVISION_SA.addChild(new DataItem("District of Columbia", 588433, 56519));
DIVISION_SA.addChild(new DataItem("Florida", 18222420, 47450));
DIVISION_SA.addChild(new DataItem("Georgia", 9497667, 49466));
DIVISION_SA.addChild(new DataItem("Maryland", 5637418, 69475));
DIVISION_SA.addChild(new DataItem("North Carolina", 9045705, 45069));
DIVISION_SA.addChild(new DataItem("South Carolina", 4416867, 43572));
DIVISION_SA.addChild(new DataItem("Virginia", 7721730, 60316));
DIVISION_SA.addChild(new DataItem("West Virginia", 1811403, 37356));

DIVISION_ESC.addChild(new DataItem("Alabama", 4633360, 41216));
DIVISION_ESC.addChild(new DataItem("Kentucky", 4252000, 41197));
DIVISION_ESC.addChild(new DataItem("Mississippi", 2922240, 36796));
DIVISION_ESC.addChild(new DataItem("Tennessee", 6158953, 42943));

DIVISION_WSC.addChild(new DataItem("Arkansas", 2838143, 38542));
DIVISION_WSC.addChild(new DataItem("Louisiana", 4411546, 42167));
DIVISION_WSC.addChild(new DataItem("Oklahoma", 3610073, 41861));
DIVISION_WSC.addChild(new DataItem("Texas", 23819042, 48199));

DIVISION_M.addChild(new DataItem("Arizona", 6324865, 50296));
DIVISION_M.addChild(new DataItem("Colorado", 4843211, 56222));
DIVISION_M.addChild(new DataItem("Idaho", 1492573, 46183));
DIVISION_M.addChild(new DataItem("Montana", 956257, 43089));
DIVISION_M.addChild(new DataItem("Nevada", 2545763, 55585));
DIVISION_M.addChild(new DataItem("New Mexico", 1964860, 42742));
DIVISION_M.addChild(new DataItem("Utah", 2651816, 55642));
DIVISION_M.addChild(new DataItem("Wyoming", 523949, 51990));

DIVISION_P.addChild(new DataItem("Alaska", 683142, 64635));
DIVISION_P.addChild(new DataItem("California", 36308527, 60392));
DIVISION_P.addChild(new DataItem("Hawaii", 1280241, 64661));
DIVISION_P.addChild(new DataItem("Oregon", 3727407, 49033));
DIVISION_P.addChild(new DataItem("Washington", 6465755, 56384));
}

public static class CensusTreeNode extends TreeNode {
    private int income;

    public CensusTreeNode(String text, Number size, Color color, int income) {
        super(text, size, color);
        this.income = income;
    }

    public int getIncome() {
        return income;
    }
}
}

```

Finally, to complete the tree model in UI-first development, add a managed bean to your application that references the class or bean that contains the data and, optionally, add any other methods to customize the treemap or sunburst.

[Example 32–3](#) shows a code sample that will instantiate the census treemap and populate it with census data. The example also includes a sample method (`convertToString`) that will convert the treemap node's row data to a string for label display. To use this code on a sunburst, substitute sunburst for every reference to treemap in the sample code below.

**Example 32–3 Managed Bean Example to Set Census Data Treemap**

```
import org.apache.myfaces.trinidad.component.UIXHierarchy;
import org.apache.myfaces.trinidad.model.RowKeySet;
import org.apache.myfaces.trinidad.model.TreeModel;
import oracle.adf.view.faces.bi.component.treemap.UITreemap;

public class SampleTreemap {
    // Data Model Attrs
    private TreeModel currentModel;
    private final CensusData censusData = new CensusData();
    private String censusRoot = "United States";
    private UITreemap treemap;

    public TreeModel getCensusRootData() {
        return censusData.getUnitedStatesData();
    }
    public TreeModel getCensusData() {
        if ("West Region".equals(censusRoot))
            return censusData.getRegionWestData();
        else if ("South Region".equals(censusRoot))
            return censusData.getRegionSouthData();
        else if ("Midwest Region".equals(censusRoot))
            return censusData.getRegionMidwestData();
        else if ("Northeast Region".equals(censusRoot))
            return censusData.getRegionNortheastData();
        else if ("Pacific Division".equals(censusRoot))
            return censusData.getDivisionPacificData();
        else
            return censusData.getUnitedStatesData();
    }
    public TreeModel getData() {
        // Return cached data model if available
        if(currentModel != null)
            return currentModel;
        currentModel = getCensusData();
        return currentModel;
    }
    public void setCensusRoot(String censusRoot) {
        this.censusRoot = censusRoot;
    }
    public String getCensusRoot() {
        return censusRoot;
    }
    //Converts the rowKeySet into a string of node text labels.
    public static String convertToString(RowKeySet rowKeySet,
                                        UIXHierarchy hierarchy) {
        StringBuilder s = new StringBuilder();
        // save the current rowkey because we will lose this state in the for-loop
        // when we setRowKey and then get the rowData
        Object savedKey = hierarchy.getRowKey();
        try {
            if (rowKeySet != null) {
                for (Object rowKey : rowKeySet) {
```

```

        hierarchy.setRowKey(rowKey);
        TreeNode rowData = (TreeNode)hierarchy.getRowData();
        s.append(rowData.getText()).append(", ");
    }
    // Remove the trailing comma
    if (s.length() > 0)
        s.setLength(s.length() - 2);
    }
    } finally {
        hierarchy.setRowKey(savedKey);
    }
    return s.toString();
}
public void setTreemap(UITreemap treemap) {
    this.treemap = treemap;
}
public UITreemap getTreemap() {
    return treemap;
}
}

```

## 32.2.2 Using the Treemap Component

To use the `treemap` component, add the `treemap` to a page and complete the additional configuration in `JDeveloper`.

### 32.2.2.1 Configuring Treemaps

The `treemap` component has configurable attributes and child components that you can add or modify to customize the display or behavior of the treemap. The prefix `dvt:` occurs at the beginning of each treemap component name indicating that the component belongs to the ADF Data Visualization Tools (DVT) tag library.

You can configure treemap child components, attributes, and supported facets in the following areas:

- **Treemap (`dvt:treemap`):** Wraps the treemap nodes. Configure the following attributes to control the treemap display.
  - **Labels:** Use the `colorLabel` and `sizeLabel` attributes to identify the color and size metrics for the treemap. Treemaps require these labels for legend display.
  - **Legend source (`legendSource`):** Use this attribute to display a legend for treemaps configured with attribute groups. Specify the id of the attribute group.
  - **Display child levels (`displayLevelsChildren`):** Specify the number of child levels to display. By default, treemaps display the root and the first two child levels.
  - **Animation:** Use the `animationOnDisplay` attribute to control the initial animation and the `animationOnDataChange` attribute to control subsequent animations. To change the animation duration from the default duration of 500 milliseconds, modify the `animationDuration` attribute.
  - **Empty text (`emptyText`):** Use the `emptyText` attribute to specify the text to display if a treemap node contains no data.
  - **Group gaps (`groupGaps`):** Specify the gaps to display between groups. By default, this attribute is set to `outer`, and the treemap displays gaps between

the outer nodes only. You can remove all gaps by setting this attribute to `none` or add gaps between all groups by setting this attribute to `all`.

- **Sorting (sorting):** Use this attribute to sort all nodes having the same parent in descending size.
- **Other group:** Use the `otherThreshold`, `otherThresholdBasis`, `otherColor`, and `otherPattern` attributes to aggregate child data into an **Other** node.
- **Treemap node (dvt:treemapNode):** child of the `treemap` component. This tag defines the size and color for each node in the treemap and is stamped for each row in the data model. If you want to vary the stamp by row, use the ADF Faces `af:switcher` component, and insert a treemap node for each row. Configure the following attributes to control the node display:
  - **value (required):** Specify the value of the treemap node. The value determines the relative size of the node within the treemap.
  - **fillColor (required):** Specify the fill color for the node in RGB hexadecimal. This value is also required for the treemap to display properly.
  - **fillPattern:** Specify an optional fill pattern to use. The pattern is drawn with a white background and the foreground color uses the color specified in the `fillColor` attribute.
  - **groupLabelDisplay:** Specify where you want the group label to appear. By default this value is set to `header` which will display the label on the group header. You can also set it to `off` to turn off the label display or `node` to display the label inside the node.
  - **label:** Specify the label for the node.
  - **labelDisplay:** Specify where you want the node label to appear. By default, this attribute is set to `node` which will display the label inside the node, but you can also set it to `off` to turn off the label display.

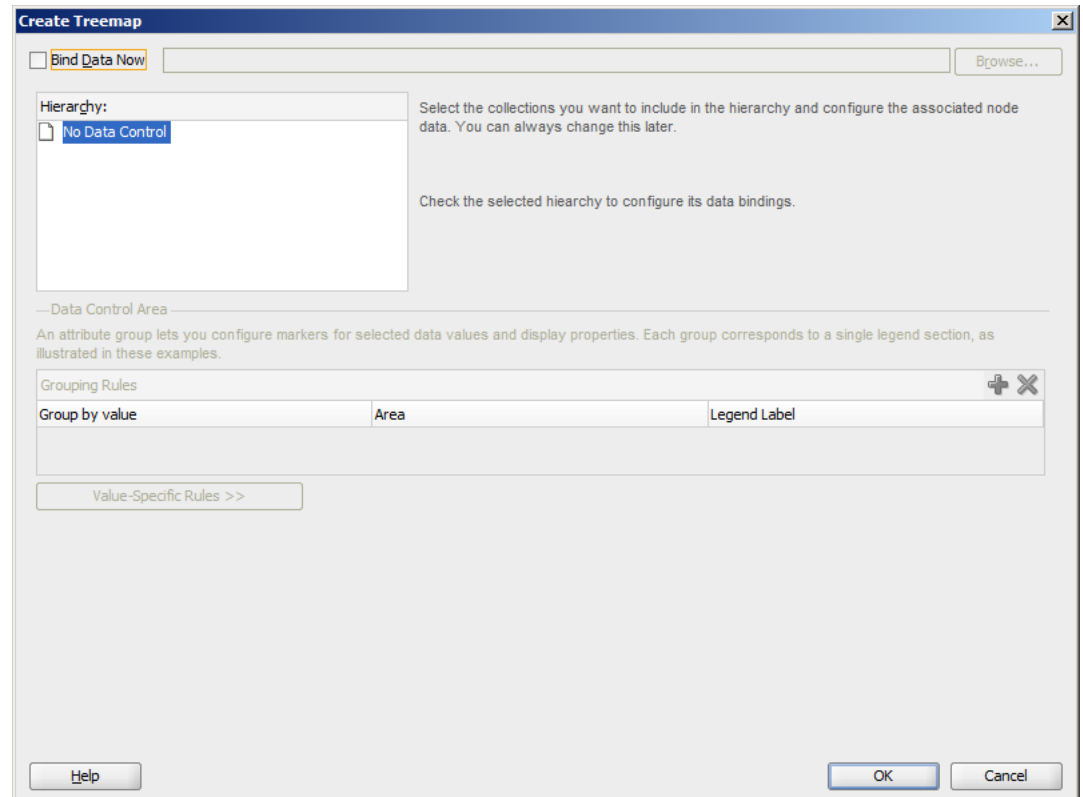
You can further customize the label display by setting the `labelHalign`, `labelStyle`, and `labelValign` attributes.
- **Treemap node header (dvt:treemapNodeHeader):** optional child of the `treemap` node. Add this attribute to configure the following node header attributes:
  - **isolate:** By default, this attribute is set to `on`, but you can set it to `off` to disable isolation support.
  - **labelStyle:** Specify the font style.
  - **useNodeColor:** By default, this attribute is set to `off`. Set this to `on` to display the node's color in the header.
  - **titleHalign:** Specify where you want the title to appear in the header. By default, this attribute is set to `start` which aligns the title to the left in left-to-right mode and aligns it to the right in right-to-left mode.
- **Attribute group (dvt:attributeGroup):** optional child of the treemap node. Add this attribute to generate `fillColor` and `fillPattern` values automatically based on categorical bucketing or continuous classification of the data set.
- **Supported facets:** optional children of the treemap or treemap node. The `treemap` component supports facets for displaying popup components, and the `treemap's` node component supports a content facet for providing additional detail when the treemap node's label is not sufficient.

Treemaps also share much of the same functionality and tags as other DVT components. For a complete list of treemap tags, consult the Oracle Fusion Middleware Data Visualization Tools Tag Reference for Oracle ADF Faces.

### 32.2.2.2 How to Add a Treemap to a Page

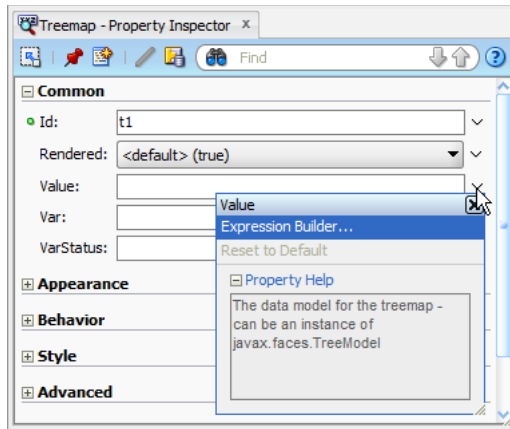
When you are designing your page using simple UI-first development, you use the Component Palette to add a treemap to a JSF page. When you drag and drop a treemap component onto the page, a Create Treemap dialog displays. [Figure 32–27](#) shows the Create Treemap dialog.

**Figure 32–27** Create Treemap Dialog Using UI-First Development



If you click **OK**, the treemap is added to your page, and you can use the Property Inspector to specify data values and configure additional display attributes. Alternatively, you can choose to bind the data during creation and use the dialog to configure the associated node data.

In the Property Inspector you can use the dropdown menu for each attribute field to display a property description and options such as displaying an EL Expression Builder or other specialized dialogs. [Figure 32–28](#) shows the dropdown menu for a treemap value attribute.

**Figure 32–28 Treemap Value Attribute Dropdown Menu**


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**Note:** If your application uses the Fusion technology stack, then you can use data controls to create a treemap and the binding will be done for you. For more information, see the "Creating Databound Treemaps and Sunbursts" section in the *Oracle Fusion Middleware Fusion Developer's Guide for Oracle Application Development Framework*.

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**Before you begin:**

It may be helpful to have an understanding of how treemap attributes and treemap child tags can affect functionality. For more information, see [Section 32.2.2.1, "Configuring Treemaps."](#)

You must complete the following tasks:

1. Create an application workspace as described in [Section 2.2, "Creating an Application Workspace."](#)
2. Create a view page as described in [Section 2.4, "Creating a View Page."](#)

**To add a treemap to a page:**

1. In the ADF Data Visualization page of the Component Palette, from the Common panel, drag and drop a Treemap component onto the page to open the Create Treemap dialog.
2. In the Create Treemap dialog, click **OK** to add the treemap to the page.  
Optionally, use the dialog to bind the treemap by selecting **Bind Data Now** and navigating to the ADF data control that represents the data you wish to display on the treemap. If you choose this option, the data binding fields in the dialog will be available for editing. For help with the dialog, press F1 or click **Help**.
3. In the Property Inspector, view the attributes for the treemap. Use the help button to display the complete tag documentation for the `treemap` component.
4. Expand the **Appearance** section, and enter values for the following attributes:
  - **Layout:** Use the attribute's dropdown menu to change the default layout from `squarified` to `sliceAndDiceHorizontal` or `sliceAndDiceVertical`.  
See [Section 32.1.2.1, "Treemap and Sunburst Layouts"](#) for sample images of treemap layouts.

- **Summary:** Enter a summary of the treemap's purpose and structure for screen reader support.

### 32.2.2.3 What Happens When You Add a Treemap to a Page

JDeveloper generates only a minimal set of tags when you drag and drop a treemap from the Component Palette onto a JSF page and choose not to bind the data during creation. [Example 32–4](#) shows the generated code.

#### **Example 32–4 Treemap Sample Code in UI-First Development**

```
<dvt:treemap id="t1">
  <dvt:treemapNode id="tn1"/>
</dvt:treemap>
```

If you choose to bind the data to a data control when creating the treemap, JDeveloper generates code based on the data model. For more information, see the "Creating Databound Treemaps and Sunbursts" section in the *Oracle Fusion Middleware Fusion Developer's Guide for Oracle Application Development Framework*.

## 32.2.3 Using the Sunburst Component

To use the sunburst component, add the sunburst to a page and complete the additional configuration in JDeveloper.

### 32.2.3.1 Configuring Sunbursts

The sunburst component has configurable attributes and child components that you can add or modify to customize the display or behavior of the treemap. The prefix `dvt:` occurs at the beginning of each treemap component name indicating that the component belongs to the ADF Data Visualization Tools (DVT) tag library.

You can configure sunburst child components, attributes, and supported facets in the following areas:

- Sunburst (`dvt:sunburst`): Wraps the sunburst nodes. Configure the following attributes to control the sunburst display.
  - Labels: Use the `colorLabel` and `sizeLabel` attributes to identify the color and size metrics for the sunburst. Sunbursts require these labels for legend display.
  - Legend source (`legendSource`): Use this attribute to display a legend for sunbursts configured with attribute groups. Specify the id of the attribute group.
  - Display child levels (`displayLevelsChildren`): Specify the number of child levels to display. By default, sunbursts display the root and the first two child levels.
  - Animation: Use the `animationOnDisplay` attribute to control the initial animation and the `animationOnDataChange` attribute to control subsequent animations. To change the animation duration from the default duration of 500 milliseconds, modify the `animationDuration` attribute.
  - Rotation (`rotation`): Use this attribute to enable client-side sunburst rotation.
  - Start angle (`startAngle`): Specify the starting angle of the sunburst.
  - Empty text (`emptyText`): Use the `emptyText` attribute to specify the text to display if a sunburst node contains no data.

- **Sorting (sorting):** Use this attribute to sort all nodes having the same parent in descending size.
- **Other group:** Use the `otherThreshold`, `otherThresholdBasis`, `otherColor`, and `otherPattern` attributes to aggregate child data into an **Other** node.
- **Sunburst node (dvt:sunburstNode):** child of the sunburst component. This tag defines the size and color for each node in the sunburst and is stamped for each row in the data model. If you want to vary the stamp by row, use the ADF Faces `af:switcher` component, and insert a sunburst node for each row. Configure the following attributes to control the node display:
  - `value` (required): Specify the value of the sunburst node. The value determines the relative size of the node within the sunburst.
  - `fillColor` (required): Specify the fill color for the node in RGB hexadecimal. This value is also required for the sunburst to display properly.
  - `fillPattern`: Specify an optional fill pattern to use. The pattern is drawn with a white background and the foreground color uses the color specified in the `fillColor` attribute.
  - `label`: Specify the label for the node.
  - `labelDisplay`: Specify how you want the node label to appear. By default, this attribute is set to `auto`, and the sunburst will display rotated labels inside the node if the client supports rotated text. If the client does not support rotated text, the sunburst will display horizontal labels inside the node instead. You can also set it to `off` to turn off the label display, to `on` to display horizontal labels within the nodes, or to `rotated` to display rotated labels.

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**Note:** Rotated text is not supported on all client technologies. In particular, rotated text is not supported on clients using the Flash image format. If the client does not support rotated text and the `labelDisplay` attribute is set to `auto` or `rotated`, the sunburst will display horizontal labels within the nodes.

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- `labelHalign`: Specify the label alignment for the node. By default, this attribute is set to `center` which aligns the label in the center of a node slice. You can also set this to `inner` which aligns the label to the inner side of a slice, or `outer` which aligns the label to the outer side of a slice.
- `radius`: Specify the radius of the node relative to the other nodes. By default, this attribute is set to 1. You can specify a value or enter an EL Expression that returns the radius for the node.
- **Attribute group (dvt:attributeGroup):** optional child of the sunburst node. Add this attribute to generate `fillColor` and `fillPattern` values automatically based on categorical bucketing or continuous classification of the data set.
- **Supported facets:** optional children of the sunburst or sunburst node. The sunburst component supports facets for displaying popup components, and the sunburst's node component supports a content facet for providing additional detail when the sunburst node's label is not sufficient.

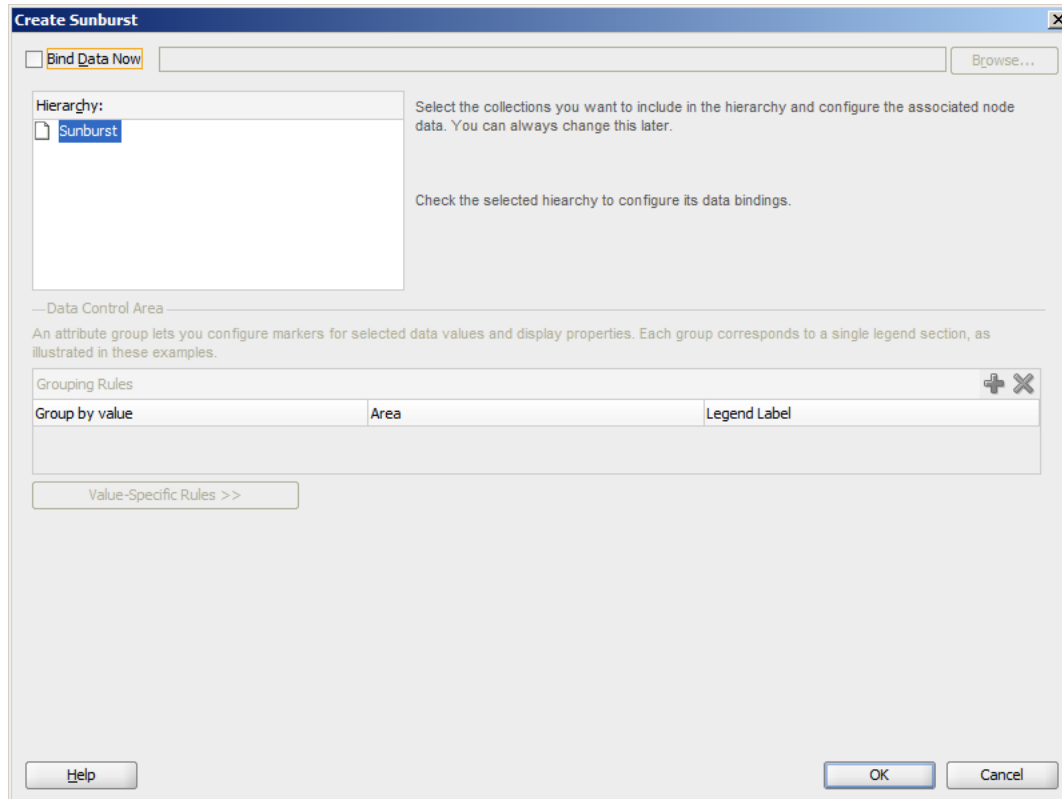
Sunbursts also share much of the same functionality and tags as other DVT components. For a complete list of sunburst tags, consult the Oracle Fusion Middleware Data Visualization Tools Tag Reference for Oracle ADF Faces.



### 32.2.3.2 How to Add a Sunburst to a Page

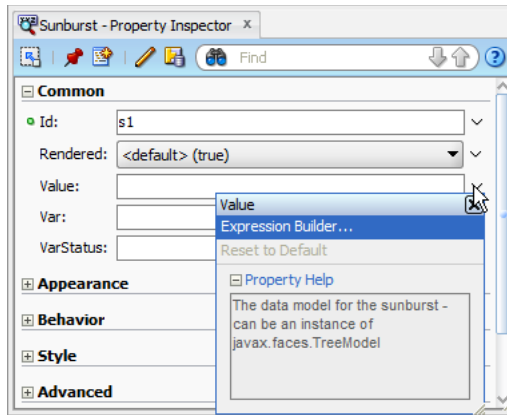
When you are designing your page using simple UI-first development, you use the Component Palette to add a sunburst to a JSF page. When you drag and drop a sunburst component onto the page, a Create Sunburst dialog displays. [Figure 32–29](#) shows the Create Sunburst dialog.

**Figure 32–29** Create Sunburst Dialog Using UI-First Development



If you click **OK**, the sunburst is added to your page, and you can use the Property Inspector to specify data values and configure additional display attributes. Alternatively, you can choose to bind the data during creation and use the dialog to configure the associated node data.

In the Property Inspector you can use the dropdown menu for each attribute field to display a property description and options such as displaying an EL Expression Builder or other specialized dialogs. [Figure 32–30](#) shows the dropdown menu for a sunburst value attribute.

**Figure 32–30 Sunburst Value Attribute Dropdown Menu**


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**Note:** If your application uses the Fusion technology stack, then you can use data controls to create a sunburst and the binding will be done for you. For more information, see the "Creating Databound Treemaps and Sunbursts" section in the *Oracle Fusion Middleware Fusion Developer's Guide for Oracle Application Development Framework*.

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**Before you begin:**

It may be helpful to have an understanding of how sunburst attributes and sunburst child tags can affect functionality. For more information, see [Section 32.2.3.1, "Configuring Sunbursts."](#)

You must complete the following tasks:

1. Create an application workspace as described in [Section 2.2, "Creating an Application Workspace."](#)
2. Create a view page as described in [Section 2.4, "Creating a View Page."](#)

**To add a sunburst to a page:**

1. In the ADF Data Visualization page of the Component Palette, from the Common panel, drag and drop a Sunburst component onto the page to open the Create Sunburst dialog.

2. In the Create Sunburst dialog, click **OK** to add the treemap to the page.

Optionally, use the dialog to bind the sunburst by selecting **Bind Data Now** and navigating to the ADF data control that represents the data you wish to display on the treemap. If you choose this option, the data binding fields in the dialog will be available for editing. For help with the dialog, press F1 or click **Help**.

3. In the Property Inspector, view the attributes for the sunburst. Use the help button to display the complete tag documentation for the sunburst component.
4. Expand the Appearance section, and set a value for the **Summary** attribute.  
Enter text to describe the sunburst's purpose and structure for screen reader support. Alternatively, choose **Select Text Resource** or **Expression Builder** from the attribute's dropdown menu to select a text resource or EL expression.
5. Expand the **Other** section, and set a value for the following attributes:

- **Rotation:** Use the dropdown menu to specify whether or not rotation is enabled on the sunburst. By default, this rotation is set to on, but you can also

set it to `off` to disable rotation. Alternatively, choose **Expression Builder** from the attribute's dropdown menu to create an EL expression that sets the rotation.

- **StartAngle:** Enter a value for the start angle of the sunburst. By default, the angle is set to 90, but you can enter any value between 0 and 360. Alternatively, choose **Expression Builder** from the attribute's dropdown menu to create an EL expression that sets the start angle.

### 32.2.3.3 What Happens When You Add a Sunburst to a Page

JDeveloper generates only a minimal set of tags when you drag and drop a sunburst from the Component Palette onto a JSF page and choose not to bind the data during creation. [Example 32–5](#) shows the generated code.

#### **Example 32–5 Sunburst Sample Code in UI-First Development**

```
<dvt:sunburst id="s1">
  <dvt:sunburstNode id="sn1"/>
</dvt:sunburst>
```

If you choose to bind the data to a data control when creating the sunburst, JDeveloper generates code based on the data model. For more information, see the "Creating Databound Treemaps and Sunbursts" section in the *Oracle Fusion Middleware Fusion Developer's Guide for Oracle Application Development Framework*.

## 32.3 Adding Data to Treemap and Sunburst Components

To add data to the treemap or sunburst using UI-first development, create the classes, managed beans, and methods that will create the tree model and reference the classes, beans, or methods in JDeveloper.

### 32.3.1 How to Add Data to Treemap or Sunburst Components

Because treemaps and sunbursts use the same data model, the process for adding data to the treemap or sunburst is similar.

#### **Before you begin:**

It may be helpful to have an understanding of how treemap and sunburst attributes and child tags can affect functionality. For more information about configuring treemap attributes and child tags, see [Section 32.2.2.1, "Configuring Treemaps."](#) For information about configuring sunburst attributes and child tags, see [Section 32.2.3.1, "Configuring Sunbursts."](#)

Add a treemap or sunburst to your page. For help with adding a treemap to a page, see [Section 32.2.2.2, "How to Add a Treemap to a Page."](#) For help with sunbursts, see [Section 32.2.3.2, "How to Add a Sunburst to a Page."](#)

#### **To add data to the treemap or sunburst in UI-first development:**

1. Create the classes and managed beans that will define the treemap's tree model and supply the data to the treemap. See [Section 32.2.1, "Treemap and Sunburst Data Requirements"](#) for additional information and examples. For help with managed beans, see [Section 2.6, "Creating and Using Managed Beans."](#)
2. In the Structure window, right-click the `dvt:treemap` or `dvt:sunburst` node and choose **Go To Properties**.

3. In the Property Inspector, in the **Appearance** section, enter a value for the **DisplayLevelsChildren** attribute to change the number of child levels displayed on the treemap. By default, this value is set to 2.

For example, the treemap and sunburst in the census data example have three child levels to represent regions, divisions, and states, and you would set this value to 3 to duplicate the example.

4. In the **Common** section, set the following attributes:

- **Value:** Specify an EL expression for the object to which you want the treemap or sunburst to be bound. This must be an instance of `org.apache.myfaces.trinidad.model.TreeModel`.

For example, reference the managed bean you created to instantiate the treemap or sunburst. In the census data example, the treemap managed bean is named `treemap`, and the census data is instantiated when the treemap is referenced. To use the census data example with a treemap, enter the following in the **Value** field for the EL expression: `{treemap.censusData}`.

For help with creating EL expressions, see [Section 2.5.1, "How to Create an EL Expression."](#)

- **Var:** Enter the name of a variable to be used during the rendering phase to reference each element in the treemap collection. This variable is removed or reverted back to its initial value once rendering is complete.

For example, enter `row` in the **Var** field to reference each element in the census data example.

- **VarStatus:** Optionally, enter the name of a variable during the rendering phase to access contextual information about the state of the component, such as the collection model or loop counter information. This variable is removed or reverted back to its initial value once rendering is complete.

5. In the Structure window, right-click the **dvt:treemapNode** node or **dvt:sunburstNode** and choose **Go To Properties**.
6. In the Common section, use the **Value** attribute's dropdown menu to choose **Expression Builder**.
7. In the Expression Builder dialog, create the EL expression that will reference the size data for the treemap or sunburst node, using the variable you specified for the **Var** attribute when creating your component and the method you created to return the size of the node.

For example, in the census data example, the **Var** attribute is named `row` and the size is stored in the `m.size` variable which is returned by the `getSize()` method in the `TreeNode` class shown in [Example 32-1, "Code Sample to Create a Treemap or Sunburst Tree Node"](#). To reference the size data in the census data example, create the following expression: `{row.size}`.

8. In the Property Inspector, expand the **Appearance** section and enter values for the following attributes:
  - **FillColor:** Specify the fill color of the node. You can enter the color in RGB hexadecimal or use the attribute's dropdown menu to choose **Expression Builder** and create an EL expression.

For example, you could enter `#FF0000` to set the node's fill color to red. However, you might want your treemap or sunburst node to change color based on the color metric. In the census data example in [Section 32-1, "Treemap Displaying United States Population and Median Income by](#)

[Regions](#)," the fill color is calculated from income data.

[Example 32–6](#) shows the sample method used by the census data example. To reference this example in the Expression Builder, create the following expression: `#{row.color}`.

**Example 32–6 Sample Method to Set Treemap or Sunburst Node Fill Color**

```
import java.awt.Color;

private static Color getColor(double value, double min, double max) {
    double percent = Math.max((value - min) / max, 0);
    if(percent > 0.5) {
        double modifier = (percent - 0.5) * 2;
        return new Color((int)(modifier*102), (int)(modifier*153),
(int)(modifier*51));
    }
    else {
        double modifier = percent *2;
        return new Color((int)(modifier*204), (int)(modifier*51), 0);
    }
}
```

- **Label:** Specify the node's label. You can enter text or use the attribute's dropdown menu to choose **Expression Builder** and create an EL expression.

For example, the census data example uses a method that converts the node data into strings for label display. See [Example 32–3](#) for the `convertToString()` method. The `TreeNode` class uses the output from the `convertToString()` method to set the text variable which is used for the label display. To reference this example in the Expression Builder dialog, create the following expression: `#{row.text}`.

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**Note:** You can also use attribute groups to set the `fillColor` and `label` attribute. Attribute groups are optional, but you must use them if you want your treemap or sunburst to change color or pattern based on a given condition, such as high versus low income. For information about configuring attribute groups, see [Section 32.4.3.1, "How to Configure Treemap and Sunburst Discrete Attribute Groups."](#)

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### 32.3.2 What You May Need to Know about Adding Data to Treemaps and Sunbursts

The examples in this chapter use classes and managed beans to provide the data to the treemap and sunburst. If your application uses the Fusion technology stack, then you can use data controls to create a sunburst and the binding will be done for you. For more information, see the "Creating Databound Treemaps and Sunbursts" section in the *Oracle Fusion Middleware Fusion Developer's Guide for Oracle Application Development Framework*.

Alternatively, if you know the UI components on your page will eventually use ADF data binding, but you need to develop the pages before the data controls are ready, then you should consider using placeholder data controls, rather than manually binding the components. Using placeholder data controls will provide the same declarative development experience as using developed data controls. For more information, see the "Designing a Page Using Placeholder Data Controls" section of the *Oracle Fusion Middleware Fusion Developer's Guide for Oracle Application Development Framework*.

## 32.4 Customizing Treemap and Sunburst Display Elements

You can configure treemap and sunburst display elements, including patterns, attribute groups, legends, labels, animation, aggregation of smaller data contributors, skinning, sizing, and ordering of the nodes by size.

### 32.4.1 Configuring Treemap and Sunburst Display Size and Style

You can configure the treemap or sunburst's size and style using the `inlineStyle` or `styleClass` attributes. Both attributes are available in the **Style** section in the Property Inspector for the `dvt:treemap` or `dvt:sunburst` component. Using these attributes, you can customize stylistic features such as fonts, borders, and background elements.

For additional information about using the `inlineStyle` or `styleClass` attributes, see [Chapter 20, "Customizing the Appearance Using Styles and Skins."](#)

The page containing the treemap or sunburst may also impose limitations on the ability to change the size or style. For more information about page layouts, see [Chapter 8, "Organizing Content on Web Pages."](#)

#### 32.4.1.1 What You May Need to Know About Skinning and Configuring Treemap and Sunburst Display Size and Style

Treemaps and sunbursts also support skinning to customize the color and font styles for the top level components as well as the nodes, node headers, and icons used for treemap isolation and sunburst expansion and collapse. You can also use skinning to define the styles for a treemap or sunburst node or a treemap node header when the user hovers the mouse over or selects a node or node header. If the node or node header is drillable, you can use skinning to define the styles when the user hovers the mouse over or selects it.

[Example 32-7](#) shows the skinning key for a sunburst configured to show the node's text in bold when the user selects it.

##### **Example 32-7 Using a Skinning Key to Change Font Weight When Node is Selected**

```
af|dvt-sunburstNode::selected
{
  -tr-font-weight: bold;
}
```

For the complete list of treemap and sunburst skinning keys, see the *Oracle Fusion Middleware Data Visualization Tools Tag Reference for Oracle ADF Faces Skin Selectors*. For additional information about customizing your application using skinning and styles, see [Chapter 20, "Customizing the Appearance Using Styles and Skins."](#)

### 32.4.2 Configuring Pattern Display

You can configure the treemap or sunburst node to display patterns. The available patterns are:

- none (default)
- smallChecker
- smallCrosshatch
- smallDiagonalLeft
- smallDiagonalRight
- smallDiamond

- `smallTriangle`
- `largeChecker`
- `largeCrosshatch`
- `largeDiagonalLeft`
- `largeDiagonalRight`
- `largeDiamond`
- `largeTriangle`

To configure the treemap or sunburst node to display patterns, specify the `fillPattern` attribute on the `dvt:treemapNode` or `dvt:sunburstNode` node. You can also use discrete attribute groups to specify the fill pattern. For more information about discrete attribute groups, see [Section 32.4.3.1, "How to Configure Treemap and Sunburst Discrete Attribute Groups."](#)

### 32.4.3 Configuring Treemap and Sunburst Attribute Groups

Use attribute groups to generate stylistic attribute values such as colors or shapes based on categorical bucketing of a data set. Treemaps and sunbursts support both discrete and continuous attribute groups for setting the color and pattern of the child nodes.

Use a discrete attribute group if you want the color or pattern to depend upon a given condition, such as high or low income levels. Use the continuous attribute group if you want the color to change gradually between low and high values.

#### 32.4.3.1 How to Configure Treemap and Sunburst Discrete Attribute Groups

Configure discrete attribute groups by adding the `dvt:attributeGroups` tag to your treemap or sunburst and defining the conditions under which the color or pattern will be displayed.

##### Before you begin:

It may be helpful to have an understanding of how treemap and sunburst attributes and child tags can affect functionality. For more information about configuring treemap attributes and child tags, see [Section 32.2.2.1, "Configuring Treemaps."](#) For information about configuring sunburst attributes and child tags, see [Section 32.2.3.1, "Configuring Sunbursts."](#)

You will need to complete these tasks:

- Add a treemap or sunburst to your page. For more information, see [Section 32.2.2.2, "How to Add a Treemap to a Page"](#) or [Section 32.2.3.2, "How to Add a Sunburst to a Page."](#)
- If you did not bind the treemap or sunburst to a data control when you added the component to the page, add data to the treemap or sunburst. For information about adding data to treemaps or sunbursts using UI-first development, see [Section 32.3, "Adding Data to Treemap and Sunburst Components."](#)

##### To configure a treemap or sunburst discrete attribute group:

1. In the Structure window, right-click the `dvt:treemapNode` or `dvt:sunburstNode` node and choose **Insert inside dvt:<component>Node > Attribute Groups**.



For example, to configure a treemap discrete attribute group, right-click the `dvt:treemapNode` node and choose **Insert inside dvt:treemapNode > Attribute Groups**.

2. Right-click the `dvt:attributeGroups` element and choose **Go to Properties**.
3. In the Property Inspector, expand the **Appearance** section.
4. From the **Value** attribute's dropdown menu, choose **Expression Builder** and create an expression that references the color metric and the condition that will control the color display.

For example, if you want your treemap to display different colors for median income levels higher or lower than \$50,000 as shown in [Figure 32–5](#), create an expression similar to the following expression for the **Value** field:

```
#{row.income > 50000}
```

For help with creating EL expressions, see [Section 2.5.1, "How to Create an EL Expression."](#)

5. From the **Label** attribute's dropdown menu, choose **Expression Builder** and create an expression for the legend that describes what the discrete colors or patterns represent.

For example, to let the user know that the colors represent high and low median income levels, create an expression similar to the following expression for the **Label** field:

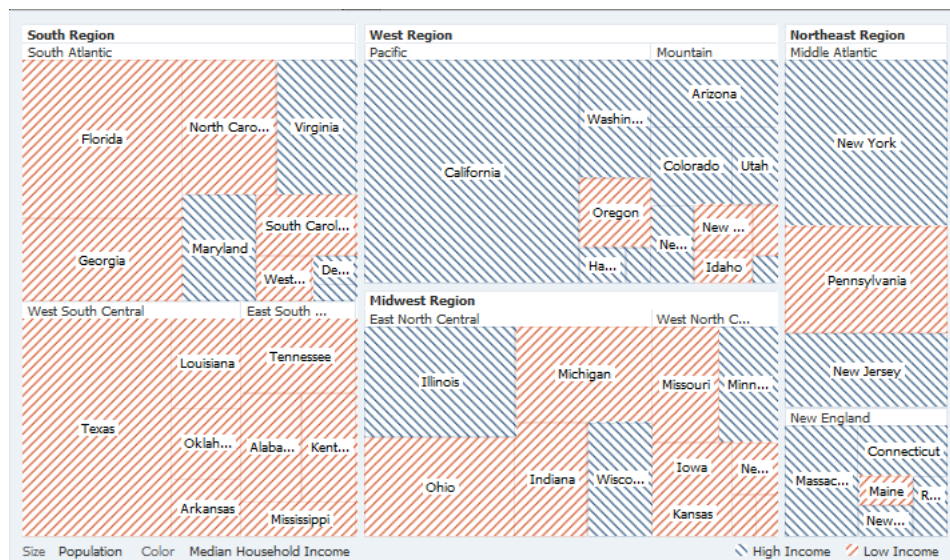
```
#{row.income > 50000 ? 'High Income' : 'Low Income'}
```

6. From the **Type** attribute's dropdown menu, choose **Edit**.
7. From the Edit Property dialog, choose color, pattern, or both, and click **OK**.

If you choose both color and pattern and build the page now, the treemap or sunburst will use default colors and patterns for the discrete attribute group.

[Figure 32–31](#) shows the treemap that displays if you accept the default colors and patterns in the census data example.

**Figure 32–31 Treemap Discrete Attribute Group with Default Colors and Patterns**





8. Optionally, to change the attribute group's default colors, do the following:
  1. In the Structure window, right-click the `dvt:attributeGroups` element and choose **Insert inside dvt:attributeGroups > Attribute Match Rule**.  
The `dvt:attributeMatchRule` tag is used to replace an attribute when the data matches a given condition. In the census data example, the condition is median income higher than \$50,000.
  2. Right-click the `dvt:attributeMatchRule` element and choose **Go to Properties**.
  3. In the **Group** field, enter `true` if you want the color to display when the condition is true, or enter `false` if you want the color to display when the condition is false.  
For example, enter `true` to choose the color to display in the census data example when the median income level is higher than 50000.
  4. In the Structure window, right-click the `dvt:attributeMatchRule` element and choose **Insert inside dvt:attributeMatchRule > Attribute**.
  5. In the Insert Attribute dialog, enter `color` for the **name** field and a color in the **value** field, and click **OK**.  
The value field accepts a six-digit RGB hexadecimal value. For example, to set the value to green, enter the following in the **value** field: `#00AA00`.
  6. Repeat step 1 through step 5 if you want to change the default color for the other half of the condition.  
For example, add another match rule to define the color that displays when the income is under 50000, and set the **Group** field to `false`.
9. Optionally, to change the attribute group's default patterns, do the following:
  1. In the Structure window, right-click the `dvt:attributeGroups` element and choose **Insert inside dvt:attributeGroups > Attribute Match Rule**.
  2. Right-click the `dvt:attributeMatchRule` element and choose **Go to Properties**.
  3. In the **Group** field, enter `true` if you want the pattern to display when the condition is true, or enter `false` if you want the pattern to display when the condition is false.
  4. In the Structure window, right-click the `dvt:attributeMatchRule` element and choose **Insert inside dvt:attributeMatchRule > Attribute**.
  5. In the Insert Attribute dialog, enter `pattern` for the **name** field and a supported pattern in the **value** field, and click **OK**.  
For example, enter `smallDiamond` in the **value** field to change the pattern to small diamonds. For the list of available patterns, see [Section 32.4.2, "Configuring Pattern Display."](#)
  6. Repeat step 1 through step 5 if you want to change the default color for the other half of the condition.  
For example, add another match rule to define the color that displays when the income is under 50000, and set the **Group** field to `false`.

[Example 32-8](#) shows the code on the JSF page if you configure a discrete attribute group for the treemap shown in [Figure 32-5, "Treemap Displaying Discrete Attribute Groups"](#).

**Example 32–8 Sample Code on JSF Page for Discrete Attribute Group**

```

<dvt:treemap id="t1" summary="SampleTreemap" value="#{treemap.censusData}"
  var="row" colorLabel="Median Household Income" sizeLabel="Population"
  displayLevelsChildren="3" emptyText="No Data to Display"
  legendSource="ag1">
  <dvt:treemapNode id="tn1" value="#{row.size}" label="#{row.text}">
    <dvt:attributeGroups id="ag1" value="#{row.income > 50000}"
      label="#{row.income > 50000 ? 'High Income' : 'Low Income'}"
      type="color">
      <dvt:attributeMatchRule id="amr1" group="true">
        <f:attribute name="color" value="#00AA00"/>
      </dvt:attributeMatchRule>
      <dvt:attributeMatchRule id="amr2" group="false">
        <f:attribute name="color" value="#AA0000"/>
      </dvt:attributeMatchRule>
    </dvt:attributeGroups>
    <f:facet name="content" />
  </dvt:treemapNode>
</dvt:treemap>

```

**32.4.3.2 How to Configure Treemap or Sunburst Continuous Attribute Groups**

Configure continuous attribute groups by adding the `dvt:attributeGroups` tag to your treemap or sunburst and defining the colors to be displayed at the minimum and maximum levels of the data range. The attribute group will use the data to determine the data range and display labels in the legend with corresponding values, but you can also configure the attribute group to use different ranges or labels.

**Before you begin:**

It may be helpful to have an understanding of how treemap and sunburst attributes and child tags can affect functionality. For more information about configuring treemap attributes and child tags, see [Section 32.2.2.1, "Configuring Treemaps."](#) For information about configuring sunburst attributes and child tags, see [Section 32.2.3.1, "Configuring Sunbursts."](#)

You will need to complete these tasks:

- Add a treemap or sunburst to your page. For more information, see [Section 32.2.2.2, "How to Add a Treemap to a Page"](#) or [Section 32.2.3.2, "How to Add a Sunburst to a Page."](#)
- If you did not bind the treemap or sunburst to a data control when you added the component to the page, add data to the treemap or sunburst. For information about adding data to treemaps or sunbursts using UI-first development, see [Section 32.3, "Adding Data to Treemap and Sunburst Components."](#)

**To configure a treemap or sunburst continuous attribute group:**

1. In the Structure window, right-click the `dvt:treemapNode` or `dvt:sunburstNode` node and choose **Insert inside dvt:<component>Node > Attribute Groups**.  
For example, to configure a treemap continuous attribute group, right-click the `dvt:treemapNode` node and choose **Insert inside dvt:treemapNode > Attribute Groups**.
2. Right-click the `dvt:attributeGroups` element and choose **Go to Properties**.
3. In the Property Inspector, expand the **Appearance** section.
4. From the **Value** attribute's dropdown menu, choose **Expression Builder** and enter an expression that references the color metric.

For example, to specify an EL expression that returns the income data from the census example, choose **Expression Builder** and enter the following value in the **Value** field: `#{row.income}`. For help with creating EL expressions, see [Section 2.5.1, "How to Create an EL Expression."](#)

5. In the **Type** field, enter `color`.
6. In the **AttributeType** field, use the attribute's dropdown menu to choose `continuous`.
7. Optionally, set values for the following minimum or maximum range and labels:
  - **MinValue**: Enter the minimum boundary for the range. Alternatively, choose **Expression Builder** from the attribute's dropdown menu and enter the expression that returns the minimum boundary.  
For example, enter 35000 in the **MinValue** field to set the lower boundary of the range to 35,000.
  - **MaxValue**: Enter the maximum boundary for the range. Alternatively, choose **Expression Builder** from the attribute's dropdown menu and enter the expression that returns the maximum bound.
  - **MinLabel**: Enter the label for the minimum value to be displayed in the legend. Alternatively, choose **Select Text Resource** or **Expression Builder** from the attribute's dropdown menu to select a text resource or EL expression.  
For example, enter \$35000 in the **MinLabel** field to set the label displayed in the legend to \$35000.
  - **MaxLabel**: Enter the label for the maximum value to be displayed in the legend. Alternatively, choose **Select Text Resource** or **Expression Builder** from the attribute's dropdown menu to select a text resource or EL expression.
8. To define the colors used for the minimum and maximum bounds of the range, do the following:
  1. In the Structure window, right-click the `dvt:attributeGroups` element and choose **Insert inside dvt:attributeGroups > Attribute**.
  2. In the Insert Attribute dialog, enter `color1` for the name and a value for the minimum boundary, and click **OK**.  
The value field accepts a six-digit RGB hexadecimal value. For example, to set the value of the minimum bound to black, which is the color used in the attribute group in [Figure 32-1](#), enter the following in the **value** field: `#000000`.
  3. In the Structure window, right-click the `dvt:attributeGroups` element and choose **Insert inside dvt:attributeGroups > Attribute**.
  4. In the Insert Attribute dialog, enter `color2` for the name and a value for the maximum boundary, and click **OK**.  
The value field accepts a six-digit RGB hexadecimal value. For example, to set the value of the maximum bound to a light green, which is the color used in the attribute group in [Figure 32-1](#), enter the following in the **value** field: `#00AA00`.

[Example 32-9](#) shows the code on the JSF page if you configure the continuous attribute group shown in [Figure 32-1](#).

**Example 32-9 Sample Code on JSF Page for Continuous Attribute Group**

```
<dvt:treemap id="t1" summary="SampleTreemap" value="#{treemap.censusData}"
```

```

        var="row" colorLabel="Median Household Income" sizeLabel="Population"
        displayLevelsChildren="3" emptyText="No Data to Display"
        legendSource="ag1">
<dvt:treemapNode id="tn1" value="#{row.size}" label="#{row.text}">
  <dvt:attributeGroups id="ag1" value="#{row.income}" type="color"
    attributeType="continuous" minValue="35000"
    maxValue="70000" minLabel="$35000" maxLabel="$70000">
    <f:attribute name="color1" value="#000000"/>
    <f:attribute name="color2" value="#00AA00"/>
  </dvt:attributeGroups>
  <f:facet name="content"/>
</dvt:treemapNode>
</dvt:treemap>

```

### 32.4.3.3 What You May Need to Know About Configuring Attribute Groups

If you use the **Other** node to aggregate nodes for display, the **Other** node will not use the color or pattern of the configured attribute group. For more information, see [Section 32.4.5.2, "What You May Need to Know About Configuring the Treemap and Sunburst Other Node."](#)

## 32.4.4 How to Configure Treemap and Sunburst Legends

Legends display automatically when you specify values for the following attributes:

- `sizeLabel`: Specify the text that describes the size metric of the component. Alternatively, choose **Select Text Resource** or **Expression Builder** from the attribute's dropdown menu to select a text resource or EL expression.
- `colorLabel`: Specify the text that describes the color metric of the component. Alternatively, choose **Select Text Resource** or **Expression Builder** from the attribute's dropdown menu to select a text resource or EL expression.
- `legendSource`: Optionally, specify the id of the attribute group used in the treemap or sunburst display.

If your treemap or sunburst does not use attribute groups, the legend display will be limited to the text descriptions that you specified for the size and color labels.

### Before you begin:

It may be helpful to have an understanding of how treemap and sunburst attributes and child tags can affect functionality. For more information about configuring treemap attributes and child tags, see [Section 32.2.2.1, "Configuring Treemaps."](#) For information about configuring sunburst attributes and child tags, see [Section 32.2.3.1, "Configuring Sunbursts."](#)

You will need to complete these tasks:

- Add a treemap or sunburst to your page. For more information, see [Section 32.2.2.2, "How to Add a Treemap to a Page"](#) or [Section 32.2.3.2, "How to Add a Sunburst to a Page."](#)
- If you did not bind the treemap or sunburst to a data control when you added the component to the page, add data to the treemap or sunburst. For information about adding data to treemaps or sunbursts using UI-first development, see [Section 32.3, "Adding Data to Treemap and Sunburst Components."](#)

### To configure a treemap or sunburst legend:

1. In the Structure window, right-click the `dvt:treemap` or `dvt:sunburst` node and choose **Go to Properties**.

2. In the Property Inspector, expand the **Appearance** section.
3. In the **SizeLabel** field, enter the text that the legend will display to describe the size metric.

For example, enter `Population` in the **SizeLabel** field to indicate that the size of the nodes in the treemap or sunburst is based on population.

You can also use the dropdown menu to choose a text resource or EL expression from the Expression Builder dialog. For example, to specify an EL expression that returns the size from the census data example, choose **Expression Builder** and enter the following value in the **SizeLabel** field: `#{row.size}`. For help with creating EL expressions, see [Section 2.5.1, "How to Create an EL Expression."](#)

4. In the **ColorLabel** field, enter the text that the legend will display to describe the color metric.

For example, enter `Median Household Income` in the **ColorLabel** field to indicate that the size of the nodes in the treemap or sunburst is based on population.

Alternatively, use the dropdown menu to enter a text resource or select an expression from the Expression Builder. For example, to specify an EL expression that returns the color from the census data example, choose **Expression Builder** and enter the following value in the **ColorLabel** field: `#{color.size}`.

5. If your treemap or sunburst uses attribute groups, reference the id of the `attributeGroups` component as follows:
  1. From the **LegendSource** property's dropdown menu, choose **Edit**.
  2. In the Edit Property: LegendSource dialog, expand each component and locate the `attributeGroups` component.
  3. Select the `attributeGroups` component and click **OK**.

## 32.4.5 Configuring the Treemap and Sunburst Other Node

Use the **Other** node to aggregate smaller data sets visually into one larger set for easier comparison. You can aggregate the data sets based on the size of the node's parent or the size of the treemap or sunburst component's root node.

### 32.4.5.1 How to Configure the Treemap and Sunburst Other Node

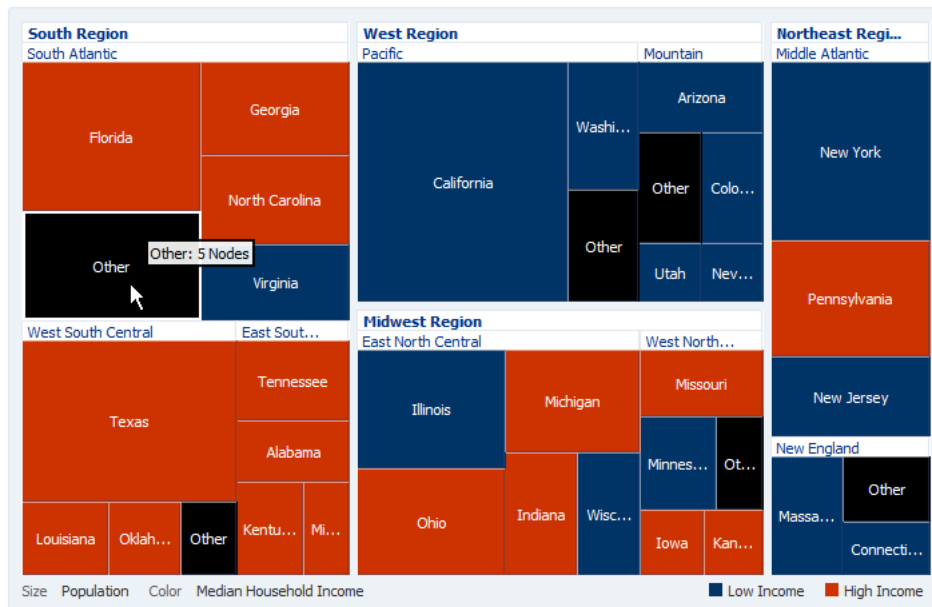
Configure the treemap or sunburst **Other** node by setting values for the following attributes:

- `otherThreshold`: Specify the percentage of the parent or root node under which a node would be aggregated into the **Other** node. Valid values range from 0 (default) to 1.

For example, a value of `0.1` would cause all nodes which are less than 10% of their parent's value to be aggregated into the **Other** node. In [Figure 32-16](#), the `otherThreshold` is set to `.08` or eight percent which aggregated the **South Carolina, Delaware, West Virginia, and District of Columbia** nodes in the South Atlantic region.

If you increase the value to `0.1` or 10%, the **Maryland** node is added to the aggregation. [Figure 32-32](#) shows the same treemap with the `otherThreshold` attribute set to `0.1`.

**Figure 32–32 Treemap Showing Other Node With otherThreshold Set to 10 Percent**



- **OtherThresholdBasis:** Specify the basis used to apply the `otherThreshold` value as either a percentage of the root node or as a percentage of the sunburst or treemap node’s parent node. Valid values are:

    - `parentPercentage:` Nodes are compared against the size of the parent node when applying `otherThreshold`. This is the default behavior and the setting used for the figures in this section.

For example, if one of the nodes in the treemap has a parent in the **Other** node, the child node will also be aggregated into the **Other** node when you drill down to its level, regardless of the node’s value. If two child nodes have the same value but one node’s parent is in the **Other** node, that child node will be aggregated into the **Other** node.

  - `rootPercentage:` Nodes are compared against the size of the treemap or sunburst’s root when applying `otherThreshold`.
- For example, if you set the **OtherThreshold** to 0.1, all nodes whose values are less than 10% of the total sunburst display will be included in **Other** regardless of the size of their parents.
- **otherColor:** Specify a reference to a method that takes the `RowKeySet` of all nodes contained within the current **Other** node and returns a `String` for the color of the **Other** node.

For example, the census data example uses a method to calculate the mean income of all the nodes contained within the **Other** node. If the mean household income is less than 50,000, the method returns the same color value used to display low income as the non-aggregated nodes in the treemap. Notice how the color changed on the **Other** node in [Figure 32–32](#) to reflect the higher mean income when the **Maryland** node is included in the **Other** node.

[Example 32–10](#) shows the sample method to specify the `otherColor` value based on the mean income in the census data example.

**Example 32–10 Sample Method to Set Treemap otherColor Value**

```
import org.apache.myfaces.trinidad.model.RowKeySet;
import org.apache.myfaces.trinidad.model.TreeModel;

public String otherColor(RowKeySet set) {
    // The color should be the mean income of the contained regions. Note that it
    // should actually
    // be the median, but we can't calculate that with the available information.
    TreeModel tree = getCensusRootData();
    // Loop through and get the population + average income
    double population = 0;
    double average = 0;
    for(Object rowKey : set) {
        CensusData.CensusTreeNode item = (CensusData.CensusTreeNode)
tree.getRowData(rowKey);
        population += item.getSize().doubleValue();
        average += item.getSize().doubleValue() * item.getIncome();
    }
    // Calculate the average
    average = average / population;
    // Match the attr groups used by the demos
    return average > 50000 ? "#CC3300" : "#003366";
}
```

- `otherPattern`: Optionally, specify a reference to a method that takes the `RowKeySet` of all nodes contained within the current **Other** node and returns a `String` for the pattern of the **Other** node.

[Example 32–11](#) shows the sample code for a method that sets the pattern fill to `smallDiamond` on the **Other** node.

**Example 32–11 Sample Method to Set Treemap or Sunburst otherPattern Value**

```
import org.apache.myfaces.trinidad.model.RowKeySet;
public String otherPattern(RowKeySet rowKeySet) {
    return "smallDiamond";
}
```

**Before you begin:**

It may be helpful to have an understanding of how treemap and sunburst attributes and child tags can affect functionality. For more information about configuring treemap attributes and child tags, see [Section 32.2.2.1, "Configuring Treemaps."](#) For information about configuring sunburst attributes and child tags, see [Section 32.2.3.1, "Configuring Sunbursts."](#)

You will need to complete these tasks:

- Add a treemap or sunburst to your page. For more information, see [Section 32.2.2.2, "How to Add a Treemap to a Page"](#) or [Section 32.2.3.2, "How to Add a Sunburst to a Page."](#)
- If you did not bind the treemap or sunburst to a data control when you added the component to the page, add data to the treemap or sunburst. For information about adding data to treemaps or sunbursts using UI-first development, see [Section 32.3, "Adding Data to Treemap and Sunburst Components."](#)
- Create the method that takes the `RowKeySet` of all nodes contained within the current **Other** node and returns a `String` for the color of the **Other** node.



To use the United States census data example, add the sample method in [Example 32–10](#) to a managed bean.

If you need help with managed beans, see [Section 2.6, "Creating and Using Managed Beans."](#)

- Optionally, create the method that takes the `RowKeySet` of all nodes contained within the current **Other** node and returns a `String` for the pattern of the **Other** node.

To use the United States census data example, add the sample method in [Example 32–11](#) to a managed bean.

#### To add the Other node to a treemap or sunburst:

1. In the Structure window, right-click the `dvt:treemap` or `dvt:sunburst` node and choose **Go to Properties**.
2. In the Property Inspector, expand the **Other** section and enter a value for the following attributes:
  - **OtherThreshold**: Enter the percentage of nodes to be aggregated as a value between 0 and 1.
  - **OtherThresholdBasis**: To change the default basis used to apply the `otherThreshold` value to a percentage of the size of the sunburst or treemap component's root node, choose `rootPercentage` from the dropdown list. Valid values are:
  - **OtherColor**: Choose **Edit** from the dropdown menu and select the managed bean and method that sets the `otherColor` attribute.

For example, for a managed bean named `treemap` and a method named `otherColor`, enter the following in the **OtherColor** field:  
`#{treemap.otherColor}`.

- **OtherPattern**: Choose **Edit** from the dropdown and select the managed bean and method that sets the `otherPattern` attribute.

For example, for a managed bean named `treemap` and a method named `otherPattern`, enter the following in the **OtherPattern** field:  
`#{treemap.otherPattern}`.

#### 32.4.5.2 What You May Need to Know About Configuring the Treemap and Sunburst Other Node

Because the **Other** node is an aggregation of individual nodes, its behavior will be different than other treemap and sunburst child nodes when managing children, attribute groups, selection, tooltips, and popup support. Specifically, you should be aware of the following differences:

- **Child nodes**: Children of the aggregated nodes are not displayed unless you set the treemap or sunburst component's `otherThresholdBasis` attribute.
- **Other node display with attribute groups**: If you use attribute groups to specify a color or pattern, that color or pattern will not be displayed on the **Other** node. If you want the **Other** node to display the same color or pattern as the attribute group, you must create methods in a managed bean to return a color or pattern that makes sense.
- **Selection behavior**: **Other** nodes are not selectable if you change node selection support from the default value of multiple selection to single node selection.



- Tooltips: Tooltips display the number of nodes within the **Other** node and are not customizable.
- Popups: By default, popups will not display on the **Other** node.

When a user invokes a popup on a node, that node is made current on the component (and its model), allowing the application to determine context. Treemaps and sunbursts use the `af:showPopupBehavior` tag to determine context, but this tag does not support making multiple nodes current. If you want your treemap or sunburst to display a popup on the **Other** node, you must create a method in a managed bean that calls the `getPopupContext()` method on the `UITreemap` or `UISunburst` component to determine the context of the aggregated nodes.

### 32.4.6 Configuring Treemap and Sunburst Sorting

Sorting is enabled by default if your treemap or sunburst uses the **Other** node. Otherwise you must enable it by setting the `dvt:treemap` or `dvt:sunburst` `sorting` attribute to `on` in the Property Inspector.

Treemaps support sorting in the slice and dice layouts only.

### 32.4.7 Configuring Treemap and Sunburst Advanced Node Content

Configure advanced node content by defining a content facet on the treemap or sunburst node.

Both treemaps and sunbursts support the following Oracle Application Development Framework tags:

- `af:image`
- `af:outputText`
- `af:panelGroupLayout`
- `af:spacer`

Only a single child is supported for layout reasons, and you must use `af:panelGroupLayout` to wrap multiple child components. Interactive behaviors are also not supported for components within this facet.

#### 32.4.7.1 How to Add Advanced Node Content to a Treemap

Configure advanced node content on a treemap by defining the content facet on the `dvt:treemapNode` node.

##### Before you begin:

It may be helpful to have an understanding of how treemap attributes and child tags can affect functionality. For more information about configuring treemap attributes and child tags, see [Section 32.2.2.1, "Configuring Treemaps."](#)

Add a treemap to your page. For more information, see [Section 32.2.2.2, "How to Add a Treemap to a Page."](#)

##### To add advanced node content to a treemap:

1. In the Structure window, right-click the `dvt:treemapNode` and choose **Insert inside dvt:treemapNode > Facet content**.
2. To configure the facet, in the Structure window, right-click the `f:facet - content` node and choose to **Insert inside f:facet - content** one of the following:

- **Image**
- **Output Text**
- **Panel Group Layout**
- **Spacer**

To insert more than one component, choose the **Panel Group Layout** and add the image, output text, or spacers as required by your application. For help with configuring panel group layouts, see [Section 8.16.1, "How to Use the panelGroupLayout Component."](#)

For help with configuring images and output text, see [Chapter 16, "Using Output Components."](#)

#### 32.4.7.2 How to Add Advanced Root Node Content to a Sunburst:

Configure advanced node content on a treemap by defining the `rootContent` facet on the `dvt:sunburstNode` node.

##### **Before you begin:**

It may be helpful to have an understanding of sunburst attributes and child tags can affect functionality. For information about configuring sunburst attributes and child tags, see [Section 32.2.3.1, "Configuring Sunbursts."](#)

Add a sunburst to your page. For more information, see [Section 32.2.3.2, "How to Add a Sunburst to a Page."](#)

##### **To add advanced root node content to a sunburst:**

1. In the Structure window, right-click the `dvt:sunburst` node and choose **Insert inside dvt:sunburstNode > Facet root Content**.
2. To configure the facet, in the Structure window, right-click the `f:facet - content` node and choose to **Insert inside f:facet - rootContent** one of the following:
  - **Image**
  - **Output Text**
  - **Panel Group Layout**
  - **Spacer**

To insert more than one component, choose the **Panel Group Layout** and add the image, output text, or spacers as required by your application. For help with configuring panel group layouts, see [Section 8.16.1, "How to Use the panelGroupLayout Component."](#)

For help with configuring images and output text, see [Chapter 16, "Using Output Components."](#)

#### 32.4.7.3 What You May Need to Know About Configuring Advanced Node Content on Treemaps

Treemaps are meant to display two dimensions of data using size and color. Node content should be used to identify the treemap node, such as with labels or images, and should not be relied upon to display many additional dimensions of data. Applications should consider using popups for additional content since they will not have aspect ratio or small size issues like treemap nodes.

## 32.4.8 How to Configure Animation in Treemaps and Sunbursts

Treemaps and sunbursts support multiple types of animations. By default, no animation is displayed, but you can add animation to the treemap or sunburst when it initially displays. You can also customize the animation effects when a data change occurs on the component.

### Before you begin:

It may be helpful to have an understanding of how treemap and sunburst attributes and child tags can affect functionality. For more information about configuring treemap attributes and child tags, see [Section 32.2.2.1, "Configuring Treemaps."](#) For information about configuring sunburst attributes and child tags, see [Section 32.2.3.1, "Configuring Sunbursts."](#)

Add a treemap or sunburst to your page. For more information, see [Section 32.2.2.2, "How to Add a Treemap to a Page"](#) or [Section 32.2.3.2, "How to Add a Sunburst to a Page."](#)

### To add animation effects to a treemap or sunburst:

1. In the Structure window, right-click the `dvt:treemap` or `dvt:sunburst` node and choose **Go to Properties**.
2. In the Property Inspector, expand the **Appearance** section and set a value for the following attributes:
  - **AnimationDuration:** Specify the duration of the animation in milliseconds. The default value is 500. For data changes, the animation occurs in stages, and the default value is 500 for each stage of the animation.
  - **AnimationDisplay:** Use the dropdown menu to specify the type of animation to apply when the component is initially rendered. By default, this is set to `none`.
  - **AnimationOnDataChange:** Use the dropdown menu to specify the type of animation to apply when data is changed in the treemap or sunburst. By default, this is set to `activeData` for Active Data Service data change events.

For treemap and sunburst, the `auto` type is recommended because it will apply animation for both Partial Page Refresh and Active Data Service Events.

[Table 32–1](#) shows the list of supported animation effects.

**Table 32–1 Treemap and Sunburst Animation Effects**

Animation Effect	AnimationOnDisplay	AnimationOnDataChange
<code>none</code>	x	x
<code>activeData</code>		x
<code>alphaFade</code>	x	x
<code>auto</code>		x
<code>cubeToLeft</code>		x (treemap only)
<code>cubeToRight</code>		x (treemap only)
<code>fan</code>	x (sunburst only)	
<code>flipLeft</code>		x (sunburst only)
<code>flipRight</code>		x (sunburst only)
<code>slideToLeft</code>		x

**Table 32–1 (Cont.) Treemap and Sunburst Animation Effects**

Animation Effect	AnimationOnDisplay	AnimationOnDataChange
slideToRight		x
transitionToLeft		x
transitionToRight		x
zoom	x	x

## 32.4.9 Configuring Labels in Treemaps and Sunbursts

Treemaps and sunbursts support customization of label display for the following elements:

- `colorLabel` and `sizeLabel`: These labels are used in the legend display. For additional information about configuring these labels, see [Section 32.4.4, "How to Configure Treemap and Sunburst Legends."](#)
- `treemapNodeHeader`: The title displayed in treemap node headers is configurable. For additional information about customizing the treemap node header title, see [Section 32.4.11, "Configuring Treemap Node Headers and Group Gap Display."](#)
- `node labels`: You can configure the size, style, and display of node labels on both treemaps and sunbursts. The options for configuration are slightly different between the components, due to the differences in layouts.

### 32.4.9.1 How to Configure Treemap Leaf Node Labels

Configure treemap node labels by setting label attributes on the treemap node.

#### Before you begin:

It may be helpful to have an understanding of how treemap attributes and child tags can affect functionality. For more information about configuring treemap attributes and child tags, see [Section 32.2.2.1, "Configuring Treemaps."](#)

Add a treemap to your page. For more information, see [Section 32.2.2.2, "How to Add a Treemap to a Page."](#)

#### To configure treemap leaf node labels:

1. In the Structure window, right-click the `dvt:treemapNode` node and choose **Go to Properties**.
2. In the Property Inspector, expand the **Appearance** section and set a value for the following attributes:
  - **LabelDisplay**: Use the dropdown menu to specify whether or not labels are displayed on the leaf nodes. The default is `node` which displays the label inside the leaf node. To turn off the label display, choose `off`.
  - **LabelHalign**: Use the dropdown menu to specify the horizontal alignment for labels displayed within the node. The default value is `center`. To align the title to the left in left-to-right mode and to the right in right-to-left mode, set this value to `start`. You can also set this to `end` which aligns the title to the right in left-to-right mode and to the left in right-to-left mode.
  - **LabelValign**: Use the dropdown menu to specify the vertical alignment for labels displayed within the node. The default value is `center`. You can change this to `top` or `bottom`.

- **LabelStyle:** Specify the font style for the label displayed in the header. This attribute accepts CSS style attributes such as `font-size` or `color`.

For example, to change the size of the title to 14 pixels and the color to white, enter the following value for **LabelStyle**:

```
font-size:14px;color: #FFFFFF
```

For the complete list of CSS attributes, visit the World Wide Web Consortium's web site at:

<http://www.w3.org/TR/CSS21/>

- **GroupLabelDisplay:** Use the dropdown menu to specify the label display behavior for group nodes. The default value is `header` which will display the group node label in the node header. You can also set this to `off` or to `node` which will display the label inside the node.

### 32.4.9.2 How to Configure Sunburst Node Labels

Configure sunburst node labels by setting label attributes on the sunburst node.

#### Before you begin:

It may be helpful to have an understanding of how treemap and sunburst attributes and child tags can affect functionality. For more information about configuring treemap attributes and child tags, see [Section 32.2.2.1, "Configuring Treemaps."](#) For information about configuring sunburst attributes and child tags, see [Section 32.2.3.1, "Configuring Sunbursts."](#)

Add a sunburst to your page. For more information, see [Section 32.2.3.2, "How to Add a Sunburst to a Page."](#)

#### To configure sunburst node labels:

1. In the Structure window, right-click the **dvt:sunburstNode** node and choose **Go to Properties**.
2. In the Property Inspector, expand the **Appearance** section and set a value for the following attributes:
  - **LabelStyle:** Specify the font style for the label displayed in the header. This attribute accepts CSS style attributes such as `font-size` or `color`.

For example, to change the size of the title to 14 pixels and the color to white, enter the following value for **LabelStyle**:

```
font-size:14px;color: #FFFFFF
```

For the complete list of CSS attributes, visit the World Wide Web Consortium's web site at:

<http://www.w3.org/TR/CSS21/>

- **LabelDisplay:** Use the dropdown menu to specify the label display for the nodes. The default value is `auto` which displays rotated labels within the nodes if the client's environment supports rotated text. If the client's environment does not support rotated text, the sunburst will display horizontal text inside the node. You can also set this to `off` to turn off the label display, to `on` to display horizontal labels within the nodes, or to `rotated` to display rotated labels within the nodes.

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**Note:** If the `labelDisplay` attribute is set to `rotated` and the client's environment does not support rotated text, the sunburst will display horizontal labels within the nodes. This is the same behavior as the default `auto` setting.

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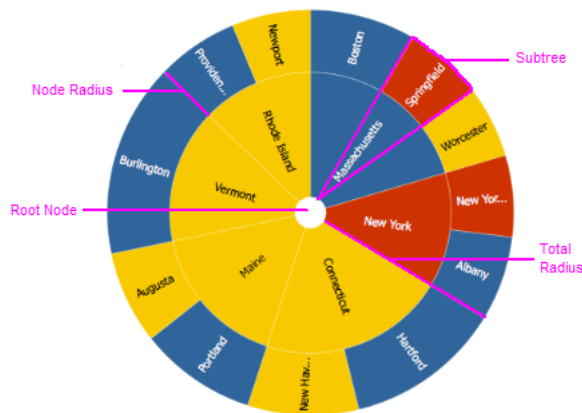
- LabelHalign:** Use the dropdown menu to specify the alignment of node labels. The default value is `center` which aligns the labels in the center of the node slices. You can also set this to `inner` which aligns the label to the inner side of a slice or `outer` which aligns the label to the outer side of a slice.

### 32.4.10 Configuring Sunburst Node Radius

By default, sunbursts allocate the same amount of display area for each node in the sunburst. If you want to increase the display area allocated to one of the nodes, set the node's `radius` attribute.

Figure 32–3 shows a sunburst configured with two nodes, where the inner node represents states and the outer node represents cities within those states. The **node radius** is the straight line separating each member of the node and is a segment of the sunburst's total radius.

**Figure 32–33 Sunburst Showing a Node With Radius Set to 2**



A sunburst's total radius equals the radius of the longest subtree in the sunburst. A subtree represents the path from the root node to the leaf node and may consist of one or more nodes with one or more layers. In Figure 32–33, the subtree representing Massachusetts + Springfield is highlighted.

A sunburst's node radius is set to 1 by default, and a sunburst with two nodes representing two layers has a total radius of 2. To increase the display area for one of the nodes, increase the value of its radius. In Figure 32–33, the inner node is configured with its radius set to 2, and the leaf node's radius is set to 1. In this example, the sunburst's total radius is 3, and the inner node will use 2/3 of the available display area.

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**Note:** If your sunburst defines a single node for all layers in the sunburst, setting the radius attribute will have the effect of increasing the size of the root node's display to match the size of the other layers. If you want to vary the layers, use the ADF Faces `af:switcher` component, and insert a `f:facet` containing a `dvt:node` for each row.

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### 32.4.10.1 How to Configure a Sunburst Node Radius

Use the Property Inspector to set a value for the sunburst node radius.

#### Before you begin:

It may be helpful to have an understanding of how sunburst attributes and child tags can affect functionality. For more information about configuring sunburst attributes and child tags, see [Section 32.2.3.1, "Configuring Sunbursts."](#)

Add a sunburst to your page. For more information, see [Section 32.2.3.2, "How to Add a Sunburst to a Page."](#)

#### To configure a sunburst node radius:

1. In the Structure window, right-click the `dvt:sunburstNode` node and choose **Go to Properties**.
2. In the Property Inspector, expand the **Other** section.
3. In the **Radius** field, enter a numeric value for the radius or use the attribute's dropdown menu to enter an EL expression that returns the radius value.

### 32.4.10.2 What You May Need to Know about Configuring the Sunburst Node Radius

When you change the sunburst's node radius, node labels may no longer display properly. You can adjust the alignment of the node labels using the `labelHalign` attribute. For additional information, see [Section 32.4.9.2, "How to Configure Sunburst Node Labels."](#)

## 32.4.11 Configuring Treemap Node Headers and Group Gap Display

Treemap node headers are displayed by default whenever there are two or more child levels in the treemap. Configure the node header if you wish to change the default display.

Group gaps are displayed between the outer group nodes by default. Configure group gaps if you wish to change the way group gaps are displayed between the nodes.

### 32.4.11.1 How to Configure Treemap Node Headers

Configure treemap node headers by adding the `dvt:treemapNodeHeader` element to your treemap node and setting values for the following attributes:

- `labelStyle`: Specify the font style for the label displayed in the header. This attribute accepts CSS style attributes such as `font-size` or `color`.

For the complete list of CSS attributes, visit the World Wide Web Consortium's web site at:

<http://www.w3.org/TR/CSS21/>

- **titleHalign:** Specify the horizontal alignment of the header's title. By default, this attribute is set to `start` which aligns the title to the left in left-to-right mode and to the right in right-to-left mode. You can set this to `center` which aligns the title to the center or to `end` which aligns the title to the right in left-to-right mode and to the left in right-to-left mode.
- **useNodeColor:** Set this to `on` to have the header use the node color of the parent node.

**Before you begin:**

It may be helpful to have an understanding of how treemap attributes and child tags can affect functionality. For more information about configuring treemap attributes and child tags, see [Section 32.2.2.1, "Configuring Treemaps."](#)

You will need to complete these tasks:

- Add a treemap to your page. For more information, see [Section 32.2.2.2, "How to Add a Treemap to a Page."](#)
- If you did not bind the treemap to a data control when you added the component to the page, add data to the treemap. For information about adding data to treemaps or sunbursts using UI-first development, see [Section 32.3, "Adding Data to Treemap and Sunburst Components."](#)

**To configure a treemap node header:**

1. In the Structure window, right-click the `dvt:treemapNode` node and choose **Insert inside dvt:treemapNode > Treemap Node Header**.
2. Right-click the `dvt:treemapNodeHeader` element and choose **Go to Properties**.
3. In the Property Inspector, enter a value for the following attributes:
  - **LabelStyle:** Enter the style for the node header title.  
For example, to change the size of the title to 14 pixels and the color to white, enter the following value for **LabelStyle**:  

```
font-size:14px;color: #FFFFFF
```
  - **TitleHalign:** Use the attribute's dropdown menu to change the default alignment to `center` or `end`.
  - **UseNodeColor:** Use the attribute's dropdown menu to change the default to `on`.

**32.4.11.2 What You May Need to Know About Treemap Node Headers**

When you choose to use the node color in the header, the node color used is the color that would have been displayed in the treemap if that node was the bottom level of the treemap.

If your treemap is using the same color scheme across all hierarchical levels, then using the node color in the header can provide useful information. However, if you have specified a different color scheme for different levels of the hierarchy, using the node color may not make sense.

**32.4.11.3 How to Customize Treemap Group Gaps**

Customize the group gaps displayed between nodes by setting a value for the `groupGaps` attribute.



**Before you begin:**

It may be helpful to have an understanding of how treemap attributes and child tags can affect functionality. For more information about configuring treemap attributes and child tags, see [Section 32.2.2.1, "Configuring Treemaps."](#)

Add a treemap to your page. For more information, see [Section 32.2.2.2, "How to Add a Treemap to a Page."](#)

**To customize treemap group gap display:**

1. In the Structure window, right-click the `dvt:treemap` node and choose **Go to Properties**.
2. In the Property Inspector, expand the **Appearance** section.
3. Use the dropdown menu to select a value for the group gap display. Valid values are:
  - `outer` (default): Gaps are displayed between the outer group nodes.
  - `all`: Gaps are displayed between all group nodes.
  - `none`: No gaps are displayed between group nodes.

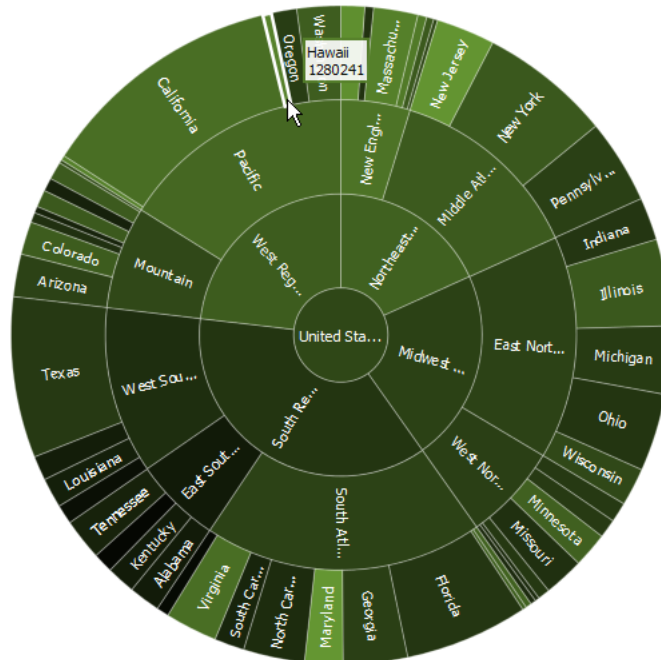
## 32.5 Adding Interactive Features to Treemaps and Sunbursts

You can add interactive features to treemaps and sunbursts, including tooltips, popups, selection support, context menus, and drilling. Treemaps also provide support for isolation of group nodes.

### 32.5.1 Configuring Treemap and Sunburst Tooltips

Define tooltips by specifying a value for the `dvt:treemapNode` or `dvt:sunburstNode` `shortDesc` attribute. You can specify simple text in this attribute, or you can specify an EL expression that pulls data from the treemap or sunburst and displays the additional detail about the node.

[Figure 32-34](#) shows a sunburst displaying the name and size of one of the sunburst nodes.

**Figure 32–34 Sunburst Tooltip**

To configure the tooltip to display detail about the node's label and size data, reference the `label` and `size` attributes in an EL expression. The EL expression pulls data from the managed bean that references the methods for setting the `label` and `size` attributes.

For example, to specify the values for the label and size attributes in the United States census example, enter the following for the `shortDesc` attribute in JDeveloper:

```
#{row.text}<br/>#{row.size}
```

## 32.5.2 Configuring Treemap and Sunburst Popups

Define popups in treemaps or sunbursts using the `af:popup` and `af:showPopupBehavior` tags.

Using the `af:popup` component with treemap and sunburst components, you can configure functionality to allow your end users to show and hide information in secondary windows, input additional data, or invoke functionality such as a context menu. See [Section 32.5.4, "Configuring Treemap and Sunburst Context Menus"](#) to see how to display a context menu using the `af:popup` component.

### 32.5.2.1 How to Add Popups to Treemap and Sunburst Components

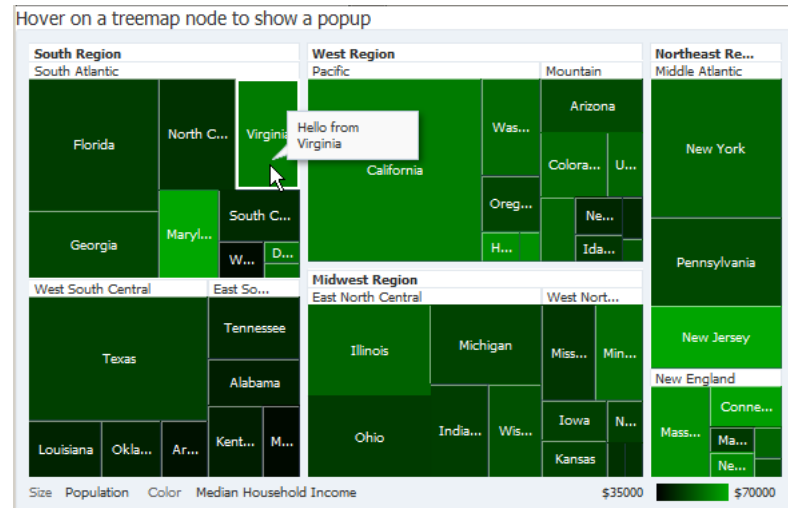
With ADF Faces components, JavaScript is not needed to show or hide popups. The `af:showPopupBehavior` tag provides a declarative solution, so that you do not have to write JavaScript to open a popup component or register a script with the popup component. This section provides an example for configuring a sunburst or treemap component to display popups using the `af:showPopupBehavior` tag.

To configure a popup using the `af:showPopupBehavior` and `af:popup` tags, define the `af:popup` component and associated methods, insert the `af:showPopupBehavior` tag as a child of the `dvt:treemapNode` or `dvt:sunburstNode` component and configure the

af:showPopupBehavior component's tags for the trigger type and reference to the af:popup component's id attribute.

Figure 32–35 shows a treemap configured to display a brief message and the name of the treemap node as the user hovers the mouse over the treemap.

**Figure 32–35 Treemap Showing Popup on Mouse Hover**



Example 32–12 shows the code on the page to declare the popup.

**Example 32–12 Sample Code for Treemap Popup on Mouse Hover**

```
<af:group id="g1">
  <af:outputText value="Hover on a node to show a popup."
    inlineStyle="font-size:medium;" id="ot1"/>
  <af:panelGroupLayout layout="horizontal" id="pgl1">
    <dvt:treemap id="treemap" value="#{treemap.censusData}" var="row"
      inlineStyle="width:450px; height:350px;"
      summary="Treemap Popup"
      displayLevelsChildren="3">
      <dvt:treemapNode id="tn1" value="#{row.size}" fillColor="#{row.color}"
        label="#{row.text}">
        <af:showPopupBehavior popupId=":noteWindowPopup"
          triggerType="mouseHover"/>
      </dvt:treemapNode>
    </dvt:treemap>
  </af:panelGroupLayout>
  <af:popup childCreation="deferred" autoCancel="disabled"
    id="noteWindowPopup" launcherVar="source" eventContext="launcher"
    clientComponent="true" contentDelivery="lazyUncached">
    <af:setListener from="#{source.currentRowData.text}"
      to="#{treemap.noteWindowMessage}" type="popupFetch"/>
    <af:noteWindow id="nw1">
      <af:outputFormatted value="Hello from #{treemap.noteWindowMessage}"
        id="of8"/>
    </af:noteWindow>
  </af:popup>
</af:group>
```

**Before you begin:**

It may be helpful to have an understanding of how treemap and sunburst attributes and child tags can affect functionality. For more information about configuring treemap attributes and child tags, see [Section 32.2.2.1, "Configuring Treemaps."](#) For information about configuring sunburst attributes and child tags, see [Section 32.2.3.1, "Configuring Sunbursts."](#)

You will need to complete these tasks:

- Add a treemap or sunburst to your page. For more information, see [Section 32.2.2.2, "How to Add a Treemap to a Page"](#) or [Section 32.2.3.2, "How to Add a Sunburst to a Page."](#)
- If you did not bind the treemap or sunburst to a data control when you added the component to the page, add data to the treemap or sunburst. For information about adding data to treemaps or sunbursts using UI-first development, see [Section 32.3, "Adding Data to Treemap and Sunburst Components."](#)
- Add the ADF Faces `popup` component to your page and insert the menu, dialog, or window that you want the popup to display.

For example, the popup in [Figure 32–35](#) uses a note window to display the "Hello from Texas" message. To use this example, insert the ADF Faces `noteWindow` component inside the `popup` component, and insert the ADF Faces `outputFormatted` component inside the note window. The sample code is displayed in [Example 32–12](#).

The example popup also includes the ADF Faces `setListener` component that retrieves the data from the treemap for use by the note window. In this example, the data is retrieved from the `text` attribute of the current node (`source.currentRowData.text`) and then stored in the `noteWindowMessage` string variable in the treemap managed bean. To use this example, add the code in [Example 32–13](#) to the treemap bean:

**Example 32–13 Code Fragment to Add `noteWindowMessage` Variable to Treemap Managed Bean**

