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PeopleTools Portal Technologies Preface

This preface discusses:

- PeopleTools portal technologies.
- PeopleBooks and the Online PeopleSoft Library

PeopleTools Portal Technologies

This book describes PeopleTools portal technologies, which consists of PeopleSoft Pure Internet Architecture and the PeopleTools portal technology used for creating and managing portals.

The terms *PeopleTools portal technology*, *PeopleTools base portal*, *portal technology*, and *portal* are used interchangeably throughout this PeopleBook to refer to the core portal technology that's part of PeopleTools.

Note. Portal packs and PeopleSoft Enterprise Portal are separate applications and provide their own documentation.

PeopleBooks and the PeopleSoft Online Library

A companion PeopleBook called *PeopleBooks and the PeopleSoft Online Library* contains general information, including:

- Understanding the PeopleSoft online library and related documentation.
- How to send PeopleSoft documentation comments and suggestions to Oracle.
- How to access hosted PeopleBooks, downloadable HTML PeopleBooks, and downloadable PDF PeopleBooks as well as documentation updates.
- Understanding PeopleBook structure.
- Typographical conventions and visual cues used in PeopleBooks.
- ISO country codes and currency codes.
- PeopleBooks that are common across multiple applications.
- Common elements used in PeopleBooks.
- Navigating the PeopleBooks interface and searching the PeopleSoft online library.
- Displaying and printing screen shots and graphics in PeopleBooks.
- How to manage the locally installed PeopleSoft online library, including web site folders.
- Understanding documentation integration and how to integrate customized documentation into the library.

- Application abbreviations found in application fields.

You can find *PeopleBooks and the PeopleSoft Online Library* in the online PeopleBooks Library for your PeopleTools release.

Part 1

Getting Started with PeopleTools Portal Technologies

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Chapter 1

Getting Started with PeopleTools Portal Technologies

This chapter discusses:

- PeopleTools portal technologies.
- PeopleTools portal technologies implementation.

PeopleTools Portal Technologies Overview

PeopleTools portal technology consists of PeopleSoft Pure Internet Architecture and the various technologies used for creating and managing portals.

PeopleSoft Pure Internet Architecture enables internet application deployment through a browser, and enables you to take advantage of PeopleSoft intranet solutions, internet solutions, and integration technologies. PeopleSoft Pure Internet Architecture runs seamlessly in portals created and managed by PeopleTools portal technology.

PeopleTools portal technology is built on top of PeopleSoft Pure Internet Architecture and enables you to easily access and administer multiple content providers, including PeopleSoft databases such as PeopleSoft CRM and HRMS, as well as non-PeopleSoft content. It enables you to combine content from these multiple sources and deliver the result to users in a unified, simple-to-use interface.

The main elements of the PeopleTools portal technology are a *portal servlet* and an *application server*. These two elements work together to provide common portal processing features such as page assembly, search ability, content management, navigation, and homepage personalization.

PeopleTools Portal Technologies Implementation

To implement PeopleSoft portal technologies, you need to:

- Design and configure the portal environment.
- Install PeopleSoft Pure Internet Architecture.
- Configure your web profile.
- Configure application security.

- Set up the portal.
- (Optional) Set up JSR 168.
- Configure performance features, such as caching.

Note. These implementation activities assume that you have installed your required databases, application servers, and web servers.

See Also

PeopleTools 8.51 PeopleBook: Getting Started with Enterprise PeopleTools

The PeopleTools installation guide for your database platform and supplemental information about third-party application integration on the PeopleSoft Customer Connection web site.

Designing and Configuring the Portal Environment

In the designing phase of your implementation, take advantage of all PeopleSoft sources of information, including installation guides, hardware and software guides, red papers, and PeopleBooks.

Build the physical network and server architecture that is necessary to support your development. Ensure that you consider all the scenarios for your network and security, including creating subnets with appropriate routers and switches, and creating firewalls, proxy servers, reverse proxy servers, and Secure Sockets Layer.

During implementation, you should research and understand how to:

| Step | Reference |
|---|---|
| Size servers appropriately | See your hardware configuration guides and PeopleSoft minimum requirements. |
| Configure software to optimize portal performance | See your network administration guides. |
| Set up optimal load balancing | See your server configuration guides and industry best practices. |

Installing PeopleSoft Pure Internet Architecture

To install one or more PeopleSoft PeopleTools portal sites, perform this step:

| Step | Reference |
|--|---|
| Run the PeopleSoft Pure Internet Architecture setup program for your database. | See The PeopleTools 8.51 installation guide for your database platform. |

Configuring Your Web Profile

During PeopleSoft Pure Internet Architecture setup, you'll be prompted to select one of the web profiles delivered with your PeopleSoft application, or to specify a new web profile if no existing profile meet your needs. To configure your selected web profile, you perform the following step:

| Step | Reference |
|--------------------------------------|--|
| Configure your selected web profile. | <p>See Chapter 10, "Configuring the Portal Environment," Configuring Web Profiles, page 228.</p> <p>See <i>PeopleTools 8.51 PeopleBook: System and Server Administration</i>, "Working with Oracle WebLogic."</p> <p>See <i>PeopleTools 8.51 PeopleBook: System and Server Administration</i>, "Working with IBM WebSphere."</p> |

Configuring Application Security

Applications come with roles and permissions that you can configure or use as delivered. Roles define the permission lists that are assigned to groups of people. A permission list defines a group of securable objects. A comprehensive role and permission list design is necessary to best manage which users can access each piece of content in the portal.

A powerful feature of PeopleTools security is the dynamic role. User membership to these roles is defined programmatically instead of by manually updating a membership list. Dynamic roles can simplify user role assignments significantly.

To secure access to content, you perform the following steps:

| Step | Reference |
|---|---|
| Configure permission lists, roles, and user profiles. | See <i>PeopleTools 8.51 PeopleBook: Security Administration</i> . |
| (Optional) Set up single sign-on. | <p>See <i>PeopleTools 8.51 PeopleBook: Security Administration</i>, "Implementing Single Signon."</p> <p>See Chapter 10, "Configuring the Portal Environment," Implementing Single Signon Functionality, page 271.</p> <p>See <i>PeopleTools 8.51 PeopleBook: Security Administration</i>, "Employing LDAP Directory Services."</p> |

Setting Up the Portal

To set up the portal, you perform the following steps:

| Step | Reference |
|--|---|
| Administer portal definitions. | See Chapter 5, "Administering Portals," Administering Portal Definitions, page 103. |
| Define folders and set folder security. | See Chapter 5, "Administering Portals," Administering Folders, page 107. |
| Define content references, create related links, and set content reference security. | See Chapter 5, "Administering Portals," Administering Content References, page 121. |
| Add templates and set template security. | See Chapter 5, "Administering Portals," Managing Portal Objects, page 152. |
| Create tabbed homepages and specify tab layouts. | See Chapter 6, "Administering Portal Homepages and Pagelets," page 165. |

(Optional) Setting Up JSR 168

JSR 168 is an emerging standard for portals running in a Java 2 Platform, Enterprise Edition architecture. It specifies content definitions much like pagelets, which present portal content defined according to the JSR 168 standard. Portlets are Java-based web components that you can register in the PeopleSoft portal. To set up JSR 168, perform the following step:

| Step | Reference |
|-----------------------------|--|
| Implement JSR 168 portlets. | See Chapter 19, "Working with JSR 168 Portlets," Describing the Portlet Entity Registry, page 607. |

Configuring Performance Features

Properly configuring caching options significantly increases portal performance. To administer caching features for the portal, perform the following steps:

| Step | Reference |
|---|--|
| Administer server-based caching. | See Chapter 9, "Using Portal Caching Features," Administering Server-Based Caching, page 212. |
| Administer browser-based caching. | See Chapter 9, "Using Portal Caching Features," Administering Browser-Based Caching, page 219. |
| Administer web server-based navigation caching. | See Chapter 9, "Using Portal Caching Features," Administering Web Server-Based Navigation Caching, page 223. |

Chapter 2

Understanding PeopleSoft Pure Internet Architecture

This chapter discusses:

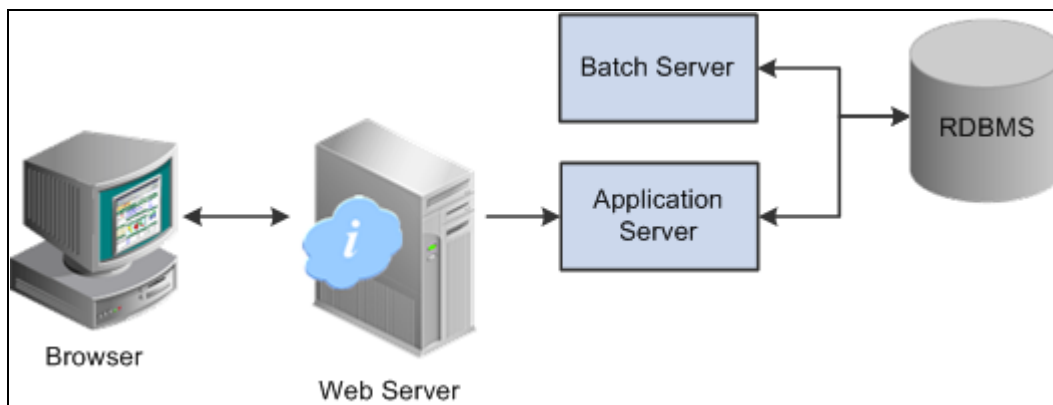
- PeopleSoft Pure Internet Architecture fundamentals.
- Database server.
- Application servers.
- Batch server environment.
- Web server.
- Web browser.
- Configuration and deployment options.

PeopleSoft Pure Internet Architecture Fundamentals

Your PeopleSoft application runs on PeopleSoft Pure Internet Architecture, which requires a variety of software and hardware elements:

- A relational database management system (RDBMS) server.
- An application server.
- A batch server.
- A web server.
- A web browser.

You need to understand the role of each element before you can decide which configuration will work best for your implementation of PeopleSoft Pure Internet Architecture. The following diagram illustrates, at a high level, the physical relationship between PeopleSoft Pure Internet Architecture elements:



High-level overview of PeopleSoft Pure Internet Architecture relationships

Configuring PeopleSoft Pure Internet Architecture is not just about enabling internet application deployment through a browser. PeopleSoft Pure Internet Architecture enables you to take advantage of all PeopleSoft intranet and internet solutions, as well as PeopleSoft integration technologies such as PeopleSoft Integration Broker.

See the PeopleSoft platforms database on the PeopleSoft Customer Connection website.

Database Server

The database server houses a database engine and your PeopleSoft application database, which includes all the application's object definitions, system tables, application tables, and data. The database server must be running one of the PeopleSoft-supported RDBMS and operating system combinations.

A single database server can have multiple application servers connecting to it. The database server simultaneously handles the application server connections, development environment connections, and batch programs running against it.

Note. Using the PeopleTools development environment in Microsoft Windows, you can connect directly to the database, or indirectly through an application server.

The PeopleSoft database is the repository for all information managed by your PeopleSoft application. Both application data and PeopleSoft metadata are stored and maintained in the database. PeopleSoft Application Designer enables you to define and maintain this metadata, which the system uses to drive the runtime architecture. The application server runs business logic based on the metadata.

Use PeopleSoft Application Designer to define, configure, and modify PeopleSoft applications. You can create dozens of different types of application objects, such as fields, records, pages, and messages. When an application developer saves an application object, PeopleSoft Application Designer saves this definition to the metadata repository in the PeopleSoft database.

At runtime, the application server fetches the most recent application object definitions from the metadata repository, compiles and caches the application object into memory, and runs the business rules based on the definitions.

Application Servers

This section discusses:

- Application servers.
- Domains.
- Listeners, handlers, and queues.
- PeopleSoft server processes.
- Services.
- Oracle products.
- Database connectivity.

Application Servers

The application server is the core of PeopleSoft Pure Internet Architecture; it runs business logic and issues SQL to the database server. An application server consists of numerous PeopleSoft services and server processes. Just as different elements make up the physical environment in which an application server operates, such as database servers and web servers, a variety of elements operate on the application server, enabling it to respond effectively to a multitude of transaction requests and handle transaction processing, system scaling, browser requests, and so on.

An application server maintains the SQL connection to the database for browser requests and the PeopleTools development environment in Microsoft Windows.

You should have a general knowledge of how an application server operates before you attempt to configure and tune it.

See Also

PeopleTools 8.51 PeopleBook: System and Server Administration

Domains

An application server domain is the collection of server processes, supporting processes, and resource managers that enable connections to the database. You manage each domain with a separate configuration file, and you configure each application server domain to connect to a single database. A single application server machine can support multiple application server domains running on it. You configure an application server domain using the PSADMIN utility located in the *PS_HOME*\appserv directory on the application server.

A one-to-one or a many-to-one relationship can exist between application server domains and a database. In the simplest case, you configure a single application server domain to connect to a single PeopleSoft database. In a more sophisticated environment, you can configure multiple application server domains, with each domain connecting to the same PeopleSoft database. The opposite is not true; a single application server domain cannot be used to connect to multiple PeopleSoft databases.

For example, suppose that you have installed three databases, HRDMO1, HRDMO2, and HRDMO3, and you want to enable browser requests to each database. In this case, you must configure at least three application server domains, one for each database. As demand increases, you may need to configure multiple application server domains per database, for redundancy, fail-over, and performance reasons.

You can configure multiple application server domains under a single PeopleSoft configuration home directory, or *PS_CFG_HOME*. In this context, *PS_CFG_HOME* refers to the PeopleSoft high-level directory on the application server, not the file server. *PS_CFG_HOME* is the directory in which you installed the PeopleSoft application server configuration files when using the Server Transfer program.

PSADMIN creates a directory beneath *PS_CFG_HOME*\appserv for each application server domain that you configure. Using the previous HRDMO example, suppose that you decided to name the application server domains the same name as the database to which they connect. In this case, PSADMIN creates subdirectories \HRDMO1, \HRDMO2, and \HRDMO3 beneath the *PS_CFG_HOME*\appserv directory on the application server.

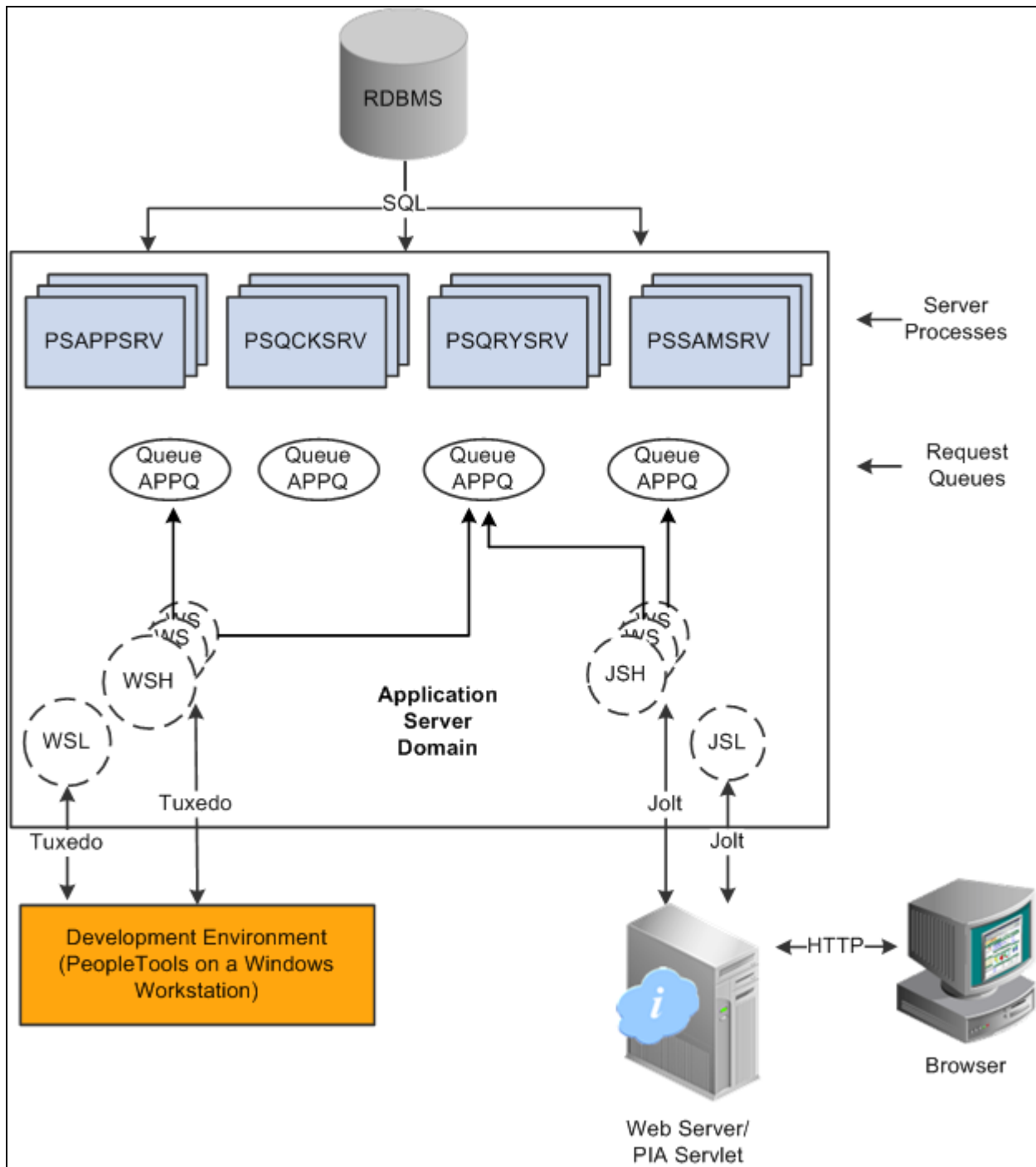
Starting an application server domain starts the set of server processes associated with that domain, such as PSAPPSRV, PSQCKSRV, and PSSAMSRV. Each server process establishes a persistent connection to a PeopleSoft database, and this connection acts as a generic SQL pipeline that the server process uses to send and receive SQL.

Each server process uses the same SQL connection to facilitate requests from multiple sources. From the RDBMS perspective, each server process within a domain represents a connected user.

Listeners, Handlers, and Queues

Listeners, handlers, and queues provide the basis of the application server functionality. Understanding the role of each element is essential when you configure and tune your application server. For instance, although you need to know how to configure multiple Java server handlers, you also need to know why and when to perform this task.

The following diagram illustrates application server processes:



Application server components and server processes

For simplicity, the diagram does not depict every server process that runs on the application server. For example, the optimization server process, **PSOPTENG**, is not pictured, and integration server processes were also omitted.

Note. When PeopleSoft architecture mechanics is discussed, the term *service* is overused. The following statement may help to clarify this term: An application server domain calls server processes, such as **PSAPPSRV**, which in turn invoke services, such as **MgrGetObject**, on the database.

The following table describes each component depicted in the previous diagram:

| <i>Item</i> | <i>Description</i> |
|-----------------------------------|--|
| Workstation listener (WSL) | The workstation listener monitors Oracle Tuxedo ports for initial connection requests sent from the PeopleTools development environment. After the workstation listener accepts a connection from a workstation, it directs the request to a workstation handler. From that point, the Microsoft Windows workstation interacts with the workstation handler to which it is assigned. |
| Workstation handler (WSH) | The workstation handler processes the requests that it receives from the workstation listener. A unique port number identifies a workstation handler. The port numbers for the workstation handler are selected (internally by Oracle Tuxedo) from a specified range of numbers. You can configure multiple workstation handlers to take care of demand increases; new processes are created as other processes become overloaded. |
| Oracle Jolt server listener (JSL) | The Oracle Jolt server listener applies only to browser requests. The Oracle Jolt server listener monitors the Oracle Jolt port for connection requests sent from the browser through the web server. After the Oracle Jolt server listener accepts a connection, it directs the request to an Oracle Jolt server handler. From that point, the browser interacts with the Oracle Jolt server handler. This is analogous to the relationship between the workstation server listener and workstation server handler. |
| Oracle Jolt server handler (JSH) | The Oracle Jolt server handler applies only to browser requests. The Oracle Jolt server handler processes the requests that it receives from the Oracle Java server listener. The port numbers for the Oracle Jolt server handler are selected internally by Oracle Tuxedo in sequential order. |
| Request queues | Each type of server process has a service request queue that it shares with other servers of the same type (as in PSAPPSRV on APPQ and PSQCKSRV on QCKQ). The workstation handler and Oracle Jolt server handler insert requests into the appropriate queue, and then the individual server processes complete each request in the order that it appears. |

| <i>Item</i> | <i>Description</i> |
|------------------|--|
| Server processes | The server processes act as the heart of the application server domain. They maintain the SQL connection and make sure that each transaction request gets processed on the database and that the results are returned to the appropriate origin. |

PeopleSoft Server Processes

Multiple server processes run in an application server domain. A server process is executable code that receives incoming transaction requests. The server process carries out a request by making calls to a service, such as MgrGetObject.

Server processes invoke services to perform application logic and issue SQL to the RDBMS. Each application server process, such as PSAPPSRV, PSQCKSRV, PSQRYSRV, PSSAMSRV, or PSOPTENG, establishes and maintains its own connection to the database.

The server process waits for the service to finish, then returns information to the device that initiated the request, such as a browser. While a server process waits for a service to finish, other transaction requests wait in a queue until the current service finishes. A service may take a fraction of a second to finish or several seconds, depending on the type and complexity of the service. When the service finishes, the server process is then available to process the next request in the corresponding queue.

You need to configure only those server processes that your implementation requires per domain. The minimum server processes that a domain requires are PSAPPSRV and PSSAMSRV.

You can configure multiple instances of the same server processes to start when you start the application server domain. This helps you handle predicted workloads. Furthermore, Oracle Tuxedo can dynamically generate incremental server processes to handle increasing numbers of transaction requests. The capability to configure multiple server processes and generate incremental server processes contributes to the application server's scalability.

The following list describes the possible server processes included in an application server domain. Depending on the configuration options that you choose, not all of the server processes will necessarily be a part of every domain.

- PSAPPSRV

This process performs functional requests, such as building and loading components (which were known as panel groups in previous releases). It also provides the memory and disk-caching feature for PeopleTools objects on the application server. PSAPPSRV is required to be running in any domain.

- PSQCKSRV

This process performs quick, read-only SQL requests. This is an optional process designed to improve performance by reducing the workload of PSAPPSRV.

- PSQRYSRV

This process is designed to handle any query run by PeopleSoft Query. This is an optional process designed to improve performance by reducing the workload of PSAPPSRV.

- PSSAMSRV

This SQL application manager process handles the conversational SQL that is mainly associated with PeopleSoft Application Designer. This process is required to be running on any domain.

- PSOPTENG

This optimization engine process provides optimization services in PeopleSoft Optimization Framework. You need to configure this process in a server domain only if you want to use the optimization plug-in delivered with PeopleSoft applications.

The following set of server processes is used for application messaging. (Your messaging domain must also contain PSAPPSRV and PSSAMSRV, the required server processes.)

- PSMSGDSP
- PSMSGHND
- PSPUBDSP
- PSPUBHND
- PSSUBDSP
- PSSUBHND

Note. You can examine servers by using the `ps -ef` command in UNIX or Task Manager in Microsoft Windows. The PeopleSoft configuration utility, PSADMIN, also offers a monitoring utility.

Services

When a PeopleSoft application sends a request to the application server, it sends a service name and a set of parameters, such as `MgrGetObject` and its parameters. Oracle Tuxedo then queues the transaction request to a specific server process that is designed to handle certain services.

When a server process starts, it advertises to the system the predefined services it handles. You can see the association between the many services and server processes by reviewing the `PSAPPSRV.UBB` file.

See Also

PeopleTools 8.51 PeopleBook: System and Server Administration, "Using the PSADMIN Utility," Using PSADMIN Executables and Configuration Files

Oracle Middleware

PeopleSoft software uses Oracle Tuxedo, a middleware framework and transaction monitor, to manage database transactions. PeopleSoft software also uses Oracle Jolt, a Java API and class library, as the layer that facilitates communication between the PeopleSoft servlets on the web server and the application server. Both Oracle Tuxedo and Jolt are required.

Although we document the Oracle components with respect to their function within the context of a PeopleSoft environment, we do not duplicate the documentation provided by Oracle. You should become familiar with the Oracle documentation that we ship along with our products. The Oracle documentation provides an extensive error catalog that serves as an invaluable source of information when you are troubleshooting.

Note. Oracle Tuxedo doesn't actually perform processing on the application server; it schedules PeopleSoft server processes to perform the transactions.

See Enterprise PeopleTools 8.51 installation guide for your database platform.

Database Connectivity

Application servers require database connectivity software to be installed locally to maintain the SQL connection with the RDBMS. You must install the required connectivity software and associated utilities for your RDBMS.

After the application server establishes a connection to the database, any device that initiates a transaction request through the application server takes advantage of the application server's direct connection to the database and therefore requires no connectivity software.

Batch Server Environment

This section discusses:

- Batch server environment.
- Batch server support.
- PeopleSoft Process Scheduler and the application server.

Batch Server Environment

The batch server environment is where PeopleSoft Process Scheduler is installed and configured, and it is the location where many of your batch programs, such as Application Engine programs, run. In most situations, this is also where COBOL and Structured Query Report (SQR) executables are installed.

In a multiserver environment, you can decide where your site batch server environment resides. In PeopleSoft software, you can install the batch server on a separate server, or you can install the batch server on either the application server or the database server.

See Also

Enterprise PeopleTools 8.51 PeopleBook: PeopleSoft Process Scheduler, "Understanding PeopleSoft Process Scheduler"

Batch Server Support

You can install PeopleSoft Process Scheduler on any supported application server, database server, or batch server, but you need to choose a location that's supported in the PeopleSoft environment. At least two options are available for each database environment.

If you install PeopleSoft Process Scheduler on a machine that is a supported database machine but not a supported application server machine, you can still configure and administer PeopleSoft Process Scheduler using PSADMIN, the PeopleTools server administration utility. However, you won't be able to access application server options from PSADMIN.

PeopleSoft Process Scheduler and the Application Server

PeopleSoft uses PSADMIN to configure and administer both the application server and PeopleSoft Process Scheduler server. The PeopleSoft Process Scheduler setup procedure in PSADMIN provides a menu-driven interface to configure PeopleSoft Process Scheduler parameters and administer the Process Scheduler server agent.

Even though the application server and PeopleSoft Process Scheduler have PSADMIN as a common interface and share the directories under *PS_HOME* on the application server, they are separate entities. For instance, you start, configure, and shut down the application server and the PeopleSoft Process Scheduler server separately.

The application server uses Oracle Tuxedo to schedule transaction requests and send transaction results, and it issues SQL requests to the database server using the persistent connections of a collection of PeopleSoft application server processes.

In contrast, PeopleSoft Process Scheduler is a separate facility that's designed to poll the PeopleSoft database table, PSPRCSRQST, for inserted requests and initiate Application Engine, COBOL, SQR, and other batch processes.

Web Server

A Java-enabled web server is required to support browser transaction requests and PeopleSoft application messaging technology. You install on the web server a collection of PeopleSoft Java servlets designed to handle a wide range of PeopleSoft transactions.

This section discusses:

- Server software elements.
- PeopleSoft servlets.
- Oracle Jolt.

Server Software Elements

During the PeopleSoft installation, a variety of PeopleSoft Java servlets are installed on the web server, so you must have a supported servlet engine installed.

The following software runs on the PeopleSoft Pure Internet Architecture web server:

- Web services.

Web services manage the web server software, such as Oracle WebLogic or WebSphere.

- Servlet engine.

The servlet engine is the environment in which servlets run. This component is tied to the web services software, but in some cases you install it separately.

- Java servlets.

Java is a platform-independent programming language used widely for web-based programs. Servlets are Java programs that run on the web server. The Java executables are required for the servlet engine to operate.

PeopleSoft Servlets

The following PeopleSoft servlets reside on the web server:

- Portal servlet.

The portal servlet manages all of the requests and formatting when users access PeopleSoft applications through the PeopleTools portal. It manages content searches, content access, and homepage personalization.

- Integration gateway servlet.

This servlet transmits publish/subscribe messages between message nodes. The gateway handles PeopleSoft-to-PeopleSoft messages, PeopleSoft-to-third-party messages, and third-party-to-PeopleSoft messages.

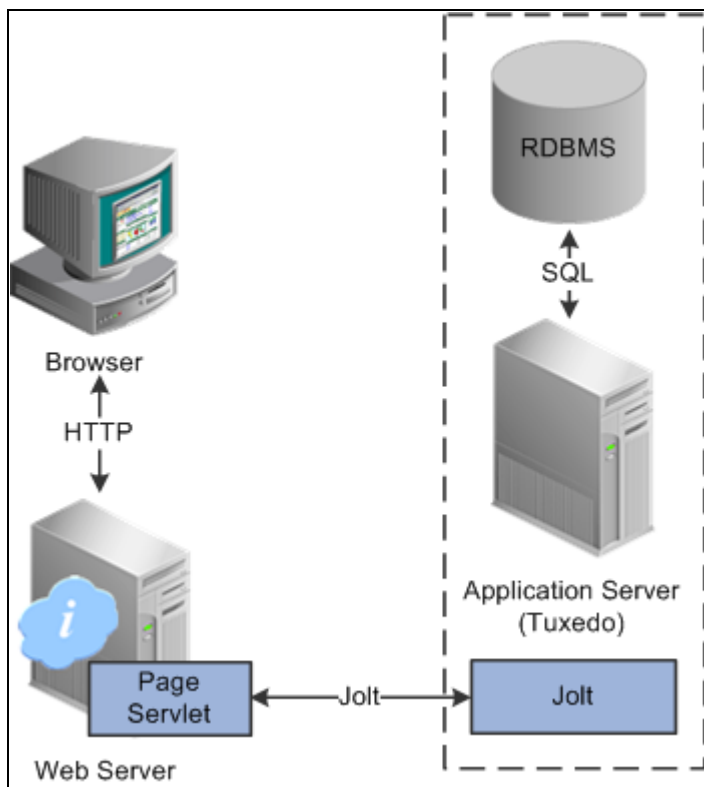
- Report repository servlet.

This servlet enables users to easily access and distribute the output of batch reports, such as Crystal and SQR reports, that are run through PeopleSoft Process Scheduler over the internet. This servlet retrieves the report output in the report repository and serves it to the browser.

Oracle Jolt

The PeopleSoft servlets on the web server transmit requests and data through a connection to Oracle Jolt, which runs on the application server. Oracle Jolt extends Oracle Tuxedo capabilities to the communication layer between the web-based environment and the C++ environments. You configure the servlets to direct requests from the web server to a predefined Oracle Jolt port on the application server.

Oracle Jolt must coexist with Tuxedo on the same application server machine. Oracle Jolt can't function without Tuxedo. The following diagram shows the relationship between PeopleSoft Pure Internet Architecture components:



Oracle Jolt in relation to other components

Web browsers don't connect directly to the application server. Instead, they send HTTP requests to the portal servlet running on the web server. The web server translates the HTTP request into an Oracle Jolt request that is sent to a specified Jolt port. Then the application server itself, leveraging Oracle Tuxedo, runs the appropriate SQL against the database.

Web Browser

The web browser is the primary means by which users and administrators access PeopleSoft applications and administrative tools.

You must make sure that a supported browser is installed on each workstation. You do not need to install other software on the workstation running the browser, such as applets or connectivity software. The system sends pure HTML to the browser.

A web browser uses the HTTP protocol. The browser sends a request to the web server, which forwards the request to the application server. A servlet installed on the web server facilitates all browser connections.

The browser does not download any applets to complete a transaction. The application server sends only the following items to the browser:

- HTML
- XML
- JavaScript

- Cookies

Because the browser processes only this basic internet content, the client workstation is not burdened with unnecessary processing responsibility.

PeopleSoft Pure Internet Architecture leverages web browser cookies to store a unique access token for each user when the user is initially authenticated. When the user connects to another PeopleSoft system, the token in the browser cookie is used to reauthenticate the user and bypass the sign-in process. The browser cookie is an in-memory cookie and is never written to disk. The cookie is also encrypted to prevent snooping and uses a checksum to prevent tampering.

See *Troubleshooting Browser Limitations*, which is available on My Oracle Support.
www.myoraclesupport.com.

Note. With PeopleSoft Pure Internet Architecture, no client software installation is necessary. Most processing occurs at the server level. You install the PeopleTools development applications in a Microsoft Windows environment. Development applications, such as PeopleSoft Application Designer and Data Mover, are usually intended for application developers and system administrators who need to access data other than application data. These users require workstations running Microsoft Windows.

Web Browser Cookies Setting

To use PeopleSoft Pure Internet Architecture, the Internet option to allow session cookies must be enabled.

To enable session cookies:

1. From your browser menu, select Tools, Internet Options, Security, Custom Level.
2. Scroll down to the Cookies – Allow per-session cookies (not stored) option.
3. Select Enable.
4. Click OK to save the setting.
5. Click OK again, to close the dialog window.

Note. The Internet option to allow cookies that are stored on your computer is optional.

Configuration and Deployment Options

This section discusses:

- Configuration options.
- Deployment options.

Configuration Options

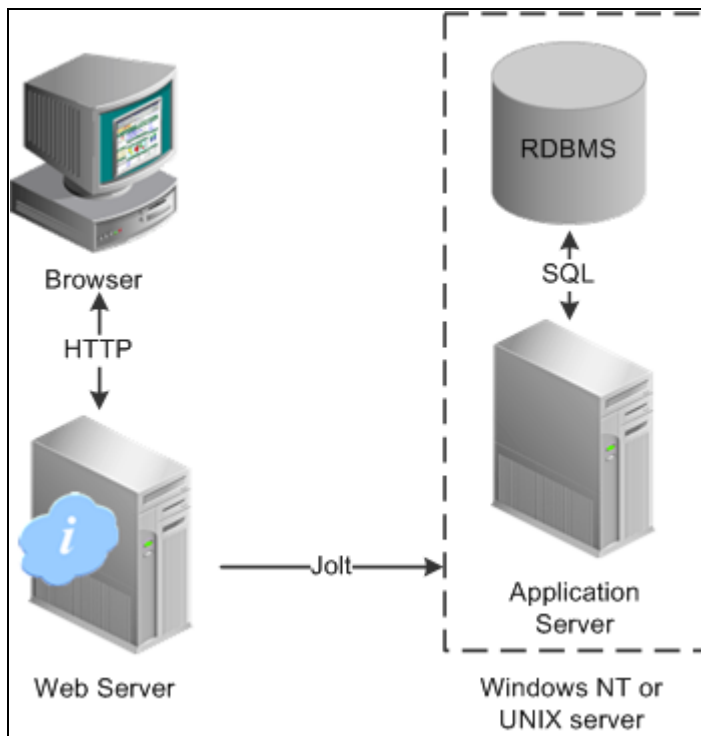
You can configure your environment to support either a physical or a logical application server configuration. In some cases, the PeopleSoft standard installation procedure recommends one or the other depending on the combination of database and operating system at your site.

Generally, your application server should be on the same physical machine as the database server. This produces a logical separation between the application server and database server. If the application server and database server don't reside on the same machine, then the application server and the database server should be connected to the same high-performance backbone network. This ensures optimum performance.

Logical Application Server Configuration

A logical application server environment means that one or more servers share the same physical machine. The servers are logically, but not physically, separate.

The following diagram depicts a logical configuration with two server machines—one for the web server, and the other for the application and database servers:



Logical application server configuration

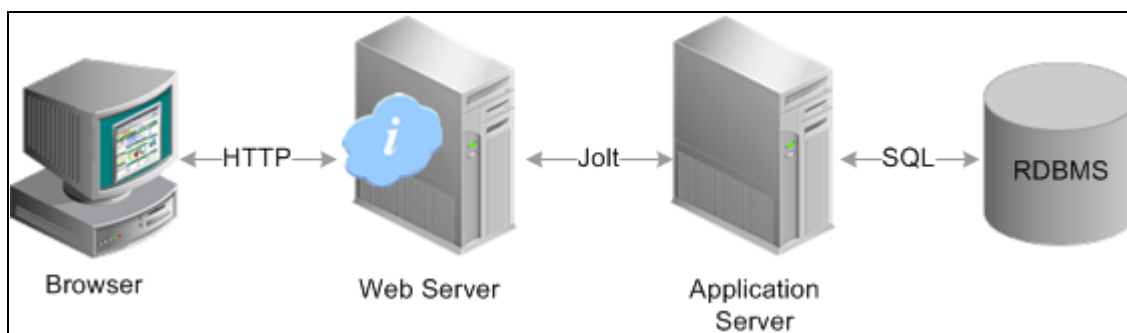
The solid line surrounding the application server and the database server represents one physical machine. In this case, a logical application server configuration is possible only when both the database server and the application server are supported on a particular operating system. This shows that certain PeopleSoft Pure Internet Architecture elements can share the same machine.

Although this diagram depicts the application server and the database server sharing the same machine, the web server could also reside on the same machine with both the application server and the database server. The only requirement is that each component be supported by the underlying operating system. If all servers are located on the same machine, however, you should consider security issues. If you're deploying PeopleSoft applications to the internet, you will most likely want your web server outside of your network firewall and not on the same machine as the database server.

Note. For development, testing, or training purposes, you might want to have all PeopleSoft Pure Internet Architecture elements on the same Microsoft Windows or UNIX machine.

Physical Application Server Configuration

A physical application server configuration means that each component resides on a separate machine. The following diagram depicts a physical application server configuration:



Physical application server configuration

Deployment Options

There are a variety of user deployment options.

PeopleTools Base Portal

You can use the PeopleTools base portal to deploy PeopleSoft applications to a browser. The portal enables you to integrate PeopleSoft content with content from other data sources. The PeopleSoft portal can stand on its own, or you can integrate it with any enterprise portal that you may already be using.

PeopleSoft portal technology consists of the portal servlet and an application server. These two components work together to provide common portal processing, such as page assembly, search ability, content management, navigation, and homepage personalization. You can combine content from a wide variety of data sources and deliver the result to users in a unified, simple-to-use interface.

Development Environment

Although the majority of users connect using browsers, application developers and system administrators, who require access to PeopleTools, must use Microsoft Windows workstations. PeopleSoft Application Designer and various other PeopleTools applications are not accessible through a browser.

With the PeopleTools development environment in Microsoft Windows, you can connect directly to the database (two-tier), or you can connect through an application server (three-tier).

Integration Technologies

Although PeopleSoft integration solutions don't deploy a user interface, they do enable you to share information with third-party systems and other PeopleSoft databases. To take advantage of these integration solutions, you must configure PeopleSoft Pure Internet Architecture. PeopleSoft provides the following integration technologies:

- PeopleSoft Integration Broker.

This middleware technology facilitates synchronous and asynchronous messaging among internal systems and with trading partners, while managing message structure, message format, and transport disparities.

- PeopleSoft Component Interfaces.

This object-oriented, request/reply, component architecture enables third-party applications to synchronously invoke PeopleSoft business logic.

- PeopleSoft Business Interlinks.

This plug-in framework enables PeopleSoft applications to easily invoke third-party application programming interfaces over the internet.

See Also

PeopleTools 8.51 PeopleBook: PeopleSoft Integration Broker, "Understanding PeopleSoft Integration Broker"

PeopleTools 8.51 PeopleBook: PeopleSoft Component Interfaces, "Understanding Component Interfaces"

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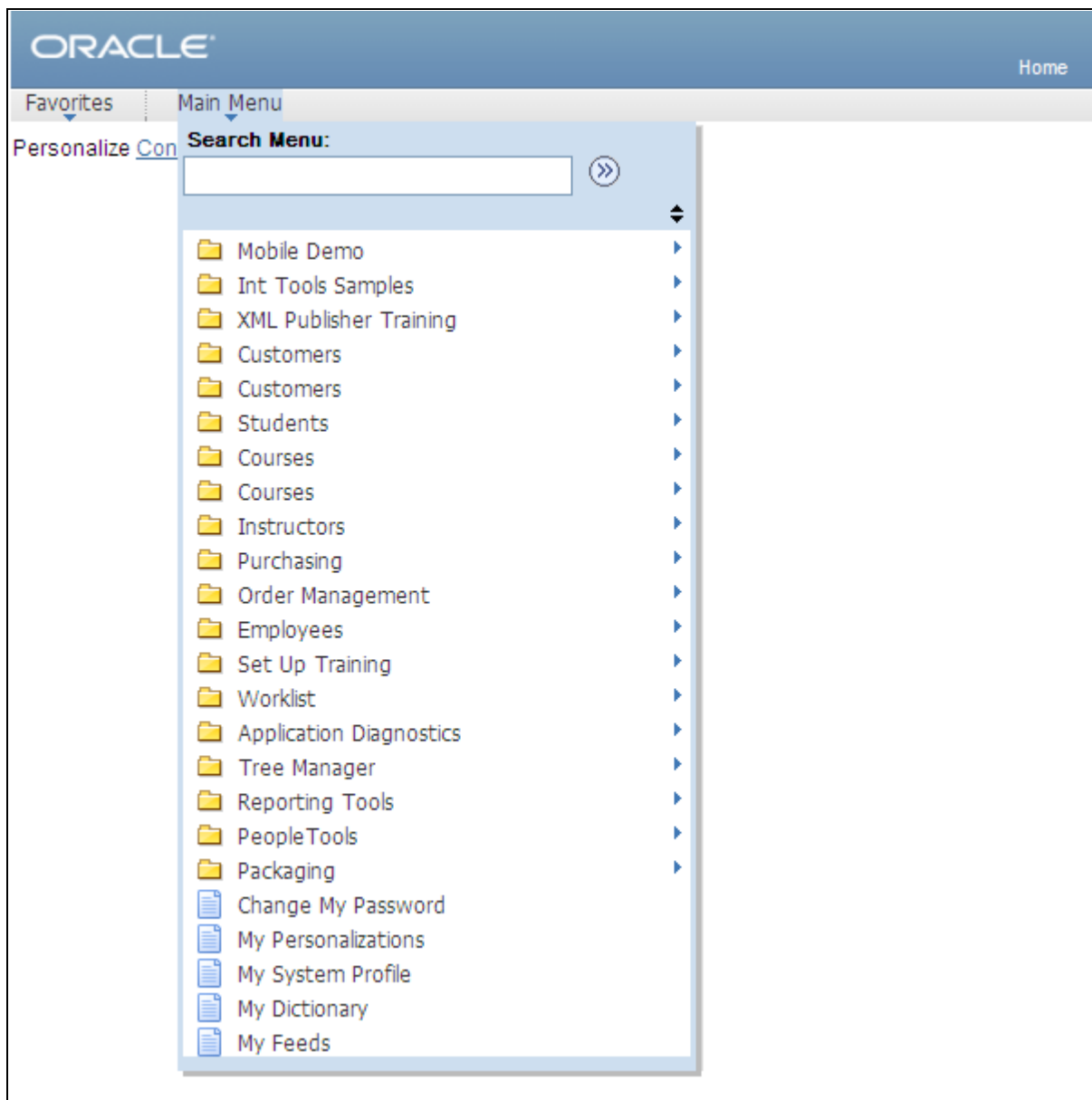
Understanding Portal Technology

This chapter discusses:

- Portal architecture.
- Node definitions.
- Portal templates and template pagelets.
- Navigation.
- Portal registry.
- Portal servlets.
- Portal URL formats.
- Page-based template proxying.
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Portal Architecture

PeopleSoft portal technology provides basic web-based navigation for application pages. The default portal homepage contains the drop-down menu navigation and the search area, as shown in the following example:



Home page showing drop-down menu and Search field.

The main features of the portal architecture are:

- Templates and template pagelets.
- Ability to register PeopleSoft transactions.
- The portal servlet.
- Navigation.
- Favorites.
- Related information.
- Search.

- Single-signon support for PeopleSoft applications.

Node Definitions

A node is a source of HTML content. A node is a URL string that defines the entire database and server. It is used when the portal servlet attempts to retrieve content, whether internal PeopleSoft or external references, and assemble pages.

The use of nodes simplifies PeopleCode programming, since long URLs can be referred to by the appropriate node name. Some node names, such as HRMS, EPM, SA, FDM and CRM, are preset in your portal. You can add additional nodes.

Note. Node names can consist of any combination of letters, digits, and underscores, but they must not contain any spaces or special characters.

See Also

PeopleTools 8.51 PeopleBook: PeopleCode API Reference, "Portal Registry Classes," Node Class

PeopleTools 8.51 PeopleBook: PeopleSoft Integration Broker Administration, "Adding and Configuring Nodes"

Portal Templates and Template Pagelets

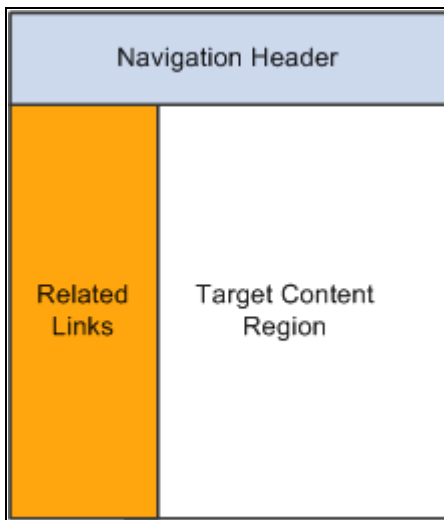
Developers create portal templates in PeopleSoft Application Designer. At runtime, a template is constructed into a web page by PeopleTools portal technology. Each template is made from various template pagelets.

Each template (and each template pagelet) is designed individually and stored as an HTML object in the application database. PeopleSoft delivers a default portal template for each installed PeopleSoft database—such as HRMS, ERP, and so on.

In addition to template pagelets, portal templates also contain special PeopleSoft tags that indicate where template pagelets are to be inserted in the template. These XML tags specify one or more regions of a page, the insertion point of the target page, and any other template pagelets that provide HTML for the other regions.

Each portal template reserves space for a target page, which contains the specific HTML page that a user requested. For example, if a user is running a PeopleSoft Financial application, the page that the user is currently accessing appears in the target region, in addition to the other template pagelets displayed elsewhere on the page. The target region is typically the largest area of the template.

The template in the following example comprises three separate template pagelets: one for the navigation header, one for related links, and one for the target content region. At runtime, the target content region is filled by the HTML returned by the target page, as are the other template pagelet regions.



Three template pagelets comprising a portal template

Navigation

You can navigate in an application by using the menu and the universal navigation header.

Menu navigation is provided through a drop-down menu that enables you to move through the portal registry visually, using folders. Using the drop-down menu, you can view the registry by drilling down into the folders, accessing the favorites list, or using the search field.

The universal navigation header includes several links.

| | |
|-----------------|---|
| Search | Enter a term or phrase in the Searchfield and click the Go button to search for a registered content reference within the system. |
| Home | Click to return to the homepage. |
| Worklist | Click to access the Worklist page, which provides summary information about all items on your personal worklist. This page also provides links enabling you to view additional details about the work, perform the indicated work, and reassign work items. This is an optional setting that your system administrator enables; it might not display to all users. See <i>PeopleTools 8.51 PeopleBook: PeopleSoft Applications User's Guide</i> , "Using Workflow," Working with Received Notifications. |

| | |
|-----------------------------|---|
| MultiChannel Console | Click to access and manage tasks assigned to you as an agent in PeopleSoft MultiChannel Framework. This is an optional setting that your system administrator enables. If you do not have access to this feature, the system displays a warning message to that effect. <i>See PeopleTools 8.51 PeopleBook: PeopleSoft MultiChannel Framework, "Configuring PeopleSoft MCF Agents" and PeopleTools 8.51 PeopleBook: PeopleSoft MultiChannel Framework, "Managing Tasks and Using Chat in PeopleSoft MultiChannel Framework."</i> |
| Performance Trace | Click to monitor the performance of a business process that you typically complete. This is an optional setting that your system administrator enables; it might not display to all users. |
| Add to Favorites | Click to add the current page to your favorites list for easy accessibility. |
| Sign out | Click to terminate the user session and return to the Sign In page. |

See Also

PeopleTools 8.51 PeopleBook: System and Server Administration, "Configuring Search and Building Search Indexes"

PeopleTools 8.51 PeopleBook: PeopleSoft Applications User's Guide

Enterprise PeopleTools 8.51 PeopleBook: Workflow Technology

Portal Registry

Each portal is defined by a portal registry. The portal registry is a set of dedicated PeopleSoft database tables that store every content reference, typically a URL, available through the portal. A portal registry has a tree-like structure in which content references are organized, classified, and registered. A portal registry contains folders and content references.

Content references are definitions that have been entered or registered in the portal registry. Content references fall into four categories: homepage tabs, target content, templates, and pagelets. Although each type of content reference differs slightly from the other types, every content reference includes information, such a name, label, creator, effective date, and expiration date.

Content references include a URL, which points to portal content. The content can be PeopleSoft components, iScripts, external web pages, or other external content. The URL can point to any web site that responds to HTTP or HTTPS requests with an HTML response—any static or dynamic web page. One example of a content reference is a URL that points to a PeopleSoft application component. Other examples include static HTML pages on an intranet site or dynamic pages created by a reporting system. Access to content references is controlled by permission lists assigned when the content reference is created.

In the portal registry, folders organize content references into a multilevel hierarchy. Each folder can contain content references as well as other folders. Folders have many of the same properties as content references.

Every portal registry contains a root folder and a Portal Objects folder. The Portal Objects folder includes the following folders: Templates, Pagelets, Template Pagelets, Homepage, Navigation Collections, and WSRP Produced Portlets. In addition to these standard folders, one folder per PeopleSoft application is located directly below the root folder. These application folders contain the folders and content references associated with each PeopleSoft application that you license. All application pages in PeopleSoft product line databases are registered, secured, and described in the portal registry.

The hierarchical structure of the registry enables a portal administrator to create a classification and navigation system in which content references can be registered and managed for all portal users. PeopleSoft provides a web-based portal administration utility for this purpose. Additionally, a registry API is provided for accessing each portal registry from PeopleCode, Component Object Model (COM), or C programs.

A portal registry can reside in an existing PeopleSoft application database or in an independent PeopleSoft database. A single database can support multiple portal registries, and therefore multiple portals, but only one portal registry is associated with any given portal. To improve performance, a copy of the registry is also stored on the application server in cache files; this is how the portal servlet accesses the registry at runtime.

Maintaining the Portal Registry

There are several ways to access and maintain the portal registry:

- Use the registration wizard to register content references, assign security, and update.
- Use the Menu Import feature to upgrade custom menu group definitions.
- Use portal administration pages to add, change, or delete folders and content references from a portal registry.
- Use the portal registry API for programmatic access to the registry.
- Use the security synchronization process to update the portal registry security based on the menu and script security.

See Also

Chapter 10, "Configuring the Portal Environment," Importing Menu Groups into the Portal Registry, page 274

PeopleTools 8.51 PeopleBook: Security Administration

PeopleTools 8.51 PeopleBook: PeopleSoft Application Designer Developer's Guide, "Using the Registration Wizard"

PeopleTools 8.51 PeopleBook: PeopleCode API Reference, "Portal Registry Classes," Using the PortalRegistry API

Chapter 3, "Understanding Portal Technology," Node Definitions, page 25

Chapter 10, "Configuring the Portal Environment," Specifying the Node Type, page 271

PeopleTools 8.51 PeopleBook: PeopleCode API Reference, "Portal Registry Classes," Node Class

PeopleTools 8.51 PeopleBook: PeopleSoft Integration Broker Administration, "Adding and Configuring Nodes"

Portal Servlets

This section discusses:

- Portal servlets.
- Page assembly for page-based templates.

Portal Servlets

A portal servlet is a Java servlet that runs on the portal web server. It intercepts a user request for an HTML page, retrieves the requested page, wraps additional content around it, and then sends the resulting page to the user's browser. It enables the portal to integrate content from a wide variety of sources and present the content on a single page in a coherent, consistent fashion.

The portal servlet performs these functions:

- Retrieves user-requested content.

The content can be either target content, such as a PeopleSoft application page, for display in the large target region of the browser, or content for the smaller-sized pagelets.

Note. Portal servlets do not accept HTTP PUT requests from clients. They only accept HTTP GET or POST data from clients. If the portal servlet is sent a PUT request, a 405 error page appears.

See World Wide Web Consortium, Hypertext Transfer Protocol—HTTP/1.1, <http://www.w3.org/Protocols/rfc2616/rfc2616.html>.

- Provides a consistent user interface.

The portal servlet checks properties associated with each content reference, including the name of a portal template. When a user accesses content through the portal, the portal servlet wraps the target page with the portal template specified in the content reference. This template provides a consistent user interface.

- Ensures that PeopleSoft-specific tags are processed correctly.

Developers create portal pages using a template-based layout system. In addition to traditional HTML tags, templates can contain PeopleSoft-specific tags that a normal browser cannot interpret. The portal servlet can interpret these PeopleSoft-specific tags when constructing templates, and can interpret any other HTML content, at runtime. The portal servlet then sends the resulting page to a browser as a single HTML document.

The portal servlet's behavior changes slightly depending on whether it's handling page-based or frame-based templates.

Page-Based Template Handling

For page-based templates, the portal servlet assembles pages for the browser and ensures that all URL references in the HTML on the assembled pages are referenced back to the portal servlet itself.

The portal servlet receives user requests for content and then constructs a single, complete HTML page for the user's browser by combining the requested content with the appropriate portal template. This process is called *page assembly*. The portal servlet uses a template to wrap the contents of the requested page into the context of the site (headers, navigation, and so on). Each content reference can be associated with a template in the portal registry. The template tells the portal servlet what URLs to combine and how to arrange them in the user's browser.

Note. The portal servlet uses relative URLs. The portal servlet performs URL rewriting (proxying) only when the URL is generated by an external system or a PeopleTools release prior to 8.4.

Pages that the portal servlet assembles for the browser might point to numerous other web pages from different sources on the internet. Because the user's request goes through the portal servlet, the servlet must ensure that requests for content can be fulfilled during the page assembly process. In some cases, each URL in the HTML document assembled by the portal servlet must be rewritten to reference the portal servlet, not the originally requested URL. This process of redirecting URLs so that they point to the portal servlet is called *proxying*.

See [Chapter 3, "Understanding Portal Technology," Proxying and URL Conversion, page 38.](#)

Frame-Based Template Handling

For a frame-based template, the portal servlet updates the SRC tags in the frameset with the target content before sending the page to the browser.

The portal servlet inserts a URL into each frame in the SRC tag and sends the page along to the browser, rather than retrieving documents for the browser, as it does with page-based templates.

IFrame-Based Template Handling

For an iframe-based template, the portal servlet updates the SRC tags for each iframe element in the document with the target content before sending the page to the browser. The portal servlet inserts a URL into each frame in the SRC tag and sends the page along to the browser, rather than retrieving documents for the browser, as it does with page-based templates.

Portal Servlet Setup

A portal servlet must be set up properly on a web server before the portal can service user requests. The web server and portal servlet environment should be configured and tested during the installation of PeopleSoft applications.

See PeopleTools 8.51 Installation Guide for your web server platform.

Page Assembly for Page-Based Templates

When a user clicks a link on a page-based template, the portal servlet receives the user's request, retrieves the content, properly formats it using a predefined portal template, and sends the assembled page back to the user's browser. The portal servlet also ensures that the user has the proper security permissions and is allowed to view the page.

The following processing steps occur during the page assembly process:

1. The browser sends a request for content to the portal web server.

The browser sends an HTTP request for target content; the request includes the target URL. The portal web server invokes the portal servlet. If the request includes a URL from a PeopleTools release prior to 8.4, the portal servlet then identifies the target content by looking at the query string parameter that was put there when the referring page was proxied.

2. The portal servlet checks the portal registry to see if there is a content reference for the target URL.

If there is a content reference for the target URL, and the user does not have access to the content reference, the portal servlet responds with an error message. If the user does have access, the portal servlet continues its processing. If the content reference has been registered with a frame template, the portal servlet constructs the template and returns it as the response to the browser. The browser gets the content for each frame in the usual way. If the content reference has been registered as having no template, the servlet sends a redirect response to the browser for the original content. Otherwise, it goes on to the next step.

3. The portal servlet retrieves the appropriate template.

If a registered content reference was found in the previous step, then the template associated with that content reference is used to wrap that content. If no template is associated, the portal servlet uses the template for the node associated with the content reference. If there is no node associated with the content reference, then the default template for the portal is used. If there is no default portal template, the content appears without any template.

4. The portal servlet issues HTTP requests for content.

The portal servlet issues an HTTP request for the requested content to the appropriate web server and receives an HTML document in return. It also issues an HTTP request for each pagelet used in the template.

5. The portal servlet merges content from previous versions of PeopleTools 8.4 from all HTML documents that it retrieved into the template HTML, and sends a single, complete HTML document back to the user's browser.

The template HTML may contain special PeopleSoft tags, including the Target tag and the Pagelet tag. Each Target tag is replaced with whatever content is retrieved when fulfilling the request for target content. Each Pagelet tag is replaced with the proxied content specified by that tag.

If a style sheet is associated with the template, it is used. If not, the style sheet associated with the target content is used. Style sheets included in template pagelets are used if they are present. Additionally, the portal servlet ensures that cookies and headers returned in the responses for the template pagelets are merged into the main response.

Portal URL Formats

This section discusses:

- Basic portal URL format.
- URL format for PeopleSoft Pure Internet Architecture content types.
- URL format for unwrapped PeopleSoft Pure Internet Architecture content.

- Pagelet URLs.
- System URLs.
- Proxy architecture and relative URLs.

Basic Portal URL Format

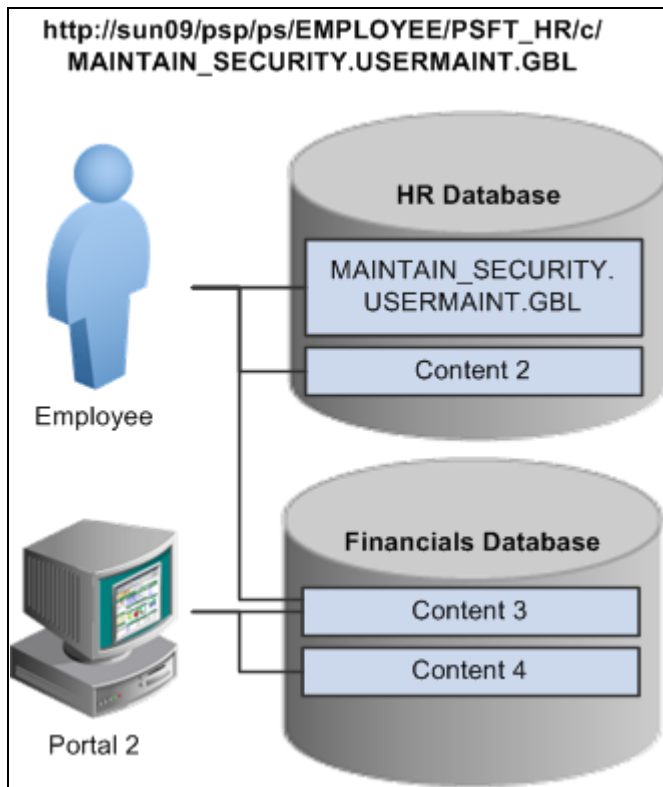
URLs provide the addresses for content, so that it can be located and correctly identified. The portal servlet needs three pieces of information in order to present a page to the user. These are integral parts of a PeopleSoft portal URL:

- The name of the portal through which content is being accessed.
- The node that hosts the content.
- The type and ID of the content.

The portal servlet uses the node name in the URL to look up the location of the servlet for that node (stored as part of the node object). If the content is hosted by the local database, the portal servlet talks to the content servlet directly (Java method calls), not through HTTP (using the portal content servlet URL).

The ID format is different for each content type. Components are identified by menu, component, and market; scripts are identified by the program name, and so on. The portal registry determines the content reference for this content, and for the template and the pagelets that appear around it.

The following diagram shows how the URL lists the required information from left to right: portal (EMPLOYEE), node (PSFT_HR), content type (c), content ID (MAINTAIN_SECURITY.USERMAINT.GBL):



URL structure

This is consistent with the logical organization of content in portals and databases. At the left side of the figure, portals point to nodes, and ultimately, to content within those nodes.

Here's what a portal URL looks like:

`http://server/servlet_name/SiteName/PortalName/NodeName/content_type/content_id?content_parm`

The following table describes the different sections of the URL:

| Section | Description |
|-----------------------------|---|
| <code>http://Server/</code> | <p>Scheme (HTTP / HTTPS) and web server name.</p> <p>Important! The server name and port in this section must not exceed 30 characters in length. For example, <i>http://mybiglongservername.peoplesoft.com:8080</i>, not including the <i>http://</i> prefix, is 39 characters—nine characters too long.</p> |
| <code>servlet name/</code> | The name of the physical servlet that the web server invokes to handle the request. |

| Section | Description |
|----------------|--|
| SiteName/ | <p>The site name specified during PeopleSoft Pure Internet Architecture setup. This enables you to set up multiple sites on one physical web server. The site name is ultimately mapped by the web server to the appropriate configuration.properties file.</p> <p>Important! The site name can include underscores (_), but an underscore cannot be followed by a numeric character or the string "newwin" (for example, <i>my_site_3</i> or <i>my_newwin_site</i>).</p> |
| PortalName/ | Name of the portal to use for this request. The portal definition contains metadata that describes how to present the content (template, pagelets, and so on). |
| NodeName/ | Name of the node that contains the content for this request. |
| Content type/ | Type of the content for this request. |
| content id | The identification of the content. The ID and type ensure the correct content is retrieved. |
| ?content parm | Query string parameters (name value pairs) for the content. |

URL Format for PeopleSoft Pure Internet Architecture Content Types

This table lists the URL formats for each PeopleSoft Pure Internet Architecture content type:

| Content Type | URL Format | Example |
|---------------------|---|--|
| Component | <i>/c/menu.component.market/?Page=page&Action=action &key_id=key_value. . .</i> | http://sun09/ps/ps/EMPLOYEE/PSFT_HR/c/MAINTAIN_SECURITY.USERMAINT.GBL?page=view&view=narrow |
| Script | <i>/s/recordname.fieldname.event.function/?parm_id=parm_value. . .</i> | http://sun09/ps/ps/EMPLOYEE/PSFT_HR/s/WEBLIB_Portal.PORTAL_HEADER.FieldChange.Iscrip_DoSomething |
| External | <i>/e/?url=URL</i> | http://sun09/ps/ps/EMPLOYEE/PSFT_HR/e/?url=http%2f%3a%3awww.peoplesoft.com |

| Content Type | URL Format | Example |
|---------------------|--------------------------------|--|
| Homepage | <i>/h/?tab=homepage_tab</i> | http://sun09/psp/ps/EMPLOYEE/PSFT_HR/h/?tab=HR homepage tab Note. This homepage URL tells the portal servlet to serve up the specified tab of the current user's homepage. |
| Query | <i>/q/query</i> | http://sun09/psp/ps/EMPLOYEE/PSFT_HR/q/my_query |
| Worklist | <i>/w/worklist</i> | http://sun09/psp/ps/EMPLOYEE/PSFT_HR/w/my_worklist |
| Navigation | <i>/n/business_process_map</i> | http://sun09/psp/ps/EMPLOYEE/PSFT_HR/n/my_BusProcMap |
| File | <i>/f/filename</i> | http://sun09/psp/ps/EMPLOYEE/PSFT_HR/f/myfile.html Note. The file URL for file content tells the servlet to retrieve the named file from the database and return it to the browser. |
| Disconnect | <i>/?disconnect=y</i> | http://sun09/psc/ps/EMPLOYEE/PSFT_HR/s/WEBLIB_QETEST.ISCRIPT1.FieldFormula.IScript_WhoAmI/?disconnect=y&postDataBin=y This is an internal flag used by xmllink to process a request and to invalidate the HTTP session afterwards. In a normal browser, the HTTP session is maintained so the subsequent requests are not creating new HTTP sessions. |

URL Format for Unwrapped PeopleSoft Pure Internet Architecture Content

PeopleSoft Pure Internet Architecture content is accessible with no template wrapping using the content servlet. This enables portals to implement a proxied architecture and enables you to include PeopleSoft Pure Internet Architecture content in other portal products and web sites.

URLs for unwrapped PeopleSoft Pure Internet Architecture content are similar to URLs for wrapped content. Unwrapped PeopleSoft Pure Internet Architecture content has not gone through the portal servlet template process. In the URL, the content servlet is specified rather than the portal servlet. The following table shows sample URLs for a component and an iScript.

Note. The content servlet ignores the portal and node name, but they are still necessary as placeholders. Omitting them causes a runtime error, since the psc servlet checks that the URL contains a portal and node name, even though it doesn't use them.

| <i>Unwrapped Content Type</i> | <i>URL Example</i> |
|-------------------------------|---|
| Component | http://sun09/psc/ps/EMPLOYEE/PSFT_HR/c/E_PRO.CheckOut.GBL |
| Script | http://sun09/psc/ps/EMPLOYEE/PSFT_HRm/s/WEBLIB_Portal.PORTAL_HE ADERFieldChange.Iscrip_DoSomething |

Pagelet URLs

Pagelets are snippets of HTML content that appear in one section of a template. Unlike target content, they are referenced by name within the template. Here is some sample HTML that refers to a pagelet:

```
<Pagelet Name="UniversalNavigation">
<Source Node ="LOCAL_NODE" Pagelet="MyPagelet" />
</Pagelet>
```

When the servlet resolves this tag, it generates the URL using the following:

- The name of the portal containing this template.
- The node name specified in the Source tag (for example, Node = "SomeNode").
- Content type and content name specified in the pagelet definition for the specified pagelet.

The resolved URL for this example is (assume this template is in the Employee portal):

http://sun09/psc/ps/EMPLOYEE/PSFT_HR/s/WEBLIB_TEST.ISCRIPT1.FieldFormula.IScript_WhoAmI

System URLs

System URLs do not have content or query strings; instead, they issue system commands, such as Login or Expire. System URLs can be issued to both the content and portal servlets. This table lists system URLs:

| <i>URL</i> | <i>Description</i> |
|---------------------------------|---|
| http://sun09/psp/ps/?cmd=expire | Closes the current session and returns the expire page. Note. The system detects if the user is still active during the cmd=expire process on the server. The system leaves the session alone once detecting the user is still active so that ongoing transactions in the active window are not disturbed. However, if there is another session open simultaneously that <i>is</i> inactive, the inactive session will be closed. |
| http://sun09/psp/ps/?cmd=logout | Closes the current session and returns the signon page. |

| <i>URL</i> | <i>Description</i> |
|--------------------------------|---|
| http://sun09/psp/ps/?cmd=login | Tells the servlet to returns the signon page. |

Proxy Architecture and Relative URLs

A relative URL is written to an HTML document without some portion of the scheme, server, or path. When the browser downloads the document containing the relative URL, it makes the relative URL absolute by adding the scheme, server, and path of the downloaded document. Relative URLs simplify moving static documents around on web servers, because you don't have to change the URLs embedded within the documents that you move.

One portal servlet can proxy content from several other content servlets. The portal servlet acts as an intermediary in the conversation between the browser and the various content services, relaying HTTP requests and responses from the content servlet to the browser.

The portal servlet acts as a reverse proxy server, by ensuring that all URL references on portal pages point back to the portal servlet itself. The portal servlet does this by rewriting all content retrieved through the portal to contain relative URLs in appropriate URL formats.

To increase performance, you can include the custom header `UsesPortalRelativeURL` with the value *True* to indicate that the URL is already set in the correct format. All content from databases using PeopleTools 8.42 and later, generates URLs with the correct format and uses this command in the header.

Examples of Relative PeopleSoft URLs

For example, assume the `MAINTAIN_SECURITY.USERMAINT_SELF.GBL` component is in the `PSFT_HR` node, and it is being accessed by the `EMPLOYEE` portal.

If you wanted a navigation iScript within the `PSFT_HR` node to construct a link to the `MAINTAIN_SECURITY.USERMAINT_SELF.GBL` component, add the following HTML to the response:

```
<a href="../../../EMPLOYEE/PSFT_HR/c/MAINTAIN_SECURITY.USERMAINT_SELF.GBL" . . . >
```

When this HTML is downloaded to the browser, the absolute URL would include the scheme, server, and servlet directory of the proxying portal servlet, even though the iScript may have run on a content servlet on a different web server. The absolute URL continues with the portal, node, service type, and component name, as specified by the iScript.

Here is what the final URL looks like:

```
http://sun09/psp/ps/EMPLOYEE/PSFT_HR/c/MAINTAIN_SECURITY.USERMAINT.GBL
```

Note. The content services always specify the portal, node and content type (with the `"../..../"`) even if those values are the same as the current page.

Now assume that you want the navigation iScript to create a link to the `MAINTAIN_SECURITY.USERMAINT_SELF.GBL` component in the `HRMS` node. Also assume that the component is being accessed by the employee portal. The navigation iScript would add the following HTML to the response:

```
<a href="../../../EMPLOYEE/HRMS/c/MAINTAIN_SECURITY.USERMAINT_SELF.GBL" . . . >
```

The absolute URL looks like this:

`http://sun09/ps/ps/EMPLOYEE/HRMS/c/MAINTAIN_SECURITY.USERMAINT.GBL`

The URL correctly points to the appropriate content without any HTML parsing or URL rewriting.

Finally, assume that you want a navigation iScript running within the EMPLOYEE portal to construct a link to the MAINTAIN_SECURITY.USERMAINT_SELF.GBL component within the e_benefits portal. To construct this link, the iScript generates the following HTML:

```
<a href="../../E_BENEFITS/HRMS/c/MAINTAIN_SECURITY.USERMAINT_SELF.GBL" . . . >
```

Note. The HREF tag with a relative URL can only be used to change a portal or node if the HTML is being accessed through an HTML template. It won't work with a frame template, since the base URI of the frame points to the content servlet, which ignores the portal and node names. Use the PeopleCode transfer function to specify a target portal and node.

See Also

PeopleTools 8.51 PeopleBook: PeopleCode Language Reference

Page-Based Template Proxying

This section discusses:

- Proxying and URL conversion.
- Anchor tag conversions.
- Form tag conversions.
- JavaScript conversions.

The following discussion only applies to content that is not in the simple URL format.

See [Chapter 3, "Understanding Portal Technology," Portal URL Formats, page 31.](#)

Proxying and URL Conversion

When processing page-based templates, the portal servlet uses a process called *proxying* to help ensure that users always stay within the context of the portal and to ensure that familiar portal features, such as the universal navigation header, do not disappear when a user clicks a link.

When users sign in to a PeopleSoft portal, they sign in to a web server on which the portal servlet is running. The portal servlet processes all the HTML that isn't in the simple URL format, converting all URL references to point to the portal web server rather than the original URL. The original URL is still necessary to retrieve the requested content; it is stored in the new URL in the URL query string parameter. The portal servlet proxies all links and all form actions in this manner. Additionally, it converts any relative URLs into absolute URLs.

As an example, imagine that a user requests a page from an external web site through a proxied link in the portal. The request arrives at the portal web server, invoking the portal servlet. The portal servlet then programmatically retrieves the page from the web server associated with the requested page. It proxies all the links on the retrieved response and sends the page (the contents of the HTTP response) back to the browser, formatted as the user would expect within the portal.

Converting Relative URLs to Absolute URLs

The use of relative URLs is common in web page design for external content. They are often used when a web page includes links to content on the same web server that the page is on. This works fine when a browser communicates directly with a web server, because there is no ambiguity about where the relative URL points. However, because the portal servlet—and the proxying process—is placed between the browser and the target page, relative URLs become relative to the portal web server instead of the original target server. To prevent this from occurring and causing broken links, part of the proxying process includes the conversion of all relative URLs to absolute URLs. The following examples show the original, relative version of an HTML tag, and the rewritten absolute version created by the portal servlet.

The following example shows a relative tag:

```
<IMG src="/image/cache/image.gif" lowsrc="/image/cache/image2.gif">
```

The following example shows an absolute tag:

```
<IMG src="http://originalserver/image/cache/image.gif"
  lowsrc="http://originalserver/image/cache/image2.gif">
```

Anchor Tag Conversions

The portal servlet rewrites all anchor tags so that their SRC attributes direct the browser's request to the portal web server instead of the server that created the URL. After rewriting the anchor tag, the portal servlet can determine if the target URL should be wrapped with a template.

Old Anchor Tag

The following example shows an old anchor tag:

```
<a src=http://server/targetpage.html?Action=New>
```

New Anchor Tag

The following example shows a new anchor tag:

```
<a src=http://portalserver/psp/ps/EMPLOYEE/NODE/e/?url=http%3a%2f%2fserver%2ftarget%3d
=>
=>
page.html%3fAction%3dNew>
```

Form Tag Conversions

Similar to anchor tags, all Form tags must have their Action attributes rewritten. However, with Form tags, the original URL is captured in a hidden form field instead of a query string parameter.

Old Form Tag

The following example shows an old Form tag:

```
<form action=http://server/targetpage.html>
```

New Form Tag

The following example shows a new Form tag:

```
<form action=http://portalserver/ps/ps/EMPLOYEE/NODE/e>  
  <input type=hidden name=URL>  
    http://server/targetpage.html  
</input>
```

JavaScript Conversions

The portal servlet ensures that URL references contained in JavaScript are rewritten to point to the portal servlet instead of their original reference.

Part 2

Using Navigation Pages

Chapter 4

Working With Navigation Pages

Chapter 4

Working With Navigation Pages

This chapter provides overviews of navigation pages, navigation collections, their common elements, and discusses how to:

- Set up navigation collection options.
- Create and maintain navigation collections.
- Publish navigation collections.
- Run portal utility processes.

Note. Examples of PeopleSoft Pure Internet Architecture pages in this chapter were captured with the PeopleTools default style sheet applied. PeopleSoft Pure Internet Architecture pages may display differently in your database depending on the applied style sheet. However, regardless of the style sheet applied, all page elements displayed remain the same.

Understanding Navigation Pages

Navigation pages provide a user-friendly navigation tool in the form of task-driven pages that provide intuitive access to pages needed to complete business processes. These navigation pages can be configured to incorporate the use of icons to further increase the ability to intuitively navigate tasks.

Two types of navigation pages are available:

- Standard navigation pages.

These pages are dynamically generated based on folder and content reference sequence numbers defined in your portal registry, as well as settings defined by your portal administrator in the Navigation Collection System Options and Registry Options components.

- Custom navigation pages.

These pages are delivered to address commonly used tasks and business processes in your PeopleSoft application. Authorized users can edit delivered custom navigation pages, as well as create new ones tailored to suit the business process needs of your organization.

- SmartNavigation pages.

These pages are dynamically generated based on hierarchical data and appear not as folders and links, but as an organization chart, which users can traverse to access transactions. The pages and processes you use to configure SmartNavigation pages are not the same as those you use to configure standard and custom navigation pages. Documentation regarding SmartNavigation pages can be found in the Folder Administration section in the Portal Administration chapter of this PeopleBook.

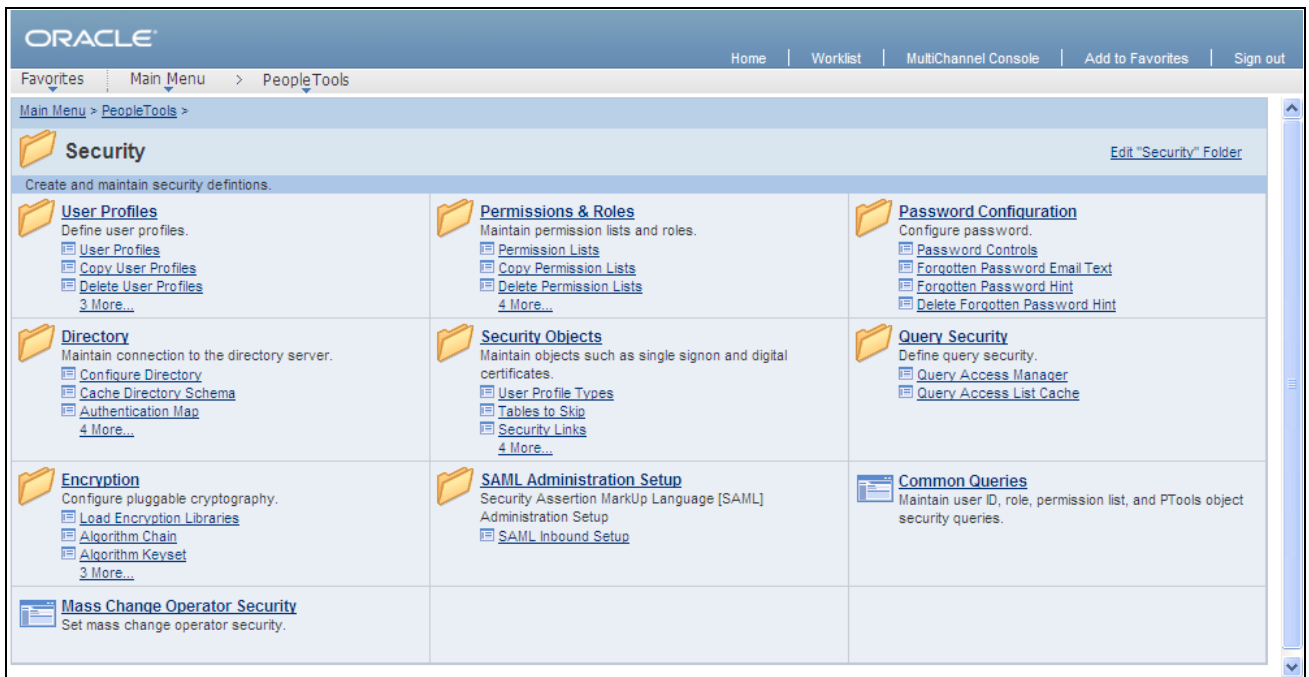
See [Chapter 5, "Administering Portals," Administering Folders, page 107.](#)

The following sections further describe standard and custom navigation pages and discuss navigation page display caching.

Standard Navigation Pages

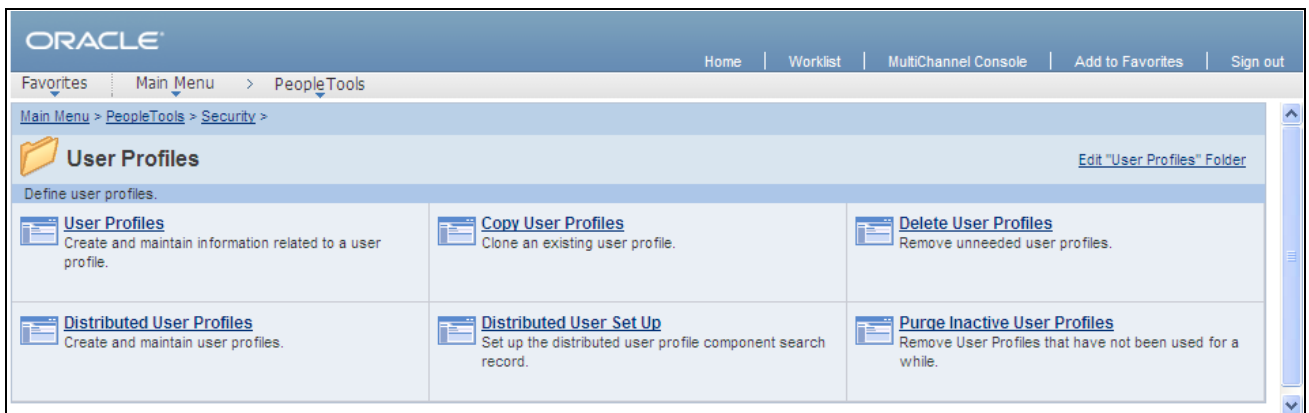
Standard navigation pages are available for every folder that appears in your menu navigation that has also been configured to display a standard navigation page. You enable the display of standard navigation pages at the registry level on the General Settings page. You can then disable the display of standard navigation pages for specific folders in the registry on the Folder Administration page.

You access standard navigation pages by clicking a folder label link in the menu navigation. Elements embedded in the folder, including content references and other folders, are arranged in a graphical format on a standard navigation page displayed to the right of the menu navigation. For example, clicking the Security folder in the menu navigation displays the Security standard navigation page as shown here:



Security standard navigation page

When you click a folder link on a standard navigation page, you access another standard navigation page that reflects the contents of the selected folder. For example, when you click the User Profiles folder, the User Profiles standard navigation page displays as shown here:



User Profiles standard navigation page

From a navigation page, you can click any content reference link to directly access the component without drilling down through the folder hierarchy.

See [Chapter 4, "Working With Navigation Pages," Setting Up Navigation Collection Options, page 53.](#)

Standard Navigation Page Display

To enable the display of standard navigation pages:

1. Select PeopleTools, Portal, General Settings.

2. Select the Is Folder Navigation Enabled check box.
3. Enter `PT_PTPP_SCFNAV_BASEPAGE_SCR` (the delivered Base Navigation Page content reference) in the Folder Navigation Object Name field.

This Base Navigation Page content reference is designed to display standard navigation pages as they are documented in this chapter.

Note. To enable the display of standard navigation pages for the registry in a portal other than the one you are signed into, select PeopleTools, Portal, Portal Definitions, then click Edit next to the portal you want to change to access the Portal Definitions - Edit Portal page.

Note. You can disable the display of a standard navigation page for an individual folder in the selected registry by selecting the Is Folder Navigation Disabled option on the Folder Administration page.

You can designate a content reference for an individual folder that overrides the content reference defined at the registry level by selecting a value in the Folder Navigation Object Name field on the Folder Administration page. The content reference you designate as the folder navigation object is launched when the folder label is selected.

See [Chapter 5, "Administering Portals," Administering Folders, page 107](#) and [Chapter 5, "Administering Portals," Administering Portal Definitions, page 103](#).

Folder and Link Sequence on Standard Navigation Pages

The sequence in which folders and links appear on standard navigation pages is defined in the Structure and Content component.

Although the contents of a standard navigation page correspond to that of the menu navigation folder selected to display it, the sequence of elements on the page may not be the same as the sequence in which they are displayed in the menu navigation. As dictated by menu navigation functionality, folder elements are displayed before content reference links. The order of elements within these groupings is determined by the sequence numbers listed in the Structure and Content component.

Unlike the grouped elements in the menu navigation folder, the folder and link sequence on standard navigation pages is determined strictly by sequence numbers in the Structure and Content component, and not on the type of element being displayed. However, if a folder element and content reference link have the same sequence number, the folder is displayed before the content reference on the standard navigation page.

See [Chapter 5, "Administering Portals," Administering Folders, page 107](#) and [Chapter 5, "Administering Portals," Administering Content References, page 121](#).

Custom Navigation Pages

While standard navigation pages automatically display only the contents of a selected menu folder, custom navigation pages can be designed to display any content references and folders available in the menu navigation, regardless of their location.

You access custom navigation pages by way of links in the menu navigation. When you click a menu navigation link to a custom navigation page, the page displays to the right of the menu navigation. For example, selecting the Context Manager Center link in the menu navigation displays the Context Manager custom navigation page as shown here:



Context Manager Home custom navigation page

When you click a folder link on a custom navigation page, you access another navigation page that reflects the contents of the selected folder. When you click a content reference link on a custom navigation page, you access the component to which the content reference points.

See [Chapter 4, "Working With Navigation Pages," Creating or Editing a Navigation Collection, page 64.](#)

Folder and Link Sequence on Custom Navigation Pages

The sequence in which folders and links appear on custom navigation pages is defined by the Placement Properties set in the Navigation Collection definition for the custom navigation page.

Once the folder and link sequences for a custom navigation page are registered, their sequence numbers are propagated to the registry and are available in the Structure and Content component. However, any modifications to custom navigation pages *must* be performed in the Navigation Collection definition. Do not modify custom navigation pages using the Structure and Content component.

Note. When you save the Navigation Collection, these modifications to the Placement Properties sequences will be updated to the registry.

The Structure and Content component does not display folder reference links.

See [Chapter 4, "Working With Navigation Pages," Editing a Folder, page 73](#) and [Chapter 4, "Working With Navigation Pages," Editing a Link, page 78.](#)

Navigation Page Display Caching

You can enable the caching of displayed navigation pages. Enabling caching improves performance because the next time the same navigation page is accessed from any computer using the same web server with the same cache designation (role, user, or public), the navigation page is retrieved from the web server cache memory. To clear the web server cache memory, stop and restart the web server or wait until the cache time elapses.

Methods for enabling caching depend on method that you use to access navigation pages:

- To enable caching for a custom navigation page accessed by clicking a content reference link, select the Enable Caching option on the Publish Collection page when you publish the custom navigation page.

On publication, the Cache Enabled Value field value you entered on the System Options page is added to the published custom navigation page registry structure definition.

- To enable caching for a folder or breadcrumb on a navigation page, select the Enable Drill Down Cache option on the System Options page.

Enter a value in the Cache Enabled Value field (*role,max-age=30*, for example)

- To enable caching for a standard navigation page accessed by clicking a menu navigation folder, edit the Base Navigation Page content reference (PT_PTPP_SCFNAV_BASEPAGE_SCR) on the Content Ref Administration page.

The Base Navigation Page content reference is located in the Tools - Hidden folder. In the Content Reference Attributes group box, enter the *PSCACHECONTROL* attribute name and an attribute value, such as *role,max-age=30*.

See [Chapter 4, "Working With Navigation Pages," Setting Up Navigation Collection Options, page 53](#); [Chapter 4, "Working With Navigation Pages," Publishing Navigation Collections, page 80](#) and [Chapter 5, "Administering Portals," Administering Content References, page 121](#).

Understanding Navigation Collections

This section discusses:

- Navigation collections
- Navigation collection images

Navigation Collections

Navigation Collections provide you with a flexible tool for building alternative taxonomies of the contents stored in your portal registry. These alternative taxonomies, or groupings of links to portal content, can then be deployed to different users or groups of users, creating navigation that specifically addresses your users' business needs.

The links in Navigation Collections provide an alternate method of accessing content in the portal registry. A Navigation Collection is a published compilation of these links. A link in a Navigation Collection is a pointer to a content reference or folder reference in the portal registry; however, it does not store the contents of the content reference or folder reference. Navigation Collection links store only the references needed to construct a URL at runtime to redirect output to the original content reference or folder reference. These references include the portal link, folder reference link, or content reference link.

Once created, a Navigation Collection can be published as a navigation page or navigation pagelet for use on a user homepage or WorkCenter page.

When you define and save a Navigation Collection, the system automatically stores it in the hidden Navigation Collections folder under Portal Objects in the portal registry.

You can choose to publish Navigation Collections as public content. If you do not choose to provide public access to a Navigation Collection, you can run the Sync Collection Security (synchronize collection security) process to apply content reference and folder security defined in the portal registry to the published navigation page or pagelet content reference. You can also allow manual maintenance to the security access to published pages and pagelets by selecting the *Do Not Allow Security Sync* option for the publication on the Publish Collection page.

Note. Public access is allowed by default.

Navigation Collections allow you to distribute the creation and maintenance of collections to subject matter experts in your organization, such as functional administrators and business analysts. The subject matter experts creating Navigation Collections should understand the content their user communities need to access on a frequent basis. They should also know where to find links to this content, whether the content is accessed by portal navigation or external URLs.

Navigation Collections can contain these elements:

- Links to existing non-hidden content references.
- Links to existing non-hidden folders in the menu.

The Navigation Collection will contain all contents of the folder and its subfolders.

- Custom user-defined folders that can be used to group combinations of the elements listed above.

Navigation Collection Published as a Navigation Page

The following example illustrates the appearance of a Navigation Collection published as a navigation page:



Context Manager Home navigation page

Top-level folders in the Navigation Collection may be transformed into bold and linked section headings that are used to organize the folders and content references they contain, as shown in these examples. However, the appearance of your published Navigation Collections is dependent on its assigned style sheet. The assigned style sheet must use style classes contained in the PTPP_SCSTYLEDEF style class definition. Selecting the top-level folder link accesses a page containing any folders and content references nested in the parent folder.

Note. Select the Edit <Navigation Collection name> Collection link on the navigation page to access the Navigation Collection definition on the Maintain Collection page. This link displays only for users who can access the Navigation Collection definition component.

See [Chapter 4, "Working With Navigation Pages," Creating and Maintaining Navigation Collections, page 61.](#)

Navigation Collection Published as a Navigation Pagelet

The following example is a Navigation Collection that is published as a navigation pagelet:



Context Manager Center navigation pagelet

Folders and content references work in much the same way as they do for the published navigation page.

See Also

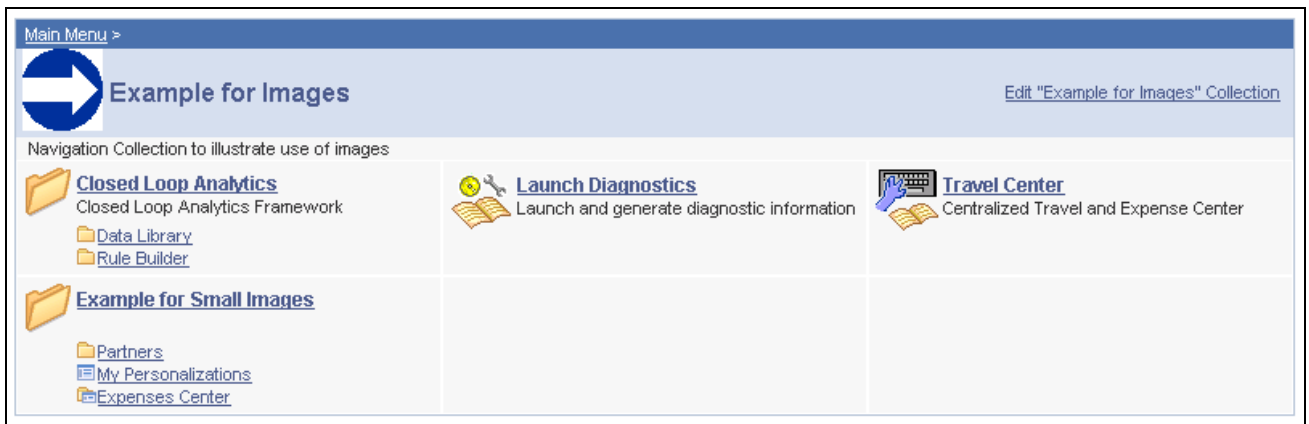
[Chapter 4, "Working With Navigation Pages," Publishing Navigation Collections, page 80](#)

[Chapter 4, "Working With Navigation Pages," Understanding Portal Utility Processes, page 88](#)

Navigation Collection Images

The images you define for your Navigation Collections are published and displayed on Navigation Collection pages. You can associate images with Navigation Collections themselves, as well as with Navigation Collection folders and content references. You can define these images at the system, registry, source, and individual Navigation Collection levels.

The following example Navigation Collection page publication illustrates the different ways in which images can display:



Example for Images page

In the example Navigation Collection, suppose that the following images have been defined for the different image types:



This image was defined as the collection image for this specific Navigation Collection.



This image was defined as the default large folder image on the System Options page, and was not overridden at the source reference, registry, or Navigation Collection level. Large folder images display for folders at the top level of a Navigation Collection publication.



This image was defined as the content image in the Navigation Collection definition. Large content images display for content references at the top level of a Navigation Collection publication.



This image represents a Navigation Collection that was added to this Navigation Collection. This image was selected as the collection image in the referenced Navigation Collection definition, and was not overridden in this Navigation Collection definition. Large collection images display for Navigation Collections at the top level of a Navigation Collection publication.



This image was defined as the small folder image. Small folder images display for folders nested within top-level folders on a Navigation Collection publication.



This image was defined as the small content image. Small content images display for content references nested within top-level folders of a Navigation Collection publication.



This image was defined as the small collection image. Small collection images display for Navigation Collections nested within top-level folders of a Navigation Collection publication.

While large (parent) images can be set at the system or registry default levels, and overridden with unique images defined at the source reference or Navigation Collection levels, small (child) images can be defined only at the system and registry default levels. This means that the small images displayed on Navigation Collection publications will always be the default small image defined at the system or registry level.

If the Navigation Collection content, folder, or Navigation Collection reference for which a small image is displayed has a unique image defined at the source reference or Navigation Collection level, this unique large image does not display until the element is accessed as a top- or parent-level element on a Navigation Collection page.

For example, while the Expenses Center is displayed with its default small image, when you access the Example for Small Images navigation page, the Expenses Center displays with its unique large image.

Common Elements Used on Navigation Pages

Breadcrumbs

Your portal administrator may configure your navigation pages to display breadcrumbs. These breadcrumbs display across the top of a navigation page and are generated according to the navigation path used to access the current content displayed. You can select the breadcrumbs to navigate through the path you used to access the current content.

See [Chapter 4, "Working With Navigation Pages," Setting Up Navigation Collection Options, page 53.](#)

Edit <folder name> Folder

The Edit <folder name> Folder link displays if you have accessed a standard navigation page and you have permissions defined for your user ID or role that enable you to access the Structure and Content component.

Select the Edit <folder name> Folder link to access the Folder Administration page, where you can edit aspects of the folder that was used to generate the selected standard navigation page.

See [Chapter 5, "Administering Portals," Defining Standard Navigation Folders, page 112.](#)

Edit <Navigation Collection name> Collection

The Edit <Navigation Collection name> Collection link displays if you have accessed a custom navigation page and you have permissions defined for your user ID or role that enable you to edit Navigation Collections.

Select the Edit <Navigation Collection name> Collection link to access the Navigation Collections component, where you can edit the definition that was used to build the selected custom navigation page.

See [Chapter 4, "Working With Navigation Pages," Creating and Maintaining Navigation Collections, page 61.](#)



Click the spell-check button to check the spelling of text in the associated field.

See *PeopleTools 8.51 PeopleBook: PeopleSoft Applications User's Guide*, "Using PeopleSoft Application Pages," Using Spell Check.

Setting Up Navigation Collection Options

This section provides an overview of navigation collection options and discusses how to:

- Define Portal Utilities system options.
- Define Portal Utilities registry options.

Note. These options are used by Navigation Collections, Feeds, and Pagelet Wizard pagelets.

Understanding Navigation Collection Options

You define and override navigation collection options at different levels. Options defined at the system level provide default values, with options defined at the registry, source, and navigation collection levels being capable of overriding each previous level.

PeopleSoft delivers a set of system-level defaults. You can change these values on the System Options page or override these values at successive levels in the default hierarchy. This table lists the navigation collection options and the levels at which they are set up or overridden:

| Options | System (default) | Registry (overrides system default) | Source Reference (overrides system and registry values) | Collection Reference (overrides system, registry, and source reference values) |
|---------------------------|-------------------------|--|--|---|
| Registry object prefix | X | | | |
| Show breadcrumbs | X | X | | |
| Show main menu breadcrumb | X | X | | |
| Registry node name | X | | | |
| Large (parent) image | X | X | X (with attribute name PTPP_IMAGE) | X |
| Small (child) image | X | X | | |
| Style sheet | X | X | | X |
| Show images | X | X | | X |
| Maximum child links | X | X | | X |
| Maximum columns | X | X | | |

| Options | System (default) | Registry (overrides system default) | Source Reference (overrides system and registry values) | Collection Reference (overrides system, registry, and source reference values) |
|----------------|-------------------------|--|--|---|
| Owner ID | X | | | X |

Navigation collection options are defined as follows:

- System options on the System Options page.
- Registry options on the Registry Options page.
- Source reference options are set up using the Structure and Content component.
- Navigation Collection reference options on the Maintain Collections page.

The default option to display standard navigation pages when you click a menu folder is set at the registry level on the General Setting page. You can override this default on the source reference.

See Also

[Chapter 4, "Working With Navigation Pages," Defining Portal Utilities System Options, page 56](#)

[Chapter 4, "Working With Navigation Pages," Defining Portal Utilities Registry Options, page 59](#)

[Chapter 4, "Working With Navigation Pages," Creating and Maintaining Navigation Collections, page 61](#)

[Chapter 5, "Administering Portals," page 99](#)

[Chapter 5, "Administering Portals," Managing General Portal Settings, page 147](#)

Common Elements Used in This Section

Show Breadcrumbs

Select to indicate that you want breadcrumbs to display on published Navigation pages.

These breadcrumbs reflect the path taken by users as they navigate through left-navigation menu folders and navigation page folders. Displaying breadcrumbs facilitates user navigation, as the left-navigation menu is not updated to reflect the user's navigation through Navigation pages.

The first breadcrumb in the Main Menu collection points to the delivered PT_PTPP_PORTAL_ROOT Navigation Collection, which is based on the PORTAL_ROOT_OBJECT folder. Alternatively, you can select a different Navigation Collection to be used as the first (main menu) breadcrumb using the Main Menu Collection Name field, or you can choose not to display a first breadcrumb.

The next set of breadcrumbs display dependent on the left-navigation menu folders the user opened to access the Navigation Collection page.

Subsequent breadcrumbs display dependent on the folder path the user accesses on the Navigation Collection page.

Show Main Menu Breadcrumb

If you have selected the Show Breadcrumbs option, select this option to include the Main Menu collection name as the first entry in the breadcrumb path displayed on the Navigation Collection page publication.

If you clear this option, the first entry in the breadcrumb path is dependent on the level-1 left-navigation folder that the user opens to access the Navigation Collection page. The Main Menu link does not display as the first link in the breadcrumbs.

Main Menu Collection Name

This field displays when you have the Show Main Menu Breadcrumb option selected. The default value is set to *Main Menu*, which designates that the first breadcrumb displayed accesses the Main Menu page. You may choose to replace the first breadcrumb Main Menu link with a link that accesses an alternate Navigation Collection you have created.

The first breadcrumb Main Menu link to the Main Menu page provides access to the entire navigation for your database, filtered by security. You may want to provide a first breadcrumb link that provides access to a Navigation Collection that you have configured to contain only selected folders and content references.

Style Sheet Name

Select the cascading style sheet (CSS) that you want to use to generate Navigation Collection pages. Cascading style sheets are defined in PeopleSoft Application Designer.

This setting applies to both navigation pages and navigation pagelets.

Note. You must use the same styleclass names found on the stylesheet PTPP_STYLEDEFN.

See *PeopleTools 8.51 PeopleBook: PeopleSoft Application Designer Developer's Guide*, "Creating Style Sheet Definitions."

Maximum Columns

Enter the maximum number of columns to display on a navigation page.

Navigation pagelets display one or two columns depending on the user's settings on the Personalize Layout page. Narrow pagelets display contents in one column. Wide pagelets display contents in three columns.

This setting applies to only navigation pages.

See *PeopleTools 8.51 PeopleBook: PeopleSoft Applications User's Guide*, "Setting User Preferences," Personalizing Your Homepage.

Maximum Child Links

Enter the maximum number of links to display beneath each folder on the Navigation Collection publication. If the number of links in the folder exceeds this number, a X More... link appears beneath the folder that jumps to a page from which you can access all links stored in the Navigation Collection folder.

For example, if you set Maximum Child Links to 4 and the Navigation Collection folder contains five links, three links display on the Navigation Collection page along with the X More... link.

When you select the X More... link, a page containing all five links in the Navigation Collection folder displays.

This setting applies to both navigation pages and navigation pagelets.

Pages Used to Define Portal Utilities Options

| Page Name | Definition Name | Navigation | Usage |
|------------------|------------------------|---|---|
| System Options | PTPP_OPTIONS | PeopleTools, Portal, Portal Utilities, System Options | Define system-level default values for Navigation Collection options. It may be possible to override these defaults at the registry, source reference, and Navigation Collection reference levels. |
| Registry Options | PTPP_SITE_OPT | PeopleTools, Portal, Portal Utilities, Registry Options | Define registry-level values for Navigation Collection options. These values may override system-level defaults, as well as be overridden at the source reference and Navigation Collection reference levels. |

Defining Portal Utilities System Options

Access the System Options page (PeopleTools, Portal, Portal Utilities, System Options).

System Options


Select the system options and defaults. Most of the values can be overridden by the registry options, and by the defined collection.

Portal Registry Structures

These values are used on the registry structure objects that are generated when a collection is created. The prefix is used on the name of the object. The node is used on the content reference.

*Registry Object Prefix:


Node Name:


Owner ID: 

Navigation Page

☒ Show Breadcrumbs

☒ Show Main Menu Breadcrumb

*Main Menu Collection Name: 

*Style Sheet Name: 


*Maximum Columns:


*Maximum Child Links:



☒ Enable Drill Down Cache



*Cache Enabled Value:



Navigation Image Defaults



*Show Images: 



*Large Folder Image:  

*Large Content Image:  

*Large Collection Image:  

*Small Folder Image:  

*Small Content Image:  

*Small Collection Image:  

Pagelet Wizard

*Package Name:

*Path:

*Application Class ID:

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System Options page

PeopleSoft delivers a set of system-level defaults. You can change the default values on this page or override the defaults at successive levels in the default hierarchy. However, you cannot delete the default values because system-level default values are required.

See [Chapter 4, "Working With Navigation Pages," Understanding Navigation Collection Options, page 53.](#)

Portal Registry Structures

Registry Object Prefix Enter the value that the system prepends to registry structure object names (content and folder references) that are created when you publish navigation collections, template pagelets, and feed definitions.

For example, the object name of a published navigation pagelet has this format: <prefix>_SC_PGT_<object label>. The object name of a published navigation page has this format: <prefix>_SC_SP_<object label>.

Node Name You should not change the default value delivered with your system. This default value corresponds to the content provider node for your database. For example, the following databases are delivered with the following default node names:

PeopleSoft Enterprise Financials/SCM: *ERP*

PeopleSoft Enterprise CRM: *CRM*

PeopleSoft Enterprise HCM: *HRMS*

PeopleSoft Enterprise Portal: *Local Node*

Owner ID Use this value to easily identify Navigation Collections created by your organization when searching for Navigation Collections through PeopleSoft Application Designer or SQL queries of the portal registry tables.

Do not select a delivered PeopleSoft owner ID. You can define unique owner IDs for your organization by entering field translate values for the OBJECTOWNERID field using PeopleSoft Application Designer .

Navigation Page

Enable Drill Down Cache Select to enable caching for navigation pages accessed by selecting a folder on a navigation page. You must also enter a value in the Cache Enabled Value field on this page.

See [Chapter 4, "Working With Navigation Pages," Navigation Page Display Caching, page 47.](#)

Cache Enabled Value Enter the value to assign to the PSCACHECONTROL attribute in the registry structure definition when enabling caching for applicable navigation page access methods. For example, you can enter a value such as *role,max-age=30*.

Navigation Image Defaults

| | |
|-------------------------------|---|
| Show Images | <p>Select one of these values:</p> <p><i>Always Show Images:</i> Select if you always want images to display on Navigation pages and pagelets.</p> <p><i>Never Show Images:</i> Select if you never want images to display on Navigation pages and pagelets.</p> <p><i>Only Show Defined Images:</i> Select if you only want specifically defined images to display on Navigation pages and pagelets. If you select this option, only images defined as part of the Navigation Collection or defined on the source reference are displayed on the Navigation Collection's publications. System and registry level default images are not displayed.</p> |
| Large Folder Image | Select the default image that you want to display for top-level folders on a Navigation page or pagelet. |
| Large Content Image | Select the default image that you want to display for top-level content references on a Navigation page or pagelet. |
| Large Collection Image | Select the default image that you want to display for top-level Navigation Collection references on a Navigation page or pagelet. |
| Small Folder Image | Select the default image that you want to display for a folder within a folder on a Navigation page or pagelet. |
| Small Content Image | Select the default image that you want to display for a content reference within a folder on a Navigation page or pagelet. |
| Small Collection Image | Select the default image that you want to display for a Navigation Collection within a folder on a Navigation page or pagelet. |

Pagelet Wizard

| | |
|-----------------------------|--|
| Package Name | Specify the application package name to use for the display format. |
| Path | Enter the names—delimited by colons—of each subpackage in the hierarchy that drills down to the class that contains the method. |
| Application Class ID | Enter the application class ID to use for the display format. The class must exist in the application package name that you specify. |

Defining Portal Utilities Registry Options

Access the Registry Options page (PeopleTools, Portal, Portal Utilities, Registry Options).

Registry Options

Select the registry specific options and defaults. These values will override the defined system options. Most of the values can be overridden by a defined collection. When adding the registry options, the values are initially defaulted from the system options. Click 'Delete Registry Override' to revert to the system defaults for the selected registry.

Registry Name:

EMPLOYEE

Employee-facing registry content

Navigation Page

☒ Show Breadcrumbs

☒ Show Main Menu Breadcrumb

*Main Menu Collection Name:

Main Menu

*Style Sheet Name:

PSSTYLEDEF_SWAN

*Maximum Columns:

3

*Maximum Child Links:

4

Navigation Image Defaults

* Show Images:

Always Show Images

*Large Folder Image:

PTPP_FN_LARGE_FOLDER_ICN

*Large Content Image:

PTPP_FN_LARGE_CONTENT_ICN

*Large Collection Image:

PTPP_FN_LARGE_COLLECTION_ICN

*Small Folder Image:

PTPP_FN_SMALL_FOLDER_ICN

*Small Content Image:

PTPP_FN_SMALL_CONTENT_ICN

*Small Collection Image:

PTPP_FN_SMALL_COLLECTION_ICN

Delete registry Override

Registry Options page

All options you set on this page override defaults defined at the system level on the System Options page. See [Chapter 4, "Working With Navigation Pages," Understanding Navigation Collection Options, page 53.](#)

Registry Name

Select the portal registry for which you want to define Navigation Collection options that will override system-level defaults.

Navigation Image Defaults

| | |
|---------------------------------|---|
| Show Images | <p><i>Always Show Images.</i> Select if you always want images to display on Navigation pages and pagelets accessed using the selected portal registry.</p> <p><i>Never Show Images.</i> Select if you never want images to display on Navigation pages and pagelets accessed using the selected portal registry.</p> <p><i>Only Show Defined Images.</i> Select if you only want specifically defined images to display on Navigation pages and pagelets accessed using the selected portal registry. If you select this option, only images defined as a part of the Navigation Collection or defined on the source reference are displayed on the Navigation pages and pagelets. System and registry level default images are not displayed.</p> |
| Large Folder Image | Select the image that you want to display for top-level folders on a Navigation page or pagelet accessed using the selected portal registry. |
| Large Content Image | Select the image that you want to display for top-level content references on a Navigation page or pagelet accessed using the selected portal registry. |
| Large Collection Image | Select the image that you want to display for top-level Navigation Collection references on a Navigation page or pagelet accessed using the selected portal registry. |
| Small Folder Image | Select the image that you want to display for a folder within a folder on a Navigation page or pagelet accessed using the selected portal registry. |
| Small Content Image | Select the image that you want to display for a content reference within a folder on a Navigation page or pagelet accessed using the selected portal registry. |
| Small Collection Image | Select the image that you want to display for a Navigation Collection within a folder on a Navigation page or pagelet accessed using the selected portal registry. |
| Delete Registry Override | Click to revert the portal registry's Navigation Collection options to the system-level defaults defined on the System Options page. |

Creating and Maintaining Navigation Collections

This section discusses how to:

- Search for a Navigation Collection.
- Create or edit a Navigation Collection.
- Add a folder.
- Select a source folder.

- Select Navigation Collection images.
- Edit a folder.
- Add a link.
- Select a source link.
- Edit a link.

Pages Used to Create and Maintain Navigation Collections

| <i>Page Name</i> | <i>Definition Name</i> | <i>Navigation</i> | <i>Usage</i> |
|-----------------------------|------------------------|---|---|
| Find an Existing Collection | PTPP_SCSRCH | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PeopleTools, Portal, Portal Utilities, Navigation Collections • Click the Return to Search link on the Maintain Collections page. | Search for an existing Navigation Collection that you want to edit or delete. Access pages you can use to create a new Navigation Collection. |
| Maintain Collection | PTPP_SCMAINTCOLL | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Select the Edit link for an existing Navigation Collection on the Find an Existing Collection page. • Select the Add Collection link on the Find an Existing Collection page. • Select the Edit <Navigation Collection name> Collection link on a custom navigation page. | Create and maintain Navigation Collections. |
| Add Folder | PTPP_SCAE_FOLDER | Click the Add Folder button on the Maintain Collection page. | Add a Navigation Collection folder reference. |
| Select Source Folder | PTPP_SCBROWSEREG | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Click the Browse Portal Registry icon on the Add Folder page. • Click the Browse Portal Registry button on the Edit Folder page. | View a graphical display of a selected portal registry and select the content reference that you want to add to your Navigation Collection. |

| Page Name | Definition Name | Navigation | Usage |
|----------------------|------------------------|--|--|
| Browse Image Catalog | PTPP_SCIMGSRCH | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Click the Browse Image Catalog button on the Add Folder page. Click the Browse Image Catalog button on the Edit Folder page. Click the Browse Image Catalog button on the Add Link page. Click the Browse Image Catalog button on the Edit Link page. | Search for and select an image to associate with the selected folder or content reference. This image displays on the published navigation page or pagelet. |
| Edit Folder | PTPP_SCAE_FOLDER | Click the Edit Folder button on the Maintain Collection page. | Edit an existing Navigation Collection folder reference. |
| Add Link | PTPP_SCAE_SHORTCUT | Click the Add Link button on the Maintain Collection page. | Add a content reference link. |
| Select Source Link | PTPP_SCBROWSEREG | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Click the Browse Portal Registry button on the Add Link page. Click the Browse Portal Registry button on the Edit Link page. Click the Move button on the Publish Collections page. | <p>View a graphical display of a portal registry.</p> <p>When accessed from the Add Link page and Edit Link page, you select a portal registry and select the folder that you want to reference in your Navigation Collection.</p> <p>When accessed from the Publish Collections page, you view the portal registry defined for the published navigation page and select the folder in which you want the navigation page to reside.</p> |
| Edit Link | PTPP_SCAE_SHORTCUT | Click the Edit Link button on the Maintain Collection page. | Edit an existing content reference link. |

Searching for a Navigation Collection

Access the Find an Existing Collection page (PeopleTools, Portal, Portal Utilities, Navigation Collections).

Navigation Collections

Find an Existing Collection

Search By: Name begins with

[Add Collection](#)

| Search Results | | Customize | Find | First | 1-2 of 2 | Last |
|----------------|----------------------|-----------|------|-------|----------|---------------------------------------|
| Main Menu | Edit | | | | | |
| XML Publisher | Edit | | | | | <input type="button" value="Delete"/> |

Find an Existing Collection page

Search by

Select one of these values:

Description. Select to conduct your search based on Navigation Collection description text.

Name. Select to conduct your search based on Navigation Collection name text.

Use the *begins with* and *contains* options to limit your search results.

Add Collection

Select to access the Maintain Collection page, where you can define a new Navigation Collection.

Search Results

Edit

Select to access the Maintain Collection page, where you can edit an existing Navigation Collection.

Delete

Click to delete the existing Navigation Collection. You are prompted with the Navigation Collections - Delete Confirmation page, where you can confirm or cancel the deletion of the Navigation Collection.

