

APEX Shared Components

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Quick introduction

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<http://www.oraopensource.com/blog/?category=APEX+Text+Messages>





Abakus plus, d.o.o.

History

from 1992, ~20 employees

Applications:

special (DB – Newspaper Distribution, FIS – Flight Information System)

ARBITER – the ultimate tool in audit trailing

APPM – Abakus Plus Performance and Monitoring Tool

Services:

DBA,

OS administration,

Development (MediaWiki, APEX, Java, Forms / Reports)

Networks (services, VPN, QoS, security),

Open Source, Monitoring (Nagios, OCS, Wiki)

Hardware:

servers, **backup server**, **SAN storage**, firewalls

Infrastructure:

from 1995 GNU/Linux **(20 years of experience!)**

Oracle on GNU/Linux: since RDBMS 7.1.5 & Forms 3.0 **(before Oracle!)**

>20 years of experience with High-Availability!





Shared Components










Shared components can display or be applied on any page within an application. Developers can use the tools and wizards on the Shared Components page either at the application-level or on specific pages.

<https://docs.oracle.com/database/apex-5.1/HTMDB/managing-shared-components.htm#HTMDB29851>














Shared Components - 5.1.4

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Shared Components – 18.1

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Agenda

- (Global) Application Items
- Data Load Definitions
- Build Options
- Shortcuts
- Text Messages
- Social





Application Items

- Application level items are used to maintain session state
- Application items can be set using computations, processes, or by passing values on a URL
- Use "On New Instance" computations to set the value of items once for a session
- Use application items to maintain session state that is not displayed and is not specific to any one page





Application Items - Scope

Specify **Global** if the Application Express session is shared by more than one application and the item's value should be the same for all applications. Specify **Application** otherwise (this is the default).

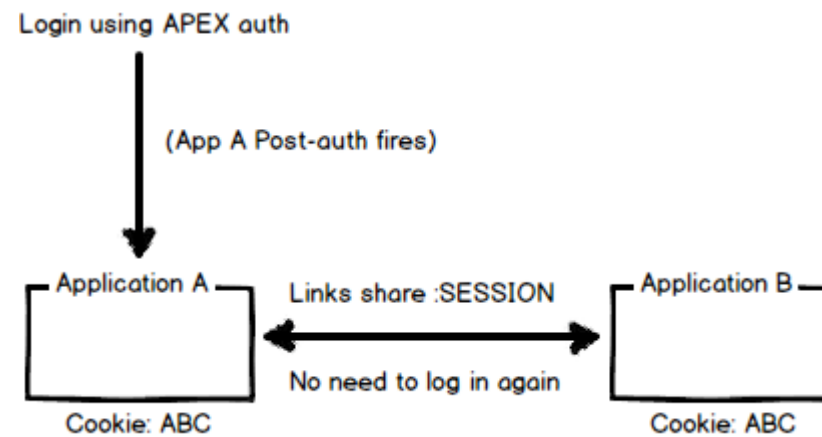
Applications can share the same session if their authentications have **the same Session Cookie Attributes**. The Scope attribute of application items has to be the same across these applications.





Shared authentication

- <http://www.grassroots-oracle.com/2014/04/shared-authentication-across-multiple-apex-apps.html>



Authentication Scheme

Cancel **Apply Changes**

Show All	Name	Subscripti...	Source	Session ...	Login Pro...	Post-Log...	Session ...	Comments
Session Cookie Attributes								
Cookie Name	<input type="text" value="ABC"/>						<input type="button" value="?"/>	
Cookie Path	<input type="text"/>						<input type="button" value="?"/>	
Cookie Domain	<input type="text"/>						<input type="button" value="?"/>	
Secure	<input type="button" value="Yes"/> <input checked="" type="button" value="No"/> <input type="button" value="?"/>							