```
private String noteWindowMessage = null;

public void setNoteWindowMessage(String noteWindowMessage) {
    this.noteWindowMessage = noteWindowMessage;
}
public String getNoteWindowMessage() {
    return noteWindowMessage;
}
```

If you need help with managed beans, see [Section 2.6, "Creating and Using Managed Beans."](#) For additional details about using popup windows to display dialogs, menus, and windows, see [Chapter 13, "Using Popup Dialogs, Menus, and Windows."](#)

- Create any additional components needed to display the selection.

For example, the page in [Figure 32–35](#) uses an `af:outputText` component to prompt the user to hover on a node to show a popup. For additional information about configuring `af:outputText` components, see [Section 16.2, "Displaying Output Text and Formatted Output Text."](#)

**To add a popup to a treemap or sunburst:**

1. In the Structure window, right-click the `dvt:treemapNode` or `dvt:sunburstNode` node and choose **Insert inside dvt:<component>Node > Show Popup Behavior**.

For example, to add the popup to a treemap, right-click the `dvt:treemapNode` node and choose **Insert inside dvt:treemapNode > Show Popup Behavior**.

2. Right-click the `af:showPopupBehavior` node and choose **Go to Properties**.

3. In the Property Inspector, enter a value for the following attributes:

- **TriggerType:** Enter a value for the actions that will trigger the popup. Valid values are `click` and `mouseHover`.
- **PopupId:** Reference the id of the popup component. You can enter the id directly or use the attribute's dropdown menu to choose **Edit** and select the id in the Edit Property: PopupId dialog.

For example, to reference the popup in the census data example, enter the following value for the **PopupId**: `::noteWindowPopup`.

### 32.5.2.2 What You May Need to Know About Adding Popups to Treemaps and Sunburst Components

Treemaps and sunbursts currently support only the `click` and `mouseHover` trigger types.

Popups do not display on the **Other** node. For additional information, see [Section 32.4.5.2, "What You May Need to Know About Configuring the Treemap and Sunburst Other Node."](#)

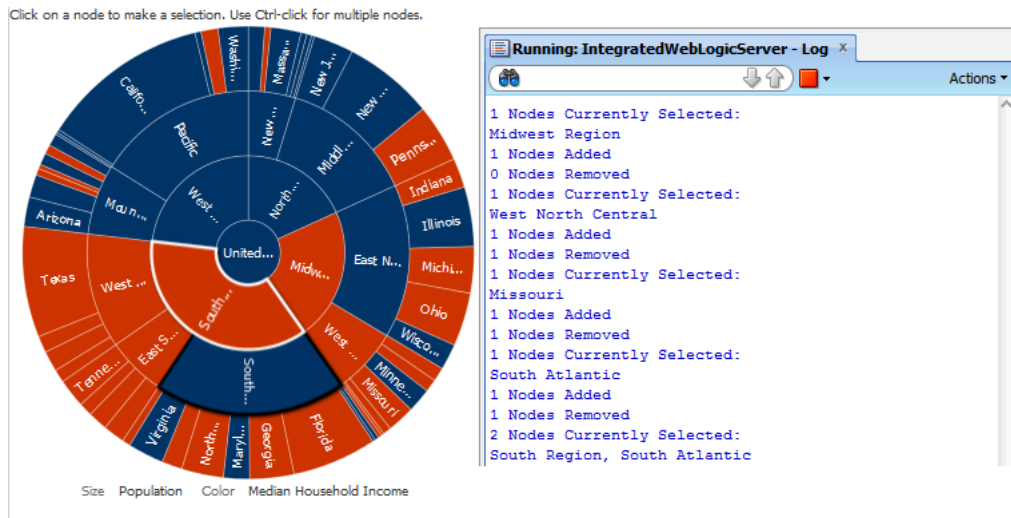
## 32.5.3 Configuring Treemap and Sunburst Selection Support

The treemap and sunburst components support single or multiple node selection. If the component allows multiple selections, users can select multiple nodes using a `Control+click` operation.

### 32.5.3.1 How to Add Selection Support to Treemap and Sunburst Components

When a user selects or deselects a node, the treemap or sunburst component invokes a `selectionEvent` event. You can register a custom `selectionListener` instance that can do post-processing on the treemap or sunburst component based on the selected node or nodes.

[Figure 32–36](#) shows a simple example of a sunburst configured to use a custom selection listener. As the user makes single or multiple selections, the console displays the name of the node or nodes selected and the number of nodes added or removed from the selection.

**Figure 32–36 Sunburst Illustrating Custom Selection Listener**

**Example 32–14** shows the `selectionListener` method used to respond to the user clicks and generate the output to the console. Store this method in the sunburst's managed or backing bean.

**Example 32–14 Code Sample for Sunburst `selectionListener` Method**

```

import javax.faces.component.UIComponent;
import oracle.adf.view.faces.bi.component.sunburst.UISunburst;
import org.apache.myfaces.trinidad.event.SelectionEvent;
import org.apache.myfaces.trinidad.model.RowKeySet;

public void selectionListener(SelectionEvent event) {
    UIComponent component = event.getComponent();
    if(component instanceof UISunburst) {
        UISunburst sunburst = (UISunburst) component;
        UIXHierarchy hierarchy = (UIXHierarchy) component;
        StringBuilder s = new StringBuilder();
        // Get the selected row keys and print
        RowKeySet selectedRowKeys = sunburst.getSelectedRowKeys();
        System.out.println(selectedRowKeys.size() + " Nodes Currently Selected:");
        if (selectedRowKeys != null) {
            for (Object rowKey : selectedRowKeys) {
                hierarchy.setRowKey(rowKey);
                TreeNode rowData = (TreeNode)sunburst.getRowData (rowKey);
                s.append (rowData.getText()).append(", ");
            }
            if (s.length() > 0)
                s.setLength (s.length() - 2);
            System.out.println(s);
        }
        // Get the row keys that were just added to the selection
        RowKeySet addedRowKeys = event.getAddedSet();
        System.out.println(addedRowKeys.size() + " Nodes Added");
        // Get the row keys that were just removed from the selection
        RowKeySet removedRowKeys = event.getRemovedSet();
        System.out.println(removedRowKeys.size() + " Nodes Removed");
    }
}
  
```

You declare the selection listener method in the treemap or sunburst component's `selectionListener` attribute and add any additional components to display the

selection to the JSF page. In the example in this section, the listener is simply displaying the output to the console, and only the prompt to the user to make the selection is added to the page. [Example 32–15](#) shows the portion of the page used to set up the sunburst. The `selectionListener` attribute is highlighted in bold font.

**Example 32–15 Sunburst Sample Page Declaring Selection Listener**

```
<af:panelGroupLayout id="pg112">
  <af:group id="g5">
    <af:outputText value="Click on a node to make a selection. Use Ctrl-click for
multiple nodes."
      inlineStyle="font-size:large;" id="ot3"/>
    <dvt:sunburst id="s1" summary="SampleSunburst"
      value="#{sunburst.censusData}"
      var="row"
      colorLabel="Income"
      sizeLabel="Population" displayLevelsChildren="3"
      selectionListener="#{sunburst.selectionListener}">
      <dvt:sunburstNode id="sn1" value="#{row.size}" fillColor="#{row.color}"
        label="#{row.text}"
        shortDesc="#{row.text}&lt;br/>#{row.size}"/>
    </dvt:sunburst>
  </af:group>
</af:panelGroupLayout>
```

**Before you begin:**

It may be helpful to have an understanding of how treemap and sunburst attributes and child tags can affect functionality. For more information about configuring treemap attributes and child tags, see [Section 32.2.2.1, "Configuring Treemaps."](#) For information about configuring sunburst attributes and child tags, see [Section 32.2.3.1, "Configuring Sunbursts."](#)

You will need to complete these tasks:

- Add a treemap or sunburst to your page. For more information, see [Section 32.2.2.2, "How to Add a Treemap to a Page"](#) or [Section 32.2.3.2, "How to Add a Sunburst to a Page."](#)
- If you did not bind the treemap or sunburst to a data control when you added the component to the page, add data to the treemap or sunburst. For information about adding data to treemaps or sunbursts using UI-first development, see [Section 32.3, "Adding Data to Treemap and Sunburst Components."](#)
- Create the method that will define the `selectionListener` and return the selection state and store it in the treemap or sunburst component's managed or backing bean.

To use the same census data example, copy the example code into a managed bean named `sunburst`. If you need help with managed beans, see [Section 2.6, "Creating and Using Managed Beans."](#)

- Create any additional components needed to display the selection.

For example, the page in [Figure 32–36](#) uses an `af:outputText` component to prompt the user to click on a node to make a selection. For additional information about configuring `af:outputText` components, see [Section 16.2, "Displaying Output Text and Formatted Output Text."](#)

**To add selection support to a treemap or sunburst:**

1. In the Structure window, right-click the `dvt:treemap` or `dvt:sunburst` node and choose **Go to Properties**.
2. In the Property Inspector, expand the **Behavior** section and set the following properties:
  - **NodeSelection**: Set to `single` to enable selection support for single nodes only. Multiple selection is enabled by default.
  - **SelectionListener**: Enter the name of the method to be called when the user clicks on the nodes.

For example, for a managed bean named `sunburst` and a method named `selectionListener`, enter the following in the **SelectionListener** field:  
`#{sunburst.selectionListener}`.

**32.5.3.2 What You May Need to Know About Adding Selection Support to Treemaps and Sunbursts**

Because treemaps and sunbursts use the same data model as the Tree component, selection events are defined in the `org.apache.myfaces.trinidad.event.SelectionEvent` library. For additional information about selection support in a tree model, see [Section 10.5.3, "What Happens at Runtime: Tree Component Events."](#)

For additional information about event handling in JDeveloper, see [Chapter 5, "Handling Events."](#)

**32.5.4 Configuring Treemap and Sunburst Context Menus**

You can configure both treemaps and sunbursts to display context menus when a user right-clicks a node.

**32.5.4.1 How to Configure Treemap and Sunburst Context Menus**

Define treemap and sunburst context menus using these context menu facets:

- `bodyContextMenu`: Specifies a context menu that is displayed on non-selectable elements in the treemap or sunburst component.
- `contextMenu`: Specifies a context menu that is displayed on any selectable element in the treemap or sunburst component.
- `multiSelectContextMenu`: Specifies a content menu that is displayed when multiple elements are selected in the treemap or sunburst component.

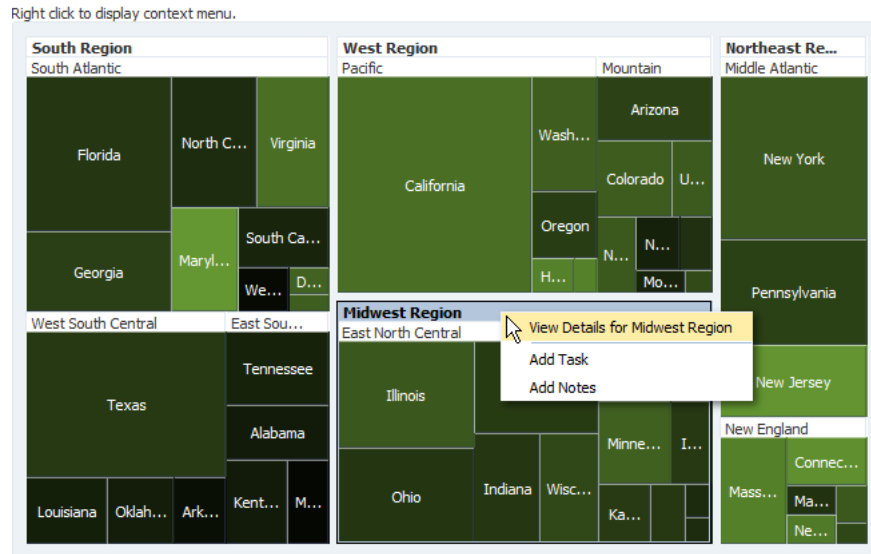
Each facet on a JSP or JSPX page supports a single child component. Facelets support multiple child components. For all of these facets to work, selection must be enabled in the treemap or sunburst's properties. Context menus are currently only supported in Flash.

You create a context menu by using `af:menu` components within an `af:popup` component. You can then invoke the context menu popup from another component, based on a specified trigger. For more information about configuring context menus, see [Chapter 13, "Using Popup Dialogs, Menus, and Windows."](#)

[Figure 32-37](#) shows a sample treemap configured to display a context menu using the `contextMenu` facet when the user right-clicks on one of the treemap's regions, divisions, or nodes.



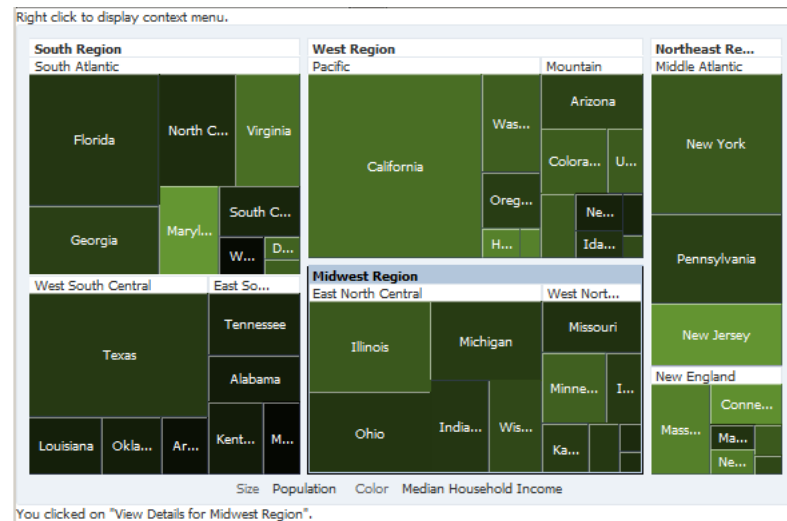
**Figure 32–37 Treemap Context Menu**



If the user selects **View Details for Midwest Region**, the application can provide additional information about the **Midwest Region** node.

Figure 32–38 shows the text output that is displayed below the treemap after the user chooses to view the details for the Midwest Region. In this example, the output simply verifies what the user clicked on, but this context menu could also be used to present additional details about the Midwest Region.

**Figure 32–38 Context Menu Sample Output After Click**



Example 32–16 shows the sample code used to configure the example treemap and the context menu.

**Example 32–16 Code Sample for Treemap Context Menu**

```
<af:group id="g1">
  <af:outputFormatted value="Right click to display context menu." id="of1"/>
  <dvt:treemap id="t1" displayLevelsChildren="3" summary="Sample Treemap"
    var="row" value="#{treemap.censusData}"
```

```

        binding="#{treemapContextMenu.treemap}">
<dvt:treemapNode id="tn1" value="#{row.size}" fillColor="#{row.color}"
        label="#{row.text}"/>
<f:facet name="contextMenu">
    <af:popup id="p1" contentDelivery="lazyUncached">
        <af:menu text="menu 1" id="m1">
            <af:commandMenuItem text="View Details for
#{treemapContextMenu.selectionState}"
                id="cmi1"
                actionListener="#{treemapContextMenu.menuItemListener}"/>
        <af:group id="g2">
            <af:commandMenuItem text="Add Task" id="cmi2"
                actionListener="#{treemapContextMenu.menuItemListener}"/>
            <af:commandMenuItem text="Add Notes" id="cmi3"
                actionListener="#{treemapContextMenu.menuItemListener}"/>
        </af:group>
        </af:menu>
    </af:popup>
</f:facet>
</dvt:treemap>
<af:outputFormatted value="#{treemapContextMenu.status}" id="of2"
        clientComponent="true"
        binding="#{treemapContextMenu.outputFormatted}"/>
</af:group>

```

The example uses a backing bean named `treemapContextMenu` for the methods to set the treemap, return the selection state and respond to user clicks on the context menu. This example also uses the same classes and methods to set up the data for the treemap as described in [Section 32.3, "Adding Data to Treemap and Sunburst Components."](#) [Example 32–17](#) shows the code for the `ContextMenuSample` class.

#### **Example 32–17 ContextMenuSample Class Code**

```

import javax.faces.component.UIComponent;
import javax.faces.event.ActionEvent;
import oracle.adf.view.faces.bi.component.treemap.UITreemap;
import oracle.adf.view.rich.component.rich.nav.RichCommandMenuItem;
import oracle.adf.view.rich.component.rich.output.RichOutputFormatted;
import org.apache.myfaces.trinidad.context.RequestContext;

public class ContextMenuSample {
    private UITreemap treemap;
    private String status;
    private RichOutputFormatted outputFormatted;
    public ContextMenuSample() {
    }
    public void setTreemap(UITreemap treemap) {
        this.treemap = treemap;
    }
    public UITreemap getTreemap() {
        return treemap;
    }
    public String getSelectionState() {
        if (treemap != null) {
            return TreemapSample.convertToString(treemap.getSelectedRowKeys(), treemap);
        } else {
            return null;
        }
    }
    public String getStatus() {
        return status;
    }
}

```

```

    }
    public void setOutputFormatted(RichOutputFormatted outputFormatted) {
        this.outputFormatted = outputFormatted;
    }
    public RichOutputFormatted getOutputFormatted() {
        return outputFormatted;
    }
    /**
     * Called when a commandMenuItem is clicked. Updates the outputText with
     information about the menu item clicked.
     * @param actionEvent
     */
    public void menuItemListener(ActionEvent actionEvent) {
        UIComponent component = actionEvent.getComponent();
        if (component instanceof RichCommandMenuItem) {
            RichCommandMenuItem cmi = (RichCommandMenuItem)component;
            // Add the text of the item into the status message
            StringBuilder s = new StringBuilder();
            s.append("You clicked on \"").append(cmi.getText()).append("\". <br><br>");
            this.status = s.toString();
            // Update the status text component
            RequestContext.getCurrentInstance().addPartialTarget(this.outputFormatted);
        }
    }
}

```

**Before you begin:**

It may be helpful to have an understanding of how treemap and sunburst attributes and child tags can affect functionality. For more information about configuring treemap attributes and child tags, see [Section 32.2.2.1, "Configuring Treemaps."](#) For information about configuring sunburst attributes and child tags, see [Section 32.2.3.1, "Configuring Sunbursts."](#)

You will need to complete these tasks:

- Add a treemap or sunburst to your page. For more information, see [Section 32.2.2.2, "How to Add a Treemap to a Page"](#) or [Section 32.2.3.2, "How to Add a Sunburst to a Page."](#)
- If you did not bind the treemap or sunburst to a data control when you added the component to the page, add data to the treemap or sunburst. For information about adding data to treemaps or sunbursts using UI-first development, see [Section 32.3, "Adding Data to Treemap and Sunburst Components."](#)
- Create the managed bean that will define the `actionListener` and return the selection state.

To use the same census data example, copy the example code in [Example 32–17](#) into a backing bean named `treemapContextMenu`. If you need help with managed beans, see [Section 2.6, "Creating and Using Managed Beans."](#)

- Create any additional components needed to support the context menu.

For example, the example in [Figure 32–37](#) uses an `af:outputText` component to prompt the user to right-click to display a context menu. When the user selects the custom context menu item, the page uses an `af:outputFormatted` component to display a message confirming which node the user selected.

See the code sample in [Example 32–17](#) for the details needed to configure the additional components. For additional information about `af:outputText` and

af:outputFormatted components, see [Section 16.2, "Displaying Output Text and Formatted Output Text."](#)

### To add a context menu to a treemap or sunburst:

1. If your application is using a backing bean, do the following:
  1. In the Structure window, right-click the **dvt:treemap** or **dvt:sunburst** node and choose **Go to Properties**.
  2. Expand the **Advanced** section and enter a value for the **Binding** attribute to associate the treemap with the managed bean that contains the methods for the context menu. Alternatively, choose **Edit** from the attribute's dropdown menu to create or select an existing bean and method.

The binding attribute is needed for the census data example because it includes the code to set up the treemap, but it also uses the data and methods from the same classes and methods that were described in [Section 32.3.1, "How to Add Data to Treemap or Sunburst Components."](#) For example, for a backing bean named `treemapContextMenu`, enter the following in the **Binding** field:

```
#{treemapContextMenu.treemap}.
```

2. In the Structure window, right-click the **dvt:treemap** or **dvt:sunburst** node and choose **Insert inside dvt:treemap > Facet**.
3. In the Insert Facet dialog, enter the name of the facet that corresponds to the type of context menu that you wish to create.

For example, to define a `contextMenu` facet, enter the following in the **Name** field:  
`contextMenu`.

4. Click **OK**.  
The facet is created as a child of the **dvt:treemap** node.
5. In the Structure window, right-click the **f:facet - contextMenu** node and choose **Insert inside f:facet - contextMenu > ADF Faces > Popup**.
6. Right-click the **af:popup** node and choose **Go to Properties**.
7. In the Property Inspector, set the following properties:
  - **ContentDelivery**: Set this to `LazyUncached`.
  - **AutoCancel**: Set this to `<default> enabled`.
  - **ChildCreation**: Set this to `<default> immediate`.
8. In the Structure window, right-click the **af:popup** node and choose **Insert inside af:popup > Menu**.
9. In the Structure window, right-click the **af:menu** node and choose **Insert inside af:menu > Menu Item** to create a menu item.
10. Right-click the **af:commandMenuItem** and choose **Go to Properties**.
11. In the Property Inspector, expand the **Common** section and set the following properties:

- **Text**: Enter the text to display in the menu.

For example, to duplicate the treemap census data example, enter the following in the **Text** field: `View Details for`  
`#{treemapContextMenu.selectionState}`.

- **ActionListener:** Enter the name of the method to be called when the user selects the menu item.

For example, for a managed bean named `treemapContextMenu` and a method named `menuItemListener`, enter the following in the **ActionListener** field:  
`#{treemapContextMenu.menuItemListener}`.

12. Repeat Step 9 through Step 11 for each menu item that you want the context menu to display.

**Tip:** To group related menu items, wrap the ADF Faces `af:group` component around the `af:commandMenuItem` as shown in [Example 32-16](#). For more information about the `af:group` component, see [Section 8.16, "Grouping Related Items."](#)

13. To configure additional context menu facets, repeat Steps 1 through Step 12.

#### 32.5.4.2 What You May Need to Know About Configuring Treemap and Sunburst Context Menus

Context menus are supported in HTML5 and Flash image formats only. When context menus are rendered in Flash, the context menus use the Flash Player's context menu. This imposes several limitations defined by the Flash Player:

- Flash does not allow for submenus in its context menu.
- Flash limits custom menu items to 15. Any built-in menu items for the component, for example, a pie graph `interactiveSliceBehavior` menu item, will count towards the limit.
- Flash limits menu items to text-only. Icons or other controls possible in ADF Faces menus are not possible in Flash menus.
- Each menu caption must contain at least one visible character. Control characters, new lines, and other white space characters are ignored. No caption can be more than 100 characters long.
- Menu captions that are identical to another custom item are ignored, whether the matching item is visible or not. Menu captions are compared to built-in captions or existing custom captions without regard to case, punctuation, or white space.
- The following captions are not allowed, although the words may be used in conjunction with other words to form a custom caption: **Save, Zoom In, Zoom Out, 100%, Show All, Quality, Play, Loop, Rewind, Forward, Back, Movie not loaded, About, Print, Show Redraw Regions, Debugger, Undo, Cut, Copy, Paste, Delete, Select All, Open, Open in new window, and Copy link.**
- None of the following words can appear in a custom caption on their own or in conjunction with other words: **Adobe, Macromedia, Flash Player, or Settings.**

Additionally, since the request from Flash for context menu items is a synchronous call, a server request to evaluate EL is not possible when the context menu is invoked. To provide context menus that vary by selected object, the menus will be pre-fetched if the context menu popup uses the setting `contentDelivery="lazyUncached"`. For context menus that may vary by state, this means that any EL expressions within the menu definition will be called repeatedly at render time, with different selection and currency states. When using these context menus that are pre-fetched, the application must be aware of the following:

- Long running or slow code should not be executed in any EL expression that may be used to determine how the context menu is displayed. This does not apply to

`af:commandMenuItem` attributes that are called after a menu item is selected, such as `actionListener`.

- In the future, if the Flash limitations are solved, the ADF context menu may be displayed in place of the Flash context menu. To ensure upgrade compatibility, you should code such that an EL expression will function both in cases where the menu is pre-fetched, and also where the EL expression is evaluated when the menu is invoked. The only component state that applications should rely on are selection and currency.

## 32.5.5 Configuring Treemap and Sunburst Drilling Support

Drilling support enables the user to navigate through the treemap or sunburst hierarchy by clicking the component's group headers or by double-clicking the individual nodes.

### 32.5.5.1 How to Configure Treemap and Sunburst Drilling Support

Enable drilling support through the treemap or sunburst node's `drilling` attribute.

`JDeveloper` includes the necessary code to support drilling. However, you may want the application to perform some other task when the node is drilled. You can define a method to perform the additional task and add it as a drill listener to the treemap's or sunburst's managed or backing bean.

#### Before you begin:

It may be helpful to have an understanding of how treemap and sunburst attributes and child tags can affect functionality. For more information about configuring treemap attributes and child tags, see [Section 32.2.2.1, "Configuring Treemaps."](#) For information about configuring sunburst attributes and child tags, see [Section 32.2.3.1, "Configuring Sunbursts."](#)

You will need to complete these tasks:

- Add a treemap or sunburst to your page. For more information, see [Section 32.2.2.2, "How to Add a Treemap to a Page"](#) or [Section 32.2.3.2, "How to Add a Sunburst to a Page."](#)
- If you did not bind the treemap or sunburst to a data control when you added the component to the page, add data to the treemap or sunburst. For information about adding data to treemaps or sunbursts using UI-first development, see [Section 32.3, "Adding Data to Treemap and Sunburst Components."](#)
- If you wish to add a drill listener, create the method that will define the listener and add it to the treemap's managed or backing bean.

For more information about handling events, see [Chapter 5, "Handling Events."](#) If you need help with beans, see [Section 2.6, "Creating and Using Managed Beans."](#)

#### To add drilling support to a treemap or sunburst

1. In the Structure window, right-click the `dvt:treemapNode` or `dvt:sunburstNode` node and choose **Go to Properties**.
2. In the Property Inspector, expand the **Advanced** section, and use the **Drilling** attribute's dropdown menu to set the `drilling` attribute to one of the following values:
  - `replace`: allows the user to double-click a node to set it as the new root of the treemap or sunburst

- `insert` (sunburst only): allows the user to expand or collapse the children of a node
  - `insertAndReplace` (sunburst only): allows the user to double-click a node to set it as the root of the hierarchy and allows the user to expand or collapse the children of a node
3. If your application includes a drill listener, do the following:
    1. In the Structure window, right-click the `dvt:treemap` node and choose **Go to Properties**.
    2. In the Property Inspector, expand the **Behavior** section.
    3. From the **DrillListener** attribute's dropdown menu, choose **Edit**.
    4. In the Edit Property dialog, use the search box to locate the treemap's managed bean.
    5. Expand the managed bean node and select the method that contains the drill listener.
    6. Click OK.

The expression is created.

For example, for a managed bean named `sampleTreemap` and a method named `sampleDrillListener`, the Expression Builder generates the code `#{sampleTreemap.sampleDrillListener}` as the value for the drill listener.

### 32.5.5.2 What You May Need to Know About Treemaps and Drilling Support

Drilling is recommended when there are additional layers of data that can be displayed. Unlike isolation, it is a server side operation that will fetch additional data from the tree model. To focus on group data that is already displayed, use the treemap isolate feature. For more information, see [Section 32.5.7, "Configuring Isolation Support \(Treemap Only\)."](#)

## 32.5.6 How to Add Drag and Drop to Treemaps and Sunbursts

You can configure treemaps and sunbursts as drag sources and drop targets for drag and drop operations between supported components on a page.

To add drag support to a treemap or sunburst, add the `af:dragSource` tag to the treemap and add the `af:dropTarget` tag to the component receiving the drag. The component receiving the drag must include the `org.apache.myfaces.trinidad.model.RowKeySet` data flavor as a child of the `af:dropTarget` and also define a `dropListener` method to respond to the drop event.

To add drop support to a treemap or sunburst, add the `af:dropTarget` tag to the treemap or sunburst and include the data flavors that the treemap or sunburst will support. Add a `dropListener` method to a treemap or sunburst managed bean that will respond to the drop event.

The following procedure shows how to set up a treemap or sunburst as a simple drag source or drop target. For more detailed information about configuring drag and drop on ADF Faces or ADF Data Visualization components, see [Chapter 35, "Adding Drag and Drop Functionality."](#)



**Before you begin:**

It may be helpful to have an understanding of how treemap and sunburst attributes and child tags can affect functionality. For more information about configuring treemap attributes and child tags, see [Section 32.2.2.1, "Configuring Treemaps."](#) For information about configuring sunburst attributes and child tags, see [Section 32.2.3.1, "Configuring Sunbursts."](#)

You will need to complete these tasks:

- Add a treemap or sunburst to your page. For more information, see [Section 32.2.2.2, "How to Add a Treemap to a Page"](#) or [Section 32.2.3.2, "How to Add a Sunburst to a Page."](#)
- If you did not bind the treemap or sunburst to a data control when you added the component to the page, add data to the treemap or sunburst. For information about adding data to treemaps or sunbursts using UI-first development, see [Section 32.3, "Adding Data to Treemap and Sunburst Components."](#)
- Create any additional components needed to support the drag and drop.

For example, the sample in [Figure 32–17](#) uses an `af:outputText` component to prompt the user to drag a treemap node to the indicated text. When the user drags a node to the text, the page uses an `af:outputFormatted` component to display a message confirming which node the user dragged.

[Example 32–18](#) shows the sample code for the completed page. For additional information about `af:outputText` and `af:outputFormatted` components, see [Section 16.2, "Displaying Output Text and Formatted Output Text."](#)

**Example 32–18 Sample Code for Treemap Drag Source Example**

```
<af:group id="g1">
  <af:panelGroupLayout id="pg12" layout="horizontal">
    <af:outputText value="Drag Source Demo" inlineStyle="font-size:large;"
id="ot2"/>
    <af:spacer width="10" height="10" id="s1"/>
    <af:outputText value="Drag a Treemap Node to the Text" id="ot1"/>
  </af:panelGroupLayout>
  <af:panelGroupLayout id="pg13" layout="horizontal">
    <dvt:treemap id="t1" value="#{treemap.censusData}" var="row"
      displayLevelsChildren="3"
      colorLabel="Median Household Income"
      sizeLabel="Population" summary="Discrete Treemap"
      legendSource="ag1">
      <dvt:treemapNode id="tn1" value="#{row.size}" label="#{row.text}"
        shortDesc="#{row.text}&lt;br/>Population: #{row.size}&lt;br/>Income:
#{row.income}">
        <dvt:attributeGroups id="ag1" value="#{row.income > 50000}"
          label="#{row.income > 50000 ? 'High Income' : 'Low Income'}"
          type="color"/>
        </dvt:treemapNode>
      <af:dragSource defaultAction="MOVE" actions="COPY MOVE LINK"/>
    </dvt:treemap>
    <af:spacer width="20" id="s2"/>
    <af:outputFormatted value="#{treemap.dropText}" id="of1">
      <af:dropTarget dropListener="#{treemap.fromDropListener}">
        <af:dataFlavor flavorClass="org.apache.myfaces.trinidad.model.RowKeySet"/>
      </af:dropTarget>
    </af:outputFormatted>
  </af:panelGroupLayout>
</af:group>
```



[Example 32–19](#) shows the sample code for the page in [Figure 32–18](#). In this example, the treemap is configured as the drop target.

**Example 32–19 Sample Code for Treemap Drop Target Example**

```
<af:group id="g1">
  <af:panelGroupLayout id="pg14" layout="horizontal">
    <af:outputText value="Drop Target Demo" inlineStyle="font-size:large;"/>
    <af:spacer width="10" id="s2"/>
    <af:outputText value="Drag From the Text to the Treemap" id="ot1"/>
  </af:panelGroupLayout>
  <af:panelGroupLayout id="pg13" layout="horizontal">
    <dvt:treemap id="t1" value="#{treemap.censusData}" var="row"
      displayLevelsChildren="3"
      colorLabel="Median Household Income"
      sizeLabel="Population" summary="Discrete Treemap"
      legendSource="ag1">
      <dvt:treemapNode id="tn1" value="#{row.size}" label="#{row.text}"
        shortDesc="#{row.text}&lt;br/>Population: #{row.size}&lt;br/>Income:
        #{row.income}">
        <dvt:attributeGroups id="ag1" value="#{row.income > 50000}"
          label="#{row.income > 50000 ? 'High Income' : 'Low Income'}"
          type="color"/>
        </dvt:treemapNode>
      <af:dropTarget dropListener="#{treemap.toDropListener}"
        actions="MOVE COPY LINK">
        <af:dataFlavor flavorClass="java.lang.Object"/>
      </af:dropTarget>
    </dvt:treemap>
    <af:spacer width="20" id="s1"/>
    <af:outputFormatted value="#{treemap.dragText}" id="of1"
      clientComponent="true">
      <af:componentDragSource/>
    </af:outputFormatted>
  </af:panelGroupLayout>
</af:group>
```

**To add drag and drop support to a treemap or sunburst:**

1. To configure the treemap or sunburst as a drop target, in the Component Palette, from the Operations panel, drag a **Drop Target** tag and drop it as a child to the treemap or sunburst component.
2. In the **Insert Drop Target** dialog, enter the name of the drop listener or use the dropdown menu to choose **Edit** to add a drop listener method to the treemap's or sunburst's managed bean. Alternatively, use the dropdown menu to choose **Expression Builder** and enter an EL Expression for the drop listener.

For example, to add a method named `toDropListener()` on a managed bean named `treemap`, choose **Edit**, select **treemap** from the dropdown menu, and click **New** on the right of the **Method** field to create the `toDropListener()` method.

[Example 32–20](#) shows the sample drop listener and supporting methods for the treemap displayed in [Figure 32–18](#).

**Example 32–20 Sample Drop Listener for a Treemap**

```
// imports needed by methods
import java.util.Map;
```

```
import oracle.adf.view.rich.dnd.DnDAction;
import oracle.adf.view.rich.event.DropEvent;
import oracle.adf.view.rich.datatransfer.DataFlavor;
import oracle.adf.view.rich.datatransfer.Transferable;
import org.apache.myfaces.trinidad.context.RequestContext;
import org.apache.myfaces.trinidad.render.ClientRowKeyManager;
import javax.faces.context.FacesContext;
import oracle.adf.view.faces.bi.component.treemap.UITreemap;
import javax.faces.component.UIComponent;
// variables need by methods
private String dragText = "Drag this text onto a node";
// drop listener
public DnDAction toDropListener(DropEvent event) {
    Transferable transferable = event.getTransferable();
    DataFlavor<Object> dataFlavor = DataFlavor.getDataFlavor(Object.class);
    Object transferableObj = transferable.getData(dataFlavor);
    if(transferableObj == null)
        return DnDAction.NONE;
    // Build up the string that reports the drop information
    StringBuilder sb = new StringBuilder();
    // Start with the proposed action
    sb.append("Drag Operation: ");
    DnDAction proposedAction = event.getProposedAction();
    if(proposedAction == DnDAction.COPY) {
        sb.append("Copy<br>");
    }
    else if(proposedAction == DnDAction.LINK) {
        sb.append("Link<br>");
    }
    else if(proposedAction == DnDAction.MOVE) {
        sb.append("Move<br>");
    }
    // Then add the rowKeys of the nodes that were dragged
    UIComponent dropComponent = event.getDropComponent();
    Object dropSite = event.getDropSite();
    if(dropSite instanceof Map) {
        String clientRowKey = (String) ((Map) dropSite).get("clientRowKey");
        Object rowKey = getRowKey(dropComponent, clientRowKey);
        if(rowKey != null) {
            sb.append("Drop Site: ");
            sb.append(getLabel(dropComponent, rowKey));
        }
    }
    // Update the output text
    this.dragText = sb.toString();
    RequestContext.getCurrentInstance().addPartialTarget(event.getDragComponent());
    return event.getProposedAction();
}

public String getDragText() {
    return dragText;
}

private String getLabel(UIComponent component, Object rowKey) {
    if(component instanceof UITreemap) {
        UITreemap treemap = (UITreemap) component;
        TreeNode rowData = (TreeNode) treemap.getRowData(rowKey);
        return rowData.getText();
    }
    return null;
}
```

```

}

private Object getRowKey(UIComponent component, String clientRowKey) {
    if(component instanceof UITreemap) {
        UITreemap treemap = (UITreemap) component;
        ClientRowKeyManager crkm = treemap.getClientRowKeyManager();
        return crkm.getRowKey(FacesContext.getCurrentInstance(), component,
clientRowKey);
    }
    return null;
}

```

3. Click OK to enter the **Insert Data Flavor** dialog.
4. In the **Insert Data Flavor** dialog, enter the object that the drop target will accept. Alternatively, use the dropdown menu to navigate through the object hierarchies and choose the desired object.

For example, to allow the `af:outputFormatted` component to drag text to the treemap, enter `java.lang.Object` in the **Insert Data Flavor** dialog.

5. In the Structure window, right-click the `af:dropTarget` component and choose **Go to Properties**.
6. In the Property Inspector, in the **Actions** field, enter a list of the operations that the drop target will accept, separated by spaces. Allowable values are: `COPY`, `MOVE`, or `LINK`. If you do not specify a value, the drop target will use `COPY`.

For example, enter the following in the **Actions** field to allow all operations:

```
COPY MOVE LINK
```

7. To use the treemap or sunburst as the drop target, do the following:
  1. In the Component Palette, from the Operations panel, drag and drop a **Drag Source** tag as a child to the component that will be the source of the drag.

For example, drag and drop a **Drag Source** tag as a child to an `af:outputFormatted` component.

2. In the component's value field, reference the public variable that you created in the drop listener for the treemap or sunburst in Step 2.

For example, for a drop listener named `toDropListener()` and a variable named `dropText`, enter the following in the component's Value field:

```
#{treemap.dropText}
```

8. To configure the treemap or sunburst as a drag source, in the Component Palette, from the Operations panel, drag and drop a **Drag Source** tag as a child to the treemap or sunburst.
9. In the Property Inspector, in the **Actions** field, enter a list of the operations that the drop target will accept, separated by spaces. Allowable values are: `COPY`, `MOVE`, or `LINK`.

For example, enter the following in the **Actions** field to allow all operations:

```
COPY MOVE LINK
```

10. To specify the default action that the drag source will support, use the **DefaultAction** attribute's dropdown menu to choose **COPY**, **MOVE**, or **LINK**.

The treemap in the drag and drop example in [Figure 32–17, "Treemap Configured as a Drag Source"](#) uses `MOVE` as the default action.

11. To add the treemap or sunburst as a drop target to another component, do the following:
  1. In the Component Palette, from the Operations panel, drag and drop a **Drop Target** onto the component that will receive the drop.  
 For example, the page in the drag and drop example in [Figure 32–18, "Treemap Configured as a Drop Target"](#) contains an `af:outputFormatted` component that displays the results of the drop.
  2. In the **Insert Drop Target** dialog, enter the name of the drop listener or use the dropdown menu to choose **Edit** to add a drop listener method to the appropriate managed bean. Alternatively, use the dropdown menu to choose **Expression Builder** and enter an EL Expression for the drop listener.

For example, to add a method named `fromDropListener()` on a managed bean named `treemap`, choose **Edit**, select **treemap** from the dropdown menu, and click **New** on the right of the **Method** field to create the `fromDropListener()` method.

[Example 32–21](#) shows the sample drop listener for the treemap displayed in [Figure 32–17](#). This example uses the same imports and helper methods used in [Example 32–20](#), and they are not included here.

**Example 32–21 Sample Drop Listener for a Component Using a Treemap as a Drag Source**

```
// Additional import needed for listener
import org.apache.myfaces.trinidad.model.RowKeySet;
// Variables needed by method
private String dropText = "Drop a node here";
// Drop listener
public DnDAction fromDropListener(DropEvent event) {
    Transferable transferable = event.getTransferable();
    DataFlavor<RowKeySet> dataFlavor = DataFlavor.getDataFlavor(RowKeySet.class);
    RowKeySet rowKeySet = transferable.getData(dataFlavor);
    if(rowKeySet == null || rowKeySet.getSize() <= 0)
        return DnDAction.NONE;
    // Build up the string that reports the drop information
    StringBuilder sb = new StringBuilder();
    // Start with the proposed action
    sb.append("Drag Operation: ");
    DnDAction proposedAction = event.getProposedAction();
    if(proposedAction == DnDAction.COPY) {
        sb.append("Copy<br>");
    }
    else if(proposedAction == DnDAction.LINK) {
        sb.append("Link<br>");
    }
    else if(proposedAction == DnDAction.MOVE) {
        sb.append("Move<br>");
    }
    // Then add the rowKeys of the nodes that were dragged
    sb.append("Nodes: ");
    UIComponent dragComponent = event.getDragComponent();
    for(Object rowKey : rowKeySet) {
        sb.append(getLabel(dragComponent, rowKey));
        sb.append(", ");
    }
}
```

```

}
// Remove the trailing ,
sb.setLength(sb.length()-2);
// Update the output text
this.dropText = sb.toString();
RequestContext.getCurrentInstance().addPartialTarget(event.getDropComponent());
return event.getProposedAction();
}

```

3. Click OK to enter the **Insert Data Flavor** dialog.

4. In the **Insert Data Flavor** dialog, enter `org.apache.myfaces.trinidad.model.RowKeySet`.

For example, to allow the `af:outputFormatted` component to drag text to the treemap, enter `org.apache.myfaces.trinidad.model.RowKeySet` in the **Insert Data Flavor** dialog.

5. In the Structure window, right-click the `af:dropTarget` component and choose **Go to Properties**.

6. In the Property Inspector, in the **Actions** field, enter a list of the operations that the drop target will accept, separated by spaces. Allowable values are: `COPY`, `MOVE`, or `LINK`. If you do not specify a value, the drop target will use `COPY`.

For example, enter the following in the **Actions** field to allow all operations:

```
COPY MOVE LINK
```

7. In the component's value field, reference the public variable that you created in the drop listener for the treemap or sunburst in Step 2.

For example, for a drop listener named `fromDropListener()` and a variable named `dragText`, enter the following in the component's **Value** field:

```
#{treemap.dragText}
```

## 32.5.7 Configuring Isolation Support (Treemap Only)

Isolation allows the user to click a group header to maximize the display of the group's data. The isolation feature is enabled by default when the group header is displayed.

### 32.5.7.1 How to Disable Isolation Support

If you wish to disable isolation, set the `Isolate` attribute of the `dvt:treemapNodeHeader` node to `off`.

#### Before you begin:

It may be helpful to have an understanding of how treemap attributes and treemap child tags can affect functionality. For more information, see [Section 32.2.2.1, "Configuring Treemaps."](#)

Add a treemap to your page. For more information, see [Section 32.2.2.2, "How to Add a Treemap to a Page."](#)

Add treemap node headers to your treemap. For more information, see [Section 32.4.11.1, "How to Configure Treemap Node Headers."](#)

#### To disable isolation support on a treemap group:

1. In the Structure window, expand the `dvt:treemapNode` node.

2. Right-click the `dvt:treemapNodeHeader` node and choose **Go to Properties**.
3. In the Property Inspector, expand the **Advanced** section.
4. From the **Isolate** attribute's dropdown menu, choose **off**.
5. If your treemap has multiple nodes, repeat Step 1 through Step 4 to disable isolation support for each of the nodes.

#### **32.5.7.2 What You May Need to Know About Treemaps and Isolation Support**

Isolation is a client-side operation that allows the user to focus on data that is already displayed. If your treemap has multiple child levels and you want the user to access levels that are not already displayed, use drilling instead. To add drilling support, see [Section 32.5.5.1, "How to Configure Treemap and Sunburst Drilling Support."](#)

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## Using Diagram Components

This chapter describes how to use the ADF Data Visualization `diagram` component to display data in diagrams using simple UI-first development. The chapter defines the data requirements, tag structure, and options for customizing the look and behavior of the component.

If your application uses the Fusion technology stack, then you can also use data controls to create diagrams. For more information, see the "Creating Databound Diagrams" section in the *Oracle Fusion Middleware Fusion Developer's Guide for Oracle Application Development Framework*.

This chapter includes the following sections:

- [Section 33.1, "About the Diagram Component"](#)
- [Section 33.2, "Using the Diagram Component"](#)
- [Section 33.3, "Using the Diagram Layout Framework"](#)

### 33.1 About the Diagram Component

ADF Data Visualization components provide extensive graphical and tabular capabilities for visually displaying and analyzing business data. Each component needs to be bound to data before it can be rendered since the appearance of the components is dictated by the data that is displayed.

Use diagrams to model, represent, and visualize information using a shape called a node to represent data, and links to represent relationships between nodes. Diagrams are flexible and highly configurable components that can display a wide range of data items using simple shapes or images with a label, or more complex data using zoom levels and stylistic attribute values such as colors for each unique group in the data set.

The layout of diagram links and nodes is configured through a framework using one or more custom JavaScript files. The framework supports rendering in multiple platforms including SVG and Java2D.

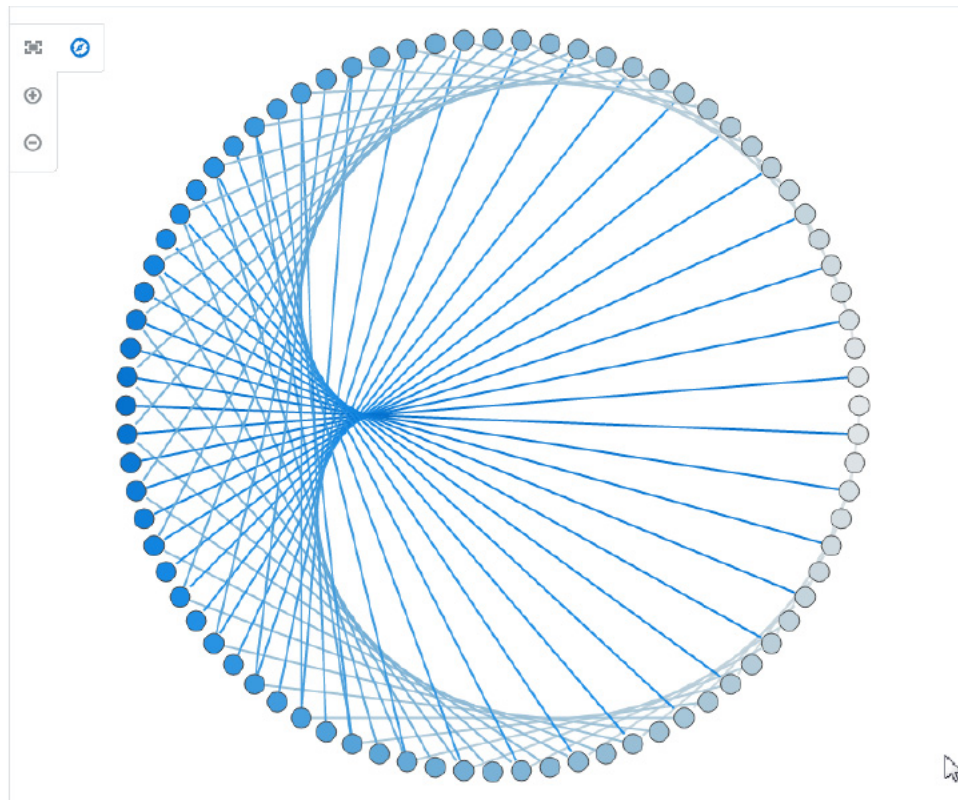
For example, diagrams can model a database schema to logically group objects such as tables, views, and stored procedures; represent an employee tree with a complex set of information for each employee at different zoom levels; or visualize the net migration between US states using a sunburst layout.

#### 33.1.1 Diagram Use Cases and Examples

Diagrams use shapes for the node, and lines for links to represent the relationships between the nodes. [Figure 33-1](#) shows a simple diagram configured in a circular

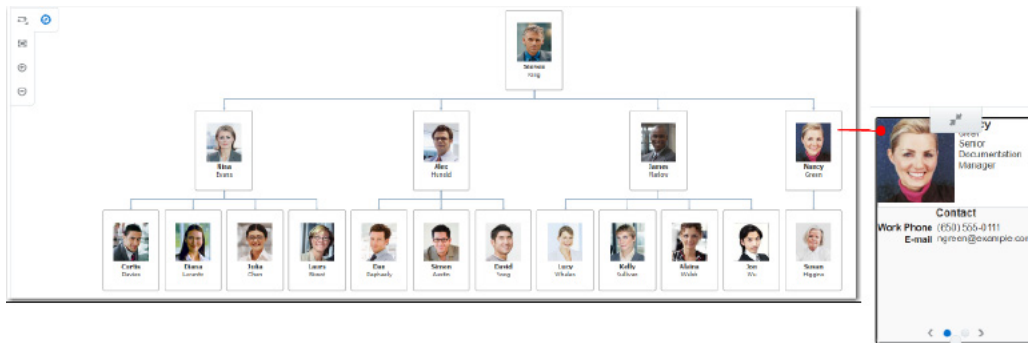
layout pattern with circles and lines representing the relationships between them. The example includes the default control panel for diagram zooming.

**Figure 33–1 Simple Diagram with Nodes and Links with Control Panel**



Diagrams can also be configured to visually display hierarchical data with a master-detail relationship. [Figure 33–2](#) shows an employee tree diagram at runtime that includes a control panel, a number of nodes, and links that connect the nodes. Also illustrated is a node panel card that uses `af:showDetailItem` elements to display multiple sets of data at different zoom levels.

**Figure 33–2 Employee Tree Diagram with Control Panel**

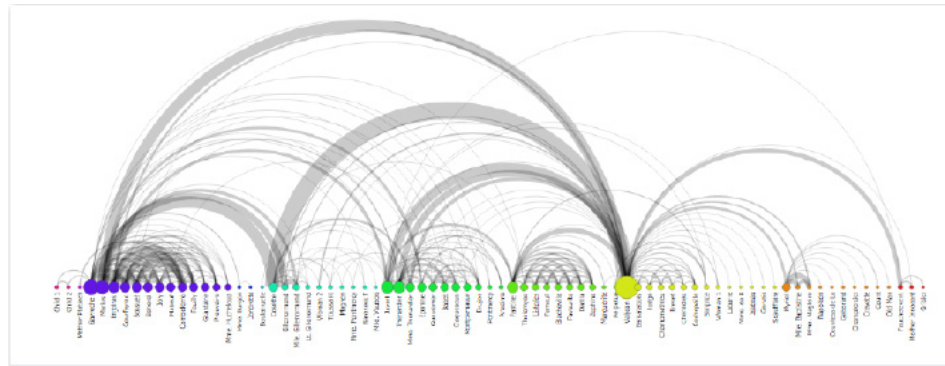


The diagram component can also be configured to display an arc diagram, a graphical display to visualize graphs in a one-dimensional layout. Nodes are displayed along a single axis, while representing the edges or connections between nodes with arcs. [Figure 33–3](#) shows an arc diagram that use characters from Victor Hugo's "Les



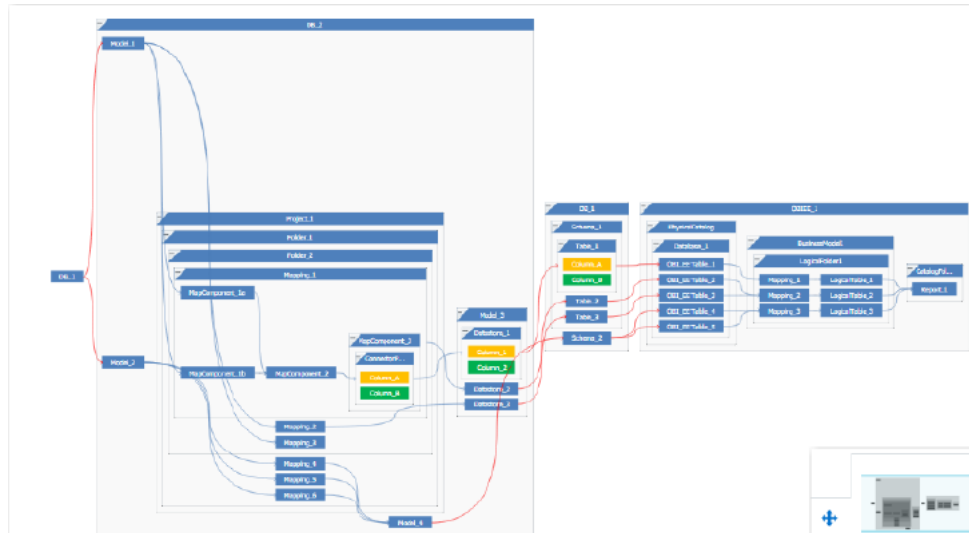
Miserables" novel to display co-appearances between any pair of characters that appear in the same chapter of the book.

**Figure 33–3 Arc Diagram Displaying Character Co-Apearances**

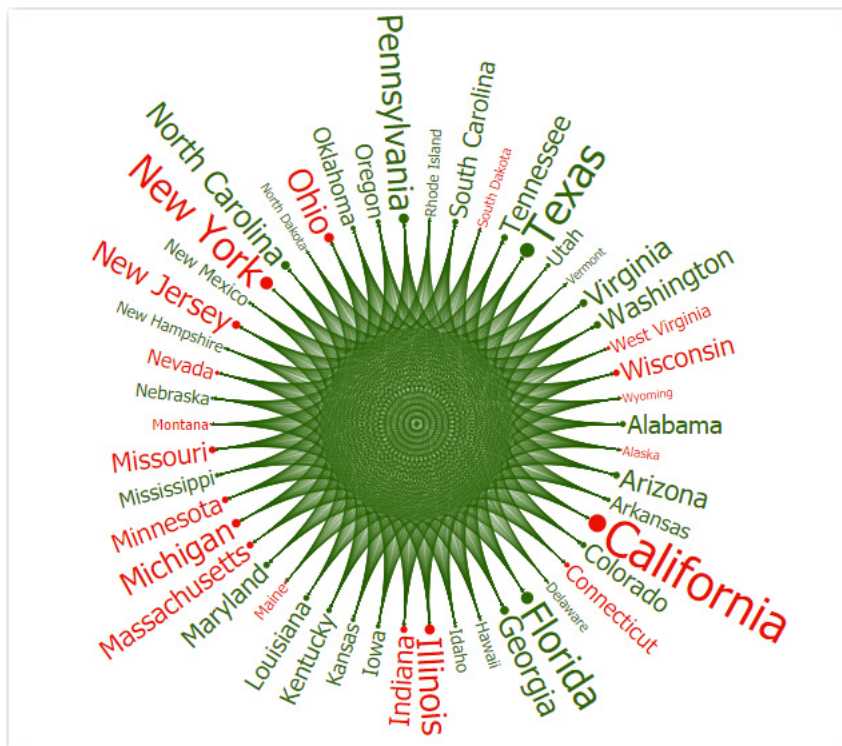


Diagrams can be configured to display a database schema. Figure 33–4 shows a database schema layout diagram with an overview window, a simplified view of the diagram that provides the user with context and navigation options.

**Figure 33–4 Database Schema Layout Diagram with Overview**



Diagrams can also be configured in a sunburst layout to display quantitative hierarchical data across two dimensions, represented visually by size and color. Figure 33–5 shows a diagram displaying US state to state migration data using attribute groups to display net results.

**Figure 33–5** Diagram Displaying State to State Net Migration Data

### 33.1.2 End User and Presentation Features of Diagrams

The ADF Data Visualization diagram component provides a range of features for end users, such as zooming, grouping, and panning. They also provide a range of presentation features, such as legend display, and customizable colors and label styles.

To use and customize diagram components, it may be helpful to understand these features and components:

- Control Panel:** Provides tools for a user to manipulate the position and appearance of a diagram component at runtime. By default, it appears in a hidden state in the upper left-hand corner of the diagram. Users click the **Hide or Show Control Panel** button to hide or expand the control panel.

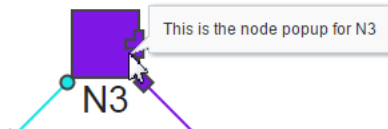
Figure 33–6 shows the control panel expanded to display the zoom controls and zoom-to-fit option.

**Figure 33–6** Diagram Control Panel

- Zooming:** Enabled by default, users can change the view of the diagram in an expanded or collapsed display. The maximum and minimum scale of the zoom can be configured for the diagram.

- **Panning:** Enabled by default, users can select the diagram in any open area and move the entire diagram right, left, up, and down to reposition the view.
- **Popup Support:** Diagram components can be configured to display popup dialogs, windows, and menus that provide information when the user clicks or hovers the mouse over a node. [Figure 33–7](#) shows a node popup window when the user mouses over the node.

**Figure 33–7** *Diagram Node Popup*



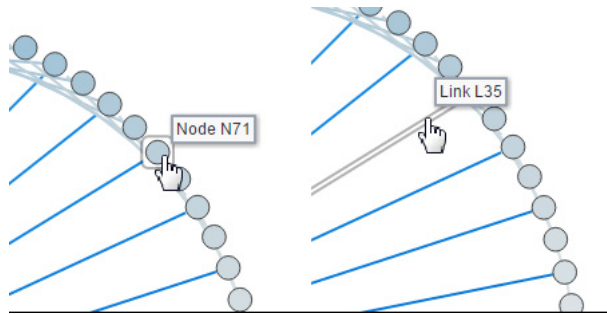
- **Legend Support:** Diagrams display legends to provide a visual clue to the type of data represented by the shapes and color. If the component uses attribute groups to specify colors based on conditions, the legend can also display the colors used and indicate what value each color represents.
- **Overview Window:** Displays a simplified view of the diagram that provides the user with context and navigation options. The Overview Window viewport can be dragged to pan the diagram. Users click the **Hide or Show Overview Window** button to hide or expand the window. [Figure 33–8](#) shows the overview window expanded and panned to display a portion of a database schema layout.

**Figure 33–8** *Overview Window*



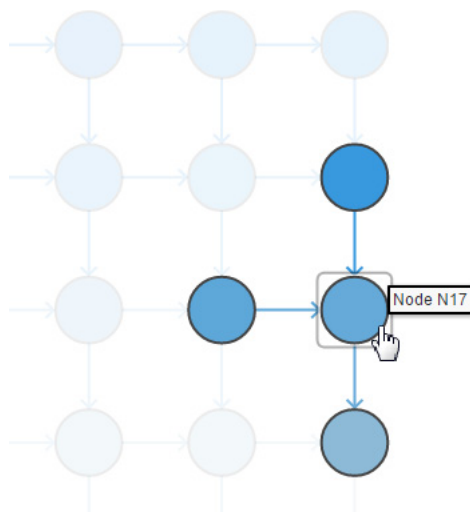
- **Context Menus:** Diagrams support the ability to display context menus to provide additional information about the selected node.
- **Attribute Groups:** Diagram nodes support the use of the `dvt:attributeGroups` tag to generate stylistic attribute values such as colors for each unique group in the data set.
- **Selection Support:** Diagrams support the ability to respond to user clicks on one or more nodes or links to display information about the selected element.
- **Tooltip Support:** Diagrams support the ability to display additional information about a node or link when the user moves the mouse over the element. [Figure 33–9](#) shows node and link tooltips.

**Figure 33–9 Node and Link Tooltips**



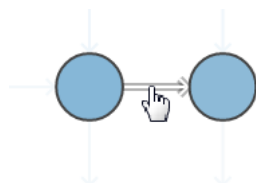
- **Drilling Support:** Diagram components support drilling to navigate through a hierarchy and display more detailed information about a node.
- **Highlighting Support:** Diagrams can be configured to highlight the view of nodes and links when the user hovers the mouse over an element in the diagram. Highlighting can be specified for these values: none, node, nodeAndIncomingLinks, nodeAndOutgoingLinks, and nodeAndLinks. [Figure 33–10](#) shows the highlighted view of a node upon hover in a diagram when the nodeAndLinks value is specified.

**Figure 33–10 Node Highlighting Configuration**



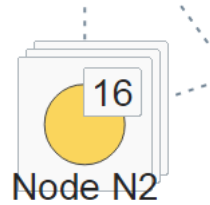
[Figure 33–11](#) shows the highlighted view of a link upon hover in a diagram when the nodeAndLinks value is specified.

**Figure 33–11 Link Highlighting Configuration**



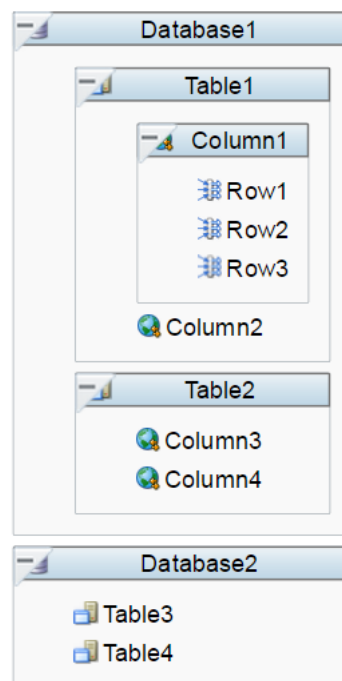
- **Stacking:** You can group nodes and display the nodes in a stacked display. [Figure 33–12](#) shows a stack of nodes. By default, the number of nodes in the stack are displayed.

**Figure 33–12** Grouped Nodes Displayed as a Stack




- **Container Nodes:** Nodes can represent a hierarchical relationship using one or more container nodes. [Figure 33–13](#) shows a set of container nodes in a database schema.

**Figure 33–13** Diagram Container Nodes in a Database Schema










- **Node Controls:** A tooltip describing the control is displayed by default. [Figure 33–1](#) displays the diagram node controls.

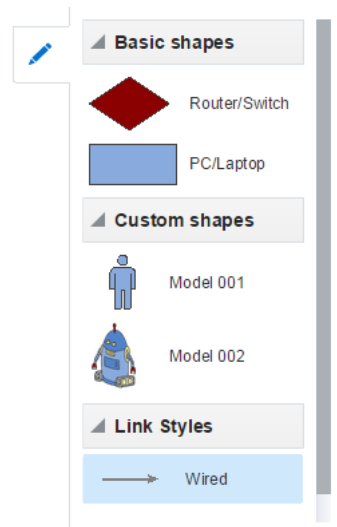
**Table 33–1** Diagram Node Controls

Control	Name	Description
	Isolate	Allows user to detach a single node for isolated display in the diagram.

**Table 33–1 (Cont.) Diagram Node Controls**

Control	Name	Description
	Preview Stack	Allows user to display all the nodes in a group.
	Unstack	Allows user to display a grouped set of nodes so that all nodes are visible.
	Restack	Allows user to collapse a set of associated nodes into a grouped display.
	Restore	Allows user to return the diagram view from an isolated node.
	Close	Allows user to close the view of nodes in a group.
	Drill	Allows user to drill from parent to child nodes in a hierarchical arrangement.
	Additional Links	Allows user to display the links and nodes associated with a selected node.

- Palette:** Diagrams support a panel of node and link items that can be used for drag and drop into a layout configuration. Users click the **Hide or Show Palette** button to hide or expand the window. [Figure 33–14](#) shows a palette of nodes and links available for creating a diagram.

**Figure 33–14 Palette of Diagram Nodes and Links**

- Display in Printable or E-mailable Pages:** ADF Faces allows you to output your JSF page from an ADF Faces web application in a simplified mode for printing or emailing. For example, you may want users to be able to print a page (or a portion of a page), but instead of printing the page exactly as it is rendered in a web browser, you want to remove items that are not needed on a printed page, such as scrollbars and buttons. If a page is to be emailed, the page must be simplified so that email clients can correctly display it. For information about creating simplified pages for these outputs, see [Appendix 36, "Using Different Output Modes."](#)

## 33.2 Using the Diagram Component

To use the `diagram` component, define the data, specify the JavaScript method to invoke the diagram layout, add the diagram to a page and complete the additional configuration in JDeveloper.

### 33.2.1 Diagram Data Requirements

A diagram represents two sets of separate, but related data objects; a set of nodes, and a set of links that join those nodes. Data is supplied as two separate collections of data provided either as an implementation of the `List` interface (`java.util.ArrayList`), or a `CollectionModel` (`org.apache.myfaces.trinidad.model.CollectionModel`). The data can be of any type, typically `String`, `int`, or `long`.

Both collections of diagram nodes and links require an attribute that represents the unique `id` for each row in the collection. The collections are mapped using a `value` attribute to stamp out each instance of the node or link using a component to iterate through the collection. Each time a child component is stamped out, the data for the current component is copied into a `var` property used by the data layer component in an EL Expression. Once the diagram has completed rendering, the `var` property is removed, or reverted back to its previous value. By convention, `var` is set to `node` or `link`.

The values for the `value` attribute must be stored in the node's or link's data model or in classes and managed beans if you are using UI-first development.

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**Note:** The `CollectionModel` includes data provided by the ADF binding layer in the form of a table or hierarchical binding, which can be used to data bind from the ADF model using data controls.

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### 33.2.2 Configuring Diagrams

The `diagram` component has configurable attributes and child components that you can add or modify to customize the display or behavior of the diagram. The prefix `dvt:` occurs at the beginning of each diagram component name indicating that the component belongs to the ADF Data Visualization Tools (DVT) tag library.

You can configure diagram child components, attributes, and supported facets in the following areas:

- **Diagram (`dvt:diagram`):** Wraps the collection of nodes (`diagramNodes`) and links (`diagramLinks`), and specifies the layout (`clientLayout`) reference for the diagram. Configure the following attributes to control the diagram display:
  - **Animation:** Use the `animationOnDisplay` attribute to control the initial animation. To change the animation duration from the default duration of 500 milliseconds, modify the `animationDuration` attribute.
  - **Empty text (`emptyText`):** Use the `emptyText` attribute to specify the text to display if there are no nodes to display.
  - **Zoom (`zooming`):** By default the diagram can be displayed in an expanded or compressed view. Use `maxZoom` and `minZoom` to specify the size of the scale of the zoom.
  - **Pan (`panning`):** By default with a device specific gesture, users can select and move the diagram up, down, right, or left.
- **Client layout (`clientLayout`):** Used to register a JavaScript method invoked to perform layout for a diagram. For detailed information, see [Section 33.3, "Using the Diagram Layout Framework."](#)
- **Diagram nodes (`diagramNodes`):** Wraps the collection of diagram nodes. Configure the following attributes to manage the collection of diagram nodes:
  - **value:** Specify the data model for the node collection. Can be an instance of `javax.faces.CollectionModel`.
  - **var:** Name of the EL variable used to reference each element of the node collection.
  - **varStatus:** Use to provide contextual information about the state of the component.
  - **groupBy:** Use to stack nodes by listing the attribute group IDs in a space-separated list.
  - **highlightBehavior:** Use to specify the highlight behavior when the user hovers the mouse over a node in the diagram. Valid values are: `none`, `node`, `nodeAndIncomingLinks`, `nodeAndOutgoingLinks`, and `nodeAndLinks`.
- **Node (`diagramNode`):** Used to stamp out each instance of the node in the (`diagramNodes`) collection. A node is a shape that references the data in a diagram, for example, employees in an organization or computers in a network.

The node component supports the use of these `f:facet` elements:



- Zoom: Supports the use of one or more `f:facet` elements that display content at different zoom levels, with more detail content available at the higher zoom levels.

```
* f:facet name="zoom100"
```

```
* f:facet name="zoom75"
```

```
* f:facet name="zoom50"
```

```
* f:facet name="zoom25"
```

The `f:facet` element supports the use of many ADF Faces components as child components, such as `af:outputText`, `af:image`, and `af:panelGroupLayout`, in addition to the ADF Data Visualization `marker` and `panelCard` components.

At runtime, the node contains controls that allow users to navigate between nodes and to show or hide other nodes by default. For information about specifying node content and defining zoom levels, see

- Label: Provides the ability to specify a label that can be independently positioned by the layout.
- Background: Use to specify a background for the zoom facets, automatically scaled to fit the node size. Content is stamped on top of the background. The facet supports `af:image` and `dvt:marker`.
- Overlay: Use to position one or more markers overlaid on the zoom facets. The overlay is positioned using a `dvt:pointLocation` element for a `dvt:marker`. Use an `af:group` element when specifying more than one overlay marker.
- Container: Templates provided for stamping out areas of a parent (container) node. Available for specifying top, bottom, right, left, and left-to-right reading direction right and left areas.
- Attribute groups (`attributeGroups`): Use this optional child tag of a diagram node child element, typically the `dvt:marker` component, to generate style values for each unique value, or group, in the data set. You can also apply attribute groups to more than one component, for example, in all defined zoom facets to maintain consistency while zooming, or to set the background color of an `af:panelGroupLayout`.

Attribute groups are necessary to provide information for the display of the diagram legend and are therefore recommended.

- Links (`diagramLinks`): Wraps the collection of diagram links. Configure the following attributes to manage the collection of diagram links:
  - `value`: Specify the data model for the link collection. Can be an instance of `javax.faces.CollectionModel`.
  - `var`: Name of the EL variable used to reference each element of the link collection.
  - `varStatus`: Use to provide contextual information about the state of the component.
  - `highlightBehavior`: Use to specify the highlight behavior when the user hovers the mouse over a link in the diagram. Valid values are: `none` and `link`.

- **Link (diagramLink):** Use to stamp out each instance of the link in the (diagramLinks) collection. Links connect one node with another node. You can configure the display of links using the following attributes:
  - **linkColor:** Use to specify the color of the link using a CSS named color.
  - **linkStyle:** Use to specify the appearance of the link. Valid values are `solid` (default), `dash`, `dot`, `dashDot`.
  - **linkWidth:** Use to specify the width in pixels for the link. The default value is 1.
  - **startConnectorType:** When required, use to specify one of the available images to use for the starting node link connector. Valid values are `none`, `arrowOpen`, `arrow`, `arrowConcave`, `circle`, `rectangle`, and `rectangleRounded`.
  - **endConnectorType:** When required, use to specify one of the available images to use for the terminal node link connector. Valid values are `none`, `arrowOpen`, `arrow`, `arrowConcave`, `circle`, `rectangle`, and `rectangleRounded`.
  - **label:** use to specify the label to use for the link.

The link component supports the use of these `f:facet` elements:

- **startConnector:** Supports the use of a custom image for the starting node link connector.
- **endConnector:** Supports the use of a custom image for the terminal node link connector.
- **label:** Supports the use of a custom label for the link.

For information about how to customize the appearance of the link and add labels, see

- **Legend (legend):** Use to display multiple sections of marker and label pairs. Define the legend as a child of the diagram component.
- **Palette (palette):** Use to create a panel for creating nodes and links elements (`paletteItem`). The palette can display multiple sections of node and label pairs, supporting custom title headers and declarative control over the ordering of such sections. The palette can contain multiple sections (`paletteSection`) of nodes and a single section of links (`paletteLinkDefs`).

### 33.2.3 What You May Need to Know About Using the Default Diagram Layout

When you create a diagram using UI-first development in JDeveloper, a Create Diagram wizard provides the option of using a default client layout that you can use or edit to specify the layout of your diagram. The default layout is based on force-directed graph drawing algorithms. To view the complete code for the default layout, you can view the file in JDeveloper, or see [Appendix G.3.1, "Code Sample for Default Client Layout."](#)

When you create a diagram using the default client layout, JDeveloper performs the following actions:

- Registers the layout with the ADF runtime environment as a JavaScript (JS) feature. The creation process automatically adds a JS file in the `ViewController/src/js/layout` directory with the following naming convention:

```
ApplicationNameDiagramLayout.js
```

For example, if your application is named `DiagramSample`, the JS file is named `DiagramSampleDiagramLayout.js`.

- Creates the `adf-js-features.xml` file if it doesn't already exist and adds the `ApplicationNameDiagramLayout` as the `feature-name` and the path to the JS file as the `feature-class`. The file is placed in the `ViewController/src/META-INF` directory.

The following example shows the `adf-js-features.xml` file for an application named `DiagramSample`.

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8" ?>
<features xmlns="http://xmlns.oracle.com/adf/faces/feature">
  <feature>
    <feature-name>DiagramSampleDiagramLayout</feature-name>
    <feature-class>js/layout/DiagramSampleDiagramLayout.js</feature-class>
  </feature>
</features>
```

- References the JavaScript file from the diagram using the `dvt:clientLayout` element.

The following example shows the sample code referencing the JavaScript file:

```
<dvt:diagram layout="DiagramSampleDiagramLayout" id="d2"
  <dvt:clientLayout method="DiagramSampleDiagramLayout.forceDirectedLayout"
    featureName="DiagramSampleDiagramLayout"
    name="DiagramSampleDiagramLayout"/>
...
</diagram>
```

- Configures the development environment to copy the `.js` file type from the source path to the output directory when invoking the `Make` or `Build` command.

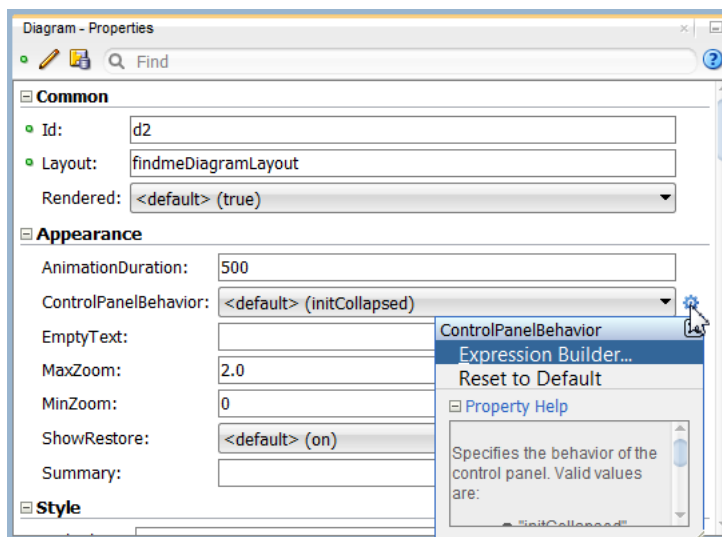
When you design and use a custom client layout for your diagram, you must complete these actions manually. For more information, see [Section 33.3.3, "How to Register a Custom Layout."](#)

### 33.2.4 How to Add a Diagram to a Page

When you are designing your page using simple UI-first development, you use the Component Palette to add a diagram to a JSF page. When you drag and drop a diagram component onto the page, a Create Diagram wizard displays.

If you click **Finish**, the diagram is added to your page, and you can use the Property Inspector to specify data values and configure additional display attributes. Alternatively, you can choose to bind the data during creation and use the Configure Diagram wizard - Node and Link Data page to configure the associated node and link data.

In the Property Inspector you can click the icon that appears when you hover over the property field to display a property description or edit options. [Figure 33-15](#) shows the dropdown menu for a dialog layout attribute.

**Figure 33–15 Diagram Layout Attribute Dropdown Menu**


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**Note:** If your application uses the Fusion technology stack, then you can use data controls to create a diagram and the binding will be done for you. For more information, see the "Creating Databound Diagram Components" section in *Oracle Fusion Middleware Fusion Developer's Guide for Oracle Application Development Framework*.

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**Before you begin:**

It may be helpful to have an understanding of how diagram attributes and child tags can affect functionality. For more information, see [Section 33.2.2, "Configuring Diagrams."](#)

You must complete the following tasks:

1. Create an application workspace as described in [Section 2.2, "Creating an Application Workspace."](#)
2. Create a view page as described in [Section 2.4, "Creating a View Page."](#)

**To add a diagram to a page:**

1. In the ADF Data Visualization page of the Component Palette, from the Common panel, drag and drop a **Diagram** onto the page to open the Create Diagram wizard.
2. In the Client Layout page, choose one of the following options:
  - **Default Client Layout:** Use the layout available in JDeveloper. The layout is based on force-directed graph drawing algorithms.
  - **Custom Client Layout:** Use a custom designed client layout.
  - **No Layout:** Create the diagram without specifying a layout for the nodes and links.

If you select the default layout or specify a custom layout, you can open the file in JDeveloper. You can also click **Edit Component Definition** in the Property Inspector to display the Edit Diagram - Configure Client Layout dialog and then click **Search** to display the method in the popup.

3. Click **Finish** to add the diagram to the page.

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**Note:** If the JSP page is run, only the control panel will be displayed since the diagram is not bound to data at this point.

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Optionally, click **Next** to use the wizard to bind the diagram on the Node and Link Data page by navigating to the ADF data control that represents the data you wish to display on the diagram nodes and links. If you choose this option, the data binding fields in the dialog will be available for editing. For help with the dialog, press F1 or click **Help**.

4. In the Property Inspector, view the attributes for the diagram. Use the help button to display the complete tag documentation for the `diagram` component.
5. Expand the **Appearance** section, and enter values for the following attributes:
  - **ControlPanelBehavior:** Use the attribute's dropdown menu to change the default display of the control panel from `initCollapsed` to `initExpanded` or `Hidden`.
  - **Summary:** Enter a summary of the diagram's purpose and structure for screen reader support.

### 33.2.5 What Happens When You Add a Diagram to a Page

Developer generates a set of tags when you drag and drop a diagram from the Component Palette onto a JSF page and choose not to bind the data during creation. The generated code is:

```
<dvt:diagram layout="DiagramSampleDiagramLayout" id="d2">
  <dvt:clientLayout method="DiagramSampleDiagramLayout.forceDirectedLayout"
    featureName="DiagramSampleDiagramLayout"
    name="DiagramSampleDiagramLayout" />
  <dvt:diagramNodes id="dn1">
    <dvt:diagramNode id="dn2">
      <f:facet name="zoom100">
        <dvt:marker id="m1" />
      </f:facet>
    </dvt:diagramNode>
  </dvt:diagramNodes>
  <dvt:diagramLinks id="dl1">
    <dvt:diagramLink id="dl2" />
  </dvt:diagramLinks>
</dvt:diagram>
```

If you choose to bind the data to a data control when creating the diagram, JDeveloper generates code based on the data model. For more information, see the "Creating Databound Diagram Components" section in *Oracle Fusion Middleware Fusion Developer's Guide for Oracle Application Development Framework*.

## 33.3 Using the Diagram Layout Framework

The DVT diagram layout framework supports the display of diagram nodes and links in whatever configuration meets the business needs of the diagram. Written in JavaScript and based on HTML5, the framework supports rendering in multiple platforms, including SVG and Java2D.

Diagrams require a client layout configuration defined in a JavaScript method that you add to the application as a feature. Client layouts specify how to lay out the nodes and links on a page. Diagrams can be configured to work with more than one layout, as in the case of parent and child nodes, but at least one layout must be registered with the application. All node and link display rendering is specified by the diagram component and all layout logic is contained in the layout JavaScript file.

The diagram component includes a default layout based on force-directed graph drawing algorithms that you can use and modify as needed. The default `forceDirectedLayout` positions the diagram nodes so that all the links are of more or less equal length, and there are as few crossing links as possible

You can also provide your own client layout configuration in a JavaScript object that you add as an application feature using the DVT Diagram APIs.

### 33.3.1 Layout Requirements and Processing

The basic process of laying out a diagram is to loop through an array of nodes and an array of links and set positioning information on each of them.

Custom diagram layout code uses the DVT diagram base classes defined in [Table 33–2](#).

**Table 33–2 DVT Diagram Base Classes**

Base Class	Description/Methods (partial)
<code>DvtDiagramLayoutContext</code>	<p>Defines the context for a layout call.</p> <p><i>layout:</i> <code>getLayout()</code>, <code>getLayoutAttributes()</code>, <code>getContainerId()</code>, <code>get/setContainerPadding()</code>, <code>getComponentSize()</code>, <code>get/setViewport()</code></p> <p><i>nodes:</i> <code>getNodeCount()</code>, <code>getNodeByIndex()</code>, <code>getNodeById()</code></p> <p><i>links:</i> <code>getLinkCount()</code>, <code>getLinkByIndex()</code>, <code>getLinkById()</code></p> <p><i>helpers:</i> <code>isLocaleR2L()</code>, <code>localToGlobal()</code></p>
<code>DvtDiagramLayoutContextLink</code>	<p>Defines the link context for a layout call.</p> <p><i>top level:</i> <code>getId()</code>, <code>get/setPoints()</code>, <code>getStartConnectorOffset()</code>, <code>getEndConnectorOffset()</code>, <code>getLinkWidth()</code>, <code>getLayoutAttributes()</code>, <code>isPromoted()</code></p> <p><i>start/end nodes:</i> <code>getStartId()</code>, <code>getEndId()</code></p> <p><i>labels:</i> <code>get/setLabelPosition()</code>, <code>getLabelBounds()</code>, <code>get/setLabelRotationAngle()</code>, <code>get/setLabelRotationPoint()</code></p>
<code>DvtDiagramLayoutContextNode</code>	<p>Defines the node context for a layout call.</p> <p><i>top level:</i> <code>getId()</code>, <code>getBounds()</code>, <code>getContentBounds()</code>, <code>get/setPosition()</code>, <code>getLayoutAttributes()</code>, <code>getContainerId()</code>, <code>get/setContainerPadding()</code></p> <p><i>state:</i> <code>isReadOnly()</code>, <code>isDisclosed()</code>, <code>getSelected()</code></p> <p><i>labels:</i> <code>get/setLabelPosition()</code>, <code>getLabelBounds()</code>, <code>get/setLabelRotationAngle()</code>, <code>get/setLabelRotationPoint()</code></p>
<code>DvtDiagramPoint</code>	Point class, used for function parameters and return values ( <i>x,y</i> ).
<code>DvtDiagramRectangle</code>	Rectangle, Dimension class, used for function parameters and return values ( <i>x,y,w,h</i> ).

You can view the entire JavaScript API for the DVT Diagram [here](#)

### 33.3.2 Configuring Diagram Layouts

The DVT diagram child `clientLayout` component identifies the JavaScript needed to run the layout of the nodes and links using an alias referenced by the diagram in the `layout` attribute. Diagrams can use multiple client layouts; for example, when you have a parent container node and a child node, but at least one layout must be registered with the application.

The DVT `clientLayout` component has three attributes:

- `name`: Alias for the layout referenced from the diagram's `layout` property.
- `method`: Identifies the name of a JavaScript function that will perform the layout.
- `featureName`: Identifies the JavaScript source files required to locate and run the function identified in the `method` attribute.

### 33.3.3 How to Register a Custom Layout

When you create a custom layout for a diagram, you must configure the ADF Faces runtime environment by performing the following actions:

- Register the layout with the ADF runtime environment as a JavaScript (JS) feature.
- Create the `adf-js-features.xml` file if it doesn't already exist and add the `ApplicationNameDiagramLayout` as the feature-name and the path to the JS file as the feature-class.
- Reference the JavaScript file from the diagram using the `dvt:clientLayout` element.
- Configure the development environment to copy the `.js` file type from the source path to the output directory when invoking the Make or Build command

#### Before you begin:

It may be helpful to have an understanding of how diagram attributes and child tags can affect functionality. For more information, see [Section 33.2.2, "Configuring Diagrams."](#)

You must complete the following tasks:

1. Create an application workspace as described in [Section 2.2, "Creating an Application Workspace."](#)
2. Create a view page as described in [Section 2.4, "Creating a View Page."](#)

#### To register a custom layout:

1. In the application `ViewController/src/js/layout` directory, add the custom JavaScript file using the following naming convention:

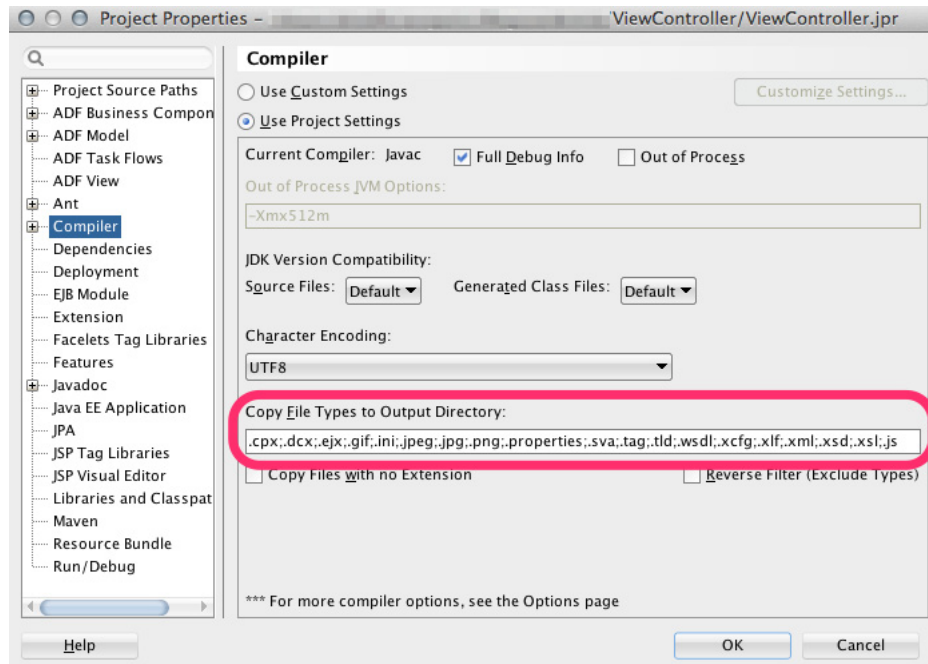
```
ApplicationNameDiagramLayout.js
```

For example, if your application is named `DiagramSample`, the JS file is named `DiagramSampleDiagramLayout.js`.