Note. The Delete button does not display for the Main Menu Navigation Collection. While you can edit this Navigation Collection, you should not delete it as the Main Menu Navigation Collection is used by the system as a default page to display when it encounters certain errors. Displaying the Main Menu rather than an error page enables you to continue to navigate through your system.

Creating or Editing a Navigation Collection

Access the Maintain Collection page (click the Edit link for an existing Navigation Collection on the Find an Existing Collection page).

Maintain Collection

Publish Collection

Navigation Collections

Define the Navigation Collection. The main folder of the Navigation Collection tree is determined from the Navigation Collection name. Add additional folders or links to the Navigation Collection by clicking on a tree node, and then clicking on one of the displayed action buttons.

Collection Properties

*Name:

XML Publisher

Description:

(254 Characters)

*Valid from date:

01/01/1900

Valid to date:

Owner ID:

PeopleTools

Override Default Options

XML Publisher

Add Link

Add Folder

+

Register Data Sources

+

Define XMLP Reports

+

Run XMLP Reports

+

Complete Setup

[Return to Search](#)

Navigation Collections page

Note. If you modify a Navigation Collection that has already been published, you do not need to republish the collection using the Publish Collection page. Saving your edits on the Maintain Collection page is sufficient because Navigation Collection publications are dynamically generated for display based on their saved Navigation Collection definitions.

Collection Properties

| | |
|--------------------|---|
| Name | Enter a name for the Navigation Collection. This text displays as the label on the published navigation page or pagelet. |
| Description | <p>Enter a description of the Navigation Collection. This text can display in several locations.</p> <p>If the Navigation Collection is published as a navigation page, the description text displays as hover text for the menu item link used to access the page. The description text also displays on the navigation page.</p> <p>If the Navigation Collection is published as a navigation pagelet, the description text displays on the navigation pagelet.</p> |

Valid from date/Valid to date Enter a range of dates during which this Navigation Collection is available. This information is copied to the portal registry when you register the Navigation Collection using the options on the Publish Collection page.

It is recommend that you leave the Valid to date field clear, if you anticipate that the Navigation Collection should remain active indefinitely.

Owner ID

Use this value to identify Navigation Collections created by your organization when searching for Navigation Collections through PeopleSoft Application Designer or SQL queries on the portal registry table.

Do not select a delivered PeopleSoft owner ID. You can define unique owner IDs for your organization by entering field translate values for the OBJECTOWNERID field using PeopleSoft Application Designer .

If a default value has been set at the system or registry level, it displays, but can be overridden.

See [Chapter 4, "Working With Navigation Pages," Understanding Navigation Collection Options, page 53.](#)

Override Default Options

The Override Default Options group box enables you to enter values that override any Navigation Collection defaults defined at the system, registry, and source reference levels and which apply to only the Navigation Collection you are creating. Leave fields clear if you don't want to override any default values.

See [Chapter 4, "Working With Navigation Pages," Understanding Navigation Collection Options, page 53.](#)

Style Sheet Name Choose the style sheet for this Navigation Collection.

Maximum Child Links Enter the maximum number of child links to display.

Note. If more links are available for this collection, a More link will display.

Show Images

Select one of these values:

Always Show Images: Select to always displays images on pages and pagelets for this Navigation Collection.

Never Show Images: Select if you don't want images to display on pages and pagelets for this Navigation Collection.

Only Show Defined Images: Select to display only specifically defined images on pages and pagelets for this Navigation Collection. If you select this option, only images defined as a part of this Navigation Collection or the source reference are displayed on the pages and pagelets for this Navigation Collection. System and registry level default images are not displayed.

Note. If you select the *Only Show Defined Images* option, small images do not display on your Navigation Collection pages or pagelets as small images can only be defined as system and registry level defaults.

Collection Image Select the large image you want to display as the top level image for this Navigation Collection.

The Navigation Collection you define is displayed as a tree hierarchy of nodes at the bottom of the page.

The Name value that you entered for the Navigation Collection displays as a root node link at the top of the hierarchy. Each node below the Navigation Collection name is either a folder or content reference link you defined using the following options and their associated pages.

A Navigation Collection may be composed of a series of individual content reference links, a series of folders containing content reference links, or a combination of individual content reference links and folders.

Add Link Click to access the Add Link page. This option appears when you select the Navigation Collection root node folder or user-defined folders in the Navigation Collection hierarchy.

If you use this option at the root node level of the hierarchy, the content reference link you create appears directly off the root node, at the same level in the Navigation Collection structure as a folder.

Edit Link Click to access the Edit Link page. This option appears when you select a content reference link in the Navigation Collection hierarchy.

Delete Link Click to access the Navigation Collections - Delete Confirmation page, where you are prompted to confirm or cancel the deletion of the selected content reference link. This option displays when you select a content reference link in the Navigation Collection hierarchy.

Add Folder Click to access the Add Folder page. This option appears when you select the Navigation Collection root node folder or user-defined folders in the Navigation Collection hierarchy.

If you use this option at the root node level of the hierarchy, the folder you create appears directly off the root node. Using this option while in any folder in the hierarchy creates a folder within the selected folder.

Edit Folder Click to access the Edit Folder page. This option appears when you select any folder other than the root node folder.

Delete Folder Click to access the Navigation Collections - Delete Confirmation page, where you are prompted to confirm or cancel the deletion of the selected folder. This option appears when you select any folder other than the root node folder in the Navigation Collection hierarchy. This only deletes the folder from the Navigation Collection.



Designates a folder whose content is user-defined . These folders are added on the Add Folder page using the *User Defined Folder* folder type.

Click to expand the node and access options that enable you to edit or delete the folder.

Alternatively, select the associated folder name link to display options for editing or deleting the folder, but not expand folder contents.



Designates a folder whose content is menu-based. These folders are added on the Add Folder page using the *Menu Folder* folder type.

You cannot view folder contents because a menu-based folder automatically inherits the content and folder references registered in the selected menu folder. This content cannot be edited from within Navigation Collections.

Select the associated folder name link to access options for editing aspects of the folder or delete the folder from the Navigation Collection.



Designates a content reference link in the hierarchy.

Click to access options that enable you to edit or delete the content reference from the Navigation Collection.

Adding a Folder

Access the Add Folder page (Click the Add Folder button on the Maintain Collection page).

Add Folder

*Folder Type: User Defined Folder

Label:

Description:
(254 Characters)

Override Options

Override Image:

OK Cancel

Add Folder page (user-defined folder)

Add Folder

*Folder Type:

*Source Portal:

*Menu Folder:

Label:

Description:

Override Options

Override Image:

Override Label:

Override Description:

[Find Source](#)

Add Folder page (menu folder)

Folder Type

Select one of these values:

Menu Folder: Creates a reference to an existing folder in the portal registry. The reference automatically inherits all of the content and folder references registered in the selected menu folder.

User Defined Folder: Creates a user-defined folder, enabling you to specify the folder label, description, and valid from and to dates for the folder.

Source Portal

This field displays when the Folder Type value is set to *Menu Folder*.

Select the portal registry from which you want to select a folder. The current portal is selected by default. Available source portal values include all portals defined in the PeopleSoft databases, as well as a special *Local Portal* value. The *Local Portal* option is useful for cases when a Navigation Collection will be copied between portals, and the folder reference you are defining should automatically refer to the current portal.

See [Chapter 5, "Administering Portals," page 99](#).

Source Folder

This field displays when the Folder Type value is set to *Menu Folder*.

Select a folder to reference. Click the Browse Portal Registry button to access the Select Source Folder page, where you can view a graphical display of the selected portal registry and select the folder you want to reference.

Label

If you are adding a menu-based folder, the label on the source populates this field, but can be overridden in the Override Label field.

This text appears as link text for the folder on the Maintain Collection page, as well as on the Navigation Collection page or pagelet.

Description

If you are adding a menu-based folder, the description on the source populates this field, but can be overridden in the Override Description field.

This text displays as hover text for a folder link, as well as descriptive text beneath the folder link on the Navigation Collection page or pagelet.

Override Options**Override Image**

Select the image that you want to display as the icon for the folder reference. If a default folder image has been defined at the system or registry level, this image overrides the default. This image displays as the large image for the folder on the Navigation Collection publication.

When defined for folders nested within folders, the image displays on the Navigation Collection page that is accessed to display the contents of the parent folder.

If you override the image, changes to the image on the source reference are not reflected on the Navigation Collection publication. If you want source reference changes to be reflected on the Navigation Collection publication, do not override this image.

See [Chapter 4, "Working With Navigation Pages," Understanding Navigation Collection Options, page 53](#) and [Chapter 4, "Working With Navigation Pages," Navigation Collection Images, page 50](#).

Override Label

If you are adding a menu-folder, you can enter a label to override label text in the Label field.

If you override label text, changes to label text on the source reference are not reflected on the Navigation Collection publication. If you want source reference changes to be reflected on the Navigation Collection publication, do not enter override text in this field.

Override Description

If you are adding a menu-based folder, you can enter a description to override description text in the Description field.

If you override description text, changes to description text on the source reference are not reflected on the Navigation Collection publication. If you want source reference changes to be reflected on the Navigation Collection publication, do not enter override text in this field.

Find Source

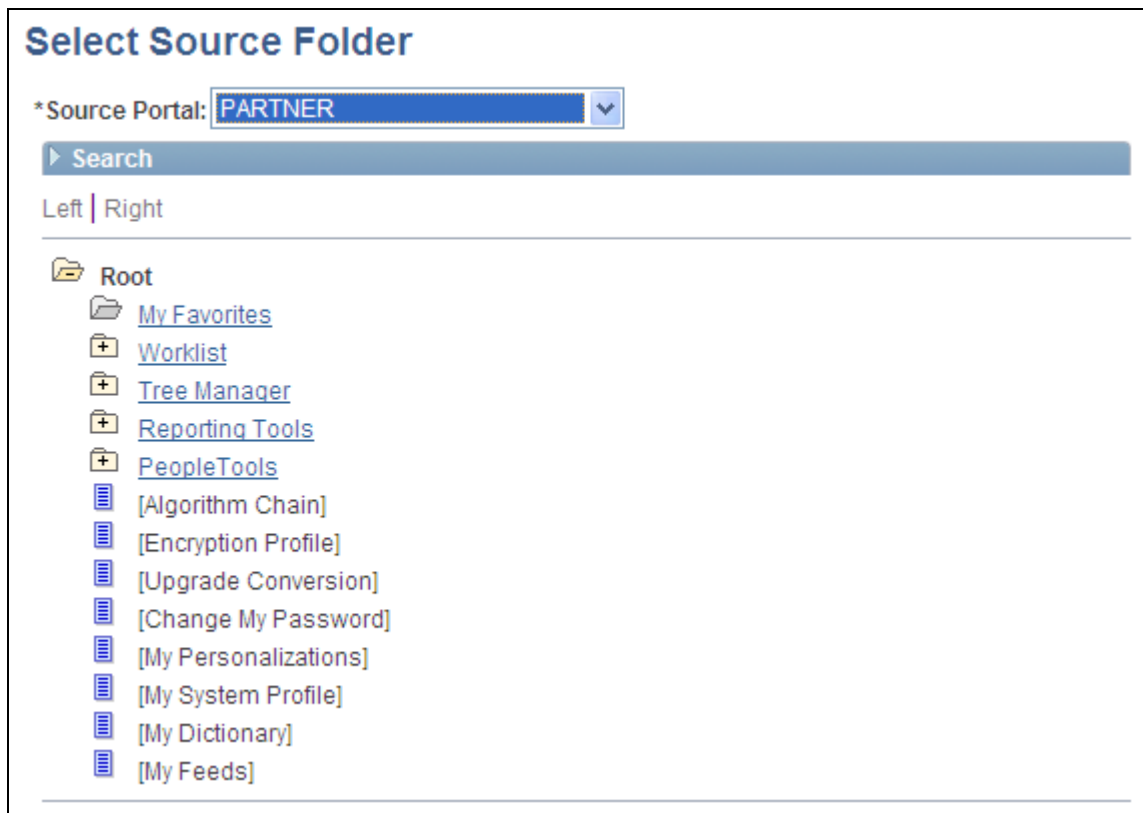
This link displays for users who can access Structure and Content when the Folder Type value is set to *Menu Folder*.

Select to access the Folder Administration page, where you can view details about the selected menu folder. You may want to access this page to add a source reference image, change a source reference label, or check on source reference security.

See [Chapter 5, "Administering Portals," Administering Folders, page 107.](#)

Selecting a Source Folder

Access the Select Source Folder page (click the Browse Portal Registry icon on the Add Folder page).



Select Source Folder page

Source Portal

Select the portal registry from which you want to select a folder to reference. The portal designated on your originating page is selected by default. Available source portal values include all portals defined in the PeopleSoft databases, as well as a special *Local Portal* value. The *Local Portal* option is useful for cases when a Navigation Collection will be moved between portals, and the folder reference you are defining should automatically refer to the current portal.

See [Chapter 5, "Administering Portals," page 99.](#)

Search

Search by

Select one of these values:

Description: Select to conduct your search based on folder description text. This search is not case sensitive. You can perform partial match searches. For example, doing a label search on "source" may not return any "source" hits, but may return hits on "resource."

Label: Select to conduct your search based on folder label text.

Alternatively, search by drilling down into the tree structure displayed at the bottom of the page.

Search Results

Label

Select the linked label text to locate and select the referenced folder in the portal registry hierarchy displayed at the bottom of the page.

Description

Displays the text description of the folder.

Once you have located your desired folder, click the folder link in the hierarchy to select the folder and return to your originating page.

Selecting Navigation Collection Images

Access the Browse Image Catalog page (click the Browse Image Catalog button on the Add Folder page).

Browse Image Catalog

Choose an image you would like to use

Search By:

| | Image Name | Description | WxH (Pixels) | |
|-----------------------|---------------|------------------------------|--------------|--|
| <input type="radio"/> | AE_STEP_TBL42 | Deprecated Image: Do Not Use | 16 x 16 | |
| <input type="radio"/> | AE_STEP_TBL44 | Deprecated Image: Do Not Use | 16 x 16 | |
| <input type="radio"/> | AE_STEP_TBL45 | Deprecated Image: Do Not Use | 16 x 16 | |
| <input type="radio"/> | AE_STEP_TBL47 | Deprecated Image: Do Not Use | 16 x 16 | |
| <input type="radio"/> | AMM_CAMA | PSCAMA Icon | 16 x 16 | |
| <input type="radio"/> | AMM_CAMA_2 | Deprecated Image: Do Not Use | 16 x 16 | |
| <input type="radio"/> | AMM_FIELD_1 | Field icon - 1 | 16 x 16 | |
| <input type="radio"/> | AMM_FIELD_2 | Deprecated Image: Do Not Use | 16 x 16 | |
| <input type="radio"/> | AMM_MINUS | Deprecated Image: Do Not Use | 9 x 9 | |
| <input type="radio"/> | AMM_MSG | Message Data Icon | 17 x 16 | |

Browse Image Catalog page

Search by

Select one of these values:

Name: Select to conduct your search based on the image file name.

Description: Select to conduct your search based on image description text.

You can further refine your search by selecting the adjacent *begins with* or *contains* option.

This search is not case sensitive. You can perform partial match searches. For example, doing a search on "source" using the *Description* and *contains* options may not return any "source" hits, but may return hits on "resource."

Once you have located the desired image, select the radio button for the image and click OK.

Editing a Folder

Access the Edit Folder page (click the Edit Folder button on the Maintain Collection page).

Edit Folder

*Folder Type: User Defined Folder

Label: Register Data Sources

Description: Register existing processes that will supply XML data for reports.
(254 Characters)

Override Options

Override Image: PT_FN_REPORTING_TOOLS
Use on approved FAN page only

Placement Properties

To move the current folder to another folder, select Move to New Parent Folder. To change the sequencing of the current folder, make a selection from the Placement in Folder dropdown. Note that placement values reflect folder sequencing that is already saved to the database.

Move to New Parent Folder

Parent Folder: XML Publisher

Placement in Folder: 01 - First

OK Cancel

Edit Folder page

With the exception of the Placement Properties group box, which is discussed below, all other options on this page are available on and documented as a part of the Add Folder page.

See [Chapter 4, "Working With Navigation Pages," Adding a Folder, page 68.](#)

Placement Properties

Move to New Parent Folder Click to move the folder you are editing to a folder other than the folder designated in the Parent Folder field.

You can only change the placement of a folder reference after you have initially saved the Navigation Collection.

Parent Folder Displays the parent folder of the folder you are editing.

Placement in Folder Select a value to change the placement of the folder within the parent folder.

Available placement values reflect saved folder sequencing.

Adding a Link

Access the Add Link page (click the Add Link button on the Maintain Collection page).

Add Link page

Source Portal

Select the portal registry from which you want to select a content reference. The current portal is selected by default. Available source portal values include all portals defined in the PeopleSoft databases, as well as a special *Local Portal* value. The *Local Portal* option is useful for cases when a Navigation Collection will be copied between portals, and the content reference you are defining should automatically refer to the current portal.

See [Chapter 5, "Administering Portals," page 99](#).

Source Link

Select a content reference to add to the Navigation Collection. Click the Browse Portal Registry button to access the Select Source Link page, where you can view a graphical display of the selected portal registry and select the content reference you want to add.

You can use this option to add a published navigation page to the Navigation Collection that you are creating.

Label

Displays the existing menu content reference label text, but you can override this default using the Override Label field. This text appears as link text for the content reference on the Maintain Collection page, as well as on the Navigation Collection publication.

| | |
|--------------------------------|--|
| Description | Displays the existing description text, but you can override the default using the Override Description field. This description text displays as hover text for the content reference link. |
| Open in a new window | <p>Select to open the page in a new browser window. This option and Replace Window are mutually exclusive.</p> <p>See Chapter 14, "Creating and Configuring WorkCenter Pages," Managing WorkCenter Page Configurations, page 498.</p> |
| Replace Window | Select to replace the current browser window, including navigation and target area with the new content. Replace window updates the template and navigation to display the template and navigation of the target content reference. This option and Open in new window are mutually exclusive. |
| Additional Parameters | <p>Define additional query parameters that are appended to the uniform resource locator (URL) used to access the content reference. Defining these query parameters here make it unnecessary to register the same content reference multiple times with different parameters.</p> <p>For example, you can use these additional parameters to point users to a specific row of data on an application business transaction page. The query string parameter can be the search record field name = field value.</p> <p>These query parameters are stored as attributes with the content reference and are applied to the URL at runtime.</p> |
| <i>Override Options</i> | |
| Override Image | <p>Select the image to display as the large image for the content reference. If a default content image has been defined at the system or registry level, the selected image overrides the default. This large image displays for the content reference on the Navigation Collection publication.</p> <p>See Chapter 4, "Working With Navigation Pages," Understanding Navigation Collection Options, page 53.</p> |
| Override Label | <p>Enter a label to override label text in the Label field.</p> <p>If you override label text, changes to label text on the source reference are not reflected on the Navigation Collection publication. If you want source reference changes to be reflected on the Navigation Collection publication, do not enter override text in this field.</p> |
| Override Description | <p>Enter a description to override description text in the Description field.</p> <p>If you override description text, changes to description text on the source reference are not reflected on the Navigation Collection publication. If you want source reference changes to be reflected on the Navigation Collection publication, do not enter override text in this field.</p> |

Find Source

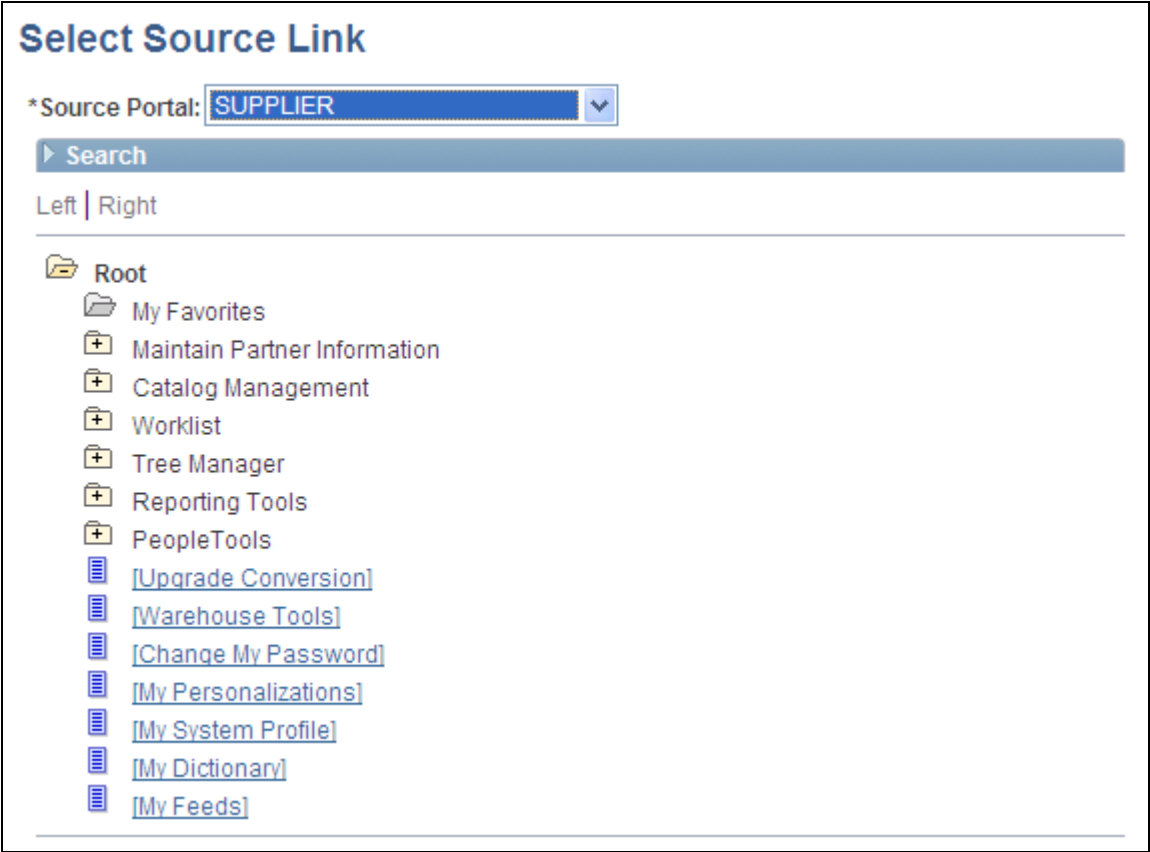
This link displays for users who can access Structure and Content once a Source Link value has been selected.

Select to access the Content Ref Administration page, where you can view content reference details, such as security, image attributes, valid to and from dates, and content provider for the selected source content reference.

See [Chapter 5, "Administering Portals," Administering Content References, page 121.](#)

Selecting a Source Link

Access the Select Source Link page (click the Browse Portal Registry button on the Add Link page).



Select Source Link page

Source Portal

Select the portal registry from which you want to select a content reference. The portal designated on your originating page is selected by default. Available source portal values include all portals defined in the PeopleSoft databases, as well as a special *Local Portal* value. The *Local Portal* option is useful for cases when a Navigation Collection will be moved between portals, and the content reference you are defining should automatically refer to the current portal.

See [Chapter 5, "Administering Portals," page 99](#).

Search**Search by**

Select one of these values:

Description: Select to conduct your search based on content reference description text. This search is not case sensitive. You can perform partial match searches. For example, doing a label search on "source" may not return any "source" hits, but may return hits on "resource."

Label: Select to conduct your search based on content reference label text.

Alternatively, search by drilling down into the tree structure displayed at the bottom of the page.

Search Results**Label**

Select the linked label text to locate and select the content reference in the portal registry hierarchy displayed at the bottom of the page.

Description

Displays the text description of the content reference.

Once you have located your desired content reference, click the folder link in the hierarchy to select the folder and return to your originating page.

Editing a Link

Access the Edit Link page (click the Edit Link button on the Maintain Collection page).

Edit Link

*Source Portal:

EMPLOYEE

*Menu Item:

PT_PTPP_WIZARD_GBL

Label:

Pagelet Wizard

Description:

Define Pagelet Wizard pagelets.

(254 Characters)

☒ Open in a new window

☐ Replace Window

Additional Parameters:

Example: name1=value1&name2=value2

Override Options

Override Image:

Override Label:

Override Description:

(254 Characters)

Placement Properties

To move the current link to another folder, select Move to New Parent Folder. To change the sequencing of the current link, make a selection from the Placement in Folder dropdown. Note that placement values reflect link sequencing that is already saved to the database.

Move to New Parent Folder

Parent Folder:

Manage Template Pagelets

Placement in Folder:

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OK

Cancel

[Find Source](#)

Edit Link page

With the exception of the Placement Properties group box, which is discussed below, all other options on this page are available on and documented as a part of the Add Link page.

See [Chapter 4, "Working With Navigation Pages," Adding a Link, page 74.](#)

Placement Properties

Move to New Parent Folder Click to move the content reference you are editing to a folder other than the folder designated in the Parent Folder field.

Parent Folder Displays the parent folder of the content reference you are editing.

Placement in Folder

Select a value to change the placement of the content reference within its selected Navigation Collection folder.

Available placement values reflect saved content reference sequencing.

Publishing Navigation Collections

This section discusses how to publish Navigation Collections.

Pages Used to Publish Navigation Collections

| <i>Page Name</i> | <i>Definition Name</i> | <i>Navigation</i> | <i>Usage</i> |
|----------------------|------------------------|---|--|
| Publish Collection | PTPP_SCPUBLISHCOLL | PeopleTools, Portal, Portal Utilities, Navigation Collections, Publish Collection | Publish the selected Navigation Collection to a navigation pagelet and/or page. |
| Select Source Folder | PTPP_SCBROWSEFLDR | Click the Move button on the Publish Collection page. | Select the parent folder in which you want the navigation page to display in the left-navigation menu. |

Publishing a Navigation Collection

Access the Publish Collection page (PeopleTools, Portal, Portal Utilities, Navigation Collections, Publish Collection).

Maintain Collection **Publish Collection**

Name: Manage Template Pagelets

Publishing Options

Publishing a Navigation Collection enables it to be accessed by users. Select one or more of the following options to publish this Navigation Collection. Set the Security Access for each publishing option. Selecting 'Allow Collection Sync' requires running the Sync Collection Security process for this collection. Selecting 'Do Not Allow Collection Sync' requires manually adding the security to the published page or pagelet. Selecting 'Enable Caching' turns on role-based caching.

☒ **Navigation Pagelet**

Security Access

☒ Public Access

☐ Allow Collection Sync

☐ Do Not Allow Collection Sync

☒ **Enable Caching**

*Pagelet Category: PeopleTools Documentation

[Structure and Content](#)

☒ **Navigation Page**

Security Access

☒ Public Access

☐ Allow Collection Sync

☐ Do Not Allow Collection Sync

☒ **Enable Caching**

Move EMPLOYEE > Root

[Return to Search](#)

Publish Collection page

Name Displays the name of the Navigation Collection defined on the Navigation Collection page.

Publishing Options

Navigation Pagelet Select to publish the Navigation Collection as a navigation pagelet, which can be added to a user's homepage tab.

Security Access

Select one of these values:

Public Access: Select to give all users access to the pagelet. This option is selected by default.

Allow Collection Sync (allow collection synchronization). Select to make the pagelet be eligible for processing by the Sync Collection Security process.

Do Not Allow Collection Sync (do not allow collection synchronization). Select if you do not want the pagelet security to be updated by the Sync Collection Security process. Select this option to ensure that security that you manually define for the pagelet cannot be overridden the process.

See [Chapter 4, "Working With Navigation Pages," Understanding Portal Utility Processes, page 88.](#)

Enable Caching

Select to have role-based caching enabled for this published pagelet. Selecting this option adds portal caching attributes to the published navigation pagelet.

See [Chapter 9, "Using Portal Caching Features," page 211.](#)

Pagelet Category

Select the category in which you want the navigation pagelet to appear for selection on the Personalize Content page.

Available pagelet categories are defined in the Structure and Content component. Select the Portal Objects folder link, then select the Pagelets folder link. Select the Add Folder link to add a pagelet category folder.

See [Chapter 5, "Administering Portals," Managing Portal Objects, page 152.](#)

Structure and Content

Select to access the Content Ref Administration page, where you can access details about the content reference created for the navigation pagelet publication. For example, you can check on the results of the Sync Collection Security (synchronize collection security) Application Engine process (PTPP_SCSYNC) and change content reference label text or manually update the security.

See [Chapter 4, "Working With Navigation Pages," Understanding Portal Utility Processes, page 88](#) and [Chapter 5, "Administering Portals," Administering Content References, page 121.](#)

Navigation Page

Select to publish the Navigation Collection as a navigation page, which can be accessed from the menu.

Security Access

Select one of these values:

Public Access: Select to give all users access to the page. This option is selected by default.

Allow Collection Sync (allow collection synchronization). Select to make the page eligible for processing by the Sync Collection Security process.

Do Not Allow Collection Sync (do not allow collection synchronization). Select if you do not want the page security updated by the Sync Collection Security process. Select this option to ensure that any security you manually define for the page is not overridden by the process.

See [Chapter 4, "Working With Navigation Pages," Understanding Portal Utility Processes, page 88.](#)

Enable Caching

Select to have role-based caching enabled for this published page. Selecting this option adds portal caching attributes to the published navigation page.

See [Chapter 9, "Using Portal Caching Features," page 211.](#)

Move

Click to access the Select Source Folder page, where you can select the parent folder in which you want the navigation page to display in the left-navigation menu.

See [Chapter 4, "Working With Navigation Pages," Selecting a Source Folder, page 71.](#)

Structure and Content

Select to access the Content Ref Administration page, where you can access details about the content reference created for the navigation page publication. For example, you can check on the results of the Sync Collection Security process and change navigation page label text.

See [Chapter 4, "Working With Navigation Pages," Understanding Portal Utility Processes, page 88](#) and [Chapter 5, "Administering Portals," Administering Content References, page 121.](#)

Publishing Pagelets

This section discusses how to:

- Publish a pagelet from a source portal to multiple target portals that reside in the same database as the source portal.
- Publish multiple pagelets from a source portal to a target portal that resides in the same database as the source portal.

Note. The Publish Pagelets component can be used with Pagelet Wizard and Portal Pack pagelets.

Pages Used to Publish Pagelets to Other Portals

| <i>Page Name</i> | <i>Definition Name</i> | <i>Navigation</i> | <i>Usage</i> |
|-----------------------------|------------------------|--|--|
| Publish to Multiple Portals | PTPP_PMPUBPRTL | PeopleTools, Portal, Portal Utilities, Publish Pagelets, Publish to Multiple Portals | Copy a pagelet from a source portal and publish it to multiple target portals that reside in the same database as the source portal. |
| Publish Multiple Pagelets | PTPP_PMPUBPGLT | PeopleTools, Portal, Portal Utilities, Publish Pagelets, Publish Multiple Pagelets | Copy multiple pagelets from a source portal and publish them to a selected target portal that resides in the same database as the source portal. |

Publishing a Pagelet to Multiple Portals

Access the Publish to Multiple Portals page (PeopleTools, Portal, Portal Utilities, Publish Pagelets, Publish to Multiple Portals).

Publish to Multiple Portals

Publish Multiple Pagelets

Publishing a pagelet entails copying it from the Source Portal to the Target Portal. Selecting a Target Portal where the pagelet already exists will overwrite the Target Portal's pagelet.

Pagelet

*Source Portal:

EMPLOYEE

Employee-facing registry content

Pagelet Type:

☒ Homepage Pagelet
 ☐ Template Pagelet

*Pagelet Name:

PT_PSRF_REPRT_PAGELET_GBL

My Reports

Target Portals

Customize | Find | View All | First 1-5 of 5 Last

Title

Description

| Select | Portal Name | Pagelet Exists As | |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------|-------------------|--|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | CUSTOMER | My Reports | Go to Tab Content / Layout |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | EMPLOYEE | My Reports | Go to Tab Content / Layout |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | PARTNER | My Reports | Go to Tab Content / Layout |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | PS_SITETEMPLATE | My Reports | Go to Tab Content / Layout |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | SUPPLIER | My Reports | Go to Tab Content / Layout |

☒ Select All
 ☐ Clear All

Publish Pagelet

Publish to Multiple Portals page

Pagelet

Source Portal

Select the portal from which you want to copy a pagelet. You can select from portals that reside in the same database where you are currently logged in.

Pagelet Type

Select the type of pagelet you want to copy. Options are:

- *Homepage Pagelet.* A homepage pagelet is a version of a pagelet that is available for use on the portal homepage and can be configured by the end user.
- *Template Pagelet.* A template pagelet is a version of a pagelet that can be added to a PeopleSoft template. These pagelets can extract and leverage keys specified by the target transaction for the template. Publishing a pagelet as a template pagelet is useful when Context Manager or WorkCenter pages are used to display the template pagelet.

Pagelet Name

Select a pagelet that exists in the selected Source Portal registry. This is the pagelet content reference you want to publish to one or more other portal registries that reside in the database where you are currently logged in.

Target Portals

Warning! Selecting a target portal in which the selected pagelet already exists overwrites the pagelet content reference in the target portal.

| | |
|---------------------------------|--|
| Select | Select to publish the selected pagelet to the selected target portal. Use the Portal Name and Title fields to identify the available target portals. |
| Pagelet Exists As | <p>If the pagelet you have selected to copy and publish to a target portal already exists in the target portal, this field is populated with the pagelet title as it exists in the portal registry.</p> <p>For instance, in the example shown here the Technology News pagelet is selected for copying from the EMPLOYEE source portal to the CUSTOMER target portal. The Pagelet Exists As field shows that this pagelet also already exists in the CUSTOMER target portal. If you copy the pagelet to the CUSTOMER portal, the pagelet definition in the CUSTOMER portal is overwritten by the pagelet definition in the EMPLOYEE source portal.</p> |
| Go to Tab Content/Layout | Click this link to display the Tab Content and Tab Layout pages where you can specify display settings for the pagelet. |
| Publish Pagelet | <p>Select to copy the pagelet definition from the source portal and publish it in the selected target portals.</p> <p>Content reference portal registry entries are created in the registries of all selected target portals using the same values that exist in the original pagelet registration in the source portal.</p> <p>If the folder in which the original pagelet is registered does not exist for a selected target portal registry, it is dynamically generated.</p> |

Publishing Multiple Pagelets to a Portal

Access the Publish Multiple Pagelets page (PeopleTools, Portal, Portal Utilities, Publish Pagelets, Publish Multiple Pagelets).

Publish to Multiple Portals

Publish Multiple Pagelets

Publishing a pagelet entails copying it from the Source Portal to the Target Portal. To overwrite pagelets that already exist in the Target Portal, use the Publish to Multiple Portals page.

Pagelet Criteria

*Source Portal:

EMPLOYEE

Employee-facing registry content

*Target Portal:

CUSTOMER

Customer-facing registry content

Pagelet Type:

☒ Homepage Pagelet
 ☐ Template Pagelet

Pagelet Keyword:

Search

Reset

Pagelets

Customize | Find | View 100 | First 1-10 of 130 Last

| Select | Pagelet ID | Title |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | ADMN_USERROLES_HMPG | User Roles |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | ADMN_WC_QUERY_ROLES_HMPG | My Roles |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | BART_SCHEDULE | Bart Schedule |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | CALCULATOR | Calculator |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | CALENDAR | Calendar |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | CURRENCY_CONVERTER | Currency Converter |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | DICTIONARY | Dictionary |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | DISPLAYCOOKIES | Display Cookies |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | EPSPF_E_WOAPR_GBL | Work Order Approval (D) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | EP_AP_CFOP_AVGMAIN_GBL | Average Days in Payables |

☒ Select All
 ☐ Clear All

Publish Multiple Pagelets page

Pagelet Criteria**Source Portal**

Select the portal from which to copy a pagelet. You can select from portals that reside in the same database where you are currently logged in.

Target Portal

Select the portal to which you want to copy pagelets. You can select from portals that reside in the same database where you are currently logged in.

After you select the source and target portals, the Pagelet group box displays a list of pagelets that are registered in the source portal but not the target portal.

Pagelet Type

Select the type of pagelet you want to copy. Options are:

- *Homepage Pagelet.* A homepage pagelet is a version of a pagelet that is available for use on the portal homepage and can be configured by the end user.
- *Template Pagelet.* A template pagelet is a version of a pagelet that can be added to a PeopleSoft template. These pagelets can extract and leverage keys specified by the target transaction for the template. Publishing a pagelet as a template pagelet is useful when Context Manager or WorkCenter pages are used to display the template pagelet.

Pagelet Keyword

Enter keywords to narrow the scope of pagelets displayed in the Pagelet group box.

Pagelets**Select**

Select to publish selected pagelets to the selected target portal. Use the Pagelet ID, Title, and Description fields on the Title and Description tabs to identify the pagelet.

Publish Selected Pagelets

Select to copy the pagelet definition from the source portal and publish it any selected target portals.

Content reference portal registry entries are created in the target portal registry using the same values that exist for the original pagelet in the source portal registry.

If a folder in which an original pagelet is registered does not exist for a selected target portal registry, it is dynamically generated.

Running Portal Utility Processes

This section provides overviews of portal utility processes and discusses how to:

- Run the Synchronize Collection Security process.
- Run the Delete Empty Folders process.
- Run the Clean Portal Project process.

Understanding Portal Utility Processes

This section discusses:

- The Synchronize Collection Security Process.

- The Delete Empty Folders Process.
- The Clean Portal Project Process.

The Synchronize Collection Security Process

The Synchronize Collection Security Application Engine process (PTPP_SCSYNC) updates security for published Navigation Collection pages and pagelets by adding permission lists and/or roles defined for content references and folders in the Navigation Collection to the published navigation page or pagelet permissions.

The Synchronize Collection Security process runs for Navigation Collection publications according to the Security Access options set for the publication on the Publish Collection page. The process runs for Navigation Collection publications that are published with the *Allow Collection Sync* option selected. The process is not run for Navigation Collection publications that are published with the *Do Not Allow Collection Sync* option selected. The process removes extraneous security objects for Navigation Collections that were published with the *Public Access* option selected.

Run this process after security updates, and when you publish or change a navigation page or pagelet with the *Allow Collection Sync* option selected.

See [Chapter 4, "Working With Navigation Pages," Publishing Navigation Collections, page 80.](#)

The Delete Empty Folders Process

The Delete Empty Folders Application Engine process (PTPP_FD_DEL) deletes portal registry folder references that do not contain child folders or content. The process does not delete empty Navigation Collection folder placeholders, nor the My Favorites folder. The user ID running the process must have been assigned the security role of Portal Administrator.

Run this process when you are deleting content references during an upgrade or implementation, and you are removing out-of-date navigation and replacing it with the current delivered navigation. You should also run this process after copying a "delete" portal project.

The Clean Portal Project Process

The Clean Portal Project Application Engine process (PTPP_CPPROJ) removes unnecessary and potentially harmful data from a portal project definition before you copy it to the PeopleSoft Enterprise Portal. Run this process as a part of an upgrade or implementation when you want to load navigation from a content provider into the PeopleSoft Enterprise Portal.

The Clean Portal Project process removes common objects from the content provider portal project that, because they are common, also exist in the PeopleSoft Enterprise Portal. Run this process on the portal project before copying it to the PeopleSoft Enterprise Portal so that you don't override these common objects configured for use with the PeopleSoft Enterprise Portal with the common objects that were configured in the content provider.

The Clean Portal Project process ensures that you only copy the navigation objects that you feel are necessary, such as registry structures, templates, and permissions.

Warning! Navigation Collections cannot be rendered in the PeopleSoft Enterprise Portal if the content provider registry is hosted by a non-local node.

Because Navigation Collections actively access the registry, a published Navigation Collection page or pagelet cannot be rendered for a registry that is hosted by a non-local node. If you want to render a content provider Navigation Collection page or pagelet in the PeopleSoft Enterprise Portal, the content provider's registry must be hosted by a local node in the content provider database.

See [Chapter 5, "Administering Portals," page 99](#).

Pages Used to Run Portal Utility Processes

| Page Name | Definition Name | Navigation | Usage |
|---------------------------------|-----------------|---|--|
| Synchronize Collection Security | PTPP_SCSYNC_RUN | PeopleTools, Portal, Portal Utilities, Sync Collection Security | Set run control parameters for the Sync Collection Security process. |
| Delete Empty Folders | PTPP_FD_RUN | PeopleTools, Portal, Portal Utilities, Delete Empty Folders | Set run control parameters for the Delete Empty Folders process. |
| Clean Portal Project | PTPP_CPPROJ_RUN | PeopleTools, Portal, Portal Utilities, Clean Portal Project | Set run control parameters for the Clean Portal Project process. |

Running the Synchronize Collection Security Process

Access the Synchronize Collection Security page (PeopleTools, Portal, Portal Utilities, Sync Collection Security).

Synchronize Collection Security

The Synchronize Collection Security process updates the security on the published Navigation Collection pages. Select a Collection Name to only synchronize the published pages for that collection. Leave the Collection Name blank to synchronize all the published pages in the specified Portal Name. The process adds the security objects of the folders and links, in the collection definition, to the published pages that are marked as 'Allow Collection Sync'. It removes security objects from the published pages marked as 'Public'.

Run Control ID: 1 [Report Manager](#) [Process Monitor](#)

Request Parameters

*Portal Name:  Customer-facing registry content

Collection Name: 

Synchronize Collection Security page

Request Parameters

| | |
|------------------------|--|
| Portal Name | Select the portal for which you want to synchronize security for published Navigation Collections. |
| Collection Name | <p>Select the Navigation Collection for which you want to synchronize security. Only Navigation Collections created for the selected portal are available for selection.</p> <p>Leave this field blank if you want to synchronize security for all non-public Navigation Collection publications that exist in the selected portal.</p> <hr/> <p>Note. Navigation Collection pages or pagelets that were published with the <i>Do Not Allow Security Sync</i> option selected on the Publish Collection page are not eligible for processing.</p> <hr/> |

See Also

Chapter 4, "Working With Navigation Pages," Publishing Navigation Collections, page 80

Running the Delete Empty Folders Process


Access the Delete Empty Folders page (PeopleTools, Portal, Portal Utilities, Delete Empty Folders).

Delete Empty Folders

The Delete Empty Folder process deletes empty portal registry folder references that do not contain any child folders or child content. It will not delete empty Navigation Collection folder placeholders or the 'My Favorites' folder. The User ID running this process must have the security role 'Portal Administrator'.

Run Control ID: 1 [Report Manager](#) [Process Monitor](#)

Request Parameters

*Portal Name: 

Delete Empty Folders page

Request Parameters

| | |
|--------------------|--|
| Portal Name | Select the portal for which you want to delete portal registry folder references that do not contain child folders or content. |
|--------------------|--|

Running the Clean Portal Project Process


Access the Clean Portal Project page (PeopleTools, Portal, Portal Utilities, Clean Portal Project).


Clean Portal Project


The Clean Portal Project process removes unnecessary data from a Portal Project definition before it is copied to the PeopleSoft Enterprise Portal. To create a clean Portal Project, perform the following tasks.

- 1) Create a project in Application Designer, include all Permission Lists and a Portal Registry Definition, include the Related Definitions of Portal Registry Structures.
- 2) Run this Clean Portal Process against the created project.
- 3) Delete the 2-tier database cache using Configuration Manager.
- 4) In Application Designer, export the cleaned project to file.

Run Control ID: 2 [Report Manager](#) [Process Monitor](#) Run

*Project Name:  Composite PeopleTools Project

*Portal Name:  Employee-facing registry content

*Content Provider Name:  [Node Definition](#)

Project Options

☐ Full Navigation

☒ Select Objects

Clean Portal Project page (1 of 2)

Select Objects

☒ Include Pagelets

Select Pagelets

To include content references for Pagelet Personalizations you must have the Content URI text populated for the Content Provider Name selected above. Use the Node Definition link provided to add the Content URI text.

☐ All Pagelets
☒ Selected Pagelets

| | *Pagelet Name | Pagelet Label |
|---|----------------------|----------------------|
| 1 | <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> |

☒ Include Collection Pages

Select Collection Pages

☐ All Collection Pages
☒ Selected Collection Pages

| | *Collection Page Name | Collection Page Label |
|---|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| 1 | <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> |

☒ Include Folders

Select Folders

☐ All Folders
☒ Selected Folders

| | *Folder Name | Folder Label |
|---|----------------------|----------------------|
| 1 | <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> |

Clean Portal Project page (2 of 2)

Project Name

Select the portal project that you want to clean for export into the PeopleSoft Enterprise Portal. Projects available for selection are those in the database that contain at least one registry structure.

Portal Name

Select the portal that contains the registry structures you want to copy. Available portal names are derived from the portal project you selected, as well from as the project data that contains the portal name of the registry structures.

Content Provider Name

Select the content provider node name of the registry structure you want to include in your portal project. Available node names are derived from the portal project you selected.

Node Definition

Select to access the Node Definitions - Portal Content page. If you select the Include Pagelets option, you must have a URL value in the node definition to enable the Clean Portal Project process to correctly include personalization pages for the pagelets you copy over to the PeopleSoft Enterprise Portal. Access the Node Definitions - Portal Content page to enter the content URI text for the content provider node name selected on this page.

When you select this link, you are prompted to save or cancel any changes you have made in the component, and you are then transferred to the Node Definitions - Portal Content page.

See [Chapter 10, "Configuring the Portal Environment," Defining Portal Nodes, page 268.](#)

Project Options**Full Navigation**

Select to run the Clean Portal Project process on all objects in the portal project.

Select Objects

Select to run the Clean Portal Project process on select objects in the portal project. When you select this option, the Select Objects group box displays, enabling you to select the type of navigation you want to include in your portal project.

Use this option if you don't want to copy and maintain the full content provider navigation structure.

Select Objects**Include Pagelets**

Select to include pagelets (including Navigation Collection pagelets) in the portal project in the run of the Clean Portal Project process. When you select this option, the Select Pagelets group box displays, enabling you to specify which pagelets you want to be processed.

The actual published Navigation Collection pagelet content references are included for copying to the PeopleSoft Enterprise Portal. The Navigation Collection definitions are not included.

Pagelet personalization pages are included in the portal project if the content provider node name contains the correct URL. Select the Node Definition link to access the Node Definitions - Portal Content page, where you can enter this URL.

Include Collection Pages

Select to include Navigation Collection pages in the portal project in the run of the Clean Portal Project process. When you select this option, the Select Collection Pages group box displays, enabling you to specify which Navigation Collection pages you want to be processed. The actual published Navigation Collection pages are included for copying to the PeopleSoft Enterprise Portal. The Navigation Collection definitions are not included.

Include Folders

Select to include folders in the portal project in the run of the Clean Portal Project process. When you select this option, the Select Folders group box displays, enabling you to specify which folders you want to be processed.

Selecting a folder for inclusion in the process also includes all of its children and parents for copying into the PeopleSoft Enterprise Portal.

Select Pagelets**All Pagelets**

Select to include all pagelets in the portal project in the run of the Clean Portal Project process.

Selected Pagelets

Select to include only selected pagelets in the portal project in the run of the Clean Portal Project process. Selecting this option displays the Pagelet Name field, enabling you to select specific pagelets that you want to be processed.

Select Collection Pages**All Collection Pages**

Select to include all published Navigation Collection pages in the portal project in the run of the Clean Portal Project process.

Selected Collection Pages

Select to include only selected published Navigation Collection pages in the portal project in the run of the Clean Portal Project process. Selecting this option displays the Collection Page Name field, enabling you to select specific published Navigation Collection pages that you want to be processed.

Select Folders**All Folders**

Select to include all folders in the portal project in the run of the Clean Portal Project process.

Selected Folders

Select to include only selected folders in the portal project in the run of the Clean Portal Project process. Selecting this option displays the Folder Name field, enabling you to select specific folders that you want to be processed.

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Administering Portals

This chapter provides an overview of portal administration and discusses how to:

- Administer portal definitions.
- Administer folders.
- Administer content references.
- Manage folders and content references.
- Manage general portal settings.
- Manage portal objects.
- Review menu item information.
- Build registry search indexes.

Understanding Portal Administration

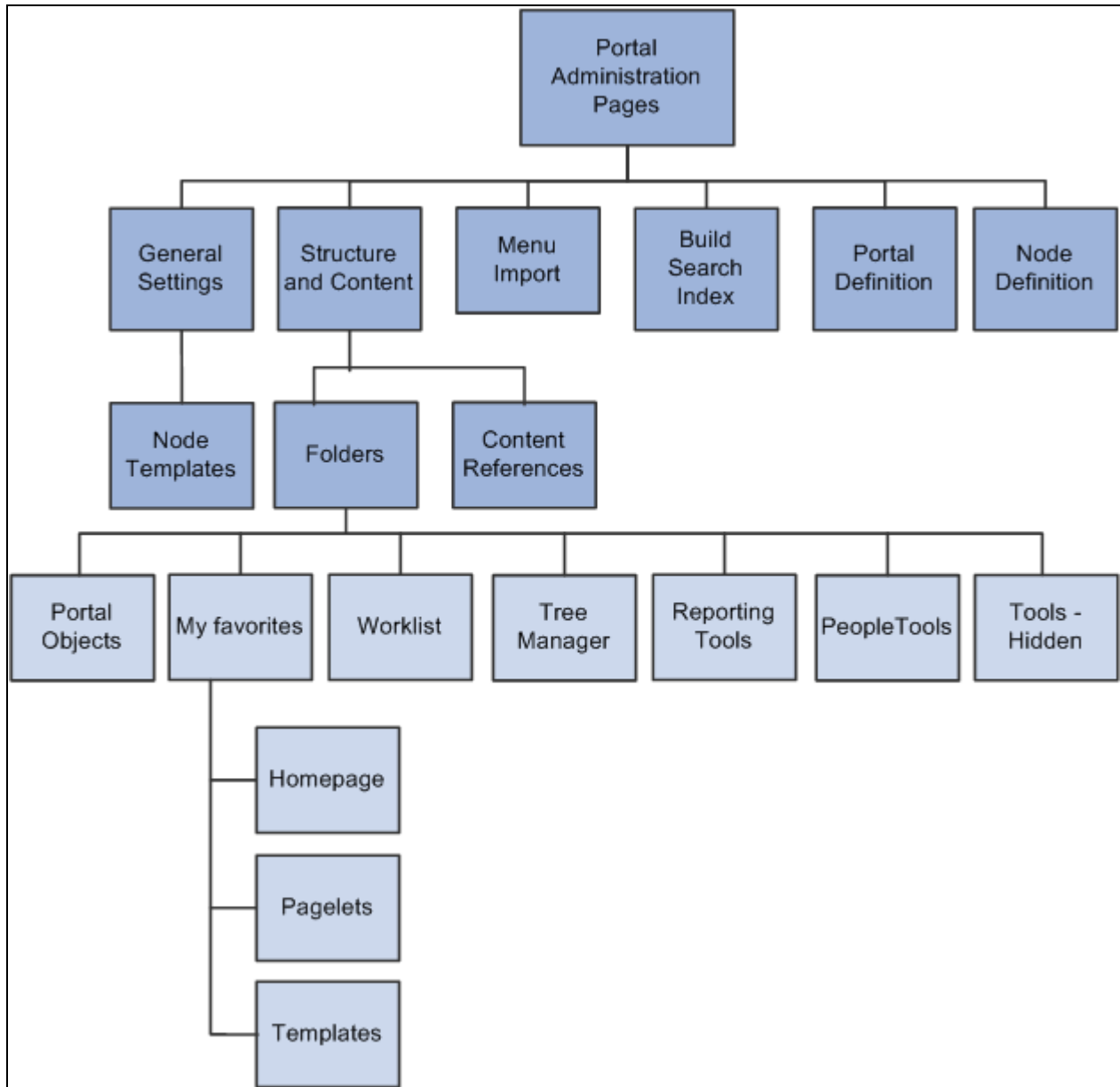
Every component delivered with PeopleSoft applications is pre-registered within the portal registry as a content reference. Common administrative tasks include adding, deleting, and renaming portal definitions. If you have portal administrator access, you can use the administration pages to manage the registry, including folders, content references, and security.

Additionally, to provide programmatic access to the portal registry, PeopleSoft delivers a portal registry API. This API provides the same kind of registry management capability as the administration pages and is fully described in the PeopleCode documentation. You can also manage the registry with the registration wizard.

You use the administration pages to:

- Manage the structure and content of a portal, including folders and external content references.
- Manage general portal settings, including the portal description and node templates.
- Populate a portal registry with custom menus by importing menu definitions.
- Generate a Verity search index or collection for use with your portal, based on the content of the portal registry.
- Add, edit, and delete local and remote portal definitions.

The following diagram shows the organizational structure of the portal administration pages and folder definitions. Note the location of the special Portal Objects folder. This folder contains folders and content references for all templates and pagelets associated with a given portal.



Portal administration pages

Note. To access the portal administration pages, you must have the appropriate permissions in PeopleSoft Security.

See Also

PeopleTools 8.51 PeopleBook: PeopleSoft Integration Broker Administration, "Adding and Configuring Nodes"

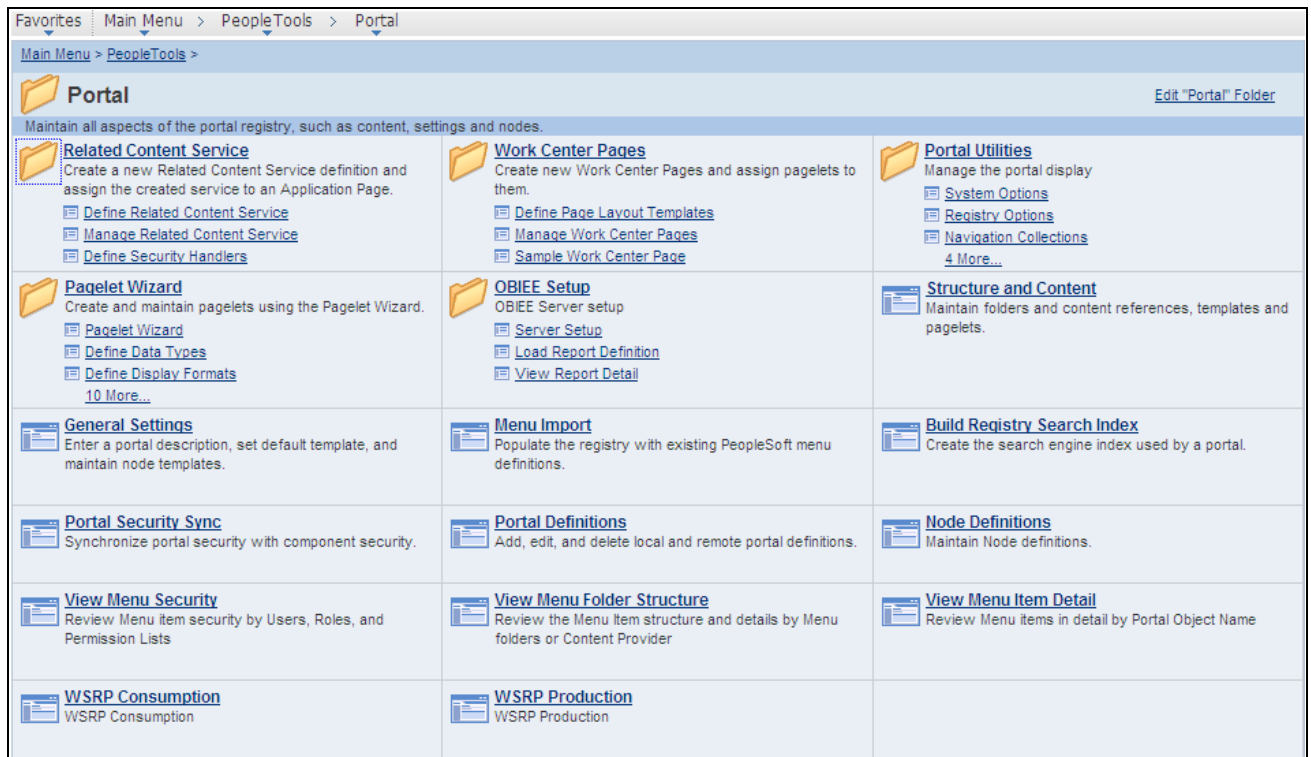
Understanding Folder Navigation

PeopleSoft applications integrate folder into the navigation structure. Folders are upper level containers that group other folders and content references into meaningful, organized, task-related sets. While most forms of navigation in PeopleSoft applications use folders, the term *folder navigation* has a specific meaning for PeopleTools portals. Folder navigation refers to a specific response by the portal when the user clicks a folder.

If folder navigation is not enabled, then when the user clicks any menu item in the menu structure, the item expands to display any sub menus and content reference. The user continues to expand folders by clicking them until the content reference is found. Nothing content appears in the target area until the user clicks the content reference.

Folder navigation provides the user with a more graphical and intuitive approach to traversing the menu structure. If folder navigation is enabled when the user *clicks* the folder label, instead of expanding the menu, the system displays a navigation page in the target content area. In this navigation page, the user sees graphical representations of folders and links to which she has access.

Folder navigation is the standard method of navigation delivered in PeopleSoft applications. Almost all folder navigation pages have the same look and feel because they use the default folder standard navigation object (page). This example shows the default navigation page that appears if you click the Portal menu when folder navigation is enabled:



Default navigation page

Traversing the Menu Without Engaging Navigation Pages

When folder navigation is enabled, you can still quickly traverse a menu without triggering navigation pages by using one of these methods:

- *For drop-down navigation:* Hover the mouse over the folder icon or the folder name. This action causes the menus to cascade sideward revealing sub folders and content references.
- *For left navigation:* Click the triangle icon to the left of the menu name. This action causes the menus to expand downward revealing sub menus and content references.

Important! You enable folder navigation at the portal definition and general portal settings levels. Both must be enabled for this feature to work. When you enable folder navigation at the site level, all folders are navigable by using this method, however you can disable or override folder navigation at the individual folder level.

See [Chapter 5, "Administering Portals," Adding and Editing Portal Definitions, page 106.](#)

See [Chapter 5, "Administering Portals," Managing General Portal Settings, page 148.](#)

See Also

[Chapter 4, "Working With Navigation Pages," Understanding Navigation Pages, page 43](#)

Common Elements Used in This Chapter

| | |
|--------------------------------------|--|
| Chart Navigation Object Name | <p>At the portal definition and general settings levels, specify the content reference that creates the look and feel of SmartNavigation folders. The system default value is <i>PT_PORTAL_DEFAULT_CHART_NAV</i>, which is a hidden iScript-based content reference that renders the basic SmartNavigation page.</p> <p>At the individual folder level, specify object that overrides the system-level chart navigation object.</p> <p>If you don't specify a value at the folder level, the portal uses the system-level chart navigation object.</p> |
| Folder Navigation Object Name | <p>At the portal definition and general settings levels, specify the content reference that system launches when the user clicks a folder name. The system default value is <i>PT_PTPP_SCFNAV_BASEPAGE_SCR</i>, which is a hidden iScript-based content reference that renders the PeopleSoft basic navigation page.</p> <p>At the individual folder level, specify an object that overrides the system-level default.</p> <p>If you don't specify a value at the folder level, the portal uses the system-level folder navigation object.</p> |
| Is Folder Navigation Disabled | <p>Select to override the system-level default setting and disable folder navigation for individual folders.</p> <hr/> <p>Note. If you disable and then re-enable folder navigation at the system level, this field is automatically cleared.</p> <hr/> |
| Is Folder Navigation Enabled | <p>Select to enable folder navigation for all folders in the current portal registry or selected portal definition.</p> <p>When enabled, if the user clicks the folder name in the menu structure, the navigation page or a content reference that you specify in the Folder Navigation Object Name field appears in the target area.</p> |
| (Object) Owner ID | <p>Select the owner of the portal object such as portal, folder, or content reference. The owner ID helps to determine the team that created or modified the object. You can define unique owner IDs for your organization by entering field translate values for the OBJECTOWNERID field using PeopleSoft Application Designer. Do not use PeopleSoft owner IDs.</p> |

Administering Portal Definitions

This section discusses how to:

- Define portals.

- Add and edit portal definitions.
- Change default portals.

Common Elements Used in This Section

| | |
|----------------------------|---|
| Portal Name | Name to appear as the portal label. This value is used for the browser window title when a long description has not been entered. |
| Hosted by this node | The node where the portal is defined. This is either a remote or local node. The node must be previously defined on the Maintain Node Definitions page. |

Pages Used to Administer Portal Definitions


| <i>Page Name</i> | <i>Definition Name</i> | <i>Navigation</i> | <i>Usage</i> |
|----------------------|------------------------|---|---|
| Portal Definitions | PORTAL_DEFINITIONS | PeopleTools, Portal, Portal Definitions | Define portals from other databases and associate them with a node. |
| Add Portal | PORTAL_DEFN_ADD | Click the Add button on the Portal Definitions page. | Create a new portal definition. |
| Edit Portal | PORTAL_DEFN_ADD | Click the Edit button on the Portal Definitions page. | Update existing portal definitions. |
| Removal Confirmation | PORTAL_DEFN_DEL | Click the Delete button on the Portal Definitions page. | Delete portal definitions. |

Defining Portals

Access the Portal Definitions page (PeopleTools, Portal, Portal Definitions).

Portal Definitions

Current Portal: EMPLOYEE

| Portal Definitions | | | | Customize | Find |  | First | 1-7 of 7 | Last |
|--------------------|-----------------|---------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|---|-------|----------|------|
| Portal Type | Portal Name | Hosted by this node | Default | Edit | Add | Delete | | | |
| Local | CUSTOMER | ERP | <input type="checkbox"/> | <button>Edit</button> | <button>Add</button> | <button>Delete</button> | | | |
| Local | EMPLOYEE | LOCAL_NODE | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | | <button>Add</button> | | | | |
| Local | MOBILE | LOCAL_NODE | <input type="checkbox"/> | <button>Edit</button> | <button>Add</button> | <button>Delete</button> | | | |
| Local | PARTNER | LOCAL_NODE | <input type="checkbox"/> | <button>Edit</button> | <button>Add</button> | <button>Delete</button> | | | |
| Local | PORTAL | LOCAL_NODE | <input type="checkbox"/> | <button>Edit</button> | <button>Add</button> | <button>Delete</button> | | | |
| Local | PS_SITETEMPLATE | LOCAL_NODE | <input type="checkbox"/> | | <button>Add</button> | | | | |
| Local | SUPPLIER | ERP | <input type="checkbox"/> | <button>Edit</button> | <button>Add</button> | <button>Delete</button> | | | |

Portal Definitions page

You can have multiple portals on a database or create one portal on multiple databases. You can define portals from other databases and associate them with a node. This supports transfers between portals and redirected requests for a portal not supported by the local web server.

| | |
|--------------------|--|
| Portal Type | Displays the attribute of the selected node. Possible types are <i>Local</i> or <i>Remote</i> . |
| Default | Select to use this as the default node. Only local nodes can be the default. If you change the default, be sure to click the Save button. |
| Edit | Click to update the portal definition. <hr/> Note. This button does not appear for the site template or the local node that is currently in use. To modify the current portal, use the General Settings page. <hr/> See Chapter 5, "Administering Portals," Managing General Portal Settings, page 148. |
| Add | Click to add a new portal definition. The new portal is listed in alphabetical order. |
| Delete | Click to delete a portal definition. You cannot delete the site template or node that is currently in use. |

See Also

[Chapter 5, "Administering Portals," Managing General Portal Settings, page 147](#)

Adding and Editing Portal Definitions

Access the Portal Definitions - Add Portal page (Click the Add button on the Portal Definitions page).

Portal Definitions

Add Portal

*Portal Name:

*Hosted by this node:

Long Description:

Default Template Name:

Object Owner ID

Folder Navigation

☐ Is Folder Navigation Enabled

Folder Navigation Object Name:

Chart Navigation Object Name

Add Portal page

Note. The Edit Portal page contains the same fields as the Add Portal page (Click the Edit button on the Portal Definitions page).

- Long Description

Enter a description to be used by screen readers if accessibility mode is turned on.

This value is also used as the browser window title. If you don't enter a value in this field, the portal name is used as the browser window title.
- Default Template Name

Select the template to use for this new portal.

Folder Navigation

Use these fields to enable folder navigation and define the objects associated with folder navigation for portals other than the one your are currently signed into. To enable folder navigation for the current portal, use the General Settings page.

Important! Folder navigation is not enabled unless you select the Is Folder Navigation Enabled check box on both the Portal Definition and General Settings pages. Is Folder Navigation Enabled is selected by default in the standard PeopleTools portals.

See [Chapter 5, "Administering Portals," Managing General Portal Settings, page 148.](#)

Changing Default Portals

There are two ways to change the default portal:

- Change the default portal in the portal definition.
- Insert the new default portal name into the URL.

Changing the Default Portal in the Portal Definition

To change the default portal:

1. In the current default portal, select PeopleTools, Portal, Portal Definitions.
2. Select the Default check box for the portal that you want to open.
3. Save.
4. Sign out.
5. Shut down and restart the portal's web server.
6. Sign in.

When you sign in, the new default portal is invoked.

Changing the Default Portal by Inserting the New Portal Name in the URL

You can also change the default portal by changing the URL. To change the URL, insert the new portal name instead of the existing portal name. For example, to change to the supplier portal from the employee portal, make the following substitution.

URL before the change: `http://localhost/ps/ps/EMPLOYEE/QE_LOCAL/c/UTILITIES.PORTAL_DEFINITIONS.GBL`

URL after the change: `http://localhost/ps/ps/SUPPLIER/QE_LOCAL/c/UTILITIES.PORTAL_DEFINITIONS.GBL`

Note. This type of portal change is valid until the browser session is closed.

Administering Folders

This section presents an overview of folders, their common elements, and discusses how to:

- Define standard navigation folders.
- Define SmartNavigation folders.
- Delete folders.
- Set folder security.

Understanding Folder Administration

In the portal registry, folders organize content references into a multilevel hierarchy. Each folder can contain content references as well as other folders. Folders and content references share many of the same properties.

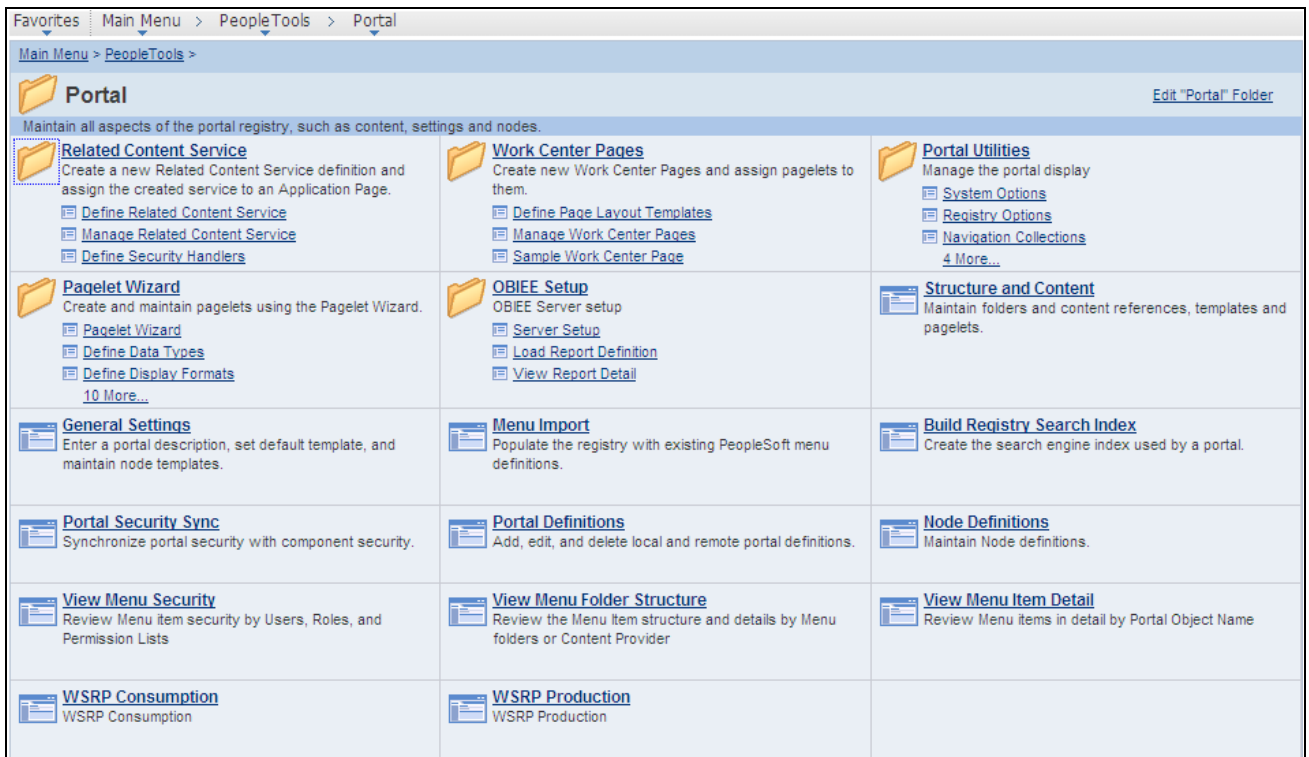
You can define these two types of folders in PeopleSoft applications:

- Standard navigation folders.
- SmartNavigation folders.

Standard Navigation Folders

Standard navigation folders are container structures that you create to group other folders and content references into meaningful collections of business processes or tasks. When you configure standard navigation folders, you must explicitly define the location of each folder, subfolder or content reference in the portal menu structure. The portal uses your configuration to build the menu, which remains static unless you modify the configuration.

Standard navigation folders cascade open when you hover your mouse over them and generate navigation pages when you click them. Standard navigation folders can appear at any level in the menu hierarchy in both the Menu pagelet or the Main Menu drop-down navigation. Most PeopleSoft application folders are standard navigation folders, like this one:



Standard navigation folder page

See [Chapter 4, "Working With Navigation Pages," Standard Navigation Pages, page 44.](#)

SmartNavigation Folders

SmartNavigation folders differ from standard folders in several ways. SmartNavigation folders can only appear in the Main Menu drop-down navigation; they are not accessible to the Menu pagelet. When you configure SmartNavigation folders, you explicitly define the root folder only. The portal uses your application data and the relationships among that data to dynamically generate subfolders and content references based on your data. Your menu structure changes as your data changes.

Similar to standard navigation folders, SmartNavigation folders cascade open when you click the label; however, when you click a SmartNavigation icon, instead of creating a navigation page, the portal servlet displays your data in an organizational chart structure.



SmartNavigation folder showing three level organization chart structure

Note. Because SmartNavigation folders integrate your data into the menu structure, you must specify the data that the system should retrieve. Currently, SmartNavigation folders support only rowsets and trees as data sources.

You can configure SmartNavigation pages to take advantage of related content services so that contextually relevant content references are accessible from each chart node. Users do not have to navigate back through any menu, the links are available under the Actions drop-down list box on the node.

See [Chapter 15, "Developing and Configuring Related Content," Understanding Related Actions Configuration, page 535.](#)

Common Elements Used in This Section

| | |
|--------------------------|--|
| Name | Enter a name for the folder. |
| | Note. The name can consist of letters, digits, and underscores (_). It cannot contain any spaces and cannot begin with a digit. |
| Label | Enter the text to appear as the link for this folder. |
| Copy object | Click this button to access the Copy Object to a Different Portal Registry page, which enables you to copy an existing folder to a different portal registry. This button appears only when you're editing a folder. |
| Select New Parent Folder | Click to copy the folder to a new location within the current portal registry. This button appears only when you're editing a folder. |
| Long Description | Enter text to appear when the cursor rests over the link for this folder. If you leave this field blank, the label appears. |

| | |
|--|--|
| Product | (Optional) Portal-aware applications can use this field for group processing. All PeopleTools objects have the product name <i>PT</i> . |
| Sequence number | Enter a sequence number to define where this folder appears in its parent folder, and therefore where its associated menu entry appears within its parent menu. If you leave the sequence number blank, the folder is added to the top of the list of folders and is displayed in alphabetical order. You can change the sequence only one item at a time, and each time you do so, you must save your changes to see the result. |
| Valid from date and Valid to date | Enter a valid from date. The valid to date is optional and is blank by default. These dates can be used for application-specific processing by portal-aware applications and are used by the portal navigation to determine visibility. |
| Default Chart Navigation Page | <p>Select to replace the standard navigation page with chart-based SmartNavigation page. This field is disabled by default. To enable this field, select a value in the Data Source field.</p> <p>If you select this check box, then the application uses <i>PT_ABN_ORGCHART</i>, the default PeopleTools chart navigation page. If you clear this check box, then you must enter your own value in the Folder Navigation Object Name field.</p> |
| Folder Navigation Object Name | <p>Specify the content reference of the chart navigation component that overrides the system-level folder navigation component.</p> <hr/> <p>Important! You must use the definitions associated with the <i>PT_ABN_ORGCHART</i> component as the basis of any custom folder navigation object.</p> <hr/> <p>See <i>PeopleTools 8.51 PeopleBook: PeopleSoft Application Designer Developer's Guide</i>, "Creating Custom SmartNavigation Pages."</p> <hr/> <p>Note. If you select a content reference that's hidden from portal navigation, the folder navigation occurs, but the menu name that you click remains highlighted.</p> <hr/> |

Pages Used to Administer Folders

| Page Name | Definition Name | Navigation | Usage |
|-----------------------|-----------------|--|---|
| Folder Administration | PORTAL_FLDR_ADM | PeopleTools, Portal, Structure and Content, Portal Objects Navigate to the folder list and select Add Folder to add a new folder, or Edit to edit an existing folder. | Add new folders or edit existing folders. |

| <i>Page Name</i> | <i>Definition Name</i> | <i>Navigation</i> | <i>Usage</i> |
|-------------------------|-------------------------------|--|----------------------|
| Folder Security | PORTAL_FLDR_SEC | PeopleTools, Portal, Structure and Content, Portal Objects, Folder Administration, Folder Security | Set folder security. |

Defining Standard Navigation Folders

Access the Folder Administration page (PeopleTools, Portal, Structure and Content, then click the Add Folder link.).

Folder Administration

Folder Security

[Root](#) >

Folder Administration

*Name: Parent Folder: Root

*Label:

Long Description:
(254 Characters)

Product: *Valid from date: 06/21/2010 Creation Date: 06/21/2010

Sequence number: Valid to date: Author: VP1

Object Owner ID

☐ Hide from portal navigation

Folder Navigation

☐ Is Folder Navigation Disabled ☐ Default Chart Navigation Page

Folder Navigation Object Name:

Application Navigation

Data Source: ☐ Display as Content Reference

Folder Attributes

Name: ☒ Translate

Label:

Attribute value:

Folder Administration page

To define standard navigation folders:

1. Select PeopleTools, Portal, Structure and Content.
2. Navigate to the folder that you want by clicking the folder names.
3. Click the Add folder link to create a new folder.
4. Enter values in the Folder Administration and Folder Attributes fields.
5. Set the folder security.

See [Chapter 5, "Administering Portals," Setting Folder Security, page 120.](#)

6. Save the folder.

This table describes the fields that you use to define and maintain folders.

| | |
|--|---|
| Name | Enter a unique name for the folder. <hr/> Note. The name can consist of letters, digits, and underscores (_). It cannot contain any spaces and cannot begin with a digit. <hr/> |
| Label | Enter the text to appear as the link for this folder. |
| Copy object | Click this button to access the Copy Object to a Different Portal Registry page, which enables you to copy an existing folder to a different portal registry. This button appears only when you're editing a folder. |
| Parent Folder | The name of the current parent folder. This field is display-only. |
| Select New Parent Folder | Click to copy the folder to a new location within the current portal registry. This button appears only when you're editing a folder. |
| Long Description | Enter text to appear when the cursor rests over the link for this folder. If you leave this field blank, the label appears. |
| Product | (Optional) Portal-aware applications can use this field for group processing. All PeopleTools objects have the product name <i>PT</i> . |
| Sequence number | Enter a sequence number to define where this folder appears in its parent folder, and therefore where its associated menu entry appears within its parent menu. If you leave the sequence number blank, the folder is added to the top of the list of folders and is displayed in alphabetical order. You can change the sequence only one item at a time, and each time you do so, you must save your changes to see the result. |
| Valid from date and Valid to date | Enter a valid from date. The valid to date is optional and is blank by default. These dates can be used for application-specific processing by portal-aware applications and are used by the portal navigation to determine visibility. |
| Hide From Portal Navigation | Select to make this folder invisible to users. |

Application Navigation

Use these fields to define the data source parameters for SmartNavigation folders.

See [Chapter 5, "Administering Portals," Application Navigation, page 118.](#)

Folder Attributes

(Optional) Specify a name, a label, and an attribute value for each attribute. These values can be used by portal-aware applications for application-specific processing. Select the Translate check box to make an attribute's label and attribute value translatable.

See Also

PeopleTools 8.51 PeopleBook: PeopleSoft Applications User's Guide, "Working With Browser-Based Applications," Using the Menu Pagelet

Chapter 5, "Administering Portals," Content Reference Attributes, page 128

Defining SmartNavigation Folders

Access the Folder Administration page (PeopleTools, Portal, Structure and Content, then click the Add Folder link.).

Folder Administration

Folder Security

[Root](#) > My Organization

Folder Administration

Name: MYORG **Parent Folder:** Root
***Label:**
Long Description:
(254 Characters)
Product: ***Valid from date:** **Creation Date:** 06/17/2010
Sequence number: **Valid to date:** **Author:** VP1
Object Owner ID PeopleSoft Documentation
☐ Hide from portal navigation

Folder Navigation

☐ Is Folder Navigation Disabled
 ☒ Default Chart Navigation Page

Folder Navigation Object Name:

Application Navigation

Data Source: ☐ Display as Content Reference
***Node Name:** QE_LOCAL

Tree Properties

***Tree Name:**
SetID:
Set Control Value:
Effective Date:
Tree Branch:
PeopleCode Type:

Folder Attributes

Name: ☒ Translate
Label:
Attribute value:

Folder Administration page showing SmartNavigation folder options

To define SmartNavigation folders:

1. Select PeopleTools, Portal, Structure and Content.
2. Navigate to the folder where you want to add the SmartNavigation folder and click the Add folder link.
3. Enter values in the Folder Administration fields.

4. In the Application Navigation group box, select a data source.
5. If you select *Tree* as the data source, then:

- The Tree Properties fields appear.

Enter the tree properties.

Important! Use valid, active trees only; inactive, draft, or unaudited trees render unexpected results.

SmartNavigation passes the values of several tree-specific fields to the application via URL. Certain characters are inappropriate for use in a URL and should be avoided. When you set up trees, do not use any of the following characters in the tree name, setID, set control value, and tree branch fields: pound (#). percent (%). dollar (\$). ampersand (&). plus (+). comma (,). forward slash/virgule (/). colon (:). semi-colon (;). equals (=). question mark (?). at symbol (@). space (), quotation marks("), less than symbol (<), greater than symbol (>), left curly brace ({), right curly brace (}), vertical bar/pipe (|), backslash (\), caret (^), tilde (~), left square bracket ([), right square bracket (]), and grave accent (`).

- The PeopleCode Type drop-down list box appears.

If the tree uses PeopleCode, select the PeopleCode type and enter the location of the program in the iScript or Application Package fields. If the tree does not use PeopleCode, leave the drop-down list blank.

6. If you select *Rowset* as the data source, then:

- The PeopleCode Type drop-down list box appears. Rowsets are defined by PeopleCode, so you must select a value in this field.
- Select *iScript* or *Application Package* and enter the location of the program in the iScript or Application Package fields, respectively.

Note. If you use an iScript with a tree or rowset, you must grant permissions to the web library and iScript for users who will access the SmartNavigation folder.

See *PeopleTools 8.51 PeopleBook: Security Administration*, "Setting Up Permission Lists," Setting Web Library Permissions.

7. (Optional) To use a non-default chart navigation page, clear the Default Chart Navigation Page check box and enter a value in the Folder Navigation Object Name field.

Important! If the node is a *remote* content site, then you must clear the Default Chart Navigation Page field and then enter a *remote* content reference as the Folder Navigation Object field. Otherwise, the portal cannot generate the correct URL for the SmartNavigation folder. You also must enable single signon.

See *PeopleTools 8.51 PeopleBook: Security Administration*, "Implementing Single Signon."

8. Set the folder security.

See [Chapter 5, "Administering Portals," Setting Folder Security, page 120.](#)

9. Save the folder.

10. Configure any related actions that are necessary.

See [Chapter 15, "Developing and Configuring Related Content," Understanding Related Actions Configuration, page 535.](#)

Application Navigation

Use the fields in this group box to configure SmartNavigation.

The screenshot shows the 'Application Navigation' configuration window. It has a dark blue header with the title 'Application Navigation'. Below the header, there are several sections:

- Data Source:** A dropdown menu set to 'Tree'. To its right is a checkbox labeled 'Display as Content Reference' which is currently unchecked.
- *Node Name:** A text field containing 'QE_LOCAL' with a magnifying glass icon to its right.
- Tree Properties:** A section with a dark blue header. It contains:
 - *Tree Name:** A text field containing 'QE_PERS_DATA'.
 - SetID:** An empty text field.
 - Set Control Value:** An empty text field.
 - Effective Date:** A date picker field showing '31'.
 - Tree Branch:** An empty text field.
- PeopleCode Type:** A dropdown menu set to 'Application Package'.
- Application Package Parameters:** A section with a dark blue header containing three text fields:
 - Application Package:** An empty text field.
 - Application Package Path:** An empty text field.
 - Application Package Method:** An empty text field.

Application Navigation group box on the Folder Administration page

Data Source

Specify the source of the data that builds the SmartNavigation chart.

Select *Tree* to build the chart using a tree. Selecting this value makes the Tree Properties group box appear.

Select *Rowset* to build the chart using a rowset. Selecting this value makes the PeopleCode Type field appear.

When you select a data source, the Default Chart Navigation Page check box is enabled and checked by default and the PeopleCode Type field appears.

Display as Content Reference

Select to replace the default SmartNavigation folder with a content reference icon and link so that the link does not display any submenus, but immediately opens the SmartNavigation chart in the target area. This check box is visible only when the Data Source drop-down list box contains a value.

Note. Applies to the root-level SmartNavigation folder only. System generated drop-down navigation subfolders are not affected by this setting.

| | |
|------------------------|---|
| Node Name | Select the node where the content resides. |
| PeopleCode Type | <p>Select <i>Application Package</i> or <i>iScript</i> as the PeopleCode type. This field appears only if a data source is specified.</p> <p>Selecting the type enables the corresponding group box and related fields so that you can specify the PeopleCode program to use.</p> |

Application Package Parameters

If you select *Rowset* as the data source and *Application Package* as the PeopleCode type, these fields become visible for you to specify the application package that defines and populates the data in the rowset.

| | |
|-----------------------------------|---|
| Application Package | Enter PeopleCode application class name where the application class method is defined. |
| Application Package Path | Enter the names—delimited by colons—of each subpackage in the hierarchy that drills down to the class that contains the method. Beginning and ending colons are <i>not</i> required. For example, the path could be <i>sub_package:sub_package:app_class</i> or simply <i>app_class</i> if there are no sub application packages. |
| Application Package Method | Enter the name of the specific method that builds the rowset which that populates the navigation page in the target area. |

iScript Parameters

If you select *Rowset* or *Tree* as the data source and *iScript* as the PeopleCode type, these fields become visible for you to specify the iScript that builds the chart.

| | |
|---------------------------------|---|
| Record (Table) Name | Enter the record that contains the iScript that defines the rowset. |
| Field Name | Enter the field that contains the iScript that defines the rowset. |
| PeopleCode Event Name | Enter the event that contains the iScript that defines the rowset. |
| PeopleCode Function Name | Enter the iScript function that creates the rowset. |

Tree Properties

If you select *Tree* as the data source, use these fields to specify the tree that builds the chart.

| | |
|--------------------------|---|
| Tree Name | Select the name of the tree that the portal is to use to render the menu. |
| SetID | Enter the SetID for the tree. |
| Set Control Value | Enter the set control value for the tree. |

- Effective Date** (Optional) Enter the effective date for the tree.
- Tree Branch** (Optional) Enter the tree branch for the tree.

Deleting Folders

To delete a folder:

1. Select PeopleTools, Portal, Structure and Content.
2. Navigate to the folder that you want to delete by clicking the folder names.
3. Click the Delete button next to the folder that you want to delete.

All child folders and child content references are deleted when you delete the selected folder. Make sure that no critical dependencies exist for these objects before deleting their parent folder.

Setting Folder Security

Access the Folder Security page (PeopleTools, Portal, Structure and Content. Navigate to the appropriate folder, click the Edit link, and then click the Folder Security tab.)

Folder Administration | **Folder Security**

[Root](#) > [Portal Objects](#)

Folder Security

Label: Portal Objects

☐ Public

☐ Author Access

| Security Authorizations | | | | | Customize | Find | First | 1 of 1 | Last |
|-------------------------|------|-------------|--------------------------|-----------------|-----------|------|-------|--------|------|
| Type | Name | Description | Cascade | View Definition | | | | | |
| Permission List | | | <input type="checkbox"/> | View Definition | | | | | |

| Inherited Security Authorizations | | | | Customize | Find | First | 1 of 1 | Last |
|-----------------------------------|------|-------------|-----------------|-----------|------|-------|--------|------|
| Type | Name | Description | View Definition | | | | | |
| | | | View Definition | | | | | |

Folder Security page

- Public** Select to make the folder available to all users. When this is selected, all other fields except Label are hidden.

Author Access Select to indicate that you (the currently signed-in user and the author of the folder) can access the folder in the future, regardless of how other permissions are set.

Security Authorizations

You can base non-inherited folder security on roles or permission lists. You can specify any combination of roles and permission lists to provide folder security.

Type Select from these types:

Permission List: Enables access for users based on permission list membership. You then specify the permission lists that should have access to this folder.

Role: Enables access for users based on role membership. You then specify the roles that should have access to this folder.

Name Select the permission list or role that should have access to this folder.

Cascade Select to indicate that this authorization should also apply to children of this folder.

View Definition Click to access the security administration component for the permission list or role specified on the current row.

Inherited Security Authorizations

Displays authorizations that have been inherited from parent folders. The fields in this grid have the same purpose as the corresponding fields in the Security Authorizations grid. You can change inherited authorizations by modifying the parent folders' authorizations and cascade settings.

See Also

PeopleTools 8.51 PeopleBook: Security Administration, "Setting Up Permission Lists"

PeopleTools 8.51 PeopleBook: Security Administration, "Setting Up Roles"

Administering Content References

This section discusses how to:

- Define content references.
- Create related links.
- Set content reference security.

- Review content reference security.
- Test content references.
- Delete content references.
- Define content reference links.
- Set content reference link security.

Pages Used to Administer Content References

| <i>Page Name</i> | <i>Definition Name</i> | <i>Navigation</i> | <i>Usage</i> |
|--|------------------------|--|---|
| Content Ref Administration (content reference administration) | PORTAL_CREF_ADM | PeopleTools, Portal, Structure and Content, Portal Objects Navigate to the Content References list and click Edit.. Or click Add Content Reference. | Add new content references or edit existing content references. |
| Content Reference Security | PORTAL_CREF_SEC | PeopleTools, Portal, Structure and Content, Portal Objects, Content Ref Administration, Security | Set content reference security. |
| User ID Queries | USER_QUERY | PeopleTools, Security, User Profiles, User Profiles, User ID Queries | Review content reference security by user. |
| Permission List Queries | PLIST_QUERIES | PeopleTools, Security, Permissions & Roles, Permission Lists, Permission List Queries | Review content reference security by permission list. |
| Role Queries | ROLE_QUERY | PeopleTools, Security, Permissions & Roles, Roles, Role Queries | Review content reference security by role. |
| Select a Content Reference or Content Reference Link | PORTAL_CREF_SELECT | PeopleTools, Portal, Structure and Content, Portal Objects Navigate to the Content References list and click Add Content Reference Link. | Select a content reference or content reference link. |

| Page Name | Definition Name | Navigation | Usage |
|---------------------------------------|------------------------|---|---|
| Content Reference Link Administration | PORTAL_CREF_LNK | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Click a content reference link on the Content Reference or Content Reference Link page. PeopleTools, Portal, Structure and Content, Portal Objects <p>Navigate to the Content References list and click Create Link.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> PeopleTools, Portal, Structure and Content, Portal Objects <p>Navigate to the Content References list and click Edit for any content reference of usage type <i>Target</i>.</p> <p>Click Create Content Reference Link.</p> | Add new or edit existing content reference links. |
| Related Links Group | PORTAL_RLNK_ADM | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> PeopleTools, Portal, Structure and Content, Portal Objects <p>Navigate to the Content References list and click the Edit link.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Select the template name <i>RELATEDLINKS_TEMPLATE</i>. <p>Enter <i>RELLINK</i> in the Name field of the Content Reference Attributes section.</p> <p>Enter a label for the attribute.</p> <p>Click the Edit Related Links link.</p> | Create related links groups. |
| Security | PORTAL_CLINK_SEC | PeopleTools, Portal, Structure and Content, Portal Objects, Content Reference Link Administration, Security | Set content reference link security. |

Defining Content References

Access the Content Ref Administration page (PeopleTools, Portal, Structure and Content. Navigate to the appropriate content reference; then click the Edit link.)

General **Security**

[Root](#) >

Content Ref Administration

Author: VP1
Parent Folder: Root

*Name:
*Label:
Long Description:
(254 Characters)

Product:
Sequence number:
Object Owner ID:

Usage Type:
Storage Type:
Template Name:

*Valid from date:
Valid to date:
Creation Date: 06/21/2010

☐ WSRP Producible
☐ No Template

URL Information

*Node Name:
URL Type:
Component Parameters:
*Menu Name: *Market: *Component:
Additional Parameters:
Example: name1=value1&name2=value2

☐ Hide from portal navigation ☐ Hide from MSF navigation

Content Reference Attributes

Name: [Delete](#)
Label: ☒ Translate [Attribute Information](#)
Attribute value:

[Add](#)

Content Reference Administration page

Note. Many of the fields described in this section only appear when you specify certain field values.

Many of these fields are similar to fields for administering folders on the Folder Administration page.

When you save a content reference that points to a PeopleSoft component or script on the default local node, the security settings for the content reference are automatically inherited from the menu or script security settings. Any permission lists or roles that you entered on the Content Reference Security page before saving the content reference are deleted and replaced by those of the component or script. These new security settings are also propagated up the folder hierarchy. This ensures that the content reference is visible and all folders are viewable, enabling users to navigate to the component.

Warning! Do not add internal PeopleSoft content references using the administration pages. Use the registration wizard instead, so that information is consistent between PeopleSoft Application Designer and the portal. Any changes made to the menu definition in PeopleSoft Application Designer and not made to the portal content reference definition break the content reference. The portal navigation system uses the portal registry, not the internal location of menu definitions in PeopleSoft Application Designer.

See *PeopleTools 8.51 PeopleBook: PeopleSoft Application Designer Developer's Guide*, "Using the Registration Wizard."

Usage Type

Select from:

Frame template, HTML template, Homepage tab, Pagelet, Inline Frame Template, and Target.

For a typical PeopleSoft application page, select *Target* (the default value) and set the URL type to *PeopleSoft Component*.

The fields on the page may change based upon the information selected in this field.

If you select a usage type of *Pagelet*, the Pagelet Attributes region appears. Specify the default column, node name, and edit URL to display a help icon allowing help to be accessed from a pagelet. Pagelets must be defined in the Portal Objects\Pagelets folder or they are not recognized as pagelets by the portal. This is not enforced by the portal, so it is possible to create a pagelet that is not recognized.

Note. The name that you specify for a new pagelet can consist of letters, digits, and underscores (_). It cannot contain any spaces and cannot begin with a digit.

Storage Type

This field is available only if you selected a usage type of *Frame template* or *HTML template*.

Select from these storage types:

Remote by URL: This is the default value.

Local (in HTML Catalog)

HTML Area

This text area is available when you select Usage Type as *HTML template* or *Frame Template* and *Local (in HTML Catalog)* in the Storage Type field. A static template is based on HTML code that is entered into the HTML area of a template content reference (a content reference that exists in the Portal Objects\Templates folder of the portal registry). Bind variables cannot be used within the HTML area. The HTML includes any HTML that is required for the template itself, plus tags that specify the URLs for template pagelets.

| | |
|--------------------------------------|---|
| Template Name | Select the template for this page. If you leave this field blank, the portal servlet automatically uses the template of the node at runtime. The node default template is set up on the General Settings page. If a node has not been specified, it uses the portal's default template. |
| WSRP Producible | This option appears only for usage types of <i>Target</i> and <i>Pagelet</i> . Select this option for PeopleSoft content that you intend to expose for remote, WSRP portals to consume. |
| No Template | Select to have the target content (your application page) not wrapped with a portal template at runtime; by viewing your page, the user is effectively taken outside of the portal environment (not usually desirable). When this check box is selected, the Template Name field is hidden. |
| Create Content Reference Link | Click this link to create or edit a content reference link. |
| Add Content Reference | Click this link to add a content reference. |
| Test Content Reference | Click this link to test a content reference. See Chapter 5, "Administering Portals," Creating Related Links, page 131. |
| Hide from portal navigation | Select to hide the content reference from portal navigation. |
| Hide from MSF Navigation | MSF is not currently supported. |

URL Information

The fields that appear in this group box are based upon the selection you make in the URL Type field.

| | |
|------------------|---|
| Node Name | Select the node for this page. Select <i>Always use local</i> to associate the page with the default local node. The default local node is designated on the Portal Definitions page. |
|------------------|---|

URL Type

Select from these URL types:

Non-PeopleSoft URL: Enter the URL in the Portal URL field that appears. This usage type can be used in conjunction with a defined node. The result is the concatenation of the selected node's URI text and the portal URL that you entered.

PeopleSoft Component: The Component Parameters region appears. Select the menu name, market, and component name to use for this content reference.

PeopleSoft Generic URL: Enter the URL in the Portal URL field that appears. This usage type can be used in conjunction with a defined node. The result is the concatenation of the selected node's URI text and the portal URL that you entered.

PeopleSoft Homepage Tab: The Homepage tab attributes enable you to specify whether the tab can be renamed, and enables you to associate a help ID with the tab or hide the pagelet action bar.

PeopleSoft Script: The iScript Parameters region appears. Select the record (table) and fields names, PeopleCode event name, and PeopleCode function name that describes the iScript to use for the content reference.

PeopleSoft Worklist URL: Enter the URL in the Portal URL field that appears. Use the following format:

w/WORKLIST?

ICAction=ICViewWorklist&Menu=Worklist&Market=GBL&PanelGroupName=WORKLIST

Remote Portlet: Select the producer and the portlet that you want to register manually. Only producers that have been registered are available for selection. Values for the fields Label and Long Description default to the portlet's title and description. You can change these values. Click [Producer Details](#) to display the Display Producers page and view remote producers that have been defined in the system.

See [Chapter 18, "Using WSRP to Consume and Produce Remote Portlets," page 583](#).

Note. The availability of these options depends on the selected usage type.

Additional Parameters

Enter query string parameters to be appended onto a PeopleSoft component or PeopleSoft script. For example, enter *emplid=8001*.

Pagelet Attributes

The Pagelet Attributes group box enables you to manage the pagelet's behavior and appearance.

See [Chapter 6, "Administering Portal Homepages and Pagelets," Managing Pagelet Attributes, page 174](#).

Content Reference Attributes

Content reference attributes provide a framework to specify and store free-form information about a content reference. For example, you can use content reference attributes to specify and store keywords, help information, and related links for content references.

In addition, portal-aware applications can use content reference attribute information for application-specific processing. Portal-aware applications are those that:

- Know about the portal registry and API.
- Know how to get information from a content reference.
- Have the code to look at a content reference and do something meaningful with the information.

| | |
|------------------------------|---|
| Name | Enter an object name to identify the attribute programmatically. This name is not displayed to the user. <hr/> Note. The name can consist of letters, digits and underscores (_). It cannot contain any spaces and cannot begin with a digit. <hr/> |
| Translate | Select to specify that the label and attribute values are translated. |
| Attribute Information | Click to create related links. You can create related links only after entering <i>RELLINK</i> in the Name field. |
| Label | Enter a descriptive name for the attribute to display to the user. Required if Translate is selected. |
| Attribute value | Enter information about the attribute that the portal uses to apply the attribute to the content reference. |

Links

This grid appears only if content reference links exist that connect to this content reference. Click Link Definition to view the definition of each listed content reference link.

Available Content Reference Attributes

This table describes the content reference attributes that are recognized by PeopleSoft portal technology:

| Content Reference Attributes | Description |
|-------------------------------------|---|
| KEYWORD | Use this attribute to specify keywords that you want to associate with this CREF. Any search using these keywords returns this CREF as a search result. |

| Content Reference Attributes | Description |
|--|--|
| Name of a default homepage object or image | Use this attribute to override a default HTML object or image used for homepage components, such as tabs and pagelets, by providing the name of an alternative HTML object or image. Note. You can override only a specified set of homepage objects and images. |
| IMAGE_BIND_12 to IMAGE_BIND_26 | Use these attributes (numbered from 12 to 26) to insert additional custom images on a homepage tab. |
| NAVNEWWIN | Use this attribute to indicate that the component or page should always open in a new browser window. Note. This option only affects the link behavior, when it is rendered in a navigation collection template pagelet inside the pagelet area of a WorkCenter page. |
| NAVTOPWIN | Use this attribute to indicate that the component or page should open in the current browser window and replace the current page completely. Note. This option only affects the link behavior, when it is rendered in a navigation collection template pagelet inside the pagelet area of a WorkCenter page. |
| PSCACHECONTROL | Use this attribute to implement caching for individual pagelets and targets, based on user, role, or application. |
| PORTAL_ENCODING_OVERRIDE | Use this attribute to override the character set encoding used by the content reference. |
| PSTIMEOUT | Use this attribute to specify how long the portal should wait for a pagelet to load before it considers the pagelet unavailable. |
| PTPPB_PAGELET_HELP_LINK | Use this attribute to specify a URL that you want to associate with the help link for a pagelet. Note. This attribute takes priority over a PeopleSoft Help ID if both properties are set, |
| RELLINK | Use this attribute to create related links for the content reference. |

Content Reference Type Parameters

This table summarizes the valid combinations of usage type, storage type, and URL type or key HTML content supported for content references:

| Usage Type | Storage Type | URL Type or Key HTML Content |
|-----------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Target | Remote by URL | PeopleSoft Component |
| Target | Remote by URL | PeopleSoft Script |
| Target | Remote by URL | PeopleSoft Generic URL |
| Target | Remote by URL | Non-PeopleSoft URL |
| Target | Remote by URL | PeopleSoft Worklist URL |
| Target | Remote by URL | Remote Portlet |
| Pagelet | Remote by URL | PeopleSoft Component |
| Pagelet | Remote by URL | PeopleSoft Script |
| Pagelet | Remote by URL | PeopleSoft Generic URL |
| Pagelet | Remote by URL | Non-PeopleSoft URL |
| Pagelet | Remote by URL | PeopleSoft Worklist URL |
| Pagelet | Remote by URL | Remote Portlet |
| HTML template | Remote by URL | PeopleSoft Script |
| HTML template | Remote by URL | Non-PeopleSoft URL |
| HTML template | Local (in HTML Catalog) | Target, Pagelet, or Source element |
| Frame template | Remote by URL | PeopleSoft Script |
| Frame template | Remote by URL | Non-PeopleSoft URL |
| Frame template | Local (in HTML Catalog) | Target or IClientComponent element |
| Inline Frame template | Remote by URL | PeopleSoft Script |
| Inline Frame template | Remote by URL | Non-PeopleSoft URL |
| Inline Frame template | Local (in HTML Catalog) | Target or Pagelet component |
| Homepage tab | Local (in HTML Catalog) | N/A |

See Also

[Chapter 5, "Administering Portals," Defining Standard Navigation Folders, page 112](#)

[Chapter 8, "Working with Portal Templates," Understanding Portal Templates, page 193](#)

[Chapter 5, "Administering Portals," Managing General Portal Settings, page 147](#)

[Chapter 6, "Administering Portal Homepages and Pagelets," Configuring Pagelet Time-outs, page 177](#)

[Chapter 7, "Modifying the Portal Interface," Using Predefined Homepage HTML Objects, page 181](#)

[Chapter 9, "Using Portal Caching Features," Administering Server-Based Caching, page 212](#)

[Chapter 10, "Configuring the Portal Environment," Overriding Page Encoding, page 273](#)

Creating Related Links

You can create related links for a portal page using the RELLINK content reference attribute. You can create related links to external sites, to internal sites, and to other portal pages.

Note. Related links are implemented with your choice of template on the content reference. Using the PeopleTools Related Links template displays the related links for the content reference, but not the portal menu navigation.

To create related links:

1. Define the RELLINK content reference attribute.
2. Create related links groups.
3. Create related links for each group.
4. Test the related links.

The following diagram shows an example of the related link template results when using the RELLINK attribute on a given content reference:



RELLINK attribute results on a content reference

The items shown in the diagram are described in this table:

| <i>Item</i> | <i>Description</i> |
|---|---|
| Related Links | RELLINK content reference attribute with the label Related Links. |
| External Sites | A related link group defined with the label External Sites. |
| Site #1, Site #2, Site #3 | Related links for the External Sites group. |
| PeopleSoft Sites | A related link group defined with the label PeopleSoft Sites. |
| Batch rules, Developers' site, and User maintenance | Related links for the PeopleSoft Sites group. |

Defining the RELLINK Content Reference Attribute

To define a related link content reference attribute:

1. Access the Content Ref Administration page (PeopleTools, Portal, Structure and Content. Navigate to the appropriate content reference; then click the Edit link.)
2. Enter *RELATEDLINKS_TEMPLATE*. in the Template Name field,
3. In the Name field of the Content Reference Attributes region, enter *RELLINK*.

After you set this value and move out of the field, the Attribute Information link changes to Edit Related Links.

4. Verify that the Translate check box is selected.
5. Enter a label for the related links attribute.

Note. You do not need to enter any information in the Attribute Value field. After you create the related link group and the related links, the system populates this field with all defined attributes as a string.

Creating Related Link Groups

Access the Related Links Group (PORTAL_RLNK_ADM) page.

To create a related link group:

1. In the Related Link Groups Label field, enter a name.

This name is the heading under which you place related links.

2. To create additional related link groups, click Add and repeat step 1.

Creating Related Links

To create a link:

1. In the Related Links region on the Related Links Group (PORTAL_RLNK_ADM) page, enter a name in the Related Link URL Label field.

This name appears as a link under the group name.

2. If you're linking to an internal site, select a node name from the list.

If you're linking to an external site, leave this field blank.

3. In the Related Link URL field, enter URL information for the link.

If the link is to an internal site, enter the URL or URI. The URL or URI can be to an internal site, to a portal, and so on. If you specified a value for the Portal URI Text field on the node definition, you can enter a specific document name as the target. The name is appended to the URI text for a full URL.

If the link is to an external site, enter the URL.

4. To define additional links for the group, click Add and repeat steps 2 through 3.
5. Click OK to save the entry and return to the Content Ref Administration page.

The Attribute Value field is populated with an XML-type formatted string. This string contains all the related link data and is stored in the PORTAL_ATTR_VAL field of the PSPRSMATTRVAL record for the content reference specified in the PORTAL_OBJNAME field. Following is an example of a generated XML-type formatted string:

```
<GRPLBL>Worklist Pages<URLLBL>Worklist Details</URLLBL><CP>Portal</CP>=>
<URL>ICType=Panel&Menu=WORKLIST&Market=GBL&PanelGroupName=>
WORKLIST_DETAILS</URL><URLLBL>Worklist Monitor</URLLBL>=>
<CP>Portal</CP>=>
<URL>ICType=Panel&Menu=WORKFLOW_ADMINISTRATOR&Market=>
GBL&PanelGroupName=WF_MONITOR_01</URL></GRPLBL><GRPLBL>Tasks<URLLBL>Task List=>
Summary</URLLBL>=>
<CP>Portal</CP><URL>ICType=Panel&Menu=>
PORTAL_COMPONENTS&Market=GBL&PanelGroupName=EO_PE_TASK_LIST=>
</URL></GRPLBL>
```

Testing Related Links

You should test related links to view how the page appears to users, ensure that the labels are correct, and verify that the links function properly. To test related links, click Test Content Reference on the Content Ref Administration page just above the URL Information region.

Note the following:

- If the portal cache is enabled on the web server, the related link template does not appear for a content reference page accessed from the menu until the cache expires.

- Related link URLs are only displayed when a user has security access to the URLs.

To grant security access to a related link URL, register the related link URL as a separate content reference and associate permission lists with it.

If the related link is not separately registered, then it is treated as having public access.

If a related link group has no URLs underneath it to which the user has security access, the related link group is hidden. If the user does not have access to any of the related links associated with the target page, then the related links section of the template is hidden.

If the target page does not display any related links, ensure the following:

- The application and portal databases are registered as content providers.

Also check for data-entry errors.

- The templates are registered in PeopleSoft Application Designer with the correct names.

If the templates are registered, check for data-entry errors.

- The correct related link template is specified for the target page.

Also ensure that the value of the `PORTAL_TEMPL_NAME` field in the `PSPRSMDEFN` record displays a correct related link template

- The `RELLINK` string was saved on the target page in the content registry.

Check if an XML string appears in the Attribute Value field on the Content Ref Administration page. If not, delete and reenter the `RELLINK` attribute for all the related link information.

- You assigned security in the registry to the user for the content references listed as related link URLs.

If not, assign security using the Content Reference Security page for registered related link URLs.

Setting Content Reference Security

Access the Content Reference Security page (PeopleTools, Portal, Structure and Content. Select the Edit link for a content reference; then select the Security tab.)

General
Security

[Root](#) >

Content Reference Security

Label: Change My Password

☐ Public
☐ Author Access

The permissions for the component or script this content reference points to, control its permissions. To change these component or script permissions, click on the "View Definition" link for the appropriate permission list.

| Security Authorizations | | | |
|--|-----------------|----------|-----------------------|
| Customize Find | | | |
| First 1-2 of 2 Last | | | |
| | Type | Name | Description |
| 1 | Permission List | ALLPAGES | All pages and weblibs |
| 2 | Permission List | PTPT1000 | PeopleSoft User |

| Inherited Security Authorizations | | | |
|--|------|------|-------------|
| Customize Find | | | |
| First 1 of 1 Last | | | |
| | Type | Name | Description |
| | | | |

Content Reference Security page

This page is similar to the Folder Security page, except that when you define a portal content reference for which the URL type is PeopleSoft Component, Worklist, or PeopleSoft Script, the content reference security is always inherited from the security settings of the referenced component or script. All fields except Public and Author Access are read-only.

However, when you define a content reference of any other type, you can specify the type of security to apply, just as you can with a portal folder. You can base non-inherited object security on any combination of permission lists and roles.

Note. If you copy, move, or add a content reference to a folder, the content reference's security settings are propagated up the folder hierarchy. This ensures that the content reference is visible and all folders are viewable, and enables users to navigate to the content reference. If you remove the content reference from that folder, the security settings that were applied when it was added to the folder are also removed from the folder hierarchy, without disturbing any settings still required for other content references remaining in that folder.

Note. Content reference links do not inherit cascaded security from folders.

See Also

Chapter 5, "Administering Portals," Setting Folder Security, page 120

PeopleTools 8.51 PeopleBook: PeopleSoft Application Designer Developer's Guide, "Using the Registration Wizard"

PeopleTools 8.51 PeopleBook: Security Administration, "Setting Up Permission Lists"

PeopleTools 8.51 PeopleBook: Security Administration, "Setting Up Roles"

Reviewing Content Reference Security

You can use automated queries to discover the content references to which a given user, permission list, or role has access. Each query provides a different degree of detail about the properties of the content references.

Content Reference Security by User

Access the User ID Queries page (PeopleTools, Security, User Profiles, User Profiles, User ID Queries).

This page contains several general purpose security queries, along with the following links to content reference access queries for the selected user, which are described on the page:

- User ID's Content Reference Access.
- User ID's Content Reference (includes Portal) Access.
- User ID's Content Reference (includes Menu, Component and Market) Access.
- User ID's Content Reference (includes Portal, Menu, Component and Market) Access.

When you click one of the query links, a page appears in a new window, containing a grid with the information described for each content reference.

Content Reference Security by Permission List

Access the Permission List Queries page (PeopleTools, Security, User Profiles, User Profiles, Permission List Queries).

This page is similar to the User ID Queries page, with equivalent links to content reference access queries for the selected permission list, as follows:

- Permission List's Content Reference Access.
- Permission List's Content Reference (includes Portal) Access.
- Permission List's Content Reference (includes Menu, Component and Market) Access.
- Permission List's Content Reference (includes Portal, Menu, Component and Market) Access.

When you click one of the query links, a page appears in a new window, containing a grid with the information described for each content reference.

Content Reference Security by Role

Access the Role Queries page (PeopleTools, Security, User Profiles, User Profiles, Role Queries).

This page is similar to the User ID Queries page, with equivalent links to content reference access queries for the selected role, as follows:

- Role's Content Reference Access.
- Role's Content Reference (includes Portal) Access.
- Role's Content Reference (includes Menu, Component and Market) Access.
- Role's Content Reference (includes Portal, Menu, Component and Market) Access.

When you click one of the query links, a page appears in a new window, containing a grid with the information described for each content reference.

Testing Content References

After creating or modifying a content reference and setting up permissions, test the content reference by clicking Home and navigating to it, or by clicking Test Content Reference on the Content Ref Administration page.

Note. The Test Content Reference link appears only for content references that are of the *Target* usage type.

Deleting Content References

You delete a content reference or a content reference link from the folder where it's located in the Structure and Content hierarchy. Select PeopleTools, Portal, Structure and Content, Portal Objects, then click the Delete button for the content reference that you want to delete.

Warning! Do not delete content references that are delivered with PeopleTools. These default content references have special significance to your portal. Changing them could make your portal unusable.

When you delete a content reference or a content reference link, all content reference links that connect to it are also deleted. This behavior propagates back through any content reference link chain.

Defining Content Reference Links

Access the Content Reference Link Administration page (PeopleTools, Portal, Structure and Content, Portal Objects and click a content reference link on the Content Reference or Content Reference Link page).

[Root](#) > [Portal Objects](#) >

Content Reference Link Administration

Target Information

Label: Portal Expire

Description: Portal expiration page.