Data Load Definitions

- A Data Load Definition is comprised of a Data Load Table, Table Rules and Lookup Tables, used by the Data Loading wizard in your application.
- The Data Loading wizard creates a new data loading wizard
- Four pages will be created within the new wizard
- All of the pages can be customized after they are created to meet the needs of your application
- Roel Hartman, Pump up the volume - The APEX Data Loader inside out
 - <https://www.slideshare.net/roelhartman/pump-up-the-volume-the-apex-dataloader-inside-out>





Data Load Definitions

- Transformation Rules
- Table Lookups
- Column Name Aliases
- Multiple Spreadsheet Columns into one Table Column
- Manage Concurrency





Build Options

- Build Options allow application components and functionality to be conditionally enabled or disabled when the application is installed
- Set Build Option in runtime via
APEX_UTIL.SET_BUILD_OPTION_STATUS
- Build Options can be applied to the majority of components, such as Pages, Regions, Items, Validations, **Report Columns (5.1)**,...
- **Included** - Enabled and are part of the application
- **Excluded** - Disabled and are not a part of the app. (**18.1 - Remove Components**)
- Value can be different on export
- Don't use "Condition = Never", use Build Option!
- <https://jackiemcilroy.blogspot.si/2017/09/build-options-agile-development.html>
- <http://www.explorer.uk.com/apex-developer-mode/>





Build Options

- Runtime API Usage in APEX for:
 - APEX_UTIL.SET_BUILD_OPTION_STATUS
 - APEX_UTIL.GET_BUILD_OPTION_STATUS (also for GET)
- Usage in PL/SQL

```
declare
  l_my_option varchar2(1000);
begin
  apex_util.set_security_group_id(apex_util.find_security_group_id('APEXWORLD'));

  select apex_util.get_build_option_status(
           p_application_id => 134, p_build_option_name => 'MY_BUILD_OPTION')
  into l_my_option from dual;
end;
```





Build Options

- <http://www.talkapex.com/2012/08/integrating-build-options-in-your-plsql/>

```
SELECT upper(build_option_status)
  into l_build_option_status
  FROM apex_application_build_options
 WHERE application_id = p_app_id
       AND build_option_name = p_build_option_name;

IF l_build_option_status = 'INCLUDE' THEN
  RETURN 'Y';
ELSE
  RETURN 'N';
END IF;
```





On Upgrade Keep Status

Select whether the build option status in the deployed application should be kept, or overwritten with the specified status when the application is upgraded. Selecting Yes to keep the deployed status is useful if the application supports build option configuration (via the `APEX_UTIL.SET_BUILD_OPTION_STATUS` API) to enable or disable the build option in the deployed application, and where you want to respect those settings upon upgrade.





Shortcuts

- Use Shortcuts to write frequently used code once and then reference it in many places within your application
- Shortcuts also allow for dynamic generation of code in places that typically only support static text
- Shortcuts are substitution strings that are expanded using the syntax: "SHORTCUT_NAME"
- Subscriptions
- We are all using shortcuts :

```
javascript:  
    apex.confirm(htmlldb_delete_message  
        , 'DELETE');
```





Shortcuts – used in locations

- Region Source for regions of type HTML_WITH_SHORTCUTS
- Region Templates, Region Headers & Footers
- Item Labels
- Item Default Value
- Item Post Element Text
- Item Help Text
- HTML Header of a page





Shortcuts - types

- PL/SQL Function Body
- HTML Text
- HTML Text with Escaped Special Characters
- Image
- Text with JavaScript Escaped Single Quotes
- Message
- Message with JavaScript Escaped Special Quotes





Shortcuts – Item Substitutions

Creating shortcuts on page item labels and page item post element text attributes can include the following substitution strings:

- #CURRENT_FORM_ELEMENT#
- #CURRENT_ITEM_ID#
- #CURRENT_ITEM_NAME#
- #CURRENT_ITEM_HELP_TEXT#





Shortcuts – example

Shared Components → Shortcuts

Type: HTML Text

Name: SC_HTML_1

Shortcut: This is shortcut

Type: HTML Text with Escaped Special Chars

Name: SC_HTML_2

Shortcut: This is shortcut

On Page: Add new Static Content Region

Source:
"SC_HTML_1"