2. In the Applications Window > Projects Panel, right click the `ViewController/src/META-INF` folder and choose **New > XML file**.
3. In File Name enter `adf-js-features.xml` and click **OK**.
4. In the XML Editor define a feature name and associate the name with a JavaScript file. For example:

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="utf-8"?>
<features xmlns="http://xmlns.oracle.com/adf/faces/feature">
  <feature>
    <feature-name>DiagramSampleDiagramLayouts</feature-name>
    <feature-class>js/layouts/DiagramSampleDiagram.js</feature-class>
  </feature>
</features>
```

5. Double-click the project in the Application Navigator to open the Project Properties dialog.
6. In the Compiler settings page > Copy File Types to Output Directory, add a .js file type to the semi-colon separated list. The completed dialog is shown below:



7. Click OK.

### 33.3.4 Designing Simple Client Layouts

Client layouts specify the layout of nodes and links in a diagram. For example, the layout of diagram nodes in a simple vertical pattern is shown in [Figure 33–16](#).



**Figure 33–16 Vertical Diagram Node Layout**

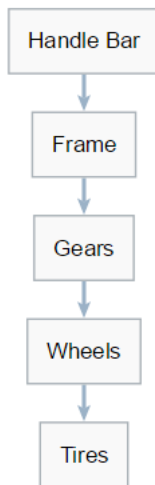
In the layout, the layout context object passed to the layout function contains the information about the number of nodes using the `getNodeCount()` API, and provides access to each node object using the `getNodeByIndex()` API. After looping through the nodes to access each node, a call to `setPosition()` API is used to locate the node on the diagram space. The position is passed in the form of a `DvtDiagramPoint()` object which defines the simple x and y coordinates.

The JavaScript code for a simple vertical layout of nodes is here:

```
var DemoVerticalLayout = {
};

/**
 * Main function that does the layout (Layout entry point)
 * @param {DvtDiagramLayoutContext} layoutContext Object that defines a context
 for layout call
 */
DemoVerticalLayout.layout = function (layoutContext) {
    var padding = 10; //default space between nodes, that can be overwritten by
    layout attributes
    var currX = 0; //x coordinate for the node's center
    var currY = 0; //y coordinate for the node's top edge
    var nodeCount = layoutContext.getNodeCount();
    for (var ni = 0; ni < nodeCount; ni++) {
        var node = layoutContext.getNodeByIndex(ni);
        var bounds = node.getContentBounds();
        //Position the node - in order to do it find a position for the node's top
left corner
        //using the node bounds, currX to center the node horizontally and currY for
the node's top edge
        node.setPosition(new DvtDiagramPoint(currX - bounds.x - bounds.w * .5,
currY));
        currY += bounds.h + padding;
    }
};
```

A client layout specifying the links connecting the diagram nodes is shown in [Figure 33–17](#).

**Figure 33–17 Vertical Node Client Layout with Links**

In the layout, the layout context object passed to the layout function contains the information about the number of links using the `getLinkCount()` API, and provides access to each link object using the `getLinkByIndex()` API. After looping through the links to access each link, a call to `setPosition()` API is used to locate the link on the node. The position is passed in the form of a `DvtDiagramPoint()` object which defines the simple x and y coordinates.

The JavaScript code for a vertical client layout with links is here:

```

var DemoVerticalLayoutWithLinks = {
};

/**
 * Main function that does the layout (Layout entry point)
 * @param {DvtDiagramLayoutContext} layoutContext Object that defines a context
for layout call
 */
DemoVerticalLayoutWithLinks.layout = function (layoutContext) {
  //reading optional attributes that could be defined on the page
  var layoutAttrs = layoutContext.getLayoutAttributes();
  var padding = (layoutAttrs && layoutAttrs["nodePadding"]) ?
  parseInt(layoutAttrs["nodePadding"]) : 10;

  // layout/position nodes
  var currX = 0;
  var currY = 0;
  var nodeCount = layoutContext.getNodeCount();
  for (var ni = 0; ni < nodeCount; ni++) {
    var node = layoutContext.getNodeByIndex(ni);
    var bounds = node.getContentBounds();
    DemoVerticalLayoutWithLinks.positionNode(node, currX, currY);
    currY += bounds.h + padding;
  }

  //position links
  for (var li = 0; li < layoutContext.getLinkCount(); li++) {
    var link = layoutContext.getLinkByIndex(li);
    DemoVerticalLayoutWithLinks.positionLink(layoutContext, link);
  }
};

```

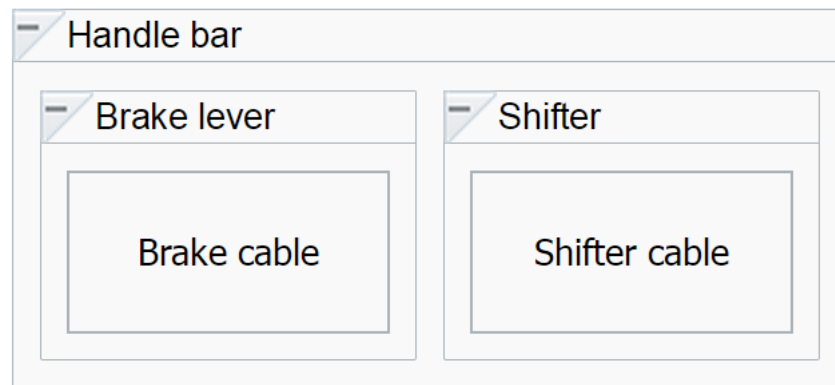
```

/**
 * Helper function that positions the node using x,y coordinates
 * @param {DvtDiagramLayoutContextNode} node Node to position
 * @param {number} x Horizontal position for the node center
 * @param {number} y Vertical position for the node top edge
 */
DemoVerticalLayoutWithLinks.positionNode = function (node, x, y) {
    var bounds = node.getContentBounds();
    node.setPosition(new DvtDiagramPoint(x - bounds.x - bounds.w * .5, y));
};

```

Figure 33–18 shows a client layout of container nodes with parent and child nodes.

**Figure 33–18 Client Layout with Container Nodes**



The JavaScript code for a client layout with container nodes is here:

```

var DemoContainersLayout = {};

/**
 * Main function that does the layout (Layout entry point)
 * @param {DvtDiagramLayoutContext} layoutContext Object that defines a context
 * for layout call
 */
DemoContainersLayout.layout = function(layoutContext) {
    var nodeCount = layoutContext.getNodeCount();
    var currX = 0;
    // iterate through the nodes in the layer and position them horizontally
    for (var ni = 0; ni < nodeCount; ni++) {
        var node = layoutContext.getNodeByIndex(ni);
        node.setPosition(new DvtDiagramPoint(currX, 0));
        currX += node.getBounds().w + 10;
    }
};

```

You can view and download additional layout examples on the ADF Faces Demo application. For more information, see [Section 1.4, "ADF Faces Demonstration Application."](#)



# Part V

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## Advanced Topics

Part V contains the following chapters:

- [Chapter 34, "Allowing User Customization on JSF Pages"](#)
- [Chapter 35, "Adding Drag and Drop Functionality"](#)
- [Chapter 36, "Using Different Output Modes"](#)
- [Chapter 37, "Using the Active Data Service with an Asynchronous Backend"](#)



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## Allowing User Customization on JSF Pages

This chapter describes how changes to certain UI components that the user makes at runtime can persist for the duration of the session.

Alternatively, you can configure your application so that changes persist in a permanent data repository. Doing so means that the changes remain whenever the user reenters the application. To allow this permanent persistence, you need to use the Oracle Metadata Service (MDS), which is part of the full Fusion technology stack. Using MDS and the full Fusion stack also provides the following additional persistence functionality:

- Persisting additional attribute values
- Persisting search criteria
- Persisting the results of drag and drop gestures in the UI
- Reordering components on a page at runtime
- Adding and removing components and facets from the page at runtime

For information and procedures for using Oracle MDS, see the "Allowing User Customizations at Runtime" chapter of the *Oracle Fusion Middleware Fusion Developer's Guide for Oracle Application Development Framework*.

This chapter includes the following sections:

- [Section 34.1, "Introduction to User Customization"](#)
- [Section 34.2, "Implementing Session Change Persistence"](#)

### 34.1 Introduction to User Customization

Many ADF Faces components allow users to change the display of the component at runtime. For example, a user can change the location of the splitter in the `panelSplitter` component or change whether or not a panel displays detail contents. By default, these changes live only as long as the page request. If the user leaves the page and then returns, the component displays in the manner it is configured by default. However, you can configure your application so that the changes persist through the length of the user's session. This way the changes will stay in place until the user leaves the application.

[Table 34-1](#) shows the changes by component that provide default personalization capabilities:

**Table 34–1** *Implicitly Persisted Attribute Values*

<b>Component</b>	<b>Attribute</b>	<b>Affect at Runtime</b>
panelBox showDetail showDetailHeader showDetailItem	disclosed	Users can display or hide content using an icon in the header. Detail content will either display or be hidden, based on the last action of the user.
showDetailItem (used in a panelAccordion component)	flex	The heights of multiple showDetailItem components are determined by their relative value of the flex attribute. The showDetailItem components with larger flex values will be taller than those with smaller values. Users can change these proportions, and the new values will be persisted.
showDetailItem (used in a panelAccordion component)	inflexibleHeight	Users can change the size of a panel, and that size will remain.
panelSplitter	collapsed	Users can collapse either side of the splitter. The collapsed state will remain as last configured by the user.
panelSplitter	splitterPosition	The position of the splitter in the panel will remain where last moved by user.
richTextEditor	editMode	The editor will display using the mode (either WYSIWYG or source) last selected by the user.
calendar	activeDay	The day considered active in the current display will remain the active day.
calendar	view	The view (day, week, month, or list) that currently displays activities will be retained.
panelWindow dialog	contentHeight	Users can change the height of a panelWindow or dialog popup component, and that height will remain.
panelWindow dialog	contentWidth	Users can change the width of a panelWindow or dialog popup component, and that width will remain.
activeCommandToolbar Button commandButton commandImageLink commandLink commandMenuItem commandNavigationItem commandToolbarButton	windowHeight	When users change the contentHeight attribute value of a panelWindow or dialog component, any associated windowHeight value on a command component is also changed and will remain.



**Table 34–1 (Cont.) Implicitly Persisted Attribute Values**

Component	Attribute	Affect at Runtime
activeCommandToolbar Button commandButton commandImageLink commandLink commandMenuItem commandNavigationItem commandToolbarButton	windowWidth	When users change the <code>contentWidth</code> attribute value of a <code>panelWindow</code> or <code>dialog</code> component, any associated <code>windowWidth</code> value on a command component is also changed and will remain.
column	displayIndex	ADF Faces columns can be reordered by the user at runtime. The <code>displayIndex</code> attribute determines the order of the columns. (By default, the value is set to -1 for each column, which means the columns will display in the same order as the data source). When a user moves a column, the value on each column is changed to reflect the new order. These new values will be persisted.
column	frozen	ADF Faces columns can be frozen so that they will not scroll. When a column's <code>frozen</code> attribute is set to true, all columns before that column (based on the <code>displayIndex</code> value) will not scroll. When you use the table with a <code>panelCollection</code> component, you can configure the table so that a button appears that allows the user to freeze a column. For more information, see <a href="#">Section 10.2.4, "How to Display a Table on a Page."</a>
column	noWrap	The content of the column will either wrap or not. You need to create code that allows the user to change this attribute value. For example, you might create a context menu that allows a user to toggle the value from true to false.
column	selected	The selected column is based on the column last selected by the user.
column	visible	The column will either be visible or not, based on the last action of the user. You will need to write code that allows the user to change this attribute value. For example, you might create a context menu that allows a user to toggle the value from true to false.
column	width	The width of the column will remain the same size as the user last set it.

**Table 34–1 (Cont.) Implicitly Persisted Attribute Values**

Component	Attribute	Affect at Runtime
table	filterVisible	ADF Faces tables can contain a component that allows users to filter the table rows by an attribute value. For a table that is configured to use a filter, the filter will either be visible or not, based on the last action of the user. You will need to write code that allows the user to change this attribute value. For example, you might create a button that allows a user to toggle the value from true to false.
table	first	<p>This attribute represents the index of the first row in the current range of rows, and is used to control which range of rows to display to the user.</p> <p>The value of this attribute is persisted only in response to a <code>RangeChangeEvent</code> and only when in screen reader mode.</p>
dvt:areaGraph dvt:barGraph dvt:bubbleGraph dvt:comboGraph dvt:horizontalBarGraph dvt:lineGraph dvt:scatterGraph	timeRangeMode	<p>The time range for the data displayed on a graph time axis can be specified for all data visualization graph components. By default, all data is displayed. The time range can also be set for a relative time range from the last or first data point, or an explicit time range. You will need to write code that allows the user to change this attribute value. For example, you might create a dropdown list to choose the time range for a graph.</p>
dvt:ganttLegend	visible	The legend for data visualization project, resource utilization, and scheduling Gantt chart components will either be visible or not inside the information panel. You will need to write code that allows the user to change this attribute value, for example, a hide and show button to display the legend.
dvt:hierarchyViewer	layout	The data visualization hierarchy viewer component supports nine hierarchy layout options including a top-to-bottom vertical, tree, circle, radial, and so on. Users can change the layout in the map control panel and the last selected layout will be retained.
dvt:map	mapZoom	This data visualization geographic map component attribute specifies the beginning zoom level of the map. The zoom levels are defined in the map cache instance as part of the base map. You will need to write code that allows the user to change this attribute value.

**Table 34–1 (Cont.) Implicitly Persisted Attribute Values**

<b>Component</b>	<b>Attribute</b>	<b>Affect at Runtime</b>
dvt:map	srid	This data visualization geographic map component attribute specifies the srid (spatial reference id) of all the coordinates of the map, which includes the center of the map, defined by startingX and startingY, and all the points in the point theme. You will need to write code that allows the user to change this attribute value.
dvt:map	startingX, startingY	This data visualization geographic map component attribute specifies the X and Y coordinate of the center of the map. The srid for the coordinate is specified in the srid attribute. If the srid attribute is not specified, this attribute assumes that its value is the longitude of the center of the map. You will need to write code that allows the user to change this attribute value.
dvt:projectGantt dvt:resource UtilizationGantt dvt:schedulingGantt	splitterPosition	The position of the splitter in the panel will remain where last moved by user.
dvt:timeAxis	scale	Data visualization components for project, resource utilization, and scheduling Gantt charts use this facet to specify the major and minor time axes in the Gantt chart. The time scale (twoyears, year, halfyears, quarters, twomonths, months, weeks, twoweeks, days, sixhours, threehours, hours, halfhours, quarterhours) can be set by the user using the menu bar <b>View</b> menu and the selection will be retained. Note that a custom time scale can also be named for this component value.
dvt:timeSelector	explicitStart, explicitEnd	Data visualization area, bar, combo, line, scatter, and bubble graph components use this child tag attribute to specify the explicit start and end dates for the time selector. Only value-binding is supported for this attribute. You will need to write code that allows the user to change this attribute value.

**Table 34–1 (Cont.) Implicitly Persisted Attribute Values**

Component	Attribute	Affect at Runtime
dvt:treeMap	layout	The data visualization treemap component supports three hierarchy layout options including squarified (nodes laid out as square as possible) and slice and dice horizontal or vertical (nodes are laid out horizontally or vertically first across the width of the treemap and then vertically or horizontally across the height of the treemap). You will need to write code that allows the user to change the layout.

## 34.2 Implementing Session Change Persistence

In order for the application to persist user changes to the session, you must configure your project to enable customizations.

### 34.2.1 How to Implement Session Change Persistence

You configure your application to enable customizations in the `web.xml` file.

#### To implement session change persistence:

1. In the Application Navigator, double-click the web project.
2. In the Project Properties dialog, select the **ADF View** node.
3. On the ADF View page, activate the **Enable User Customizations** checkbox, select the **For Duration of Session** radio button, and click **OK**.

### 34.2.2 What Happens When You Configure Your Application to Use Change Persistence

When you elect to save changes to the session, JDeveloper adds the `CHANGE_PERSISTENCE` context parameter to the `web.xml` file, and sets the value to `session`. This context parameter registers the `ChangeManager` class that will be used to handle persistence. [Example 34–1](#) shows the context parameter in the `web.xml` file.

#### **Example 34–1 Context Parameter in web.xml Used for Change Persistence**

```
<context-param>
  <param-name>org.apache.myfaces.trinidad.CHANGE_PERSISTENCE</param-name>
  <param-value>session</param-value>
</context-param>
```

### 34.2.3 What Happens at Runtime

When an application is configured to persist changes to the session, any changes are recorded in a session variable in a data structure that is indexed according to the view ID. Every time the page is requested, in the subsequent view or restore view phase, the tag action classes look up all changes for a given component and apply the changes in the same order as they were added. This means that the changes registered through the session will be applied only during subsequent requests in the same session.

### 34.2.4 What You May Need to Know About Using Change Persistence on Templates and Regions

When you use session persistence, changes are recorded and restored on components against the `viewId` for the given session. As a result, when the change is applied on a component that belongs to a fragment or page template, it is applicable only in scope of the page that uses the fragment or template. It does not span all pages that consume the fragment or template.

For example, say your project has the `pageOne.jspx` and `pageTwo.jspx` JSF pages, and they both contain the fragment defined in the `region.jsff` page fragment, which in turn contains a `showDetail` component. When the `pageOne.jspx` JSF page is rendered and the `disclosed` attribute on the `showDetail` component changes, the implicit attribute change is recorded and will be applied only for the `pageOne.jspx` page. If the user navigates to the `pageTwo.jspx` page, no attribute change is applied.



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## Adding Drag and Drop Functionality

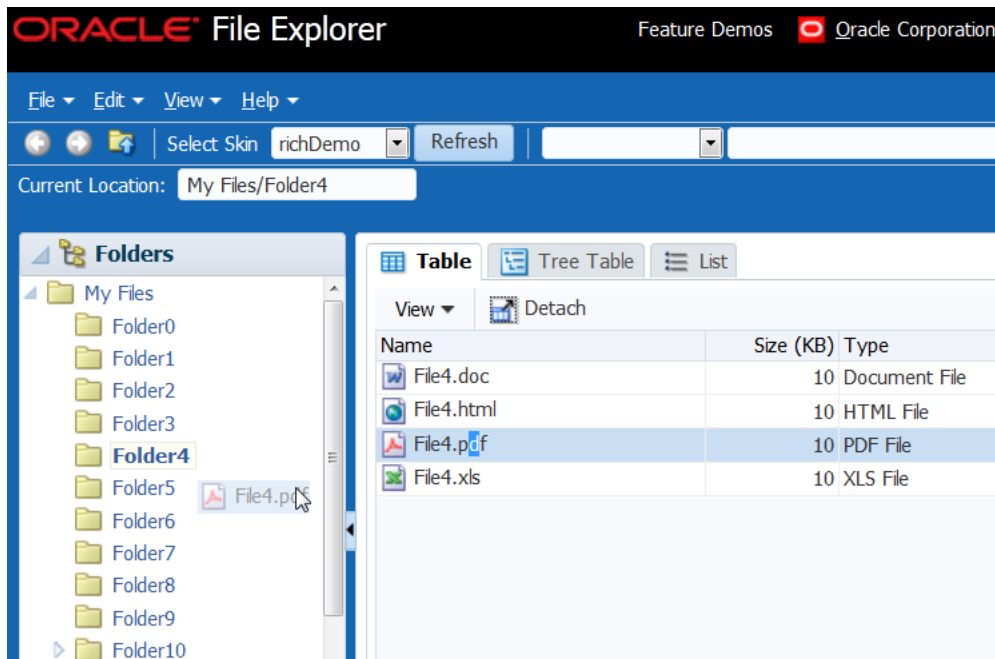
This chapter describes how to add drag and drop functionality to your pages, which allows users to drag the values of attributes or objects from one component to another, or allows users to drag and drop components.

This chapter includes the following sections:

- [Section 35.1, "Introduction to Drag and Drop Functionality"](#)
- [Section 35.2, "Adding Drag and Drop Functionality for Attributes"](#)
- [Section 35.3, "Adding Drag and Drop Functionality for Objects"](#)
- [Section 35.4, "Adding Drag and Drop Functionality for Collections"](#)
- [Section 35.5, "Adding Drag and Drop Functionality for Components"](#)
- [Section 35.6, "Adding Drag and Drop Functionality Into and Out of a panelDashboard Component"](#)
- [Section 35.7, "Adding Drag and Drop Functionality to a Calendar"](#)
- [Section 35.8, "Adding Drop Functionality for DVT Pareto and Stock Graphs"](#)
- [Section 35.9, "Adding Drag and Drop Functionality for DVT Gantt Charts"](#)
- [Section 35.10, "Adding Drag and Drop Functionality for DVT Hierarchy Viewers, Sunbursts, and Treemaps"](#)

### 35.1 Introduction to Drag and Drop Functionality

The ADF Faces framework provides the ability to drag and drop items from one place to another on a page. For example, in the File Explorer application, you can drag a file from the **Table** tab and drop it into another directory folder, as shown in [Figure 35-1](#).

**Figure 35–1 Drag and Drop in the File Explorer Application**

In this scenario, you are actually dragging an object from one collection (Folder0) and dropping it into another collection (Folder3). This is one of the many supported drag and drop scenarios. ADF Faces supports the following scenarios:

- Dragging an attribute value from one component instance and copying it to another. For example, a user might be able to drag an `outputText` component onto an `inputText` component, which would result in the `value` attribute of the `outputText` component becoming the `value` attribute of the `inputText` component.
- Dragging the value of one object and dropping it so that it becomes the value of another object. For example, a user might be able to drag an `outputText` component onto another `outputText` component, which would result in an array of `String` objects populating the `text` attribute of the second `outputText` component.
- Dragging an object from one collection and dropping it into another, as shown in [Figure 35–1](#).
- Dragging a component from one place on a page to another. For example, a user might be able to drag an existing `panelBox` component to a new place within a `panelGrid` component.
- Dragging an activity in a calendar from one start time or date to another.
- Dragging a component into or out of a `panelDashboard` component.
- Dropping an object from another component into a DVT Pareto or stock graph..
- Dragging an object from a DVT Gantt chart to another component.
- Dragging one or more nodes from or dropping an object to DVT treemap and sunburst components.
- Dragging and dropping one or more nodes within DVT hierarchy viewers, dragging one or more nodes from a hierarchy viewer to another component, or dragging from one or more components to a hierarchy viewer.



When users click on a source and begin to drag, the browser displays the element being dragged as a ghost element attached to the mouse pointer. Once the ghost element hovers over a valid target, the target component shows some feedback (for example, it becomes highlighted). If the user drags the ghost element over an invalid target, the cursor changes to indicate that the target is not valid.

When dragging attribute values, the user can only copy the value to the target. For all other drag and drop scenarios, on the drop, the element can be copied (copy and paste), moved (cut and paste), or linked (copy and paste as a link, for example, copying text and pasting the text as an actual URL).

The component that will be dragged and that contains the value is called the *source*. The component that will accept the drop is called the *target*. You use a specific tag as a child to the source and target components that tells the framework to allow the drop. [Table 35–1](#) shows the different drag and drop scenarios, the valid source(s) and target(s), and the associated tags to be used for that scenario.

**Table 35–1 Drag and Drop Scenarios**

Scenario	Source	Target
Dragging an attribute value	An attribute value on a component	An attribute value on another component, as long as it is the same object type
	<b>Tag:</b> attributeDragSource	<b>Tag:</b> attributeDropTarget
Dragging an object from one component to another	Any component	Any component
	<b>Tag:</b> attributeDragSource	<b>Tag:</b> dropTarget
Dragging an item from one collection and dropping it into another	table, tree, and treeTable components	table, tree, and treeTable components
	<b>Tag:</b> dragSource	<b>Tag:</b> collectionDropTarget
Dragging a component from one container to another	Any component	Any component
	<b>Tag:</b> componentDragSource	<b>Tag:</b> dropTarget
Dragging a calendar activity from one start time or date to another	calendarActivity object	calendar component
	<b>Tag:</b> None needed	<b>Tag:</b> calendarDropTarget
Dragging a panelBox component into a panelDashboard component.	panelBox component	panelDashboard component
	<b>Tag:</b> componentDragSource	<b>Tag:</b> dataFlavor
Dragging a panelBox component out of a panelDashboard component.	panelBox component in a panelDashboard component	Any component
	<b>Tag:</b> componentDragSource	<b>Tag:</b> dropTarget
Dropping an object from another component into a Pareto or stock graph.	Any component	paretoGraph or stockGraph component
	<b>Tag:</b> dragSource	<b>Tag:</b> dropTarget

**Table 35–1 (Cont.) Drag and Drop Scenarios**

Scenario	Source	Target
Dragging an object from a DVT Gantt chart and dropping it on another component	Gantt chart	Any component
	<b>Tag:</b> dragSource	<b>Tag:</b> dropTarget
Dragging a node from a DVT hierarchy viewer, sunburst, or treemap and dropping it on another component	hierarchyViewer, sunburst, or treemap component	Any component
	<b>Tag:</b> dragSource	<b>Tag:</b> dropTarget

You can restrict the type of the object that can be dropped on a target by adding a `dataFlavor` tag. This helps when the target can accept only one object type, but the source may be one of a number of different types. The `dataFlavor` tag also allows you to set multiple types so that the target can accept objects from more than one source or from a source that may contain more than one type. For the drop to be successful, both the target and the source must contain the `dataFlavor` tag, and both the Java type that the `dataFlavor` encapsulates along with the discriminant need to be same between the source and the target.

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**Note:** Drag and drop functionality is not supported between windows. Any drag that extends past the window boundaries will be canceled. Drag and drop functionality is supported between popup windows and the base page for the popup.

Also note that drag and drop functionality is not accessible; that is, there are no keyboard strokes that can be used to execute a drag and drop. Therefore, if your application requires all functionality to be accessible, you must provide this logic. For example, your page might also present users with a method for selecting objects and a Move button or menu item that allows them to move those selected objects.

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## 35.2 Adding Drag and Drop Functionality for Attributes

You add drag and drop functionality for attributes by defining one component's attribute to be a target and another component's attribute to be a source.

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**Note:** The target and source attribute values must both be the same data type.

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The following procedure assumes you have your target and source components already on the JSF page.

### To add drag and drop functionality for attributes:

1. In the Component Palette, from the Operations panel, drag and drop an **Attribute Drop Target** as a child to the target component on the page.
2. In the Insert Attribute Drop Target dialog, use the **Attribute** dropdown to select the attribute that will be populated by the drag and drop action. This dropdown list shows all valid attributes on the target component.

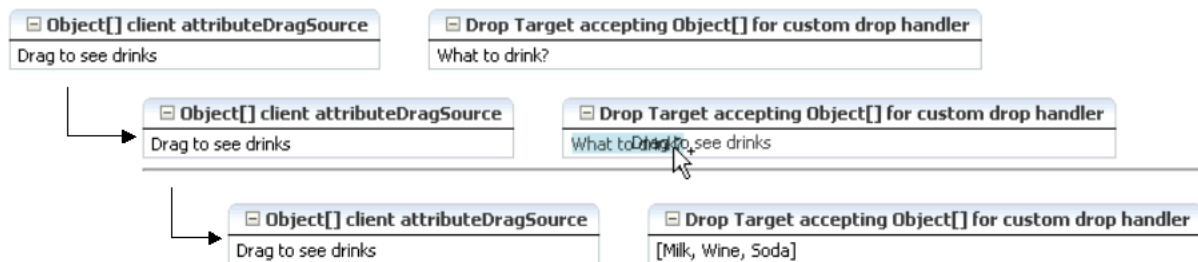
3. From the Component Palette, drag and drop an **Attribute Drag Source** as a child to the component that can provide a value for the target.
4. In the Insert Attribute Drag Source dialog, use the **Attribute** dropdown to select the attribute whose value will be used to populate the target attribute. This dropdown list shows all valid attributes on the source component.

### 35.3 Adding Drag and Drop Functionality for Objects

When you want users to be able to drag things other than attribute values, or you want users to be able to do something other than copy attributes from one component to another, you use the `dropTarget` tag. Additionally, use the `DataFlavor` object to determine the valid Java types of sources for the drop target. Because there may be several drop targets and drag sources, you can further restrict valid combinations by using discriminant values. You also must implement any required functionality in response to the drag and drop action.

For example, suppose you have an `outputText` component with a `String` array and you want the user to be able to drag the `outputText` component to a `panelBox` component and have the `panelBox` display the `String` array, as shown in [Figure 35-5](#).

**Figure 35-2 Dragging and Dropping an Array Object**



The `outputText` component contains an `attributeDragSource` tag. However, because you want to drag an array of `String` values from the `outputText` component, you must use the `dropTarget` tag instead of the `attributeDropTarget` tag on the target `outputText` component. Also use a `dataFlavor` tag to ensure that only an array object will be accepted on the target.

You can also define a discriminant value for the `dataFlavor` tag. This is helpful if you have two targets and two sources, all with the same object type. By creating a discriminant value, you can be sure that each target will accept only valid sources. For example, suppose you have two targets that both accept an `EMPLOYEE` object, `TargetA` and `TargetB`. Suppose you also have two sources, both of which are `EMPLOYEE` objects. By setting a discriminant value on `TargetA` with a value of `alpha`, only the `EMPLOYEE` source that provides the discriminant value of `alpha` will be accepted.

You also must implement a listener for the drop event. The object of the drop event is called the `Transferable`, which contains the payload of the drop. Your listener must access the `Transferable` object, and from there, use the `DataFlavor` object to verify that the object can be dropped. You then use the drop event to get the target component and update the property with the dropped object. More details about this listener are covered in the procedure in [Section 35.9.1, "How to Add Drag and Drop Functionality for a DVT Gantt Component"](#).

### 35.3.1 How to Add Drag and Drop Functionality for a Single Object

To add drag and drop functionality, first add tags to a component that define it as a target for a drag and drop action. Then implement the event handler method that will handle the logic for the drag and drop action. Last, you define the sources for the drag and drop.

This procedure assumes the source and target components already exist on the page.

#### To add drag and drop functionality:

1. In the JSF page that contains the target, add a `dropTarget` tag as a child to the target component by dragging and dropping a **Drop Target** tag (located in the Operations panel) from the Component Palette.
2. In the Insert Drop Target dialog, enter an expression that evaluates to a method on a managed bean that will handle the event (you will create this code in Step 5).

**Tip:** You can also intercept the drop on the client by populating the `clientDropListener` attribute. For more information, see [Section 35.3.3, "What You May Need to Know About Using the ClientDropListener"](#).

3. In the Insert Data Flavor dialog, enter the class for the object that can be dropped onto the target, for example `java.lang.Object`. This selection will be used to create a `dataFlavor` tag, which determines the type of object that can be dropped onto the target, for example a `String` or a `Date`. Multiple `dataFlavor` tags are allowed under a single drop target to allow the drop target to accept any of those types.

**Tip:** To specify a typed array in a `DataFlavor` tag, add brackets (`[]`) to the class name, for example, `java.lang.Object[]`.

4. In the Structure window, select the `dropTarget` tag. In the Property inspector, select a value for the `actions` attribute. This defines what actions are supported by the drop target. Valid values can be `COPY` (copy and paste), `MOVE` (cut and paste), and `LINK` (copy and paste as a link), for example:

```
MOVE COPY
```

If no actions are specified, the default is `COPY`.

[Example 35–1](#) shows the code for a `dropTarget` component inserted into an `panelBox` component that takes an array object as a drop source. Note that because an action was not defined, the only allowed action will be `COPY`.

#### Example 35–1 JSP Code for a `dropTarget` tag

```
<af:panelBox text="PanelBox2">
  <f:facet name="toolbar"/>
  <af:dropTarget dropListener="#{myBean.handleDrop}">
    <af:dataFlavor flavorClass="java.lang.Object[]" />
  </af:dropTarget>
</af:panelBox>
```

5. In the managed bean referenced in the EL expression created in Step 2, create the event handler method (using the same name as in the EL expression) that will handle the drag and drop functionality.

This method must take a `DropEvent` event as a parameter and returns a `DnDAction` object, which is the action that will be performed when the source is dropped. Valid return values are `DnDAction.COPY`, `DnDAction.MOVE`, and `DnDAction.LINK`, and were set when you defined the target attribute in Step 5. This method should check the `DropEvent` event to determine whether or not it will accept the drop. If the method accepts the drop, it should perform the drop and return the `DnDAction` object it performed. Otherwise, it should return `DnDAction.NONE` to indicate that the drop was rejected.

The method must also check for the presence for each `dataFlavor` object in preference order.

**Tip:** If your target has more than one defined `dataFlavor` object, then you can use the `Transferable.getSuitableTransferData()` method, which returns a `List` of `TransferData` objects available in the `Transferable` object in order, from highest suitability to lowest.

The `DataFlavor` object defines the type of data being dropped, for example `java.lang.Object`, and must be as defined in the `DataFlavor` tag on the JSP, as created in Step 3.

**Tip:** To specify a typed array in a `DataFlavor` object, add brackets (`[]`) to the class name, for example, `java.lang.Object[]`.

`DataFlavor` objects support polymorphism so that if the drop target accepts `java.util.List`, and the `Transferable` object contains a `java.util.ArrayList`, the drop will succeed. Likewise, this functionality supports automatic conversion between `Arrays` and `Lists`.

If the drag and drop framework doesn't know how to represent a server `DataFlavor` object on the client component, the drop target will be configured to allow all drops to succeed on the client.

[Example 35-2](#) shows a private method that the event handler method calls (the event handler itself does nothing but call this method; it is needed because this method also needs a `String` parameter that will become the value of the `outputText` component in the `panelBox` component). This method copies an array object from the event payload and assigns it to the component that initiated the event.

#### **Example 35-2 Event Handler Code for a `dropListener`**

```
public DnDAction handleDrop(DropEvent dropEvent)
{
    Transferable dropTransferable = dropEvent.getTransferable();

    Object[] drinks = dropTransferable.getData(DataFlavor.OBJECT_ARRAY_FLAVOR);

    if (drinks != null)
    {
        UIComponent dropComponent = dropEvent.getDropComponent();

        // Update the specified property of the drop component with the Object[] dropped
        dropComponent.getAttributes().put("value", Arrays.toString(drinks));

        return DnDAction.COPY;
    }
}
```

```

else
{
    return DnDAction.NONE;
}
}

```

6. Add a `clientAttribute` tag as a child to the source component by dragging a **Client Attribute** (located in the Operations panel), from the Component Palette. This tag is used to define the payload of the source for the event. Define the following for the `clientAttribute` tag in the Property Inspector:
  - **Name:** Enter any name for the payload.
  - **Value:** Enter an EL expression that evaluates to the value of the payload. In the drinks example, this would resolve to the `Array` that holds the different drink values.
7. Drag and drop an **Attribute Drag Source** (located in the Operations panel), from the palette as another child to the source component. In the Insert Attribute Drag Source dialog, use the dropdown list to select the name defined for the `clientAttribute` tag created in the previous step. Doing so makes the value of the `clientAttribute` tag the source's payload. [Example 35–3](#) shows the code for an `outputText` component that is the source of the drag and drop operation.

**Example 35–3 JSP Code for a Drag Source**

```

<af:outputText value="Drag to see drinks">
  <af:clientAttribute name="drinks" value="#{myBean.drinks}" />
  <af:attributeDragSource attribute="drinks" />
</af:outputText>

```

### 35.3.2 What Happens at Runtime

When performing a drag and drop operation, users can press keys on the keyboard (called keyboard modifiers) to select the action they wish to take on a drag and drop. The drag and drop framework supports the following keyboard modifiers:

- SHIFT: MOVE
- CTRL: COPY
- CTRL+SHIFT: LINK

When a user executes the drag and drop operation, the drop target first determines that it can accept the drag source's data flavor value. Next, if the source and target are collections, the framework intersects the actions allowed between the drag source and drop target and executes the action (one of COPY, MOVE, or LINK) in that order from the intersection. When there is only one valid action, that action is executed. When there is more than one possible action and the user's keyboard modifier matches that choice, then that is the one that is executed. If either no keyboard modifier is used, or the keyboard modifier used does not match an allowed action, then the framework chooses COPY, MOVE, LINK in that order, from the set of allowed actions.

For example, suppose you have a drop target that supports COPY and MOVE. First the drop target determines that drag source is a valid data flavor. Next, it determines which action to perform when the user performs the drop. In this example, the set is COPY and MOVE. If the user holds down the `SHIFT` key while dragging (the keyboard modifier for MOVE), the framework would choose the MOVE action. If the user is doing anything other than holding down the `SHIFT` key when dragging, the action will be COPY because COPY is the default when no modifier key is chosen (it is first in the

order). If the user is pressing the CTRL key, that modifier matches COPY, so COPY would be performed. If the user was pressing the CTRL+SHIFT keys, the action would still be COPY because that modifier matches the LINK action which is not in the intersected set of allowed actions.

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**Note:** Because information is lost during the roundtrip between Java and JavaScript, the data in the drop may not be the type that you expect. For example, all numeric types appear as double objects, char objects appear as String objects, List and Array objects appear as List objects, and most other objects appear as Map objects. For more information, see [Section 5.4.3, "What You May Need to Know About Marshalling and Unmarshalling Data."](#)

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### 35.3.3 What You May Need to Know About Using the ClientDropListener

The `dropTarget` tag contains the `clientDropListener` attribute where you can reference JavaScript that will handle the drop event on the client. The client handler should not take any parameters and return an `AdfDnDContext` action. For example, if the method returns `AdfDnDContext.ACTION_NONE` the drop operation will be canceled and no server call will be made; if the method returns `AdfDnDContext.ACTION_COPY`, a copy operation will be allowed and a server call will be made which will execute the `dropListener` method if it exists.

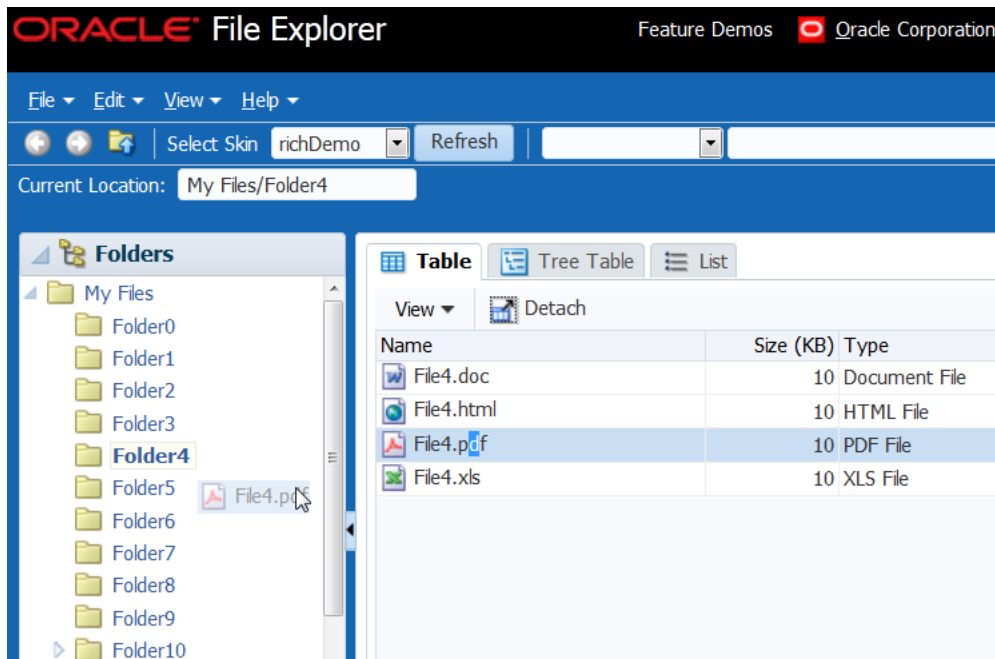
For example, suppose you want to log a message when the drop event is invoked. You might create a client handler to handle logging that message and then returning the correct action so that the server listener is invoked. [Example 35-4](#) shows a client handler that uses the logger to print a message.

#### **Example 35-4** *clientDropListener Handler*

```
<script>
/**
 * Shows a message.
 */
function showMessage()
{
    AdfLogger.LOGGER.logMessage(AdfLogger.ALL, "clientDropListener handler,
        copying...");
    return AdfDnDContext.ACTION_COPY;
}
</script>
```

## 35.4 Adding Drag and Drop Functionality for Collections

You use the `collectionDropTarget` and `dragSource` tags to add drag and drop functionality that allows users to drag an item from one collection (for example, a row from a table), and drop it into another collection component such as a tree. For example, in the File Explorer application, users can drag a file from the table that displays directory contents to any folder in the directory tree. [Figure 35-3](#) shows the `File0.doc` object being dragged from the table displaying the contents of the `Folder0` directory to the `Folder3` directory. Once the drop is complete, the object will become part of the collection that makes up `Folder3`.

**Figure 35–3 Drag and Drop Functionality in the File Explorer Application**

As with dragging and dropping single objects, you can have a drop on a collection cause a copy, move, or copy and paste as a link (or a combination of the three), and use `dataFlavor` tags to limit what a target will accept.

When the target source is a collection and it supports the move operation, you may also want to also implement a method for the `dragDropEndListener` attribute, which is referenced from the source component and is used to clean up the collection after the drag and drop operation. For more information, see [Section 35.4.2, "What You May Need to Know About the dragDropEndListener"](#).

### 35.4.1 How to Add Drag and Drop Functionality for Collections

To add drag and drop functionality for collections, instead of using the `dropTarget` tag, you use the `collectionDropTarget` tag. You then must implement the event handler method that will handle the logic for the drag and drop action. Next, you define the source for the drag and drop operation using the `dragSource` tag.

This procedure assumes you already have the source and target components on the page.

#### To add drag and drop functionality:

1. Add a `collectionDropTarget` tag as a child to the target collection component by dragging a **Collection Drop Target** from the Component Palette.
2. In the Insert Collection Drop Target dialog, enter an expression for the `dropListener` attribute that evaluates to a method on a managed bean that will handle the event (you will create this code in Step 4).
3. In the Property Inspector, set the following:
  - `actions`: Select the actions that can be performed on the source during the drag and drop operation.

If no actions are specified, the default is COPY.



- `modelName`: Define the model for the collection.

The value of the `modelName` attribute is a `String` object used to identify the drag source for compatibility purposes. The value of this attribute must match the value of the `discriminant` attribute of the `dragSource` tag you will use in a Step 6. In other words, this is an arbitrary name and works when the target and the source share the same `modelName` value or `discriminant` value.

4. In the managed bean inserted into the EL expression in Step 2, implement the handler for the drop event.

This method must take a `DropEvent` event as a parameter and return a `DnDAction`. This method should use the `DropEvent` to get the `Transferable` object and from there get the `RowKeySet` (the rows that were selected for the drag). Using the `CollectionModel` obtained through the `Transferable` object, the actual `rowData` can be obtained to complete the drop. The method should then check the `DropEvent` to determine whether it will accept the drop or not. If the method accepts the drop, it should perform the drop and return the `DnDAction` it performed -- `DnDAction.COPY`, `DnDAction.MOVE` or `DnDAction.LINK`, otherwise it should return `DnDAction.NONE` to indicate that the drop was rejected.

[Example 35-5](#) shows the event handler method on the `CollectionDnd.java` managed bean used in the `collectionDropTarget` demo that handles the copy of the row between two tables.

#### **Example 35-5 Event Handler Code for a dropListener for a Collection**

```
public DnDAction handleDrop(DropEvent dropEvent)
{
    Transferable transferable = dropEvent.getTransferable();

    // The data in the transferable is the row key for the dragged component.
    DataFlavor<RowKeySet> rowKeySetFlavor =
        DataFlavor.getDataFlavor(RowKeySet.class, "DnDDemoModel");
    RowKeySet rowKeySet = transferable.getData(rowKeySetFlavor);
    if (rowKeySet != null)
    {
        // Get the model for the dragged component.
        CollectionModel dragModel = transferable.getData(CollectionModel.class);
        if (dragModel != null)
        {
            // Set the row key for this model using the row key from the transferable.
            Object currKey = rowKeySet.iterator().next();
            dragModel.setRowKey(currKey);

            // And now get the actual data from the dragged model.
            // Note this won't work in a region.
            DnDDemoData dnDDemoData = (DnDDemoData)dragModel.getRowData();

            // Put the dragged data into the target model directly.
            // Note that if you wanted validation/business rules on the drop,
            // this would be different.
            getTargetValues().add(dnDDemoData);
        }
        return dropEvent.getProposedAction();
    }
    else
    {
        return DnDAction.NONE;
    }
}
```

```

    }
}

```

5. In the Component Palette, from the Operations panel, drag and drop a **Drag Source** as a child to the source component.
6. With the `dragSource` tag selected, in the Property Inspector set the allowed Actions and any needed discriminant, as configured for the target.

### 35.4.2 What You May Need to Know About the `dragDropEndListener`

There may be cases when after a drop event, you have to clean up the source collection. For example, if the drag caused a move, you may have to clean up the source component so that the moved item is no longer part of the collection.

The `dragSource` tag contains the `dragDropEndListener` attribute that allows you to register a handler that contains logic for after the drag drop operation ends.

For example, if you allow a drag and drop to move an object, you may have to physically remove the object from the source component once you know the drop succeeded. [Example 35–6](#) shows a handler for a `dragDropEndListener` attribute

#### **Example 35–6** Handler for `dragDropEndListener`

```

public void endListener(DropEvent dropEvent)
{
    Transferable transferable = dropEvent.getTransferable();

    // The data in the transferrable is the row key for the dragged component.
    DataFlavor<RowKeySet> rowKeySetFlavor =
        DataFlavor.getDataFlavor(RowKeySet.class, "DnDDemoModel");
    RowKeySet rowKeySet = transferable.getData(rowKeySetFlavor);
    if (rowKeySet != null)
    {
        Integer currKey = (Integer)rowKeySet.iterator().next();

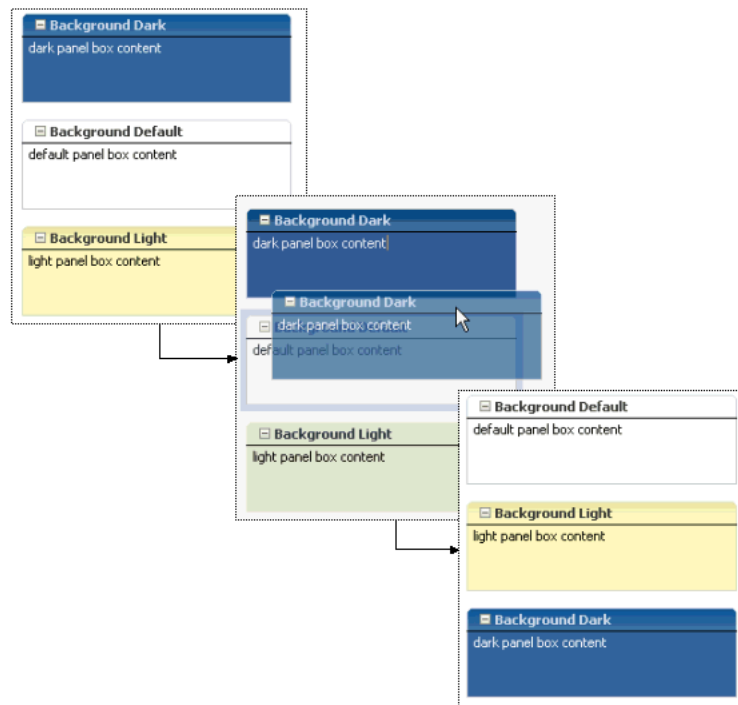
        // Remove the dragged data from the source model directly.
        Object removed = getSource2Values().remove(currKey.intValue());
    }
    // Need to add the drag source table so it gets redrawn.

    AdfFacesContext.getCurrentInstance().addPartialTarget(dropEvent.getDragComponent()
);

```

## 35.5 Adding Drag and Drop Functionality for Components

You can allow components to be moved from one parent to another, or you can allow child components of a parent component to be reordered. For example, [Figure 35–4](#) shows the darker `panelBox` component being moved from being the first child component of the `panelGrid` component to the last.

**Figure 35–4 Drag and Drop Functionality Between Components**


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**Note:** If you want to move components into or out of a `panelDashboard` component, then you need to use procedures specific to that component. For more information, see [Section 35.6, "Adding Drag and Drop Functionality Into and Out of a `panelDashboard` Component."](#)

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### 35.5.1 How to Add Drag and Drop Functionality for Components

Adding drag and drop functionality for components is similar for objects. However, instead of using the `attributeDragSource` tag, use the `componentDragSource` tag. As with dragging and dropping objects or collections, you also must implement a `dropListener` handler.

**To add drag and drop functionality:**

1. From the Operations panel of the Component Palette, drag and drop a **Drop Target** as a child to the target component.
2. In the Insert Drop Target dialog, enter an expression that evaluates to a method on a managed bean that will handle the event (you will create this code in Step 4).
3. With the `dropTarget` tag still selected, in the Property Inspector, select a valid action set for the `action` attribute.
4. In the managed bean referenced in the EL expression created in Step 2 for the `dropListener` attribute, create the event handler method (using the same name as in the EL expression) that will handle the drag and drop functionality.

This method must take a `DropEvent` event as a parameter and return a `DnDAction`, which is the action that will be performed when the source is dropped. Valid return values are `DnDAction.COPY`, `DnDAction.MOVE`, and `DnDAction.LINK`, and were set when you defined the target attribute in Step 2.

This handler method should use the `DropEvent` event to get the `Transferable` object and its data and then complete the move or copy, and reorder the components as needed. Once the method completes the drop, it should return the `DnDAction` it performed. Otherwise, it should return `DnDAction.NONE` to indicate that the drop was rejected.

[Example 35-7](#) shows the `handleComponentMove` event handler on the `DemoDropHandler.java` managed bean used by the `componentDragSource` JSF page in the demo application.

**Example 35-7 Event Handler Code for a `dropListener` That Handles a Component Move**

```
public DnDAction handleComponentMove(DropEvent dropEvent)
{
    Transferable dropTransferable = dropEvent.getTransferable();
    UIComponent movedComponent = dropTransferable.getData
        (DataFlavor.UICOMPONENT_FLAVOR);
    if ((movedComponent != null) &&
        DnDAction.MOVE.equals(dropEvent.getProposedAction()))
    {
        UIComponent dropComponent = dropEvent.getDropComponent();
        UIComponent dropParent = dropComponent.getParent();
        UIComponent movedParent = movedComponent.getParent();
        UIComponent rootParent;
        ComponentChange change;

        // Build the new list of IDs, placing the moved component after the dropped
        // component.
        String movedLayoutId = movedParent.getId();
        String dropLayoutId = dropComponent.getId();

        List<String> reorderedIdList = new
            ArrayList<String>(dropParent.getChildCount());

        for (UIComponent currChild : dropParent.getChildren())
        {
            String currId = currChild.getId();

            if (!currId.equals(movedLayoutId))
            {
                reorderedIdList.add(currId);
                if (currId.equals(dropLayoutId))
                {
                    reorderedIdList.add(movedLayoutId);
                }
            }
        }

        change = new ReorderChildrenComponentChange(reorderedIdList);
        rootParent = dropParent;
        // apply the change to the component tree immediately
        // change.changeComponent(rootParent);

        // redraw the shared parent
        AdfFacesContext.getCurrentInstance().addPartialTarget(rootParent);
    }
}
```

```

        return DnDAction.MOVE;
    }
    else
    {
        return DnDAction.NONE;
    }
}

```

5. Add a `componentDragSource` tag to the source component by dragging and dropping a **Component Drag Source** from the Component Palette as a child of the source component.

## 35.6 Adding Drag and Drop Functionality Into and Out of a panelDashboard Component

By default the `panelDashboard` component supports dragging and dropping components within itself. That is, you can reorder components in a `panelDashboard` component without needing to implement a listener or use additional tags. However, if you want to be able to drag a component into a `panelDashboard` component, or to drag a component out of a `panelDashboard` component, you do need to use tags and implement a listener. Because you would be dragging and dropping a component, you use the `componentDragSource` tag when dragging into the `panelDashboard`. However, because the `panelDashboard` already supports being a drop target, you do not need to use the `dropTarget` tag. Instead, you need to use a `dataFlavor` tag with a discriminant. The tag and discriminant notify the framework that the drop is from an external component.

Dragging a component out of a `panelDashboard` is mostly the same as dragging and dropping any other component. You use a `dropTarget` tag for the target and the `componentDragSource` tag for the source. However, you must also use the `dataFlavor` tag and a discriminant.

### 35.6.1 How to Add Drag and Drop Functionality Into a panelDashboard Component

Because the `panelDashboard` component has built-in drag and drop functionality used to reorder `panelBox` components within the dashboard, you cannot use a `dropTarget` tag, but you do need to use a `dataFlavor` tag with a discriminant and implement the `dropListener`. In that implementation, you need to handle the reorder of the components.

#### Before you begin:

1. Create a `panelDashboard` component. For more information, see [Section 8.8, "Arranging Contents in a Dashboard."](#)
2. Create another component outside of the `panelDashboard` that contains `panelBox` components. For more information about `panelBox` components, see [Section 8.10.3, "How to Use the panelBox Component."](#)

#### To add drag and drop functionality into a panelDashboard component:

1. In the Structure window, select the `panelDashboard` component that is to be the target component.
2. In the Property Inspector, for **DropListener**, enter an expression that evaluates to a method on a managed bean that will handle the drop event (you will create this code in Step 6).

3. In the Component Palette, from the Operations panel, drag a **Data Flavor** and drop it as a child to the `panelDashboard` component.
4. In the Insert Data Flavor dialog, enter `javax.faces.component.UIComponent`.
5. In the Property Inspector, set **Discriminant** to a unique name that will identify the components allowed to be dragged into the `panelDashboard` component, for example, `dragIntoDashboard`.
6. In the managed bean referenced in the EL expression created in Step 2 for the `dropListener` attribute, create the event handler method (using the same name as in the EL expression) that will handle the drag and drop functionality.

This method must take a `DropEvent` event as a parameter and return a `DnDAction` of `NONE`, because the `panelDashboard` handles the positioning of its child components.

This handler method should use the `dropEvent.getTransferable().getData(DataFlavor.UICOMPONENT_FLAVOR)` to get the `Transferable` object and its data. Once the method completes the drop, you can use the `org.apache.myfaces.trinidad.change.ReorderChildrenComponentChange` method to preserve the new ordering of the children and the `dropEvent.getDropSiteIndex()` method to get the location at which the user wants the dragged component. You can also use the `dashboardComponent.prepareOptimizedEncodingOfInsertedChild()` method to animate the drop of the component.

[Example 35–8](#) shows the move event handler and helper methods on the `DemoDashboardBean.java` managed bean used by the dashboard JSF page in the ADF Faces demo application.

### **Example 35–8** Handler for `DropListener` on a `panelDashboard` Component

```
public DnDAction move(DropEvent e)
{
    UIComponent dropComponent = e.getDropComponent();
    UIComponent movedComponent = e.getTransferable().getData(DataFlavor.UICOMPONENT_FLAVOR);
    UIComponent movedParent = movedComponent.getParent();
    // Ensure that we are handling the re-order of a direct child of the panelDashboard:
    if (movedParent.equals(dropComponent) && dropComponent.equals(_dashboard))
    {
        // Move the already rendered child and redraw the side bar since the insert indexes have
        // changed:
        _moveDashboardChild(e.getDropSiteIndex(), movedComponent.getId());
    }
    else
    {
        // This isn't a re-order but rather the user dropped a minimized side bar item into the
        // dashboard, in which case that item should be restored at the specified drop location.
        String panelKey = _getAssociatedPanelKey(movedComponent);
        if (panelKey != null)
        {
            UIComponent panelBoxToShow = _dashboard.findComponent(panelKey);
            // Make this panelBox rendered:
            panelBoxToShow.setRendered(true);

            int insertIndex = e.getDropSiteIndex();

            // Move the already rendered child and redraw the side bar since the insert indexes have
            // changed and because the side bar minimized states are out of date:

```

```

        _moveDashboardChild(insertIndex, panelKey);

        // Let the dashboard know that only the one child should be encoded during the render phase:
        _dashboard.prepareOptimizedEncodingOfInsertedChild(
            FacesContext.getCurrentInstance(),
            insertIndex);
    }
}

return DnDAction.NONE; // the client is already updated, so no need to redraw it again
}

private void _moveDashboardChild(int dropIndex, String movedId)
{
    // Build the new list of IDs, placing the moved component at the drop index.
    List<String> reorderedIdList = new ArrayList<String>(_dashboard.getChildCount());
    int index = 0;
    boolean added = false;

    for (UIComponent currChild : _dashboard.getChildren())
    {
        if (currChild.isRendered())
        {
            if (index == dropIndex)
            {
                reorderedIdList.add(movedId);
                added = true;
            }

            String currId = currChild.getId();
            if (currId.equals(movedId) && index < dropIndex)
            {
                // component is moved later, need to shift the index by 1
                dropIndex++;
            }

            if (!currId.equals(movedId))
            {
                reorderedIdList.add(currId);
            }
            index++;
        }
    }

    if (!added)
    {
        // Added to the very end:
        reorderedIdList.add(movedId);
    }

    // Apply the change to the component tree immediately:
    ComponentChange change = new ReorderChildrenComponentChange(reorderedIdList);
    change.changeComponent(_dashboard);

    // Add the side bar as a partial target since we need to redraw the state of the side bar items
    // since their insert indexes are changed and possibly because the side bar minimized states
    // are out of date:
    RequestContext rc = RequestContext.getCurrentInstance();
    rc.addPartialTarget(_sideBarContainer);
}

```

7. In the Component Palette, from the Operations panel, drag a **Component Drag Source** and drop it as a child to the `panelBox` component that will be the source component.
8. In the Property Inspector, set **Discriminant** to be the same value as entered for the **Discriminant** on the `panelDashboard` in Step 5.

### 35.6.2 How to Add Drag and Drop Functionality Out of a panelDashboard Component

Implementing drag and drop functionality out of a `panelDashboard` component is similar to standard drag and drop functionality for other components, except that you must use a `dataFlavor` tag with a discriminant.

#### How to add drag and drop functionality out of a panelDashboard component:

1. In the Component Palette, from the Operations panel, drag and drop a **Drop Target** as a child to the target component.
2. In the Insert Drop Target dialog, enter an expression that evaluates to a method on a managed bean that will handle the event (you will create this code in Step 5) and enter `javax.faces.component.UIComponent` as the **FlavorClass**.
3. With the `dropTarget` tag still selected, in the Property Inspector, select **MOVE** as the value `action` attribute.
4. In the Structure window, select the `dataFlavor` tag and in the Property Inspector, set **Discriminant** to a unique name that will identify the `panelBox` components allowed to be dragged into this component, for example, `dragOutOfDashboard`.
5. In the managed bean referenced in the EL expression created in Step 2 for the `dropListener` attribute, create the event handler method (using the same name as in the EL expression) that will handle the drag and drop functionality.

This handler method should use the `DropEvent` event to get the `Transferable` object and its data and then complete the move and reorder the components as needed. Once the method completes the drop, it should return a `DnDAction` of `NONE`.

You can use the `dashboardComponent.prepareOptimizedEncodingOfDeletedChild()` method to animate the removal of the `panelBox` component.

[Example 35–9](#) shows the `handleSideBarDrop` event handler and helper methods on the `DemoDashboardBean.java` managed bean used by the `dashboard` JSF page in the demo application.

#### **Example 35–9 Event Handler Code for a dropListener That Handles a panelBox Move Out of a panelDashboard Component**

```
public DnDAction handleSideBarDrop(DropEvent e)
{
    UIComponent movedComponent = e.getTransferable().getData(DataFlavor.UICOMPONENT_FLAVOR);
    UIComponent movedParent = movedComponent.getParent();

    // Ensure that the drag source is one of the items from the dashboard:
    if (movedParent.equals(_dashboard))
    {
        _minimize(movedComponent);
    }

    return DnDAction.NONE; // the client is already updated, so no need to redraw it again
}
```



```

}

private void _minimize(UIComponent panelBoxToMinimize)
{
    // Make this panelBox non-rendered:
    panelBoxToMinimize.setRendered(false);

    // If the dashboard is showing, let's perform an optimized render so the whole dashboard
    doesn't
    // have to be re-encoded.
    // If the dashboard is hidden (because the panelBox is maximized), we will not do an optimized
    // encode since we need to draw the whole thing.
    if (_maximizedPanelKey == null)
    {
        int deleteIndex = 0;
        List<UIComponent> children = _dashboard.getChildren();
        for (UIComponent child : children)
        {
            if (child.equals(panelBoxToMinimize))
            {
                _dashboard.prepareOptimizedEncodingOfDeletedChild(
                    FacesContext.getCurrentInstance(),
                    deleteIndex);
                break;
            }

            if (child.isRendered())
            {
                // Only count rendered children since that's all that the panelDashboard can see:
                deleteIndex++;
            }
        }
    }

    RequestContext rc = RequestContext.getCurrentInstance();
    if (_maximizedPanelKey != null)
    {
        // Exit maximized mode:
        _maximizedPanelKey = null;

        _switcher.setFacetName("restored");
        rc.addPartialTarget(_switcher);
    }

    // Redraw the side bar so that we can update the colors of the opened items:
    rc.addPartialTarget(_sideBarContainer);
}

```

6. In the Component Palette, from the Operations panel, drag and drop a **Component Drag Source** as a child of the source `panelBox` component within the `panelDashboard` component.
7. In the Property Inspector, set **Discriminant** to be the same value as entered for the **Discriminant** on the `dataFlavor` tag for the target component in Step 4.

## 35.7 Adding Drag and Drop Functionality to a Calendar

The calendar includes functionality that allows users to drag the handle of an activity to change the end time. However, if you want users to be able to drag and drop an

activity to a different start time, or even a different day, then you implement drag and drop functionality. Drag and drop allows you to not only move an activity, but also to copy one.

### 35.7.1 How to Add Drag and Drop Functionality to a Calendar

You add drag and drop functionality by using the `calendarDropTarget` tag. Unlike dragging and dropping a collection, there is no need for a source tag; the target (that is the object to which the activity is being moved, in this case, the calendar) is responsible for moving the activities. If the source (that is, the item to be moved or copied), is an activity within the calendar, then you use only the `calendarDropTarget` tag. The tag expects the Transferable to be a `calendarActivity` object.

However, you can also drag and drop objects from outside the calendar. When you want to enable this, use `dataFlavor` tags configured to allow the source object (which will be something other than a `calendarActivity` object) to be dropped.

#### To add drag and drop functionality to a calendar:

1. In the Component Palette, from the Operations panel, drag and drop a **Calendar Drop Target** as a child to the `calendar` component.
2. In the Insert Calendar Drop Target dialog, enter an expression for the `dropListener` attribute that evaluates to a method on a managed bean that will handle the event (you will create this code in Step 4).
3. In the Property Inspector, set **Actions**. This value determines whether the activity (or other source) can be moved, copied, or copied as a link, or any combination of the three. If no action is specified, the default is `COPY`.
4. In the managed bean inserted into the EL expression in Step 2, implement the handler for the drop event.

This method must take a `DropEvent` event as a parameter and return a `DnDAction`. The `DnDAction` is the action that will be performed when the source is dropped. Valid return values are `COPY`, `MOVE`, and `LINK`, and are set when you define the actions attribute in Step 3. This method should use the `DropEvent` to get the Transferable object, and from there, access the `CalendarModel` object in the dragged data and from there, access the actual data. The listener can then add that data to the model for the source and then return the `DnDAction` it performed: `DnDAction.COPY`, `DnDAction.MOVE` or `DnDAction.LINK`; otherwise, the listener should return `DnDAction.NONE` to indicate that the drop was rejected.

The drop site for the drop event is an instance of the `oracle.adf.view.rich.dnd.CalendarDropSite` class. For an example of a drag and drop handler for a calendar, see the `handleDrop` method on the `oracle.adfdemo.view.calendar.rich.DemoCalendarBean` managed bean in the ADF Faces demo application.

5. If the source for the activity is external to the calendar, drag a **Data Flavor** and drop it as a child to the `calendarDropTarget` tag. This tag determines the type of object that can be dropped onto the target, for example a `String` or a `Date` object. Multiple `dataFlavor` tags are allowed under a single drop target to allow the drop target to accept any of those types.
6. In the Insert Data Flavor dialog, enter the class for the object that can be dropped onto the target, for example `java.lang.Object`.

**Tip:** To specify a typed array in a `dataFlavor` tag, add brackets (`[]`) to the class name, for example, `java.lang.Object[]`.

## 35.7.2 What You May Need to Know About Dragging and Dropping in a Calendar

For dragging and dropping activities within a calendar, users can drag and drop only within a view. That is, users can drag an activity from one time slot to another in the day view, but cannot cut an activity from a day view and paste it into a month view.

When the user is dragging and dropping activities in the day or week view, the calendar marks the drop site by half-hour increments. The user cannot move any all-day or multi-day activities in the day view.

In the week view, users can move all-day and multi-day activities, however, they can be dropped only within other all-day slots. That is, the user cannot change an all-day activity to an activity with start and end times. In the month view, users can move all-day and multi-day activities to any other day.

## 35.8 Adding Drop Functionality for DVT Pareto and Stock Graphs

Pareto and stock graphs can be configured as a drop target to allow drops from other ADF components. For example, you can configure a stock graph to allow drops from an ADF table cell.

### 35.8.1 How to Add Drop Functionality to Pareto and Stock Graphs

To configure a Pareto or stock graph as a drop target, add the `af:dropTarget` tag as a child of the Pareto or stock Graph, and add a method in a managed bean to respond to the drop event. [Example 35–10](#) shows a sample drop listener for a graph configured to accept drops from an ADF table.

#### *Example 35–10 Managed Bean Sample for Handling Drag and Drop Targets*

```
public class dragAndDrop {
    public DnDAction fromTableDropListener(DropEvent event) {
        Transferable transferable = event.getTransferable();
        DataFlavor<RowKeySet> dataFlavor = DataFlavor.getDataFlavor(RowKeySet.class,
"fromTable");
        RowKeySet set = transferable.getData(dataFlavor);
        Employee emp = null;
        if(set != null && !set.isEmpty()) {
            int index = (Integer) set.iterator().next();
            emp = m_tableModel.get(index);
        }
        if(emp == null)
            return DnDAction.NONE;
        DnDAction proposedAction = event.getProposedAction();
        if(proposedAction == DnDAction.COPY) {
            m_graphList.add(emp);
        }
        else if(proposedAction == DnDAction.LINK) {
            m_graphList.add(emp);
        }
        else if(proposedAction == DnDAction.MOVE) {
            m_graphList.add(emp);
            m_tableModel.remove(emp);
        }
        else
            return DnDAction.NONE;
        RequestContext.getCurrentInstance().addPartialTarget(event.getDragComponent());
        return event.getProposedAction();
    }
}
```

You must also configure the ADF Faces component, object, or collection as a drag source and define the method that will respond to the drag.

#### Before you begin:

It may be helpful to have an understanding of drag and drop functionality. For more information, see [Section 35.1, "Introduction to Drag and Drop Functionality."](#)

You must complete the following tasks:

- Add a Pareto or stock graph to your page. For more information, see [Section H.2.3, "How to Add a Graph to a Page."](#)
- If you plan to allow drops to the DVT component, add the component that will serve as the drag source to the page.

For help with adding other ADF Faces components, see [Section 1.3, "ADF Faces Components."](#)

- Create the method that will listen for drops on the graph. For information about using managed beans, see [Section 2.6, "Creating and Using Managed Beans."](#)

#### To configure a Pareto or stock graph as a drop target:

1. In the Structure window, right-click `dvt:paretoGraph` or `dvt:stockGraph` and choose **Insert inside (dvt:paretoGraph or dvt:stockGraph) > af:dropTarget**.
2. In the Insert Drop Target dialog, specify the **DropListener** as an EL Expression that evaluates the reference to the `oracle.adf.view.rich.event.DropEvent` method called when a drop occurs on the component.

To specify the **DropListener** used in [Example 35–10](#), enter:

```
#{dragAndDrop.fromTableDropListener}
```

3. In the Insert Data Flavors dialog, specify the **flavorClass**, the fully qualified Java class name for this `dataFlavor`. If the drop contains this `dataFlavor`, the drop target is guaranteed to be able to retrieve an Object from the drop with this Java type using this `dataFlavor`.

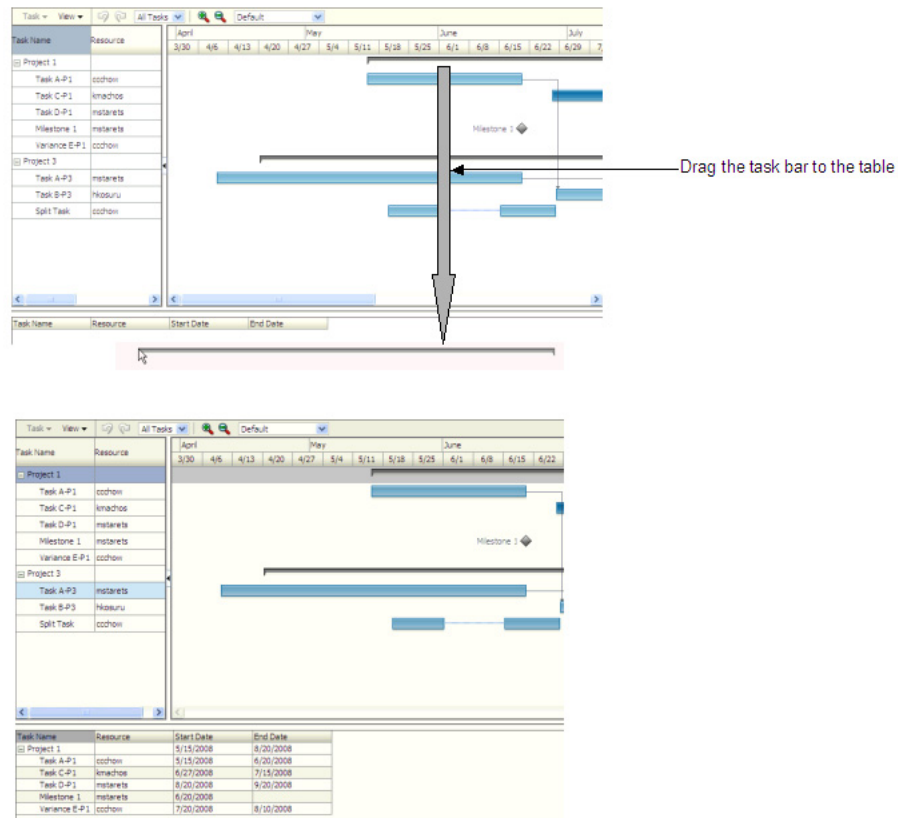
For example, to specify the **flavorClass** for a drop target configured to allow drops from an ADF table, enter: `org.apache.myfaces.trinidad.model.RowKeySet`.

You also must implement a listener for the drop event. The object of the drop event is called the `Transferable`, which contains the payload of the drop. Your listener must access the `Transferable` object, and from there, use the `DataFlavor` object to verify that the object can be dropped. You then use the drop event to get the target component and update the property with the dropped object.

## 35.9 Adding Drag and Drop Functionality for DVT Gantt Charts

When you want users to be able to drag and drop between Gantt charts and other components, you use the `dragSource` and `dropTarget` tags. Additionally, you use the `DataFlavor` object to determine the valid Java types of sources for the drop target. You also must implement any required functionality in response to the drag and drop action. Both the `projectGantt` and `schedulingGantt` components support drag and drop functionality.

For example, suppose you have an `projectGantt` component and you want the user to be able to drag one timeline to a `treeTable` component and have that component display information about the timeline, as shown in [Figure 35–5](#).

**Figure 35–5 Dragging and Dropping an Object**

The `projectGantt` component contains a `dragSource` tag. And because the user will drag the whole object and not just the `String` value of the output text that is displayed, you use the `dropTarget` tag instead of the `attributeDropTarget` tag.

You also use a `dataFlavor` tag to determine the type of object being dropped. On this tag, you can define a discriminant value. This is helpful if you have two targets and two sources, all with the same object type. By creating a discriminant value, you can be sure that each target will accept only valid sources. For example, suppose you have two targets that both accept an `TaskDragInfo` object, `TargetA` and `TargetB`. Suppose you also have two sources, both of which are `TaskDragInfo` objects. By setting a discriminant value on `TargetA` with a value of `alpha`, only the `TaskDragInfo` source that provides the discriminant value of `alpha` will be accepted.

You also must implement a listener for the drop event. The object of the drop event is called the `Transferable`, which contains the payload of the drop. Your listener must access the `Transferable` object, and from there, use the `DataFlavor` object to verify that the object can be dropped. You then use the drop event to get the target component and update the property with the dropped object.

### 35.9.1 How to Add Drag and Drop Functionality for a DVT Gantt Component

To add drag and drop functionality, first add tags to a component that define it as a target for a drag and drop action. Then implement the event handler method that will handle the logic for the drag and drop action. Last, you define the sources for the drag and drop. For information about what happens at runtime, see [Section 35.3.2, "What Happens at Runtime."](#) For information about using the `clientDropListener` attribute, see [Section 35.3.3, "What You May Need to Know About Using the](#)

[ClientDropListener.](#)**To add drag and drop functionality:**

1. In the Component Palette, from the Operations panel, drag a **Drop Target** tag and drop it as a child to the target component.
2. In the Insert Drop Target dialog, enter an expression that evaluates to a method on a managed bean that will handle the event (you will create this code in Step 6).

**Tip:** You can also intercept the drop on the client by populating the `clientDropListener` attribute. For more information, see [Section 35.3.3, "What You May Need to Know About Using the ClientDropListener"](#).

3. In the Insert Data Flavor dialog, enter the class for the object that can be dropped onto the target, for example `java.lang.Object`. This selection will be used to create a `dataFlavor` tag, which determines the type of object that can be dropped onto the target. Multiple `dataFlavor` tags are allowed under a single drop target to allow the drop target to accept any of those types.

**Tip:** To specify a typed array in a `DataFlavor` tag, add brackets (`[]`) to the class name, for example, `java.lang.Object[]`.

4. In the Property Inspector, set a value for **Discriminant**, if needed. A discriminant is an arbitrary string used to determine what sources of the type specified by the `dataFlavor` will be allowed as a source.
5. In the Structure window, select the `dropTarget` tag. In the Property inspector, select a value for **Actions**. This defines what actions are supported by the drop target. Valid values can be `COPY` (copy and paste), `MOVE` (cut and paste), and `LINK` (copy and paste as a link), for example:.

```
MOVE COPY
```

If no actions are specified, the default is `COPY`.

[Example 35–11](#) shows the code for a `dropTarget` component that takes a `TaskDragInfo` object as a drop source. Note that because `COPY` was set as the value for the `actions` attribute, that will be the only allowed action.

**Example 35–11 JSP Code for a dropTarget tag**

```
<af:treeTable id="treeTableDropTarget"
    var="task" value="#{projectGanttDragSource.treeTableModel}">
  <f:facet name="nodeStamp">
    <af:column headerText="Task Name">
      <af:outputText value="#{task.taskName}"/>
    </af:column>
  </f:facet>
  <af:column headerText="Resource">
    <af:outputText value="#{task.resourceName}"/>
  </af:column>
  <af:column headerText="Start Date">
    <af:outputText value="#{task.startTime}"/>
  </af:column>
  <af:column headerText="End Date">
    <af:outputText value="#{task.endTime}"/>
  </af:column>
  <af:dropTarget actions="COPY"
```

```

        dropListener="#{projectGanttDragSource.onTableDrop}">
    <af:dataFlavor flavorClass=
        "oracle.adf.view.faces.bi.component.gantt.TaskDragInfo"/>
    </af:dropTarget>
</af:treeTable>

```

6. In the managed bean referenced in the EL expression created in Step 2, create the event handler method (using the same name as in the EL expression) that will handle the drag and drop functionality.

This method must take a `DropEvent` event as a parameter and return a `DnDAction` object, which is the action that will be performed when the source is dropped. Valid return values are `DnDAction.COPY`, `DnDAction.MOVE`, and `DnDAction.LINK`, and were set when you defined the target attribute in Step 5. This method should check the `DropEvent` event to determine whether or not it will accept the drop. If the method accepts the drop, it should perform the drop and return the `DnDAction` object it performed. Otherwise, it should return `DnDAction.NONE` to indicate that the drop was rejected.

The method must also check for the presence for each `dataFlavor` object in preference order.

**Tip:** If your target has more than one defined `dataFlavor` object, then you can use the `Transferable.getSuitableTransferData()` method, which returns a `List` of `TransferData` objects available in the `Transferable` object in order, from highest suitability to lowest.

The `DataFlavor` object defines the type of data being dropped, for example `java.lang.Object`, and must be as defined in the `DataFlavor` tag on the JSP, as created in Step 3.

**Tip:** To specify a typed array in a `DataFlavor` object, add brackets (`[]`) to the class name, for example, `java.lang.Object[]`.

`DataFlavor` objects support polymorphism so that if the drop target accepts `java.util.List`, and the `Transferable` object contains a `java.util.ArrayList`, the drop will succeed. Likewise, this functionality supports automatic conversion between `Arrays` and `Lists`.

If the drag and drop framework doesn't know how to represent a server `DataFlavor` object on the client component, the drop target will be configured to allow all drops to succeed on the client.

[Example 35–12](#) shows a handler method that copies a `TaskDragInfo` object from the event payload and assigns it to the component that initiated the event.

#### **Example 35–12 Event Handler Code for a `dropListener`**

```

public DnDAction onTableDrop(DropEvent evt)
{
    // retrieve the information about the task dragged
    DataFlavor<TaskDragInfo> _flv = DataFlavor.getDataFlavor(TaskDragInfo.class, null);
    Transferable _transferable = evt.getTransferable();

    // if there is no data in the transferable, then the drop is unsuccessful
    TaskDragInfo _info = _transferable.getData(_flv);
    if (_info == null)
        return DnDAction.NONE;
}

```

```
// find the task
Task _draggedTask = findTask(_info.getTaskId());
if (_draggedTask != null) {
// process the dragged task here and indicate the drop is successful by returning DnDAction.COPY
return DnDAction.COPY;
}
else
return DnDAction.NONE;
}
```

7. In the Component Palette, from the Operations panel, drag and drop a **Drag Source** as a child to the source component.
8. With the `dragSource` tag selected, in the Property Inspector set the allowed Actions and any needed discriminant, as configured for the target.

## 35.10 Adding Drag and Drop Functionality for DVT Hierarchy Viewers, Sunbursts, and Treemaps

You can configure hierarchy viewers, sunbursts, and treemaps as drag sources and drop targets for drag and drop operations between supported components on a page.

### 35.10.1 Drag and Drop Example for DVT Hierarchy Viewers

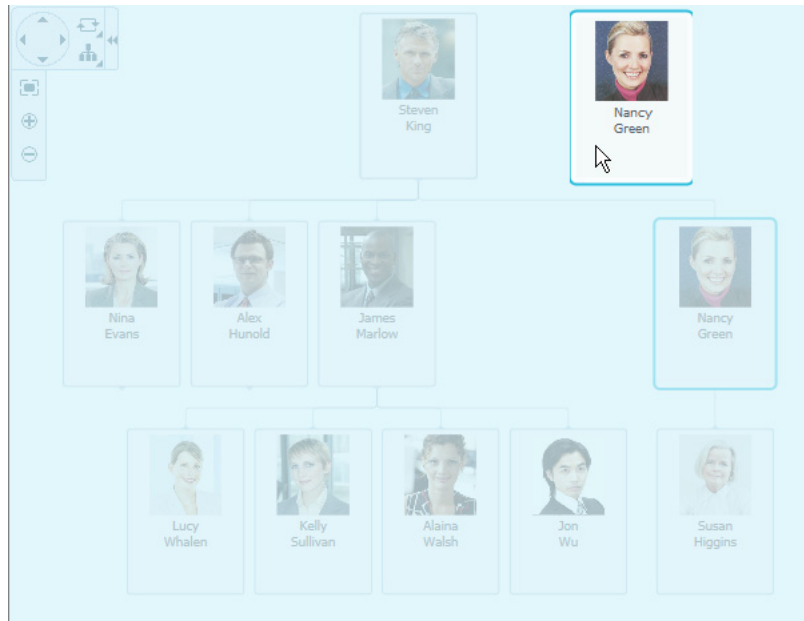
Hierarchy viewers support the following drag and drop operations:

- Drag and drop one or more nodes within a hierarchy viewer
- Drag one or more nodes from a hierarchy viewer to another component
- Drag one or more items from another component to a hierarchy viewer

[Figure 35–6](#) shows a hierarchy viewer configured to allow drags and drops within itself. If you click and hold a node for more than one-half second, you can drag it to the background to make it another root in the hierarchy or drag it to another node to add it as a child of that node.

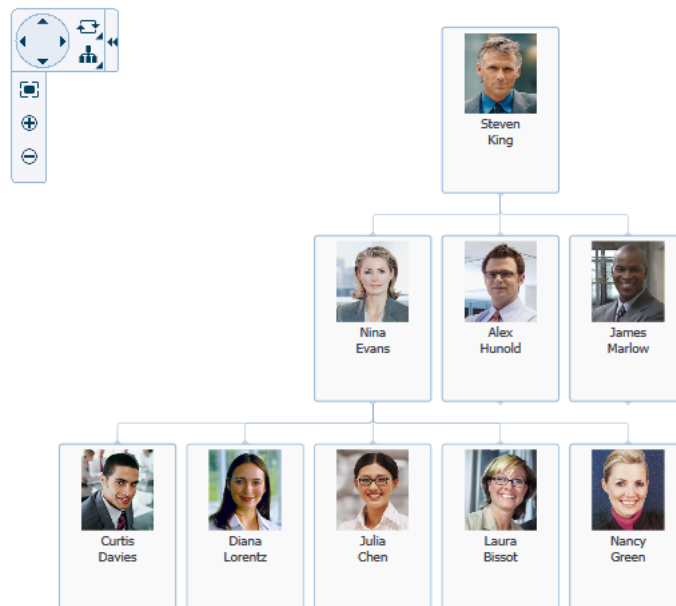


**Figure 35–6 Hierarchy Viewer Showing a Node Drag**



If you drag the node to another node, the dragged node and its children become the child of the targeted node. [Figure 35–7](#) shows the result of the drag to the node containing the data for Nina Evans. Nancy Green and her subordinates are now shown as subordinates to Nina Evans.

**Figure 35–7 Hierarchy Viewer After Node Drag to Another Node**

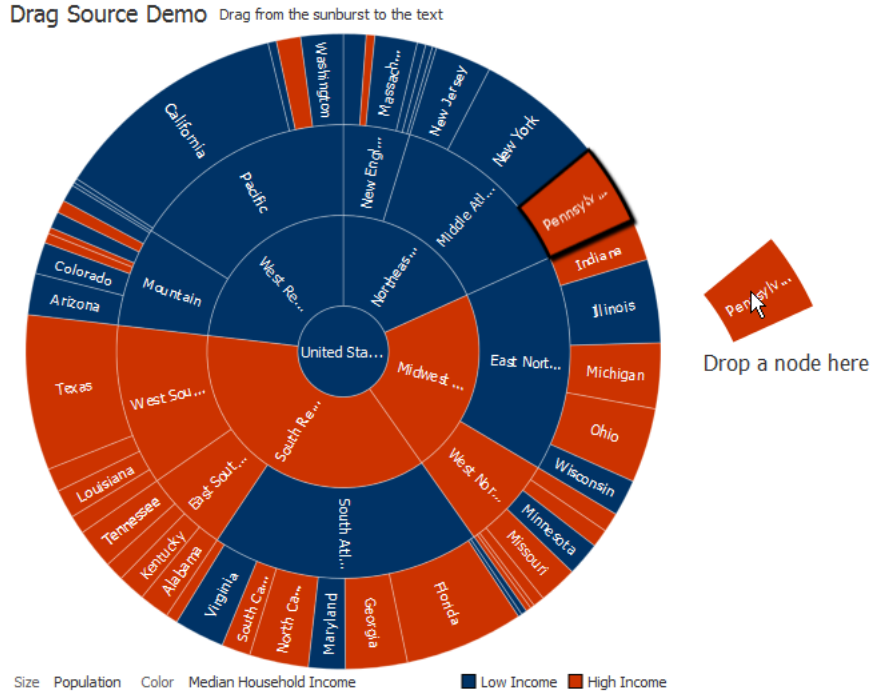


### 35.10.2 Drag and Drop Example for DVT Sunbursts

Sunbursts support the drag of one or more nodes to another component. The payload of the drag is a `org.apache.myfaces.trinidad.model.RowKeySet`. You can also configure sunbursts to accept drops from another object.

Figure 35–8 shows a sunburst configured to allow drags from it to an `af:outputFormatted` component. If the sunburst is configured for multiple selection, the user can drag multiple nodes using the `Ctrl+click` operation.

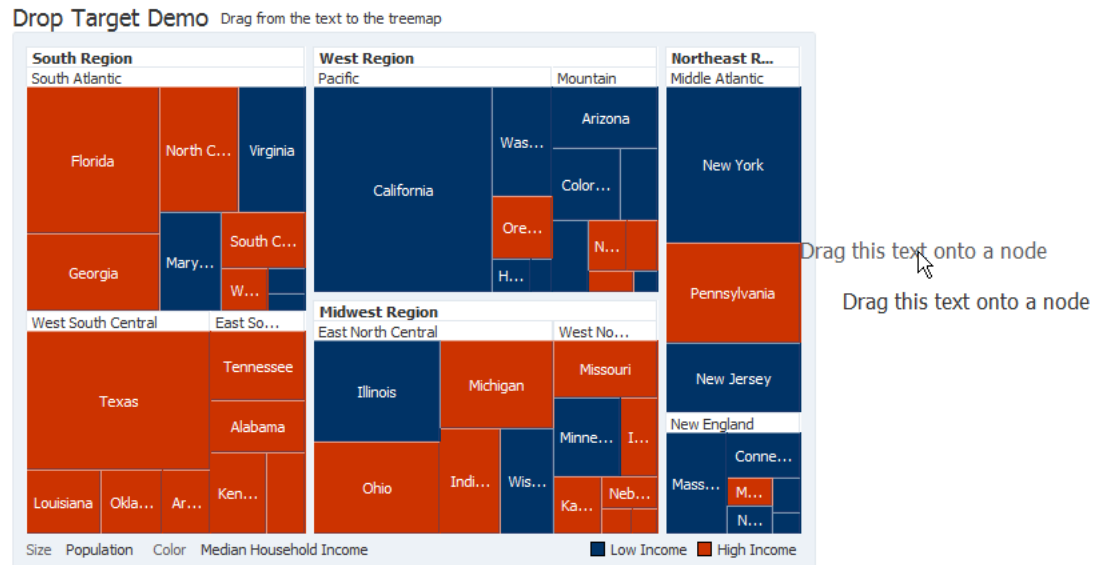
**Figure 35–8 Sunburst Configured as a Drag Source**



### 35.10.3 Drag and Drop Example for DVT Treemaps

Treemaps support the drag of one or more nodes to another component. The payload of the drag is a `org.apache.myfaces.trinidad.model.RowKeySet`. You can also configure treemaps to accept drops from another object.

Figure 35–9 shows a treemap configured as a drop target. In this example, the drag source is an `af:outputFormatted` component.

**Figure 35–9 Treemap Configured as a Drop Target**

### 35.10.4 How to Add Drag and Drop Functionality for a DVT Hierarchy Viewer, Sunburst, or Treemap Component

To add drag and drop functionality, first add tags to a supported DVT component that define it as a target for a drag and drop action. Then implement the event handler method that will handle the logic for the drag and drop action. Last, you define the sources for the drag and drop. For information about what happens at runtime, see [Section 35.3.2, "What Happens at Runtime."](#) For information about using the `clientDropListener` attribute, see [Section 35.3.3, "What You May Need to Know About Using the ClientDropListener."](#)

#### Before you begin:

It may be helpful to have an understanding of drag and drop functionality. For more information, see [Section 35.1, "Introduction to Drag and Drop Functionality."](#)

You must complete the following tasks:

- Add the DVT component to your page.  
For help with creating the DVT components, see [Chapter 23, "Introduction to ADF Data Visualization Components."](#)
- If you plan to allow drops to the DVT component, add the component that will serve as the drag source to the page.  
For help with adding other ADF Faces components, see [Section 1.3, "ADF Faces Components."](#)
- If you plan on allowing drags from the DVT component to another component, add the component that will serve as the drop target to the page.

#### To add drag and drop functionality to a DVT hierarchy viewer, sunburst, or treemap component:

1. To configure the DVT component as a drop target, do the following:
  1. In the Component Palette, from the **Operations** panel, drag a **Drop Target** tag and drop it as a child to a DVT component that supports drag and drop.

2. In the Insert Drop Target dialog, enter an expression that evaluates to a drop listener method on a managed bean that will handle the event (you will create this code in Step 6).

**Tip:** You can also intercept the drop on the client by populating the `clientDropListener` attribute. For more information, see [Section 35.3.3, "What You May Need to Know About Using the ClientDropListener."](#)

3. In the Insert Data Flavor dialog, enter the class for the object that can be dropped onto the target, for example `java.lang.Object`. This selection will be used to create a `dataFlavor` tag, which determines the type of object that can be dropped onto the target. Multiple `dataFlavor` tags are allowed under a single drop target to allow the drop target to accept any of those types.

**Tip:** To specify a typed array in a `DataFlavor` tag, add brackets (`[]`) to the class name, for example, `java.lang.Object[]`.

4. In the Property Inspector, set a value for **Discriminant**, if needed. A discriminant is an arbitrary string used to determine which source can drop on the target. For example, suppose you have two treemaps that both accept a `java.lang.Object`, Treemap A and Treemap B. You also have two sources, both of which are `java.lang.Object` objects. By setting a discriminant value on GraphA with a value of `alpha`, only the `java.lang.Object` source that provides the discriminant value of `alpha` will be accepted.
5. In the Structure window, select the `dropTarget` tag. In the Property Inspector, select a value for **Actions**. This defines what actions are supported by the drop target. Valid values can be `COPY` (copy and paste), `MOVE` (cut and paste), and `LINK` (copy and paste as a link), for example:

```
MOVE COPY
```

If no actions are specified, the default is `COPY`.

[Example 35–13](#) shows the code for a treemap component that accepts a `java.lang.Object` as a drag source. Note that because `COPY` was set as the value for the actions attribute, that will be the only allowed action.

#### **Example 35–13 JSP Code for a `dropTarget` tag on a DVT Component**

```
<dvt:treemap id="t1" value="#{treemap.censusData}" var="row"
  displayLevelsChildren="3" colorLabel="Median Household Income
  sizeLabel="Population" summary="Treemap Configured as Drag Source"
  legendSource="ag1">
  <dvt:treemapNode id="tn1" value="#{row.size}" label="#{row.text}">
    <dvt:attributeGroups id="ag1" value="#{row.income > 50000}"
      label="#{row.income > 50000 ? 'High Income' : 'Low Income'}"
      type="color"/>
  </dvt:treemapNode>
  <af:dropTarget dropListener="#{treemap.toDropListener}"
    actions="COPY">
    <af:dataFlavor flavorClass="java.lang.Object"/>
  </af:dropTarget>
</dvt:treemap>
```

6. In the managed bean referenced in the EL expression created in Step 2, create the event handler method (using the same name as in the EL expression) that will handle the drag and drop functionality.

This method must take a `DropEvent` event as a parameter and return a `DnDAction` object, which is the action that will be performed when the source is dropped. Valid return values are `DnDAction.COPY`, `DnDAction.MOVE`, and `DnDAction.LINK`, and were set when you defined the target attribute in Step 5. This method should check the `DropEvent` event to determine whether or not it will accept the drop. If the method accepts the drop, it should perform the drop and return the `DnDAction` object it performed. Otherwise, it should return `DnDAction.NONE` to indicate that the drop was rejected.

The method must also check for the presence for each `dataFlavor` object in preference order.

**Tip:** If your target has more than one defined `dataFlavor` object, then you can use the `Transferable.getSuitableTransferData()` method, which returns a `List` of `TransferData` objects available in the `Transferable` object in order, from highest suitability to lowest.

The `DataFlavor` object defines the type of data being dropped, for example `java.lang.Object`, and must be as defined in the `DataFlavor` tag on the JSP, as created in Step 3.

**Tip:** To specify a typed array in a `DataFlavor` object, add brackets (`[]`) to the class name, for example, `java.lang.Object[]`.

`DataFlavor` objects support polymorphism so that if the drop target accepts `java.util.List`, and the `Transferable` object contains a `java.util.ArrayList`, the drop will succeed. Likewise, this functionality supports automatic conversion between `Arrays` and `Lists`.

If the drag and drop framework doesn't know how to represent a server `DataFlavor` object on the client component, the drop target will be configured to allow all drops to succeed on the client.

[Example 35–14](#) shows a handler method that copies a `java.lang.Object` from the event payload and assigns it to the component that initiated the event.

#### **Example 35–14 Sample Drop Listener for a DVT Component**

```
// imports needed by methods
import java.util.Map;
import oracle.adf.view.rich.dnd.DnDAction;
import oracle.adf.view.rich.event.DropEvent;
import oracle.adf.view.rich.datatransfer.DataFlavor;
import oracle.adf.view.rich.datatransfer.Transferable;
import org.apache.myfaces.trinidad.context.RequestContext;
import org.apache.myfaces.trinidad.render.ClientRowKeyManager;
import javax.faces.context.FacesContext;
import oracle.adf.view.faces.bi.component.treemap.UITreemap;
import javax.faces.component.UIComponent;
// variables need by methods
private String dragText = "Drag this text onto a node";
// drop listener
public DnDAction toDropListener(DropEvent event) {
    Transferable transferable = event.getTransferable();
    DataFlavor<Object> dataFlavor = DataFlavor.getDataFlavor(Object.class);
    Object transferableObj = transferable.getData(dataFlavor);
    if(transferableObj == null)
        return DnDAction.NONE;
}
```

```
// Build up the string that reports the drop information
StringBuilder sb = new StringBuilder();
// Start with the proposed action
sb.append("Drag Operation: ");
DnDAction proposedAction = event.getProposedAction();
if(proposedAction == DnDAction.COPY) {
    sb.append("Copy<br>");
}
else if(proposedAction == DnDAction.LINK) {
    sb.append("Link<br>");
}
else if(proposedAction == DnDAction.MOVE) {
    sb.append("Move<br>");
}
// Then add the rowKeys of the nodes that were dragged
UIComponent dropComponent = event.getDropComponent();
Object dropSite = event.getDropSite();
if(dropSite instanceof Map) {
    String clientRowKey = (String) ((Map) dropSite).get("clientRowKey");
    Object rowKey = getRowKey(dropComponent, clientRowKey);
    if(rowKey != null) {
        sb.append("Drop Site: ");
        sb.append(getLabel(dropComponent, rowKey));
    }
}
// Update the output text
this.dragText = sb.toString();
RequestContext.getCurrentInstance().addPartialTarget(event.getDragComponent());
return event.getProposedAction();
}

public String getDragText() {
    return dragText;
}

private String getLabel(UIComponent component, Object rowKey) {
    if(component instanceof UITreemap) {
        UITreemap treemap = (UITreemap) component;
        TreeNode rowData = (TreeNode) treemap.getRowData(rowKey);
        return rowData.getText();
    }
    return null;
}

private Object getRowKey(UIComponent component, String clientRowKey) {
    if(component instanceof UITreemap) {
        UITreemap treemap = (UITreemap) component;
        ClientRowKeyManager crkm = treemap.getClientRowKeyManager();
        return crkm.getRowKey(FacesContext.getCurrentInstance(), component,
clientRowKey);
    }
    return null;
}
}
```

2. To configure the DVT component as a drag source, do the following:
  1. In the Component Palette, from the **Operations** panel, drag and drop a **Drag Source** as a child to the DVT component.
  2. With the `dragSource` tag selected, in the Property Inspector, set the allowed Actions and any needed discriminant, as configured for the target.

[Example 35–15](#) shows the JSP code for a treemap configured as a drag source. Note that all actions (COPY, MOVE, and LINK) are permitted.

**Example 35–15 JSP Sample Code for a dragSource Tag on a DVT Component**

```
<dvt:treemap id="t1" value="#{treemap.censusData}" var="row"
  displayLevelsChildren="3" colorLabel="Median Household Income
  sizeLabel="Population" summary="Treemap Configured as Drag Source"
  legendSource="ag1">
  <dvt:treemapNode id="tn1" value="#{row.size}" label="#{row.text}">
    <dvt:attributeGroups id="ag1" value="#{row.income > 50000}"
      label="#{row.income > 50000 ? 'High Income' : 'Low Income'}"
      type="color"/>
  </dvt:treemapNode>
  <af:dragSource defaultAction="MOVE" actions="COPY MOVE LINK"/>
</dvt:treemap>
```

3. To use the DVT component as the drop target which will allow drags to it from another component, in the Component Palette, from the **Operations** panel, drag and drop a **Drag Source** as a child to the component that will be the source of the drag.

For example, drag and drop a **Drag Source** as a child to an `af:outputFormatted` component to display node information about a treemap. With the `dragSource` tag selected, in the Property Inspector, set the allowed Actions and any needed discriminant for the target.

4. To add the DVT component as a drag source for another supported DVT or ADF Faces component, do the following:

1. In the Component Palette, from the Operations panel, drag and drop a **Drop Target** onto the component that will receive the drop.

For example, drag and drop a **Drop Target** onto a `treeTable` component.

2. In the Insert Drop Target dialog, enter the name of a drop listener that the component will use to respond to the DVT component drop.

See the examples in this chapter for sample listeners.

3. In the Insert Data Flavor dialog, enter the object that the drop target will accept. Alternatively, use the dropdown menu to navigate through the object hierarchies and choose the desired object.

For example, if you want the user to be able to drag a treemap node to a `treeTable` component and have that component display information about the treemap, enter the following for the data flavor:

```
org.apache.myfaces.trinidad.model.RowKeySet.
```

4. In the Structure window, right-click the `af:dropTarget` component and choose **Go to Properties**.
5. In the Property Inspector, in the **Actions** field, enter a list of the operations that the drop target will accept, separated by spaces. Allowable values are: COPY, MOVE, or LINK. If you do not specify a value, the drop target will use COPY.

[Example 35–16](#) shows the sample code for an `af:outputFormatted` component configured to allow dragging from a treemap.

**Example 35–16 JSP Sample Code for Dragging Data from a Treemap to an af:outputFormatted Component**

```
<af:outputFormatted value="#{treemap.dropText}" id="of1">
  <af:dropTarget dropListener="#{treemap.fromDropListener}">
```

```
        <af:dataFlavor flavorClass="org.apache.myfaces.trinidad.model.RowKeySet" />
    </af:dropTarget>
</af:outputFormatted>
```



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## Using Different Output Modes

This chapter describes how you can have your pages display in modes suitable for printing and emailing. Topics include how to print page contents using the `showPrintablePageBehavior` tag and how to create emailable pages with the request parameter `org.apache.myfaces.trinidad.agent.email=true`.

This chapter includes the following sections:

- [Section 36.1, "Introduction to Using Different Output Modes"](#)
- [Section 36.2, "Displaying a Page for Print"](#)
- [Section 36.3, "Creating Emailable Pages"](#)

### 36.1 Introduction to Using Different Output Modes

ADF Faces allows you to output your page in a simplified mode either for printing or for emailing. For example, you may want users to be able to print a page (or a portion of a page), but instead of printing the page exactly as it is rendered in a web browser, you want to remove items that are not needed on a printed page, such as scroll bars and buttons. If a page is to be emailed, the page must be simplified so that email clients can correctly display it.

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**Note:** By default, when the ADF Faces framework detects that an application is being crawled by a search engine, it outputs pages in a simplified format for the crawler, similar to that for an emailable page. If you want to generate special content for web crawlers, you can use the EL-reachable `Agent` interface to detect when an agent is crawling the site, and then direct the agent to a specified link, for example:

```
<c:if test="#{requestContext.agent.type == 'webcrawler'}">
  <af:goLink text="This Link is rendered only for web crawlers"
            destination="http://www.newPage.com"/>
</c:if>
```

For more information, see the Trinidad Javadoc.

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For displaying printable pages, ADF Faces offers the `showPrintablePageBehavior` tag that, when used in conjunction with a command component, allows users to view a simplified version of the page in their browser, which they can then print.

For email support, ADF Faces provides an API that can be used to convert a page to one that is suitable for display in the Microsoft Outlook 2007, Mozilla Thunderbird 10.0.5, or Gmail email clients.

**Tip:** The current output mode (email or printable) can be reached from `AdfFacesContext`. Because this context is EL reachable, you can use EL to bind to the output mode from the JSP page. For example, you might allow a graphic to be rendered only if the current mode is not email using the following expression:

```
<af:activeImage source="/images/stockChart.gif"
    rendered="#{adfFacesContext.outputMode != "email"}"/>
```

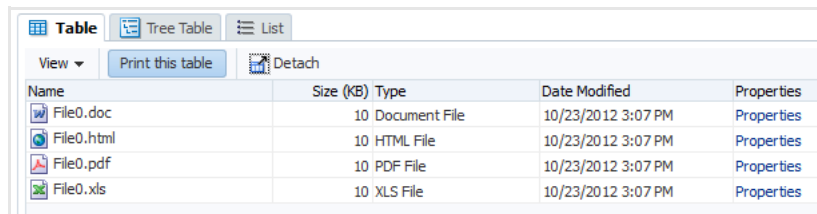
You can determine the current mode using `AdfFacesContext.getOutputMode()`.

## 36.2 Displaying a Page for Print

You place the `showPrintablePageBehavior` tag as a child to a command component. When clicked, the framework walks up the component tree, starting with the component that is the parent to the `printableBehavior` tag, until it reaches a `panelSplitter`, `panelAccordion`, or `popup` component, or the root of the tree (whichever comes first). The tree is rendered from there. Additionally, certain components that are not needed on a printed page (such as buttons and scrollbars) are omitted.

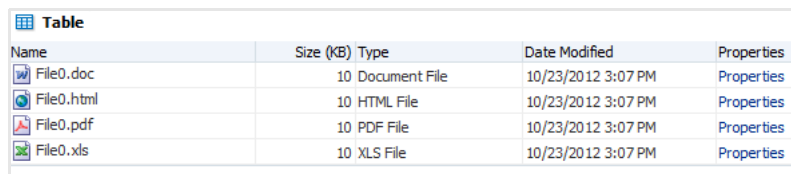
For example, in the File Explorer application, you could place a `commandButton` component inside the toolbar of the `panelCollection` component that contains the table, as shown in [Figure 36-1](#).

**Figure 36-1** Button to Print Part of a Page



When the user clicks the button, the page is displayed in a new browser window (or tab, depending on the browser) in a simplified form, as shown in [Figure 36-2](#).

**Figure 36-2** Printable Version of the Page



Only the contents of the table are displayed for printing. All extraneous components, such as the toolbar, buttons, and scroll bars, are not rendered.

When the button is clicked, the action event is canceled. Instead, a request is made to the server for the printable version of the page.

### 36.2.1 How to Use the `showPrintablePageBehavior` Tag

You use the `showPrintablePageBehavior` tag as a child to a command component.

**To use the showPrintablePageBehavior tag:**

1. In one of the layout components, add a command component in the facet that contains the content you would like to print. For procedures, see [Section 18.2.1, "How to Use Command Buttons and Command Links."](#)

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**Note:** While you can insert a `showPrintablePageBehavior` component outside of a layout component to allow the user to print the entire page, the printed result will be roughly in line with the layout, which may mean that not all content will be visible. Therefore, if you want the user to be able to print the entire content of a facet, it is important to place the command component and the `showPrintablePageBehavior` component within the facet whose contents users would typically want to print. If more than one facet requires printing support, then insert one command component and `showPrintablePageBehavior` tag into each facet. To print all contents, the user then has to execute the print command one facet at a time.

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2. In the Component Palette, from the Operations panel, drag a **Show Printable Page Behavior** and drop it as a child to the command component.

## 36.3 Creating Emailable Pages

There may be occasions when you need a page in your application to be emailed. For example, purchase orders created on the web are often emailed to the purchaser at the end of the session. However, because email clients do not support external stylesheets which are used to render to web browsers, you can't email the same page, as it would not be rendered correctly.

The ADF Faces framework provides you with automatic conversion of a JSF page so that it will render correctly in the Microsoft Outlook 2007, Mozilla Thunderbird 10.0.5, or Gmail email clients.

Not all components can be rendered in an email client. The following components can be converted so that they can render properly in an email client:

- document
- panelHeader
- panelFormLayout
- panelGroupLayout
- panelList
- spacer
- showDetailHeader
- inputText (renders as readOnly)
- inputComboBoxListOfValues (renders as readOnly)
- inputNumberSlider (renders as readOnly)
- inputNumberSpinbox (renders as readOnly)
- inputRangeSlider (renders as readOnly)
- outputText

- selectOneChoice (renders as readOnly)
- panelLabelAndMessage
- image
- table
- column
- goLink (renders as text)

By default, the emailable page will display with styles inlined directly on the relevant HTML element's style attribute rather than using an internal stylesheet. You can configure this behavior by setting the web.xml parameter `oracle.adf.view.DEFAULT_EMAIL_MODE` to either `internal` or `inline`.

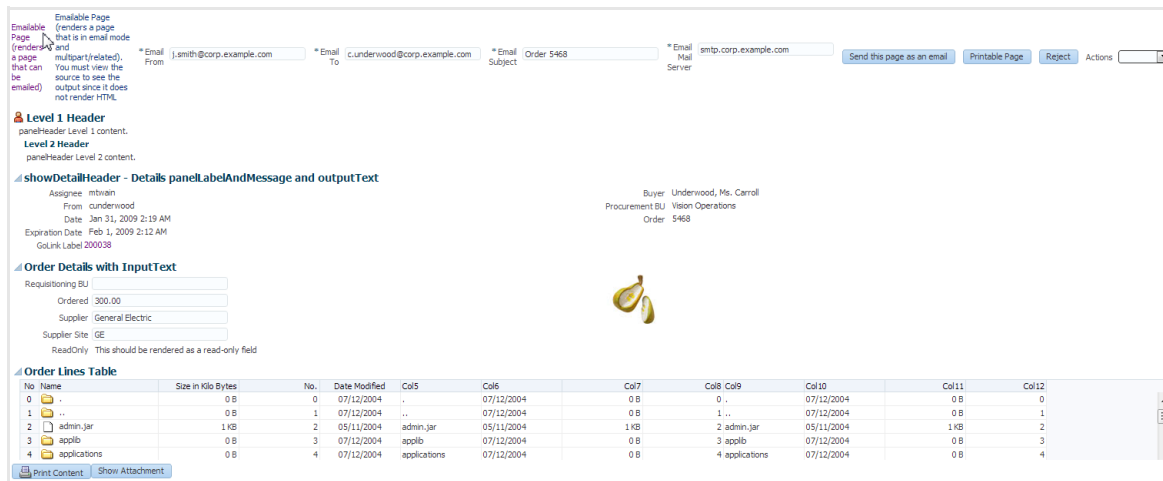
### 36.3.1 How to Create an Emailable Page

You notify the ADF Faces framework to convert your page to be rendered in an email client by appending the following the request parameter to the URL of the page to be emailed:

```
org.apache.myfaces.trinidad.agent.email=true
```

For example, say you have a page that displays a purchase order, as shown in [Figure 36-3](#).

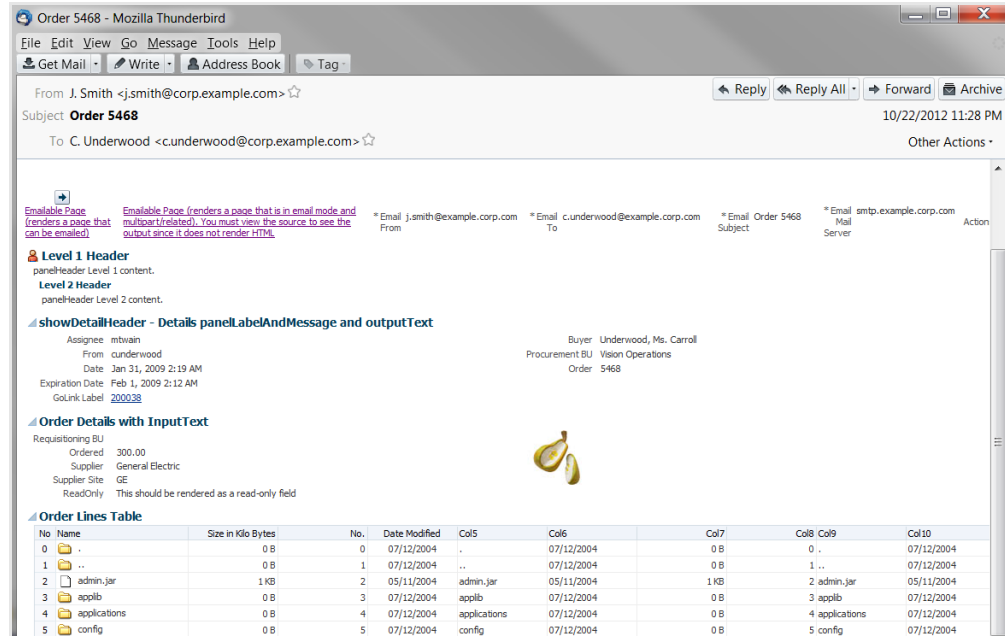
**Figure 36-3 Purchase Order Web Page**



When the user clicks the **Emailable Page** link at the top, an `actionListener` method or another service appends `org.apache.myfaces.trinidad.agent.email=true` to the current URL and emails the page. [Figure 36-4](#) shows the page as it appears in an email client.

**Note:** By default, the framework will inline the style information onto each HTML element rather than creating an internal stylesheet. You can configure this behavior by setting the `web.xml` parameter `oracle.adf.view.DEFAULT_EMAIL_MODE` to either `internal` or `inline`. You can also force a request to render in either `internal` or `inline` mode by setting the request parameter to `org.apache.myfaces.trinidad.agent.email=internal` or `org.apache.myfaces.trinidad.agent.email=inline`.

**Figure 36–4 Page in an Email Client**



**Tip:** If you want to be able to view the email offline, append the following request parameter to the URL of the page to be emailed:

```
org.apache.myfaces.trinidad.agent.email=true&oracle.adf.view.rich.render.emailContentType=multipart/related
```

The framework will convert the HTML to MIME (multipart/related) and inline the images so the email can be viewed offline.

### 36.3.2 How to Test the Rendering of a Page in an Email Client

Before you complete the development of a page, you may want to test how the page will render in an email client. You can easily do this using a `goButton` component.

**To test an emailable page:**

1. In the Component Palette, from the Common Components panel, drag and drop a **Go Button** anywhere onto the page.
2. In the Property Inspector, expand the Common section and set the **Destination** to be the page's name plus `org.apache.myfaces.trinidad.agent.email=true`.

For example, if your page's name is `myPage`, the value of the destination attribute should be:

```
myPage.jsp?org.apache.myfaces.trinidad.agent.email=true
```

3. Right-click the page and choose **Run** to run the page in the default browser.  
The Configure Default Domain dialog displays the first time you run your application and start a new domain in Integrated WebLogic Server. Use the dialog to define an administrator password for the new domain. Passwords you enter can be eight characters or more and must have a numeric character.
4. Once the page displays in the browser, click the `goButton` you added to the page. This will again display the page in the browser, but converted to a page that can be handled by an email client.
5. In your browser, view the source of the page. For example, in Mozilla Firefox, you would select **View > Page Source**. Select the entire source and copy it.
6. Create a new message in your email client. Paste the page source into the message and send it to yourself.

**Tip:** Because you are pasting HTML code, you will probably need to use an insert command to insert the HTML into the email body. For example, in Thunderbird, you would choose **Insert > HTML**.

7. If needed, create a skin specifically for the email version of the page using an agent. The following example shows how you might specify the border on a table rendered in email.

```
af|table {
    border: 1px solid #636661;
}

@agent_email {
    af|table
    {border:none}
}

af|table::column-resize-indicator {
    border-right: 2px dashed #979991;
}
```

For more information about creating skins, see [Chapter 20, "Customizing the Appearance Using Styles and Skins."](#)

### 36.3.3 What Happens at Runtime: How ADF Faces Converts JSF Pages to E-mailable Pages

When the ADF Faces framework receives the request parameter `org.apache.myfaces.trinidad.agent.email=true` in the Render Response phase, the associated phase listener sets an internal flag that notifies the framework to do the following:

- Remove any JavaScript from the HTML.
- Add all CSS to the page, but only for components included on the page and global styles (styles without the pipe character (|) in the name).
- Remove the CSS link from the HTML.
- Convert all relative links to absolute links.
- Render images with absolute URLs.

- Inline the style information onto each HTML element rather than creating an internal stylesheet.

Additionally, if you add the parameter

`oracle.adf.view.rich.render.emailContentType=multipart/related` the framework will convert the HTML to MIME (multipart/related) and inline the images so the email can be viewed offline. The full request parameter would be:

```
org.apache.myfaces.trinidad.agent.email=true&oracle.adf.view.rich.render.emailContentType=multipart/related
```





## Using the Active Data Service with an Asynchronous Backend

This chapter describes how to register an asynchronous backend to provide real-time data updates to ADF Faces components.

This chapter includes the following sections:

- Section 37.1, "Introduction to Using the Active Data Service"
- Section 37.2, "Process Overview for Using Active Data Service"
- Section 37.3, "Implement the ActiveModel Interface in a Managed Bean"
- Section 37.4, "Pass the Event Into the Active Data Service"
- Section 37.5, "Register the Data Update Event Listener"
- Section 37.6, "Configure the ADF Component to Display Active Data"

### 37.1 Introduction to Using the Active Data Service

The Fusion technology stack includes the Active Data Service (ADS), which is a server-side push framework that allows you to provide real-time data updates for ADF Faces components. You bind ADF Faces components to a data source and ADS pushes the data updates to the browser client without requiring the browser client to explicitly request it. For example, you may have a table bound to attributes of an ADF data control whose values change on the server periodically, and you want the updated values to display in the table. You can create a Java bean to implement the ActiveModel interface and register it as an event listener to notify the component of a data event from the backend, and the component rerenders the changed data with the new value highlighted, as shown in [Figure 37–1](#).

**Figure 37–1 Table Displays Updated Data as Highlighted**

Row No	Description	Price	Detail
	Some text to describe the object v458	v455 78,000 USD	Text v464
	Some text to describe the object v463	v468 53,000 USD	Read only text v466
	Some text v460	v460 21,000 USD	Text text v460
	Text describing the object v469	v456 583,000 USD	Text v459
	Description v450	v450 1,000,000 USD	Text only v467
	A very long description that may be truncated v470	v465 1,200 USD	Read only data v465
	Description v462	v461 336,981 USD	Data text v461
	Some text v437	v449 209,000 USD	Data v326

Using ADS is an alternative to using automatic partial page rendering (PPR) to rerender data that changes on the backend as a result of business logic associated with the ADF data control bound to the ADF Faces component. Whereas automatic PPR requires sending a request to the server (typically initiated by the user), ADS enables changed data to be pushed from the data store as the data arrives on the server. Also, in contrast to PPR, ADS makes it possible for the component to rerender only the changed data instead of the entire component. This makes ADS ideal for situations where the application needs to react to data that changes periodically.

To use this functionality, you must configure the application to use ADS. If your application services do not support ADS, then you also need to create a proxy of the service so that the components can display the data as it updates in the source.

Any ADF Faces page can use ADS. However, you can configure only the following ADF Faces components and ADF Data Visualization (DVT) components to work with active data:

- `activeImage`
- `activeOutputText`
- `pivotTable`
- `tree`
- `treeTable`
- `geoMap` (`mapPointTheme` only)
- `sunburst`
- `treemap`

For more information about ADS support for DVT components, see [Section 23.3.3, "Active Data Support."](#)

Additionally, note that collection-based components (such as `table`, `tree`, and `pivotTable`) support ADS only when the `outputText` component or `sparkChart` is configured to display the active data; other components are not supported inside the collection-based component.

For details about the active data service framework and important configuration information, see the *Oracle Fusion Middleware Fusion Developer's Guide for Oracle Application Development Framework*.

## 37.2 Process Overview for Using Active Data Service

To use ADS, you can optionally configure your application to determine the method of data transport, as well as other performance options.

### Before you begin:

Complete the following tasks:

- Implement the logic to fire the active data events asynchronously from the data source. For example, this logic might be a business process that updates the database, or a JMS client that gets notified from JMS.
- The Active Data framework does not support complicated business logic or transformations that require the ADF runtime context, such as a user profile or security. For example, the framework cannot convert an ADF context locale-dependent value and return a locale-specific value. Instead, you need to have your data source handle this before publishing the data change event.

- Before users can run the ADF Faces page with ADS configured for the application, they must disable the popup blocker for their web browser. Active data is not supported in web browsers that have popup blockers enabled.

To use the Active Data Service:

1. Optionally, configure ADS to determine the data transport mode, as well as to set other configurations, such as a latency threshold and reconnect information. Configuration for ADS is done in the `adf-config.xml` file.

For details about configuring ADS, see the *Oracle Fusion Middleware Fusion Developer's Guide for Oracle Application Development Framework*.

2. Optionally, configure a servlet parameter to specify the duration of the active session before it times out due to user inactivity. Configuration for the client-side servlet timeout parameter is done in the `web.xml` file.

For details about configuring the servlet timeout parameter, see the *Oracle Fusion Middleware Fusion Developer's Guide for Oracle Application Development Framework*.

3. Create a backing bean that implements the `ActiveModel` interface and register it as the listener for active data events from your backend.
4. Create a class that extends the `BaseActiveDataModel` API to pass the Event object to the ADS framework.
5. Register a data change listener for data change events from the backend.
6. In the web page, configure the ADF Faces component to capture and display the pushed data by adding an expression to name the managed bean that implements the the ADF component that you use to capture and display the pushed data.

### 37.3 Implement the ActiveModel Interface in a Managed Bean

Create a backing bean that contains the active model implementation as its property. This class uses an ADS decorator class to wrap the JSF model. This class should also implement a callback from the backend that will push data into the ADS framework.

You need to create a Java class that subclasses one of the following ADS decorator classes:

- `ActiveCollectionModelDecorator` class
- `ActiveDataModelDecorator` class (for use with graphs)
- `ActiveGeoMapDataModelDecorator` class
- `ActiveGaugeDataModelDecorator` class

These classes are wrapper classes that delegate the active data functionality to a default implementation of `ActiveDataModel`. The `ActiveDataModel` class listens for data change events and interacts with the Event Manager.

Specifically, when you implement the `ActiveModel` interface, you accomplish the following:

- Wraps the JSF model interface. For example, the `ActiveCollectionModelDecorator` class wraps the `CollectionModel` class.
- Generates active data events based on data change events from the data source.

To implement the `ActiveModel` interface, you need to implement methods on your Java class that gets the model to which the data is being sent and registers itself as the listener of the active data source (as illustrated in [Example 37-1](#)):

1. Create a Java class that extends the decorator class appropriate for your component.

[Example 37–1](#) shows a `StockManager` class that extends `ActiveCollectionModelDecorator`. In this case, the data is displayed for an ADF Faces table component.

2. Implement the methods of the decorator class that will return the `ActiveDataModel` class and implement the method that returns the scalar model.

[Example 37–1](#) shows an implementation of the `getCollectionModel()` method that registers with an existing asynchronous backend. The method returns the list of stocks collection from the backend.

3. Implement a method that creates application-specific events that can be used to insert or update data on the active model.

[Example 37–1](#) shows the `onStockUpdate()` callback method from the backend, which uses the active model (an instance of `ActiveStockModel`) to create `ActiveDataUpdateEvent` objects to push data to the ADF Faces component.

### **Example 37–1 Extend the Decorator Class**

```
package sample.oracle.ads;

import java.util.List;
import sample.backend.IBackendListener;
import sample.bean.StockBean;
import sample.oracle.model.ActiveStockModel;

import oracle.adf.view.rich.event.ActiveDataEntry;
import oracle.adf.view.rich.event.ActiveDataUpdateEvent;
import oracle.adf.view.rich.model.ActiveCollectionModelDecorator;
import oracle.adf.view.rich.model.ActiveDataModel;

import oracle.adfinternal.view.faces.activedata.ActiveDataEventUtil;

import org.apache.myfaces.trinidad.model.CollectionModel;
import org.apache.myfaces.trinidad.model.SortableModel;

// 1. This example wraps the existing collection model in the page and implements
//    the ActiveDataModel interface to enable ADS for the page.

public StockManager extends ActiveCollectionModelDecorator implements
                               IBackendListener
{
    // 2. Implement methods from ADF ActiveCollectionModelDecorator class to
    //    return the model.
    @Override
    public ActiveDataModel getActiveDataModel()
    {
        return stockModel;
    }

    @Override
    protected CollectionModel getCollectionModel()
    {
        if(collectionModel == null)
        {
            // connect to a backend system to get a Collection
            List<StockBean> stocks = FacesUtil.loadBackend().getStocks();
```

```

        // make the collection become a (Trinidad) CollectionModel
        collectionModel = new SortableModel(stocks);
    }

    return collectionModel;
}

// 3. Implement a callback method to create active data events and deliver to
//     the ADS framework.

/**
 * Callback from the backend to push new data to our decorator.
 * The decorator itself notifies the ADS system that there was a data change.
 *
 * @param key the rowKey of the updated Stock
 * @param updatedStock the updated stock object
 */
@Override
public void onStockUpdate(Integer rowKey, StockBean stock)
{
    ActiveStockModel asm = getActiveStockModel();

    // start the preparation for the ADS update
    asm.prepareDataChange();

    // Create an ADS event, using an _internal_ util.
    // This class is not part of the API
    ActiveDataUpdateEvent event = ActiveDataEventUtil.buildActiveDataUpdateEvent(
        ActiveDataEntry.ChangeType.UPDATE, // type
        asm.getCurrentChangeCount(), // changeCount
        new Object[] {rowKey}, // rowKey
        null, //insertKey, null as we don't insert stuff
        new String[] {"value"}, // attribute/property name that changes
        new Object[] { stock.getValue()} // the payload for the above attribute
    );

    // Deliver the new Event object to the ADS framework
    asm.notifyDataChange(event);
}

/**
 * Typesafe caller for getActiveDataModel()
 * @return
 */
protected ActiveStockModel getActiveStockModel()
{
    return (ActiveStockModel) getActiveDataModel();
}

// properties
private CollectionModel collectionModel; // see getCollectionModel()...
private ActiveStockModel stockModel = new ActiveStockModel();
}

```

Register the class as a managed bean in the `faces-config.xml` file. [Example 37-2](#) shows the bean `StockManager` is registered. Defining the managed bean allows you to specify the managed bean in an expression for the ADF Faces component's value property.

**Example 37–2 Register as a Managed Bean**

```
...
<managed-bean>
  <managed-bean-name>stockManager</managed-bean-name>
  <managed-bean-class>
    oracle.afdemo.view.feature.rich.StockManager
  </managed-bean-class>
  <managed-bean-scope>session</managed-bean-scope>
</managed-bean>
```

### 37.3.1 What You May Need to Know About Read Consistency

Using active data means that your component has two sources of data: the active data feed and the standard data fetch. Because of this, you must make sure your application maintains read consistency.

For example, say your page contains a table and that table has active data enabled. The table has two methods of delivery from which it updates its data: normal table data fetch and active data push. Say the back end data changes from `foo` to `bar` to `fred`. For each of these changes, an active data event is fired. If the table is refreshed *before* those events hit the browser, the table will display `fred` because standard data fetch will always get the latest data. But then, because the active data event might take longer, some time *after* the refresh the data change event would cause `foo` to arrive at the browser, and so the table would update to display `foo` instead of `fred` for a period of time. Therefore, you must implement a way to maintain the read consistency.

To achieve read consistency, the `ActiveDataModel` has the concept of a *change count*, which effectively timestamps the data. Both data fetch and active data push need to maintain this `changeCount` object by monotonically increasing the count, so that if any data returned has a lower `changeCount`, the active data event can throw it away.

[Example 37–3](#) shows how you can use your implementation of the `ActiveDataModel` class to maintain read consistency.

## 37.4 Pass the Event Into the Active Data Service

You need to create a class that extends `BaseActiveDataModel` class to pass the event created by your managed bean. The `ActiveDataModel` class listens for data change events and interacts with the Event Manager. Specifically, the methods you implement do the following:

- Optionally, starts and stops the active data and the `ActiveDataModel` object, and registers and unregisters listeners to the data source.
- Manages listeners from the Event Manager and pushes active data events to the Event Manager.

[Example 37–3](#) shows the `notifyDataChange()` method of the model passes the `Event` object to the ADS framework, by placing the object into the `fireActiveDataUpdate()` method.

**Example 37–3 Pass the Event Object into ADS**

```
import java.util.Collection;

import java.util.concurrent.atomic.AtomicInteger;

import oracle.adf.view.rich.activeData.BaseActiveDataModel;
import oracle.adf.view.rich.event.ActiveDataUpdateEvent;
```

```

public class ActiveStockModel extends BaseActiveDataModel
{
    // ----- API from BaseActiveDataModel -----

    @Override
    protected void startActiveData(Collection<Object> rowKeys,
                                   int startChangeCount)
    {
        /* We don't do anything here as there is no need for it in this example.
         * You could use a listenerCount to see if the maximum allowed listeners
         * are already attached. You could register listeners here.
         */
    }

    @Override
    protected void stopActiveData(Collection<Object> rowKeys)
    {
        // same as above... no need to disconnect here
    }

    @Override
    public int getCurrentChangeCount()
    {
        return changeCounter.get();
    }

    // ----- Custom API -----

    /**
     * Increment the change counter.
     */
    public void prepareDataChange()
    {
        changeCounter.incrementAndGet();
    }

    /**
     * Deliver an ActiveDataUpdateEvent object to the ADS framework.
     *
     * @param event the ActiveDataUpdateEvent object
     */
    public void notifyDataChange(ActiveDataUpdateEvent event)
    {
        // Delegate to internal fireActiveDataUpdate() method.
        fireActiveDataUpdate(event);
    }

    // properties
    private final AtomicInteger changeCounter = new AtomicInteger();
}

```

## 37.5 Register the Data Update Event Listener

You need to register a data change listener for data change events from the backend. [Example 37-4](#) shows the listener bean `StockBackEndSystem` is registered in the

faces-config.xml file. Note that for this example, expression language is used to inject a listener to the backend.

**Example 37-4 Register the Data Update Event Listener**

```
...
<managed-bean>
  <managed-bean-name>backend</managed-bean-name>
  <managed-bean-class>
    oracle.afdemo.backend.StockBackEndSystem
  </managed-bean-class>
  <managed-bean-scope>session</managed-bean-scope>
  <managed-property>
    <property-name>listener</property-name>
    <value>#{stockManager}</value>
  </managed-property>
</managed-bean>
```

## 37.6 Configure the ADF Component to Display Active Data

ADF components that display collection-based data can be configured to work with ADS and require no extra setup in the view layer. Once the listener is registered, you can use ADS to stream the data to the view layer. For example, imagine that your JSPX page uses a table component to display stock updates from a backend source on which you register a listener.

[Example 37-5](#) shows the expression language used on the table component value attribute to receive the pushed data.

**Example 37-5 Display the Active Data**

```
...
<f:view>
  <af:document id="d1">
    <af:form id="f1">
      <af:panelStretchLayout topHeight="50px" id="ps1">
        <f:facet name="top">
          <af:outputText value="Oracle ADF Faces goes Push!" id="ot1"/>
        </f:facet>
        <f:facet name="center">
          <!-- id="af_twocol_left_full_header_splitandstretched" -->
          <af:decorativeBox theme="dark" id="db2">
            <f:facet name="center">
              <af:panelSplitter orientation="horizontal"
                splitterPosition="100" id="ps1">
                <f:facet name="first">
                  <af:outputText value="Some content here." id="menu"/>
                </f:facet>
                <f:facet name="second">
                  <af:decorativeBox theme="medium" id="db1">
                    <f:facet name="center">
                      <af:table value="#{stockManager}" var="row"
                        rowBandingInterval="0"
                        id="table1" emptyText="No data...">
                        <af:column sortable="false" headerText="Name"
                          id="column1">
                          <af:outputText value="#{row.name}" id="outputText1"/>
                        </af:column>
                        <af:column sortable="false"
                          headerText="Value..." id="column2">
```



```
                <af:outputText value="#{row.value}"
                               id="outputText2" />
            </af:column>
        </af:table>
    </f:facet>
</af:decorativeBox>
</f:facet>
</af:panelSplitter>
</f:facet>
</af:decorativeBox>
</f:facet>
</af:panelStretchLayout>
</af:form>
</af:document>
</f:view>
```



# Part VI

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## Appendixes

Part VI contains the following appendixes:

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# ADF Faces Configuration

This appendix describes how to configure JSF and ADF Faces features in various XML configuration files, as well as how to retrieve ADF Faces configuration values using the `RequestContext` API and how to use JavaScript partitioning.

This chapter includes the following sections:

- [Section A.1, "Introduction to Configuring ADF Faces"](#)
- [Section A.2, "Configuration in `web.xml`"](#)
- [Section A.3, "Configuration in `faces-config.xml`"](#)
- [Section A.4, "Configuration in `adf-config.xml`"](#)
- [Section A.5, "Configuration in `adf-settings.xml`"](#)
- [Section A.6, "Configuration in `trinidad-config.xml`"](#)
- [Section A.7, "Configuration in `trinidad-skins.xml`"](#)
- [Section A.8, "Using the `RequestContext` EL Implicit Object"](#)
- [Section A.9, "Using JavaScript Library Partitioning"](#)

## A.1 Introduction to Configuring ADF Faces

A JSF web application requires a specific set of configuration files, namely, `web.xml` and `faces-config.xml`. ADF applications also store configuration information in the `adf-config.xml` and `adf-settings.xml` files. Because ADF Faces shares the same code base with MyFaces Trinidad, a JSF application that uses ADF Faces components for the UI also must include a `trinidad-config.xml` file, and optionally a `trinidad-skins.xml` file. For more information about the relationship between Trinidad and ADF Faces, see [Chapter 1, "Introduction to ADF Faces Rich Client."](#)

## A.2 Configuration in `web.xml`

Part of a JSF application's configuration is determined by the contents of its Java EE application deployment descriptor, `web.xml`. The `web.xml` file, which is located in the `/WEB-INF` directory, defines everything about your application that a server needs to know (except the root context path, which is automatically assigned for you in JDeveloper, or assigned by the system administrator when the application is deployed). Typical runtime settings in the `web.xml` file include initialization parameters, custom tag library location, and security settings.

The following is configured in the `web.xml` file for all applications that use ADF Faces:

- Context parameter `javax.faces.STATE_SAVING_METHOD` set to `client`

- MyFaces Trinidad filter and mapping
- MyFacesTrinidad resource servlet and mapping
- JSF servlet and mapping

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**Note:** JDeveloper automatically adds the necessary ADF Faces configurations to the `web.xml` file for you the first time you use an ADF Faces component in an application.

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For more information about the required elements, see [Section A.2.2, "What You May Need to Know About Required Elements in web.xml."](#)

For information about optional configuration elements in `web.xml` related to ADF Faces, see [Section A.2.3, "What You May Need to Know About ADF Faces Context Parameters in web.xml."](#)

For information about configuring `web.xml` outside of ADF Faces, see *Developing Web Applications, Servlets, and JSPs for Oracle*.

## A.2.1 How to Configure for JSF and ADF Faces in web.xml

In JDeveloper, when you create a project that uses JSF technology, a starter `web.xml` file with default servlet and mapping elements is created for you in the `/WEB-INF` directory.

When you use ADF Faces components in a project (that is, a component tag is used on a page rather than just importing the library), in addition to default JSF configuration elements, JDeveloper also automatically adds the following to the `web.xml` file for you:

- Configuration elements that are related to MyFaces Trinidad filter and MyFaces Trinidad resource servlet
- Context parameter `javax.faces.STATE_SAVING_METHOD` with the value of `client`

When you elect to use JSP fragments in the application, JDeveloper automatically adds a JSP configuration element for recognizing and interpreting `.jspx` files in the application.

[Example A-1](#) shows the `web.xml` file with the default elements that JDeveloper adds for you when you use JSF and ADF Faces and `.jspx` files.

For information about the `web.xml` configuration elements needed for working with JSF and ADF Faces, see [Section A.2.2, "What You May Need to Know About Required Elements in web.xml."](#)

### Example A-1 Generated web.xml File

```
<?xml version = '1.0' encoding = 'windows-1252'?>
<web-app xmlns:xsi="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema-instance"
        xsi:schemaLocation="http://java.sun.com/xml/ns/javaee
        http://java.sun.com/xml/ns/javaee/web-app_2_5.xsd" version="2.5"
        xmlns="http://java.sun.com/xml/ns/javaee">
  <description>Empty web.xml file for Web Application</description>
  <servlet>
    <servlet-name>Faces Servlet</servlet-name>
    <servlet-class>javax.faces.webapp.FacesServlet</servlet-class>
    <load-on-startup>1</load-on-startup>
  </servlet>
  <servlet-mapping>
    <servlet-name>Faces Servlet</servlet-name>
```

```

    <url-pattern>/faces/*</url-pattern>
</servlet-mapping>
<session-config>
    <session-timeout>35</session-timeout>
</session-config>
<mime-mapping>
    <extension>html</extension>
    <mime-type>text/html</mime-type>
</mime-mapping>
<mime-mapping>
    <extension>txt</extension>
    <mime-type>text/plain</mime-type>
</mime-mapping>
</web-app>

```

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**Note:** When you use ADF data controls to build databound web pages, the ADF binding filter and a servlet context parameter for the application binding container are added to the `web.xml` file.

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Configuration options for ADF Faces are set in the `web.xml` file using `<context-param>` elements.

#### To add ADF Faces configuration elements in web.xml:

1. In the Application Navigator, double-click **web.xml** to open the file.

By default, JDeveloper opens the `web.xml` file in the overview editor, as indicated by the active **Overview** tab at the bottom of the editor window.

When you use the overview editor to add or edit entries declaratively, JDeveloper automatically updates the `web.xml` file for you.

2. To edit the XML code directly in the `web.xml` file, click **Source** at the bottom of the editor window.

When you edit elements in the XML editor, JDeveloper automatically reflects the changes in the overview editor.

For a list of context parameters you can add, see [Section A.2.3, "What You May Need to Know About ADF Faces Context Parameters in web.xml."](#)

## A.2.2 What You May Need to Know About Required Elements in web.xml

The required, application-wide configuration elements for JSF and ADF Faces in the `web.xml` file are:

- Context parameter `javax.faces.STATE_SAVING_METHOD`: Specifies where to store the application's view state. By default this value is `client`, which stores the application's view state on the browser client. When set to `client`, ADF Faces then automatically uses token-based, client-side state saving. You can specify the number of tokens to use instead of using the default number of 15. For more information about state-saving context parameters, see [Section A.2.3, "What You May Need to Know About ADF Faces Context Parameters in web.xml."](#)
- MyFaces Trinidad filter and mapping: Installs the MyFaces Trinidad filter `org.apache.myfaces.trinidad.webapp.TrinidadFilter`, which is a servlet filter that ensures ADF Faces is properly initialized, in part by establishing a `RequestContext` object. `TrinidadFilter` also processes file uploads. The filter

mapping maps the JSF servlet's symbolic name to the MyFaces Trinidad filter. The forward and request dispatchers are needed for any other filter that is forwarding to the MyFaces Trinidad filter.

**Tip:** If you use multiple filters in your application, ensure that they are listed in the `web.xml` file in the order in which you want to run them. At runtime, the filters are called in the sequence listed in that file.

- **MyFaces Trinidad resource servlet and mapping:** Installs the MyFaces Trinidad resource servlet `org.apache.myfaces.trinidad.webapp.ResourceServlet`, which serves up web application resources (images, style sheets, JavaScript libraries) by delegating to a resource loader. The servlet mapping maps the MyFaces Trinidad resource servlet's symbolic name to the URL pattern. By default, JDeveloper uses `/adf/*` for MyFaces Trinidad Core, and `/aftr/*` for ADF Faces.
- **JSF servlet and mapping (added when creating a JSF page or using a template with ADF Faces components):** The JSF servlet `javax.faces.webapp.FacesServlet` manages the request processing lifecycle for web applications that utilize JSF to construct the user interface. The mapping maps the JSF servlet's symbolic name to the URL pattern, which can use either a path prefix or an extension suffix pattern.

By default JDeveloper uses the path prefix `/faces/*`, as shown in the following code:

```
<servlet-mapping>
  <servlet-name>Faces Servlet</servlet-name>
  <url-pattern>/faces/*</url-pattern>
</servlet-mapping>
```

For example, if your web page is `index.jspx`, this means that when the URL `http://localhost:8080/MyDemo/faces/index.jspx` is issued, the URL activates the JSF servlet, which strips off the `faces` prefix and loads the file `/MyDemo/index.jspx`.

## A.2.3 What You May Need to Know About ADF Faces Context Parameters in web.xml

ADF Faces configuration options are defined in the `web.xml` file using `<context-param>` elements. For example:

```
<context-param>
  <param-name>oracle.adf.view.rich.LOGGER_LEVEL</param-name>
  <param-value>ALL</param-value>
</context-param>
```

The following context parameters are supported for ADF Faces.

### A.2.3.1 State Saving

You can specify the following state-saving context parameters:

- `org.apache.myfaces.trinidad.CLIENT_STATE_METHOD`: Specifies the type of client-side state saving to use when client-side state saving is enabled by using `javax.faces.STATE_SAVING_METHOD`. The values for `CLIENT_STATE_METHOD` are:
  - `token`: (Default) Stores the page state in the session, but persists a token to the client. The simple token, which identifies a block of state stored back on the `HttpSession` object, is stored on the client. This enables ADF Faces to disambiguate the same page appearing multiple times. Failover is supported.



- `all`: Stores all state information on the client in a (potentially large) hidden form field. It is useful for developers who do not want to use `HttpSession`.

**Performance Tip:** Because of the potential size of storing all state information, it is recommended that you set client-state saving to `token`.

- `org.apache.myfaces.trinidad.CLIENT_STATE_MAX_TOKENS`: Specifies how many tokens should be stored at any one time per user, when token-based client-side state saving is enabled. The default is 15. When the number of tokens is exceeded, the state is lost for the least recently viewed pages, which affects users who actively use the Back button or who have multiple windows opened at the same time. If you are building HTML applications that rely heavily on frames, you would want to increase this value.

**Performance Tip:** In order to reduce live memory per session, consider reducing this value to 2. Reducing the state token cache to 2 means one Back button click is supported. For applications without support for a Back button, this value should be set to 1.

- `org.apache.myfaces.trinidad.COMPRESS_VIEW_STATE`: Specifies whether or not to globally compress state saving on the session. Each user session can have multiple `pageState` objects that heavily consume live memory and thereby impact performance. This overhead can become a much bigger issue in clustering when session replication occurs. The default is `off`.

**Performance Tip:** Latency can be reduced if the size of the data is compressed. To optimize performance, set to `on`.

### A.2.3.2 Debugging

You can specify the following debugging context parameters:

- `org.apache.myfaces.trinidad.DEBUG_JAVASCRIPT`: ADF Faces, by default, obfuscates the JavaScript it delivers to the client, stripping comments and whitespace at the same time. This dramatically reduces the size of the ADF Faces JavaScript download, but it also makes it tricky to debug the JavaScript. Set to `true` to turn off the obfuscation during application development. Set to `false` for application deployment.
- `org.apache.myfaces.trinidad.CHECK_FILE_MODIFICATION`: By default this parameter is `false`. If it is set to `true`, ADF Faces will automatically check the modification date of your JSPs and CSS files, and discard the saved state when the files change.

**Performance Tip:** When set to `true`, this `CHECK_FILE_MODIFICATION` parameter adds overhead that should be avoided when your application is deployed. Set to `false` when deploying your application to a runtime environment.

- `oracle.adf.view.rich.LOGGER_LEVEL`: This parameter enables JavaScript logging when the default render kit is `oracle.adf.rich`. The default is `OFF`. If you wish to turn on JavaScript logging, use one of the following levels: `SEVERE`, `WARNING`, `INFO`, `CONFIG`, `FINE`, `FINER`, `FINEST`, and `ALL`.

**Performance Tip:** JavaScript logging will affect performance. Set this value to `OFF` in a runtime environment.

### A.2.3.3 File Uploading

You can specify the following file upload context parameters:

- `org.apache.myfaces.trinidad.UPLOAD_MAX_MEMORY`: Specifies the maximum amount of memory that can be used in a single request to store uploaded files. The default is 100K.
- `org.apache.myfaces.trinidad.UPLOAD_MAX_DISK_SPACE`: Specifies the maximum amount of disk space that can be used in a single request to store uploaded files. The default is 2000K.
- `org.apache.myfaces.trinidad.UPLOAD_TEMP_DIR`: Specifies the directory where temporary files are to be stored during file uploading. The default is the user's temporary directory.

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**Note:** The file upload initialization parameters are processed by the default `UploadedFileProcessor` only. If you replace the default processor with a custom `UploadedFileProcessor` implementation, the parameters are not processed.

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### A.2.3.4 Resource Debug Mode

You can specify the following:

- `org.apache.myfaces.trinidad.resource.DEBUG`: Specifies whether or not resource debug mode is enabled. The default is `false`. Set to `true` if you want to enable resource debug mode. When enabled, ADF Faces sets HTTP response headers to let the browser know that resources (such as JavaScript libraries, images, and CSS) cannot be cached.

**Tip:** After turning on resource debug mode, clear your browser cache to force the browser to load the latest versions of the resources.

**Performance Tip:** In a production environment, this parameter should be removed or set to `false`.

### A.2.3.5 Assertions

You can specify whether or not assertions are used within ADF Faces using the `oracle.adf.view.rich.ASSERT_ENABLED` parameter. The default is `false`. Set to `true` to turn on assertions.

**Performance Tip:** Assertions will affect performance. Set this value to `false` in a runtime environment.

### A.2.3.6 Enabling the Application for Real User Experience Insight

Real User Experience Insight (RUEI) is a web-based utility to report on real-user traffic requested by, and generated from, your network. It measures the response times of pages and transactions at the most critical points in the network infrastructure. Session diagnostics allow you to perform root-cause analysis.

RUEI enables you to view server and network times based on the real-user experience, to monitor your Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) and Service Level Agreements

(SLAs), and to trigger alert notifications on incidents that violate their defined targets. You can implement checks on page content, site errors, and the functional requirements of transactions. Using this information, you can verify your business and technical operations. You can also set custom alerts on the availability, throughput, and traffic of all items identified in RUEI.

Specify whether or not RUEI is enabled for `oracle.adf.view.faces.context.ENABLE_ADF_EXECUTION_CONTEXT_PROVIDER` by adding the parameter to the `web.xml` file and setting the value to `true`. By default this parameter is not set or is set to `false`.

For more information about RUEI, see "Enabling the Application for Real User Experience Insight" in *Oracle Fusion Middleware Fusion Developer's Guide for Oracle Application Development Framework*.

### A.2.3.7 Facelets Support

Specify the following if you intend to use Facelets with ADF Faces:

- `org.apache.myfaces.trinidad.ALTERNATE_VIEW_HANDLER`: Install `FaceletsViewHandler` by setting the parameter value to `com.sun.facelets.FaceletViewHandler`
- `javax.faces.DEFAULT_SUFFIX`: Use `.xhtml` as the file extension for documents that use Facelets by setting the parameter value to `.xhtml`.

### A.2.3.8 Dialog Prefix

To change the prefix for launching dialogs, set the `org.apache.myfaces.trinidad.DIALOG_NAVIGATION_PREFIX` parameter.

The default is `dialog:`, which is used in the beginning of the outcome of a JSF navigation rule that launches a dialog (for example, `dialog:error`).

### A.2.3.9 Compression for CSS Class Names

You can set the `org.apache.myfaces.trinidad.DISABLE_CONTENT_COMPRESSION` parameter to determine compression of the CSS class names for skinning keys.

The default is `false`. Set to `true` if you want to disable the compression.

**Performance Tip:** Compression will affect performance. In a production environment, set this parameter to `false`.

### A.2.3.10 Test Automation

When you set the `oracle.adf.view.rich.automation.ENABLED` parameter to `true` and when the component ID attribute is `null`, the component `testId` attribute is used during automated testing to ensure that the ID is not null. The `testId` is an attribute only on the tag. It is not part of the Java component API. Note this context parameter only enables the infrastructure for test automation; it does not initiate testing itself, which requires a tool such as the open source Selenium IDE.

**Performance Tip:** Enabling this parameter causes a client component to be created of every component on the page. Set this parameter to `false` in a production environment.

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**Caution:** When the test automation context parameter is set to true, the `oracle.adf.view.rich.security.FRAME_BUSTING` context parameter behaves as though it were set to `never`. The security consequence of disabling framebusting is that pages of your application will become vulnerable to clickjacking from malicious web sites. For this reason, restrict the use of the test automation to development or staging environments and never enable test automation in a production environment. For more information, see [Section A.2.3.15, "Framebusting."](#)

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Enabling test automation also enables assertions in the running application. If your application exhibits unexpected component behavior and you begin to see new assertion failed errors, you will need to examine the implementation details of your application components. For example, it is not uncommon to discover issues related to popup dialogs, such as user actions that are no longer responded to.

Here are known coding errors that will produce assertion failed errors only after test automation is enabled:

- Your component references an ADF iterator binding that no longer exists in the page definition file. When assertions are not enabled, this error is silent and the component referencing the missing iterator simply does not render.
- Your component is a partial trigger component that is defined not to render (has the attribute setting `rendered="false"`). For example, this use of the `rendered` attribute causes an assertion failed error:

```
<af:commandButton id="hiddenBtn" rendered="false" text="Test"/>
<af:table var="row" id="t1" partialTriggers=":hiddenBtn">
```

The workaround for this error is to use the attribute setting `visible="false"` and not `rendered="false"`.

- Your components were formed with a nesting hierarchy that prevents events from reaching the proper component handlers. For example, this nesting is incorrect:

```
<af:commandLink
  <af:showPopupBehavior
    <af:image
      <af:clientListener
```

and should be rewritten as:

```
<af:commandLink
  <af:image
    <af:showPopupBehavior
      <af:clientListener
```

Note that system administrators can enable test automation at the level of standalone Oracle WebLogic Server by starting the server with the command line flag `-Doracle.adf.view.rich.automation.ENABLED=true`. Running your application in an application server instance with test automation enabled overrides the `web.xml` file context parameter setting of the deployed application.

### A.2.3.11 UIViewRoot Caching

Use the `org.apache.myfaces.trinidad.CACHE_VIEW_ROOT` parameter to enable or disable UIViewRoot caching. When token client-side state saving is enabled, MyFaces Trinidad can apply an additional optimization by caching an entire UIViewRoot tree

with each token. (Note that this does not affect thread safety or session failover.) This is a major optimization for AJAX-intensive systems, as postbacks can be processed far more rapidly without the need to reinitialize the `UIViewRoot` tree.

You set the `org.apache.myfaces.trinidad.CACHE_VIEW_ROOT` parameter to `true` to enable caching. This is the default. Set the parameter to `false` to disable caching.

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**Note:** This type of caching is known to interfere with some other JSF technologies. In particular, the Apache MyFaces Tomahawk `saveState` component does not work, and template text in Facelets may appear in duplicate.

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### A.2.3.12 Themes and Tonal Styles

Use the `oracle.adf.view.rich.tonalstyles.ENABLED` parameter to turn the use of tonal styles off or on. While the tonal style classes `.AFDarkTone`, `.AFMediumTone`, `.AFLightTone` and `.AFDefaultTone` are still available for the purpose of backward compatibility, themes are provided as a replacement style. Themes are easier to author than tonal styles; they rely on fewer selectors, and they avoid CSS containment selectors. For this reason they are less prone to bugs. Due to the limitation on the number of selectors in one CSS file, both tonal styles and themes cannot be supported in the same application. Set to `false` to disable tonal styles.

### A.2.3.13 Partial Page Navigation

Use the `oracle.adf.view.rich.pprNavigation.OPTIONS` parameter to turn partial page navigation on and off. By default, the value is `off`. Partial page navigation uses the same base page throughout the application, and simply replaces the body content of the page with each navigation. This processing results in better performance because JavaScript libraries and style sheets do not need to be reloaded with each new page. For more information, see [Section 7.4, "Using Partial Page Navigation."](#)

Valid values are:

- `on`: PPR navigation is turned on for the application.

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**Note:** If you set the parameter to `on`, then you need to set the `partialSubmit` attribute to `true` for any command components involved in navigation. For more information about `partialSubmit`, see [Section 5.1.1, "Events and Partial Page Rendering."](#)

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- `off`: PPR navigation is turned off for the application.
- `onWithForcePPR`: When an action on a command component results in navigation, the action will always be delivered using PPR, as if the component had `partialSubmit` set to `true`. For more information about `partialSubmit`, see [Section 5.1.1, "Events and Partial Page Rendering."](#) If the component already has `partialSubmit` set to `true`, the framework does nothing. If `partialSubmit` is not set to `true`, the entire document is refreshed to ensure that old page refresh behavior is preserved. The entire document is also refreshed if the action component does not contain navigation.

### A.2.3.14 JavaScript Partitioning

Use the `oracle.adf.view.rich.libraryPartitioning.DISABLED` parameter to turn JavaScript partitioning on and off. By default, the value is `false` (enabled). JavaScript

partitioning allows a page to download only the JavaScript needed by client components for that page.

Valid values are:

- `false`: JavaScript partitioning is enabled (the default).
- `true`: JavaScript partitioning is disabled.

For more information about using and configuring JavaScript partitioning, see [Section A.9, "Using JavaScript Library Partitioning."](#)

### A.2.3.15 Framebusting

Use the `org.apache.myfaces.trinidad.security.FRAME_BUSTING` context parameter to use framebusting in your application. *Framebusting* is a way to prevent clickjacking, which occurs when a malicious web site pulls a page originating from another domain into a frame and overlays it with a counterfeit page, allowing only portions of the original, or clickjacked, page (for example, a button) to display. When users click the button, they in fact are clicking a button on the clickjacked page, causing unexpected results.

For example, say your application is a web-based email application that resides in DomainA, and a web site in DomainB clickjacks your page by creating a page with an IFrame that points to a page in your email application at DomainA. When the two pages are combined, the page from DomainB covers most of your page in the IFrame, and exposes only a button on your page that deletes all email for the account. Users, not realizing they are actually in the email application, may click the button and inadvertently delete all their email.

Framebusting prevents clickjacking by using the following JavaScript to block the application's pages from running in frames:

```
top.location.href = location.href;
```

If you configure your application to use framebusting by setting the parameter to `always`, then whenever a page tries to run in a frame, an alert is shown to the user that the page is being redirected, the JavaScript code is run to define the page as `topmost`, and the page is disallowed to run in the frame.

If your application needs to use frames, you can set the parameter value to `differentOrigin`. This setting causes framebusting to occur only if the frame has the same origin as the parent page. This is the default setting.

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**Note:** The origin of a page is defined using the domain name, application layer protocol, and in most browsers, TCP port of the HTML document running the script. Pages are considered to originate from the same domain if and only if all these values are exactly the same.

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For example, say you have a page named `DomainApage1` in your application that uses a frame to include the page `DomainApage2`. Say the external `DomainBpage1` tries to clickjack the page `DomainApage1`. The result would be the following window hierarchy:

- `DomainBpage1`
  - `DomainApage1`
    - \* `DomainApage2`

If the application has `framebusting` set to be `differentOrigin`, then the framework walks the parent window hierarchy to determine whether any ancestor windows originate from a different domain. Because `DoaminBpage1` originates from a different domain, the `framebusting` JavaScript code will run for the `DomainApage1` page, causing it to become the top-level window. And because `DomainApage2` originates from the same domain as `DomainApage1`, it will be allowed to run in the frame.

Valid values are:

- `always`: The page will show an error and redirect whenever it attempts to run in a frame.
- `differentOrigin`: The page will show an error and redirect only when it attempts to run in a frame on a page that originates in a different domain (the default).
- `never`: The page can run in any frame on any originating domain.

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**Note:** This context parameter is ignored and will behave as if it were set to `never` when either of the following context parameters is set to `true`:

- `org.apache.myfaces.trinidad.util.ExternalContextUtils.isPortlet`
  - `oracle.adf.view.rich.automation.ENABLED`
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### A.2.3.16 Version Number Information

Use the `oracle.adf.view.rich.versionString.HIDDEN` parameter to determine whether or not to display version information on a page's HTML. When the parameter is set to `false`, the HTML of an ADF Faces page contains information about the version of ADF Faces and other components used to create the page as shown in [Example A-2](#).

#### **Example A-2** Version Information in the HTML

```
</body><!--Created by Oracle ADF (ADF Faces API -
11.1.1.4.0/ADF Faces Implementation - 11.1.1.4.0, RCF-revision: 39851 (branch:
faces-1003-11.1.1.4.0, plugins: 1.2.3), Trinidad-revision: 1051544 (branch:
1.2.12.3-branch, plugins: 1.2.10), build: adf-faces-rt_101221_0830, libNum:
0355 powered by JavaServer Faces API 1.2 Sun Sep 26 03:21:43 EDT 2010
(1.2)), accessibility (mode:null, contrast:standard, size:medium),
skin:customSkin.desktop (CustomSkin)--></html>
```

When you create a new application, the parameter is set to `true`. It should also be set to `true` in a production environment. Set the parameter to `false` to display this version information for debugging information.

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**Note:** In a production environment, set this parameter to `true` to avoid security issues. It should be set to `false` only in a development environment for debugging purposes.

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### A.2.3.17 Suppressing Auto-Generated Component IDs

Use the `oracle.adf.view.rich.SUPPRESS_IDS` context parameter set to `auto` when programmatically adding an `af:outputText` or `af:outputFormatted` component as a partial target, that is, through a call to `addPartialTarget()`.

By default, this parameter is set to `explicit`, thereby reducing content size by suppressing both auto-generated and explicitly set component IDs except when either of the following is true:

- The component `partialTriggers` attribute is set
- The `clientComponent` attribute is set to `true`

In the case of a call to `addPartialTarget()`, the `partialTriggers` attribute is not set and the partial page render will not succeed. You can set the parameter to `auto` to suppress only auto-generated component IDs for these components.

### A.2.3.18 ADF Faces Caching Filter

The ADF Faces Caching Filter (ACF) is a Java EE Servlet filter that can be used to accelerate web application performance by enabling the caching (and/or compression) of static application objects such as images, style sheets, and documents like `.pdf` and `.zip` files. These objects are cached in an external web cache such as Oracle Web Cache, Oracle Traffic Director, or in the browser cache. The cacheability of content is largely determined through URL-based rules defined by the web cache administrator. Using ACF, the ADF application administrator or author can define caching rules directly in the `adf-config.xml` file. For more information about defining caching rules, see [Section A.4.2, "Defining Caching Rules for ADF Faces Caching Filter."](#)

ADF Faces tag library JARs include default caching rules for common resource types, such as `.js`, `.css`, and image file types. These fixed rules are defined in the `adf-settings.xml` file, and cannot be changed during or after application deployment. In the case of conflicting rules, caching rules defined by the application developer in `adf-config.xml` will take precedence. For more information about settings in `adf-settings.xml`, see [Section A.5.2, "What You May Need to Know About Elements in adf-settings.xml."](#)

Oracle Web Cache and Oracle Traffic Director must be configured by the web cache administrator to route all traffic to the web application through the web cache. In the absence of the installation of Oracle Web Cache or Oracle Traffic Director, the caching rules defined in `adf-config.xml` will be applied for caching in the browser if the `<agent-caching>` child element is set to `true`. To configure the ACF to be in the URL request path, add the following servlet filter definitions in the `web.xml` file:

- ACF filter class: Specify the class to perform URL matching to rules defined in `adf-config.xml`
- ACF filter mapping: Define the URL patterns to match with the caching rules defined in `adf-config.xml`

[Example A-3](#) shows a sample ACF servlet definition.

#### **Example A-3 ACF Servlet Definition**

```
<!-- Servlet Filter definition -->x
<filter>
  <filter-name>ACF</filter-name>
  <filter-class>oracle.adf.view.rich.webapp.AdfFacesCachingFilter</filter-class>
</filter>
<!-- servlet filter mapping definition -->
<filter-mapping>
  <filter-name>ACF</filter-name>
  <url-pattern>*/url-pattern>
</filter-mapping>
```



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**Note:** The ACF servlet filter must be the first filter in the chain of filters defined for the application.

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### A.2.3.19 Configuring Native Browser Context Menus for Command Links

Use the `oracle.adf.view.rich.ACTION_LINK_BROWSER_CONTEXT_SUPPRESSION` parameter to enable or disable the end user's browser to supply a context menu for ADF Faces command components that render a link. The context menu may present menu options that invoke a different action (for example, open a link in a new window) to that specified by the command component.

By default, this parameter is set to `yes`, thereby suppressing the rendering of a context menu for ADF Faces command components. By setting the parameter to `no`, you can disable this suppression and allow the native browser context menu to appear. For information about the ADF Faces command components for which you can configure this functionality, see [Chapter 18.3, "Configuring a Browser's Context Menu for Command Links."](#)

### A.2.3.20 Internet Explorer Compatibility View Mode

Running ADF Faces applications in the compatibility mode of Microsoft Internet Explorer can cause unpredictable behavior. By default, when a user accesses an ADF Faces application and has their Internet Explorer browser set to compatibility mode, ADF Faces displays an alert asking the user to disable that mode.

Set the `oracle.adf.view.rich.HIDE_UNSUPPORTED_BROWSER_ALERTS` context parameter to `IECompatibilityModes` to hide these messages from the user.

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**Note:** Even when these messages are hidden, a warning-level log message is still reported to the JavaScript log, when the `oracle.adf.view.rich.LOGGER_LEVEL` parameter is set to `WARNING` or more verbose. For more information, see [Section A.2.3.2, "Debugging."](#)

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### A.2.3.21 Session Timeout Warning

When a request is sent to the server, a session timeout value is written to the page, based on the value of the `session-timeout` parameter. By default, this is set at 60 minutes when the `web.xml` file is created for you. For more information, see `session-config` in *Oracle Fusion Middleware Developing Web Applications, Servlets, and JSPs for Oracle WebLogic Server*.

You can configure a session timeout warning interval using the context parameter `oracle.adf.view.rich.sessionHandling.WARNING_BEFORE_TIMEOUT`. When set, the user is given the opportunity to extend the session in a warning dialog, and a notification is sent when the session has expired and the page is refreshed. Depending on the application security configuration, the user may be redirected to the log in page when the session expires.

If the value of `WARNING_BEFORE_TIMEOUT` is less than 120 seconds, if client state saving is used for the page, or if the session has been invalidated, the feature is disabled. The session timeout value is taken directly from the session.

[Example A-4](#) shows configuration of the warning dialog to display at 120 seconds before the time-out of the session.

**Example A-4 Configuration of Session Time-out Warning**

```
<context-param>
  <param-name>oracle.adf.view.rich.sessionHandling.WARNING_BEFORE_
    TIMEOUT</param-name>
  <param-value>120</param-value>
</context-param>
```

The default value of this parameter is 120 seconds. To prevent notification of the user too frequently when the session time-out is set too short, the actual value of `WARNING_BEFORE_TIMEOUT` is determined dynamically, where the session time-out must be more than 2 minutes or the feature is disabled.

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**Note:** The value of this parameter should not be greater than the value set for the `session-timeout` parameter/1000.

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**A.2.3.22 JSP Tag Execution in HTTP Streaming**

Use the `oracle.adf.view.rich.tag.SKIP_EXECUTION` parameter to enable or disable JSP tag execution in HTTP streaming requests during the processing of JSP pages. Processing of facelets is not included.

By default, this parameter is set to `streaming`, where JSP tag execution is skipped during streaming requests. You can set the parameter to `off` to execute JSP tags per each request in cases where tag execution is needed by streaming requests.

**A.2.3.23 Splash Screen**

Use the `oracle.adf.view.rich.SPLASH_SCREEN` parameter to enable or disable the splash screen that by default, displays as the page is loading, as shown in [Figure A-1](#).

**Figure A-1**

By default, this parameter is set to `on`. You can set it to `off`, so that the splash screen will not display.

**A.2.3.24 Graph and Gauge Image Format**

Add the `oracle.adf.view.rich.dvt.DEFAULT_IMAGE_FORMAT` parameter to change the default output format to HTML5 for graph and gauge components.

```
<context-param>
  <param-name>oracle.adf.view.rich.dvt.DEFAULT_IMAGE_FORMAT</param-name>
  <param-value>HTML5</param-value>
</context-param>
```

By default, this parameter is absent. Valid values are `HTML5` and `FLASH`.

**A.2.3.25 Geometry Management for Layout and Table Components**

Add the `oracle.adf.view.rich.geometry.DEFAULT_DIMENSIONS` parameter when you want to globally control how certain layout components and tables handle being stretched.

Whether or not certain layout components (`af:decorativeBox`, `af:panelAccordion`, `af:panelDashboard`, `af:panelStretchLayout`, `af:panelSplitter`, `af:panelTabbed`) can be stretched is based on the value of the `dimensionsFrom` attribute. The default setting for these components is `parent`, which means the size of the component is determined in the following order:

- From the `inlineStyle` attribute.
- If no value exists for `inlineStyle`, then the size is determined by the parent container (that is, the component will stretch).
- If the parent container is not configured or not able to stretch its children, the size will be determined by the skin.

However, if you always want these components to use `auto` as the value for the `dimensionsFrom` attribute (that is, the component stretches if the parent component allows stretching of its child, otherwise the size of the component is based on its child components), you can set the `oracle.adf.view.rich.geometry.DEFAULT_DIMENSIONS` parameter to `auto`. You can then use the `dimensionsFrom` attribute on an individual component to override this setting.

Similarly for tables, the `autoHeightRows` attribute determines whether or not the table will stretch. By default it is set to `-1`, which means the table size is based on the number of rows fetched. However, if the `oracle.adf.view.rich.geometry.DEFAULT_DIMENSIONS` parameter is set to `auto`, the table will stretch when the parent component allows stretching, and otherwise will be the number of rows determined by the table's `fetchSize` attribute.

By default, the `oracle.adf.view.rich.geometry.DEFAULT_DIMENSIONS` parameter is set to `legacy`, which means the components will use their standard default values.

Set `oracle.adf.view.rich.geometry.DEFAULT_DIMENSIONS` parameter to `auto` when you want both layout components and tables to always stretch when the parent component allows stretching.

## A.2.4 What You May Need to Know About Other Context Parameters in web.xml

Other optional, application-wide context parameters are:

- `javax.faces.CONFIG_FILE`: Specifies paths to JSF application configuration resource files. Use a comma-separated list of application-context relative paths for the value, as shown in the following code. Set this parameter if you use more than one JSF configuration file in your application.

```
<context-param>
  <param-name>javax.faces.CONFIG_FILES</param-name>
  <param-value>
    /WEB-INF/faces-config1.xml,/WEB-INF/faces-config2.xml
  </param-value>
</context-param>
```

- `javax.faces.DEFAULT_SUFFIX`: Specifies a file extension (suffix) for JSP pages that contain JSF components. The default value is `.jsp`.

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**Note:** This parameter value is ignored when you use prefix mapping for the JSF servlet (for example, `/faces`), which is done by default for you.

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- `javax.faces.LIFECYCLE_ID`: Specifies a lifecycle identifier other than the default set by the `javax.faces.lifecycle.LifecycleFactory.DEFAULT_LIFECYCLE` constant.

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**Caution:** Setting `LIFECYCLE_ID` to any other value will break ADF Faces.

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## A.3 Configuration in faces-config.xml

The JSF configuration file is where you register a JSF application's resources such as custom validators and managed beans, and define all the page-to-page navigation rules. While an application can have any JSF configuration file name, typically the file name is the `faces-config.xml` file. Small applications usually have one `faces-config.xml` file.

When you use ADF Faces components in your application, JDeveloper automatically adds the necessary configuration elements for you into `faces-config.xml`. For more information about the `faces-config.xml` file, see the Java EE 5 tutorial on Sun's web site (<http://java.sun.com>).

### A.3.1 How to Configure for ADF Faces in faces-config.xml

In JDeveloper, when you create a project that uses JSF technology, an empty `faces-config.xml` file is created for you in the `/WEB-INF` directory. An empty `faces-config.xml` file is also automatically added for you when you create a new application workspace based on an application template that uses JSF technology (for example, the Java EE Web Application template. For more information, see [Section 2.2, "Creating an Application Workspace."](#))

When you use ADF Faces components in your application, the ADF default render kit ID must be set to `oracle.adf.rich`. When you insert an ADF Faces component into a JSF page for the first time, or when you add the first JSF page to an application workspace that was created using the Fusion template, JDeveloper automatically inserts the default render kit for ADF components into the `faces-config.xml` file, as shown in [Example A-5](#).

**Example A-5 ADF Default Render Kit Configuration in faces-config.xml**

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="windows-1252"?>
<faces-config version="1.2" xmlns="http://java.sun.com/xml/ns/javaee">
  <application>
    <default-render-kit-id>oracle.adf.rich</default-render-kit-id>
  </application>
</faces-config>
```

Typically, you would configure the following in the `faces-config.xml` file:

- Application resources such as message bundles and supported locales
- Page-to-page navigation rules
- Custom validators and converters
- Managed beans for holding and processing data, handling UI events, and performing business logic

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**Note:** If your application uses ADF Controller, these items are configured in the `adfc-config.xml` file. For more information, see the "Getting Started with ADF Task Flows" chapter of the *Oracle Fusion Middleware Fusion Developer's Guide for Oracle Application Development Framework*.

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In JDeveloper, you can use the declarative overview editor to modify the `faces-config.xml` file. If you are familiar with the JSF configuration elements, you can use the XML editor to edit the code directly.

#### To edit faces-config.xml:

1. In the Application Navigator, double-click **faces-config.xml** to open the file.

By default, JDeveloper opens the `faces-config.xml` file in the overview editor, as indicated by the active **Overview** tab at the bottom of the editor window.

When you use the overview editor to add for example, managed beans and validators declaratively, JDeveloper automatically updates the `faces-config.xml` file for you.

2. To edit the XML code directly in the `faces-config.xml` file, click **Source** at the bottom of the editor window.

When you edit elements in the XML editor, JDeveloper automatically reflects the changes in the overview editor.

**Tip:** JSF allows more than one `<application>` element in a single `faces-config.xml` file. The Overview mode of the JSF Configuration Editor allows you to edit only the first `<application>` instance in the file. For any other `<application>` elements, you will need to edit the file directly using the XML editor.

## A.4 Configuration in adf-config.xml

The `adf-config.xml` file is used to configure application-wide features, like security, caching, and change persistence. Other Oracle components also configure properties in this file.

### A.4.1 How to Configure ADF Faces in adf-config.xml

Before you can provide configuration for your application, you must first create the `adf-config.xml` file. Then you can add configuration for any application-wide ADF features that your application will use.

#### To create and edit adf-config.xml:

1. If not already created, create a `META-INF` directory for your project.
2. Right-click the `META-INF` directory, and choose **New**.
3. In the New Gallery, expand **General**, select **XML** and then **XML Document**, and click **OK**.