*Name:

*Portal:

Link Information

*Name:

User ID: PTDMO

Label:

Parent Folder: Portal Objects

Long Description: (254 Characters)

Product:

*Valid from date:

Sequence number:

Valid to date:

Object Owner ID: PeopleTools

Creation Date: 07/14/2009

☒ No Template

URL Information

Hosted by this node: Always use local

URL Type: Non-PeopleSoft URL

Portal URL: ?cmd=expire

☒ Hide from portal navigation ☐ Hide from MSF navigation

Content Reference Link Attributes

Name: Delete

Label: ☒ Translate [Attribute Information](#)

Attribute value:

Add

Select All
Deselect All
Copy

| Select | Name | Label | Attribute value | Translate |
|----------------------------|------|-------|-----------------|-------------------------------------|
| 1 <input type="checkbox"/> | | | | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

Customize | Find | | | First 1 of 1 Last

Content Reference Link Administration page

PeopleSoft portals store content references based on their URLs, so you can't register two different content references that specify the same URL. Content reference links overcome this limitation by enabling you to define more than one menu item that invokes a given URL. You define a content reference link like any other content reference, but instead of specifying a URL, you specify an existing content reference as its destination. At runtime, clicking the content reference link entry on the portal menu connects to the destination content reference, which invokes its URL.

Note. To the user, a content reference link looks and works the same as a content reference on the portal menu.

A content reference link can connect to:

- A content reference of usage type *Target*.
- Another content reference link.

You can define a content reference link in the same locations that you can define a content reference of usage type *Target*. Multiple content reference links can connect to a single destination content reference.

By connecting one content reference link to another content reference link, you can create a chain of redirection, which always ends in a content reference of usage type *Target*. You don't need to know what the ultimate destination is when you define your new content reference link, and you can duplicate the property settings of the content reference link to which it connects, rather than those of the ultimate destination. However, it is recommended that you limit your use of chains of content reference links as they impose processing overhead on your portal when selected.

Warning! If you delete a destination content reference or content reference link, all content reference links that connect to it are also deleted. This behavior propagates back through any content reference link chain.

When you define a content reference link, it initially inherits its properties and security settings from the destination that you specify. You can override every property except the destination's URL, usage type, storage type, and security settings. The inherited security settings propagate upward through the folder hierarchy from the content reference link.

Target Information

| | |
|--|--|
| Name | Select the destination content reference to which you want this content reference link to connect. |
| Portal | Select the portal that contains the destination content reference to which you want this content reference link to connect. <i>LOCAL_PORTAL</i> always refers to the portal where the content reference link is defined, so moving or copying it to a different portal changes the resolution of this value. |
| <hr/> Important! If you change this value, you must also select a new link content reference. <hr/> | |

Link Information

| | |
|------------------------------------|---|
| Name | Enter a unique object name for this content reference link. |
| Test Content Reference Link | Click to test this content reference link. Clicking this button should produce the same result as if you clicked the content reference link from the portal menu. |

If you leave the following fields blank, their values are inherited from the destination content reference:

- Label.
- Long Description.
- Product.
- Sequence number.
- Object owner identifier.
- No Template.
- Template Name.
- Valid from date.
- Valid to date.

Content Reference Link Attributes

Content reference link attributes have the same page fields as content reference attributes.

You can define content reference link attributes directly here, or you can copy an attribute from the destination content reference using the Content Reference Attributes grid, and modify it to suit your purposes.

At runtime, the content reference link attributes defined here are combined with the content reference attributes defined at the link destination, and applied together.

Important! If a content reference link attribute defined here has the same name as a content reference attribute defined at the link destination, but a different attribute value, the value defined here takes precedence and is applied at runtime.

Content reference link attributes are independent and separate from the content reference attributes at the link destination. Modifying one has no effect on the other.

Content Reference Attributes

If the destination content reference has defined content reference attributes, they're displayed in this grid. You can copy them from the grid to the Content Reference Link Attributes group box, using the following page elements:

| | |
|---------------|---|
| Select | Select to designate a content reference attribute for copying to the Content Reference Link Attributes group box. |
| Copy | Click to copy the selected content reference attributes to the Content Reference Link Attributes group box. |

Setting Content Reference Link Security

Access the Content Reference Link Security page (click the Security tab on the Content Reference Link Administration page).

This page is almost identical to the Content Reference Security page.

See Also

Chapter 5, "Administering Portals," Setting Content Reference Security, page 134

Managing Folders and Content References

This section discusses how to:

- Copy folders and content references.
- Move folders and content references.
- Synchronize portal object security.
- Register components in multiple portals.
- Register components multiple times.

Pages Used to Manage Folders and Content References

| <i>Page Name</i> | <i>Definition Name</i> | <i>Navigation</i> | <i>Usage</i> |
|--|------------------------|--|--|
| Copy Object to a Different Portal Registry | PORTAL_COPY_OBJ | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• PeopleTools, Portal, Structure and Content, Portal Objects, Content Ref Administration Click the Copy Object button.• PeopleTools, Portal, Structure and Content, Portal Objects, Folder Administration Click the Copy Object button. | Copy existing folders or content references. |

| <i>Page Name</i> | <i>Definition Name</i> | <i>Navigation</i> | <i>Usage</i> |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|---|
| Select New Parent Folder | PORTAL_CREF_MOVE PORTAL_FLDR_MOVE | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> PeopleTools, Portal, Structure and Content, Portal Objects, Content Ref Administration <p>Click the New Parent Folder button.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> PeopleTools, Portal, Structure and Content, Portal Objects, Folder Administration <p>Click the New Parent Folder button.</p> | Move folders or content references. |
| Portal Security Synchronization | PORTAL_SEC_SYNC | PeopleTools, Portal, Portal Security Sync | Reinstate the correct security relationships between objects in the portal registry and remove invalid roles and permission lists. |
| General Settings | PORTAL_REG_ADM | PeopleTools, Portal, General Settings | <p>Manage the settings for the portal that you're signed in to.</p> <p>Note. To modify other portals, use the Portal Definitions page.</p> |

Copying Folders and Content References

Access the Copy Object to a Different Portal Registry page (PeopleTools, Portal, Structure and Content, Portal Objects, Content Ref Administration and click the Copy Object button).

To copy an object:

1. Navigate to the portal registry to which you want to copy the object.

Click the portal name to copy the object to root level. To expand the folders and navigate further into the registry structure, click the folder icon (not the folder name).

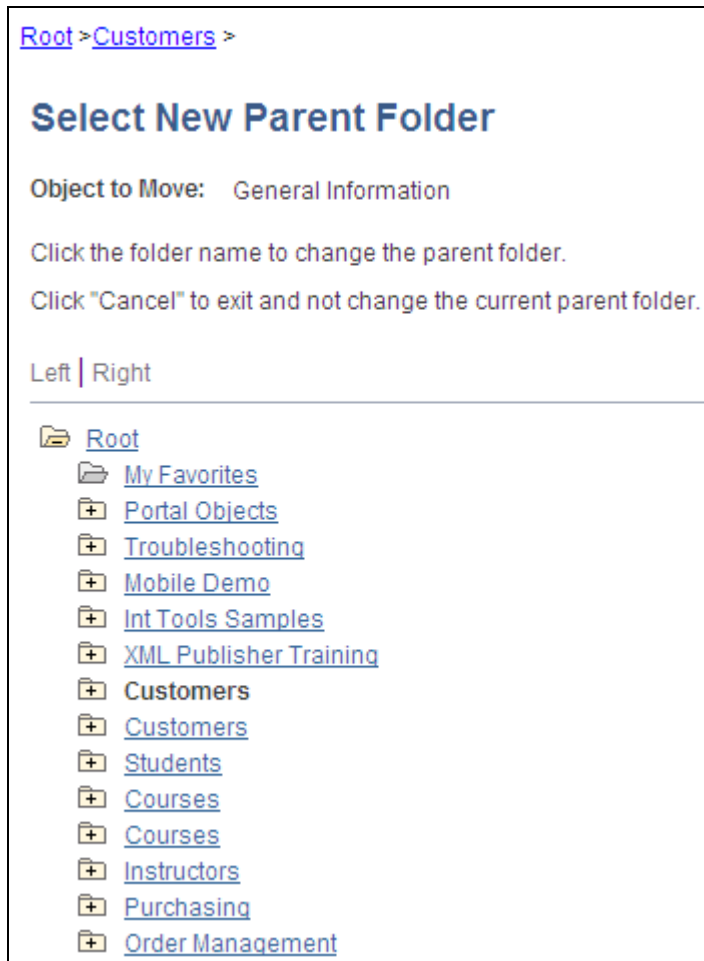
Important! Clicking the folder name starts the copying process.

2. (Optional) If you are copying a folder, the Recurse subfolders? check box appears. Select this check box to copy the folder and all the subfolders and content references within it.
3. Click the folder name to copy the object into that folder.
4. Click the Yes - Copy button to proceed.

Warning! If you attempt to copy an object to a location that already contains an object of the same name and type, the newly copied object replaces the existing object. For example, if you copy a folder and subfolders to another portal where a subfolder by that name already exists, the existing subfolder is deleted and replaced by the subfolder from the source portal. There is no warning message.

Moving Folders and Content References

Access the Select New Parent Folder page (PeopleTools, Portal, Structure and Content, Portal Objects, Content Ref Administration and click the New Parent Folder button).



Select New Parent Folder page

The current parent folder is shown in bold type, and the folder tree is expanded just enough to show the location of the current parent folder. All other folders are shown collapsed. You can expand the tree to show content references, which are displayed as tree leaves and appear in normal text.

To move a folder or content reference to a new parent folder:

1. Navigate to the new parent folder by clicking the appropriate folder icons with plus signs.

Note. When navigating, do not click the folder name, unless it's the name of the new parent folder that you'd like to select. Once you click a folder name, as opposed to the icon, the folder name that you selected becomes the new parent folder.

2. Select the new parent folder by clicking the folder name.
3. Click Save.

Note. When you move a content reference that points to a component or script at the default local node, its security settings are cascaded up to its new parents all the way up to the root folder. In addition, when you move a folder, its security settings (not including security inherited from a subordinate object) are cascaded up to its new parent, all the way up to the root folder. This ensures that the folder or content reference is accessible in its new location.

Synchronizing Portal Object Security

Access the Portal Security Synchronization page (PeopleTools, Portal, Portal Security Sync).

Portal Security Synchronization

Run Control ID: 1 [Report Manager](#) [Process Monitor](#) [Run](#)

*Portal Name: 🔍

☐ Delete invalid security

Portal Security Synchronization page

The hierarchical relationships and dependencies between objects in the portal registry determine what security settings each object must have. The portal won't work correctly if these security relationships aren't maintained. Here are some examples of these relationships:

- A folder that is not public or hidden must have at least the level of access that its immediate child objects (folders, content references, and content reference links) have.
- A content reference link must have exactly the same level of access as the object (content reference or content reference link) to which it links.
- A content reference that represents a PeopleSoft component or iScript must have exactly the same level of access as the object that it represents.

Portal object security settings can become unsynchronized when you move portal objects from one database to another using the Project Copy feature in PeopleSoft Application Designer. When you merge projects this way, if the projects contain any portal objects with identical names, the security settings of the portal objects in the last project copied overwrite the security settings of portal objects copied earlier. Also, when a copied portal object doesn't overwrite an existing object, it changes the structure of the resulting portal registry hierarchy.

Use the Portal Security Synchronization page to reinstate the correct security relationships between objects in the portal registry after you copy a project that contains portal objects.

This page enables you to run the Application Engine program `PORTAL_CSS` from the standard menu navigation. You can use this feature on local portals only, not on portals on remote databases. In addition, from any local portal, you can run this program against another local portal.

To synchronize portal object security, specify a local portal in the Portal Name field and click Run. The portal objects are synchronized as follows:

1. The security settings of each content reference are compared to the component or iScript that it represents, and updated to match.
2. The security settings of each content reference link are compared to the content reference or content reference link to which it connects, and updated to match.
3. The security settings of each content reference and content reference link are propagated to its parent folder, in addition to the parent folder's existing settings.

None of the parent folder's existing security access is reduced.

Note. The settings aren't propagated if the parent folder is public or hidden.

4. The security settings of each folder are propagated to its parent folder, in addition to the parent folder's existing settings.

None of the parent folder's existing security access is reduced.

Note. The settings aren't propagated if the parent folder is public or hidden.

The following warning messages may appear when security synchronization cannot occur:

- No permissions in PSAUTHITEM for object %1
- Cref %1 points to Menu: %2, Component: %3 which doesn't exist.

Note. When this message appears you need to delete the invalid cref.

It is the responsibility of the security administrator and portal administrator to determine why an object has no security or why an object does not exist.

Delete Invalid Security Option

When you move portal objects from one database to another, roles and permission lists assigned to folders and content references on the source database may not exist on the target database and therefore become invalid. Select the Delete Invalid Security check box on the Portal Security Synchronization page to remove non-existing roles and permission lists from folders and content references.

Note. When the Delete Invalid Security option is selected, the `PORTAL_CSS` process runs more slowly as it checks every role and permission list on every portal registry structure. When a non-existing role or permission list is found on the portal registry structure, it is removed from that portal registry structure.

Registering Components in Multiple Portals

After you've used the registration wizard to register a new component on a portal, you may need to register the component on other portals. There are two ways to register components on multiple portals:

- Use the registration wizard again.

Select the second option: Add this component to a portal registry. Then reenter the content reference label, long description, and sequence number (if not 1) to match the other portal's entry.

- Copy the component to other portals.

When you have copied your component to another portal, open that portal to verify that it was copied as anticipated.

See [Chapter 5, "Administering Portals," Copying Folders and Content References, page 142.](#)

See Also

[Chapter 5, "Administering Portals," Changing Default Portals, page 106](#)

Registering Components Multiple Times

The portal registry does not allow a URL to be registered more than once. When defining a content reference, the component name is part of the URL. If you must register the same component URL in more than one location, add a unique character to the parameter field. (Be sure you really must register a URL twice, because this creates upgrade and maintenance concerns.) See the following example, where the additional numeric character *1* is added to the Additional Parameter field:

General Security

[Root](#) > [Customers](#) >

Content Ref Administration

Name: T1_CUST_GBL Author: PTOOLS1

*Label: General Information Parent Folder: Customers [Copy object](#) [Select New Parent Folder](#)

Long Description: (254 Characters) Enter, view, and update customer details (0400, 0410)

Product: PPT *Valid from date: 10/22/2003

Sequence number: 10 Valid to date:

Object Owner ID: PPT PeopleTools Creation Date: 10/22/2003

Usage Type: Target ☐ WSRP Producible

Storage Type: Remote by URL ☐ No Template

Template Name: (Invalid Value) 8.50 default template

[Create Content Reference Link](#) [Add Content Reference](#) [Test Content Reference](#)

URL Information

*Node Name: LOCAL_NODE

URL Type: PeopleSoft Component

Component Parameters

*Menu Name: 0400_PTOOLS1 *Market: GBL *Component: T1_CUST

Additional Parameters: 1

Example: name1=value1&name2=value2

Registering a component the second time

See Also

[Chapter 5, "Administering Portals," Registering Components in Multiple Portals, page 146](#)

Managing General Portal Settings

This section discusses how to manage general portal settings.

Page Used to Manage General Portal Settings

| Page Name | Definition Name | Navigation | Usage |
|------------------|-----------------|--|--|
| General Settings | PORTAL_REG_ADM | PeopleTools, Portal, General Settings. | Manage the settings for the portal that you're signed in to. |

Managing General Portal Settings

Access the General Settings page (PeopleTools, Portal, General Settings).

General Settings

Portal Name: EMPLOYEE

Long Description: (254 Characters) Employee-facing registry content

Default Template Name: DEFAULT_TEMPLATE 8.50 default template

Object Owner ID: PPT PeopleTools

Folder Navigation

☒ Is Folder Navigation Enabled

Folder Navigation Object Name: PT_PTPP_SCFNAV_BASEPAGE_SCR Base Navigation Page

Chart Navigation Object Name: PT_PORTAL_DEFAULT_CHART_NAV Default Chart Navigation Page

Portal Search Options

☒ Display search in navigation ☐ Display search in header ☒ Display global search in header

Auto Suggest Limit: 50

Search Results Page

*Menu Name: PORTAL_ADMIN Portal Administration

*Component Name: PTSF_GLOBAL_SEARCH

*Market: GBL

Navigation Options

*Navigation Type: Drop-down

Favorites Options

☒ Display My Favorites folder ☒ Display Recently Used

Menu Text Options

☒ Display menu text in header Menu title position 47

☒ Display menu in nav pagelet

Disable Drop-down Menu Sort : ?

JPN,KOR,THA,ZHS,ZHT

Header Frame Options

Header frame rows 65

Node Templates

| *Node Name | *Default Template Name | | |
|------------|------------------------|-----|--------|
| PT_LOCAL | 8.50 default template | Add | Delete |

General Settings page

Use this page to manage the settings for the portal that you're signed in to. To modify other portals, use the Portal Definitions page.

Note. You must sign out of the portal and sign back in before your changes take effect.

| | |
|------------------------------|---|
| Default Template Name | Select the template used to wrap all registered content that has not been associated with another template in this portal, as well as all unregistered content. |
|------------------------------|---|

Warning! If you change the default template, make sure that the new default is able to handle any arbitrary page.

See [Chapter 5, "Administering Portals," Administering Portal Definitions, page 103.](#)

Folder Navigation

You enter the current portal folder navigation default values on this page. Enabling folder navigation at the portal level enables folder navigation for all standard folders and SmartNavigation in the portal. You can subsequently disable folder navigation at the individual folder level

Folder navigation is not enabled unless you select the Is Folder Navigation Enabled check box on both the Portal Definition and General Settings pages. Is Folder Navigation Enabled is selected by default in the standard PeopleTools portals.

See [Chapter 5, "Administering Portals," Adding and Editing Portal Definitions, page 106.](#)

Note. If you disable and then re-enable folder navigation at this level, folder navigation is re-enabled for *all* folders. All overrides at the individual folder level are cleared.

Portal Search Options

Use this section of the page to enable system-level search options.

| | |
|-------------------------------------|--|
| Display search in navigation | Select to display the search at the top of the menu pagelet or main menu. |
| Display search in header | Select to display the search field in universal navigation header. This search is limited to the current application. |
| Auto Suggest Limit | <p>Enter the maximum number of rows to appear in the drop-down autocomplete list for edit and prompt fields that have autocomplete enabled at the record definition level.</p> <p>The default value is 50.</p> |

Enter the names of the menu, component, and market for the Search Results page.

Navigation Options

Select *Left* to enable menu navigation that uses the Menu pagelet, which appears to the side of the page.

Select *Drop-down* to enable menu navigation that uses the navigation header, which appears at the top of the page.

Important! Many PeopleTools portal-related features are available only when you use *Drop-down* navigation.

Favorites Options

- | | |
|------------------------------------|--|
| Display My Favorites folder | Select to enable the application user to save favorite components and pages in the My Favorites folder, which appears in the menu structure. |
| Display Recently Used | Select to enable the portal to store and display the five most recently visited components as a folder under the Favorites menu. This option is available only when you select <i>Drop-down</i> as your navigation option. |

Menu Text Options

- | | |
|------------------------------------|---|
| Display menu text in header | Select to show the menu title in the header rather than in the left frame above the menu. |
|------------------------------------|---|

- | | |
|------------------------------------|--|
| Display menu in nav pagelet | Select to show the menu title in the pagelet header. |
|------------------------------------|--|

Note. In PeopleTools, the menu title is displayed in the header. If both Display menu text in header and Display menu in nav pagelet are selected, the menu title appears twice.

- | | |
|----------------------------|---|
| Menu title position | The number of pixels from the top that the menu expand/collapse bar appears in a frame template. The default is 47. |
|----------------------------|---|

Disable Drop-down Menu Sort

Enter the PeopleSoft language codes of the languages for which you would like to remove the drop-down menu sort functionality at the system level. The drop-down menu sort is disabled for these languages by default: Japanese, Korean, Thai, Simplified Chinese, and Traditional Chinese.

Enter PeopleSoft language codes in a comma separated list. Select PeopleTools, Utilities, International, Languages to see all PeopleSoft language codes.

Header Frame Options

This group box sets the number of header frame rows if you are using the PeopleTools default template. The value entered for this field determines the size of the header frame. The default for PeopleTools is 65 and the default for Enterprise Portal is 100.

Node Templates

Configure node-specific template information.

| | |
|------------------------------|--|
| Node Name | Select from the list of nodes defined for this portal. If you add a new node name, you must also specify the default template for that node. |
| Default Template Name | Select the default template for all content references using this node. The selected template is applied only to content references for which the No Template check box is clear, but no template is selected. |

See Also

PeopleTools 8.51 PeopleBook: PeopleSoft Applications User's Guide, "Working With Browser-Based Applications," Using the Menu Pagelet

Managing Portal Objects

The Portal Objects folder is of special significance to the portal. This section discusses how to:

- View Portal Objects folder settings.
- Manage templates.
- Add and edit templates.
- Delete templates.

Pages Used to Manage Portal Objects

| <i>Page Name</i> | <i>Definition Name</i> | <i>Navigation</i> | <i>Usage</i> |
|--|------------------------|--|--------------------------------------|
| Structure and Content - Portal Objects | PORTAL_OBJ_LIST | PeopleTools, Portal, Structure and Content, Portal Objects | View portal objects folder settings. |
| Content Ref Administration | PORTAL_CREF_ADM | PeopleTools, Portal, Structure and Content, Portal Objects, Templates Click Edit next to the name of the template you want to access. | Manage templates. |

Viewing Portal Objects Folder Settings

Access the Structure and Content - Portal Objects page (PeopleTools, Portal, Structure and Content. In the Folders group box, click the Edit link for Portal Objects).

[Root](#) > Portal Objects

Structure and Content

* Click the folder label to view the child folders and content references for that folder

* Click the "Edit" link to edit the folder definition

| Folders | | | |
|--|----------------------|-----------------|------------------------|
| Label | Edit | Sequence number | |
| Homepage | Edit | 0 | Delete |
| Navigation Collections | Edit | 0 | Delete |
| Pagelets | Edit | 0 | Delete |
| Template Pagelets | Edit | 0 | Delete |
| Templates | Edit | 0 | Delete |
| WSRP Produced Portlets | Edit | 0 | Delete |

[Add Folder](#)

* Click the "Edit" link to edit the content reference definition

| Content References | | | | | |
|--------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------|-----------------|-----------------------------|-----------------|
| Link | Label | Edit | Sequence number | Create Link | Number of links |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Portal Expire | Edit | 0 | Create Link | 0 |

Structure and Content – Portal Objects page

Managing Templates

Templates are stored in the HTML catalog and are edited through the portal administration pages. For the portal to process templates properly, they must be referenced in the Templates folder within the Portal Objects folder. Storing templates in the HTML catalog enables them to be upgraded like other objects.

Templates are stored in the HTML catalog according to the following naming convention. Template names always begin with the literal *PR_*. Here's an example name: *PR_PORTALNAME_CONTENT REFERENCE ID*

The following example shows a sample template:

General Security

[Root](#) > [Portal Objects](#) > [Templates](#) >

Content Ref Administration

Name: DEFAULT_TEMPLATE Author: PTDMO

*Label: 8.50 default template Parent Folder: Templates
[Copy object](#) [Select New Parent Folder](#)

Long Description: 8.50 default template
 (254 Characters)

Product: PT *Valid from date: 05/18/2000

Sequence number: Valid to date:

Object Owner ID: PPT PeopleTools Creation Date: 05/18/2000

Usage Type: (Invalid Value)

Storage Type: Remote by URL

[Add Content Reference](#)

URL Information

*Node Name: LOCAL_NODE

URL Type: PeopleSoft Script

iScript Parameters

*Record (Table) Name: WEBLIB_PT_NAV *Field Name: ISCRIPT1

*PeopleCode Event Name: FieldFormula *PeopleCode Function Name: IScript_PT_NAV_TPL_FRAME

Additional Parameters:
 Example: name1=value1&name2=value2

Producer:

Portlet:

[Producer Details](#)

Example of portal template

Templates can be larger than the maximum size permitted by the HTML catalog. Such templates are automatically divided into several files in the HTML catalog. In this case, a letter is appended to each HTML object that makes up the template, as follows:

PR_EMPLOYEE_123456789_A

PR_EMPLOYEE_123456789_B

See Also

[Chapter 8, "Working with Portal Templates," page 193](#)

Adding and Editing Templates

Access the Content Ref Administration page (PeopleTools, Portal, Structure and Content, Portal Objects, Templates).

The fields for adding a dynamic template are the same for as any content reference, except for additional iScript parameter fields. These fields are enabled only if the storage type is set to *Remote by URL*.

If the URL Type field is set to *PeopleSoft Script*, the iScript Parameters region appears. Select the record name, PeopleCode event name, field name, and PeopleCode function name that describe the iScript to use for the content reference.

To add a new template, click Add Content Reference. in the Content References region at the bottom of the Content Ref Administration page.

To edit an existing template, click the Edit link next to the template that you want to edit in the Content References region at the bottom of the Content Ref Administration page.

See Also

[Chapter 5, "Administering Portals," Defining Standard Navigation Folders, page 112](#)

[Chapter 5, "Administering Portals," Defining Content References, page 124](#)

Deleting Templates

You delete templates just as you delete folders and content references.

Note. Do not delete the PORTAL_DEFAULT template. This template has special significance to your portal, and must always be available. Deleting this template could make your portal inoperative. Do not delete a template unless you are fully aware of how it's used within the portal.

See [Chapter 5, "Administering Portals," Deleting Content References, page 137](#).

Reviewing Menu Item Information

This section discusses how to:

- View menu item details.
- View menu folder structure information.
- View menu security details.

Common Elements Used in This Section

| | |
|------------------------------|---|
| Menu Item | Displays the menu item ID. The menu item label is displayed to the right. |
| Content Provider Name | Displays the database node that contains the PeopleSoft page. |

| | |
|------------------------------------|--|
| Product | (Optional) Displays text used to tag menu items for inquiry. |
| | Note. Each PeopleSoft product line has a naming standard. For example, PAPP is always used for PeopleSoft Enterprise Portal. |
| Menu Path | Displays the navigation path for this menu item. |
| Hidden | If selected, the menu item is hidden from portal menu navigation. However, the content can still be accessed by using a link that is incorporated on a target page or pagelet. |
| Is Public | If selected, the menu item is available for all users. No data appears in the Accessible Permissions, Accessible Roles, and Accessible Users scroll areas. |
| Auth Access (author access) | If selected, the author has access to the menu item regardless of how other permissions are set. |

Pages Used to Review Menu Item Information


| <i>Page Name</i> | <i>Definition Name</i> | <i>Navigation</i> | <i>Usage</i> |
|-----------------------|------------------------|--|---|
| Menu Item Detail | PT_IQREGITEM | PeopleTools, Portal, View Menu Item Detail | Review the portal registry information for a menu item. |
| Menu Folder Structure | PT_IQREGFOLDERS | PeopleTools, Portal, View Menu Folder Structure | View menu folder structure information. |
| Menu Security | PT_IQREGSECURITY | PeopleTools, Portal, View Menu Security | View a list of folders or content references that a user, role, or permission list has access to. |
| Build Search Index | PORTAL_SRCH_IDX | PeopleTools, Portal, Build Registry Search Index | Build a search index for a portal application. |


Viewing Menu Item Details

Access the Menu Item Details page (PeopleTools, Portal, View Menu Item Detail).

Menu Item Detail

Portal Object Name: PERSONAL_DATA_GBL Personal Data
Content Provider Name: LOCAL_NODE Use Local Node
Product: PSU
Usage Type: Target
Template name: DEFAULT_TEMPLATE 8.50 default template
Component: PERSONAL_DATA
Long Description: View/edit details about company employees
Menu Path: Root > Employees >
Hidden: ☐ **Is Public:** ☐ **Auth Access:** ☒ PTRN

| Accessible Permissions | | Customize Find View All  First 1-2 of 2 Last |
|------------------------|-----------------------|---|
| Permission Name | Description | |
| PSU1020 | PSU HR Administration | |
| ALLPAGES | All pages and weblibs | |

| Accessible Roles | | Customize Find View All  First 1-4 of 4 Last |
|-----------------------|------------------------|---|
| Role Name | Description | |
| Developer | Application Developer | |
| PeopleTools I Student | Student in course 0400 | |
| HR Specialist | HR Specialist | |
| All Pages | All Pages | |

| Accessible Users | | Customize Find View All  First 1-10 of 18 Last |
|------------------|-------------------------------|---|
| User ID | Description | |
| PTMBL | PeopleTools Training - Mobile | |
| PTDMO | Developer | |
| TC1 | Training Coordinator 1 | |
| PTTRA | Application Engine student | |
| PTCODE | PeopleCode Student | |
| MGR2 | Manager2 | |
| PTWF | PeopleTools Training Workflow | |
| MGR1 | Manager1 | |
| PTXMLP | XMLP Training user | |
| PTOOLS1 | Course 0400 User | |

Menu Item Detail page

Use this page to review the portal registry information for a menu item. The details that appear include the exact users and the roles and permission lists that allow access to a given menu item.

| | |
|---|--|
| Usage Type | Displays the type of object that is registered in the portal as a content reference. Possible values are <i>Target</i> , <i>Pagelet</i> , <i>Frame Template</i> , <i>HTML Template</i> , and <i>Homepage Tab</i> . |
| Template Name | Displays the template that controls how content appears on the page. The default template is used unless there is a special circumstance. |
| Component, iScript, and URL Type | Information that appears depends on the URL type that is entered on the Content Ref Administration page. Possible URL type values are <i>Non-PeopleSoft URL</i> , <i>PeopleSoft Component</i> , <i>PeopleSoft Generic URL</i> , <i>PeopleSoft Script</i> , <i>PeopleSoft Worklist URL</i> , and <i>Remote Portlet</i> . The availability of these values depends on the selected usage type. |
| Long Description | Displays the hover text for the menu navigation link. |

Note. The Accessible Permissions, Accessible Roles, and Accessible Users scroll areas are only populated if the access type is set to *permission list*.

See [Chapter 5, "Administering Portals," Defining Content References, page 124](#).

Accessible Permissions

Displays the permission name and description for all permission lists that have access to this menu item.

Note. If the component or iScript is using a local node with no extra parameters, the permission lists are automatically populated based on the menu object component security.

Accessible Roles

Displays the role name and description for all roles that have access to this menu item.

Accessible Users

Displays the user ID and description for all users that have access to this menu item.

Viewing Menu Folder Structure Information

Access the Menu Folder Structure page (PeopleTools, Portal, View Menu Folder Structure).

Menu Folder Structure

Select the Node Name and Product for Menu information that you would like to see. If left blank, all possible information will be shown.

Portal Name:

EMPLOYEE

Content Provider

Name:

Product:

Menu Folder:

PT_SECURITY

Security

Fetch

Menu Folder Structure

Customize | Find | View All | First | 1-42 of 42 | Last

Objects

Details

| Menu Item | Details | Menu Path | Seq Nbr. | Portal Object Name |
|--------------------------------|---------|--|----------|--------------------------|
| Mass Change Operator Security | | Root > PeopleTools > Security > | 201 | PT_MC_OPR_SECURITY_GBL |
| Common Queries | | Root > PeopleTools > Security > | 200 | PT_MAINT_SEC_QUERIES_GBL |
| Cache Directory Schema | | Root > PeopleTools > Security > Directory > | 20 | PT_RUN_DSSHEMA_GBL |
| Delete Directory Configuration | | Root > PeopleTools > Security > Directory > | 60 | PT_DSPURGEDIRID_GBL |
| Workflow Address Book | | Root > PeopleTools > Security > Directory > | 60 | PT_WF_NOT_LDAP |
| User Profile Map | | Root > PeopleTools > Security > Directory > | 40 | PT_DSUSRPROF2_GBL |
| Configure Directory | | Root > PeopleTools > Security > Directory > | 10 | PT_PSDSETUP_GBL |
| Authentication Map | | Root > PeopleTools > Security > Directory > | 30 | PT_DSSECMAP_GBL |
| Role Membership Rules | | Root > PeopleTools > Security > Directory > | 50 | PT_DSROLERULE_GBL |
| Algorithm Chain | | Root > PeopleTools > Security > Encryption > | 110 | ALGORITHM_CHAIN |
| Algorithm Keyset | | Root > PeopleTools > Security > Encryption > | 120 | ALGORITHM_KEYSET |
| Delete Encryption Profile | | Root > PeopleTools > Security > Encryption > | 135 | CRYPT_PRFL_DELETE |
| Load Encryption Libraries | | Root > PeopleTools > Security > Encryption > | 100 | ALGORITHM_PROFILE |
| Test Encryption Profile | | Root > PeopleTools > Security > Encryption > | 140 | CRYPT_DEMO |
| Encryption Profile | | Root > PeopleTools > Security > Encryption > | 130 | ENCRYPTION_PROFILE |

Menu Folder Structure page: Objects tab

Use this page to view a list of content references for a selected portal registry folder. You see the contents of one or several menu folders.

- Portal Name


Displays the name of the portal that you are currently using.
- Content Provider Name, Product, and Menu Folder

Select a combination of criteria for filtering the results. If any of the fields are left blank, all possible information for those fields are shown.

Objects Tab

Select the Objects tab.

- Menu Item

Displays the menu item description.
- 

Click to view more detail information on the Menu Item Detail page.
- Seq Nbr (sequence number)

Displays where the menu item is located in its menu folder. If blank, the menu item is added to the top of the list of content references within its folder and displayed in alphabetical order.
- Portal Object Name

Displays the menu item ID.

Details Tab

Select the Details tab.

| Menu Folder Structure | | | | | | | | |
|--------------------------------|---------|-----------------------|-------------------|---|--------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------|
| Objects | | Details | | Customize Find View All First 1-42 of 42 Last | | | | |
| Menu Item | Product | Content Provider Name | Component | iScript | Hidden | Is Public | Auth Access | User ID |
| Mass Change Operator Security | PT | LOCAL_NODE | MC_OPR_SECURITY | | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Common Queries | PT | LOCAL_NODE | MAINT_SEC_QUERIES | | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Cache Directory Schema | PT | LOCAL_NODE | RUN_DSSHEMA | | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Delete Directory Configuration | PT | LOCAL_NODE | DSPURGEDIRID | | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Workflow Address Book | PT | LOCAL_NODE | PT_WF_NOT_DSCFG | | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| User Profile Map | PT | LOCAL_NODE | DSUSRPROF2 | | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Configure Directory | PT | LOCAL_NODE | PSDSSETUP | | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Authentication Map | PT | LOCAL_NODE | DSSECMAP | | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Role Membership Rules | PT | LOCAL_NODE | DSROLERULE | | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Algorithm Chain | PT | LOCAL_NODE | ALGORITHM_CHAIN | | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | QEDMO |
| Algorithm Keyset | PT | LOCAL_NODE | CRYPT_KEYSET | | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | QEDMO |
| Delete Encryption Profile | pt | LOCAL_NODE | CRYPT_PRFL_DELETE | | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | QEDMO |
| Load Encryption Libraries | PT | LOCAL_NODE | ALGORITHM_PRFL | | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | QEDMO |
| Test Encryption Profile | PT | LOCAL_NODE | CRYPT_DEMO | | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | QEDMO |
| Encryption Profile | PT | LOCAL_NODE | ENCRYPTION_PRFL | | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | QEDMO |

Menu Folder Structure page: Details tab

User ID

If the Auth Access check box is selected, displays the author's user ID.

Viewing Menu Security Details

Access the Menu Security page (PeopleTools, Portal, View Menu Security).

Menu Security

Select the level of Object security and Folder visibility for Menu information that you would like to see. Please note that inquiries which return a large amount of rows may take a minute or two.

Object Security

☒ User User ID:

☐ Role

☐ Permission List

Folder Visibility

☐ Show All

☒ Choose Top Level Menu Item:

☐ Show Top Level Only

Fetch

| Menu Security | | | |
|-------------------|--|----------|--------------------------------|
| Objects | | Details | |
| Menu Item | Menu Path | Seq Nbr. | Portal Object Name |
| Portal Expire | Root > Portal Objects > | | PORTAL_EXPIRE |
| My Page | Root > Portal Objects > Homepage > Tabs > | | DEFAULT |
| Design Helper | Root > Portal Objects > Navigation Collections > XML Publisher > Complete Setup > | 18 | ADMN_S200601131641106358836634 |
| Report Category | Root > Portal Objects > Navigation Collections > XML Publisher > Complete Setup > | 17 | ADMN_S200601131640216688131351 |
| Content Library | Root > Portal Objects > Navigation Collections > XML Publisher > Define XMLP Reports > | 9 | ADMN_S200601131637299978942228 |
| Report Definition | Root > Portal Objects > Navigation Collections > XML Publisher > Define XMLP Reports > | 5 | ADMN_S200601131637094435254982 |
| Translations | Root > Portal Objects > Navigation Collections > XML Publisher > Define XMLP Reports > | 10 | ADMN_S200601131637448169194616 |
| Data Source | Root > Portal Objects > Navigation Collections > XML Publisher > Register Data Sources > | 4 | ADMN_S200601131635094344920194 |

Menu Security page: Objects tab

Use this page to view a list of folders or content references to which a user ID, role, or permission list has access.

Note. The Seq Nbr (sequence number) column is hidden in this illustration, and because of the large number of objects, not all are shown.

Object Security

Select the level of object security for the menu information that you want to see.

User, Role, and Permission List

Select a type of object security, and then and then select an object.

You can view the complete menu folder structure that is available in the navigation (or hidden, but accessible from another page) for the selected security value.

Warning! To avoid unexpected errors and inordinately long retrieval times, do *not* select the *ALLPAGES* permission list in conjunction with the *Show All* folder option. Always narrow your folder options if you choose the *ALLPAGES* permission list.

Folder Visibility

Select the folder level of visibility for the menu information that you want to see.

Show All

Select this option to view all objects.

Note. To avoid unexpected errors and inordinately long retrieval times, it is recommended that you do not select this option if you choose the *ALLPAGES* permission list in the Object Security section.

Choose Top Level

Select a level-one folder. The Menu Security grid displays all content references and their complete paths below this level that are accessible by the selected object security level.

Show Top Level Only

Select to display only the level-one folders that are accessible by the object security type.

Objects Tab

Select the Objects tab.

See [Chapter 5, "Administering Portals," Viewing Menu Folder Structure Information, page 158.](#)

Details Tab

Select the Details tab.

See [Chapter 5, "Administering Portals," Viewing Menu Folder Structure Information, page 158.](#)

Permission Lists

If either the Role object security option or the Show Top Level Only folder visibility option is selected, then this scroll area appears, displaying the permission lists that are associated with each menu item.

Building Registry Search Indexes

This section discusses how to

- Associate keywords to content references.
 - Build search indexes for PeopleSoft applications.
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Note. If you use PeopleSoft Enterprise Portal, registry search implementation is different. Enterprise Search documentation supersedes PeopleTools Search documentation.

See PeopleSoft Enterprise Portal 9 PeopleBook: Enterprise Portal Application and Technology, Configuring the Enterprise Portal Search Infrastructure

Page Used to Build Registry Search Indexes

| Page Name | Definition Name | Navigation | Usage |
|--|-----------------|---|---|
| Content Ref Administration (content reference administration) | PORTAL_CREF_ADM | PeopleTools, Portal, Structure and Content, Portal Objects. Navigate to the Content References list and click Add Content Reference or Edit. | Use the attribute KEYWORD to associate keywords to a content reference. Any search for these keywords returns the content reference as a search result. |
| Build Search Index | PORTAL_SRCH_IDX | PeopleTools, Portal, Build Registry Search Index | Build search indexes for portal applications. |

Associating Keywords to Content References

Access the Content Ref Administration page (PeopleTools, Portal, Structure and Content. Click the Edit link for the appropriate content reference.)

Content Ref Administration page — Content Reference Attributes

The search index derives keywords from the content reference labels and long descriptions. Additional keywords can be assigned to a content reference by adding portal KEYWORD attributes. This is very useful if there are synonym-type keywords that are not mentioned in the title or description; for example, *P.O.* versus *Purchase Order*.

Note. Attribute values must be separated with a comma and a space.

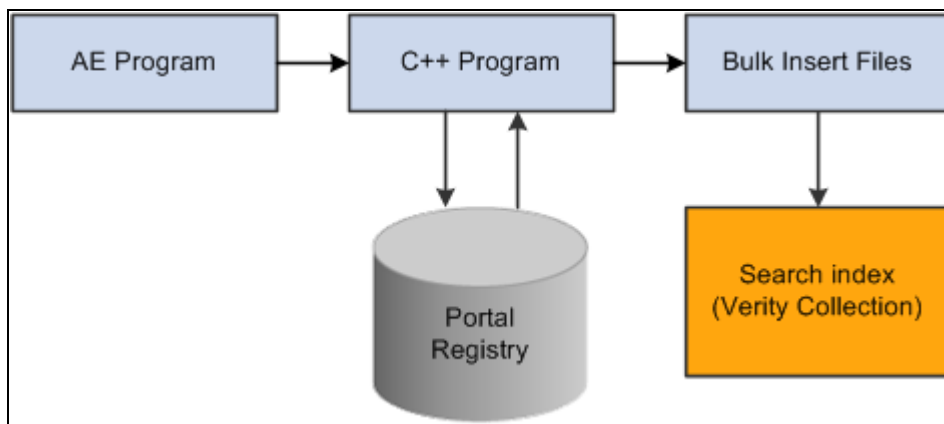
Building Search Indexes For PeopleSoft Applications

Access the Build Search Index page (PeopleTools, Portal, Build Registry Search Index).

You can build a search index from the portal administration pages and schedule the build process using PeopleSoft Process Scheduler. Each time that you build the search index, the index is entirely rebuilt, and any previous entries are overwritten.

Note. Only content references can be indexed.

The process for building a search index for a portal application is fairly easy, because data in the portal registry is already in a known format and this data is used to build the search index. When you build a search index from the portal administration pages, an Application Engine program calls a C++ program, PORTAL_INDEX, which reads from the portal registry. The C++ program then generates the bulk insert files to create the search index. The following illustration represents this process:



Building a search index process

To build a search index:

1. Access the Build Search Index page.

2. Select or add a run control ID.

You may use any run control ID; however, you may want to use a portal name to associate the run control ID with the registry for which you are building the search index.

3. Select the All Installed Languages box to build the index for all installed languages.
4. Select the language code for which you want to build the search index.

The default language code is the base language.

5. Click Run to launch the build process.

PeopleSoft Process Scheduler initiates an Application Engine program named PORTAL_INDEX. Click the Process Monitor link to view the status of the index build. Click Report Monitor to review output.

See Also

PeopleTools 8.51 PeopleBook: System and Server Administration, "Configuring Search and Building Search Indexes"

Chapter 6

Administering Portal Homepages and Pagelets

This chapter provides an overview of portal homepage and pagelet administration and discusses how to:

- Manage tabbed homepages.
- Manage pagelet attributes.

See Also

PeopleTools 8.51 PeopleBook: PeopleSoft Applications User's Guide, "Working With Browser-Based Applications"

PeopleTools 8.51 PeopleBook: PeopleSoft Applications User's Guide, "Setting User Preferences," Personalizing Your Homepage

Understanding Portal Homepage and Pagelet Administration

Available homepage functionality differs based on the products that you have licensed. Each users' homepage data is stored in a separate set of tables named PSPRUHDEFN (which is updated when a user personalizes the homepage), PSPRUHTAB, and PSPRUHTABPGLT. Based on the data in these tables, a personalized HTML homepage is generated.

As a portal administrator, you can create multiple homepages that users can view as a series of tabs across the top of the homepage. To accomplish this, you create additional homepage tabs with content specific to target community audiences.

Pagelet Loading

Portal homepages load each pagelet individually when you sign on. The pagelet appears as you see in this example, indicating that it's currently loading its data.



Pagelet loading on homepage

Managing Tabbed Homepages

This section discusses how to:

- Add homepage tabs.
- Configure tab attributes.
- Select the tab content.
- Specify the tab layout.
- Rearrange the tab order.
- Troubleshoot homepages.

Pages Used to Manage Tabbed Homepages

| <i>Page Name</i> | <i>Definition Name</i> | <i>Navigation</i> | <i>Usage</i> |
|----------------------------|------------------------|--|---|
| Structure and Content | PORTAL_FLDR_ADM | PeopleTools, Portal, Structure and Content, Portal Objects, Homepage, Tabs. | Add and delete homepage tabs or change tab order. |
| Content Ref Administration | PORTAL_CREF_ADM | Click Add Content Reference on the Structure and Content page. | Create homepage tabs. |
| Tab Content | PORTAL_TAB_CON_ADM | PeopleTools, Portal, Structure and Content, Portal Objects, Homepage, Tabs, Content Ref Administration, Tab Content. | Define the content for the homepage tab. |
| Tab Layout | PORTAL_TAB_LAY_ADM | PeopleTools, Portal, Structure and Content, Portal Objects, Homepage, Tabs, Content Ref Administration, Tab Layout. | Define the layout for the homepage tab. |

Adding Homepage Tabs

To add a new homepage tab:

1. Select PeopleTools, Portal, Structure and Content.
2. Click the Portal Objects link.

3. Click the Homepage link.
4. Click the Tabs link.
5. Click the Add Content Reference link.

Configuring Homepage Tabs

Access the Content Ref Administration - General page. (Select PeopleTools, Portal, Structure and Content. Click the Portal Objects link. Click the Homepage link. Click the Tabs link).

The screenshot shows the 'Content Ref Administration' page for a 'Homepage tab'. The page has tabs for 'General', 'Security', 'Tab Content', and 'Tab Layout'. The breadcrumb trail is 'Root > Portal Objects > Homepage > Tabs >'. The page title is 'Content Ref Administration'. The 'Author' is 'QEDMO' and the 'Parent Folder' is 'Tabs'. The form includes fields for '*Name:', '*Label:', 'Long Description: (254 Characters)', 'Product:', 'Sequence number:', 'Object Owner ID', 'Usage Type:' (set to 'Homepage tab'), and 'Storage Type:' (set to 'Local (in HTML Catalog)'). There are also date pickers for '*Valid from date:' and 'Valid to date:', and a 'Creation Date' of '04/08/2010'. Below these are sections for 'Homepage tab attributes' and 'Content Reference Attributes'. The 'Homepage tab attributes' section includes checkboxes for 'Allow rename', 'Operational Dashboard', and 'Hide from MSF navigation', along with a 'Help ID:' field and a 'Hide pagelet action bar' checkbox. The 'Content Reference Attributes' section includes fields for 'Name:', 'Label:', and 'Attribute value:', a 'Translate' checkbox (checked), a 'Delete' button, and an 'Add' button at the bottom.

Content Ref Administration page - Homepage tab

Name

Enter a unique name for the tab.

The value you specify in the Name field can consist of up to 50 letters, digits, and underscores (_). It cannot contain any spaces and cannot begin with a digit.

Label

Enter the label to display on the tab.

| | |
|------------------------|--|
| Usage Type | Select <i>Homepage tab</i> to create a tabbed homepage or an operational dashboard. When you select Homepage tab, two additional pages appear in the component: the Tab Content and Tab Layout pages. |
| Valid from date | Enter the date that the tab becomes visible to the end user. You can enter a date to remove the tab from display. |
| Allow rename | Select this check box to enable users to rename the tab label of the homepage tab using the Personalize Content page. |

Homepage Tab Attributes

Use the Homepage tab attributes group box of the Content Ref Administration page to enable users to rename the homepage tab label, as well as associate a help topic with the homepage tab, hide the pagelet action bar, and specify a homepage as an operational dashboard.

| | |
|--------------------------------|--|
| Allow rename | Select to enable the application user to change the homepage tab label. |
| Help ID | <p>Enter the help ID for the pagelet. When users click the Help button on the pagelet, the system displays help information specific to the pagelet.</p> <p>This feature works only if you specify a help URL on the Web Profile Configuration - General page, and the pagelet documentation is part of the HTML PeopleBooks identified by the help URL.</p> <p>You must also ensure that the documentation HTML includes a properly formatted anchor element that uses the value you specify in this field. For example, if you specify a help ID of <i>MY_PAGELET_CONTENT</i>, the pagelet documentation in the PeopleBook must contain the following element:</p> <pre></pre> |
| Hide pagelet action bar | Select this check box to hide the pagelet action bar on all pagelets on the homepage tab. This option overrides all properties for pagelets used on this tab. |
| Operational Dashboard | <p>Select to hide the tab from the homepage and create a content reference link to the tab so that you can access the homepage from the root level of the menu.</p> <p>See Chapter 14, "Creating and Configuring WorkCenter Pages," Creating WorkCenter Operational Dashboard Pages, page 505.</p> |

Creating Homepage Tabs

To create homepage tabs:

1. Click the Add Content Reference link.

2. Enter a name and label for the new tab.

Note. The label value appears as the homepage tab name.

3. In the Usage Type field, select *Homepage tab*.

After selecting *Homepage tab*, the page refreshes to display two additional pages, the Tab Content and Tab Layout pages.

4. In the Valid from date field, enter the date that you want the tab to first appear for your users. Optionally, enter a valid to date to remove the tab from use.
5. Select the homepage tab attributes.
6. Define the tab content and tab layout.

See [Chapter 6, "Administering Portal Homepages and Pagelets," Selecting the Tab Content, page 169.](#)

See [Chapter 6, "Administering Portal Homepages and Pagelets," Arranging the Tab Layout, page 171.](#)

7. Click the Save button.
8. To view the newly defined tab, click Home to return to your homepage.

See Also

[Chapter 5, "Administering Portals," Setting Content Reference Security, page 134](#)

[Chapter 14, "Creating and Configuring WorkCenter Pages," Creating WorkCenter Operational Dashboard Pages, page 505](#)

Selecting the Tab Content

Access the Tab Content page (click the Tab Content tab).

Tab Content page

To select pagelets for the homepage:

1. Select the check box for the pagelet to appear on the homepage tab.

Select the Include All? check box to select all pagelets in the category.

Note. The user must have security access to the pagelet component for the pagelet to be properly displayed on the homepage.

2. Use the drop-down list to select the pagelet behavior.

Optional

The pagelet does not appear automatically on the homepage. However, it is available for users when personalizing the homepage.

Opt-Dflt (option-default)

The pagelet appears on all user homepages, if the users have access to the pagelet. The pagelet can be removed when users personalize the homepage.

Req-Fix (required-fixed)

The pagelet appears on all user homepages, if users have access to the pagelet. The placement of the pagelet can not be changed, and it also cannot be removed.

Required

The pagelet appears on all user homepages if users have access to the pagelet. The placement of the pagelet can be changed, but it cannot be removed.

3. Click the Save button.

Note. Content outside of PeopleSoft applications is available only with PeopleSoft Enterprise Portal.

Important! When selecting content for inclusion on any PeopleSoft homepage, only one pagelet or portlet should use the calendar prompt. If more than one pagelet or portlet per homepage uses the calendar prompt, unexpected results might occur.

Arranging the Tab Layout

Access the Tab Layout page (click the Tab Layout tab).

General Security Tab Content **Tab Layout**

Root > Portal Objects > Homepage > Tabs >

Tab Layout

Label: My Page

Basic Layout: ☒ 2 columns ☐ 3 columns

Click arrows to move pagelets up and down or into neighboring columns. Click "Delete Pagelet" to remove the selected pagelet from the homepage tab definition.

= Required - fixed position pagelet
* = Required - moveable pagelet

| Left Column: | Center Column: | Right Column: |
|--------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Menu | --No Pagelets Selected-- | --No Pagelets Selected-- |

Navigation arrows: Up, Down, Left, Right

Delete Pagelet

Tab Layout page

Label Displays the label information from the Content Ref Administration page.

Basic Layout

Select to display the pagelets in either two or three columns on the homepage.

To specify the three-column layout, be sure that at least one pagelet does not have the *Req-Fix* behavior option selected on the Tab Content page.

Columns

Displays the pagelets selected on the Tab Content page in the column sections.

If the basic layout is two columns, the pagelets are divided into left and right columns. If the basic layout is three columns, the pagelets are divided into left, center, and right columns.

Note. A pound sign (#) indicates a pagelet with the *Req-Fix* behavior option selected on the Tab Content page. An asterisk (*) indicates a pagelet with the *Required* behavior option selected on the Tab Content page.

For example, #Signon indicates that the Signon pagelet cannot be moved to a different location on the homepage.



Use to position the pagelets. Highlight a pagelet, and then click the directional arrow buttons to move the selected pagelet above a pagelet, below a pagelet, to the next column to the right, or the next column to the left.

Delete Pagelet

Highlight a pagelet and then click to delete it from the homepage.

To arrange the tab layout:

1. Select a basic layout option.
2. Select the pagelet name.
3. Click the directional arrow buttons to position the pagelets.
4. Click the Save button.

Note. The portal administrator determines the flexibility of the layout of the pagelets based on the settings that you select on both the Tab Content and Tab Layout pages. Grant the end user as much or as little flexibility as your organization demands.

Rearranging the Tab Order

The sequence number determines the homepage tab order. The tabs appear with the lowest sequence number first. If any numbers are identical, then the order is alphanumeric. If no sequence numbers exist, the default is considered to be zero. For example, if no sequence numbers are entered, the default is zero, and the order is alphanumeric.

To rearrange the tab order:

1. Select PeopleTools, Portal, Structure and Content.
2. Click the Portal Objects link.

3. Click the Homepage link.
4. Click the Tabs link.
5. Click the Edit link for each tab that you want to reorder.
6. Enter a number in the Sequence field.

If caching is turned on for the portal, the tab order change does not take effect until the caching recycles or the web server is restarted.

Troubleshooting Homepages

Under most circumstances, PeopleTools portal technology assembles homepages by simultaneously retrieving content for all the pagelets referenced on the homepage. As a result, the portal renders the homepage as soon as the user signs in and immediately begins loading individual pagelets. Under certain circumstances, pagelets do not load simultaneously, but load sequentially.

Sequential Pagelet Retrieval

When `document.write` or `document.writeln` scripts are detected inside a pagelet, the homepage loads all pagelets sequentially. This is required to properly assemble that pagelet's content. For example, consider a homepage with the following pagelets, each of which loads in the time indicated:

- Pagelet A: 0.5 seconds
- Pagelet B: 1.2 seconds
- Pagelet C: 33.5 seconds
- Pagelet D: 2.3 seconds

Note. These pagelets can all have relatively quick average load times, but any pagelet might be excessively slow on occasion.

The total time required to retrieve all the pagelets is 37.5 seconds, which is disproportionately skewed by pagelet C. Some reasons for this could be that pagelet C's URL is incorrect or has changed, the domain name server can't resolve the URL, the content server is down or unreachable, the content server is behind a firewall, or the content server is temporarily unavailable. As a result of such high retrieval times, the total time to render the homepage is unacceptable to the user, and for practical purposes the pagelet is unavailable.

You can respond to unavailable pagelets by specifying a time-out period during which each pagelet must load. This improves portal homepage performance by enabling the system to present the homepage quickly in spite of an individual pagelet's unavailability. You specify a pagelet time-out as a content reference attribute on the pagelet's Content Ref Administration page.

See [Chapter 6, "Administering Portal Homepages and Pagelets," Configuring Pagelet Time-outs, page 177.](#)

Managing Pagelet Attributes

This section discusses how to:

- Manage pagelet attributes.
- Configure pagelet Help links.
- Configure pagelet time outs.
- Configure pagelet refresh attributes.

Page Used to Manage Pagelet Attributes

| <i>Page Name</i> | <i>Definition Name</i> | <i>Navigation</i> | <i>Usage</i> |
|----------------------------|------------------------|---|-------------------------------|
| Content Ref Administration | PORTAL_CREF_ADM | PeopleTools, Portal, Structure and Content, Portal Objects, Homepage, Tabs. Click Add Content Reference. | Create or edit homepage tabs. |

Managing Pagelet Attributes

Access the Content Ref Administration page (PeopleTools, Portal, Structure and Content. Click the Edit link for the appropriate content reference).

Select *Pagelet* in the Usage Type drop-down list box.

Use the Pagelet Attributes group box to select the default column for a pagelet, associate a help topic with the pagelet, set refresh time, and hide certain buttons from users.

Pagelet Attributes

Default Column:Column 1

Help ID:

☐ Hide minimize image

Refresh Time (sec):

☐ Hide refresh image

☐ Force pagelet refresh

Edit URL Information

Node Name

URL Type:

☒ Hide from MSF navigation

Content Reference Attributes

Name:PTPPB_PAGELET_HELP_LINK

Label:

Attribute value:http://www.help.oracle.com/help_doc_1.html

Delete

☐ Translate

Add

Content Ref Administration - Pagelet and Content Reference Attributes

This table describes the pagelet attribute fields:

| | |
|---------------------|--|
| Default Column | Select the number of columns for the pagelet. |
| Help ID | <p>Enter the help ID for the pagelet. When users click the Help button on the pagelet, the system displays help information specific to the pagelet.</p> <p>This feature works only if you specified a help URL on the Web Profile Configuration - General page, and the pagelet documentation is part of the HTML PeopleBooks identified by the help URL.</p> <p>You must also ensure that the documentation HTML includes a properly formatted anchor element that uses the value you specify in this field. For example, if you specify a help ID of <i>MY_PAGELET_CONTENT</i>, the pagelet documentation in the PeopleBook must contain the following element:</p> <pre></pre> |
| Refresh Time (sec) | <p>Enter the number of seconds after which the system auto-refreshes the pagelet. To activate the refresh timer, enter a value of 1 or greater.</p> <p>The timer refreshes the pagelet as soon as the user enters the homepage and then automatically refresh the pagelet every <i>n</i> number of seconds.</p> <hr/> <p>Note. Only homepages use automatic refresh.</p> <hr/> |
| Hide minimize image | Select to hide the minimize button that normally appears in the pagelet header, so that users are prevented from minimizing the pagelet. |

Hide refresh image

Select to hide the refresh button to prevent users refreshing the pagelet.

If you implemented pagelet caching for this pagelet, a refresh button automatically appears in the pagelet header.

Force Pagelet Refresh

Some components can render themselves differently based on the column width. When a homepage has a 2 column layout, and the user moves a PIA based component pagelet to a different sized column by using the drag and drop method then this pagelet needs to be refreshed so that the content displays correctly.

The drag and drop iScript that persists the pagelet changes forces a homepage refresh only when all of the following conditions are met:

- A pagelet changes columns.
- The homepage layout is 2-column.
- The pagelet is a PIA component
- You select the Force page refresh property for the pagelet

Note. When `document.write` or `document.writeln` scripts are detected inside a pagelet, the whole homepage will be refreshed instead of just that pagelet. This is required to properly assemble that pagelet's content.

See [Chapter 9, "Using Portal Caching Features," Implementing Pagelet Caching, page 214.](#)

Edit URL Information

Use the Node Name and URL Type fields to specify a page to be used for personalizing this pagelet, and to make the personalization button appear in the pagelet header.

Node Name

Select the node name for the edit URL of the pagelet. This node name can be different than the pagelet node name.

URL Type

Select the type of the edit URL. The specific URL entry fields appear based on the setting of this field. Options are:

Non-PeopleSoft URL: The Edit URL field appears. Enter the URL of the personalization page to use.

PeopleSoft Component: The Component Parameters group box appears, containing the same fields as the Component Parameters group box for the content reference. Use these fields to identify the personalization page to use.

PeopleSoft Script: The iScript Parameters group box appears, containing the same fields as the iScript Parameters group box for the content reference. Use these fields to identify the personalization page to use.

See Also

[Chapter 5, "Administering Portals," Administering Content References, page 121](#)

Configuring Pagelet Help Links

To specify pagelet help:

1. Select PeopleTools, Portal, Structure and Content, Portal Objects, and navigate to the Content Ref Administration (content reference administration) page for the pagelet.

You define the pagelet help in the Content Reference Attributes region of the page.

2. Enter *PTPPB_PAGELET_HELP_LINK* in the Name field.
3. Leave the Label field blank.
4. Clear the Translate check box.

Note. You *must* clear the Translate check box or unexpected results might occur.

5. In the Attribute Value field, enter the URL of the location of your help document, for example *http://www.mycompany.com/help_doc1.html*
6. Save the content reference.

Note. The pagelet Help URL takes precedence over the Help ID, when both attributes are set for a pagelet.

Note. The help button appears only when the pagelet is on the homepage inside the PeopleSoft Portal; it will not appear when the pagelet is displayed as a WSRP portlet.

See Also

[Chapter 5, "Administering Portals," Administering Content References, page 121](#)

Configuring Pagelet Time-outs

To specify a pagelet time-out:

1. Select PeopleTools, Portal, Structure and Content, Portal Objects, and navigate to the Content Ref Administration (content reference administration) page for the pagelet.

You define the pagelet time-out in the Content Reference Attributes region of the page.

2. Enter *PSTIMEOUT* in the Name field.
3. Enter *PSTimeout* in the Label field.

4. In the Attribute Value field, enter number of seconds before the pagelet is considered unavailable. This can be any positive integer.

Note. The portal ignores this attribute if you specify 0 or a negative value, or if the content reference isn't a pagelet.

5. Save the content reference.

When your specified time-out expires, the portal stops attempting to load the pagelet and generates an error message.

See Also

[Chapter 5, "Administering Portals," Administering Content References, page 121](#)

[Chapter 10, "Configuring the Portal Environment," Configuring Look and Feel, page 256](#)

Configuring Automatic Pagelet Refresh Attributes

To specify a pagelet refresh time in seconds:

1. Select PeopleTools, Portal, Structure and Content, Portal Objects, and navigate to the Content Ref Administration (content reference administration) page for the pagelet.

You define the pagelet time-out in the Content Reference Attributes region of the page.

2. Enter the number of seconds for automatic refresh in the Refresh Time (sec) field.
3. (Optional) Check the Hide refresh image check box to prevent manual pagelet refresh by the user.
4. Save the content reference.

Note. Pagelets with document.write or document.writeln should not have the refresh timer set (to automatically refresh every x number of seconds) because this requires that the whole homepage be refreshed every x number of seconds.

Chapter 7

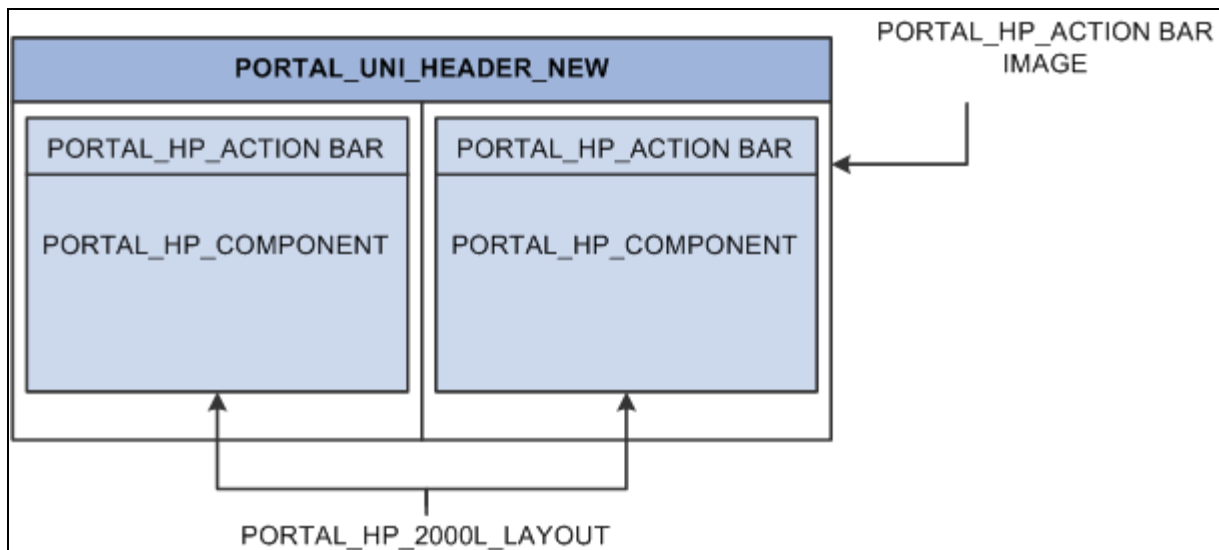
Modifying the Portal Interface

You can edit HTML objects to control the appearance of your portal. This chapter discusses how to:

- Use predefined template HTML objects.
- Use predefined homepage HTML objects.
- Use custom portal headers.
- Change link colors.
- Apply changes.

Using Predefined Template HTML Objects

The following example shows a two-column layout that is used to display two pagelets side by side. You can see which part of the page each HTML object controls. The `PORTAL_HP_USER_TEMPLATE` object controls the overall page, and the `PORTAL_HP_COMPONENT` object controls the look of each pagelet. Similarly, the `PORTAL_UNI_HEADER_NEW` object controls the navigation header.



HTML objects that make up a template

This table describes the HTML objects:

| HTML Object | Description |
|--------------------------|---|
| PORTAL_HP_USER_TEMPLATE | Each user homepage is generated from this HTML object. Modify this object to add default components that are displayed to all users. |
| PORTAL_HP_3COL_LAYOUT | This is the HTML object for a three-column user homepage. The default column width is set to 33 percent for each column. |
| PORTAL_HP_2COL_LAYOUT | This is the HTML object for a two-column user homepage. The default column widths are set to 33 percent for column one and 66 percent for column two. |
| PORTAL_HP_COMPONENT | <p>Use this HTML object to create all homepage pagelets. Modify it to change a pagelet's appearance.</p> <p>Do not move, delete, or change the first or last lines of this HTML definition:</p> <pre><!-- Begin Pagelet=%BIND(:6) -->. <!-- End Pagelet=%BIND(:6) --></pre> <p>These special lines must exist exactly as shown. You must also ensure that all bind variables exactly match the bind variables that are used in the associated PeopleCode.</p> |
| PORTAL_HP_ACTIONBAR | Use this HTML object to create the pagelet action bar. The default action bar buttons are Remove and Minimize/Restore. |
| PORTAL_HP_ACTIONBARIMAGE | Use this HTML object to create the Customize image button for the pagelet action bar. The image button is added only if you've defined an advanced personalization page. |
| PORTAL_UNI_HEADER_NEW | This HTML object controls the universal header for the portal. |

With the exception of the PORTAL_UNI_HEADER_NEW HTML object, all homepage HTML objects are built in the BuildStaticHPTemplate function.

This function is located in FUNCLIB_PORTAL.TEMPLATE_FUNC.FieldFormula.

The homepage modification functionality (minimize, maximize, and remove) is located in WEBLIB_PORTAL.PORTAL_HOMEPAGE.FieldFormula.

The iScripts are IScript_HPCompRemove, IScript_HPCompMinimize, IScript_HPCompExpand.

Using Predefined Homepage HTML Objects

This section discusses how to:

- Construct homepages.
- Construct headers.
- Construct pagelets.
- Adapt homepage and pagelet objects.

Constructing Homepages

This example shows the layout that is used for displaying a homepage with a header, pagelets, and a menu:



HTML objects that make up a homepage

This table describes the HTML homepage objects:

| HTML Object | Description |
|-------------------------|--|
| PORTAL_HP_USER_TEMPLATE | This is the HTML object for the homepage tab. This object contains the iScript reference to the universal header, a bind variable for the two-column or three-column layout HTML, and binds for the Powered by PeopleSoft image. |

| HTML Object | Description |
|-----------------------|---|
| PORTAL_UNI_HEADER_NEW | This HTML object contains all the HTML for the header portion of a homepage tab. The HTML object is set up in WEBLIB_PORTAL.PORTAL_HEADER.FieldFormula.GetUniHeaderHTML(). |
| PORTAL_HP_2COL_LAYOUT | This HTML object contains all the pagelet HTML for the two-column layout (columns 1 and 2). |
| PORTAL_HP_3COL_LAYOUT | This HTML object contains all the pagelet HTML for the three-column layout (columns 1, 2 , and 3). |
| PORTAL_HP_COMPONENT | This is the HTML object for pagelets. |

Constructing Headers

This table describes the HTML header objects:

| HTML Object | Description |
|--------------------------------|--|
| PORTAL_HP_TABS | This is the HTML object for all tabs. Use this HTML object when more than one system tab exists for a user. This HTML object is set up in WEBLIB_PORTAL.PORTAL_HOMEPAGE.FieldFormula.GetHPTabHTML(). |
| PORTAL_HP_INACTIVE_TAB | This is the HTML object for the inactive tab. The inactive tab name is linked. This HTML object is set up in WEBLIB_PORTAL.PORTAL_HOMEPAGE.FieldFormula.GetHPTabHTML(). |
| PORTAL_HP_ACTIVE_TAB | This is the HTML object for the active tab. There can only be one active tab. The tab name is static text. This HTML object is set up in WEBLIB_PORTAL.PORTAL_HOMEPAGE.FieldFormula.GetHPTabHTML(). |
| PORTAL_HP_PERSONALIZE_LINKS_TD | This is the HTML object for the Personalize Content and Personalize Layout links. This HTML object is used only when more than one system tab exists for a user. This HTML object is set up in WEBLIB_PORTAL.PORTAL_HOMEPAGE.FieldFormula.GetHPTabHTML(). |

| HTML Object | Description |
|-------------------------------|---|
| PORTAL_HP_PERSONALIZE_LINKS | This is the HTML object for the Personalize Content and Personalize Layout links. This HTML object is only used when one system tab exists for a user. This HTML object is set up in WEBLIB_PORTAL.PORTAL_HOMEPAGE.FieldFormula.GetHPTabHTML(). |
| PORTAL_HEADER_ADDTOFAVORITES | This is the HTML object for the Add To Favorites link. This HTML object is set up in WEBLIB_PORTAL.PORTAL_HEADER.FieldFormula.GetUniHeaderHTML(). |
| PORTAL_HEADER__ADDTOTFAVSFORM | This is the HTML object for the Add to Favorites form. This form contains the PortalActualURL and PortalContentURL hidden fields. The Add to Favorites page uses these hidden fields to construct the content reference to the page to which you are adding a favorite (PortalContentURL) and a link back to the actual page (PortalActualURL). This HTML object is set up in WEBLIB_PORTAL.PORTAL_HEADER.FieldFormula.GetUniHeaderHTML(). |
| PORTAL_HEADER_WL | This is the HTML object for the View Worklist link. This HTML object is set up in WEBLIB_PORTAL.PORTAL_HEADER.FieldFormula.GetUniHeaderHTML(). |

Constructing Pagelets

This table describes the HTML pagelet objects:

| HTML Object | Description |
|-----------------------------|---|
| PORTAL_HP_ACTIONBAR | This is the HTML object for the pagelet action bar. For a personalized tab, the pagelet action bar always includes a Maximize image button. It may also contain up to three more image buttons (Remove, Edit, and Help). This HTML object is not populated for a pagelet on a system tab. |
| PORTAL_HP_ACTIONBAR_REFRESH | This is the HTML object for the Refresh image button on the pagelet action bar. |
| PORTAL_HP_ACTIONBAR_REMOVE | This is the HTML object for the Remove image button on the pagelet action bar. |

| <i>HTML Object</i> | <i>Description</i> |
|--------------------------|--|
| PORTAL_HP_ACTIONBAR_EDIT | This is the HTML object for the Edit image button on the pagelet action bar. |
| PORTAL_HP_ACTIONBAR_HELP | This is the HTML object for the Help image button on the pagelet action bar. |
| PORTAL_HP_CODMPONENT | This is the HTML object for pagelets. |

Adapting Homepage and Pagelet Objects

This section discusses how to:

- Build portal homepage tabs by using fixed-name HTML and image objects.
- Add images to homepage tabs.

Building Portal Homepage Tabs by Using Fixed-Name HTML and Image Objects

PeopleSoft uses fixed-name HTML and image objects to build portal homepage tabs. You can override default HTML objects and images that are used for homepage components, such as tabs and pagelets, by using the Content Ref Administration page.

Content Reference Attributes region of the Content Ref Administration page

To navigate to the Content Ref Administration page to work with homepage tabs:

1. Select PeopleTools, Portal, Structure and Content.
2. In the Folders region, click the Portal Objects link.
3. In the Folders region, click the Homepages link.
4. In the Folders region, click the Tabs link.
5. Click a homepage tab name.
6. In the Content Reference region at the bottom of the page, click the Edit link for a content reference.

To navigate to the Content Ref Administration page to work with pagelets:

1. Select PeopleTools, Portal, Structure and Content.
2. In the Folders region, click the Portal Objects link.
3. In the Folders region, click the Pagelets link.
4. Click a pagelet folder name.
5. In the Content Reference region at the bottom of the page, click the Edit link for a content reference.

To override a default fixed-name HTML or image object:

1. Navigate to the Content Reference Attributes group box for a content reference.
2. In the Name field, enter the name of the default object that you want to change.
3. Clear the Translate check box.

Note. You must clear the Translate check box for the override to be successful.

4. In the Attribute Value field, specify the new object value.

Note. The value that you specify can consist of letters, digits, and underscores (_). It cannot contain any spaces and cannot begin with a digit.

5. Click Save.

You do not need to enter information in the Label field.

As shown in the example illustration, to replace the Powered by PeopleSoft image on the homepage tab, add a nontranslatable attribute named PT_PORTAL_POWEREDBY with a new image object name in the database.

This table shows a list of default objects that you can change for a tab:

| <i>HTML or Image Object</i> | <i>Value</i> |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------|
| PT_PORTAL_POWEREDBY | Image name in database. |
| PT_PORTAL_IC_REFRESH | Image name in database. |
| PT_PORTAL_IC_EDIT | Image name in database. |
| PT_PORTAL_IC_CLOSE | Image name in database. |
| PT_PORTAL_IC_COLLAPSE | Image name in database. |
| PT_PORTAL_IC_EXPAND | Image name in database. |

| <i>HTML or Image Object</i> | <i>Value</i> |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|
| PT_PGLT_HELP | Image name in database. |
| PORTAL_HP_COMPONENT | HTML object name in database. |
| PORTAL_HP_ACTIONBAR | HTML object name in database. |
| PORTAL_HP_ACTIONBAR_REFRESH | HTML object name in database. |
| PORTAL_HP_ACTIONBAR_REMOVE | HTML object name in database. |
| PORTAL_HP_ACTIONBAR_EDIT | HTML object name in database. |
| PORTAL_HP_ACTIONBAR_HELP | HTML object name in database. |
| PORTAL_HP_2COL_LAYOUT | HTML object name in database. |
| PORTAL_HP_3COL_LAYOUT | HTML object name in database. |
| PORTAL_HP_USER_TEMPLATE | HTML object name in database. |

Adding Images to Homepage Tabs

You can specify up to 15 extra images for a homepage by using %BIND variables on PORTAL_HP_COMPONENT and PORTAL_HP_ACTIONBAR_xxx HTML objects. Homepage generation logic replaces %BIND12 to %BIND26 on the homepage tab by the images that are specified as attributes.

Note. Bind variables for images and all HTML components (tab and pagelet) should be nontranslatable. To make an item nontranslatable, clear the Translate check box.

The following %BIND variables can be replaced by the Homepage Generation service (specify bind variables in PeopleSoft Application Designer):

| <i>Bind Variable</i> | <i>Object Replaced</i> |
|----------------------|--|
| %BIND(:1) | The PT_PORTAL_POWEREDBY image (Powered By PeopleSoft image). |
| %BIND(:2) | The result of a function call to %Request.Full URI. |

| <i>Bind Variable</i> | <i>Object Replaced</i> |
|-----------------------------|--|
| %BIND(:3) | The result of a function call to %Request.GetHelpURL('PERSHOEPAGE'). |
| %BIND(:4) | The result of a function call to refreshonExpire. |
| %BIND(:5) | The PT_PGLT_HELP image. |
| %BIND(:6) | The result of a function call to %Request.GetHelpURL(&Pgl.HelpID). |
| %BIND(:7) | The PT_PORTAL_IC_EDIT image (edit image for a pagelet). |
| %BIND(:8) | The result of a function call to SetRefreshPage. |
| %BIND(:9) | The PT_PORTAL_IC_CLOSE image. |
| %BIND(:10) | The PT_PORTAL_IC_COLLAPSE image. |
| %BIND(:11) | The PT_PORTAL_IC_EXPAND image. |
| %BIND(:12) to %BIND(:26) | The value of the tab attribute IMAGE_BIND_X, where X ranges from 12 to 26. |
| %BIND(:28) | The PT_PORTAL_IC_REFRESH image. |

This code sample shows how to specify custom %BIND images to display custom images for the PORTAL_HP_COMPONENT HTML object:

```

<!-- Begin Pagelet=%BIND(:5) -->
<!-- PageletState=MAX -->
<TABLE id="" CLASS="PTPAGELET" WIDTH="100%"
  CELLPADDING="0" CELLSPACING="0" BORDER="1">
<TR>
  <TD>
    <!--Image 12 will be displayed here.-->
    <IMG SRC="%BIND(:12)" NAME="anything you like">
    <!--Image 13 will be displayed here.-->
    <IMG SRC="%BIND(:13)" NAME="anything you like">
    <!--Image 14 will be displayed here.-->
    <IMG SRC="%BIND(:14)" NAME="anything you like">
    <!--Image 26 will be displayed here.-->
    <IMG SRC="%BIND(:26)" NAME="anything you like">
  </TD>
</TR>
  <TR>
    <TD CLASS="PTPAGELETHEADER">
      %BIND(:1)
      %BIND(:2)</nobr>
    </TD>
  </TR>
  <TR>
    <TD CLASS="PTPAGELETBODY" WIDTH="100%">
      <Pagelet Name="%BIND(:2)">
        <Source Pagelet="%BIND(:4)" href="%BIND(:3)" />
      </Pagelet>
    </TD>
  </TR>
</TABLE>
<BR>
<!-- End Pagelet=%BIND(:5) -->

```

The HTML objects PORTAL_HP_2COL_LAYOUT and PORTAL_HP_3COL_LAYOUT HTML can be modified similarly to display extra images.

The Homepage Generation service replaces the image that is specified by the attribute IMAGE_BIND_12 in place of bind variable %BIND(:12), and so on.

Warning! Pagelet HTML is parsed by the portal servlet. Take care to ensure that HTML is properly formatted and that none of the matching tags are missing. Improperly formatted HTML and missing tags may result in unexpected web server behavior.

Using Custom Portal Headers

The following list presents custom headers that you can use with the portal:

- PortalServletURI
- PortalURI
- PortalActualURL
- PortalContentURL
- PortalContentProvider

- PortalRegistryName
- PortalTargetFrame
- PortalPagelet

These are valid parameters that you can pass with the PeopleCode GetParameter method. PortalContentURL retrieves the registered URL, while PortalActualURL retrieves the entire URL, including any additional query string parameters.

Changing Link Colors

Use the PSSTYLEDEF style sheet to change link colors.

To change the link color:

1. Open the PSSTYLEDEF style sheet in PeopleSoft Application Designer.
2. Locate and open the PSHYPERLINK class.
 - a. Modify the attributes as appropriate.
 - b. On the Properties page, modify the pseudo classes.
 - c. Specify default font attributes for <A> and <TD> in your own style sheet or in an embedded style sheet at the top of PORTAL_UNI_HEADER_NEW.

This applies font attributes to text that has no class associated with it. For example:

```
<STYLE TYPE="text/css">
td { font-family:arial; font-size:9pt; }
a:visited { font-family:arial; font-size:9pt; color: #5c93ae; text-decoration:⇒
underline }
a:link { font-family:arial; font-size:9pt; color: #5c93ae; text-decoration:⇒
underline }
a:hover { font-family:arial; font-size:9pt; color: #5c93ae; text-decoration:⇒
underline }
a:active { font-family:arial; font-size:9pt; color: #5c93ae; text-decoration:⇒
underline }
</STYLE>
```

Note. It is recommended that you do not alter the delivered PSSTYLESHEET style sheet definition.

See Also

PeopleTools 8.51 PeopleBook: PeopleSoft Application Designer Developer's Guide, "Creating Style Sheet Definitions"

Applying Changes

To immediately view changes that you make to a page, click the browser Refresh button. This reloads the updated page, instead of waiting for the old page to expire and the new page to be loaded.

These functions, which are found in FUNCLIB_PORTAL.TEMPLATE_FUNC FieldFormula, are also available to force a refresh:

| <i>Function</i> | <i>Description</i> |
|---|---|
| ForceRefreshPage (&url) | Refreshes the default tab for the current user. |
| &myPage = URLEncode ("?tab=DEFAULT&user=" %userid); | Forces the page that is identified by the parameter to refresh. The parameter is the escaped query string of the page that is being refreshed, including the question mark. |
| ForceRefreshPage (&myPage); | Refreshes the default tab for the current user. |
| ForceRefreshHomePageTab (&tab) | Refreshes the homepage tab for the current user, with the tab name that is passed in. |
| ForceRefreshHomePage () | Refreshes the default homepage tab of the current user. |

Chapter 8

Working with Portal Templates

This chapter provides an overview of portal templates and discusses how to:

- Apply template types.
- Develop portal templates.

Understanding Portal Templates

The PeopleSoft portal integrates content from numerous sources and presents the merged content on a single web page in a coherent, consistent fashion that keeps users within the portal framework. A portal template tells the portal servlet what content to place on the assembled page and where each piece of content should be placed.

A portal template is HTML code. However, in addition to standard HTML tags, the portal template can include PeopleSoft tags that are used for giving instructions to the portal servlet during page assembly. A normal browser cannot interpret these special tags. The portal servlet follows instructions in the PeopleSoft tags and then removes them before passing the final page back to the user's browser.

The content in a template falls into four categories:

- HTML for the template itself.
- HTML for the main target content.
- HTML for the related target content.
- Additional HTML, such as for the navigation header.

Applying Template Types

This section provides an overview of template types and discusses how to:

- Use page-based static templates.
- Use frame-based static templates.
- Use frame-based dynamic templates.
- Use iframe-based dynamic templates.

Understanding Template Types

Each portal template is either page-based, frame-based, or iframe-based, and each template is either static or dynamic. There are five possible combinations of template types:

- Page-based static templates.

These are content references with a usage type of *HTML template* and a storage type of *Local* (in *HTML Catalog*).

- Page-based dynamic templates.

These are content references with a usage type of *HTML template* and a storage type of *Remote by URL*.

- Frame-based static templates.

These are content references with a usage type of *Frame template* and a storage type of *Local* (in *HTML Catalog*).

- Frame-based dynamic templates.

These are content references with a usage type of *Frame template* and a storage type of *Remote by URL*.

- iFrame-based dynamic templates.

These are content references with a usage type of *iFrame template* and a storage type of *Remote by URL*.

A page-based template uses HTML tables to generate a page. Content is placed in each table cell that is defined by the template. The portal servlet uses the page-assembly process to retrieve documents for each cell. The assembled page is then sent as a single unit to the user's browser.

A frame-based template uses frames, rather than HTML tables, to divide the page into parts. The portal servlet constructs the appropriate URL for each frame (SRC tag in the frameset) and sends the entire frameset to the browser. The browser then retrieves the content for each frame.

An iframe-based template uses HTML with embedded inline frames, to divide the page into parts. The portal servlet constructs the appropriate URL for each section of the page and sends the HTML to the browser. The browser then retrieves the content for each section and each inline frame.

A static template is based on HTML code that is entered into the HTML area of a template content reference (a content reference that exists in the Portal Objects\Templates folder of the portal registry). Bind variables cannot be used within the HTML area. The HTML includes any HTML that is required for the template itself, plus tags that specify the URLs for template pagelets. You can view and update the contents of a static template on the portal administration pages.

A dynamic template is retrieved from the web in real time, as part of the page-assembly process, rather than stored in the database with the content reference. A dynamic template can use bind variables. You cannot view the HTML contents of the dynamic template directly on the portal administration pages. Instead, the portal administration pages enable you to identify the URL that points to the resource that provides the template content. If the dynamic template is implemented by an iScript, you can use PeopleSoft Application Designer to navigate to the record and field where the iScript exists. The content provided by the URL is the HTML that is used for the dynamic template at runtime.

See [Chapter 5, "Administering Portals," Managing Portal Objects, page 152.](#)

Using Page-Based Static Templates

This static template example combines a universal navigation header with target content. It is based on HTML tables, not frames.

```
<html>
<head>
</head>
<body>
<table>
<tr><td>
<Pagelet Name="UniversalNavigation">
  <SOURCE Node="LOCAL_NODE" href="s/WEBLIB_PORTAL.PORTAL_HEADER.FieldFormula.
  Iscript_UniHeader" />
</Pagelet>
</td></tr>
<tr><td>
<Target Name="TargetContent"/>
</td></tr>
</table>
</body>
</html>
```

This template is composed of HTML for three items:

- The template itself.

Some HTML is required for the overall template. The code for this template is represented in the preceding example by all the non-emphasized text. This HTML code remains on the assembled page that is sent to the user's browser after the page-assembly process.

- A template tag for the universal navigation header pagelet.

This is the first block of HTML code that is emphasized in the preceding example. At runtime, the portal servlet replaces the Pagelet tag with the navigation header in the template for the final assembled page.

- A template tag for target content.

At runtime, the portal servlet replaces the Target tag—the second block of emphasized HTML code in the preceding example—with whatever content the user requested by clicking a link or button.

Using Frame-Based Static Templates

This is an example of a static template based on frames:

GeneralSecurity

Root > Portal Objects > Templates >

Content Ref Administration

Name:

PTNAVFRAMETPL

Author:

QEDMO

*Label:

PTNavFrameTpl

Parent Folder:

Templates

Copy object

Select New Parent Folder

Long Description:

(254 Characters)

This template is used with the 8.4x menu pagelet in non IE browsers on the homepage

Product:

PT

*Valid from date:

08/01/2001

Sequence number:

Valid to date:

Object Owner ID

PPT

PeopleTools

Usage Type:

Frame template

Storage Type:

Local (in HTML Catalog)

Creation Date:

08/01/2001

Add Content Reference

HTML Area:

```

<HTML>
<frameset border=0 framespacing=0 frameborder=no rows="65,*">
  <FRAME name=UniversalHeader scrolling=no frameborder = no noresize src=>
    <IClientComponent Name="UniversalNavigation">
      <Source Node="LOCAL_NODE" href="s/WEBLIB_PT_NAV.ISCRIPT2.FieldFormula.IScript_UniHeader_Frame?MIN=N" />
    </IClientComponent>
  </FRAME>
  <frameset border=0 frameborder=no framespacing=0 cols="195,*">
    <FRAME name=NAV frameborder=no scrolling=auto noresize src=>
      <Target Name="TargetContent"/>
    <FRAME name=TargetContent frameborder=no noresize src=>
      <IClientComponent Name="UniversalNavigation">
        <Source Node="LOCAL_NODE" href="s/WEBLIB_PT_NAV.ISCRIPT1.FieldFormula.IScript_TimeOutDrillDown" />
      </IClientComponent>
    </FRAME>
  </FRAMESET>
</FRAMESET>
</HTML>

```

Content reference for a frame-based static template

The Content Ref Administration page shows how the HTML exists within the context of the whole content reference. Note that the usage type is set to *Frame template*. In the previous example of a page-based template, which uses HTML tables, the usage type would have been set to *HTML template*.

Using Frame-Based Dynamic Templates

All dynamic frame-based templates are retrieved from a URL rather than from an HTML document. Most commonly, the URL for dynamic templates is an iScript URL. As with static templates, the template content reference must be defined as a template on the portal administration pages. However, instead of including specific HTML content, the dynamic template references an iScript. The iScript is associated with a specified field in a specified record.

This example shows a frame-based dynamic template named PT_85X_FRAMES_TEMPLATE in the Portal Objects, Templates folder:

GeneralSecurity

Root > Portal Objects > Templates >

Content Ref Administration

Name: PT_85X_FRAMES_TEMPLATE
*Label: 8.50 frames template
Long Description: (254 Characters) 8.50 frames template
Product: PT
Sequence number:
Object Owner ID: PPT PeopleTools
Usage Type: Frame template
Storage Type: Remote by URL

Author: PTDMO
Parent Folder: Templates
Copy object Select New Parent Folder
*Valid from date: 10/04/2008
Valid to date:
Creation Date: 10/04/2008

Add Content Reference

URL Information

*Node Name: LOCAL_NODE
URL Type: PeopleSoft Script

iScript Parameters

*Record (Table) Name: WEBLIB_PT_NAV *Field Name: ISCRIPT1
*PeopleCode Event Name: FieldFormula *PeopleCode Function Name: IScript_PT_Frames_Template
Additional Parameters:
Example: name1=value1&name2=value2

Producer:
Portlet:
Producer Details

Content Reference Attributes

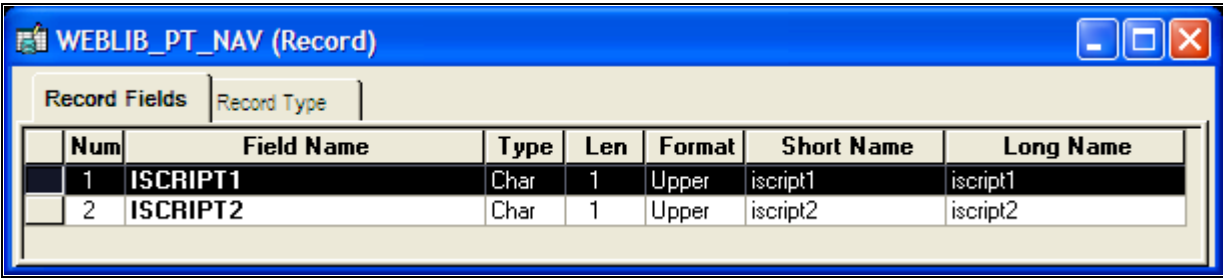
Name:
Label:
Attribute value:
Add

Delete
☒ Translate Attribute Information

Defining a frame-based dynamic template on the portal administration pages

The content reference storage type is set to *Remote by URL*. This setting is required for dynamic templates. Additionally, no HTML area displays the associated HTML code for the template, as you would expect with a static template. Instead, when the URL type for this example is set to *PeopleSoft Script*, an iScript parameters area appears on the page, in which you can define the record name, field name, PeopleCode event name, and PeopleCode function name that specify the iScript to use for the template.

The iScript that dynamically generates the template is located in the WEBLIB_PT_NAV record in the ISCRIPT1 field, as shown in this example:

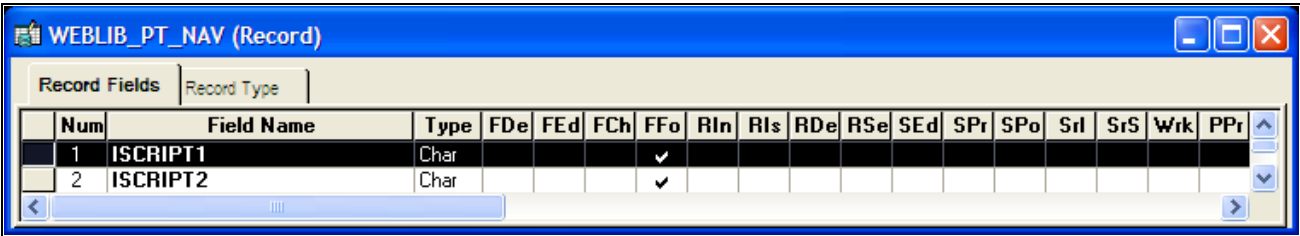


| Num | Field Name | Type | Len | Format | Short Name | Long Name |
|-----|------------|------|-----|--------|------------|-----------|
| 1 | ISCRIP1 | Char | 1 | Upper | iscript1 | iscript1 |
| 2 | ISCRIP2 | Char | 1 | Upper | iscript2 | iscript2 |

WEBLIB_PT_NAV record

Additionally, the iScript function is associated with the FieldFormula PeopleCode event. The PeopleCode function name is IScript_PT_Frames_Template.

To view the iScript on which this dynamic template is based, open the record (WEBLIB_PT_NAV) in PeopleSoft Application Designer and select the appropriate field (ISCRIP1), as shown in this example:

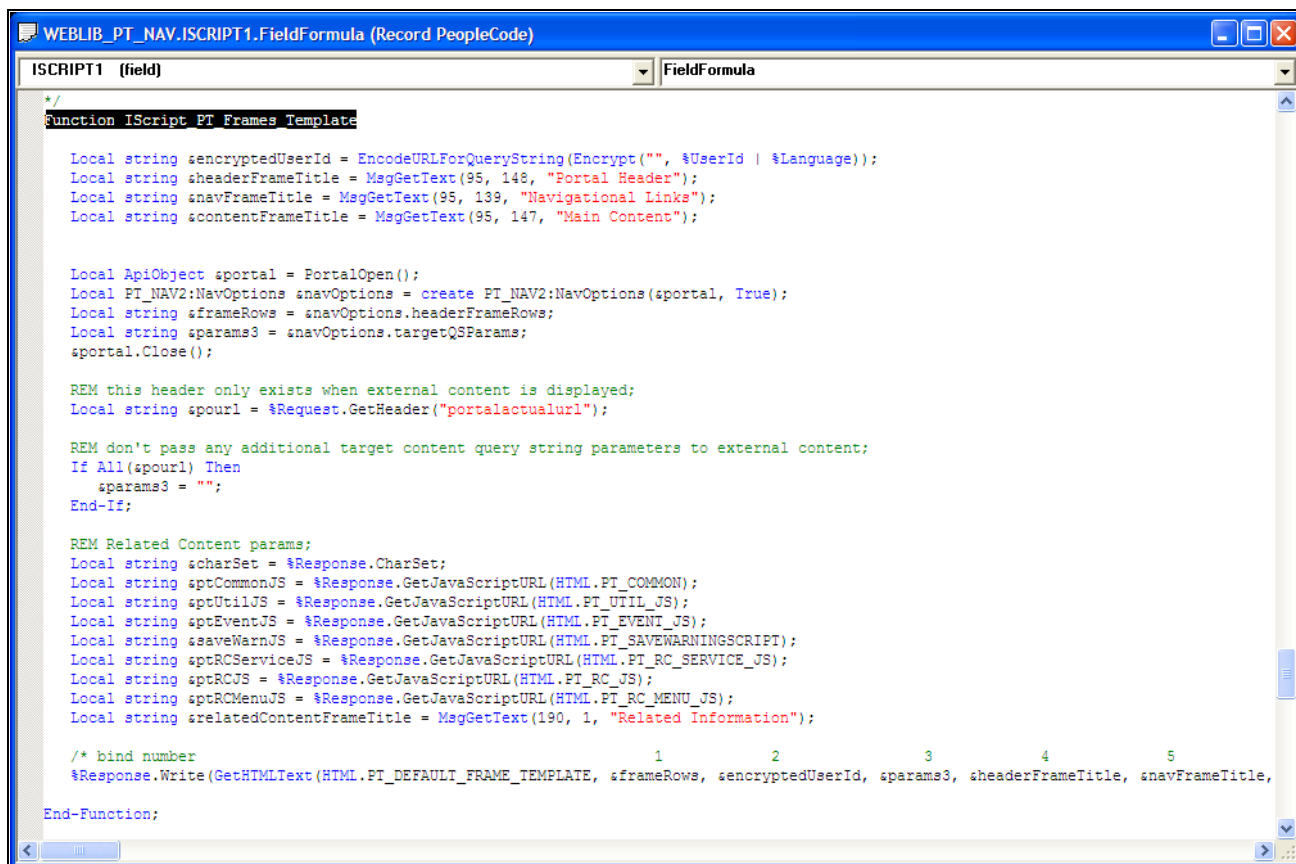


| Num | Field Name | Type | FDe | FEd | FCh | FFo | RIn | RIc | RDe | RSe | SEd | SPr | SPo | Srl | SrS | Wrk | PPr |
|-----|------------|------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| 1 | ISCRIP1 | Char | | | | ✓ | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2 | ISCRIP2 | Char | | | | ✓ | | | | | | | | | | | |

Opening the record and field associated with a dynamic template

Once you open the appropriate record and field in PeopleSoft Application Designer, you can view the FieldFormula PeopleCode. The iScript is referenced by the PeopleCode function name in the template's definition. An easy way to find the exact reference is to copy the PeopleCode function name from the template definition and paste it into the Find dialog box of the PeopleCode editor once you open the corresponding record and field.

You now can see the code of the iScript that is referenced by the portal template, as shown in this example:



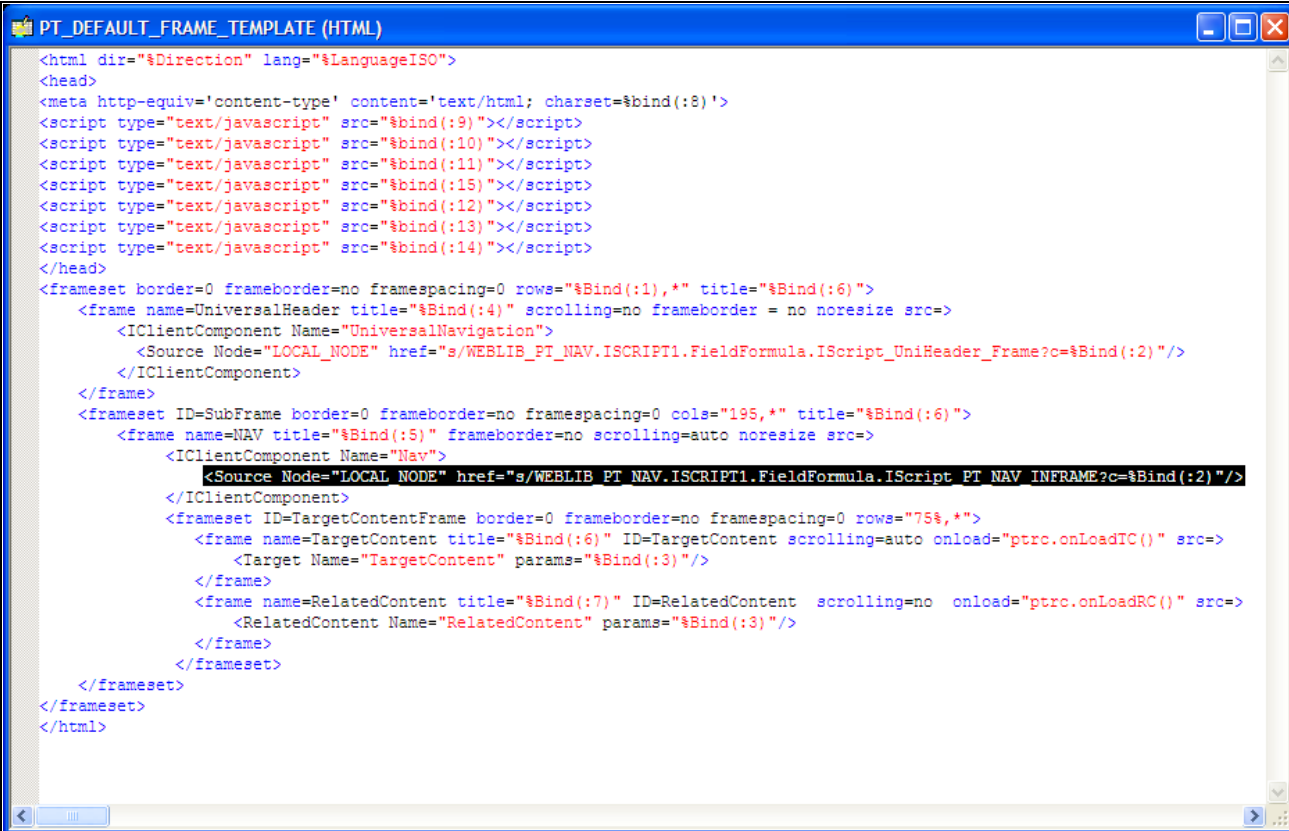
The iScript upon which the dynamic template is based

The following code calls an HTML object called PT_DEFAULT_FRAME_TEMPLATE from the HTML catalog and passes the object bind variables:

```

%Response.Write(GetHTMLText(HTML.PT_DEFAULT_FRAME_TEMPLATE, &frameRows, &encryptedUserId, &params3, &headerFrameTitle,
    &navFrameTitle, &contentFrameTitle, &relatedContentFrameTitle, &charSet, &ptCommonJS, &ptUtilJS, &ptEventJS, &ptRCMenuJS,
    &ptRCServiceJS, &ptRCJS, &saveWarnJS));
  
```

The resulting HTML code forms the basis for the dynamic portal template at runtime. You can open the HTML object PT_DEFAULT_FRAME_TEMPLATE in PeopleSoft Application Designer, as shown in this example, and see where the bind variable is passed in (note that this is a frame-based template, as Frame tags are present):



```

PT_DEFAULT_FRAME_TEMPLATE (HTML)

<html dir="%Direction" lang="%LanguageISO">
<head>
<meta http-equiv='content-type' content='text/html; charset=%bind(:8)'\>
<script type="text/javascript" src="%bind(:9)"/></script>
<script type="text/javascript" src="%bind(:10)"/></script>
<script type="text/javascript" src="%bind(:11)"/></script>
<script type="text/javascript" src="%bind(:15)"/></script>
<script type="text/javascript" src="%bind(:12)"/></script>
<script type="text/javascript" src="%bind(:13)"/></script>
<script type="text/javascript" src="%bind(:14)"/></script>
</head>
<frameset border=0 frameborder=no framespacing=0 rows="%Bind(:1),*" title="%Bind(:6)">
  <frame name=UniversalHeader title="%Bind(:4)" scrolling=no frameborder = no noresize src=>
    <IClientComponent Name="UniversalNavigation">
      <Source Node="LOCAL_NODE" href="/s/WEBLIB_PT_NAV.ISCRIPT1.FieldFormula.IScript_UniHeader_Frame?c=%Bind(:2)"/>
    </IClientComponent>
  </frame>
  <frameset ID=SubFrame border=0 frameborder=no framespacing=0 cols="195,*" title="%Bind(:6)">
    <frame name=NAV title="%Bind(:5)" frameborder=no scrolling=auto noresize src=>
      <IClientComponent Name="Nav">
        <Source Node="LOCAL_NODE" href="/s/WEBLIB_PT_NAV.ISCRIPT1.FieldFormula.IScript_PT_NAV_INFRAME?c=%Bind(:2)"/>
      </IClientComponent>
    </frame>
    <frameset ID=TargetContentFrame border=0 frameborder=no framespacing=0 rows="75%,*">
      <frame name=TargetContent title="%Bind(:6)" ID=TargetContent scrolling=auto onload="ptrc.onLoadTC()" src=>
        <Target Name="TargetContent" params="%Bind(:3)"/>
      </frame>
      <frame name=RelatedContent title="%Bind(:7)" ID=RelatedContent scrolling=no onload="ptrc.onLoadRC()" src=>
        <RelatedContent Name="RelatedContent" params="%Bind(:3)"/>
      </frame>
    </frameset>
  </frameset>
</frameset>
</html>

```

Using bind variables with a dynamic template

See Also

Chapter 5, "Administering Portals," Administering Content References, page 121

Using iFrame-Based Dynamic Templates

All dynamic iframe-based templates are retrieved from a URL rather than from an HTML document. Most commonly, the URL for dynamic templates is an iScript URL. As with other templates, the template content reference must be defined as a template on the portal administration pages. However, instead of including specific HTML content, the dynamic template references an iScript. The iScript is associated with a specified field in a specified record.

Important! HTML templates are deprecated as of PeopleTools 8.50. PeopleSoft applications require iframe templates to function as designed. Features that are not supported in HTML templates include:

- Modal windows for prompts, secondary pages, and grid zoom.
 - Main menu drop-down navigation.
 - Related content.
 - WorkCenter pages.
 - Global search in header.
-

This example shows an iframe-based dynamic template named `DEFAULT_TEMPLATE` in the Portal Objects, Templates folder:

GeneralSecurity

Root > Portal Objects > Templates >

Content Ref Administration

Name:

DEFAULT_TEMPLATE

Author:

PTDMO

Parent Folder:

Templates

Copy object

Select New Parent Folder

*Label:

8.50 default template

Long Description:

(254 Characters)

8.50 default template

Product:

PT

*Valid from date:

05/18/2000

31

Sequence number:

Valid to date:

31

Object Owner ID

PPT

PeopleTools

Usage Type:

Inline frame template

Storage Type:

Remote by URL

Creation Date:

05/18/2000

Add Content Reference

URL Information

*Node Name

LOCAL_NODE

URL Type:

PeopleSoft Script

iScript Parameters

*Record (Table) Name:

WEBLIB_PT_NAV

*Field Name:

ISCRIP1

*PeopleCode Event Name:

FieldFormula

*PeopleCode Function Name:

IScript_PT_NAV_TPL_FRAME

Additional Parameters:

Example: name1=value1&name2=value2

Producer:

Portlet:

Producer Details

Content Reference Attributes

Name:

Delete

Label:

☒ Translate

Attribute Information

Attribute value:

Add

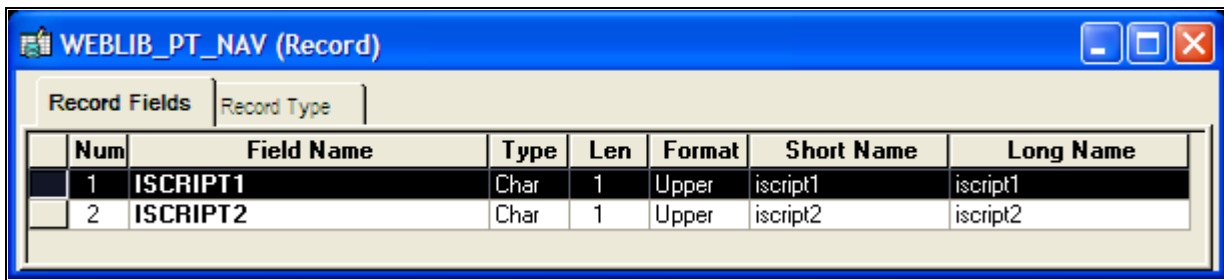
Defining a iframe-based dynamic template on the portal administration pages

The content reference storage type is set to *Remote by URL*. This setting is required for dynamic templates. Additionally, no HTML area displays the associated HTML code for the template, as you would expect with a static template. Instead, when the URL type for this example is set to *PeopleSoft Script*, an iScript parameters area appears on the page, in which you can define the record name, field name, PeopleCode event name, and PeopleCode function name that specify the iScript to use for the template.

The iScript that dynamically generates the template is located in the WEBLIB_PT_NAV record in the ISCRIP1 field, as shown in this example:

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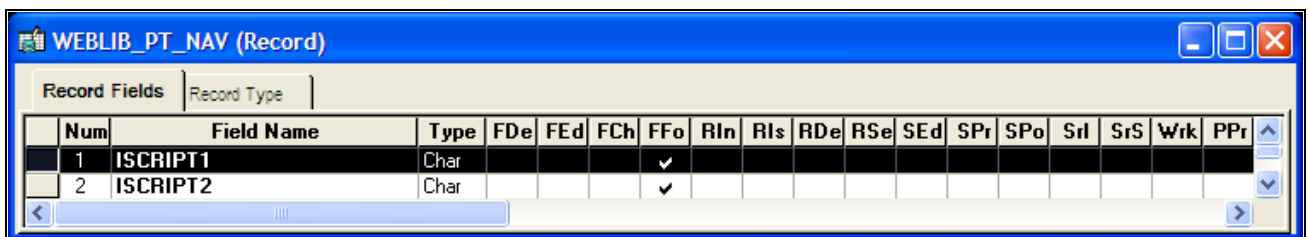


| Num | Field Name | Type | Len | Format | Short Name | Long Name |
|-----|------------|------|-----|--------|------------|-----------|
| 1 | ISCRIP1 | Char | 1 | Upper | iscript1 | iscript1 |
| 2 | ISCRIP2 | Char | 1 | Upper | iscript2 | iscript2 |

WEBLIB_PT_NAV record

Additionally, the iScript function is associated with the FieldFormula PeopleCode event. The PeopleCode function name is IScript_PT_Frames_Template.

To view the iScript on which this dynamic template is based, open the record (WEBLIB_PT_NAV) in PeopleSoft Application Designer and select the appropriate field (ISCRIP1), as shown in this example:

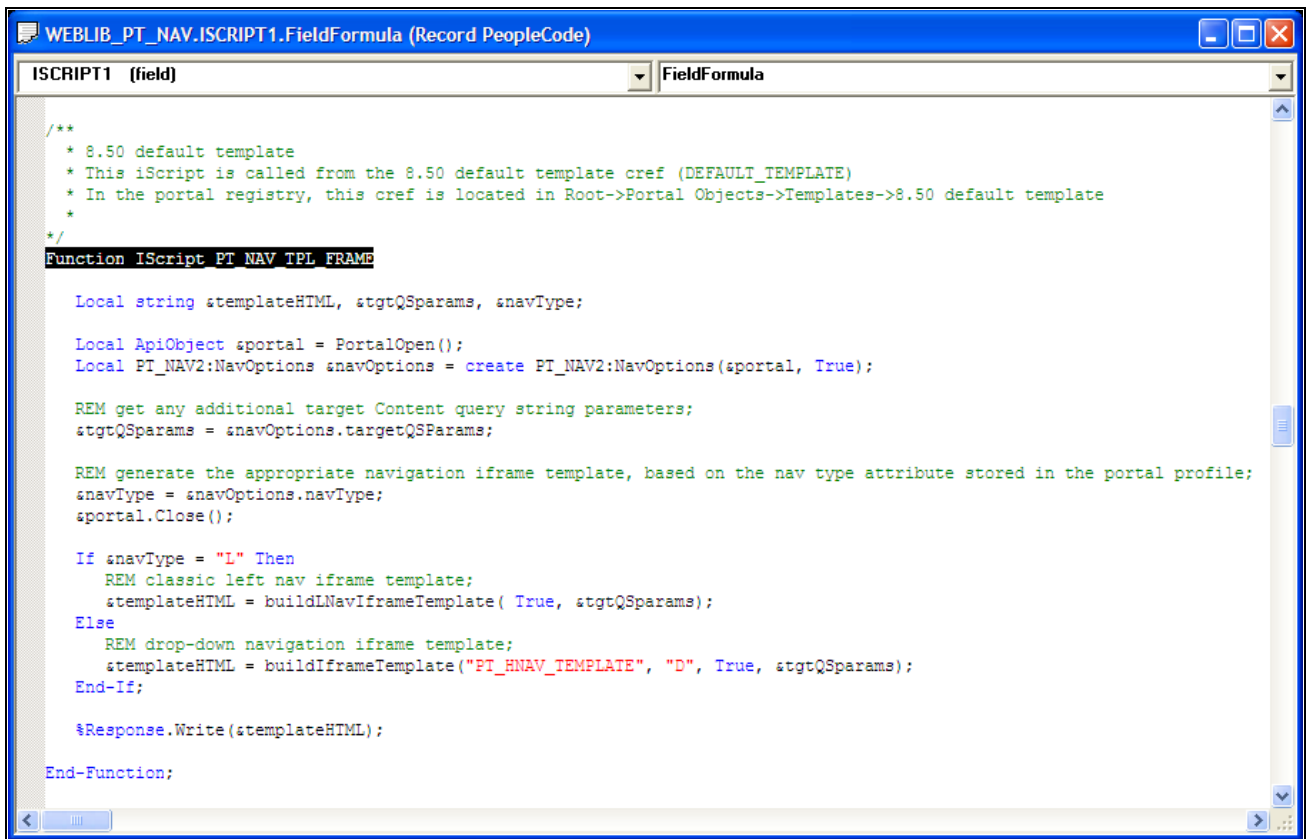


| Num | Field Name | Type | FDe | FEf | FCh | Ffo | RIn | RIs | RDe | RSe | SEd | SPr | SPo | Srl | SrS | Wrk | PPr |
|-----|------------|------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| 1 | ISCRIP1 | Char | | | | ✓ | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2 | ISCRIP2 | Char | | | | ✓ | | | | | | | | | | | |

Opening the record and field associated with a dynamic template

Once you open the appropriate record and field in PeopleSoft Application Designer, you can view the FieldFormula PeopleCode. The iScript is referenced by the PeopleCode function name in the template's definition. An easy way to find the exact reference is to copy the PeopleCode function name from the template definition and paste it into the Find dialog box of the PeopleCode editor once you open the corresponding record and field.