"SC_HTML_2"

Attributes: **Expand Shortcuts:** YES

Shortcuts

This is **shortcut**

This is shortcut



Shortcuts – example

Shared Components → Shortcuts

Type: PL/SQL Function Body

Name: SC_LABEL

Shortcut: return 'This is label for #CURRENT_ITEM_NAME#';

On Page: Add New Item

Label: "SC_LABEL"

Shortcuts	
This is label for P2_NEW	<input type="text"/>





Shortcuts – example

Shared Components → Shortcuts

Type: Message

Name: **DELETE_CONFIRM_MSG_1**

Shortcut: null

Shared Components → Text Messages

Name: **DELETE_CONFIRM_MSG_1**

Language: Slovenian

Text: Some text in Slovenian language

Name: **DELETE_CONFIRM_MSG_1**

Language: Croatian

Text: Some text in Croatian language

On Page:

Function and Global Variable Declaration:

```
var htmldb_delete_message_shortcut='"DELETE_CONFIRM_MSG_1"';
```

Button Behavior:

```
javascript:apex.confirm(htmldb_delete_message_shortcut,'DELETE');
```



Text Messages

- Oracle Application Express is translated into **German, Spanish, French, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Brazilian Portuguese, Simplified Chinese, and Traditional Chinese**. If your application uses a language that is not among the ten languages into which Oracle Application Express is translated, you must translate messages displayed by the Application Express reporting engine.
- For example, if you develop a Russian application and want to include report messages, such as pagination, in Russian, you must translate the strings used in messages displayed in reports.
- Translate APEX - Collection of APEX translations
- <http://translate-apex.com>





Text Messages

20.6.4.3 Internal Messages Requiring Translation

Internal Messages Requiring Translation lists the internal messages that require translation.

Table 20-3 Internal Messages Requiring Translation

Message Name	English Text
APEX.ACTIONS.TOGGLE	Toggle %0
APEX.ACTIVE_STATE	(Active)
APEX.AUTHENTICATION.LOGIN_THROTTLE.COUNTER	Please wait %0 seconds to login again.
APEX.AUTHENTICATION.LOGIN_THROTTLE.ERROR	The login attempt has been blocked.
APEX.COMBOBOX.LIST_OF_VALUES	List of Values
APEX.COMBOBOX.SHOW_ALL_VALUES	Open list for: %0
APEX.COMPLETED_STATE	(Completed)
APEX.CORRECT_ERRORS	Correct errors before saving.
APEX.DATA_HAS_CHANGED	Current version of data in database has changed since user initiated update process. current checksum = "%0" application checksum = "%1".



Text Messages and Shortcuts

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Text Messages and JavaScript

Application: **79480 Sticky Buttons** ?

* Name ?

Language ?

Used in JavaScript Yes No ?

* Text

Used in JavaScript ×

Select **Yes** if the message is used in apex.lang.* API calls in JavaScript code.

[View Documentation](#)

↑ Application 79480 \ Shared Components \ Translate \ **Text Messages**

Name	Language	Text	Used in JavaScript
MY_TXT_MSG	en	How are you?	Yes
MY_TXT_MSG	sl	Kako ste?	Yes



Text Messages and JavaScript

How are you?

Application Primary Language : English

```
apex.lang.getMessage("MY_TXT_MSG")
```

Kako ste?

Application Primary Language : Slovenian

```
apex.lang.getMessage("MY_TXT_MSG")
```





Text Messages – APEX 18.1

- For a given text message MY_MESSAGE, you can now use and v('APP_TEXT\$MY_MESSAGE') to retrieve the message text.
- Use APP_TEXT\$MY_MESSAGE\$XX to return the translation text for language XX (examples for XX are DE, FR, ...)
- Same syntax is supported on the client via the apex.util.applyTemplate API

```
http.p( v('APP_TEXT$MY_TXT_MSG') )
```

```
http.p( v('APP_TEXT$MY_TXT_MSG$EN') )
```

```
http.p( v('APP_TEXT$MY_TXT_MSG$SL') )
```



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