**Tip:** If you don't see the **General** node, click the **All Technologies** tab at the top of the Gallery.

4. Enter `adf-config.xml` as the file name and save it in the `META-INF` directory.

5. In the source editor, replace the generated code with the code shown in [Example A–6](#).

**Example A–6 XML for adf-config.xml File**

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="utf-8" ?>
<adf-config xmlns="http://xmlns.oracle.com/adf/config"
            xmlns:ads="http://xmlns.oracle.com/adf/activedata/config">

</adf-config>
```

6. You can now add the elements needed for the configuration of features you wish to use.

## A.4.2 Defining Caching Rules for ADF Faces Caching Filter

Caching rules for the ADF Faces Caching Filter (ACF) are defined in the `adf-config.xml` file, located in the web-application's `.adf/META-INF` directory. You must configure ACF to be in the request path for these URL matching rules. For information about adding the ACF servlet filter definition, see [Section A.2.3.18, "ADF Faces Caching Filter."](#)

The single root element for one or more caching rules is `<caching-rules>`, configured as a child of the `<adf-faces-config>` element in the namespace `http://xmlns.oracle.com/adf/faces/config`.

A `<caching-rule>` element defines each caching rule, evaluated in the order listed in the configuration file. [Example A–7](#) shows the syntax for defining caching rules in `adf-config.xml`.

**Example A–7 ACF Caching Rule Syntax**

```
<adf-config xmlns="http://xmlns.oracle.com/adf/config">
  <adf-faces-config xmlns="http://xmlns.oracle.com/adf/faces/config">
    <caching-rules xmlns="http://xmlns.oracle.com/adf/faces/rich/acf">
      <caching-rule id="cache-rule1">
        <cache>true|false</cache>
        <duration>3600</duration>
        <agent-caching>true|false</agent-caching>
        <agent-duration>4800</agent-duration>
        <compress>true|false</compress>
        <cache-key-pattern>...</cache-key-pattern>
        <search-key>
          <key>key1</key>
          <key>key2</key>
        </search-key>
        <varyBy>
          <vary-element>
            <vary-name><cookieName>|<headerName></vary-name>
            <vary-type>cookie|header</vary-type>
          </vary-element>
        </varyBy>
      </caching-rule>
    </caching-rules>
  </adf-faces-config>
</adf-config>
```

Each caching rule is defined in a `<caching-rule>` element. An optional `id` attribute can be defined to support rule location. [Table A–1](#) describes the `<caching-rule>` child

elements used to define the parameters for caching or compressing the objects in the application.

**Table A-1 AFC Caching Rule Elements and Attributes**

Rule Element Children	Attribute Description and Value
<cache>	Specifies whether or not the object must be cached in the web cache. A value of <code>false</code> will ensure the object is never cached. The default is <code>true</code> .
<duration>	Defines the duration in seconds for which the object will be cached in the web cache. The default is 300 seconds.
<agent-caching>	Specify a value of <code>true</code> to use a browser cache in the absence of a web cache.
<agent-duration>	Defines the duration in seconds for which the object is cached in a browser cache. The default is -1. If <agent-caching> is <code>true</code> and <agent-duration> is not defined, then the value for <duration> is used instead.
<compress>	Specifies whether or not the object cached in the web cache must be compressed. The default value is <code>true</code> .
<cache-key-pattern>	Determines the URLs to match for the rule. One and only one <cache-key-pattern> element must be defined for the file extensions or the path prefix of a request URL. A <cache-key-pattern> value starting with a "*" value will be used as a file extension mapping, and others will be used as path prefix mapping.
<search-key> <key>	Defines the search keys tagged to the cached object. Each <search-key> can define one <search-key> element with one or more child <key> elements. The value of a search key is used in invalidating cached content. A default <search-key> is added at runtime for the context root of the application in order to identify all resources related to an application.
<varyBy> <vary-element> <vary-name> <vary-type>	Used for versioning objects cached in the web cache. A <varyBy> element can have one or more <vary-element> elements that define the parameters for versioning a cached object. Most static resources will not require this definition.  Each <vary-element> is defined by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ &lt;vary-name&gt;: Valid values are <code>cookieName</code> for the name of the cookie whose value the response varies on, or <code>headerName</code> for the name of the HTTP header whose value determines the version of the object that is cached in the web cache.</li> <li>■ &lt;vary-type&gt;: Valid values are <code>cookie</code> or <code>header</code>.</li> </ul> The web cache automatically versions request parameters. Multiple version of an object will be stored in web cache based on the request parameter.

### A.4.3 Configuring Flash as Component Output Format

By default, the application uses the output format specified for each component. For example, applications using ADF Data Visualization components can specify a Flash output format to display animation and interactivity effects in a web browser. If the component output format is Flash, and the user's platform doesn't support the Flash Player, as in Apple's iOS operating system, the output format is automatically downgraded to the best available fallback.

You can configure the use of Flash content across the entire application by setting a `flash-player-usage` context parameter in `adf-config.xml`. The valid settings include:

- `downgrade`: Specify that if the output format is Flash, but the Flash Player isn't available, then downgrade to the best available fallback. The user will not be prompted to download the Flash Player.
- `disable`: Specify to disable the use of Flash across the application. All components will be rendered in their non-Flash versions, regardless of whether or not the Flash Player is available on the client.

[Example A-8](#) shows the syntax for application-wide disabling of Flash in `adf-config.xml`.

**Example A-8 Flash Disabled in adf-config.xml**

```
<adf-config xmlns="http://xmlns.oracle.com/adf/config">
  <adf-faces-config xmlns="http://xmlns.oracle.com/adf/faces/config">
    <flash-player-usage>disabled</flash-player-usage>
  </adf-faces-config>
</adf-config>
```

The context parameter also supports an EL Expression value. This allows applications to selectively enable or disable Flash for different parts of the application, or for different users, based on their preferences.

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**Note:** Previously Data Visualization `dvt:graph` and `dvt:gauge` components used an `imageFormat=AUTO` value. The `AUTO` value has been deprecated and you should set use `imageFormat="FLASH"` and set `flash-player-usage` context parameter to `downgrade` to achieve the same effect application-wide.

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## A.4.4 Using Content Delivery Networks

Content Delivery Networks (CDNs) improve web application performance by providing more efficient network access to content. Applications can use a variety of CDN configurations to optimize the user experience. An increasingly common configuration is to route all requests through a CDN. The CDN acts as a proxy between the client and the application. CDN-specific configuration tools can be used to specify caching and compression rules.

An alternate approach is to limit which requests are routed through the CDN. For example, only requests for auxiliary resources (images, JavaScript libraries, style sheets) might be directed to the CDN, while requests for application-generated HTML content can be served up directly. In this case, it is necessary to convert relative resource URIs to absolute URIs that point to the host that is serviced by the CDN.

For example, say your application-defined images are held in a local directory named `images`. Your code to reference images might look something like [Example A-9](#):

**Example A-9 Default Image Reference**

```
<af:image source="/images/logo.png"
  shortDesc="My Company Logo"
  id="i1"/>
```

One way to indicate that the image should be retrieved from a CDN is to explicitly specify an absolute URI for the image source, as shown in [Example A-10](#):



**Example A-10 Image Reference from a CDN Using an Absolute URI**

```
<af:image source="http://mycdn.com/images/logo.png"
  shortDesc="My Company Logo"
  id="i1"/>
```

A downside of this approach is that it requires updating many locations (possibly every image reference) in the application, duplicating the CDN base URI across pages. This can make enabling and disabling CDN usage or switching from one CDN to another prohibitively difficult.

An alternative approach might be to EL bind resource-related attributes, as shown in [Example A-11](#):

**Example A-11 EL Binding to a CDN Base URI**

```
<af:image source="#{preferences.baseUri}/logo.png"
  shortDesc="My Company Logo"
  id="i1"/>
```

This approach allows the CDN base URI to be specified in a single location (for example, in a managed bean). However, it places a burden on application developers to use the correct EL expressions throughout their content.

Rather than repeating references to the CDN location (either directly or through EL expressions) throughout the application, ADF Faces provides a centralized mechanism for modifying resource URIs. This mechanism allows one or more prefixes, or "base resource URIs", to be specified for resources. These base resource URIs are defined in the application's `adf-config.xml` file, under the `http://xmlns.oracle.com/adf/rewrite/config` namespace.

For example, [Example A-12](#) specifies that all `png` images in the `images` directory should be rewritten to include the `http://mycdn.com` prefix.

**Example A-12 Specifying a CDN Prefix in adf-config.xml**

```
<adf-uri-rewrite-config xmlns="http://xmlns.oracle.com/adf/rewrite/config">
  <resource-uris>
    <base-resource-uri uri="http://mycdn.com/">
      <match-pattern>^/.*images/.*\.png$</match-pattern>
    </base-resource-uri>
  </resource-uris>
</adf-uri-rewrite-config>
```

The regular expression specified by the `<match-pattern>` element (`^/.*images/.*\.png$`) is tested against all resource URIs rendered by the application. Any matching URIs are transformed to include the prefix specified by the `<base-resource-uri>` element's URI attribute.

One advantage of this solution is that it can be used to modify not just application-defined resource URIs, but URIs for resources that are used by ADF Faces itself. To simplify this task, ADF Faces exposes a small set of aliases that can be used with the `<match-alias>` element in place of regular expressions.

For example, the configuration in [Example A-13](#) applies the `http://mycdn.com/` prefix to all images defined by ADF Faces components:

**Example A-13 Apply Prefix to a Resource**

```
<adf-uri-rewrite-config xmlns="http://xmlns.oracle.com/adf/rewrite/config">
  <resource-uris>
```

```

    <base-resource-uri uri="http://mycdn.com/">
      <match-alias>af:images</match-alias>
    </base-resource-uri>
  </resource-uris>
</adf-uri-rewrite-config>

```

Unlike the regular expressions specified via `<match-pattern>` elements, the aliases used with `<match-alias>` do not match application-defined resources. So, for example, the `af:images` alias in the above configuration will cause images defined by ADF Faces components, such as the default background images and icons that come with ADF Faces, to be prefixed without also prefixing images that are explicitly bundled with the application.

In addition to the `af:images` alias, aliases are also provided for targeting the ADF Faces skins (style sheets), JavaScript libraries and resource documents.

#### To set up URIs for a CDN:

1. Create or open the `adf-config.xml` file (for more information, see [Section A.4.1, "How to Configure ADF Faces in adf-config.xml"](#)).
2. Create rewrite rules to define the replacement URIs for the CDN, using the elements shown in [Table A-2](#).

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**Note:** All attribute values may be EL-bound. However, EL-bound attributes are only evaluated once (at parse time).

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**Table A-2** *CDN URI Rewrite Elements*

Element	Definition
<code>&lt;adf-uri-rewrite-config&gt;</code>	This <code>xmlns</code> value must be set to <code>http://xmlns.oracle.com/adf/rewrite/config</code>
<code>&lt;resource-uris&gt;</code>	Defines the rules to rewrite the paths to given resources
<code>&lt;base-resource-uri&gt;</code>	<p>Defines the base URI for the rewritten path. Multiple <code>&lt;base-resource-uri&gt;</code> elements may be defined. This element has three attributes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <code>uri</code>: sets URI for the CDN. This will be used to create the full URI for the given resource."</li> <li>▪ <code>secure-uri</code>: sets the prefix when the URI is secure, for example, "https://"</li> <li>▪ <code>output-context-path</code>: determines whether or not to remove the application-specific context path in the rewritten URI. Valid values are either <code>remove</code> (the default) or <code>preserve</code>.</li> </ul>
<code>&lt;match-pattern&gt;</code>	<p>A regular expression that is tested against rendered resource URIs. If a match is found, the resource URI is prefixed with the URI specified by the <code>&lt;base-resource-uri&gt;</code> element.</p> <p>.Multiple <code>&lt;match-pattern&gt;</code> elements may be defined for each <code>&lt;base-resource-uri&gt;</code> element.</p> <p>Note that in order to minimize runtime overhead, the results of resource uri rewriting are cached. To prevent excessive caching, <code>&lt;match-pattern&gt;</code> regular expressions should only target static resources. Dynamically generated, data-centric resources (for example, resources generated from unbounded query parameter values) must not be rewritten using the base resource uri mechanism.</p>

**Table A–2 (Cont.) CDN URI Rewrite Elements**

Element	Definition
<code>&lt;match-alias&gt;</code>	<p>Defines an alias that matches one of the ADF Faces-provided resources. The resource may be one of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ <code>af:documents</code>: matches ADF Faces' HTML resources (for example, <code>blank.html</code>)</li> <li>■ <code>af:images</code>: matches ADF Faces' and Trinidad's image resources</li> <li>■ <code>af:coreScripts</code>: matches ADF Faces' boot and core JavaScript libraries</li> <li>■ <code>af:skins</code>: matches skin-generated style sheets</li> </ul> <p>Multiple <code>&lt;match-alias&gt;</code> elements may be defined for each <code>&lt;base-resource-uri&gt;</code> element.</p>

The values specified in the match elements are compared against all URIs that pass through `ExternalContext.encodeResourceURL()`. If a URI matches, the prefix specified in the enclosing `<base-resource-uri>` element is applied.

[Example A–14](#) shows how an application might be configured to use a CDN.

#### **Example A–14 CDN URI Elements**

```
<adf-uri-rewrite-config xmlns="http://xmlns.oracle.com/adf/rewrite/config">
  <resource-uris>
    <base-resource-uri uri="http://mycdn.com/"
                      secure-uri="https"
                      output-context-path="remove">
      <match-pattern>^/.*\/images/.*\.\png$</match-pattern>
      <match-alias>af:documents</match-alias>
      <match-alias>af:coreScripts</match-alias>
    </base-resource-uri>
  </resource-uris>
</adf-uri-rewrite-config>
```

#### **A.4.4.1 What You May Need to Know About Skin Style Sheets and CDN**

While you can use the `af:skins` alias to rewrite skin style sheets to point to the CDN, in cases where the CDN is configured to proxy requests back to the application server, problems can arise if the application is running in a clustered and/or load-balanced environment.

Skin style sheets are generated and stored on the server that rendered the containing page content. By routing the style sheet request through the CDN, server affinity may be lost (for example, if the CDN lives in a different domain, resulting in a loss of the session cookie). As a result, the style sheet request may be routed to a server that has not yet generated the requested style sheet. In such cases, the style sheet request will not complete successfully.

To avoid potential failures in load-balanced and/or clustered environments you should not rewrite skin style sheet URIs in cases where cookies or session affinity may be lost.

#### **A.4.4.2 What You May Need to Know About JavaScript and CDN**

The `af:coreScripts` alias can be used to rewrite ADF's "core" JavaScript libraries (that is, the JavaScript libraries that are present on every ADF page) to a CDN. In addition, `<match-pattern>` regular expressions can be used to rewrite arbitrary (for example,

application-defined) JavaScript library URIs. However, in cases where JavaScript libraries are introduced into the page dynamically (for example, as a result of partial page rendering), some origin policy restrictions apply. As a result, JavaScript library URIs that have been rewritten to a cross-origin host may fail to load.

You should limit JavaScript library URI rewriting to those libraries covered by `af:coreScripts` and also in cases where the application-provided libraries are known to be included as part of initial page renders (that is, the libraries are never introduced as part of a PPR request).

## A.5 Configuration in adf-settings.xml

The `adf-settings.xml` file holds project- and library-level settings such as ADF Faces help providers and caching and compression rules. The configuration settings for the `adf-settings.xml` files are fixed and cannot be changed during and after application deployment. There can be multiple `adf-settings.xml` files in an application, however the `adf-settings.xml` file users are responsible for merging the contents of their configurations.

### A.5.1 How to Configure for ADF Faces in adf-settings.xml

Before you can provide configuration for your application, you must first create the `adf-settings.xml` file. Then you can add the configuration for any project features that your application will use. For more information about configurations in this file, see [Section A.5.2, "What You May Need to Know About Elements in adf-settings.xml."](#)

#### To create and edit adf-settings.xml:

1. The `adf-settings.xml` file must reside in a `META-INF` directory. Where you create this directory depends on how you plan on deploying the project that uses the `adf-settings.xml` file.
  - If you will be deploying the project with the application EAR file, create the `META-INF` directory in the `/application_name/.adf` directory.
  - If the project has a dependency on the `adf-settings.xml` file, and the project may be deployed separately from the application (for example a bounded task flow deployed in an ADF library), then create the `META-INF` directory in the `/src` directory of your view project.

**Tip:** If your application uses Oracle ADF Model, then you can create the `META-INF` directory in the `/adfmsrc` directory.

2. In JDeveloper choose **File > New**.
3. In the New Gallery, expand **General**, select **XML** and then **XML Document**, and click **OK**.

**Tip:** If you don't see the **General** node, click the **All Technologies** tab at the top of the Gallery.

4. In the source editor, replace the generated code with the code shown in [Example A-15](#), using the correct settings for your web application root.

#### Example A-15 XML for adf-settings.xml File

```
<adf-settings xmlns="http://xmlns.oracle.com/adf/settings"
              xmlns:wap="http://xmlns.oracle.com/adf/share/http/config" >
```

```

<wap:adf-web-config xmlns="http://xmlns.oracle.com/adf/share/http/config">
  <web-app-root rootName="myroot" />
</wap:adf-web-config>
</adf-settings>

```

5. You can now add the elements needed for the configuration of features you wish to use. For more information, see [Section A.5.2, "What You May Need to Know About Elements in adf-settings.xml."](#)
6. Save the file as `adf-settings.xml` to the META-INF directory created in Step 1.

## A.5.2 What You May Need to Know About Elements in adf-settings.xml

The following configuration elements are supported in the `adf-settings.xml` file.

### A.5.2.1 Help System

You register the help provider used by your help system using the following elements:

- `<adf-faces-config>`: A parent element that groups configurations specific to ADF Faces.
- `<prefix-characters>`: The provided prefix if the help provider is to supply help topics only for help topic IDs beginning with a certain prefix. This can be omitted if prefixes are not used.
- `<help-provider-class>`: The help provider class.
- `<custom-property>` and `<property-value>`: A property element that defines the parameters the help provider class accepts.

[Example A-16](#) shows an example of a registered help provider. In this case, there is only one help provider for the application, so there is no need to include a prefix.

#### **Example A-16 Help Provider Registration**

```

<adf-settings xmlns="http://xmlns.oracle.com/adf/settings">
<adf-faces-config xmlns="http://xmlns.oracle.com/adf/faces/settings">
  <help-provider prefix="MYAPP">
    <help-provider-class>
      oracle.adfdemo.view.webapp.MyHelpProvider
    </help-provider-class>
    <property>
      <property-name>myCustomProperty</property-name>
      <value>someValue</value>
    </property>
  </help-provider>
</adf-faces-config>
</adf-settings>

```

### A.5.2.2 Caching Rules

Application-specific libraries and JARs contain a variety of resources that may require caching and/or compression of files. In the event of multiple libraries or JARs, an application may include one or more `adf-setting.xml` files that contain various caching rules based on matching URLs. The caching rules are merged into an ordered list at runtime. If a request for a resource matches more than one caching rule, the rule encountered first in the list will be honored.

The ADF Faces JAR includes default caching rules for common resource types, such as `.js`, `.css`, and image file types. These fixed rules are defined in the `adf-settings.xml`

file, and cannot be changed during or after application deployment. Application developers can define application caching rules in the `adf-config.xml` file that take precedence over the rules defined in `adf-settings.xml`. [Example A-17](#) shows the `adf-settings.xml` file for the ADF Faces JAR.

**Example A-17 ADF Faces `adf-settings.xml` File**

```
<adf-settings>
  <adf-faces-settings>
    <caching-rules>
      <caching-rule id="cache css">
        <duration>99999</duration>
        <agent-caching>true</agent-caching>
        <cache-key-pattern>*.css</cache-key-pattern>
      </caching-rule>
      <caching-rule id="cache js">
        <duration>99999</duration>
        <agent-caching>true</agent-caching>
        <cache-key-pattern>*.js</cache-key-pattern>
      </caching-rule>
      <caching-rule id="cache png">
        <compress>false</compress>
        <duration>99999</duration>
        <agent-caching>true</agent-caching>
        <cache-key-pattern>*.png</cache-key-pattern>
      </caching-rule>
      <caching-rule id="cache jpg">
        <compress>false</compress>
        <duration>99999</duration>
        <agent-caching>true</agent-caching>
        <cache-key-pattern>*.jpg</cache-key-pattern>
      </caching-rule>
      <caching-rule id="cache jpeg">
        <compress>false</compress>
        <duration>99999</duration>
        <agent-caching>true</agent-caching>
        <cache-key-pattern>*.jpeg</cache-key-pattern>
      </caching-rule>
      <caching-rule id="cache gif">
        <compress>false</compress>
        <duration>99999</duration>
        <agent-caching>true</agent-caching>
        <cache-key-pattern>*.gif</cache-key-pattern>
      </caching-rule>
      <caching-rule id="cache html">
        <compress>true</compress>
        <duration>99999</duration>
        <agent-caching>true</agent-caching>
        <cache-key-pattern>*.html</cache-key-pattern>
      </caching-rule>
    </caching-rules>
  </adf-faces-settings>
</adf-settings>
```

## A.6 Configuration in trinidad-config.xml

When you create a JSF application using ADF Faces components, you configure ADF Faces features (such as skin family and level of page accessibility support) in the `trinidad-config.xml` file. Like `faces-config.xml`, the `trinidad-config.xml` file has

a simple XML structure that enables you to define element properties using the JSF Expression Language (EL) or static values.

## A.6.1 How to Configure ADF Faces Features in trinidad-config.xml

In JDeveloper, when you insert an ADF Faces component into a JSF page for the first time, a starter `trinidad-config.xml` file is automatically created for you in the `/WEB-INF` directory. [Example A-18](#) shows a starter `trinidad-config.xml` file.

### Example A-18 Starter trinidad-config.xml File Created by JDeveloper

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="windows-1252"?>
<trinidad-config xmlns="http://xmlns.oracle.com/trinidad/config">

  <skin-family>skyros</skin-family>
  <skin-version>v1</skin-version>

</trinidad-config>
```

By default, JDeveloper configures the `skyros` skin family for a JSF application that uses ADF Faces. You can change this to `fusion-fx`, `simple`, or use a custom skin. If you wish to use a custom skin, create the `trinidad-skins.xml` configuration file, and modify `trinidad-config.xml` file to use the custom skin. For more information about creating custom skins, see [Chapter 20, "Customizing the Appearance Using Styles and Skins."](#)

Typically, you would configure the following in the `trinidad-config.xml` file:

- Page animation
- Level of page accessibility support
- Time zone
- Enhanced debugging output
- Oracle Help for the Web (OHW) URL

You can also register a custom file upload processor for uploading files.

In JDeveloper, you can use the XML editor to modify the `trinidad-config.xml` file.

### To edit trinidad-config.xml:

1. In the Application Navigator, double-click `trinidad-config.xml` to open the file in the XML editor.
2. If you are familiar with the element names, enter them in the editor. Otherwise use the Structure window to help you insert them.
3. In the Structure window:
  - a. Right-click an element to choose from the **Insert before** or **Insert after** menu, and click the element you wish to insert.
  - b. Double-click the newly inserted element in the Structure window to open it in the Property Inspector. Enter a value or select one from a dropdown list (if available).

In most cases you can enter either a JSF EL expression (such as `#{view.locale.language=='en' ? 'minimal' : 'skyros'}`) or a static value (for example, `<debug-output>true</debug-output>`). EL expressions are dynamically reevaluated on each request, and must return an appropriate object (for example, a boolean object).



For a list of the configuration elements you can use, see [Section A.6.2, "What You May Need to Know About Elements in trinidad-config.xml."](#)

Once you have configured the `trinidad-config.xml` file, you can retrieve the property values programmatically or by using JSF EL expressions. For more information, see [Section A.8, "Using the RequestContext EL Implicit Object."](#)

## A.6.2 What You May Need to Know About Elements in trinidad-config.xml

All `trinidad-config.xml` files must begin with a `<trinidad-config>` element in the `http://myfaces.apache.org/trinidad/config` XML namespace. The order of elements inside of `<trinidad-config>` does not matter. You can include multiple instances of any element.

### A.6.2.1 Animation Enabled

Certain ADF Faces components use animation when rendering. For example, trees and tree tables use animation when expanding and collapsing nodes. The following components use animation when rendering:

- Table detail facet for disclosing and undisclosing the facet
- Trees and tree table when expanding and collapsing nodes
- Menus
- Popup selectors
- Dialogs
- Note windows and message displays

The type and time of animation used is configured as part of the skin for the application. For more information, see [Chapter 20, "Customizing the Appearance Using Styles and Skins."](#)

You can set the `animation-enabled` element to either `true` or `false`, or you can use an EL expression that resolves to either `true` or `false`.

**Performance Tip:** While using animation can improve the user experience, it can increase the response time when an action is executed. If speed is the biggest concern, then set this parameter to `false`.

### A.6.2.2 Skin Family

As described in [Section A.6.1, "How to Configure ADF Faces Features in trinidad-config.xml,"](#) JDeveloper by default uses the `skyros` skin family for a JSF application that uses ADF Faces. You can change the `<skin-family>` value to `fusion-fx`, `simple`, or to a custom skin definition. For information about creating and using custom skins, see [Chapter 20, "Customizing the Appearance Using Styles and Skins."](#)

You can use an EL expression for the skin family value, as shown in the following code:

```
<skin-family>#{prefs.proxy.skinFamily}</skin-family>
```

### A.6.2.3 Time Zone and Year

To set the time zone used for processing and displaying dates, and the year offset that should be used for parsing years with only two digits, use the following elements:



- `<time-zone>`: By default, ADF Faces uses the time zone used by the application server if no value is set. If needed, you can use an EL expression that evaluates to a `TimeZone` object. This value is used by `org.apache.myfaces.trinidad.converter.DateTimeConverter` while converting strings to `Date`.
- `<two-digit-year-start>`: This value is specified as a Gregorian calendar year and is used by `org.apache.myfaces.trinidad.converter.DateTimeConverter` to convert strings to `Date`. This element defaults to the year 1950 if no value is set. If needed, you can use a static, integer value or an EL expression that evaluates to an `Integer` object.

#### A.6.2.4 Enhanced Debugging Output

By default, the `<debug-output>` element is `false`. ADF Faces enhances debugging output when you set `<debug-output>` to `true`. The following features are then added to debug output:

- Automatic indenting
- Comments identifying which component was responsible for a block of HTML
- Detection of unbalanced elements, repeated use of the same attribute in a single element, or other malformed markup problems
- Detection of common HTML errors (for example, `<form>` tags inside other `<form>` tags or `<tr>` or `<td>` tags used in invalid locations).

**Performance Tip:** Debugging impacts performance. Set this parameter to `false` in a production environment.

#### A.6.2.5 Page Accessibility Level

Use `<accessibility-mode>` to define the level of accessibility support in an application. The supported values are:

- `default`: Output supports accessibility features.
- `inaccessible`: Accessibility-specific constructs are removed to optimize output size.
- `screenReader`: Accessibility-specific constructs are added to improve behavior under a screen reader.

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**Note:** Screen reader mode may have a negative effect on other users. For example, access keys are not displayed if the accessibility mode is set to screen reader mode.

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Use `<accessibility-profile>` to configure the color contrast and font size used in the application. The supported values are:

- `high-contrast`: Application displays using high-contrast instead of the default contrast.
- `large-fonts`: Application displays using large fonts instead of the default size fonts.

To use more than one setting, separate the values with a space.

### A.6.2.6 Language Reading Direction

By default, ADF Faces page rendering direction is based on the language being used by the browser. You can, however, explicitly set the default page rendering direction in the `<right-to-left>` element by using an EL expression that evaluates to a Boolean object, or by using `true` or `false`, as shown in the following code:

```
<!-- Render the page right-to-left for Arabic -->
<!-- and left-to-right for all other languages -->
<right-to-left>
  #{view.locale.language=='ar' ? 'true' : 'false'}
</right-to-left>
```

### A.6.2.7 Currency Code and Separators for Number Groups and Decimal Points

To set the currency code to use for formatting currency fields, and define the separator to use for groups of numbers and the decimal point, use the following elements:

- `<currency-code>`: Defines the default ISO 4217 currency code used by the `org.apache.myfaces.trinidad.converter.NumberConverter` class to format currency fields that do not specify an explicit currency code in their own converter. Use a static value or an EL expression that evaluates to a `String` object. For example:

```
<!-- Set the currency code to US dollars. -->
<currency-code>USD</currency-code>
```

- `<number-grouping-separator>`: Defines the separator used for groups of numbers (for example, a comma). ADF Faces automatically derives the separator from the current locale, but you can override this default by specifying a value in this element. You can use a static value or an EL expression that evaluates to a `Character` object. If set, this value is used by the `org.apache.myfaces.trinidad.converter.NumberConverter` class while parsing and formatting.

For example, to set the number grouping separator to a period when the German language is used in the application, use this code:

```
<!-- Set the number grouping separator to period for German -->
<!-- and comma for all other languages -->
<number-grouping-separator>
  #{view.locale.language=='de' ? '.' : ','}
</number-grouping-separator>
```

- `<decimal-separator>`: Defines the separator (for example, a period or a comma) used for the decimal point. ADF Faces automatically derives the separator from the current locale, but you can override this default by specifying a value in this element. You can use a static value or an EL expression that evaluates to a `Character` object. If set, this value is used by the `org.apache.myfaces.trinidad.converter.NumberConverter` class while parsing and formatting.

For example, to set the decimal separator to a comma when the German language is used in the application, use this code:

```
<!-- Set the decimal separator to comma for German -->
<!-- and period for all other languages -->
<decimal-separator>
  #{view.locale.language=='de' ? ',' : '.'}
</decimal-separator>
```

### A.6.2.8 Formatting Dates and Numbers Locale

By default, ADF Faces and MyFaces Trinidad will format dates (including the first day of the week) and numbers in the same locale used for localized text (which by default is the locale of the browser). If, however, you want dates and numbers formatted in a different locale, you can use the `<formatting-locale>` element, which takes an IANA-formatted locale (for example, `ja`, `fr-CA`) as its value. The contents of this element can also be an EL expression pointing at an IANA string or a `java.util.Locale` object.

### A.6.2.9 Output Mode

To change the output mode ADF Faces uses, set the `<output-mode>` element, using one of these values:

- `default`: The default page output mode (usually `display`).
- `printable`: An output mode suitable for printable pages.
- `email`: An output mode suitable for emailing a page's content.

### A.6.2.10 Number of Active PageFlowScope Instances

By default ADF Faces sets the maximum number of active `PageFlowScope` instances at any one time to 15. Use the `<page-flow-scope-lifetime>` element to change the number. Unlike other elements, you must use a static value: EL expressions are not supported.

### A.6.2.11 Custom File Uploaded Processor

Most applications do not need to replace the default `UploadedFileProcessor` instance provided in ADF Faces, but if your application must support uploading of very large files, or if it relies heavily on file uploads, you may wish to replace the default processor with a custom `UploadedFileProcessor` implementation.

For example, you could improve performance by using an implementation that immediately stores files in their final destination, instead of requiring ADF Faces to handle temporary storage during the request. To replace the default processor, specify your custom implementation using the `<uploaded-file-processor>` element, as shown in the following code:

```
<uploaded-file-processor>
  com.mycompany.faces.myUploadedFileProcessor
</uploaded-file-processor>
```

### A.6.2.12 Client-Side Validation and Conversion

ADF Faces validators and converters support client-side validation and conversion, as well as server-side validation and conversion. ADF Faces client-side validators and converters work the same way as the server-side validators and converters, except that JavaScript is used on the client.

The JavaScript-enabled validators and converters run on the client when the form is submitted; thus errors can be caught without a server roundtrip.

The `<client-validation-disabled>` configuration element is not supported in the rich client version of ADF Faces. This means you cannot turn off client-side validation and conversion in ADF Faces applications.

## A.7 Configuration in trinidad-skins.xml

By default, JDeveloper uses the *skyros* skin family when you create JSF pages with ADF Faces components. The skin family is configured in the `trinidad-config.xml` file, as described in [Section A.6.1, "How to Configure ADF Faces Features in trinidad-config.xml."](#) If you wish to use a custom skin for your application, create a `trinidad-skins.xml` file, which is used to register custom skins in an application.

For detailed information about creating custom skins, see [Chapter 20, "Customizing the Appearance Using Styles and Skins."](#)

## A.8 Using the RequestContext EL Implicit Object

In ADF Faces, you can use the EL implicit object `requestContext` to retrieve values from configuration properties defined in the `trinidad-config.xml` file. The `requestContext` implicit object, which is an instance of the `org.apache.myfaces.trinidad.context.RequestContext` class, exposes several properties of type `java.util.Map`, enabling you to use JSF EL expressions to retrieve context object property values.

For example, the EL expression `{requestContext}` returns the `RequestContext` object itself, and the EL expression `{requestContext.skinFamily}` returns the value of the `<skin-family>` element from the `trinidad-config.xml` file.

You can also use EL expressions to bind a component attribute value to a property of the `requestContext` implicit object. For example, in the EL expression that follows, the `<currency-code>` property is bound to the `currencyCode` attribute value of the JSF `ConvertNumber` component:

```
<af:outputText>
  <f:convertNumber currencyCode="{requestContext.currencyCode}" />
</af:outputText>
```

You can use the following `requestContext` implicit object properties:

- `requestContext.accessibilityMode`: Returns the value of the `<accessibility-mode>` element from the `trinidad-config.xml` file.
- `requestContext.agent`: Returns an object that describes the client agent that is making the request and that is to display the rendered output. The properties in the agent object are:
  - `agentName`: Canonical name of the agent browser, (for example, `gecko` and `ie`).
  - `agentVersion`: Version number of the agent browser.
  - `capabilities`: Map of capability names (for example, `height`, `width`) and their values for the current client request.
  - `hardwareMakeModel`: Canonical name of the hardware make and model (for example, `nokia6600` and `sonyericssonP900`).
  - `platformName`: Canonical name of the platform (for example, `ppc`, `windows`, and `mac`).
  - `platformVersion`: Version number of the platform.
  - `type`: Agent type (for example, `desktop`, `pda`, and `phone`).
- `requestContext.clientValidationDisabled`: Returns the value of the `<client-validation-disabled>` element from the `trinidad-config.xml` file.

- `requestContext.colorPalette`: Returns a Map that takes color palette names as keys, and returns the color palette as a result. Each color palette is an array of `java.awt.Color` objects. Provides access to four standard color palettes:
  - `web216`: The 216 web-safe colors
  - `default49`: A 49-color palette, with one fully transparent entry
  - `opaque40`: A 49-color palette, without a fully transparent entry
  - `default80`: An 80-color palette, with one fully transparent entry
- `requestContext.currencyCode`: Returns the value of the `<currency-code>` element from the `trinidad-config.xml` file.
- `requestContext.debugOutput`: Returns the value of the `<debug-output>` element from the `trinidad-config.xml` file.
- `requestContext.decimalSeparator`: Returns the value of the `<decimal-separator>` element from the `trinidad-config.xml` file.
- `requestContext.formatter`: Returns a Map object that performs message formatting with a recursive Map structure. The first key must be the message formatting mask, and the second key is the first parameter into the message.
- `requestContext.helpSystem`: Returns a Map object that accepts help system properties as keys, and returns a URL as a result. For example, the EL expression `#{requestContext.helpSystem['frontPage']}` returns a URL to the front page of the help system. This assumes you have configured the `<oracle-help-servlet-url>` element in the `trinidad-config.xml` file.
- `requestContext.helpTopic`: Returns a Map object that accepts topic names as keys, and returns a URL as a result. For example, the EL expression `#{requestContext.helpTopic['foo']}` returns a URL to the help topic "foo". This assumes you have configured the `<oracle-help-servlet-url>` element in the `trinidad-config.xml` file.
- `requestContext.numberGroupingSeparator`: Returns the value of the `<number-grouping-separator>` element from the `trinidad-config.xml` file.
- `requestContext.oracleHelpServletUrl`: Returns the value of the `<oracle-help-servlet-url>` element from the `trinidad-config.xml` file.
- `requestContext.outputMode`: Returns the value of the `<output-mode>` element from the `trinidad-config.xml` file.
- `requestContext.pageFlowScope`: Returns a map of objects in the `pageFlowScope` object.
- `requestContext.rightToLeft`: Returns the value of the `<right-to-left>` element from the `trinidad-config.xml` file.
- `requestContext.skinFamily`: Returns the value of the `<skin-family>` element from the `trinidad-config.xml` file.
- `requestContext.timeZone`: Returns the value of the `<time-zone>` element from the `trinidad-config.xml` file.
- `requestContext.twoDigitYearStart`: Returns the value of the `<two-digit-year-start>` element from the `trinidad-config.xml` file.

For a complete list of properties, refer to the [Javadoc](#) for `org.apache.myfaces.trinidad.context.RequestContext`.

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**Note:** One instance of the `org.apache.myfaces.trinidad.context.RequestContext` class exists per request. The `RequestContext` class does not extend the JSF `FacesContext` class.

To retrieve a configuration property programmatically, first call the static `getCurrentInstance()` method to get an instance of the `RequestContext` object, and then call the method that retrieves the desired property, as shown in the following code:

```
RequestContext context = RequestContext.getCurrentInstance();

// Get the time-zone property
TimeZone zone = context.getTimeZone();

// Get the right-to-left property
if (context.isRightToLeft())
{
    .
    .
    .
}
```

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## A.9 Using JavaScript Library Partitioning

ADF Faces groups its components' JavaScript files into JavaScript features. A JavaScript feature is a collection of JavaScript files associated with a logical identifier that describes the feature. For example, the `panelStretchLayout` client component is comprised of the following two JavaScript files

- `oracle/adf/view/js/component/rich/layout/AdfRichPanelStretchLayout.js`
- `oracle/adfinternal/view/js/laf/dhtml/rich/AdfDhtmlPanelStretchLayoutPeer.js`

These two files are grouped into the `AdfRichPanelStretchLayout` feature.

JavaScript features are further grouped into JavaScript partitions. JavaScript partitions allow you to group JavaScript features into larger collections with the goal of influencing the download size and number of round trips. For example, since the `panelStretchLayout` component is often used with the `panelSplitter` component, the features for these two components are grouped together in the `stretch` partition, along with the other ADF Faces layout components that can stretch their children. At runtime, when a page is loaded, the framework determines the components used on the page, and then from that, determines which features are needed (feature names are the same as the components' constructor name). Only the partitions that contain those features are downloaded. For more information about JavaScript partitioning, see [Section 1.2.1.2, "JavaScript Library Partitioning."](#)

Features and partitions are defined using configuration files. ADF Faces ships with a default features and partitions configuration file. You can overwrite the default partitions file by creating your own implementation.

By default, JavaScript partitioning is turned on. Whether or not your application uses JavaScript partitioning is determined by a context parameter in the `web.xml` file. For more information about enabling or disabling JavaScript partitioning, see [Section A.2.3.14, "JavaScript Partitioning."](#)

## A.9.1 How to Create JavaScript Partitions

You create a JavaScript partition by creating an `adf-js-partitions.xml` file, and then adding entries for the features.

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**Note:** ADF Faces provides a default `adf-js-partitions.xml` file (see [Example A-21](#)). If you want to change the partition configuration, you need to create your own complete `adf-js-partitions.xml` file. At runtime, the framework will search the `WEB-INF` directory for that file. If one is not found, it will load the default partition file.

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### To create JavaScript partitions:

1. Right-click the `WEB-INF` directory, and choose **New** from the context menu.
2. In the New Gallery, expand **General**, select **XML** and then **XML Document**, and click **OK**.

**Tip:** If you don't see the **General** node, click the **All Technologies** tab at the top of the Gallery.

3. Enter `adf-js-partitions.xml` as the file name and save it in the `WEB-INF` directory.
4. In the source editor, replace the generated code with the code shown in [Example A-6](#).

### Example A-19 XML for `adf-js-partitions.xml` File

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="utf-8" ?>
<adf-js-partitions xmlns="http://xmlns.oracle.com/adf/faces/partition"

</adf-js-partitions>
```

5. Add the following elements to populate a partition with the relevant features.
  - `partitions`: The root element of the configuration file.
  - `partition`: Create as a child to the `partitions` element. This element must contain one `partition-name` child element and one or more `feature` elements.
  - `partition-name`: Create as a child to the `partition` element. Specifies the name of the partition. This value will be used to produce a unique URL for this partition's JavaScript library.
  - `feature`: Create as a child to the `partition` element. Specifies the feature to be included in this partition. There can be multiple `feature` elements.

**Tip:** Any feature configured in the `adf-js-features.xml` file that does not appear in a partition is treated as if it were in its own partition.

[Example A-20](#) shows the partition element for the `tree` partition that contains the `AdfRichTree` and `AdfRichTreeTable` features.

### Example A-20 JavaScript Partition Configuration

```
<partition>
  <partition-name>tree</partition-name>
  <feature>AdfUITree</feature>
```

```

    <feature>AdfUITreeTable</feature>
    <feature>AdfRichTree</feature>
    <feature>AdfRichTreeTable</feature>
</partition>

```

## A.9.2 What You May Need to Know About the `adf-js-partitions.xml` File

The default ADF Faces `adf-js-partitions.xml` file has partitions that you can override by creating your own partitions file. For more information, see [Section A.9.1, "How to Create JavaScript Partitions."](#) [Example A-21](#) shows the default ADF Faces `adf-js-partitions.xml` file.

### **Example A-21** *The Default `adf-js-partitions.xml` File*

```

<?xml version="1.0" encoding="utf-8"?>

<partitions xmlns="http://xmlns.oracle.com/adf/faces/partition">

    <partition>
        <partition-name>boot</partition-name>
        <feature>AdfBootstrap</feature>
    </partition>

    <partition>
        <partition-name>core</partition-name>

        <feature>AdfCore</feature>

        <!-- Behavioral component super classes -->
        <feature>AdfUIChoose</feature>
        <feature>AdfUICollection</feature>
        <feature>AdfUICommand</feature>
        <feature>AdfUIDialog</feature>
        <feature>AdfUIDocument</feature>
        <feature>AdfUIEditableValue</feature>
        <feature>AdfUIForm</feature>
        <feature>AdfUIGo</feature>
        <feature>AdfUIInput</feature>
        <feature>AdfUIObject</feature>
        <feature>AdfUIOutput</feature>
        <feature>AdfUIPanel</feature>
        <feature>AdfUIPopup</feature>
        <feature>AdfUISelectBoolean</feature>
        <feature>AdfUISelectInput</feature>
        <feature>AdfUISelectOne</feature>
        <feature>AdfUISelectMany</feature>
        <feature>AdfUIShowDetail</feature>
        <feature>AdfUISubform</feature>
        <feature>AdfUIValue</feature>

        <!-- These are all so common that we group them with core -->
        <feature>AdfRichDocument</feature>
        <feature>AdfRichForm</feature>
        <feature>AdfRichPopup</feature>
        <feature>AdfRichSubform</feature>
        <feature>AdfRichCommandButton</feature>
        <feature>AdfRichCommandLink</feature>

    <!--
        Dialog is currently on every page for messaging. No use

```



```
    in putting these in a separate partition.
-->
<feature>AdfRichPanelWindow</feature>
<feature>AdfRichDialog</feature>

<!-- af:showPopupBehavior is so small/common, belongs in core -->
<feature>AdfShowPopupBehavior</feature>
</partition>

<partition>
  <partition-name>accordion</partition-name>
  <feature>AdfRichPanelAccordion</feature>
</partition>

<partition>
  <partition-name>border</partition-name>
  <feature>AdfRichPanelBorderLayout</feature>
</partition>

<partition>
  <partition-name>box</partition-name>
  <feature>AdfRichPanelBox</feature>
</partition>

<partition>
  <partition-name>calendar</partition-name>
  <feature>AdfUICalendar</feature>
  <feature>AdfRichCalendar</feature>
  <feature>AdfCalendarDragSource</feature>
  <feature>AdfCalendarDropTarget</feature>
</partition>

<partition>
  <partition-name>collection</partition-name>
  <feature>AdfUIDecorateCollection</feature>
  <feature>AdfRichPanelCollection</feature>
</partition>

<partition>
  <partition-name>color</partition-name>
  <feature>AdfRichChooseColor</feature>
  <feature>AdfRichInputColor</feature>
</partition>

<partition>
  <partition-name>date</partition-name>
  <feature>AdfRichChooseDate</feature>
  <feature>AdfRichInputDate</feature>
</partition>

<partition>
  <partition-name>declarativeComponent</partition-name>
  <feature>AdfUIInclude</feature>
  <feature>AdfUIDeclarativeComponent</feature>
  <feature>AdfRichDeclarativeComponent</feature>
</partition>

<partition>
  <partition-name>detail</partition-name>
  <feature>AdfRichShowDetail</feature>
```

```
</partition>

<partition>
  <partition-name>dnd</partition-name>
  <feature>AdfDragAndDrop</feature>
  <feature>AdfCollectionDragSource</feature>
  <feature>AdfStampedDropTarget</feature>
  <feature>AdfCollectionDropTarget</feature>
  <feature>AdfAttributeDragSource</feature>
  <feature>AdfAttributeDropTarget</feature>
  <feature>AdfComponentDragSource</feature>
  <feature>AdfDropTarget</feature>
</partition>

<partition>
  <partition-name>detailitem</partition-name>
  <feature>AdfRichShowDetailItem</feature>
</partition>

<partition>
  <partition-name>file</partition-name>
  <feature>AdfRichInputFile</feature>
</partition>

<partition>
  <partition-name>form</partition-name>
  <feature>AdfRichPanelFormLayout</feature>
  <feature>AdfRichPanelLabelAndMessage</feature>
</partition>

<partition>
  <partition-name>format</partition-name>
  <feature>AdfRichOutputFormatted</feature>
</partition>

<partition>
  <partition-name>frame</partition-name>
  <feature>AdfRichInlineFrame</feature>
</partition>

<partition>
  <partition-name>header</partition-name>
  <feature>AdfRichPanelHeader</feature>
  <feature>AdfRichShowDetailHeader</feature>
</partition>

<partition>
  <partition-name>imagelink</partition-name>
  <feature>AdfRichCommandImageLink</feature>
</partition>

<partition>
  <partition-name>iedit</partition-name>
  <feature>AdfInlineEditing</feature>
</partition>

<partition>
  <partition-name>input</partition-name>
  <feature>AdfRichInputText</feature>
  <feature>AdfInsertTextBehavior</feature>
```

```
</partition>

<partition>
  <partition-name>label</partition-name>
  <feature>AdfRichOutputLabel</feature>
</partition>

<partition>
  <partition-name>list</partition-name>
  <feature>AdfRichPanelList</feature>
</partition>

<partition>
  <partition-name>lov</partition-name>
  <feature>AdfUIInputPopup</feature>
  <feature>AdfRichInputComboboxListOfValues</feature>
  <feature>AdfRichInputListOfValues</feature>
</partition>

<partition>
  <partition-name>media</partition-name>
  <feature>AdfRichMedia</feature>
</partition>

<partition>
  <partition-name>message</partition-name>
  <feature>AdfUIMessage</feature>
  <feature>AdfUIMessages</feature>
  <feature>AdfRichMessage</feature>
  <feature>AdfRichMessages</feature>
</partition>

<partition>
  <partition-name>menu</partition-name>
  <feature>AdfRichCommandMenuItem</feature>
  <feature>AdfRichGoMenuItem</feature>
  <feature>AdfRichMenuBar</feature>
  <feature>AdfRichMenu</feature>
</partition>

<partition>
  <partition-name>nav</partition-name>
  <feature>AdfUINavigationPath</feature>
  <feature>AdfUINavigationLevel</feature>
  <feature>AdfRichBreadCrumbs</feature>
  <feature>AdfRichCommandNavigationItem</feature>
  <feature>AdfRichNavigationPane</feature>
</partition>

<partition>
  <partition-name>note</partition-name>
  <feature>AdfRichNoteWindow</feature>
</partition>

<partition>
  <partition-name>poll</partition-name>
  <feature>AdfUIPoll</feature>
  <feature>AdfRichPoll</feature>
</partition>
```

```
<partition>
  <partition-name>progress</partition-name>
  <feature>AdfUIProgress</feature>
  <feature>AdfRichProgressIndicator</feature>
</partition>

<partition>
  <partition-name>print</partition-name>
  <feature>AdfShowPrintablePageBehavior</feature>
</partition>

<partition>
  <partition-name>scrollComponentIntoView</partition-name>
  <feature>AdfScrollComponentIntoViewBehavior</feature>
</partition>

<partition>
  <partition-name>query</partition-name>
  <feature>AdfUIQuery</feature>
  <feature>AdfRichQuery</feature>
  <feature>AdfRichQuickQuery</feature>
</partition>

<partition>
  <partition-name>region</partition-name>
  <feature>AdfUIRegion</feature>
  <feature>AdfRichRegion</feature>
</partition>

<partition>
  <partition-name>reset</partition-name>
  <feature>AdfUIReset</feature>
  <feature>AdfRichResetButton</feature>
</partition>

<partition>
  <partition-name>rte</partition-name>
  <feature>AdfRichTextEditor</feature>
  <feature>AdfRichTextEditorInsertBehavior</feature>
</partition>

<partition>
  <partition-name>select</partition-name>

  <feature>AdfRichSelectBooleanCheckbox</feature>
  <feature>AdfRichSelectBooleanRadio</feature>
  <feature>AdfRichSelectManyCheckbox</feature>
  <feature>AdfRichSelectOneRadio</feature>
</partition>

<partition>
  <partition-name>selectmanychoice</partition-name>
  <feature>AdfRichSelectManyChoice</feature>
</partition>

<partition>
  <partition-name>selectmanylistbox</partition-name>
  <feature>AdfRichSelectManyListbox</feature>
</partition>
```

```
<partition>
  <partition-name>selectonechoice</partition-name>
  <feature>AdfRichSelectOneChoice</feature>
</partition>

<partition>
  <partition-name>selectonelistbox</partition-name>
  <feature>AdfRichSelectOneListbox</feature>
</partition>

<partition>
  <partition-name>shuttle</partition-name>
  <feature>AdfUISelectOrder</feature>
  <feature>AdfRichSelectManyShuttle</feature>
  <feature>AdfRichSelectOrderShuttle</feature>
</partition>

<partition>
  <partition-name>slide</partition-name>
  <feature>AdfRichInputNumberSlider</feature>
  <feature>AdfRichInputRangeSlider</feature>
</partition>

<partition>
  <partition-name>spin</partition-name>
  <feature>AdfRichInputNumberSpinbox</feature>
</partition>

<partition>
  <partition-name>status</partition-name>
  <feature>AdfRichStatusIndicator</feature>
</partition>

<partition>
  <partition-name>stretch</partition-name>
  <feature>AdfRichDecorativeBox</feature>
  <feature>AdfRichPanelSplitter</feature>
  <feature>AdfRichPanelStretchLayout</feature>
  <feature>AdfRichPanelDashboard</feature>
  <feature>AdfPanelDashboardBehavior</feature>
  <feature>AdfDashboardDropTarget</feature>
</partition>

<partition>
  <partition-name>tabbed</partition-name>
  <feature>AdfUIShowOne</feature>
  <feature>AdfRichPanelTabbed</feature>
</partition>

<partition>
  <partition-name>table</partition-name>
  <feature>AdfUIIterator</feature>
  <feature>AdfUITable</feature>
  <feature>AdfUITable2</feature>
  <feature>AdfUIColumn</feature>
  <feature>AdfRichColumn</feature>
  <feature>AdfRichTable</feature>
</partition>

<partition>
```

```
<partition-name>toolbar</partition-name>
  <feature>AdfRichCommandToolbarButton</feature>
  <feature>AdfRichToolbar</feature>
</partition>

<partition>
  <partition-name>toolbox</partition-name>
  <feature>AdfRichToolbox</feature>
</partition>

<partition>
  <partition-name>train</partition-name>
  <feature>AdfUIProcess</feature>
  <feature>AdfRichCommandTrainStop</feature>
  <feature>AdfRichTrainButtonBar</feature>
  <feature>AdfRichTrain</feature>
</partition>

<partition>
  <partition-name>tree</partition-name>
  <feature>AdfUITree</feature>
  <feature>AdfUITreeTable</feature>
  <feature>AdfRichTree</feature>
  <feature>AdfRichTreeTable</feature>
</partition>

<!--
  Some components which typically do have client-side representation,
  but small enough that we might as well download in a single partition
  in the event that any of these are needed.
-->
<partition>
  <partition-name>uncommon</partition-name>
  <feature>AdfRichGoButton</feature>
  <feature>AdfRichIcon</feature>
  <feature>AdfRichImage</feature>
  <feature>AdfRichOutputText</feature>
  <feature>AdfRichPanelGroupLayout</feature>
  <feature>AdfRichSeparator</feature>
  <feature>AdfRichSpacer</feature>
  <feature>AdfRichGoLink</feature>
</partition>

<partition>
  <partition-name>eum</partition-name>
  <feature>AdfEndUserMonitoring</feature>
</partition>

<partition>
  <partition-name>ads</partition-name>
  <feature>AdfActiveDataService</feature>
</partition>

<partition>
  <partition-name>automation</partition-name>
  <feature>AdfAutomationTest</feature>
</partition>

</partitions>
```

### A.9.3 What Happens at Runtime: JavaScript Partitioning

ADF Faces loads the library partitioning configuration files at application initialization time. First, ADF Faces searches for all `adf-js-features.xml` files in the `META-INF` directory and loads all that are found (including the ADF Faces default feature configuration file).

For the partition configuration file, ADF Faces looks for a single file named `adf-js-partitions.xml` in the `WEB-INF` directory. If no such file is found, the ADF Faces default partition configuration is used.

During the render traversal, ADF Faces collects information about which JavaScript features are required by the page. At the end of the traversal, the complete set of JavaScript features required by the (rendered) page contents is known. Once the set of required JavaScript features is known, ADF Faces uses the partition configuration file to map this set of features to the set of required partitions. Given the set of required partitions, the HTML `<script>` references to these partitions are rendered just before the end of the HTML document.





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## Message Keys for Converter and Validator Messages

This appendix lists all the message keys and message setter methods for ADF Faces converters and validators.

This chapter includes the following sections:

- [Section B.1, "Introduction to ADF Faces Default Messages"](#)
- [Section B.2, "Message Keys and Setter Methods"](#)
- [Section B.3, "Converter and Validator Message Keys and Setter Methods"](#)

### B.1 Introduction to ADF Faces Default Messages

The `FacesMessage` class supports both summary and detailed messages. The convention is that:

- The summary message is defined for the main key. The key value is of the form `classname.MSG_KEY`.
- The detailed message is of the form `classname.MSG_KEY_detail`.

In summary, to override a detailed message you can either use the setter method on the appropriate class or enter a replacement message in a resource bundle using the required message key.

Placeholders are used in detail messages to provide relevant details such as the value the user entered and the label of the component for which this is a message. The general order of placeholder identifiers is:

- component label
- input value (if present)
- minimum value (if present)
- maximum value (if present)
- pattern (if present)

### B.2 Message Keys and Setter Methods

The following information is given for each of the ADF Faces converter and validators:

- The set method you can use to override the message.
- The message key you can use to identify your own version of the message in a resource bundle.

- How placeholders can be used in the message to include details such as the input values and patterns.

## B.3 Converter and Validator Message Keys and Setter Methods

This section gives the reference details for all ADF Faces converter and validator detail messages.

### B.3.1 af:convertColor

Converts strings representing color values to and from `java.awt.Color` objects. The set of patterns used for conversion can be overridden.

**Convert color: Input value cannot be converted to a color based on the patterns set**

Set method:

```
setMessageDetailConvertBoth(java.lang.String convertBothMessageDetail)
```

Message key:

```
org.apache.myfaces.trinidad.convert.ColorConverter.CONVERT_detail
```

Placeholders:

{0} The label that identifies the component

{1} Value entered by the user

{2} A date-time example, based on the `dateStyle` and `timeStyle` set in the converter

### B.3.2 af:convertDateTime

Converts a string to and from `java.util.Date` and the converse based on the pattern and style set.

**Convert date and time: Date-time value that cannot be converted to Date object when type is set to both**

Set method:

```
setMessageDetailConvertBoth(java.lang.String convertBothMessageDetail)
```

Message key:

```
org.apache.myfaces.trinidad.convert.DateTimeConverter.CONVERT_BOTH_detail
```

Placeholders:

{0} The label that identifies the component

{1} Value entered by the user

{2} Example of the format the converter is expecting

**Convert date: Input value cannot be converted to a Date when the pattern or secondary pattern is set or when type is set to date**

Set method:

```
setMessageDetailConvertDate(java.lang.String convertDateMessageDetail)
```

Message key:

```
org.apache.myfaces.trinidad.convert.DateTimeConverter.CONVERT_DATE_detail
```

Placeholders:

- {0} The label that identifies the component
- {1} Value entered by the user
- {2} Example of the format the converter is expecting

**Convert date: Input value cannot be converted to a Date when the pattern or secondary pattern is set or when type is set to date**

Set method:

```
setMessageDetailConvertTime(java.lang.String convertTimeMessageDetail)
```

Message key:

```
org.apache.myfaces.trinidad.convert.DateTimeConverter.CONVERT_TIME_detail
```

Placeholders:

- {0} The label that identifies the component
- {1} Value entered by the user
- {2} Example of the format the converter is expecting

### B.3.3 af:convertNumber

Provides an extension of the standard JSF `javax.faces.convert.NumberConverter` class. The converter provides all the standard functionality of the default `NumberConverter` and is strict while converting to an object.

**Convert number: Input value cannot be converted to a Number, based on the pattern set**

Set method:

```
setMessageDetailConvertPattern(java.lang.String convertPatternMessageDetail)
```

Message key:

```
org.apache.myfaces.trinidad.convert.NumberConverter.CONVERT_PATTERN_detail
```

Placeholders:

- {0} The label that identifies the component
- {1} Value entered by the user
- {2} The specified conversion pattern

**Convert number: Input value cannot be converted to a Number when type is set to number and pattern is null or not set**

Set method:

```
setMessageDetailConvertNumber(java.lang.String convertNumberMessageDetail)
```

Message key:

```
org.apache.myfaces.trinidad.convert.NumberConverter.CONVERT_NUMBER_detail
```

Placeholders:

- {0} The label that identifies the component
- {1} Value entered by the user

**Convert number: Input value cannot be converted to a Number when type is set to currency and pattern is null or not set**

Set method:

```
setMessageDetailConvertCurrency(java.lang.String convertCurrencyMessageDetail)
```

Message key:

```
org.apache.myfaces.trinidad.convert.NumberConverter.CONVERT_CURRENCY_detail
```

Placeholders:

{0} The label that identifies the component

{1} Value entered by the user

**Convert number: Input value cannot be converted to a Number when type is set to percent and pattern is null or not set**

Set method:

```
setMessageDetailConvertPercent(java.lang.String convertPercentMessageDetail)
```

Message key:

```
org.apache.myfaces.trinidad.convert.NumberConverter.CONVERT_PERCENT_detail
```

Placeholders:

{0} The label that identifies the component

{1} Value entered by the user

### B.3.4 af:validateByteLength

Validates the byte length of strings when encoded.

**Validate byte length: The input value exceeds the maximum byte length**

Set method:

```
setMessageDetailMaximum(java.lang.String maximumMessageDetail)
```

Message key:

```
org.apache.myfaces.trinidad.validator.ByteLengthValidator.MAXIMUM_detail
```

Placeholders:

{0} The label that identifies the component

{1} Value entered by the user

{2} Maximum length

### B.3.5 af:validateDateRestriction

Validates that the date is valid with some given restrictions.

**Validate date restriction - Invalid Date: The input value is invalid when invalidDate is set**

Set method:

```
setMessageDetailInvalidDays(java.lang.String invalidDays)
```

Message key:

```
org.apache.myfaces.trinidad.validator.DateRestrictionValidator.WEEKDAY_detail
```

Placeholders:

```
{0} The label that identifies the component
{1} Value entered by the user
{2} The invalid date
```

**Validate date restriction - Invalid day of the week: The input value is invalid when `invalidDaysOfWeek` is set**

Set method:

```
setMessageDetailInvalidDaysOfWeek(java.lang.String invalidDaysOfWeek)
```

Message key:

```
org.apache.myfaces.trinidad.validator.DateRestrictionValidator.DAY_detail
```

Placeholders:

```
{0} The label that identifies the component
{1} Value entered by the user
{2} The invalid month
```

**Validate date restriction - Invalid month: The input value is invalid when `invalidMonths` is set**

Set method:

```
setMessageDetailInvalidMonths(java.lang.String invalidMonths)
```

Message key:

```
org.apache.myfaces.trinidad.validator.DateRestrictionValidator.MONTH_detail
```

Placeholders:

```
{0} The label that identifies the component
{1} Value entered by the user
{2} The invalid weekday
```

### B.3.6 `af:validateDateTimeRange`

Validates that the date entered is within a given range.

**Validate date-time range: The input value exceeds the `maximum` value set**

Set method:

```
setMessageDetailMaximum(java.lang.String maximumMessageDetail)
```

Message key:

```
org.apache.myfaces.trinidad.validator.DateTimeRangeValidator.MAXIMUM_detail
```

Placeholders:

```
{0} The label that identifies the component
{1} Value entered by the user
{2} The maximum allowed date
```

**Validate date-time range: The input value is less than the minimum value set**

Set method:

```
setMessageDetailMinimum(java.lang.String minimumMessageDetail)
```

Message key:

```
org.apache.myfaces.trinidad.validator.DateTimeRangeValidator.MINIMUM_detail
```

Placeholders:

- {0} The label that identifies the component
- {1} Value entered by the user
- {2} The minimum allowed date

**Validate date-time range: The input value is not within the range, when minimum and maximum are set**

Set method:

```
setMessageDetailNotInRange(java.lang.String notInRangeMessageDetail)
```

Message key:

```
org.apache.myfaces.trinidad.validator.DateTimeRangeValidator.NOT_IN_RANGE_detail
```

Placeholders:

- {0} The label that identifies the component
- {1} Value entered by the user
- {2} The minimum allowed date
- {3} The maximum allowed date

### B.3.7 af:validateDoubleRange

Validates that the value entered is within a given range.

**Validate double range: The input value exceeds the maximum value set**

Set method:

```
setMessageDetailMaximum(java.lang.String maximumMessageDetail)
```

Message key:

```
org.apache.myfaces.trinidad.validator.DoubleRangeValidator.MAXIMUM_detail
```

Placeholders:

- {0} The label that identifies the component
- {1} Value entered by the user
- {2} The maximum allowed value

**Validate double range: The input value is less than the minimum value set**

Set method:

```
setMessageDetailMinimum(java.lang.String minimumMessageDetail)
```

Message key:

```
org.apache.myfaces.trinidad.validator.DoubleRangeValidator.MINIMUM_detail
```

Placeholders:

- {0} The label that identifies the component
- {1} Value entered by the user
- {2} The minimum allowed value

**Validate double range: The input value is not within the range, when minimum and maximum are set**

Set method:

```
setMessageDetailNotInRange(java.lang.String notInRangeMessageDetail)
```

Message key:

```
org.apache.myfaces.trinidad.validator.DoubleRangeValidator.NOT_IN_RANGE_detail
```

Placeholders:

- {0} The label that identifies the component
- {1} Value entered by the user
- {2} The minimum allowed value
- {3} The maximum allowed value

### B.3.8 af:validateLength

Validates that the value entered is within a given range.

**Validate length: The input value exceeds the maximum value set**

Set method:

```
setMessageDetailMaximum(java.lang.String maximumMessageDetail)
```

Message key:

```
org.apache.myfaces.trinidad.validator.LengthValidator.MAXIMUM_detail
```

Placeholders:

- {0} The label that identifies the component
- {1} Value entered by the user
- {2} The maximum allowed length

**Validate length: The input value is less than the minimum value set**

Set method:

```
setMessageDetailMinimum(java.lang.String minimumMessageDetail)
```

Message key:

```
org.apache.myfaces.trinidad.validator.LengthValidator.MINIMUM_detail
```

Placeholders:

- {0} The label that identifies the component
- {1} Value entered by the user
- {2} The minimum allowed length

**Validate length: The input value is not within the range, when minimum and maximum are set**

Set method:

```
setMessageDetailNotInRange(java.lang.String notInRangeMessageDetail)
```

Message key:

```
org.apache.myfaces.trinidad.validator.LengthValidator.NOT_IN_RANGE_detail
```

Placeholders:

- {0} The label that identifies the component
- {1} Value entered by the user
- {2} The minimum allowed length
- {3} The maximum allowed length

### B.3.9 af:validateRegExp

Validates an expression using Java regular expression syntax.

**Validate regular expression: The input value does not match the specified pattern**

Set method:

```
setMessageDetailNoMatch(java.lang.String noMatchMessageDetail)
```

Message key:

```
org.apache.myfaces.trinidad.validator.RegExpValidator.NO_MATCH_detail
```

Placeholders:

- {0} The label that identifies the component
- {1} Value entered by the user
- {2} The expected pattern



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## Keyboard Shortcuts

This appendix describes the keyboard shortcuts that can be used instead of pointing devices.

This appendix includes the following sections:

- [Section C.1, "Introduction to Keyboard Shortcuts"](#)
- [Section C.2, "Tab Traversal"](#)
- [Section C.3, "Shortcut Keys"](#)
- [Section C.4, "Default Cursor or Focus Placement"](#)
- [Section C.5, "The Enter Key"](#)

### C.1 Introduction to Keyboard Shortcuts

Keyboard shortcuts provide an alternative to pointing devices for navigating the page. There are five types of keyboard shortcuts that can be provided in BLAF Plus applications:

- Tab traversal, using Tab and Shift+Tab keys: Moves the focus through UI elements on a screen.
- Accelerator keys (*hot keys*): bypasses menu and page navigation, and performs an action directly, for example, Ctrl+C for Copy.
- Access keys: Moves the focus to a specific UI element, for example, Alt+F (in Windows) for the File menu.
- Default cursor/focus placement: Puts the initial focus on a component so that keyboard users can start interacting with the page without excessive navigation.
- Enter key: Triggers an action when the cursor is in certain fields or when the focus is on a link or button.

Keyboard shortcuts are not required for accessibility. Users should be able to navigate to all parts and functions of the application using the Tab and arrow keys, without using any keyboard shortcuts. Keyboard shortcuts merely provide an additional way to access a function quickly.

### C.2 Tab Traversal

Tab traversal allows the user to move the focus through different UI elements on a page.

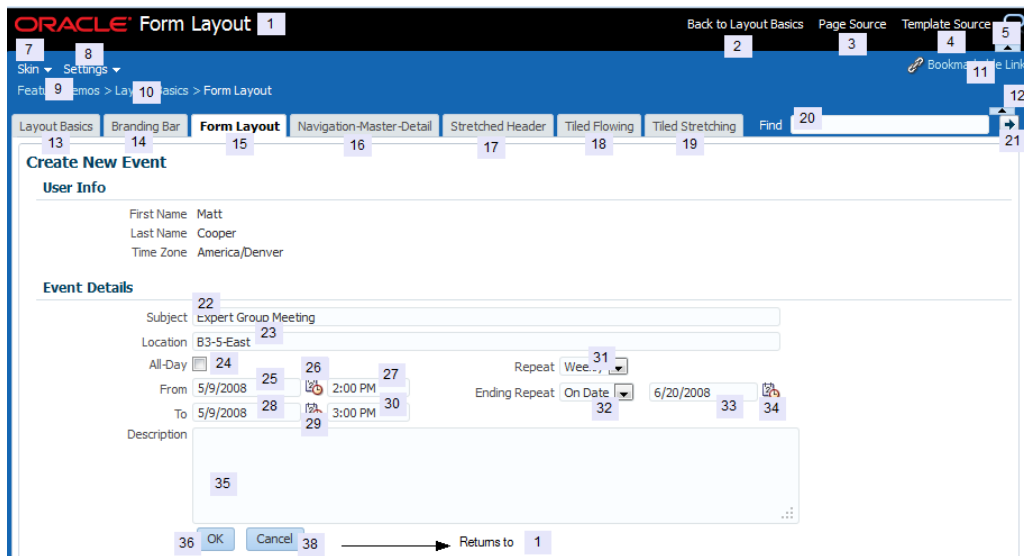
All active elements of the page are accessible by Tab traversal, that is, by using the Tab key to move to the next control and Shift+Tab to move to the previous control. In most cases, when a control has focus, the action can then be initiated by pressing Enter.

Some complex components use arrow keys to navigate after the component receives focus using the Tab key.

### C.2.1 Tab Traversal Sequence on a Page

Default Tab traversal order for a page is from left to right and from top to bottom, as shown in Figure C-1. Tab traversal in a two-column form layout does not follow this pattern, but rather follows a columnar pattern. On reaching the bottom, the tab sequence repeats again from the top.

Figure C-1 Tab Traversal Sequence on a Page



Avoid using custom code to control the tab traversal sequence within a page, as the resulting pages would be too difficult to manage and would create an inconsistent user experience across pages in an application and across applications.

To improve keyboard navigation efficiency for users, you should include a skip navigation link at the top of the page, which should navigate directly to the first content-related tab stop.

### C.2.2 Tab Traversal Sequence in a Table

The Tab traversals in a table establish a unique row-wise navigation pattern when the user presses the Tab key several times to navigate sequentially from one cell to another. When the user presses Enter, the focus moves to the next row, to follow the same pattern. The navigational sequence begins and ends in the same column as in the previous row.

Figure C-2 shows an example of a tab traversal sequence in a table.

Figure C–2 Tab Traversal Sequence in a Table

**ClickToEdit Table Demo** 1

Name	commandLink	inputText	* Required field	inputComboboxListOf	inputDate
·	Click Me	test	07/12/2004	7/12/2004	7/12/2004
..	Click Me	0 B	07/12/2004	7/12/2004	7/12/2004
admin.jar	Click Me	1 KB	05/11/2004	5/11/2004	5/11/2004
applib	Click Me	0 B	07/12/2004	7/12/2004	7/12/2004

**ClickToEdit Table Demo** 2

Name	commandLink	inputText	* Required field	inputComboboxListOf	inputDate
·	Click Me	test	07/12/2004	7/12/2004	7/12/2004
..	Click Me	0 B	07/12/2004	7/12/2004	7/12/2004
admin.jar	Click Me	1 KB	05/11/2004	5/11/2004	5/11/2004
applib	Click Me	0 B	07/12/2004	7/12/2004	7/12/2004

**ClickToEdit Table Demo** 3

Name	commandLink	inputText	* Required field	inputComboboxListOf	inputDate
·	Click Me	test	07/12/2004	7/12/2004	7/12/2004
..	Click Me	0 B	07/12/2004	7/12/2004	7/12/2004
admin.jar	Click Me	1 KB	05/11/2004	5/11/2004	5/11/2004
applib	Click Me	0 B	07/12/2004	7/12/2004	7/12/2004

**ClickToEdit Table Demo** 4

Name	commandLink	inputText	* Required field	inputComboboxListOf	inputDate
·	Click Me	test	07/12/2004	7/12/2004	7/12/2004
..	Click Me	0 B	07/12/2004	7/12/2004	7/12/2004
admin.jar	Click Me	1 KB	05/11/2004	5/11/2004	5/11/2004
applib	Click Me	0 B	07/12/2004	7/12/2004	7/12/2004

In Figure C–2, the user has navigated the rows in the following way:

1. The user clicks a cell in the **inputText** column, giving it focus and making it editable.  
Because the Tab key is used to navigate, the **inputText** column is recognized as the starting column for the navigation pattern.
2. The user presses the Tab key and moves the focus in the same row to the cell of the **\* Required field** column.
3. The user presses the Tab key and moves the focus in the same row to the cell of the **inputComboListof** column.
4. The user presses the Enter key and the focus shifts to the **inputText** column in the next row.

Pressing the Enter key sets a navigation pattern, based on the first set of Tab keys, which is followed in subsequent rows.

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**Note:** The navigational pattern is not recognized if you use arrow keys to navigate from one cell to another.

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## C.3 Shortcut Keys

There are various keyboard shortcuts provided by ADF Faces itself, as well as component attributes that enable you to create specific keyboard shortcuts for your specific applications. ADF Faces categorizes shortcut keys for components into two types, accelerator keys and access keys.

### C.3.1 Accelerator Keys

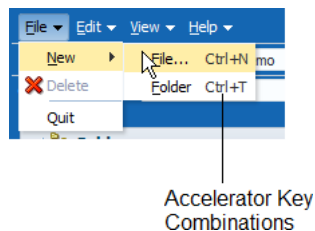
Accelerator keys bypass menu and page navigation and perform actions directly. Accelerator keys are sometimes also called *hot keys*. Common accelerator keys in a Windows application, such as Internet Explorer, are Ctrl+O for Open and Ctrl+P for Print.

Accelerator keys are single key presses (for example, Enter and Esc) or key combinations (for example, Ctrl+A) that initiate actions immediately when activated. A key combination consists of a meta key and an execution key. The meta key may be Ctrl (Command on a Macintosh keyboard), Alt (Option on a Macintosh keyboard), or Shift. The execution key is the key that is pressed in conjunction with the meta key.

Some ADF Faces components have their own built-in accelerator keys. For more information about ADF Faces components with their own built-in accelerator keys, see the component tag documentation.

ADF Faces also enable you to provide custom accelerator keys to specific menu items, as shown in [Figure C–3](#). All assigned menu accelerator keys are visible when you open the menu, and should be available in both the regular mode and screen reader mode.

**Figure C–3 Accelerator Keys in a Menu**



When defining accelerator keys, you must follow these guidelines:

- Because accelerator keys perform actions directly, if a user presses an accelerator key unintentionally, data may be lost or incorrect data may be entered. To reduce the likelihood of user error, accelerator keys should be used sparingly, and only for frequently and repetitively used functions across applications. As a general rule, less than 25% of available functions should have accelerator keys.
- Custom accelerator keys must not override accelerator keys that are used in the menus of ADF Faces-supported browsers (see the browser and system requirements for supported operating systems and browsers in ADF Faces), and must not override accelerator keys that are used in assistive technologies such as screen readers.
- Custom menu accelerator keys must always be key combinations. The meta key may be Ctrl, Ctrl+Shift, or Ctrl+Alt. Ctrl+Alt is the most used metakey because Ctrl and Ctrl+Shift are commonly used by browsers. The execution key must be a printable character (ASCII code range 33-126).

- Custom menu accelerator keys must be unique. If a page were to have different components that used the same accelerator, it would be difficult for the browser to predict which actions would be executed by the accelerator at any given time.

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**Note:** In Windows, users have the ability to assign a `Ctrl+Alt+character key` sequence to an application desktop shortcut. In this case, the key assignment overrides browser-level key assignments. However, this feature is rarely used, so it can generally be ignored.

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Certain ADF Faces components have built-in accelerator keys that apply when the component has focus. Of these, some are reserved for page-level components, whereas others may be assigned to menus when the component is not used on a page. [Table C-1](#) lists the accelerator keys that are already built into page-level ADF Faces components. You must not use these accelerator keys at all.

**Table C-1 Accelerator Keys Reserved for Page-Level Components**

Accelerator Key	Used In	Function
Ctrl+Alt+W	Pop-up	Toggle focus between open popups.
Ctrl+Shift+W	Messaging Secondary Windows	
Ctrl+Alt+P	Splitter	Give focus to splitter bar.

The menu commands take precedence if they are on the same page as page-level components, and have the same accelerator keys. For this reason, you must not use the accelerator keys listed in [Table C-2](#) and [Table C-8](#) in menus when the related component also appears on the same page.

### C.3.2 Access Keys

Access keys move the focus to a specific UI element, and is defined by the `accessKey` property of the ADF Faces component.

Access keys relocate cursor or selection focus to specific interface components. Every component on the page with definable focus is accessible by tab traversal (using Tab and Shift+Tab); however, access keys provide quick focus to frequently used components. Access keys must be unique within a page.

The result of triggering an access key depends on the associated element and the browser:

- Buttons: In both Firefox and Internet Explorer, access keys give focus to the component and directly execute the action. Note that in Internet Explorer 7 access key gives focus to the component, but does not execute the action.
- Links: In Firefox, access keys give focus to the component and directly navigate the link; in Internet Explorer, access keys give focus only to the link.
- Other Elements: In both browsers, access keys give focus only to the element. For checkbox components, the access key toggles the checkbox selection. For option buttons, the access key performs selection of the option button.

Note that the access key could be different for different browsers on different operating systems. You must refer to your browser's documentation for information about access keys and their behavior. [Table C-2](#) lists access key combinations for

button and anchor components in some common browsers.

**Table C-2 Access Key For Various Browsers**

Browser	Operating System	Key Combination	Action
Google Chrome	Linux	Alt + mnemonic	Click
Google Chrome	Mac OS X	Control + Option + mnemonic	Click
Google Chrome	Windows	Alt + mnemonic	Click
Mozilla Firefox	Linux	Alt + Shift + mnemonic	Click
Mozilla Firefox	Mac OS X	Control + mnemonic	Click
Mozilla Firefox	Windows	Alt + Shift + mnemonic	Click
Microsoft Internet Explorer 7	Windows	Alt + mnemonic	Set focus
Microsoft Internet Explorer 8	Windows	Alt + mnemonic	Click or set focus
Apple Safari	Windows	Alt + mnemonic	Click
Apple Safari	Mac OS X	Control + Option + mnemonic	Click

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**Notes:**

- Different versions of a browser might behave differently for the same access key. For example, using Alt + mnemonic for a button component in Internet Explorer 7 sets focus on the component, but it triggers the click action in Internet Explorer 8.
  - In Firefox, to change the default behavior of the component when access key combination is used, change the configuration setting for the `accessibility.accesskeycausesactivation` user preference.
  - Some ADF Faces components that are named as Button do not use HTML button elements. For example, `af:commandToolbarButton` uses an anchor HTML element.
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If the mnemonic is present in the text of the component label or prompt (for example, a menu name, button label, or text box prompt), it is visible in the interface as an underlined character, as shown in [Figure C-4](#). If the character is not part of the text of the label or prompt, it is not displayed in the interface.

**Figure C-4 Access Key**



When defining access keys, you must follow these guidelines:

- Access keys may be provided for buttons and other components with a high frequency of use. You may provide standard cross-application key assignments for common actions, such as Save and Cancel. Each of these buttons is assigned a standard mnemonic letter in each language, such as S for Save or C for Cancel.
- A single letter or symbol can be assigned only to a single instance of an action on a page. If a page had more than one instance of a button with the same mnemonic, users would have no way of knowing which button the access key would invoke.
- Focus change initiated through access keys must have alternative interactions, such as direct manipulation with the mouse (for example, clicking a button).
- The mnemonic must be an alphanumeric character — not a punctuation mark or symbol — and it must always be case-insensitive. Letters are preferred over numbers for mnemonics.
- In Internet Explorer, application access keys override any browser-specific menu access keys (such as Alt+F for the File menu), and this can be a usability issue for users who habitually use browser access keys. Thus, you must not use access keys that conflict with the top-level menu access keys in ADF Faces-supported browsers (for example, Alt+F, E, V, A, T, or H in the English version of Internet Explorer for Windows XP).
- You are responsible for assigning access keys to specific components. When choosing a letter for the access key, there are a few important considerations:
  - Ease of learning: Although the underlined letter in the label clearly indicates to the user which letter is the access key, you should still pick a letter that is easy for users to remember even without scanning the label. For example, the first letter of the label, like Y in Yes, or a letter that has a strong sound when the label is read aloud, such as x in Next.
  - Consistency: It is good practice to use the same access key for the same command on multiple pages. However, this may not always be possible if the same command label appears multiple times on a page, or if another, more frequently used command on the page uses the same access key.
  - Translation: When a label is translated, the same letter that is used for the access key in English might not be present in the translation. Developers should work with their localization department to ensure that alternative access keys are present in component labels after translation. For example, in English, the button **N**ext may be assigned the mnemonic letter x, but that letter does not appear when the label is translated to **S**uivantes in French. Depending on the pool of available letters, an alternative letter, such as S or v (or any other unassigned letter in the term Suivantes), should be assigned to the translated term.

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**Note:** For translation reasons, you should specify access keys as part of the label. For example, to render the label **C**ancel with the C access key, you should use `&Cancel` in the `textAndAccessKey` property (where the ampersand denotes the mnemonic) rather than `C` in the `accessKey` property. Product suites must ensure that access keys are not duplicated within each supported language and do not override access keys within each supported browser unless explicitly intended.

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### C.3.3 Shortcut Keys for Common Components

Table C-3 lists the shortcut keys assigned to common components such as Menu, Menu bar, Multi-Select Choice List, Multi-Select List Box, and so on.

**Table C-3** *Shortcut Keys Assigned to Common Components*

Shortcut Key	Components	Function
Enter Spacebar	All components	Activate the component, or the component element that has the focus.
Tab Shift+Tab	All components Flash components like ThematicMap, Graph, and Gauge	Move focus to next or previous editable component.
Ctrl+A	All components	Select all.
Alt+Arrow Down	Multi-Select Choice List Multi-Select List Box	Open the list. Use arrow keys to navigate, and press Enter or Spacebar to select.
Ctrl+Shift+Home Ctrl+Shift+End	Multi-Select Choice List Multi-Select List Box	Select all items from top to current selection, or select all items from current selection to bottom.
Arrow Left Arrow Right	Menu Bar Splitter Input Number Slider Input Range Slider Input Number Spinbox	Move focus to different menu on a menu bar. Move splitter left or right when it is in focus. Move slider left or right when input number slider or input range slider is in focus. Increment or decrement the value when input number spinbox is in focus.
Arrow Up Arrow Down	Menu Splitter Input Number Slider Input Range Slider	Move focus to different menu items in a menu. Move splitter up or down when it is in focus. Move slider up or down when input number slider or input range slider is in focus.

### C.3.4 Shortcut Keys for Widgets

Table C-4 lists the shortcut keys assigned to common widgets such as Disclosure control, Hierarchy control, and Dropdown lists.

**Table C-4** *Shortcut Keys Assigned to Common Widgets*

Shortcut Key	Components	Function
Enter Arrow Down/Arrow Up	Disclosure Control	Open a closed Disclosure control, or close an open Disclosure control.  A disclosure control is an icon that indicates that more content is available to either be shown or hidden.



**Table C-4 (Cont.) Shortcut Keys Assigned to Common Widgets**

Shortcut Key	Components	Function
Ctrl+Alt+R	Active Data	If in screen reader mode, open the Active Data dialog. Applicable only if the page contains active data.
Ctrl+Shift+^	Hierarchy Control	If in hierarchy viewer, open the hierarchy popup.
Alt+Down Arrow	Dropdown list	Open the dropdown list.
Enter	Dropdown list	Select the focussed option of dropdown list.
Ctrl+A	Multi-Select List Box	Select all options.
Ctrl+Shift+Home	Multi-Select List Box	Select all options from the first option to the current option.
Ctrl+Shift+End	Multi-Select List Box	Select all options from the current option to the last option.
Ctrl+Alt+M	Various components	Opens the context menu in components that support it, such as Calendar and Table.
Ctrl+Shift+W Ctrl+Alt+W	Various components	Toggle between open detachable menus.
Ctrl+Alt+P	Splitter	Move focus to next Splitter component.
Enter	Splitter	If the Splitter is in focus, toggles the split section from closed to open state.
Ctrl+Alt+F4	Tab	Remove the tab, if it is removable.

### C.3.5 Shortcut Keys for Screen Reader Mode

In screen reader mode, ADF Faces components may render differently than in the default mode in order to provide better accessibility. For example, a Tree component has an additional column of radio controls for tree node selection per row.

### C.3.6 Shortcut Keys for Rich Text Editor Component

Table C-5 lists shortcut keys assigned to the Rich Text Editor component. In regular mode, all toolbar controls appear on top of the Rich Text Editor area.

**Table C-5 Shortcut Keys Assigned to Rich Text Editor Component**

Shortcut Key	Components	Function
Ctrl+B	Rich Text Editor	Boldface
Ctrl+I	Rich Text Editor	Italics
Ctrl+U	Rich Text Editor	Underline
Ctrl+5	Rich Text Editor	Strikethrough
Ctrl+E	Rich Text Editor	Center alignment
Ctrl+J	Rich Text Editor	Full-justified alignment
Ctrl+L	Rich Text Editor	Left alignment

**Table C-5 (Cont.) Shortcut Keys Assigned to Rich Text Editor Component**

Shortcut Key	Components	Function
Ctrl+R	Rich Text Editor	Right alignment
Ctrl+H	Rich Text Editor	Create hyperlink
Ctrl+M	Rich Text Editor	Increase indentation
Ctrl+Shift+M	Rich Text Editor	Decrease indentation
Ctrl+Shift+H	Rich Text Editor	Remove hyperlink
Ctrl+Shift+L	Rich Text Editor	Bulleted list
Ctrl+Alt+L	Rich Text Editor	Numbered list
Ctrl+Shift+S	Rich Text Editor	Clear text styles
Ctrl+Alt+-	Rich Text Editor	Subscript
Ctrl+Alt++	Rich Text Editor	Superscript
Ctrl+Alt+R	Rich Text Editor	Enable rich text editing mode
Ctrl+Alt+C	Rich Text Editor	Enable source code editing mode
Ctrl+Y	Rich Text Editor	Redo
Ctrl+Z	Rich Text Editor	Undo

In screen reader mode, the Rich Text Editor component displays only the editor and the toolbar controls are not displayed. There are no shortcut keys for Rich Text Editor that apply in screen reader mode.

### C.3.7 Shortcut Keys for Table, Tree, and Tree Table Components

Table C-6 lists shortcut keys assigned to Table, Tree, and Tree Table in regular rich mode. Shortcut keys for these components in screen reader mode is summarized in Table C-7. For more information about Tables and Trees, see Chapter 10, "Using Tables, Trees, and Other Collection-Based Components."

**Table C-6 Shortcut Keys Assigned to Table, Tree, and Tree Table components**

Shortcut Key	Components	Function
Tab	Table	Move focus to next or previous cell or editable component.
Shift+Tab	Tree Table	In a table, navigate to the next or previous editable content in cells in left-to-right direction. If the focus is on the last cell of a row in the table, the Tab key moves focus to the first editable cell in the next row. Similarly, Shift + Tab moves focus to the previous row.
Ctrl+A	Table Tree Table	Select all components, including column headers, row headers, and data area.
Ctrl+Alt+M	Table Tree Tree Table	Launch context menu.

**Table C-6 (Cont.) Shortcut Keys Assigned to Table, Tree, and Tree Table components**

Shortcut Key	Components	Function
Ctrl+Shift+^	Tree Tree Table	Go up one level.
Enter Shift+Enter	Table Tree Tree Table	<p>Navigate to the next editable cell or previous editable cell of the column.</p> <p>In a table, navigate to the next or previous editable content in cells in top-to-bottom direction.</p> <p>If focus is on the column header, sort table data in ascending order. Pressing Enter again sorts the column in descending order.</p> <p>If the focus is on the filter cell, perform table filtering.</p> <p>In a table, if the user presses Tab key to navigate from one cell to another and presses Enter, move focus to the next row to follow same navigational pattern. For more information, see <a href="#">Section C.2.2, "Tab Traversal Sequence in a Table."</a></p>
Arrow Left Arrow Right	Table Tree Table	<p>Move focus.</p> <p>In a table, when the focus is on an editable component, move the text cursor.</p>
Arrow Up Arrow Down	Table Tree Table	<p>Move focus.</p> <p>If a row is selected, move focus to the previous row or next row. If no row is selected, scroll the table one row up or down.</p> <p>In a table, when the focus is on an editable component that supports multiple options (such as <code>selectOneChoice</code> and <code>inputNumberSpinBox</code>), scroll the selected option.</p> <p>If the first row is selected, move focus to the column header.</p> <p>In an editable table, if the user clicks a cell with an editable component (such as a text box, or a checkbox), a button or a link component, focus is set to the component in the cell. To use Up and Down arrow keys for navigation, focus should be moved from the editable component to the cell. The user would need to click on the background of the same cell (or any cell of the same row) again to move the focus.</p> <p><b>Note:</b> If <code>selectionEventDelay</code> is enabled, row selection during keyboard navigation is delayed by 300ms to allow table keyboard navigation without causing unwanted row selection.</p>

**Table C-6 (Cont.) Shortcut Keys Assigned to Table, Tree, and Tree Table components**

Shortcut Key	Components	Function
Ctrl+Arrow Up	Table	Move focus.
Ctrl+Arrow Down		If in edit mode, submit the changes made in the current row and navigate to the previous row or next row.  In the click-to-edit table, when the focus is on an editable component that supports multiple options (such as <code>selectOneChoice</code> and <code>inputNumberSpinBox</code> ), scroll the selected option.
Ctrl+Arrow Left	Table	Move focus.
Ctrl+Arrow Right		If in edit mode, when the focus is on an editable component, move the text cursor.
Shift+Arrow Left	Table	Move focus and add to selection.
Shift+Arrow Right	Tree Table	
Ctrl+Shift+Arrow Left	Table	Move the selected column to the left or right.
Ctrl+Shift+Arrow Right	Tree Table	
Shift+Arrow Up	Table	Select multiple rows.
Shift+Arrow Down	Tree Table Tree	
Page Up	Table	If a row is selected, scroll and select the same row of the next or previous page.
Page Down	Tree Table	If no row is selected, scroll by one page.
Alt+Page Up	Table	Horizontally scroll the table to the right or left.
Alt+Page Down	Tree Table	
Space Bar	Table	Select the node.
Ctrl+Space Bar	Tree Tree Table	To select or remove multiple nodes, press Ctrl+Space Bar.
Shift+Space Bar	Table Tree Table	Select multiple rows.
Esc	Table Tree Table	Remove selection.  If the focus is on the cell, exit click-to-edit mode, revert the cell value to original value, and return focus to the cell. Press Esc key again to move focus to the row header.
F2	Table Tree Table	Activate click-to-edit mode for the row. Press F2 again to disable cell navigation mode.

### C.3.8 Shortcut Keys for Table, Tree, and Tree Table Components in Screen Reader Mode

Table C-7 lists shortcut keys assigned to the Tree, Table, and Tree Table components in screen reader mode.

**Table C-7** *Shortcut keys assigned to Components in Screen Reader mode*

Shortcut Keys	Components	Function
Spacebar	Table Tree Tree Table	Select the component. To select a node, press Tab and move focus to the component or its radio control. Press Spacebar when the component is in focus.  You can also use the Spacebar for multiple selection.  Pressing Spacebar on a selected component, unselects it.
Enter	Table Tree	If the focus is on the column header, sort the column in ascending order. Pressing Enter again sorts the column in descending order.  If the focus is on the disclosure icon of a tree, open or close that node.  If the focus is on the filter cell, perform table filtering.
Tab Shift+Tab	Table	Move the focus to the next or previous cell or editable component.
Arrow Up Arrow Down Arrow Left Arrow Right	Table	Move focus.
Ctrl+Shift+Arrow Left Ctrl+Shift+Arrow Right	Table Tree Table	Move the selected column to the left or right.
Shift+Arrow Left Shift+Arrow Right	Table Tree Table	Resize the selected column by 25 pixels from the left or right.
Ctrl+Shift+^	Tree	If the focus is on the Hierarchical Selector icon, show the Hierarchical Selector popup.
Ctrl+Alt+B	Table Tree Tree Table	Launch body context menu.

In screen reader mode, the Tree component has an additional column of radio controls for tree node selection per row. The next column in the tree contains the tree nodes themselves. Nodes that can be expanded have disclosure links that can be in either an open or closed state. Opening a closed disclosure link makes more nodes of the tree visible, and navigable on the page.

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**Note:** The screen reader mode does not support the following functions for the Table and Tree Table components:

- Click-to-edit mode
  - Select all rows from the first row to the current row or from the current row to the last row
  - Select all rows
  - Remove selection from all columns
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### C.3.9 Shortcut Keys for ADF Data Visualization Components

[Table C-8](#) lists shortcut keys assigned to ADF Data Visualization components including Gantt chart, ADF hierarchy viewer components, and ADF geographic map. For more information about ADF Data Visualization components, see [Chapter 23, "Introduction to ADF Data Visualization Components."](#)

**Table C-8** *Shortcut Keys Assigned to ADF Data Visualization Components*

Shortcut Key	Components	Function
Arrow Left	Charts: Area, Bar, Bubble, Combination, Line, Pie, Scatter	Move focus.
Arrow Right	Chart legend with horizontal orientation	If the focus is on the bars in bar charts, move focus and selection to bar on left or bar on right.
	List region of all Gantt chart types	If the focus is on a pie slice in a pie chart, move focus and selection to previous series in a counterclockwise direction or next series in a clockwise direction.
	Project Gantt chart region	
	Scheduling Gantt chart region	If the focus is on a dot, bubble, or bar in an area, bubble, combination, line, or scatter chart, move focus and selection to the nearest bar, dot, or bubble on left or right.
	Resource Utilization Gantt chart region	
	Geographic Map	
	Hierarchy Viewer - nodes	If the focus is on a series in a chart legend, move focus to series on left or series on right.
	Pivot table	
	Pivot filter bar	If the focus is on the chart region of scheduling Gantt, the arrow key navigation selects the previous or next taskbar of the current row.  If the focus is on the time bucket of resource utilization Gantt, the arrow key navigation selects the previous or next time bucket in the current row.  If the focus is on the ADF geographic map, the arrow key navigation pans left or right by a small increment. Press Home or End key to pan by a large increment.  If the focus is on the node component of ADF hierarchy viewer, press Ctrl+Arrow to move the focus left or right without selecting the component.  If you are using arrow keys to navigate cells of an editable pivot table, each focused cell is activated for editing before allowing you to navigate to the next cell, making the navigation slower. Press the Esc key to deactivate the edit mode of the focused cell, and navigate faster. To edit a cell, press the F2 or Enter key.  If the focus is on the pivot table data cell, press Ctrl+Arrow Left to jump to the corresponding row header cell. If the locale is bidirectional (such as Arabic), press Ctrl+Arrow Right to jump to the corresponding row header cell.

**Table C-8 (Cont.) Shortcut Keys Assigned to ADF Data Visualization Components**

Shortcut Key	Components	Function
Arrow Up	Charts: Area, Bar (Stacked), Bubble, Combination, Horizontal Bar, Line, Scatter	Move focus.
Arrow Down	Chart legend with vertical orientation	If the focus is on the bars in horizontal bar charts, move focus and selection up or down to next or previous bar.
	List region of all Gantt chart types	If the focus is on a stacked bar chart, move focus and selection up or down to next or previous series on the same bar.
	Project Gantt chart region	
	Scheduling Gantt chart region	If the focus is on a dot, bubble, or bar in an area, bubble, combination, line, or scatter chart, move focus and selection up or down to the nearest bar, dot, or bubble.
	Resource Utilization Gantt chart region	
	Geographic Map	If the focus is on a series in a chart legend, move focus up or down to next or previous series.
	Hierarchy Viewer - nodes	
	Pivot table	If the focus is on the chart region of project Gantt, the arrow key navigation selects previous or next row.
	Pivot filter bar	If the focus is on the chart region taskbar of scheduling Gantt, the arrow key navigation selects the first taskbar of the previous row or the next row.
		If the focus is on the time bucket of resource utilization Gantt, the arrow key navigation selects the time bucket of the previous row or next row.
		If the focus is on the ADF geographic map component, the arrow key navigation pans up or down by a small increment.
		If the focus is on the node component of ADF hierarchy viewer, press Ctrl+Arrow keys to move the focus up or down without selecting the component.
		If you are using arrow keys to navigate cells of an editable pivot table, each focused cell is activated for editing before allowing you to navigate to the next cell, making the navigation slower. Press the Esc key to deactivate the edit mode of the focused cell, and navigate faster. To edit a cell, press the F2 or Enter key.
		If the focus is on the pivot table data cell, press Ctrl+Arrow Up to jump to the corresponding column header cell.



**Table C-8 (Cont.) Shortcut Keys Assigned to ADF Data Visualization Components**

Shortcut Key	Components	Function
Page Up	Chart legend with vertical orientation	If the focus is on a chart legend, scroll up or down.
Page Down	Chart plot area Geographic Map Hierarchy Viewer - diagram	If the focus is on a chart plot area, pan up or down.  If the focus is on the geographic map component, the page key navigation pans up or down by a large increment.  If the focus is on the diagram of a hierarchy viewer, press and hold to Page Up or Page Down keys to pan up or down continuously. Press Ctrl+Page Up or Ctrl+Page Down to pan left or right continuously.
+	Geographic Map Hierarchy Viewer - diagram	Increase zoom level.  If the focus is on the diagram of a hierarchy viewer, press number keys 1 through 5 to zoom from 10% through 100%. Press 0 to zoom the diagram to fit within available space.
-	Geographic Map Hierarchy Viewer - diagram	Decrease zoom level.  If the focus is on the diagram of a hierarchy viewer, press number keys 1 through 5 to zoom from 10% through 100%. Press 0 to zoom the diagram to fit within available space.
Ctrl+Alt+M	All Gantt chart types Pivot table Pivot filer bar	Launch context menu.
Ctrl+Left Arrow Ctrl+Right Arrow	Charts: Area, Bar, Bar (Stacked), Bubble, Horizontal Bar, Line, Pie, Scatter	Move focus to nearest bar, dot, or bubble to the left or right of the current selection, but do not select.  If the focus is on a pie slice in a pie chart, move focus to previous series in a counterclockwise direction or next series in a clockwise direction, but do not select.  If the focus is on a series in a stacked bar chart, move focus to nearest series to the left or right of the selected series, but do not select.
Ctrl+Up Arrow Ctrl+Down Arrow	Charts: Area, Bar, Bar (Stacked), Bubble, Combination, Horizontal Bar, Line, Scatter	Move focus and to nearest bar, dot, or bubble above or below the current selection, but do not select.  If the focus is on a series in a stacked bar chart, move focus to nearest series above or below the selected series, but do not select.

**Table C-8 (Cont.) Shortcut Keys Assigned to ADF Data Visualization Components**

<b>Shortcut Key</b>	<b>Components</b>	<b>Function</b>
Ctrl+Spacebar	Charts: Area, Bar, Bar (Stacked), Bubble, Combination, Horizontal Bar, Line, Pie, Scatter	Move focus and to nearest bar, dot, or bubble above or below the current selection, but do not select.  If the focus is on a series in a stacked bar chart, move focus to nearest series above or below the selected series, but do not select.
Shift+Left Arrow Shift+Right Arrow	Charts: Area, Bar, Bubble, Combination, Horizontal Bar, Line, Pie, Scatter	Move focus and multi-select nearest bar, dot, or bubble to the left or right of the current selection.  If the focus is on a pie slice in a pie chart, move focus and multi-select previous series in a counterclockwise direction or next series in a clockwise direction.  If the focus is on a series in a stacked bar chart, move focus and multi-select the nearest series to the left or right of the selected series.
Shift+Up Arrow Shift+Down Arrow	Charts: Area, Bar (Stacked), Bubble, Combination, Horizontal Bar, Line, Scatter	Move focus and multi-select nearest bar, dot, or bubble above or below the current selection.
Home	Hierarchy Viewer - nodes	Move focus to first node in the current level.
End	Hierarchy Viewer - nodes	Move focus to last node in the current level.
Ctrl + Home	Hierarchy Viewer - nodes	Move focus and select the root node.
<	Hierarchy Viewer - nodes	Switches to the active node's previous panel.
>	Hierarchy Viewer - nodes	Switches to the active node's next panel.
Ctrl + /	Hierarchy Viewer - nodes	Synchronize all nodes to display the active node's panel.
Ctrl+Shift+^	Hierarchy Viewer - nodes	Go up one level.
Ctrl+/	Hierarchy Viewer - nodes	Switch content panel.
Ctrl+Alt+0	Hierarchy Viewer - diagrams	Center the active node and zoom the diagram to 100%.
Tab	Hierarchy Viewer - nodes Pivot table Pivot filter bar	Move focus through elements.
Esc	Hierarchy Viewer - nodes	Return focus to the containing node.  If the focus is on search panel, close the panel.  Close the Detail window, if it appears while hovering over a node.

**Table C–8 (Cont.) Shortcut Keys Assigned to ADF Data Visualization Components**

Shortcut Key	Components	Function
Spacebar	Hierarchy Viewer - nodes Pivot table Pivot filter bar	Select the active node. Press Ctrl+Spacebar to toggle selection of the active node, and for selecting multiple nodes.
Enter	Hierarchy Viewer - nodes Pivot table Pivot filter bar	Isolate and select active node. Press Shift+Enter to toggle the state of the node.
/	Hierarchy Viewer - nodes	Toggle control panel state.
Ctrl+F	Hierarchy Viewer - nodes	If the ADF hierarchy viewer component is configured to support search functionality, open the search panel.
Ctrl+Alt+1 through Ctrl+Alt+5	Hierarchy Viewer - nodes	Switch diagram layout.
Shift+Alt+Arrow keys	Pivot table Pivot filter bar	Change the layout by pivoting a row, column, or filter layer to a new location. Use Shift+Alt+Arrow keys to perform the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Provide visual feedback, showing potential destination of the pivot operation, if the header layer is selected</li> <li>■ Select different destination locations.</li> <li>■ Moving or swapping the selected header layer to the specified destination.</li> </ul>

Some data visualization components provide some common functions to the end user through menu bar, toolbar, context menu, or a built-in Task Properties dialog box. You may choose to show, hide, or replace these functionality. If you hide or replace any functionality, you must provide alternate keyboard accessibility to those functions.

In screen reader mode, the data visualization components are replaced by other accessible components, as described in [Table C–9](#).

**Table C–9 Alternate ADF Components for Data Visualization components in screen reader mode**

This data visualization component ...	... is replaced by
Chart region for each Gantt type	Hyperlinks Use the Tab key to move focus within the chart region. Use Enter or Esc keys to launch or dismiss the corresponding Properties dialog box.
ADF Geographic Map	Table Use standard keyboard shortcuts to navigate through the data, as described in <a href="#">Table C–6</a> . Note that if the ADF geographic map instance references multiple data-bound themes, then a dropdown list is also rendered to enable end users to switch between the corresponding Table instances.

**Table C–9 (Cont.) Alternate ADF Components for Data Visualization components in screen reader mode**

This data visualization component ...	... is replaced by
Hierarchy Viewer	Tree Table Use standard keyboard shortcuts to navigate through the data, as described in <a href="#">Table C–6</a> .

In screen reader mode, the Pivot Table and Pivot Filter Bar render additional icons for each Header layer and Filter, respectively. End users of the screen reader software can use Tab key to move focus between these icons and press Enter to perform the specified Pivot operation.

### C.3.10 Shortcut Keys for Calendar Component

The Calendar component has several views: Day view, Week view, Moth view, and List view. The List view is displayed in the screen reader mode.

[Table C–10](#) lists shortcut keys assigned to the Calendar component.

**Table C–10 Shortcut Keys Assigned to Calendar Component**

Shortcut Key	Components	Function
Tab	Calendar	Move focus.
Shift+Tab		<p>If the focus is on the calendar toolbar, move focus through Day, Week, Month, List, Forward button, Backward button, and Today button.</p> <p>In the day view, move focus through activities of the day.</p> <p>In the week view and month view, move focus through the Month Day header labels only. Use Arrow keys to navigate through activities, "+n more links", and Month Day header labels.</p> <p>In the month view, if the focus is on a Month Day header label at the end of the week, move focus to the Month Day header label of the following week.</p> <p>In the list view, move focus to the day, and then through the activities of the day.</p>

**Table C-10 (Cont.) Shortcut Keys Assigned to Calendar Component**

Shortcut Key	Components	Function
Arrow Left	Calendar	Move focus.
Arrow Right		<p>In the day view, Right and Left arrows do not move focus.</p> <p>In the week view, if the focus is on an activity, move focus to the first activity of the previous or next day. If the previous or next days contain no activities, move focus to the day header.</p> <p>In the month view, the following interaction occurs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="938 554 1419 632">■ If the focus is on a Month Day header label, move focus to the previous or next day label.</li> </ul> <p>If the focus is on the label of the last day of the week in the first week of the month, Right Arrow moves focus to the label of the first day of the week in the second week of the month. If the focus is on the label of the last day of the month, the Right Arrow does nothing.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="938 848 1435 926">■ If the focus is on an activity, move focus to the next activity of the previous or next day.</li> </ul> <p>If the previous or next day does not contain any activities, move focus to the Month Day label. If focus is on an activity in the last day of a week, the Right Arrow does nothing.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="938 1079 1409 1157">■ If the focus is on a "+n more" link, move focus to the next "+n more" links, if they exist.</li> </ul> <p>If adjacent "+n more" links do not exist, move focus to the last activity of the day. If the "+n more" link resides in a day at the beginning or end of the week, the Left or Right Arrow do nothing.</p>

**Table C–10 (Cont.) Shortcut Keys Assigned to Calendar Component**

Shortcut Key	Components	Function
Arrow Up	Calendar	Move focus.
Arrow Down		<p>In the day view, move focus through activities. When activities conflict and appear within the same time slot, the Down Arrow moves focus right and the Up Arrow moves focus left.</p> <p>In the week view, move focus through activities of the day. If the focus is on the first activity of a day, the Up Arrow moves focus to the day header. If the focus is on the day header, the Down Arrow moves focus to the first activity of that day. If the day has no activities, the Down Arrow does nothing.</p> <p>In the month view, move focus through activities in a day.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ If the focus is on the first activity in a day, the Up Arrow moves focus to the Month day header label.</li> <li>■ If the focus is on the Month Day header label, the Up Arrow moves focus to the last activity of the day above it.</li> <li>■ If the focus is on the last activity on a day in the last week of the month, the Down Arrow does nothing.</li> <li>■ If the focus is on the month header day label in the first week of the month, the Up Arrow does nothing.</li> </ul>
Ctrl+Alt+B	Calendar	Launch context menu.

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**Note:** When using arrows to navigate through activities of a month or week, all-day activities get focus only when the user is navigating within a day, which an all-day activity starts on. Otherwise, all-day activities are skipped.

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### C.3.11 Shortcut Keys for Calendar Component in Screen Reader Mode

In screen reader mode, the Calendar component renders to the List view. [Table C–11](#) lists the shortcut keys assigned to Calendar component in screen reader mode.

**Table C–11 Shortcut keys assigned to Calendar Component in Screen Reader mode**

Shortcut Key	Components	Function
Tab	Calendar	Move the focus to the next or previous cell or editable component.
Shift+Tab		
Arrow Up	Calendar	Move focus.
Arrow Down		
Arrow Left		
Arrow Right		

## C.4 Default Cursor or Focus Placement

The default cursor puts the initial focus on a component so that keyboard users can start interacting with the page without excessive navigation.

*Focus* refers to a type of selection outline that moves through the page when users press the tab key or access keys. When the focus moves to a field where data can be entered, a cursor appears in the field. If the field already contains data, the data is highlighted. In addition, after using certain controls (such as a list of values (LOV) or date-time picker), the cursor or focus placement moves to specific locations predefined by the component.

During the loading of a standard ADF Faces page, focus appears on the first focusable component on the page — either an editable widget or a navigation component. If there is no focusable element on the page, focus appears on the browser address field.

When defining default cursor and focus placement, you should follow these guidelines:

- ADF Faces applications should provide default cursor or focus placement on most pages so that keyboard users have direct access to content areas, rather than having to tab through UI elements at the top of the page.
- You can set focus on a different component than the default when the page is loaded. If your page has a common starting point for data entry, you may change default focus or cursor location so that users can start entering data without excessive keyboard or mouse navigation. Otherwise, do not do this because it makes it more difficult for keyboard users (particularly screen reader users) to orient themselves after the page is loaded.

## C.5 The Enter Key

The Enter key triggers an action when the cursor is in certain fields or when focus is on a link or button. You should use the Enter key to activate a common commit button, such as in a Login form or in a dialog.

Many components have built-in actions for the Enter key. Some examples include:

- When focus is on a link or button, the Enter key navigates the link or triggers the action.
- When the cursor is in a query search region, quick query search, or Query-By-Example (QBE) field, the Enter key triggers the search.
- In a table, the Enter key moves focus to the cell below, and pressing Shift+Enter moves focus to the cell above. When the focus moves, the current cell reverts to the read-only mode.





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# Creating Web Applications for Touch Devices Using ADF Faces

This appendix describes how to implement web-based applications for touch devices.

This appendix includes the following sections:

- [Section D.1, "Introduction to Creating Web Applications for Touch Devices Using ADF Faces"](#)
- [Section D.2, "How ADF Faces Behaves in Mobile Browsers on Touch Devices"](#)
- [Section D.3, "Best Practices When Using ADF Faces Components in a Mobile Browser"](#)

## D.1 Introduction to Creating Web Applications for Touch Devices Using ADF Faces

The ADF Faces framework is optimized to run in mobile browsers such as Safari. The framework recognizes when a mobile browser on a touch device is requesting a page, and then delivers only the JavaScript and peer code applicable to a mobile device. However, while a standard ADF Faces web application will run in mobile browsers, because the user interaction is different and because screen size is limited, when your application needs to run in a mobile browser, you should create touch device-specific versions of the pages.

This appendix provides information on how ADF Faces works in mobile browsers on touch devices, along with best practices for implementing web pages specifically for touch devices.

## D.2 How ADF Faces Behaves in Mobile Browsers on Touch Devices

In touch devices, users touch the screen instead of clicking the mouse. The native browser then converts these touch events into mouse events for processing. In ADF Faces, component peers handle the conversion. To better handle the conversion differences between touch devices and desktop devices, for each component that needs one, ADF Faces provides both a touch device-specific peer and a desktop-specific peer (for more information about peers, see [Section 1.2.1.1, "Client-Side Components"](#)).

These peers allow the component to handle events specific to the device. For example, the desktop peer handles the mouse over and mouse out events, while the touch device peer handles the touch start and touch end events. The base peer handles all common interactions. This separation provides optimized processing on both devices

(for more information about the touch event, see [Table 5-3, " ADF Faces Client Events"](#)).

The touch device peers provide the logic to simulate the interaction on a desktop using touch-specific gestures. [Table D-1](#) shows how desktop gestures are mapped to touch device gestures.

**Table D-1 Supported Mobile Browser User Gestures**

Mouse Interaction	Touch Gesture	Visual State	Example
Click	Tap	Mouse down	Execute a button
Select	Tap	Selected	Select a table row
Multi select	Tap selects one, tap selects another, tapping a selected object deselects it	Selected	Select multiple graph bars
Drag and drop in a simple interface	Finger down + drag	Mouse down	Drag a slider thumb or a splitter
Drag and drop for use cases requiring both drag and drop as well as data tips	Finger down + short hold + drag	Mouse down	Move a task bar in a Gantt chart
Hover to show data tip	Finger down + hold	Hover (mouseover)	Show graph data tip
Hover to show popup	Finger down + hold	Hover (mouseover)	Show a popup from a calendar
Line data cursor on graph	Finger down + hold	Hover	Trace along the x-axis of a graph and at the intersection of the y-axis, the data value is displayed in a tip.
Right-click to launch a context menu	Finger down + hold or finger down + hold + finger up (when gesture conflict exists with another finger down + hold gesture)		Show graph or calendar activity context menu Context menu on finger up examples: Graph: finger down + hold = data tip; finger up = context menu Graph (bubble): finger down + hold + move = drag and drop; finger up = context menu Gantt (task bar): finger down + hold = data tip; finger down + hold + move = drag and drop; finger up = context menu

**Table D-1 (Cont.) Supported Mobile Browser User Gestures**

<b>Mouse Interaction</b>	<b>Touch Gesture</b>	<b>Visual State</b>	<b>Example</b>
Pan	One finger swipe (when no conflict with other gestures). Otherwise, two finger swipe	Enabled	Pan map
Zoom in/out	Double tap (browser zoom). When in maximized state, pinch in/out can perform zoom	Enabled	Zoom browser screen Zoom graph or map
Double-click to set anchor in the Hierarchy Viewer component	Double tap.	When the <code>setAnchorListener</code> has a value, causes the node to be the root of the tree. When the value is not set, double tap causes a browser zoom.	Double tap a node within a hierarchy causes it to become the root node.
Click the isolate icon on the Hierarchy Viewer component	Tap node, then tap isolate icon	Panel card is isolated	Tap the top of the card and then the isolate icon to view only that card and any direct reports.
Click the collapse icon on the Hierarchy Viewer component	Swipe up on card	Collapsed panel card	Collapse a panel card
Click the expand icon on the Hierarchy Viewer component	Swipe down on card	Expanded panel card	Expand a collapsed panel card.
Hover to show fly out buttons on Hierarchy Viewer	Tap card	Fly out buttons display	Tap a card to display the fly out buttons
Click right or left arrow buttons on Hierarchy Viewer component	Swipe left or right on card	Switch panel cards	Swipe left to view address, or swipe right to view content.
Click navigation buttons to laterally traverse the hierarchy	Swipe left or right on the lateral navigation line, or tap the arrow, or touch and short hold + finger up to display the navigation buttons	Traverse the hierarchy	View more descendants of the root node.
	Single tap the Maximize icon	Maximizes the component	

**Table D-1 (Cont.) Supported Mobile Browser User Gestures**

Mouse Interaction	Touch Gesture	Visual State	Example
	Double-tap the Maximize icon or double-tab the hierarchy viewer background	Maximizes the component and zooms to fit	
Use circle, square, or polygon tool on a map to drag and select a region	Finger down, draw shape	Selected	Use finger to select an area on a map
Use measurement tool on a map to click start point and end point	Tap measurement tool, finger down, draw line	Line drawn and calculated distance displayed	Use finger to select measurement tool, then tap to select point A and draw line to point B.
Use area tool on a map to click start point and end point	Tap area tool, finger down, draw line	Line drawn and calculated area displayed	Use finger to select area tool, then tap to select point A and draw line to point B, and so on.

For further optimization, ADF Faces partitions JavaScript, so that the touch device JavaScript is separated from the desktop JavaScript. Only the needed JavaScript is downloaded when a page is rendered. Also, when a touch device is detected, CSS content specific to touch devices is sent to the page. For example, on a touch device, checkboxes are displayed for items in the shuttle components, so that the user can easily select them. On a desktop device, the checkboxes are not displayed.

Using device-specific peers, JavaScript, and CSS allows components to function differently on desktop and touch devices. [Table D-2](#) shows those differences.

**Table D-2 Component Differences in Mobile Browsers**

Component	Functionality	Difference from desktop component
<code>selectManyShuttle</code> and <code>selectOrderShuttle</code>	Selection	Select boxes are displayed that allow users to select the item(s) to shuttle.
<code>table</code>	Selection	Users select a row by tapping it and unselect a row by tapping it again. Multi-select is achieved simply by tapping the rows to be selected. That is, selecting a second row does not automatically deselect the first row.

**Table D–2 (Cont.) Component Differences in Mobile Browsers**

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menu	Detachable menus	Detachable menus are not supported. The <code>detachable</code> attribute is ignored.																																																																																										
inlineFrame	Geometry management	On touch devices, <code>iFrame</code> components ignore dimensions, and are always only as tall as their contents. Therefore, if the <code>inlineFrame</code> is stretched by its parent, the content may be truncated, because scroll bars are not used on touch devices.  When the <code>inlineFrame</code> is stretched by its parent, 40 pixels of padding and overflow are added to the inline style.																																																																																										
Various components	Icons, buttons, and links	Icons and buttons are larger and spaces between links are larger to accommodate fingers																																																																																										

Because some touch devices do not support Flash, ADF Faces components use HTML5 for animation transitions and the like. This standard ensures that the components will display on all devices.

## D.3 Best Practices When Using ADF Faces Components in a Mobile Browser

When you know that your application will be run on touch devices, the best practice is to create pages specific for that device. You can then use code similar to that of [Example D–1](#) to determine what device the application is being run on, and then deliver the correct page for the device.

### Example D–1 Determining Platform