You now can see the code of the iScript that is referenced by the portal template, as shown in this example:



The iScript upon which the dynamic iframe template is based

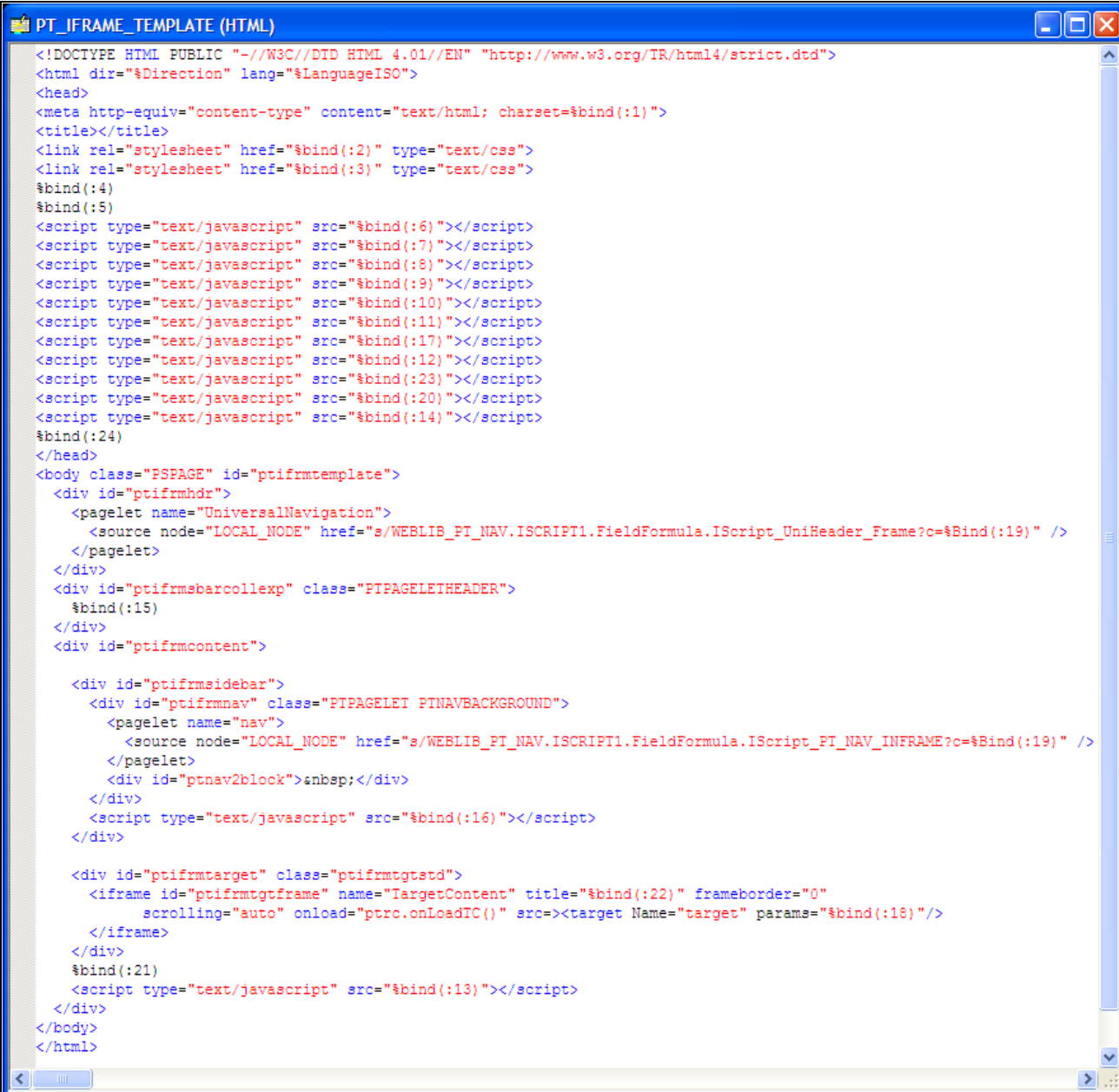
The following code calls an HTML object called PT_IFRAME_TEMPLATE from the HTML catalog and passes the object bind variables:

```

Return GetHTMLText(HTML.PT_IFRAME_TEMPLATE, &charSet, &requiredToolsSS, &sys⇒
DefaultSS, &domainJS, &expireJS, &ptCommonJS, &ptEventJS, &ptUtilJS, &ptAjaxJS,⇒
&crossDomainJS, &saveWarnJS, &iframeHdrJS, &iframeJS, &rcJS, &navHeader.HTML,⇒
&nav2JS, &ptPopupJS, &params1, &encryptedUserId, &rcMenuJS, &rcHTML1, &tgtIframe⇒
Title, &rcServiceJS, &cssOverride);

```

The resulting HTML code forms the basis for the dynamic portal template at runtime. You can open the HTML object PT_IFRAME_TEMPLATE in PeopleSoft Application Designer, as shown in this example, and see where the bind variable is passed in (note that this is an iframe-based template, as <iframe> tags are present):



```

<!DOCTYPE HTML PUBLIC "-//W3C//DTD HTML 4.01//EN" "http://www.w3.org/TR/html4/strict.dtd">
<html dir="%Direction" lang="%LanguageISO">
<head>
<meta http-equiv="content-type" content="text/html; charset=%bind(:1)">
<title></title>
<link rel="stylesheet" href="%bind(:2)" type="text/css">
<link rel="stylesheet" href="%bind(:3)" type="text/css">
%bind(:4)
%bind(:5)
<script type="text/javascript" src="%bind(:6)"></script>
<script type="text/javascript" src="%bind(:7)"></script>
<script type="text/javascript" src="%bind(:8)"></script>
<script type="text/javascript" src="%bind(:9)"></script>
<script type="text/javascript" src="%bind(:10)"></script>
<script type="text/javascript" src="%bind(:11)"></script>
<script type="text/javascript" src="%bind(:17)"></script>
<script type="text/javascript" src="%bind(:12)"></script>
<script type="text/javascript" src="%bind(:23)"></script>
<script type="text/javascript" src="%bind(:20)"></script>
<script type="text/javascript" src="%bind(:14)"></script>
%bind(:24)
</head>
<body class="PSPAGE" id="ptifrmtemplate">
  <div id="ptifrmhdr">
    <pagelet name="UniversalNavigation">
      <source node="LOCAL_NODE" href="/s/WEBLIB_PT_NAV.ISCRIPT1.FieldFormula.IScript_UniHeader_Frame?c=%Bind(:19)" />
    </pagelet>
  </div>
  <div id="ptifrmsbarcollexp" class="PTPAGELETHEADER">
    %bind(:15)
  </div>
  <div id="ptifrmcontent">
    <div id="ptifrmsidebar">
      <div id="ptifrmnav" class="PTPAGELET PTNAVBACKGROUND">
        <pagelet name="nav">
          <source node="LOCAL_NODE" href="/s/WEBLIB_PT_NAV.ISCRIPT1.FieldFormula.IScript_PT_NAV_IFRAME?c=%Bind(:19)" />
        </pagelet>
        <div id="ptnav2block">&nbsp;</div>
      </div>
      <script type="text/javascript" src="%bind(:16)"></script>
    </div>
    <div id="ptifrmtarget" class="ptifrmtgtstd">
      <iframe id="ptifrmtgtframe" name="TargetContent" title="%bind(:22)" frameborder="0"
        scrolling="auto" onload="ptcro.onLoadIC()" src=><target Name="target" params="%bind(:18)" />
      </iframe>
    </div>
    %bind(:21)
    <script type="text/javascript" src="%bind(:13)"></script>
  </div>
</body>
</html>

```

PT_IFRAME_TEMPLATE HTML definition showing inline frames

Inline frame- or iframe-based templates enable you to embed a frame within an HTML document rather than as a frameset. You can use the `iframe` `<source>` attribute to load content into the template. PeopleSoft applications use this attribute for target content only. The header and navigation content are in the HTML document itself as you see in the preceding PT_IFRAME_TEMPLATE HTML definition:

Note the following points about the standard iframe template:

- The Usage Type is set to *Inline frame template*; this is a requirement for *all* iframe-based templates.
- The iframe HTML definition supports only the `<pagelet>` and `<target>` meta-tags.

Important! The `IClientComponent` meta-tag is not supported.

- Using inline frames enables you to click the navigation and see only the target content change. The entire page does not refresh. This approach allows for much more flexibility and makes it easier for the header and navigation to work together.
- When navigating to different content within the iframe template, the URL in the browser address bar may not be up to date.
- If you create your own iframe-based template, include the `!DOCTYPE` at the top of the code.

Developing Portal Templates

This section discusses:

- Template pagelets based on pages.
- Inheritance of style classes.
- Template pagelet tags.
- Considerations for non-PeopleSoft content providers.
- Considerations for frame-based templates.
- Partial path nodes.
- Pagelet names in templates.
- Considerations for forms and templates.
- Error message display.

Template Pagelets Based on Pages

Template pagelets can be provided by any URL, but usually they are based on either a page or an iScript. If you are using template pagelets based on pages, add the query string parameter `&target= PanelGroupName` at the end of the query string parameter list for the template pagelet in the template HTML. This prevents PeopleSoft Pure Internet Architecture from assuming the same default name, `Main`, for each page. Failure to specify the target parameter results in a JavaScript error when the portal servlet tries to load the template. If there is more than one form with the name `Main` on the same page, the JavaScript on that page cannot determine which `Main` component to use. In the template HTML, add the target parameter to the source specification of each page-based template pagelet that is not meant to be the target content.

Here is an example:

```
<tr>
<td><Pagelet Name="Related Links">
    <Source Node="LOCAL_NODE" href="c/PORTAL_ADMIN.PORTAL_RLNK_1COL.GBL?target=
        relatedlinks"/>
    </Pagelet>
</td>
</tr>
```

Inheritance of Style Classes

When the portal servlet assembles portal pages based on PeopleSoft Application Designer pages, the assembled pages inherit the style classes that are defined for them in PeopleSoft Application Designer. Because you can develop a template that includes pagelets built with different style sheets in PeopleSoft Application Designer, you can have conflicting style classes in your template.

For example, if you have a style class named Big on page X and you also have a style class named Big on page Y, there may be conflicting styles on the resulting page. When conflicting style classes exist, the style sheet that is associated with the page that is used for the target content always takes precedence over competing style sheets in the template.

Template Pagelet Tags

Template HTML can contain three PeopleSoft-specific tags that are used as portal servlet directives to assemble content on the page: Pagelet tags, Source tags, and Target tags.

Pagelet

Note the following attribute, element, and content information for the Pagelet tag:

| | |
|-------------------|--|
| Attributes | Name. Used to identify the component in a comment in the final assembled page. |
| Elements | Source tag. |
| Contents | None. |

Source

Note the following attribute, element, and content information for the Source tag:

| | |
|-------------------|--|
| Attributes | Product tag. Used to identify to which PeopleSoft Pure Internet Architecture web server to route. The Product tag value should be the name of the registered content provider for the content. |
| Elements | None. |
| Contents | Query string to access the page or iScript implementing the component. |

Contents must be escaped. Ampersands must be written as *&*. Use the IClientComponent tag to specify content that is not specific to the PeopleSoft Pure Internet Architecture. If a pagelet is implemented by a web server that is not a registered content provider, the entire URL of the pagelet can be specified in the Source tag contents, and the product attributes can be omitted.

Target

Note the following attribute, element, and content information for the Target tag.

| | |
|-------------------|--|
| Attributes | Name. Used to identify the component in a comment on the final assembled page. |
| Elements | None. |
| Contents | None. |

Considerations for Non-PeopleSoft Content Providers

To determine which template to apply to requested content, the portal servlet invokes the portal registry API to look up the content reference that is associated with the target content URL.

Warning! The information in this section applies to any content that is generated by a system where the PeopleTools release is earlier than 8.4, or any time the portal cannot determine from the submitted URL what content reference is being requested.

The same URL can supply different content pages depending on the context. For example, with PeopleSoft application pages, the URL for submit buttons before PeopleTools 8.4 always looks like this:
<http://server/servlets/iclientservlet/peoplesoft8>.

Because of this, the target content can specify its registered URL by using a custom response header, `PortalRegisteredURL`. When the target content supplies this response header, the portal servlet uses it to identify the URL that is registered in the portal, rather than using the actual URL that is used to get the content. All PeopleSoft Pure Internet Architecture technologies, such as pages, iScripts, and queries, supply this URL.

The value of this header must be the string with which the page should be registered. You must register the content with the identical string that it will return as this header.

If content does not return the header information, the portal servlet identifies the content by the URL in the request that is submitted to the portal.

You can override the value of the `PortalRegisteredURL` response header in a PeopleSoft Pure Internet Architecture script or page by adding the header to the response yourself, like this:

```
%Response.SetHeader("PortalRegisteredURL", &myURL);
```

You can do this to register the content with additional parameters.

Considerations for Frame-Based Templates

In a frame-based template, all relative URL references refer back to the psc servlet. To construct a URL reference to a page that is assembled by the portal servlet, use either the `GenerateXXXXPortalURL` or `GenerateXXXXPortalRelURL` PeopleCode functions.

Partial Path Nodes

URLs that are not registered but partially match a registered node have the template of the associated node applied. This helps you to manage unregistered URLs and to ensure that they achieve a consistent appearance within the portal. Most pages have the template formatting that you and portal users expect, rather than resorting to the default template when an exact node cannot be found.

Note. When the content reference isn't registered, it doesn't use the template defined for the node. Instead, it uses the default template. Therefore, unregistered URLs use the default template, not the template assigned to the node.

This table shows examples of nodes, the URI, and sample URLs that would use the template that is specified by the node:

| <i>Node</i> | <i>URI</i> | <i>Sample Match</i> |
|--------------------|---------------------------------|--|
| Yahoo | http://www.yahoo.com | http://www.yahoo.com/business/webl eaders/peoplesoft.html |
| Yahoo Sports | http://www.yahoo.com/sports | http://www.yahoo.com/sports/nba/hea t/teamreport.html |
| Yahoo NFL | http://www.yahoo.com/sports/nfl | http://www.yahoo.com/sports/nfl/dolp hins/teamreport.html |

Pagelet Names in Templates

You can specify a pagelet name in the template rather than specifying a URL. This is the syntax:

```
<Pagelet Name="My Pagelet">
<Source Product="Portal" Pagelet="MY_PAGELET" />
</Pagelet>
```

If the portal servlet sees the Pagelet attribute in the Source tag, it looks up that pagelet name in the registry and uses the associated URL there.

Considerations for Forms and Templates

When posting data from a form in an HTML template, post data is lost if the action of the form is in a frame template. To solve this problem, make the frame source for the target a special request to the portal to repost the form data. The HTML response to that request includes a form containing the posted field and value pairs in hidden input fields and a Script tag that submits that form. When the browser receives this request, the JavaScript immediately submits the form to the original URL, causing the original post request to occur.

To make the frame source for the target a special portal request:

1. Construct the frameset.

The source of the target frame is the portal, with the query string `cmd=framerepost&key=xxx` (or something similar).

2. Store the post data on the session object as a `PropertySet` (name and value pairs) for later retrieval, with a key.

The key must uniquely identify the post data. The URL to post to can be kept in the `PropertySet` or put on the query string.

3. When the portal receives a frame repost request, it uses the incoming key to look up the stored `PropertySet`, then uses `PropertySet` to construct the HTML response with the name and value pairs in hidden input fields.

The form also has a Submit button. The HTML response contains an inline JavaScript (after the form) that submits the form.

See the PeopleTools 8.51 installation guide for your database platform

Combining Forms and Frames

If you include a form on a page that's been assembled by the portal servlet, and that page's target is displayed in a frame (either in a frame template or in a nontemplate frame), then the form action cannot be Post. The portal servlet retrieves the page by using Get—not Post—regardless of the form action. Therefore, form data is lost if the form action was originally Post. Making the form action Get resolves this problem.

Error Message Display

When a pagelet cannot be retrieved, an error message appears.

You can disable this error message. If the error is not displayed, then the pagelet disappears from the template without a message to the user.

To control the display of this error message, use the `DisplayError` attribute of the `IClientComponent` tag:

```
<IClientComponent Name="Example" DisplayError=false>
  <Source Product="">http://www.InvalidServer/InvalidPage.html</Source>
</IClientComponent>
```

If the portal servlet finds `DisplayError` equal to `False`, it does not display the error but adds the empty pagelet comment tags. If `DisplayError` is equal to `True`, or if the attribute is not found, the error message is displayed.

This feature works best when the HTML for the template can flow around the empty content properly.

Chapter 9

Using Portal Caching Features

This chapter provides an overview of portal caching and discusses how to:

- Administer server-based caching.
- Administer browser-based caching.
- Administer web server-based navigation caching.

Understanding Portal Caching

Information on your PeopleSoft portal that changes frequently must be regularly updated, but for best efficiency, information that remains static should be cached for quick retrieval. Information that changes less frequently should be updated on a more deliberate schedule. The composition of changing and static information varies depending on the user, role, application, portal, web server, information structure, and information content involved.

Caching Configuration Options

When properly configured, caching significantly boosts portal performance. PeopleSoft portal technology provides a wide range of caching options. These options target different elements of the portal environment, use a variety of criteria for applying caching, and have varying degrees of scope. Not all caching options apply to all circumstances.

You can target portal caching to a specific pagelet, template, portal, or web server. You can also apply caching based on the content reference type or browser type. In some cases, you can specify the scope of caching to be by user, by role, or by application.

Some types of caching take place on the portal web server, and others are applied at the browser without requiring individual browser configuration. You can make various caching settings in the Web Profile Configuration component (WEB_PROFILE), on a personalization page, or in a template HTML element.

With server caching, the cached data is stored on the portal web server. When a user's browser requests a piece of information from the portal, the server transmits the currently available data. The currency of the data provided depends on whether the server has refreshed the data since the last request. This is controlled by the server-based caching criteria that you defined for that data, such as a time interval or a specified number of requests.

Note. When browser caching is enabled, you can manually refresh the browser, which reloads the entire browser HTML content from the portal server. This doesn't update the information that's cached on the server, however.

Default Homepage Caching

The default homepage is automatically cached on the server only when you select the Allow Public Access check box in the Public Users group box of the Web Profile Configuration - Security page. Caching the default homepage according to these rules protects the server from having to regenerate the same homepage repeatedly. This is useful for guest sign-in scenarios.

See Also

PeopleTools 8.51 PeopleBook: System and Server Administration, "Setting Application Server Domain Parameters," Cache Settings

[Chapter 10, "Configuring the Portal Environment," Configuring Portal Security, page 237](#)

PeopleTools 8.51 PeopleBook: PeopleCode Language Reference

Administering Server-Based Caching

This section provides an overview of caching scope and discusses how to:

- Implement target content caching.
- Implement pagelet caching.
- Implement metadata caching.
- Implement proxied JavaScript caching.

Understanding Caching Scope

You can define caching for server-based portal content with one of three levels of scope:

- Private scope.

This is also known as the *user* scope. The portal maintains the cached content independently for each user. This scope is useful when the content that is displayed, such as a 401K balance, is specific to the user who's signed in.

- Role scope.

Each user is assigned one or more roles. The portal maintains a single cache of the content for all users with a given combination of roles. This scope is useful when the content that is displayed, such as the menu structure, is specific to the role set of the user who's signed in. If your user population has many unique role combinations, your caching memory requirements may be nearly the same as private scope caching.

- Public scope.

This is also known as the *application* scope. The portal maintains a single cache of the content for all users who are using a given application. This scope is useful when all users who have access to this content, such as company news articles, bulletins, or messages, see the same thing. Because only one cache object is managed in memory for your entire user population, this is the least memory-intensive scoping option.

Implementing Target Content Caching

You can cache the content of an individual target by specifying several caching parameters in the HTML of each locally defined template that invokes the target. You must also enable target content caching for the portal.

Important! Target content is cached in memory on the web server. If you use this feature excessively, the cache could consume all available memory. Use target content caching only to cache content that is static or doesn't require constant updating and that is accessed frequently by many users.

Specifying Caching Parameters

You apply target content caching by inserting a Cache element inside a TargetContent element in the HTML of a locally defined template.

The Cache element has these attributes:

| Attribute | Description |
|-----------|---|
| Scope | Use one of these values: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>user</i>: The portal maintains the cached target content independently for each user. • <i>role</i>: The portal maintains a single cache of the target content for all users in a role. • <i>application</i>: The portal maintains a single cache of the target content for all users who are using an application. |
| Interval | Specify the number of seconds that should pass before the portal refreshes the target content cache. |

This example shows caching that is defined with the application scope and an interval of 1200 seconds:

```
<TargetContent Name="MyContent">
  <Cache Scope="application" Interval="1200">ANY</Cache>
</TargetContent>
```

Note. The Cache element must not be empty, but its content can be anything.

Enabling Target Content Caching

Any Cache elements that you insert in template HTML are ignored by the portal unless you enable target content caching globally for the portal. Select the Cache Target Content check box in the On the Web Server group box of the Web Profile Configuration - Caching page.

See Also

[Chapter 8, "Working with Portal Templates," page 193](#)

[Chapter 10, "Configuring the Portal Environment," Configuring Caching, page 248](#)

Implementing Pagelet Caching

If you're developing a pagelet and you know that its content will remain static for all users, you can specify the application or public scope. If you know that the pagelet's content will remain static for all users with the same role, you can specify the role scope. However, if the pagelet content is static only for individual users, you must specify the user or private scope. If you're not the pagelet developer, you probably won't know when the pagelet content will change, so to be sure you must specify the user scope.

Important! Pagelet content is cached in memory on the web server. If you use this feature excessively, the cache could consume all available memory. Use pagelet caching only to cache content that is static or doesn't require constant updating, and is accessed frequently by many users.

You can cache the content of an individual pagelet by specifying caching parameters in one of these locations:

- The HTML of any locally defined template that invokes the pagelet.
- A content reference attribute in the pagelet definition.

Note. If you specify caching parameters for a pagelet in both locations, the caching parameters in the template take precedence, and the caching parameters in the content reference attribute are ignored.

The presence of the caching parameters is sufficient to enable caching for the associated pagelet; no additional setting is required. To disable pagelet caching, delete the caching parameters.

Specifying Pagelet Caching in the Template

You apply pagelet caching in a template by inserting a Cache element inside a Pagelet element or IClientComponent element in a locally defined template.

The Cache element has these attributes:

| Attribute | Description |
|-----------|--|
| Scope | <p>Use one of these values:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>user</i>: The portal maintains the cached pagelet independently for each user. <p>Note. In a high-volume environment, caching pagelets with the user scope requires a separate web server cache of each pagelet for every user, which can result in significant memory problems. Because of this, caching pagelets with the role or application scope wherever possible is strongly recommended.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>role</i>: The portal maintains a single cache of the pagelet for all users in a role. <i>application</i>: The portal maintains a single cached version of the pagelet for each user. The cache manager clones a copy of the meta pagelet and stores a copy for each user. For example, if 1000 users have signed in and they all have this pagelet on their homepage, there will be 1000 copies of the pagelet stored in cache. Each of these pagelet copies has the associated time to live (TTL) variable. Each time the system builds the users homepage, it reviews the TTL to see if it is time to refresh the pagelet. When a TTL time expires, that copy of the meta pagelet is invalidated and refreshed from the application server. As each user's copy expires their copy will be updated with the latest version. |
| Interval | <p>Specify the number of seconds that should pass before the cache expires and is subject to an automatic refresh. This value depends on the frequency with which the data changes, and the need for data to be 100-percent accurate.</p> <p>For example, a company news article rarely changes once it's been published. You might want to set the refresh period for the article pagelet to be <i>86400</i> seconds so that it's cached for a 24-hour period.</p> |

This example shows caching that is defined in an `IClientComponent` element with the role scope and an interval of 1800 seconds:

```
<IClientComponent Name="Header">
  <Cache Scope="role" Interval="1800">ANY</Cache>
  <Source Product="Portal">ICType=Script...</Source>
</IClientComponent>
```

Note. The `Cache` element must not be empty, but its content can be anything.

Specifying Pagelet Caching in the Content Reference

You apply pagelet caching in a template by defining a special content reference attribute on the pagelet definition.

To implement caching for a pagelet:

1. In PeopleSoft Pure Internet Architecture, open the content reference administration page of the pagelet you want to cache.

Navigate to PeopleTools, Portal, Structure and Content, Portal Objects, Pagelets, select the folder containing the pagelet, and edit its content reference.

2. Add a new content reference attribute.

3. Specify the attribute name and label.
 - In the Name field, enter *PSCACHECONTROL*.
 - In the Label field, enter *PSCache-Control*.
4. Specify the attribute value with this syntax:

cache_scope,max-age=interval

| <i>Parameter</i> | <i>Description</i> |
|--------------------|---|
| <i>cache_scope</i> | <p>Use one of these values:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>private</i>: The portal maintains the cached pagelet independently for each user. <p>Note. In a high-volume environment, caching pagelets with the private scope requires a separate web server cache of each pagelet for each user, which can result in significant memory usage. Because of this, caching pagelets with the role or public scope wherever possible is strongly recommended.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>role</i>: The portal maintains a single cache of the pagelet for all users in a role. • <i>public</i>: The portal maintains a single cache of the pagelet for all users who are using an application. |
| <i>interval</i> | Specify the number of minutes that should pass before the cache expires and is subject to an automatic refresh. |

For example, consider a PeopleSoft Enterprise Portal environment in which users can personalize their company news pagelet. The articles don't change frequently, and users don't need them to be up-to-the-minute; therefore, you might specify private caching with a three hour (180 minute) expiration:

private,max-age=180

5. Save the content reference.

The next time a user signs in and displays the pagelet, the caching that you specified takes effect.

Managing Caching of Personalizable Pagelets

You can make it possible for users to personalize their homepage pagelets. When a user personalizes a pagelet, the result should be visible only to that user, and therefore should be cached only for that user. To achieve this goal, as soon as the user attempts to personalize the pagelet, regardless of the caching scope that you originally specified, the portal automatically changes the caching scope to apply on a private basis and maintains the cached pagelet independently for that user.

Important! This automatic scope change applies only to the user who is personalizing the pagelet and to the portal on which the pagelet is personalized. On other portals, and for other users, the originally defined caching scope for that pagelet still applies. If the personalizations aren't stored as portal-specific data, then the personalizations for a pagelet that was originally defined with a wider caching scope can become visible to others who are accessing the same site through another portal.

Therefore, when developing personalizable pagelets, it's important to ensure that stored pagelet personalization metadata is keyed by both user ID and portal name, so that you can populate the pagelet independently for each portal. This prevents user personalizations on one portal from being cached and visible to a larger audience on another portal.

Disabling Manual Pagelet Refresh

When you implement pagelet caching, a refresh button appears by default in the pagelet header. You can prevent users from refreshing the pagelet manually by hiding the refresh button, which you do by using a check box on the pagelet's content reference administration page.

See Also

[Chapter 5, "Administering Portals," Administering Content References, page 121](#)

[Chapter 6, "Administering Portal Homepages and Pagelets," Managing Pagelet Attributes, page 174](#)

[Chapter 9, "Using Portal Caching Features," Understanding Caching Scope, page 212](#)

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Implementing Metadata Caching

Metadata caching is governed by portal-wide properties that control caching for these portal metadata objects as a group:

- The portal registry.
- Node definitions.
- Content references.
- Locally defined templates.

Portal metadata is likely to change far less frequently than pagelets or target content, so caching it on the server is an easy way to improve portal performance. Caching improves system performance by decreasing service requests from the web server to the application server.

Note. Metadata caching always applies with the application scope—the portal maintains a single metadata cache for all users who are using an application.

You implement metadata caching for a portal by setting these properties in the On the Web Server group box of the Web Profile Configuration - Caching page:

Cache Portal Objects

Select to enable metadata caching.

Metadata caching is enabled by default. You must restart the web server or wait for the stale interval to expire when you change:

- The default portal for a database.
- The default local node for a database.
- The remote node to local or a local node to remote.
- Templates that are associated with a content reference, node, or portal.
- HTML within a template.

Note. When you add or delete a content reference or folder, this change shows up in the menu structure immediately, because it's rendered within the application server, not the portal servlet.

Cache Stale Interval

Specify the number of seconds that should pass before the portal refreshes the metadata cache.

The default value of this property is *86400* (24 hours). With this setting, if you change the default local node in the database, the change doesn't take effect until the following day.

Cache Purge All Hit Count

Set to the maximum total number of HTTP requests that the web server should receive for objects in the metadata caches of all portals. When the web server receives this number of hits, it purges all metadata caches, forcing the portals to refresh them.

This setting enables you to manage application server memory consumption. If the web server is consuming too much memory, you can lower this value. This causes the web server to reclaim the memory that is used for cached portal objects more often. The cost of this is increased CPU usage on both the web and the application server when the web server deletes the cached objects and then retrieves them again from the application server.

The default value of this property is *1000*. Set to *-1* to disable the feature.

Note. The timing properties—the cache stale interval and the cache purge all hit count—compete for effect. The first timing property to reach the specified interval or number of hits takes precedence. When the metadata cache on a portal is refreshed, the cache stale interval and cache purge all hit count counters for all portals on the same web server are reset.

See Also

[Chapter 10, "Configuring the Portal Environment," Configuring Caching, page 248](#)

Implementing Proxied JavaScript Caching

In addition to target content, pagelets, and metadata, you can cache proxied JavaScripts on the server. This is recommended for production systems; you might want to disable this caching during development.

You enable caching of proxied JavaScripts for a portal by selecting the Cache Proxied JavaScripts check box in the On the Web Server group box of the Web Profile Configuration - Caching page.

See Also

Chapter 10, "Configuring the Portal Environment," Configuring Caching, page 248

Administering Browser-Based Caching

This section provides an overview of browser-based caching and discusses how to:

- Implement homepage caching.
- Control navigation pagelet caching.
- Implement PeopleSoft page caching.

Understanding Browser-Based Caching

A modern web browser can cache the information that it receives from a web server in several ways. Its preference settings determine how much storage space to use for caching, as well as the criteria by which it should refresh its cache.

How the Portal Controls Browser-Based Caching

If the browser is accessing a straight HTML page, it caches the page as a whole. If it's accessing a frameset, it caches the individual frames in the frameset, so that each frame's content can be refreshed independently.

Rather than depend on users to enable and set the timing criteria for caching, PeopleSoft portal technology takes advantage of a feature of HTTP. The portal web server can specify a caching interval in the HTTP response header of the HTML page or frame content that it delivers. The browser applies this value to determine when to stop using its cached copy of the data and request the most recent version from the server.

Note. Even when the browser requests a fresh copy of an HTML page or frame content, the portal web server controls whether the content it sends is cached data or fresh data, based on its own caching settings.

When to Disable Browser-Based Caching

The caching system increases system response performance in typical production environments, in which users access the portal web site by using computers that have been assigned specifically to them or computers that they own. However, some environments don't conform to this scenario.

You should consider disabling browser-based caching in these environments:

- Any environment where multiple users access the same computer.

These include kiosk-type environments, as well as corporate hoteling environments, where multiple users access the same machine. Users might access the same machine within minutes of each other, before the browser cache for the previous user times out. Security is enforced in this situation, but the new user may be confused by an inability to access certain items.

- A development or testing environment.

As content references are created or changed for a portal during development or testing, the new data might not appear to be immediately available due to caching.

- Any environment where you are using web server-based navigation caching.

See Also

Chapter 10, "Configuring the Portal Environment," Configuring Caching, page 248

Implementing Homepage Caching

In a PeopleSoft portal, a homepage is a combination of portal content elements that are assembled by the portal and delivered as a single HTML page, which is cached on each user's browser.

Based on the configuration that you specify, the portal enables or disables homepage caching by using the homepage's HTTP header. If caching is enabled, the header also conveys the time interval before the web server is accessed again to get a fresh homepage. The browser does not access the web server after it initially receives the homepage until the specified interval elapses. You can also specify whether a particular browser model and version should use or ignore the caching information in the header.

In any case, if a user clicks the browser's Refresh button, the homepage is accessed from the web server again, overwriting the homepage that is cached on the browser and restarting the interval counter. If any of the content is cached on the web server, the browser is refreshed from the server cache.

Enabling Homepage Caching

You enable homepage caching for a site by selecting the Cache Homepage check box in the On the Browser group box of the Web Profile Configuration - Caching page. When this check box is selected (the default value), two related page elements become editable:

- Homepage Stale Interval.
- Browsers.

Specifying the Homepage Stale Interval

Specify the homepage caching interval for a site by entering a value in seconds in the Homepage Stale Interval field in the On the Browser group box of the Web Profile Configuration - Caching page. When the specified interval elapses, the browser sends a new request for the homepage to the portal web server the next time a user accesses the homepage. The default value for this field is *1200*.

Disabling Caching for Selected Browsers

Because browsers don't all process HTML in exactly the same way, you might find it necessary to disable homepage caching for selected browser versions. This can be useful if you have one or two supported browsers and want to disable caching for nonstandard browsers that could pose an administration problem.

To disable homepage caching for a browser version, add a row to the Browsers grid of the Web Profile Configuration - Caching page, enter the browser's user agent ID, and select the Cache Home Page check box for that row. Homepage caching is enabled for all browser versions except those with this check box cleared, regardless of whether they're listed in the grid.

Note. As a convenience, several well-known browser types are included as example rows in the configuration. All of the examples have homepage caching enabled by default.

See Also

Chapter 10, "Configuring the Portal Environment," Configuring Caching, page 248

Controlling Navigation Pagelet Caching

When you use the portal menu to access target content other than your homepage, the portal delivers that content within a frameset. The portal header, menu, and target content regions are independent and can be managed separately by the browser. The menu region contains the portal's navigation pagelet, which can be cached on the browser with the user scope.

Without caching, every time the user clicks a menu folder, the browser requests a new copy of the navigation pagelet from the portal web server, which can significantly affect performance. With caching, the browser saves all of the menu states that are generated by user activity and can immediately restore them on demand.

Users manage navigation pagelet caching by using the Time page held in cache personalization option to specify a caching interval.

To specify a caching interval:

1. In PeopleSoft Pure Internet Architecture, select My Personalizations.
2. On the Personalizations page, click the Personalize Option button for general options.
3. Enter an override value in minutes for the Time page held in cache option and click OK.

The default value of this option is 900 minutes. To disable navigation pagelet caching, specify a value of 0 minutes. The maximum value can be 525600 minutes, which is one year.

Note. For the new setting to take effect, you must delete the browser cache.

With caching in effect, any changes in the menu structure while the user is signed in to the portal aren't available until the user signs out and back in, or until the caching interval elapses.

Implementing PeopleSoft Page Caching

PeopleSoft pages are application pages that appear in the target content region of the portal frameset.

Being able to control PeopleSoft page caching on the browser is useful for situations in which PeopleSoft applications are deployed to kiosk workstations where multiple users access the applications. Disabling caching means that users can't click the browser's Back button to view another person's transaction or to view any other sensitive data.

Enabling PeopleSoft Page Caching

You enable PeopleSoft page caching for a site by selecting the Cache Generated HTML check box in the On the Browser group box of the Web Profile Configuration - Caching page. PeopleSoft page caching is enabled by default.

With PeopleSoft page caching disabled, when users click the Back button they receive a data missing message in Netscape Navigator and a page expired message in Microsoft Internet Explorer.

Note. The side effect of turning off caching completely is degraded performance. For each new page, the system calls the database. However, PeopleTools offers a compromise related to browser caching in the form of navigation pagelet caching, which doesn't expose any sensitive information.

See [Chapter 9, "Using Portal Caching Features," Controlling Navigation Pagelet Caching, page 221.](#)

Specifying Supported States

When the browser caches a PeopleSoft page, it stores the state of that page, including any unsaved changes. With the page state in the cache, users clicking the browser's Back button see the cached page in the state that it was in when they last viewed it. The browser caches as many page states as its own settings for storing temporary data allow.

The portal also maintains its own cache of page states for each browser window. You can specify how many of these states the portal should consider valid and support for further interaction. This setting, combined with the number of states the browser maintains, determines whether users can continue to work with previously accessed page states.

For example, if you specify that the portal should support two states, and the user clicks the Back button three times, any activity that requires refreshing the displayed page from the web server (such as field validation) fails, producing a page unavailable message in the browser.

You specify how many states the portal should support by entering a number in the Number of States Supported field in the On the Browser group box of the Web Profile Configuration - Caching page. The default value of this field is 5 states.

See Also

[Chapter 10, "Configuring the Portal Environment," Configuring Portal Security, page 237](#)

[Chapter 10, "Configuring the Portal Environment," Configuring Caching, page 248](#)

Administering Web Server-Based Navigation Caching

This section provides an overview and discusses how to implement web server-based navigation caching.

Understanding Web Server-Based Navigation Caching

Web server-based navigation caching considerably boosts performance by automatically storing cached data on the web server as users select items from the navigation menu. This form of caching saves unnecessary calls to the application server.

The portal maintains a single cache for all users with a given combination of roles. If your user population has limited role combinations, your caching memory requirement is significantly reduced.

See [Chapter 9, "Using Portal Caching Features," Understanding Caching Scope, page 212.](#)

Implementing Web Server-Based Navigation Caching

Implement web server-based navigation caching by selecting the Cache Menu check box in the On the Web Server group box of the Web Profile Configuration - Caching page.

Note. This is the default setting for the DEV and TEST web profiles.

The cached data is stored in the following folder and cannot be moved:

\\PIA_HOME\webserv\peoplesoft\applications\peoplesoft\PORTAL\psftcache

You must delete the cache periodically to keep the folder at a manageable size.

To prevent conflicts, disable browser-based caching and homepage caching.

Disabling Browser-Based Caching

To disable browser-based caching:

1. Select PeopleTools, Personalization, Personalization Options.
2. Select the *PeopleTools (PPTL)* option category level.
3. Remove the *METAXP* personalization definition.
4. Click Save.

Disabling Homepage Caching

To disable homepage caching:

1. Select PeopleTools, Web Profile, Web Profile Configuration.
2. Select the appropriate web profile.

3. Access the Browsing grid on the Caching page.
4. Clear the Cache Homepage check box for the appropriate browser.
5. Click Save.

See Also

Chapter 10, "Configuring the Portal Environment," Configuring Caching, page 248

Chapter 10

Configuring the Portal Environment

This chapter provides an overview of the authentication domain and discusses how to:

- Configure web profiles.
- Define portal nodes.
- Implement single signon functionality.
- Redirect pages with sensitive data.
- Override page encoding.
- Import menu groups into the portal registry.
- Improve same-server performance under Secure Sockets Layer (SSL).
- Use SSL accelerators.
- Use reverse proxy servers.
- Use firewalls with reverse proxy servers.
- Use reverse proxy servers with SSL accelerators.
- Apply load balancing.

Important! The PeopleSoft portal configuration environment has moved to a PeopleSoft Pure Internet Architecture interface, the web profile. Web profiles are documented in this chapter. A complete listing that maps PeopleTools release 8.43 and earlier portal settings to current web profile settings is documented at the end of this PeopleBook.

See Also

[Chapter 10, "Configuring the Portal Environment," Configuring Web Profiles, page 228](#)

[Appendix C, "Understanding Changes in Portal Configuration Settings," page 613](#)

Understanding the Authentication Domain

The portal *authentication domain* is the domain in which the portal is running and across which the single signon authentication token is valid. It's specified as a web server property and is used extensively throughout the PeopleSoft Pure Internet Architecture and portal runtime systems. An authentication domain is expressed as a string that completes the domain portion of an HTTP address, for example, .peoplesoft.com.

Note. The leading period is required. The correct string is, for example, .peoplesoft.com, and not peoplesoft.com.

The authentication domain supports the following functionality:

- Cross-frame JavaScript updates between the PeopleSoft Pure Internet Architecture and the portal.

Failure to set the authentication domain correctly for the portal and PeopleSoft Pure Internet Architecture applications causes JavaScript security errors to appear in the browser when PeopleSoft Pure Internet Architecture pages are accessed through a portal frame-based template. (The default template through which all PeopleSoft Pure Internet Architecture pages are displayed is frame-based.) The authentication domain must be set for both the portal web server and other PeopleSoft content web servers.

- PeopleCode global variable sharing between components on the homepage and components within a frame.

Failure to set the authentication domain correctly for the portal and PeopleSoft Pure Internet Architecture applications that use different web servers causes a new, incompatible session to be created on the PeopleSoft Pure Internet Architecture web server when the user accesses a PeopleSoft Pure Internet Architecture component through a frame-based template.

- Single signon functionality between PeopleSoft applications.

Failure to specify the authentication domain correctly prevents the PeopleSoft authentication cookie from being passed to the target PeopleSoft application and forces the target system to reauthenticate the user.

- Cookie sharing between the portal and third-party web applications.

If cookies need to be shared between web applications, then each web application must be accessed over a common domain name.

To share cookies, specify the authentication domain as the Cookies Passed to Server (forwarding domain) property in the portal's web profile. You specify this property on the web Profile Configuration - Cookie Rules page.

See [Chapter 10, "Configuring the Portal Environment," Configuring Cookie Rules, page 247.](#)

Base-Level and Extended Authentication Domains

You can define the portal authentication domain as a *base-level* authentication domain and as an *extended* authentication domain.

You define the base-level authentication domain during the PeopleSoft Pure Internet Architecture setup. This domain is stored as part of your web server configuration. It enables PeopleCode global variable sharing, which is required for initial access to the portal. The portal uses the base-level domain if you don't define an extended authentication domain.

Important! You must supply a base-level authentication domain at setup for every PeopleSoft application with which the portal interacts. This value is stored on each application's web server and must be identical for each application.

See the PeopleTools installation guide for your database platform.

You can define an optional extended authentication domain in your portal's web profile. An extended authentication domain overrides, but must be compatible with, the base-level authentication domain. For example, if you entered *.customer.com* during the PeopleSoft Pure Internet Architecture setup, only values such as *.enterprise.customer.com* and *.individual.customer.com* are valid.

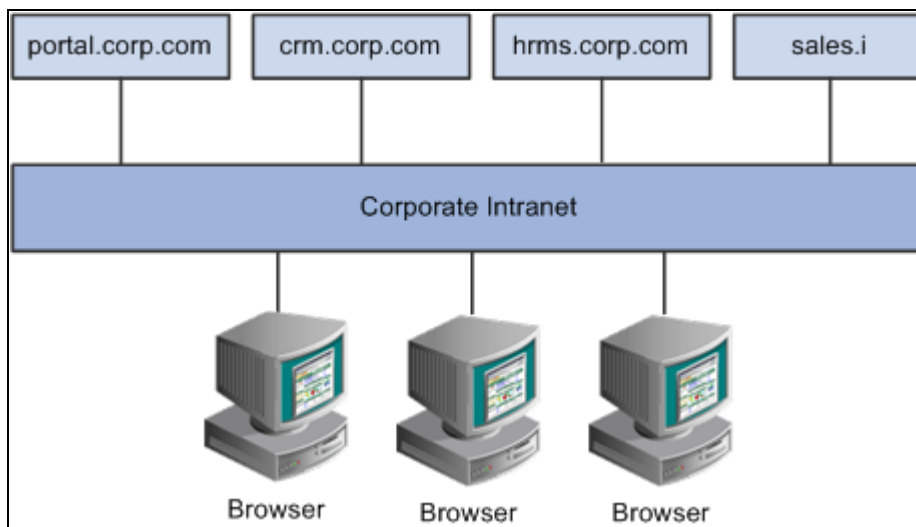
Note. If you defined a base-level or extended authentication domain, you must use it in all URLs that you specify in your portal. For example, if your authentication domain is *.mydomain.com*, then instead of using the URL *http://mymachine:8080/pshome/signon.html*, you must use the URL *http://mymachine.mydomain.com:8080/pshome/signon.html*.

You specify the extended authentication domain on the Web Profile Configuration - General page.

See [Chapter 10, "Configuring the Portal Environment," Configuring General Portal Properties, page 232.](#)

An Example of Multiple Applications on a Portal

In the following example, the CRM and HRMS web profiles need to be defined with Domain Name Server (DNS) names that include the same authentication domain as the DNS name of the portal web server. They also each need the Authentication Domain property in their web profiles set to this value.



Example of the portal interacting with several different PeopleSoft applications

Web servers that don't have the same server domain as the portal (such as *sales.i*) can still be used to serve content to the portal. However, cookies set by the portal are not forwarded to these servers. The *sales.i* server in the example can provide pages and applications to the portal, but it cannot host a PeopleSoft application that supports single signon functionality with the portal.

See Also

PeopleTools 8.51 PeopleBook: System and Server Administration, "Working with Oracle WebLogic"

PeopleTools 8.51 PeopleBook: System and Server Administration, "Working with IBM WebSphere"

Configuring Web Profiles

This section provides an overview of web profiles and discusses how to:

- Configure general portal properties.
- Configure portal security.
- Configure virtual addressing.
- Configure cookie rules.
- Configure caching.
- Configure trace and debug options.
- Configure look and feel.
- Configure custom properties.
- Viewing web profile histories.

Understanding Web Profiles

A *web profile* is a named group of configuration property settings that the portal applies throughout your PeopleSoft system to control all portal-related behavior. The following web profiles are predefined and delivered with the PeopleTools base portal:

- DEV

The DEV web profile provides basic portal functionality for development, including trace and debug settings that are appropriate for development.

Important! Never run your production system with the DEV web profile. This profile is for development environments and is not tuned for performance.

- TEST

The TEST web profile uses the same settings as the DEV web profile, except that fewer trace and debug properties are enabled.

- PROD

The PROD web profile uses the settings that are most commonly needed in a production environment that authenticates users.

- KIOSK

The KIOSK web profile uses the same settings as the PROD web profile, except that public user access is enabled for the Guest user, and all options for storing caching or persistent cookies on the browser are disabled.

Additional web profiles may be delivered as part of PeopleSoft Enterprise Portal or an application portal pack. You can modify the property settings of any web profile by using the Web Profile Configuration component (WEB_PROFILE), which includes pages for these types of properties:

- General
- Portal security
- Virtual addressing
- Cookie rule
- Caching
- Debug options
- Look and feel

Specifying an Initial Web Profile

As you perform the PeopleSoft Pure Internet Architecture setup procedure for your system, you're prompted to specify which web profile to apply to your portal. You're also prompted for an existing user ID and password. This information is saved in encrypted form where the portal servlet can use it to gain secure access to the web profile.

The default web profile is DEV.

The default web profile user ID and password are both PTWEBSERVER.

The PTWEBSERVER account provides the portal servlet with minimal security access, sufficient only to launch the portal environment, but without access to any pages or other PeopleSoft Pure Internet Architecture objects. This account uses the PTPT1500 permission list, which is set to never time out, and provides necessary access for 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Note. Your PeopleSoft application might be delivered with the account that you specify here locked. You must unlock it before you can access and configure the web profile, or you receive an error message about incorrect site configuration on the sign-in page.

You can unlock the web profile account by clearing the Account Locked Out check box on the User Profile - General page. You can alternatively issue the following SQL command against your database (this example uses the PTWEBSERVER account):

```
update PSOPRDEFN set ACCTLOCK=0 where OPRID='PTWEBSERVER'
```

See *PeopleTools 8.51 PeopleBook: Security Administration*, "Administering User Profiles," Setting General User Profile Attributes.

You can specify any of the delivered profiles, or you can enter a different profile name. In that case, the portal is set up to use a profile by that name. If a profile by the name that you specify doesn't exist in the database, internal default settings are used until you sign in to the portal and create a profile with that name. The portal then automatically configures itself according to those settings.

As long as there's no profile by the name that you specified during the PeopleSoft Pure Internet Architecture setup, the internal default settings remain in effect, which is indicated on the site's sign-in page. When the site is in this mode, every browser request triggers an attempt to load the named profile. Therefore, you shouldn't use the site for extended periods like this.

Once you complete the PeopleSoft Pure Internet Architecture setup, you can then use the Web Profile Configuration component to modify the properties to reflect your settings.

Note. The default internal settings are not the same as the DEV profile. Don't modify any of the delivered profiles, so that you always have access to unmodified reference versions. You can make a copy of any profile and modify it, or you can define a new profile instead.

Copying and Deleting Web Profiles

To copy a web profile:

1. Select PeopleTools, Web Profile, Copy Web Profile.
2. Enter or select a web profile name.
3. On the Web Profile Save As page enter a new name for the web profile in the To edit box.

To delete a web profile:

1. Select PeopleTools, Web Profile, Delete Web Profile.
2. Enter or select a web profile name.
3. On the Delete Web Profile page, click Delete Web Profile.

Changing the Web Profile After the PeopleSoft Pure Internet Architecture Setup

After the PeopleSoft Pure Internet Architecture setup, to select a different web profile, you must edit the text file that stores this information, called `configuration.properties`. Each PeopleSoft portal that you set up has its own copy of `configuration.properties`, located in this directory:

`PIA_HOME\webserv\web_server\applications\peoplesoft\PORTAL\WEB-INF\psftdocs\sitename`

The `configuration.properties` file includes these properties:

- `WebProfile`

Change the value of this property to the name of the web profile that you want to apply to the portal, for example, `WebProfile=MYPROFILE`.

- WebUserId and WebPassword

You can specify a different user ID and password for the portal servlet to use to access the web profile, but you must encrypt the password by using a Java encryption utility that you launch from a provided script called PSCipher.

To encrypt the user ID or password:

1. At a command prompt, change to the location of the encryption script file:

```
PIA_HOME\webserv\peoplesoft
```

2. On a UNIX machine, change the PSCipher.sh script file permissions so you can run it.
3. Run the script file with your password as an argument. For example:

```
pscipher MYPASSWORD
```

The utility returns the encrypted password as a string. For example:

```
VOBN5KcQZMg=
```

4. Copy the encrypted string and paste it into the configuration.properties file, for example:

```
WebPassword=VOBN5KcQZMg=
```

Important! Make sure that the entire encrypted string, (including all symbol characters), is copied.

After you save the configuration.properties file, restart your web server and the new profile takes effect.

See Also

PeopleTools 8.51 PeopleBook: PeopleSoft Integration Broker Administration, "Managing Integration Gateways," Using the integrationGateway.properties File

Pages Used to Configure Web Profiles

| Page Name | Definition Name | Navigation | Usage |
|--|-------------------|--|---|
| Web Profile Configuration - General | WEB_PROF_GENERAL | PeopleTools, Web Profile, Web Profile Configuration, General | Configure general portal properties. |
| Web Profile Configuration - Security | WEB_PROF_SECURITY | PeopleTools, Web Profile, Web Profile Configuration, General, Security | Configure portal security. |
| Web Profile Configuration - Virtual Addressing | WEB_PROF_PROXIES | PeopleTools, Web Profile, Web Profile Configuration, General, Virtual Addressing | Configure transfer protocols for proxy servers. |

| Page Name | Definition Name | Navigation | Usage |
|---|------------------------|--|--|
| Web Profile Configuration - Cookie Rules | WEB_PROF_COOKIES | PeopleTools, Web Profile, Web Profile Configuration, General, Cookie Rules | Define rules that determine how the portal passes cookies to servers in the same domain. |
| Web Profile Configuration - Caching | WEB_PROF_CACHING | PeopleTools, Web Profile, Web Profile Configuration, General, Caching | Configure caching rules for browsers and web servers. |
| Web Profile Configuration - Debugging | WEB_PROF_DEBUGGING | PeopleTools, Web Profile, Web Profile Configuration, General, Debugging | Determine the type of information to include in logs. |
| Web Profile Configuration - Look and Feel | WEB_PROF_LOOKFEEL | PeopleTools, Web Profile, Web Profile Configuration, General, Look and Feel | Determine the pages to be used in situations such as start, errors, expiration, signon, and language support. |
| Web Profile Configuration - Custom Properties | WEB_PROF_CUST_PROP | PeopleTools, Web Profile, Web Profile Configuration, General, Custom Properties | Configure properties that have been added since the current release of PeopleTools was shipped or that are needed only for backward compatibility. |
| Web Profile History | WEB_PROF_HISTORY | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PeopleTools, Web Profile, Web Profile History • PeopleTools, Web Profile, Web Profile Configuration, General Click the View History link on the Web Profile - General page. | Review the current portal attributes of a web server, website, and web profile. |

Configuring General Portal Properties

Access the Web Profile Configuration - General page (PeopleTools, Web Profile, Web Profile Configuration).

General Security Virtual Addressing Cookie Rules Caching Debugging Look and Feel

Profile Name: PROD [Save As ...](#) [View History](#)

Description:

Authentication Domain:

Help URL:

☒ Compress Responses

☒ Compress Response References

Compress Mime Types:

☒ Compress Query

Save Confirmation Display Time: Milliseconds

☒ Enable Processing Message

☒ Enable New Window

☒ Enable PPM Agent

PPM Monitor Buffer Size: KB

☐ Single Thread Netscape

Single Thread Delay: Milliseconds

Non-standard Base Path:

Reports

☒ Enable Report Repository

Report Repository Path:

Compress Report Output

- ☒ All Browsers
- ☐ Exclude NetScape
- ☐ Do Not Compress

Web Profile Configuration - General page

Save As

Click to save a copy of the current web profile under a new name. On the Save Web Profile As page, enter a new profile name and click OK.

Use to modify one of the profiles that is delivered with your PeopleSoft application.

View History

Click to access the Web Profile History search page in a new browser window.

Authentication Domain

Enter the name of the extended authentication domain in which the portal is running, starting with a leading period. This value overrides, but must be compatible with, the base-level authentication domain. For example, if you entered *.customer.com* during the PeopleSoft Pure Internet Architecture setup, only values such as *.enterprise.customer.com* and *.individual.customer.com* are valid.

An authentication domain is required for a variety of portal functions. For example, if a cookie is shared on web servers *foo.peoplesoft.com* and *bar.peoplesoft.com*, you must specify an authentication domain of *.peoplesoft.com*.

This field requires a value if you specified a default addressing server name on the Web Profile Configuration - Virtual Addressing page. You must qualify that server name with this domain name.

The default value of the authentication domain is the one that you specified during the PeopleSoft Pure Internet Architecture setup. That value is stored as the web server's session cookie domain and kept in an internal web server file.

For Oracle WebLogic, that file is *weblogic.xml*. The preferred method for changing that value is to rerun the website setup.

For WebSphere, that file is *deployment.xml*. This is located under *PIA_HOME\websrv\<profile-name>\config\cells\<profile-name>NodeCell\applications\<application.name>.ear\deployments\<application-name>\deployment.xml*

Note. The value that you enter in this field is automatically forced to lowercase.

Help URL

Specify the URL that is needed to link to the correct location in your HTML PeopleBooks. When users click the Help button, the appropriate context-sensitive PeopleSoft documentation should appear. To remove the help link, leave this value blank, and users won't see a Help link on the application page.

Construct the URL like this:

```
http://helpwebserver:port/productline/f1search.htm?
ContextID=%CONTEXT_ID%&LangCD=%LANG_CD%
```

For example:

```
http://myhelpwebserver:8080/html/doc/f1search.htm?ContextID=%CONTE
XT_ID%&LangCD=%LANG_CD%
```

Note. This setting applies only to browser access. It does not apply to users connecting in the Microsoft Windows environment by using PeopleSoft Application Designer and other development tools. You can find information about configuring Microsoft Windows-based context sensitive help in the PeopleTools installation documentation.

| | |
|---|--|
| Compress Responses | <p>Select to enable compression in the communication between the web server and the browser. Gzip and Compress protocols are supported.</p> <p>This check box is selected by default.</p> |
| Compress Response References | <p>Select to enable compression of cache files that are delivered from the web server to the user's browser. Only cache files with the Multipurpose Internet Mail Extensions (MIME) types that are specified in the Compress MIME Types text box are compressed. Gzip and Compress protocols are supported.</p> <p>This check box is cleared by default.</p> |
| Compress MIME Types | <p>Specify the MIME types of the cache files to be compressed as a comma-separated string. This field is available only if you selected the Compress Response References check box.</p> <p>The default value is <i>application/javascript,text/javascript,text/css,text/html</i>.</p> |
| Compress Query | <p>This property applies to browser requests in which the content type section of the URL is <i>/q/</i>, indicating a query. Select to enable compression of query responses to the browser.</p> <p>This check box is selected by default.</p> |
| Save Confirmation Display Time | <p>Specify in milliseconds how long the save_confirm image should appear for the user if the save confirm personalization option is enabled.</p> <p>The default value is <i>3000</i> milliseconds (3 seconds).</p> |
| Enable Processing Message | <p>Select to enable processing notification while the system processes a request.</p> <p>This check box is selected by default.</p> |
| Enable New Window | <p>Select to enable the New Window link that users can click to open a new application window.</p> <p>This check box is selected by default.</p> |
| Enable PPM Agent (enable PeopleSoft Performance Monitor agent) | <p>Select to activate the PeopleSoft Performance Monitor agent for this portal. The performance monitoring system has <i>agents</i> and <i>monitors</i>. An agent captures units of data (PMUs), and a monitor views and analyzes agent flows. This check box controls whether the agent is active on sites that use this profile.</p> <p>This check box is selected by default.</p> |
| PPM Monitor Buffer Size (PeopleSoft Performance Monitor buffer size) | <p>Specify the maximum size, in kilobytes (KB), of the Monitor Server buffer. Data is discarded once this limit is reached. This field is available only when Enable PPM Agent is selected.</p> <p>The default value is <i>51200</i> KB (50 megabytes).</p> |

Single Thread Netscape

Select to indicate that requests from a Netscape browser should be single-threaded to prevent crashes.

Older versions of Netscape browsers had problems with multithreading responses and would crash. Select this check box if your users are using older versions of Netscape browsers and are experiencing browser crashes.

This check box is cleared by default. When selected, the Single Thread Delay option appears.

Single Thread Delay

Specify a delay, in milliseconds, for single-threaded Netscape requests. This field is available only when Single Thread Netscape is selected.

The default value is *1000* milliseconds (one second).

Non-standard Base Path

In the rare circumstance that you receive an error message that the base physical path has not been set, you must enter the location of the directory that contains the *signon.html* file for your application.

This field is blank by default.

See [Chapter 10, "Configuring the Portal Environment," Viewing Web Profile Histories, page 267](#); [Chapter 10, "Configuring the Portal Environment," Understanding the Authentication Domain, page 226](#); [Chapter 10, "Configuring the Portal Environment," Configuring Caching, page 248](#); [Chapter 10, "Configuring the Portal Environment," Configuring Virtual Addressing, page 244](#) and *PeopleTools 8.51 PeopleBook: Performance Monitor*, "Administering the Performance Monitor," Working with Performance Monitor Web Profile Properties.

See the PeopleTools 8.51 installation guide for your database platform.

Reports**Enable Report Repository**

Select to enable users to view the report repository. When this check box is cleared, no report files can be viewed by users.

This check box is selected by default.

Report Repository Path

(Optional) Specify a drive and directory path to indicate where the site that is served by this web profile should look for generated reports.

This value overrides the location that is specified during the PeopleSoft Pure Internet Architecture setup; you can leave this field blank to use the original value.

Note. Changing the report repository path prevents you from viewing existing reports, unless the old subdirectory structure is moved to the new location. Be careful when editing this field.

Note. (For Windows only) If the report repository resides on a different machine than the web server, specify the report repository path in UNC format instead of mapped drive format. For example, if the report repository is on MachineX in folderY, the Report Repository Path should be specified as:

//MachineX/folderY/psreports

or

\\\\MachineX\\folderY\\psreports

If MachineX/folderY is mapped to the Y: drive, do not specify the Report Repository Path as Y:\psreports.

Compress Report Output

Specify how reports should be compressed:

All Browsers: Reports are always compressed. This is the default value.

Exclude Netscape: Reports are compressed, except for users who are using Netscape Navigator.

Do Not Compress: Reports are never compressed.

See Also

PeopleTools 8.51 PeopleBook: PeopleCode API Reference, "Internet Script Classes (iScript)," AuthTokenDomain

PeopleTools 8.51 PeopleBook: System and Server Administration, "Working with Oracle WebLogic"

PeopleTools 8.51 PeopleBook: System and Server Administration, "Working with IBM WebSphere"

Configuring Portal Security

Access the Web Profile Configuration - Security page (PeopleTools, Web Profile, Web Profile Configuration).

| General | Security | Virtual Addressing | Cookie Rules | Caching | Debugging | Look and Feel |
|---|----------|---|--------------|-----------------|-----------|---|
| Profile Name: PROD | | | | | | |
| Days to Auto Fill User ID: <input type="text" value="7"/> ? | | View File Time to Live: <input type="text" value="0"/> Seconds ? | | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> PIA use HTTP Same Server ? | | SSL | | | | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Allow Unregistered Content ? | | <input type="checkbox"/> Secured Access Only ? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Secure Cookie with SSL ? | | | | |
| Authenticated Users | | | | | | |
| Inactivity Warning: <input type="text" value="1,080"/> Seconds ? | | HTTP Session Inactivity: <input type="text" value="0"/> Seconds ? | | | | |
| Inactivity Logout: <input type="text" value="1,200"/> Seconds ? | | | | | | |
| Timeout Warning Script: WEBLIB_TIMEOUT.PT_TIMEOUTWARNING.FieldFormula.IScript_TIMEOUTWARNING | | | | | | <input type="button" value="Override"/> ? |
| Public Users | | | | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Allow Public Access ? | | User ID: <input type="text"/> ? | | | | |
| | | Password: <input type="text"/> ? | | | | |
| | | HTTP Session Inactivity: <input type="text" value="0"/> Seconds ? | | | | |
| Web Server Jolt Settings | | | | XML Link | | |
| Disconnect Timeout: <input type="text" value="0"/> Seconds ? | | User ID: <input type="text"/> ? | | | | |
| Send Timeout: <input type="text" value="50"/> Seconds ? | | Password: <input type="text" value="..."/> ? | | | | |
| Receive Timeout: <input type="text" value="1300"/> Seconds ? | | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> XML Link Use HTTP Same Server ? | | | | |

Web Profile Configuration - Security page

Days to Autofill User ID

If enabled, the system caches the user ID and automatically inserts it on the sign-in page. This is a convenience for users. This feature is implemented through the use of a stored cookie on the browser.

The default value is 7 days. Specify a value of 0 to disable this feature. Use 0 in a public area or kiosk situation, or if your security policy doesn't allow cookies stored on the browser.

View File Time to Live

Specify, in seconds, how long the portal should wait after sending a file attachment to a user's browser before removing that file from the web server storage.

If this value is 0, then the amount of time the file remains on the web server is always greater than or equal to one minute and the specific amount of time beyond one minute is dependent upon the size of the file.

If the value is *greater than 0*, then the amount of time the file remains on the web server is only dependent upon the value of that property in seconds.

The default value is 0.

PIA use HTTP Same Server
(PeopleSoft Pure Internet
Architecture use HTTP same
server)

Select to indicate that the portal should use the HTTP protocol instead of HTTPS for requests that are issued by the portal for content that is hosted on the same server as the portal servlet.

Setting this property is necessary when the portal web server is behind an SSL accelerator or when SSL is terminated on a device in front of the portal web server, such as a reverse proxy server, or between different sites that are on the same web server.

You can also use this property to improve the performance of homepage pagelets that are provided by the PeopleSoft Pure Internet Architecture servlet that run on the same web server as the portal, and from which the web server receives SSL requests. That is, SSL has not been terminated by a device in front of the web server.

You must also specify the default addressing protocol and port on the Web Profile Configuration - Virtual Addressing page.

See [Chapter 10, "Configuring the Portal Environment," Using SSL Accelerators, page 279.](#)

Allow Unregistered Content

Select to instruct the portal to serve both registered and unregistered content.

The portal generally allows any external content links to be wrapped with the portal header and navigation frames. Turning this option off will prevent explicitly registered content references from being displayed in the portal.

This check box is selected by default.

Note. If Allow Unregistered Content is not selected, the portal won't wrap a content link if it is not registered in the portal registry or if it isn't coming from a registered node. The portal checks if the content link is from a registered node by checking if the content link starts with the URI specified in the Content URI Text or the Portal URI Text in the Node Definition page, on the Portal tab. For security purposes, the portal only checks against the Content URI Text and Portal URI Text if it contains text longer than twelve characters.

SSL

Secured Access Only

Select to enforce SSL if the entire website requires the SSL protocol. This prevents users from using non-SSL protocols to access any link within this website or application.

If only some pages require SSL access, clear this check box (the default setting).

Secure Cookie with SSL

Select to prevent the single signon token from traveling over an insecure network. If you select this check box and the scheme of the current request is HTTPS (an SSL server), the system sets the secure attribute of the single signon cookie (PS_TOKEN) to True.

PeopleSoft single signon functionality also applies at the web server level. For example, suppose that you have two web servers: server X and server Y. Web server X is an SSL site, and web server Y is not. In these situations, many sites want server Y to trust the authentication token, PS_TOKEN, issued by server X. This requires that you set the PS_TOKEN to be secure.

If the PS_TOKEN is not secure, when a user signs in through server Y, the browser sends PS_TOKEN to server Y over the unencrypted, non-SSL link. This is typical behavior for browsers when dealing with cookies that aren't secure. Potentially, in this situation, a hacker could obtain this token from the clear network and use it to sign in to the SSL-secure server X.

Another important use of this property relates specifically to the PeopleSoft portal. When the portal proxies content with an HTML template, it should forward only PS_TOKEN cookies that are marked secure over SSL connections.

Note. By selecting this check box, you effectively disable single signon functionality with any non-SSL servers.

If, at your site, you want users to sign in to an HTTPS server, and then want to use single signon functionality with HTTP servers, clear this check box to enable single signon functionality between HTTPS and HTTP servers.

Note. Before you clear this check box, make sure that you are aware of all the security implications, such as the security of the HTTPS server being compromised.

This check box is selected by default.

Authenticated Users

Inactivity Warning

Specify the number of seconds that the portal should wait before warning users that the browser session will expire. Users can continue with the current session by clicking the OK button in the warning message, which resets the inactivity timer. If a user doesn't respond within the inactivity logout interval, the session ends and the expired connection page appears.

The default value is *1080* seconds (18 minutes).

HTTP Session Inactivity

Specify the number of seconds of inactivity after which the HTTP session times out for authenticated users. When the interval passes with no user activity, the web server discards all session information, including cached page states. The next time the user submits a request, the web server creates a new HTTP session. From the user experience, the user may be put in a search page or home page because the previous session state is lost at this point. This property is unaffected by any permission list setting.

When this property isn't specified, the HTTP session timeout interval is the same value as the authenticated user inactivity logout property that is specified on this page.

This property is similar to the public users HTTP Session Inactivity property that is specified on this page.

Use this property with caution. Please don't use this property if you don't understand its usage.

Inactivity Logout

Specify the value in seconds of the inactivity timeout interval that applies to PeopleSoft applications to which a user is signed in. When the interval passes with no user activity, the user's browser displays the page that is specified by the Expire Page - Page field on the Web Profile Configuration - Look and Feel page. The web server applies this value in JavaScript.

Note. The inactivity logout can be overridden by a permission list inactivity timeout setting.

The default value is *1200* seconds.

Note. Depending on the application implementation, authenticated users might also experience an HTTP session inactivity timeout, which by default is the same as the inactivity logout value that you specify here.

However, you can override this behavior by using the HTTP Session Inactivity property on this page. This property independently controls the HTTP session inactivity timeout. The HTTP Session Inactivity property is unaffected by any permission list setting.

Timeout Warning Script

Displays the name of the timeout warning script that is currently in effect. The default value is

WEBLIB_TIMEOUT.PT_TIMEOUTWARNING.FieldFormula.IScript_TIMEOUTWARNING.

Override

Click to change the timeout warning script. The Override Timeout Warning Script page appears, with these fields:

- Record (Table) Name: The default value is *WEBLIB_TIMEOUT*.
- Field Name: The default value is *PT_TIMEOUTWARNING*.
- PeopleCode Event Name: The default value is *FieldFormula*.
- PeopleCode Function Name: The default value is *IScript_TIMEOUTWARNING*.

The values of these fields are concatenated to produce the value in the Timeout Warning Script field.

See *PeopleTools 8.51 PeopleBook: Security Administration*, "Setting Up Permission Lists," Setting General Permissions.

Public Users

Public users are PeopleSoft application users who are not required to go through a PeopleSoft signon page. As a result, public users are neither identified nor authenticated by their own user ID and password. Public users also are not forwarded to the signon page after any period of inactivity.

Because they access sites without credentials, public users should be limited to informational websites where sensitive data is not accessible.

You should enable public user access under these conditions:

- When you provide users with direct links to non-secure pages.

Note. If a user clicks a direct link that accesses a page for which the public User ID is not authorized, the system displays the signon page prompting the user to supply her PeopleSoft credentials.

- When you use an external authentication method.

Important! If you are using an external authentication method in conjunction with the PeopleCode *SwitchUser* function, then the Inactivity Warning and Inactivity Logout values specified for authenticated users are restored.

See *PeopleTools 8.51 PeopleBook: PeopleCode Language Reference*, "PeopleCode Built-in Functions," *SwitchUser*.

- When you want crawlers to search your PeopleSoft site and need to provide access to the portal.

Allow Public Access

Select so that the system bypasses the user sign on page when users click a direct link to a page. The system uses the values that you specify in the User ID and Password fields for authentication. This check box is cleared by default.

When you select this check box, the system enables the User ID, Password, and HTTP Session Inactivity fields.

User ID

Enter the account that the system uses to authenticate public users. This field is enabled when you select the Allow Public Access check box.

Note. This is *not* the same as the WebUserId property in the configuration.properties file, which you specify during the PeopleSoft Pure Internet Architecture installation for accessing the web profile.

Password

Enter the password for the account that you entered in the User ID field. This field is enabled when you select the Allow Public Access check box

Note. This is *not* the same as the WebPassword property in the configuration.properties file, which you specified during the PeopleSoft Pure Internet Architecture installation for accessing the web profile.

HTTP Session Inactivity

Specify the value in seconds of the inactivity period that applies to public users.

When the period passes with no user activity, the web server discards all session information, including cached page states. The next time the user submits a request, the web server creates a new HTTP session.

This field is enabled when you select the Allow Public Access check box.

Note. If you are using an external authentication method in conjunction with the SetAuthenticationResult() function in Signon PeopleCode or the SwitchUser() function in Non-Signon PeopleCode, you are logged out if you are inactive.

The default value is *1200* seconds.

See *PeopleTools 8.51 PeopleBook: PeopleCode Language Reference*, "PeopleCode Built-in Functions," SwitchUser.

Web Server Jolt Settings**Disconnect Timeout**

Specify the amount of time to wait while disconnecting the Oracle Jolt connection. A value of *0* means no limit.

The default value is *0* seconds.

Send Timeout

Specify the maximum number of seconds that the servlet allows for a request to be sent to the application server. This setting does not indicate a maximum amount of time for the service to finish; it indicates only the maximum amount of time to send the request to the application server.

The default value is *50* seconds.

Receive Timeout

Specify the maximum number of seconds that the servlet should wait for a response from the application server.

Make sure that the value of this field is greater than your application server service timeouts, such as the Service Timeout setting for PSAPPSRV that appears in the PSAPPSRV.CFG configuration file on the application server.

The default value is *600* seconds.

XML Link**User ID**

Enter an account name to authenticate users for XML Link technology.

Password

Enter the password for the account name that you entered in the User ID field.

XML Link Use HTTP Same Server

Select to indicate that the portal should use the HTTP protocol instead of HTTPS for requests that are issued by the xmllink servlet for content that is hosted on the same server as the xmllink servlet.

This check box is selected by default.

See Also

Chapter 10, "Configuring the Portal Environment," Improving Same-Server Performance Under SSL, page 278

PeopleTools 8.51 PeopleBook: System and Server Administration, "Working with Oracle WebLogic"

Chapter 10, "Configuring the Portal Environment," For IBM WebSphere, page 282

Configuring Virtual Addressing

Access the Web Profile Configuration - Virtual Addressing page (PeopleTools, Web Profile, Web Profile Configuration).

General Security **Virtual Addressing** Cookie Rules Caching Debugging Look and Feel

Profile Name: PROD

☒ Generate Relative URLs ?

Default Addressing

Protocol: ? Name: ? Port: ?

Reverse Proxy Server Customize | Find | View All | First 1 of 1 Last

| | *Protocol | *Host | *HTTP | *HTTPS | |
|---|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|---|
| 1 | <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> | <input type="button" value="+"/> <input type="button" value="-"/> |

[What is Reverse Proxy Server ?](#)

Web Profile Configuration - Virtual Addressing page

Generate Relative URLs

Select to generate relative URLs. This setting is for use with proxy server implementations.

This check box is selected by default.

Default Addressing**Protocol**

Specify the default protocol—*HTTP* or *HTTPS*—to override the protocol that is used by the PeopleSoft Pure Internet Architecture and the portal to construct URL references. When this property is left blank, the protocol of the incoming request to the PeopleSoft Pure Internet Architecture servlet is used.

You must set this property when the browser makes an SSL connection and SSL is terminated before the PeopleSoft Pure Internet Architecture servlet, using a device such as an SSL accelerator or a reverse proxy server, or when you select the PIA use HTTP Same Server property on the Web Profile Configuration - Security page. In this situation, the protocol of the request to the PeopleSoft Pure Internet Architecture servlet is HTTP, but the PeopleSoft Pure Internet Architecture must generate URL references with an HTTPS protocol.

Name

Enter a default server name to override the server name that is used by the PeopleSoft Pure Internet Architecture and the portal to construct URL references. When this property is left blank, the server name of the incoming request to the PeopleSoft Pure Internet Architecture servlet is used to construct URL references.

You must set this property when the server on which the PeopleSoft Pure Internet Architecture servlet resides is different from the server to which the browser is connected. This can occur when a reverse proxy server or load balancer is configured in front of the web server. In these situations, the PeopleSoft Pure Internet Architecture must generate URL references with the server that is used by the browser for its initial connection.

Note. If you specified an authentication domain on the Web Profile Configuration - General page, it must be part of the server name that you specify here. The value that you enter in this field is automatically forced to lowercase.

Port

Enter a default port to override the port that is used by the PeopleSoft Pure Internet Architecture and the portal to construct URL references. When this property is left blank, the port of the incoming request to the PeopleSoft Pure Internet Architecture servlet is used to construct links on a PeopleSoft Pure Internet Architecture or portal page.

You must set this property when the port through which the PeopleSoft Pure Internet Architecture servlet is accessed is different from the port to which the browser is connected. This can occur when an SSL accelerator is used or when a reverse proxy server is configured in front of the web server, and the reverse proxy server or load balancer listens on a different port from the web server, or when you select the PeopleSoft Pure Internet Architecture use HTTP Same Serverproperty on the Web Profile Configuration - Security page. In these situations, the PeopleSoft Pure Internet Architecture must generate URL references with the port that is used by the browser for its initial connection.

Reverse Proxy Server List

Use this grid to specify the reverse proxy servers through which the portal can expect to retrieve content. External content that is retrieved from these sources that contains relative references is rewritten by the portal to contain relative references instead of absolute references to preserve reverse proxy server requirements.

For each reverse proxy server on the list, you specify:

- The protocol to use.
- The server's host or machine name.
- The server's HTTP port number.
- The server's HTTPS port number.

Configuring Cookie Rules

Access the Web Profile Configuration - Cookie Rules page (PeopleTools, Web Profile, Web Profile Configuration).

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Profile Name: PROD

Cookie Rules

Find | View All | First | 1-4 of 4 | Last

| *Cookie Pattern ? | Cookies Passed to Server ? | Cookies Not Passed to Server ? | Delete Cookie on Logout ? | Proxied ? | Secure ? | |
|-------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|-----|
| * | %%AuthTokenDomain | | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | + - |
| *PSJSESSIONID* | | | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | + - |
| *WebLogicSession* | | | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | + - |
| JServSessionId* | | | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | + - |

Web Profile Configuration - Cookie Rules page

This page defines rules that determine how the portal passes cookies to servers in the same domain.

Oracle WebLogic and IBM WebSphere web servers use browser cookies (containing the server path and domain) to establish session identity. These cookies have a default name that's used to retrieve the cookie on each request to the web server. In an environment where multiple web servers are in use with the portal, it is necessary to define unique session cookie names between web servers to prevent one cookie from overwriting another cookie of the same name set by a different web server. The path or domain of the cookie must be different to prevent overwriting.

Note. Use the first three fields to specify patterns to match, where the asterisk (*) is treated as a wildcard, matching zero or more characters.

The portal knows its own domain (from the authentication domain), and the first default rule instructs it to pass portal servlet cookies to any server in the same domain, over both secure and insecure connections. All other cookies can continue to be passed to any server on any domain.

| | |
|---------------------------------|---|
| Cookie Pattern | Specify the name pattern for cookies to which this rule applies. For example, to specify all cookies whose names start with <i>HR_</i> , enter the value <i>HR_*</i> . |
| Cookies Passed to Server | Specify the name pattern for the servers to which the specified cookies should be passed. For example, to specify all servers in the domain <i>.hr.peoplesoft.com</i> , enter the value <i>*.hr.peoplesoft.com</i> . You can use a substitution parameter <i>%AuthTokenDomain</i> to represent the authentication domain currently in effect. |

Cookies Not Passed to Server Specify the name pattern for the servers to which the specified cookies should not be passed. You can use a substitution parameter %AuthTokenDomain to represent the authentication domain currently in effect.

Note. This field takes precedence over the Cookies Passed to Server field.

Delete Cookie on Logout Select to indicate that the cookie should be deleted when the user signs out of the portal.

Note. This check box is cleared for the first default rule (matching all cookies), but any cookies that are generated by PeopleSoft with, for example, the PSJSESSIONID prefix, are deleted when the user signs out. If you're running multiple PeopleSoft portals and want cookies to be maintained after the user signs out, update this page to specify which cookies to preserve or delete.

Warning! It is recommended to use extreme caution when setting all cookies to be deleted on logout. Cookie pattern "*" means all cookies. Some cookies must be kept. For example, the Arrow Point cookie (ARPT) is used by some load balancers to ensure sticky http(s) sessions.

Proxied Select to indicate that the cookie should be proxied when the cookie is retrieved through an HTML template. The cookie isn't set directly into the browser without proxying. This setting is useful for applications where a particular cookie name is not unique across the authentication domain.

Secure Select to indicate that the cookie should be passed only over a secure connection.

In WebSphere, for webmodules, Portal and PeopleSoft Portlet Container, the cookie names are set as follows:

| <i>WAR Name</i> | <i>WebSphere Session Cookie Name</i> |
|------------------------|---|
| Portal | %MACHINE_NAME%-%WEB_SERVER_HTTP_PORT%-PORTAL-WASPSJSESSIONID |
| pspc | %MACHINE_NAME%-%WEB_SERVER_HTTP_PORT%-PORTLET-WASPSJSESSIONID |

Configuring Caching

Access the Web Profile Configuration - Caching page (PeopleTools, Web Profile, Web Profile Configuration).

On the Browser

☒ Cache Generated HTML [?](#)
Number of States Supported: [?](#)
State Discard Interval: Seconds [?](#)

☒ Cache Homepage [?](#)
Homepage State Interval: Seconds [?](#)

Browsers

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*User Agent ID [?](#)

Cache Home Page [?](#)

| | | |
|--|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Mozilla/4.0 (compatible; MSIE 5.01; Windows NT; DigExt) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | + - |
| Mozilla/4.0 (compatible; MSIE 5.0; Mac_PowerPC) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | + - |
| Mozilla/4.0 (compatible; MSIE 4.5; Mac_PowerPC) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | + - |
| Mozilla/4.72 [en] (WinNT; I) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | + - |
| Mozilla/5.0 (Windows; U; WinNT4.0; en-US; m18) Gecko/20001108 Netscape6/6.0 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | + - |
| Mozilla/5.0 (Macintosh; U; PPC Mac OS X; en-us) AppleWebKit/85 (KHTML, like Gecko) Safari/85 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | + - |

On the Web Server

☒ Cache Proxied JavaScripts [?](#)
☒ Cache Portal Objects [?](#)
Cache Stale Interval: Seconds [?](#)

☒ Cache Target Content [?](#)
☐ Cache Menu [?](#)
Cache Purge All Hit Count: [?](#)

Directories

| | |
|--|--|
| Image Directory: <input type="text" value="/cache"/> ? | Chart Directory: <input type="text" value="/cache/chart"/> ? |
| Image Web Directory: <input type="text" value="/cache"/> ? | Chart Web Directory: <input type="text" value="/cache/chart"/> ? |
| CSS Directory: <input type="text" value="/cache"/> ? | JavaScript Directory: <input type="text" value="/cache"/> ? |
| CSS Web Directory: <input type="text" value="/cache"/> ? | JavaScript Web Directory: <input type="text" value="/cache"/> ? |

☐ Copy Image/CSS (no Versioning) [?](#)

Recent Search Results

☐ Enable Caching [?](#)
☐ Enable Caching on Web Server [?](#)

Web Profile Configuration - Caching page

On the Browser

Cache Generated HTML

Select to indicate that PeopleSoft application pages should be cached by the user's browser. For security reasons, clear this check box in kiosk environments.

This check box is selected by default.

Note. When using menu navigation, the back button will work even if this option is non-selected because menu navigation does not generate the "No-Cache" directive.

Number of States Supported Specify how many browser states the portal should support when accessing PeopleSoft application pages.

Note. If you have applications that make numerous server requests, you may want to increase this value. This increases the virtual machine's memory requirements, so be prepared to allocate more memory accordingly.

The default value is 5 states.

State Discard Interval

When a user signs out (either explicitly or because of a session timeout), the system normally clears all application states for the user's session. This property enables clearing of application states for individual windows instead. If your users have a long session timeout and many browser windows open, use this property to force the portal web server to release cached states for windows that a user has closed.

Every time a user clicks the New Window link on a portal page, or when transfer PeopleCode opens a new window, the portal web server creates and maintains a state cache for that new browser window. Even if the user closes the window, the web server continues to maintain the cache during the interval that is specified by the Inactivity Logout field on the Web Profile Configuration - Security page. If users open many application browser windows simultaneously, then close most of them while still continuing to work actively in one or two remaining windows, you might be using more web server memory than is required and unnecessarily degrading its performance.

You can improve performance by using this property to specify an independent timeout interval that applies to individual browser windows, which forces the portal web server to release cached states for windows that users have closed.

When a user clicks the New Window link, and each time user activity in a window produces a request for data from the web server, the portal applies a current timestamp to its corresponding state cache. The next time the user clicks the New Window link, the portal examines the timestamp for each state cache. For any timestamp that's older than the status block timeout, the portal web server discards the associated window state cache on the assumption that the window must have been closed.

Note. The portal performs this comparison only when the user clicks the New Window link.

Specify a value in seconds that represents the inactivity timeout per window. This timeout should be as short as possible, but still long enough to avoid discarding the state cache of any window that's still in use. A good starting value is the same value as the inactivity logout. If you don't specify this property, or if you specify a value of 0, status blocks are tracked per session—all status blocks are deleted when the user signs out or when the inactivity logout interval expires.

Note. A potential inconvenience with this property is that users might be inactive in a window without closing it, then return to it after the interval that you specify here has expired. In that case they're presented with the application's search page.

Cache Homepage

Select to apply homepage caching on the browser. When selected, the Homepage Stale Interval field and the Browsers grid become available.

This check box is selected by default.

Homepage Stale Interval Enter the number of seconds that the browser should wait before requesting an updated homepage from the portal server.

The default value is *1200* seconds (20 minutes).

See [Chapter 9, "Using Portal Caching Features," Implementing Homepage Caching, page 220](#) and [Chapter 9, "Using Portal Caching Features," Implementing PeopleSoft Page Caching, page 222](#).

Browsers

Use this grid to identify the browsers that you don't want to cache the homepage. For each browser make, model, and version, supply the identifying user agent ID and clear the Cache Home Page check box. To re-enable caching for a listed browser, select the browser's Cache Home Page check box.

Any browser that is not listed caches the homepage if the global Cache Homepage check box is selected.

Note. If the global Cache Homepage check box is cleared, you can't enable homepage caching for individual browsers.

See [Chapter 9, "Using Portal Caching Features," Implementing Homepage Caching, page 220](#).

On the Web Server

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|----------------------------------|---|
| Cache Proxied JavaScripts | Select to enable caching of proxied JavaScripts on the portal server. This check box is selected by default. |
| Cache Portal Objects | Select to enable metadata caching. This check box is selected by default. |
| Cache Stale Interval | Enter the number of seconds that should pass before the portal refreshes the metadata cache. The default value of this property is <i>86400</i> seconds (24 hours). |
| | <hr/> Note. This property competes for effect with Cache Purge All Hit Count. <hr/> |
| Cache Target Content | Select to cache all target content HTML that has an appropriately defined Cache element. This check box is selected by default. |
| Cache Menu | Select this check box to enable web server-based navigation caching. |
| | For the DEV and TEST web profiles, the default value is <i>True</i> . For all other profiles, including those that are newly created, the default value is <i>False</i> . |
| Cache Purge All Hit Count | Specify the maximum total number of HTTP requests that the web server should receive for metadata objects before it purges the metadata cache, forcing the portal to refresh the cache. |
| | The default value is <i>1000</i> requests. Set this property to <i>0</i> to disable the feature. |
| | <hr/> Note. This property competes for effect with Cache Stale Interval. <hr/> |

See [Chapter 9, "Using Portal Caching Features," Implementing Target Content Caching, page 213](#); [Chapter 9, "Using Portal Caching Features," Implementing Metadata Caching, page 217](#); [Chapter 9, "Using Portal Caching Features," Implementing Proxied JavaScript Caching, page 219](#) and [Chapter 9, "Using Portal Caching Features," Administering Web Server-Based Navigation Caching, page 223](#).

Directories

| | |
|--|--|
| Image Directory | Enter the image file cache directory. The default value is <i>/cache</i> . |
| Image Web Directory | Enter the image file web cache directory. The default value is <i>/cache</i> . |
| CSS Directory (cascading style sheet directory) | Enter the cascading style sheet (CSS) cache directory. The default value is <i>/cache</i> . |
| CSS Web Directory | Enter the CSS web cache directory. The default value of this field is <i>/cache</i> . |
| Copy Image/CSS (No Versioning) | Select to have the system write a copy of the image and CSS cache with no version number. This is provided in case an external reference to the PeopleSoft stylesheet is needed. <hr/> Warning! Enable this setting with care. In a production environment, it can double the number of files that are stored in the site's cache directory. Unless there's a clear need to use a custom solution to access style sheets and the like, this should be disabled. <hr/> This check box is cleared by default. |
| Chart Directory | Enter the chart image file cache directory. The default value is <i>/cache/chart</i> . |
| Chart Web Directory | Enter the chart image file web cache directory. The default value is <i>/cache/chart</i> . |
| JavaScript Directory | Enter the Java Script cache directory. The default value is <i>/cache</i> . |
| JavaScript Web Directory | Enter the JavaScript web cache directory. The default value is <i>/cache</i> . |

Recent Search Results

Enable Caching

Select to temporarily store recent (persistent) search results on the browser and web server. If you clear this setting, it suppresses all search persistence property settings that you configure in PeopleSoft Application Designer definitions. The default value is *unchecked*.

Enable Caching on Web Browser

Select to temporarily store recent (persistent) search results on the web server. If you clear this setting, it suppresses all search persistence property settings that you configure in PeopleSoft Application Designer definitions. This property applies only when you use either Internet Explorer 7 or Safari 3 as your browser. This option does not affect Internet Explorer 8, Firefox 3.5, or Safari 4. The default value is *unchecked*.

See *PeopleTools 8.51 PeopleBook: PeopleSoft Application Designer Developer's Guide*, "Creating Record Definitions," Setting Record Field Use Properties.

Configuring Trace and Debug Options

Access the Web Profile Configuration - Debugging page (PeopleTools, Web Profile, Web Profile Configuration).

General Security Virtual Addressing Cookie Rules Caching **Debugging** Look and Feel

Profile Name: PROD

- ☐ Trace Monitoring Server ?
- ☐ Trace PPM Agent ?
- ☐ Show Connection & Sys Info ?
- ☐ Show Trace Link at Signon ?
- ☐ Show Layout ?
- ☐ Show Overlapping Fields ?
- ☐ Show StyleSheet Inline HTML ?
- ☐ Show JavaScript Inline HTML ?
- ☐ Generate HTML for Testing ?
- ☒ Write Dump File ?
- ☐ Create File from PIA HTML Page ?

Web Profile Configuration - Debugging page

| | |
|------------------------------------|--|
| Trace Monitoring Server | <p>Select to have the PeopleSoft Performance Monitor and PPMI servlets write debug information to the web server log. This check box is cleared by default.</p> <hr/> <p>Note. This feature is not an agent trace. For an agent trace use Trace PPM Agent.</p> <hr/> |
| Trace PPM Agent | <p>Select to enable PeopleSoft Performance Monitor tracing on performance agents.</p> <p>This check box is cleared by default.</p> |
| Show Connection Information | <p>Select to have the application generate a system information page, which includes the browser, OS, PeopleTools release, application release, service pack, page definition name, component definition name, menu definition name, user ID, database name, database type, and application server address when you press Ctrl+J. The default is not checked.</p> <hr/> <p>Note. This information is useful for orientation and troubleshooting purposes, but might not be suitable for end users.</p> <hr/> |
| Show Trace Link at Signon | <p>Select to display a URL link at sign-in. The link opens a page for setting trace parameters.</p> |
| Show Layout | <p>Select to apply border and color attributes in a table layout for pages. This enables developers to see the position of PeopleSoft Application Designer objects in HTML.</p> |
| Show Overlapping Fields | <p>Select to include comments in generated HTML pages that may help in diagnosing page layout problems, such as fields overlapping other fields.</p> |
| Show StyleSheet Inline HTML | <p>Select to insert the page's stylesheet into its generated HTML.</p> |
| Show JavaScript Inline HTML | <p>Select to display all the JavaScript functions that are used for processing in the generated HTML page.</p> |
| Generate HTML for Testing | <p>Select to alter the generated HTML to assist with testing and troubleshooting. For example, this option provides additional white space and comments on the page to aid readability. Also, it includes additional name attributes for reference from SQA robot scripts.</p> <hr/> <p>Note. Selecting this option may cause some pages or pagelets not to display correctly. You can also set this in the application server configuration file, with the TracePIA option. If you want to ensure that all pages display correctly, you need to verify that TracePIA isn't enabled in the configuration file.</p> <hr/> <p>You can also set this in the application server configuration file. If you want to ensure that you've</p> |

Write Dump File

Select to have the system write a log file to the web server if a Oracle Jolt exception error occurs.

Create File from PIA HTML Page (create file from PeopleSoft Pure Internet Architecture HTML page)

Select to view and debug the source HTML that the application server generates. The system saves each generated page as *PS_CFG_HOME* \appserv\domain\LOGS\client\element\N.html.

The variables in the name are:

- *Domain*: The name of the application server domain.
- *Client*: The name of the machine or Internet Protocol (IP) address where the browser is running.
- *Element*: The name of the process or object that generates the HTML (query name for query, program name for iScripts, and so on).
- *N*: The state number for the generated page.

Warning! Use this tracing feature only for troubleshooting and testing. Enabling this feature generates numerous directories and files on the application server, which significantly affects performance. Use it for short periods, preferably only for a single-user test scenario. Never enable it on a production website.

See [Chapter 10, "Configuring the Portal Environment," Configuring Custom Properties, page 263](#) and *PeopleTools 8.51 PeopleBook: Performance Monitor*, "Administering the Performance Monitor," Working with Performance Monitor Web Profile Properties.

Configuring Look and Feel

Access the Web Profile Configuration - Look and Feel page (PeopleTools, Web Profile, Web Profile Configuration).

| General | Security | Virtual Addressing | Cookie Rules | Caching | Debugging | Look and Feel | Custom Properties |
|------------------------------------|----------|---|--------------|---------|-----------|---------------|-------------------|
| Profile Name: PROD | | | | | | | |
| Start Page | | | | | | | |
| Page: | | start.html,start.wml | | | | | ? |
| Script: | | WEBLIB_MENU.ISCRIPT3.FieldFormula.IScript_StartHtml | | | | | Override ? |
| Expire Page | | | | | | | |
| Page: | | expire.html,expire.wml | | | | | ? |
| Content Name: | | PT_EXPIRE,PT_EXPIRE_WML | | | | | ? |
| Error Pages | | | | | | | |
| Exception Page: | | exception.html,exception.wml | | | | | ? |
| Pagelet Error Page: | | portalerrorpagelet.html | | | | | ? |
| Portal Detail Error Page: | | portalerrordetail.html | | | | | ? |
| Portal Target Error Page: | | portalerrortarget.html | | | | | ? |
| MCF Auth Failure Page: | | mcferror.html | | | | | ? |
| Other Pages | | | | | | | |
| Auth Token Enable Page: | | authtokenenabled.html | | | | | ? |
| Enable Trace Page: | | signintrace.html | | | | | ? |
| Cookies Required Page: | | cookiesrequired.html | | | | | ? |
| SSL Required Page: | | sslrequired.html | | | | | ? |
| User Profile Page: | | userprofile.html | | | | | ? |
| Signon/Logout Pages | | | | | | | |
| Signon Page: | | signon.html,signon.wml | | | | | ? |
| Signon Result Doc Page: | | signonresultdoctext.html | | | | | ? |
| Signon Error Page: | | signin.html,signin.wml | | | | | ? |
| Logout Page: | | signin.html,signin.wml | | | | | ? |
| Password | | | | | | | |
| Password Expired Page: | | passwordexpired.html | | | | | ? |
| Password Warning Page: | | passwordwarning.html | | | | | ? |
| Change Password On Expire: | | MAINTAIN_SECURITY.EXPIRE_CHANGE_PSWD.GBL | | | | | Override ? |
| Change Password On Warning: | | MAINTAIN_SECURITY.CHANGE_PASSWORD.GBL | | | | | Override ? |
| Language Support: | | zh_HK=ZHT | | | | | ? |

Web Profile Configuration - Look and Feel page

Start Page

Page

Displays the page to which the system redirects users after a successful sign-in. This value references the iScripts that build the PeopleSoft navigation.

Do not change this setting.

The default value is *start.html,start.wml*.

Script

Displays the name of the start page iScript that is currently used for opening a new window.

The default value is

WEBLIB_MENU.ISCRIPT3.FieldFormula.IScript_StartHtml.

Override

Click to change the start page script. The Override Start Page Script page appears with these fields:

- Record (Table) Name: The default value is *WEBLIB_MENU*.
- Field Name: The default value is *ISCRIPT3*.
- PeopleCode Event Name: The default value is *FieldFormula*.
- PeopleCode Function Name: The default value is *IScript_StartHtml*.

The values of these fields are concatenated to produce the value in the Script field.

Expire Page

Page

Displays the HTML page containing text variables that are defined in text.properties. This page appears when user inactivity exceeds the limit that is specified by the Inactivity Logout field in the Authenticated Users region of the Web Profile Configuration - Security page.

Do not change this setting.

The default value is *expire.html,expire.wml*.

Content Name

Enter the content name that is stored in the HTML catalog. It appears when a page has expired due to reaching the limit that is specified by the Number of States Supported field in the On the Browser region of the Web Profile Configuration - Caching page.

Change this value with caution.

The default value is *PT_EXPIRE,PT_EXPIRE_WML*.

See [Chapter 10, "Configuring the Portal Environment," Configuring Portal Security, page 237](#) and [Chapter 10, "Configuring the Portal Environment," Configuring Caching, page 248](#).

Error Pages

| | |
|---|---|
| Exception Page | Enter the name of the page that is used in Java to handle exceptions. Change with caution. The default value is <i>exception.html,exception.wml</i> . |
| MCF Auth Failure Page (multichannel framework authorization failure page) | Enter the name of the multichannel framework authorization failure page. The default value is <i>mcfererror.html</i> . |
| Pagelet Error Page | Enter the name of an initial error message page to be displayed in the user's browser when a portal pagelet is unavailable. The default value is <i>portalerrorpagelet.html</i> . |
| Portal Target Error Page | Enter the name of an initial error message page to be displayed in the user's browser when target content is unavailable. The default value is <i>portalerrortarget.html</i> . |
| Portal Detail Error Page | Enter the name of an error message page that can be displayed in the user's browser to provide more detail about an error when retrieving portal content. The default value is <i>portalerrordetail.html</i> . |

Because your PeopleSoft portal can aggregate its content from many different sources, errors can occur for a variety of reasons. An error might occur if:

- A content server is down.
- An invalid URL is specified.
- A portal node from which content is being requested is inactive.
- A portal node fails to deliver requested content within the timeout interval that you specify by using the PSTIMEOUT content reference attribute.

See [Chapter 6, "Administering Portal Homepages and Pagelets," Configuring Pagelet Time-outs, page 177](#).

For practical purposes, all of these reasons result in the requested content being unavailable.

The values that you specify for the pagelet error page, portal target error page, and portal detail error page are the names of HTML pages that present customizable, translatable error messages. The default pages are delivered with the PeopleSoft system and provide useful error messages without any modification.

You can use the delivered error pages, modify them, or create your own. You can choose additional error message information to be displayed by using bind-type variables of two types in your error pages:

- Numeric message variables

These map to strings that are predefined in the following file:

PIA_HOME\webserv\peoplesoft\applications\peoplesoft\PORTAL\WEB-INF\psftdocs\sitename\text.properties

For example, the numeric variable 5006 maps to the phrase "The portal was unable to retrieve the page you are looking for."

- Session variables

These map to system information that depends on the current page and activity.

Session variables have values that are dynamically resolved by the portal engine at runtime. Available session variables include:

- ErrorTitle
- ErrorDescription
- ErrorURL
- AccessedURL
- OriginalURL
- TargetPage
- StackTrace
- DetailError

DetailError is the name of the page that is specified by the Portal Detail Error Page field. This can be used to specify a link target.

To invoke a numeric or session variable, you insert it between the strings `<%=` and `%>` in your HTML. For example: `<%=5009%>` or `<%=ErrorDescription%>`. Examine the delivered error pages for examples of how to use the numeric and session variables within your HTML.

Other Pages

Auth Token Enable Page (authorization token enable page)

Enter the name of the page to be displayed when the site being accessed is configured with an authentication domain (or web server session cookie domain), and the URL from the browser doesn't include the domain. This page contains a link to a sign-in page that produces the correct URL for the site. You can modify the content interface and design, but do not change the internal meta tags that generate the correct URL.

The default value is *authtokenenabled.html*.

Enable Trace Page

Enter the name of the page to be used to set trace parameters. If you enable tracing, this page appears before the sign-in page, so that you can set the trace parameters and then sign in to the system.

The default value is *signintrace.html*.

| | |
|------------------------------|---|
| Cookies Required Page | <p>Enter the name of a page to be displayed when the browser does not accept cookies. You should configure browsers to accept cookies.</p> <p>The default value is <i>cookiesrequired.html</i>.</p> |
| SSL Required Page | <p>Displays the name of the page that should appear if the Secured Access Only check box is selected in the SSL region of the Web Profile Configuration - Security page, and the user is unable to proceed without SSL.</p> <p>Do not change this setting.</p> <p>The default value is <i>sslrequired.html</i>.</p> |
| User Profile Page | <p>Displays the name of the page that appears when the user clicks the link from a password-expired page.</p> <p>Do not change this setting.</p> <p>The default value is <i>userprofile.html</i>.</p> |

See [Chapter 10, "Configuring the Portal Environment," Configuring General Portal Properties, page 232.](#)

Signon/Logout Pages

| | |
|--|---|
| Signon Page | <p>Displays the name of the page that redirects to the servlet for the sign-in process.</p> <p>Do not change this setting.</p> <p>The default value is <i>signon.html,signon.wml</i>.</p> |
| Signon Result Doc Page (signon result document page) | <p>If your portal site is configured with sign-in PeopleCode to additionally validate the user, that code can call a result document if the user authentication failed. You can present the result document to the user in several ways, by specifying one of these HTML documents in this field:</p> <p><i>signonresultdoctext.html</i>: The result text is wrapped in a standard portal error page. This is the default value.</p> <p><i>signonresultdocpage.html</i>: The result text itself is formatted as the error page.</p> <p><i>signonresultdocredirect.html</i>: This page redirects the user to the result text.</p> <p>Your own result document, using the <code><%=resultDoc%></code> session variable element.</p> |
| Signon Error Page | <p>Enter the name of the page that should appear when the user makes an error signing in. To customize your sign-in page, clone <i>signin.html</i> as a starting point.</p> <p>Change with caution.</p> <p>The default value is <i>signin.html,signin.wml</i>.</p> |

Logout Page

Enter the name of the page that should appear when the user signs out. You may define a custom logout page.

Change with caution.

The default value is *signin.html,signin.wml*.

Password**Password Expired Page**

Displays the name of the page that should appear when the user password is expired.

Do not change this setting.

The default value is *passwordexpired.html*.

Password Warning Page

Displays the name of the page that should appear when the user's password is about to expire in the number of days specified in PeopleSoft security.

Do not change this setting.

The default value is *passwordwarning.html*.

Change Password on Expire

Displays the change password page content ID. The system uses the value in *passwordexpired.html* to take the user to the password change page when a password is expired.

The default value is

MAINTAIN_SECURITY.EXPIRE_CHANGE_PSWD.GBL.

Override

Click to override the expired password change page. The Override Change Password on Expire Page appears.

- Menu Name: The default value is blank.
- Component: The default value is blank.
- Market: The default value is *Global*.

Change Password On Warning

Displays the content ID for the change password page. The system uses the value that you enter in *passwordwarning.html* to take the user to the password change page when a password warning is required.

The default value is *MAINTAIN_SECURITY.CHANGE_PASSWORD.GBL*.

Override

Click to override the password change warning page. The Override Change Password on Warning Page appears.

- Menu Name: The default value is blank.
- Component: The default value is blank.
- Market: The default value is *Global*.

(Optional) Language Support

Specify additional mappings from International Organization for Standardization (ISO) locale codes to PeopleSoft language codes, using one line per entry.

The PeopleSoft system uses proprietary codes to represent user languages, and the PeopleSoft Pure Internet Architecture sign-in page appears in the PeopleSoft language corresponding to the user's browser language setting (an ISO locale code). This field enables you to provide mappings from additional ISO locale codes to PeopleSoft language codes to support a wider range of browser-specific language settings.

For example, the entry *zh_HK=ZHT* maps the ISO locale code *zh_HK* (Hong Kong Chinese) to the PeopleSoft language code *ZHT* (traditional Chinese), so that traditional Chinese is the default sign-in language for browsers with the preferred language set to Hong Kong Chinese.

Your PeopleSoft application is delivered with default mappings, shown on the Manage Installed Languages page. The default mappings don't require entries in this field.

See Also

PeopleTools 8.51 PeopleBook: Global Technology, "Adding New Languages"

Configuring Custom Properties

Access the Web Profile Configuration - Custom Properties page (PeopleTools, Web Profile, Web Profile Configuration).

Profile Name: PROD

Custom Properties Find | View All | First | 1-3 of 3 | Last

| *Property Name | Validation Type | Property Value |
|----------------------------|-----------------|----------------|
| PPMConsole | Boolean | true |
| checkForDuplicateCookies | Boolean | false |
| noDefaultSignonForWorkflow | Boolean | false |

[What is Custom Properties ?](#)

Web Profile Configuration - Custom Properties page

This page enables the use of web profile properties that have been added since the current release of PeopleTools was shipped, or that are needed only for backward compatibility. For each property, you enter the property name, select its validation type, and provide the appropriate property value. The validation type ensures that the property value that you enter is the correct format. The currently available custom properties are:

AJAX

This property, although not displayed, enables AJAX features associated with page processing, such as Modal dialog boxes. The default value is *True*.

AJAXConsole

This property, although not displayed, enables you to launch an interface for viewing diagnostic information related to AJAX parameters that are required by PeopleSoft support personnel, who will provide you with the correct values when necessary.

auditPWD

This property enables certain debug and control settings that are required by PeopleSoft support personnel, who will provide you with the correct values when necessary. Never set this property in a production environment unless directed to do so.

checkForDuplicateCookies

Duplicate cookies occur when all of the following are true:

- You have two PeopleSoft applications installed for which you have not implemented single signon functionality.
- The authentication domain that you specify for one application's web server is a subset of the authentication domain that you specify for the other, such as *.mycompany.com* and *.user.mycompany.com*.
- A user attempts to sign in to both applications simultaneously from the same browser.

When these conditions are met, the browser presents multiple cookies to each application, which produces unpredictable browser behavior, such as displaying the sign-in page or a page expiration message.

For this property, specify a validation type of *boolean* and enter one of these property values:

True: The portal checks for sets of duplicate cookies. When a duplicate is found, the user is taken back to the sign-in page with this message: "Your browser sent multiple sets of cookies." You can change the text of this message by editing number 107 in the *errors.properties* file of the portal site.

False: The portal doesn't check for sets of duplicate cookies. This is the default setting, which applies when this property isn't specified.

To avoid this issue altogether with applications that don't use single signon functionality, make sure that you specify authentication domains that aren't subsets of each other, such as *.user.mycompany.com* and *.corp.mycompany.com*.

EnableAutocomplete

This property, although not displayed, enables AJAX features associated with autocomplete. For this property, specify a validation type of *Boolean* and enter *False* as property value to disable autocomplete at the system level.

Note. If this property is not set to false, you can control autocomplete through personalizations.

mutualAuth

This property, although not displayed, controls whether your environment is set up for mutual authentication. The default value is *True*.

Note. If you are using Lightweight Directory Access Protocol (LDAP) authentication, you must use the default setting.

If you are not using LDAP authentication, a Java exception error caused by a failure to retrieve a certificate property may appear in your webserver log. If this occurs, you must change this value to *False* to disable the authentication from trying to retrieve the certificate property.

PPMConsole

This property, although not displayed, enables you to launch an interface for viewing diagnostic information related to agents and PPMI clients. The default value is *False*.

noDefaultSignonForWorkflow

Use the Web Profile Custom Property, noDefaultSignonForWorkflow to control whether a user sees the default signon page after clicking a workflow link. When set to true, the system disables Public Access for workflow notification URLs. By default, noDefaultSignonForWorkflow is set to false. See the following table for information related to the behavior of this setting.

Note. This property applies to worklist URLs, not all workflow URLs. Only the URLs which contain a /w/ use this property.

unauthSessionInterval

Use the Web Profile Custom Property to set session timeout (in seconds) during the authentication process. The default value is 120 seconds.

The purpose is to limit the effectiveness of DOS attacks on failed authentications. To determine the proper time for this property, check the time in seconds that it takes to send an HTTP(S) request from the browser to the web server and multiply the result by 2.

This table describes the behavior of the system based on the noDefaultSignonForWorkflow setting.

| <i>Configuration</i> | <i>User Session</i> | <i>User Action</i> | <i>System Behavior</i> |
|---|---|--|---|
| Public user access (default signon) is enabled and the custom web property "noDefaultSignonForWorkflow" is set to true. | The user has no session with the system. | The user clicks on a workflow notification URL in the email. | The user will be presented with the signon page. Once the user logs in to the system with a valid user ID and password, the system takes the user to the workflow notification based on the user profile privileges. |
| Public user access (default signon) is enabled and the custom web property "noDefaultSignonForWorkflow" is set to true. | The user already holds a valid session with the system through the public access. | The user clicks on a workflow notification URL in the email. | Since the user already has a valid session, the system takes the user to the workflow notification. If the public access user profile does not have workflow privileges, the user will be presented with an authorization failure page. |
| Public user access (default signon) is enabled and the custom web property "noDefaultSignonForWorkflow" is set to true. | The user is already signed into the system with a valid user ID and password. (Other than default signon) | The user clicks on a workflow notification URL in the email. | The system takes the user to the workflow notification based on the user profile privileges. |
| When the public user access (default signon) is enabled and the custom web property "noDefaultSignonForWorkflow" is set to false. | Any | Any | The system behaves as configured. |

| Configuration | User Session | User Action | System Behavior |
|---|---------------------|--------------------|-----------------------------------|
| When the public user access (default signon) is disabled and the custom web property "noDefaultSignonForWorkflow" is set to false/true. | Any | Any | The system behaves as configured. |

Note. If the public user does not have workflow privileges, then close the existing public user session (browser) before clicking the workflow link.

See *PeopleTools 8.51 PeopleBook: Security Administration*, "Implementing Single Signon" and *PeopleTools 8.51 PeopleBook: Performance Monitor*, "Administering the Performance Monitor," Viewing Monitor Servlet Diagnostics.

Viewing Web Profile Histories

Access the Web Profile History page.

Web Profile History

| | |
|-------------------------|--|
| Web Server Name: | BUFFY |
| HTTP Listen Port: | 8920 |
| Web Site Name: | QEDMO |
| Profile Name: | DEV |
| Profile was Loaded: | 07/22/09 12:18AM |
| HTTPS Listen Port: | 8930 |
| Cookie Name: | BUFFY-8920-PORTAL-PSJSESSIONID |
| Cookie Domain: | |
| Virtual Addressing URL: | http://BUFFY/ |
| Listen Address: | 10.138.228.133 |
| Properties: | <pre> appServer=BUFFY:9211 AuthTokenDomain= configPath=C:\ptdoc\PT850\websrv\peoplesoft\applications\peoplesoft\PORTAL.war\WEB-INF\psftdocs\QEDMO java.class.path=java.class.path java.home=C:\bea\UROCKI~1\jre java.vendor=BEA Systems, Inc. java.version=1.6.0_05 java.vm.info=compiled mode java.vm.name=BEA JRockit(R) joltPooling=Y os.arch=x86 os.name=Windows XP os.version=5.1 PortalHTTPPort=8920 PortalHTTPSPort=8930 </pre> |

Web Profile History page

Use this page to review the current portal attributes of a web server, website, and web profile, including the web server's HTTP and HTTPS listen ports, the web profile that was last loaded, and the current HTTP session's cookie name and authentication domain.