```
public boolean isMobilePlatform()
{
```

```

RequestContext context = RequestContext.getCurrentInstance();
Agent agent = context.getAgent();

return
Agent.TYPE_PDA.equals(agent.getType()) ||
Agent.TYPE_PHONE.equals(agent.getType()) ||
(
Agent.AGENT_WEBKIT.equals(agent.getAgentName()) &&
(
// iPad/iPhone/iPod touch will come in as a desktop type and an iphone platform:
"iphone".equalsIgnoreCase(agent.getPlatformName())
)
);
}

```

While your touch device application can use most ADF Faces components, certain functionality may be limited, or may be frustrating, on touch devices. [Table D-3](#) provides best practices to follow when developing an application for touch devices.

**Table D-3 Best Practices for ADF Faces Components in a Mobile Browser**

Component/Functionality	Best Practice
Geometry management	<p>Set the <code>oracle.adf.view.rich.geometry.DEFAULT_DIMENSIONS</code> web.xml parameter to <code>auto</code>.</p> <p>This setting ensures that the page will flow instead of stretch. For more information, see <a href="#">Section A.2.3.25, "Geometry Management for Layout and Table Components."</a></p>
Partial page navigation	<p>Using partial page navigation means that the JavaScript and other client code will not need to be downloaded from page to page, improving performance. For more information, see <a href="#">Section 7.4, "Using Partial Page Navigation."</a></p>
Navigation	<p>Provide more direct access to individual pieces of content. A good rule is to have only one task per page, instead of using many regions on a page, separated by splitters. For example, instead of using a <code>paneSplitter</code> with a tree in the left pane to provide navigation, provide a list-based navigation model.</p>
Handling touch events on the <code>richTextEditor</code> component	<p>When a user clicks the editable area in the <code>richTextEditor</code> component, the following happens:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Editable area has focus</li> <li>■ Keyboard is activated</li> <li>■ On all versions of iOS, any touch event listeners added to the document are disabled</li> </ul> <p>When a user clicks outside the editable area, the following happens:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Editable area loses focus (blur)</li> <li>■ Keyboard is closed</li> <li>■ The cursor position is lost (and will not be retained upon clicking back into the editable area)</li> <li>■ On iOS, touch event listeners are added back to the document (on blur)</li> </ul> <p>If you add any touch event listeners to the document, you must use the <code>AdfAgent.addBubbleEventListener()</code> to ensure that the touch event listeners are removed and restored properly.</p>

**Table D–3 (Cont.) Best Practices for ADF Faces Components in a Mobile Browser**

Component/Functionality	Best Practice
richTextEditor edit window size	Set the <code>rows</code> attribute. If this attribute is not specified, when in WYSIWYG mode, the edit window will grow with the content added.
Tables	<p>By default, when rendered on tablet devices, tables display a link that allows the user to load more rows. For all tables to display on a tablet device, you should:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Place the table components within a flowing container (that is, a component that does not stretch its children).</li> <li>■ Set the <code>autoHeightRows</code> attribute to 0. Better, is to set the <code>oracle.adf.view.rich.geometry.DEFAULT_DIMENSIONS</code> parameter to <code>auto</code>, as described for geometry management in the first row of this table.</li> <li>■ Set the <code>scrollPolicy</code> attribute to <code>auto</code> (if the page may also run on a desktop device) or <code>loadMore</code> (if the page will only run on a tablet).</li> </ul> <p>If the table is not in a flowing container, or if those attributes are not set correctly, the table will display a scroll bar.</p> <p>For more information about table attributes, see <a href="#">Section 10.2.2, "Formatting Tables."</a> For more information about flowing layouts and tables, see <a href="#">Section 10.1.6, "Geometry Management for Table, Tree, and Tree Table Components."</a></p>





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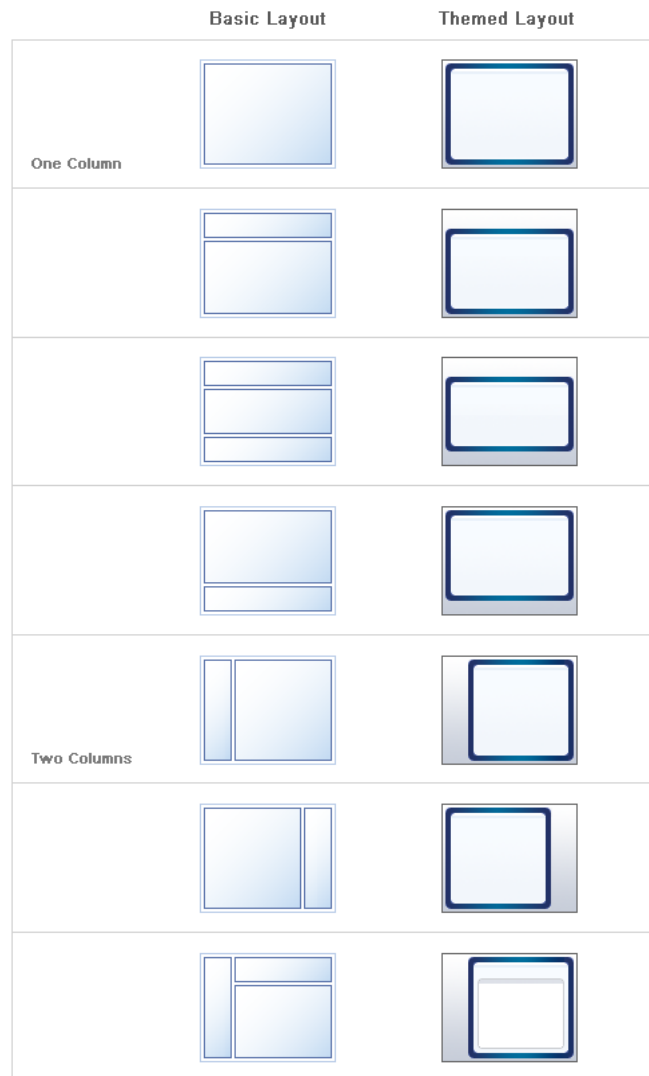
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## Quick Start Layout Themes

This appendix shows how each of the quick start layouts are affected when you choose to apply themes to them. ADF Faces provides a number of components that you can use to define the overall layout of a page. JDeveloper contains predefined quick start layouts that use these components to provide you with a quick and easy way to correctly build the layout. You can choose from one, two, or three column layouts. When you choose to apply a theme to the chosen quick layout, color and styling are added to some of the components used in the quick start layout.

[Figure E-1](#) and [Figure E-2](#) show each of the layouts with and without themes applied. For more information about themes, see [Section 20.3.4, "How to Apply Themes to Components."](#)

**Figure E-1 Quick Start Layouts With and Without Themes**



**Figure E-2 Quick Start Layouts With and Without Them**





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## Troubleshooting ADF Faces

This appendix describes common problems that you might encounter when designing the application user interface with the ADF Faces framework and ADF Faces components and explains how to solve them.

This appendix includes the following sections:

- [Section F.1, "Introduction to Troubleshooting ADF Faces"](#)
- [Section F.2, "Getting Started with Troubleshooting the View Layer of an ADF Application"](#)
- [Section F.3, "Resolving Common Problems"](#)
- [Section F.4, "Using My Oracle Support for Additional Troubleshooting Information"](#)

In addition to this chapter, review the *Oracle Fusion Middleware Error Messages Reference* for information about the error messages you may encounter.

### F.1 Introduction to Troubleshooting ADF Faces

This section provides guidelines and a process for using the information in this appendix. Using the following guidelines and process will focus and minimize the time you spend resolving problems.

#### Guidelines

When using the information in this chapter, please keep the following best practices in mind:

- After performing any of the solution procedures in this chapter, immediately retry the failed task that led you to this troubleshooting information. If the task still fails when you retry it, perform a different solution procedure in this chapter and then try the failed task again. Repeat this process until you resolve the problem.
- Make notes about the solution procedures you perform, symptoms you see, and data you collect while troubleshooting. If you cannot resolve the problem using the information in this chapter and you must log a service request, the notes you take will expedite the process of solving the problem.

#### Process

Follow the process outlined in [Table F-1](#) when using the information in this chapter. If the information in a particular section does not resolve your problem, proceed to the next step in this process.

**Table F–1 Process for Using the Information in this Chapter**

Step	Section to Use	Purpose
1	<a href="#">Section F.2</a>	Get started troubleshooting the view layer of an ADF application. The procedures in this section quickly address a wide variety of problems.
2	<a href="#">Section F.3</a>	Perform problem-specific troubleshooting procedures for the view layer of an ADF application. This section describes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Possible causes of the problems</li> <li>▪ Solution procedures corresponding to each of the possible causes</li> </ul>
3	<a href="#">Section F.4</a>	Use My Oracle Support to get additional troubleshooting information. The My Oracle Support web site provides access to several useful troubleshooting resources, including links to Knowledge Base articles, Community Forums, and Discussion pages.
4	<a href="#">Section F.4</a>	Log a service request if the information in this chapter and My Oracle Support does not resolve your problem. You can log a service request using My Oracle Support at <a href="https://support.oracle.com">https://support.oracle.com</a> .

## F.2 Getting Started with Troubleshooting the View Layer of an ADF Application

Oracle ADF has builtin error messages that enable you to determine which layer of your application may be causing a problem. Error messages are the starting point for troubleshooting. You can look up error messages in the *Oracle Fusion Middleware Error Messages Reference*, and you may research a particular error message on the web. Error messages that originate from your ADF Business Components model layer will have a JBO prefix, where as all other ADF layer components, including the ADF Face view layer, will appear as a Java error message with an Oracle package.

Once you are able to identify the layer, you may run diagnostic tools. You may also view log files for recorded errors. You can search the technical forums on Oracle Technology Network for discussions related to an error message. Each of the component layers for Oracle ADF has its own dedicated forum. You can access the forum home page for JDeveloper and Oracle ADF under the Development Tools list on Oracle Technology Network at <https://forums.oracle.com/forums/main.jspx?categoryID=84>.

Before you begin troubleshooting, you should configure the ADF application to make finding and detecting errors easier. [Table F–2](#) summarizes the settings that you can follow to configure the view layer of an ADF application for troubleshooting.

**Table F-2 Configuration Options for Optimizing ADF Faces Troubleshooting**

Configuration Recommendation	Description
Enable debug output.	<p>To enable debug output, set the following in the <code>trinidad-config.xml</code> file:</p> <pre>&lt;adf-faces-config xmlns=   "http://xmlns.oracle.com/adf/view/faces/config"&gt;   &lt;debug-output&gt;true&lt;/debug-output&gt;   &lt;skin-family&gt;oracle&lt;/skin-family&gt; &lt;/adf-faces-config&gt;</pre> <p>Improves the readability of HTML markup in the web browser:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Line wraps and indents the output.</li> <li>■ Detects and highlights unbalanced elements and other common HTML errors, such as unbalanced elements.</li> <li>■ Adds comments that help you to identify which ADF Faces component generated each block of HTML in the browser page.</li> </ul>
Disable content compression.	<p>To disable content compression, set the following in the <code>web.xml</code> file:</p> <pre>&lt;context-param&gt;   &lt;param-name&gt;     <b>org.apache.myfaces.trinidad.DISABLE_CONTENT_COMPRESSION</b>   &lt;/param-name&gt;   &lt;param-value&gt;true&lt;/param-value&gt; &lt;/context-param&gt;</pre> <p>Improves readability by forcing the use of original uncompressed styles. Unless content compression is disabled, CSS style names and styles will appear compressed and may be more difficult to read.</p>
Disable JavaScript compression.	<p>To disable JavaScript compression, set the following in the <code>web.xml</code> file:</p> <pre>&lt;context-param&gt;   &lt;param-name&gt;     <b>org.apache.myfaces.trinidad.DEBUG_JAVA_SCRIPT</b>   &lt;/param-name&gt;   &lt;param-value&gt;true&lt;/param-value&gt; &lt;/context-param&gt;</pre> <p>Allows normally obfuscated JavaScript to appear uncompressed as the source.</p>
Enable client side asserts.	<p>To enable client side asserts, set the following in the <code>web.xml</code> file:</p> <pre>&lt;context-param&gt;   &lt;param-name&gt;     <b>oracle.adf.view.rich.ASSERT_ENABLED</b>   &lt;/param-name&gt;   &lt;param-value&gt;true&lt;/param-value&gt; &lt;/context-param&gt;</pre> <p>Allows warnings of unexpected conditions to be output to the browser console.</p>

**Table F-2 (Cont.) Configuration Options for Optimizing ADF Faces Troubleshooting**

Configuration Recommendation	Description
Enable client side logging.	<p>To enable client side logging, set the following in the <code>web.xml</code> file:</p> <pre>&lt;context-param&gt;   &lt;param-name&gt;     <b>oracle.adf.view.rich.ASSERT_ENABLED</b>   &lt;/param-name&gt;   &lt;param-value&gt;true&lt;/param-value&gt; &lt;/context-param&gt;</pre> <p>Allows log messages to be output to the browser console.</p> <p>Unless client side logging is enabled, log messages will not be reported in the client.</p>
Enable more detailed server side logging.	<p>To enable more detailed server side logging, shut down the application server and then enter the following setting in the <code>logging.xml</code> file, and restart the server:</p> <pre>&lt;logger name="oracle.adf.faces" level="CONFIG"/&gt;</pre> <p>or</p> <p>Use the WLST command:</p> <pre>setLogLevel(logger="oracle.adf" level="CONFIG", addLogger=1)</pre> <p>or</p> <p>In Oracle Enterprise Manager Fusion Middleware Control, use the Configuration page to set <code>oracle.adf</code>, <code>oracle.adfinternal</code>, and <code>oracle.jbo</code> to level CONFIG.</p> <p>Allows more detailed log messages to be output to the browser console.</p> <p>Unless server side logging is configured with a log level of CONFIG or higher, useful diagnostic messages may go unreported.</p> <p>Allowed log level settings are: SEVERE, WARNING, INFO, CONFIG, FINE, FINER, FINEST, ALL. Oracle recommends CONFIG level or higher; the default is SEVERE.</p>
Disable HTTP cache headers.	<p>To diable HTTP cache headers, set the following in the <code>web.xml</code> file:</p> <pre>&lt;context-param&gt;   &lt;param-name&gt;     <b>org.apache.myfaces.trinidad.resource.DEBUG</b>   &lt;/param-name&gt;   &lt;param-value&gt;true&lt;/param-value&gt; &lt;/context-param&gt;</pre> <p>Forces reloading of patched resources.</p> <p>Unless HTTP cache headers are disabled, the browser will cache resources to ensure fast access to resources.</p> <p>After changing the setting, clear the browser cache to force it to reload resources.</p>

## F.3 Resolving Common Problems

This section describes common problems and solutions. It contains the following topics:

- [Section F.3.1, "Application Displays an Unexpected White Background"](#)
- [Section F.3.2, "Application is Missing Expected Images"](#)
- [Section F.3.3, "Data Visualization Components Fail to Display as Expected"](#)
- [Section F.3.4, "High Availability Application Displays a NotSerializableException"](#)



- [Section F.3.5, "Unable to Reproduce Problem in All Web Browsers"](#)
- [Section F.3.6, "Application is Missing Content"](#)
- [Section F.3.7, "Browser Displays an ADF\\_Faces-60098 Error"](#)
- [Section F.3.8, "Browser Displays an HTTP 404 or 500 Error"](#)
- [Section F.3.9, "Browser Fails to Navigate Between Pages"](#)

### F.3.1 Application Displays an Unexpected White Background

The ADF application has a default skin that displays a simple or minimal look and feel. The background of the default skin will appear white.

#### Cause

The skin JAR files did not get deployed correctly to all applications.

#### Solution

To resolve this problem:

1. Check that the skin JAR files have been deployed to all applications.
2. Check that the skin name is not misspelled in the profile options, as described in [Section 20.2, "Applying Custom Skins to Applications."](#)

### F.3.2 Application is Missing Expected Images

The skin application must be packaged as a JAR file that includes the image files.

#### Cause

The skin JAR files were not packaged correctly.

#### Solution

To resolve this problem:

1. Check that the correct target application version was specified when creating the skin application.
2. Repackage the skin application and create a new JAR file, as described in [Section 20.7, "Deploying a Custom Skin File in a JAR File."](#)

### F.3.3 Data Visualization Components Fail to Display as Expected

Various ADF DVT components rely on Flash to display correctly and unless Flash is supported by the platform and browser, your application may not display visual aspects of the DVT components.

#### Cause

Not all platforms and browsers support Flash. This will force the application to downgrade to the best available fallback. If the platform is not supported, the application displays according to the `flash-player-usage` setting in the `adf-config.xml` file.

#### Solution

To resolve this problem, reinstall the latest Flash version available for your browser.

### F.3.4 High Availability Application Displays a `NotSerializableException`

When you design an application to run in a clustered environment, you must ensure that all managed beans with a life span longer than one request are serializable.

#### Cause

When the Fusion web application runs in a clustered environment, a portion of the application's state is serialized and copied to another server or a data store at the end of each request so that the state is available to other servers in the cluster. Specifically, beans stored in session scope, page flow scope, and view scope must be serializable (that is, they implement the `java.io.Serializable` interface).

#### Solution

To resolve this problem:

1. Enable server checking to ensure no unserializable state content on session attributes is detected. This check is disabled by default to reduce runtime overhead. Serialization checking is supported by the system property `org.apache.myfaces.trinidad.CHECK_STATE_SERIALIZATION`. The following are system properties and you must specify them when you start the application server.
  2. For high availability testing, start off by validating that the Session and JSF state is serializable by launching the application server with the system property:

```
-Dorg.apache.myfaces.trinidad.CHECK_STATE_SERIALIZATION=session,tree
```
  3. Add the beans option to check that any serializable object in the appropriate map has been marked as dirty if the serialized content of the object has changed during the request:

```
-Dorg.apache.myfaces.trinidad.CHECK_STATE_SERIALIZATION=session,tree,beans
```
  4. If a JSF state serialization failure is detected, relaunch the application server with the system property to enable component and property flags and rerun the test:

```
-Dorg.apache.myfaces.trinidad.CHECK_STATE_SERIALIZATION=all
```

### F.3.5 Unable to Reproduce Problem in All Web Browsers

You run the application in Microsoft Windows Internet Explorer and verify a problem but when you run the application in Mozilla Firefox, the problem does not reproduce. These problems are often visual in nature, such as unintended extra space separating areas within a web page.

#### Cause

Settings between browsers vary and can lead to differences in the visual appearance of your application.

#### Solution

To resolve this problem:

1. Check browser security settings to ensure they are not misconfigured. For example, confirm that you have the not disabled JavaScript, XML HTTP, or popups.

2. Confirm that Internet Explorer is not being run in compatibility mode. If you see a dialog that states "the current compatibility setting is not supported," disable compatibility mode in the browser Tool's menu.
3. If you observe a JavaScript error, then it is most likely a bug in the browser. However, it could be an ADF Faces-specific JavaScript error.

### F.3.6 Application is Missing Content

The application pages may display areas that appear empty where content is expected.

#### Cause

The cause depends on the application design. For example, authorization that you enforce in the application may be unintentionally preventing the application from displaying content. Or, when portlets are used, the portlet server may be down.

#### Solution

To resolve this problem:

1. Check the log file for exceptions. Oracle recommends changing the log level to a lower level than SEVERE. For information about Oracle Fusion Middleware logging functionality, see the "Managing Log Files and Diagnostic Data" chapter of the *Oracle Fusion Middleware Administrator's Guide*.
2. Look for struck threads, as described in the "Monitor server performance" topic in *Oracle Fusion Middleware Oracle WebLogic Server Administration Console Online Help*. If you find a stuck thread, examine the thread stack dump.
3. If you observe an HTTP 403 or 404 error on partial page rendering (PPR), then it is most like a bug.

### F.3.7 Browser Displays an ADF\_Faces-60098 Error

The application returns a runtime exception in a place that was not expected and is not handled.

#### Cause

ADF Faces has received an unhandled exception in some phase of the lifecycle and will abort the request handling.

#### Solution

To resolve this problem:

1. This is most likely a logic error in the application.
2. Verify that the server load or the application is not in distress.

### F.3.8 Browser Displays an HTTP 404 or 500 Error

The application does not navigate to the expected page and displays an HTTP 404 file not found error or an HTTP 500 internal server error.

#### Cause

The cause may be traced to the application server.

### **Solution**

To resolve this problem:

1. Verify that the application server is running and that the application is not in distress, as described in the "Monitor server performance" and "Servers: Configuration: Overload" topics in *Oracle Fusion Middleware Oracle WebLogic Server Administration Console Online Help*.
2. Check for hung threads.

## **F.3.9 Browser Fails to Navigate Between Pages**

The application fails to navigate to and open an expected target web page.

### **Cause**

The cause may depend on the application design or the cause may be traced to the application server.

### **Solution**

To resolve this problem:

1. Check for unhandled exceptions specific to an ADF Faces lifecycle thread, as described in [Section F.3.7, "Browser Displays an ADF\\_Faces-60098 Error."](#)
2. Look for HTTP 404 or 505 errors, as described in [Section F.3.8, "Browser Displays an HTTP 404 or 500 Error."](#)

## **F.4 Using My Oracle Support for Additional Troubleshooting Information**

You can use My Oracle Support (formerly MetaLink) to help resolve Oracle Fusion Middleware problems. My Oracle Support contains several useful troubleshooting resources, such as:

- Knowledge base articles
- Community forums and discussions
- Patches and upgrades
- Certification information

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**Note:** You can also use My Oracle Support to log a service request.

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You can access My Oracle Support at <https://support.oracle.com>.

This appendix provides the full length code samples referenced from sections throughout this guide.

This appendix includes the following sections:

- [Section G.1, "Samples for Chapter 30, "Using Map Components""](#)
- [Section G.2, "Samples for Chapter 32, "Using Treemap and Sunburst Components""](#)
- [Section G.3, "Samples for Chapter 33, "Using Diagram Components""](#)

## G.1 Samples for **Chapter 30, "Using Map Components"**

Following are code examples for creating DVT map components.

### G.1.1 Sample Code for Thematic Map Custom Base Map

When you create a custom base map for a thematic map you extend `oracle.adf.view.faces.bi.component.thematicMap.mapProvider.MapProvider`. The following is an implementation of the `mapProvider` class for the Canada custom base map example:

```
package oracle.adfdemo.view.feature.rich.thematicMap;

import java.awt.Rectangle;
import java.awt.geom.Point2D;
import java.awt.geom.Rectangle2D;

import java.io.BufferedReader;
import java.io.IOException;
import java.io.InputStreamReader;

import java.net.URL;

import java.util.ArrayList;
import java.util.Arrays;
import java.util.Collection;
import java.util.HashMap;
import java.util.List;
import java.util.Locale;
import java.util.Map;
import java.util.zip.ZipInputStream;

import javax.faces.context.FacesContext;

import oracle.adf.share.logging.ADFLogger;
```

```

import oracle.adf.view.faces.bi.component.thematicMap.mapProvider.LayerArea;
import oracle.adf.view.faces.bi.component.thematicMap.mapProvider.MapProvider;
import
oracle.adf.view.faces.bi.component.thematicMap.mapProvider.utils.MapProviderUtils;

/**
 * Sample MapProvider instance that translates GeoJSON data from a zip file to
 * create a custom Canada basemap.
 */
public class DemoMapProvider extends MapProvider {
    private static String zipFile = "/resources/thematicMap/elocation.zip";
    private static final ADFLogger _logger =
ADFLogger.createADFLogger(DemoMapProvider.class);
    private List<String> hierarchy;

    public DemoMapProvider() {
        hierarchy = new ArrayList<String>();
        hierarchy.add("states");
    }

    @Override
    public Collection<LayerArea> getLayerAreas(String layer, Locale locale) {
        String text = getGeoJsonString();
        Map geoJSON = null;
        try {
            geoJSON = (Map) DemoMapProvider.parseJsonString(text);
        } catch (IOException e) {
            _logger.severe("Could not parse geometries.", e);
        }
        return DemoMapProvider.createLayerAreas(geoJSON);
    }

    @Override
    public Collection<LayerArea> getChildAreas(String layer, Locale locale,
Collection<String> areas) {
        return new ArrayList<LayerArea>();
    }

    @Override
    public double getMaxZoomFactor() {
        return 5.0;
    }

    @Override
    public List<String> getHierarchy() {
        return hierarchy;
    }

    /**
     * Loads the geographic geometries stored in local file and returns as string
     * @return
     */
    private static String getGeoJsonString() {
        StringBuilder sb = new StringBuilder();
        BufferedReader br = null;
        ZipInputStream is = null;
        try {
            URL zipUrl =
FacesContext.getCurrentInstance().getExternalContext().getResource(zipFile);
            is = new ZipInputStream(zipUrl.openStream());

```

```

        is.getNextEntry();
        br = new BufferedReader(new InputStreamReader(is, "UTF8"));
        String aux = br.readLine();
        while (aux != null) {
            sb.append(aux);
            aux = br.readLine();
        }
    } catch (Exception e) {
        _logger.severe("Could not load geometries from the file " + zipFile, e);
    } finally {
        if (br != null) {
            try {
                is.close();
                br.close();
            } catch (IOException e) {
                // ignore
            }
        }
    }
    return sb.toString();
}

/**
 * Parses a JSON string and converts it to the correct Java object
 * @param str The JSON string to parse
 * @return
 * @throws IOException
 */
private static Object parseJsonString(String str) throws IOException {
    if (str == null)
        return null;

    str = str.trim();

    char firstChar = str.charAt(0);
    if (firstChar == '[' || firstChar == '{') {
        // Array or Map
        // Count the number of open/close arrays or objects
        int numOpen = 0;

        // Quote handling: Count the number of open single/double quotes, except
        when there is an
        // open one already. This handles nested single quotes in double quotes,
        and vice versa.
        int numSingleQuotes = 0;
        int numDoubleQuotes = 0;

        // Iterate through and split by pieces
        int prevIndex = 1;
        List<String> parts = new ArrayList<String>();
        for (int i = 1; i < str.length() - 1; i++) {
            char iChar = str.charAt(i);
            if (iChar == '[' || iChar == '{')
                numOpen++;
            else if (iChar == ']' || iChar == '}')
                numOpen--;
            else if (iChar == '\'' && numDoubleQuotes % 2 == 0)
                numSingleQuotes++;
            else if (iChar == '"' && numSingleQuotes % 2 == 0)
                numDoubleQuotes++;
        }
    }
}

```

```

        // If split index, store the substring
        if (numOpen == 0 && (numSingleQuotes % 2 == 0 && numDoubleQuotes % 2 == 0)
&& iChar == ',') {
            parts.add(str.substring(prevIndex, i));
            prevIndex = i + 1;
        }
    }

    // Grab the last part if present
    if (prevIndex < str.length() - 1) {
        parts.add(str.substring(prevIndex, str.length() - 1));
    }

    // Decode the parts into the result
    if (firstChar == '[') {
        List ret = new ArrayList();
        for (int arrayIndex = 0; arrayIndex < parts.size(); arrayIndex++)
            ret.add(parseJsonString(parts.get(arrayIndex)));
        return ret;
    } else if (firstChar == '{') {
        Map ret = new HashMap();
        for (String part : parts) {
            part = part.trim();
            int colonIndex = part.indexOf(':');
            String mapKey = part.substring(0, colonIndex);
            mapKey = mapKey.substring(1, mapKey.length() - 1); // 1 to -1 to avoid
the quotes
            Object mapValue = parseJsonString(part.substring(colonIndex + 1,
part.length()));
            ret.put(mapKey, mapValue);
        }
        return ret;
    }
    return null;
} else if (firstChar == '"') // String
    return str.substring(1, str.length() - 1);
else if ("true".equals(str))
    return true;
else if ("false".equals(str))
    return false;
else
    return Double.parseDouble(str);
}

/**
 * Converts a GeoJSON object to a list of LayerArea objects
 * @param geoJSON The GeoJSON object containing this basemap layer's area
geometry data
 * @return
 */
private static List<LayerArea> createLayerAreas(Map geoJSON) {
    List territories = Arrays.asList(MapProviderBean.territoryNames);
    HashMap<String, DemoLayerArea> areaMap = new HashMap<String, DemoLayerArea>();
    if (geoJSON != null) {
        List features = (List) geoJSON.get("features");
        int numFeatures = features.size();
        for (int j = 0; j < numFeatures; j++) {
            Map feature = (Map) features.get(j);
            Map properties = (Map) feature.get("properties");

```



```

String label = (String) properties.get("POLYGON_NAME");
// We just want to render canada
if (!territories.contains(label))
    continue;

Map geometry = (Map) feature.get("geometry");

Rectangle2D labelBox = null;
List<Double> labelBoxList = (List<Double>) feature.get("label_box");
if (labelBoxList != null) {
    int minX = (int) (labelBoxList.get(0) / 2000);
    int minY = (int) (labelBoxList.get(1) / 2000);
    int maxX = (int) (labelBoxList.get(2) / 2000);
    int maxY = (int) (labelBoxList.get(3) / 2000);
    labelBox = new Rectangle(minX, -minY, maxX - minX, maxY - minY);
}
DemoLayerArea area = areaMap.get(label);
if (area != null)
    area.setPath(area.getPath() +
DemoMapProvider.simplifyGeometries(geometry));
else
    areaMap.put(label,
        new DemoLayerArea(label, null, label, labelBox,
DemoMapProvider.simplifyGeometries(geometry),
        null));
    }
}

List<LayerArea> layerAreas = new ArrayList<LayerArea>();
for (Map.Entry<String, DemoLayerArea> entry : areaMap.entrySet())
    layerAreas.add(entry.getValue());
return layerAreas;
}

/**
 * Converts and simplifies area geometries to relative path commands
 * @param geometry The map containing an area's coordinates
 * @return
 */
private static String simplifyGeometries(Map geometry) {
    StringBuilder sb = new StringBuilder();
    String type = (String) geometry.get("type");
    List coords = (List) geometry.get("coordinates");
    int len = coords.size();
    if ("Polygon".equals(type)) {
        for (int i = 0; i < len; i++)
            sb.append(DemoMapProvider.simplifyGeometriesHelper((List) coords.get(i)));
    } else if ("MultiPolygon".equals(type)) {
        for (int i = 0; i < len; i++) {
            List nestCoords = (List) coords.get(i);
            int nestCoordsLen = nestCoords.size();
            for (int j = 0; j < nestCoordsLen; j++)
                sb.append(DemoMapProvider.simplifyGeometriesHelper((List)
coords.get(j)));
        }
    }
    return sb.toString();
}

/**

```

```
    * Helper method for parsing a GeoJSON geometry object
    * @param coords The list of coordinates to simplify and convert to a relative
path command
    * @return
    */
    private static String simplifyGeometriesHelper(List coords) {
        List<Point2D> points = new ArrayList<Point2D>();
        int len = coords.size();
        // Convert coordinates to Point2D objects so we can use MapProviderUtils to
simplify area geometries
        // Also reduce data precision by dividing by 2000
        for (int i = 0; i < len; i += 2)
            points.add(new Point2D.Double(Math.floor((Double) coords.get(i) / 2000),
                -Math.floor((Double) coords.get(i + 1) /
2000)));
        return MapProviderUtils.convertToPath(points);
    }
}
```

## G.1.2 Sample Code for Thematic Map Custom Base Map Area Layer

When you create a custom base map for a thematic map you extend `oracle.adf.view.faces.bi.component.thematicMap.mapProvider.LayerArea` to get the data that the thematic map component requires to render a `dvt:areaLayer`. The following is an implementation of the `layerArea` class for the Canada custom base map example:

```
package oracle.adfdemo.view.feature.rich.thematicMap;

import java.awt.geom.Rectangle2D;

import oracle.adf.view.faces.bi.component.thematicMap.mapProvider.LayerArea;

public class DemoLayerArea extends LayerArea {

    private String id;
    private String shortLabel;
    private String longLabel;
    private Rectangle2D labelBox;
    private String path;
    private String parent;

    public DemoLayerArea(String id, String shortLabel, String longLabel, Rectangle2D
labelBox, String path, String parent) {
        this.id = id;
        this.shortLabel = shortLabel;
        this.longLabel = longLabel;
        this.labelBox = labelBox;
        this.path = path;
        this.parent = parent;
    }

    @Override
    public String getId() {
        return id;
    }

    @Override
    public String getShortLabel() {
        return shortLabel;
    }
}
```

```

    }

    @Override
    public String getLongLabel() {
        return longLabel;
    }

    @Override
    public Rectangle2D getLabelBox() {
        return labelBox;
    }

    @Override
    public String getPath() {
        return path;
    }

    public void setPath(String path) {
        this.path = path;
    }

    @Override
    public String getParent() {
        return parent;
    }
}

```

## G.2 Samples for Chapter 32, "Using Treemap and Sunburst Components"

Following are code examples for creating treemap and sunburst components.

### G.2.1 Sample Code for Treemap and Sunburst Census Data Example

When you create a treemap or sunburst using UI-first development, you can use Java classes and managed beans to define the tree node and tree model, populate the tree with data and add additional methods as needed to configure the treemap or sunburst.

The example below shows a code sample defining the tree node in the census data example. Note that the required settings for label, size, and color are passed in as parameters to the tree node.

```

import java.awt.Color;
import java.util.ArrayList;
import java.util.List;

public class TreeNode {
    private final String m_text;
    private final Number m_size;
    private final Color m_color;
    private final List<TreeNode> m_children = new ArrayList<TreeNode>();

    public TreeNode(String text, Number size, Color color) {
        m_text = text;
        m_size = size;
        m_color = color;
    }

    public String getText() {
        return m_text;
    }

    public Number getSize() {

```

```

        return m_size;
    }
    public Color getColor() {
        return m_color;
    }
    public void addChild(TreeNode child) {
        m_children.add(child);
    }
    public void addChildren(List<TreeNode> children) {
        m_children.addAll(children);
    }
    public List<TreeNode> getChildren() {
        return m_children;
    }
    @Override
    public String toString() {
        return m_text + ": " + m_color + " " + Math.round(m_size.doubleValue());
    }
}

```

To supply data to the treemap or sunburst in UI-first development, add a class or managed bean to your application that extends the tree node in the example above and populates it with data. The class to set up the tree model must be an implementation of the `org.apache.myfaces.trinidad.model.TreeModel` class. Once the tree model is defined, create a method that implements the `org.apache.myfaces.trinidad.model.ChildPropertyTreeModel` to complete the tree model.

The example below shows a sample class that sets up the root and child node structure, populates the child levels with data and defines the color and node sizes in the census data example.

```

import java.awt.Color;

import java.util.ArrayList;
import java.util.List;

import org.apache.myfaces.trinidad.model.ChildPropertyTreeModel;
import org.apache.myfaces.trinidad.model.TreeModel;

public class CensusData {

    public static TreeModel getUnitedStatesData() {
        return getModel(ROOT);
    }

    public static TreeModel getRegionWestData() {
        return getModel(REGION_W);
    }

    public static TreeModel getRegionNortheastData() {
        return getModel(REGION_NE);
    }

    public static TreeModel getRegionMidwestData() {
        return getModel(REGION_MW);
    }

    public static TreeModel getRegionSouthData() {

```

```

        return getModel(REGION_S);
    }

    public static TreeModel getDivisionPacificData() {
        return getModel(DIVISION_P);
    }

    private static TreeModel getModel(DataItem rootItem) {
        TreeNode root = getTreeNode(rootItem);
        return new ChildPropertyTreeModel(root, "children");
    }

    private static TreeNode getTreeNode(DataItem dataItem)
    {
        // Create the node itself
        TreeNode node = new CensusTreeNode(dataItem.getName(),
            dataItem.getPopulation(),
            getColor(dataItem.getIncome(), MIN_INCOME, MAX_INCOME),
            dataItem.getIncome());

        // Create its children
        List<TreeNode> children = new ArrayList<TreeNode>();
        for(DataItem childItem : dataItem.children) {
            children.add(getTreeNode(childItem));
        }

        // Add the children and return
        node.addChildren(children);
        return node;
    }

    private static Color getColor(double value, double min, double max) {
        double percent = Math.max((value - min) / max, 0);
        if(percent > 0.5) {
            double modifier = (percent - 0.5) * 2;
            return new Color((int)(modifier*102), (int)(modifier*153),
(int)(modifier*51));
        }
        else {
            double modifier = percent *2;
            return new Color((int)(modifier*204), (int)(modifier*51), 0);
        }
    }

    public static class DataItem {
        private final String name;
        private final int population;
        private final int income;
        private final List<DataItem> children;

        public DataItem(String name, int population, int income) {
            this.name = name;
            this.population = population;
            this.income = income;
            this.children = new ArrayList<DataItem>();
        }

        public void addChild(DataItem child) {
            this.children.add(child);
        }
    }

```

```
public String getName() {
    return name;
}

public int getPopulation() {
    return population;
}

public int getIncome() {
    return income;
}

public List<CensusData.DataItem> getChildren() {
    return children;
}
}

private static final int MIN_INCOME = 0;
private static final int MAX_INCOME = 70000;

private static final DataItem ROOT = new DataItem("United States", 301461533,
51425);

private static final DataItem REGION_NE = new DataItem("Northeast Region",
54906297, 57208);
private static final DataItem REGION_MW = new DataItem("Midwest Region",
66336038, 49932);
private static final DataItem REGION_S = new DataItem("South Region", 110450832,
47204);
private static final DataItem REGION_W = new DataItem("West Region", 69768366,
56171);

private static final DataItem DIVISION_NE = new DataItem("New England",
14315257, 61511);
private static final DataItem DIVISION_MA = new DataItem("Middle Atlantic",
40591040, 55726);
private static final DataItem DIVISION_ENC = new DataItem("East North Central",
46277998, 50156);
private static final DataItem DIVISION_WNC = new DataItem("West North Central",
20058040, 49443);
private static final DataItem DIVISION_SA = new DataItem("South Atlantic",
57805475, 50188);
private static final DataItem DIVISION_ESC = new DataItem("East South Central",
17966553, 41130);
private static final DataItem DIVISION_WSC = new DataItem("West South Central",
34678804, 45608);
private static final DataItem DIVISION_M = new DataItem("Mountain", 21303294,
51504);
private static final DataItem DIVISION_P = new DataItem("Pacific", 48465072,
58735);

static {
    // Set up the regions
    ROOT.addChild(REGION_NE);
    ROOT.addChild(REGION_MW);
    ROOT.addChild(REGION_S);
    ROOT.addChild(REGION_W);

    // Set up the divisions
```

```
REGION_NE.addChild(DIVISION_NE);
REGION_NE.addChild(DIVISION_MA);
REGION_MW.addChild(DIVISION_ENC);
REGION_MW.addChild(DIVISION_WNC);
REGION_S.addChild(DIVISION_SA);
REGION_S.addChild(DIVISION_ESC);
REGION_S.addChild(DIVISION_WSC);
REGION_W.addChild(DIVISION_M);
REGION_W.addChild(DIVISION_P);

// Set up the states
DIVISION_NE.addChild(new DataItem("Connecticut", 3494487, 67721));
DIVISION_NE.addChild(new DataItem("Maine", 1316380, 46541));
DIVISION_NE.addChild(new DataItem("Massachusetts", 6511176, 64496));
DIVISION_NE.addChild(new DataItem("New Hampshire", 1315419, 63033));
DIVISION_NE.addChild(new DataItem("Rhode Island", 1057381, 55569));
DIVISION_NE.addChild(new DataItem("Vermont", 620414, 51284));

DIVISION_MA.addChild(new DataItem("New Jersey", 8650548, 68981));
DIVISION_MA.addChild(new DataItem("New York", 19423896, 55233));
DIVISION_MA.addChild(new DataItem("Pennsylvania", 12516596, 49737));

DIVISION_ENC.addChild(new DataItem("Indiana", 6342469, 47465));
DIVISION_ENC.addChild(new DataItem("Illinois", 12785043, 55222));
DIVISION_ENC.addChild(new DataItem("Michigan", 10039208, 48700));
DIVISION_ENC.addChild(new DataItem("Ohio", 11511858, 47144));
DIVISION_ENC.addChild(new DataItem("Wisconsin", 5599420, 51569));

DIVISION_WNC.addChild(new DataItem("Iowa", 2978880, 48052));
DIVISION_WNC.addChild(new DataItem("Kansas", 2777835, 48394));
DIVISION_WNC.addChild(new DataItem("Minnesota", 5188581, 57007));
DIVISION_WNC.addChild(new DataItem("Missouri", 5904382, 46005));
DIVISION_WNC.addChild(new DataItem("Nebraska", 1772124, 47995));
DIVISION_WNC.addChild(new DataItem("North Dakota", 639725, 45140));
DIVISION_WNC.addChild(new DataItem("South Dakota", 796513, 44828));

DIVISION_SA.addChild(new DataItem("Delaware", 863832, 57618));
DIVISION_SA.addChild(new DataItem("District of Columbia", 588433, 56519));
DIVISION_SA.addChild(new DataItem("Florida", 18222420, 47450));
DIVISION_SA.addChild(new DataItem("Georgia", 9497667, 49466));
DIVISION_SA.addChild(new DataItem("Maryland", 5637418, 69475));
DIVISION_SA.addChild(new DataItem("North Carolina", 9045705, 45069));
DIVISION_SA.addChild(new DataItem("South Carolina", 4416867, 43572));
DIVISION_SA.addChild(new DataItem("Virginia", 7721730, 60316));
DIVISION_SA.addChild(new DataItem("West Virginia", 1811403, 37356));

DIVISION_ESC.addChild(new DataItem("Alabama", 4633360, 41216));
DIVISION_ESC.addChild(new DataItem("Kentucky", 4252000, 41197));
DIVISION_ESC.addChild(new DataItem("Mississippi", 2922240, 36796));
DIVISION_ESC.addChild(new DataItem("Tennessee", 6158953, 42943));

DIVISION_WSC.addChild(new DataItem("Arkansas", 2838143, 38542));
DIVISION_WSC.addChild(new DataItem("Louisiana", 4411546, 42167));
DIVISION_WSC.addChild(new DataItem("Oklahoma", 3610073, 41861));
DIVISION_WSC.addChild(new DataItem("Texas", 23819042, 48199));

DIVISION_M.addChild(new DataItem("Arizona", 6324865, 50296));
DIVISION_M.addChild(new DataItem("Colorado", 4843211, 56222));
DIVISION_M.addChild(new DataItem("Idaho", 1492573, 46183));
DIVISION_M.addChild(new DataItem("Montana", 956257, 43089));
```

```

DIVISION_M.addChild(new DataItem("Nevada", 2545763, 55585));
DIVISION_M.addChild(new DataItem("New Mexico", 1964860, 42742));
DIVISION_M.addChild(new DataItem("Utah", 2651816, 55642));
DIVISION_M.addChild(new DataItem("Wyoming", 523949, 51990));

DIVISION_P.addChild(new DataItem("Alaska", 683142, 64635));
DIVISION_P.addChild(new DataItem("California", 36308527, 60392));
DIVISION_P.addChild(new DataItem("Hawaii", 1280241, 64661));
DIVISION_P.addChild(new DataItem("Oregon", 3727407, 49033));
DIVISION_P.addChild(new DataItem("Washington", 6465755, 56384));
}

public static class CensusTreeNode extends TreeNode {
    private int income;

    public CensusTreeNode(String text, Number size, Color color, int income) {
        super(text, size, color);
        this.income = income;
    }

    public int getIncome() {
        return income;
    }
}
}

```

Finally, to complete the tree model in UI-first development, add a managed bean to your application that references the class or bean that contains the data and, optionally, add any other methods to customize the treemap or sunburst.

The example below shows a code sample that will instantiate the census treemap and populate it with census data. The example also includes a sample method (`convertToString`) that will convert the treemap node's row data to a string for label display.

```

import org.apache.myfaces.trinidad.component.UIXHierarchy;
import org.apache.myfaces.trinidad.model.RowKeySet;
import org.apache.myfaces.trinidad.model.TreeModel;
import oracle.adf.view.faces.bi.component.treemap.UITreemap;

public class SampleTreemap {
    // Data Model Attrs
    private TreeModel currentModel;
    private final CensusData censusData = new CensusData();
    private String censusRoot = "United States";
    private UITreemap treemap;

    public TreeModel getCensusRootData() {
        return censusData.getUnitedStatesData();
    }

    public TreeModel getCensusData() {
        if ("West Region".equals(censusRoot))
            return censusData.getRegionWestData();
        else if ("South Region".equals(censusRoot))
            return censusData.getRegionSouthData();
        else if ("Midwest Region".equals(censusRoot))
            return censusData.getRegionMidwestData();
        else if ("Northeast Region".equals(censusRoot))
            return censusData.getRegionNortheastData();
        else if ("Pacific Division".equals(censusRoot))
            return censusData.getDivisionPacificData();
    }
}

```



```

        else
            return censusData.getUnitedStatesData();
    }
    public TreeModel getData() {
        // Return cached data model if available
        if(currentModel != null)
            return currentModel;
        currentModel = getCensusData();
        return currentModel;
    }
    public void setCensusRoot(String censusRoot) {
        this.censusRoot = censusRoot;
    }
    public String getCensusRoot() {
        return censusRoot;
    }
    //Converts the rowKeySet into a string of node text labels.
    public static String convertToString(RowKeySet rowKeySet, UIXHierarchy
    hierarchy) {
        StringBuilder s = new StringBuilder();
        if (rowKeySet != null) {
            for (Object rowKey : rowKeySet) {
                TreeNode rowData = (TreeNode)hierarchy.getRowData(rowKey);
                s.append(rowData.getText()).append(", ");
            }
            // Remove the trailing comma
            if (s.length() > 0)
                s.setLength(s.length() - 2);
        }
        return s.toString();
    }
    public void setTreemap(UITreemap treemap) {
        this.treemap = treemap;
    }
    public UITreemap getTreemap() {
        return treemap;
    }
}

```

The code to set up the sunburst census sample is nearly identical since both components use the same tree model. See [Section G.2.2, "Code Sample for Sunburst Managed Bean"](#) for an example.

## G.2.2 Code Sample for Sunburst Managed Bean

The following code sample instantiates the census sunburst and populates it with census data. The example also includes a sample method (`convertToString`) that will convert the sunburst node's row data to a string for label display.

```

import oracle.adf.view.faces.bi.component.sunburst.UISunburst;
import org.apache.myfaces.trinidad.component.UIXHierarchy;
import org.apache.myfaces.trinidad.model.RowKeySet;
import org.apache.myfaces.trinidad.model.TreeModel;

public class SunburstSample {
    // Components
    private UISunburst sunburst;
    // Attributes
    private TreeModel currentModel;
    private final CensusData censusData = new CensusData();
}

```

```

private String censusRoot = "United States";

public TreeModel getCensusRootData() {
    return censusData.getUnitedStatesData();
}
public TreeModel getCensusData() {
    if ("West Region".equals(censusRoot))
        return censusData.getRegionWestData();
    else if ("South Region".equals(censusRoot))
        return censusData.getRegionSouthData();
    else if ("Midwest Region".equals(censusRoot))
        return censusData.getRegionMidwestData();
    else if ("Northeast Region".equals(censusRoot))
        return censusData.getRegionNortheastData();
    else if ("Pacific Division".equals(censusRoot))
        return censusData.getDivisionPacificData();
    else
        return censusData.getUnitedStatesData();
}
public TreeModel getData() {
    // Return cached data model if available
    if(currentModel != null)
        return currentModel;
    currentModel = getCensusData();
    return currentModel;
}
public void setCensusRoot(String censusRoot) {
    this.censusRoot = censusRoot;
}
public String getCensusRoot() {
    return censusRoot;
}
public static String convertToString(RowKeySet rowKeySet, UIXHierarchy
hierarchy) {
    StringBuilder s = new StringBuilder();
    if (rowKeySet != null) {
        for (Object rowKey : rowKeySet) {
            TreeNode rowData = (TreeNode)hierarchy.getRowData(rowKey);
            s.append(rowData.getText()).append(", ");
        }
        // Remove the trailing comma
        if (s.length() > 0)
            s.setLength(s.length() - 2);
    }
    return s.toString();
}
public void setSunburst(UISunburst sunburst) {
    this.sunburst = sunburst;
}
public UISunburst getSunburst() {
    return sunburst;
}
}

```

### G.3 Samples for Chapter 33, "Using Diagram Components"

Following are code examples for creating diagram components using the DVT diagram layout framework.

### G.3.1 Code Sample for Default Client Layout

When you create a diagram using UI-first development, JDeveloper provides a default client layout option based on force-directed graph drawing algorithms, which can be used and edited.

```

var Application1DiagramLayout = function(layoutContext, optLinkLength,
initialTemp) {
    this._layoutContext = layoutContext;
    this._optLinkLength = optLinkLength;
    this._initialTemp = initialTemp;
};

//pad factor for the node size
Application1DiagramLayout.PAD_FACTOR = 1.2;
//initial temperature factor - percent of ideal viewport dimension
Application1DiagramLayout.INIT_TEMP_FACTOR = .25;
//number of iterations to run
Application1DiagramLayout.ITERATIONS = 200;

/**
 * Main function that does the force directed layout (Layout entry point)
 * See algorithm in "Graph Drawing by Force-directed Placement" by Thomas M. J.
Fruchterman and Edward M. Reingold
 * @param {DvtDiagramLayoutContext} layoutContext object that defines a context
for layout call
 */
Application1DiagramLayout.forceDirectedLayout = function(layoutContext)
{
    //pretend that the layout area is just big enough to fit all the nodes
    var maxBounds = Application1DiagramLayout.getMaxNodeBounds(layoutContext);
    var nodeCount = layoutContext.getNodeCount();
    var area = nodeCount * (Application1DiagramLayout.PAD_FACTOR * maxBounds.w) *
(Application1DiagramLayout.PAD_FACTOR * maxBounds.h);
    var initialTemp = Application1DiagramLayout.INIT_TEMP_FACTOR * Math.sqrt(area);

    //optimal link length - default is just the size of an ideal grid cell
    var layoutAttrs = layoutContext.getLayoutAttributes();
    var optLinkLength = (layoutAttrs && layoutAttrs["optimalLinkLength"]) ?
parseFloat(layoutAttrs["optimalLinkLength"]) : Math.sqrt(area / nodeCount);

    //initialize and run the layout
    var layout = new Application1DiagramLayout(layoutContext, optLinkLength,
initialTemp);
    layout.layoutNodes();
    layout.layoutLinks();

    //position labels
    layout.positionNodeLabels();
    layout.positionLinkLabels();
};

/**
 * Layout nodes
 */
Application1DiagramLayout.prototype.layoutNodes = function () {
    this.initForceDirectedPositions();
    var iter = Application1DiagramLayout.ITERATIONS;
    var temp = this._initialTemp;
    for (var i = 0; i < iter; i++) {
        this.runForceDirectedIteration(temp);
    }
};

```

```

        //after each iteration, decrease the temperature - we do it linearly
        temp = this._initialTemp * (1 - (i + 1)/iter);
    }
};

/**
 * Reposition nodes using force directed algorithm for a single iteration
 * @param {number} t temperature for the iteration that used to limit node
displacement
 */
Application1DiagramLayout.prototype.runForceDirectedIteration = function(t)
{
    //calculate the repulsive force between each two nodes
    var nodeCount = this._layoutContext.getNodeCount();
    for (var ni = 0; ni < nodeCount; ni++) {
        var node = this._layoutContext.getNodeByIndex(ni);
        node.disp = new DvtDiagramPoint(0, 0);
        for (var ni2 = 0; ni2 < nodeCount; ni2++) {
            if (ni == ni2)
                continue;
            var node2 = this._layoutContext.getNodeByIndex(ni2);

            var difference = this._subtractVectors(node.getPosition(),
node2.getPosition());
            var distance = this._vectorLength(difference);
            var repulsion = (this._optLinkLength * this._optLinkLength) / distance;
            node.disp = this._addVectors(node.disp, this._scaleVector(difference,
repulsion / distance ));
        }
    }

    //calculate the attractive force between linked nodes
    var linkCount = this._layoutContext.getLinkCount();
    for (var li = 0; li < linkCount; li++) {
        var link = this._layoutContext.getLinkByIndex(li);
        var node = this._getNodeAtCurrentLevel (link.getStartId());
        var node2 = this._getNodeAtCurrentLevel (link.getEndId());
        if (!node || !node2)
            continue;
        var difference = this._subtractVectors(node.getPosition(),
node2.getPosition());
        var distance = this._vectorLength(difference);
        var attraction = (distance * distance) / this._optLinkLength;
        node.disp = this._subtractVectors(node.disp, this._scaleVector(difference,
attraction / distance ));
        node2.disp = this._addVectors(node2.disp, this._scaleVector(difference,
attraction / distance ));
    }

    //limit node displacement by the temperature t and set the position
    for (var ni = 0; ni < nodeCount; ni++) {
        var node = this._layoutContext.getNodeByIndex(ni);
        this._addGravity(node);
        var distance = this._vectorLength(node.disp);
        var pos = this._addVectors(node.getPosition(), this._scaleVector(node.disp,
Math.min(distance, t) / distance));
        node.setPosition(pos);
    }
};

```

```

/**
 * Adds gravity force that attracts a node to the center, the gravity force does
 not allow disconnected nodes and branches to be pushed far away from the center
 * @param {DvtDiagramLayoutContextNode} node object that defines node context for
 the layout
 */
Application1DiagramLayout.prototype._addGravity = function(node) {
    var gravityAdjustment = .2;
    var distance = this._vectorLength(node.getPosition()); //distance from the
center (0,0)
    var attraction = (distance * distance) / this._optLinkLength;
    node.disp = this._subtractVectors(node.disp, this._
scaleVector(node.getPosition(), attraction / distance * gravityAdjustment ) );
};

/**
 * Initializes node positions - node positions in force directed layout must be
 initialized such that no
 * two nodes have the same position. Position nodes in a circle.
 */
Application1DiagramLayout.prototype.initForceDirectedPositions = function() {
    var nodeCount = this._layoutContext.getNodeCount();
    var angleStep = 2*Math.PI / nodeCount;
    var radius = this._optLinkLength;
    for (var ni = 0; ni < nodeCount; ni++) {
        var x = radius * Math.cos(angleStep * ni);
        var y = radius * Math.sin(angleStep * ni);
        var node = this._layoutContext.getNodeByIndex(ni);
        node.setPosition(new DvtDiagramPoint(x, y));
    }
};

/**
 * Calculate vector length
 * @param {DvtDiagramPoint} p vector
 * @return {number} vector length
 */
Application1DiagramLayout.prototype._vectorLength = function(p) {
    return Math.sqrt(p.x * p.x + p.y * p.y);
};

/**
 * Scale vector
 * @param {DvtDiagramPoint} p vector
 * @param {number} scale scale
 * @return {DvtDiagramPoint} resulting vector
 */
Application1DiagramLayout.prototype._scaleVector = function(p, scale) {
    return new DvtDiagramPoint(p.x * scale, p.y * scale);
};

/**
 * Adds vectors
 * @param {DvtDiagramPoint} p1 vector
 * @param {DvtDiagramPoint} p2 vector
 * @return {DvtDiagramPoint} resulting vector
 */
Application1DiagramLayout.prototype._addVectors = function(p1, p2) {
    return new DvtDiagramPoint(p1.x + p2.x, p1.y + p2.y);
};

```

```

/**
 * Subtract vectors
 * @param {DvtDiagramPoint} p1 vector
 * @param {DvtDiagramPoint} p2 vector
 * @return {DvtDiagramPoint} resulting vector
 */
Application1DiagramLayout.prototype._subtractVectors = function(p1, p2) {
    return new DvtDiagramPoint(p1.x - p2.x, p1.y - p2.y);
};

/**
 * Finds a node for the link by the node id. In case of a link that does not
 * connect nodes across containers, that will be a node itself.
 * In case when a link connects nodes across containers, that might be one of the
 * ancestor nodes - the node that has been processed at the current level.
 * @param {string} nodeId id of the node to check
 */
Application1DiagramLayout.prototype._getNodeAtCurrentLevel = function(nodeId) {
    var node;
    do {
        if (!nodeId)
            return null;
        node = this._layoutContext.getNodeById(nodeId);
        nodeId = node.getContainerId();
    } while (!node.disp);
    return node;
};

/**
 * Create links
 */
Application1DiagramLayout.prototype.layoutLinks = function () {
    for (var li = 0; li < this._layoutContext.getLinkCount(); li++) {
        var link = this._layoutContext.getLinkByIndex(li);
        link.setPoints(this.getEndpoints(link));
    }
};

/**
 * Get endpoints for the link
 * @param {DvtDiagramLayoutContextLink} link object that defines link context for
 * the layout
 * @return {array} an array that contains the start X, Y coordinates and the end
 * X, Y coordinates for the link
 */
Application1DiagramLayout.prototype.getEndpoints = function (link) {
    var n1 = this._layoutContext.getNodeById(link.getStartId());
    var n2 = this._layoutContext.getNodeById(link.getEndId());

    var n1Position = n1.getPosition();
    var n2Position = n2.getPosition();
    if (n1.getContainerId() || n2.getContainerId()) { //for cross-container link
        n1Position = this._layoutContext.localToGlobal(new DvtDiagramPoint(0, 0), n1);
        n2Position = this._layoutContext.localToGlobal(new DvtDiagramPoint(0, 0), n2);
    }

    var b1 = n1.getContentBounds();
    var b2 = n2.getContentBounds();

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```

var startX = n1Position.x + b1.x + .5 * b1.w;
var startY = n1Position.y + b1.y + .5 * b1.h;
var endX = n2Position.x + b2.x + .5 * b2.w;
var endY = n2Position.y + b2.y + .5 * b2.h;

b1 = new DvtDiagramRectangle(n1Position.x + b1.x, n1Position.y + b1.y, b1.w,
b1.h);
b2 = new DvtDiagramRectangle(n2Position.x + b2.x, n2Position.y + b2.y, b2.w,
b2.h);
var startP = this._findLinkNodeIntersection(b1, startX, startY, endX, endY,
link.getStartConnectorOffset());
var endP = this._findLinkNodeIntersection(b2, endX, endY, startX, startY,
link.getEndConnectorOffset());
return [startP.x, startP.y, endP.x, endP.y];
};

/**
 * Find a point where a link line intersects the node boundary - use that point as
the start or the end connection point
 * @param {DvtDiagramRectangle} rect the bounds of the node content
 * @param {number} startX x coordinate for the line start
 * @param {number} startY y coordinate for the line start
 * @param {number} endX x coordinate for the line end
 * @param {number} endY y coordinate for the line end
 * @param {number} connOffset the offset of the start connector
 * @return {DvtDiagramPoint} a point where a link line intersects the node
boundary
 */
Application1DiagramLayout.prototype._findLinkNodeIntersection = function (rect,
startX, startY, endX, endY, connOffset) {

var lineAngle = Math.atan2(endY - startY, endX - startX);
var cornerAngle = Math.atan2(rect.h, rect.w); // rectangle diagonal from top
left to right bottom
var bottomRightAngle = cornerAngle;
var bottomLeftAngle = Math.PI - bottomRightAngle;
var topRightAngle = - bottomRightAngle;
var topLeftAngle = - bottomLeftAngle;
var x = 0, y = 0;
if (lineAngle >= topLeftAngle && lineAngle <= topRightAngle) { // side top
x = rect.x + rect.w * .5 + Math.tan(Math.PI / 2 - lineAngle) * (-rect.h * .5);
y = rect.y;
}
else if (lineAngle <= bottomLeftAngle && lineAngle >= bottomRightAngle) { //
side bottom
x = rect.x + rect.w * .5 + Math.tan(Math.PI / 2 - lineAngle) * (rect.h * .5);
y = rect.y + rect.h;
}
else if (lineAngle <= bottomRightAngle && lineAngle >= topRightAngle) { // side
right
x = rect.x + rect.w;
y = rect.y + rect.h * .5 + Math.tan(lineAngle) * (rect.w * .5);
}
else { //side
left
x = rect.x;
y = rect.y + rect.h * .5 + Math.tan(lineAngle) * (- rect.w * .5);
}

if (connOffset) {

```

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        x += Math.cos(lineAngle) * connOffset;
        y += Math.sin(lineAngle) * connOffset;
    }
    return new DvtDiagramPoint(x, y);
};

/**
 * Center node label below the node
 */
Application1DiagramLayout.prototype.positionNodeLabels = function () {
    for (var ni = 0; ni < this._layoutContext.getNodeCount();ni++) {
        var node = this._layoutContext.getNodeByIndex(ni);
        var nodeLabelBounds = node.getLabelBounds();
        if (nodeLabelBounds) {
            var nodeBounds = node.getContentBounds();
            var nodePos = node.getPosition();
            var labelX = nodeBounds.x + nodePos.x + .5 * (nodeBounds.w -
nodeLabelBounds.w);
            var labelY = nodeBounds.y + nodePos.y + nodeBounds.h;
            node.setLabelPosition(new DvtDiagramPoint(labelX, labelY));
        }
    }
};

/**
 * Position link label at the link center
 */
Application1DiagramLayout.prototype.positionLinkLabels = function (layoutContext)
{
    for (var ni = 0;ni < this._layoutContext.getLinkCount();ni++) {
        var link = this._layoutContext.getLinkByIndex(ni);
        var linkLabelBounds = link.getLabelBounds();
        if (linkLabelBounds) {
            var points = link.getPoints();
            if (points.length >=4) {
                var startX = points[0], endX = points[points.length-2];
                var startY = points[1], endY = points[points.length-1];
                var labelX = startX + .5 * (endX - startX - linkLabelBounds.w);
                var labelY = startY + .5 * (endY - startY - linkLabelBounds.h);
                link.setLabelPosition(new DvtDiagramPoint(labelX, labelY));
            }
        }
    }
};

/**
 * Helper function that finds max node width and height
 * @param {DvtDiagramLayoutContext} layoutContext Object that defines a context
for layout call
 * @return {DvtDiagramRectangle} a rectangle that represent a node with max width
and max height
 */
Application1DiagramLayout.getMaxNodeBounds = function (layoutContext) {
    var nodeCount = layoutContext.getNodeCount();
    var maxW = 0 , maxH = 0;
    for (var ni = 0;ni < nodeCount;ni++) {
        var node = layoutContext.getNodeByIndex(ni);
        var bounds = node.getContentBounds();
        maxW = Math.max(bounds.w, maxW);
        maxH = Math.max(bounds.h, maxH);
    }
};

```



```

    }
    return new DvtDiagramRectangle(0, 0, maxW, maxH);
};

```

### G.3.2 Code Sample for Simple Circle Layout

For a simple circle layout of nodes and links.

```

var LearningDiagramLayouts = {
    simpleVertical : function (layoutContext) {
        var largestNodeBounds =
LearningDiagramLayouts.getMaxNodeBounds(layoutContext);
        var nodeGap = (2 * largestNodeBounds.h);
        var nodeCount = layoutContext.getNodeCount();
        var linkCount = layoutContext.getLinkCount();
        var xPos = 0;
        var yPos = 0;
        var labelXPos = largestNodeBounds.w + 10;

        for (var i = 0; i < nodeCount; i++) {
            var node = layoutContext.getNodeByIndex(i);
            var nodeHeight = node.getContentBounds().h;
            node.setPosition(new DvtDiagramPoint(xPos, yPos));

            var labelHeight = node.getLabelBounds().h;
            var labelYPos = yPos + ((nodeHeight - labelHeight) / 2);

            node.setLabelPosition(new DvtDiagramPoint(labelXPos, labelYPos));
            yPos += (nodeHeight + nodeGap);
        }

        var linkGap = 4;
        var largestLinkLabelBounds =
LearningDiagramLayouts.getMaxLinkLabelBounds(layoutContext);
        for (var j = 0; j < linkCount; j++) {
            var link = layoutContext.getLinkByIndex(j);
            var startNode = layoutContext.getNodeById(link.getStartId());
            var endNode = layoutContext.getNodeById(link.getEndId());
            var linkStartPos =
LearningDiagramLayouts.getNodeEdgeMidPoint(startNode, "s");
            var linkEndPos = LearningDiagramLayouts.getNodeEdgeMidPoint(endNode,
"n");

            var linkLabelXPos;
            var linkLabelYPos = linkStartPos.y + ((linkEndPos.y - linkStartPos.y -
link.getLabelBounds().h) / 2);

            if (linkEndPos.y > linkStartPos.y) {
                link.setPoints([linkStartPos.x, (linkStartPos.y + linkGap),
linkEndPos.x, (linkEndPos.y - linkGap)]);
                linkLabelXPos = linkStartPos.x - (link.getLabelBounds().w + 20);
            } else {
                // need to re-route in this case
                // Segment 1 - keep heading down for a short distance
                var turn1 = new DvtDiagramPoint();
                turn1.x = linkStartPos.x;
                turn1.y = linkStartPos.y + (largestNodeBounds.h/2);
                // Segment 2 - head left far enough to avoid overlap with the
other link labels
                var turn2 = new DvtDiagramPoint();

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        turn2.x = turn1.x - (largestLinkLabelBounds.w + 40);
        turn2.y = turn1.y;
        // Segment 3 - Back up the diagram to a point equally above the
end node

        var turn3 = new DvtDiagramPoint();
        turn3.x = turn2.x;
        turn3.y = linkEndPos.y - (largestNodeBounds.h/2);
        // Segment 4 - Back to the center line
        var turn4 = new DvtDiagramPoint();
        turn4.x = linkEndPos.x;
        turn4.y = turn3.y;
        // Segment 5 - And down to the end node for which
        // we already have the coordinates

        //Now pass in the path:
        link.setPoints([linkStartPos.x, (linkStartPos.y + linkGap),
                        turn1.x, turn1.y,
                        turn2.x, turn2.y,
                        turn3.x, turn3.y,
                        turn4.x, turn4.y,
                        linkEndPos.x, (linkEndPos.y -
linkGap)]);

        //Finally work out the X position of the label in this case
        linkLabelXPos = turn3.x - (link.getLabelBounds().w + 20);
    }

    link.setLabelPosition(new DvtDiagramPoint(linkLabelXPos,
linkLabelYPos));
    }
},
/**
 * Utility function to return the size information for
 * the largest node being handled by the layout
 */
getMaxNodeBounds : function (layoutContext) {
    var nodeCount = layoutContext.getNodeCount();
    var maxW = 0;
    var maxH = 0;
    for (var i = 0; i < nodeCount; i++) {
        var node = layoutContext.getNodeByIndex(i);
        var bounds = node.getContentBounds();
        maxW = Math.max(bounds.w, maxW);
        maxH = Math.max(bounds.h, maxH);
    }
    return new DvtDiagramRectangle(0, 0, maxW, maxH);
},
/**
 * Utility function to return the size information for
 * the largest link label being handled by the layout
 */
getMaxLinkLabelBounds : function (layoutContext) {
    var linkCount = layoutContext.getLinkCount();
    var maxW = 0;
    var maxH = 0;
    for (var i = 0; i < linkCount; i++) {
        var link = layoutContext.getLinkByIndex(i);
        var bounds = link.getLabelBounds();
        maxW = Math.max(bounds.w, maxW);
    }
}

```

```

        maxH = Math.max(bounds.h, maxH);
    }
    return new DvtDiagramRectangle(0, 0, maxW, maxH);
},
/**
 * Utility function to return the midpoint of a node edge.
 * Edges are identified as compass points n e s w
 */
getNodeEdgeMidPoint : function (node, edge) {
    var nodeSize = node.getContentBounds();
    var nodePosition = node.getPosition();
    var xpos;
    var ypos;

    switch (edge) {
        case "n":
        case "s":
            xpos = nodePosition.x + (nodeSize.w / 2);
            break;
        case "e":
            xpos = nodePosition.x + nodeSize.w;
            break;
        case "w":
            xpos = nodePosition.x;
            break;
        default :
            xpos = 0;
    }

    switch (edge) {
        case "e":
        case "w":
            ypos = nodePosition.y + (nodeSize.h / 2);
            break;
        case "s":
            ypos = nodePosition.y + nodeSize.h;
            break;
        case "n":
            ypos = nodePosition.y;
            break;
        default :
            ypos = 0;
    }

    return new DvtDiagramPoint(xpos, ypos);
}
}

```

### G.3.3 Code Sample for Simple Vertical Layout

This diagram layout uses a restricted vertical layout with the assumption of no more than one incoming and one outgoing link per node.

```

var LearningDiagramLayouts = {
    simpleVertical : function (layoutContext) {
        var largestNodeBounds =
LearningDiagramLayouts.getMaxNodeBounds(layoutContext);
        var nodeGap = (2 * largestNodeBounds.h);
        var nodeCount = layoutContext.getNodeCount();
        var linkCount = layoutContext.getLinkCount();

```

```

var xPos = 0;
var yPos = 0;
var labelXPos = largestNodeBounds.w + 10;

for (var i = 0; i < nodeCount; i++) {
    var node = layoutContext.getNodeByIndex(i);
    var nodeHeight = node.getContentBounds().h;
    node.setPosition(new DvtDiagramPoint(xPos, yPos));

    var labelHeight = node.getLabelBounds().h;
    var labelYPos = yPos + ((nodeHeight - labelHeight) / 2);

    node.setLabelPosition(new DvtDiagramPoint(labelXPos, labelYPos));
    yPos += (nodeHeight + nodeGap);
}

var linkGap = 4;
var largestLinkLabelBounds =
LearningDiagramLayouts.getMaxLinkLabelBounds(layoutContext);
for (var j = 0; j < linkCount; j++) {
    var link = layoutContext.getLinkByIndex(j);
    var startNode = layoutContext.getNodeById(link.getStartId());
    var endNode = layoutContext.getNodeById(link.getEndId());
    var linkStartPos =
LearningDiagramLayouts.getNodeEdgeMidPoint(startNode, "s");
    var linkEndPos = LearningDiagramLayouts.getNodeEdgeMidPoint(endNode,
"n");

    var linkLabelXPos;
    var linkLabelYPos = linkStartPos.y + ((linkEndPos.y - linkStartPos.y -
link.getLabelBounds().h) / 2);

    if (linkEndPos.y > linkStartPos.y) {
        link.setPoints([linkStartPos.x, (linkStartPos.y + linkGap),
linkEndPos.x, (linkEndPos.y - linkGap)]);
        linkLabelXPos = linkStartPos.x - (link.getLabelBounds().w + 20);
    } else {
        // need to re-route in this case
        // Segment 1 - keep heading down for a short distance
        var turn1 = new DvtDiagramPoint();
        turn1.x = linkStartPos.x;
        turn1.y = linkStartPos.y + (largestNodeBounds.h/2);
        // Segment 2 - head left far enough to avoid overlap with the
other link labels
        var turn2 = new DvtDiagramPoint();
        turn2.x = turn1.x - (largestLinkLabelBounds.w + 40);
        turn2.y = turn1.y;
        // Segment 3 - Back up the diagram to a point equally above the
end node
        var turn3 = new DvtDiagramPoint();
        turn3.x = turn2.x;
        turn3.y = linkEndPos.y - (largestNodeBounds.h/2);
        // Segment 4 - Back to the center line
        var turn4 = new DvtDiagramPoint();
        turn4.x = linkEndPos.x;
        turn4.y = turn3.y;
        // Segment 5 - And down to the end node for which
// we already have the coordinates

        //Now pass in the path:

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```

        link.setPoints([linkStartPos.x, (linkStartPos.y + linkGap),
                        turn1.x, turn1.y,
                        turn2.x, turn2.y,
                        turn3.x, turn3.y,
                        turn4.x, turn4.y,
                        linkEndPos.x, (linkEndPos.y -
linkGap)]);

        //Finally work out the X position of the label in this case
        linkLabelXPos = turn3.x - (link.getLabelBounds().w + 20);
    }

    link.setLabelPosition(new DvtDiagramPoint(linkLabelXPos,
linkLabelYPos));
}
},
/**
 * Utility function to return the size information for
 * the largest node being handled by the layout
 */
getMaxNodeBounds : function (layoutContext) {
    var nodeCount = layoutContext.getNodeCount();
    var maxW = 0;
    var maxH = 0;
    for (var i = 0; i < nodeCount; i++) {
        var node = layoutContext.getNodeByIndex(i);
        var bounds = node.getContentBounds();
        maxW = Math.max(bounds.w, maxW);
        maxH = Math.max(bounds.h, maxH);
    }
    return new DvtDiagramRectangle(0, 0, maxW, maxH);
},
/**
 * Utility function to return the size information for
 * the largest link label being handled by the layout
 */
getMaxLinkLabelBounds : function (layoutContext) {
    var linkCount = layoutContext.getLinkCount();
    var maxW = 0;
    var maxH = 0;
    for (var i = 0; i < linkCount; i++) {
        var link = layoutContext.getLinkByIndex(i);
        var bounds = link.getLabelBounds();
        maxW = Math.max(bounds.w, maxW);
        maxH = Math.max(bounds.h, maxH);
    }
    return new DvtDiagramRectangle(0, 0, maxW, maxH);
},
/**
 * Utility function to return the midpoint of a node edge.
 * Edges are identified as compass points n e s w
 */
getNodeEdgeMidPoint : function (node, edge) {
    var nodeSize = node.getContentBounds();
    var nodePosition = node.getPosition();
    var xpos;
    var ypos;

    switch (edge) {

```

```
        case "n":
        case "s":
            xpos = nodePosition.x + (nodeSize.w / 2);
            break;
        case "e":
            xpos = nodePosition.x + nodeSize.w;
            break;
        case "w":
            xpos = nodePosition.x;
            break;
        default :
            xpos = 0;
    }

    switch (edge) {
        case "e":
        case "w":
            ypos = nodePosition.y + (nodeSize.h / 2);
            break;
        case "s":
            ypos = nodePosition.y + nodeSize.h;
            break;
        case "n":
            ypos = nodePosition.y;
            break;
        default :
            ypos = 0;
    }

    return new DvtDiagramPoint(xpos, ypos);
}
}
```

---

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## Using Graph Components

This appendix describes how to use ADF Data Visualization Tool (DVT) `paretoGraph` and `stockGraph` server-side components to display data in graphs using simple UI-first development. The chapter defines the data requirements, tag structure, and options for customizing the look and behavior of the components.

If your application uses the Fusion technology stack, you can also use data controls to create graphs. For more information, see the "Creating Databound Graphs" section in *Oracle Fusion Middleware Fusion Developer's Guide for Oracle Application Development Framework*.

This chapter includes the following sections:

- [Section H.1, "Introduction to the Graph Component"](#)
- [Section H.2, "Using the Graph Component"](#)
- [Section H.3, "Customizing Graph Display Elements"](#)
- [Section H.4, "Formatting Graph Text, Colors, and Data Values"](#)
- [Section H.5, "Customizing the Appearance of Series and Groups of Data"](#)
- [Section H.6, "Animating Graphs"](#)
- [Section H.7, "Adding Special Effects to Graphs"](#)

The DVT chart components are client-side components used for displaying data in charts. Chart components include area, bar, bubble, combination, funnel, line, pie, polar, radar, scatter, and spark charts. For information about the DVT chart components, see [Chapter 24, "Using Chart Components."](#)

### H.1 Introduction to the Graph Component

The graph component gives you the capability of a variety of Pareto and stock graphs. This component lets you evaluate multiple data points on multiple axes in many ways. For example, a number of graphs assist you in the comparison of results from one group with the results from another group.

A graph displays series and groups of data. Series and groups are analogous to the rows and columns of a grid of data. Typically, the rows in the grid appear as a series in a graph and the columns in the grid appear as groups in the graph.

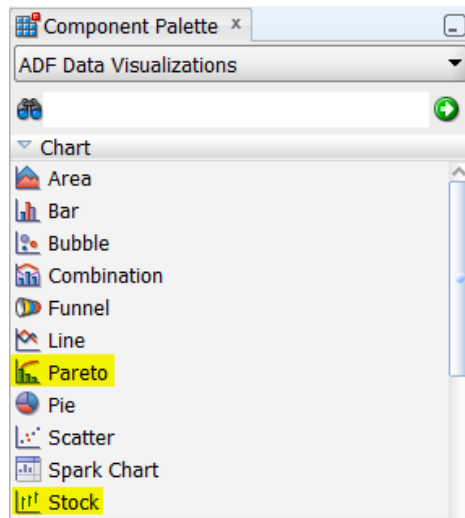
For most graphs, a series appears as a set of markers that are the same color. Typically, the graph legend shows the identification and associated color of each series. For example, in a radar graph, the red line might represent the sales of a product, and the blue line might represent the sales of boots.

Groups appear differently in different graph types. For example, in a Pareto graph, each bar is a group. A group might represent time periods, such as years. A group might also represent categorical data such as regions.

### H.1.1 Graph Component Use Cases and Examples

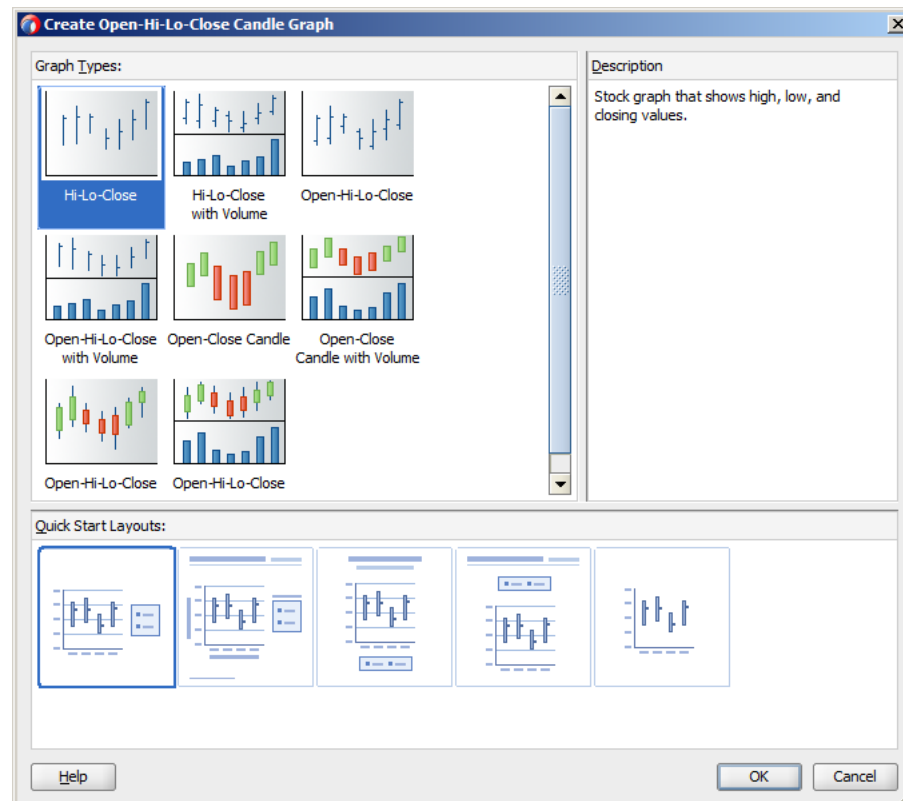
Graph components include two types of graphs that you can use to display data. JDeveloper provides a Component Palette that displays available graph categories. [Figure H-1](#) shows the Component Palette for charts, with the graph components highlighted.

**Figure H-1** Component Palette for Graphs



When you select a graph category in the Component Palette, JDeveloper displays a dialog with descriptions about the available graph types to provide visual assistance when you are creating graphs. [Figure H-2](#) shows the different stock graph types and layouts available when you select the *Stock* component in the Component Palette.

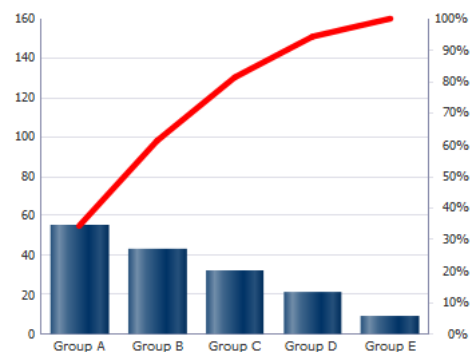


**Figure H-2 Stock Graph Types in Create Open-Hi-Lo-Close Candle Graph Dialog**

Graph types include:

- Pareto: Represents data by bars and a percentage line that indicates the cumulative percentage of bars. Each set of bars identifies different sources of defects, such as the cause of a traffic accident. The bars are arranged by value, from the largest number to the lowest number of incidents. A Pareto graph is always a dual-Y graph in which the first y-axis corresponds to values that the bars represent and the second y-axis runs from 0% to 100% and corresponds to the cumulative percentage values. Use Pareto graphs to identify and compare the sources of defects. The Pareto graph has no variations.

Figure H-3 shows an example Pareto graph.

**Figure H-3 Pareto Graph Example**

- **Stock:** Shows data as the high, low, and closing prices of a stock. Each stock marker displays two to four separate values (not counting the optional volume marker) depending on the specific type of stock graph chosen. Stock graphs display stock prices and, optionally, the volume of trading for one or more stocks in a graph. When any stock or candle stock graph includes the volume of trading, the volume appears as bars in the lower part of the graph.

Candle stock graphs display stock prices and, optionally, the volume of trading for only a single stock. When a candle stock graph includes the volume of trading, the volume appears as bars in the lower part of the graph.

Candle stock graphs also show the lesser of the open and close values at the bottom of the candle. The greater value appears at the top of the candle. If the closing value is greater than the opening value, then the candle is green. If the opening value is higher than the closing value, then the candle is red.

Figure H-4 shows variations of the stock graph type as displayed in the Create Stock Graph dialog with the default graph selected.

**Figure H-4 Stock Graph Type Variations**

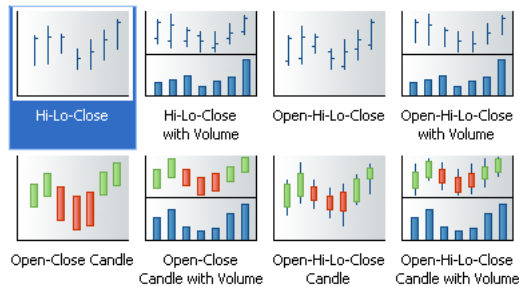
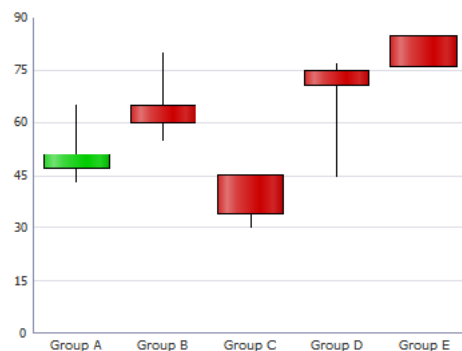


Figure H-5 shows an example candle stock graph.

**Figure H-5 Candle Stock Chart Example**



## H.1.2 End User and Presentation Features

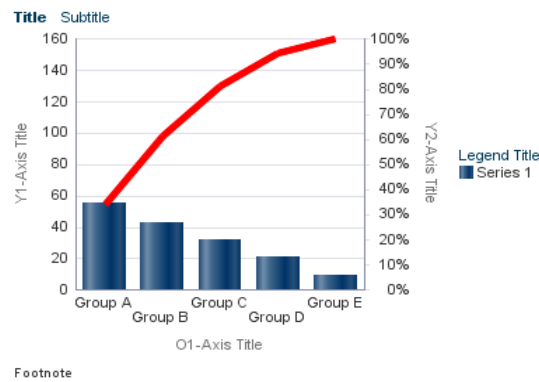
Graph end user and configurable presentation features include a rich variety of options.

### H.1.2.1 Graph Layout

The optional graph title, subtitle, footnote, legend, and axis title components can be customized for placement and appearance. The plot area, present for all graphs, can be

customized for appearance. [Figure H-6](#) shows the default display of those graph components for a Pareto graph.

**Figure H-6 Graph Layout Components**



### H.1.2.2 Sizing

Graphs are displayed in a default size of 400 X 300 pixels. You can customize the size of a graph or specify dynamic resizing to fit an area across different browser window sizes. When graphs are displayed in a horizontally or vertically restricted area, for example in a web page sidebar, the graph is displayed in a fully featured, although simplified display.

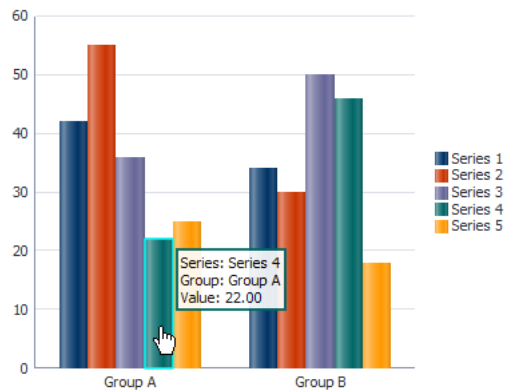
### H.1.2.3 Image Formats

Graphs support the following image formats: HTML5, Flash, and PNG. By default, new applications default to HTML5, but you can change the default image format. You can also disable Flash across your application or customize the Flash Player's behavior on client platforms.

### H.1.2.4 Data Marker Selection

Graphs can be enabled for single or multiple selection of data markers such as bubbles in a bubble graph or shapes in a scatter graph. Enabling selection is required for context menus and for responding programmatically to user clicks on the data markers.

[Figure H-7](#) shows a bar graph enabled for selection. Each data marker is highlighted as the user moves over it to provide a visual clue that the marker is selectable.

**Figure H-7 Bar Graph With Selection Support Enabled**

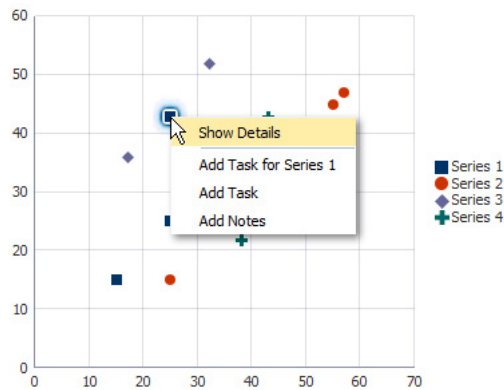
Select a marker to see information here. Multiple objects can be selected by holding CTRL while selecting.

### H.1.2.5 Context Menus

Graphs support right-click context menus using facets for any of three types:

- Context menus displayed on any non selectable area within the component, for example, the plot area
- Context menus displayed on any selectable element, for example, the marker in a scatter graph
- Context menus displayed on multiple selectable elements

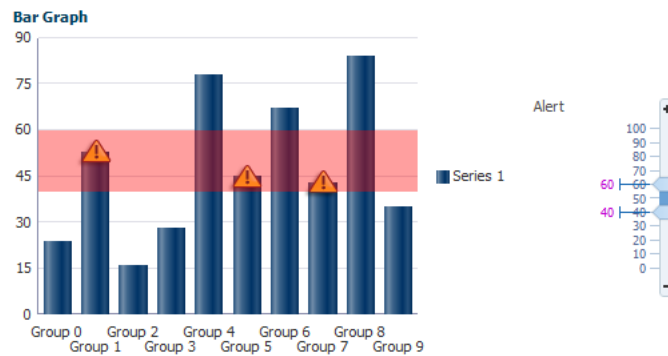
Figure H-8 shows a context menu displayed on a marker selected in a scatter graph.

**Figure H-8 Selected Marker Context Menu in Scatter Graph**

### H.1.2.6 Reference Areas/Line and Alerts

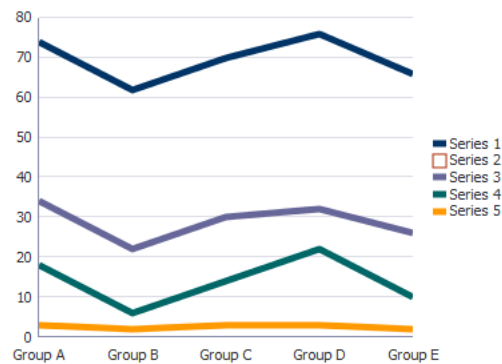
Graphs can be configured to associate a data reference area or line with a graph series or axis. Separately, graphs can be configured to define an additional data point that needs to be highlighted with a separate symbol, such as for an error or warning.

Figure H-9 shows a bar graph with a warning alert icon for each bar inside the alert range of the graph. The figure also illustrates an ADF input range slider that can be associated with the graph to change the reference area.

**Figure H-9 Alerts in Bar Graph**

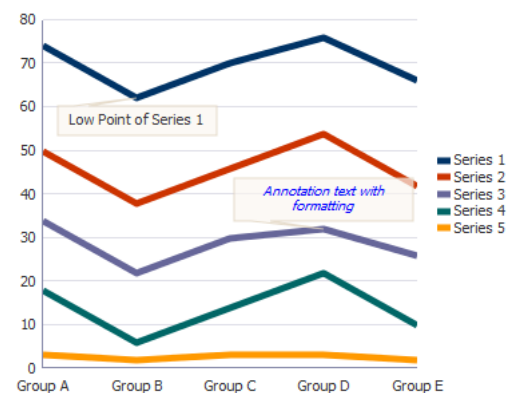
### H.1.2.7 Hide and Show Series

Graphs can be configured to hide and show one or more series displayed in the graph data. This is useful for comparison and analysis, particularly when multiple series are displayed. Figure H-10 shows hide and show in a line graph. The default icon for the hidden series is an empty box.

**Figure H-10 Hide and Show in Line Graph**

### H.1.2.8 Annotations

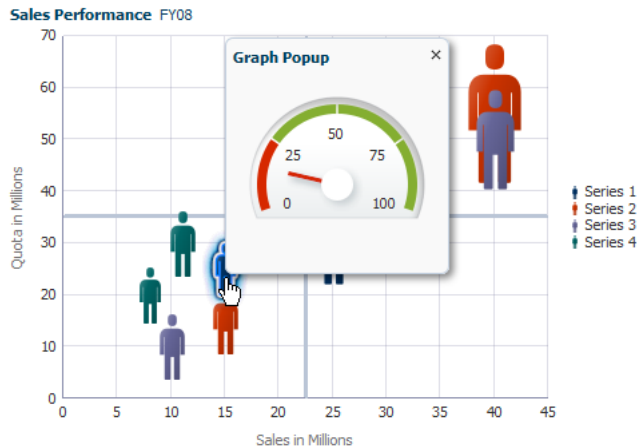
Annotations can be used to call out significant values in the graph data. Figure H-11 shows sample annotations in a line graph.

**Figure H-11 Annotations in Line Graph**

### H.1.2.9 Popup Support

Graph components can be configured to display popup dialogs, windows, and menus that provide information or request input from end users. [Figure H-12](#) shows a popup with a gauge component in a graph.

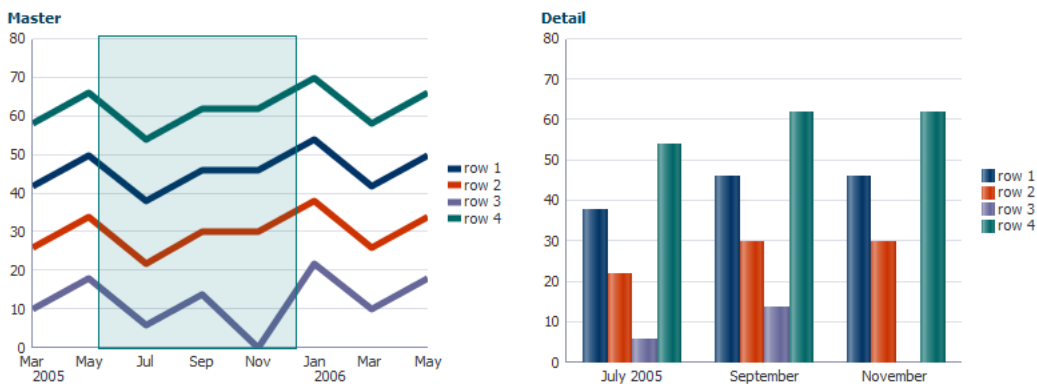
**Figure H-12** *Popup in a Scatter Graph*



### H.1.2.10 Time Selector

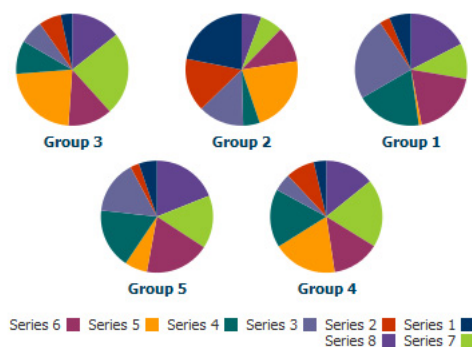
Graphs that include a time axis can be configured to include a time selector which allows the user to select a time range on the time axis. [Figure H-13](#) shows a user-enabled time selector to display the master-detail data in graphs. When the user moves the time selector on the line graph, the bar graph changes to display the data for the selected time period.

**Figure H-13** *Time Selector in Line Graph*



### H.1.2.11 Bi-directional Support

All image formats for graphs support bi-directional locales. [Figure H-14](#) shows bi-directional support in multiple pie graphs.

**Figure H-14 Bi-directional Support in Multiple Pie Graphs****H.1.2.12 Drag and Drop**

Pareto and stock graphs can be configured as drop targets to supports drops from other ADF components.

**H.1.2.13 Screen Reader Support**

To support visually impaired users who read web pages with a screen reader, graphs are automatically replaced with pivot tables when screen reader mode is enabled for the application. Screen readers can more easily navigate and read the data in a pivot table than in a graph. For information about enabling screen reader mode, see [Chapter 22, "Developing Accessible ADF Faces Pages."](#) For information about ADF pivot tables, see [Section 27.1, "Introduction to Pivot Tables."](#)

**H.2 Using the Graph Component**

Data requirements for graphs differ with graph type. Data requirements can be any of the following kinds:

- Geometric: Some graph types need a certain number of data points in order to display data. For example, a line graph requires at least two groups of data because a line requires at least two points.
- Complex: Some graph types require more than one data point for each marker (which is the component that actually represents the data in a graph). A scatter graph, for example, needs two values for each group so that it can position the marker along the x-axis and along the y-axis. If the data that you provide to a graph does not have enough data points for each group, the graph component does its best to display a graph.
- Logical: Some graph types cannot accept certain kinds of data. The following examples apply:
  - Negative data issues: Do not pass negative data to a pie graph or to a percentage bar, line, or area graph. Markers will not display for negative data in percentage graphs.
  - Null or zero data: You cannot see markers for null data because markers will not be produced for null data. Also, if a graph receives zero data and the axis line is at zero, the marker is not visible. However, if the axis line is at nonzero, the zero marker is visible.
  - Insufficient sets (or series) of data: Dual-Y graphs require a set of data for each y-axis. Usually, each set represents different information. For example, the y1-axis might represent sales for specific countries and time periods, while the

y2-axis might represent total sales for all countries. If you pass only one set of y-axis data, then the graph cannot display data on two different Y-axes. It displays the data on a single y-axis.

Similar graphs share similar data requirements. For example, you can group the following graphs under the category of area graphs:

- Absolute area graph.
- Stacked area graph.
- Percentage area graph.

## H.2.1 Graph Type Data Requirements

Specific data requirements for each graph type are defined as follows:

- Funnel graphs:
  - At least two series (or sets of data) are required for funnel graphs. These two sets of data serve as the target and actual data values. Threshold values appear in the graph legend.

Another variation of the funnel graph requires only one set of data, where the data values shown are percentages of the total values. To produce this type of funnel graph, you must set the `funnelPercentMeasure` property on the graph to be `True`. This setting should be done in the XML for the graph.

- At least one group of data is required to be used as a stage for funnel graphs.
- Pareto graphs:
  - At least two groups of data are required for Pareto graphs.
  - Pareto graphs cannot have negative numbers.
  - If you pass more than one set of data to a Pareto graph, the graph uses only the first set of data.
  - Do not pass percentage values as part of the data for a Pareto graph. The graph calculates the percentages based on the data that you pass.
- Radar graphs:

At least three groups of data are required for a radar graph. The data structure is as follows:

  - The number of sides on the polygon is equal to the number of groups of data. Each corner of the polygon represents a group.
  - A series or set of data is represented by a line, all the markers of the same color, or both. It is labeled by legend text.
- Stock graphs:
  - Stock: High-Low-Close
    - \* Each stock marker requires a group of three data values in the following sequence: High, Low, Close. To display stock data for more than one day, data must be in multiples of three, such as three data values for Monday, three data values for Tuesday, and so on for each additional day.
    - \* A series (or set) of data is represented by markers of the same color that represent one stock. A series is labeled by legend text such as Stock A. The legend appears even if you have only one stock, with the exception of candle stock graphs. Most high-low-close stock graphs have only one



series. If you show more than one series and the prices of the different stocks overlap, then some stock markers obscure other stock markers.

- Stock: High-Low-Close with Volume:
  - \* Each stock marker requires a group of four data values in the following sequence: High, Low, Close, Volume. To display stock data for more than one day, data must be in multiples of four and sequenced as follows: Monday High, Monday Low, Monday Close, Monday Volume, and so on for each additional day.
  - \* High-low-close stock graphs that also show volume can display the data for only one stock. The label for this stock appears in the legend of the graph.
- Stock: Open-High-Low-Close
  - \* Each stock marker requires a group of four data values in the following sequence: Open, High, Low, Close. To display stock data for more than one day, data must be in multiples of four, such as four data values for Monday, four data values for Tuesday, and so on.
  - \* A series (or set) of data is represented by markers that have the same color and represent one stock. A series is labeled by legend text such as Stock A. The legend appears even if you have only one stock. Most open-high-low-close stock graphs have only one series. If you show more than one series and the prices of the different stocks overlap, then some stock markers obscure other stock markers.
- Stock: Open-High-Low-Close with Volume
  - \* Each stock marker requires a group of five data values in the following sequence: Open, High, Low, Close, Volume. To display stock data for more than one day, data must be in multiples of five and sequenced as follows: Monday Open, Monday High, Monday Low, Monday Close, Monday Volume, and so on for each additional day.
  - \* Open-high-low-close stock graphs that also show volume can display the data for only one stock. The label for this stock appears in the legend of the graph.
- Candle: Open-Close
  - \* Each stock marker requires a group of two data values in the following sequence: Open, Close. To display stock data for more than one day, data must be in multiples of two, such as two data values for Monday, two data values for Tuesday, and so on.
  - \* A series (or set of data) is represented by markers for one stock. Candle stock graphs allow the display of values for only one stock. For this reason, no legend appears in these graphs and you should show the series label (which is the name of the stock) in the title of the graph.
- Candle: Open-Close with Volume
  - \* Each stock marker requires a group of three data values in the following sequence: Open, Close, Volume. To display stock data for more than one day, data must be in multiples of three, such as three data values for Monday, three data values for Tuesday, and so on.
  - \* A series (or set of data) is represented by markers for one stock. Candle stock graphs allow the display of values for only one stock. For this

reason, no legend appears in these graphs and you should show the series label (which is the name of the stock) in the title of the graph.

- Candle: Open-High-Low-Close
  - \* Each stock marker requires a group of four data values in the following sequence: Open, High, Low, Close. To display stock data for more than one day, data must be in multiples of four, such as four data values for Monday, four data values for Tuesday, and so on.
  - \* A series (or set) of data is represented by markers for one stock. Candle stock graphs allow the display of values for only one stock. For this reason, no legend appears in these graphs and you should show the series label (which is the name of the stock) in the title of the graph.
- Candle: Open-High-Low-Close with Volume
  - \* Each stock marker requires a group of five data values in the following sequence: Open, High, Low, Close, Volume. To display stock data for more than one day, data must be in multiples of five, such as five data values for Monday, five data values for Tuesday, and so on.
  - \* A series (or set) of data is represented by markers for one stock. Candle stock graphs allow the display of values for only one stock. For this reason, no legend appears in these graphs and you should show the series label (which is the name of the stock) in the title of the graph.

## H.2.2 Configuring Graphs

Because of the many graph types and the significant flexibility of the graph components, graphs have a large number of DVT tags. The prefix `dvt:` occurs at the beginning of each graph tag name indicating that the tag belongs to the ADF Data Visualization Tools (DVT) tag library. The following list identifies groups of tags related to the graph component:

- Graph component tags: The four graph component tags provide a convenient and quick way to create a commonly used graph type. They are represented in the Component Palette as categories of graphs with one or more type variations.

[Table H-1](#) provides a description of the graph component tags, and their variations as specified in the `subType` attribute of the graph component.

**Table H-1** *Graph Component Tags and Sub Types*

Graph Tag	Description	Sub Types
<code>funnelGraph</code>	Visually represents data related to steps in a process. The steps appear as vertical slices across a horizontal cone-shaped section.	<code>FUNNEL</code>
<code>paretoGraph</code>	Represents data by bars and a percentage line that indicates the cumulative percentage of bars.	<code>PARETO</code>
<code>radarGraph</code>	Appears as a circular line graph.	<code>RADAR_LINE</code>

**Table H-1 (Cont.) Graph Component Tags and Sub Types**

Graph Tag	Description	Sub Types
scatterGraph	Represents data by the location of data markers. A scatter graph can display data in a directional manner as a polar graph.	SCATTER SCATTER_2Y POLAR
stockGraph	Displays stock prices and, optionally, the volume of trading for one or more stocks in a graph. When any stock or candle stock graph includes the volume of trading, the volume appears as bars in the lower part of the graph.	STOCK_CANDLE STOCK_CANDLE_VOLUME STOCK_HILO_CLOSE STOCK_HILO_CLOSE_VOLUME STOCK_OHLC_CANDLE STOCK_OHLC_CANDLE_VOLUME STOCK_OPEN_HILO_CLOSE STOCK_VOLUME

- Common graph child tags: These tags are supported by most graph component tag to provide a variety of customization options.

[Table H-2](#) provides a list and description of these tags.

**Table H-2 Common Graph Child Tags**

Child Tag	Description
animationOnDisplay animationOnDataChange	Configuring animation effects for graphs.
background graphFont graphFootnote graphPlotArea graphSubTitle graphTitle	Customizing the appearance of graph elements including titles.
attributeFormat	Formatting categorical attributes in the ordinal axis and marker tooltips.
legendArea legendText legendTitle	Customizing of the graph legend.
markerText x1Format y1Format y2Format zFormat	Marker customization related to each axis.
olAxis olMajorTick olTickLabel olTitle	Customizing the ordinal axis (also known as the category axis) used with bar, area, combination, line, radar, and stock graphs with group labels.

**Table H-2 (Cont.) Common Graph Child Tags**

Child Tag	Description
xlAxis xlMajorTick xlTickLabel xlMinorTick xlTitle	Customizing the x-axis used with scatter and bubble graphs with numerical labels.
ylAxis ylMajorTick ylTickLabel ylMinorTick ylTitle	Customizing the y1-axis.

- Child set tags: These tags wrap a set of an unlimited number of related tags.

[Table H-3](#) provides a list and description of these tags.

**Table H-3 Graph Child Set Tags**

Child Set Tag	Description
alertSet	Wraps <code>dvt:alert</code> tags that define an additional data point that needs to be highlighted with a separate symbol, such as an error or warning.
annotationSet	Wraps <code>dvt:annotation</code> tags that define an annotation on a graph. An annotation is associated with a specific data point on a graph.
referenceObjectSet	Wraps <code>dvt:referenceObject</code> tags that define a reference line or a reference area for a graph. You can define an unlimited number of reference objects for a given graph.
seriesSet	Wraps <code>dvt:series</code> tags that define a set of data markers or series on a graph.
shapeAttributesSet	Wraps <code>dvt:shapeAttributes</code> tags that specify interactivity properties on a subcomponent of a graph.

In each case, during design, you must create the wrapper tag first, followed by a related tag for each item in the set. [Example H-1](#) shows the sequence of the tags when you create a set of alert tags to define two alert points for an area graph.

**Example H-1 Code Sample for a Set of Alert Tags**

```
<dvt:areaGraph id="areaGraph1" subType="AREA_VERT_ABS">
  <dvt:background>
    <dvt:specialEffects/>
  </dvt:background>
  <dvt:graphPlotArea/>
  <dvt>alertSet>
    <dvt>alert xValue="Boston" yValue="3.50"
      yValueAssignment="Y1AXIS" imageSource="myWarning.gif"/>
    <dvt>alert xValue="Boston" yValue="5.50"
      yValueAssignment="Y1AXIS" imageSource="myError.gif"/>
  </dvt>alertSet>
  <dvt:olAxis/>
  <dvt:y1Axis/>
  <dvt:legendArea automaticPlacement="AP_NEVER"/>
</dvt:areaGraph>
```

```
</dvt:areaGraph>
```

- Graph-specific child tags: These tags apply either to specific graph types or to specific parts of a graph.

Table H-4 provides a list and description of these tags.

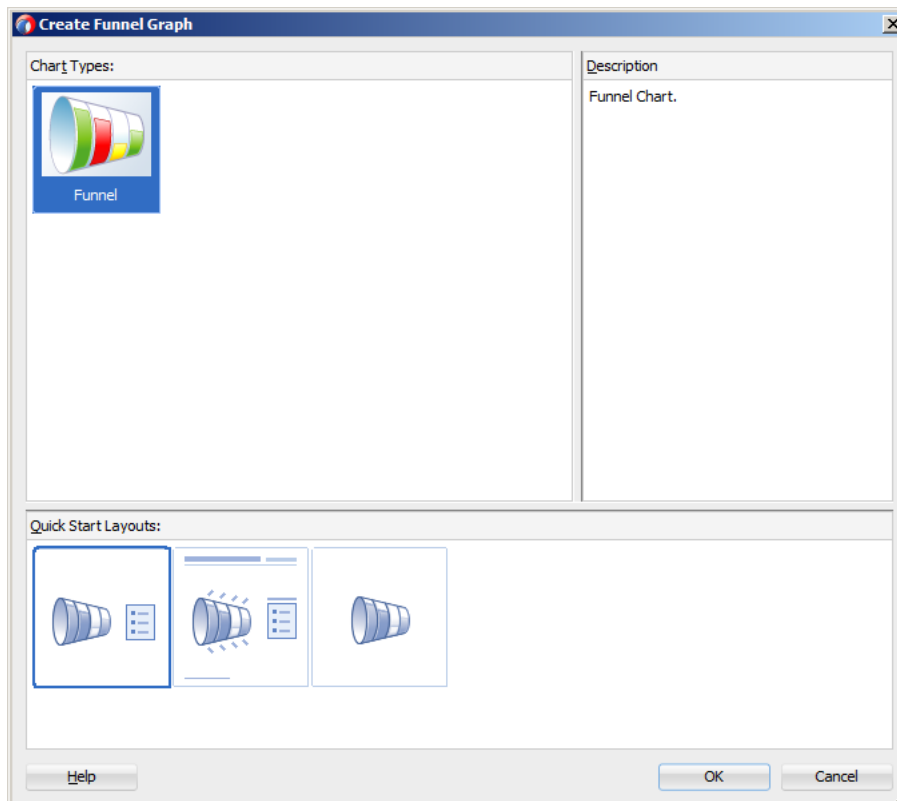
**Table H-4 Graph-Specific Child Tags**

Child Tag	Description
specialEffects gradientStopStyle	Gradients that are used for a graph only in conjunction with <code>dvt:background</code> , <code>dvt:legendArea</code> , <code>dvt:graphPlotArea</code> , <code>dvt:graphPieFrame</code> , <code>dvt:series</code> , <code>dvt:referenceObject</code> , or <code>dvt:timeSelector</code> child components.
sliceLabel x1TickLabel y2TickLabel y1TickLabel x1Format y1Format y2Format zFormat stockVolumeFormat	Formatting numerical data values for graph.
paretoLine paretoMarker	Pareto graph customizations.
stockMarker stockVolumeformat volumeMarker	Stock graph customizations.

For complete descriptions of all the tags, their attributes, and a list of valid values, consult the DVT tag documentation. To access this documentation for a specific graph tag in JDeveloper, select the tag in the Structure window and press F1 or click **Help**.

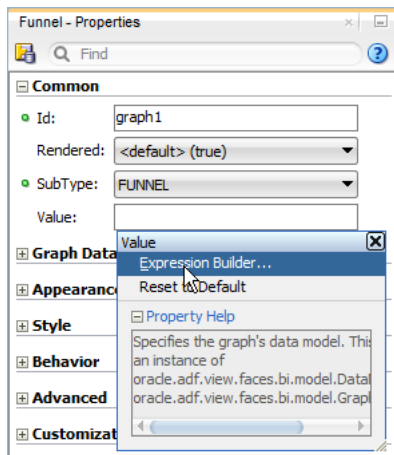
### H.2.3 How to Add a Graph to a Page

When you are designing your page using simple UI-first development, you use the Component Palette to add a graph to a JSF page. When you drag and drop a graph component onto the page, a Create Graph dialog displays available categories of graph types, with descriptions, to provide visual assistance when creating graphs. You can also specify a quick start layout of the graph's title and legend. Figure H-15 shows the Create Funnel Graph dialog for funnel graphs with the default funnel graph type selected.

**Figure H-15 Create Funnel Graph Dialog**

Once you complete the dialog, and the graph is added to your page, you can use the Property Inspector to specify data values and configure additional display attributes for the graph.

In the Property Inspector you can click the icon that appears when you hover over the property field to display a property description or edit options. [Figure H-16](#) shows the dropdown menu for a bar graph component `value` attribute.

**Figure H-16 Bar Graph Component Value Attribute Dropdown Menu**

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**Note:** If your application uses the Fusion technology stack, then you can use data controls to create a graph and the binding will be done for you. For more information, see the "Creating Databound Graphs" chapter of *Oracle Fusion Middleware Fusion Developer's Guide for Oracle Application Development Framework*

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### Before you begin:

It may be helpful to have an understanding of how graph attributes and graph child tags can affect functionality. For more information, see [Section H.2.2, "Configuring Graphs."](#)

You must complete the following tasks:

1. Create an application workspace as described in [Section 2.2, "Creating an Application Workspace."](#)
2. Create a view page as described in [Section 2.4, "Creating a View Page."](#)

### To add a graph to a page:

1. In the ADF Data Visualizations page of the Component Palette, from the Graph and Gauge panel, drag and drop the desired graph category onto the page to open the Create Graph dialog.
2. Use the dialog to select the graph type and the quick start layout for display of graph title, legend, and labels. For help with the dialog, press F1 or click **Help**.
3. Click **OK** to add the graph to your page.
4. In the Property Inspector, view the attributes for the graph. Use the help button to display the complete tag documentation for the graph type component.
5. Expand the **Common** section. Use this section to set the following attribute:
  - **SubType:** If you wish to change the variation of the graph type, select the desired type from the attribute dropdown menu. The valid values will vary depending on the graph.

For example, the valid values for a bar graph are:

- BAR\_VERT\_CLUST: Clustered bar graph that has a vertical orientation.
  - BAR\_VERT\_CLUST\_SPLIT2Y: Clustered, vertical, split dual-y bar graph.
  - BAR\_VERT\_CLUST2Y: Clustered, vertical, dual-y bar graph.
  - BAR\_VERT\_FLOAT\_STACK: Floating, vertical, stacked bar graph.
  - BAR\_VERT\_PERCENT: Percent, vertical bar graph.
  - BAR\_VERT\_STACK: Stacked, vertical bar graph.
  - BAR\_VERT\_STACK\_SPLIT2Y: Stacked, vertical, split dual-y bar graph.
  - BAR\_VERT\_STACK2Y: Stacked, vertical, dual-y bar graph.
6. Expand the **Graph Data** section. Specify data values for the graph by setting the value in these fields:
    - **Value:** Specify the data model, which must be an instance of `DataModel`, using an EL Expression. Alternatively, set a metric value as either a `Java.lang.Number` object or a `String`.

- **TabularValue:** Alternatively, specify a tabular data set as a `Java.util.List` object. For more information, see [Section H.2.5, "How to Create a Graph Using Tabular Data."](#)
- 7. Expand the **Appearance** section. Specify display attributes by setting the value in these fields:
  - **ShortDesc:** Enter a statement of the graph's purpose and structure for use by screen readers
  - **EmptyText:** Specify the error text to display if the graph has no data.

The graph will display on the client in the HTML5 image format if the client supports it. For more information about graph image formats, see [Section H.2.6, "What You May Need to Know About Graph Image Formats."](#)

## H.2.4 What Happens When You Add a Graph to a Page

When a graph component is inserted into a JSF page using the Create Graph dialog, a set of child tags that support customization of the graph is automatically inserted.

[Example H-2](#) shows the code inserted in the JSF page for a bar graph with the quick-start layout selected in [Figure H-15](#).

### **Example H-2** Graph Sample Code

```
<dvt:barGraph id="graph1" subType="BAR_VERT_CLUSTER">
  <dvt:background>
    <dvt:specialEffects/>
  </dvt:background>
  <dvt:graphPlotArea/>
  <dvt:seriesSet>
    <dvt:series/>
  </dvt:seriesSet>
  <dvt:olAxis/>
  <dvt:y1Axis/>
  <dvt:legendArea automaticPlacement="AP_NEVER" />
</dvt:barGraph>
```

After inserting a graph component into the page, specialized context menus in the visual editor and Property Inspector buttons are available to support the customization of graph features. For more information, see [Section H.2.7, "Editing Graphs in the Visual Editor and Property Inspector."](#)

## H.2.5 How to Create a Graph Using Tabular Data

A graph is created when a grid of data is used for the graph component. The `tabularData` attribute of a graph component lets you specify a list of values that the graph uses to create a grid and to populate itself. To create a graph using tabular data you must store the data in a method in the graph's managed bean, and then use the graph component's `tabularData` attribute to reference the data.

For example, the table in [Figure H-17](#) has three columns: 2006, 2007, and 2008, and two rows: Shoes and Boots. This data produces a graph that compares annual sales for boots and shoes over a three-year period.

**Figure H-17** Comparison of Annual Sales

	2006	2007	2008
Shoes	120000	122000	175000
Boots	90000	110000	150000



In a managed bean, the list that contains the tabular data consists of a three-member Object array for each data value to be passed to the graph. The members of each array must be organized as follows:

- The first member (index 0) is the column label, in the grid, of the data value. This is generally a `String`. If the graph has a time axis, then this should be a `Java Date`. Column labels typically identify groups in the graph.
- The second member (index 1) is the row label, in the grid, of the data value. This is generally a `String`. Row labels appear as series labels in the graph, usually in the legend.
- The third member (index 2) is the data value, which is usually `Double`.

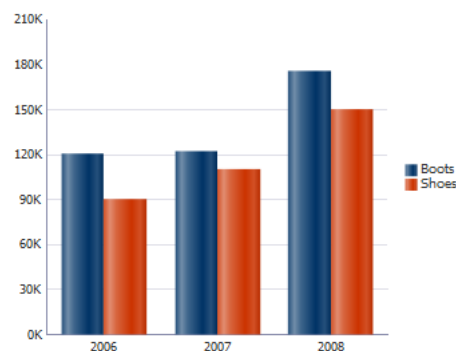
[Example H-3](#) shows code that creates the list of data required for a graph to compare annual sales of shoes and boots for a three-year period.

### **Example H-3 Code to Create a List of Data for a Graph**

```
public List getTabularData()
{
    ArrayList list = new ArrayList();
    String[] rowLabels = new String[] {"Boots", "Shoes"};
    String[] colLabels = new String[] {"2006", "2007", "2008"};
    Double [] [] values = new Double[][]{
        {120000.0, 122000.0, 175000.0},
        {90000.0, 110000.0, 150000.0}
    };
    for (int c = 0; c < colLabels.length; c++)
    {
        for (int r = 0; r < rowLabels.length; r++)
        {
            list.add (new Object [] {colLabels[c], rowLabels[r],
                new Double (values[r][c])});
        }
    }
    return list;
}
```

[Figure H-18](#) shows the graph that is rendered on the page if you add the method in [Example H-3](#) to a vertical clustered bar graph's `tabularData` attribute.

**Figure H-18 Bar Graph Using Tabular Data to Compare Annual Sales**



### **Before you begin:**

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You will also need to create the method to supply data and add it to the graph's managed bean. If you need additional help, see [Section 2.6, "Creating and Using Managed Beans."](#)

**To create a graph that uses data from a managed bean:**

1. In the Structure window, right-click the `dvt:typeGraph` node and choose **Go to Properties**.
2. In the Property Inspector, expand the **Graph Data** section.
3. From the **TabularData** attribute dropdown menu, choose **Expression Builder**.
4. In the Expression Builder dialog, use the search box to locate the graph's managed bean.
5. Expand the managed bean node and select the method that contains the list of tabular data.
6. Click **OK**.

The Expression is created.

For example, for a managed bean named `sampleGraph` and a method named `getTabularData`, the Expression Builder generates the code `#{sampleGraph.tabularData}` as the value for the `tabularData` attribute of the graph.

## H.2.6 What You May Need to Know About Graph Image Formats

Graphs support the following image formats: HTML5, Flash, and PNG. The image format used depends upon the application's settings and the client's environment.

You can configure your application to use a specific image format by setting or changing the following parameters:

- `oracle.adf.view.rich.dvt.DEFAULT_IMAGE_FORMAT`

This context initialization parameter is automatically added to `web.xml` for all new applications and defaults to HTML5. For more information, see [Appendix A.2.3.24, "Graph and Gauge Image Format."](#)
- Skin style  
Graphs will be displayed in the HTML5 image format when using the Skyros skin. New applications default to this skin. For more information about skinning and styles, see [Chapter 20, "Customizing the Appearance Using Styles and Skins."](#)
- `flash-player-usage`

You can disable the use of Flash content across the entire application by setting a `flash-player-usage` context parameter in `adf-config.xml`. For more information, see [Appendix A.4.3, "Configuring Flash as Component Output Format."](#)

If the specified image format is not available on the client, the application will default to an available format. For example, if the client does not support HTML5, the application will use:

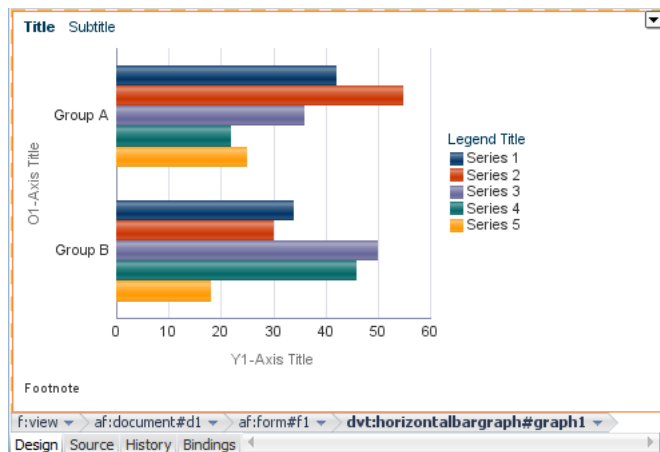
- Flash, if the Flash Player is available.

- Portable Network Graphics (PNG) output format. A PNG output format is also used when printing graphs. Although static rendering is fully supported when using a PNG output format, certain interactive features are not available including:
  - Animation
  - Context menus
  - Drag and drop gestures
  - Interactive pie slice behavior
  - Reference object hover behavior
  - Popup support
  - Selection
  - Series rollover behavior

## H.2.7 Editing Graphs in the Visual Editor and Property Inspector

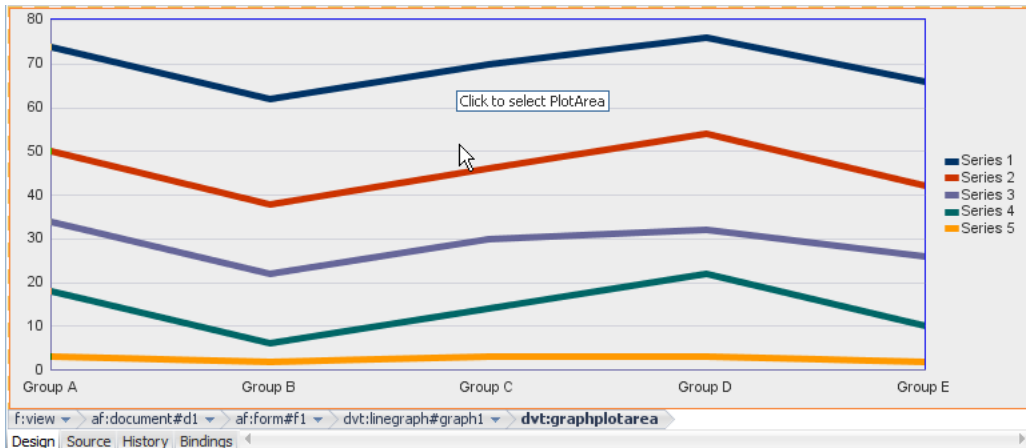
When you edit graph components in the visual editor and Property Inspector, specialized context menus and buttons are available to support the customization of graph features. Graph child components such as the title, legend area, plot area, background, axis labels, and display of graph series such as bars can be selected to display a context menu with editing choices. [Figure H-19](#) shows the display of a horizontal bar graph in the visual editor.

**Figure H-19** Horizontal Bar Graph in Visual Editor



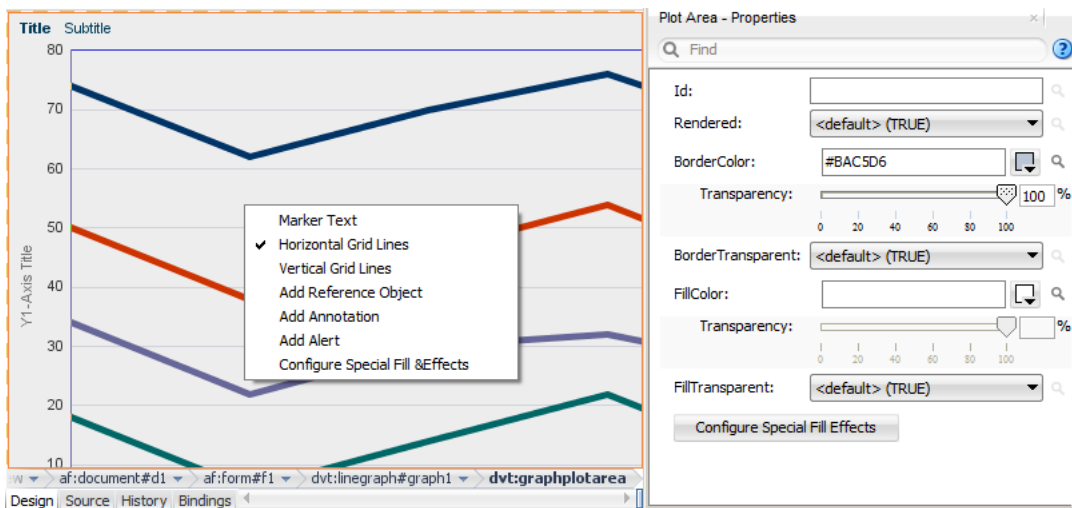
Popups in the visual editor provide confirmation of selection of the graph feature to be customized. For example, [Figure H-20](#) shows the popup displayed in the plot area of a line graph.

**Figure H–20 Visual Editor Popup in Line Graph**



When the graph feature is selected in the visual editor, a specialized editing context menu is made available. Figure H–21 shows the line graph plot area context menu from which you can choose a variety of options including removing the default display of the horizontal grid marks. You can also use the context menu or the Property Inspector buttons to configure special fill effects in the plot area. The selection of the graph tags is synchronized in the visual editor, Structure window, Property Inspector, and source editor.

**Figure H–21 Line Graph Plot Area Context Menu**



For additional information about configuring line graphs, see [Section H.5.2, "Changing the Appearance of Lines in Graphs."](#) For additional information about configuring special fill effects, see [Section H.4.3, "Using Gradient Special Effects in Graphs."](#)

### H.3 Customizing Graph Display Elements

You can configure graph display elements including sizing, background and plot area appearance, title, axes, labels, legends, and tooltips.

## H.3.1 Changing Graph Size and Style

You can customize the width and height of a graph and you can allow for dynamic resizing of a graph based on changes to the size of its container. You can also control the style sheet used by a graph. These two aspects of a graph are interrelated in that they share the use of the `graph inlineStyle` attribute.

### H.3.1.1 How to Specify the Size of a Graph at Initial Display

You can specify the initial size of a graph by setting values for attributes of the `dvt:typeGraph` tag. If you do not also provide for dynamic resizing of the graph, then the initial size becomes the only display size for the graph.

#### Before you begin:

It may be helpful to have an understanding of how graph attributes and graph child tags can affect functionality. For more information, see [Section H.2.2, "Configuring Graphs."](#)

You should already have a graph on your page. If you do not, follow the instructions in this chapter to create a graph. For information, see [Section H.2.3, "How to Add a Graph to a Page."](#)

#### To specify the size of a graph at its initial display:

1. In the Structure window, right-click the `dvt:typeGraph` node and choose **Go to Properties**.
2. In the Property Inspector, in the **Style** section, enter a value for the **InlineStyle** attribute of the graph tag.

For example, to create a graph that is 200 pixels in width and has a height of 200 pixels, use the following setting for the **InlineStyle** attribute:

```
width:200px;height:200px.
```

### H.3.1.2 How to Provide for Dynamic Resizing of a Graph

You must enter values in each of two attributes of the `dvt:typeGraph` tag to allow for a graph to resize when its container in a JSF page changes in size. The values that you specify for this capability also are useful for creating a graph component that fills an area across different browser window sizes.

#### Before you begin:

It may be helpful to have an understanding of how graph attributes and graph child tags can affect functionality. For more information, see [Section H.2.2, "Configuring Graphs."](#)

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#### To allow dynamic resizing of a graph:

1. In the Structure window, right-click the `dvt:typeGraph` node and choose **Go to Properties**.
2. In the Property Inspector, in the **Behavior** section, from the **DynamicResize** attribute's dropdown list, select the value `DYNAMIC_SIZE`.
3. In the **Style** section, for the **InlineStyle** attribute, enter a fixed number of pixels or a relative percent for both width and height.

For example, to create a graph that fills 50% of its container's width and has a height of 200 pixels, use the following setting for the **InlineStyle** attribute:  
`width:50%;height:200px.`

**Best Practice Tip:** To specify a width of 100%, set the **StyleClass** to `AFStretchWidth`.

### H.3.1.3 How to Use a Specific Style Sheet for a Graph

You have the option of selecting any of the standard styles available for the `dvt:typeGraph` tag. You can also specify a custom style sheet for use with a graph.

#### Before you begin:

It may be helpful to have an understanding of how graph attributes and graph child tags can affect functionality. For more information, see [Section H.2.2, "Configuring Graphs."](#)

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#### To select a style sheet for a graph:

1. In the Structure window, right-click the `dvt:typeGraph` node and choose **Go to Properties**.
2. In the Property Inspector, expand the **Style** section.
3. For the **StyleClass** attribute, enter the name of the CSS style class to use for the graph.
4. In the Property Editor, select the CSS style class to use for the graph.

For example, select the `OraBGGrayLight` class to set a light gray background for the graph.

For additional help with style sheets and CSS style classes, see [Chapter 20, "Customizing the Appearance Using Styles and Skins."](#)

## H.3.2 Changing Graph Background, Plot Area, and Title

The graph automatically provides default settings for its background and plot area based on the style it is using. You can customize these settings using child tags of the graph.

The graph also provides title, subtitle, and footnote options that you can specify. By default, no text is provided for titles and footnotes. When you enter this information, you can also specify the font and font characteristics that you want to use for the text.

### H.3.2.1 How to Customize the Background and Plot Area of a Graph

You can customize the following parts of graphs related to background and plot area:

- **Background:** The area on which the graph is plotted.
- **Plot area:** A frame in which data is plotted for all graphs other than pie graphs. Axes are displayed on at least two borders of the plot area.
- **Pie frame:** A frame in which pie graphs are plotted without the use of axes.

**Before you begin:**

It may be helpful to have an understanding of how graph attributes and graph child tags can affect functionality. For more information, see [Section H.2.2, "Configuring Graphs."](#)

You should already have a graph on your page. If you do not, follow the instructions in this chapter to create a graph. For information, see [Section H.2.3, "How to Add a Graph to a Page."](#)

**To customize the background and plot area of a graph:**

1. If you want to customize the background of a graph, do the following:
  - a. In the Structure window, right-click the **dvt:background** node and choose **Go to Properties**.
  - b. To change the background fill color, choose **Edit** from the **FillColor** attribute's dropdown and select the color to use in the Property Editor.
2. If you want to customize the plot area of any graph other than a pie graph, do the following:
  - a. In the Structure window, right-click the **dvt:graphPlotArea** node and choose **Go to Properties**.
  - b. In the Property Inspector, use the attribute dropdown menus to select colors that you want to customize for the plot area's **BorderColor** and **FillColor** attributes.
3. If you want to customize the plot area of a pie graph, do the following:
  - a. In the Structure window, right-click the **dvt:graphPieFrame** node and choose **Go to Properties**.
  - b. In the Property Inspector, use the attribute dropdown menus to select colors that you want to customize for the plot area's **BorderColor** and **FillColor** attributes.

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**Note:** You can also customize the colors of the background and plot area in a graph by adding gradient special effects. For more information, see [Section H.4.3, "Using Gradient Special Effects in Graphs."](#)

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**H.3.2.2 How to Specify Titles and Footnotes in a Graph**

You have the option of specifying a title, subtitle, and footnote for a graph. You use a separate child tag of the graph for each of these text entries. The attributes of each of these child tags let you define the horizontal alignment of the text field, the text content, and whether or not the text should be rendered.

The tags for title, subtitle, and footnote support the use of a child graph font tag to let you identify the exact font characteristics to be used for each text field.

**Before you begin:**

It may be helpful to have an understanding of how graph attributes and graph child tags can affect functionality. For more information, see [Section H.2.2, "Configuring Graphs."](#)

You should already have a graph on your page. If you do not, follow the instructions in this chapter to create a graph. For information, see [Section H.2.3, "How to Add a](#)

## Graph to a Page."

### To specify titles and a footnote for a graph:

1. If you want to enter a graph title, do the following:
  - a. In the Structure window, right-click the **dvt:typeGraph** node and choose **Insert inside GraphType > ADF Data Visualizations > dvt:graphTitle**.
  - b. Use the Property Inspector to specify values in the attributes of the `dvt:graphTitle` tag.
  - c. If you want to provide specific font characteristics for the text, then in the Structure window, right-click the **dvt:graphTitle** node and choose **Insert inside dvt:graphTitle > dvt:graphFont**.
  - d. Use the Property Inspector to specify values for the attributes of the `dvt:graphFont` tag.
2. If you want to enter a graph subtitle, do the following:
  - a. In the Structure window, right-click the **dvt:typeGraph** node and choose **Insert inside GraphType > ADF Data Visualizations > dvt:graphSubtitle**.
  - b. Use the Property Inspector to specify values in the attributes of the `dvt:graphSubtitle` tag.
  - c. If you want to provide specific font characteristics for the text, in the Structure window, right-click the **dvt:graphSubtitle** node and choose **Insert inside dvt:graphSubtitle > dvt:graphFont**.
  - d. Use the Property Inspector to specify values for the attributes of the `dvt:graphFont` tag.
3. If you want to enter a graph footnote, do the following:
  - a. In the Structure window, right-click the **dvt:typeGraph** node and choose **Insert inside GraphType > ADF Data Visualizations > dvt:graphFootnote**.
  - b. Use the Property Inspector to specify values in the attributes of the `dvt:graphFootnote` tag.
  - c. If you want to provide specific font characteristics for the text, then in the Structure window, right-click the **dvt:graphFootnote** node and choose **Insert inside dvt:graphFootnote > dvt:graphFont**.
  - d. Use the Property Inspector to specify values for the attributes of the `dvt:graphFont` tag.

### H.3.3 How to Customize Graph Axes and Labels

Graphs can have the following axes:

- Ordinal axis (also known as the o1-axis): The ordinal (or category) axis of a graph shows ordered data, such as ratings or stages, or shows nominal data, such as different cities or different products. The ordinal axis appears on bar, line, area, combination, or radar graphs. When the ordinal axis is horizontal and contains time data, it is called a time axis.

An example of an ordinal axis is the horizontal line across the bottom of the plot area of a vertical bar graph. The values along this axis do not identify the extent of the data shown. Instead, they identify the different groups to which the data belongs.



- **x1-axis:** The x1-axis shows the values that appear along the horizontal axis in a graph. This axis has regular intervals of numbers instead of group labels. It is referred to as the x-axis. The x1-axis appears on bubble and scatter graphs.
- **y1-axis:** The y1-axis is the primary y-axis. It is usually the vertical value axis along the left side of the plot area. It has regular intervals of numbers.
- **y2-axis:** The y2-axis is the secondary y-axis. It is usually the vertical axis along the right side of the plot area. It has regular intervals of numbers.

For each axis, there are several graph child tags that support customization. The following sections discuss the options available for various kinds of customization of an axis.

### H.3.3.1 How to Specify the Title, Appearance, and Scaling of an Axis

The following graph child tags support customization of the title and appearance of an axis:

- **Title:** Specifies the text and alignment for an axis title. Includes the following tags: `dvt:o1Title`, `dvt:x1Title`, `dvt:y1Title`, and `dvt:y2Title`. An axis does not show a title unless you use the appropriate title tag.
- **Axis:** Controls the color, line width, scaling, increment between tick marks, visibility of the axis, and scrolling in specific graph types. Includes the following tags: `dvt:o1Axis`, `dvt:x1Axis`, `dvt:y1Axis`, and `dvt:y2Axis`.

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**Note:** Scaling attributes are not present on the `dvt:o1Axis` tag because the ordinal axis does not display numeric values.

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#### Before you begin:

It may be helpful to have an understanding of how graph attributes and graph child tags can affect functionality. For more information, see [Section H.2.2, "Configuring Graphs."](#)

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#### To specify the title and appearance of an axis:

1. In the Structure window, right-click the `dvt:typeGraph` node and choose **Insert inside GraphType > ADF Data Visualizations > dvt:AxisTypeTitle**.  
For example, to set the title for a bar graph's o1-axis, choose **Insert inside Bar > ADF Data Visualizations > dvt:O1Title**.
2. In the Property Inspector, enter the text for the axis title and optionally specify values for other attributes of this tag.
3. If you want to specify font characteristics for the title, do the following:
  - a. In the Structure window, right-click the `dvt:typeTitle` node and choose **Insert inside Title > dvt:graphFont**.
  - b. In the Property Inspector, enter the desired values for the characteristics of the font.

### H.3.3.2 Specifying Scrolling on an Axis

Scrolling on a graph axis can be specified for the following graph types:

- Area, bar, and line graphs for the `dvt:o1Axis`, `dvt:y1Axis`, and `dvt:y2Axis` tags.
- Bubble and scatter graphs for the `dvt:x1Axis`, `dvt:y1Axis`, and `dvt:y2Axis` tags.

By default, a graph axis `scrolling` attribute is set to `off`. You can specify these values for the `scrolling` attribute:

- `off`: Scrolling is disabled (default).
- `on`: Scrolling is enabled, and the scroll bar is always present.
- `asNeeded`: Scrolling is enabled, but the scrollbar is not initially present. After zooming on the graph, the scrollbar displays and remains visible for the session.
- `hidden`: Scrolling is enabled but the scroll bar is always hidden. User may use pan scrolling.

### H.3.3.3 How to Control the Appearance of Tick Marks and Labels on an Axis

Tick marks are used to indicate specific values along a scale on a graph. The following graph child tags support customization of the tick marks and their labels on an axis:

- **Major tick:** Controls the color, width, and style of tick marks on the axis. Includes the following tags: `dvt:o1MajorTick`, `dvt:x1MajorTick`, `dvt:y1MajorTick`, and `dvt:y2MajorTick`. Major tick increments are calculated automatically by default, or you can specify the tick steps with the `majorIncrement` attribute.
- **Minor tick:** Controls the color, width, and style of minor tick marks on the axis. Includes the following tags: `dvt:x1MinorTick`, `dvt:y1MinorTick`, and `dvt:y2MinorTick`. Minor tick increments are one-half of the major tick increment by default, or you can specify the tick steps with the `minorIncrement` attribute. Minor ticks do not support labels.
- **Tick label:** Controls the rotation of major tick label text and lets you specify font characteristics for the label. Includes the following tags: `dvt:o1TickLabel`, `dvt:x1TickLabel`, `dvt:y1TickLabel`, and `dvt:y2TickLabel`. These tags can also have a `dvt:graphFont` child tag to change font characteristics of the label.

#### Before you begin:

It may be helpful to have an understanding of how graph attributes and graph child tags can affect functionality. For more information, see [Section H.2.2, "Configuring Graphs."](#)

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#### To control the appearance of the ordinal axis tick labels:

1. In the visual editor, select the **o1 Tick Label** element on the graph.  
Alternatively, you can select the `dvt:o1Axis` node in the Structure window, then in the Property Inspector click **Configure O1 Axis** and choose **Value Labels**.
2. In the Property Inspector, enter values as needed for the following properties:
  - **TextRotation:** Use to specify the degree of text rotation to improve readability of the tick labels.  
  
**Tip:** Use rotation angles that are multiples of 90 degrees to achieve best results. Other angles are not well supported across rendering technologies and are not recommended.

- **TickLabelSkipMode:** Use to specify if and how tick labels will be displayed on the ordinal axis. When you set the value at `TLS_MANUAL`, you can optionally use the `tickLabelSkipCount` attribute to set the number of tick labels to display between tick labels and the `tickLabelSkipFirst` attribute to set the index of the first tick label to be skipped.
- 3. Optionally, in the Property Inspector, click the **Configure Font** button to set properties for the child `dvt:graphFont` tag.

#### To control the appearance of tick marks and labels on an x-axis:

1. In the Structure window, right-click the `dvt:typeGraph` node and choose **Insert inside GraphType > ADF Data Visualizations > dvt:x1MajorTick**.
2. In the Property Inspector, enter desired values for the attributes of this tag and click the **Configure Tick Label** button to add an `dvt:x1TickLabel` tag to the graph.
3. In the Property Inspector, enter desired values for the `dvt:x1TickLabel` and if desired, click the **Configure Font** button to specify font characteristics for the tick label.
4. If you want to specify minor ticks in the graph, do the following:
  - a. In the Structure window, right-click the graph node and choose **Insert inside GraphType > ADF Data Visualizations > dvt:x1MinorTick**.
  - b. In the Property Inspector, enter desired values for the characteristics of the font.

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**Note:** For the `tickStyle` attribute you must specify a value other than `GS_NONE` or `GS_AUTOMATIC`.

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The procedure for controlling the appearance of tick marks on any graph axis is similar to the procedure for the x-axis. However, you customize the major tick and label tags and insert the minor ticks related to the specific axis that you want to customize.

#### H.3.3.4 Formatting Numbers on an Axis

The `dvt:markerText` tag lets you to control the format of numbers on an axis. The following `dvt:markerText` child tags wrap the number format for specific axes: `dvt:x1Format`, `dvt:y1Format`, and `dvt:y2Format`.

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**Note:** There is no format for the ordinal axis because that axis does not contain numeric values.

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To format numbers on these axes, insert child tags for the appropriate axis as shown in [Section H.4.4, "Formatting Data Values in Graphs."](#)

#### H.3.3.5 How to Set Minimum and Maximum Values on a Data Axis

The Y-axes have the following graph child tags to support the starting value of the axis: `dvt:y1Axis`, and `dvt:y2Axis`. You have the option of specifying different scaling on each y-axis in a dual y-axis graph. For example, the y1-axis might represent units in hundreds while the y2-axis might represent sales in thousands of dollars.

Some graphs, such as scatter and bubble graphs, contain a `dvt:x1Axis` child tag for which the minimum and maximum values can also be set.

**Before you begin:**

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**To specify the starting value on a y1-axis:**

1. In the Structure window, right-click the `dvt:y1Axis` node and choose **Go To Properties**.
2. In the Property Inspector, for the **AxisMinValue** field, enter the starting value for the y1-axis.
3. In the **AxisMinAutoScaled** field, select `false` from the attribute dropdown list.

You must set this attribute in order for the minimum value to be honored.

To establish the starting value on a y2-axis, use a similar procedure, but first insert the `dvt:y2Axis` tag as a child of the graph.

### H.3.4 How to Customize Graph Legends

Graph components provide child tags for the following kinds of customization for the legend:

- Specifying the color, border, visibility, positioning, and scrollability of the legend area relative to the graph, `dvt:legendArea` tag
- Specifying the font characteristics and positioning of the text that is related to each colored entry in the legend, `dvt:legendText` tag
- Specifying an optional title and font characteristics for the legend area, `dvt:legendTitle` tag

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**To customize the legend area, legend text, and title:**

1. In the Structure window, right-click the `dvt:legendArea` node and choose **Go to Properties**.
2. Use the Property Inspector to specify values for the attributes of this tag. For example, you can specify the following attributes for the legend area:
  - **AutomaticPlacement** and **Position**: Specify automatic positioning of the legend area on the right or the bottom of the graph with the default value of `AP_ALWAYS`. Setting the value at `AP_NEVER` requires the value of the `position` attribute to be used for positioning of the legend area.
  - **Scrolling**: Specify scrolling in the legend area when required space exceeds available space using the value `asNeeded`. By default the value is set to `off`.

- **PositionHint:** For pie, radar, and polar graphs, specify the alignment of the legend toward the center of the plot area using the value `alignToCenter`. By default the value is set to `alignToEdge` which aligns the legend toward the edge of the graph frame.
  - **MaxWidth:** Specify the maximum width of the legend area as a percentage of the graph's area. By default the value is set to an empty string which automatically sets the width based on the graph's settings.  
  
For example, to set the maximum width of the legend to 50% of the graph's area, enter 50%.
3. If you want to customize the legend text, do the following:
    - a. In the Structure window, right-click the `dvt:typeGraph` node and choose **Insert inside GraphType > ADF Data Visualizations > dvt:legendText**.
    - b. Use the Property Inspector to enter values for the attributes of this tag.
    - c. Right-click the `dvt:legendText` node and choose **Insert inside dvt:legendText > dvt:graphFont**.
    - d. Use the Property Inspector to specify values for the attributes of the font tag.
  4. If you want to enter a title for the legend, do the following:
    - a. In the Structure window, right-click the `dvt:typeGraph` node and choose **Insert inside GraphType > ADF Data Visualizations > dvt:graphLegendTitle**.
    - b. Use the Property Inspector to enter values for the attributes of this tag.
    - c. Right-click the `dvt:legendTitle` node and choose **Insert inside dvt:legendTitle > dvt:graphFont**.
    - d. Use the Property Inspector to specify values for the attributes of the font tag.

### H.3.5 Customizing Tooltips in Graphs

Tooltips are useful to display identification or detail information for data markers. They can be very useful in smaller graphs without enough space to display `markerText`. Graphs automatically display tooltips for components like title, subtitle, footnote, legend text, and annotations when their text is truncated.

In most graphs, if you move the cursor over a data marker, then a tooltip is displayed. In a line or area graph, you must move the cursor over a data marker or at the corners of the line or area and not merely over the line or area.

You can specify that each graph marker (such as bars) displays a tooltip with information. The following graph attributes are used together to customize a graph tooltip:

- `markerTooltipType`: Specifies whether tooltips are displayed for markers (such as bars) and identifies the kind of information that appears in the tooltips. You have the option to display the following information: text only, values only, or text and values. For specific graph types, options include displaying cumulative data value for each stacked graph marker or displaying percentage data value for each pie slice marker.
- `seriesTooltipLabelType`: Specifies whether tooltips are displayed for each set of values that appear in a legend. This attribute also controls the kind of information that appears in a series tooltip. For example, you could choose to display text that identifies a general term for the entire series (such as Product) or a specific term for a given member of the series (such as a specific Product name).

**Note:** The graph displays series tooltip labels only if the graph's `markerTooltipType` attribute has a setting that includes text.

- groupTooltipLabelType:** Specifies whether tooltip labels are displayed for data groups along an axis. For example, sales for specific products might be grouped by years or quarters. You can choose to display text that identifies a general term for the entire group (such as `Time`) or specific terms for each member of the group (such as `Q1`, `Q2`, `Q3`, or `Q4` for quarters).

You can quickly format all the marker tooltips in a graph by setting the graph's `markerTooltipTemplate` attribute to a tokenized String. The attribute accepts a String that may contain any number of a set of predefined tokens. For example:

```
<dvt:lineGraph markerTooltipTemplate="Template Based Tooltip NEW_LINE SERIES_LABEL GROUP_LABEL NEW_LINE Value: Y_VALUE"/>
```

The list of supported tokens is described in [Table H-5](#).

**Table H-5** *markerTooltipTemplate String Tokens*

Token	Description
NEW_LINE	Inserts a new line.
SERIES_LABEL	The series label for the series of this marker.
GROUP_LABEL	The group label for the group of this marker.
X_VALUE	The X value of a scatter or bubble marker or continuous time axis marker.
Y_VALUE	The Y value of this marker (if this marker has a Y value).
ACTUAL_VALUE	The actual value for a funnel slice.
TARGET_VALUE	The target value for a funnel slice.
HIGH_VALUE	The high value for a stock marker.
LOW_VALUE	The low value for a stock marker.
CLOSE_VALUE	The close value for a stock marker.
OPEN_VALUE	The open value for a stock marker.
VOLUME_VALUE	The volume value for a stock volume marker.
CUM_VALUE	The cumulative stacked value for a stacked graph.
CUM_PERCENT	The cumulative percentage value for a stacked percent graph or Pareto graph.

## H.4 Formatting Graph Text, Colors, and Data Values

You can format the text, colors, and data values for all graph types.

### H.4.1 Formatting Text in Graphs

You can format text in any of the following subcomponents of a graph:

- Annotation:** Includes only the `dvt:annotation` tag.
- Axis title:** Includes the `dvt:o1Title`, `dvt:x1Title`, `dvt:y1Title`, and `dvt:y2Title` tags.

- **Axis tick label:** Includes the `dvt:o1TickLabel`, `dvt:x1TickLabel`, `dvt:y1TickLabel`, and `dvt:y2TickLabel` tags.
- **Graph title:** Includes the `dvt:graphFootnote`, `dvt:graphSubtitle`, and `dvt:graphTitle` tags.
- **Legend:** Includes only the `dvt:legendText` tag.
- **Marker:** Includes only the `dvt:markerText` tag.

Use the `dvt:graphFont` tag as a child of the specific subcomponent for which you want to format text. For an example of formatting text in a graph, see [Section H.3.2.2, "How to Specify Titles and Footnotes in a Graph."](#)

#### H.4.1.1 What You May Need to Know About Skinning and Formatting Text in Graphs

You can set the font attributes of graph components globally across all pages in your application by using a cascading style sheet (CSS) to build a skin, and configuring your application to use the skin. By applying a skin to define the fonts used in graph components, the pages in an application will be smaller and more organized, with a consistent style easily modified by changing the CSS file.

You can use the ADF Data Visualization Tools Skin Selectors to define the font styles for graph components. Graph component skin selectors include the following:

- `af|dvt-graphFootnote`
- `af|dvt-graphSubtitle`
- `af|dvt-graphTitle`
- `af|dvt-o1Title`
- `af|dvt-x1Title`
- `af|dvt-y1Title`
- `af|dvt-y2Title`
- `af|dvt-pieLabel`
- `af|dvt-ringTotalLabel`
- `af|dvt-legendTitle`
- `af|dvt-legendText`
- `af|dvt-markerText`
- `af|dvt-o1TickLabel`
- `af|dvt-x1TickLabel`
- `af|dvt-y1TickLabel`
- `af|dvt-y2TickLabel`
- `af|dvt-annotation`
- `af|dvt-sliceLabel`
- `af|dvt-tooltips`

You can also use ADF Data Visualization Tools global skin selectors to define the font attributes across multiple graph components. Global skin selector names end in the `:alias` pseudo-class, and affect the skin for more than one component. Global graph skin selectors include the following:

- `.AFDvtGraphFont:alias`: Specifies the font attributes for all graph components.

- `.AFDvtGraphTitlesFont:alias`: Specifies the font attributes for all graph title components.
- `.AFDvtGraphLabelsFont:alias`: Specifies the font attributes for all graph label components.

**Before you begin:**

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You should already have a graph on your page. If you do not, follow the instructions in this chapter to create a graph. For information, see [Section H.2.3, "How to Add a Graph to a Page."](#)

**To use a custom skin to set graph fonts:**

1. Add a custom skin to your application containing the defined skin style selectors for the graph subcomponents. You can specify values for the following attributes:
  - `-tr-font-family`: Specifies the font family (name). It may not contain more than one font. If multiple fonts are specified, the first font will be used.
  - `-tr-font-size`: Specifies the size of the font. Units of absolute size are defined as:
    - `pt`: Points - the standard font size used by CSS2, where 1 point equals 1/72nd of an inch.
    - `in`: Inches, where 1 inch equals 72 points.
    - `cm`: Centimeters, where 1 centimeter equals approximately 28 points.
    - `mm`: Millimeters, where 1 millimeter equals approximately 2.8 points.
    - `pc`: Picas, where 1 pica equals 12 points.
 You can also use font size names for this attribute, including the following:
    - `xx-small`: 8 points
    - `x-small`: 9 points
    - `small`: 10 points
    - `medium`: 12 points
    - `large`: 14 points
    - `x-large`: 16 points
    - `xx-large`: 18 points
  - `-tr-font-style`: Specifies the style of the font. Valid values are `normal` or `italic`.
  - `-tr-font-weight`: Specifies the weight of the font. Valid values are `normal` or `bold`.
  - `-tr-text-decoration`: Specifies whether or not the underline emphasis is rendered. Valid values are `none` or `underline`.
  - `-tr-color`: Specifies the color of the font. Valid values are color names for HTML and CSS. The World Wide Consortium lists 17 valid color names including `aqua`, `black`, `blue`, `fuchsia`, `gray`, `green`, `lime`, `maroon`, `navy`, `olive`, `orange` (CSS 2.1), `purple`, `red`, `silver`, `teal`, `white`, and `yellow`.



You can also use 3, 6, or 8 digits HEX (alpha channel is first 2 digit in 8 digit HEX), RGB, or RGBA.

For example, specify the font family for all graph titles in a `mySkin.css` file as follows:

```
af|dvt-graphTitle
{
  -tr-font-family: Comic Sans MS;
}
```

For help with creating a custom skin, see [Section 20.2, "Applying Custom Skins to Applications"](#).

2. Configure the application to use the custom skin in the `trinidad-config.xml` file.

For help with configuring the application, see [Section 20.2.4, "How to Configure an Application to Use a Custom Skin"](#).

For additional information about using styles and skins, see [Chapter 20, "Customizing the Appearance Using Styles and Skins."](#)

## H.4.2 Specifying Transparent Colors for Parts of a Graph

You can specify that various parts of a graph show transparent colors by setting the `borderTransparent` and `fillTransparent` attributes on the graph child tags related to these parts of the graph. By default, these attributes are set to `true`. The following list identifies the parts of the graph that support transparency:

- Graph background: Use the `dvt:background` tag. This element does not contain a border, and the `borderTransparent` attribute does not apply.
- Graph legend area: Use the `dvt:legendArea` tag.
- Graph pie frame: Use the `dvt:graphPieFrame` tag.
- Graph plot area: Use the `dvt:graphPlotArea` tag.

## H.4.3 Using Gradient Special Effects in Graphs

A gradient is a special effect in which an object changes color gradually. Each color in a gradient is represented by a stop. The first stop is stop 0, the second is stop 1, and so on. You can specify any number of stops in the special effects for a subcomponent of a graph that supports special effects.