In addition, the Properties field displays the relevant settings of the web server instance at the time it was loaded by the portal.

Defining Portal Nodes

This section provides an overview of portal nodes and discusses how to:

- Set portal nodes.
- Specify the node type.

Understanding Portal Nodes

You can create and maintain a node definition in the Node Definitions component (IB_NODE). A node is defined once but can be used for multiple purposes. Several pages in the Node Definitions component are used purely for integration purposes by PeopleSoft Integration Broker. For portal purposes, define a portal by using the Node Definitions and Portal pages.

Nodes must be blank for external content references.

Note. You cannot delete a node that is in use by a content reference when the Save button is clicked. If the node is in use, the node name is not deleted.

Pages Used to Define Portal Nodes

| <i>Page Name</i> | <i>Definition Name</i> | <i>Navigation</i> | <i>Usage</i> |
|------------------|------------------------|---|---|
| Portal | IB_NODEURI | PeopleTools, Portal, Node Definitions, Node Definitions, Portal | Define portal content information for the selected node definition. |
| Node Definitions | IB_NODE | PeopleTools, Portal, Node Definitions, Node Node Definitions | Specify the node type to designate the URL format for the selected node definition. |

Setting Portal Nodes

Access the Portal page. (PeopleTools, Portal, Node Definitions.)

Node DefinitionsConnectorsPortalWS Security

Node NamePT_LOCAL

Details

DescriptionPT_LOCAL☐ Local Node

Tools Release8.50.00.03

Application ReleaseFinancials/SCM 9.10

Example: http://someserver/psc/pshome/

Content URI Text

Example: http://someserver/psp/pshome/

Portal URI Text

Save

Portal page

| | |
|---|---|
| Node Name | Displays the node name, description, and local node check box status from the Node Info page. |
| Tools Release | Enter the version of PeopleTools that is running. This is a free form field. You can enter any information that you like, however, it is recommended that you use the same Tools release that is available when you press Ctrl + J. |
| Application Release | Enter the version of the PeopleSoft application that you are running. This is a free form field. You can enter any information that you like, however, it is recommended that you use the same Application name release that are available when you press Ctrl + J. |
| Content URI Text (content uniform resource identifier text) and Portal URI Text (portal uniform resource identifier text) | <div>Enter the uniform resource identifier (URI) of the pscontent (iclient) servlet for the node and the URI text for the portal. These values must be unique when a message node is created or updated.</div> <div>Important! The server name and port in these URIs must not exceed 30 characters in length. For example, <i>http://mybiglongservername.peoplesoft.com:8080</i>, not including the <i>http://</i> prefix, is 39 characters—9 characters too long.</div> <div>Note. The value that you enter in these fields is automatically forced to lowercase.</div> |

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See Also

PeopleTools 8.51 PeopleBook: PeopleSoft Integration Broker Administration, "Adding and Configuring Nodes"

Specifying the Node Type

Most of the options on the Node Definitions page apply only to Integration Broker nodes, except for the Node Type. A node type designates the URL format for the node.

Node Type

External: Select if this node represents a non-PeopleSoft system, such as an external website, like www.yahoo.com.

ICType: Select if this node represents a PeopleTools database prior to PeopleTools 8.4. This allows compatibility between pre-PeopleTools 8.4 databases and PeopleTools 8.4 portal databases.

PIA (PeopleSoft Pure Internet Architecture): Select if this node represents a PeopleTools database that is using release 8.4. This is the default setting.

See Also

PeopleTools 8.51 PeopleBook: PeopleSoft Integration Broker

PeopleTools 8.51 PeopleBook: PeopleSoft Integration Broker Administration, "Adding and Configuring Nodes"

Implementing Single Signon Functionality

This section provides an overview of single signon functionality and discusses how to sign in to a non-default portal.

Understanding Single Signon Functionality

PeopleSoft supports single signon functionality for use with the PeopleSoft Pure Internet Architecture. Within the context of your PeopleSoft system, *single signon* means that after a user has been authenticated by one PeopleSoft application server, that user can access additional PeopleSoft application servers without entering a user ID or password. Although the user is actually accessing a different application server and database, the user navigates seamlessly through the system.

The single signon authentication service is shared by all PeopleTools web services and involves these steps:

1. The first application server (node) checks the HTTP request for a PeopleSoft authentication cookie.
2. If an authentication cookie is not found, then the server returns a language-specific sign-in page.
3. The user fills out the sign-in page, entering a user ID and password.

4. The server authenticates the user based on the user ID and password.
5. A web browser cookie stores a unique access token for the user after the initial authentication.
6. An `HttpSession` object is created for the newly authenticated session.
7. When the user connects to another PeopleSoft application server (node), the second application server uses the token in the browser cookie to reauthenticate the user without an additional sign-in process.

Because the portal integrates content from various data sources and application servers into a unified interface, you need to configure single signon functionality before deploying the portal. Users sign in once and then can navigate freely without encountering numerous sign-in pages.

However, when frame-based content is accessed across different machines, single signon functionality does not work when accessing content on another web server. If the web servers are on the same internet domain, such as *.corp.peoplesoft.com*, single signon functionality remains effective and a sign-in page does not appear.

See Also

PeopleTools 8.51 PeopleBook: Security Administration, "Understanding PeopleSoft Security," PeopleSoft Sign In

PeopleTools 8.51 PeopleBook: Security Administration, "Employing Signon PeopleCode and User Exits"

PeopleTools 8.51 PeopleBook: Security Administration, "Implementing Single Signon"

PeopleTools 8.51 PeopleBook: PeopleCode API Reference, "Internet Script Classes (iScript)," `AuthTokenDomain`

Signing In to a Non-Default Portal

To sign in to a portal other than the default, use a URL like this:
`http://portalserver/ps/ps/MY_PORTAL?cmd=login`.

To create a sign-in page that signs in to a non-default portal, change `signon.html` like this:

```
<meta HTTP-EQUIV='Refresh' CONTENT='1'; URL=../ps/ps/MY_PORTAL/?cmd=login'>
```

If you are a portal administrator and want to sign in to a database to work with PeopleTools-specific menus, replace the existing portal name with the site template name in the URL to make sure that you are administering your local PeopleTools menu and not inadvertently altering the database. Replace this:

`http://../ps/ps/EMPLOYEE/`

Instead, use this:

`http://../ps/ps/PS_SITETEMPLATE`

See Also

PeopleTools 8.51 PeopleBook: PeopleCode API Reference, "Internet Script Classes (iScript)," AuthTokenDomain

PeopleTools 8.51 PeopleBook: Security Administration

Redirecting Pages with Sensitive Data

If you have a page that contains sensitive data, and you want to redirect the user to it, you should use the provided template `HOMEPAGE_DESIGNER_TEMPLATE`. For the content reference for the component, specify this as the template name. You should also use PeopleCode to redirect the user instead of using an HTML area on the page.

The following is an example of the type of PeopleCode that you could use:

```
&Res = SwitchUser(QE_SWITCHUSER.QE_SWITCH_USER, QE_SWITCHUSER.QE_SWITCH_USER_PWD, =>
    QE_SWITCHUSER.QE_SWITCHUSERAUTH, QE_SWITCHUSER.QE_SWITCHUSERINFO);

If (&Res = True) Then
    Transfer( False, MenuName.PROCESSMONITOR, BarName."INQUIRE", Item=>
        Name."PROCESSMONITOR", Panel."PMN_PRCSLIST", "U");
Else
    QE_SWITCHUSER.QE_SWITCHRES = "N";
    QE_SWITCHUSER.QE_PPCAUTHTOKEN = %AuthenticationToken;
    QE_SWITCHUSER.QE_RESULTDOC = %ResultDocument;

    Record.QE_SWITCH_SRCH.QE_CUR_USER.Value = %UserId;
End-If;
```

Overriding Page Encoding

You can override the character set encoding for any page that is registered in the portal. You define a content reference attribute called `PORTAL_ENCODING_OVERRIDE` with a value that specifies the character set to use when processing a page. The portal servlet then overrides all other indicators for encoding, including headers and meta tags.

The standard encoding for PeopleSoft pages is UTF-8. The portal can usually determine the encoding of a page; however, if an external, non-UTF-8 page is not displayed correctly, overriding the page encoding may help.

See Also

PeopleTools 8.51 PeopleBook: Global Technology, "Selecting and Configuring Character Sets and Language Input and Output"

Importing Menu Groups into the Portal Registry

This section provides an overview of menu group importing and discusses how to:

- Import menu groups.
- Select components to include in portal navigation.

Understanding Menu Group Importing

The Menu Import Application Engine process (PORTAL_MENU) imports menu groups from the menu definition into a portal registry.

Important! Only System Administrators should perform this process. If the user does not have security to the menus and pages, just a folder titled *Label* gets created.

The process creates folders and content references that reflect the menu definition hierarchy. The folder hierarchy imported is:

| <i>Level</i> | <i>Menu Item</i> |
|--------------------|------------------|
| Folder level one | Menu group |
| Folder level two | Menu name |
| Folder level three | Bar name |
| Content reference | Component name |

Note. Use the Menu Import process to migrate custom menus only. The navigational menus that are delivered with your PeopleSoft application have already been added to the appropriate portal registry. The Menu Import process has no effect on components that are already registered. However, you can use the process to pick up additional components that are not delivered with the PeopleSoft system.

Before you use the Menu Import process, keep in mind these points:

- Object names that are assigned by the Menu Import process are autogenerated.

If a folder name or content reference name already exists, the system appends a number to the generated object name. Consequently, you may have folder objects names such as, USE, USE1, USE2, and USE3. As a result, use the registration wizard if you plan to copy the application database registry structures into PeopleSoft Enterprise Portal. When you use the registration wizard, you can control the object naming, and you can ensure the uniqueness of object names across databases.

- If a component resides in multiple menus, the process creates a separate content reference for each menu and component combination.

- The navigation hierarchy created by the Menu Import process does not match the delivered PeopleSoft hierarchy.

To keep the navigation consistent, consider putting all custom menus into a common menu group and generating the registry structures for that menu group. Then, once the registry structures are generated, manually move the content references to an appropriate folder in the existing navigation hierarchy.

To create a common menu group, open the custom menu in PeopleSoft Application Designer. On the Use tab of the Menu properties dialog box, enter a unique name in the Menu Group field. After you save the menu, it is available for other menus to use.

Using the Menu Import Process with PeopleSoft Enterprise Portal

If you run the Menu Import process against multiple application databases and merge multiple registries into PeopleSoft Enterprise Portal, bar names (level three folders) can be overwritten because they frequently have duplicate names. The last folder that is copied takes precedence over all previous folders.

The autogenerated object names are based upon the current database portal registry. The Menu Import process cannot check external databases for existing object names, but it does check the current database.

If you run this process on different databases, there is a good chance that the different databases contain identical folder or content reference object names that refer to different objects. This can become problematic if you decide to copy these portal registry structures into PeopleSoft Enterprise Portal. The same-named objects overwrite each other. You might need to delete the generated folders and content references to make them unique in the future.

Use the registration wizard to register menus and components into the portal registry. Although, with the registration wizard, you must register items one by one, you can control folder and object names at the time of the import.

See *PeopleTools 8.51 PeopleBook: PeopleSoft Application Designer Developer's Guide*, "Using the Registration Wizard."

Page Used to Import Menu Groups

| <i>Page Name</i> | <i>Definition Name</i> | <i>Navigation</i> | <i>Usage</i> |
|-------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Menu Import | PORTAL_MENU_EXPORT | PeopleTools, Portal, Menu Import | Migrate custom menus. |

Importing Menu Groups

Access the Menu Import page (PeopleTools, Portal, Menu Import).

Menu Import

Run Control ID: 2

[Report Manager](#)[Process Monitor](#)

Run

General Settings

Portal Name:

EMPLOYEE

*Node Name:

QE_LOCAL

Template Name:

DEFAULT_TEMPLATE

8.50 default template

Menu Group Selection

☐ All Menu Groups

Menu Group:

Optional

*Valid from date:

07/23/2009

Product:

Valid to date:

Menu Import page

The Menu Import process creates content references for all components that belong to the menu group. This should be used only to migrate custom menus.

| | |
|------------------------|---|
| Node Name | <p>Select the node of the content provider where the registry structure resides. The default value is the currently running node.</p> <hr/> <p>Note. Never select the local node for an application database. If you copy the generated content references to a PeopleSoft Enterprise Portal database, the content reference assumes that the component resides in the Enterprise Portal database, when it does not.</p> <hr/> |
| Template Name | <p>(Optional). Specify the name of a template for the portal servlet to use. If you leave this field blank, the servlet uses the template that is associated with the selected node. If a template is not associated with the node, the default template is used for all content references that are created by the import process. The default value is the portal's default template.</p> <hr/> <p>Note. It is best to not specify a template, so that you can perform a mass template change at the content provider node level instead of having to change each content reference template individually.</p> <hr/> |
| All Menu Groups | Select to import all menu groups. |
| Menu Group | Select a menu group to import. |

| | |
|--|---|
| Valid from date and Valid to date | <p>Specify dates to make visible content references and folders that are associated with the menu that you are importing.</p> <p>In general, use January 1, 1900, for the valid from date and leave the valid to date blank, unless you need to limit the time frame.</p> |
| Product | <p>Enter a unique, 4-character identifier for the menu.</p> <p>If you perform queries against the database, you can use this identifier to identify items that are associated with the menu.</p> |
| Run | <p>Click to begin the import process.</p> <p>PeopleSoft Process Scheduler launches an Application Engine program that imports the selected menu group definitions into the portal registry. This process typically takes several minutes, but can require more time depending on the number of items to be processed.</p> <p>Permission list settings are initially set to conform with the corresponding permissions set for the menu groups being imported. Once the menu group definitions are imported into the portal registry, there is no dynamic connection between the menu group definition in PeopleSoft Application Designer and the portal registry. If you change the security for the menu or component, the registry security is synchronized, as long as the menu or component is in the same database as the registry structure. If you change the menu or component name, you must manually update the registry structure.</p> |
| Process Monitor | <p>Click to view the status of the menu import.</p> |

After you run the process, click the Home button in the universal navigation header and verify that the menu group has been imported into the portal registry. The new menu group should now appear along with the other folders at the top level.

Note. If the menu group does not appear, open the folder definition for the menu group and define a label for the folder.

Selecting Components to Include in Portal Navigation

During the menu import process, you can control which components are included in your portal navigation system.

To select components to include in portal navigation:

1. From PeopleSoft Application Designer, open the appropriate component.
2. Select File, Component Properties, and select the Use tab.

3. Select the Include in Navigation check box.

After a menu import, the component is visible to users with appropriate permissions. (You can still change the permissions for any content reference after the menu import as necessary.)

If you clear the Include in Navigation check box, the component is not imported into the portal registry during the Menu Import process. You can also set this option at the menu level.

4. Click OK.

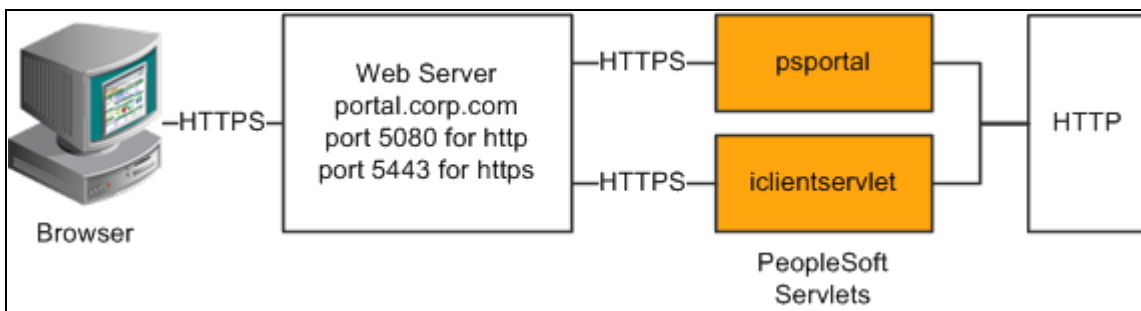
Changes that you make to the component in PeopleSoft Application Designer are not reflected in the portal until you do another menu import.

See Also

PeopleTools 8.51 PeopleBook: PeopleSoft Application Designer Developer's Guide, "Using PeopleSoft Application Designer"

Improving Same-Server Performance Under SSL

You might run portal and PeopleSoft Pure Internet Architecture applications over SSL connections to secure the transmissions between the browser and the web server. However, defining each homepage pagelet as an HTTPS request can cause portal performance to degrade significantly. To achieve secure transmissions between the browser and the server and to achieve acceptable homepage performance, configure the portal to use HTTP connections whenever it needs to talk to a PeopleSoft Pure Internet Architecture application that is hosted on the same server as the portal. This diagram shows this setup:



Example of the portal running under SSL by using HTTP connections to the PeopleSoft Pure Internet Architecture on the same server

This configuration requires changes to the PeopleTools web configuration properties file. It also requires that a WebServer filter be set up to block non-SSL connections, except those from the portal. The portal does not need to use HTTP or HTTPS to connect to the PeopleSoft Pure Internet Architecture servlet hosting the same website. This configuration is needed only when multiple sites are used on the same web server.

Web Profile Settings

You must tell the portal to use HTTP for all connections that it makes back to the same server on which it is hosted. To do so, modify the web profile configuration for the portal. Change these properties:

| Web Profile Page | Field Name | Field Value |
|-------------------------|--|--|
| Security | PIA use HTTP Same Server | Selected. |
| Virtual Addressing | Protocol(in the Default Addressing region of the page) | <i>HTTPS.</i> |
| Virtual Addressing | Port(in the Default Addressing region of the page) | The port on which the web server is listening for HTTPS requests, for example, <i>5443</i> . You can leave this field blank if you use the default SSL portal of 443. |

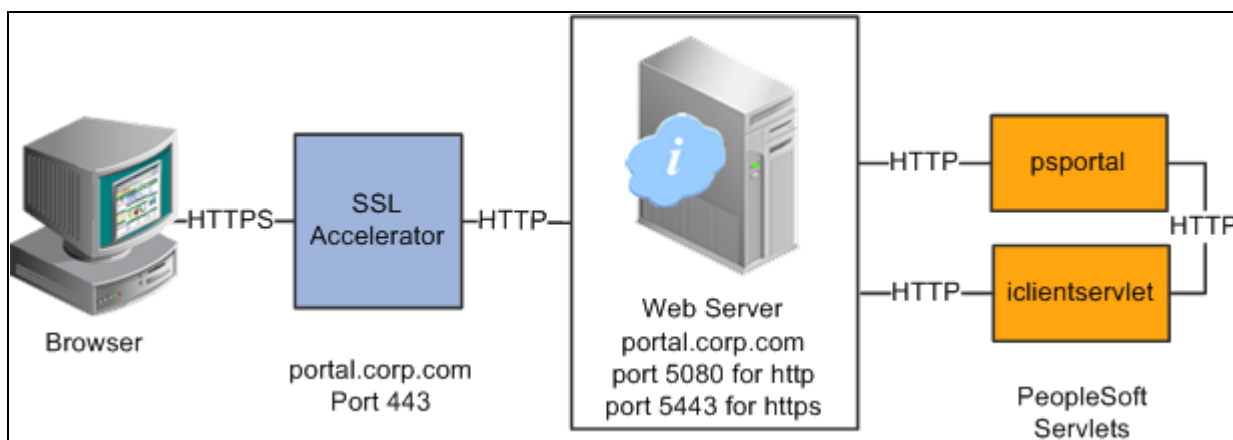
See Also

Chapter 10, "Configuring the Portal Environment," Configuring Web Profiles, page 228

Chapter 3, "Understanding Portal Technology," Proxy Architecture and Relative URLs, page 37

Using SSL Accelerators

You can improve SSL performance by adding an SSL accelerator in front of the web server. You need to have the portal use HTTP for requests to the PeopleSoft Pure Internet Architecture to prevent the portal connection to the PeopleSoft Pure Internet Architecture from going back through the accelerator. This diagram shows this setup:



Using an SSL accelerator

The configuration is similar to that for configuring a portal running under SSL to use HTTP connections to the PeopleSoft Pure Internet Architecture on the same server; however, you must change the default port to point to the port on which the SSL accelerator is configured to listen.

Important! You must continue to configure Web Server to listen for HTTPS requests, even though the accelerator intercepts all SSL connections. Failure to do so causes the portal to function incorrectly.

Web Profile Settings

Change these properties:

| <i>Web Profile Page</i> | <i>Field Name</i> | <i>Field Value</i> |
|-------------------------|--|--|
| Security | PIA use HTTP Same Server | Selected. (This might reduce the amount of time it takes to make an HTTP request to the portal.) |
| Virtual Addressing | Protocol(in the Default Addressing region of the page) | <i>HTTPS</i> . |
| Virtual Addressing | Port(in the Default Addressing region of the page) | The port on which the SSL accelerator is listening for HTTPS requests; for example, <i>443</i> . |

See Also

Chapter 10, "Configuring the Portal Environment," *Configuring Web Profiles*, page 228

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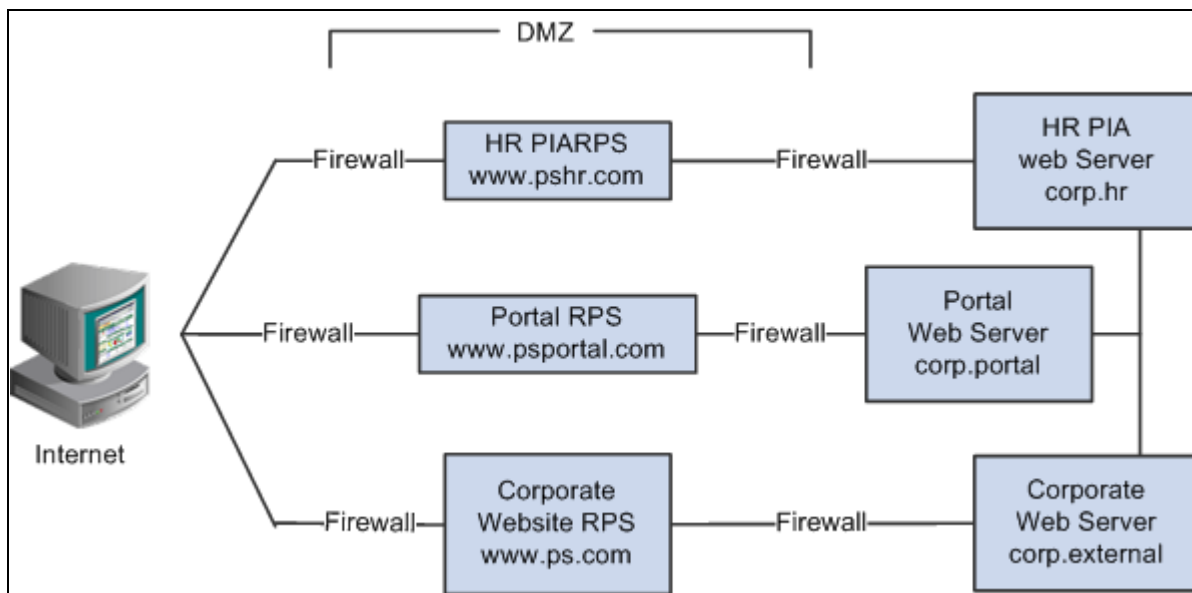
Using Reverse Proxy Servers

This section provides an overview of reverse proxy servers and discusses how to:

- Make reverse proxy settings.
- Issue requests by using a proxy server.
- Specify hosts that should not be proxied.

Understanding Reverse Proxy Servers

A reverse proxy server accepts requests from client browsers on behalf of another web server and then relays those requests to the web server. The reverse proxy server checks web requests and responses to ensure that they adhere to network security policies. For example, a reverse proxy server validates that a command intended for the target web server is a valid command for that server. In this diagram, the human resources PeopleSoft Pure Internet Architecture web server, corp.hr, is behind a reverse proxy server, www.pshr.com:



Example of the reverse proxy architecture

All internet requests for the human resources web server are relayed by `www.pshr.com` to `corp.hr`. The site URL routes the client to the proxy as if it were a web server. Replicated content is delivered from the proxy cache to the external client without exposing the origin server or the network residing safely behind the firewall. You can balance the load of an overtaxed web server by installing multiple instances of the web server.

Any external content must come from a node that's registered in the portal database, so that the portal servlet can look up the node name based on the URL of the content. The external content HTML is rewritten to use that proxied format.

See Also

[Chapter 10, "Configuring the Portal Environment," Using Firewalls with Reverse Proxy Servers, page 283](#)

[Chapter 10, "Configuring the Portal Environment," Using Reverse Proxy Servers with SSL Accelerators, page 285](#)

Making Reverse Proxy Settings

On the Web Profile - Virtual Addressing page, specify the reverse proxy server to use by entering it in the Reverse Proxy Server Listgrid. Include the protocol, the host name, the HTTP port, and the HTTPS port.

See Also

[Chapter 10, "Configuring the Portal Environment," Configuring Virtual Addressing, page 244](#)

Issuing Requests by Using a Proxy Server

To make a portal issue requests by using a proxy server, the proxy server settings are controlled by these Java system properties:

- `http.proxyHost`
- `http.proxyPort`
- `https.proxyHost`
- `https.proxyPort`

To use a proxy server for the HTTP protocol, set these properties:

```
http.proxyHost=http_proxy_server_host_name
http.proxyPort=http_proxy_server_port
```

To use a proxy server for the HTTPS protocol, set these properties:

```
https.proxyHost=https_proxy_server_host_name
https.proxyPort=https_proxy_server_port
```

The method for setting the Java system parameters varies by web server (Oracle WebLogic or IBM WebSphere). The properties must be passed to the Java interpreter as command-line directives.

For Oracle WebLogic

Alter the `setEnv.cmd` or `setEnv.sh` file located in WebLogic domain's (PIA Install) bin folder. Define the properties on the command line that starts the Java Virtual Machine like this:

```
set PROXY=-Dhttp.proxyHost=proxyhostname -Dhttp.proxyPort=proxy_port⇒
-Dhttps.proxyHost=proxyhostname -Dhttps.proxyPort=proxy_port
```

Later add the above property in `startPIA.cmd` or `startPIA.sh` with in the Java command which starts the WebLogic server domain.

```
%JAVA_HOME%\bin\java -ms64m -mx64m -classpath %JAVA_CLASSPATH% %PROXY% ->
Dweblogic.class.path=%WEBLOGIC_CLASSPATH% -Dweblogic.home=. ->
Djava.security.manager⇒
-Djava.security.policy==.\weblogic.policy weblogic.Server

goto finish
```

For IBM WebSphere

All the Java Virtual Machine settings for IBM WebSphere are set in

```
<was_home>\profileTemplates\default\documents\config\templates\servlettypes\APPLICATION_SERVER\s
ervers\default.
```

Note. Here, the profile type is "default" and WebSphere has four types of profiles viz: cell, default, dmgr, and managed. The above path varies based on the type of profile.

Java Virtual Machine properties are embedded within the `<jvmEntries>` and `</jvmEntries>` elements.


```
<jvmEntries xmi:id="JavaVirtualMachine_1164791211226" verboseModeClass="false"=>
  verboseModeGarbageCollection="false" verboseModeJNI="false" runHProf="false"=>
  hprofArguments="" debugMode="false" debugArgs="-Djava.compiler=NONE -Xdebug ->
Xnoagent -Xrunjwp:transport=dt_socket,server=y,suspend=n,address=7785" generic=>
JvmArguments="-Dprofile.name=peoplesoft_auth">
  <systemProperties xmi:id="Property_1164791897101" name="ps_vault" value="c:=>
/pt849-802-r2-debug/webserve/peoplesoft_auth/installedApps/peoplesoft_authNodeCell=>
/peoplesoft_auth.ear/psvault" description="Vault location"/>
  <systemProperties xmi:id="Property_1164791897102" name="HttpSessionIdReuse"=>
value="false" description="HttpSessionIdReuse"/>
</jvmEntries>
```

Specifying Hosts That Should Not Be Proxied

If your portal implementation retrieves content from both an intranet and the internet, you might encounter a problem retrieving both internal and external content if the proxy server is not aware of the address of the intranet content. You can avoid this situation by specifying that certain hosts (such as your intranet hosts) should not be accessed through the proxy server.

For Oracle WebLogic, specify the hosts not to be proxied in the `HTTP_PROXY_NONPROXY_HTTPHOSTS` and `HTTP_PROXY_NONPROXY_HTTPSHOSTS` environment variables with the `setEnv.cmd` (`setEnv.sh` in Unix) script. Refer to comments in `setEnv` for specific syntax.

For IBM WebSphere, specify the hosts not to be proxied in the Java system variables `http.nonProxyHosts` and `https.nonProxyHosts` in the IBM WebSphere console:

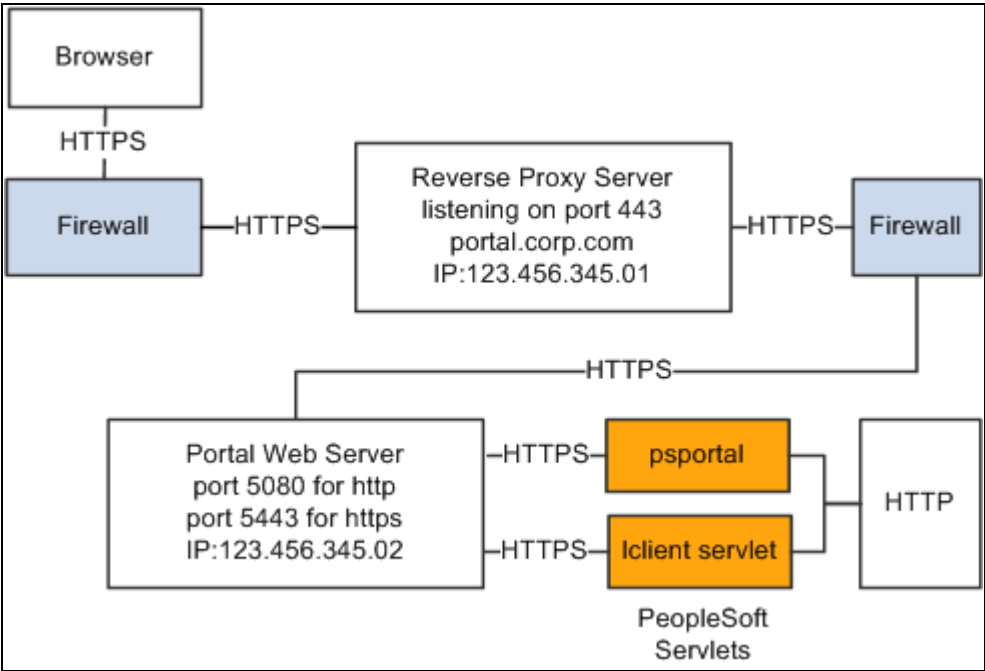
1. Access the IBM WebSphere administration console.
2. Select Application Servers, *server_name*, Process Definition, Java Virtual Machine, Custom Properties.
3. Click New.
4. Set the property: `http.nonProxyHosts` - List the internal machines for which authentication is not required for routing through the proxy. Separate each machine name in the list with a vertical bar (|).
5. Save the configuration, then log out and restart IBM WebSphere.

For all the web server platforms, you can list a set of patterns that should not be accessed through proxies, with each one separated by the pipe character (|). This example shows a setting that makes all HTTP connections to the eng domain bypass the proxy settings:

```
*.eng|*.eng.peoplesoft.com
```

Using Firewalls with Reverse Proxy Servers

You can set up a buffer zone in front of the portal web server to prevent unauthorized access to the portal web server and create a more secure environment. A buffer zone is typically configured with a firewall that allows access to a reverse proxy server, which relays incoming requests through a second firewall to the portal web server. This diagram shows this setup:



Firewall and reverse proxy setup

The configuration is similar to that for configuring a portal running under SSL to use HTTP connections to the PeopleSoft Pure Internet Architecture on the same server; however, you must make these adjustments in the web profile:

| Web Profile Page | Field Name | Field Value |
|--------------------|--|---|
| Security | PIA use HTTP Same Server | Selected. |
| Virtual Addressing | Protocol(in the Default Addressing region of the page) | HTTPS. |
| Virtual Addressing | Name(in the Default Addressing region of the page) | The DNS name of the reverse proxy server, for example, portal.corp.com. |
| Virtual Addressing | Port(in the Default Addressing region of the page) | The port on which the reverse proxy server is listening for HTTPS requests, if it's different from the port on which the web server is listening. |

Hosts File Setup

The hosts file on the portal web server must have an entry that directs DNS requests for the content provider server name (the reverse proxy server in the previous example) to the portal web server, for example, 123.456.345.02. This enables the portal to make requests for content that is hosted on the same server directly without going back through the reverse proxy server.

For example:

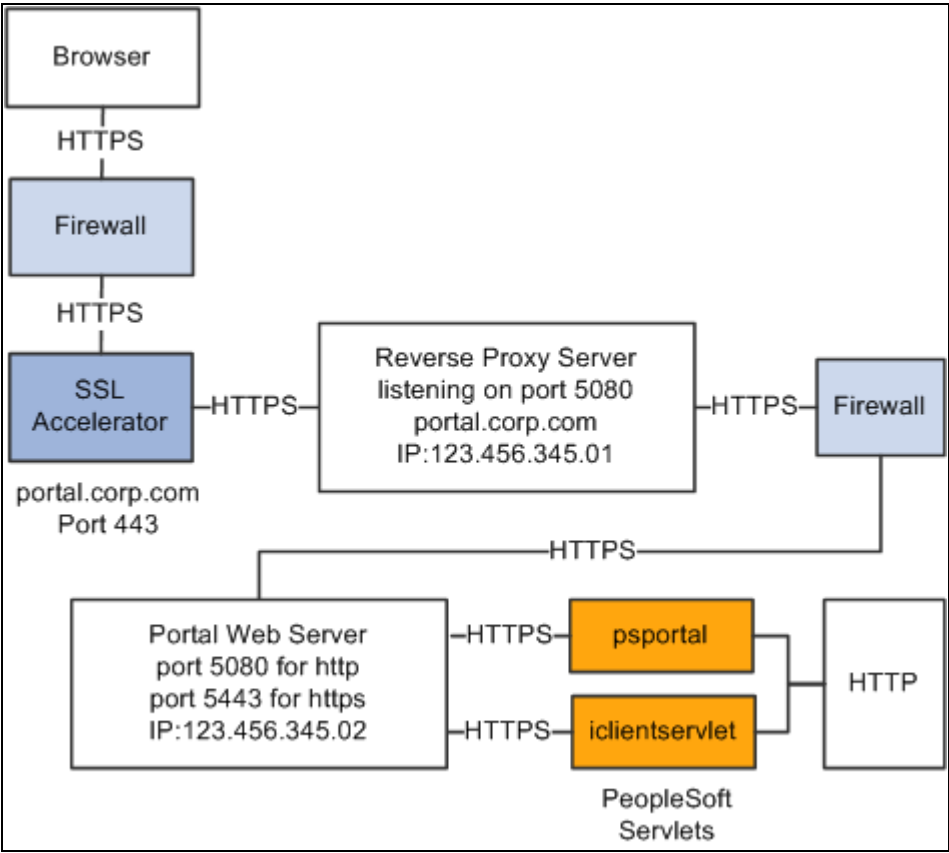
123.456.345.02 portal.corp.com

See Also

Chapter 10, "Configuring the Portal Environment," *Configuring Web Profiles*, page 228

Using Reverse Proxy Servers with SSL Accelerators

You can combine an SSL accelerator with a reverse proxy server, as illustrated in this diagram:



Reverse proxy server with an SSL accelerator

The configuration is similar to that for configuring a portal running under SSL to use HTTP connections to the PeopleSoft Pure Internet Architecture on the same server; however, you must make these adjustments in the web profile

| Web Profile Page | Field Name | Field Value |
|------------------|--------------------------|-------------|
| Security | PIA use HTTP Same Server | Selected. |

| Web Profile Page | Field Name | Field Value |
|-------------------------|--|--|
| Virtual Addressing | Protocol(in the Default Addressing region of the page) | Set to <i>HTTPS</i> . |
| Virtual Addressing | Name(in the Default Addressing region of the page) | The DNS name of the reverse proxy server, for example, <i>portal.corp.com</i> . |
| Virtual Addressing | Port(in the Default Addressing region of the page) | The port on which the SSL accelerator is listening for HTTPS requests, for example, <i>443</i> . |

Hosts File Setup

The hosts file on the portal web server must have an entry that directs DNS requests for the content provider server name (portal.corp.com) to the portal web server, for example, 123.456.345.02. This enables the portal to make requests for content that is hosted on the same server directly without going back through the reverse proxy server.

For example:

123.456.321.02 portal.corp.com

See Also

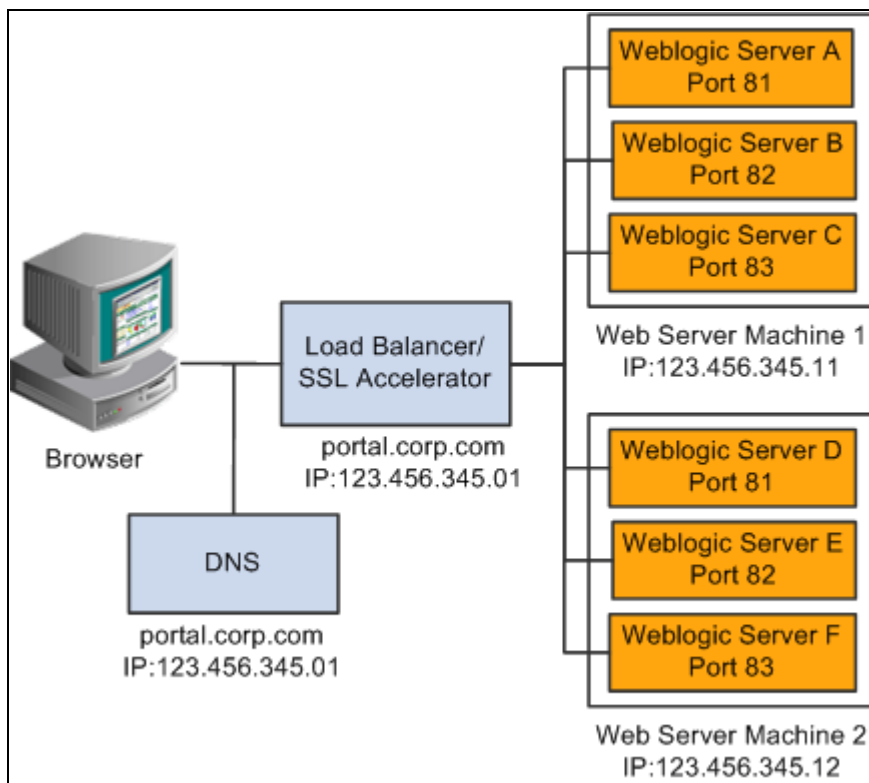
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Applying Load Balancing

You can apply load balancing to a portal by using a hardware load-balancing solution to distribute load across multiple instances of the web server on multiple web server machines. Many of today's hardware load balancers have SSL accelerating options that you should also consider. The number and size of web server machines and the number of web server instances per machine vary and determine load-balancing requirements and hardware selection. This diagram shows a possible load-balancing setup:



Example of load balancing

The hardware load balancing solution must be configured to enable sticky sessions, which ensures that all requests from a user's browser session are delivered to the same web server session. In the example previous diagram, if the initial request from the browser was directed to WebLogic Server F, then all subsequent requests from that browser session must be directed to the same instance of WebLogic.

Keep multiple web server sessions on a single machine to keep the heap size of the Java Virtual Machine manageable and to allow the Java garbage collection to work optimally.

Hosts File Configuration

The hosts file on the portal web server machines in the previous diagram—which we'll call portalws1 and portalws2—must have an entry that directs DNS requests for the portal content provider server name (portal.corp.com) to the portal web server (123.456.345.11 on portalws1). This allows the portal to request content hosted on the same server directly without going back through the load balancer.

This is an example hosts file on portalws1.corp.com:

```

123.456.345.11 portal.corp.com
123.456.345.11 portalws1.corp.com
  
```


Part 4

Working with Pages and Pagelets

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Using Pagelet Wizard

This chapter provides overviews of Pagelet Wizard, its data sources, display formats, display sizes, and pagelet types. This chapter discusses how to:

- Define Pagelet Wizard transformation types, display formats, and data types.
- Define Pagelet Wizard XSL prototypes.
- Define Pagelet Wizard headers and footers.
- Define Pagelet Wizard pagelet categories.
- Enter pagelet identifying information (step 1).
- Select a pagelet data source (step 2).
- Specify pagelet data source parameters (step 3).
- Select a pagelet display format (step 4).
- Specify pagelet display options (step 5).
- Specify pagelet publication options (step 6).
- Use Pagelet Wizard post-transformation processing.

Overview of Pagelet Wizard

Pagelet Wizard pagelets are small pages that provide display-only snapshots of applicable content. Pagelet Wizard provides a user-friendly, browser-based graphical user interface (GUI) that leads you through the steps involved in creating and publishing a pagelet.

Portal administrators and nontechnical users can use Pagelet Wizard to integrate and transform data from a variety of data sources.

You do not need to have PeopleSoft-specific application development tools or skills to use Pagelet Wizard to create pagelets. During the pagelet-creation process, Pagelet Wizard presents a series of numbered steps. Each step appears in a numbered path at the top of page to indicate where you are in the pagelet creation process.

Numbered steps on the Select Data Source page

This labeled path assists you in navigating forward and back through the steps in the wizard, which enables you to review or edit pagelet definition values. Once you've completed a step, Pagelet Wizard automatically takes you to the next appropriate step.

Pagelet Wizard leads you through the following steps that are typically used to create a pagelet:

1. Specify pagelet information.
2. Select data source.
3. Specify data source parameters.
4. Select display format.
5. Specify display options.
6. Specify publishing options.

Note. Before you start building a pagelet with Pagelet Wizard, you should familiarize yourself with all data sources. This enables you to evaluate the best way to retrieve the data that you want to display on the pagelet.

See Also

[Chapter 11, "Using Pagelet Wizard," Step 2: Selecting a Pagelet Data Source, page 326](#)

Overview of Pagelet Wizard Data Sources

Pagelet Wizard supports the creation of pagelets using the following data sources:

| | |
|-------------------------------|--|
| HTML | Use to present appropriately sized static HTML pages in Pagelet Wizard pagelets. HTML data source pagelets are compatible with the passthru and custom display formats. |
| IB Connector | Use to interact directly with connectors registered to the Integration Broker and secured using Define IB Connector Security within Pagelet Wizard. This data type should only be used when it is not desirable to use the Integration Broker data type. |
| Integration Broker | Use to create pagelets that utilize Integration Broker to retrieve data from external sources. This middleware technology facilitates synchronous and asynchronous messaging among internal systems and with trading partners, while managing message structure, message format, and transport disparities. |
| Navigation Collections | Use to create pagelets from existing sets of folders and links stored in Navigation Collections. Navigation Collection data source pagelets are compatible with the menu and custom display formats. |
| OBIEE Report | Use to create pagelets from existing reports on the OBIEE server. |
| PeopleSoft Query | Use to access PeopleSoft application data or any tables within the PeopleSoft environment through Pagelet Wizard pagelets. PeopleSoft Query data source pagelets are compatible with the table, list, chart, and custom display formats. |
| Rowset | <p>Use to access a rowset record whose data is populated at runtime. This data source is geared toward supplying data to embedded pagelets. Rowset data source pagelets are compatible with the table, list, chart, and custom display formats.</p> <p>You designate a record as the rowset data source when you design your pagelet using Pagelet Wizard. When the pagelet is executed for display, the data populated for the rowset must contain that record in the first level of the rowset. If the runtime rowset does not contain the record specified in Pagelet Wizard, no data appears in the pagelet.</p> |
| Search record | <p>Use to create Pagelet Wizard pagelets that provide quick access to specific transactions on a target transaction page. The search record data type enables you to select a basic search record or a component interface.</p> <p>Use the basic search record data type for simple search lookup pages.</p> <p>Use the component interface search record data type when the basic search record does not provide the required functionality; for example, when security or PeopleCode considerations need to be taken into account.</p> <p>Search record data source pagelets are compatible with the search list display format.</p> |
| URL | URL data type retrieves data from external sources like the Internet. This includes sources such as RSS newsfeeds. Use to display appropriately sized dynamic HTML pages on Pagelet Wizard pagelets. URL data-source pagelets are compatible with the custom and passthru display formats. |

Note. The SOAP data type used in previous releases is now included in the functionality of the IB data type. As of PeopleTools 8.50, SOAP services are consumed using Integration Broker, so use the IB data type to create pagelets going forward.

You can define your own data types on the Define Data Types page.

When using Enterprise Portal, Pagelet Wizard includes other data sources that are specific to Enterprise Portal installations.

See Also

[Chapter 11, "Using Pagelet Wizard," Defining Display Formats, page 308](#)

[Chapter 11, "Using Pagelet Wizard," Selecting a Navigation Collection Data Source, page 331](#)

[Chapter 11, "Using Pagelet Wizard," Defining Data Types, page 310](#)

[Chapter 11, "Using Pagelet Wizard," Step 2: Selecting a Pagelet Data Source, page 326](#)


Overview of Pagelet Wizard Display Formats

Pagelet Wizard supports the creation of pagelets based on the following display formats:

- Table
- List
- Chart
- Menu
- Search list
- Passthru
- Custom (Extensible Stylesheet Language, or XSL)

Table Display Format

The table display format is appropriate for creating a pagelet that displays data from the PeopleSoft Query and rowset data sources. Following is an example of a table pagelet displaying data from a PeopleSoft Query data source:




Message Sets

| Set | Msg | Severity | Message |
|-----|-----|----------|-------------------------|
| 141 | 1 | M | Personalizations |
| 141 | 2 | M | Explanation |
| 141 | 3 | M | Personalization Options |
| 141 | 4 | M | Explain |
| 141 | 5 | M | Option |
| 141 | 6 | M | Description |
| 141 | 7 | M | Enable Option |
| 141 | 8 | M | Allow User Value |
| 141 | 9 | M | Default Value |
| 141 | 10 | M | Override Value |

Table pagelet example

List Display Format

The list display format is appropriate for creating a pagelet that displays data from the PeopleSoft Query and rowset data sources. Following is an example of a list pagelet displaying data from a PeopleSoft Query data source:



Message Sets

| |
|----------------------------|
| 1. Personalizations |
| 2. Explanation |
| 3. Personalization Options |
| 4. Explain |
| 5. Option |
| 6. Description |
| 7. Enable Option |
| 8. Allow User Value |
| 9. Default Value |
| 10. Override Value |

[Full Query Results](#)

List pagelet example

Chart Display Format

The chart display format is appropriate for creating a pagelet that displays data from the PeopleSoft Query and rowset data sources. Following is an example of a chart pagelet displaying data from a PeopleSoft Query data source:

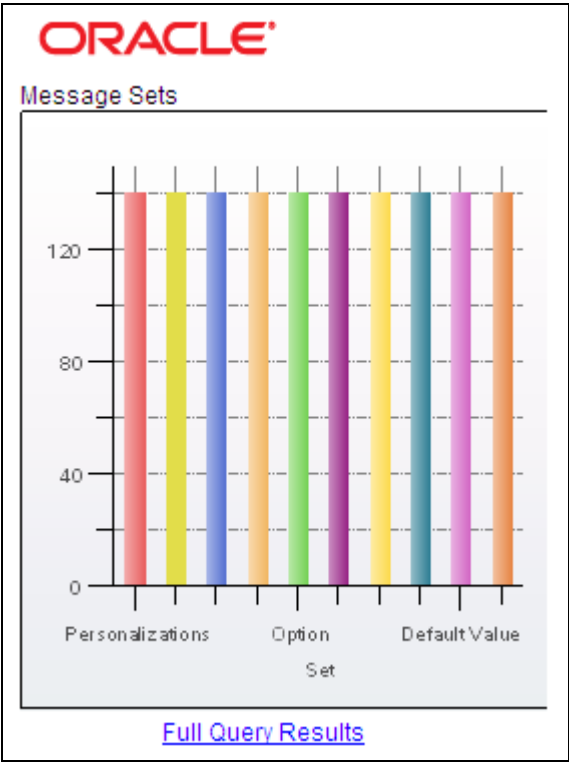


Chart pagelet example

Menu Display Format

The menu display format is appropriate for creating a pagelet that displays data from a Navigation Collection data source. Following is an example of a menu pagelet displaying data from a Navigation Collection data source:



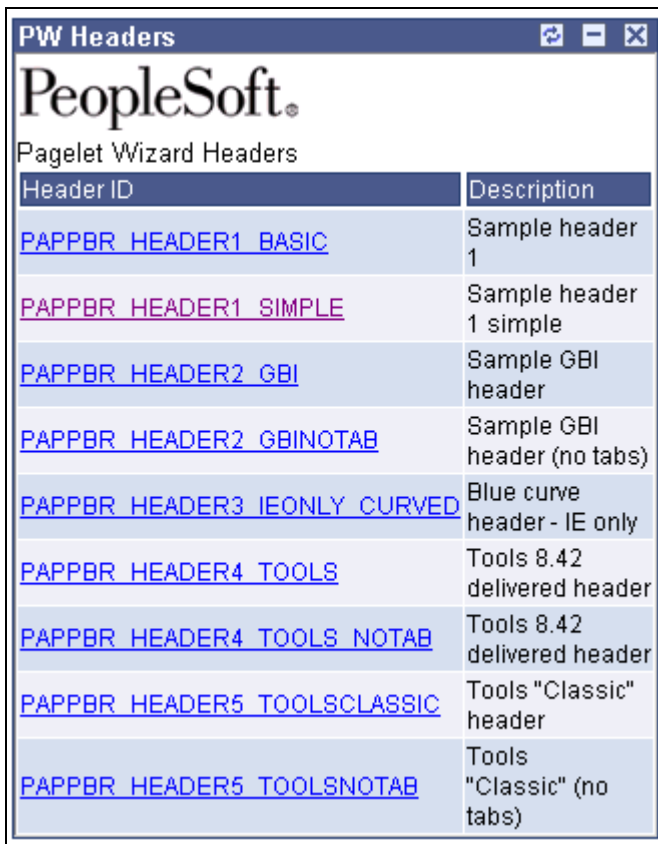
Menu pagelet example

Search List Display Format

The search list display format is appropriate for creating pagelets that display data from the search record data source. Following are examples of search list pagelets displaying data from a search record data source:



Search list pagelet example (Show Results options set to N)



PW Headers

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Pagelet Wizard Headers

| Header ID | Description |
|--|-----------------------------|
| PAPPBR_HEADER1_BASIC | Sample header 1 |
| PAPPBR_HEADER1_SIMPLE | Sample header 1 simple |
| PAPPBR_HEADER2_GBI | Sample GBI header |
| PAPPBR_HEADER2_GBNOTAB | Sample GBI header (no tabs) |
| PAPPBR_HEADER3_IEONLY_CURVED | Blue curve header - IE only |
| PAPPBR_HEADER4_TOOLS | Tools 8.42 delivered header |
| PAPPBR_HEADER4_TOOLS_NOTAB | Tools 8.42 delivered header |
| PAPPBR_HEADER5_TOOLSCLASSIC | Tools "Classic" header |
| PAPPBR_HEADER5_TOOLSNOTAB | Tools "Classic" (no tabs) |

Search list pagelet example (Show Results option set to Y)

Passthru Display Format

The passthru display format is appropriate for creating a pagelet that displays data from the HTML, Content Management, IB Connector, and URL data sources. Because the passthru display format performs no further transformations on data from the data source, it should only be used with data sources that return HTML that can be directly displayed as a pagelet. Following is an example of a passthru pagelet displaying data from an HTML data source:



Passthru pagelet example

Custom Display Format

The custom display format is appropriate for creating a pagelet using all data sources that return XML. Generally, most data types return XML, but there are potential circumstances where IBConnector, URL, and HTML datatypes will not return XML. In those instances, the custom display format would not be appropriate.

Use the custom display format when you want to use a display format other than the ones expressly listed in Pagelet Wizard. When you select the custom display format, Pagelet Wizard enables you to select a format provided by one of the delivered XSL prototypes, or you can select an XSL template that you created on the Define XSL page.

Following is an example of a custom pagelet displaying data from a PeopleSoft Query data source:



Custom pagelet example

This custom pagelet uses the same PeopleSoft Query data source as the table pagelet example shown earlier; however, this example has a custom XSL template applied.

See Also

PeopleTools 8.51 PeopleBook: PeopleCode API Reference, "Charting Classes"

Chapter 11, "Using Pagelet Wizard," Defining Pagelet Wizard XSL Prototypes, page 314

Chapter 11, "Using Pagelet Wizard," Step 4: Selecting a Pagelet Display Format, page 354

Overview of Pagelet Wizard Display Sizes

In addition to the display format, pagelet sizing is also important during pagelet creation. Pagelet Wizard uses pagelet sizing that follows a basic set of rules so that pagelets are sized appropriately for PeopleSoft portal homepages. Pagelet size corresponds to the homepage layout that is specified. You can specify either a two-column layout that displays one narrow pagelet and one wide pagelet, or a three-column layout that displays three narrow pagelets.

Pagelets that you design with Pagelet Wizard should conform to the dimensions of the narrow column pagelet and (optionally) the wide column pagelet. A narrow pagelet should be 240 pixels wide. Subtracting the border and the internal margin provides 218 pixels for content. A wide pagelet should be 490 pixels wide. Subtracting the border and the internal margin provides 468 pixels for content.

If you display a pagelet that is wider than the homepage column that contains it, an error does not occur. The column expands to accommodate the content; however, this may require horizontal scrolling on the homepage, which can be inconvenient for the end user. In accordance with general pagelet design principles, make the pagelet height as short as possible.

Overview of Pagelet Wizard Pagelet Types

Pagelet Wizard supports the publication of the following pagelet types:

- Homepage pagelets.
- Template pagelets.
- Embeddable pagelets.
- Web Services for Remote Portlets (WSRP) portlets.

Homepage Pagelets

Homepage pagelets are pagelets specifically for use on portal homepages. The layout and content of the homepage is usually configurable by the end user, and homepage pagelets can be designated as optional or required.

Note. On any PeopleSoft homepage, only one pagelet or portlet should use the calendar prompt. If more than one pagelet or portlet on a homepage uses the calendar prompt, unexpected results might occur.

See [Chapter 6, "Administering Portal Homepages and Pagelets," Selecting the Tab Content, page 169.](#)

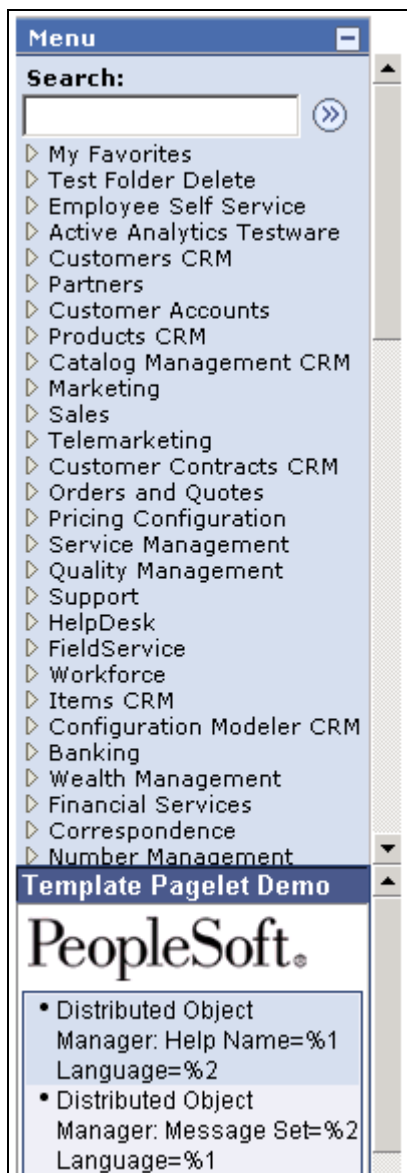
The screenshot displays the PeopleSoft homepage interface. At the top, the PeopleSoft logo is on the left, and navigation links (Home, Worklist, MultiChannel Console, Add to Favorites, Sign out) are on the right. Below the logo, there are links to 'Personalize', 'Content', and 'Layout'. The main area is divided into two panels. The left panel, titled 'Menu', contains a search bar and a list of expandable menu items. The right panel, titled 'Content References', contains a table with two columns: 'Portal Label' and 'Usage Type'.

| Portal Label | Usage Type |
|--|------------|
| Base Navigation Page | Target |
| Clean Portal Project | Target |
| Copy Pagelets | Target |
| Define Categories | Target |
| Define Data Types | Target |
| Define Display Formats | Target |
| Define Footers | Target |
| Define Headers | Target |
| Define Transform Types | Target |
| Define XSL | Target |

Homepage pagelet example

Template Pagelets

Template pagelets are pagelets that can be added to a PeopleSoft portal template. These pagelets can extract and leverage keys specified by the target transaction for the template. Publishing a pagelet as a template pagelet is useful when you use Context Manager to display context sensitive data in the template pagelet. Pagelets that you intend to use in the task panel of WorkCenter pages must be template pagelets.



Template pagelet example

Embeddable Pagelets

Embeddable pagelets are pagelets that you can embed in PeopleSoft transaction pages or iScripts within an HTML area. For example, you might create an OBIEE-based pagelet that displays a report of sales by region to embed on a Regional Sales page so that you could compare the sales of individual regions or each region to the whole.

WSRP Portlet

A WSRP portlet is a pagelet that can be used with external portals that support the WSRP standard.

See Also

Chapter 11, "Using Pagelet Wizard," Step 6: Specifying Pagelet Publication Options, page 380

Chapter 14, "Creating and Configuring WorkCenter Pages," Assigning Template Pagelets to WorkCenter Pages, page 501

Chapter 16, "Understanding Web Services For Remote Portlets (WSRP)," page 557

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Defining Pagelet Wizard Setup Values

This section discusses how to:

- Set up the PeopleSoft Integration Broker gateway for Pagelet Wizard.
- Set up the Pagelet Wizard IB Connector (Integration Broker) data source.
- Set up the Pagelet Wizard Integration Broker data source.

Pages Used to Set Up Pagelet Wizard Setup Values

| Page Name | Definition Name | Navigation | Usage |
|---|------------------------|---|--|
| Gateways | IB_GATEWAY | PeopleTools, Integration Broker, Configuration, Gateways | Specify the gateway's location, update configuration settings, and register target connectors to be used with the gateway. <i>See PeopleTools 8.51 PeopleBook: PeopleSoft Integration Broker Administration, "Managing Integration Gateways."</i> |
| Define IB Connector Security - Connectors | PTPPB_IBCONN_TRANS | PeopleTools, Portal, Pagelet Wizard, Define IB Connector Security, Connectors | Apply security to a connector that you want to use with the Pagelet Wizard IB Connector data source. |

| Page Name | Definition Name | Navigation | Usage |
|---|------------------------|---|---|
| Define IB Connector Security - Default Security | PTPPB_IBCON_DEFSEC | PeopleTools, Portal, Pagelet Wizard, Define IB Connector Security, Default Security | Select one or more permission lists to which you want to provide access to IB Connector. This security will be applied to connectors for which the Apply Default Security option is selected on the Define IB Connector Security - Connectors page. |
| Define IB Connector Security | PTPPB_IBCON_CUSTSC | Click the Custom Security button on the Define IB Connector Security - Connectors page. | Select one or more permission lists to which you want to provide access to IB Connector. This security will be applied to connectors for which you clicked the Custom Security button on the Define IB Connector Security - Connectors page. |

Setting Up the PeopleSoft Integration Broker Gateway for Pagelet Wizard

This section provides an overview of setting up the PeopleSoft Integration Broker Gateway for Pagelet Wizard and discusses how to set up the default Gateway for use with Pagelet Wizard data sources.

When you use Pagelet Wizard with PeopleSoft Enterprise Portal installed, the IB Connector and Integration Broker data sources become available for use. These data sources rely on PeopleSoft Integration Broker for web interactivity. You must set up the default gateway before these data sources are usable with your system.

Setting Up the Default Gateway for Use with Pagelet Wizard Data Sources

Access the Gateways page (PeopleTools, Integration Broker, Configuration, Gateways).

Set up the default gateway according to the instructions in the Integration Broker PeopleBook.

See *PeopleTools 8.51 PeopleBook: PeopleSoft Integration Broker Administration*, "Managing Integration Gateways."

1. Click Save.
2. Click Load Gateway Connectors.
3. Click Save.

Setting Up Pagelet Wizard IB Connector Data Source Security

Access the Define Connector Security page (PeopleTools, Portal, Pagelet Wizard, Define IB Connector Security, Connectors).



Define IB Connector Security - Connectors page

See *PeopleTools 8.51 PeopleBook: PeopleSoft Integration Broker Administration*, "Using Listening Connectors and Target Connectors."

| | |
|-------------------------------|--|
| Integration Gateway ID | Select the appropriate Integration Gateway. |
| Active Flag | Select to activate the connector and make it available for use with the Pagelet Wizard IB Connector data source. |
| Apply Default Security | Select to apply the default security settings that are defined on the Define IB Connector Security - Default Security page to the connector. |
| Custom Security | Click to access the Define Connector Security page, where you can define custom security settings for the connector. |

Setting Up the Pagelet Wizard Integration Broker Data Source

When you use Pagelet Wizard with PeopleSoft Enterprise Portal installed, the Integration Broker data source becomes available for use. You must perform the following tasks before the Integration Broker data source is usable with your system.

1. Set up the Integration Broker listening connector.

See *PeopleTools 8.51 PeopleBook: PeopleSoft Integration Broker Administration*, "Using the Integration Broker Quick Configuration Page."
2. Set up the appropriate service, service operation, handlers, and routings for the operation you want to use.

See *PeopleTools 8.51 PeopleBook: PeopleSoft Integration Broker Administration*, "Using the Integration Broker Quick Configuration Page."

Defining Pagelet Wizard Transformation Types, Display Formats, and Data Types

This section discusses how to:

- Define transformation types.
- Define display formats.
- Define data types.

Pages Used to Define Pagelet Wizard Transformation Types, Display Formats, and Data Types

| <i>Page Name</i> | <i>Definition Name</i> | <i>Navigation</i> | <i>Usage</i> |
|--------------------------------|------------------------|---|--|
| Define Transform Types | PTPPB_TXFRMTYP_MTC | PeopleTools, Portal, Pagelet Wizard, Define Transform Types | Define transformation methods that can be applied to Pagelet Wizard pagelet content. |
| Define Display Formats | PTPPB_DISPFRMT_MTC | PeopleTools, Portal, Pagelet Wizard, Define Display Formats | Define display formats that can be used to format Pagelet Wizard pagelet content. |
| Define Data Types | PTPPB_DATATYPE_MTC | PeopleTools, Portal, Pagelet Wizard, Define Data Types | Define data types that can be used to supply Pagelet Wizard with pagelet content. |
| Document Type Definition (DTD) | PTPPB_DATADTD_SBP | Click the View Document Type Definition (DTD) link on the Define Data Types page. | Access the DTD that describes the XML generated by the selected data type. |

Defining Transformation Types

Access the Define Transform Types page (PeopleTools, Portal, Pagelet Wizard, Define Transform Types).

Define Transform Types

Define the transform types used by Pagelet Wizard

Transformation Type XSL

*Description XSL

Long Description: XSL

Supporting Application Class

Package Name PTPPB_PAGELET

Path Transformer

Application Class ID XSLTransformer

Define Transform Types page

Pagelet Wizard is delivered with the following transformation type definitions to support their associated display formats:

- PASSTHRU
- XSL

Warning! Do not alter delivered field values for these transformation types.

This Define Transform Types page enables you to build your own transformation types. For example, you could create a new transformation type called ABC123. You would then extend Pagelet Wizard to perform ABC123 transformations by building a supporting application class and registering it as a transformation type. You could then create builders for assembling pagelet displays that create ABC123 transformation definitions.

See [Chapter 11, "Using Pagelet Wizard," Overview of Pagelet Wizard Display Formats, page 294.](#)

| | |
|----------------------------|--|
| Transformation Type | Enter the internal name that you want to assign to the transformation type. |
| Description | For reference purposes only, enter a short description of the transformation type. |
| Long Description | For reference purposes only, enter a more detailed description of the transformation type. |

Supporting Application Class

The application class specified here refers to the PeopleCode that implements the transformation type.

| | |
|-----------------------------|---|
| Package Name | Enter the application class package name that you want to use for the transformation type. |
| Path | Enter the names—delimited by colons—of each subpackage in the hierarchy that drills down to the class that contains the method to use for the transformation type. |
| Application Class ID | Enter the name of the application class that you want to use for the transformation type. The class must exist in the application package name that you have specified. |

Defining Display Formats

Access the Define Display Formats page (PeopleTools, Portal, Pagelet Wizard, Define Display Formats).

Define Display Formats

Define the display formats used by Pagelet Wizard

Display Format ID:

SEARCHREC

*Description:

Search List

☒ Active

Long Description:

Display your component's search results or a search dialog box for your component's search page

Sort Order:

70

Image Name:

PTPP_PROC_SEARCH_LIST_ICN

*Transformation Type:

XSL

XSL

Page Name:

PTPPB_WIZ_DISP_SRC

Display Options - Search List

Supporting Application Class

Package Name:

PTPPB_PAGELET

Path:

TransformBuilder

Application Class ID:

SearchRecordBuilder

Define Display Formats page

A display format performs the following tasks:

- Defines a TransformBuilder, which is code that builds a particular type of display format (chart, menu, list, and so forth).
- Identifies the proper transformation to use with pagelets created with a specific display format builder.

For example, the chart display format defines the code that builds charts, and it specifies that Pagelet Wizard must use the XSL transformation for pagelets created using this display format.

Pagelet Wizard is delivered with the following display format definitions to support their associated display formats:

- CHART
- CUSTOM
- LIST
- MENU
- PASSTHRU
- SEARCHREC
- TABLE

Warning! Do not alter delivered field values for these display formats.

See [Chapter 11, "Using Pagelet Wizard," Overview of Pagelet Wizard Display Formats, page 294.](#)

| | |
|--------------------------|--|
| Display Format ID | Enter the name that you want to assign to the display format. |
| Description | Enter a short description of the display format. This short description appears as the display format name value on the Select Display Format page in Pagelet Wizard. |
| Active | <p>Select to activate the display format and make it a selectable value in Pagelet Wizard.</p> <p>If you deactivate a display format, the display format is no longer available for selection on the Select Display Format page when accessed for associated data types.</p> <p>Existing pagelets that have been created using a deactivated display format are unaffected; however, you can no longer use Pagelet Wizard to change the display settings for those pagelets.</p> |
| Long Description | Enter a detailed description of the display format. This long description appears as the display format description on the Select Display Format page in Pagelet Wizard. |
| Sort Order | <p>Enter a numeric value to specify the order in which you want the display format to appear as a selectable field value relative to other display formats on the Select Display Format page.</p> <p>See Chapter 11, "Using Pagelet Wizard," Step 4: Selecting a Pagelet Display Format, page 354.</p> |
| Image Name | Select the image that you want to appear with the display format name and description on the Select Display Format page. |

Transformation Type Display formats use a transformation technology. Select the transformation type that you want to use for the display format. Available transformation types are defined on the Define Transform Types page.

See [Chapter 11, "Using Pagelet Wizard," Defining Transformation Types, page 306.](#)

Page Name Enter the object name of the page to be used to define display options for this display format. This page must exist in the PTPPB_WIZARD component in PeopleSoft Application Designer.

Supporting Application Class

The application class specified here refers to the PeopleCode that implements the display format. This code is the builder that creates the definition that Pagelet Wizard uses (along with the transformation) to display the pagelet.

Package Name Enter the application class package name to use for the display format.

Path Enter the names—delimited by colons—of each subpackage in the hierarchy that drills down to the class that contains the method used to create the display format.

Application Class ID Enter the name of the application class to use for the display format. The class must exist in the application package name that you specify.

Defining Data Types

Access the Define Data Types page (PeopleTools, Portal, Pagelet Wizard, Define Data Types).

Define Data Types

Define the data types used by Pagelet Wizard.

Data Type: HTML

***Description:** HTML ☒ Active

Long Description: The HTML data source allows you to specify HTML code which you would like displayed in your pagelet.

Supporting Application Class

Package Name: PTPPB_PAGELET

Path: DataSource

Application Class ID: HTMLDataSource







Search Application Class

Package Name:

Path:

Application Class ID:

Display Formats to use with this Data Type

| | Display Format ID | Description | | |
|---|--|-------------|---|---|
| 1 | CUSTOM  | Custom |  |  |
| 2 | PASSTHRU  | Passthru |  |  |

Define Data Types page

Pagelet Wizard is delivered with the following data type definitions to support their associated data sources:

- HTML data type enables you to specify HTML code to display in the pagelet.
- IBCONNECTOR data type interacts directly with connectors registered to the Integration Broker and secured using Define IB Connector Security within Pagelet Wizard. This data type should only be used when it is not desirable to use the Integration Broker data type.
- IBDATASOURCE data type retrieves messages using Integration Broker. Specifically, it uses outbound synchronous messages to retrieve data from external sources.
- NAVIGATION_COLLECTION data type enables you to display navigation collections within the context of a pagelet
- OBIEE data type interacts directly with analytics server.
- PSQUERY data type enables you to use PeopleSoft Query to create database queries on records and fields within the PeopleSoft system.
- ROWSET data type is used with embedded pagelets. Rowsets can exist within components.
- SEARCHREC data type displays the search box or the search results from a given component.

- URL data type retrieves data from external sources like the Internet. This includes sources like RSS newsfeeds.

Warning! Do not alter delivered field values for these data types.

See [Chapter 11, "Using Pagelet Wizard," Overview of Pagelet Wizard Data Sources, page 292.](#)

| | |
|-------------------------|--|
| Data Type | Enter the internal name that you want to assign to the data type. |
| Description | Enter a short description of the data type. This short description appears as the prompt list value when you select data sources in Pagelet Wizard. |
| Active | <p>Select activate the data type and make it a selectable value in Pagelet Wizard.</p> <p>If you deactivate a data type, the data type is no longer available for selection on the Select Data Source page.</p> <p>If you deactivate a data type that is in use, associated pagelets do not display data. The pagelets display an error message instead.</p> |
| Long Description | Enter a detailed description of the data type. This long description appears as the data type description on the Select Data Source page in Pagelet Wizard. |

Supporting Application Class

The application class specified here refers to the PeopleCode that implements the data type. This is the code that Pagelet Wizard calls to retrieve the data for the pagelet.

This table describes the Supporting Application Class fields:

| | |
|-----------------------------|--|
| Package Name | Enter the application class package name that you want to use for the data type. |
| Path | Enter the names—delimited by colons—of each subpackage in the hierarchy that drills down to the class that contains the method that defines the data type. |
| Application Class ID | Enter the name of the application class that you want to use for the data type. The class must exist in the application package name that you specify. |

Note. The search option of each pagelet has to be explicitly declared through this page or Pagelet Wizard to activate the search box, even for *Inline XSL* type of the search box.

Search Application Class

The application class specified here refers to the PeopleCode that implements a default pagelet search for this data type. This is the code that Pagelet Wizard calls to build and place the search box in the pagelet; perform the search; and render and format the search results.

Changes to the data type level default search application class will appear in any pagelet of this data type automatically the next time the pagelet is rendered, with the exception of the pagelets for which you define a custom search application class. Examples of these changes include:

The *PTPPB_PAGELET:PageletSearch:PortalSearch* sample search application class is part of a standard PeopleTools installation. This class uses the portal registry index to perform the search. You can use this sample search class to test the pagelet search functionality for any pagelet or you can associate this search class with either a pagelet data type or with a pagelet.

- Changing the code in the search class.
- Adding a new search class.
- Removing a search class.
- Replacing a search class.

Note. Pagelet search is supported for homepage and embedded pagelets only.

This table describes the Search Application Class fields:

| | |
|-----------------------------|---|
| Package Name | Enter the Search application class package name that you want to use for the data type. |
| Path | Enter the names—delimited by colons—of each subpackage in the hierarchy that drills down to the class that contains the method to define the search. |
| Application Class ID | Enter the name of the Search application class that you want to use for the data type. The class must exist in the application package name that you specify. |

Display Formats to use with this Data Type

| | |
|--|--|
| Display Format ID | Enter the display formats that are supported by the data type. You can select from existing display formats defined on the Define Display Formats page. See Chapter 11, "Using Pagelet Wizard," Defining Display Formats, page 308. |
| View Document Type Definition (DTD) | Click to access the Document Type Definition (DTD) page, where you can access the DTD that describes the XML generated by the selected data type. |

Viewing the Document Type Definition (DTD)

The Document Type Definition (DTD) page enables you to view the tags and attributes are used to describe content in the XML from the data source type. This information is useful when using third-party tools to generate XSL templates for the datatype.

Document Type Definition (DTD)

A DTD is a specification that accompanies a document and identifies what the markup codes are that separate paragraphs, identify topic headings, and so forth and how each is to be processed. The following is the DTD which describes the XML outputted by the data source type.

Data Type: NAVIGATION_COLLECTION

DTD:

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<!ELEMENT ClearDotImg (#PCDATA)>
<!ELEMENT Contents (NavItem+)>
<!ATTLIST Contents FolderCount CDATA #REQUIRED ShortcutCount CDATA
#REQUIRED>
<!ELEMENT Description (#PCDATA)>
<!ELEMENT IScript_AppHP (#PCDATA)>
<!ELEMENT ImageName (#PCDATA)>
<!ELEMENT ImageURL (#PCDATA)>
<!ELEMENT Label (#PCDATA)>
<!ELEMENT MaxChildLinks (#PCDATA)>
<!ELEMENT NavCollection (Label, Description, NavPageName, SCName,
SCPortal, ImageName, ImageURL, ShowLogo, StyleSheet, MaxChildLinks
```

Document Type Definition (DTD) page

Defining Pagelet Wizard XSL Prototypes

This section discusses how to define XSL prototypes for use in building Pagelet Wizard pagelets.

Page Used to Define Pagelet Wizard XSL Prototypes

| Page Name | Definition Name | Navigation | Usage |
|------------|--------------------|---|--|
| Define XSL | PTPPB_XSLPROT_MTCE | PeopleTools, Portal, Pagelet Wizard, Define XSL | Create custom XSL definitions for use with Pagelet Wizard. |

Defining XSL Prototypes

Access the Define XSL page (PeopleTools, Portal, Pagelet Wizard, Define XSL).

Define XSL

Define the XSL prototypes used by Pagelet Wizard's transformation step.

Pagelet XSL

XSL Prototype ID: TABLE_QUERY
*Description: Table ☒ Active
Long Description: Table - all rows, all columns
*Data Type: PSQUERY PS Query
Define XSL:

```
<?xml version="1.0" ?>
<!--
Customized XSL T supplied with the Pagelet Wizard
-->
```

Delete XSLT

Define XSL page

Pagelet Wizard is delivered with the following XSL prototypes to support their associated data sources and display formats:

| <i>XSL Prototype Name</i> | <i>Data Type</i> | <i>Description</i> |
|---------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|
| NAV_SMALLIMAGES | NAVIGATION_COLLECTION | Small Images |
| LIST_QUERY | PSQUERY | Bullet List |
| NUMBERED_LIST_QUERY | PSQUERY | Numbered List |
| TABLE_QUERY | PSQUERY | Table |
| PAPP_IB_BULLET_LIST | IBDATASOURCE | Bullet List |
| PAPP_IB_CUSTOM_LIST | IBDATASOURCE | Customizable List |
| PAPP_IB_CUSTOM_TABLE | IBDATASOURCE | Customizable Table |
| PAPP_IB_NUMBER_LIST | IBDATASOURCE | Numbered List |
| PAPP_IB_NUMBER_LIST_H | IBDATASOURCE | Numbered List - Header |
| PAPP_IB_SKELETON | IBDATASOURCE | Skeleton XSL |
| PAPP_IB_TABLE | IBDATASOURCE | Table |
| PAPP_URL_ATOM03 | URL | ATOM 0.3 |

| <i>XSL Prototype Name</i> | <i>Data Type</i> | <i>Description</i> |
|----------------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| PAPP_URL_ATOM10 | URL | ATOM 1.0 |
| PAPP_URL_RSS | URL | RSS |
| PAPP_URL_RSS091 | URL | RSS 0.91-0.93 |
| PAPP_URL_RSS10 | URL | RSS 1.0 |
| PAPP_URL_RSS20 | URL | RSS 2.0 |
| PAPP_URL_SKELETON | URL | Skeleton XSL |

Warning! Do not alter the delivered XSL for these XSL prototypes.

| | |
|-------------------------|---|
| XSL Prototype ID | Enter an ID for the XSL prototype. |
| Description | <p>Enter a description of the XSL prototype. The text that you enter here appears as available XSL template field values on the Specify Display Options page when you create a custom display format pagelet.</p> <p>See Chapter 11, "Using Pagelet Wizard," Specifying Custom Display Options, page 375.</p> |
| Active | <p>Select to activate the XSL prototype and make it an available XSL template field value on the Specify Display Options page for custom display format pagelets.</p> <p>If you deactivate an XSL prototype, the prototype is no longer available for selection on the Specify Display Options page for the custom display format. Existing pagelets that have been created using the deactivated XSL prototype are unaffected.</p> |
| Long Description | For reference purposes only, enter a long description of the XSL prototype. |
| Data Type | Select the applicable data type for the XSL prototype. You can assign only one data type per XSL prototype. |
| Define XSL | Enter XSL code for formatting pagelet XML data in the desired pagelet format. |
| Delete XSL | Click to delete the XSL prototype definition. You will be prompted to confirm your deletion. |

Defining Pagelet Wizard Headers and Footers

This section discusses how to:

- Define headers.
- Define header images.
- Define footers.
- Define footer images.

Pages Used to Define Pagelet Wizard Headers and Footers

| <i>Page Name</i> | <i>Definition Name</i> | <i>Navigation</i> | <i>Usage</i> |
|--------------------------------|------------------------|---|---|
| Define Header | PTPPB_HDR_MTCE | PeopleTools, Portal, Pagelet Wizard, Define Headers, Define Header | Create a pagelet header design. Enter HTML that you want to appear on the header. |
| Define Headers - Specify Image | PTPPB_HDR_IMAGE | PeopleTools, Portal, Pagelet Wizard, Define Headers, Define Header, Specify Image | Specify an image that you want to appear on the pagelet header. Specify image properties. |
| Define Headers - Preview | PTPPB_HDR_PREVIEW | PeopleTools, Portal, Pagelet Wizard, Define Headers, Define Header, Preview | View the fully assembled pagelet header. After previewing the pagelet header, you can adjust the HTML and image parameters as needed. |
| Define Footer | PTPPB_FTR_MTCE | PeopleTools, Portal, Pagelet Wizard, Define Footers, Define Footer | Create a pagelet footer design. Enter HTML that you want to appear on the footer. |
| Define Footers - Specify Image | PTPPB_FTR_IMAGE | PeopleTools, Portal, Pagelet Wizard, Define Footers, Specify Image | Specify an image that you want to appear on the pagelet footer. Specify image properties. |
| Define Footers - Preview | PTPPB_FTR_PREVIEW | PeopleTools, Portal, Pagelet Wizard, Define Footers, Preview | View the fully assembled pagelet footer. After previewing the pagelet footer, you can adjust the HTML and image parameters as needed. |

Defining Headers

Access the Define Header page (PeopleTools, Portal, Pagelet Wizard, Define Headers, Define Header).

Define Header

Specify Image

Preview

Define Headers

Define the pagelet headers used by Pagelet Wizard. Specify the HTML to display in the header.

Pagelet Header

Header ID:

PTPP_PEOPLESOFT_LOGO

*Description:

PeopleSoft Logo

☒ Active

Long Description:

PeopleSoft Logo

HTML Area:

Delete Header

Define Header page

Pagelet Header

| | |
|------------------|--|
| Header ID | Enter an ID for the pagelet header. |
| Description | Enter a description of the pagelet header. The text that you enter here appears as the selectable field value in the Header field when users assign headers to pagelets on the Specify Display Options page. |
| Active | <p>Select to activate the pagelet header and make it a selectable field value in the Header field on the Specify Display Options page.</p> <p>If you deactivate a header that is in use, the header no longer appears on associated pagelets. In addition, the header is not be available for selection on the Specify Display Options page.</p> |
| Long Description | For reference purposes only, enter a long description of the pagelet header. |
| HTML Area | Enter the HTML code that you want to use to generate the pagelet header. You can enter both HTML text and image references. Alternatively, you can include an image by selecting it on the Specify Image page. |
| Delete Header | Click to delete the pagelet header design. You will be prompted to confirm your deletion. |

Defining Header Images

Access the Header Image page (PeopleTools, Portal, Pagelet Wizard, Define Headers, Define Header, Specify Image).

Header Image

Specify the image to display in the header. Depending on the Image Source, select an image from the system catalog or enter an image URL.

Header ID: PTPP_PEOPLESOFT_LOGO

Image Source: System Catalog

Image Name: NEW_PS_LOGO

Alignment: [dropdown]

Height: [input]

Width: [input]

Float Over Text: [checkbox]

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Define Headers - Specify Image page

Header Image

Image Source

Select the image source. Options are:

System Catalog. Select to specify an image from the PeopleTools system image catalog.

External Source. Select to specify an image from a source external to the PeopleTools system image catalog.

Image Name

If you select the *System Catalog* image source, click the Search button to access a list of existing images.

Image URL

If you select the *External Source* image source, enter a URL for the desired image file. All image types are supported. Ensure that the location of the image provides reliable access.

Alignment

Select the alignment of the image. Options are:

Left: Select to align the image with the left margin of the pagelet.

Right: Select to align the image with the right margin of the pagelet.

| | |
|-----------------|--|
| Height | Enter the image height in pixels if the image needs to be resized. If you enter an image height, the system adjusts the image width to fit the image height. |
| Width | Enter the image width in pixels if the image needs to be resized. If you enter an image width, the system adjusts the image height to fit the image width. |
| Float Over Text | Enter text that you want to appear when the user moves the cursor over the image. |

Defining Footers

Access the Define Footer page(PeopleTools, Portal, Pagelet Wizard, Define Footers, Define Footer) .

Define FooterSpecify ImagePreview

Define Footers

Define the pagelet footers used by Pagelet Wizard. Specify the HTML to display in the footer.

Pagelet Footer

Footer ID:PTPP_POWEREDBY_FOOTER

*Description:Powered by PeopleSoft

☒ Active

Long Description:Powered by PeopleSoft

HTML Area:

Delete Footer

Define Footer page

Pagelet Footer

| | |
|-------------|--|
| Footer ID | Enter an ID for the pagelet footer. |
| Description | Enter a description of the pagelet footer. The text that you enter here appears as the selectable field value in the Footer field when users assign footers to pagelets on the Specify Display Options page. |

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| | |
|-------------------------|--|
| Active | <p>Select to activate the pagelet footer and make it a selectable field value in the Footer field on the Specify Display Options page.</p> <p>If you deactivate a footer that is in use, the footer no longer appears on associated pagelets. In addition, the footer is not be available for selection on the Specify Display Options page.</p> |
| Long Description | For reference purposes only, enter a long description of the pagelet footer. |
| HTML Area | Enter that HTML code that you want to use to generate the pagelet footer. You can enter both HTML text and image references. Alternatively, you can include an image by selecting it on the Specify Image page. |
| Delete Footer | Click to delete the pagelet footer design. You will be prompted to confirm your deletion. |

Defining Footer Images

Access the Footer Image page (PeopleTools, Portal, Pagelet Wizard, Define Footers, Specify Image).

Define Footers - Specify Image page

Footer Image

| | |
|------------------------|--|
| Image Source | <p>Select the image source. Options are:</p> <p><i>System Catalog:</i> Select to specify an image from the PeopleTools system image catalog.</p> <p><i>External Source:</i> Select to specify an image from a source external to the PeopleTools system image catalog.</p> |
| Image Name | If you select <i>System Catalog</i> as the image source, click the Search button to access a list of existing images. |
| Image URL | If you select <i>External Source</i> as the image source, enter a URL for the desired image file. All image types are supported. Ensure that the location of the image provides reliable access. |
| Alignment | <p>Select the alignment of the image. Options are:</p> <p><i>Left:</i> Select to align the image with the left margin of the pagelet.</p> <p><i>Right:</i> Select to align the image with the right margin of the pagelet.</p> |
| Height | Enter the image height in pixels if the image needs to be resized. If you enter an image height, the system adjusts the image width to fit the image height. |
| Width | Enter the image width in pixels if the image needs to be resized. If you enter an image width, the system adjusts the image height to fit the image width. |
| Float Over Text | Enter text that you want to appear when the user moves the cursor over the image. |

Defining Pagelet Wizard Pagelet Categories

This section discusses how to define Pagelet Wizard pagelet categories.

Page Used to Define Pagelet Wizard Pagelet Categories

| Page Name | Definition Name | Navigation | Usage |
|-------------------|------------------------|--|---|
| Define Categories | PTPPB_PGLTCATG_MTC | PeopleTools, Portal, Pagelet Wizard, Define Categories | Define categories used to organize pagelets created using Pagelet Wizard. |

Defining Pagelet Categories

Access the Define Categories page (PeopleTools, Portal, Pagelet Wizard, Define Categories).

Define Category

Define Categories

Define the categories used to organize the pagelets created with Pagelet Wizard.

Pagelet Category

Category ID: PTPP_ADMINISTRATION

*Description: Portal Administration ☒ Active

Long Description: Contains pagelets for the Portal Administrator

Delete Category

Define Categories page

Category ID

Enter a Pagelet Wizard pagelet category ID. You can use category IDs to organize Pagelet Wizard pagelets. The portal administrator can use this value when running pagelet reports and when searching for pagelets that need to be moved between different portal sites.

Categories provide another level of organization in addition to the owner ID. For example, you can use a departmental owner ID, and within that, categorize your pagelets by pagelet type.

Description

Enter a description of the pagelet category. The text that you enter here appears as a field value in the Category ID field when users assign pagelets to categories on the Specify Pagelet Information page.

Active

Select to activate the pagelet category and make it a selectable field value in the Category ID field on the Specify Pagelet Information page.

If you deactivate a category, the category is no longer available for selection on the Specify Pagelet Information page. Existing pagelets that have been created using the deactivated category are unaffected.

Long Description

For reference purposes only, enter a long description of the pagelet category.

Delete Category

Click to delete a pagelet category. You are prompted to confirm the deletion.

If you delete a category, the category is no longer available for selection on the Specify Pagelet Information page. Existing pagelets that have been created using the deactivated category still appear, but the pagelet category is removed from the pagelet definition in Pagelet Wizard.

Step 1: Entering Pagelet Identifying Information

This section discusses how to specify pagelet information. This is step 1 in the Pagelet Wizard pagelet creation process.

Note. Before you start building a pagelet with Pagelet Wizard, familiarize yourself with all data sources. This enables you to evaluate the best way to retrieve the data that you want to display in the pagelet.

See Also

Chapter 11, "Using Pagelet Wizard," Overview of Pagelet Wizard Data Sources, page 292

Page Used to Enter Pagelet Identifying Information

| <i>Page Name</i> | <i>Definition Name</i> | <i>Navigation</i> | <i>Usage</i> |
|-----------------------------|------------------------|---|---|
| Specify Pagelet Information | PTPPB_WIZ_INFO | PeopleTools, Portal, Pagelet Wizard, Pagelet Wizard | Define description and summary information for a pagelet. |

Specifying Pagelet Information

Access the Specify Pagelet Information page (PeopleTools, Portal, Pagelet Wizard, Pagelet Wizard).

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Specify Pagelet Information

The following information will be used to identify and categorize your pagelet.

| Pagelet Information | |
|---------------------|--|
| Pagelet ID: | PT_1 |
| *Pagelet Title: | New Construction Update |
| Description: | |
| Owner ID: | PeopleTools |
| Category ID: | Portal Administration |
| Help URL: | http://help.oracle.com/construction.html |

Specify Pagelet Information page

Pagelet ID

Enter an ID for the pagelet. Each pagelet that you build with Pagelet Wizard must have a unique ID.

Note. Pagelet IDs can only contain the characters A-Z, a-z, and _. All other characters put into a pagelet ID will be removed by the system. If all characters are removed from the user entered pagelet ID, then the Registry Object Prefix will be used instead. If, after removing illegal characters from the pagelet ID, the name is found to match an existing pagelet ID, then Pagelet Wizard will append numbers to the end of the pagelet ID to make the new pagelet ID unique.

Pagelet Title

Enter a unique title for the pagelet. This value appears in the pagelet title bar, which is the solid bar at the top of the pagelet. If you change the pagelet title value for a published pagelet, you must unpublish and republish the pagelet for the change to take effect.

Description

Enter additional descriptive information to identify the pagelet. This reference text is used in Verity and search record searches.

Owner ID

Select the value that you want to use to identify pagelets created by the organization. The portal administrator can use this value when searching for pagelets through PeopleSoft Application Designer or SQL queries on the portal registry table.

Do not select a delivered PeopleSoft owner ID. You can define unique owner IDs for the organization by entering field translate values for the OBJECTOWNERID field using PeopleSoft Application Designer.

Category ID

To organize Pagelet Wizard pagelets, select a category assignment for the pagelet. You create pagelet categories on the Define Categories page. The portal administrator can use this value when running pagelet reports and when searching for pagelets that need to be moved between different portal sites.

Categories provide another level of organization in addition to the owner ID. For example, you can use a departmental owner ID, and within that, categorize pagelets for that ID by pagelet type.

See [Chapter 11, "Using Pagelet Wizard," Defining Pagelet Wizard Pagelet Categories, page 322.](#)

Help URL

Enter the URL of the help document to associate with the pagelet. Entering a URL causes the Help button to appear in the pagelet header bar.

When the pagelet is published as a homepage pagelet, a PTPPB_PAGELET_HELP_LINK content reference attribute is added to the pagelet content reference definition corresponding to the pagelet. The value of this content reference attribute will be the help URL entered by the user.

Note. The help button appears only when the pagelet is on the homepage inside the PeopleSoft Portal; it will not appear when the pagelet is displayed as a WSRP portlet.

Note. The pagelet Help URL takes precedence over the Help ID, when both attributes are set for a pagelet.

Step 2: Selecting a Pagelet Data Source

This section discusses selecting a pagelet data source. This is step 2 in the Pagelet Wizard pagelet creation process. Specifically, this section discusses how to :

- Select an HTML data source.
- Select an IB connector data source.
- Select an Integration Broker data source.
- Select a navigation collection data source.
- Select an OBIEE report data source.

- Select a PeopleSoft Query data source.
- Select a rowset data source.
- Select a search record data source.
- Select a URL data source.

You can define other data sources by using the Define Data Types page.

See Also

Chapter 11, "Using Pagelet Wizard," Overview of Pagelet Wizard Data Sources, page 292

Chapter 11, "Using Pagelet Wizard," Defining Data Types, page 310

Page Used to Select a Pagelet Data Source

| <i>Page Name</i> | <i>Definition Name</i> | <i>Navigation</i> | <i>Usage</i> |
|--------------------|------------------------|--|---|
| Select Data Source | PTPPB_WIZ_DATASRC | PeopleTools, Portal, Pagelet Wizard, Pagelet Wizard Click the Next button or the icon for step 2. | Select the type of data source for the pagelet. |

Selecting an HTML Data Source

Access the Select Data Source page.(PeopleTools, Portal, Pagelet Wizard, Pagelet Wizard. Select button 2).

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Select Data Source

Select the type of data and specify the source which contains the data you want displayed in your pagelet.

New Construction Update

*Data Type

Description

The HTML data source allows you to specify HTML code which you would like displayed in your pagelet.

Data Source

*HTML Text:

Source

Format Font Size **B** *I* U abc

Select Data Source page (HTML data source)

Select *HTML* in the Data Type field.

When you use HTML as the data source for a pagelet, the pagelet does not provide configurable parameters that enable criteria selection. Consequently, there is also no end user personalization for HTML data source pagelets.

Note. Source code mode is disabled in the Rich Text Editor on the Step 2 page of Pagelet Wizard for HTML type of pagelets. This is for security reasons, as malicious code could be inserted in Source code mode. If you want to enable the Source mode for some special reasons, please use Application Designer to open the PTPPB_WIZ_DATASRC page, double click the PTPPB_WORKREC.PTPPB_HTML_AREA_01 long edit box field on the page, select the Options tab, select PT_RTE_CFG_PTPPB from the Configuration Setting Id drop down list box, and then save the changes.

When creating an HTML data source pagelet, you skip step 3 and proceed to step 4, in which you select the pagelet display format.

Data Source

HTML Text

Enter the HTML code that you want to use as the data source for the pagelet. You can enter an HTML document or fragment. This HTML can include embedded JavaScript.

Ensure that the HTML that you enter generates content that is appropriately sized for pagelet display.

See [Chapter 11, "Using Pagelet Wizard," Defining Data Types, page 310.](#)

Selecting an IB Connector Data Source

Access the Select Data Source page.(PeopleTools, Portal, Pagelet Wizard, Pagelet Wizard. Select button 2).

Select *IB Connector* in the Data Type field.

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Select Data Source

Select the type of data and specify the source which contains the data you want displayed in your pagelet.

Unit IBCON Test

*Data Type

Description

The IB Connector DataType can interact directly with connectors registered to the Integration Broker, and secured using "Define IB Connector Security" within Pagelet Wizard. This DataType should only be used when it is not desirable to use the Integration Broker DataType.

Data Source

Integration Gateway ID:

Connector ID:

Select Data Source page (IB Connector data source)

Data Source

Integration Gateway ID Select the Integration Broker gateway that contains the connector that you want to use to supply content to the pagelet.

Connector ID Select the connector that you want to use to supply content to the pagelet.

Selecting an Integration Broker Data Source

Access the Select Data Source page.(PeopleTools, Portal, Pagelet Wizard, Pagelet Wizard. Select button 2).

Select *Integration Broker* in the Data Type field.

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Select Data Source

Select the type of data and specify the source which contains the data you want displayed in your pagelet.

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*Data Type

Description

The Integration Broker DataType retrieves messages using Integration Broker. Specifically, it can use outbound synchronous messages to retrieve data from external sources.

Data Source

Service Operation:

Receiver Node Name:

Select Data Source page (Integration Broker data source)

You can use an outbound synchronous message defined in the local database as a data source for a Pagelet Wizard pagelet. Outbound, synchronous messages are messages for which a request is made to a target system and a response is expected in real time.

The message can be either structured or unstructured. If the message is structured, then a record structure has been associated with the outbound message and that record structure is translated into data source parameters during step 3. If the message is unstructured, then no record structure has been associated with the outbound message, so no data source parameters can be supplied and Pagelet Wizard bypasses step 3.

Typically, because outbound synchronous messages are designed to run in real time, they are associated with transactions with good performance records. As with all pagelet data sources, you should understand that pagelet performance, and homepage performance are tied to the performance of the underlying Integration Broker message and target transaction. You should review the performance of the target transaction before creating an Integration Broker message-based pagelet.

Data Source

| | |
|---------------------------|--|
| Service Operation | Select the requesting service operation that you want to be the data source for the pagelet. |
| Receiver Node Name | Select the node that is associated with the selected requesting service operation. |

Data Source Details

If the selected message is structured, the Data Source Details group box displays input and output records and fields that are defined in the message structure.

Selecting a Navigation Collection Data Source

Access the Select Data Source page.(PeopleTools, Portal, Pagelet Wizard, Pagelet Wizard. Select button 2).

Select *Navigation Collection* in the Data Type field.

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Select Data Source

Select the type of data and specify the source which contains the data you want displayed in your pagelet.

New Construction Update

*Data Type: Navigation Collection

Description

Navigation Collections are collections of links and folders which can be used for customized navigation. The Navigation Collection data source allows you to display these collections within the context of a pagelet.

Data Source

*Portal Name: EMPLOYEE

*Collection Name: PT_PTPP_PORTAL_ROOT

Select Data Source page (Navigation Collection data source)

The Navigation Collection that you use as the data source must have already been created using the Navigation Collections pages. However, the Navigation Collection does not need to exist in its final form. Any changes that you make to the underlying Navigation Collection used as the data source are immediately reflected on any pagelets created from that Navigation Collection.

Note. Although it is possible to create a Navigation Collection pagelet directly from the Navigation Collections component, pagelets created using this component cannot be maintained in Pagelet Wizard. Only Navigation Collection pagelets created specifically with Pagelet Wizard can be maintained in Pagelet Wizard.

See [Chapter 4, "Working With Navigation Pages," Understanding Navigation Collections, page 48.](#)

Data Type Select *Navigation Collection*.

Data Source

Portal Name Select the portal that contains the navigation collection for the pagelet.

Collection Name Select the name of the Navigation Collection that you want to use to create the pagelet.

Selecting an OBIEE Report Data Source

Access the Select Data Source page. (PeopleTools, Portal, Pagelet Wizard, Pagelet Wizard. Select button 2)

Select *OBIEE Report* in the Data Type field.

Pagelet Wizard Step 2 of 6

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Select Data Source

Select the type of data and specify the source which contains the data you want displayed in your pagelet.

Market by Region

*Data Type

▼ Description

The OBIEE Report Data Type displays a report from an Oracle Business Intelligence Server.

Data Source

Report ID:

Report Name:

Report View ID:

Pagelet Wizard-Select Data Source page

Data Source

Report ID

Select the Report that you want to be the data source. Only reports that have been loaded into the PeopleSoft application appear in this list.

See [Chapter 13, "Configuring OBIEE Report Pagelets," Loading the OBIEE Report Definitions From the OBIEE Server, page 472.](#)

Report Name

This field displays the OBIEE server name and the report name. This field is display-only.

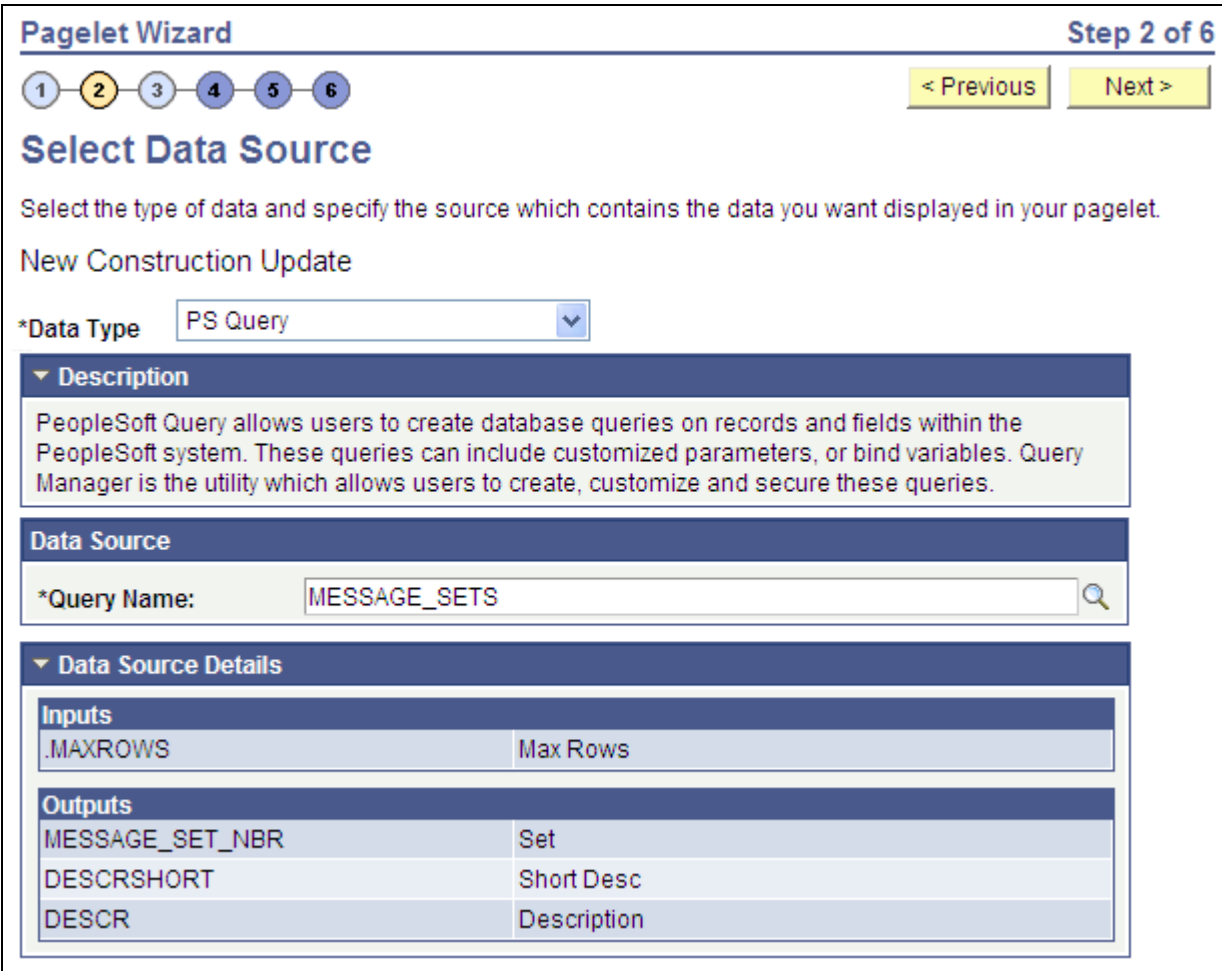
Report View ID

Select the view or report type as created in the OBIEE application.

Selecting a PeopleSoft Query Data Source

Access the Select Data Source page.(PeopleTools, Portal, Pagelet Wizard, Pagelet Wizard. Select button 2).

Select *PS Query* in the Data Type field.



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Select Data Source

Select the type of data and specify the source which contains the data you want displayed in your pagelet.

New Construction Update

*Data Type

Description

PeopleSoft Query allows users to create database queries on records and fields within the PeopleSoft system. These queries can include customized parameters, or bind variables. Query Manager is the utility which allows users to create, customize and secure these queries.

Data Source

*Query Name:

Data Source Details

| Inputs | |
|----------|----------|
| .MAXROWS | Max Rows |

| Outputs | |
|-----------------|-------------|
| MESSAGE_SET_NBR | Set |
| DESCRSHORT | Short Desc |
| DESCR | Description |

Select Data Source page (PS Query data source)

Queries typically return a number of columns and rows. Queries for pagelets should be selected based on available display space on the homepage. In addition, avoid selecting long-running queries that can delay the display of the homepage.

Keep in mind that public query results are available to portal viewers only if they have appropriate access to the underlying data record. Permission lists in the users' role definitions must contain query access groups that include the records in the query definition.

Data Type Select *PS Query*.

Data Source

Query Name Select a query to serve as the data source for the pagelet. You can select any public query in the local database.

PeopleSoft queries provide SQL access to any table recognized by the PeopleSoft system. This includes external, remote tables that are recognized by the PeopleSoft system by way of a database link.

See *Enterprise PeopleTools 8.51 PeopleBook: PeopleSoft Query*, "Creating and Running Simple Queries."

Note. Even though a query is marked as public, PeopleSoft Query still applies security to the underlying records. Ensure that the users of this pagelet have query security access to the underlying records to avoid runtime errors.

Data Source Details

Inputs Displays the data source parameter fields that correspond to the query's input prompts. Also displays the required system-supplied .MAXROWS query data source parameter that you can use to limit the amount of data returned to the pagelet.

Outputs Displays the data source parameter fields that correspond to the query's output.

Selecting a Rowset Data Source

Access the Select Data Source page.(PeopleTools, Portal, Pagelet Wizard, Pagelet Wizard. Select button 2).

Select *Rowset* in the Data Type field.

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Select Data Source

Select the type of data and specify the source which contains the data you want displayed in your pagelet.

New Construction Update

*Data Type: Rowset

Description

Rowsets can exist within components. This data type is geared toward embedded pagelets.

Data Source

*Record Name: ACCESS_GRP_TBL

Select Data Source page (Rowset data source)

A rowset is a record that collects rows of data and can contain data from one or more records. The rowset data source is geared towards supplying data to embedded pagelets. This is because embedded pagelets require that a populated rowset be passed into the data source for it to be able to display the data as a chart or table, for example.

Embedded pagelets do not allow for customizable parameters that enable criteria selection. Consequently, there is also no end user personalization for rowset data source pagelets.

When creating a rowset data source pagelet you skip step 3 and go on to step 4 in which you select your pagelet display format.

Data Source

Record Name Select the record that contains the layout of the rowset you want to use to supply your pagelet with data. Records available for selection are records that are tables or views.

Selecting a Search Record Data Source

Access the Select Data Source page.(PeopleTools, Portal, Pagelet Wizard, Pagelet Wizard. Select button 2).

Select *Search Record* in the Data Type field.

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Select Data Source

Select the type of data and specify the source which contains the data you want displayed in your pagelet.

Facilities Page

***Data Type** Search Record ▼

▼ **Description**

The Search Record Data Source displays the search box or the search results from a given component.

Data Source

***Portal Name:** CUSTOMER 🔍

***Content Reference:** PT_MESSAGE_CATALOG1_GBL 🔍

***Access Type:** Basic Search Record ▼

▼ **Data Source Details**

| Inputs | |
|-----------------|--------------------|
| MESSAGE_SET_NBR | Message Set Number |
| .MAXROWS | Max Rows |
| SHOWRESULTS | Show Results |

| Outputs | |
|--------------------|--|
| Message Set Number | |
| Description | |

Select Data Source page (search record data source)

Search records typically return a number of columns and rows. When you select search records to be displayed on pagelets, consider the available display space on the homepage.

Data Type Select *Search Record*.

Data Source

Portal Name Select the portal in which the search record for the pagelet resides.

Content Reference Select the content reference for the search record.

Access Type

Select the type of access for the search record data. Options are:

Basic Search Record: Select to have the search record pagelet retrieve data based on the basic search record defined in the selected portal.

CI: <component interface name>: Select when the basic search record does not provide the required functionality; for example, when security or PeopleCode considerations need to be taken into account. This option is available if the selected search record has an associated component interface. Select to have the search record pagelet retrieve data by way of the component interface.

See *PeopleTools 8.51 PeopleBook: PeopleSoft Component Interfaces*, "Developing Component Interfaces."

Data Source Details**Inputs**

Displays search record key input fields, as well as other system-required input fields that are used to derive data that is displayed on the search record pagelet.

Outputs

Displays search record key output fields, as well as other output fields for which search results are displayed on the search record pagelet. These output fields are derived from the drop-down list box fields on the search record.

If the SHOWRESULTS data source parameter field for the pagelet is set to *N*, the search key output fields appear as Search By drop-down list values on the pagelet.

Selecting a URL Data Source

Access the Select Data Source page.(PeopleTools, Portal, Pagelet Wizard, Pagelet Wizard. Select button 2).

Select *URL* in the Data Type field.

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Select Data Source

Select the type of data and specify the source which contains the data you want displayed in your pagelet.

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*Data Type

▼ Description

The URL DataType retrieves data from external sources specified by a URL.

Data Source

URL:

Select Data Source page (URL data source)

URL

Enter any HTTP-accessible URL as the data source for the pagelet. The URL may or may not require query string parameters that can be specified and personalized as end-user prompts within Pagelet Wizard.

For example, the Yahoo! search page URL takes the form `http://search.yahoo.com/search?p=searchterm`. If you want to make `searchterm` a user-specified data parameter, enter a URL field value of `http://search.yahoo.com/search`. In step 3 on the Specify Data Source Parameters page, add a data source parameter Field Name value of `p` and set its Usage Type field value to *User Specified* with a default value. Pagelet Wizard then adds the `?p=searchterm` value, with the `searchterm` value able to be personalized by the user, to the URL before it retrieves the content to the pagelet.

Step 3: Specifying Pagelet Data Source Parameters

This section provides an overview of variables supported as data source parameters, lists common elements, and discusses specifying pagelet data source parameters. This is step 3 in the Pagelet Wizard pagelet creation process. Specifically, this section discusses how to:

- Specify HTML data source parameter values.

- Specify IB Connector data source parameters.
- Specify Integration Broker data source parameters.
- Specify Navigation Collection data source parameters.
- Specify OBIEE data source parameters.
- Specify query data source parameters.
- Specify rowset data source parameters.
- Specify search record data source parameters.
- Specify URL data source parameters.

Understanding System Variables Supported as Data Source Parameters

When you set the Usage Type field to *System Variable* or *User Specified* on the Specify Data Source Parameters page, you can enter a system variable such as *%UserId*, which the system substitutes at runtime with the actual value represented by the variable. The following system variables are supported as data source parameters.

- %AuthenticationToken
- %ClientDate
- %ClientTimeZone
- %ContentID
- %ContentType
- %Copyright
- %Currency
- %Date
- %DateTime
- %DbName
- %DbServerName
- %DbType
- %EmailAddress
- %EmployeeId
- %HPTabName
- %IsMultiLanguageEnabled
- %Language
- %Language_Base

- %LocalNode
- %Market%MaxMessageSize
- %NavigatorHomePermissionList
- %Node
- %PasswordExpired
- %Portal
- %PrimaryPermissionList
- %ProcessProfilePermissionList
- %RowSecurityPermissionList
- %RunningInPortal
- %ServerTimeZone
- %Time
- %UserDescription
- %UserId

Common Elements Used in This Section

| | |
|-------------|--|
| Description | Displays a description of the data source parameter. |
|-------------|--|

Usage Type

Select the type of end-user accessibility that you want to grant for the data source parameter field when it appears on the pagelet. Options are:

- *Not Used*: Select if it will not be used on the pagelet.
- *Fixed*: Select to enter a fixed value for the data source parameter that the pagelet end user cannot modify.
- *System Variable*: Select to assign a system variable as the data source parameter value. The value of the system variable is automatically inserted into the parameter when the pagelet appears. When you select this option, the pagelet end user cannot modify the data source parameter.

For example, suppose that you specify *%UserId* as the system variable for a User data source parameter field. When the pagelet appears on a user's homepage, the User field is populated by the *%UserId* system variable, which is the user ID used to access the pagelet.

- *User Specified*: Select to enable end users to specify a data source parameter value for this field. When a pagelet contains a user-specified field, the Customize button appears on the pagelet title bar.

End users can click this button to access a personalization page, where they can select a data source parameter value that they want to appear by default on the pagelet when they access it. They can select a value from a prompt, or they can manually enter their own value if no prompt values are available.

If you change the usage type from or to *User Specified* for a data source parameter on a published homepage pagelet, you must unpublish and republish the pagelet.

- *Admin Specified*: Enables users with administrative privileges to specify variables for this field, as well as access the Configure link on the published pagelet and select from those parameters for users.
- *Context Sensitive*: Enables users to specify context sensitivity for OBIEE and embedded pagelets to be used with Context Manager and Related Content Framework.

Default Value

If you select *User Specified* or *Admin Specified* as the usage type and the data source parameter is a required value, you must enter the default value that should appear before a user enters a value. If the data source parameter is not a required value, you do not have to enter a default value.

If you select a default value when defining available user-specified values on the Specify Data Source Parameter Values page, that default value populates this field.

If you select *User Specified* as the usage type, you can enter a system variable as the default value. For example, to make the current date the default value for a user-specified parameter, enter a default value of *%Date*.

If you select *System Variable* as the usage type, you must enter the system variable to use as the data source parameter value.

See [Chapter 11, "Using Pagelet Wizard," Understanding System Variables Supported as Data Source Parameters, page 339](#).

If you select *Fixed* as the usage type, you must enter the fixed value.

You can enter a value that includes the % and * wildcards at the beginning or end of a value in the Default Value field.



If you select *Fixed* as the usage type and the data source parameter has associated prompt values, you can use the Look up Value button to search for available data source parameter values.

If you select *System Variable* as the usage type, you can use the Look up Value button to access a list of valid system variables.

If you select *User Specified* as the usage type, this button does not appear.

User Values

If you select *User Specified* as the usage type, click to access the Specify Data Source Parameter Values page.

See [Chapter 11, "Using Pagelet Wizard," Step 3: Specifying Pagelet Data Source Parameters, page 338](#).

Page Used to Specify Pagelet Data Source Parameters

| <i>Page Name</i> | <i>Definition Name</i> | <i>Navigation</i> | <i>Usage</i> |
|--------------------------------------|------------------------|---|---|
| Specify Data Source Parameters | PTPPB_WIZ_DATAPRMS | <p>PeopleTools, Portal, Pagelet Wizard, Pagelet Wizard</p> <p>Click the Next button on the Select Data Source page, or click the icon for step 3.</p> | <p>Configure the data source parameters required for the data to be displayed on the pagelet. For instance, when entering data source parameters for a query pagelet, you specify input data that extracts output data to the pagelet. The parameters vary depending on the data source selected on the Select Data Source page.</p> <p>This page is accessible only when building a pagelet with a data source that allows modification of associated parameters. These data sources include PeopleSoft Query, search record, and Navigation Collections.</p> <p>Note. This step is not applicable when creating pagelets with an HTML data source.</p> |
| Specify Data Source Parameter Values | PTPPB_WIZ_PRMVALS | Click the Values link on the Specify Data Source Parameters page. | <p>Enter values for the end user to select from when personalizing user-specific parameters on a pagelet.</p> <p>Note. This page is accessible only for data source parameters for which you have selected the <i>User Specified</i> or <i>Admin Specified</i> usage types.</p> |

Specifying HTML Data Source Parameters

When creating an HTML data source pagelet you skip step 3 and go on to step 4 in which you select your pagelet display format.

Specifying IB Connector Data Source Parameters

After selecting *IB Connector* as the data type on the Select Data Source page, access the Specify Data Source Parameter page. (PeopleTools, Portal, Pagelet Wizard, Pagelet Wizard. Select button 3).

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Specify Data Source Parameters

Specify the parameters and their associated options specific to the data source you have selected for your pagelet. Rows showing a selected 'Required' require a Default Value.

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| Data Source Parameters | | | | | |
|------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------------------------------|---------------|------------------------|
| Field Name | Description | *Usage Type | Required | Default Value | |
| CLIENTCERT | CLIENTCERT | Not Used | <input type="checkbox"/> | | Values |
| DIRECTORY | DIRECTORY | Not Used | <input type="checkbox"/> | | |
| ENCODING | ENCODING | Not Used | <input type="checkbox"/> | | |
| FILENAME | FILENAME | Not Used | <input type="checkbox"/> | | |
| FTPS | FTPS | Fixed | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | N | |
| HOSTNAME | HOSTNAME | Fixed | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | | |
| METHOD | METHOD | Fixed | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | PUT | |
| PASSWORD | PASSWORD | Fixed | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | | |
| PORT | PORT | Not Used | <input type="checkbox"/> | 21 | |

Specify Data Source Parameters (IB Connector data source) (1 of 2)

Personalization Instructions

Specify the text that should appear on the personalization page for this pagelet.

Text:

[Reset to Default](#)

Specify Data Source Parameters (IB Connector data source) (2 of 2)

Define the data source parameters for the IB Connector data source. Click the User Values button to set the default values for users.

See *PeopleTools 8.51 PeopleBook: PeopleSoft Integration Broker*, "Understanding PeopleSoft Integration Broker."

See Chapter 11, "Using Pagelet Wizard," Specifying User-Defined Data Source Parameters, page 353.

Specifying Integration Broker Data Source Parameters

After selecting *Integration Broker* as the data type on the Select Data Source page, access the Specify Data Source Parameter page.(PeopleTools, Portal, Pagelet Wizard, Pagelet Wizard. Select button 3)..

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Specify Data Source Parameters

Specify the parameters and their associated options specific to the data source you have selected for your pagelet. Rows showing a selected 'Required' require a Default Value.

Facilities

| Data Source Parameters | | | | | |
|-----------------------------|-------------|-----------------|-------------------------------------|---------------|------------------------|
| Field Name | Description | *Usage Type | Required | Default Value | |
| MCFEM_REQ.MCF_USER | | System Variable | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | | |
| MCFEM_REQ.MCF_UID_LIST | | User Specified | <input type="checkbox"/> | | Values |
| MCFEM_REQ.MCF_SERVER | | Not Used | <input type="checkbox"/> | | |
| MCFEM_REQ.MCF_PORT | | Not Used | <input type="checkbox"/> | | |
| MCFEM_REQ.MCF_PROTOCOL | | Not Used | <input type="checkbox"/> | | |
| MCFEM_REQ.MCF_NUMROWS | | Admin Specified | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | 10 | |
| MCFEM_REQ.MCF_EMSZ_PART | | Not Used | <input type="checkbox"/> | | |
| MCFEM_REQ.MCF_EMSZ_CONN | | Not Used | <input type="checkbox"/> | | |
| MCFEM_REQ.MCF_EMAIL_LANG_CD | | Not Used | <input type="checkbox"/> | | |
| MCFEM_REQ.MCF_PASSWORD | | Not Used | <input type="checkbox"/> | | |
| MCFEM_REQ.MCF_METHODNAME | | Not Used | <input type="checkbox"/> | | |
| MCFEM_REQ.MCF_ATTRROOT | | Not Used | <input type="checkbox"/> | | |

Specify Data Source Parameters (Integration Broker data source)

This step is applicable for the Integration Broker data source if the service operation is based on a structured message or if the message is structured but contains a schema. The structure that is associated with the message is translated into data source parameters on this page.

If the message is unstructured, then no schema structure has been associated with the message. Therefore, no data source parameters can be supplied and Pagelet Wizard bypasses this step.

You must supply values for all rows with the Required option selected.

Personalization Instructions

Use the Personalization Instructions text box to enter custom personalization instructions for the pagelet. These personalization instructions appear on the Personalization page of the pagelet.

Note. Personalization instructions must be translatable.

Specifying Navigation Collection Data Source Parameters

After selecting *Navigation Collection* as the data type on the Select Data Source page, access the Specify Data Source Parameter page.(PeopleTools, Portal, Pagelet Wizard, Pagelet Wizard. Select button 3).

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Specify Data Source Parameters

Specify the parameters and their associated options specific to the data source you have selected for your pagelet. Rows showing a selected 'Required' require a Default Value.

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| Field Name | Description | *Usage Type | Required | Default Value | |
|------------------|------------------|-------------|-------------------------------------|---------------|------------------------|
| .INCLUDECHILDREN | Include Children | Fixed | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Y | Values |
| .MAXCHILDLINKS | Maximum Child I | Fixed | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | 10 | |

[Reset to Default](#)

Specify Data Source Parameters (Navigation Collection data source)

Data Source Parameters

Pagelet Wizard analyzes the selected query and retrieves a list of predefined parameters and any related prompt list values. You cannot add to the list of parameters.

Field Name

Displays the following data source parameters required by the Navigation Collection data source.

.INCLUDECHILDREN: Determines whether the pagelet displays Navigation Collection child links.

.MAXCHILDLINKS: If the pagelet is defined to display child links, determines the maximum number of Navigation Collection child links to display.

Required

This option is selected if the data source parameter must contain a value on the pagelet to retrieve data successfully. For example, the .INCLUDECHILDREN field is required.

If this option is selected and display-only, the value is set in the application class at the API level.

Reset to Default

Click to reset the values on this page to the default values specified by the Navigation Collection data source API.

Values

Click the [Values](#) link to set the default values for users.

See *PeopleTools 8.51 PeopleBook: PeopleSoft Integration Broker*, "Understanding PeopleSoft Integration Broker."

Personalization Instructions

Use the Personalization Instructions text box to enter custom personalization instructions for the pagelet. These personalization instructions appear on the Personalization page of the pagelet.

Note. Personalization instructions must be translatable.

Specifying OBIEE Data Source Parameters

After selecting *OBIEE Report* as the data type on the Select Data Source page, access the Specify Data Source Parameter page.(PeopleTools, Portal, Pagelet Wizard, Pagelet Wizard. Select button 3).

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Specify Data Source Parameters

Specify the parameters and their associated options specific to the data source you have selected for your pagelet. Rows showing a selected 'Required' require a Default Value.

Market by Region

▼ Data Source Parameter Details

Report Filter Expression:

Markets.Region is prompted

| Field Name | Description | *Usage Type | Required | Default Value |
|-------------------|----------------|--|-------------------------------------|---------------|
| 1) Markets.Region | Markets.Region | Fixed ▼ | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | C |

Reset to Default

Specify Data Source Parameter page (OBIEE Report data source)

Data Source Parameters

Pagelet Wizard analyzes the selected OBIEE report and retrieves a list of predefined parameters and any related prompt list values. You cannot add to the list of parameters.

| | |
|-------------------------|--|
| Field Name | Displays the data source parameters that correspond to the OBIEE prompts associated with the selected OBIEE report. Also displays the required system-supplied .MAXROWS query data source parameter that you can use to limit the amount of data returned on the pagelet. |
| Description | This field contains a description that identifies the purpose or location of the OBIEE field. |
| Required | <p>This option is selected if the data source parameter must have a value entered on the pagelet to retrieve data successfully. For example, the .MAXROWS field is required.</p> <p>If this option is selected and display-only, the value is set in the application class at the application programming interface (API) level.</p> <p>If you leave this option cleared, the data source parameter value can be clear at runtime, or it can be entered to refine the data selection criteria.</p> |
| Reset to Default | Click to reset the values on this page to the default values specified by the OBIEE data source API. |

Specifying Query Data Source Parameters

After selecting *PS Query* as the data type on the Select Data Source page, access the Specify Data Source Parameter page.(PeopleTools, Portal, Pagelet Wizard, Pagelet Wizard. Select button 3).

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Specify Data Source Parameters

Specify the parameters and their associated options specific to the data source you have selected for your pagelet. Rows showing a selected 'Required' require a Default Value.
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| Data Source Parameters | | | | |
|------------------------|----------------|-------------|-------------------------------------|---------------|
| Field Name | Description | *Usage Type | Required | Default Value |
| ATTRIBUTE_NUM | Attribute Name | Fixed | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | |
| .MAXROWS | Max Rows | Fixed | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | 10 |

Reset to Default

Specify Data Source Parameters page (PeopleSoft Query data source)

Data Source Parameters

Pagelet Wizard analyzes the selected query and translates the query prompts into the list of pagelet parameters shown in this step. You cannot add to the list of parameters. Most prompts will be marked as required; however, any prompts that are used exclusively in the IN clause of the query will not be marked as required.

Important! Query Prompts that are based on dynamic views should not be used as User Specified data source parameters. Unexpected results will occur.

It is possible to attain advanced functionality with proper design of the query and the Pagelet Wizard pagelet. For example, you might want to create a pagelet that will show open purchase orders for a list of vendors, and allow each user to specify up to five vendors. To achieve this functionality, you would first create a query to retrieve the open purchase orders for up to five vendors. When you create this query, ensure that the five vendor ID prompts are used only in the IN clause of the query. You can then create a pagelet using the PS Query data type and choose the query you have created. The five vendor ID prompts will be shown as data source parameters. However, they will be marked as not required. It will then be possible for end users to specify any number of vendors (up to five) when they personalize the pagelet. Finally, update the personalization instructions on the pagelet to explain to the end users that they may supply up to five vendor IDs.

| | |
|-------------------------|--|
| Field Name | Displays the data source parameters that correspond to the query prompts associated with the selected query. Also displays the required system-supplied .MAXROWS query data source parameter that you can use to limit the amount of data returned on the pagelet. |
| Required | <p>This option is selected if the data source parameter must have a value entered on the pagelet to retrieve data successfully. For example, the .MAXROWS field is required.</p> <p>If this option is selected and display-only, the value is set in the application class at the application programming interface (API) level.</p> <p>If you leave this option cleared, the data source parameter value can be clear at runtime, or it can be entered to refine the data selection criteria.</p> <p>Prompts tied to the IN clause of the query will not be marked as required.</p> |
| Reset to Default | Click to reset the values on this page to the default values specified by the query data source API. |
| Values | Click the Values link to set the default values for users. |

Personalization Instructions

Use the Personalization Instructions text box to enter custom personalization instructions for the pagelet. These personalization instructions appear on the Personalization page of the pagelet.

Note. Personalization instructions must be translatable.

Specifying Rowset Data Source Parameters

When creating a rowset data source pagelet you skip step 3 and go on to step 4 in which you select your pagelet display format.

Specifying Search Record Data Source Parameters

After selecting *Search Record* as the data type on the Select Data Source page, access the Specify Data Source Parameter page.(PeopleTools, Portal, Pagelet Wizard, Pagelet Wizard. Select button 3).

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Specify Data Source Parameters

Specify the parameters and their associated options specific to the data source you have selected for your pagelet. Rows showing a selected 'Required' require a Default Value.
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| Data Source Parameters | | | | | Find | First | 1-3 of 3 | Last |
|------------------------|--------------|-------------|-------------------------------------|---------------|------|-------|----------|------------------------|
| Field Name | Description | *Usage Type | Required | Default Value | | | | |
| OPRID | User ID | Not Used | <input type="checkbox"/> | | | | | |
| .MAXROWS | Max Rows | Fixed | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | 20 | | | | |
| SHOWRESULTS | Show Results | Fixed | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Y | | | | Values |

Reset to Default

Specify Data Source Parameters (search record data source)

Data Source Parameters

Pagelet Wizard analyzes the selected search record and retrieves a list of search keys required for the search record. You cannot add to the list of data source parameters.

For fields that are search keys but that are not displayed on the search prompt page or in the result set for the search record (for example, the setID, Business Unit, Operator ID, and Operclass fields), Pagelet Wizard assimilates the PeopleTools behavior and does not display the keys during design or at runtime. It simply binds in the same values that PeopleTools would use. These values are derived from the default field values established by the user in the PSRECDEFN table.

| | |
|-------------------------|--|
| Field Name | <p>Displays the data source parameters that correspond to the search keys required for the search record. Also displays the required system-supplied .MAXROWS and SHOWRESULTS search record data source parameters.</p> <p>Use the .MAXROWS field to limit the amount of data returned to the pagelet.</p> <p>Use the SHOWRESULTS field to determine whether search results appear on the pagelet.</p> <p>If this field value is set to <i>Y</i>, search record results appear directly on the pagelet with links to transaction data.</p> <p>In addition, if this field value is set to <i>Y</i>, the search results grid displays results based on the supplied data source parameter default key field values. If no defaults are supplied, all results appear, up to the .MAXROWS value defined for the pagelet.</p> <p>If this field value is set to <i>N</i>, the pagelet displays a search prompt for the selected search record. The Search By drop-down list values available on the pagelet are the search keys for the search record.</p> <p>If data source parameter default key field values have been defined, when the pagelet is initially accessed, the default value appears in the begins with pagelet field.</p> |
| Required | <p>This option is selected if the data source parameter must have a value entered on the pagelet to retrieve data successfully. For example, the .MAXROWS and SHOWRESULTS fields are required.</p> <p>If this option is selected and display-only, the value is set in the application class at the API level.</p> <p>Search key values are not required because the search record pagelet supports partially populated keys so that you can define the pagelet to return all possible results.</p> <p>If you leave this option clear, the data source parameter value can be blank at runtime, or the value can be provided to refine the data selection criteria.</p> |
| Reset to Default | <p>Click to reset the values on this page to the default values specified by the search record data source API.</p> |
| Values | <p>Click the Values link to set the default values for users.</p> |

Personalization Instructions

Use the Personalization Instructions text box to enter custom personalization instructions for the pagelet. These personalization instructions appear on the Personalization page of the pagelet.

Note. Personalization instructions must be translatable.

Specifying URL Data Source Parameters

After selecting *URL* as the data type on the Select Data Source page, access the Specify Data Source Parameter page.(PeopleTools, Portal, Pagelet Wizard, Pagelet Wizard. Select button 3).

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Specify Data Source Parameters

Specify the parameters and their associated options specific to the data source you have selected for your pagelet. Rows showing a selected 'Required' require a Default Value.
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| *Field Name | Description | *Usage Type | Required | Default Value | | |
|--------------|---------------------|-------------|-------------------------------------|---------------|---|---|
| .TIMEOUT_MS | Time Out (Millisec) | Not Used | <input type="checkbox"/> | | + | - |
| .PASSCOOKIES | Do not pass cookies | Fixed | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | False | + | - |

Personalization Instructions

Specify the text that should appear on the personalization page for this pagelet.

Text:

Reset to Default

Specify Data Source Parameters page (URL data source)

The data source parameters that you can define on this page correspond to URL query parameters, such as an HTTP GET request.

An HTTP GET request is a URL type for which parameters are placed on the query string separated by ? and &, such as `http://search.yahoo.com/search?p=searchterm`.

For example, the Yahoo! search page URL takes the form: `http://search.yahoo.com/search?p=searchterm`. If you want to make `searchterm` a user-specified data parameter, enter a URL field value of `http://search.yahoo.com/search` in step 2 on the Select Data Source page. In step 3 on this page, add a data source parameter Field Name value of `p` and set its Usage Type field value to *User Specified* with a default value. Pagelet Wizard then adds the `?p=searchterm` value, with the `searchterm` value able to be personalized by the user, to the URL before it retrieves the content to the pagelet.

You can specify a parameter for the number of milliseconds that a data source will wait for a response before timing out on the homepage. When you set `.timeout_ms` you can then enter the number of milliseconds that the system will wait.

Passing Cookies

When the URL request is in the AuthenticationToken domain , then the URL data source will pass all cookies on the request to retrieve the content. (The only exception to this rule is if the request is being made back to the local webserver. In that instance, only the PS_TOKEN cookie will be passed). Any requests to servers outside of the AuthTokenDomain will not have any cookies passed.

To turn off the passing of cookies other than PS_TOKEN, add the parameter .passcookies as a Fixed usage type with a default value of False. Adding this parameter with a value of False will instruct pagelet wizard to only pass the PS_TOKEN cookie (and no other cookies) for requests within the AuthenticationToken domain. Adding the .passcookies parameter with a value of True is not recommended, since this is the same as the default behavior.

Note. Make sure to examine any security impact that passing cookies might present in your configuration before setting this parameter.

Personalization Instructions

Use the Personalization Instructions text box to enter custom personalization instructions for the pagelet. These personalization instructions appear on the Personalization page of the pagelet.

Note. Personalization instructions must be translatable.

Specifying User-Defined Data Source Paramters

Click the User Values button to display the Specify Data Source Parameters page.

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Specify Data Source Parameter Values

List the parameter values available for a user to select for the Data Source Parameter Name.

Field Name: LANGUAGE_CD Lang Cd

| Parameter Values | | | |
|------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-------------------------------------|
| | | Find View All | First 1-25 of 26 Last |
| | Parameter Value | Description | Default |
| 1 | ARA | Arabic | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2 | CFR | Canadian French | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3 | CZE | Czech | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 4 | DAN | Danish | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 5 | DUT | Dutch | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 6 | ENG | English | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 7 | ESP | Spanish | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 8 | FIN | Finnish | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 9 | FRA | French | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 10 | GER | German | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 11 | GRK | Greek | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 12 | HEB | Hebrew | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Specify Data Source Parameter Values page

Select the parameter value to be displayed to the user as the default value for the field. Users can select from this list of valid values when they personalize the pagelet.

Step 4: Selecting a Pagelet Display Format

This section discusses how to select a display format. This is step 4 in the Pagelet Wizard pagelet creation process.

Page Used to Select a Pagelet Display Format

| Page Name | Definition Name | Navigation | Usage |
|-----------------------|--------------------|--|--|
| Select Display Format | PTPPB_WIZ_DISPFRMT | PeopleTools, Portal, Pagelet Wizard, Pagelet Wizard Click the Next button on the Specify Data Source Parameters page, or click the icon for step 4. | Specify the data transformation method and display format for the pagelet. |

Selecting a Display Format

Access the Select Display Format page (PeopleTools, Portal, Pagelet Wizard, Pagelet Wizard. Select button 4).





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Select Display Format

Select the format in which you would like your pagelet data rendered.

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| Specify Display Options | | First | 1-4 of 4 | Last |
|----------------------------------|--|---|----------|------|
| | Name | Description | | |
| <input checked="" type="radio"/> |  Table | Display your pagelet data in tabular format, with customizable columns, visual display and ordering | | |
| <input type="radio"/> |  List | Display your pagelet data as a numbered or bulleted list | | |
| <input type="radio"/> |  Chart | Display your pagelet data as line, bar, pie or histogram chart, complete with customizable display options and drilldown capabilities | | |
| <input type="radio"/> |  Custom | Specify your own custom display transformation (XSL template) for your pagelet | | |

Select Display Format page

Select the format to use for the pagelet. The display formats available for selection on this page depend on the data source you have selected on the Select Data Source page. Options are:

| | |
|--------------------|---|
| Table | Available for query and rowset data source pagelets. |
| List | Available for query and rowset data source pagelets. |
| Chart | Available for query and rowset data source pagelets. |
| Menu | Available for Navigation Collection data source pagelets. |
| Search List | Available for search record data source pagelets. |
| Passthru | Available for HTML and OBIEE source pagelets. |
| Custom | Available for HTML, Navigation Collection, query, rowset, and search record data source pagelets. |

See Also

Chapter 11, "Using Pagelet Wizard," Step 5: Specifying Pagelet Display Options, page 356

Step 5: Specifying Pagelet Display Options

This section lists common elements and discusses specifying pagelet display options. This is step 5 in the Pagelet Wizard pagelet creation process. Specifically, this section discusses how to:

- Specify table display options.
- Specify passthru display options.
- Specify search list display options.
- Specify menu display options.
- Specify list display options.
- Specify chart display options.
- Specify custom display options.
- Specify data link details.
- Specify URL and newsfeed options.

Common Elements Used in This Section

This table discusses common elements used in this section.



Click the Link Options icon to display the Link Details page where you can associate URLs with field values, which at runtime appear on the pagelet as active links that you click to access additional relevant information.

See Chapter 11, "Using Pagelet Wizard," Specifying Data Link Details, page 377.

Additional Text

The Additional Text group box contains options to add headers, footers, opening text, and closing text to a pagelet.

Header

Select a pagelet header. You can select from headers that are defined on the Define Header page.

See Chapter 11, "Using Pagelet Wizard," Defining Headers, page 317.

Opening Text

Select the type of opening text that you want to appear on the pagelet. Options are:

Freeform Text/HTML: The Text field appears. Enter the opening text that appears on the pagelet.

Message Catalog Entry: The Message Set and Number fields appear. Select the message set and message number that appear as opening text on the pagelet. You can select from the messages defined in the database.

See *PeopleTools 8.51 PeopleBook: System and Server Administration*, "Using PeopleTools Utilities," Message Catalog.

Show "View Source Data" Link

Displays when *PS Query* is selected as the data source for a pagelet. Select to display the Full Query Results link on the pagelet. Click the Full Query Results link to access the full results of the query used for the pagelet.

Closing Text

Select the type of closing text that appears on the pagelet. Options are:

Freeform Text/HTML: The Text field appears. Enter the closing text that appears on the pagelet.

Message Catalog Entry: The Message Set and Number fields appear. Select the message set and message number that appear as closing text on the pagelet. You can select from the messages defined in the database.

See *PeopleTools 8.51 PeopleBook: System and Server Administration*, "Using PeopleTools Utilities," Message Catalog.

Footer

Select a pagelet footer. You can select from footers that are defined on the Define Footer page.

See Chapter 11, "Using Pagelet Wizard," Defining Footers, page 320.

Search Options

The Search Options group box contains the options to override the default search functionality for the current pagelet only.

See Chapter 11, "Using Pagelet Wizard," Search Application Class, page 312.

Search Box

Select a value from these options to determine the location of the search box:

- *None* – Do not show the search box. This is the default option.
- *Top Left* – The search box appears at the top left corner of the pagelet, above the pagelet content but below any header and opening text.
- *Top Right* – The search box appears at the top right corner of the pagelet, above the pagelet content but below the header and opening text.
- *Bottom Left* – The search box appears at the bottom left corner of the pagelet, below the pagelet content but above any footer and closing text.
- *Bottom Right* – The search box appears at the bottom right corner of the pagelet, below the pagelet content but above any footer and closing text.
- *Inline XSL* – A PSSEARCHBOX node must be written into the transformation XSL to indicate where the search box appears. If there are multiple PSSEARCHBOX nodes in the pagelet content after the transformation, only the first node is replaced by the Search box. The PASSTHRU display format does not support this type of search box. If the display format is PASSTHRU, no search box appears in the pagelet.

Package

Enter the application class package name that you want to use to define and build the search for the pagelet.

Path

Enter the names—delimited by colons—of each subpackage in the hierarchy that drills down to the class that contains the method used to define and build the search for the pagelet.

Class ID

Enter the application class name that you want to use to define and build the search for the pagelet. The class must exist in the application package and subpackage that you specify.

Note. If you have not defined default Search Option values for the data type on the Define Data Types page (PeopleTools, Portal, Pagelet Wizard, Define Data Types), the Package, Path, and Class ID fields have no default values. You must enter values if you want to activate the pagelet search feature.

Customization

The Customization group box contains the option to customize your pagelet.

Customize

Click to customize the pagelet by applying a custom XSL template, or by directly editing the XSL resulting from the pagelet display options you have defined so far. When you click Customize, you switch from a non-custom display format selected on the Select Display Format page, to a custom format of your definition.

The XSL field is populated based upon preexisting display options set for the original non-custom display format. You can edit the XSL directly in the XSL field and retain as much of the original non-custom display options as you wish. Keep in mind that if you apply an XSL template using the XSL Template field, the XSL is regenerated based on the selected template and original non-custom display options you have set may be overridden. Making any edits to the XSL, either directly or by assigning a template, disconnects the pagelet definition from the original non-custom display format.


When you click the Customize button, the current pagelet definition is saved for restoration purposes. You can revert to this pre-customization pagelet definition by clicking the Undo Customizations button.

Clicking this button assigns your pagelet to the Custom design format on the Select Display Format page - Step 4. When you return to the Specify Publishing Options page - Step 5, you will access the version of the page for the Custom display format.

See Chapter 11, "Using Pagelet Wizard," *Specifying Custom Display Options*, page 375.

Pages Used to Specify Pagelet Display Options

| Page Name | Definition Name | Navigation | Usage |
|--|------------------------|---|---|
| Specify Display Options (table format) | PTPPB_WIZ_DISP_TBL | PeopleTools, Portal, Pagelet Wizard, Pagelet Wizard Select <i>Table</i> as the display format and click the Next button on the Select Display Format page, or click the icon for the step 5. | Enter pagelet table formatting details and header and footer options. Preview the pagelet. |
| Set Thresholds | PTPPB_WIZ_TRSHVALS | Select the Set Thresholds button in the Table Options of Step 5 in Pagelet Wizard. | Specify the default threshold options for tables in pagelets. |
| Specify Display Options (passthru format) | PTPPB_WIZ_DISP_PST | PeopleTools, Portal, Pagelet Wizard, Pagelet Wizard Select <i>Passthru</i> as the display format and click the Next button on the Select Display Format page, or click the icon for step 5. | Enter pagelet passthru formatting details and header and footer options. Preview the pagelet. |

| Page Name | Definition Name | Navigation | Usage |
|---|------------------------|---|--|
| Specify Display Options (search list format) | PTPPB_WIZ_DISP_SRC | PeopleTools, Portal, Pagelet Wizard, Pagelet Wizard Select the <i>Search List</i> as the display format and click the Next button on the Select Display Format page, or click the icon for step 5. | Enter pagelet search list formatting details and header and footer options. Preview the pagelet. |
| Specify Display Options (menu format) | PTPPB_WIZ_DISP_NAV | PeopleTools, Portal, Pagelet Wizard, Pagelet Wizard Select <i>Menu</i> as the display format and click the Next button on the Select Display Format page, or click the icon for step 5. | Enter pagelet menu formatting details and header and footer options. Preview the pagelet. |
| Specify Display Options (list format) | PTPPB_WIZ_DISP_LST | PeopleTools, Portal, Pagelet Wizard, Pagelet Wizard Select <i>List</i> as the display format and click the Next button on the Select Display Format page, or click the icon for step 5. | Enter pagelet list formatting details and header and footer options. Preview the pagelet. |
| Specify Display Options (chart format) | PTPPB_WIZ_DISP_CHT | PeopleTools, Portal, Pagelet Wizard, Pagelet Wizard Select <i>Chart</i> as the display format and click the Next button on the Select Display Format page, or click the icon for step 5. | Enter pagelet chart formatting details and header and footer options. Preview the pagelet. |
| Specify Display Options (custom format) | PTPPB_WIZ_DISP_CUS | PeopleTools, Portal, Pagelet Wizard, Pagelet Wizard Select <i>Custom</i> as the display format and click the Next button on the Select Display Format page, or click the icon for step 5. | Enter pagelet custom formatting details and header and footer options. Preview the pagelet. |
| Link Details | PTPPB_WIZ_LINK_DTL | Click the Link Options  icon on the Specify Display Options page. | Enter linking details that associate URLs with pagelet field values so that at runtime data appears on the pagelet as active links that you click to access additional relevant information. |

Specifying Table Display Options

After selecting the *Table* option on the Select Display Format page, select the Specify Display Options page (PeopleTools, Portal, Pagelet Wizard, Pagelet Wizard. Select button 4).

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Specify Display Options

Specify the visual options related to the display format for your pagelet.

New Construction Update

Table Options

☒ Display Gridlines
☒ Display Alternate-Row Shading
☐ Display Row Numbers

Columns

| Column Name | *Alignment | | | |
|----------------|------------|--|---|---|
| MESSAGE_SET_NE | Defau | | + | - |
| DESCRSHORT | Defau | | + | - |
| DESCR | Defau | | + | - |

Set Thresholds

Additional Text

Header v

Opening Text v

☐ Show "View Source Data" Link

Closing Text v

Footer v

Search Options

Search is supported for homepage pagelets and embeddable pagelets only.

*Search Box No Search Box v

Custom Search Class

Customization

Customize

Pagelet Preview

| Set | Short Desc | Description |
|-----|------------|-------------------------------|
| 1 | Title Bar | PeopleTools Message Bar Items |
| 2 | PeopleCode | PeopleCode |
| 3 | GEN | General Tools Messages |
| 4 | HPR | Help Processor |
| 5 | HTM | Help Text Manager |
| 6 | IMP | Import Definition Manager |
| 7 | OPNQRY | Open Query API |
| 8 | PCEdit | PeopleCode Editor |
| 9 | MDM | Menu Definition Manager |
| 10 | CCONTROL | Change Control |

Specify Display Options page (table display format)

Table Options

Select options that will display grid lines, alternate row shading, and row numbers on the table-formatted pagelet.

Columns

Column Name

Displays possible column headings provided by the selected data source parameters. Use the drop-down list boxes to set the order in which the columns appear on the table-formatted pagelet. Use the Add button or the Delete button to add or remove columns.

Alignment

Specify the alignment of the text in the column. Options are *Center*, *Left*, and *Right*.



Link Options

Click the Link Options icon to display the Link Details page where you can associate URLs with field values, which at runtime appear on the pagelet as active links that you click to access additional relevant information.

See [Chapter 11, "Using Pagelet Wizard," Specifying Data Link Details, page 377.](#)

Setting Thresholds

Access the Set Thresholds page by clicking the Set Thresholds button.

Pagelet Wizard

Set Thresholds

Specify the default threshold options. Check "Allow User Thresholds" to allow users of this pagelet to individually set threshold values. Settings for 'Allowed Comparators' will affect the comparator values that are available for the Default Thresholds and end user's personalization pages.

Allowed Comparators

Select 'Number Only' or 'Text Only' in order to limit the available comparator options.

| Column Name | *Allowed Comparators |
|--------------|----------------------|
| Users | All |
| Portal Label | All |

☐ Allow User Thresholds

Default Thresholds

| | *Column Name | *Comparator | *Value | *Highlight | *Color | | | | |
|---|--------------|-------------|--------|------------|--------|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | | | | | | ↑ | ↓ | + | - |

OK


Cancel

Set Thresholds page

Use the Set Thresholds page to set the column alignment and threshold options.

| | |
|------------------------------|--|
| Allowed Comparators | The system displays the column names and enables you to set the comparators for that column based on numbers, text, or both. |
| Allow User Thresholds | Select this check box to enable users to set their own threshold values for the table from the Personalization page. |

Set the display order and attributes of each column. Use the up and down arrows to change the display order of the columns, if necessary. Each column threshold can have a unique color associated with it—duplicates are allowed. If more than one threshold rule applies for a given value, the rule that is positioned highest in the list is the one that is applied.

| | |
|--|---|
| Column Name | Select the column name from the drop-down list box. |
| Comparator | Select a comparator value for each column |
| Value | Enter the threshold value for the column. When this value is reached, the highlight and color attributes become active. |
| Highlight | If you choose to have highlighting for the threshold, select either the entire row or just a single cell. |
| Color | Select the color for the column. |
|  | Use the arrows to move each individual column up or down in the table. |

Pagelet Preview

Displays a preview of the pagelet based on most display option settings on this page.

Specifying Passthru Display Options

After selecting the *Passthru* option on the Select Display Format page, select the Specify Display Options page(PeopleTools, Portal, Pagelet Wizard, Pagelet Wizard. Select button 5).

Note. For OBIEE Reports, *Passthru* is the only display format option.

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Specify Display Options

Specify the visual options related to the display format for your pagelet.

Market by Region

Additional Text

Header

Opening Text

Text

Text entered here appears directly ABOVE pagelet details.

Closing Text

Message Set Number

Footer

Search Options

Search is supported for homepage pagelets and embeddable pagelets only.

*Search

Box

▶ Custom Search Class

Pagelet Preview

Text entered here appears directly ABOVE pagelet details.

Market Detail

| Region | Market |
|-------------------|---------------------|
| CENTRAL REGION | CHICAGO |
| | CINCINNATI |
| | COLUMBUS |
| | DES MOINES |
| | DETROIT |
| | GRAND RAPIDS |
| | INDIANAPOLIS |
| | KANSAS CITY |
| | LOUISVILLE |
| | MILWAUKEE |
| | MINNEAPOLIS |
| | OKLAHOMA CITY/TULSA |
| | OMAHA |
| ST. LOUIS | |

This closing text is derived from from Message Set 21000, Message Number 1.

Specify Display Options page (passthru display format)

Additional Text

Header

Select a value from this field to display a header below the Title bar, but above the Opening Text.

Opening Text

Select a value to include opening text *above* the pagelet details.

Select from these values:

- *Freeform Text/HTML*

Select to enable the Text field and manually enter static text or HTML.

- *Message Catalog*

Select to enter a message set and message number to derive the opening text from the message catalog.

Text

Enter text or HTML.

Closing Text

Select a value to include opening text *below* the pagelet details.

Select from these values:

- *Freeform Text/HTML*

Select this value to enter freeform text or paste in HTML in the Text field to display text or to render HTML in the pagelet.

- *Message Catalog*

Select this value to enter a message set and message number to derive the closing text from the message catalog.

Footer

Select a value from this field to display a footer above the Footer bar, but below the Closing Text.

Pagelet Preview

Displays a preview of the pagelet based on most display option settings on this page.

Specifying Search List Display Options

After selecting the *Search List* option on the Select Display Format page, select the Specify Display Options page(PeopleTools, Portal, Pagelet Wizard, Pagelet Wizard. Select button 4).

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Specify Display Options

Specify the visual options related to the display format for your pagelet.

Search Pagelet

▼ Additional_text

Header PeopleSoft Logo

Opening Text

Closing Text

Footer Powered by PeopleSoft

▼ Customization

Customize

▼ Pagelet Preview

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BUSINESS INTERLINK

BUSPROC DEFINITION

CHANGE CONTROL

COBOL DEFINITION

CONTENT DEFINITION

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Specify Display Options page (search list display format)

Pagelet Preview

Displays a preview of the pagelet based on most display option settings on this page.

Specifying Menu Display Options

After selecting the *Menu* option on the Select Display Format page, select the Specify Display Options page (PeopleTools, Portal, Pagelet Wizard, Pagelet Wizard. Select button 4).

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Specify Display Options

Specify the visual options related to the display format for your pagelet.

NC Pagelet

Menu Options

☒ **Top Level Title**

☐ **Top Level Description**

***Maximum Columns**

1

***Display Order**

Left/Right

☐ **Alternate Row Shading**

***Parent Images**

Large Images

☒ **Parent Descriptions**

***Child Display Type**

List with Images

Additional_text

Header

PeopleSoft Logo

Opening Text

Closing Text

Footer

Customization

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 Set up tax structures

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Specify Display Options page (menu display format)

Menu Options

Top Level Title

Select to have the menu pagelet display the top-level title defined in the underlying Navigation Collection.

Top Level Description

Select to have the menu pagelet display the top-level description defined in the underlying Navigation Collection.

Maximum Columns

Select the number of columns to display (options are *1* through *4*) on the Navigation Collection menu pagelet. Narrow pagelets display contents in one column. Wide pagelets can display contents in up to four columns.

See [Chapter 11, "Using Pagelet Wizard," Overview of Pagelet Wizard Display Sizes, page 300.](#)

Display Order

Select the order in which you want Navigation Collection elements to appear on the menu pagelet. When you create a Navigation Collection, you define the order of folders and links in the collection using options in the Placement Properties group box on the Edit Folder page and the Edit Link page. Options are:

Left to Right: Select to display the elements from left to right on the menu pagelet.

Top to Bottom. Select to display the elements from top to bottom on the menu pagelet.

Alternate Row Shading

Select to display alternate row shading on the menu-formatted pagelet.

Parent Images

Select the type of images you want to display for parent-level Navigation Collection elements (folders) on the menu pagelet. When you create a Navigation Collection, the collection definition includes specified large and small images that appear for parent-level elements in the Navigation Collection. Options are:

Large Images: Select to have the menu pagelet display the large folder image defined for the underlying Navigation Collection.

No Images: Select to prevent parent-level images from appearing on the menu pagelet.

Small Images: Select to have the menu pagelet display the small folder image defined for the underlying Navigation Collection.

Parent Descriptions

Select to have the menu pagelet display parent-level folder descriptions defined in the underlying Navigation Collection.

Child Display Type

Select the display type for child links on the menu pagelet. Options are:

Comma Delimited: Displays the maximum number of child links separated by commas.

List with Images: Displays the maximum number of child links accompanied by icons. This icon is the small content image selected in the Navigation Collection system or registry options for the underlying Navigation Collection.

Simple List: Displays the maximum number of child links, one child link per row. No bullets, numbers, or icons appear in the list.

Pagelet Preview

Displays a preview of the pagelet based on most display option settings on this page.

See Also

Chapter 4, "Working With Navigation Pages," Navigation Collections, page 48

Specifying List Display Options

After selecting the *List* option on the Select Display Format page, select the Specify Display Options page (PeopleTools, Portal, Pagelet Wizard, Pagelet Wizard. Select button 4).

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Specify Display Options

Specify the visual options related to the display format for your pagelet.

Query Pagelet

List Options

*List Display Type: Bulleted List

List Field Name: MESSAGE_TEXT

☒ Alternate-Row Shading

Additional_text

Header: PeopleSoft Logo

Opening Text:

☒ Show "View Source Data" Link

Closing Text:

Footer: Powered by PeopleSoft

Customization

Customize

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- Invalid name.
- Not all selected definitions were added to the "Included Definitions" list.
- Not all selected definitions made it into the "Excluded Definitions" list.

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Specify Display Options page (list display format)

List Options

List Display Type

Select the list format for displaying query results on the list pagelet. Options are:

Bulleted List: Displays query results in a bulleted list.

Numbered List: Displays query results in a numbered list.

Simple List: Displays query results in a list with no bullets or numbers.

- | | |
|------------------------------|---|
| List Field Name | Select the field whose values are displayed in the list on the pagelet. |
| Alternate-Row Shading | Select to use alternate-row shading on the list pagelet. |

Pagelet Preview

Displays a preview of the pagelet based on most display option settings on this page.

Specifying Chart Display Options

After selecting the *Chart* option on the Select Display Format page, select the Specify Display Options page (PeopleTools, Portal, Pagelet Wizard, Pagelet Wizard. Select button 4).

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Specify Display Options

Specify the visual options related to the display format for your pagelet.

Popular Pagelet Chart

Chart Options

Chart Type2D Bar Chart

X-Axis FieldPORTAL_LABEL

X-Axis Title

X Label Angle90

Y Axis Datain Columns

Data is in multiple columns.

Y-Axis Fields

| Y-Axis Field | Color | | | |
|--------------|---------|--|---|---|
| COUNT(*) | Default | | + | - |

Y-Axis Title

Y Title Angle

Advanced Options

3D Angle

Legend

Height

Width218

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Popular pagelet usage.

| Pagelet | Usage |
|---------------------|-------|
| Company News | 1.0 |
| custom | 1.0 |
| Enterprise Menu | 1.0 |
| Message Sets | 1.0 |
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Specify Display Options page (chart display format) (1 of 2)

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The screenshot shows a web-based configuration interface. At the top is an 'Overlay Field' section with a dropdown menu and '+' and '-' buttons. Below this is the 'Additional Text' section, which contains several labeled input fields: 'Header' with the value 'PeopleSoft Logo', 'Opening Text' with 'Freeform Text/HTML', 'Text' with 'Popular pagelet usage.', a checkbox labeled 'Show "View Source Data" Link' which is checked, 'Closing Text', and 'Footer' with 'Powered by PeopleSoft'. At the bottom is the 'Customization' section, which features a prominent yellow button labeled 'Customize'.

Specify Display Options page (chart display format) (2 of 2)

To generate a chart pagelet using Pagelet Wizard, you include information related to the chart's *x* axis and *y* axis. The *y* axis is the axis that contains the query data. In most charts, the *y* axis is the vertical axis. However, in a horizontal bar chart, the *y* axis is the horizontal axis. The *x* axis is the axis against which the *y*-axis data is measured.

For example, a chart pagelet may have a *y* axis that displays the number of times that a pagelet has been accessed. This access count can be displayed against an *x* axis that shows the name of the pagelet accessed.

Chart Options

| | |
|----------------------|---|
| Chart Type | Select the type of chart used to display the query results on the pagelet. Available chart formats are those supported by the PeopleCode Chart class. See <i>PeopleTools 8.51 PeopleBook: PeopleCode API Reference</i> , "Charting Classes." |
| X-Axis Field | Select the field used to derive <i>x</i> -axis values for the chart. Available values are determined by the data source's output fields. |
| X-Axis Label | Select the field you want to use to derive the labels for the <i>x</i> -axis values for the chart. Available values are determined by the data source's output fields. |
| X Label Angle | Enter the angle at which you want the text of the <i>x</i> -axis labels to appear along the <i>x</i> -axis on the pagelet. |

Y Axis Data

Select to indicate whether the y-axis data is stored in rows or columns in the selected query. This enables Pagelet Wizard to read query data and generate the chart.

in Columns: Select if the y-axis data is stored in columns.

For example, you might have query data stored as shown below:

| Quarter | Revenue | Profit |
|----------------|----------------|---------------|
| Q1 | 3562 | 1010 |
| Q2 | 3473 | 1290 |
| Q3 | 4568 | 1490 |
| Q4 | 5668 | 2769 |

Y Axis Data (continued)

in Rows: Select if the y-axis data to be used to generate the chart is stored in rows.

For example, you might have query data stored as shown below:

| Quarter | Type | Value |
|----------------|-------------|--------------|
| Q1 | Revenue | 3562 |
| Q1 | Profit | 1010 |
| Q2 | Revenue | 3473 |
| Q2 | Profit | 1290 |
| Q3 | Revenue | 4568 |
| Q3 | Profit | 1490 |
| Q4 | Revenue | 5668 |
| Q4 | Profit | 2769 |

Y-Axis Field

Select the field that you want to use to derive y-axis values for the chart. Available values are determined by the data source's output fields.

If you set the Y Axis Data field to *in Columns*, you can select up to four y-axis fields to create a chart pagelet that displays data for multiple fields. For example, if you track sales figures for several departments over multiple years, you can assign each department its own y-axis value.

| | |
|--------------------------------|--|
| Color | Select the color for the y-axis data. If you select multiple y-axis fields, selecting a different color for each field improves pagelet usability. This option is available only if the y-axis data is in stored columns. |
| Y-Axis Series | This field is available if the Y Axis Data field is set to in <i>Rows</i> . Select the field used to generate a color-coded series of y-axis data. Colors are automatically assigned, but you can override them by supplying custom XSL. |
| <i>Advanced Options</i> | |
| 3D Angle | If you select a 3D chart type, enter the angle at which you want the 3D data to be displayed. |
| Legend | Select the area of the pagelet where the chart legend appears. Options are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Bottom</i> • <i>Left</i> • <i>None</i> • <i>Right</i> • <i>Top</i> |
| Height | Enter the height of the chart in pixels. |
| Width | Enter the width of the chart in pixels. If you do not enter height or width values, the chart is automatically sized based on the pagelet position and size (narrow or wide). <u>See Chapter 11, "Using Pagelet Wizard," Overview of Pagelet Wizard Display Sizes, page 300.</u> |
| Overlay Fields | Select up to three fields for which you want to display data using a line drawn over the background chart. Overlays apply to all charts types except 2D and 3D pie charts. |

Pagelet Preview

Displays a preview of the pagelet based on most display option settings on this page.

Specifying Custom Display Options

After selecting the *Custom* option on the Select Display Format page, select the Specify Display Options page (PeopleTools, Portal, Pagelet Wizard, Pagelet Wizard. Select button 4).

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Specify Display Options

Specify the visual options related to the display format for your pagelet.

Custom Pagelet

▼ Custom Options

XSL Template Table

Generate

XML

<?xml version="1.0" standalone="yes"?>
<queryresult><queryproperties><querylink
><URL>http://adas0112/psp/pa890dvl/EMP
LOYEE/EMPL/inf?

XSL

<?xml version="1.0" ?>
<!--
Description: XSL T supplied with the

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Set Msg Severity Message

| | | | |
|---|---|---|--|
| 1 | 1 | M | Distributed Object Manager: Help Name=%1 Language=%2 |
| 1 | 2 | M | Distributed Object Manager: Message Set=%2 Language=%1 |
| 1 | 3 | M | Distributed Object Manager: Program=%1 |
| 1 | 4 | M | Distributed Object Manager: Page=%1 Language=%2 |
| 1 | 5 | M | Distributed Object Manager: Record=%1 Language=%2 |

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▼ Additional_text

Header PeopleSoft Logo

Opening Text

☒ Show "View Source Data" Link

Closing Text

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Specify Display Options page (custom display format)

Custom Options

XSL Template

Select the XSL template used to generate the custom format pagelet. Available XSL templates are defined on the Define XSL page. Only XSL templates defined for the selected data source are displayed.

See [Chapter 11, "Using Pagelet Wizard," Defining Pagelet Wizard XSL Prototypes, page 314.](#)

Generate

Click to generate custom XSL for the pagelet based on the selected XSL template. This XSL is displayed in the XSL text box and is applied to the XML in the XML text box to generate the pagelet preview.

Pagelet Preview

Displays a preview of the pagelet based on most display option settings on this page.

Specifying Data Link Details

Access the Link Details page (Click the Link Options icon).

Pagelet Wizard
Link Details

Specify the details of the Link.

Link Type: ☐ Content Reference ☒ External URL

Base URL: Fixed Text Entry [dropdown] [text field]

Link Paths First [dropdown] 1 of 1 [dropdown] Last

| *Path Source | Parameter Value |
|-----------------------------|-----------------|
| Fixed Text Entry [dropdown] | [text field] |

Link Parameters First [dropdown] 1 of 1 [dropdown] Last

| *Name Source | Parameter Name | Parameter Value |
|-----------------------------|----------------|-----------------|
| Fixed Text Entry [dropdown] | [text field] | [text field] |

Link Suffix: Fixed Text Entry [dropdown] [text field]

Link Behavior: ☒ Display in the portal ☐ Open in a new window

Reset to Default

OK Cancel

Link Details page

You can access this page for field or column names that appear on the Specify Display Options page if you select the table, rowset, list, and chart formats. Entering information on the Link Details page enables you to associate URLs with field values, which at runtime appear on the pagelet as active links that you click to access additional relevant information.

Pagelet Wizard builds the column data link as follows using link path, parameter, and suffix values:

`http://baseURL/linkpath1/linkpath2/.../linkpathN/?parm1=val1&parm2=val2&...&parmN=valNlinksuffix`

Link Type

Select the type of link destination to define for the data. Options are:

Content Reference: Select to define data links to a content reference.

External URL: Select to define data links to an external URL.

Portal Name

Select the portal in which the content reference resides. This field appears when you select *Content Reference* as the link type.

Content Reference

Select the content reference to which the link points. This field appears when you select *Content Reference* as the link type.

Base URL

Enter the URL to which you want the link to point. This field appears when you select *External URL* as the link type. Options are:

Specified by Data: Select to have the system dynamically generate the link information based on the selected data field.

Fixed Text Entry: Select to hardcode the link information by entering a value.

Link Paths**Path Source**

Select the method used to determine the link destination. Options are:

Specified by Data: Select to have the system dynamically generate the link information based on the selected data field.

Fixed Text Entry: Select to hardcode the link information by entering a value.

Link Path

This field appears if you select *Specified by Data* as the path source. Select the data field used to generate the link.

Parameter Value

This field appears if you select *Fixed Text Entry* as the path source. Enter a parameter value.

Link Parameters**Name Source**

Select the method used to determine the link destination. Options are:

Specified by Data: Select to have the system dynamically generate the link information based on the selected data field.

Fixed Text Entry: Select to hardcode the link information by entering a value.

Parameter Name

Enter a value that corresponds to the value in the Parameter Value field.

Parameter Value

If you have selected *Specified by Data* as the name source, select a data field.

If you have selected *Fixed Text Entry* as the name source, enter a parameter value.

Link Suffix

Select the method used to determine the link destination.

Specified by Data: Select to have the system dynamically generate the link information based on the selected data field.

Fixed Text Entry: Select to hardcode the link information by entering a value.

If you have selected *Specified by Data* as the link suffix, select a data field.

If you have selected *Fixed Text Entry* as the link suffix, enter a parameter value.

Link Behavior

Options are:

Display in portal: Select if you want the content accessed by the data link to be displayed within the portal.

Open in a new window: Select if you want the content accessed by the data link to be displayed in a new window.

Reset to Default

Click to clear the values on this page and remove the link.

PeopleTools Portal Technologies XSL Templates

PeopleTools Portal Technologies delivers seven XSL templates that enable you to transform content from internet news sources that use industry-standard formats such as RSS and ATOM. When selecting the URL data source and the Custom Display Format, the following additional templates appear in the drop-down list box in Step 5 of Pagelet Wizard.

These include:

- ATOM 0.3
- ATOM 1.0
- RSS
- RSS 0.91 - 0.93
- RSS 1.0
- RSS 2.0
- Skeletal XSL

Select the appropriate XSL template from the list and click the Generate button. The formatted news articles will appear in the pagelet preview on the right side.

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Next >

Specify Display Options

Specify the visual options related to the display format for your pagelet.

URL Test

Custom Options

XSL Template RSS 0.91-0.93

Generate

XML
 <?xml version="1.0" ?><!DOCTYPE rss
 PUBLIC "-//Netscape
 Communications//DTD RSS
 0.91//EN" "http://my.netscape.com/publishif

XSL
 <?xml version="1.0"?>
 <!-- RSS 0.91, 0.92, 0.93 XSLT -->
 <xsl:stylesheet version="1.0"
 xmlns:xsl="http://www.w3.org/1999/XSL/Tra

Additional_text

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Opening Text


Closing Text

Footer

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Wired News

Wired News, a pioneer in online journalism, has been at the forefront of daily technology news coverage since its launch in 1996. The site's mission is to provide an original, lively and timely chronicle of how technology affects our lives, for better or worse.



- [Careful Where You Put That Tree](#)
Think you're doing the Earth a favor by planting a tree? Not so fast -- new research shows forest locations could make or break efforts to combat global warming. By Elizabeth Svoboda.
- [All the World's a Podcast](#)
It's incredibly easy to create and syndicate your own audio content. Here's how. By Michael Calore.

Step 5 of Pagelet Wizard with formatted newsfeed

Step 6: Specifying Pagelet Publication Options

This section discusses common elements used in this section and how to specify pagelet publication options. This is step 6 in the Pagelet Wizard pagelet creation process.

Common Elements Used in This Section

This section discusses common elements used in this section.

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Enable Caching

Select to enable caching for the pagelet. Enabling caching improves performance because once the pagelet is stored in the cache memory, the next time the pagelet is accessed, it is retrieved and displayed from cache memory instead of requiring a trip to the server. Selecting this option displays the Caching Options group box.

See Add link to the Caching Options section below

WSRP Portlet

Select this option if you intend this pagelet to be produced by PeopleSoft as WSRP portlet.

Web Services for Remote Portlets (WSRP) is a standard that defines the way in which remote web services should plug into the pages of a portal. WSRP standards allow you to easily embed a remote web service into a portal. The portal then displays interactive content and services that are dynamically updated from the remote servers.

When creating WSRP portlets in Pagelet Wizard, consider the following aspects of WSRP portlet publishing:

- Pagelet rendering.

If the pagelet contains links, the links may transfer to the PeopleSoft portal, or stay in-line within the portlet, or consuming portal. If the links point to the PeopleSoft portal, then access to the PeopleSoft system by the browser is necessary. Therefore, in many cases, remote portals consuming WSRP portlets must employ single signon between the consuming portal and the PeopleSoft portal for them to be fully functional.

- Pagelet personalization.

Edit mode as defined by WSRP standards is equivalent to personalization mode in PeopleSoft portals. If the Pagelet being WSRP produced can be personalized (as in, it has user-specified parameters), then the produced WSRP portlet will support edit mode. When in edit mode, invalid entries on the personalization page invoke error messages by way of WSRP.

- WSRP production.

Selecting the WSRP Portlet option on the Specify Publishing Options page will cause the pagelet to be registered for WSRP production.

See [Chapter 16, "Understanding Web Services For Remote Portlets \(WSRP\)," page 557](#) and [Chapter 18, "Using WSRP to Consume and Produce Remote Portlets," page 583](#).

Caching Options

Entering caching options creates a content reference attribute for the new pagelet content reference. The content reference attribute contains the following information:

- Name: *PSCACHECONTROL*

- Label: *PSCache-Control*
- Attribute value: <Caching type field value>;max-age=<Minutes to Cache field value>

Once the pagelet is saved and registered, you can use Pagelet Wizard to alter caching options in the same way you can alter other registration information. However, altering caching option values will require that you re-register the pagelet.

See [Chapter 5, "Administering Portals," Administering Content References, page 121.](#)

Caching Type

Private. Select to enable user-based caching. For example, pagelet caching is stored per user. If user A accesses the pagelet, only user A will access the pagelet from the cache.

Public. Select to enable application-based caching. For example, pagelet caching is stored per web server instance. If a user accesses the pagelet using web server instance 1, only other users accessing the pagelets using web server instance 1 will access the pagelet from the cache.

Role. Select to enable role-based caching. For example, pagelet caching is stored per role combination. If user A has roles 1, 2, and 3, only another user with all roles 1, 2, and 3 will access the pagelet from the cache.

Minutes to Cache

Enter the number of minutes for which you want the pagelet to remain in the cache. If you do not enter a value, a default value of 30 minutes is used.

Pages Used to Specify Pagelet Publication Options

| <i>Page Name</i> | <i>Definition Name</i> | <i>Navigation</i> | <i>Usage</i> |
|----------------------------|------------------------|---|--|
| Specify Publishing Options | PTPPB_WIZ_PUBOPT | PeopleTools, Portal, Pagelet Wizard, Pagelet Wizard Click the Next button on the Specify Display Options page, or click the icon for step 6. | Specify the type of pagelet that you want to publish. Provide registration, caching, and security details, and register the pagelet. |
| Pagelet Creation Confirmed | PTPPB_WIZ_FINISH | Click the Finish button on the Specify Publishing Options page. | Confirm that the creation of the pagelet is complete. |

Specifying Publication Options

Access the Specify Publishing Options page (PeopleTools, Portal, Pagelet Wizard, Pagelet Wizard; then click the icon for step 6..

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Finish

Specify Publishing Options

Specify the manner in which your pagelet is published.

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☒ **Homepage Pagelet**

Publishing as a Homepage Pagelet allows this pagelet to be placed on a user's Homepage tab. Homepage Pagelets are organized by pagelet folders.

Folder:

Advanced Options

☐ Hide Pagelet Title Bar
☐ Hide Pagelet Border
☐ Requires Personalization

☐ Enable Caching

WSRP Options

Publishing as a WSRP Portlet allows this pagelet to be consumed and displayed by another portal that is WSRP compliant. When using OC4J, WSRP Portlets are also automatically published as JPKD Portlets for consumption and display within the Oracle Portal. OC4J is the "Oracle Containers for Java" web application server. JPKD stands for "Java Portal Development Kit", an exclusive Oracle Portal specification.

☐ WSRP Portlet

☐ **Template Pagelet**

Publishing as a Template Pagelet allows this pagelet to be used with any template. For the Context Manager template, this pagelet can be context sensitive to the target transaction.

Advanced Options

Behavior if Keys not Present

☒ Use Specified Defaults
☐ Display Message
☐ Hide Pagelet

☐ Enable Caching

WSRP Options

Publishing as a WSRP Portlet allows this pagelet to be consumed and displayed by another portal that is WSRP compliant. When using OC4J, WSRP Portlets are also automatically published as JPKD Portlets for consumption and display within the Oracle Portal. OC4J is the "Oracle Containers for Java" web application server. JPKD stands for "Java Portal Development Kit", an exclusive Oracle Portal specification.

☐ WSRP Portlet

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☐ **Embeddable Pagelet**

Publishing as an Embeddable Pagelet allows this pagelet to be rendered on a target transaction page. The target transaction executes this pagelet from the Pagelet Wizard API.

Pagelet Security

*Security Type: ☒ **Author Access**

Selected Security [Customize](#) | [Find](#) | [View All](#) | [First](#) | [1 of 1](#) | [Last](#)

| *Type | Name | Description |
|--|---------------------------------------|------------------------|
| <input type="text" value="Permission List"/> | <input type="text" value="PTPT1100"/> | Security Administrator |

Specify Publishing Options page (2 of 2)

When you access a pagelet definition on this page, the pagelet's registration options (Homepage Pagelet, Template Pagelets, Embeddable Pagelet, or WSRP Portlet) are reflected only as they exist in the portal you are currently logged in to. Select the registration option to publish the pagelet to the portal where you are currently logged in.

For example, if you access ABC123 pagelet, the Homepage Pagelet option is selected only if the portal where you are currently logged in contains a content reference for the ABC123 pagelet. If there is no content reference for this pagelet in the current portal, even if there is a content reference for this pagelet in another portal on the same database, the Homepage Pagelet option will be clear. Select the Homepage Pagelet option to publish the pagelet to the current portal.

Homepage Pagelet

Select this option to publish the pagelet as a homepage pagelet that can be added to a homepage or WorkCenter operational dashboard page.

Folder

Select the pagelet folder to which you want to assign the pagelet. The pagelet appears in this pagelet category on the Personalize Content page, which users access to add or remove pagelets from their homepages.

See *PeopleTools 8.51 PeopleBook: PeopleSoft Applications User's Guide*.

Advanced Options

Hide Pagelet Title Bar

Select to display the pagelet without a title bar.

Hide Pagelet Border

Select to display the pagelet without a border.

Requires Personalization

Select to specify that the pagelet requires end-user personalization. The pagelet displays a personalization button that accesses a personalization page. With this option selected, you are requiring that the end user access the personalization page to personalize and specify data source parameter values before it displays data. A message notifying the user of the personalization requirement appears on the pagelet. If this option is clear, the pagelet displays data using the default data source parameter values provided.

Template Pagelet

Select this option to publish the pagelet as a pagelet that can be added to any template. Template pagelets can extract and leverage keys specified by the target transaction for the template. Publishing a pagelet as a template pagelet is useful when you use the PeopleTools Context Manager or WorkCenter pages to display the template pagelet.

When a pagelet is published as a template pagelet, any user-specified parameters are automatically available as parameters that can be set by key passing in Context Manager. For the keys to pass correctly, the key name in Context Manager (the key name on the page) must be identical to the name of the parameter in the pagelet. If the names match, then any key values passed are used by the template pagelet in place of the default values. If the names are not an exact match, the default values appear. Because users cannot customize template pagelets, user-specified parameters can only show the default values or the values that come through Context Manager key passing.

Note. All template pagelets are available for assignment to the pagelet area of WorkCenter pages.

See [Chapter 14, "Creating and Configuring WorkCenter Pages," Assigning Template Pagelets to WorkCenter Pages, page 501.](#)

Advanced Options

Behavior if Keys not Present Select one of the following options to indicate how pagelet data is displayed if target transaction keys are not present to populate the pagelet's parameters. Options are:

Use Specified Defaults: If target transaction keys are not present, the pagelet will display data using the defaults specified in Step 3: Specify Pagelet Data Source Parameters.

Display Message: If target transaction keys are not present, the pagelet does not display data but instead displays a message.

Hide Pagelet: If target transaction keys are not present, the pagelet does not appear.

WSRP Portlet

Select this option to make your pagelet available for use with external portals that support the WSRP standard.

See [Chapter 11, "Using Pagelet Wizard," Specifying Publication Options, page 382.](#)

Embeddable Pagelet

Select this option to make your pagelet available as an embeddable pagelet that can be generated by the Pagelet Wizard API for rendering within an HTML area of a PeopleSoft Pure Internet Architecture target page or using an iScript.

Pagelet Security

If you change any pagelet security options for a registered pagelet, you must re-register the pagelet.

| | |
|------------------------|---|
| Security Type | <p>Select the type of security that you want to assign to the pagelet. Options are:</p> <p><i>Public Access:</i> Select to designate that all users can access the pagelet.</p> <p><i>Select Security Access:</i> Select to assign role- or permission list-based security to the pagelet. The Selected Security scroll area appears.</p> |
| Author Access | <p>Select to provide the pagelet author with access to the pagelet regardless of any security restrictions assigned to the pagelet. This access is granted based on the author's user ID.</p> |
| Update Security | <p>This button appears when Pagelet Wizard determines that there is an inconsistency between the security defined for the pagelet on this page and the security on one or more of the content references defined for the pagelet. When you click this button, the content reference security is updated for all of the content references for Homepage Pagelet, Template Pagelet, and WSRP Portlet options.</p> |

Selected Security

| | |
|-------------|--|
| Type | <p>Select the type of security assigned to the pagelet. Specified security is applied to the content reference entries when the pagelets are registered. Options are:</p> <p><i>Permission List:</i> Select to assign permission list-based security to the pagelet. Select a permission list in the Name field.</p> <p><i>Role:</i> Select to assign role-based security to the pagelet. Select a role in the Name field.</p> |
| Name | <p>Prompt to select or enter the name of the permission list or role to which to authorize access to the pagelet.</p> |

Buttons

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| Previous | <p>Click to move backwards one step in pagelet creation process in Pagelet Wizard.</p> |
|-----------------|--|

Finish

Click to complete the creation of the pagelet. The Pagelet Creation Confirmed page appears.

After you click the Finish button for a pagelet, the button no longer appears when you access the pagelet definition in Pagelet Wizard. Once a pagelet has been created, you can apply any modifications to the pagelet definition by clicking the Save button.

Using Pagelet Wizard Post-Transformation Processing

This section provides an overview of Pagelet Wizard post-transformation processing and discusses how to:

- Insert message catalog text.
- Format Date, Time, DateTime, Currency, and Number elements.
- Insert a content-reference-based link.
- Insert a content reference URL as text.
- Generate charts.
- Insert pagelet headers and footers in specific locations.

Understanding Pagelet Wizard Post-Transformation Processing

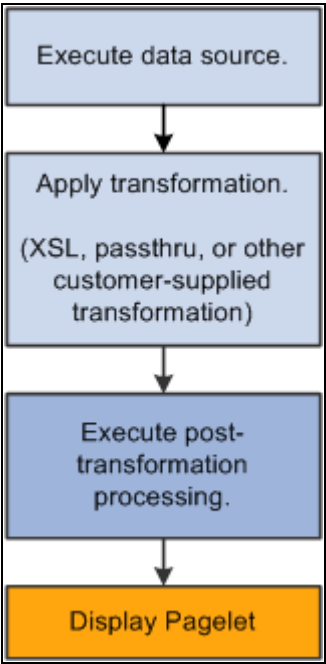
Pagelet Wizard enables you to use delivered Pagelet Wizard builder transformation tasks in custom and passthru transformations.

Listed in the order in which they are executed in post-transformation processing, the following transformation tasks are not automatically generated for custom and passthru transformations, but they can be added using embedded tags:

1. Insert Message Catalog text.
2. Format Date, Time, DateTime, Currency, and Number.
3. Insert content-reference-based links.
4. Insert content reference URLs as text.
5. Generate charts.
6. Insert pagelet headers and footers in specific locations.

These tasks are handled by the Post Transformation step, which is built into Pagelet Wizard.

The following diagram illustrates the point at which the Post Transformation step runs in the process flow for displaying a Pagelet Wizard pagelet.



Pagelet Wizard pagelet-display processing flow

The Post Transformation step runs after the completion of the Transformation step. Following the Post Transformation step, the Pagelet Wizard pagelet appears for the user. Pagelet Wizard uses embedded tags to identify the type of Post Transformation processing that occurs.

Tags that perform these post-transformation tasks can be placed in the HTML for HTML pagelets using the passthru transformation, or in the XSL for pagelets using a custom transformation. For all other transformations—such as chart, list, table, and so forth—Pagelet Wizard automatically generates the tags when necessary. These tags are primarily meant to be used by pagelet designers who want to create custom pagelets using functionality similar to what our delivered Pagelet Wizard builders provide.

Inserting Message Catalog Text

Use the following syntax to insert the text of a message catalog entry. Variables that are user-supplied are italicized.

Note. This processing step occurs only if the output of the Transformation step is XHTML-compliant.

See <http://www.w3.org/TR/xhtml1/>.

| Item to Insert | XHTML Tag | HTML After Processing |
|------------------------------|--|---------------------------|
| Message Catalog Text | <PSMSGTEXT MSGSET="message set" MSGNBR="message number" DEFAULT="defaulttext"/> | Message text. |
| Message Catalog Explain Text | <PSMSGEXPLAINTEXT MSGSET="message set" MSGNBR="message number" DEFAULT="defaulttext"/> | Message explanation text. |

Formatting Date, Time, DateTime, Currency, and Number Elements

Use the following syntax to format a Date, Time, DateTime, Currency, or Number elements. Variables that are user-supplied are set in *italics*.

Note. This processing step only occurs if the output of the Transformation step is XHTML compliant.

See <http://www.w3.org/TR/xhtml1/>.

| <i>Item to Insert</i> | <i>XHTML Tag</i> | <i>HTML After Processing</i> |
|-----------------------|---|---|
| Date | <pre><PSFORMAT TYPE="DATE" [FORMAT="format string "] [FORMAT_3 character language code="format string "]>DateToFormat</PSFORMAT></pre> <p>Note. FORMAT has the same syntax as the DateTimeToLocalizedString() PeopleCode Function.</p> | <p>Formatted Date.</p> <p>Language-specific Formatted Date.</p> |
| Time | <pre><PSFORMAT TYPE="TIME" [SOURCETZ="Source Time Zone "] [DESTTZ="Destination Time Zone "] [FORMAT="format string "]>TimeToFormat</PSFORMAT></pre> <p>Note. SOURCETZ and DESTTZ have the same format as the DateTimeToTimeZone() PeopleCode function. FORMAT has the same syntax as the DateTimeToLocalizedString() PeopleCode Function.</p> | Formatted Time. |
| DateTime | <pre><PSFORMAT TYPE="DATETIME" [SOURCETZ="Source Time Zone "] [DESTTZ="Destination Time Zone "] [FORMAT="format string "]>DateTimeToFormat</PSFORMA T></pre> <p>Note. SOURCETZ and DESTTZ have the same format as the DateTimeToTimeZone() PeopleCode function. FORMAT has the same syntax as the DateTimeToLocalizedString() PeopleCode Function.</p> | Formatted DateTime. |

| <i>Item to Insert</i> | <i>XHTML Tag</i> | <i>HTML After Processing</i> |
|-----------------------|--|---|
| Number | <pre><PSFORMAT TYPE="NUMBER" FORMAT="format string" [WIDTH="width"] [PRECISION="precision"]>NumberToFormat</PSFORMAT></pre> <p>Note. FORMAT, WIDTH, and PRECISION have the same format as the NumberToDisplayString() PeopleCode Function.</p> | Formatted Number. |
| Currency | <pre><PSFORMAT TYPE="CURRENCY" FORMAT="format string" [WIDTH="width"] [PRECISION="precision"] [CURRENCY_CODE="CODE "] [CURRENCY_DECORATION="SYMBOL/CODE/BOTH"]>NumberToFormat</PSFORMAT></pre> <p>Note. FORMAT, WIDTH, and PRECISION have the same format as the NumberToDisplayString() PeopleCode Function. CURRENCY_CODE can be one of the supported PeopleSoft currency codes, or if left blank, defaults to the user's currency code. CURRENCY_DECORATION can have the value of <i>SYMBOL</i> (currency symbol appears before the number), <i>CODE</i> (currency code appears after the number), or <i>BOTH</i> (the default).</p> | Formatted Number with currency symbol and/or currency code. |

Disabling WSRP Style Substitution

Use the following post-processing tag to disable WSRP style substitution. <PSNOWSRPSTYLELESSUBST/> takes no parameters and signals that the style classes referenced in the pagelet are already WSRP compliant. Including this tag can have a slight positive improvement in performance.

Inserting a Content-Reference-Based Link

Use the following syntax to insert a content-reference-based link into a Pagelet Wizard pagelet. Variables that are user-supplied are set in italics.

Note. This processing step only occurs if the output of the Transformation step is XHTML compliant.

See <http://www.w3.org/TR/xhtml1/>.

| <i>Item to Insert</i> | <i>XHTML Tag</i> | <i>HTML After Processing</i> |
|------------------------|---|---|
| Content Reference Link | <code><PSREGISTEREDLINK PORTAL="<i>portal name</i>" CREF="<i>content reference name</i>" target="<i>target</i>" APPEND="<i>append</i>">Text of Link</PSREGISTEREDLINK></code> | <code>Text of Link</code> |

Inserting a Content Reference URL as Text

Use the following syntax to insert a content reference URL as text into a Pagelet Wizard pagelet. Variables that are user-supplied are set in italics.

Note. This processing step only occurs if the output of the Transformation step is XHTML compliant.

See <http://www.w3.org/TR/xhtml1/>.

| <i>Item to Insert</i> | <i>XHTML Tag</i> | <i>HTML After Processing</i> |
|-----------------------|--|---|
| Content Reference URL | <code><PSREGISTEREDURL PORTAL="<i>portal name</i>" CREF="<i>content reference name</i>" APPEND="<i>append</i>" /></code> | <code>http...URL of content reference... [?/&]append</code> |

Generating Charts

Embedded charts are generated in the Post Transformation step.

For details about chart generation and its syntax, refer to the ChartXSLBuilder included in the EOPPB_PAGELET Application Class. You can access the ChartXSLBuilder application class code using PeopleSoft Application Designer.

Inserting Pagelet Headers and Footers in Specific Locations

Pagelet Wizard automatically inserts a pagelet's header in front of the output of the Transformation step, and it inserts the pagelet's footer after the output of the Transformation step.

To alter this behavior, you must use special HTML comment tags. Here is the syntax of these tags:

| <i>Item to Insert</i> | <i>HTML Tag</i> | <i>XSL Equivalent</i> |
|-----------------------|------------------------------------|--|
| Header | <code><!--PWHEADER--></code> | <code><xsl:comment>PWHEADER</xsl:comment></code> |
| Footer | <code><!--PWFOOTER--></code> | <code><xsl:comment>PWFOOTER</xsl:comment></code> |

Administering Pagelets

This section discusses the following:

- Deleting and copying Pagelet Wizard pagelets.
- Generating export and import scripts for Pagelet Wizard.
- Publishing pagelets to multiple portals.
- Publishing multiple pagelets to a portal
- Reviewing Pagelet Wizard pagelet details

Common Elements Used in This Chapter

This section discusses common elements used in this chapter.

Filter Pagelets

If appropriate, use the options in the Filter Pagelets group box to narrow the range of pagelets displayed in the Pagelets scroll area.

Data Type

Select the data type of the pagelet that you want to appear in the Pagelets scroll area. Options are:

- *All Data Types.*
- *Collaborative Workspace Links.*
- *Content Management.*
- *HTML.*
- *Java.*
- *Navigation Collection.*
- *News Publications.*
- *PS Query.*
- *Rowset.*
- *Search Record.*
- *Shortcut Collection.*
- *URL.*

| | |
|------------------------|--|
| Published Type | <p>Select the pagelet type assigned to the pagelet that you want to appear in the Pagelets scroll area. Options are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>All Pagelets.</i> • <i>Embeddable Pagelet.</i> • <i>Homepage Pagelet.</i> • <i>Non-published Pagelet.</i> • <i>Template Pagelet.</i> • <i>WSRP.</i> |
| Portal Name | <p>The portal name that you select here does not filter results, but rather serves to inform you which pagelets displayed in the Pagelet scroll area have been published in the selected portal. Pagelets are automatically published to the portal where the pagelet author is logged in when creating the pagelet.</p> |
| Pagelet Keyword | <p>Enter keywords to narrow the range of pagelets that appear in the Pagelets scroll area. Pagelet elements that are used as keywords used include pagelet ID, title, and description.</p> |
| Search | <p>Click to perform a pagelet search using the criteria entered in the Filter Pagelets group box.</p> |
| Reset | <p>Click to clear the Pagelet Keyword field.</p> |

Pagelets

The Pagelets scroll area provides the following pagelet information.

| | |
|----------------------|--|
| Pagelet ID | Displays the pagelet ID. Click to access the pagelet definition in Pagelet Wizard. |
| Pagelet Title | Displays the pagelet title. |
| Homepage | If selected, indicates that the pagelet has been published as a homepage page. |
| Template | If selected, indicates that the pagelet has been published as a template pagelet. |
| WSRP | If selected, indicates that the pagelet has been published as a WSRP portlet. |
| Embeddable | If selected, indicates that the pagelet has been published as an embeddable pagelet. |

Pages Used to Administer Pagelet Wizard Pagelets

| <i>Page Name</i> | <i>Definition Name</i> | <i>Navigation</i> | <i>Usage</i> |
|------------------------|------------------------|---|---|
| Delete Pagelets | PTPPB_ADMIN_DELETE | PeopleTools, Portal, Pagelet Wizard, Delete Pagelets | Delete one or more pagelets. Deleting a pagelet removes the pagelet definition from Pagelet Wizard, as well as deletes associated metadata and registry entries from the database and portal registry. |
| Copy Pagelets | PTPPB_ADMIN_SAVEAS | PeopleTools, Portal, Pagelet Wizard, Copy Pagelets | Create a new pagelet that is a clone of an existing pagelet. The new pagelet has a unique pagelet ID. The pagelet copy inherits all aspects of the original pagelet, with the exception of registration information. |
| Export/Import Pagelets | PTPPB_ADMIN_EXPIMP | PeopleTools, Portal, Pagelet Wizard, Export/Import Pagelets | Exporting and importing a pagelet generates the Data Mover script text to export and import Pagelet Wizard defined pagelets. |
| Review Pagelets | PTPPB_ADMIN_REPORT | PeopleTools, Portal, Pagelet Wizard, Review Pagelets | Review the existing Pagelet Wizard defined pagelets. |

Understanding Administering Pagelets

This chapter lists common elements used in administering pagelets and discusses how to:

- Delete and copy Pagelet Wizard pagelets.
- Generate export and import scripts for pagelets.
- Review Pagelet Wizard pagelet details.

Deleting and Copying Pagelet Wizard Pagelets

This section discusses how to:

- Delete pagelets.
- Copy pagelets.

Deleting Pagelets

Access the Delete Pagelets page (PeopleTools, Portal, Pagelet Wizard, Pagelet Wizard; Delete Pagelets).

Delete Pagelets

Deleting a pagelet removes the definition from Pagelet Wizard as well unpublishing the pagelet.

► Additional Instructions

▼ Filter Pagelets

*Data Type:

*Published Type:

*Portal Name: Customer-facing registry content

Pagelet Keyword:

Pagelets Customize | Find | View All First 1-10 of 29 Last

General Published

| Select | Pagelet ID | Pagelet Title |
|--------------------------|---|------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | DEMO FAC BUILDING | New Construction Update |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | EOPP_CREF_BY_DATE_ID | Content References |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | EOPP_POPULAR_PGLT_LNG_SCR | Popular Pagelets by Language |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | EOPP_POPULAR_PGLT_SRC | Popular Pagelets |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | NEW_EMPLOYEE_UPDATE | For New Employees |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | PAPI_CFO_INSIGHTS_TOOLS | Investor Insights & Tools |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | PAPP_BRANDING_HOMEPAGE | Branding Center |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | PAPP_COMPANY_NEWS | Company News |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | PAPP_CONTENT_MANAGER_HOMEPAGE | Content Manager Center |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | PAPP_CONTEXT_MANAGER_HOMEPAGE | Context Manager Center |

☒ [Select All](#) ☐ [Clear All](#)

Delete Pagelets page

Deleting a pagelet removes the pagelet definition from Pagelet Wizard. In addition, associated metadata and registry entries are deleted from the database and portal registry.

Select Select the pagelets to delete.

Delete Selected Pagelets Click to delete selected pagelets. The system prompts you to confirm the deletion.

The Published tab shows information about how the pagelet has been published.

| | |
|-------------------|--|
| Homepage | If selected, indicates that the pagelet has been published as a homepage page. |
| Template | If selected, indicates that the pagelet has been published as a template pagelet. |
| WSRP | If selected, indicates that the pagelet has been published as a WSRP portlet. |
| Embeddable | If selected, indicates that the pagelet has been published as an embeddable pagelet. |

Copying Pagelets

Access the Copy Pagelets page (PeopleTools, Portal, Pagelet Wizard, Pagelet Wizard; Copy Pagelets).

Copy Pagelets

Copying a pagelet clones an existing definition from Pagelet Wizard.

Additional Instructions

Filter Pagelets

*Data Type:

*Published Type:

*Portal Name: Customer-facing registry content

Pagelet Keyword:

Pagelets Customize | Find | View All | First 1-10 of 29 Last

General **Published**

| Pagelet ID | Pagelet Title |
|---|------------------------------|
| <input type="radio"/> DEMO FAC BUILDING | New Construction Update |
| <input type="radio"/> EOPP CREF BY DATE ID | Content References |
| <input type="radio"/> EOPP POPULAR PGLT LNG SCR | Popular Pagelets by Language |
| <input type="radio"/> EOPP POPULAR PGLT SRC | Popular Pagelets |
| <input type="radio"/> NEW EMPLOYEE UPDATE | For New Employees |
| <input type="radio"/> PAPI CFO INSIGHTS TOOLS | Investor Insights & Tools |
| <input type="radio"/> PAPP BRANDING HOMEPAGE | Branding Center |
| <input type="radio"/> PAPP COMPANY NEWS | Company News |
| <input type="radio"/> PAPP CONTENT MANAGER HOMEPAGE | Content Manager Center |
| <input type="radio"/> PAPP CONTEXT MANAGER HOMEPAGE | Context Manager Center |

*New Pagelet ID ☐ **Include Personalization Data**

Copy Pagelets page

The pagelet copy inherits all aspects of the original pagelet, with the exception of registration information.

Select Select the pagelet to copy.

| | |
|-------------------------------------|---|
| New Pagelet ID | <p>Enter a unique pagelet ID for the new pagelet that will be copied from the selected existing pagelet.</p> <hr/> <p>Note. Pagelet IDs can only contain the characters A-Z, a-z, and _. All other characters put into a pagelet ID will be removed by the system. If all characters are removed from the user entered pagelet ID, then the Registry Object Prefix will be used instead. If, after removing illegal characters from the pagelet ID, the name is found to match an existing pagelet ID, then Pagelet Wizard will append numbers to the end of the pagelet ID to make the new pagelet ID unique.</p> <hr/> |
| Include Personalization Data | Select to copy any end-user personalizations defined for the existing pagelet along with the new pagelet. |
| Save New Pagelet | Click to create the cloned pagelet with the new pagelet ID. Once you create the copied pagelet, you must publish it before it can be used as a homepage pagelet or a template pagelet. You can access the new pagelet in Pagelet Wizard and publish the pagelet during step 6 on the Specify Publishing Options page. |

The Published tab shows information about how the pagelet has been published.

| | |
|-------------------|--|
| Homepage | If selected, indicates that the pagelet has been published as a homepage page. |
| Template | If selected, indicates that the pagelet has been published as a template pagelet. |
| WSRP | If selected, indicates that the pagelet has been published as a WSRP portlet. |
| Embeddable | If selected, indicates that the pagelet has been published as an embeddable pagelet. |

Generating Export and Import Scripts for Pagelet Wizard Pagelets

This section provides overviews of export and import scripts for Pagelet Wizard pagelets and export and import scripts for Pagelet Wizard setup data, and discusses how to generate export and import pagelet scripts.

Understanding Export and Import Scripts for Pagelet Wizard Pagelets

You can use these export and import scripts to copy Pagelet Wizard pagelet definitions from one database to another.

When you export or import a pagelet, the imported pagelet is not automatically published. You must access the pagelet definition in Pagelet Wizard in the target portal in the target database and publish the pagelet on the Specify Publishing Options page in step 6.

Alternatively, you can run the generated export and import Data Mover scripts (.DMS scripts) and copy the pagelet CREF by placing it into a PeopleSoft Application Designer project.

Note. These export and import scripts do not include the ability to export or import Pagelet Wizard setup data associated with the pagelet definitions being exported/imported.

Generating Export and Import Pagelet Scripts

Access the Export/Import Pagelets page (PeopleTools, Portal, Pagelet Wizard, Pagelet Wizard; Export/Import Pagelets).

Export/Import Pagelets

Exporting and importing a pagelet generates the Data Mover script text to export and import the Pagelet Wizard defined pagelets.

► **Additional Instructions**

▼ **Filter Pagelets**

***Data Type:**

***Published Type:**

***Portal Name:** Employee-facing registry content

Pagelet Keyword:

Pagelets Customize | Find | View All | First 1-10 of 29 Last

General **Published**

| Select | Pagelet ID | Pagelet Title |
|--------------------------|---|------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | DEMO FAC BUILDING | New Construction Update |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | EOPP CREF BY DATE ID | Content References |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | EOPP POPULAR PGLT LNG SCR | Popular Pagelets by Language |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | EOPP POPULAR PGLT SRC | Popular Pagelets |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | NEW EMPLOYEE UPDATE | For New Employees |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | PAPI CFO INSIGHTS TOOLS | Investor Insights & Tools |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | PAPP BRANDING HOMEPAGE | Branding Center |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | PAPP COMPANY NEWS | Company News |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | PAPP CONTENT MANAGER HOMEPAGE | Content Manager Center |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | PAPP CONTEXT MANAGER HOMEPAGE | Context Manager Center |

☒ [Select All](#)
☐ [Clear All](#)
☐ **Include Personalization Data**

Export/Import Pagelets page

Select

Select the pagelets for which you want to generate export and import scripts.

| | |
|---------------------------------|--|
| Include Personalize Data | Select to include any end-user personalizations defined for the selected pagelets in the export and import. |
| Generate Scripts | <p>Click to generate export and import scripts for the selected pagelets. The scripts appear on the Data Mover Scripts page.</p> <p>Copy the generated scripts into PeopleSoft Data Mover to export the selected pagelet definitions from a source database and import them into a target database.</p> <p>See <i>PeopleTools 8.51 PeopleBook: Data Management</i>, "Using PeopleSoft Data Mover."</p> |

Note. There are other Pagelet Wizard-related Data Mover scripts delivered with PeopleSoft Enterprise Components for users who need more customizable scripting for pagelet migration between databases. You can find these scripts delivered in the pshome scripts directory.

Generating Export/Import Scripts for Pagelet Wizard Setup Data

We deliver the following Data Mover scripts to export/import Pagelet Wizard setup data:

- EOPPB_SETUP_DEFN_IMP.DMS
- EOPPB_SETUP_DEFN_EXP.DMS

Use these scripts to copy the following types of Pagelet Wizard setup data from one database to another; from a development database to a production database, for example:

- Footers.
- Headers.
- Categories.
- XSL prototype templates.

You can find these scripts delivered in the PS_HOME scripts directory.

Reviewing Pagelet Wizard Pagelet Details

Access the Review Pagelets page (PeopleTools, Portal, Pagelet Wizard, Pagelet Wizard; Review Pagelets).

Review Pagelets

Review the existing Pagelet Wizard defined pagelets.

Additional Instructions

Use the criteria to narrow the search for a pagelet. The Portal Name criteria informs you if the pagelet is published in the selected portal. It does not filter the results. The Pagelet Keyword criteria filters the results for the Pagelet ID, Title or Description that contains the entered value.

Filter Pagelets

*Data Type:

*Published Type:

*Portal Name: Employee-facing registry content

Pagelet Keyword:

| Pagelets | | | | |
|---|--------------------------------|------------|--------------------------|------------|
| Customize Find View All | | | | |
| First 1-25 of 29 Last | | | | |
| General | Type | Published | Audit | |
| Pagelet ID | Created | Created By | Updated | Updated By |
| DEMO_FAC_BUILDING | | VP1 | 01/13/2006 11:23:57AM | VP1 |
| EOPP_CREF_BY_DATE_ID | 02/09/2004 2:30:02.000000PM | PS | 02/11/2004 3:02:21PM | PS |
| EOPP_POPULAR_PGLT_LNG_SCR | | VP1 | 03/14/2004 1:15:29AM | VP1 |

Review Pagelets page

On any of the tabs for this component, you can click on the Pagelet ID to open Pagelet Wizard and the definition of the pagelet.

General Pagelet Information

Click the Pagelet ID link to open Pagelet Wizard and the definition of the pagelet.

Pagelet Type Information

Category Displays the category ID from step 1 of Pagelet Wizard.

Data Type Displays the pagelet data type.

Display Format ID Displays the format ID of the pagelet.

Pagelet Publishing Information

Homepage If selected, indicates that the pagelet has been published as a homepage page.

| | |
|-------------------|--|
| Template | If selected, indicates that the pagelet has been published as a template pagelet. |
| WSRP | If selected, indicates that the pagelet has been published as a WSRP portlet. |
| Embeddable | If selected, indicates that the pagelet has been published as an embeddable pagelet. |
| Cache | The system displays a check box if caching is enabled for this pagelet. |
| Time | The time the pagelet is held in the cache. |

Pagelet Audit Information

This tab includes the timestamp and user ID of the person who created the pagelet as well as information on any updates to the pagelet.

Chapter 12

Building Pagelets

This chapter provides overviews of pagelets, PeopleSoft portal architecture, pagelet development, and single signon and pagelets. This chapter also discusses how to:

- Develop pagelets using PeopleSoft Pure Internet Architecture.
- Develop pagelets using iScripts.
- Develop pagelets using Java.
- Develop contextual embeddable pagelets.
- Administer pagelets in the portal registry.

Prerequisites

This document provides a practical guide for technical users and programmers who develop pagelets (or portlets) for operation within a PeopleSoft portal. To take full advantage of the information covered in this document, we recommend that you have a basic understanding of the PeopleSoft Pure Internet Architecture and portal technology. Extensive information can be found in the PeopleBooks documentation. Many of the fundamental concepts related to the portal are discussed in the following PeopleSoft documents:

- *Enterprise PeopleTools 8.51 Hardware and Software Requirements*
- *Enterprise PeopleTools 8.51 PeopleBook: System and Server Administration*

Understanding Pagelets

This section provides overviews of:

- Pagelets.
- Pagelet extensions.
- Pagelet personalizations.

Describing Pagelets

Pagelets are small pages that provide display-only snapshots of useful and relevant content from PeopleSoft or non-PeopleSoft applications, or websites. In other portal products, pagelets are sometimes referred to as portlets, gadgets, widgets, or modules.

Homepage pagelets are designed to appear on a portal homepage or WorkCenter operational dashboard homepages. They can be added to the homepage by way of the Personalize Content link that is in the upper left corner of the homepage. Homepage pagelets typically present general data and usually provide links to access more detailed information or a target transaction.

Template pagelets are small, narrow-format pagelets that are designed to appear in a template iframe, much like the Menu pagelet. Usually, you incorporate template pagelets into a portal template when you create and configure the template. You also use template pagelets when you configure the task panel of WorkCenter pages or context sensitive pagelets that use Context Manager. You should design template pagelets so that they display data that is related in some way to the target transaction.

Pagelets follow a basic set of rules so that they can be displayed properly on a PeopleSoft portal homepage or in the left iframe. Homepage pagelet size corresponds to the homepage layout specified by the user. A user can specify either a two-column layout of one narrow pagelet and one wide pagelet, or a three-column layout of three narrow pagelets. Template pagelets should use the narrow column format of a pagelet. Any pagelet that you design must conform to the dimensions of the narrow column and optionally, of the wide column. Column width is the only restriction on pagelet dimensions, although design principles suggest keeping pagelets as compact as possible.

The homepage pagelets that appear on the portal homepage depends on several factors, including the type of portal you implement, the permissions you grant to the user, and the manner in which the user customizes his homepage.

Simply put, PeopleSoft pagelets are URL-accessible HTML documents that are designed to be size-appropriate for display on a homepage. Pagelets can also originate from remote, non-PeopleSoft systems such as static HTML files or dynamically generated HTML from a variety of technologies.

Describing Pagelet Development

You can use PeopleTools to develop pagelets as smaller-than-normal pages, just as you would any other PeopleSoft transaction page. PeopleSoft portals are delivered with a suite of pagelets, primarily built using PeopleTools technology. However, you can also base the design of a pagelet on PeopleCode internet scripts (iScripts). Use iScripts only when you can't accomplish the same task with a PeopleSoft transaction page; for example, if you are developing a pagelet that uses external content (content that does not originate in a PeopleSoft application). You can also create pagelets using other leading web-enabling technology such as JavaServer pages (JSP), Java servlets, Microsoft Active Server Pages (ASP), Perl scripts, and common gateway interface (CGI) programs.

A well-designed and well-developed pagelet serves these primary functions:

- Summarizes data that is relevant, personalized, and actionable. Page space is valuable; pagelets must be more than attractive.
- Provide links to more detailed information, such as content in another application.

In addition, pagelets should also:

- Aggregate data from multiple sources.
- Be simple and intuitive.
- Be sized appropriately.

The size of pagelets corresponds to the homepage layout that a user chooses. Any pagelet you design must first conform to the dimensions of the narrow column and optionally, of the wide column. Pagelet width is the only dimension to which you must adhere. The height of pagelets can vary, however, good design principles suggest keeping them as short as possible.






- Avoid the use of *scrollable grids*.

Grids that you insert on pagelets are non-scrollable by default. If the grid appears on a pagelet and on a standard transaction page, Oracle recommends that you use the non-scrollable grid to insure consistent user experiences

Pagelet Header Icons

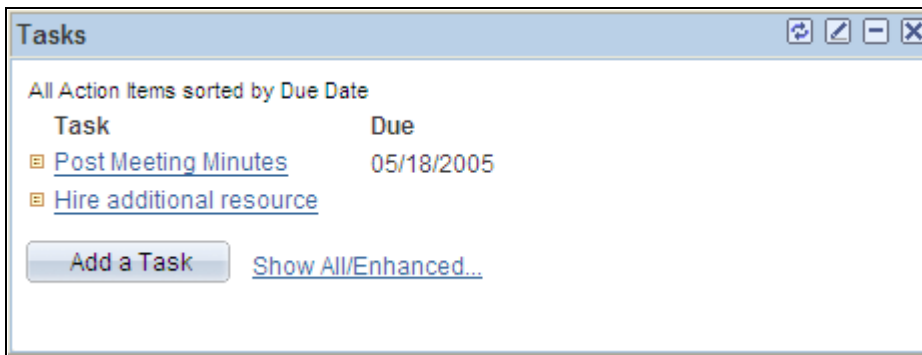
The icons that you see in the pagelet header function similarly across most pagelet types. You do not have to use all header icons on all pagelets. You can vary the icons that appear in the header based on business rules or technical constraints.

This table lists and describes the icons that you can use in pagelet headers.

| | |
|---|--|
|  Customize | Click to personalize the pagelet. When you click this icon, a page appears so that you can change any pagelet settings that you are allowed to configure. The options that the user can personalize vary among users and pagelets; and not all pagelets have options that you customize. |
|  Minimize | Click to hide the body of the pagelet so that only the header is visible. When you click this icon, in its place you will see the Show icon. |
|  Show | Click to show the content of the pagelet so that more than just the pagelet header is visible. When you click this icon, in its place you will see the Hide icon. |
|  Refresh | Click to force an application server trip so that the pagelet data and settings are current. |
|  Remove | Click to remove the pagelet from the page. You will be prompted to confirm the action and must |

Pagelet Example

The Tasks pagelet demonstrates many characteristics of a well-designed pagelet. In addition, notice the pagelet header icons:



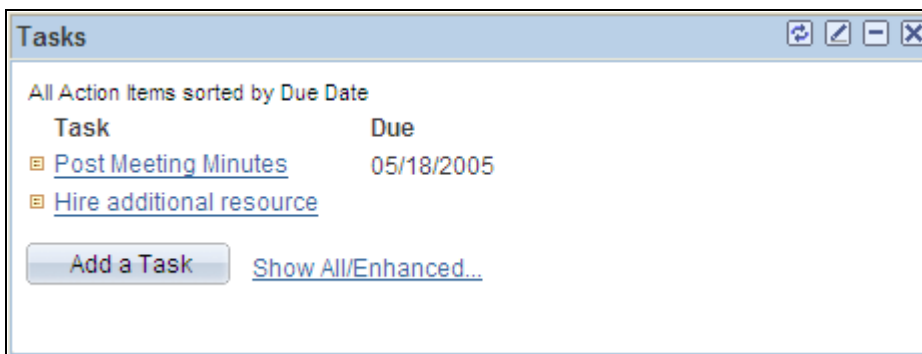
Tasks pagelet

Describing Pagelet Extensions

Some pagelets utilize pagelet extensions, which are the supporting or supplementary components for a pagelet. They are not displayed on your homepage; you access pagelet extensions by associating them to links and buttons on pagelets. Pagelet extensions are optional. They are a means of providing additional information or editing capability that is too cumbersome to display on the pagelet.

You could configure a homepage pagelet so that each item is a link to the worklist item in another database, or to the personal task defined in the portal, or to a variety of resources.

The Tasks pagelet is a homepage pagelet that is designed to display a short list of relevant tasks. If there were dozens of open tasks, which is likely over time, the pagelet would grow to be too long and possibly crowd out relevant, actionable data on other pagelets. The Tasks pagelet is configured with active links and buttons that access pagelet extensions, which enhance the functionality of the pagelet.



Tasks pagelet


Here you see two extension pages that you access from the Tasks pagelet:


- The Task Details page.


Click a task name link to access the Task Details page, which you use to view or modify personal task information. The Task Details page enhances the pagelet by showing more detail and providing the user with the option to perform further actions, such as attaching a file or deleting the task.

Task Details

***Task:**

Due Date: 

Status: 

Priority: 

Task Description:

Review personnel report from Oscar's organization. He's requesting additional resources.

Attachment

File Name:

File Description:

Added By: Vice President of Finance

Date Added: 05/14/10 1:52:04PM

[Return to Tasks](#)

Task Details extension page

- The Tasks page.

Click the Show All/Enhanced... link to access the Tasks page, which provides the user with more options such as displaying all or certain types of tasks. Because it is a standard page, the extension page can use a grid to retrieve and display a longer list of tasks. In addition, the extension page is also better suited to display more details as it is wider than the pagelet and can show more columns.

Tasks

5 Task(s)

View: All Tasks

| Tasks | | | | | |
|-------|--|------------|---------------------------|------------|----------|
| | Task | Due Date | From | Status | Priority |
| | Post Meeting Minutes | 05/18/2005 | Vice President of Finance | Assigned | High |
| | Review EMEA Personnel Report | 05/21/2010 | Vice President of Finance | In Process | Medium |
| | Delegate email to admin | 05/28/2010 | Vice President of Finance | New | High |
| | PTO Starts | 05/29/2010 | Vice President of Finance | New | High |
| | Hire additional resource | | PeopleSoft Demo Role User | On Hold | Medium |

[Add a Task](#) [Routed Task Details](#)

Tasks page

Describing Pagelet Personalizations

Like homepages, pagelets can be personalized in different ways. The data displayed can be automatically filtered to show only data relevant to a particular user. The user can also explicitly personalize the data shown by setting options on a personalization page.

Personalization pages are another type of pagelet extension. However, personalization page pagelet extensions are different from previously discussed pagelet extensions in the following ways:

- They are not accessed by clicking a button or link on the pagelet. Instead, clicking the Customize icon on the pagelet header takes you to a personalization page where you can define user options specific to that pagelet.
- Setting values on the personalization page will change the way data appears on the pagelet for that particular user. Detail pages usually display data in read-only mode or allow you to change application data.

Note. Any text that the pagelet designer entered during Step 3 in Pagelet Wizard appear as personalization instructions on the Personalize page.

Personalize Tasks

Use this page to specify the default values used in displaying your tasks.

Display Preferences

Tasks Displayed: All Tasks

Max Number of Displayed Rows: 05

Save [Return to Home](#)

Personalize Tasks page

The Personalize Tasks personalization page for the Tasks pagelet can be used to change the type and number of tasks shown on the pagelet. Clicking Save stores these values and returns you to the homepage. The Tasks pagelet now reflects these changes.

Tasks

All Tasks sorted by Due Date

| Task | Due |
|--|------------|
| Post Meeting Minutes | 05/18/2005 |
| Review EMEA Personnel Report | 05/21/2010 |
| Delegate email to admin | 05/28/2010 |
| PTO Starts | 05/29/2010 |
| Hire additional resource | |

Add a Task [Show All/Enhanced...](#)

Tasks pagelet after making personalizations

Understanding PeopleSoft Portal Architecture

This section provides overviews of:

- PeopleSoft portal architecture.
- Client access.
- The web server.
- The application server.
- The database server.
- The portal registry.
- Portal components.

- Page assembly.

Describing PeopleSoft Portal Architecture

When developing pagelets, it is important to understand the overall architecture of the PeopleSoft portal, as well as the PeopleSoft Pure Internet Architecture. This will enable you to integrate your pagelets in the most efficient manner.

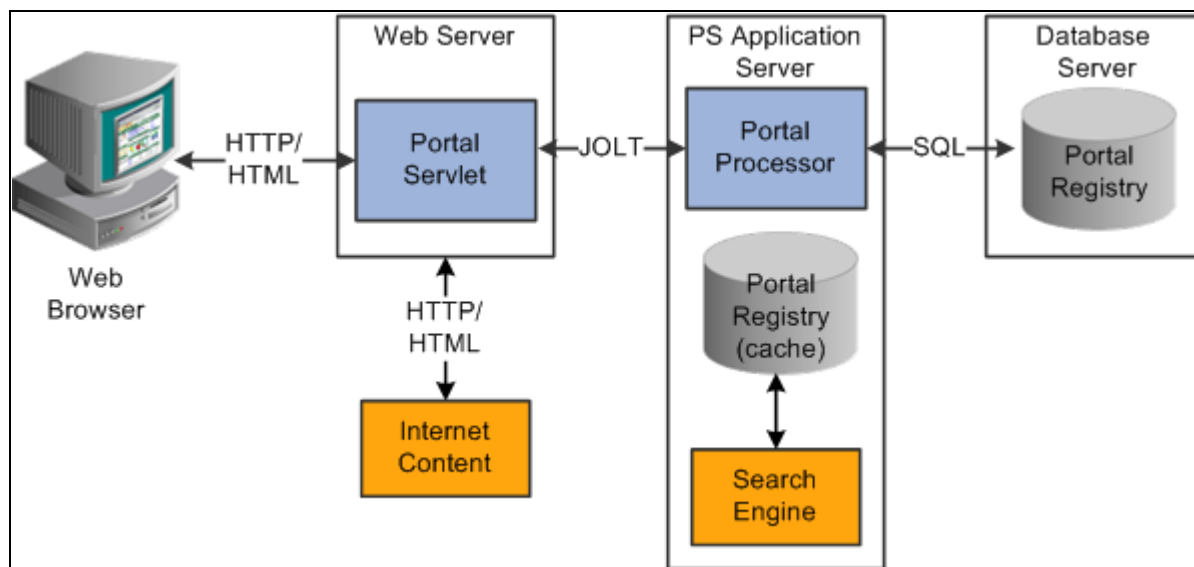
The PeopleSoft Pure Internet Architecture is the server-centric execution architecture used to deploy PeopleSoft internet applications to end users who access the applications through a web browser. This next generation architecture leverages a number of internet technologies and concepts to deliver simple, ubiquitous access to PeopleSoft applications and enable the open flow of information between systems.

Using PeopleSoft Pure Internet Architecture as the foundation, you are able to provide a wide range of end users with access to PeopleSoft applications over the web, as well as more easily integrate your PeopleSoft applications with existing internal systems and external trading partner systems.

This diagram highlights the primary portal components of the PeopleSoft Pure Internet Architecture.

- Web browser.
- Web server.
- Application server.
- Database server.

Warning! Always refer to the Enterprise PeopleTools Hardware and Software Requirements Guide for supported configurations. Versions and products supported can change frequently.



Primary PeopleSoft Pure Internet Architecture portal components

Describing Client Access

PeopleSoft Pure Internet Architecture is a completely server-based architecture. Clients to this architecture can be nearly any kind of internet access device:

- Web browser running on supported operating system.
- Wireless device or cell phone.
- External or third-party system with extensible markup language (XML)/hypertext transfer protocol (HTTP) protocols.

There are no PeopleSoft executables on the client, thus the client can be any internet device that uses standard internet technologies such as HTTP, hypertext markup language (HTML), and XML to communicate with the PeopleSoft internet application server.

A web browser running on a PC is the most common internet client. The PeopleSoft internet application server simply serves HTML and JavaScript to the web browser and the end user navigates through the PeopleSoft application as if they are navigating any other website.

A key concept of PeopleSoft Pure Internet Architecture is that there is no complex client software installation. The internet client device accessing the internet architecture already has all of the software and configuration it needs. No additional software must be installed on the client for interaction with PeopleSoft applications. For example, no Java applets, Windows .DLLs, or browser plug-ins are needed.

Describing the Web Server

The web server acts as the front end of PeopleSoft Pure Internet Architecture. When a client connects to the server by way of a URL, the system displays a signon screen sent to the browser in HTML. The web server manages communication with the browser.

The following web servers products can be configured to deploy your PeopleSoft applications:

- Oracle WebLogic server.
- IBM WebSphere server.

There are two key PeopleSoft servlets running on the web server – the presentation relay servlet and portal servlet.

Presentation Relay Servlet

The presentation relay servlet is used to process all inbound and outbound HTTP requests for PeopleSoft transactions and queries. This very thin servlet acts as a relay between the client device and the core back-end services on the application server. It receives and serves HTML, XML, and wireless markup language (WML) requests over HTTP.

Portal Servlet

The portal servlet is a Java servlet that runs on the portal web server. It intercepts user requests for HTML pages, retrieves the requested page, wraps additional content around it, and then sends the resulting page to the user's browser. The servlet acts like an invisible browser that sits between the user's browser and requested content.

The portal servlet:

- Provides a consistent user interface.

The portal servlet checks properties associated with each content reference, including the name of a portal template. When a user accesses content through the portal, the portal servlet wraps the target page with the portal template specified in the content reference. This template provides a consistent user interface.

- Ensures that PeopleSoft-specific tags are processed correctly.

Developers create portal pages using a template-based layout system. In addition to traditional HTML tags, templates can contain PeopleSoft-specific tags that a normal browser cannot interpret. At runtime, the portal servlet can interpret these PeopleSoft-specific tags when constructing templates, as well as any other HTML content. The portal servlet then sends the resulting page to a browser as a single HTML document.

One of the most important aspects of portal technology is its role in integrating content from a wide variety of data sources and displaying that content on a single page in a coherent, understandable, and presentable way. We refer to this complex process as "page assembly and proxying." Portal processing assembles the page to be displayed based on the content retrieved from various data sources. It uses portal templates to wrap the contents of the assembled document into a single page that fits into the context of the site.

- For page-based templates, the portal servlet assembles pages for the browser.

It ensures that all URL references in the HTML on the assembled page are references back to the portal servlet itself. In some cases, each URL in the HTML document assembled by the portal servlet must be rewritten to reference the portal servlet, not the originally requested URL. This process of redirecting URLs so that they point to the portal servlet is called proxying.

- For frame-based templates, the portal server updates the "src" tags in the frameset with the target content and sends it to the browser.

When working with a frame-based template, the portal servlet inserts a URL into each frame in the "src" tag and sends it to the browser, rather than retrieving documents for the browser as it does with page-based templates.

Describing the Application Server

The application server is the core of PeopleSoft Pure Internet Architecture; it executes business logic and issues SQL to the database server. The application processing logic that ran on the client in previous releases now runs on the application server. The application server consists of numerous PeopleSoft services and server processes that handle transaction requests. These include requests to:

- Authenticate users.
- Build application pages.

- Save application pages.
- Run some PeopleCode.
- Execute SQL (prompts, page-specific SQL, validations, and so forth).

The application server is responsible for maintaining the SQL connection to the database for the browser requests and the Windows development environment. PeopleSoft uses Tuxedo to manage database transactions and Jolt, Tuxedo's counterpart, to facilitate transaction requests issued from the internet. Both Tuxedo and Jolt are products of Oracle Systems.

The Portal Processor executes as an application service of the PeopleSoft application server. It executes with the other application services, like the Component Processor, Security Manager, and SQL Access Manager. Portal Processor tasks include:

- Fetching content templates from the database.
- Fetching content references from the database portal registry and caching them in the application server portal registry.
- Processing personalizations.
- Interacting with other application services (lightweight directory access protocol (LDAP), role-based security, and so forth).

Describing the Database Server

The PeopleSoft database is the repository for all information managed by PeopleSoft applications. Not only is application data stored in the database, but PeopleSoft metadata is also maintained in the database. PeopleSoft Application Designer enables you to define and maintain this metadata that the system uses to drive the run-time architecture. The application server executes business logic based on the PeopleSoft metadata.

At execution time, the application server fetches the most recent application object definitions from the metadata repository, compiles and caches the application object into memory, and executes the business rules based on the definition.

Note. In general, PeopleSoft Enterprise Portal 9.x can retrieve content from any RDBMS-based application as long as the content that is being retrieved is URL-accessible and is HTML-based. Always refer to the Enterprise PeopleTools Hardware and Software Guide for your release and the Supported Platforms database on Customer Connection for supported RDBMS products.

Describing the Portal Registry

The portal registry is a key administrative component within the metadata of a PeopleSoft database. A portal registry is a hierarchical structure in which URLs accessed by way of the portal are organized, classified, and registered. Each portal registry consists of the following objects:

- Folders.

Folders group and organize content references into a hierarchy. With the exception of the root folder, each folder has a parent folder. Each folder can contain content references as well as other folders.

Every portal registry contains a root folder and a Portal Objects folder. The Portal Objects folder contains administrative objects specific to the portal and includes the following folders: Templates, Pagelets, and Homepage.

In addition to these standard folders, there are typically several folders located directly under the root folder: one folder for PeopleTools (administrative references) and other main folders for each PeopleSoft application. These main application folders contain the folders and content references associated with each PeopleSoft application you've licensed.

- Content references.

Content references are URLs that have been registered in a portal registry. They can be PeopleSoft application pages or external web pages. Content references fall into four main categories: pagelets, target content, templates, and homepage tabs.

In addition to specifying a URL, each content reference includes additional information such as its creator, effective dates, associated template, search keywords, and so forth. Registry URLs can point to any website that responds to HTTP requests with an HTML response – in other words, a static or dynamic web page.

For example, a content reference could be a URL pointing to a page in a PeopleSoft application. Or a content reference could point to static HTML pages on an intranet site, such as a procurement or expense policy document, or dynamic pages created by an analytic or reporting system. Access to content references is controlled by security permission lists assigned to each content reference. Any portal content can be limited to a specified group of users, or made public and available to any authorized portal users.

- Nodes.

Nodes refer to a source of HTML content. They primarily identify the universal resource indicator (URI). A URI is a subset of the URL that points to the location of the resource. It does not include the content information, such as the target file or application and any parameters passed to that resource.

The portal registry's hierarchical structure enables a portal administrator to more easily create a classification and navigation system in which content references can be registered and managed for all portal users. PeopleSoft provides a Portal Administration web page for this purpose. Additionally, the portal includes a registry application programming interface (API) for maintaining the portal registry from PeopleCode.

To improve performance, a copy of the registry is also stored on the application server in cache files. This is how the portal servlet accesses the registry at runtime.

Describing Portal Components

The portal technology framework includes the following services:

- Personalization.

Pagelets can optionally be assigned a user personalization settings page. This allows the user of the pagelet to specify selections, settings, or attributes specific to the pagelet's content. These personalizations commonly alter the content of the pagelet. An example of this would be setting the city for which a weather pagelet displays forecast information. A personalization page is accessible to the user by clicking on the Customization button on the pagelet's frame header.

- Search.

The portal uses a search engine to quickly search for registered content in the portal registry. This is a popular means of portal navigation. Verity, the industry leading search engine, is packaged with the portal technology. PeopleSoft's search capabilities were built to assume multi-language support, including double-byte languages.

- Navigation.

PeopleTools portal technology provides a set of navigation components based on the portal registry. These components are the drop-down menu and Favorites. Navigation has been engineered to provide rapid access to complex information based upon the role of the user.

- Menu navigation.

PeopleTools portal menu navigation provides a consistent method of content access, categorization, and organization. The menu navigation presents a dynamic hierarchy-based view of the folders and references within the portal registry. Menu navigation is available through the Menu pagelet or from the Main Menu drop-down navigation depending on your portal settings.

- Favorites.

The PeopleTools portal includes a My Favorites folder that you use to store frequently accessed pages. In the Menu pagelet, this folder is at the root level. In drop-down navigation, My Favorites appears under the Favorites drop-down menu .

- Recently Used.

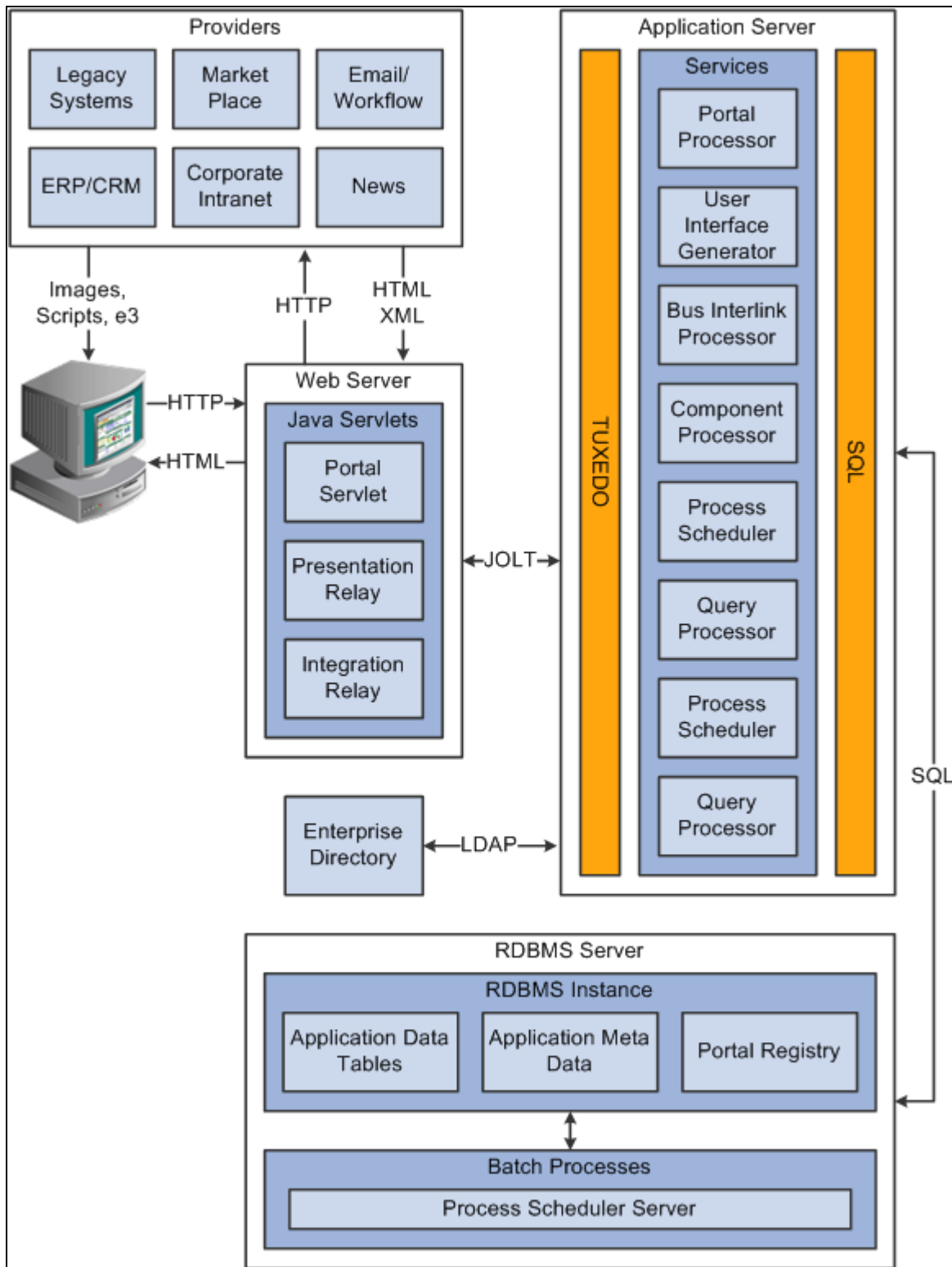
The PeopleTools portal drop-down menus include a Recently Used list that includes up to five of your most recently accessed components. This list appears under the Favorites drop-down menu.

See Also

[Chapter 5, "Administering Portals," Managing General Portal Settings, page 148](#)

Describing Page Assembly

Now that we have looked at the individual components of PeopleSoft Pure Internet Architecture, let's take a look at the big picture.



PeopleSoft Pure Internet Architecture processing flow

1. An HTTP request is sent from the user's browser to the portal's web server, which invokes the portal servlet. Let's say that the browser is requesting a PeopleSoft application page.

2. The portal servlet makes a request to the Portal Processor to fetch the content reference for the hyperlink selected by the user. The Portal Processor fetches the content reference from the portal registry and passes a partially completed HTML document back to the portal servlet.
3. The content reference could be pointing to any or several of the content providers (specified by a node). Each content reference is referenced in a partially completed HTML document. The portal servlet issues the HTTP request to the appropriate web server and retrieves the HTML document.
4. The portal servlet then completes the page assembly process with the template, merging the content from the HTML document, and then serves the completed page back to the user's web browser.

Understanding Pagelet Development

This section provides overviews of:

- Pagelet development guidelines.
- Pagelet development considerations.
- Pagelet development options.
- Size considerations.
- HTML design considerations.
- Branding considerations.

Describing Pagelet Development Guidelines

Follow these guidelines when developing new pagelets:

- Adhere to object naming standards.
- The pagelet must display without requiring any search interaction. Do not use search keys or default search key values. You can accomplish this in one of two ways:

Assign a search record to the component with no keys. Therefore there is only one row of data.

Add SearchInit PeopleCode that would put in default key values and call the function SetSearchDialogBehavior() to bypass the search interaction.

Note. If the user ID is needed for the pagelet, or template pagelet, then an alternative such as OPERID_VW can be used.

- Use the *Unlimited Occurs* option in all grids and scroll areas.

Control the number of retrieved rows with the PeopleCode function *StopFetching()* in the RowSelect event of the selected record. Match the *StopFetching()* function when the user-specified or default value of the maximum displayed number of rows is reached. Pagelets should display no more than five rows by default.

- Use deferred processing.

FieldChange/Prompts/FieldEdits other than button or link page transfers are not allowed for pagelets. These types of processing require trips to the application server, which causes the portal to redisplay any pagelet as a target page (wrapped in the default template). Therefore, such processing would result in the pagelet being displayed outside the context of the homepage. To work around this limitation you need to disable two options:

- Deselect the Cache Generated HTML check box in the On the Browser group box of the Web Profile Configuration - Caching page. PeopleSoft page caching is enabled by default.

See [Chapter 10, "Configuring the Portal Environment," On the Browser, page 249.](#)

- Deselect the Cache Target Content check box in the on the Web Server group box of the Web Profile Configuration - Caching page.

See [Chapter 10, "Configuring the Portal Environment," On the Web Server, page 252.](#)

- Do not provide any filter, sort, or refresh buttons as they also require trips to the application server.

Because the portal servlet only performs page assembly and proxying on blocks of HTML, a pagelet must be:

- URL-accessible.

The portal servlet will issue an HTTP request to the registered URL.

- HTML 4.0 compliant.

The HTML returned will be combined with that from other pagelets to form the entire web page.

- Sized appropriately.

The pagelet's width should conform to the narrow or wide guidelines discussed in the Sizing section in this document.

See [Chapter 12, "Building Pagelets," Describing Size Considerations, page 429.](#)

- JavaScript namespacing.

If you write custom JavaScript code, ensure that JavaScript from multiple portlets can coexist on the same page. There is only one namespace that is shared by all portlets on a portal page. For example, if portletA and portletB, both use the GETURL function, there will be only one definition for GETURL defined by the most recently processed portlet. If you need a different GETURL function for each portlet, then you must uniquely name the GETURL function for each portlet. As in, portletA calls GETURL1 and portletB calls GETURL2. If the same GETURL function is called by both portlets, then you don't need to rename GETURL as the most recent definition of GETURL will be used by both functions.

Pages created by way of PeopleSoft Pure Internet Architecture conform to these requirements. However, these requirements are not exclusive to PeopleSoft. As mentioned, pagelets can also be from remote, non-PeopleSoft systems, such as static HTML files or dynamically generated HTML from a variety of technologies such as JavaServer Pages (JSPs), Java Servlets, Microsoft Active Server Pages (ASPs), Perl scripts, and CGI programs.

Describing Pagelet Development Considerations

When developing pagelets, you should also take the following topics into consideration.

Single Signon

PeopleSoft delivers a component interface named PRTL_SS_CI that enables external applications to support a single signon solution with PeopleSoft portal applications. This allows users to sign on once when entering the portal and not have additional signons for each system that is referenced in your portal.

See [Chapter 12, "Building Pagelets," Understanding Single Signon and Pagelets, page 434.](#)

Layout

Use the following rules for layouts:

- Avoid horizontal scrolling.
- Do not use page titles.

The name of the content reference in the portal registry is used as the default for the pagelet's title.

- Pagelet instructions should not be necessary.
- Avoid group boxes whenever possible.

Note. They may be necessary to separate sections.

- Left-align text wherever possible.
- Clear the *Show Borders* option for group boxes and scroll areas.
- Select *View, Internet Options* in the PeopleSoft Application Designer to ensure that you have access to all the styles available.
- Leave more than 20 percent spacing between field labels and field edit boxes because the rendered styles are larger in the browser than they appear in PeopleSoft Application Designer.
- Before bringing your pagelet into the portal, view it in PeopleSoft Application Designer. Select *Layout, View in Browser*.

Look and Feel

The appearance of objects on pagelets, such as text, links, tables, and so forth, should be modified using the PeopleSoft style classes to retain a consistent look and feel between your pagelet and the rest of the portal. PeopleSoft utilizes Cascading Style Sheets (CSS). Style sheets are useful because they enable developers to change page attributes across multiple pages quickly and easily.

Each style sheet is composed of individual classes, which affect the formatting of each page. Classes control a broad range of characteristics, including font size, spacing, alignment, border width, weight, and color.

When creating the page, select the *Use Default Style Sheet* option. For any controls on the page select the *Use Default Style* option.

All style sheets used in each pagelet on the page are referenced on the final page that is assembled by the portal. Therefore, a pagelet should not redefine any class that might be shared by other pagelets on the assembled page. If a class needs to be changed, define a new one.

The order of precedence for style sheets is:

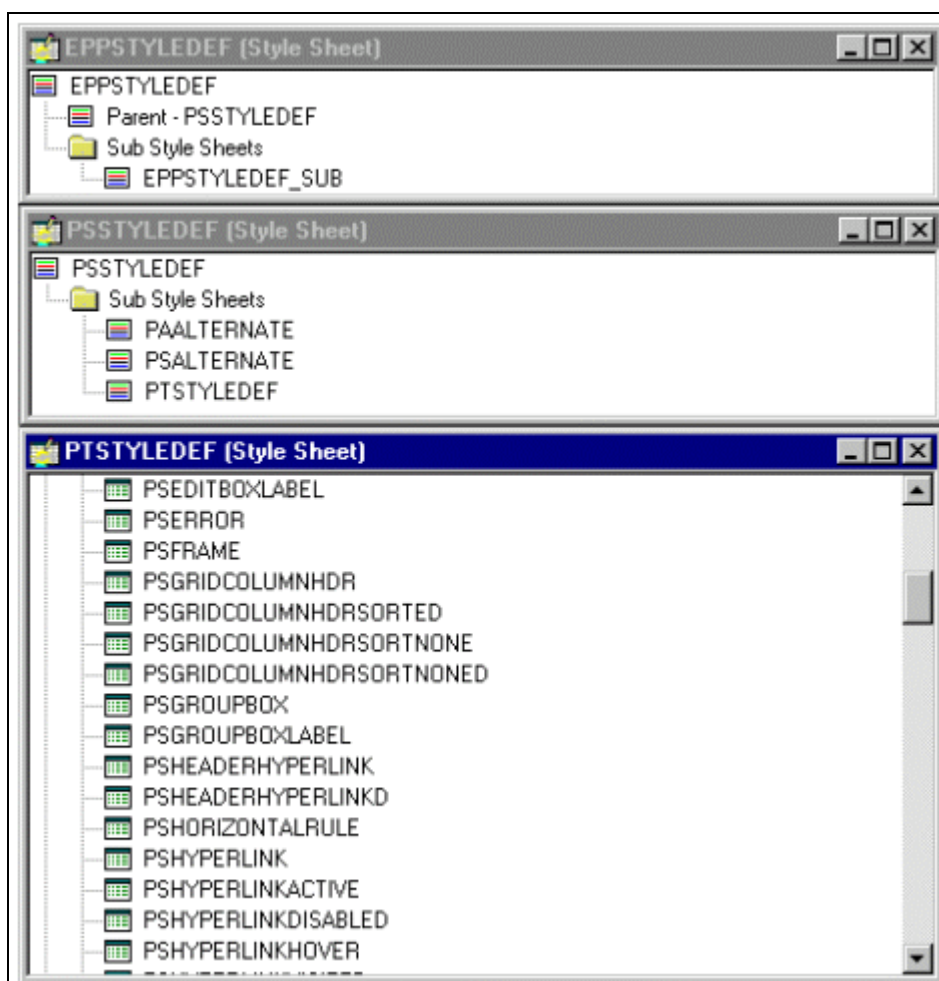
1. Template.
2. Target component.
3. Pagelets - in the order that they are assigned.

Note. In the same way that PeopleTools supports subrecords to enable shared definitions between records, you can define sub style sheets to share a common set of classes. A sub style sheet has all of the properties of a style sheet.

Style sheet definitions are stored in the database. They are accessed and modified using PeopleSoft Application Designer. The default style sheet used by PeopleTools depends on the your application release, but is either PSSTYLEDEF or PSSTYLEDEF_SWAN. The PeopleSoft Enterprise Portal uses a PSSTYLEDEF or PSSTYLEDEF_SWAN derivative.

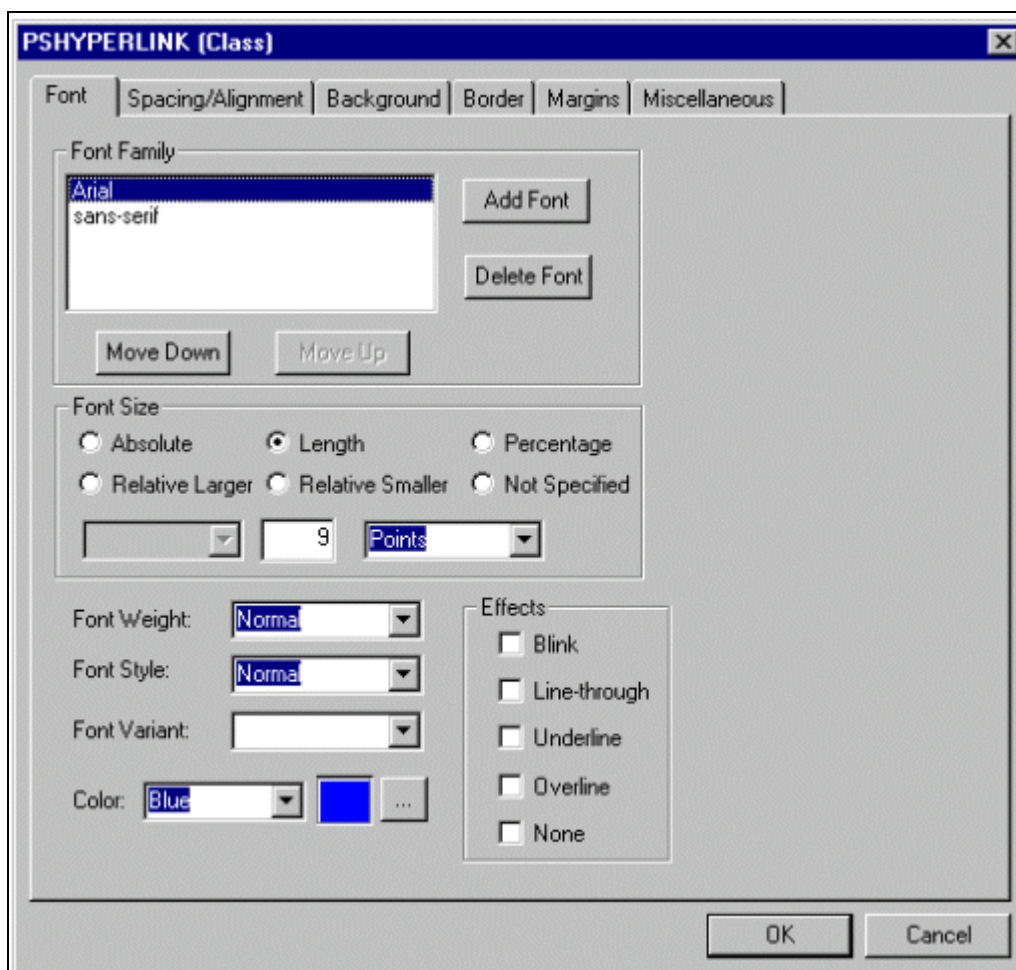
You can determine which style sheet is being used by navigating to PeopleTools, Utilities, Administration, PeopleTools Options. The value in the Style Sheet Name field designates the style sheet used by the database.

There are two ways in which you can see the style classes defined in a style sheet. If you have access to PeopleSoft Application Designer, you can open the designated style sheet and view its definitions in a graphical interface.



Style sheet definitions

Double-click on any style class to be able to view and modify its definition.



Style class definition

If you don't have access to PeopleSoft Application Designer and want to see the CSS file, you can access the file cached for the CSS on the web server. For example, on WebLogic you'll find the file in this directory:

....\peoplesoft\applications\PORTAL\<sitename>\cache.

The file is generally named PSSTYLEDEF_1.css or PSSTYLEDEF_SWAN_1; however it may have a slightly different name. For example, it might have a different numbered suffix.

Some of the most common styles used by pagelets include:

- PSTEXT
General text label.
- PAADDITIONALINSTRUCTIONS
Instructional text.
- PABOLDTEXT or PABOLDBLUETEXT
Commonly used for group and category titles.

- **PSPSMALLTEXT**
Commonly used for footers and branding (credits).
- **PSPAGE**
Commonly used for background colors.
- **PSLEVEL1GRIDODDROW**
Shaded row, which is typically light gray or light blue.
- **PSLEVEL1GRIDEVENROW**
Lighter-colored row, which is typically white.
- **PSCHECKBOX**
- **PSDROPDOWNLIST**
- **PSEDITBOX**
- **PSGROUPBOX**
Commonly used to create groupings or dividers.
- **PSHYPERLINK**
- **PSPUSHBUTTON**
- **PSRADIOBUTTON**

Following are some examples of the ways in which these styles are used in HTML and translated into elements in the PeopleSoft Pure Internet Architecture interface:

This HTML generates the following interface:

```
<table border='0' cellpadding='0' cellspacing='0' cols='1'=>
  CLASS='PSGROUPBOX' style="border-style:none;" width='639'>
<tr><td class='PSGROUPBOXLABEL' align='LEFT'>Language Settings</td></tr>

...

<td colspan='2' valign='top' align='LEFT'>
<label for='PSOPTIONS_LANGUAGE_CD' class='PSDROPDOWNLABEL'=>
  >Language Code:</label>
</td>
<td valign='top' align='LEFT'>
<span class='PSDROPDOWNLIST' >English</span>
</td>

...

<input type='check box' name='PSOPTIONS_TRANS_CHG_LASTUPD'=>
  id='PSOPTIONS_TRANS_CHG_LASTUPD' tabindex='14' value="Y" />
<label for='PSOPTIONS_TRANS_CHG_LASTUPD' class='PSCHECKBOX'=>
  >Translations Change Last Update</label>
```

| Language Settings | | |
|----------------------------|----------------|---|
| Language Code: | English | <input type="checkbox"/> Translations Change Last Updat |
| *Sort Order Option: | Binary Sorting | |

Language Settings on the PeopleTools Options page

This HTML generates the following interface:

```
<input type='text' name='PSOPTIONS_TEMP_TBLINSTANCES' =>
  id='PSOPTIONS_TEMP_TBLINSTANCES' tabindex='28' value="" =>
class='PSEDITBOX' style="width:23px; text-align:RIGHT;=>
  " maxlength='2' />
<label for='PSOPTIONS_TEMP_TBLINSTANCES' class='PSEDITBOXLABEL'=>
>Temp Table Instances (Total):</label>
```

| | | |
|--------------------------|-------------|---|
| Style Sheet Name: | EPPSTYLEDEF |  |
|--------------------------|-------------|---|

Style Sheet Name field on the PeopleTools Options page

This HTML generates the following interface:

```
<tr align="left" class="PSLEVEL1GRIDODDROW">
<td>3</td>
<td>Enterprise Menu</td>
</tr>
<tr align="left" class="PSLEVEL1GRIDEVENROW">
<td>2</td>
<td>My Stock Chart</td>
</tr>
```



| <u>Users</u> | <u>Portal Label</u> |
|--------------|-----------------------------|
| 3 | Enterprise Menu |
| 2 | My Stock Chart |
| 2 | Company News |
| 1 | Popular Pagelets |
| 1 | PSFT YTD Stock Chart |
| 1 | RSS News |
| 1 | Weather Magnet |
| 1 | My DTheatre News |
| 1 | My Moreover News Search |
| 1 | My Moreover News Search Box |

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Popular Pagelets pagelet

Links and URLs

When processing page-based templates, the portal servlet uses a process called proxying to help ensure that users always stay within the context of the portal and that familiar portal features such as the universal navigation header do not disappear when a user clicks a link.

When a user logs in to a PeopleSoft portal, they log in to a web server on which the portal servlet is running. The portal servlet processes all HTML that isn't in the simple URL format, converting all URL references to point to the portal web server rather than the original URL. The original URL is still necessary to retrieve the requested content; it is stored in the new URL in the URL query string parameter. The portal servlet proxies all links and all form actions in this manner.

For example, imagine that a user requests a page from an external website through a proxied link in the portal. The request arrives at the portal web server, invoking the portal servlet. The portal servlet then programmatically retrieves the page from the web server associated with the requested page. It proxies all the links on the retrieved response and sends the page (the contents of the HTTP response) back to the browser, formatted as the user would expect within the portal.

Note. If URLs are included in your HTML, you must use absolute URLs as opposed to relative URLs.

When a URL is invoked on a target page, as opposed to the homepage, the content associated with the URL is rendered within the target frame. The PeopleSoft Enterprise Portal and header and left-hand area will remain. Therefore, proxying isn't required to have the new content rendered in the context of the PeopleSoft Enterprise Portal.

Performance

Homepages are cached on each user's browser. The browser does not access the web server after the homepage is initially retrieved. You can turn this feature on or off, and also adjust the time interval before the web server is accessed again to get a fresh homepage. In any case, if a user clicks the browser Refresh button, the homepage is accessed from the web server again, overwriting the homepage cached on the browser.

The following PeopleCode function is used to trigger a refresh of the homepage:

```
FUNCLIB_PORTAL.TEMPLATE_FUNC.FieldFormula.ForceRefreshHomePage( ).
```

Additionally, the following configuration properties are associated with homepage caching. Any changes to these settings are applied to all users signing on to the web server.

- PortalCacheHomepageOnBrowser=<*True or False*>

If set to *True*, the homepage is cached on the browser. If set to *False*, the homepage is not cached on the browser.

- PortalHomepageStaleInterval=<*seconds until stale*>

A homepage cached on the browser is considered stale after the specified number of seconds. The next time a user accesses the homepage by clicking on a link, the web server is accessed and the homepage is refreshed on the browser.

Because different browser versions do not process HTML in exactly the same way, the browserprops.xml file on the web server on which the portal servlet is installed enables you to turn off homepage caching for selected browser versions.

This can be useful if you have one or two supported browsers and want to disable cache for non-standard browsers that could pose an administration problem. Follow the instructions in the file to disable caching for certain browser types.

As with homepages, navigation pages are cached on each user's browser. You can set options for navigation caching by using the Time page held in cache (METAXP) option.

Set the Time page held in cache option navigating to My Personalizations and clicking the Personalize Option button for the General Options personalization category. Note that this option is set in minutes, not seconds. A change to this option is picked up by the application server immediately. However, since the users' browsers already have cache control set by the previous value of the option, you have to delete the browser cache for the new Time page held in cache value to take effect.

PeopleSoft provides the option to prevent the system from caching PeopleSoft pages to the browser. You control browser caching using the EnableBrowserCache property in the configuration.properties file.

Being able to control browser caching is useful for situations where PeopleSoft applications are deployed to kiosk workstations where multiple users access the applications. Enabling you to prevent caching means that users can't click the Back button to view another individual's transaction or view any other sensitive data.

The side effect of turning off caching completely is degraded performance. For each new page, the system must access the database. However, PeopleTools offers a compromise related to browser caching in the form of the Time page held in cache (METAXP) option discussed earlier.

You can turn on browser caching for the navigation pages that remain relatively static. This option applies to PeopleSoft Pure Internet Architecture navigation pages, portal homepages, and navigation pages. Use it to take advantage of the performance gains of caching while limiting the amount of time that navigation pages—the menu pages—remain in cache.

The Time page held in cache option is set to 20 by default. To disable this option, enter 0 in the Override Value edit box. The minimum value in minutes for this option is 0 (disabled) and the maximum value is 525600, which is one year.

If the Time page held in cache option is set to 20, and if you assume that the time is 7 p.m. on February 24, then the header information in the HTML is dated as follows:

Sun 24 Feb 2004 07:20:00 PM

This header information indicates that in 20 minutes the system needs to check for a new page. This reduces the performance degradation when there is no caching at all.

By default the EnableBrowserCache property is set to *True*.

If the EnableBrowserCache property is set to *False*:

- The system never caches pages. When a user clicks the browser Back button, she receives a Data Missing message in Netscape and a Page Expired message in Internet Explorer.
- The setting overrides any date/time header settings.

The following table helps illustrate the way in which the EnableBrowserCache option works with the METAXP option.

| <i>EnableBrowserCache</i> | <i>METAXP</i> | <i>Caching Behavior</i> |
|----------------------------------|----------------------|---|
| <i>True</i> | 0 | No caching due to the 0 value in METAXP. |
| <i>True</i> | > 1 | Pages are cached with expiration values set in Greenwich Mean Time (GMT) based on the Time page held in cache value (METAXP). |
| <i>False</i> | 0 | No caching. |
| <i>False</i> | >1 | No caching. The EnableBrowserCache option setting overrides the Time page held in cache value (METAXP). |

Multi-Language Support

PeopleSoft currently supports the following 33 languages:

- American English.
- Arabic.
- Bulgarian.

- Canadian French.
- Chinese (Simplified).
- Chinese (Traditional).
- Croatian.
- Czech.
- Danish.
- Dutch.
- Finnish.
- French.
- German.
- Greek.
- Hebrew.
- Hungarian.
- Italian.
- Japanese.
- Korean.
- Malay.
- Norwegian.
- Polish.
- Portuguese.
- Romanian.
- Russian.
- Serbian.
- Slovak.
- Slovenian.
- Spanish.
- Swedish.
- Thai.
- Turkish
- UK English

Pagelet Wizard can access the PeopleSoft run-time environment to determine details of a user's profile, such as their language. For more information on how you can use this Pagelet Wizard feature to facilitate passing run-time parameters, such as language, see Pagelet Wizard documentation in this PeopleBook.

See [Chapter 11, "Using Pagelet Wizard," page 291](#).

In addition, Java classes delivered with PeopleTools enable you to call PeopleCode from your Java program and access contextual information from the run-time system. If needed, language can be retrieved through a PeopleCode function that is accessible from Java. Further information about this can be found in this document.

See [Chapter 12, "Building Pagelets," Developing Pagelets Using Java, page 445](#).

Describing Pagelet Development Options

There are several ways to create a pagelet. Ultimately, the portal servlet assembles HTML, so the key is determining how to generate the HTML. Some methods leverage PeopleTools, while other options allow pagelet creation without PeopleTools.

One set of options is to develop pagelets with PeopleTools. This is the most straightforward approach if you are dealing solely with data from PeopleSoft applications. The two types of PeopleTools-based pagelets are:

- PeopleSoft Pure Internet Architecture pages.

PeopleTools dynamically generates the appropriate HTML to render the page data based on the definitions created within PeopleSoft Application Designer. This is the most straightforward approach when the data being rendered is in a PeopleSoft application database.

- iScripts.

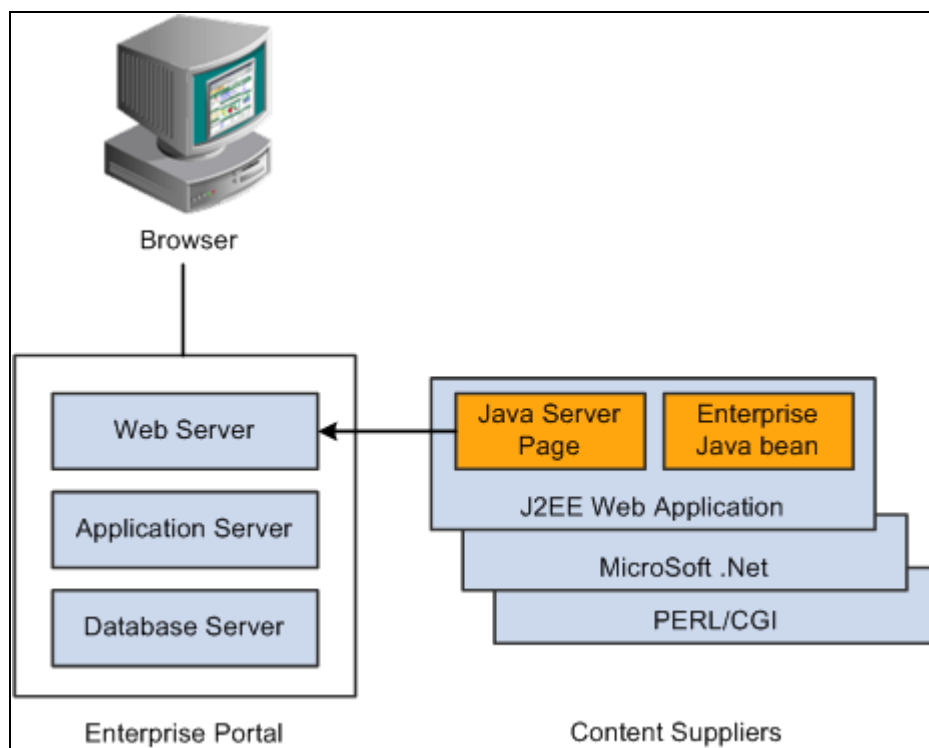
You can write a PeopleCode function that renders HTML using %Request and %Response objects, which are similar to ASP or JSP programs. This allows more control over data retrieved and allows you to conditionally render HTML. This approach gives you maximum flexibility, but unlike the PeopleSoft Pure Internet Architecture page approach, you must code for things such as multi-language and browser support.

The focus of this document is a set of options that can be used to create a pagelet application with one of the many technologies that generate HTML. This may be the approach you take if you're integrating a non-PeopleSoft system with the PeopleSoft Enterprise Portal. For example, you're applying business logic to data from a non-PeopleSoft system, or you might be combining data from a PeopleSoft application with other systems.

The pagelet can be written in a variety of technologies, including:

- Adobe ColdFusion.
- AJAX.
- ASP.
- CGI.
- HTML.
- Internet server API (ISAPI).

- JavaScript.
- JSP.
- Perl.
- Servlets.
- Tool Command Language (Tcl).



Developing in a PeopleSoft environment with non-PeopleTools technologies

There are two methods you can use to turn your own HTML into a pagelet:

- Pagelet Wizard.

Pagelet Wizard walks you through a series of steps involved in creating and publishing a pagelet. Portal administrators and non-technical users are able to integrate and transform data from a wide variety of data sources, both internal and external to PeopleSoft applications.

External sources include web applications that can be referenced with a URL, HTML block (such as a form or table), and Java classes. You do not have to have PeopleSoft-specific application development tools or skills to be able to create pagelets.

- Registered URL.

You can also choose to register a URL, like a JSP or ASP, directly in the portal registry.

Describing Size Considerations

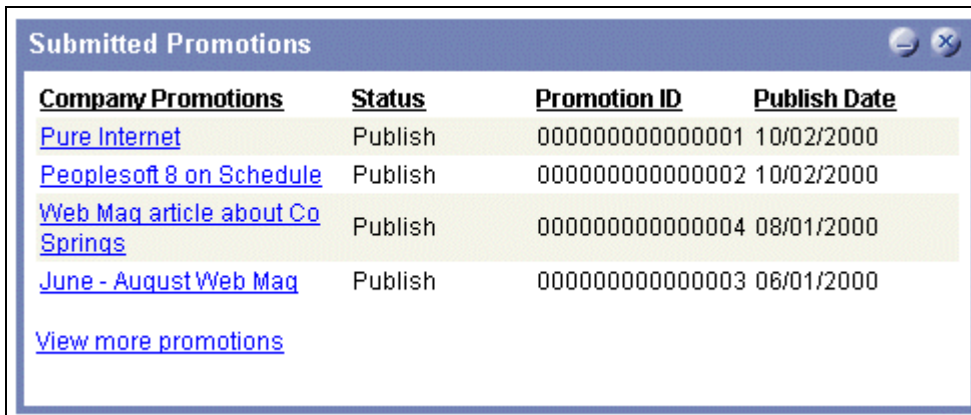
As mentioned, the portal homepage is delivered to display two possible column widths: narrow and wide.

Narrow pagelets are designed to be 240 pixels wide. Subtracting the border and the internal margin leaves 218 pixels for the content. A narrow pagelet appears in a column that is one-third the width of the portal's homepage. Because the pagelet is narrow, you should provide a succinct list of values that users can quickly traverse. Select the minimum pieces of data that best encapsulate the pagelet's content. A narrow pagelet typically accommodates a single 30-character field. Generally, all pagelets should be developed with the narrow column size as the default.



Example of a narrow pagelet

Wide pagelets are designed to span two-thirds of the width of the homepage. Although you can fit more data on the pagelet, the data must remain meaningful. Subtracting the border and the internal margin leaves 468 pixels for the content. A query string parameter is passed denoting the wide version. If the pagelet does not check nor use this parameter, the narrow pagelet will just be rendered in a wider area. Developing a wide version of a pagelet is optional.



Example of a wide pagelet

The homepage layout can vary based on end-user personalizations. An end user can decide to have a two- or three-column homepage layout. With three-column layout, all pagelets are rendered as narrow pagelets. With two-column layout, the first column allows spacing for a narrow pagelet and the second column allows spacing for wide pagelets.

A pagelet that has been designed to fit in a narrow column can be rendered in a wide column as well. However, there may be user interface issues when a pagelet that has been designed to render in a wide column only, is rendered in a narrow column. Therefore, a pagelet should always be able to operate in a narrow format. Optionally, a pagelet can be designed to take advantage of the additional space when it is rendered in a wide column.

The query string parameter `PORTALPARAM_COMPWIDTH` can contain the values *Wide* or *Narrow* and can be used to determine whether a pagelet is being rendered in a narrow or wide column.

Here's an example of some code that references the query string parameter `PORTALPARAM_COMPWIDTH`:

```
Component string &CompWidth;

&CompWidth = %Request.GetParameter("PORTALPARAM_COMPWIDTH");
If &CompWidth = "Wide" Then;
TransferPage(Page.EO_PE_CONTRK_PGLTW);
End-If;
```

Pagelet Extensions

Pagelet extensions are just regular web pages. They can be registered with a template that allows it to use the entire width of the browser with no left-hand frame for navigation, or with a template that includes a left-hand frame.

In the former case, there are no inherent sizing requirements. PeopleSoft pages are designed for browsers running with a resolution of least 800x600. Therefore, when a left-hand frame is not included, a pagelet extension should not be wider than 760 pixels, accounting for borders and so forth.

In the latter case, a pagelet extension should not be wider than 570 pixels.

Describing HTML Design Considerations

Following are some HTML-related pagelet design considerations:

- The pagelet should encapsulate data to provide at-a-glance summary information.
- It should provide links to detailed application pages.
- Avoid large borders or a design that creates extraneous white space. Screen real estate on a homepage is valuable and data should be maximized.
- Avoid designs that make the pagelet wider than the prescribed size. This undesirable design forces the user to scroll horizontally, so design your HTML to be vertically oriented. For instance, radio buttons should be arranged vertically, not side-by-side. When creating a form, buttons should appear below a text box, not next to it.
- This is a business-oriented portal, so avoid extravagant or extraneous graphics. If you use graphics, they should be very small and unobtrusive. No graphic should be wider than 218 pixels, which would force the pagelet to be wider than a narrow pagelet.
- Avoid using any text or HTML tags that force the pagelet to a width greater than 218 pixels.
- In general, avoid explicit sizing. Let the browser render content in the space available, which should allow your text and graphics to fit appropriately. For example, place text in an HTML table to enable the table it to wrap any long strings.
- When appropriate, utilize the PeopleSoft style sheet to ensure that the look and feel of your pagelet is consistent with the rest of the portal content.
- If your pagelet does not utilize the entire width of the column, it's best to center its contents.

- If a hyperlink on the pagelet takes the user to another website and you want to display the content in a new window, rather than using *target=_blank* in the hyperlink tag, use the following code:

```
<a href="javascript:void window.open
('http://www.company.com/cgi-bin?article3');" class="PSHYPERLINK">
```

- If a pagelet has personalization options, then it should have a default mode. Before a user personalizes the pagelet data, the pagelet should display a default set of data and a message conveying that default data can be personalized.

This section provides a listing of HTML-specific development guidelines for pagelets used with the PeopleSoft Enterprise Portal.

- Within PeopleTools, attributes from all content are merged into the single <BODY> tag. The order of attribute precedence is template, target content, and then template components. Events beginning with "on" are naively combined, so if one of them issues a "return," the following events will not run. All other attributes are not examined, rather they are used in order of precedence. For example, if both the template and a content component contain "topmargin," the template attribute will be applied.
- Avoid large borders or anything that creates extraneous white space. Screen real estate on a homepage is valuable and data should be maximized.
- Avoid implementing anything that will make the pagelet width wider than the prescribed size. Making the user scroll horizontally is undesirable. Make your HTML vertically oriented. For instance, radio buttons should be placed vertically, not side-by-side. When creating a form, any buttons should appear under a text box, not next to it.
- Avoid using any graphics, if possible. This is a business-oriented portal, so extravagant or extraneous bitmaps should not be used. If any are used, they should be very small and unobtrusive. No graphic should be wider than 218 pixels. A graphic larger than this size will force the width of the pagelet to exceed the size of a narrow pagelet.
- Avoid using any text or directives that force the pagelet to a width greater than 218 pixels.
- In general, it's best to avoid explicit sizing and allow the portal to set the width. Your text and graphics should then fit appropriately. For instance, placing text within an HTML table will allow it to wrap any long strings.
- Utilize the PeopleSoft stylesheet, when appropriate, to ensure the look and feel of your pagelet is consistent with the rest of the portal content.
- If your pagelet does not utilize the entire width of the column, it's best to center it.
- If a hyperlink takes the user to another Web site and you want it to display the content in a new window, rather than using "target=_blank" within the hyperlink tag, use:

```
<a href="javascript:void window.open
('http://www.company.com/cgi-bin?article3');" class="PSHYPERLINK">
```

Describing Branding Considerations

As mentioned earlier, this is a business-oriented portal. Although content and name recognition are important, they are secondary to the primary goal of enabling end users to perform their work in a more efficient manner. Thus, any branding should be subtle and never detract from the pagelet content or the rest of the portal.

Thus, to operate within the PeopleSoft Enterprise Portal product, a pagelet developed outside of PeopleSoft can credit the source developer, but must follow these standards:

- Branding on a homepage pagelet should be done using text only and should be placed at the bottom of the pagelet. No organization logos can be placed on the pagelet without permission from PeopleSoft. You can use "Provided by XXX," where XXX is substituted with your company name. Also, XXX can be a hyperlink to an appropriate web page.
- Organization logos and further information about your organization, products, and services should be located on the pagelet personalization page or other pagelet extensions.
- Generally, graphics for organization logos should not be larger than 100 pixels wide x 40 pixels high.

Let's examine a sample HTML pagelet. If we wanted to create one that searched for keywords on another website, it might look like the following page.



Sample pagelet

The HTML used is shown below:

```

<table border=0 cellpadding=1 cellspacing=0>
<tr>
<td><!-- start of search form -->
<form method="POST" action=
"http://www.contentSource.com/cgi-bin/dofind.cgi">
<center><font class=
"PSEDITBOXLABEL">Enter keyword:</font> <input name="word" value=""><br>
<input type="submit" value="Search"></center>
</form>
<!-- end of search form --></td>
</tr>

<tr>
<td><!-- start of optional directions --><font class=
"PAADDITIONALINSTRUCTIONS">General directions can be provided here.
Remember that pagelets should be as easy and intuitive to use
as possible.<br>
<br>
</font>
<!-- end of optional directions --></td>
</tr>

<tr>
<td><!-- start of footer for branding -->
<center><font class="PSPSMALLTEXT">Provided by <a href=
"http://www.contentSource.com/">Content Source Company</a></font></center>
<!-- end of footer for branding --></td>
</tr>
</table>

```

Let's examine how this adheres to the standards mentioned above.

- It uses a table to help wrap words, rather than let long strings dictate the width of the pagelet.
- All text should use the PeopleSoft styles, such as PSEDITBOXLABEL, PAADDITIONALINSTRUCTIONS, and PSPSMALLTEXT.
- The branding is small and no graphics are used. They adhere to the branding standards mentioned earlier.

Understanding Single Signon and Pagelets

This section provides overviews of:

- Single signon.
- The PeopleSoft authentication process.
- The PeopleSoft authentication API.

Describing Single Signon

The examples shown thus far have utilized publicly available URLs. Even if the examples represent third-party applications, the discussion has concentrated on retrieving data and rendering a pagelet. We have not yet discussed the possible need to log in to a non-PeopleSoft system.

When there are two or more systems that need separate authentication, it is preferable to handle it in some automated fashion. It is inconvenient and annoying if a user needs to manually log in to several different systems each day. Users often expect a business portal to be similar to accessing a variety of internet websites. Once logged into the portal, there should rarely (if ever) be the need to log in to another system.

There are several means to accomplishing single signon between PeopleSoft and other systems. First, you need to determine the primary (or master) and secondary (or slave) authentication systems.

- PeopleSoft as master.

Once a PeopleSoft user has logged in, an authentication cookie is sent to the browser's memory. Other applications can choose to authenticate using this cookie. PeopleSoft provides an API that other applications can leverage. This is the option that is discussed in detail in this section.

- PeopleSoft as slave.

PeopleSoft's authentication process is flexible enough to allow for accessing another system.

See *PeopleTools 8.51 PeopleBook: Security Administration*, "Employing Signon PeopleCode and User Exits."

- PeopleSoft and other applications leverage third-party authentication.

A variant of the previous option would be that all applications (including PeopleSoft) leverage, or trust, a third-party authentication system such as Netegrity, Oblix, or Securant.

If you are writing a pagelet for the PeopleSoft portal, there is no guarantee that all possible customers for the pagelet would have access to a third-party authentication system. Thus, this option is not discussed in this document.

Describing the PeopleSoft Authentication Process

Before discussing how your pagelet could leverage PeopleSoft authentication, it is important to understand the process.

After the first application server/node authenticates a user, PeopleSoft delivers a web browser cookie containing an authentication token. PeopleSoft Pure Internet Architecture uses web browser cookies to store a unique access token for each user after they are initially authenticated. When the user connects to another PeopleSoft application server/node, the second application server uses the token in the browser cookie to re-authenticate the user behind the scenes so that they don't have to complete the signon process again. Your non-PeopleSoft application could do something similar.

Single signon is critical for PeopleSoft portal implementations because the portal integrates content from various data sources and application servers and presents them in a unified interface. When users sign on through the portal, they always take advantage of single signon. Users need to sign on once and be able to navigate freely without encountering numerous signon screens.

Note. The browser cookie is an in-memory cookie and is never written to disk. The cookie is also encrypted and digitally signed using a checksum to prevent tampering.

The following table presents the fields that appear in the PeopleSoft authentication token.

| Field | Description |
|----------------------|--|
| UserID | Contains the user ID of the user to which the server issued the token. When the browser submits this token for single signon, this is the user that the application server logs on to the system. |
| Language Code | Specifies the language code of the user. When the system uses this token for single signon, it sets the language code for the session based on this value. |
| Date and Time Issued | <p>Specifies the date and time the token was first issued. The system uses this field to enforce a time-out interval for the single signon token. Any application server that accepts tokens for signon has a "time-out minutes" parameter configured at the system level.</p> <p>A system administrator sets this parameter using the Single Signon page. The value is in Greenwich Mean Time (GMT), so the application server's time zone is irrelevant.</p> |
| Issuing System | <p>Specifies the name of the system that issued the token. When it creates the token, the application server retrieves this value from the database. Specifically, it retrieves the defined Local Node. Single signon is not related to PeopleSoft Integration Broker messaging, except for the fact that single signon functionality leverages the messaging concept of nodes and local nodes.</p> <p>You configure a node to only trust single signon tokens from specific nodes. Consequently, an application server needs an Issuing System value so that it can check against its list of trusted nodes to see if it trusts the issued token.</p> |
| Signature | <p>Contains a digital signature that enables the application server using a token for single signon to ensure that the token hasn't been tampered with after it was originally issued. The system issuing the token generates the signature by concatenating the contents of the token (all of the fields that appear in this table) with the message node password for the local node. The system then hashes the resulting string using the SHA1 hash algorithm.</p> <p>For example ("+" indicates concatenation).</p> <pre>signature = SHA1_Hash (UserID + Lang + Date Time issued + Issuing System + Local Node Pswd)</pre> <p>There is only one way to derive the 160 bits of data that make up the signature, and this is by hashing exactly the same User ID, Language, Date Time, Issuing System, and node password.</p> <p>Note. If you are using digital certificate authentication, the signature of the digital certificate occupies this space. The above description only applies to using password authentication.</p> |

Note. Single signon does not depend on the use of a Lightweight Directory Access Protocol (LDAP) directory. You can store user credentials in an LDAP directory if desired, but it is not required.

The key security features of the cookie authentication token are:

- The cookie exists in memory; it is not written to disk.
- There is no password stored in the cookie.
- You can set the expiration of the cookie to be a matter of minutes or hours. This expiration option is a useful security feature.

Describing the PeopleSoft Authentication API

PeopleSoft delivers a component interface named PRTL_SS_CI, which enables external applications to seamlessly integrate a single signon solution with the PeopleSoft portal applications. This component interface helps ensure that users who have already signed on to the portal don't have to sign on again for every system you reference in your portal.

Component interfaces are the focal points for externalizing access to existing PeopleSoft components. They provide real-time synchronous access to the PeopleSoft business rules and data associated with a component outside the PeopleSoft online system. Component interfaces can be viewed as "black boxes" that encapsulate PeopleSoft data and business processes, and hide the details of the structure and implementation of the underlying page and data.

To take advantage of the Single Signon API, you need to create a custom API, which includes building the dynamic link libraries, classes, and registry settings necessary to enable an external application to communicate with PeopleSoft. This can be done automatically through PeopleTools. More information about building dynamic link libraries, classes, and registry settings, as well as other details about PeopleSoft component interfaces can be found in the *Enterprise PeopleTools 8.51 PeopleBook: PeopleSoft Component Interfaces*

See *PeopleTools 8.51 PeopleBook: PeopleSoft Component Interfaces*.

Only external applications, such as COM, C/C++, or Java programs require a component interface API. PeopleCode programs do not require a component interface API, and in fact, we do not recommend building a component interface API if the component interface is to be accessed from PeopleCode only.

The files of your custom API need to reside on the client machine; that is, the web server for ASP and the machine running the Java program for Java. The registry file may also need to be executed to update the registry with the new libraries.

The Signon Process with the API

The PRTL_SS_CI component interface contains two user-defined methods:

- `Authenticate()`.

Your external authentication program distributes an authentication token that can be retrieved from a cookie in the browser. The `Authenticate` function determines if an authentication token is valid.

- `GetUserID()`.

If the token is valid, you use the `GetUserID` function to retrieve the user ID associated with the authentication token.

Before we describe the development requirements of your API, take a moment to examine the steps that occur internally when you use the API in conjunction with the delivered `PRTL_SS_CI`:

1. The user enters the user ID and password into the PeopleSoft portal signon page.
2. If the login to the portal application server is successful, the server generates a single signon token. The web server receives the single signon token from the application server and issues a cookie to the browser.
3. The user navigates in the portal and encounters a hyperlink to the external system. The user clicks the link.
4. The browser passes the `PS_TOKEN` cookie to the external web server.
5. The external web server checks for the `PS_TOKEN` cookie before displaying a signon page.
6. Once it is determined that the user is accessing the application through the PeopleSoft portal, you retrieve the authentication token and send it to the `PRTL_SS_CI` component interface to verify authentication. For instance, it calls `PRTL_SS_CI.Authenticate(Auth.token string)`.
7. After the system authenticates the token, it can then make calls to the `PRTL_SS_CI.Get_UserID()` function to return the appropriate user ID.

In general, cookies are not transferable across domains. The only domain that can access the cookie is the domain that created it. Therefore, the web server for the non-PeopleSoft system must be on the same domain as the PeopleSoft system so that the cookies are passed appropriately.

External Application Support for Single Signon

Developers of external applications need to alter the signon process to conform to the following requirements:

1. Check for the `PS_TOKEN` cookie. If the cookie doesn't exist, continue with the normal signon process. Otherwise, bypass the signon screen.
2. Retrieve the authentication token from the `PS_TOKEN` cookie.
3. Make a connection to PeopleSoft through the `PRTL_SS_CI` API.
4. Pass the authentication token to the `Authenticate()` function of the API.
5. If `Authenticate()` returns *True*, retrieve the user ID associated with the authentication token using the `Get_UserID()` function.

Authentication API PeopleCode Example

The following PeopleCode example walks through the process of validating your authentication token and retrieving the user ID. The following sample is designed to provide a general idea of the process involved and help you to incorporate the `PRTL_SS_CI` API into your signon process.

```

Local ApiObject &THISSESSION;
Local ApiObject &THISCI;
Local string &AUTHTKN;
/* Assigns the Authentication Token to a variable */
&AUTHTKN = %AuthenticationToken;
/* Open a session and make a connection */
&THISSESSION = GetSession();
If &THISSESSION.connect(1, "EXISTING", "", "", 0) <> True Then
WinMessage(MsgGet(30000, 1, "Session Connect Failed.));
Exit (1);
End-If;
/* Retrieves the component interface PRTL_SS_CI */
&THISCI = &THISSESSION.GetCompIntfc(CompIntfc.PRTL_SS_CI);
/* Checks to see if the component interface is NULL */
If &THISCI = Null Then
WinMessage("Component Interface PRTL_SS_CI not found.
Please ensure Component Interface Security access is granted
to this user.");
Exit (1);
End-If;
/* Key fields would usually be set before the Get() function is
called in order to map the component interface to a particular
set of data. This component interface is not mapped to data.
* Therefore, the component interface is retrieved and then the
user defined methods are retrieved */
&THISCI.get();
PRTL_AUTH = &THISCI.Authenticate(&AUTHTKN);
PRTL_USER_ID = &THISCI.Get_UserID();

```

Note. The component interface is not mapped to data because the key field for the data would be the authentication token. This token is dynamically assigned when the user signs on to the portal, and it is not stored as data anywhere in the system. Therefore, there are no key fields and the token is passed directly to the user-defined functions.

Authentication API Java Example

Here is an example of a similar operation written in Java. This is a file named SingleSignon.java.

```

package examples.migration.sso;

import java.io.*;
import javax.servlet.*;
import javax.servlet.http.*;
import java.util.*;
import psft.pt8.joa.*;
import PeopleSoft.Generated.CompIntfc.*;

public class SingleSignon extends HttpServlet {
    public static ISession oSession;
    String psfttoken;
    public static void ErrorHandler() {
        //***** Display PeopleSoft Error Messages *****
        if (oSession.getErrorPending() || oSession.getWarningPending()) {
            IPSMessageCollection oPSMessageCollection;
            IPSMessage oPSMessage;

            oPSMessageCollection = oSession.getPSMessages();
            for (int i = 0; i < oPSMessageCollection.getCount(); i++) {
                oPSMessage = oPSMessageCollection.item(i);
                if (oPSMessage != null)
                    System.out.println(
                        "(" + oPSMessage.getMessageSetNumber() + ", "
                        + oPSMessage.getMessageSetNumber() + ") : " + oPSMessage.getText());
            }
            //***** Done processing messages in the collection;
            OK to delete *****
            oPSMessageCollection.deleteAll();
        }
    }

    public void doGet(HttpServletRequest request,
        HttpServletResponse response)
        throws ServletException, IOException {
        try {
            response.setContentType("text/html");
            PrintWriter out = response.getWriter();

            Cookie[] cookies = request.getCookies();
            if (cookies == null) {
                out.println("<TR><TH COLSPAN=2>No cookies");
            } else {
                Cookie cookie;
                for(int i=0; i<cookies.length; i++) {
                    cookie = cookies[i];

                    String pstoken = cookie.getName();
                    psfttoken = cookie.getValue();
                    if (pstoken.equals ("PS_TOKEN"))

                        out.println("<TR>\n" +
                            "    <TD>" + pstoken + "\n" +
                            "    <TD>" + psfttoken);
                }
            }

            String strServerName, strServerPort, strAppServerPath;
            String strUserID, strPassword;
            strServerName = "jfinnon09";
            strServerPort = "9500";
            strUserID = "VP1";
            strPassword = "VP1";
        }
    }
}

```

```

//Build Application Server Path
strAppServerPath = strServerName + ":" + strServerPort;

    //***** Create PeopleSoft Session Object *****
    //          ISession oSession;

oSession = API.createSession();

//***** Connect to the App Server *****
if (!oSession.connect(1, strAppServerPath, strUserID, strPassword,
null)) {
    out.println("\nUnable for Jason to Connect to
Application Server.");
    ErrorHandler();
    return;
}

    //***** Get Component Interface *****
IPrtlSsCi oPrtlSsCi;
String ciName;
    ciName = "PRTL_SS_CI";
oPrtlSsCi = (IPrtlSsCi) oSession.getCompIntfc(ciName);
if (oPrtlSsCi == null) {
    out.println("\nUnable to Get Component Interface " + ciName);
    ErrorHandler();
    return;
}

//***** Set the Component Interface Mode *****
oPrtlSsCi.setInteractiveMode(false);
oPrtlSsCi.setGetHistoryItems(true);
oPrtlSsCi.setEditHistoryItems(false);

//***** Set Component Interface Get/Create Keys *****

//***** Execute Get *****
if (!oPrtlSsCi.get()) {
    out.println("\nNo rows exist for the specified keys.
\nFailed to get the Component Interface.");
    ErrorHandler();
    return;
}

//***** BEGIN: Set/Get Component Interface Properties *****

//***** Set Level 0 Properties *****
//out.println("oPrtlSsCi.PrtlToken: " +
oPrtlSsCi.getPrtlToken());
//out.println("Checking token: " + psfttoken);

//oPrtlSsCi.setPrtlToken(<*>);
//String psfttoken;
//psfttoken = oPrtlSsCi.getPrtlToken();
//System.out.println("oPrtlSsCi.PrtlToken: "
+ psfttoken);

//***** END: Set Component Interface Properties *****

//***** Execute Standard and Custom Methods *****
//***** Execute Authenticate *****
boolean auth;

    auth = oPrtlSsCi.authenticate(psfttoken);
    //out.println("Auth: " + auth);

```

```

        //Execute Get_UserID
        String psftuser;
        psftuser = oPrtlSsCi.getUserid();
        //out.println("Psftuserid: " + psftuser);

        String title = "Welcome " + psftuser;

        //***** Get HTML *****
        out.println(ServletUtilities.headWithTitle(title));
        out.println("</BODY></HTML>");

        //***** Disconnect from the App Server *****
        oSession.disconnect();
        return;
    }

    catch (Exception e) {
        e.printStackTrace();
        System.out.println("An error occurred: ");
        ErrorHandler();
    }
}

/** Let the same servlet handle both GET and POST. */

public void doPost(HttpServletRequest request,
                   HttpServletResponse response)
    throws ServletException, IOException {
    doGet(request, response);
}
}

```

Developing Pagelets Using PeopleSoft Pure Internet Architecture

This section discusses how develop pagelets based on PeopleSoft Pure Internet Architecture pages.

Developing Pagelets Based on PeopleSoft Pure Internet Architecture Pages

To design a PIA page-based pagelet:

1. Open PeopleSoft Application Designer
2. Select *File, Open* to display the Open Definition dialog box.
3. Use the drop-down list box to select *Page* as the definition.
4. Enter selection criteria and open the desired page.
5. Select *File, Definition Properties* and then select the *Use* tab.
6. Select a page size of *240xVar portal home page comp* for narrow pagelets or *490xVar portal home page comp* for wide pagelets. Note that you can adjust the height of the pagelet now or later.

7. Design the new pagelet using the guidelines described above and similar design techniques used when designing a page.
8. Save the page.

Note. When the page is added to a component, the search record is specified. As noted in the above guidelines, you should avoid a search interaction so that the pagelet can render its data on the homepage without any prompting for keys. If keys are needed, then the pagelet should be coded to use some default key values and the personalization options should initially reflect these defaults.

9. Register the pagelet in the portal registry. This step also involves setting up security access to the component and therefore the PIA page.

See [Chapter 12, "Building Pagelets," Administering Pagelets in the Portal Registry, page 459.](#)

Developing Pagelets Using iScripts

This section discusses how to develop pagelets based on iScripts.

Developing Pagelets Based on iScripts

Use an iScript only for pagelets that reference non-PeopleSoft data or if a PIA page does not provide the necessary functionality.

The advantages of iScripts include the following:

- People may be familiar with the technique, since it's similar to creating Active Server Pages (ASP) or Java Server Pages (JSP). Basically, you are using a script to output HTML and JavaScript.
- There is some greater flexibility in the appearance since there is direct control of the HTML or JavaScript.
- There is some greater flexibility of sizing. PeopleSoft Internet Architecture pages tend to be fairly static in their object placement and sizing.

However, the disadvantages of iScripts include the following:

- Everything is manually coded. You must handle and account for support for multiple browsers and international considerations, such as language, date and currency formatting, and so forth. PeopleTools handles these considerations automatically on PIA pages.
- There may be related coding or performance issues.

This section provides an example of developing an iScript-based pagelet that uses content from an external site for display in the PeopleSoft portal. The pagelet is based on a public-use form that is provided at www.onelook.com.

When developing a template pagelet based on an iScript, some of the functions provided by PeopleSoft Application Designer such as currency codes, language support, and multiple browser support are not automatically available in your iScript. Therefore, if they are desired, they will need to be developed.

Note. When using iScripts to create pagelets, use the styles (classes) that are defined in PeopleSoft Application Designer style sheets to specify the attributes of the objects referenced.

To create an iScript-based template pagelet:

Note. Use steps 1 and 2 when you are grabbing HTML from another Website, or if you basically want to create some relatively static HTML that is used by the iScript to render a pagelet. If you are creating a pagelet iScript that is going to render highly dynamic HTML, then skip to step 3 and create any necessary/complex PeopleCode to conditionally render the HTML/JavaScript.

1. Create the HTML code for the pagelet.

In many cases you can navigate to a Uniform Resource Locator (URL) that you want to turn into a pagelet and copy the HTML associated with that Web page. For form-based Web pages, copy all of the HTML code located between the Form tags of an existing HTML document.

2. Store the new HTML code in PeopleSoft Application Designer as an HTML definition.
3. Create an iScript that calls the new HTML definition in a Web library.

A Web library is a derived record that is created in PeopleTools for storing iScripts. The name of all Web library records begin with `WEBLIB_`.

Note. All iScripts should be coded in the FieldFormula PeopleCode event of a derived record called `WEBLIB_XX`, where `XX` is the product code. Only functions that start with *iScript_*, such as *iScript_iTracker*, can be invoked from a URL.

4. Navigate to the appropriate field name and edit the FieldFormula PeopleCode that is associated with the field.

This is where you create an iScript that calls the HTML definition that you created.

5. Create a new iScript and give it a meaningful name.

An easy way to create a new iScript is to copy and paste an existing iScript that is located in the Web library and then make the desired changes. All iScript names must begin with *iScript_*.

6. Save the web library.
7. Register the iScript as a pagelet in the portal registry. This step also involves setting up security access to the iScript.

See [Chapter 12, "Building Pagelets," Administering Pagelets in the Portal Registry, page 459.](#)

Modifying Security For the Web Library

Security for the web library can be initially set up using the Registration Wizard. You can use the following steps to modify the security settings created by the wizard.

To modify security:

1. Select *PeopleTools, Security, Permissions & Roles, Permission Lists*.
2. Open the desired permission list, such as *ALLPAGES* or *PAPP9000*.

3. Go to the *Web Libraries* tab.
4. Select the *Edit* link next to the appropriate web library.
5. Modify the Weblib Permissions as desired by changing the Access Permissions drop-down option. The choices are *Full Access* and *No Access*. Click OK to return to the main Permission List page.
6. Click Save to save your changes to the permission list.

See Also

PeopleTools 8.51 PeopleBook: Security Administration, "Setting Up Permission Lists," Setting Web Library Permissions

PeopleTools 8.51 PeopleBook: PeopleSoft Application Designer Developer's Guide, "Using the Registration Wizard," Understanding the Registration Wizard

PeopleTools 8.51 PeopleBook: PeopleCode API Reference, "Internet Script Classes (iScript)," iScript Security

Developing Pagelets Using Java

This section provides an overview of Java pagelet developing and Java pagelet development considerations and discusses how to:

- Write business logic in Java.
- Use Java to write business logic for a PeopleSoft or non-PeopleSoft system.
- Invoke PeopleSoft components from Java.

Understanding Developing Pagelets in Java

Java is an extremely popular programming language today, especially for internet applications. PeopleTools provides support in several key areas to enable developers to create Java-based applications. Though the PeopleSoft development environment allows you to write PeopleSoft business logic in Java, the focus of the following sections is to provide information that is relevant to the developer who is integrating applications with the PeopleSoft Enterprise Portal. For example, development that is being done to integrate your non-PeopleSoft application with the PeopleSoft Enterprise Portal. Another example is a scenario in which you want to pull together data from your non-PeopleSoft system along with data from your PeopleSoft system for integration with the PeopleSoft Enterprise Portal.

There are two primary areas in which you can program in Java within the PeopleTools environment:

1. Writing business logic in Java.

Java can be used to write business logic for PeopleSoft or non-PeopleSoft applications that are to be rendered in the PeopleSoft Enterprise Portal. Java can be called from PeopleCode and the Java program can then reference PeopleSoft's run-time environment as needed.

In addition, Pagelet Wizard facilitates Java development in that it allows the Java programmer to concentrate on business logic, while Pagelet Wizard takes care of all the development aspects of rendering the application in the portal framework without any coding necessary.

2. Invoking PeopleSoft components from Java.

All PeopleSoft components can be invoked from Java programs through the component interface technology. This is useful if you want to create Java servlets, applets, JSP programs, or Enterprise JavaBeans that invoke PeopleSoft business logic.

Another consideration when developing applications with Java is that any application developed using Java that is URL-addressable and produces HTML can be easily integrated into the PeopleSoft Enterprise Portal through the PeopleSoft Enterprise Portal's registry functionality. This allows you to distribute your development and run-time environments making for better scalability for both.

For more information about leveraging the PeopleSoft Enterprise Portal's registry functionality to integrate your Java application with the PeopleSoft Enterprise Portal, see the following documentation.

See [Chapter 12, "Building Pagelets," Administering Pagelets in the Portal Registry, page 459.](#)

These areas of Java programming within the PeopleTools development environment are discussed further in the following sections.

Describing Java Pagelet Development Considerations

This section discusses the following Java development considerations:

- Business rules.
- User interface.
- User personalization.
- Navigation.

Business Rules

Java can be used to apply business logic to data to create a result set. Pagelet Wizard can then be used to invoke the Java program. Parameters that are required by the Java program can be defined, managed, and passed to the Java program through Pagelet Wizard. These parameters may be derived from user personalization parameters, as well as administrator-defined parameters and system variables.

For example, the Java program may need the user's ID, the user's language, and the user's personalization selection regarding whether to include historical transaction information or just current information. These parameters can be defined in Pagelet Wizard in relation to a Java class. Pagelet Wizard can access the PeopleSoft run-time environment to determine the user's ID as well as other profile information, such as the user's language.

See [Chapter 11, "Using Pagelet Wizard," Understanding System Variables Supported as Data Source Parameters, page 339.](#)

Pagelet Wizard will also manage the user interface and storage of user personalization data. This is discussed in detail in the following "User Personalization" subtopic. When the Java program is invoked, Pagelet Wizard will handle passing all required parameters to the Java program.

In addition, Java classes delivered with PeopleTools enable you to call PeopleCode from your Java program and access contextual information from the run-time system. If needed, business data can be retrieved, as necessary, through the numerous PeopleCode functions that are accessible from Java.

The result set created by the Java program may be in an HTML format or in an XML format. Pagelet Wizard will accept the output from the Java program and will manage the presentation of the information within the portal. This is discussed in the following "User Interface" subtopic.

User Interface

Pagelet Wizard will manage all aspects of a pagelet's user interface. No user-interface-related programming for the pagelet is required in the Java program. Pagelet Wizard can accept an HTML- or XML-based result set from a Java program. The HTML from the Java program can be rendered directly. Alternatively, XML can be transformed with XSL to create an appropriate pagelet user interface.

In either case, Pagelet Wizard will manage the XSL and invoke the transformation at runtime. Extensible Stylesheet Language templates are provided with Pagelet Wizard for general use scenarios. Extensible Stylesheet Language development may be required, depending on the specific user interface required for a pagelet.

See [Chapter 11, "Using Pagelet Wizard," Defining Pagelet Wizard XSL Prototypes, page 314.](#)

User Personalization

Pagelet Wizard supports the persistence of user personalization selections for a pagelet application and handles all aspects of the user interface that allows a user to enter their preferences and selections. Personalization parameters are defined within Pagelet Wizard's administration pages. No programming is required, Java or otherwise.

User personalization selections can occur at two levels. From the homepage, users can select which pagelet applications they'd like to include on their homepage. After they've selected a pagelet application and have decided where they'd like the pagelet to display on their homepage, they can personalize a particular pagelet application.

Examples of user personalizations at the second level can include scenarios in which a user selects transactions from a particular region, or chooses to include transactions using a particular date as opposed to same-day transactions.

The user interface for all of these activities, as well as the storage of the personalization data for persistence, is managed by Pagelet Wizard without any additional programming, Java or otherwise.

Pagelet Wizard supports functionality that allows an end user to select a pagelet application to appear on their homepage. When a pagelet application is registered with Pagelet Wizard, a folder, which represents a portal application category, can be selected. When users personalize their homepage by selecting specific pagelet applications that they want to appear on their homepage, the selection will be presented within the category (folder) that is defined when registering the pagelet application through Pagelet Wizard.

See [Chapter 11, "Using Pagelet Wizard," Step 6: Specifying Pagelet Publication Options, page 380.](#)

Pagelet Wizard also supports functionality that allows an end user to select values that allow a specific pagelet application to be personalized. The functionality may dictate that some input parameters required by a Java program be entered by an end user, while other parameters can be set by an administrator. Pagelet Wizard manages parameter passing and the user interface. Pagelet Wizard introspects the Java source code for input parameters. Pagelet Wizard administrators can then select which parameters can be accessed by an end user for personalization. The user interface to allow an end user to personalize a pagelet application and update the appropriate Java input parameters is automatically generated and managed by Pagelet Wizard.

Navigation

When creating links in your pagelet application that allow a user to navigate to a related page for details and so forth, it may be important that the link be proxied by the portal to keep the user within the portal. For example, if a pagelet link is not proxied, then the pagelet can take a user to a site that is completely independent from the portal. In this scenario, the navigational links on the portal header, the homepage menu pagelet, and the left-hand menu pagelet will not be available to the user.

If the link is proxied by the portal, then the link can bring in content from a site that is independent of the portal. However, the content will be rendered within the portal. For example, the portal's header and left-hand menu will be available.

With the PeopleSoft Enterprise Portal, links that are included in a pagelet will automatically be altered to support proxying by the portal. No programming is required, Java or otherwise.

Note. Content that is referenced by the link must be HTML-based to be rendered appropriately in the portal.

Navigation on Extended Pages

Invoking a link on an extended page will bring in content within the target frame. The PeopleSoft Enterprise Portal, header, and left-hand menu area will remain. Therefore, the new content will be rendered in the context of the PeopleSoft Enterprise Portal.

Note. Content that is referenced by the link must be HTML-based to be rendered appropriately in the portal.

The Return to Home link, which returns the user to the portal homepage, may be required from an extended page. The `GenerateHomepagePortalURL` function creates a URL string that represents an absolute reference to the portal homepage. Because you can access the PeopleSoft runtime environment from a Java program and you have access to PeopleCode built-in functions, you can invoke the `GenerateHomepagePortalURL` function from your Java program.

See [Chapter 12, "Building Pagelets," Developing Pagelets Using Java, page 445](#).

See *PeopleTools 8.51 PeopleBook: PeopleCode Language Reference*, "PeopleCode Built-in Functions."

Portal Integration

The pagelet application needs to be integrated with the PeopleSoft Enterprise Portal so that the pagelet application is managed, secured, and presented through the PeopleSoft Enterprise Portal. Registration in the PeopleSoft Enterprise Portal makes the portal aware of a pagelet application. Information included in registration determines the name and security for your pagelet application. In addition, registration data determines the category in which the pagelet application resides. Users view pagelet applications within these categories when selecting items that they want to see on their homepage. No programming is required, Java or otherwise, to complete portal registration.

Writing Business Logic in Java

There are many reasons why you would want to write business logic for your non-PeopleSoft (and even your PeopleSoft applications) in Java. Perhaps you have licensed a third-party set of Java classes to do some very specific processing (tax calculation, for example). Or perhaps you have developed some internal Enterprise JavaBeans for your specific business processes. Or perhaps you simply like to code in Java. Whatever the reason, you can easily integrate Java code with your applications through the Java PeopleCode functions.

Invoking Java from PeopleCode

There are three primary Java PeopleCode functions that are used to invoke Java from PeopleCode:

- GetJavaClass
- CreateJavaObject
- CreateJavaArray

| Java PeopleCode Function | Usage | Example |
|---------------------------------|---|---|
| GetJavaClass | Finds a Java class you can manipulate in PeopleCode. This is used for those classes that have static members, where it isn't appropriate to instantiate an object of the class. You can only call static methods, that is, class methods, with the object created with this function. | <p>In Java, you access such static members of a class by using the class name:</p> <pre>result = java.class.name.SomeStaticMethod();</pre> <p>To do this in PeopleCode, do the following:</p> <pre>&Result = GetJavaClass("java.class.name").SomeStaticMethod();</pre> <p>Following is a simple PeopleCode example that uses GetJavaClass to get a system class:</p> <pre>&Sys = GetJavaClass("java.lang.System"); &Sys.setProperty("java.security.policy", "C:\java\policy"); WinMessage("The security property is: " &Sys.getProperty("java.security.policy")); &Props = &Sys.getProperties(); &Props.put("java.security.policy", "C:\java\policy"); &Sys.setProperties(&Props); WinMessage("The security property is: " &Sys.getProperty("java.security.policy"));</pre> |

| Java PeopleCode Function | Usage | Example |
|---------------------------------|--|--|
| CreateJavaObject | <p>Creates a Java object that can be manipulated in your PeopleCode. You can use the CreateJavaObject function to create a Java array. If ClassName is the name of an array class (ending with []), ConstructorParams are used to initialize the array.</p> | <p>In Java, you would do the following to initialize an array:</p> <pre>intArray = new int[]{1, 2, 3, 5, 8, 13};</pre> <p>Do the following to initialize a Java array from PeopleCode:</p> <pre>&IntArray = CreateJavaObject("int[]", 1, 2, 3, 5, 8, 13);</pre> <p>If you want to initialize a Java array without knowing the number of parameters until runtime, use the CreateJavaArray function.</p> <p>Following is a simple PeopleCode program that creates a Java object from a sample program that generates a random password:</p> <pre>/* Example to return Random Passwords from a Java class */ Local JavaObject &oGpw; /* Create an instance of the object */ &oGpw = CreateJavaObject ("com.PeopleSoft.Random.Gpw_Demo"); &Q = "1"; /* Call the method within the class */ &NEW_VALUE = &oGpw.getNewPassword(&Q, PSRNDMPSWD.LENGTH); /* This is just returning one value for now */ PSRNDMPSWD.PSWD = &NEW_VALUE;</pre> |
| CreateJavaArray | <p>Allows you to create a Java array without knowing the number or value of the elements.</p> <p>When you create an array in Java, you already know the number of elements in the array. If you don't know the number of elements in the array, but you want to use a Java array, use the CreateJavaArray function in PeopleCode. This will create a Java object that is a Java array, and you can pass in the number of elements that are to be in the array.</p> | <p>The following PeopleCode example passes a PeopleCode array of strings (&Parms) to a Java method xyz of class Abc. This example assumes that when you are writing the code, you don't know how many parameters you will have.</p> <pre>Local JavaObject &Abc, &RefArray; Local array of String &Parms; &Parms = CreateArray(); /* Populate array how ever you want to populate it */ &Abc = GetJavaObject("com.peoplesoft.def.Abc"); /* Create the java array object. */ &JavaParms = CreateJavaArray("java.lang.String[]", &Parms.Len); /* Populate the java array from the PeopleCode array. */ &RefArray = GetJavaClass("java.lang.reflect. Array"); For &I = 1 to &Parms.Len &RefArray.set(&JavaParms, &I - 1, &Parms[&I]); End-For; /* Call the method. */ &Abc.xyz(&JavaParms);</pre> |

Accessing the PeopleSoft Run-Time System From Java

After a Java class has been invoked, the PeopleSoft run-time system can then be accessed from Java. Java classes delivered with PeopleTools enable you to call PeopleCode from your Java program and access contextual information from the run-time system such as the current user's role and language preference. By importing the PeopleTools-delivered Java classes in your Java program, you can have access to PeopleCode objects and methods. There are hundreds of PeopleSoft system variables, constants, and built-in functions available for use with this approach. Discussions of the various methods follow.

Accessing the run-time system works only from a Java program that was initially called from PeopleCode. You must call PeopleCode facilities only from the same thread that was used for the call into Java. You cannot call any PeopleCode facility that would cause the server to return to the browser for an end-user action because the state of the Java computation cannot be saved and restored when the action is complete.

| Java Class | Usage |
|------------|--|
| SysVar | <p>Use to refer to PeopleSoft system variables, such as %Language or %Oprid.</p> <p>For example, %Session, becomes SysVar.Session().</p> <p>See <i>PeopleTools 8.51 PeopleBook: PeopleCode Developer's Guide</i>, "Understanding the PeopleCode Language," System Variables.</p> |
| SysCon | <p>Use to refer to system constants, such as %SQLStatus_OK or %FilePath_Absolute.</p> <p>For example, %CharType_Matched becomes SysCon.CharType_Matched.</p> <p>See <i>PeopleTools 8.51 PeopleBook: PeopleCode Developer's Guide</i>, "Understanding the PeopleCode Language," Constants.</p> |
| Name | <p>Allows you to use the PeopleSoft-reserved item references. This allows you to reference pages, components, records, fields, and so forth.</p> <p>For example, in PeopleCode you can refer to a record field using the following:</p> <pre>recname.fieldname</pre> <p>With the Name class, you can use a similar construct:</p> <pre>new PeopleSoft.PeopleCode.Name("RECNAME" , "FIELDNAME");</pre> <p>As another example, in PeopleCode you can refer to a PeopleSoft page using the following:</p> <pre>PAGE.pagename</pre> <p>In Java, it would be:</p> <pre>new PeopleSoft.PeopleCode.Name("PAGE" , "PAGENAME");</pre> <p>See <i>PeopleTools 8.51 PeopleBook: PeopleCode Developer's Guide</i>, "Understanding the PeopleCode Language," Definition Name References.</p> |
| Func | <p>Use to refer to built-in PeopleCode functions, such as CreateRowset or GetFile.</p> <p>For example, SetLanguage(LANG_CD) becomes Func.SetLanguage(LANG_CD).</p> <p>The existing PeopleCode classes (Array, Rowset, and so forth) have properties and methods you can access from Java. PeopleCode classes have the same name, so Record becomes Record, SQL becomes SQL, and so forth. Methods are accessed by the method name. The name of a property is pre-pended with either "get" or "set," depending on whether you're reading or writing to the property. For example, to get the IsChanged property would be getIsChanged. To set the value for a field would be &MyField.setValue.</p> |

| Java Class | Usage |
|------------------|---|
| Func (continued) | <p>Here is an example of a Java program that uses PeopleCode objects to access the database:</p> <pre> /* This code is used to test the Java/PeopleCode interface. */ import PeopleSoft.PeopleCode.*; public class Test { /* * Add up and return the length of all the * item labels on the UTILITIES menu, * found two different ways. */ public static int Test() { /* Get a Rowset to hold all the menu item records. */ Rowset rs = Func.CreateRowset(new Name("RECORD", "PSMENUITEM"), => new Object[]{}); String menuName = "UTILITIES"; int nRecs = rs.Fill(new Object[]{"WHERE FILL.MENUNAME = :1", => menuName}); int i; int nFillChars = 0; for (i = 1; i <= rs.getActiveRowCount(); i++) { String itemLabel = (String)rs.GetRow(i) .GetRecord(new Name("RECORD", "PSMENUITEM")) .GetField(new Name("FIELD", "ITEMLABEL")) .getValue(); nFillChars += itemLabel.length(); } /* Do this a different way - use the SQL object to read each=> menu item record. */ int nSQLChars = 0; Record menuRec = Func.CreateRecord(new Name("RECORD", => "PSMENUITEM")); SQL menuSQL = Func.CreateSQL("%SelectAll(:1) WHERE MENUNAME = :> 2", new Object[]{menuRec, menuName}); while (menuSQL.Fetch(new Object[]{menuRec})) { String itemLabel = (String)menuRec .GetField(new Name("FIELD", "ITEMLABEL")) .getValue(); nSQLChars += itemLabel.length(); } return nFillChars + 100000 * nSQLChars; } } </pre> |
| Func (continued) | <p>This can be run from PeopleCode as follows:</p> <pre> Local JavaObject &Test; Local number &chars; &Test = GetJavaClass("Test"); &chars = &Test.Test(); &Test = Null; WinMessage("The character counts found are: " &chars, 0); </pre> <p>See <i>PeopleTools 8.51 PeopleBook: PeopleCode API Reference</i>, "Quick Reference for PeopleCode Classes."</p> |

Using Java to Write Business Logic for a PeopleSoft or Non-PeopleSoft System

This section presents an example of pagelet application development where it is desired that all programming be done in Java. Business logic might be for a PeopleSoft system or a non-PeopleSoft system. In this development example, PeopleTools programming is not required. All programming is done with Java.

The PeopleTools infrastructure can be leveraged without any PeopleTools programming through the use of PeopleSoft Enterprise Portal features that support administration, integration and implementation for the portal. The ability to leverage the PeopleTools infrastructure can significantly reduce the amount of Java programming that is required to develop a pagelet application for use in the PeopleSoft Enterprise Portal.

Some of the information in this section is covered in other Pagelets Wizard documentation. The main difference in this section is that it presents the information as a development scenario as opposed to a feature description. Also, the ability to access the PeopleSoft run-time environment from Java is discussed in this section.

The development scenario below will address the following elements of portal application development, integration, and implementation:

- Business rules.

Apply business logic/rules to data in order to create a result set.

- User interface.

Create the appropriate presentation format for a set of business data.

- User personalization.

- User personalization data.

Allow pagelet applications to be selected by the end user in order to be placed on their home page. Also, allow a user to personalize a specific pagelet application. These selections should persist.

- User interface.

Create the appropriate presentation format for personalization data.

- Navigation for a pagelet.

Create links on your pagelet to allow a user to navigate to a related page for details and so forth.

- Navigation on extended pages.

An extended page is a page that a user can get to from a homepage pagelet. It might show details as well. An extended page may have links to allow a user to navigate to other related pages.

- Links.

Create links from your extended page to allow a user to navigate to a related page for further details and so forth.

- Return links.

Create links that allow the user to return to the portal's homepage.

- Portal integration and implementation.

Integrate the pagelet application with the PeopleSoft Enterprise Portal so that the pagelet application is managed, secured, and presented through the PeopleSoft Enterprise Portal.

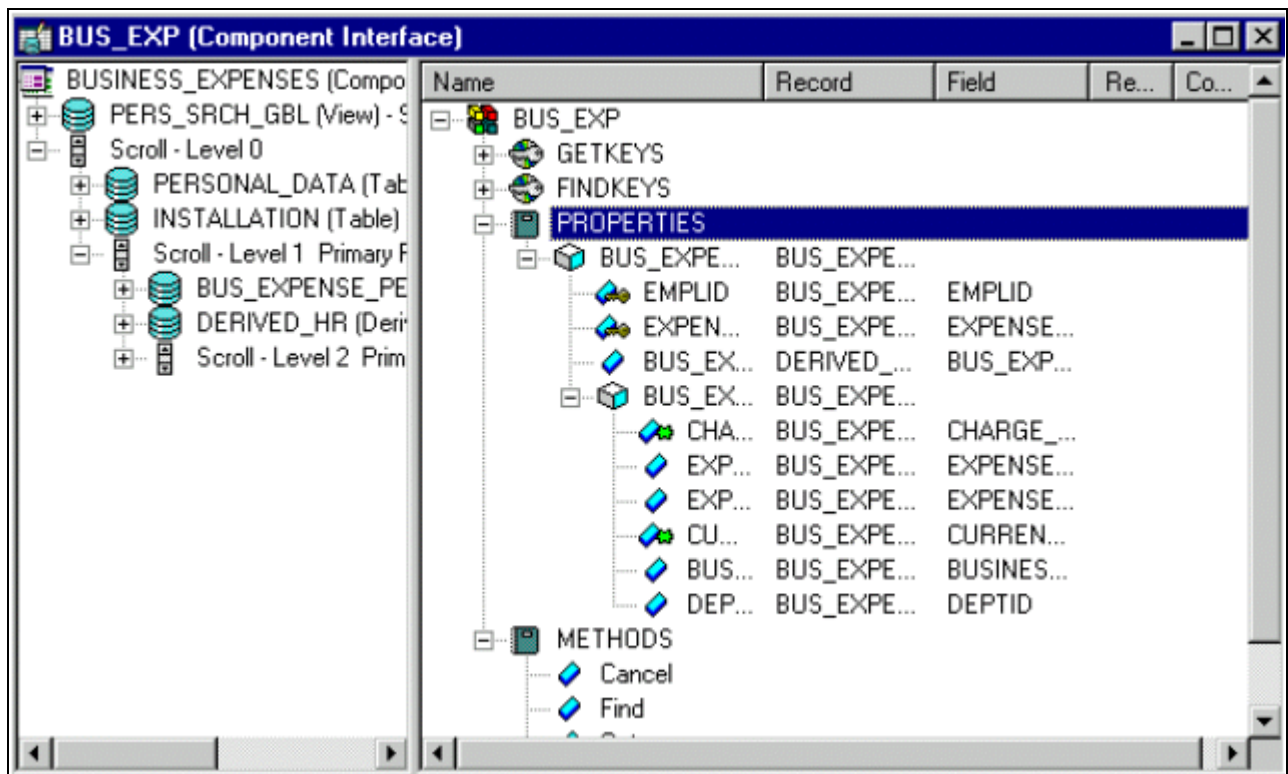
Invoking PeopleSoft Components from Java

All PeopleSoft components can be invoked from Java programs through component interface technology. This is useful for those developers who want to create Java servlets, applets, JSP programs, or Enterprise JavaBeans that invoke PeopleSoft business logic. This section walks through an example of how to invoke a PeopleSoft component from Java. A Business Expense component is used as the example.

Creating the Component Interface

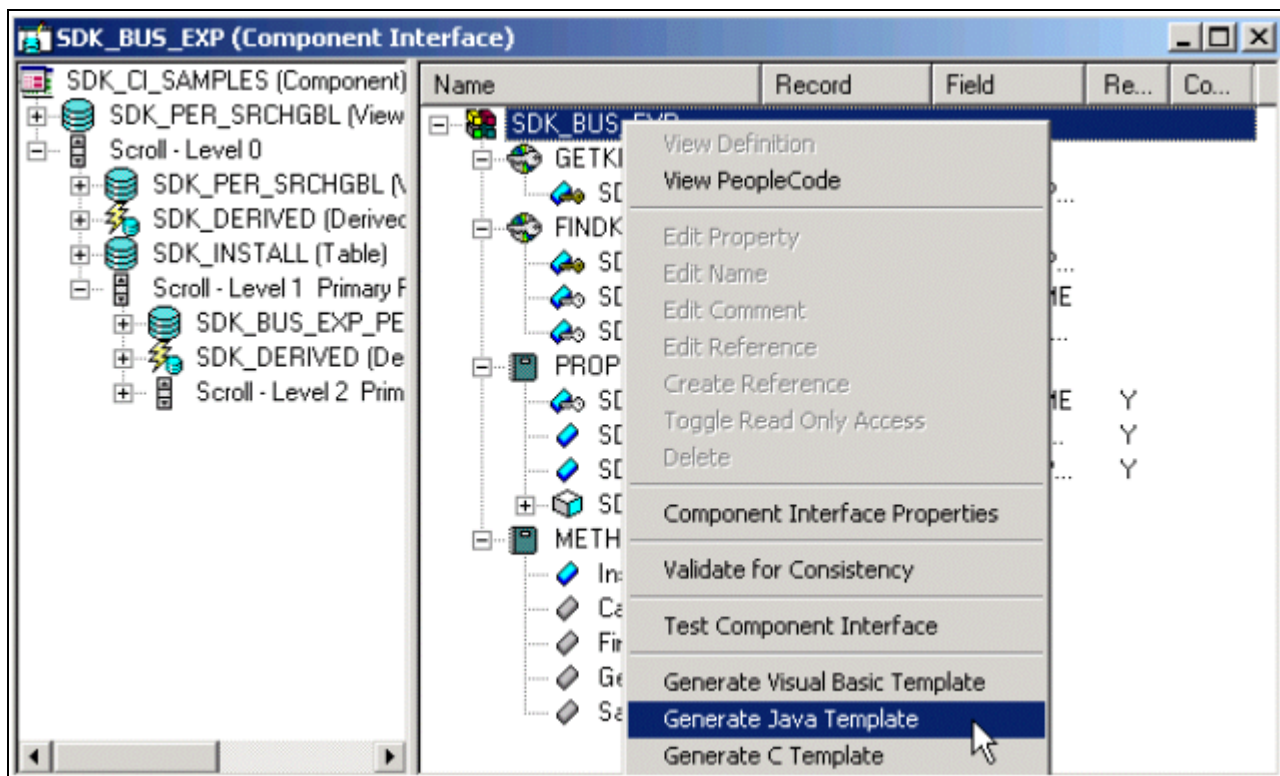
To expose a component to a third party, you must first create a component interface definition. This is done through the Component Interface Designer. Using drag-and-drop functionality, you can specify the properties and methods of the component that you wish to expose. Numerous component interface definitions are delivered out of the box.

The Business Expenses component definition is displayed in the left frame of the following example. The properties and methods that are exposed through this interface are displayed in the right frame.



BUS_EXP component interface definition

Once the component interface definition is saved, you can then generate the Java classes for invoking this interface. This is also done using the Component Interface Designer:



SDK_BUS_EXP component interface

See *PeopleTools 8.51 PeopleBook: PeopleCode API Reference*, "Component Interface Classes."

Invoking the Component Interface from Java

The following section walks through the steps involved in invoking the Business Expense component interface from Java.

1. Connect to the application server.

To access a component interface, you need to establish a PeopleSoft session. To create a session object, use the `Session.Connect()` method. The `Connect` method, which takes five parameters, actually logs in to a PeopleSoft session. The `Connect()` method connects a session object to a PeopleSoft application server. Note that there are various options available for using an existing connection and disconnecting and switching connections.

```
import PeopleSoft.ObjectAdapter.*;
import PeopleSoft.Generated.PeopleSoft.*;
import PeopleSoft.Generated.CompIntfc.*;
private ISession oSession;
private CAdapter oAdapter;
oAdapter = new CAdapter();
oSession = new CSession(oAdapter.getSession());
oSession.Connect(1, "//EHARRIS032000:9000", "PTDMO", "PTDMO", new byte[0]);
```

2. Get an instance of the component interface.

Use the GetComponent() method with a session object to get an instance of a previously created component interface.

```
busExpense = new CBusExp( oSession.GetComponent( "BUS_EXP" ) );
```

3. Find an existing record.

You can query a component interface to find relevant data instances based on primary and alternate search keys.

```
busExpense.setName( searchDialogStrings[ 0 ] );
busExpense.setLastNameSrch( searchDialogStrings[ 1 ] );
busExpense.setEmplid( searchDialogStrings[ 2 ] );
return( busExpense.Find() );
```

4. Get an instance of data.

GetKeys are the key values required to return a unique instance of existing data. GetKeys can be set using simple assignment to the properties of the component interface and then the Get() method can be invoked. This will populate the component interface with data based on the key values you set; this is what has been referred to here as a data instance.

```
busExpense.setEmplid( getKey );
boolean result = busExpense.Get();
```

5. Migrate through collections of data.

After getting a data instance, the next step will be to get access to the data in the component interface. PeopleSoft organizes component interface data within collections. Rows of data in a collection are called items.

The following code creates a connection to the application server, gets the component interface, and fetches the first item in a collection.

```
oAdapter = new CAdapter();
oSession = new CSession(oAdapter.getSession());
oSession.Connect(1,"//EHARRIS032000:9000","PTDMO","PTDMO",new byte[0]);
busExpense = new CBusExp( oSession.GetComponent( "BUS_EXP" ) );
busExpense.setEmplid( getKey );
boolean result = busExpense.Get();
busExpenseFirstScrollItemCollection = busExpense.getBusExpensePer();
busExpenseFirstScrollItem = firstScrollCollection.Item
( firstScrollIndex );
return( busExpenseFirstScrollItem.getBusExpenseDtl() );
```

6. Edit and access data in an item.

Editing and accessing component interface data in Java is rather straightforward. The following Java code accesses the various public members of the class.

```
long j = busExpenseSecondScrollCollection.getCount();
Object [][] data = new Object[ ((int)j + 1) ][ 7 ];
for( int i = 1; i < j + 1 ; i++ )
{
    busExpenseSecondScrollItem = busExpenseSecondScrollCollection.Item( i );
    data[(i - 1)][0] = busExpenseSecondScrollItem.getBusinessPurpose();
    data[(i - 1)][1] = busExpenseSecondScrollItem.getChargeDt();
    data[(i - 1)][2] = busExpenseSecondScrollItem.getCurrencyCd();
    data[(i - 1)][3] = busExpenseSecondScrollItem.getDeptid();
    data[(i - 1)][4] = busExpenseSecondScrollItem.getExpenseAmt();
    data[(i - 1)][5] = busExpenseSecondScrollItem.GetPropertyByName
    ("ExpenseCd");
    data[(i - 1)][6] = busExpenseSecondScrollItem.GetPropertyByName
    ("CurrencyCd");
}return( data );
```

In the following example, data is accessed using the `getNAME_OF_PRPERTY()` method of an item or by using the generic `GetPropertyByName()` method. This code illustrates that way in which an entire collection of data can be captured and packaged into an object for transfer to a calling object.

```
busExpenseFirstScrollItem.setEmplid( emplid );
busExpenseFirstScrollItem.setExpensePeriodDt( expensePeriodDt );
return( busExpense.Save() );
```

Just as before, data is edited using item objects and the `setNameOfPropery()` method of those items. Also note that we needed to call the `Save()` method on the component interface to commit the changes.

7. Insert an item into a collection and delete an item from a collection.

Collection objects in Java contain the `InsertItem()` method in which the return value is the item that has just been inserted. After a new item is created, simply edit data in it and then remember to call the `Save()` method to commit the changes.

```
busExpenseSecondScrollItem = busExpenseSecondScrollCollection.
InsertItem( secondScrollIndex );
```

Similarly, there is a `DeleteItem()` method:

```
busExpenseSecondScrollCollection.DeleteItem( secondScrollIndex );
```

8. Disconnect from a session.

After a session is no longer needed, it should be disconnected from the application server. This is done by calling the `Disconnect()` method on the session object.

```
oSession.Disconnect();
```

Developing Contextual Embeddable Pagelets

This section discusses how to develop contextually relevant pagelets that you embed in transaction pages.

1. Create an embeddable pagelet using Pagelet Wizard.

See Chapter 11, "Using Pagelet Wizard," page 291.

2. Create a transaction page definition using Application Designer.

See *PeopleTools 8.51 PeopleBook: PeopleSoft Application Designer Developer's Guide*, "Creating Page Definitions."

3. Place an HTML Area on the page definition.

See *PeopleTools 8.51 PeopleBook: PeopleSoft Application Designer Developer's Guide*, "Using Page Controls," Inserting HTML Areas.

4. Write a PeopleCode function and map the pagelet parameters with any available values from the component buffer.

PeopleCode Sample for Rendering the Context-Based Embeddable Pagelet

```

/* Import the Pagelet Wizard application package to create the
embeddable pagelet*/
import PTPPB_PAGELET:*;
import PTPPB_PAGELET:UTILITY:*;
Component object &Pagelet, &myDataSource;

/* Create the Pagelet Wizard application package and assign the pagelet
ID*/
&PWAPI = create PTPPB_PAGELET:PageletWizard();
&PageletID = "EMBEDDED_PAGELET";

/* Get the pagelet's pointer by passing the pagelet id*/
&Pagelet = &PWAPI.getPageletByID(&PageletID, False);
&myDataSource = &Pagelet.DataSource;

/* Set the pagelet parameters to default values*/
&Pagelet.PopulateInputsWithDefaults();

/* Read the pagelet parameters */
&DSPParamColl = &myDataSource.getParameterCollection();
&CollectionParamArray = &DSPParamColl.getCollectionAsArray();

/* To override the pagelet parameter default values, */
/* read the CollectionParamArray and set the parameter values */
/* from the component buffer based on the business requirement */
If &CollectionParamArray.Len > 0 Then
For &i = 1 To &CollectionParamArray.Len
If (&i = 1) Then
&DSPParameter = &CollectionParamArray [&i];
&CollectionParamArray [&i].value = PSOPRDEFN.OPRDEFNDESC;
End-If;
End-For;
End-If;

/* Get the Embeddable Pagelet HTML */
&PglHTML = &Pagelet.Execute();