You can define gradient special effects for the following subcomponents of a graph:

- Graph background: Use the `dvt:background` tag.
- Graph plot area: Use the `dvt:graphPlotArea` tag.
- Graph pie frame: Use the `dvt:graphPieFrame` tag.
- Legend area: Use the `dvt:legendArea` tag.
- Series: Use the `dvt:series` tag.

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**Note:** By default, a graph's series gradient is set in the `seriesEffect` attribute with a value of `SE_AUTO_GRADIENT` to make the data markers appear smoother and apply graphic antialiasing. You must set the attribute to `SE_NONE` in order to specify a custom series gradient.

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- Time selector: Use the `dvt:timeSelector` tag.
- Reference area: Use the `dvt:referenceObject` tag.

The approach that you use to define gradient special effects is identical for each part of the graph that supports these effects.

#### H.4.3.1 How to Add Gradient Special Effects to a Graph

For each subcomponent of a graph to which you want to add special effects, you must insert a `dvt:specialEffects` tag as a child tag of the subcomponent if it doesn't already exist. For example, if you want to add a gradient to the plot area of a graph, then you would create one `dvt:specialEffects` tag that is a child of the `dvt:graphPlotArea` tag.

Then, optionally if you want to control the rate of change for the fill color of the subcomponent, you would insert as many `dvt:gradientStopStyle` tags as you need to control the color and rate of change for the fill color of the component. These `dvt:gradientStopStyle` tags then must be inserted as child tags of the single `dvt:specialEffects` tag.

##### Before you begin:

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##### To add a gradient special effect to a graph:

1. In the Structure window, locate the graph's child node for the component that will contain the gradient special effect and expand if needed.

For example, to set a gradient special effect on the graph's plot area, locate the **`dvt:graphPlotArea`** node and expand if needed.

2. If the selected child node does not contain a **`dvt:specialEffects`** child node, right-click the node and choose **Insert inside *ChildNode* > `dvt:specialEffects`**.

For example, to set a gradient special effect on the graph's plot area, right-click **`dvt:graphPlotArea`** and choose **Insert inside `dvt:graphPlotArea` > `dvt:specialEffects`**.

3. Use the Property Inspector to enter values for the attributes of the `dvt:specialEffects` tag:

- a. **FillType:** Choose `FT_GRADIENT`.

For **GradientDirection**, select the direction of change that you want to use for the gradient fill.

- b. **NumStops:** Enter the number of stops to use for the gradient.

4. Optionally, in the Structure window, right-click the **`dvt:specialEffects`** node and choose **Insert inside `dvt:specialEffects` > `dvt:gradientStopStyle`** if you want to control the color and rate of change for each gradient stop.

5. Use the Property Inspector to enter values for the attributes of the `dvt:gradientStopStyle` tag:

- a. **StopIndex:** Enter a zero-based integer as an index within the `dvt:gradientStopStyle` tags that are included within the `specialEffects` tag.
  - b. **GradientStopColor:** Enter the color that you want to use at this specific point along the gradient.
  - c. **GradientStopPosition:** Enter the proportional distance along a gradient for the identified stop color. The gradient is scaled from 0 to 100. If 0 or 100 is not specified, default positions are used for those points.
6. Repeat Step 4 and Step 5 for each gradient stop that you want to specify.

### H.4.3.2 What Happens When You Add a Gradient Special Effect to a Graph

[Example H-4](#) shows the XML code that is generated when you add a gradient fill to the background of a graph and specify two stops.

#### **Example H-4 XML Code Generated for Adding a Gradient to the Background of a Graph**

```
<dvt:graph>
  <dvt:background borderColor="#848284">
    <dvt:specialEffects fillType="FT_GRADIENT" gradientDirection="GD_RADIAL"
      gradientNumStops="2">
      <dvt:gradientStopStyle stopIndex="0" gradientStopPosition="60"
        gradientStopColor="FFFFCC" />
      <dvt:gradientStopStyle stopIndex="1" gradientStopPosition="90"
        gradientStopColor="FFFF99" />
    </dvt:specialEffects>
  </dvt:background>
</dvt:graph>
```

## H.4.4 Formatting Data Values in Graphs

The attributes in a data collection can be data values or categories of data values. Data values are numbers represented by markers, like bar height, or points in a scatter graph. Categories of data values are members represented as an ordinal axis label or appear as additional properties in a tooltip. You can format both numerical and categorical attributes by using ADF Faces converter tags, including `af:convertNumber` for numerical data values, and `af:convertNumber`, `af:convertDateTime`, and `af:convertColor` for categorical data values.

Converter tag attributes let you format percents, scale numbers, control the number of decimal places, placement of signs, and so on. For more information about ADF Faces converters, see [Chapter 6, "Validating and Converting Input."](#)

### H.4.4.1 How to Format Categorical Data Values

Categorical data values in graphs are represented by the name in the page definition file (`<pagename>PageDef.xml`) that defines the graph's data model. [Example H-5](#) shows the XML code in a page definition file for a page with a graph displaying categorical data values for the hire date and the bonus cost for employees.

#### **Example H-5 Categorical Data Value Names in Page Definition File**

```
<graph IterBinding="EmpView1Iterator" id="EmpView1"
  xmlns="http://xmlns.oracle.com/adfm/dvt" type="BAR_VERT_CLUST">
  <graphDataMap leafOnly="true">
    <series>
      <data>
        <item value="Bonus" />
      </data>
    </series>
  </graphDataMap>
</graph>
```

```

        </series>
        <groups>
            <item value="Hiredate"/>
        </groups>
    </graphDataMap>
</graph>

```

For each categorical attribute to be formatted, use the `dvt:attributeFormat` tag to specify the name of the categorical data value, and specify the child converter tag to be used when formatting the attribute. You can use `af:convertNumber`, `af:convertDateTime`, and `af:convertColor` to specify formatting for a categorical attribute.

For example, you can format the Hiredate and Bonus categorical data values defined in the page definition file in (`<pagename>PageDef.xml`).

### Before you begin:

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### To format categorical data values defined in the page definition file:

1. In the Structure window, right-click the `dvt:typeGraph` node and choose **Insert inside GraphType > ADF Data Visualizations > dvt:attributeFormat**.

2. In the Property Inspector, enter the information for the **Name** attribute.

For example, to specify a value for the hire date in [Example H-5](#), enter Hiredate for the **Name** attribute.

3. In the Structure window, right-click the attribute format tag you named and choose **Insert inside dvt:attributeFormat > dvt:convertType**.

For example, to continue formatting Hiredate, right-click the `dvt:attributeFormat` node and choose **Insert inside dvt:attributeFormat > dvt:convertDateTime**.

4. In the Structure window, right-click the `af:convertType` node and choose **Go to Properties**.

5. Use the Property Inspector to enter values for the converter. For additional help, see [Chapter 6, "Validating and Converting Input."](#)

6. Repeat Step 1 through Step 5 for each additional attribute.

For example, to complete the formatting for categorical data values in [Example H-5](#), repeat Step 1 through Step 5, setting Bonus as the name of the attribute, adding an `af:convertNumber` converter, and formatting the attribute for currency.

[Example H-6](#) shows the XML code that is generated if you format the categorical data values in a bar graph.

### Example H-6 Formatting Categorical Data Values in a Bar Graph

```

<dvt:barGraph id="barGraph1" value="#{bindings.EmpView1.graphModel}"
    subType="BAR_VERT_CLUST">
    <dvt:attributeFormat id="af1" name="Hiredate">
        <af:convertDateTime pattern = "yyyy-MM-dd hh:mm:ss a" timeZone="US/Pacific"/>
    </dvt:attributeFormat>

```

```

</dvt:attributeFormat>
<dvt:attributeFormat id="af2" name="Bonus">
  <af:convertNumber type = "currency" currencySymbol = "$"
</dvt:attributeFormat>
</dvt:barGraph

```

---

**Note:** If there is a single categorical date attribute being displayed on the ordinal (o1) axis, then the graph displays a time axis. The time axis will show dates in a hierarchical format as opposed to a single label on the axis, for example, June 27, 2001. To display a single label on the ordinal axis, the time axis should be turned off, for example `timeAxisType="TAT_OFF"`, and a `dvt:attributeFormat` tag should be used to specify the date format.

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#### H.4.4.2 How to Format Numerical Data Values

Use the ADF Faces `af:convertNumber` tag to specify formatting for numeric data values related to any of the following graph tags:

- `dvt:sliceLabel`
- `dvt:stockVolumeFormat`
- `dvt:x1TickLabel`
- `dvt:x1Format`
- `dvt:y1TickLabel`
- `dvt:y1Format`
- `dvt:y2TickLabel`
- `dvt:y2Format`
- `dvt:zFormat`

For example, by default a pie graph shows the relationship of parts to a whole, represented as slices in a pie, and each slice label displays the percentage that each slice represents. You can configure a pie graph to represent each slice as a value such as the cost of materials, labor, and profit that make up the list price. You specify the `textType` attribute of the `dvt:sliceLabel` tag to display the value represented in the slice, and format the number accordingly.

#### Before you begin:

It may be helpful to have an understanding of how graph attributes and graph child tags can affect functionality. For more information, see [Section H.2.2, "Configuring Graphs."](#)

You should already have a pie graph on your page. If you do not, follow the instructions in this chapter to create a graph. For information, see [Section H.2.3, "How to Add a Graph to a Page."](#)

#### To format numbers in the slice label of a pie graph:

1. In the Structure window, right-click the `dvt:sliceLabel` node and choose **Go to Properties**.
2. In the Property Inspector, choose `LD_VALUE` from the **TextType** attribute dropdown list to specify that the pie slice in the graph represents a value.

3. In the Property Inspector, click **Configure Slice Label** and choose **Number Format** from the dropdown menu.
4. In the Property Inspector, choose **currency** from the **Type** attribute's dropdown list to specify the values as currency, and enter a dollar sign (\$) in the **CurrencySymbol** attribute to use a dollar sign as the currency symbol.

[Example H-7](#) shows the XML code that is generated if you format the numbers in the slice label of a graph to appear as currency, and use the dollar sign symbol.

**Example H-7 Formatting the Numbers in the Slice Label of a Pie Graph**

```
<pieGraph>
...
  <dvt:sliceLabel textType="LD_VALUE">
    <af:convertNumber type="currency" currencySymbol="$"/>
  </dvt:sliceLabel>
...
</pieGraph>
```

You can also use the ADF Faces `af:convertNumber` tag to format numbers in the marker text of a graph.

For example, you can provide different formatting for the marker text of each axis in the graph. In this procedure, the `af:convertNumber` tag is used to format the marker text on `dvt:y1axis`.

**Before you begin:**

It may be helpful to have an understanding of how graph attributes and graph child tags can affect functionality. For more information, see [Section H.2.2, "Configuring Graphs."](#)

You should already have a graph on your page. If you do not, follow the instructions in this chapter to create a graph. For information, see [Section H.2.3, "How to Add a Graph to a Page."](#)

**To format numerical data values for the marker text associated with the y1-axis of a graph:**

1. In the Structure window, right-click the `dvt:typeGraph` node and choose **Insert inside GraphType > ADF Data Visualizations > dvt:markerText**.
2. In the Property Inspector, optionally enter values for attributes of `dvt:markerText`. For example, select **true** for the **Rendered** attribute to display the text in the graph.
3. In the Property Inspector, click **Configure Marker** and choose **Y1 Format**.
4. In the Property Inspector, optionally enter values as needed for the `dvt:y1Format` attributes.
5. In the Property Inspector, click **Configure Number Format** and specify values as needed for the attributes of the `af:convertNumber` tag. For example, select a **percent** value for the **Type** attribute to place a percentage sign after the marker text.

[Example H-8](#) shows the XML code that is generated when you format the numbers in the marker text for the y1-axis of a graph. This example specifies that numbers are followed by a percentage sign and that the text appears above the markers. For example, in a bar graph, the text will appear above the bars.

**Example H-8 Formatting Numbers in Graph Marker Text**

```

<dvt:barGraph>
  <dvt:markerText rendered="true" markerTextPlace="MTP_OUTSIDE_MAX">
    <dvt:y1Format>
      <af:convertNumber type="percent" />
    </dvt:y1Format>
  </dvt:markerText>
</dvt:barGraph>

```

---

**Note:** When the **textType** attribute of a pie slice label is set to percent (LD\_PERCENT), or the **markerTooltipType** attribute of a graph tooltip is set to percent (MTT\_PERCENT\_XXX), a child `af:convertNumber` tag, if used, will be automatically set to percent for its **type** attribute. When `af:convertNumber` is forced to percent, graph clears the pattern attribute. This means that patterns are ignored when a graph forces percent formatting. This is applicable for pie, Pareto, funnel and any bar, line, or area percent graph.

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**H.4.4.3 What You May Need to Know About Automatic Scaling and Precision**

In order to achieve a compact and clean display, graphs automatically determine the scale and precision of the values being displayed in axis labels, marker text, and tooltips. For example, a value of 40,000 will be formatted as 40K, and 0.230546 will be displayed with 2 decimal points as 0.23.

Automatic formatting still occurs when `af:convertNumber` is specified. Graph tags that support `af:convertNumber` child tags have `scaling` and `autoPrecision` attributes that can be used to control the graph's automatic number formatting. By default, these attribute values are set to `scaling="auto"` and `autoPrecision="on"`. Fraction digit settings specified in `af:convertNumber`, such as `minFractionDigits`, `maxFractionDigits`, or `pattern`, are ignored unless `autoPrecision` is set to `off`.

**H.5 Customizing the Appearance of Series and Groups of Data**

You can customize the appearance of series and groups of data for color, style, display. You can also customize the appearance of lines in a radar graph or add reference lines to a graph.

**H.5.1 Changing the Color, Style, and Display of Graph Data Values**

For most graph types, an entry appears in the legend for each set of data values represented as graph bars, lines, areas, and points. This entry identifies a set of related data values and displays the color that represents the set in the graph. For example, a radar graph might use yellow lines to represent the sales of shoes and green lines to represent the sales of boots. The graph component refers to each set of related data values as a series.

The graph automatically assigns a different color to each set of data values. You can customize the colors assigned to each series, including the fill color and the border color. For some graph types, you can enable filtering the display of data values in a graph by hiding or showing the series from the graph legend.

You can specify additional characteristics for specific graph types such as the width and style of lines in a radar graph with choices including solid lines, dotted lines, lines with dashes, and so on. For more information, see [Section H.5.2, "Changing the Appearance of Lines in Graphs."](#)



You can also customize the colors of each series in a graph by adding gradient special effects. For more information, see [Section H.4.3, "Using Gradient Special Effects in Graphs."](#)

### H.5.1.1 How to Specify the Color and Style for Individual Series Items

Use one `dvt:seriesSet` tag to wrap all the individual `dvt:series` tags for a graph and set attributes for color and style of graph data markers.

#### Before you begin:

It may be helpful to have an understanding of how graph attributes and graph child tags can affect functionality. For more information, see [Section H.2.2, "Configuring Graphs."](#)

You should already have a graph on your page. If you do not, follow the instructions in this chapter to create a graph. For information, see [Section H.2.3, "How to Add a Graph to a Page."](#)

#### To specify the color and style for series items in a graph:

1. In the Structure window, right-click the `dvt:seriesSet` child tag in the graph node, and choose **Go to Properties**.
2. Optionally, use the Property Inspector to specify values for attributes of the `dvt:seriesSet` tag.

The attributes of this tag determine default settings for all series tags in the set. However, you can override these settings for a given series by entering values in the corresponding attributes of a `dvt:series` tag.

3. In the Structure window, expand the `dvt:seriesSet` node.
4. In the Structure window, right-click the `dvt:series` node and choose **Go to Properties**.  
The first `dvt:series` tag represents the first series item that appears in the Create Graph Binding dialog.
5. Use the Property Inspector to specify colors and other characteristics as needed for the `dvt:series` tag.
6. To configure additional series items, in the Structure window, right-click the `seriesSet` node and choose **Insert inside dvt:seriesSet > dvt:series**.
7. Use the Property Inspector to specify colors and other characteristics as needed for the `dvt:series` tag.
8. Repeat Step 6 and Step 7 for each series item.

### H.5.1.2 How to Enable Hiding and Showing Series Items

You can enable the hiding or showing of the series in a radar graph at runtime. Although at least one series must be displayed in the graph, users can filter the display of data values by clicking on the corresponding legend item.

#### Before you begin:

It may be helpful to have an understanding of how graph attributes and graph child tags can affect functionality. For more information, see [Section H.2.2, "Configuring Graphs."](#)

You should already have a graph on your page. If you do not, follow the instructions in this chapter to create a graph. For information, see [Section H.2.3, "How to Add a](#)



[Graph to a Page.](#)"

**To enable hiding and show series items:**

1. In the Structure window, right-click the `dvt:radarGraph` node and choose **Go to Properties**.
2. In the Property Inspector, in the **Series** section of the **Appearance** attributes category, set the **HideAndShowBehavior** attribute of the graph. Valid values include:
  - `none`: Default value, no hide and show series behavior is enabled.
  - `withRescale`: Rescales the graph to show only the visible series.
  - `withoutRescale`: Hides the series, but does not rescale the graph.

## H.5.2 Changing the Appearance of Lines in Graphs

You can use attributes of the `dvt:seriesSet` child of a graph tag to change the appearance of lines in radar graphs.

### H.5.2.1 Displaying Either Data Lines or Markers in Graphs

You have the option of displaying data lines or data markers in a radar graph. If you display markers rather than data lines, then the markers appear in the legend automatically.

In the Property Inspector, set the following attributes of the `dvt:seriesSet` tag to display data lines or data markers:

- **LineDisplayed**: Specifies whether data lines appear in the graph. You can set these values:
  - `true` indicates that data lines are displayed in the graph.
  - `false` indicates that markers are displayed in the graph rather than data lines.
- **MarkerDisplayed**: Specifies whether markers or data lines appear in graph. You can set these values:
  - `true` indicates that markers are displayed in a graph.
  - `false` indicates that data lines are displayed in a graph.

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**Note:** Do not set both the `lineDisplayed` attribute and the `markerDisplayed` attribute to `false`.

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### H.5.2.2 Changing the Appearance of Lines in a Graph Series

You can customize the appearance of lines by using the `dvt:seriesSet` tag and the `dvt:series` tag as described in the following list:

- On the `dvt:seriesSet` tag, you can affect all the `dvt:series` tags within that set by specifying values for the following attributes:
  - `defaultMarkerShape`: Used only for line, scatter, polar, bubble, and combination graphs. Identifies a default marker shape for all the series in the series set.
  - `defaultMarkerType`: Used only for combination and line graphs. Valid values include `MT_AREA`, `MT_BAR`, `MT_MARKER`, and `MT_DEFAULT`.

- On the `dvt:series` tag, you can specify settings for each individual series using the following line attributes:
  - `lineWidth`: Specifies the width of a line in pixels
  - `lineStyle`: Specifies whether you want the graph to use solid lines, dotted lines, dashed lines, or dash-dot combination lines.

See the procedures in [Section H.5.1.1, "How to Specify the Color and Style for Individual Series Items"](#) for more information about using the `dvt:seriesSet` tag and the `dvt:series` tag.

### H.5.3 How to Customize Pareto Graphs

A Pareto graph identifies the sources of defects using a series of bars. The bars are arranged by value, from the greatest to the lowest number. The Pareto line shows the percentage of cumulative values of the bars, to the total values of all the bars in the graph. The line always ends at 100 percent.

You can customize the Pareto line and the Pareto marker by using the following graph child tags:

- `dvt:paretoLine` tag: Lets you specify the color, line width, and line style (such as solid, dashed, dotted, or a combination of dash-dot).
- `dvt:paretoMarker` tag: Lets you specify the shape of the Pareto markers.

#### Before you begin:

It may be helpful to have an understanding of how graph attributes and graph child tags can affect functionality. For more information, see [Section H.2.2, "Configuring Graphs."](#)

You should already have a Pareto graph on your page. If you do not, follow the instructions in this chapter to create a graph. For information, see [Section H.2.3, "How to Add a Graph to a Page."](#)

#### To customize a Pareto graph:

1. In the Structure window, right-click the `dvt:paretoLine` node and choose **Go to Properties**.
2. In the Property Inspector, specify values in the **Color**, **Width**, or **LineStyle** attributes.
3. In the Structure window, right-click the `dvt:paretoMarker` node and choose **Go to Properties**.
4. In the Property Inspector, select a value for the **MarkerShape** attribute.

### H.5.4 Adding Reference Lines or Areas to Graphs

Reference lines and areas can be set to display always, on rollover only, or never, regardless of how many there are and whether they are associated with a series or an axis.

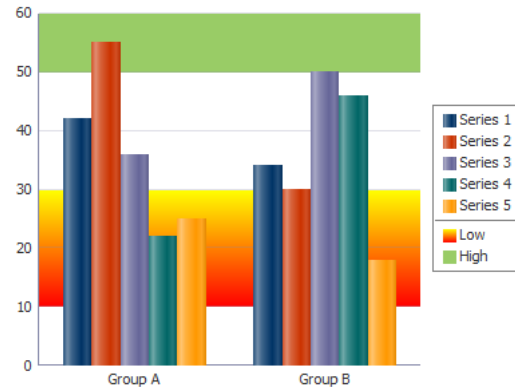
You can create reference lines that are associated with a series (that is a set of data values that appears as a single color in the graph legend). If there are multiple series with reference lines, then the reference lines show only when you move the cursor over a series marker or the corresponding series legend item. This is because multiple reference lines can be confusing to users.

You can also create reference areas that are associated with an axis. Typically, these areas are associated with a y-axis. If there are multiple reference areas, then these areas are also displayed when you move the cursor over the related axis.

If your application does not know how many reference lines or areas it will need until it is running, then you can create reference lines or areas dynamically at runtime.

For example, you could add areas to a bar graph to provide a reference for the values displayed in the graph. [Figure H-22](#) shows a bar graph with two reference areas for the high and low values of the graph.

**Figure H-22 Bar Graph with Reference Areas**



#### H.5.4.1 How to Create Reference Lines or Areas During Design

Both reference lines and reference areas are created by the use of the following tags:

- `referenceObjectSet`: Wraps all the reference object tags for reference lines or reference areas for this graph.
- `referenceObject`: Identifies whether the tag represents a reference line or a reference area and specifies characteristics for the tag.

##### Before you begin:

It may be helpful to have an understanding of how graph attributes and graph child tags can affect functionality. For more information, see [Section H.2.2, "Configuring Graphs."](#)

You should already have a graph on your page. If you do not, follow the instructions in this chapter to create a graph. For information, see [Section H.2.3, "How to Add a Graph to a Page."](#)

##### To add reference lines or areas to a graph during design:

1. In the Structure window, right-click the `dvt:typeGraph` node and choose **Insert inside GraphType > ADF Data Visualizations > dvt:referenceObjectSet**.
2. Right-click the `dvt:referenceObjectSet` node and choose **Go to Properties**.
3. In the Property Inspector, if you are defining reference areas related to specific axes, then specify a value for displaying the appropriate axis or axes attributes: **displayX1**, **displayY1**, or **displayY2**.

The value `RO_DISPLAY_AUTOMATIC` enables the display of a reference area only when the mouse moves over the related axis. This choice prevents the confusion that might occur if multiple reference areas were displayed all at the same time.

Optionally, you can apply a gradient special effect to the reference area. For more information see [Section H.4.3, "Using Gradient Special Effects in Graphs."](#)

4. If you are defining a reference line, specify a value for displaying the line.  
The value `RO_DISPLAY_AUTOMATIC` enables the display of a reference line only when the cursor moves over a series item (such as a bar) or over the corresponding series entry in the graph legend. This choice prevents the confusion that might occur if multiple series reference lines were displayed all the time.
5. In the Structure window, right-click the `dvt:referenceObjectSet` node and choose **Insert inside dvt:referenceObjectSet > dvt:referenceObject**.
6. Right-click the `dvt:referenceObject` node and choose **Go to Properties**.
7. In the Property Inspector, do the following:
  - a. In the **Common** section, specify values for the **Index** attribute of the reference object, the **Type** attribute of the reference object (`RO_LINE` or `RO_AREA`), and the associated object in the **Association** attribute (a series for a reference line or a specific axis for a reference area). Also specify if the object should be displayed in the legend using the **DisplayedInLegend** attribute, and specify the text, if any, to display in the legend.
  - b. If you are creating a reference line, then specify values for the attributes related to the line in the **Reference Line** section. This includes specifying the value of the line and series number of the series to which the line is related. The series number refers to the sequence in which the series appear in the Graph data binding dialog.
  - c. If you are creating a reference area, then specify the low value and the high value in the **Reference Area** section that represent the reference area on the specified axis.
  - d. Configure any additional attributes as needed.

For example, use the **Color** attribute's dropdown menu to enter a color for the reference line or area. For additional help, press F1 or click **Help**.

#### H.5.4.2 What Happens When You Create Reference Lines or Areas During Design

When you create reference lines or areas during design, XML code is generated within the graph XML on the JSF page. The reference objects (both lines and areas) are wrapped by the `dvt:referenceObjectSet` tags. [Example H-9](#) shows the code for the two reference areas associated with the bar graph in [Figure H-22](#).

##### **Example H-9 XML Code for Reference Lines and Areas in a Graph**

```
<dvt:barGraph shortDesc="Graph" id="bg1">
  <dvt:referenceObjectSet>
    <dvt:referenceObject type="RO_AREA" association="Y1AXIS"
      location="RO_BACK" color="#55FFFF00"
      lowValue="10" highValue="30"
      displayedInLegend="true" text="Low">
      <dvt:specialEffects fillType="FT_GRADIENT"
        gradientDirection="GD_DOWN"
        gradientNumStops="2">
        <dvt:gradientStopStyle stopIndex="0" gradientStopPosition="0"
          gradientStopColor="#FFFF00"/>
        <dvt:gradientStopStyle stopIndex="1"
          gradientStopPosition="100"
          gradientStopColor="#FF0000"/>
      </dvt:specialEffects>
    </dvt:referenceObject>
  </dvt:referenceObjectSet>
</dvt:barGraph>
```

```

        </dvt:specialEffects>
    </dvt:referenceObject>
    <dvt:referenceObject type="RO_LINE" association="Y1AXIS"
        location="RO_BACK" color="#99cc66"
        lineValue="50"
        displayedInLegend="true" text="High"/>
    </dvt:referenceObjectSet>
</dvt:barGraph>

```

### H.5.4.3 How to Create Reference Lines or Areas Dynamically

If you want to create reference objects dynamically at runtime, then you use only the `referenceObjectSet` tag. You set the `referenceObjectMap` attribute on this tag with a method reference to the code that creates a map of the child component reference objects. The method that creates this map must be stored in a managed bean.

[Example H-10](#) shows sample code for creating a method to create a reference line dynamically.

#### Before you begin:

It may be helpful to have an understanding of how graph attributes and graph child tags can affect functionality. For more information, see [Section H.2.2, "Configuring Graphs."](#)

You should already have a graph on your page. If you do not, follow the instructions in this chapter to create a graph. For information, see [Section H.2.3, "How to Add a Graph to a Page."](#)

#### To create reference lines or areas dynamically:

1. Create the managed bean to create the map of child component reference objects that you want to create dynamically during runtime. For additional help, see [Section 2.6, "Creating and Using Managed Beans."](#)
2. In the Structure window, right-click the graph node, then choose **Insert inside *GraphType* > ADF Data Visualizations > dvt:referenceObjectSet**.
3. Right-click the `dvt:referenceObjectSet` node and choose **Go to Properties**.
4. In the Property Inspector, specify in the **ReferenceObjectMap** attribute a method reference to the code that creates the map of child component reference objects.

For example, for the managed bean (`sampleGraph`) and the method `getReferenceObjectMapList` shown in [Example H-10](#), the attribute should be set to the following value:

```
referenceObjectMap="#{sampleGraph.referenceObjectMapList}".
```

#### **Example H-10 Code for a Map of Child Reference Objects**

```

Managed bean sampleGraph.java :
public Map getReferenceObjectMapList() {
    HashMap map = new HashMap();
    ReferenceObject referenceObject = new ReferenceObject();
    referenceObject.setIndex(1);
    referenceObject.setColor(Color.red);
    referenceObject.setLineValue(30);
    referenceObject.setLineWidth(3);
    map.put(new Integer(1), referenceObject);
    return map;
}

```

## H.6 Animating Graphs

Graph components support animation effects such as slideshow transition for initial display of the graph component and for partial page refresh (PPR) events. Animation effects are specified in the graph's `animationOnDisplay` and `animationOnDataChange` properties with these values:

- `none` (default)
- `alphaFade`
- `conveyorFromLeft`
- `conveyorFromRight`
- `cubeToLeft`
- `cubeToRight`
- `flipLeft`
- `flipRight`
- `slideToLeft`
- `slideToRight`
- `transitionToLeft`
- `transitionToRight`
- `zoom`

### H.6.1 Specifying Animation Effects for Graphs

In the Property Inspector for the graph you wish to animate, set the following attributes:

- `animationOnDisplay`: Optional. Use to specify the type of initial rendering effect to apply. Valid values are:
  - `none` (default): Do not show any initial rendering effect.
  - `auto`: Apply an initial rendering effect automatically chosen based on graph type.
  - `alphaFade`
  - `conveyorFromLeft` or `conveyorFromRight`
  - `cubeToLeft` or `cubeToRight`
  - `flipLeft` or `flipRight`
  - `slideToLeft` or `slideToRight`
  - `transitionToLeft` or `transitionToRight`
  - `zoom`
- `animationOnDataChange`: Optional. Use to specify the type of data change animation to apply. Valid values vary, depending upon the graph type, and include:
  - `none` (default): Apply no data change animation effects.
  - `auto`: Apply data change animation effects based on graph type.
  - `alphaFade`

- conveyorFromLeft or conveyorFromRight
- cubeToLeft or cubeToRight
- flipLeft or flipRight
- slideToLeft or slideToRight
- transitionToLeft or transitionToRight
- zoom
- animationDuration: Use to specify the animation duration in milliseconds.
- animationIndicators: Use to specify the type of data change indicators to show. Valid values are:
  - none: Show no data change indicators.
  - all (default): Show all data change indicators.
- animationUpColor: Use to specify the RGB hexadecimal color used to indicate that a data value has increased.
- animationDownColor: Use to specify the RGB hexadecimal color used to indicate that a data value has decreased.

## H.7 Adding Special Effects to Graphs

You can add special effects to graphs including marker and legend dimming, zooming and scrolling, adding an interactive time axis, annotations, alerts, drag and drop, popups, selection support, and context menus.

### H.7.1 How to Provide Marker and Legend Dimming

You can force all the data markers for a given set of data to be highlighted when you move the cursor over one data marker in the set or over the corresponding entry in the graph legend. The highlighting effect is visually achieved by dimming the other data markers in the set. For example, if a bar graph displays sales by month for four products (P1, P2, P3, P4), when you move the cursor over product P2 in January, all the P2 bars are highlighted, and the P1, P3, and P4 bars are dimmed.

Because the graph refers to all the data markers in a given set of data (such as all the P2 bars) as a series, the ability to highlight the data markers in a series is part of the graph's series rollover behavior feature.

Series rollover behavior is available only in the radar graph type.

#### Before you begin:

It may be helpful to have an understanding of how graph attributes and graph child tags can affect functionality. For more information, see [Section H.2.2, "Configuring Graphs."](#)

You should already have a graph on your page. If you do not, follow the instructions in this chapter to create a graph. For information, see [Section H.2.3, "How to Add a Graph to a Page."](#)

#### To dim all the data markers in a series:

1. In the Structure window, right-click the `dvt:radarGraph` node and choose **Go to Properties**.

- In the **Appearance** section, in the **SeriesRolloverBehavior** field, use the attribute dropdown list to select `RB_DIM`.

## H.7.2 How to React to Changes in the Zoom and Scroll Levels

Zooming is enabled when you configure scrolling on one or more of the graph axes as described in [Section H.3.3.2, "Specifying Scrolling on an Axis."](#)

You can provide custom code that will be executed when the zoom and scroll levels change on a graph. For example, you could write a method to determine which axis is zoomed, as well as the current extent of the zoomed axes.

You store the methods in a managed bean that takes as input a `ZoomEvent` or `ScrollEvent`. [Example H-11](#) shows sample code for creating methods to handle a graph's zoom and scroll events.

### Before you begin:

It may be helpful to have an understanding of how graph attributes and graph child tags can affect functionality. For more information, see [Section H.2.2, "Configuring Graphs."](#)

You should already have a graph on your page. If you do not, follow the instructions in this chapter to create a graph. For information, see [Section H.2.3, "How to Add a Graph to a Page."](#)

### To provide custom behavior in response to zooming and scrolling in a graph:

- Create a managed bean and add the methods that respond to zoom and scroll events. For additional help, see [Section 2.6, "Creating and Using Managed Beans."](#)

For example, to use the code sample in [Example H-11](#), create a managed bean named `sampleGraph` and add the example methods to it.

- In the Property Inspector, if not already enabled, configure scrolling on the axes that the methods will manage.

For example, to use the sample code in [Example H-11](#), configure scrolling on the `dvt:o1Axis` node. For additional help with configuring scrolling, see [Section H.3.3.2, "Specifying Scrolling on an Axis."](#)

- In the Structure window, right-click the `dvt:typeGraph` node and choose **Go to Properties**.
- In the Property Inspector, expand the **Behavior** section and do one or both of the following:
  - In the **ZoomListener** field, specify a reference to the method that you stored in the managed bean.  
For example, if the method `setZoom` is stored in the managed bean `sampleGraph`, then the setting becomes: `"#{sampleGraph.setZoom}"`.
  - In the **ScrollListener** field, specify a reference to the method that you stored in the managed bean.  
For example, if the method `setScroll` is stored in the managed bean `sampleGraph`, then the setting becomes: `"#{sampleGraph.setScroll}"`.

### **Example H-11** Sample Code to Set Zoom and Scroll

```
Managed bean sampleGraph.java:
public void setZoom(ZoomEvent event) {
```



```

        System.out.println("Start Group: " +
event.GetAxisStartGroup(ZoomEvent.01AXIS));
        System.out.println("Group Count: " +
event.GetAxisGroupCount(ZoomEvent.01AXIS));
        System.out.println("Start Group Label: " +
event.GetAxisStartGroupLabel(ZoomEvent.01AXIS));
    }
    public void setScroll(ScrollEvent event) {
        System.out.println("End Group Label: " +
event.GetAxisEndGroupLabel(ScrollEvent.01AXIS));
        System.out.println("Axis Min: " + event.GetAxisMin(ScrollEvent.01AXIS));
        System.out.println("Axis Max: " + event.GetAxisMax(ScrollEvent.01AXIS));
    }
}

```

## H.7.3 Providing an Interactive Time Axis for Graphs

You can define relative ranges and explicit ranges for the display of time data. You can also add a time selector to allow users to select a time range on the time axis.

### H.7.3.1 How to Define a Relative Range of Time Data for Display

You can define a simple relative range of time data to be displayed, such as the last seven days. This will force old data to scroll off the left edge of the graph as new data points are added to the display of an active data graph. Relative time range specifications are not limited to use in active data graphs.

#### Before you begin:

It may be helpful to have an understanding of how graph attributes and graph child tags can affect functionality. For more information, see [Section H.2.2, "Configuring Graphs."](#)

You should already have a graph that displays an axis based on time values on your page. If you do not, follow the instructions in this chapter to create a graph. For information, see [Section H.2.3, "How to Add a Graph to a Page."](#)

#### To specify a relative range of time data for display:

1. In the Structure window, right click the `dvt:typeGraph` node and choose **Go to Properties**.
2. In the Property Inspector, expand the **Appearance** section and specify values for the following attributes:
  - a. **TimeRangeMode**: Specify the value `TRM_RELATIVE_LAST` or `TRM_RELATIVE_FIRST` depending on whether the relative range applies to the end of the time range (such as the last seven days) or to the beginning of the time range (such as the first seven days).
  - b. **TimeRelativeRange**: Specify the relative range in milliseconds.

For example, if you wish to specify a seven day range, enter the number of days (7) multiplied by the number of milliseconds in a day (86400000):  
604800000.

### H.7.3.2 How to Define an Explicit Range of Time Data for Display

You can define an explicit range of time data to be displayed, such as the period between March 15 and March 25. In this example, the year, hour, minute, and second use default values because they were not stated in the start and end values.

You store the methods for specifying the start and end dates of the explicit range in the graph's managed bean.

**Before you begin:**

It may be helpful to have an understanding of how graph attributes and graph child tags can affect functionality. For more information, see [Section H.2.2, "Configuring Graphs."](#)

You will need to complete these tasks:

- Create methods in a managed bean to return the start and end dates for the time range. For help with managed beans, see [Section 2.6, "Creating and Using Managed Beans."](#)

[Example H-12](#) shows two sample methods that return the start and end dates for the time range.

**Example H-12 Sample Code to Set Start and End Dates for Explicit Time Range**

```
// Add the following imports to your bean
import java.util.Date;
import java.util.Calendar;
import java.util.GregorianCalendar;

// Add the following variables to your bean
private static Calendar cal1 = new GregorianCalendar (2011,0,2);
private static Calendar cal2 = new GregorianCalendar (2011,0,4);
private static Date m_startDate = cal1.getTime();
private static Date m_endDate = cal2.getTime();

// Add the following methods to your bean
public Date getStartDate(){
    return m_startDate;
}
public Date getEndDate(){
    return m_endDate;
}
```

- Create a graph that displays an axis based on time values on your page. For additional information, see [Section H.2.3, "How to Add a Graph to a Page."](#)

**To specify an explicit range of time data for display:**

1. In the Structure window, right click the `dvt:typeGraph` node and choose **Go to Properties**.
2. In the Property Inspector, expand the **Appearance** section and specify the values for the following attributes:
  - a. **TimeRangeMode**: Choose `TRM_EXPLICIT` from the attribute's dropdown menu.
  - b. **TimeRangeStart**: Specify a reference to a method that returns the initial date for the time range.

For example, for a managed bean named `timeAxisSample` and the `getStartDate()` method referenced in [Example H-12](#), enter the following for the initial date: `#{timeAxisSample.startDate}`.

- c. **TimeRangeEnd**: Specify a reference to a method that returns the ending date for the time range.

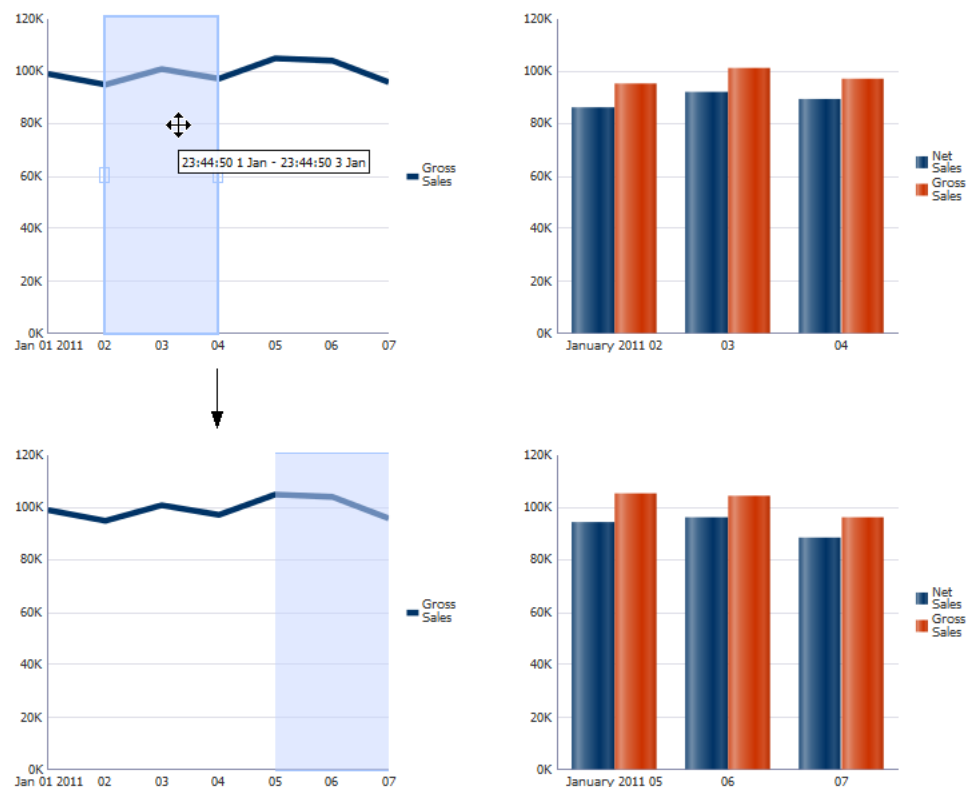
### H.7.3.3 How to Add a Time Selector to a Graph

You can add a time selector to any graph that is configured to display a time axis. The time selector permits the user to select a range of data on the time axis. Typically, the time selector is used in master-detail graphs where the detail is based on the time selector's date range.

To add a time selector to a graph, add the `dvt:timeSelector` component to your graph and add methods to a managed or backing bean to return the start and end dates for the range. If you are configuring master-detail graphs, add a listener to the time selector to update the detail graph when the user moves the time selector.

Figure H-23 shows a simple example of a master-detail graph configured to use a time selector. The bar graph display updates automatically when the user moves the time selector to another date range on the master graph.

**Figure H-23 Time Selector in Master-Detail Graph**



#### Before you begin:

It may be helpful to have an understanding of how graph attributes and graph child tags can affect functionality. For more information, see [Section H.2.2, "Configuring Graphs."](#)

You will need to complete these tasks:

- Create a graph that displays an axis based on time values on your page. For additional information, see [Section H.2.3, "How to Add a Graph to a Page."](#)

Area, bar, line, combination, and stock graphs display a time axis when dates of object type `java.util.Date` are specified for the column labels. To use the time selector, ensure that the dates are sorted in ascending order and use regular intervals such as days, weeks, or months.

For example, the line graph in [Figure H-23](#) uses sales dates for the o1-axis and gross sales for the series. [Figure H-24](#) shows the sample data.

**Figure H-24 Sample Data for Time Selector Example**

GrossSales	SalesDate	NetSales
99000	2011-01-01	88000
95000	2011-01-02	86000
101000	2011-01-03	92000
97000	2011-01-04	89000
105000	2011-01-05	94000
104000	2011-01-06	96000
96000	2011-01-07	88000

- If you are configuring master-detail graphs, create the graph that will display the detail based on the start and end dates of the time selector.

For example, the bar graph in [Figure H-23](#) also uses sales dates for the o1-axis but includes the net sales data in addition to the gross sales.

- Create methods in a managed or backing bean to return the start and end dates for the time range. For help with managed beans, see [Section 2.6, "Creating and Using Managed Beans."](#)

[Example H-13](#) shows two sample methods that return the start and end dates for the time selector's time range.

**Example H-13 Sample Methods to Return Start and End Dates for Time Selector**

```
// Include these imports in your bean
import java.util.Calendar;
import java.util.Date;
import java.util.GregorianCalendar;

// Add these variables to your bean
private static Calendar cal1 = new GregorianCalendar (2011,0,2);
private static Calendar cal2 = new GregorianCalendar (2011,0,4);
private static Date m_startDate = cal1.getTime();
private static Date m_endDate = cal2.getTime();

// Add these methods to your bean
public Date getTimeAxisStartDate() {
    return m_startDate;
}
public Date getTimeAxisEndDate() {
    return m_endDate;
}
```

- Optionally, add a method to the managed bean for the time selector's listener.

[Example H-14](#) shows a sample listener for the time selector displayed in [Figure H-23](#).

**Example H-14 Sample Code for Time Selector Listener**

```
// Include these imports in your bean
import java.util.Date;
import java.util.Calendar;
import java.util.GregorianCalendar;
import oracle.adf.view.faces.bi.event.TimeSelectorEvent;
import javax.faces.event.AbortProcessingException;

// Add this method to your bean
```

```

public void processTimeSelectorEvent(TimeSelectorEvent event) throws
AbortProcessingException
{
    Date startDate = new Date(event.getStartDate().getTime());
    Date endDate = new Date(event.getEndDate().getTime());
    if (graph2 != null)
    {
        graph2.setTimeRangeStart(startDate);
        graph2.setTimeRangeEnd(endDate);
    }
}

```

In this example, the `graph2` variable is declared as a `UIGraph` in the page's backing bean. When the user changes the time selector range on the master graph, the listener code sets the new time range on the detail graph.

### To add a time selector to a graph:

1. In the Structure window, right-click the `dvt:typeGraph` node and choose **Insert inside *GraphType* > ADF Data Visualizations > dvt:timeSelector**.
2. Right-click the `dvt:timeSelector` node and choose **Go to Properties**.
3. In the Property Inspector, enter values for the following attributes:
  - **ExplicitStart:** Specify a reference to a method that returns the initial starting date for the time range.  
For example, for a bean named `timeSelectorDemo` and the `getTimeAxisStartDate()` method referenced in [Example H-13](#), enter the following for the initial date: `{timeSelectorDemo.timeAxisStartDate}`.
  - **ExplicitEnd:** Specify a reference to a method that returns the initial ending date for the time range.
  - **Mode:** From the attribute's dropdown list, select `EXPLICIT` to enable the time selector display. By default, this attribute is set to `OFF`.
  - **FillColor:** From the attribute's dropdown list, select the color for the fill of the time selector.
  - To display the data points behind the time selector, use the **Transparency** slider to select a value below 100%.  
For example, set the **Transparency** slider to 53% to duplicate the time selector in [Figure H-23](#). This has the effect of changing the fill color value from a 6 digit hexadecimal value to an 8 digit value. The first two digits represent the transparency for the fill color. By default, the fill color is set to `#000000`, and the time selector's fill color is opaque.
  - Optionally, to enable transparency, from the **FillTransparent** dropdown list, select `true`.  
If you set **FillTransparent** and **BorderTransparent** to `true`, the time selector will not be displayed, but the user can still select it.
  - **BorderColor:** From the attribute's dropdown list, select the color for the border of the time selector.
  - Optionally, to enable transparency, from the **BorderTransparent** dropdown list, select `true`.
  - Optionally, in the **TimeSelectorListener** field, specify a reference to a method that returns the listener for the time selector.

For example, for a managed bean named `timeSelectorDemo` and the `processTimeSelectorEvent` method referenced in [Example H-14](#), enter the following for the time selector listener:

```
#{timeSelectorDemo.processTimeSelectorEvent}.
```

[Example H-15](#) shows the code on the JSF page for the example time selector.

#### **Example H-15 Time Selector Code on JSF Page**

```
<dvt:timeSelector explicitStart="#{timeSelectorDemo.timeAxisStartDate}"
    explicitEnd="#{timeSelectorDemo.timeAxisEndDate}"
    fillColor="#88c6d6ff" borderColor="#a5c6ff" mode="EXPLICIT"
    timeSelectorListener="#{timeSelectorDemo.processTimeSelectorEvent}"/>
```

4. If you created a detail graph, update the detail graph to use an explicit time range and configure it to update when the time selector changes.
  1. In the Structure window, right-click the detail graph node and choose **Go to Properties**.
  2. In the Property Inspector, expand the **Appearance** section.
  3. From the **TimeRangeMode** attribute's dropdown list, select `TRM_EXPLICIT`.
  4. In the **TimeRangeStart** field, specify a reference to a method that returns the starting time for the time range.

For example, for a bean named `timeSelectorDemo` and the `getTimeAxisStartDate()` method referenced in [Example H-13](#), enter the following for the initial date: `#{timeSelectorDemo.timeAxisStartDate}`.

5. In the **TimeRangeEnd** field, specify a reference to a method that returns the ending time for the time range.
6. In the Property Inspector, expand the **Behavior** section.
7. In the **PartialTriggers** field, enter the ID of the master graph to enable the detail graph to update when the user changes the time selector range.

For example, enter `::graph1` to reference the ID of the line graph in [Figure H-23](#). You can also choose **Edit** from the **PartialTriggers** dropdown menu to select the partial trigger.

## **H.7.4 Adding Alerts and Annotations to Graphs**

Alerts define a data value on a graph that must be highlighted with a separate symbol, such as an error or warning. An icon marks the location of the alert. When the cursor moves over the alert icon, the text of that alert is displayed.

Annotations are associated with a data value on a graph to provide information when the cursor moves over the data value.

### **H.7.4.1 How to Add Alerts to Graphs**

An unlimited number of alerts can be defined for a graph using `dvt:alert` tags. The alerts are wrapped in a `dvt:alertSet` tag which is a child of the graph tag. For each alert, you must specify the image source (`imageSource`) and location that you want the alert to display on the x-axis or ordinal axis (`xValue`) and on the y-axis (`yValue`). If your graph uses a y2-axis, you can use the `YValueAssignment` attribute to associate the `yValue` with the y2-axis. You can also specify the text to display when the user hovers the mouse over the alert.

[Example H-16](#) shows the code for an alert displayed on a line graph. In this example, the `xValue` and `yValue` attributes are defined in the `alertBean` managed bean. At runtime, the user can modify the alert's location on both axes by changing the spin box or date selector.

**Example H-16 Sample Code for Graph Alerts**

```
<af:panelGroupLayout>
  <af:outputText value="Use spin box and date selector to change alert location."
    id="ot2"/>
  <af:panelGroupLayout id="pgl2" layout="horizontal">
    <dvt:lineGraph id="graph1"
      subType="LINE_VERT_ABS"
      tabularData="#{alertBean.lineList}"
      timeAxisType="TAT_MIXED_FREQUENCY_STRICT"
      partialTriggers="::all ::yValue"
      shortDesc="Line Graph">
      <dvt:graphTitle text="Line Graph"/>
      <dvt:alertSet>
        <dvt:alert xValue="#{alertBean.alertDate}"
          yValue="#{alertBean.alertYValue}"
          imageSource="#{resource['images:alert_icon.png']}"
          text="Alert Example"/>
      </dvt:alertSet>
      <dvt:graphFootnote text="Alerts assigned to location and date"/>
    </dvt:lineGraph>
  </af:panelGroupLayout>
  <af:panelGroupLayout layout="vertical" id="pgl8">
    <af:inputDate label="Date" id="all" value="#{alertBean.alertDate}"
      autoSubmit="true"/>
    <af:inputNumberSpinbox label="Y Value" id="yValue"
      value="#{alertBean.alertYValue}"
      autoSubmit="true" stepSize="10"/>
  </af:panelGroupLayout>
</af:panelGroupLayout>
```

You specify values for the alert's location attributes through the Property Inspector. The `xValue` attribute can be a string, double, or date. The `yValue` must be defined as a double.

If your `xValue` is a date, you must define a method that sets the alert's `xValue` in the graph's managed bean. [Example H-17](#) shows code that will create a sample array of tabular data and define the alert's methods to change the alert date and value to match the user's selection. For additional information about tabular data, see [Section H.2.5, "How to Create a Graph Using Tabular Data."](#) For help with managed beans, see [Section 2.6, "Creating and Using Managed Beans."](#)

**Example H-17 Sample Managed Bean for Graph Alerts**

```
import java.util.Date;
import java.util.ArrayList;
import java.util.Random;
import java.util.List;
import java.util.Calendar;
import java.util.GregorianCalendar;

public class alertBean {
  private List m_lineList;
  private Double m_alertYValue;
  private static Calendar cal1 = new GregorianCalendar (2010,0,1);
  private static Calendar cal2 = new GregorianCalendar (2010,0,1);
```

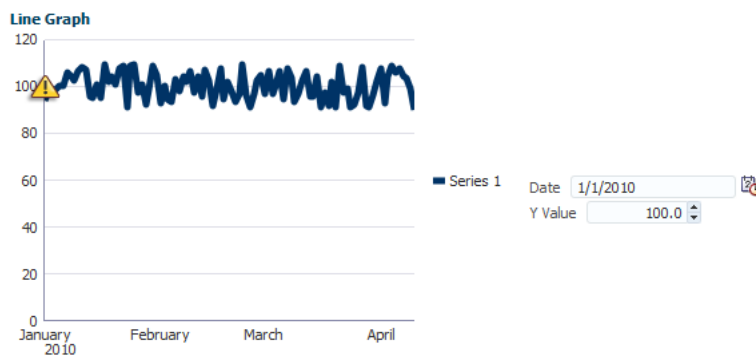
```

private Date m_date;
public alertBean(){
    m_alertYValue = new Double(100);
    m_date = cal1.getTime();
    Random random = new Random();
    m_lineList = new ArrayList();
    Date newDate = cal2.getTime();
    for (int i = 0; i < 100; i ++){
        double number = random.nextDouble() * 20+90;
        m_lineList.add(new Object[]{"Group "+i,"Series 1", newDate});
        m_lineList.add(new Object[]{"Group' "+i,"Series 1",
            new Double(number)});
        newDate = new Date(newDate.getTime() + 86400000);
    }
}
public List getLineList(){
    return m_lineList;
}
public Date getAlertDate(){
    return m_date;
}
public void setAlertDate(Date date){
    m_date = date;
}
public Double getAlertYValue(){
    return m_alertYValue;
}
public void setAlertYValue(Double value){
    m_alertYValue = value;
}
}

```

Figure H-25 shows the initial page that is rendered when the application starts. If you change the date or enter a different value for the y-axis, the alert icon will move to the new location.

**Figure H-25 Line Graph with Customizable Alert Location**



#### Before you begin:

It may be helpful to have an understanding of how graph attributes and graph child tags can affect functionality. For more information, see [Section H.2.2, "Configuring Graphs."](#)

You should already have a graph on your page. If you do not, follow the instructions in this chapter to create a graph. For information, see [Section H.2.3, "How to Add a Graph to a Page."](#)



**To add an alert to a graph:**

1. Optionally, create a managed bean and add the code that will set and get the alert values. For additional help, see [Section 2.6, "Creating and Using Managed Beans."](#)

For example, to duplicate the alert displayed in [Figure H-25](#), create a managed bean named `popupSample.java` using the code in [Example H-17](#).

2. In the Structure window, right-click the `dvt:typeGraph` node and choose **Insert inside `GraphType` > ADF Data Visualizations > `dvt:alertSet`**.
3. Right-click the `dvt:alert` node and choose **Go to Properties**.
4. In the Property Inspector, set the following attributes:
  - **ImageSource:** Specify the path to the alert's icon using the attribute's dropdown menus to select an existing image or choose **Edit** to add a new one to the application.
  - **Text:** Specify optional text that appears in a tooltip when a mouse pointer hovers over the icon.
  - **XValue:** Specify a value for the x-axis or ordinal axis. Optionally, use the attribute's dropdown menu to access the **EL Expression Builder** and select the method that sets the alert's `xValue`.

For example, for the `alertBean` managed bean in [Example H-17](#) and the method `setAlertDate`, set the `xValue` to the following value:  
`{alertBean.alertDate}`.

- **YValue:** Specify a value for the y-axis. Optionally, use the attribute's dropdown menu to access the **EL Expression Builder** and select the method that sets the alert's `yValue`.

For example, for the `alertBean` managed bean in [Example H-17](#) and the method `setAlertYValue`, set the `yValue` to the following value:  
`{alertBean.alertDate}`.

- **YValueAssignment:** Identify which axis to associate with the `yValue` attribute. Valid values are: `Y1AXIS` (default) or `Y2AXIS` (if configured).

In the managed bean example in [Example H-17](#), the `yValue` is associated with the `Y1AXIS` so there is no need to change the default.

5. To add additional alerts, in the Structure window, right-click the `dvt:alertSet` and choose **Insert inside `dvt:alertSet` > `dvt:alert`** for each new alert.
6. Repeat Step 3 and Step 4 to configure the new alert.

**H.7.4.2 Adding Annotations to Graphs**

An unlimited number of annotations can be defined for a graph using `dvt:annotation` tags, and multiple annotations can be associated with a single data value. The annotations are wrapped in a `dvt:annotationSet` tag that is a child of the graph tag.

The data marker associated with the annotation is defined using these attributes of the `dvt:annotation` tag:

- **series:** Specifies the zero-based index of a series in a graph. In most graphs, each series appears as a set of markers that are the same color. For example, in a multiple pie graph, each yellow slice might represent sales of shoes, while each green slice represents the sales of boots. In a bar graph, all of the yellow bars might represent the sales of shoes, and the green bars might represent the sales of boots.

- `group`: Specifies the zero-based index of a group in a graph. Groups appear differently in different graph types. In a clustered bar graph, each cluster of bars is a group. In a stacked bar graph, each stack is a group. In a multiple pie graph, each pie is a group.

[Example H-18](#) shows a set of annotations for an area graph.

**Example H-18 Sample Code for a Set of Annotations**

```
<dvt:areaGraph>
  <dvt:annotationSet>
    <dvt:annotation series="0" group="0" text="annotation #1"/>
    <dvt:annotation series="0" group="7" fillColor="#55FFFF00"
      borderColor="#55FF0000" text="second annotation"/>
  </dvt:annotationSet>
</dvt:areaGraph>
```

You can control the position of the annotation in the plot area of a graph using these attributes:

- `position`: Specifies the type of positioning to use for the annotation. Valid values are:
  - `dataValue` (default): Positions the annotation by the data value defined in the series and group attributes. Overlap with other annotations is avoided.
  - `absolute`: Positions the annotation at the exact point defined by the `xValue` and the `yValue` in graphs with both those axes. Overlap with other annotations is not avoided.
  - `percentage`: Positions the annotation at the exact point defined by using the `xValue` and `yValue` as a percentage between 0 and 100 of the plot area of graphs with both those axes. Overlap with other annotations is not avoided.
- `xValue`: Specifies the X value at which to position the annotation. This setting only applies when the annotation position is `absolute` or `percentage`.
- `yValue`: Specifies the Y value at which to position the annotation. This setting only applies when the annotation position is `absolute` or `percentage`.
- `horizontalAlignment`: Specifies the horizontal positioning of the annotation. This setting only applies when the annotation position attribute is `absolute` or `percentage`. Valid values are `LEFT` (default), `CENTER`, `LEADING`, or `RIGHT`.
- `verticalAlignment`: Specifies the vertical positioning of the annotation. This setting only applies when the annotation position attribute is `absolute` or `percentage`. Valid values are `CENTER` (default), `TOP`, or `BOTTOM`.

## H.7.5 How to Add Drop Functionality to Pareto and Stock Graphs

The ADF Faces framework provides the ability to drag and drop items from one place to another on a page. Pareto and stock graphs can be configured as a drop target to allow drops from other ADF components. For example, you can configure a stock graph to allow drops from an ADF table cell.

To configure a Pareto or stock graph as a drop target, add the `af:dropTarget` tag as a child of the Pareto or stock Graph, and add a method in a managed bean to respond to the drop event. [Example H-19](#) shows a sample drop listener for a graph configured to accept drops from an ADF table.

**Example H-19 Managed Bean Sample for Handling Drag and Drop Targets**

```

public class dragAndDrop {
    public DnDAction fromTableDropListener(DropEvent event) {
        Transferable transferable = event.getTransferable();
        DataFlavor<RowKeySet> dataFlavor = DataFlavor.getDataFlavor(RowKeySet.class,
"fromTable");
        RowKeySet set = transferable.getData(dataFlavor);
        Employee emp = null;
        if(set != null && !set.isEmpty()) {
            int index = (Integer) set.iterator().next();
            emp = m_tableModel.get(index);
        }
        if(emp == null)
            return DnDAction.NONE;
        DnDAction proposedAction = event.getProposedAction();
        if(proposedAction == DnDAction.COPY) {
            m_graphList.add(emp);
        }
        else if(proposedAction == DnDAction.LINK) {
            m_graphList.add(emp);
        }
        else if(proposedAction == DnDAction.MOVE) {
            m_graphList.add(emp);
            m_tableModel.remove(emp);
        }
        else
            return DnDAction.NONE;
        RequestContext.getCurrentInstance().addPartialTarget(event.getDragComponent());
        return event.getProposedAction();
    }
}

```

You must also configure the ADF Faces component, object, or collection as a drag source and define the method that will respond to the drag. For additional information about configuring drag and drop, see [Chapter 35, "Adding Drag and Drop Functionality."](#)

**Before you begin:**

It may be helpful to have an understanding of how graph attributes and graph child components can affect functionality. For more information, see [Section H.2.2, "Configuring Graphs."](#)

You must complete the following tasks:

- Add a Pareto or stock graph to your page. For more information, see [Section H.2.3, "How to Add a Graph to a Page."](#)
- Create the method that will listen for drops on the graph. For information about using managed beans, see [Section 2.6, "Creating and Using Managed Beans."](#)

**To configure a Pareto or stock graph as a drop target:**

1. In the Structure window, right-click `dvt:paretoGraph` or `dvt:stockGraph` and choose **Insert inside (Pareto or Stock) > af:dropTarget**.
2. In the Insert Drop Target dialog, specify the **DropListener** as an EL Expression that evaluates the reference to the `oracle.adf.view.rich.event.DropEvent` method called when a drop occurs on the component.

To specify the **DropListener** used in [Example H-19](#), enter:

```
#{dragAndDrop.fromTableDropListener}
```

3. In the Insert Data Flavors dialog, specify the **flavorClass**, the fully qualified Java class name for this `dataFlavor`. If the drop contains this `dataFlavor`, the drop target is guaranteed to be able to retrieve an Object from the drop with this Java type using this `dataFlavor`.

For example, to specify the **flavorClass** for a drop target configured to allow drops from an ADF table, enter: `org.apache.myfaces.trinidad.model.RowKeySet`.

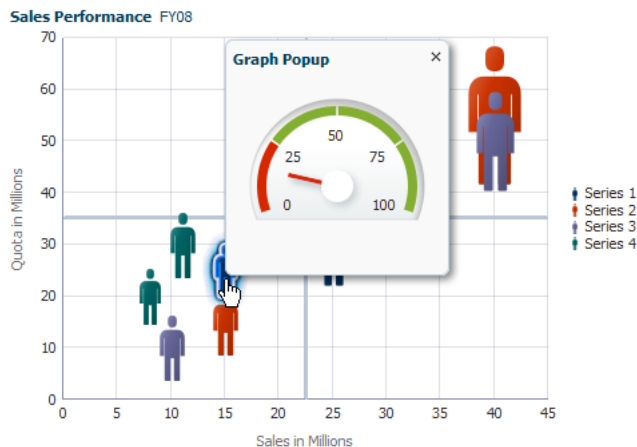
## H.7.6 How to Add Popups to Graphs

Graph child component `seriesSet` can be configured to display popup dialogs, windows, and menus that provide information or request input from end users. Using the `af:popup` component with other ADF Faces components, you can configure functionality to allow your end users to show and hide information in secondary windows, input additional data, or invoke functionality such as a context menu.

With ADF Faces components, JavaScript is not needed to show or hide popups. The `af:showPopupBehavior` tag provides a declarative solution, so that you do not have to write JavaScript to open a popup component or register a script with the `popup` component. For more information about these components, see [Chapter 13, "Using Popup Dialogs, Menus, and Windows."](#)

For example, you may want to associate a popup displaying information in a note window with the data markers in a scatter graph series. [Figure H-26](#) shows a scatter graph with a data marker clicked to display a gauge in a note window with data about a specific marker.

**Figure H-26 Scatter Graph Data Marker Popup Note Window**



### Before you begin:

It may be helpful to have an understanding of how graph attributes and graph child components can affect functionality. For more information, see [Section H.2.2, "Configuring Graphs."](#)

You will need to complete these tasks:

- Add a graph to your page. For more information, see [Section H.2.3, "How to Add a Graph to a Page."](#)  
To duplicate the gauge popup example in [Figure H-26](#), create a scatter graph.
- Create the popup components for data points in a graph series to reference. [Figure H-20](#) shows a code sample for the popup to be referenced when the user

clicks on a data point in the graph series displayed in [Figure H-26](#).

**Example H-20 Code Sample for the Graph Data Marker Popup Window**

```
<af:popup id="graphPopup" launcherVar="source"
    eventContext="launcher"
    clientComponent="true" contentDelivery="lazyUncached">
  <af:setPropertyListener from="#{source.seriesKey}"
    to="#{popupSample.seriesKey}" type="popupFetch"/>
  <af:setPropertyListener from="#{source.groupKeys}"
    to="#{popupSample.groupKeys}" type="popupFetch"/>
  <af:panelWindow title="Graph Popup" id="pw1">
    <dvt:gauge shortDesc="Gauge" value="#{popupSample.gaugeValue}"
      gaugeType="DIAL" animationOnDisplay="auto"
      inlineStyle="width:150px;height:120px;" minValue="0"
      maxValue="100" contentDelivery="immediate" id="g3">
      <dvt:bottomLabel text="Sales" position="LP_NONE"/>
      <dvt:metricLabel position="LP_NONE"/>
      <dvt:thresholdSet>
        <dvt:threshold thresholdMaxValue="#{popupSample.quotaValue}"
          text="Under Quota"/>
        <dvt:threshold fillColor="#84AE31" text="Above Quota"/>
      </dvt:thresholdSet>
      <dvt:indicator useThresholdFillColor="true"/>
      <dvt:tickLabel content="TC_MIN_MAX TC_INCREMENTS"/>
      <dvt:tickMark content="TC_NONE" majorTickCount="5"/>
    </dvt:gauge>
  </af:panelWindow>
</af:popup>
```

- Add methods to a managed bean to define the listener methods that will respond to the popup request. For help with managed beans, see [Section 2.6, "Creating and Using Managed Beans."](#)

[Example H-21](#) shows the sample code used to respond to the popup request in the gauge popup example. In this example, the scatter graph is using default data values.

**Example H-21 Managed Bean Sample Code for the Graph Data Marker Popup**

```
import java.util.List;
import java.util.Set;
import oracle.adf.view.faces.bi.component.gauge.UIGauge;
import oracle.adf.view.faces.bi.component.graph.UIGraph;
import oracle.adf.view.faces.bi.model.KeyMap;
import oracle.dss.graph.DataType;
public class popupSample {
    private UIGraph m_graph;
    private UIGauge m_gauge;
    private KeyMap m_seriesKey;
    private List<KeyMap> m_groupKeys;
    public UIGraph getGraph() {
        if(m_graph == null)
            m_graph = new UIGraph();
        return m_graph;
    }
    public void setGraph(UIGraph graph) { m_graph = graph; }
    public UIGauge getGauge() {
        if(m_gauge == null)
            m_gauge = new UIGauge();
    }
}
```

```

        return m_gauge;
    }
    public void setGauge(UIGauge gauge) { m_gauge = gauge;}
    public KeyMap getSeriesKey() { return m_seriesKey; }

    public void setSeriesKey(KeyMap key) { m_seriesKey = key; }
    public List<KeyMap> getGroupKeys() { return m_groupKeys; }
    public void setGroupKeys(List<KeyMap> keys) { m_groupKeys = keys; }
    private int m_gaugeValue = 0;
    public int getGaugeValue() {
        // Reestablish context
        m_graph.setDataKey(m_seriesKey, m_groupKeys);
        // Fetch the x value
        Object val = m_graph.getDataValue(DataType.X_VALUE);
        if(val instanceof Number) {
            Number number = (Number) val;
            m_gaugeValue = (int) number.doubleValue();
        }
        return m_gaugeValue;
    }
    private int m_quotaValue = 0;
    public int getQuotaValue() {
        // Reestablish context
        m_graph.setDataKey(m_seriesKey, m_groupKeys);
        // Fetch the y value
        Object val = m_graph.getDataValue(DataType.Y_VALUE);
        if(val instanceof Number) {
            Number number = (Number) val;
            m_quotaValue = (int) number.doubleValue();
        }
        return m_quotaValue;
    }
}
}

```

### To add a popup to a graph series set:

1. In the Structure window, right-click the graph child `dvt:seriesSet` component and choose **Insert inside dvt:seriesSet > af:showPopupBehavior**.
2. Right-click the `af:showPopupBehavior` node and choose **Go to Properties**.
3. In the Property Inspector, set the following attributes:
  - **PopupId:** Enter the ID of the popup, relative to the containing component. An ID beginning with a colon will be treated as absolute after trimming off the colon.  
For example, to reference the gauge popup in [Example H-20](#), enter:  
`::graphPopup`.
  - **TriggerType:** Enter the event type that will trigger the popup being displayed. Valid values for graph `seriesSet` components are `action`, `click`, and `mouseHover`.  
For example, to continue with the gauge popup example, enter: `click`.
  - **Align:** From the dropdown list, choose how the popup should be aligned with the `seriesSet` component.  
This attribute does not have a default setting and is normally required. However, the attribute does not require setting if the popup type is `af:panelWindow` or `af:dialog`. These types of popups can be manually

repositioned using drag-and-drop and will open by default at the center of the browser window.

To continue with the gauge popup example, leave this field blank since the gauge popup example is using an `af:panelWindow` type.

- **AlignID:** Enter the ID of the component relative to which the popup will be aligned. An ID beginning with a colon will be treated as absolute after trimming off the colon.

This attribute is also normally required unless the popup type is `af:panelWindow` or `af:dialog`. To continue with the gauge popup example, leave this field blank.

[Example H-22](#) shows the code sample for associating a popup component with a graph series set component.

**Example H-22 Code Sample for Popup Associated With Series Set Component**

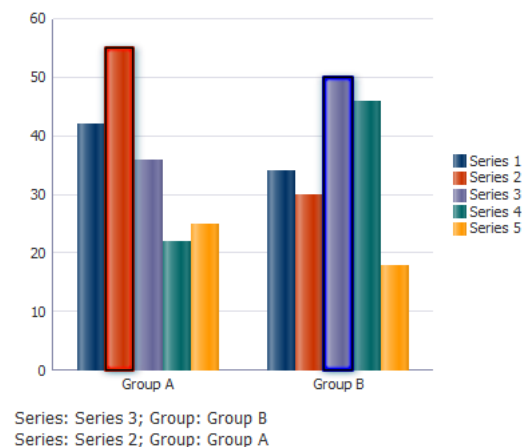
```
<dvt:scatterGraph dataSelection="single"
  shortDesc="Scatter Graph with Click Popup"
  binding="#{popupSample.graph}"
  inlineStyle="width:500px;height:350px;" id="g2">
  <dvt:seriesSet defaultMarkerShape="MS_HUMAN">
    <af:showPopupBehavior triggerType="click" popupId="::graphPopup"/>
  </dvt:seriesSet>
  <dvt:x1Title text="Sales in Millions"/>
  <dvt:y1Title text="Quota in Millions"/>
  <dvt:graphTitle text="Sales Performance"/>
  <dvt:graphSubtitle text="FY08"/>
</dvt:scatterGraph>
```

## H.7.7 Adding Data Marker Selection Support for Graphs

Add selection support to respond programmatically when a user selects one or more of the graph's data markers.

For example, [Figure H-27](#) displays a bar graph supporting single and multiple selection to output information about each selected series. To make multiple selections, users press **Control** on the keyboard while selecting the data markers.

**Figure H-27 Bar Graph Displaying Multiple Selection Support**



### H.7.7.1 How to Add Selection Support to Graphs

To add selection support, create a listener in a managed bean that will handle the `SelectionEvent` and perform the needed logic. You then enable selection support in the graph's `dataSelection` attribute and bind the `selectionListener` attribute of the graph to that listener.

[Example H-23](#) shows sample code to create a managed bean that returns the selection state as the formatted string displayed below the bar graph in [Figure H-27](#).

#### **Example H-23 Managed Bean Example for Graph Selection Support**

```
import java.util.List;
import java.util.Set;
import oracle.adf.view.faces.bi.component.graph.DataSelection;
import oracle.adf.view.faces.bi.component.graph.GraphSelection;
import oracle.adf.view.faces.bi.event.graph.SelectionEvent;
import oracle.adf.view.faces.bi.model.KeyMap;

public class graphSelection {
    public void selectionListener(SelectionEvent selectionEvent) {
        StringBuilder eventInfo = new StringBuilder();
        Set<? extends GraphSelection> selectionSet =
            selectionEvent.getGraphSelection();
        eventInfo.append(convertSelectionStateToString(selectionSet));

        // Store on the selection string
        m_selectionInfo = eventInfo.toString();
    }

    /**
     * Returns the selection state as a formatted String with one selected data
     * point per line.
     * @param selectionSet
     * @return
     */
    public static String convertSelectionStateToString(Set<? extends GraphSelection>
        selectionSet) {
        StringBuilder selectionState = new StringBuilder();
        for(GraphSelection selection: selectionSet) {
            if(selection instanceof DataSelection) {
                DataSelection ds = (DataSelection) selection;
                Set seriesKeySet = ds.getSeriesKey().keySet();
                for(Object key : seriesKeySet) {
                    selectionState.append(key).append(":
                ").append(ds.getSeriesKey().get((String)key));
                }

                List<KeyMap> groupKeys = ds.getGroupKeys();
                for(KeyMap groupKey : groupKeys) {
                    Set groupKeySet = groupKey.keySet();
                    for(Object key : groupKeySet) {
                        selectionState.append("; ").append(key).append(":
                    ").append(groupKey.get((String)key));
                    }
                }

                selectionState.append("<br>");
            }
        }
    }
}
```



```

        return selectionState.toString();
    }

    private String m_selectionInfo = "Select a marker to see information here.
Multiple objects can be selected by holding CTRL while selecting.";
    public String getSelectionInfo() {
        return m_selectionInfo;
    }
}

```

[Example H-24](#) shows the code sample for configuring the JDeveloper page for multiple selection support and to bind the `selectionListener` attribute of the graph to the selection listener. The sample uses the `af:outputFormatted` component to display the selected information on the page.

#### **Example H-24 Code Sample for Configuring Graph Selection Support on a Page**

```

<af:panelGroupLayout id="pgl1">
    <dvt:barGraph id="graph1" subType="BAR_VERT_CLUST" shortDesc="BarGraph"
        selectionListener="#{graphSelection.selectionListener}"
        dataSelection="multiple">
        <dvt:background>
            <dvt:specialEffects/>
        </dvt:background>
        <dvt:graphPlotArea/>
        <dvt:seriesSet>
            <dvt:series/>
        </dvt:seriesSet>
        <dvt:olAxis/>
        <dvt:y1Axis/>
        <dvt:legendArea automaticPlacement="AP_NEVER"/>
    </dvt:barGraph>
    <af:outputFormatted id="selectionText"
        inlineStyle="font-size:120.0%;"
        partialTriggers="graph1"
        value="#{graphSelection.selectionInfo}"/>
</af:panelGroupLayout>

```

#### **Before you begin:**

It may be helpful to have an understanding of how graph attributes and graph child components can affect functionality. For more information, see [Section H.2.2, "Configuring Graphs."](#)

You will need to complete these tasks:

- Add a graph to your page. For more information, see [Section H.2.3, "How to Add a Graph to a Page."](#)  
To duplicate the multiple selection support example in this section, create a bar graph.
- Add methods to a managed bean to define the listener methods that will respond to the selection events. For help with managed beans, see [Section 2.6, "Creating and Using Managed Beans."](#)

#### **To add selection support to graphs:**

1. In the Structure window, right-click the `dvt:typeGraph` node and choose **Go to Properties**.
2. In the Property Inspector, expand the **Behavior** section and specify the values for the following attributes:

- a. **DataSelection:** Specify `single` or `multiple` to enable selection support for single or multiple data markers. The default is `none` which means that selection is not enabled by default.
- b. **SelectionListener:** Specify a reference to the selection listener.

For example, to specify the `selectionListener` method in a managed bean named `graphSelection.java`, enter the following in the `SelectionListener` field: `#{graphSelection.selectionListener}`.

3. Complete any additional configuration as needed.

For example, to duplicate the multiple selection example in this section, add the following code to your page:

```
<af:outputFormatted id="selectionText"
  inlineStyle="font-size:120.0%;"
  partialTriggers="graph1" value="#{graphSelection.selectionInfo}"/>
```

### H.7.7.2 What You May Need to Know About Graph Data Marker Selection

The selection listener responds to click events on graph data markers only.

JDeveloper also provides a `clickListener` listener that can respond to click events on other graph components. The click listener, however, provides only single selection support and does not provide the same hover and click feedback that the `selectionListener` listener can provide. The `clickListener` attribute is also not available on newer components, and its use is generally discouraged in favor of the selection listener.

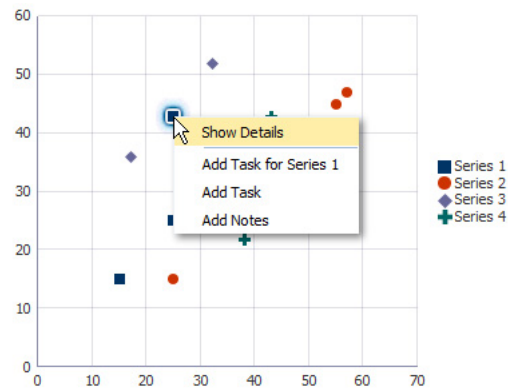
## H.7.8 Configuring Graph Context Menus

Context menus can be defined for graph components using these context menu facets:

- `bodyContextMenu:` Specifies a context menu that is displayed on non selectable elements in the graph component.
- `contextMenu:` Specifies a context menu that is displayed on any selectable element in the graph component.
- `multiSelectContextMenu:` Specifies a content menu that is displayed when multiple elements are selected in the graph component.

Each facet on a JSP or JSPX page supports a single child component. Facelets support multiple child components. For all of these facets to work, selection must be enabled and supported for the specific graph type. Context menus are currently only supported in Flash.

For example, [Figure H-28](#) shows a scatter graph context menu with custom menu items.

**Figure H–28 Scatter Graph Custom Context Menu**

Example H–25 shows a code sample for configuring a scatter graph context menu.

#### Example H–25 Code Sample for Scatter Graph Context Menu

```
<dvt:scatterGraph binding="#{contextMenu.graph}" subType="SCATTER"
    dataSelection="multiple" id="graph" shortDesc="ScatterGraph">
  <f:facet name="contextMenu">
    <af:popup contentDelivery="lazyUncached" id="p1">
      <af:menu id="m1">
        <af:commandMenuItem text="Show Details"
          actionListener="#{contextMenu.menuItemListener}"
          id="cmi1"/>
        <af:group id="g1">
          <af:commandMenuItem text="Add Task for #{contextMenu.currentSeriesId}"
            actionListener="#{contextMenu.menuItemListener}"
            id="cmi2"/>
          <af:commandMenuItem text="Add Task"
            actionListener="#{contextMenu.menuItemListener}"
            id="cmi3"/>
          <af:commandMenuItem text="Add Notes"
            actionListener="#{contextMenu.menuItemListener}"
            id="cmi4"/>
        </af:group>
      </af:menu>
    </af:popup>
  </f:facet>
  <f:facet name="bodyContextMenu">
    <af:popup contentDelivery="immediate" id="p2">
      <af:menu id="m2">
        <af:goMenuItem text="www.oracle.com"
          destination="http://www.oracle.com"
          id="gmi1"/>
      </af:menu>
    </af:popup>
  </f:facet>
  <f:facet name="multiSelectContextMenu">
    <af:popup contentDelivery="lazyUncached" id="p3">
      <af:menu id="m3">
        <af:commandMenuItem text="Compare Selected Objects"
          actionListener="#{contextMenu.menuItemListener}"
          id="cmi5"/>
      </af:menu>
    </af:popup>
  </f:facet>
```

```
</dvt:scatterGraph>
```

**Example H-26** shows a code sample for a managed bean to create a custom context menu. For help with managed beans, see [Section 2.6, "Creating and Using Managed Beans."](#)

**Example H-26 Managed Bean to Create Custom Context Menu**

```
import java.util.Set;
import javax.faces.component.UIComponent;
import javax.faces.event.ActionEvent;
import oracle.adf.view.faces.bi.component.graph.DataSelection;
import oracle.adf.view.faces.bi.component.graph.GraphSelection;
import oracle.adf.view.faces.bi.component.graph.UIGraph;
import oracle.adf.view.faces.bi.model.KeyMap;
import oracle.adf.view.rich.component.rich.nav.RichCommandMenuItem;
import oracle.adf.view.rich.component.rich.output.RichOutputFormatted;
import org.apache.myfaces.trinidad.context.RequestContext;

public class ContextMenu {
    private RichOutputFormatted m_outputFormatted;
    public RichOutputFormatted getOutputFormatted() {
        if(m_outputFormatted == null)
            m_outputFormatted = new RichOutputFormatted();
        return m_outputFormatted;
    }
    public void setOutputFormatted(RichOutputFormatted text) {
        m_outputFormatted = text;
    }
    private String m_status = "Click Menu Item for Status";
    public String getStatus() {
        return m_status;
    }
    private UIGraph m_graph;
    public UIGraph getGraph() {
        if(m_graph == null)
            m_graph = new UIGraph();
        return m_graph;
    }
    public void setGraph(UIGraph graph) {
        m_graph = graph;
    }
    public String getCurrentSeriesId() {
        if(m_graph != null) {
            Set<? extends GraphSelection> set = m_graph.getSelection();
            if(set != null && !set.isEmpty()) {
                GraphSelection selection = set.iterator().next();
                if(selection instanceof DataSelection) {
                    DataSelection dataSelection = (DataSelection) selection;
                    KeyMap seriesKey = dataSelection.getSeriesKey();
                    Set seriesKeySet = seriesKey.keySet();
                    for(Object key : seriesKeySet) {
                        return seriesKey.get((String)key);
                    }
                }
            }
        }
        return null;
    }
}
/**
```

```

    * Called when a menuItem is clicked. Updates the outputText with
    information about the menu item clicked.
    * @param actionEvent
    */
    public void menuItemListener(ActionEvent actionEvent) {
        UIComponent component = actionEvent.getComponent();
        if(component instanceof RichCommandMenuItem) {
            RichCommandMenuItem cmi = (RichCommandMenuItem) component;
            // Add the text of the item into the status message
            StringBuilder s = new StringBuilder();
            s.append("You clicked on \").append(cmi.getText()).append("\". <br><br>");
            // If graph data is selected, add that too
            Set<? extends GraphSelection> selectionSet = m_graph.getSelection();
            if(!selectionSet.isEmpty()) {
                // Write out the selection state
                s.append("The current graph selection is: <br>");
                s.append(SelectionSample.convertSelectionStateToString(selectionSet));
            }
            m_status = s.toString();
            RequestContext.getCurrentInstance().addPartialTarget(m_outputFormatted);
        }
    }
}

```

The managed bean in the preceding example calls the `SelectionSample` class which is displayed in [Example H-27](#).

#### **Example H-27 Managed Bean for Custom Context Menu SelectionSample Class**

```

import java.util.ArrayList;
import java.util.List;
import java.util.Set;
import javax.faces.model.SelectItem;
import oracle.adf.view.faces.bi.component.graph.DataSelection;
import oracle.adf.view.faces.bi.component.graph.GraphSelection;
import oracle.adf.view.faces.bi.event.graph.SelectionEvent;
import oracle.adf.view.faces.bi.model.KeyMap;
public class SelectionSample {
    public void selectionListener(SelectionEvent selectionEvent) {
        StringBuilder eventInfo = new StringBuilder();
        Set<? extends GraphSelection> selectionSet =
            selectionEvent.getGraphSelection();
        eventInfo.append(convertSelectionStateToString(selectionSet));
        // Store on the selection string
        m_selectionInfo = eventInfo.toString();
    }
    /**
     * Returns selection state formatted with one selected data point per line.
     * @param selectionSet
     * @return
     */
    public static String convertSelectionStateToString
        (Set<? extends GraphSelection> selectionSet) {
        StringBuilder selectionState = new StringBuilder();
        for(GraphSelection selection: selectionSet) {
            if(selection instanceof DataSelection) {
                DataSelection ds = (DataSelection) selection;
                Set seriesKeySet = ds.getSeriesKey().keySet();
                for(Object key : seriesKeySet) {
                    selectionState.append(key).append(": ").

```

```

        append(ds.getSeriesKey().get((String)key));
    }
    List<KeyMap> groupKeys = ds.getGroupKeys();
    for(KeyMap groupKey : groupKeys) {
        Set groupKeySet = groupKey.keySet();
        for(Object key : groupKeySet) {
            selectionState.append("; ").append(key).append(": ").
                append(groupKey.get((String)key));
        }
    }
    selectionState.append("<br>");
}
}
return selectionState.toString();
}
private String m_selectionInfo = "Select a marker to see information here.";
public String getSelectionInfo() {
    return m_selectionInfo;
}
private String graphType = "bubbleGraph";
public String getGraphType() {
    return graphType;
}
public void setGraphType(String type) {
    graphType = type;
}
private List graphList;
public List getGraphList() {
    graphList = new ArrayList();
    SelectItem graph = new SelectItem("bubbleGraph", "Bubble Graph");
    graphList.add(graph);
    graph = new SelectItem("scatterGraph", "Scatter Graph");
    graphList.add(graph);
    return graphList;
}
}
}

```

### H.7.8.1 What You Many Need to Know About Configuring Graph Context Menus

Due to technical limitations when using the Flash rendering format, context menu contents are currently displayed using the Flash Player's context menu. This imposes several limitations defined by the Flash Player:

- Flash does not allow for submenus in its context menu.
- Flash limits custom menu items to 15. Any built-in menu items for the component, for example, a pie graph `interactiveSliceBehavior` menu item, will count towards the limit.
- Flash limits menu items to text-only. Icons or other controls possible in ADF Faces menus are not possible in Flash menus.
- Each menu caption must contain at least one visible character. Control characters, new lines, and other white space characters are ignored. No caption can be more than 100 characters long.
- Menu captions that are identical to another custom item are ignored, whether the matching item is visible or not. Menu captions are compared to built-in captions or existing custom captions without regard to case, punctuation, or white space.
- The following captions are not allowed, although the words may be used in conjunction with other words to form a custom caption: **Save**, **Zoom In**, **Zoom**

**Out, 100%, Show All, Quality, Play, Loop, Rewind, Forward, Back, Movie not loaded, About, Print, Show Redraw Regions, Debugger, Undo, Cut, Copy, Paste, Delete, Select All, Open, Open in new window, and Copy link.**

- None of the following words can appear in a custom caption on their own or in conjunction with other words: **Adobe, Macromedia, Flash Player, or Settings.**

Additionally, since the request from Flash for context menu items is a synchronous call, a server request to evaluate EL is not possible when the context menu is invoked. To provide context menus that vary by selected object, the menus will be pre-fetched if the context menu popup uses the setting `contentDelivery="lazyUncached"`. For context menus that may vary by state, this means that any EL expressions within the menu definition will be called repeatedly at render time, with different selection and currency states. When using these context menus that are pre-fetched, the application must be aware of the following:

- Long running or slow code should not be executed in any EL expression that may be used to determine how the context menu is displayed. This does not apply to `af:commandMenuItem` attributes that are called after a menu item is selected, such as `actionListener`.
- In the future, if the Flash limitations are solved, the ADF context menu may be displayed in place of the Flash context menu. To ensure upgrade compatibility, you should code such that an EL expression will function both in cases where the menu is pre-fetched, and also where the EL expression is evaluated when the menu is invoked. The only component state that applications should rely on are selection and currency.