/* Associate the Pagelet HTML with the HTML Area */
PSUSRPRFL_WRK.HTMLAREA = "<div class='PSTEXT'>" | &PglHTML | "</div>";

```

Administering Pagelets in the Portal Registry

This section discusses how to:

- Register homepage and template pagelets.
- Modify pagelet attributes and security.
- Register URL-based pagelets.
- Register pagelet extensions.

Note. When registering pagelets, Pagelet Wizard automates the process of interacting with the portal registry. You supply some key information in the pagelet definition, such as pagelet name, title, folder, and so forth, and Pagelet Wizard passes this information on to the portal registry.

However, the portal registry encapsulates other metadata about URLs accessed by way of the portal. Even if you use Pagelet Wizard to define and initially register a pagelet, you may still need to access the portal registry to update an attribute or to register additional entries.

See Also

Chapter 5, "Administering Portals," page 99

Registering Homepage and Template Pagelets

Before you can access a pagelet through the portal, or associate a template pagelet with a target or WorkCenter page, you must register the pagelet in the portal registry. You can register pagelets by using Registration Wizard, or use the following procedure:

To register a new homepage pagelet or template pagelet:

1. Select PeopleTools, Portal, Structure and Content. Then
 - For template pagelets, click these links in this order: *Portal Objects*, *Template Pagelets*.
Template pagelets must be registered in this folder.
 - For homepage pagelets, click these links in this order: *Portal Objects*, *Pagelets*. Then, select any subfolder; for example, you can register a homepage pagelet in the Portal Objects, Pagelets, Organizers folder.
2. Select the *Add Content Referencelink*.
 - For template pagelets, select *Target* as the Usage Type.
 - For homepage pagelets, select *Pagelet* as the Usage Type.
3. Select *Always use Local* as the Node Name.
4. Select the URL Type based on the location of the pagelet.
 - Select *PeopleSoft Component* for component-based template pagelets.
 - Select *PeopleSoft Script* for iScript-based template pagelets.
 - Select *PeopleSoft Generic URL* for Pagelet Wizard-based pagelets.
5. Set pagelet attributes as necessary.
6. Set the content reference parameters as necessary.
7. Set additional parameters, if needed.
8. Save the content reference.

Modifying Pagelet Attributes and Security

Access the Content Ref Administration - General page (PeopleTools, Portal, Structure and Content. Click the Edit link for a content reference).

GeneralSecurity

Root > Portal Objects > Pagelets > Demo >

Content Ref Administration

Author: PS

Name: MY_STOCKCHART

Parent Folder: Demo

*Label: My Stock Chart

Copy objectSelect New Parent Folder

Long Description: (254 Characters)

Product: ADMN

Sequence number:

Object Owner ID:

Usage Type: Pagelet

Storage Type: Remote by URL

Creation Date: 08/21/2002

Add Content Reference

URL Information

Node Name: Always use local

URL Type: Non-PeopleSoft URL

*Portal URL: s/WEBLIB_EOPPB.ISCRIPT1.FieldFormula.IScript_PageletBuilder?EOPPB_PAGELET_ID=MY_STOCKCHART

Pagelet Attributes

Default Column: Column 1

Help ID:

Content Ref Administration - General page (1 of 2)

| Pagelet Attributes | |
|---|---|
| Default Column: | Column 1 <input type="button" value="v"/> Help ID: <input type="text"/> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hide minimize image <input type="checkbox"/> Hide refresh image | |
| Edit URL Information | |
| *Node Name | LOCAL_NODE <input type="button" value="q"/> |
| URL Type: | PeopleSoft Component <input type="button" value="v"/> |
| Component Parameters | |
| *Menu Name: | EOPPB_MENU |
| *Market: | GBL |
| *Component: | EOPPB_USER_PREF |
| Additional Parameters: | &EOPPB_PAGELET_ID=MY_STOCKCHART <input type="button" value="v"/> |
| Example: name1=value1&name2=value2 | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hide from MSF navigation | |
| Content Reference Attributes | |
| Name: | PAGELET_ID <input type="button" value="Delete"/> |
| Label: | <input type="text"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Translate |
| Attribute value: | MY_STOCKCHART <input type="button" value="v"/> |
| <input type="button" value="Add"/> | |

Content Ref Administration - General page (2 of 2)

The portal registry stores every content reference available through the portal. The label and description defined here affect the appearance of the label and description in the navigation menu. Other attributes on this page will have an effect on the URL that will be used to reference the content associated with a definition.

See [Chapter 5, "Administering Portals," page 99](#).

Access the Content Reference Security page. (PeopleTools, Portal, Structure and Content. Click the Edit link for a content reference. Click the Security tab.

General

Security


[Root](#) >


Content Reference Security

Label: Change My Password

☐ Public
☐ Author Access

The permissions for the component or script this content reference points to, control its permissions. To change these component or script permissions, click on the "View Definition" link for the appropriate permission list.

| Security Authorizations | | | | Customize Find  First 1-2 of 2 Last |
|-------------------------|-----------------|----------|-----------------------|--|
| | Type | Name | Description | View Definition |
| 1 | Permission List | ALLPAGES | All pages and weblibs | View Definition |
| 2 | Permission List | PTPT1000 | PeopleSoft User | View Definition |

| Inherited Security Authorizations | | | | Customize Find  First 1 of 1 Last |
|-----------------------------------|------|------|-------------|--|
| | Type | Name | Description | View Definition |
| | | | | View Definition |

Security - Content Reference Security page

Permission lists can be used to secure the ability to navigate to the content item associated with this definition. One or more permission lists can be used.

See [Chapter 5, "Administering Portals," page 99](#).

Registering URL-Based Pagelets

This is an example of the portal registration for a URL-based pagelet application that was not built with PeopleTools.

General

Security

Root > Portal Objects > Pagelets > Finance >

Content Ref Administration

Author:VP1

Parent Folder:Finance

Copy object

Select New Parent Folder

Name:PAPP_INLUMEN_MKT_EXT

Label:Inlumen Market Indices

Long Description:(254 Characters)

Product:PAPP

Sequence number:

Object Owner ID:Enterprise Portal

Usage Type:Target

Storage Type:Remote by URL

Template Name:

Valid from date:01/01/1900

Valid to date:12/31/2099

Creation Date:08/25/2001

No Template

Add Content Reference

Test Content Reference

URL Information

Node Name:

URL Type:Non-PeopleSoft URL

Portal URL:http://www.peoplesoft.newsalert.com/

Hide from portal navigation

General - Content Ref Administration page

General

Security

Root > Portal Objects > Pagelets > Finance >

Content Reference Security

Label:Inlumen Market Indices

Access Type

Permission List

Public

Author Access

Permissions

Customize | Find |

First

1-2 of 2

Last

| Permission List | Description | View Definition |
|-----------------|-------------------------------|--|
| PAPP1500 | Internet Information Pagelets | View Definition Delete |
| PAPP9000 | All Enterprise Portal objects | View Definition Delete |

Add

Inherited Permissions

Customize | Find |

First

1 of 1

Last

| Permission List | Description | View Definition |
|-----------------|-------------|---------------------------------|
| | | View Definition |

Security - Content Reference Security page

Registering Pagelet Extensions

This is an example of the registration for a pagelet extension that supports pagelet application personalization. In this example, the personalization component was built with PeopleTools. However, a non-PeopleSoft URL-based personalization page could have been referenced instead.

The screenshot displays the 'Content Ref Administration' page with the 'Security' tab selected. The breadcrumb trail is 'Root > Enterprise Portal - Hidden > Pagelet Personalization >'. The page title is 'Content Ref Administration'. The 'Name' field is 'PAPP_EO_PE_RSS_NEWS_GBL'. The 'Label' field is 'Personalize RSS News'. The 'Long Description' field is empty. The 'Product' field is 'PAPP'. The 'Sequence number' field is empty. The 'Object Owner ID' field is 'Enterprise Portal'. The 'Usage Type' field is 'Target'. The 'Storage Type' field is 'Remote by URL'. The 'Template Name' field is 'HOMEPAGE_DESIGNER_TEMPL'. The 'Author' field is 'VP1'. The 'Parent Folder' field is 'Pagelet Personalization'. There are two buttons: 'Copy object' and 'Select New Parent Folder'. The 'Valid from date' field is '01/01/1900'. The 'Valid to date' field is '12/31/2099'. The 'Creation Date' field is '08/25/2001'. There is a checkbox for 'No Template' which is unchecked. There are two links: 'Add Content Reference' and 'Test Content Reference'. The 'URL Information' section has a 'Node Name' field set to 'Always use local' and a 'URL Type' field set to 'PeopleSoft Component'. The 'Component Parameters' section has a 'Menu Name' field set to 'PORTAL_COMPONENTS', a 'Market' field set to 'GBL', and a 'Component' field set to 'EO_PE_RSS_NEWS'. There is an 'Additional Parameters' field with an example: 'name1=value1&name2=value2'. There is a checkbox for 'Hide from portal navigation' which is checked.

General - Content Ref Administration page

A personalization page must be identified in the registry as being related to a specific pagelet application.

Note that the personalization page (EO_PE_RSS_NEWS) is referenced in the Component Parameters group box. This is where the personalization page that is related to the pagelet application is identified.

General **Security**

Root > Enterprise Portal - Hidden > Pagelet Personalization >

Content Reference Security

Label: Personalize RSS News

Access Type

☐ Permission List ☒ Public

The permissions for the component or script this content reference points to, control its permissions. To change these component or script permissions, click on the "View Definition" link for the appropriate permission list.

Inherited Permissions [Customize](#) | [Find](#) | [First](#) 1 of 1 [Last](#)

| Permission List | Description | View Definition |
|-----------------|-------------|---------------------------------|
| | | View Definition |

Security - Content Reference Security page

Handling Special Situations

This section discusses how to:

- Determine pagelet running location.
- Use refresh tags in pagelets.

Pagelet Running Location

You can determine if your code is running within the portal environment (that is being invoked using an https request coming from a portal servlet), as opposed to running in PIA outside of the portal environment. The PeopleCode %RunningInPortal system variable returns a Boolean value that lets you know whether or not you're in the portal. This variable works in both frame templates and HTML templates.

Using Refresh Tags in Pagelets

The order of precedence of refresh tags in pagelets is as follows:

1. Template
2. Target content
3. Pagelet

Among pagelets, the first one in the HTML to include a meta refresh tag is applied. Subsequently found refresh tags are not included in the HTML.

See Also

[Chapter 9, "Using Portal Caching Features," page 211](#)

[Chapter 7, "Modifying the Portal Interface," Applying Changes, page 191](#)

Chapter 13

Configuring OBIEE Report Pagelets

This chapter provides an overview of the Oracle Business Intelligence Enterprise Edition (OBIEE) within the PeopleSoft framework, and discusses how to:

- Setup the OBIEE Server.
- Configure web server files.
- Load OBIEE report definitions.
- View OBIEE report details.
- Use Pagelet Wizard to create OBIEE report-based pagelets.

Understanding OBIEE Integration Within the PeopleSoft Framework

The OBIEE analytics servlet enables the application developers to access OBIEE analytics and display OBIEE reports as embedded pagelets on application pages, portal homepages, and as template pagelets. This functionality defines the OBIEE reports as iScript-based pagelets in PeopleSoft applications. The iScript essentially acts as a client for the report request and sends SOAP requests to the OBIEE server.

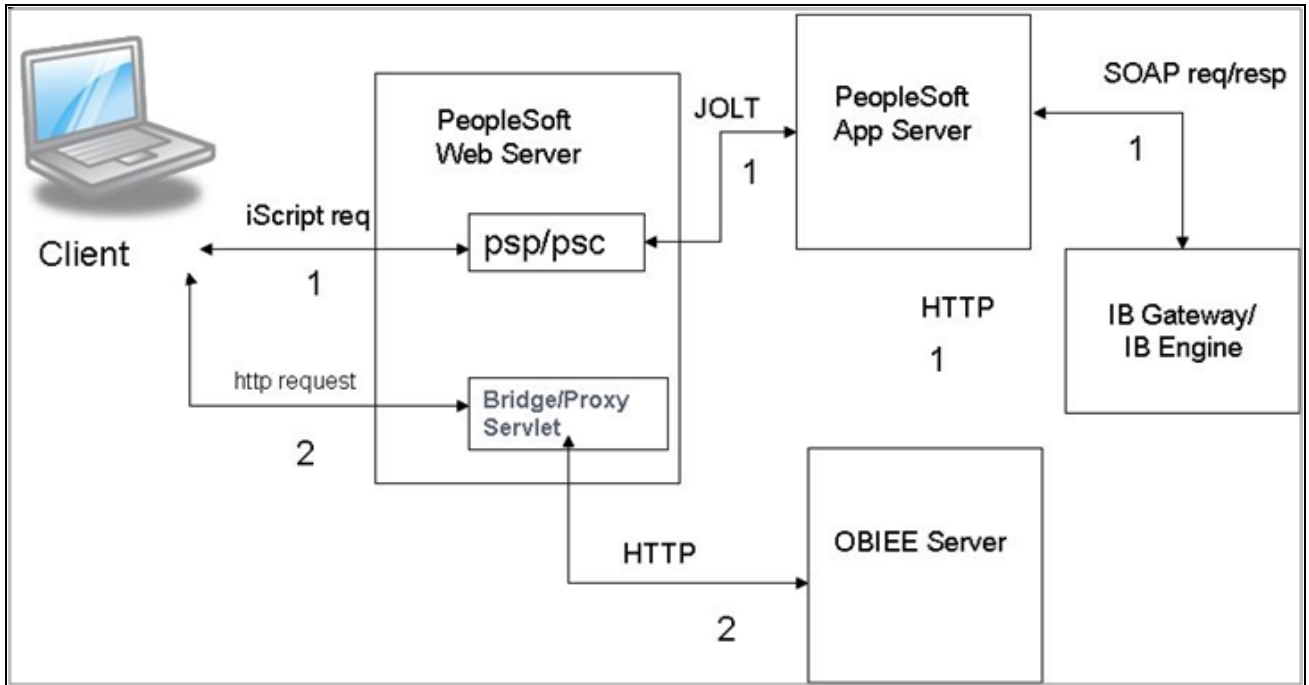
PeopleSoft applications store the credentials of an OBIEE administrator—a user with adequate privileges—in the PeopleSoft database and use these credentials to login to the OBIEE server, impersonate a real OBIEE user, and establish a session. The OBIEE server returns a session ID for this user session which is sent as a query parameter with each SOAP/HTTP request being made to the OBIEE server. The OBIEE server responds to all valid requests. If the session ID is expired or is invalid, a login screen appears to the user. The OBIEE server provides a session ID and then appends a session ID in each HTTP request that is part of the HTML markup provided by the OBIEE server. If the user ID value in the PeopleSoft application is not found on the OBIEE server, an authorization error message appears to the user in the PeopleSoft application. Similarly, if the user exists in OBIEE but does not have authorization to the requested report, an authorization error message appears to the user.

If authentication passes, then the OBIEE server generates the basic HTML markup for the PeopleSoft application to display. The application uses this basic HTML to send HTTP requests to the OBIEE server from the browser. Before reaching the OBIEE server, the HTTP requests pass through the PeopleSoft bridge servlet. The bridge servlet:

1. Acts as a reverse proxy server to avoid any cross domain issues.
2. Checks the validity of the OBIEE server for each request
3. Forwards each request to the OBIEE server by copying the PeopleSoft headers—including PeopleSoft cookies.

4. Receives and unpacks the OBIEE server response.
5. Loads the unpacked server response into the client.
6. Renders the OBIEE report in the PeopleSoft system

This diagram shows the architecture and the flow of information among the PeopleSoft web server, the PeopleSoft application server, the OBIEE server, and the Integration Broker gateway.



PeopleSoft Architecture with OBIEE Integration

Note. OBIEE developers design and create reports in the OBIEE system. The OBIEE server generates the complete HTML markup for the report. The PeopleSoft system does not format the report; rather the HTML passes through the PeopleSoft system directly to the pagelet to be displayed as formatted by the OBIEE developer.

You should include only one OBIEE report on any PeopleSoft page or homepage. PeopleSoft applications do not currently support the appearance of multiple OBIEE reports on the same page, whether from the same OBIEE server or from multiple OBIEE servers.

Setting up the OBIEE Server

Access the OBIEE Server Setup page (Select PeopleTools, Portal, OBIEE Setup, Server Setup).

Server Setup

*Analytics URL:

http://ptxas012.peoplesoft.com:85/analytics1

(Example: http://<machine>:<port>/<Analytic Server Name>)

*OBIEE Server:

OBIEE Server1

☒ Active Server

Description:

*Admin User ID:

Administrator

Password:

Confirm Password:

Server Setup page

Use the OBIEE Server Setup page to define the location and administrative information necessary to access the OBIEE reports.

| | |
|------------------|--|
| Analytics URL | Enter the URL of the OBIEE server, for example http://ptserver12.us.oracle.com:8739/AnalyticServer1 |
| OBIEE Server | This value defaults from the OBIEE Server name that you define when you add a server. |
| Active Server | Toggle this check box to make this server available or to take it offline in the PeopleSoft application. |
| Description | Enter a description of the server definition. This field works well for documentation purposes and when using multiple analytic servers. <hr/> Note. You must append <i>OBIEE <version></i> for example <i>OBIEE 11g</i> at the end of the description. Otherwise, the system uses 10g as the default OBIEE version. <hr/> |
| Admin User ID | Enter the user ID of an OBIEE server administrator. Enter a value to ensure that you do not have to sign on in the OBIEE pagelet. <hr/> Note. This user should already exist in the OBIEE server. <hr/> |
| Password | Enter the OBIEE administrator's password. |
| Confirm Password | Reenter the OBIEE administrator's password for confirmation. |

Configure the Web Server Files

You must include the OBIEE server URL in the configuration.properties file.

To configure the web server files:

1. Using a text editor, open the configuration.properties file in the web server deployment folder located here: `<Web_server_deployment_home>\applications\peoplesoft\PORTAL.war\WEB-INF\psftdocs\ps\configuration.properties`.
2. Find `OBIEEServers=` and enter the server URL. If you have multiple OBIEE servers, enter the URLs as a comma separated list.
3. Save the file.
4. Stop and restart the web server.

Loading the OBIEE Report Definitions From the OBIEE Server

Access the Load Report page (Select PeopleTools, Portal, OBIEE Setup, Load Report Definition).

Load Report

OBIEE Server: OBIEE Server1

Report Path: /USERS/PTDMO

Go

Root >USERS >PTDMO

Folders

View All

First

1-5 of 9

| Name | Owner | Last Modified Date |
|------------------------------|-------|--------------------|
| briefingbook | PTDMO | 12/11/07 08:39:14Z |
| delivers | PTDMO | 12/11/07 08:39:14Z |
| filters | PTDMO | 12/11/07 08:39:14Z |
| ibots | PTDMO | 12/11/07 08:39:14Z |
| portal | PTDMO | 12/11/07 08:39:14Z |

Reports

View All

First

1-5 of 11

| Select | Loaded in PeopleSoft | Name | Owner | Last Modified Date | Last Loaded Date |
|--------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------|-------|----------------------|------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 1 | PTDMO | 01/24/2008 06:16:16Z | -- |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | MARKET_REGION | PTDMO | 01/28/2008 08:26:06Z | 01/25/08 2:23AM |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | obiee | PTDMO | 12/12/2007 05:17:33Z | -- |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | PromptRpt | PTDMO | 01/16/2008 09:08:07Z | -- |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Rpt1 | PTDMO | 01/16/2008 09:13:36Z | -- |

Load Report

Report List for Deletion

View All

First

1 of 1

| Select | Report Exist In OBIEE | Name | Report Path | Last Loaded Date |
|--------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------|--------------|------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | MARKET_REGION | /USERS/PTDMO | 01/25/08 2:23AM |

Delete Report

Load Report page

- Report Path

Enter the directory from which to retrieve OBIEE reports. The format should be /USERS/<PS_UserID>/, for example /USERS/PTDMO..
- Go

Click this button to retrieve the OBIEE reports defined in the report path directory
- Folders

The PeopleSoft application retrieves this information from the OBIEE system.
- Name

This display-only field displays the names of folders within the root directory.
- Owner

This display-only field displays the userID of the owner as indicated in the OBIEE server.
- Last Modified Date

This display-only field displays the date the OBIEE report folder was last modified.

Reports

| | |
|-----------------------------|--|
| Select | Check the check box to select the OBIEE report to load into the PeopleSoft application. |
| Loaded in PeopleSoft | This display-only field indicates whether the report has been loaded into the PeopleSoft application. |
| Name | This display-only field indicates the name of the OBIEE report as entered in the OBIEE system. |
| Owner | This display-only field displays the userID of the owner as indicated in the OBIEE server. |
| Last Modified Date | <p>This display-only field displays the date the OBIEE report was last modified.</p> <p>This information is helpful in determining whether the version of the report loaded into the PeopleSoft application is the most current.</p> |
| Last Loaded Date | This display-only field displays the date the OBIEE report was last imported into the PeopleSoft application. |

Report List for Deletion

| | |
|------------------------------|--|
| Select | Check the check box to select the OBIEE report to delete from the PeopleSoft application. |
| Report Exist In OBIEE | <p>This display-only field indicates whether the report has been deleted from the OBIEE server.</p> <p>Pagelets based on reports that you remove from the OBIEE server will <i>not</i> produce results in the pagelet.</p> |
| Name | This display-only field indicates the name of the OBIEE report as entered in the OBIEE system. |

Loading OBIEE Reports into PeopleSoft Applications

To load OBIEE reports into PeopleSoft applications:

1. Check the Select check box for the reports that you want to load into the PeopleSoft application.

Note. You may select multiple check boxes.

2. Click the Load Report button.

Note. Loading OBIEE reports into the PeopleSoft application does *not* remove the report from the OBIEE server.

Deleting OBIEE Reports from PeopleSoft Applications

To delete OBIEE reports from PeopleSoft applications:

1. Check the Select check box for the reports that you want to deleted from the PeopleSoft application.

Note. You may select multiple check boxes.

2. Click the Delete Report button.

Note. Deleting OBIEE reports from the PeopleSoft application does *not* delete the report from the OBIEE system.

Viewing OBIEE Report Details

Access the Report Detail page (Select PeopleTools, Portal, OBIEE Setup, View Report Detail).

OBIEE Server:

OBIEE Server1

Report Name:

MARKET_REGION

Report Path:

/USERS/PTDMO

Version:

2

⌕

*Most Current Version

Description:

⬆

⬇

Last Modified Date:

01/25/08 10:23AM

Last Loaded Date:

01/25/08 2:23AM

Save

Report Detail page

Version

Click the prompt to select the version of the OBIEE report to view.

Note. Each time you load the same report from the OBIEE server into the PeopleSoft application—regardless of whether the report has changed since last being loaded—the report version number increases by 1.

Access the Report Expression page (Click the Report Expression tab).

OBIEE Server: OBIEE Server1

Report Name: MARKET_REGION

Report Path: /USERS/PTDMO

Version: 2 *Most Current Version

Filter Expression:

Markets.Region is prompted

Report Views

View All

First

1-3 of 3

| View Name |
|------------------|
| 1 compoundView!1 |
| 2 titleView!1 |
| 3 tableView!1 |

Report Expression page

Filter Expression

This display-only field indicates whether the OBIEE report has embedded filters. The *is prompted* filter indicates that the preceding field—in this case Markets.Region—is context sensitive to the target page on the PeopleSoft application.

View Name

This display-only field indicates the types of views created by the OBIEE report builder as stored on the OBIEE server.

See Oracle Business Intelligence documentation for explanations of the available types of views.

<http://www.oracle.com/technetwork/middleware/bi-foundation/documentation/index.html>.

Access the Report References page (Click the Report References tab).

OBIEE Server: OBIEE Server1

Report Name: MARKET_REGION

Report Path: /USERS/PTDMO

PeopleSoft Pagelets

View All

First

1 of 1

| Pagelet ID | Pagelet Description |
|-------------------|---------------------|
| MARKET_AND_REGION | |

User Developed Pagelets

View All

First

1 of 1

| Pagelet ID | Pagelet Description |
|------------|---------------------|
| | |

Save

Report References page

This table describes the fields on the Report References page.

- PeopleSoft Pagelet ID

This value defaults from the *PTPPB_PAGELET_ID* content reference Attribute value that you enter on the pagelet Content Ref Administration page.
- User Developed Pagelet ID

Enter the pagelet ID of any user developed pagelets that you wish to track. This field is informational only and has no validation behind it.

Access the Xml Definition page (Click the Xml Definition tab).

OBIEE Server: OBIEE Server1

Report Name: MARKET_REGION

Report Path: /USERS/PTDMO

Version: 2 *Most Current Version

Report XML Definition:

<?xml version="1.0"?>
<saw:report xmlVersion="200705140"
xmlns:saw="com.siebel.analytics.web/report/v1"
xmlns:sawx="com.siebel.analytics.web/expression/v1"
xmlns:xsd="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema"
xmlns:xsi="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema-instance">
<saw:criteria subjectArea="Paint">
<saw:columns/>
<saw:filter subjectArea="Paint">
<sawx:expr op="prompted" xsi:type="sawx:special">

Xml Definition page

Report XML Definition

This field displays the XML tags and embedded data for the version of the report as it is currently loaded. Place the cursor inside the field and press Ctrl + A to select the text in its entirety.

Creating OBIEE Report Pagelets

This section discusses how to use Pagelet Wizard to create OBIEE report pagelets.

Using Pagelet Wizard to Create OBIEE Report Pagelets

This section discusses how to create OBIEE report pagelets.

1. Load the OBIEE report into the PeopleSoft application.
2. Select PeopleTools, Portal, Pagelet Wizard, Pagelet Wizard.
3. Specify the pagelet information in step one.

See [Chapter 11, "Using Pagelet Wizard," Step 1: Entering Pagelet Identifying Information, page 324.](#)

4. Specify *OBIEE* as the Data Type in step two. In addition, select the Report ID and Report View ID from which the pagelet will read data.

Note. If you have not loaded the OBIEE report into the PeopleSoft application, this step fails.

See [Chapter 11, "Using Pagelet Wizard," Selecting an OBIEE Report Data Source, page 332.](#)

5. Specify the data source parameters.

See [Chapter 11, "Using Pagelet Wizard," Specifying OBIEE Data Source Parameters, page 347.](#)

6. Select *Passthru* as the display format.
7. Specify display options, such as additional text and a search capability.

See [Chapter 11, "Using Pagelet Wizard," Step 5: Specifying Pagelet Display Options, page 356.](#)

8. Specify the publishing options.

See [Chapter 11, "Using Pagelet Wizard," Specifying Publication Options, page 382.](#)

Chapter 14

Creating and Configuring WorkCenter Pages

This chapter provides an overview of WorkCenter pages and discusses how to:

- Define page layout templates.
- Manage WorkCenter page configurations.
- Set pagelet area user preferences.
- Create WorkCenter operational dashboard pages.

Understanding WorkCenter Pages

WorkCenter pages are a type of configurable PeopleSoft page that enable you to offer access to related transactions, analytics data, query results, and other PeopleSoft resources from one central location. You can organize the elements on WorkCenter pages based on processes, procedures, roles, or other business requirements that are specific to your organization. When carefully designed, WorkCenter pages bring together the PeopleSoft elements that your users access most when performing the tasks that comprise their primary responsibilities. As a result, WorkCenter pages promote productivity by minimizing the time users spend navigating between tasks.

WorkCenter pages can bring these different elements together because WorkCenter pages use a portal template that provides flexibility in the way that you access components and pages and also in the way the application displays these elements. The WorkCenter portal template differs from the standard portal template in two primary ways:

- The WorkCenter portal template partitions the browser window into an adjustable pagelet area and target content area.
- The pagelet area of the WorkCenter portal template is designed to pass data to and interact with the target content area.

When users access WorkCenter pages, they are presented with pagelets, which contain links to components, analytics, query results, and other PeopleSoft resources. The WorkCenter pagelet area supports only template pagelets because template pagelets can extract and leverage values that are necessary to complete the transaction. When users click a link, it triggers the appropriate transaction, starts the search process, and passes values from the template pagelet area so that the application can display the appropriate content in the target content area or in a new browser window.

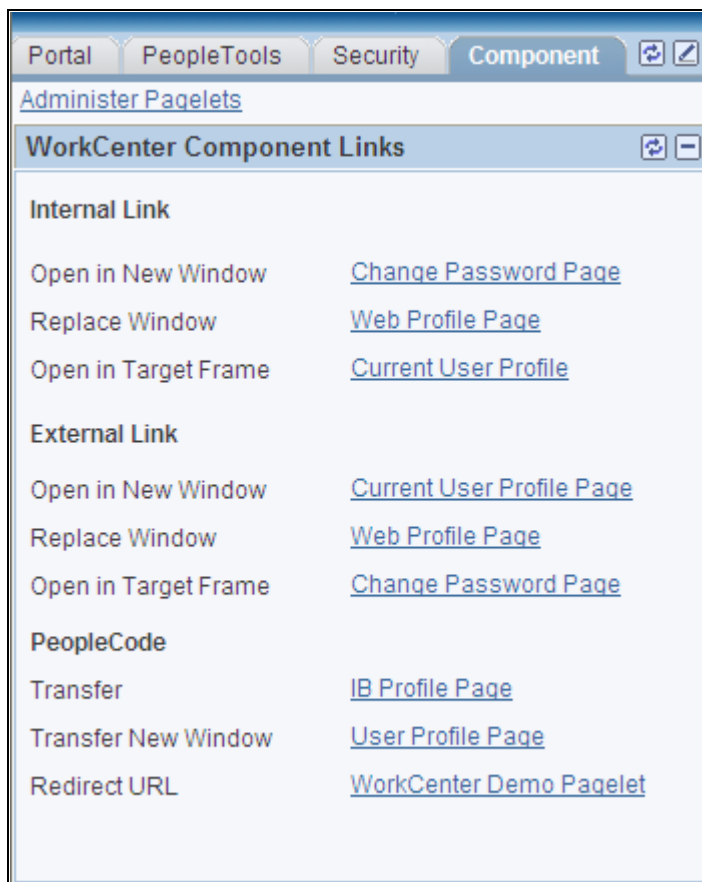
See Also

Chapter 11, "Using Pagelet Wizard," Template Pagelets, page 301

Chapter 8, "Working with Portal Templates," Developing Portal Templates, page 206

Understanding the Pagelet Area

The pagelet area contains the template pagelets that you assign to the WorkCenter page. The pagelet area is adjustable and its configuration is flexible. You can organize the pagelet area by creating pagelet groups, which appear as tabs in the pagelet area. You can explicitly define options such as the initial size of the pagelet area, the pagelet group order, and the pagelet group that appears by default when you access a WorkCenter page. This is an example of a pagelet area with four groups:



Pagelet area showing tabbed pagelet groups

After creating these pagelet groups, you assign template pagelets to the groups. You specify options such as the order of the pagelets, which pagelet receives focus by default, and whether the pagelet is collapsed or expanded as its initial state. In this example, the pagelet group contains two pagelets: My Roles and Application Security. The first pagelet is minimized.



Pagelet area showing tabbed pagelet groups

Generally, template pagelets that you assign to WorkCenter pages are small, narrow format pagelets that are specifically designed to appear in the resizable pagelet area. The pagelet area also supports user personalizations to the extent that you enable them.

The pagelet area supports only *registered template pagelets*, which are those pagelets that you see in the Template Pagelets folder in the portal registry. You access the Template Pagelets folder by navigating to PeopleTools, Portal, Structure & Content and then clicking the Portal Objects link.

The pagelet area supports iScript based pagelets, component based pagelets, and even external URL based pagelets.

You can use Pagelet Wizard to create and publish iScript based template pagelets such as those that use navigation collections and queries as data sources. You manually create and register component based or other iScript based pagelets as template pagelets.

Understanding the Target Content Area

The primary purpose of the target content area is to display the transaction page, query results, analytics, or other resources that the application user requests by clicking a link in the pagelet area. The target content area can display any type of content that a standard PeopleSoft transaction page can display. You use this area to search, view, edit, and complete your transactions. Because only unidirectional pagelet area to target area interactions are supported, any links on pages in the target content area operate within the confines of the target content area.

You can target resources to appear not only in the target content area, but to a new browser window or to current browser replacing the entire WorkCenter page with the resource.

Example of Setting the Target to Open in a New Window

You can set the target to open in a new window when you need to view both the current page and the new page simultaneously. For example, an accounts payable representative is completing an invoice and needs to view customer history at the same time. You could design a pagelet so that the link opens the Customer History page in a new window.

Example of Setting the Target to Replace the Current Window

You can set the target to replace the current window entirely. For example, an account representative is reviewing her largest account and then wants to view a dashboard that shows all accounts in relation to one another. You could design a pagelet with a link that opens the Accounts Dashboard and replaces the current window.

Understanding Page Layout Templates

WorkCenter pages use an iframe-based portal template that supports four sections:

- The portal header and drop-down style menu.
- The pagelet area.
- The target content area.
- The related content frame.

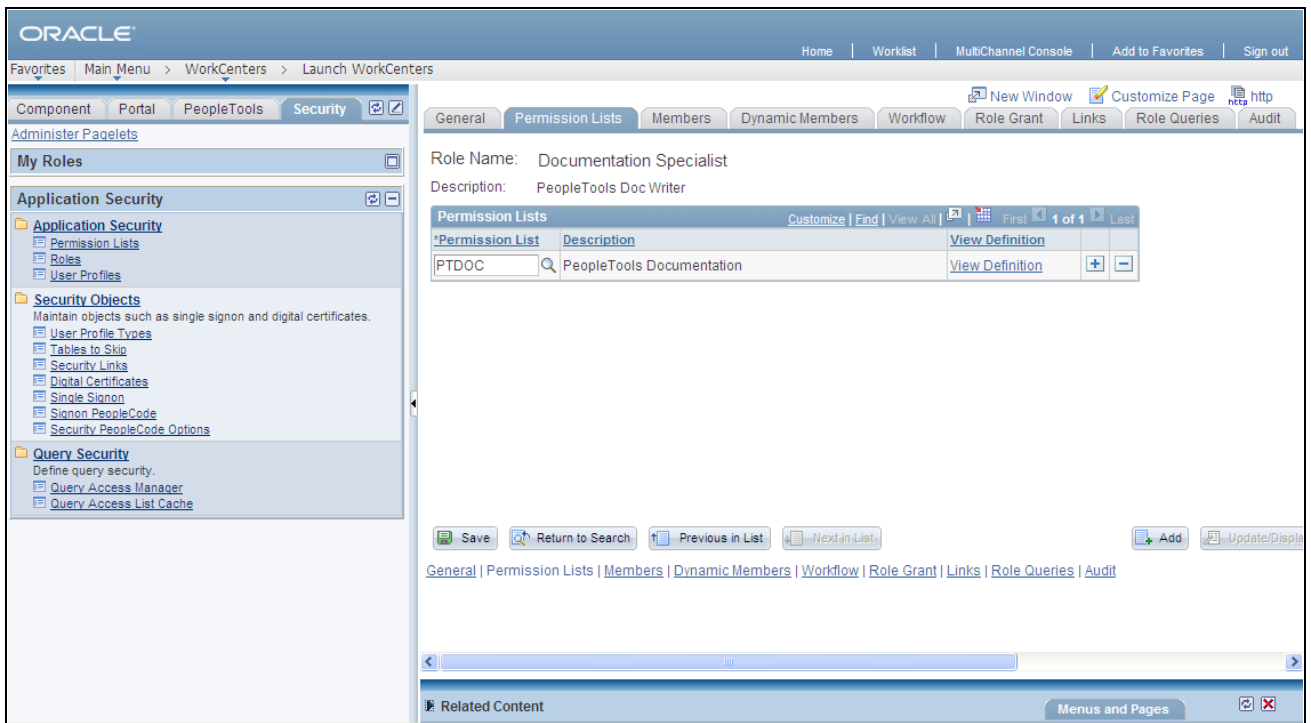
The portal header and drop-down style menu, when enabled, appear at the top of the page above the pagelet and target content areas. The adjustable pagelet and target content areas take up the middle of the page. The related content frame can also appear below the target content area when the current transaction page has related content configured.

You can change the layout of WorkCenter pages by using page layout templates. Page layout templates use Application class `PeopleCode` to determine the location of the pagelet area and target content area.

WorkCenter pages delivers application class `PeopleCode` that renders the pagelet area on either the left side or the right side of the page.

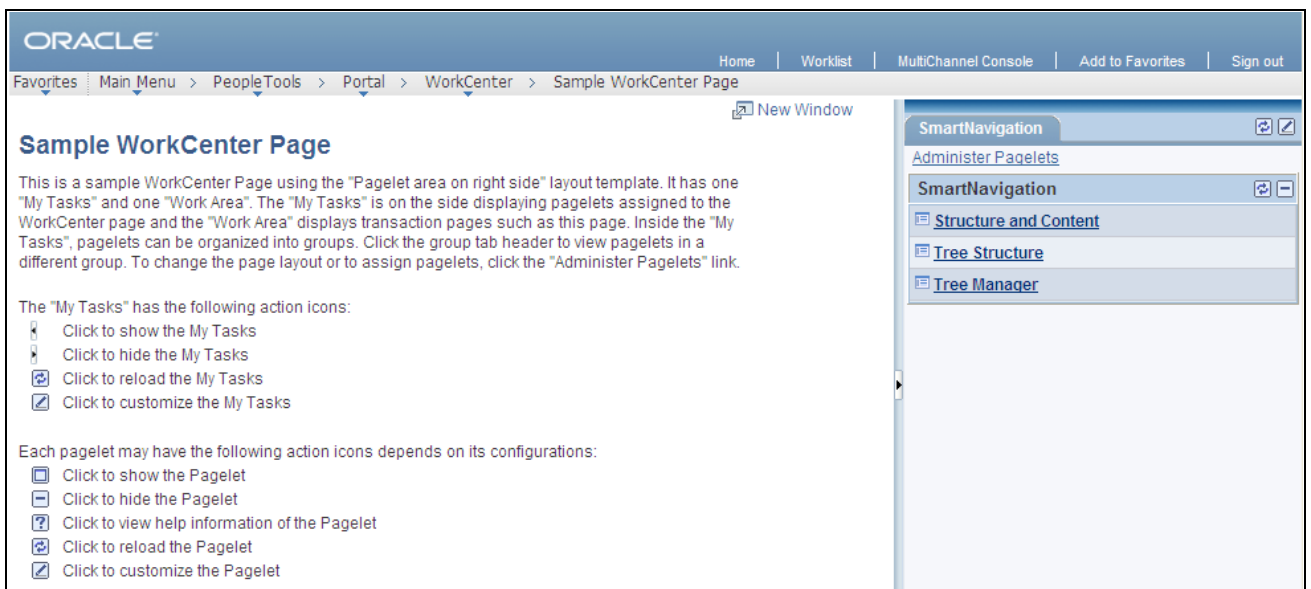
Page Layout Template Examples

In this example, which uses the default page layout template, you see the drop-down menu, the pagelet area on the left, and the related content frame beneath the target content area on the right:



Sample WorkCenter page showing related content frame

In this example, you see the pagelet area on the right side of the WorkCenter page:



Sample WorkCenter page that uses a page layout template that places the pagelet area on the right side of the page

Design Considerations for WorkCenter Pages

WorkCenter pages have different characteristics than standard PeopleSoft components and pages. When you create a WorkCenter page, consider the following differences and design recommendations, which accommodate those differences:

- For WorkCenter pages, the initial page in the target content area is determined by the menu item associated with the content reference that you select when you create a new WorkCenter page.

While the page that appears initially in the target content area can be any page, you might find it useful to start with an informational page to acquaint users with the WorkCenter page functionality and layout. You can use the sample WorkCenter page that comes with all PeopleSoft applications, or create a page that you design specifically for use as a WorkCenter page.

- WorkCenter pages should not generate a search page, nor start the search process when the user clicks the content reference to access the page. The user should immediately see the initial page.

Select a "dummy" record—one that has no keys or contains only one row of data—as the component search record on the Use tab.

The INSTALLATION record is an example of a "dummy" search record.

- WorkCenter pages generally require no save functionality.

Select the Disable Saving Page check box on the Use tab.

- Typically, the component should consist of only one page, but no tabs or page links should appear on the page.

Clear the Multi-Page Navigation check boxes on the Internet tab.

- The elements that make up the tool bar and page bar are not applicable and should not appear on the WorkCenter page.

Select the Disable Toolbar and Disable Pagebar check boxes on the Internet tab.

Understanding iScript and Component Based Template Pagelets

You can create iScript and component based template pagelets for use with WorkCenter pages. You use Pagelet Wizard to create iScript based pagelets. Pagelet Wizard pagelets can be based on many possible data sources, such as navigation collections, search records, HTML, and queries. You use Application Designer to create component based pagelets which are based on PeopleTools definitions. This section presents overviews of these types of template pagelets:

- Navigation collection
- PeopleSoft Query
- Component based template pagelets.

See Also

[Chapter 11, "Using Pagelet Wizard," Overview of Pagelet Wizard Data Sources, page 292](#)

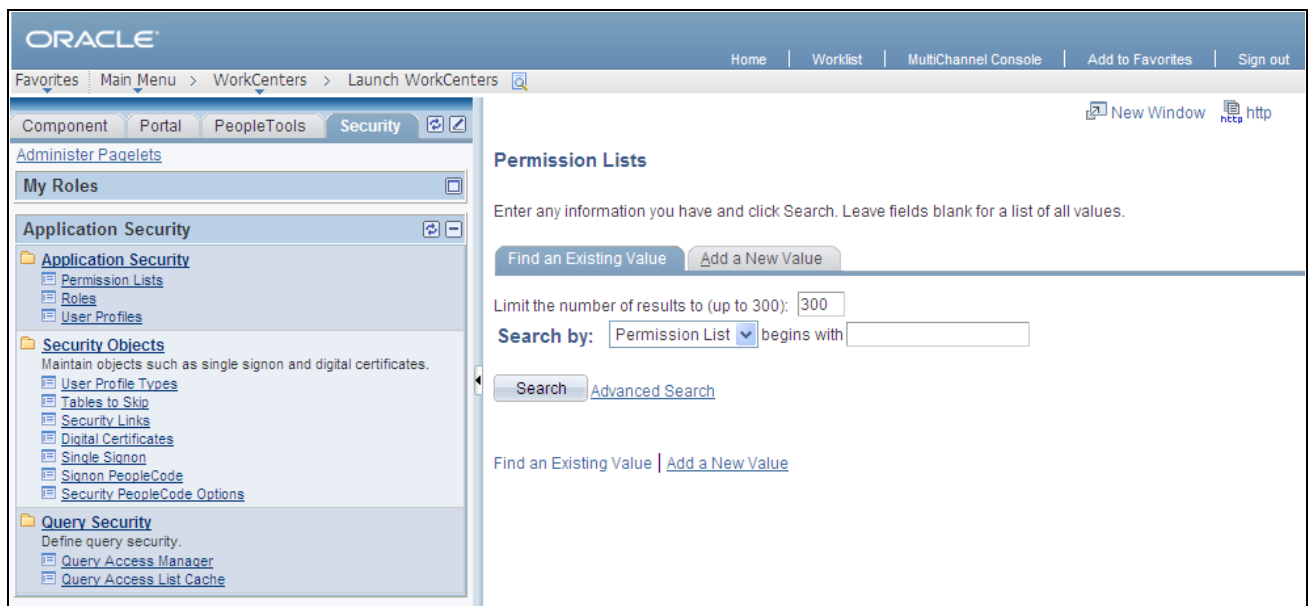
[Chapter 12, "Building Pagelets," Developing Pagelets Based on iScripts, page 443](#)

Understanding Navigation Collection Based Template Pagelets

Navigation collections are portal objects that you use to create your own groupings of existing folders and content references, which you can then deploy or publish to different users or groups of users. Navigation collections enable you to create links to content that you already have in the portal registry and to organize the links in ways that specifically addresses your users' business needs.

Navigation collection-based template pagelets appear in the pagelet area as folders and links. When users click a folder, the folder contents appear in the pagelet. When users click a link, the resource opens in the target content area by default. Because navigation collections are designed as alternate menu structures, you navigate through folders to find links, which generally reference components. When users click the link, the component search page appears in the target content area unless the search record is configured so that the search page is bypassed. In such cases, the component requires no search parameters and immediately opens in the target content area.

In this example, you see the navigation collection-based Application Security template pagelet in the pagelet area of the WorkCenter page.



Application Security navigation collection-based template pagelet showing the Permission Lists search page in the target content area

Publishing Navigation Collections as Template Pagelets

You create and maintain navigation collections using the Navigation Collections component. Using the pages in this component, you set the properties that determine the order in which the folders and links appear, and also the location where the target appears. If you decide to create template pagelets based on navigation collections, you should review these properties to determine whether pages will open in the target content area, replace the current page, or in new browser windows.

You can use Pagelet Wizard to create template pagelets based on any *published* navigation collection. At step two of the template pagelet creation process in Pagelet Wizard, you must specify your navigation collection as the data source. Choose from any your custom navigation collections or the PeopleSoft-delivered navigation collections. Continue through the process to step six, where you specify *Template Pagelet* as a publishing option. When you save the pagelet, Pagelet Wizard creates the template pagelet and you can then assign it to the pagelet area of a WorkCenter page.

Specific details for creating and publishing navigation collections and using Pagelet Wizard to publish them as template pagelets are located in this PeopleBook.

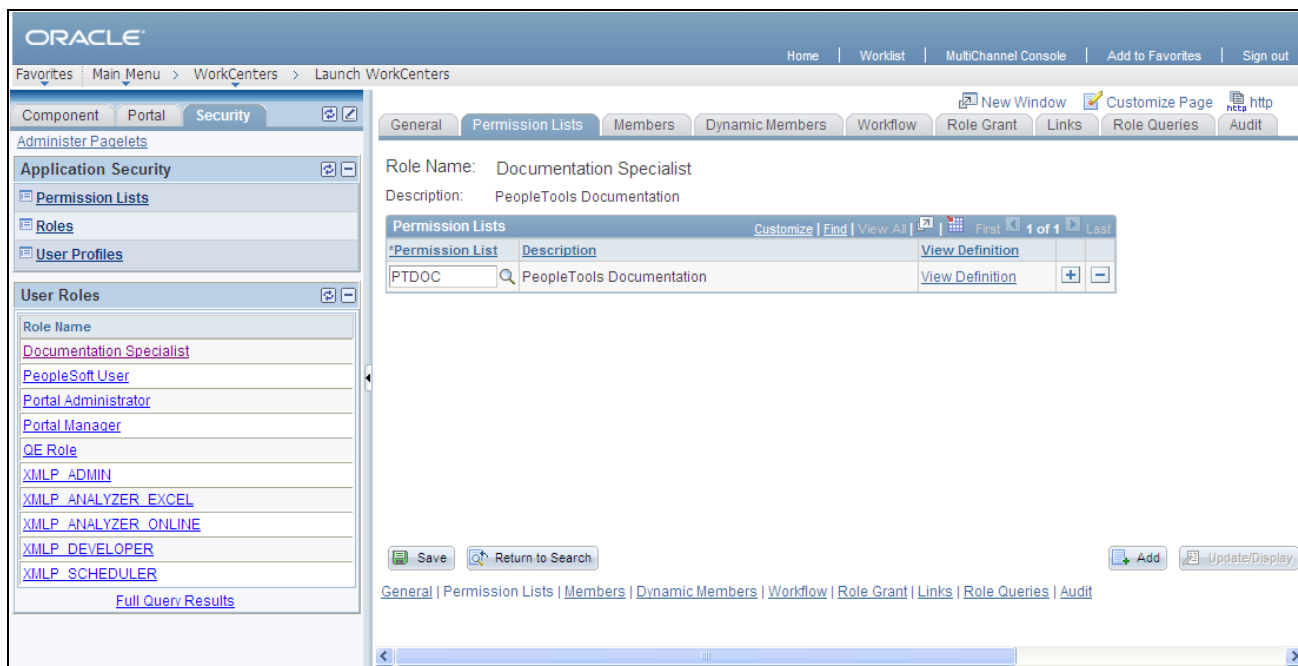
See [Chapter 4, "Working With Navigation Pages," Creating or Editing a Navigation Collection, page 64](#); [Chapter 4, "Working With Navigation Pages," Collection Properties, page 65](#); [Chapter 11, "Using Pagelet Wizard," Selecting a Navigation Collection Data Source, page 331](#) and [Chapter 11, "Using Pagelet Wizard," Step 6: Specifying Pagelet Publication Options, page 380](#).

Understanding PeopleSoft Query Based Template Pagelets

PeopleSoft Query is a reporting tool that enables you to extract your data by using visual representations of your PeopleSoft database, without writing SQL statements. The queries that you create can be as simple or as complex as necessary. You can design queries that return basic lists of static text. You can also use more advanced features, such as *drilling URLs*. By configuring drilling URLs, and associating them with query fields, the values that the query retrieves appear as links, which you click to access both internal and external content.

Query based template pagelets can take advantage of queries, whether they are simple or complex. You might base a pagelet template on a query that retrieves informational text to display to the user. However, query-based template pagelets also have access to the more advanced query metadata, such as the drilling URLs. If you link fields in query based template pagelets to these drilling URLs, the values that the template pagelet retrieves appear as links as they do in PeopleSoft Query. Unlike PeopleSoft Query however, you can configure the links to open the resource in the target content area of the WorkCenter page.

Because you can configure the links so that the associated resources open in the WorkCenter page target content area, query-based template pagelets that are configured to display the retrieved values as active links are ideal for using with WorkCenter pages. In the pagelet area of this WorkCenter page, the User Roles pagelet is based on the *PT_SEC_USER_ROLES* query definition, which returns the roles that are assigned to the current user. Each role name in the list is a link to the Roles component. When users click a role name such as *Documentation Specialist*, that role name value passes to the component as a search parameter. Using the value, the Roles component opens to the *Documentation Specialist* role.



PeopleSoft Query pagelet with drilling URLs

Publishing Queries as Template Pagelets

You create and maintain queries using the Query Manager component.

You can use Pagelet Wizard to create template pagelets based on any query. At step two of the template pagelet creation process in Pagelet Wizard, you must specify your query as the data source. At step five, you use the link icon to access the Link Details page where you can configure fields to use the drilling URLs and appear as links. At this step, you also specify whether link opens in the target content area or a new window. Continue through the process to step six, where you specify *Template Pagelet* as a publishing option. When you save the pagelet, Pagelet Wizard creates the template pagelet and you can then assign it to the pagelet area of a WorkCenter page.

Specific details for creating and maintaining queries are located in the PeopleTools 8.51 PeopleBook: *PeopleSoft Query*.

See *Enterprise PeopleTools 8.51 PeopleBook: PeopleSoft Query*, "Working with Advanced Query Options."

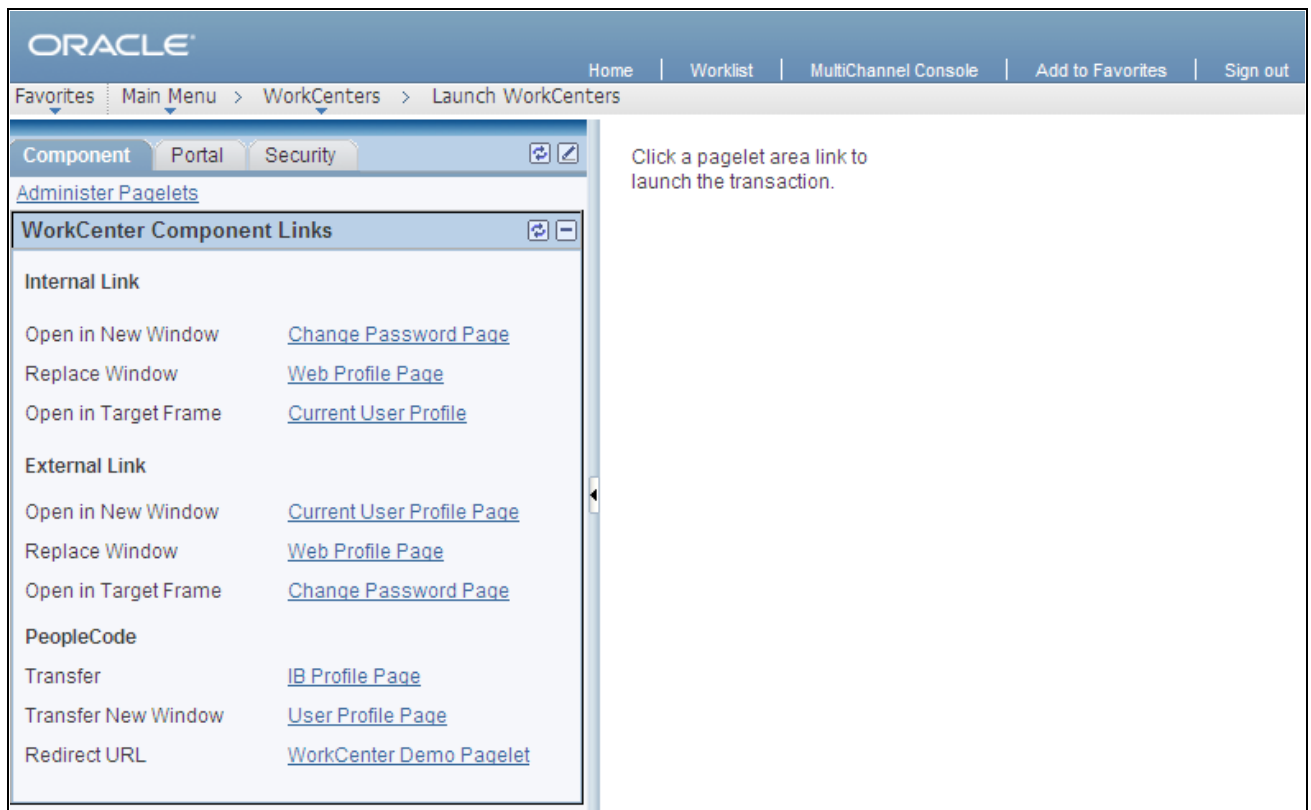
Specific details for using Pagelet Wizard to publish queries as template pagelets are located in this PeopleBook.

See [Chapter 11, "Using Pagelet Wizard," Selecting a PeopleSoft Query Data Source, page 333](#); [Chapter 11, "Using Pagelet Wizard," Specifying Data Link Details, page 377](#) and [Chapter 11, "Using Pagelet Wizard," Step 6: Specifying Pagelet Publication Options, page 380](#).

Understanding Component Based Template Pagelets

Component based template pagelets are PeopleSoft component definitions that you create and configure in PeopleSoft Application Designer and then register in the PeopleTools portal as template pagelets. With minor differences, the process that you use to create, configure, and assemble the definitions that comprise this type of component definition follows closely the application development process. While the *process* is similar to that which you use to create standard component definitions, some definition *properties* are different. In addition to these definition properties, other portal-related differences can exist depending on whether you use an existing component or create a new one.

This section discusses the important differences in settings between standard component definitions and components that you use in component based template pagelets. All examples in this section utilize the component based *WorkCenter Component Links* pagelet, which you see here in the pagelet area of the WorkCenter page:



WorkCenter Component Links component-based template pagelet assigned to a WorkCenter page

Record Definition Settings

Record definitions that support component based template pagelets typically are not set to the SQL table record definition type because the pagelet area is not intended to write data to tables. Create or use record definitions with a record type of SQL View or Derived/Work.

See *PeopleTools 8.51 PeopleBook: PeopleSoft Application Designer Developer's Guide*, "Creating Record Definitions," Setting Record Properties.

Page Field Definition Settings

All template pagelets should be designed to produce interaction between the pagelet area and the target content area. When defining pages that are part of component-based template pagelets, the page developer can most easily facilitate this interaction by inserting push button/hyperlink page controls and then configuring properties that are inherent to that type of control. The developer can also write PeopleCode programs that accomplish the same pagelet area to content area interaction.

The WorkCenter Component Links pagelet is based on the PTAL_DEMOPGLT page definition, which includes nine push button/hyperlink controls:



Page definition that is part of a component-based template pagelet

See *PeopleTools 8.51 PeopleBook: PeopleSoft Application Designer Developer's Guide*, "Creating Page Definitions."

By setting the push button/hyperlink page control Type and Field Use properties at design time, the developer determines the resource that appears when the user clicks the link and also where that the resource appears, such as in the target content area or a new window. Only PeopleCode, internal links, and external links are valid destination types for push button/hyperlink controls when you use them on component based template pagelets.

The Push Button/Hyperlink Type properties specify an internal link type. The internal link properties specify the location of the CHANGE_PASSWORD page:

Push Button/Hyperlink Properties

Type | Label | Use | General

Type

☐ Push Button ☒ Hyperlink

Destination: Internal Link

Record Name: PTAL_DEMOPLT

Field Name: PTAL_HYPERLINK1

Style: *** Use Default Style ***

External Link

☐ Static ☐ Dynamic

URL ID:

☐ URL Encoded by Application

Internal Link

Portal: Use Current

Node: LOCAL_NODE

Menu: MAINTAIN_SECURITY

Component: CHANGE_PASSWORD

Market: GBL

Page: CHANGE_PASSWORD

Action: Update/Display

☐ Use data from current page in search

OK Cancel

Push Button/Hyperlink Properties dialog box: Type tab showing Internal Link properties

Warning! The default target for push button/hyperlinks is the target content area. It is recommended that you do not change these default settings for component pagelets. Likewise, when you use PeopleCode or XSL in Pagelet Wizard transformations to generate links, it is recommended that the link target open in the target content area only.

See *PeopleTools 8.51 PeopleBook: PeopleSoft Application Designer Developer's Guide*, "Using Page Controls," Using Push Buttons and Links.

Component Definition Settings

Standard components and the components that you use as component-based pagelets have different purposes which require that the developer configure each type of component differently. The following list describes the recommended property settings for components that you use as component-based template pagelets on WorkCenter pages:

- WorkCenter pages should not generate a search page, nor start the search process when the user clicks the content reference to access the page. The user should immediately see the initial page.

Select a "dummy" record—one that has no keys or contains only one row of data—as the component search record on the Use tab.

The INSTALLATION record is an example of a "dummy" search record.

- Component-based pagelets generally require no save functionality.

Select the Disable Saving Page check box on the Use tab.

- Typically, the component should consist of only one page, but no tabs or page links should appear on the pagelet.

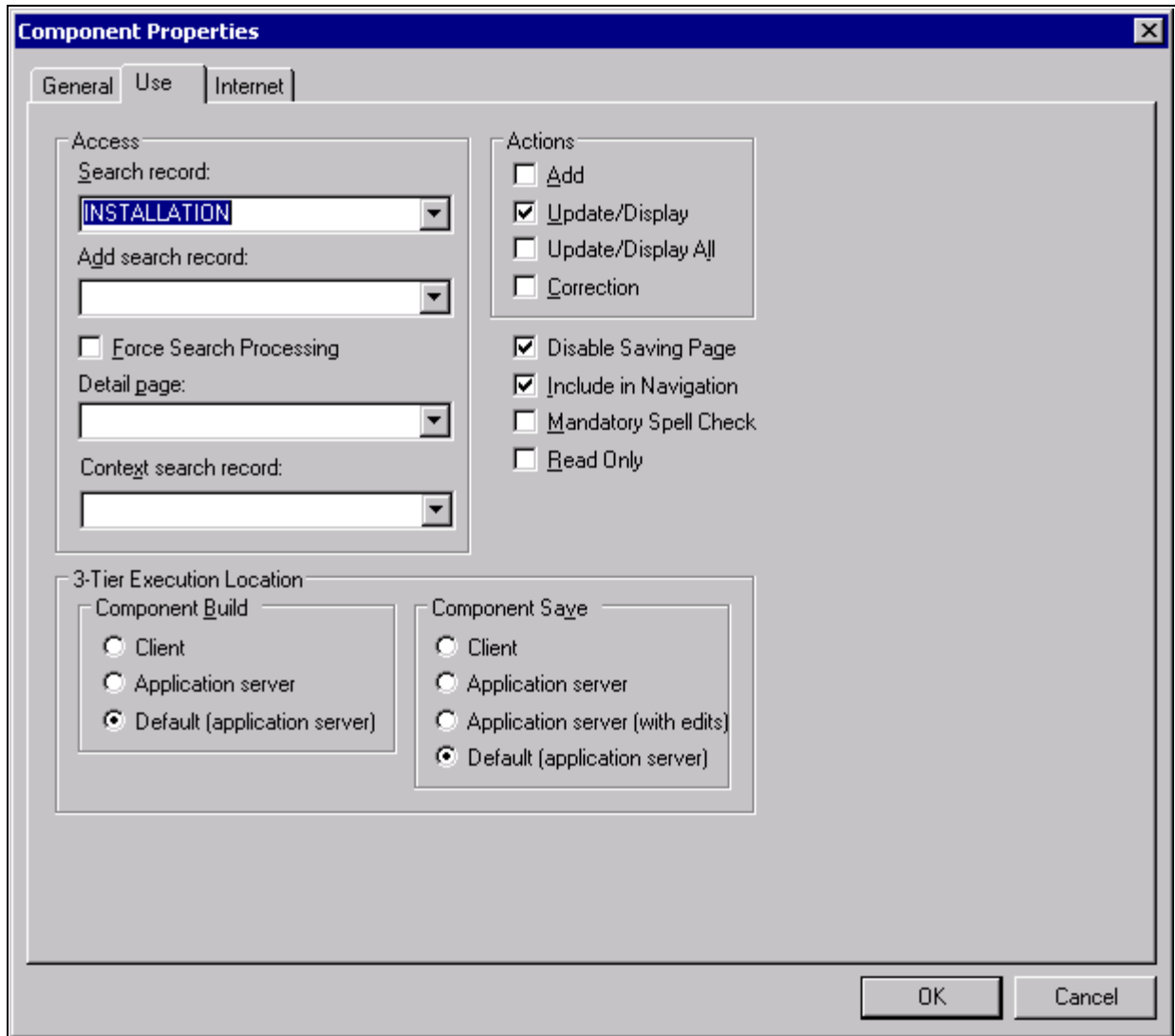
Clear the Multi-Page Navigation check boxes on the Internet tab.

- The elements that make up the tool bar and page bar are not applicable and should not appear on the page.

Select the Disable Toolbar and Disable Pagebar check boxes on the Internet tab.

Notice the settings of the PTAL_DEMOPGLT component in this example:

- The search record is *INSTALLATION* and the *Disable Saving Page* check box is selected:



Component Properties dialog box: Use tab settings for component used as a component-based template pagelet

- The Multi-Page Navigation check boxes are not selected and the Pagebar and the Toolbar are disabled:

Component Properties

General Use Internet

Search Page
Primary Action: ☐ New ☒ Search
Default Search Action: Update/Display
Default Search/Lookup Type: ☒ Basic ☐ Advanced
☒ Allow Action Mode Selection

Link To Access Add Page -- Message Set/Nbr: 124 62
Link To Access Search Page -- Message Set/Nbr: 124 63
Instructional Text -- Message Set/Nbr: 124 50

Multi-Page Navigation
☐ Display Folder Tabs (top)
☐ Display Hyperlinks (bottom)

Processing Mode
☒ Interactive ☒ Deferred
☐ Allow Expert Entry
☐ WSRP Compliant

Toolbar
Selected Toolbar Actions:
☐ Save ☐ Refresh
☒ Cancel ☒ Notify
☐ Spell Check ☒ View WorkList
☒ Return to List ☒ Next in WorkList
☒ Next in List ☒ Previous in WorkList
☒ Previous in List ☐ Add
☐ Next Page in Component ☒ Update/Display
☐ Previous Page in Component ☐ Update/Display All
☐ Correction
☒ Disable Toolbar

Pagebar
☒ Help Link
☒ Copy URL Link
☒ New Window Link
☒ Customize Page Link
☒ Disable Pagebar

OK Cancel

Component Properties dialog box: Internet tab settings for component used as a component-based template pagelet

See *PeopleTools 8.51 PeopleBook: PeopleSoft Application Designer Developer's Guide*, "Creating Component Definitions," Setting Component Properties.

Registering Components as Template Pagelets

After creating the component definition, you must register the component as a *template pagelet* in the PeopleTools portal. The PeopleTools portal stores content references based on their URL information. As a result, the combination of elements that make up the URL of every content reference in a portal must be unique. If a component is already registered as a content reference in the portal, then you must enter a *dummy* value in the Additional Parameters field when you register that same component as a template pagelet. Adding this field value ensures that the two content references are unique.

A sample value that works well is *name1=value1*, as you see in this example:

The screenshot shows a web interface with two main sections. The top section, titled "URL Information", contains a text field for "*Node Name" with the value "LOCAL_NODE" and a magnifying glass icon, and a dropdown menu for "URL Type" with "PeopleSoft Component" selected. The bottom section, titled "Component Parameters", contains three text fields: "*Menu Name" with "PTAL_ADMIN", "*Market" with "GBL" and a magnifying glass icon, and "*Component" with "PTAL_DEMOPLT". Below these is a text field for "Additional Parameters" with the value "name1=value1". At the bottom of this section is an example text: "Example: name1=value1&name2=value2".

Content Ref Administration page: URL Information and Component Parameters group boxes showing additional parameters

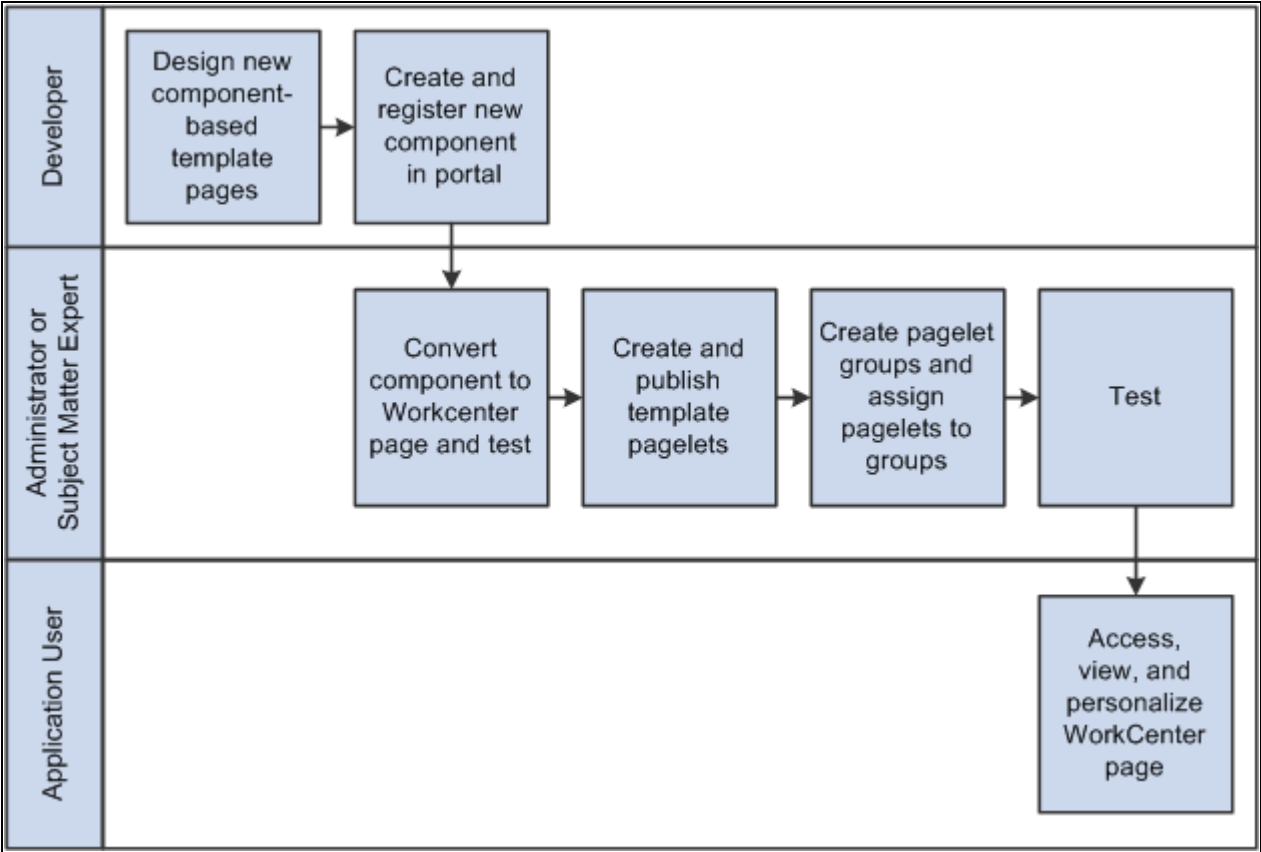
See [Chapter 5, "Administering Portals," Defining Content References, page 124](#) and [Chapter 5, "Administering Portals," URL Information, page 126](#).

See Also

PeopleTools 8.51 PeopleBook: PeopleSoft Application Designer Developer's Guide, "Getting Started with PeopleSoft Application Designer," Main Application Development Steps

WorkCenter Page Development and Implementation Process Overview

This diagram presents an overview of the process for developing, implementing, and using WorkCenter pages:



WorkCenter page development and implementation technology process flow

Note. You do not have to create new component-based template pagelets. You can convert existing components or homepage pagelets to the WorkCenter template.

See [Chapter 14, "Creating and Configuring WorkCenter Pages," Selecting Menu Items, page 500.](#)

Prerequisites

This table lists the prerequisite steps that you must perform and references the corresponding documentation that you should review before you configure WorkCenter pages.

| Prerequisite | Cross Reference |
|---|--|
| Create navigation collections that you want to assign to the pagelet area. | See Chapter 4, "Working With Navigation Pages," Creating or Editing a Navigation Collection, page 64. |
| Create PeopleSoft Query definitions that you want to use in the pagelet area. | See <i>Enterprise PeopleTools 8.51 PeopleBook: PeopleSoft Query</i> , "Creating and Running Simple Queries," Creating New Queries. |

| Prerequisite | Cross Reference |
|--|--|
| Create PeopleSoft page definitions, add and configure hyperlink page controls, and then define and register the components that you want to use as pagelets. | <p>See <i>PeopleTools 8.51 PeopleBook: PeopleSoft Application Designer Developer's Guide</i>, "Creating Page Definitions."</p> <p>See <i>PeopleTools 8.51 PeopleBook: PeopleSoft Application Designer Developer's Guide</i>, "Using Page Controls," Using Push Buttons and Links.</p> <p>See <i>PeopleTools 8.51 PeopleBook: PeopleSoft Application Designer Developer's Guide</i>, "Creating Component Definitions," Defining Components.</p> |
| Use Pagelet Wizard to create and publish template pagelets that use your navigation collections and query definitions as data sources. | <p>See Chapter 11, "Using Pagelet Wizard," page 291.</p> <p>See Chapter 11, "Using Pagelet Wizard," Selecting a PeopleSoft Query Data Source, page 333.</p> <p>See Chapter 11, "Using Pagelet Wizard," Selecting a Navigation Collection Data Source, page 331.</p> <p>See Chapter 11, "Using Pagelet Wizard," Template Pagelet, page 385.</p> |
| Manually add component-based template pagelet to template pagelets portal objects folder. | See Chapter 5, "Administering Portals," Defining Content References, page 124. |

Defining Page Layout Templates

This section discusses how to define layout templates:

Page Used to Define Page Layout Templates

| Page Name | Definition Name | Navigation | Usage |
|------------------------------|------------------------|---|---|
| Define Page Layout Templates | PTAL_PAGE_TEMPLATE | PeopleTools, Portal, WorkCenter Pages, Define Page Layout Templates | Set or change the portal look and feel for WorkCenter pagelets and pages. |

Creating Page Layout Templates

Access the Define Page Layout Templates page (PeopleTools, Portal, WorkCenter Pages, Define Page Layout Templates).

Define Layout Templates

Define Page Layout Templates


Define the page layout templates used by WorkCenter Pages


Layout Template: DEFAULT


*Description: Default Layout ☒ Active ☒ Default

Long Description: This is the default layout template for all new Application Landing Pages.

Supporting Application Class

Package Name: PTAL_PAGE 

Path: PageTemplate 

Application Class ID: LeftPageletAreaTemplate 

Define Page Layout Templates page

| | |
|------------------------|--|
| Layout Template | View the template ID, which is the name as entered on the Add New Value page. This field is display-only. |
| Description | Enter text that briefly describes the purpose of the layout template. You can enter up to 30 characters. |
| Active | Select to enable the template. If you select this check box, you must enter the supporting application class. This check box is disabled if the template is designated as the default template because the default template must be active. |
| Default | <p>Select to specify the template as the default template for all new WorkCenter pages. If you select this check box, you must designate the template as active.</p> <p>The application allows only one default template. To replace the current default template, you must create a new template and designate it as the active, default template. When you save the page, the application makes the Default and Active check boxes display-only.</p> |

Supporting Application Class

After you define the application class that creates the WorkCenter template in PeopleSoft Application Designer, you enter the class-identifying information in these fields:

| | |
|---------------------|--|
| Package Name | Enter the application class package name that contains the PeopleCode that defines the template. |
|---------------------|--|

| | |
|-----------------------------|--|
| Path | Enter the names—delimited by colons—of each subpackage in the hierarchy that drills down to the class that contains the method that defines the template. If the class is defined in the top level package, the Path lookup search results display a colon. Select the colon. |
| Application Class ID | <p>Enter the application class name that determines the layout of the page. The class must exist in the application package and subpackage (path) that you specify.</p> <p><code>LeftPageletAreaTemplate</code> and <code>RightPageletAreaTemplate</code> application classes come with all PeopleSoft applications.</p> |

Note. If the combination of the above fields creates an invalid application class path when you attempt to save the component, then the application presents an error message and prevents you from saving an invalid template. The error message specifies alternatives that you can take to eliminate the condition that causes the error.

Managing WorkCenter Page Configurations

This section discusses how to:

- Create and manage WorkCenter pages.
- Select menu items.
- Assign template pagelets to WorkCenter pages.

Pages Used to Configure and Manage WorkCenter Pages

| <i>Page Name</i> | <i>Definition Name</i> | <i>Navigation</i> | <i>Usage</i> |
|--------------------------|------------------------|--|--|
| Manage Work Center Pages | PTAL_MANAGE_PAGES | PeopleTools, Portal, WorkCenter, Manage WorkCenter Pages | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Convert existing content references to WorkCenter pages. • View existing WorkCenter page configurations. • Delete existing WorkCenter page configurations. |
| Select a Menu Item | PTAL_SELECT_CREF | Click the Create New WorkCenter Page link. | Select the menu item that you are configuring as a WorkCenter page. |

| Page Name | Definition Name | Navigation | Usage |
|--------------------------|-------------------|--|---|
| Assign Template Pagelets | PTAL_ASSIGN_PGLTS | PeopleTools, Portal, WorkCenter, Assign Template Pagelets Alternately, click the Administer Pagelets link the pagelet area. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Change page layout options. Create pagelet groups. Assign pagelets to pagelet groups. |

Creating and Managing WorkCenter Pages

Access the Manage WorkCenter Pages page (PeopleTools, Portal, WorkCenter, Manage WorkCenter Pages).

If you have not configured any WorkCenter pages, this page appears:

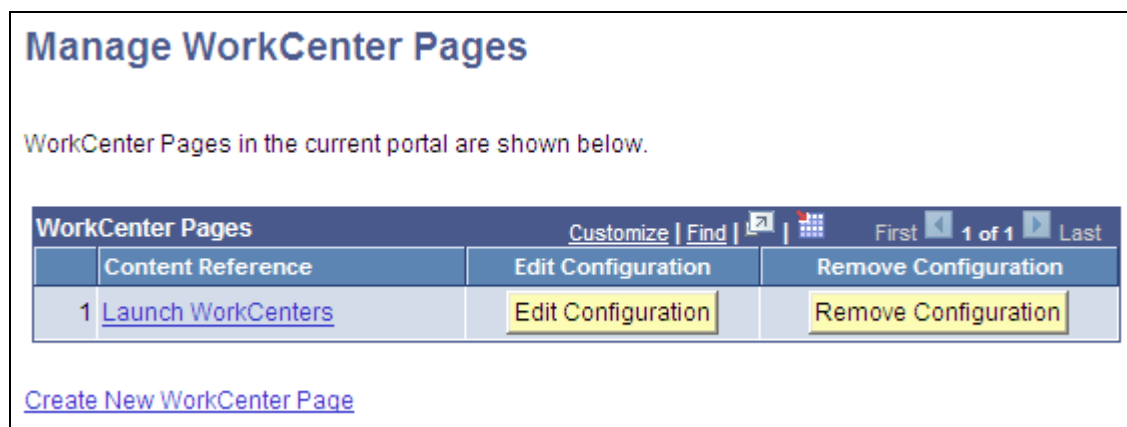


Manage WorkCenter Pages page before you add WorkCenter pages

Create New WorkCenter Page

Click to open the Select Menu Item page and begin the process of creating a WorkCenter page.

If you have configured at least one WorkCenter page, your page will look similar to this one:



Manage WorkCenter Pages page after you add WorkCenter pages

Content Reference

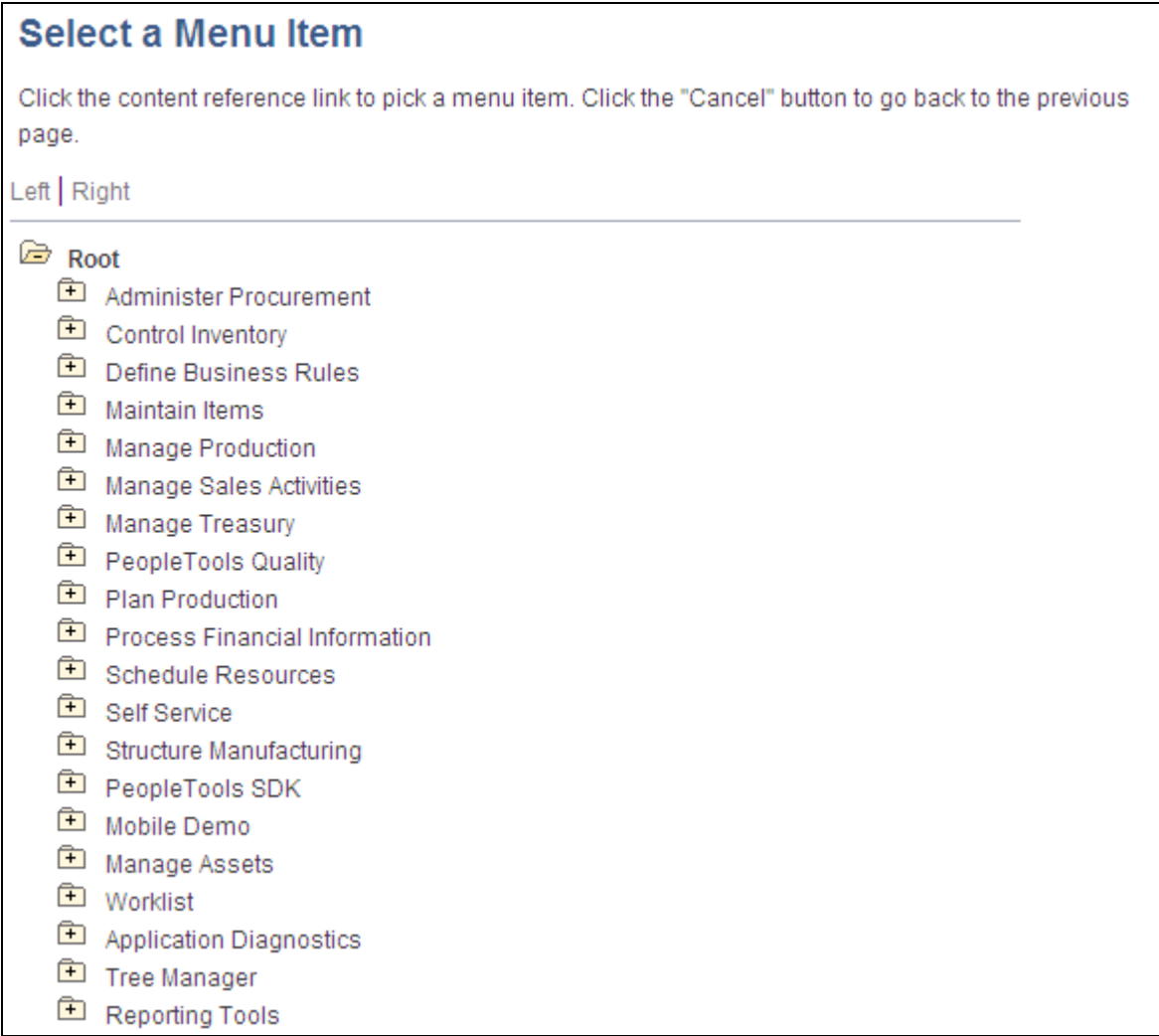
Displays the content reference name as an active link. Click to access the content reference and view the WorkCenter page.

| | |
|---|--|
| Edit Configuration | Click to access the Assign Template Pagelet page and make changes to an existing WorkCenter page. |
| Remove Configuration | Click to delete the WorkCenter page, all pagelet groups, and all pagelet configurations associated with the content reference. |
| Note. Removing WorkCenter page configurations does not delete the menu item upon which it is based nor does it delete the template pagelets. | |

Selecting Menu Items

The **Select a Menu Item** page appears only when you are creating new WorkCenter pages. If you are editing an existing WorkCenter page, the **Assign Template Pagelets** page appears.

Access the **Select a Menu Item** page (Select **PeopleTools**, **Portal**, **WorkCenter**, **Manage Template Pagelets**. Then, click the **Create New WorkCenter Page** link.)



Select a Menu Item page showing a sample tree structure and portal registry folders

All content references to which you have been granted access in the current portal appear in the tree, including both local and imported content provider portal registry entries. Select the menu item that you want to convert to a WorkCenter page.

To select a menu item:

1. Click an upper-level folder to begin navigating through the menu structure.
2. Continue clicking folders and traversing the menu structure until you find the menu item that you are converting to a WorkCenter page.
3. Click the menu item.

The Assign Template Pagelets page appears. If the selected content reference is already a WorkCenter page, the Assign Template Pagelets page displays the page layout options, pagelet groups, and pagelets that are associated with the content reference.

Assigning Template Pagelets to WorkCenter Pages

Access the Assign Template Pagelets page by using one of these navigation paths:

- Select PeopleTools, Portal, WorkCenter, Manage WorkCenter Pages. Click Create a New WorkCenter Page, then select a menu item.
- Select PeopleTools, Portal, WorkCenter, Manage WorkCenter Pages. Click the Edit Configuration button.
- In the WorkCenter pagelet area, click the Administer Pagelets link.

Assign Template Pagelets

Assign the template pagelets to be displayed with this menu item.

Portal Name: EMPLOYEE
 Menu Item: PTAL_DEMOWCPG_SD_GBL [Launch WorkCenters](#)
 *Pagelet Area Label:

Page Layout Options

*Layout Template:
 Layout HTML Object:
 *Initial Size:

Pagelet Groups

Find | View All First 1 of 1 Last

*Group ID:
 *Group Label:
 Display Order: ☒ Default

| Pagelets | | | | | | | Find First 1 of 1 Last | |
|----------------------|---------------|----------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|--|
| *Pagelet Name | Pagelet Label | Display Order | Set Focus | Required | Initially Minimized | | | |
| <input type="text"/> | | <input type="text"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | |

[Return to Manage Work Center Pages](#)

Assign Template Pagelets page

Assign Template Pagelets

Use these fields to label the pagelet area.

| | |
|---------------------------|---|
| Portal Name | Displays the current portal definition name. |
| Menu Item | Displays the menu item name associated with the content reference link that you selected from the tree on the Select a Menu Item page. You can also click the link that appears beside the menu item to view the WorkCenter page. |
| Pagelet Area Label | <p>Enter the name of the pagelet area. The default value of this field is <i>Task Panel</i>. This field can contain up to 30 characters.</p> <p>This name appears in tool tip text and on the Personalize page.</p> |

Page Layout Options

Use these options to change the look and feel of the WorkCenter page.

Changes that you make to the page layout options are visible after you save the page and click the *browser* Refresh button.

| | |
|---------------------------|--|
| Layout Template | Select a layout template from the list of all active page layout templates. The name of the default page layout template appears here when you create a new WorkCenter page. |
| Layout HTML Object | Select a custom layout, which you define in an HTML definition in PeopleSoft Application Designer. Only HTML definitions that begin with <i>PTAL_LAYOUT_</i> appear in this prompt field. This field can contain up to 30 upper-case characters. |
| Initial Size | Enter an integer between 200 and 9999 that determines the width of the of the pagelet area when the user initially accesses the WorkCenter page. The default value is <i>300</i> . |

Pagelet Groups

Use the fields in this scroll area to organize your pagelets by tabs in the pagelet area.

| | |
|----------------------|--|
| Group ID | Enter a value that identifies the group. Each value must be unique to the WorkCenter page and can contain no more the 20 characters. After initially adding this value, the field then becomes display-only. This field is required. |
| Group Label | Enter a meaningful name of up to 20 mixed-case characters for the pagelet group. The label appears on a tab in the pagelet area and is visible to the user. This field is required. |
| Display Order | Enter a number between 0 and 999 to specifically determine the order that the tabs appear in the pagelet area. This field is empty by default and pagelet groups appear in the same order as the row sort order in the Pagelet Groups scroll area. Groups for which you leave the Display Order field blank are considered <i>0</i> and appear before groups where the field contains a value. |
| Default | Select to display the group by default when the WorkCenter page is initially accessed. Only one group can be the default. |

Note these points about pagelet groups:

- If you create only one pagelet group, no tab appears to the end user.
- If you delete a pagelet group, the application deletes all subordinate pagelet data and customizations.

Pagelets

Use the fields in this grid to assign the pagelets to the group.

| | |
|--|--|
| Pagelet Name | Select the pagelet from a list of registered template pagelets. Only registered <i>template pagelets</i> appear in the list. A pagelet can be assigned to <i>only one</i> group on a WorkCenter page. |
| Pagelet Label | Displays the label that appears in the pagelet header. |
| Display Order | Enter a number between 0 and 999 to specifically determine the position of the pagelets in the group. This field is empty by default and pagelet groups appear in the same order as the row sort order in the Pagelets grid. Pagelets for which you leave the Display Order field blank are considered <i>0</i> and appear before groups where the field contains a value. |
| Set Focus | Select to move the cursor to the pagelet when the user initially accesses the WorkCenter page. You can check this check box for only <i>one</i> pagelet in the same group. |
| Required | Select to disable the ability of the application user to hide the pagelet in the group. The user can still minimize the pagelet. |
| Initially Minimized | Select to display the pagelet in the minimized state when the user initially accesses the WorkCenter page. |
| Return to Manage WorkCenter Pages | Click to access the Manage WorkCenter Pages page. This link is visible only if you access the Assign Templates Pagelets page from the Manage WorkCenter Pages page. |

Setting Pagelet Area User Preferences

This section discusses how to personalize the pagelet area of a WorkCenter page.

Page Used to Set Pagelet Area User Preferences

| <i>Page Name</i> | <i>Definition Name</i> | <i>Navigation</i> | <i>Usage</i> |
|------------------------|------------------------|--|--|
| Personalize Task Panel | PTAL_USER_PREF | From any WorkCenter page, click the Customize icon in the pagelet area header. | Set pagelet area user preferences and options. |

Personalizing the Pagelet Area

Application users can set preferences to personalize their WorkCenter page experience. Changes are visible when the user clicks the Save button.

Access the Personalize page (Click the Customize button in the pagelet area header).

Personalize My Tasks

Select from the available option(s) to personalize the display of each pagelet group in the My Tasks.

Portal Name: EMPLOYEE

Menu Item: PTAL_DEMOWCPG_SD_GBL Launch WorkCenters

*Pagelet Group: Security

| Pagelets | View All | First | 1-2 of 2 | Last |
|----------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------------|------|
| Pagelet Label | Selected | Initially Minimized | Display Order | |
| Application Security | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="text"/> | |
| My Roles | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="text"/> | |

Reset to Defaults

Personalize page

| | |
|----------------------------|--|
| Pagelet Group | Select the tab (group) for which you want to set user preferences. |
| Pagelet Label | Displays the names of the pagelets in the pagelet group. |
| Selected | <p>Select to make the pagelet visible in this pagelet group. Clear the check box to hide the pagelet.</p> <p>Clearing this check box does <i>not</i> remove the pagelet from the group.</p> |
| Initially minimized | Select to collapse the pagelet so that only the pagelet header is visible when the user accesses the WorkCenter page. |
| Display Order | Enter a number between 0 and 999 to specifically determine the position of the pagelets in the group. This field is empty by default and pagelets appear in the order as configured by the administrator. Pagelets for which you leave the Display Order field blank are considered 0 and appear before groups where the field contains a value. |
| Reset to Defaults | Click to set all fields to their original settings as specified by the administrator who configured the WorkCenter page. |

Note. Save any changes that you make to this page.

Creating WorkCenter Operational Dashboard Pages

To create WorkCenter operational dashboard pages:

1. Create a homepage tab.

See [Chapter 6, "Administering Portal Homepages and Pagelets," Adding Homepage Tabs, page 166.](#)

2. In the Homepage Attributes group box, select the Operational Dashboard check box.

3. Configure the security.

See [Chapter 5, "Administering Portals," Setting Content Reference Security, page 134.](#)

4. Select the tab content.

See [Chapter 6, "Administering Portal Homepages and Pagelets," Selecting the Tab Content, page 169.](#)

5. Arrange the tab layout.

See [Chapter 6, "Administering Portal Homepages and Pagelets," Arranging the Tab Layout, page 171.](#)

6. Click the Save button.

7. Navigate to the level where you want the dashboard.

8. Click the Add Content Reference Link link at the bottom of the page.

9. On the Select a Content Reference Link page, navigate the hierarchy to *<PORTAL_REGISTRY_NAME>*, Portal Objects, Homepage, Tabs. Select the homepage tab that you just created.

10. On the Content Reference Link Administration page, enter the name and label for the link. If you leave the Label field blank, the link will assume the label of the target homepage tab.

11. In the Content Reference Link Attributes group box, enter *NAVTOPWIN* in the Name field and *TRUE* in the Attribute value field.

12. Clear the Translate check box and leave the Label field blank.

13. Click the Save button.

Chapter 15

Developing and Configuring Related Content

This chapter provides an overview of the PeopleSoft Related Content Framework and discusses how to:

- Define related content services.
- Assign and manage related content services.
- Create security handlers.

Understanding the PeopleSoft Related Content Framework

This section provides an overview of the PeopleSoft Related Content Framework and discusses:

- Configuration flexibility
- Related content development process flow
- Delivered related content services

The PeopleSoft Related Content Framework enables developers and subject matter experts to link application pages with contextually relevant collaborative content.

The primary goal of related content services is to provide immediate access to relevant, contextual information for any PeopleSoft transaction without requiring any additional user effort. PeopleSoft Related Content Services Framework acts as an enterprise mashup, tying together all types of content such as Oracle Business Intelligence Enterprise Edition (OBIEE) analytics, queries, discussion threads, or any relevant non-PeopleSoft data into a single tool—PeopleSoft application pages.

Related content can be any collaborative, analytical, or informational content that is useful for completing business tasks. A related content service is any content, such as a discussion forum, wiki page, or PeopleSoft content reference, which is offered as a service to be consumed by other applications. Related content can be configured within the same database, among multiple PeopleSoft databases, and between a PeopleSoft database and non-PeopleSoft data.

Note. The terms *related content* and *related content service* are synonymous in this chapter.

The terms *related content service definition* and *service definition* are synonymous in this chapter.

Configuration Flexibility

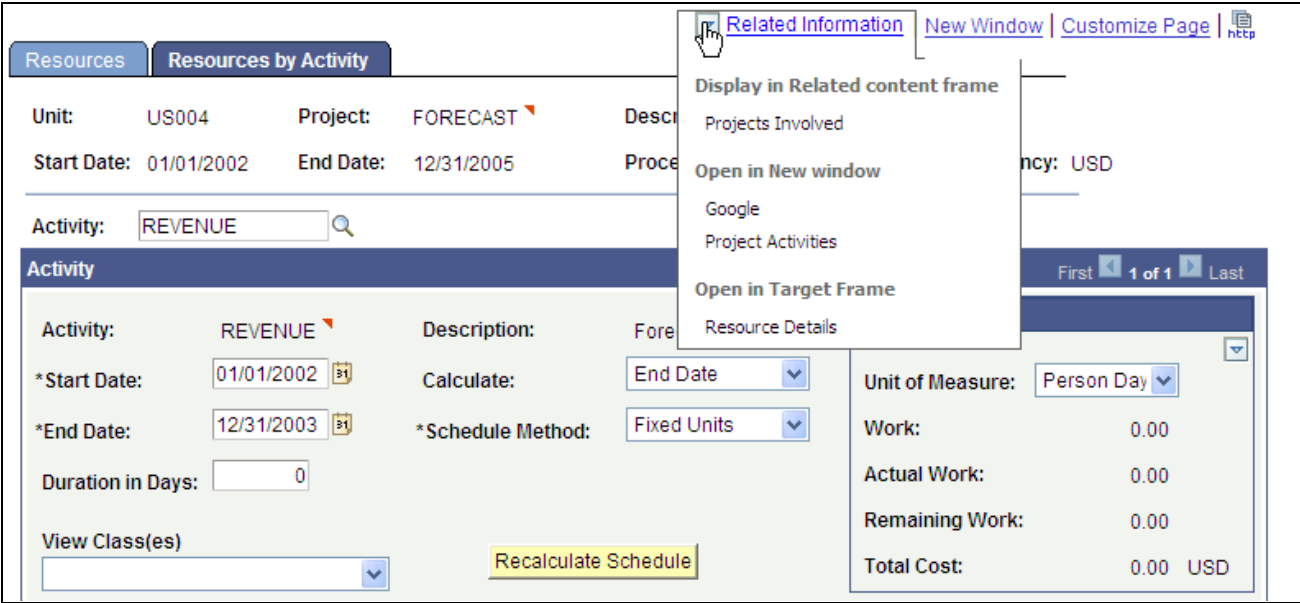
The Related Content Framework is designed so that you can assign, configure, and maintain existing related content services without access to developer tools such as PeopleSoft Application Designer. The related content pages provide a variety of configuration options, which enable you to associate related content services to transactions pages based on your business rules.

Contextual Menus

You can configure related content services so that users can access them by using contextual menus. You can configure three types of contextual menus:

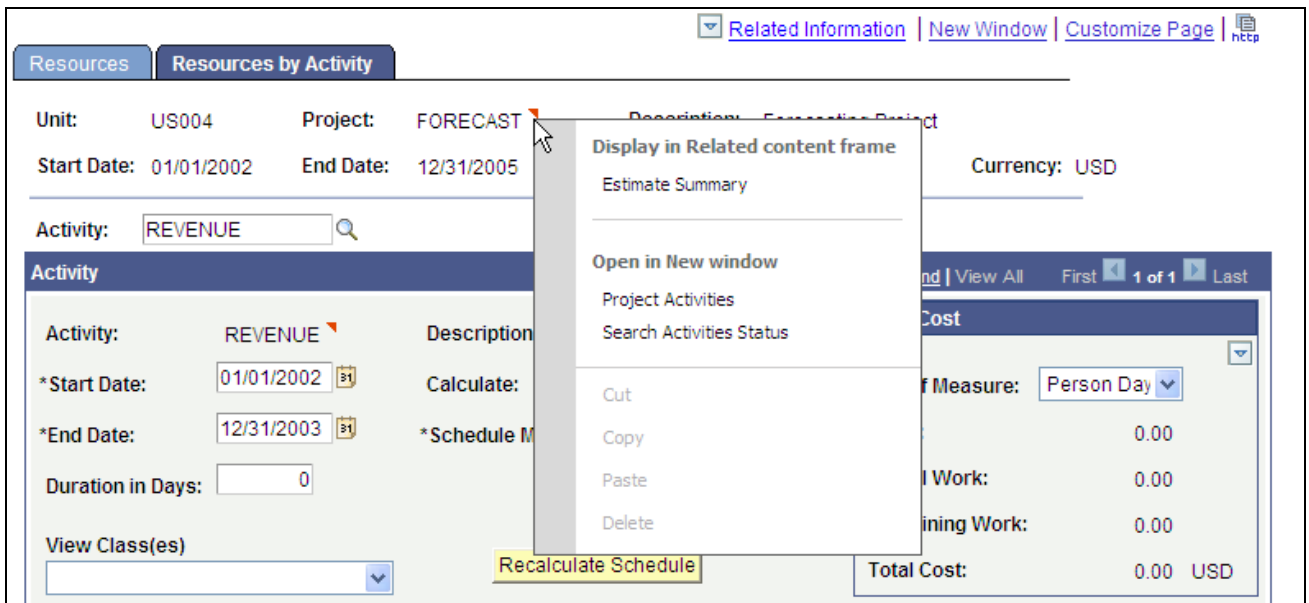
- The related content menu, which appears as the Related Information menu at the top of the page.
- The field-level pop-up menu, which appears when you right-click the red related content glyph associated with a field.
- The drop-down menu, which appears as the Actions list that you use with SmartNavigation pages.

The Related Content menu in the pagebar accesses related content has been assigned to the Resources by Activity page.



Resources by Activity page showing the Related Content drop-down menu

The pop-up menu on the Project field accesses related content has been assigned to the field.



Resources by Activity page showing the field-level pop-up menu

The Actions drop-down menu indicates that related content has been assigned to this SmartNavigation page.



SmartNavigation page showing Actions drop-down menu

Target Areas

You can configure related content services to display content in these locations:

- In the related content frame that appears directly beneath the primary page.
- In the current page target content frame, replacing the current transaction page.

- In a new window.

The screenshot displays the Oracle 'Resources by Activity' page. At the top, the Oracle logo is visible, followed by navigation links: Home, Worklist, MultiChannel Console, Add to Favorites, and Sign out. Below these are tabs for Favorites, Main Menu, Program Management, Activity Definitions, and Resources. The 'Resources by Activity' tab is active, showing details for Unit: US004, Project: FORECAST, Description: Forecasting Project, Start Date: 01/01/2002, End Date: 12/31/2005, Processing Status: Active, and Currency: USD. The Activity is set to REVENUE. Below this, there's a section for Activity details with fields for Start Date, End Date, Duration in Days, and a Recalculate Schedule button. To the right, a Work/Cost table shows Unit of Measure: Person Day, Work: 0.00, Actual Work: 0.00, Remaining Work: 0.00, and Total Cost: 0.00 USD. At the bottom, a Related Information frame is open, showing ACTSTATUS, GENERALINFO, and PROJESTSUM tabs. The Status section displays Project: FORECAST, Description: Forecasting Project, Activity: REVENUE, Description: Forecast Revenue, and an Activity Status table with fields for Effective Date, Sequence, Status, and Activity Priority.

Resources by Activity page showing related content frame

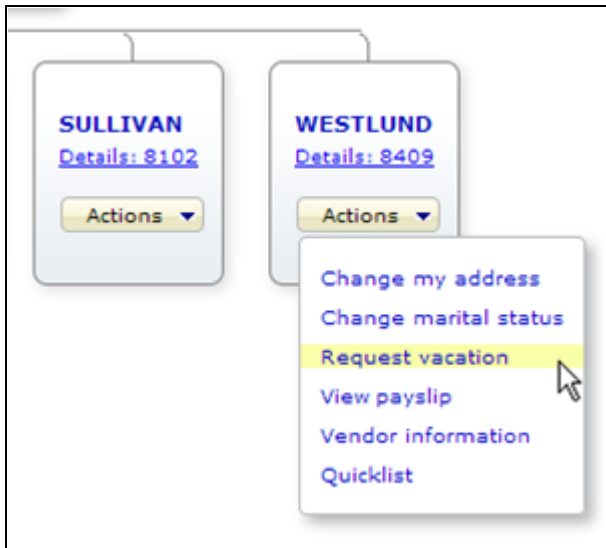
The related content frame enables simultaneous viewing of both the transaction page and the related content. The related content frame is configurable and easy to use. When working with the related content frame, you can set configuration options so that users can:

- Refresh the frame contents by clicking the refresh button in the frame header .
- Open the active service in another window by clicking the zoom button in the frame header.
- Collapse the frame by clicking the collapse button to the left of the Related Information frame header.
- Close the frame by clicking the close button.

Related Actions

Related actions are a specific type of related content that you associate uniquely with SmartNavigation pages. SmartNavigation pages are dynamically generated navigation pages that combine the portal Main Menu structure, your own hierarchical application data from trees and rowsets, and PeopleSoft charting metadata to form a new, intuitive way to access transaction data in components.

Related actions appear as links in an Actions drop-down menu, which you find on the nodes on SmartNavigation pages. This example shows two nodes from a SmartNavigation page, the Actions menu, and a related action link:



Expanded Actions menu on a SmartNavigation page

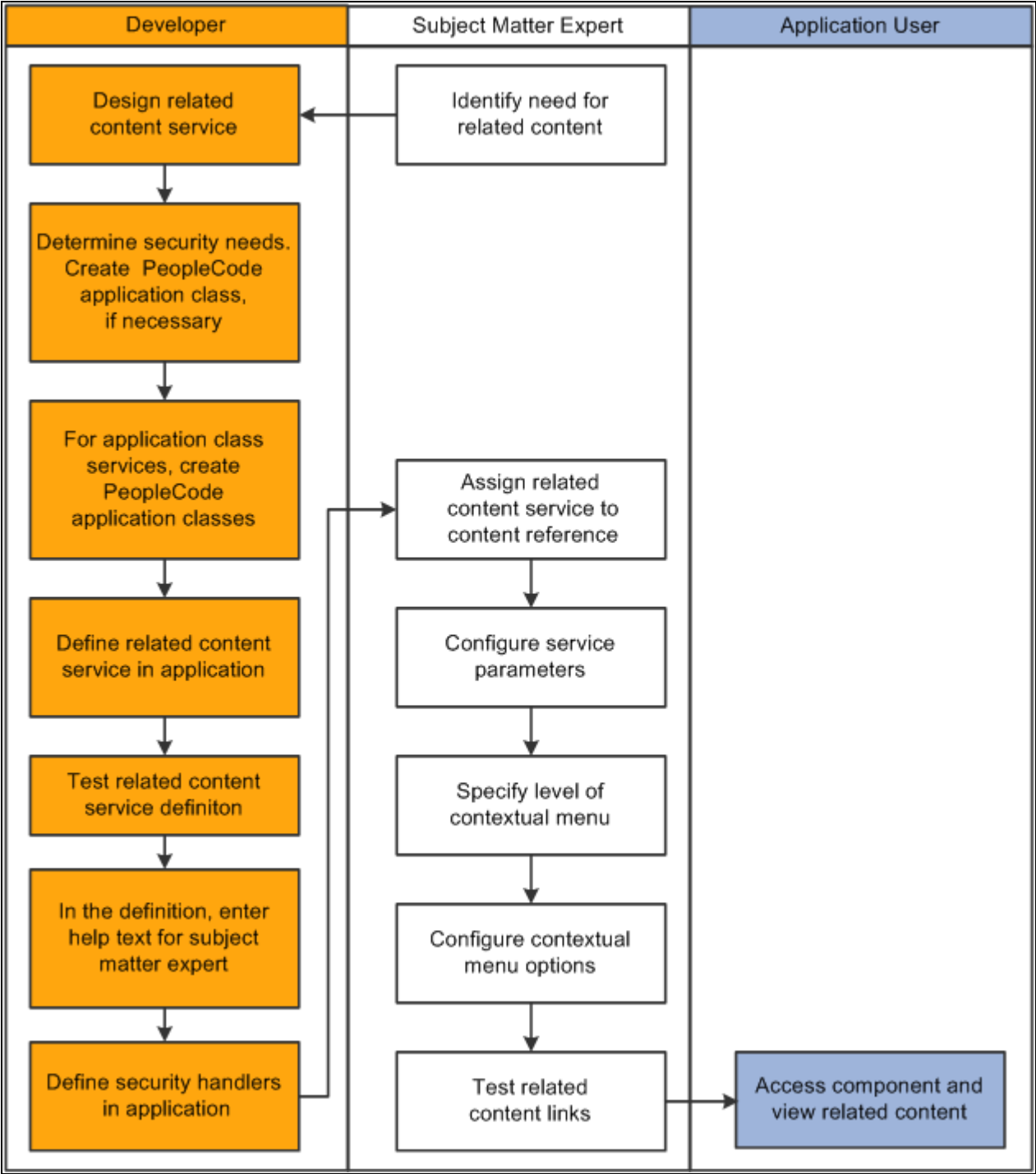
The advantages of using related actions on SmartNavigation pages include:

- The application user saves time because with the search key details embedded in the nodes and leaves, the system passes the detail values directly to the search process and populates the page—eliminating the need to use a search page.
- You increase productivity by providing one-stop access for many related components because PeopleSoft components that share a similar search key structure can be configured and grouped as actions at the node level to support your business rules.
- Application users do not have to remember complex navigation paths to components because the link appears with the data.

Note. Related actions also appear in Action folders that you see in SmartNavigation folders in the Main Menu drop-down menu structure. Unlike other links, the links in Actions folders are not active.

Related Content Development Process Flow

The following diagram illustrates the Related Content Framework development process flow along with the role involved in each step.



Development process flow for related content development and implementation

This table lists the steps in the process flow, the role, and provides cross-references to supporting PeopleBooks documentation:

| Step | Role | Supporting Documentation |
|---|-----------------------|--|
| Create application classes | Developer | See <i>PeopleTools 8.51 PeopleBook: PeopleCode Developer's Guide</i> , "Creating Application Packages and Classes," Creating Application Packages. |
| Define related content service | Developer | See Chapter 15, "Developing and Configuring Related Content," Defining Related Content Services , page 518. |
| Test related content service | Developer | See Chapter 15, "Developing and Configuring Related Content," Testing Related Content Service Definitions , page 531. |
| Enter help text | Developer | See Chapter 15, "Developing and Configuring Related Content," Writing Help Text for Related Content Service Definitions , page 532. |
| Define security handlers | Developer | See Chapter 15, "Developing and Configuring Related Content," Creating Security Handlers , page 552. |
| Assign related content service to content reference | Subject matter expert | See Chapter 15, "Developing and Configuring Related Content," Assigning Related Content to Components, Pages, and Fields , page 538. |
| Specify level of contextual menu | Subject matter expert | See Chapter 15, "Developing and Configuring Related Content," Contextual Menu Options for Component Level Services , page 542. See Chapter 15, "Developing and Configuring Related Content," Related Content Menu Options for Page Level Services , page 542. |
| Configure service parameters | Subject matter expert | See Chapter 15, "Developing and Configuring Related Content," Service Configuration , page 543. |
| Configure contextual menu options | Subject matter expert | See Chapter 15, "Developing and Configuring Related Content," Configuring Contextual Menus , page 547. |
| Access transaction and view related content | Application user | See <i>PeopleTools 8.51 PeopleBook: PeopleSoft Applications User's Guide</i> , "Using PeopleSoft Application Pages," Accessing Related Content. |

Delivered Related Content Services

PeopleTools provides the service definitions for three PeopleSoft Enterprise Portal related content services:

- Related Discussion service

- Related Links service
- Related Tags service

These related content services provide features of Oracle's PeopleSoft Enterprise Portal that can be added to PeopleSoft application pages through the PeopleTools Related Content Framework. While the service definitions are provided in PeopleTools, an active PeopleSoft Enterprise Portal database is required to provide the services and to store the related data.

Setup procedures for these services is covered in the PeopleSoft Enterprise Portal PeopleBooks.

See *PeopleSoft Enterprise Portal 9.1 PeopleBook: Using Portal Features*, "Setting Up Related Content Services."

Related Discussion Service

Using the Related Discussion related content service, you can collaborate to share relevant information about a transaction or a transaction instance. Discussion forums in the Related Discussion service provide a platform that groups can use to discuss topics of interest in a manner similar to standalone forums in PeopleSoft Enterprise Portal. Discussion forums enable multiple relevant individuals to contribute to the review and resolution of a question. You can post discussion topics, such as issues, suggestions, or questions, and receive replies and feedback.

Details for using the Related Discussion service are provided in the PeopleSoft Enterprise Portal PeopleBooks.

See *PeopleSoft Enterprise Portal 9.1 PeopleBook: Using Portal Features*, "Working With the Related Discussion Service."

Related Links Service

The Related Links related content service allows you to create links to relevant content for the current transaction instance or for all instances in a transaction. You can link to content residing in PeopleSoft Enterprise Portal—specifically, blogs, discussions, or collaborative workspaces—or external URLs. In addition, the Related Links service allows you to create a new workspace and to link that workspace to the transaction.

Details for using the Related Links service are provided in the PeopleSoft Enterprise Portal PeopleBooks.

See *PeopleSoft Enterprise Portal 9.1 PeopleBook: Using Portal Features*, "Working With the Related Links Service."

Related Tags Service

The Related Tags related content service allows you to create user-specified tags for the current transaction instance. You can characterize and bookmark these transactional or business objects with terminology of your choosing, providing ease of access as well as collaborative classification of the transaction.

Details for using the Related Tags service are provided in the PeopleSoft Enterprise Portal PeopleBooks.

See *PeopleSoft Enterprise Portal 9.1 PeopleBook: Using Portal Features*, "Working With the Related Tags Service."

Prerequisites

You must perform the following configuration tasks before defining and configuring related content services:

| Task | Reference |
|---|--|
| Configure single signon among all databases that are sharing related content. | See <i>PeopleTools 8.51 PeopleBook: Security Administration</i> , "Implementing Single Signon." |
| Enter an authentication domain in the web profile. | See Chapter 10, "Configuring the Portal Environment," Configuring General Portal Properties, page 232. |

Common Elements Used in This Chapter

This section describes the common elements used in defining related content services.

Related Content Service

This table describes the common fields on the Define Related Content Service page. These fields are common to all service URL types:

| | |
|---------------------|---|
| Service ID | Enter the unique identifier for the related content service. |
| Service Name | Enter the name of the service. Enter up to 18 characters. |
| Description | Enter a description for the related content service. |
| URL Type | <p>Select from seven service types which build the URL that defines the location and parameters of the service:</p> <p><i>Application Class</i></p> <p><i>Non-PeopleSoft URL</i></p> <p><i>PeopleSoft Component</i></p> <p><i>Embeddable Pagelet</i></p> <p><i>OBIEE Pagelet</i></p> <p><i>PeopleSoft Query</i></p> <p><i>PeopleSoft Script</i></p> <p>See Chapter 15, "Developing and Configuring Related Content," Understanding Service Types, page 519.</p> |

Write help text

Click to open a help text page where a developer can enter instructions that are specific to assigning this related content service. A subject matter expert can access the help text for assistance when making a related content assignment.

See [Chapter 15, "Developing and Configuring Related Content," Assigning Related Content to Components, Pages, and Fields, page 538.](#)

Copy Service Definition

Click to clone a copy of the service definition and its parameters.

See [Chapter 15, "Developing and Configuring Related Content," Writing Help Text for Related Content Service Definitions, page 532.](#)

URL Information

This table describes URL information fields. These fields are common to several or all service URL types:

Node Name

Enter the node name of the PeopleSoft system where the service resides.

If the service resides in the same PeopleSoft system, the node name will be either *LOCAL_NODE* or any default local node of the PeopleSoft system.

Populate parameters

Populates the service parameters in the Service URL parameter grid based on the URL type. This button appears for Embeddable pagelet, OBIEE pagelet, and PeopleSoft Query service types only.

Note. For embeddable and OBIEE pagelets, only context sensitive parameters are populated. For Query pagelets, only prompt fields are populated.

See [Chapter 11, "Using Pagelet Wizard," Step 3: Specifying Pagelet Data Source Parameters, page 338.](#)

Post mapping definition data

Select to have the mapping definition data, such as the parameter name and its mapping page field or key field name, and the parameter's actual mapped value posted with the service request. This option is cleared by default.

Escape URL Parameters

Select to have the parameters defined in the Service URL Parameter grid escaped when forming the service URL. The default is selected.

Show Formed URL

Click to display the entire formed URL with test parameter values in a display-only edit box beneath the Service URL Parameter grid.

Note. Application class URLs cannot be formed using this link because the URL is dynamically generated by PeopleCode using data in the buffer.

Formed URL

This field appears only after you click the Show Formed URL link. The formed URL appears within a display-only edit box.

Test Related Content Service Click to test the related content service in a new window. The Test Related Content Service page appears enabling you to enter a parameter value and test the functionality of the service.

Service URL Parameter

A service might need additional parameters to obtain the context for the data that the service provides. You define these parameters in the Service URL parameter grid.

This table describes service URL parameter fields. These fields are common to all service URL types:

| | |
|-----------------------|---|
| Parameter Name | <p>Enter any additional service parameters for the service. For example, a service might require a search parameter.</p> <p>You can map the parameter to a contextual field on an application page when you assign the service to the page.</p> <p>See Chapter 15, "Developing and Configuring Related Content," Assigning Related Content to Components, Pages, and Fields, page 538.</p> |
| Required | <p>Select this check box when the additional parameter is necessary for a service to return a valid output. This check box is cleared by default.</p> <p>For instance, when a service is launched, it might display default output if a null or blank value is passed to a parameter. If the service is designed with no default value and a blank value is passed to the parameter, an error or blank output could occur, depending on how the service is designed to handle this scenario. To avoid this situation, you can mark one or more additional service parameters as required so that the service will be invoked with a valid value for its additional service parameters.</p> <hr/> <p>Important! When this required check box is selected, the subject matter expert or administrator must map a field or value to the parameter on the Related Content - Map Fields page or the system does not display the service.</p> <hr/> <p>See Chapter 15, "Developing and Configuring Related Content," Map Parameters, page 544.</p> |
| Description | <p>Enter a parameter description that is meaningful for the subject matter expert or administrator who configures the related content assignment and mapping.</p> |

Display Options

This table describes display options fields. Display options apply only when you configure the to appear in the related content frame. These fields are common to all service URL types:

| | |
|----------------|---|
| Refresh | <p>Select to enable the administrator to include the refresh icon in the related content frame; this icon enables the user to force a server trip to retrieve and refresh the data.</p> |
|----------------|---|

New Window

Select to enable the administrator to include the new window icon in the related content frame; this icon enables the user to send the service to a new browser window.

When the service opens a new browser window, the service data in the new window is not actively linked to the parent transaction page. If the user searches for a different key value on the parent page, the content of the new window does *not* change; however, you can continue to view and use it. This is important in situations in which you are viewing content and might want to continue using it after completing work in the transaction page.

Note. Any browser setting that enables the browser to determine whether to open pages in a new window or a tab can affect the expected functionality of the **New Window** property. Configure the *BNEWWIN* navigation personalization option to override any user-specific browser settings so that the browser never uses tabbed browsing for PeopleSoft applications.

See *PeopleTools 8.51 PeopleBook: Security Administration*, "Managing PeopleSoft Personalizations," Understanding Navigation Personalizations.

See Also

Chapter 15, "Developing and Configuring Related Content," Understanding Related Content Services Security, page 520

Defining Related Content Services

This section provides an overview of service URL types and service security and discusses how to:

- Define application class related content services.
- Define non-PeopleSoft related content services.
- Define PeopleSoft component related content services.
- Define Embeddable Pagelet related content services.
- Define OBIEE Pagelet related content services.
- Define PeopleSoft Query related content services.
- Define PeopleSoft Script related content services.
- Test related content service definitions.
- Write help text for related content service definitions.
- Copy related content service definitions.

Understanding Service Types

The Related Content Framework supports seven service types. Each type is defined by its URL construction and each type requires different information to form the complete URL that locates and requests the contextual data.

When you select a service URL type, various service parameters appear for you to configure. The service parameters differ based on the URL type you select. For example, when you select *PeopleSoft Embeddable Pagelet*, the Node and Pagelet Name fields appear as service parameters, because the framework must know the name of the node where the pagelet resides and the name of the pagelet to construct the URL and retrieve the pagelet and its data.

In addition to system-defined service parameters, you can enter user-defined parameters, which offers maximum flexibility in configuring the service to meet business requirements.

You can create the following related content service types:

Application Class

This service type accesses any service that is defined by using PeopleCode application classes. Application class services:

- Can access data in the component buffer.
- Can run any PeopleCode program that is valid in the FieldChange event, for example transferring the user to another page, opening a modal window, or modifying data in the component buffer.
- Can only be associated with the Related Actions menu for use on SmartNavigation pages and cannot be targeted to the related content frame because the target frame and the related content frame maintain separate sessions and separate buffer structures.

Non-PeopleSoft

This service type accesses any non-PeopleSoft pages, external content, or services.

Note. Use this service type for PeopleSoft User Productivity Kit (UPK) related content.

See [Appendix I, "Configuring Related Content Contextual Menus to Access Oracle UPK Modules and Topics,"](#) page 643.

| | |
|-----------------------------|---|
| PeopleSoft Component | <p>This service type accesses any PeopleSoft components. The component can be from the local PeopleSoft system or from a remote PeopleSoft system. The node name specifies whether the service resides in the local or remote PeopleSoft system.</p> <p>The framework enables you to assign most PeopleSoft components as related content without first creating a service definition. However, you must create a PeopleSoft component service definition under these conditions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • When you want to specify the page that opens when the service is accessed. • When you want to pass parameters to the component other than the key structure. • When you want to assign a component as a related action on SmartNavigation pages; only components that you specifically define as services appear in the Actions drop-down menu for SmartNavigation. |
| Embeddable Pagelet | This service type accesses Pagelet Wizard pagelets. The pagelet can be of any pagelet data source but it should be published as an <i>embeddable</i> pagelet. |
| OBIEE Pagelet | This service type accesses analytics-based Oracle Business Intelligence Enterprise Edition (OBIEE) pagelets. You use Pagelet Wizard to create and publish embeddable OBIEE pagelets that use OBIEE reports as the data source. OBIEE reports are analytics reports that are consumed in the PeopleSoft system. |
| PeopleSoft Query | This service type accesses PeopleSoft Query definitions. The query results can also be filtered based on the query definition and the parameters it requires. |
| PeopleSoft Script | This service type accesses iScript-based services. Use this service type in situations in which an iScript has been used to develop the application functionality based on PeopleSoft data or non-PeopleSoft data, such as stock quotes or weather information. |

The information that the system uses to construct the seven URL types differs for each type is described in the following sections.

Understanding Related Content Services Security

Related content services implement security in a variety of ways. It is crucial that you understand the security model that is native to the service definition before you define the service definition. If you select a security option for a service definition that isn't applicable to the service definition type, unexpected results can occur.

Related Content Security Options

When you define a related content service, you can select security options to make available to the administrator who assigns the service to components.

The fields associated with security options do not enforce security. Security option fields are flags which indicate to the service where to look for the security associated with this service definition. This table describes the related content security options.

Public Access

Select to use only the security that applies to public definitions.

This security option is intended for services such as generic help policy or various types of internet searches in which a keyword from a PeopleSoft application page field is accepted.

Components that use PeopleSoft application security that you grant by using permission lists are not public. If you select this option, users must have access to any PeopleSoft component associated with the service.

See [Chapter 10, "Configuring the Portal Environment," Public Users, page 242.](#)

See *PeopleTools 8.51 PeopleBook: Security Administration*, "Setting Up Permission Lists," Setting Page Permissions.

Related Content Security

Select to have the related content service, for example a discussion forum, use its own security, which it implements by using its own security model.

Transaction Security

Select to have the related content service, for example a discussion forum, use the security of the PeopleSoft transaction, which it implements real-time.

This security option indicates that application security such as basic PeopleTools security, row level security, or special security logic such as the HCM Direct Reports API is used to determine access to the related content. The application class that implements row level security provided by PeopleTools can be used with the Job Data component in HCM. For example, the HCM subject matter expert or related content administrator should pick the SEC_ROWLEVEL application class for the Discussion Service, should she want the Discussion Service to implement the row level security of Job Data component.

For more information, consult the security documentation that is specific to your installed PeopleSoft applications.

See [Chapter 15, "Developing and Configuring Related Content," Defining Security Handlers, page 553.](#)

Private Data

Select to have the provider prevent the related content that is created by means of this service from being available when another user searches the content in the provider database. For example, if a discussion is created that contains sensitive information such as personal medical records, the subject matter expert can check this check box to block the content of the discussion from any search that is initiated from outside of all instances of this transaction.

Selecting this option ensures privacy of the related content and limits the access to the related content only in the related content model. Selecting this option essentially makes the related content private to the transaction data and the only way to access the related content is through the transaction instance. This option allows sensitive related content to be shown only in the related content frame in the context of the transaction and eliminates the overhead of security synchronization between the related content consumer and provider systems.

Using this option limits the ways in which information can be reused. To enable this option, the service provider should invoke the PTCS_SEARCHENABLED web service to retrieve the service configuration settings in which the transactions are mapped to the service.

Note. To ensure that the security of the data is not breached, the Private Data check box data does not appear in the HTTP request from the application pages.

Contextual Menu Links

Related content security options enable you to control access to related content links in most scenarios. However, when you define related content services that are outside of the local node, the link appears in the contextual menu even if the application user does not have access to the page. The link appears because the local node has no awareness of non-local permission list security until the user attempts to access the non-local service. However, if the user attempts to access the service, the permissions of the target node are applied at that time and a warning dialog appears, requesting the user to contact the system administrator.

Pages Used to Define Related Content Services

| <i>Page Name</i> | <i>Definition Name</i> | <i>Navigation</i> | <i>Usage</i> |
|--------------------------------|------------------------|--|---|
| Define Related Content Service | PTCSSERVICES | PeopleTools, Portal, Related Content Services, Define Related Content Service | Create the related content service to map to an application page. |
| Test Related Content Service | PTCS_TESTURL | On the Define Related Content Service page, click the Test Related Content Service link. | Test the functionality of the currently defined service. |

| Page Name | Definition Name | Navigation | Usage |
|---|--------------------|---|---|
| Related Content Service Definition - Help information | PTCS_HELPTEXT_SEC | On the Define Related Content Service page, click the Write Help Text button. | Enter Help information regarding the use of the related content parameters. |
| Copy Related Content Service Definition | PTCSSERVICE_SAVEAS | On the Define Related Content Service page, click the Copy Service Definition button. | Clone a related content service definition. |

Defining Application Class Related Content Services

Access the Define Related Content Service page (PeopleTools, Portal, Related Content Service, Define Related Content Service). Select the *Application Class URL* URL type.

The screenshot shows the 'Define Related Content Service' page for the 'Application Class' URL type. At the top, there's a dropdown for '*URL Type:' set to 'Application Class', with buttons for 'Write help text' and 'Copy Service Definition'. Below is a 'URL Information' section with 'Application Class Parameters' including 'Package', 'Path', and 'Class ID' search fields. A note states 'parameter names are case-sensitive'. There are checkboxes for 'Post mapping definition data.' and 'Escape URL Parameters' (checked). A 'Service URL Parameter' table has columns for '#Parameter Name', 'Required', and '#Description'. The first row shows a parameter with an empty name, a required checkbox, and an empty description. At the bottom are links for 'Show Formed URL' and 'Test Related Content Service'.

Define Related Content Service page - Application Class URL type

Application Class Parameters

Package Enter the application class package name that you want to use to define the related content service.

Path Enter the names—delimited by colons—of each subpackage in the hierarchy that drills down to the class that contains the method that defines the service. If the class is defined in the top level package, the Path lookup search results display only a colon. Select the colon.

Class ID Enter the application class name that you want to use to define and build the related content service. The class must exist in the application package and subpackage that you specify.

Application classes must instantiate the `PT_RCF:ServiceInterfacebase` class. The options, fields, and mapped parameters are retrievable through API calls of the base class. Application class-based services support transfer-based links only.

The application class fields are validated when you save the definition; the service does not allow you to save an invalid application class.

Service URL Parameters

Application class service definitions do not require service URL parameters except when you want to map field-level data to the service and display the service in a field-level contextual menu.

Application class URLs cannot be formed by clicking the Show Formed URL link because the URL is dynamically generated by PeopleCode using data in the buffer. For the same reason, application class URLs cannot be tested by clicking the Test Related Content Service link.

Application Class PeopleCode Example

This is an example of application class PeopleCode that could be used to create an application class service for use as a related action on a SmartNavigation page:

```

import PT_RCF:ServiceInterface;

class res_det implements PT_RCF:ServiceInterface
    method execute();
end-class;

Global number &PRL_Schedule_Current_Row;

method execute
    /+ Extends/implements PT_RCF:ServiceInterface.execute +/

    Evaluate %Component
    When = Component.PGM_RESOURCE_LIST

    /*****
    Transfer to the Resource detail page.
    *****/
    If (%Page = Page.PC_PRL) Then
        GetPage(Page.PC_PRL_SCHED).Visible = True;
        &PRL_Schedule_Current_Row = CurrentRowNumber();

        /*AN: Hide the grids if the resource is not a resource class */
        If (GetRow().PROJECT_TEAM.TEAM_MEMBER_CLASS.Value <> "L") Then
            GetRow().GetRowset(Scroll.PROJ_TEAM_SCHED).HideAllRows();
            GetRow().GetRowset(Scroll.PC_TEAM_IP_SCHD).HideAllRows();
        Else
            Local Rowset &ipRowSet = GetRow().GetRowset(Scroll.PC_TEAM_IP_SCHD);
            If (&ipRowSet.ActiveRowCount > 1 Or
                (&ipRowSet.ActiveRowCount = 1 And
                    All(&ipRowSet(1).PC_TEAM_IP_SCHD.START_DT.Value))) Then
                GetRow().GetRowset(Scroll.PC_TEAM_IP_SCHD).ShowAllRows();
            Else
                GetRow().GetRowset(Scroll.PC_TEAM_IP_SCHD).HideAllRows();
            End-If;
        End-If;

        Local Rowset &arlResDtlVw = GetRow().GetRowset(Scroll.PC_ARL_RESDTLVW);
        &arlResDtlVw.Flush();
        &arlResDtlVw.Select(Record.PC_ARL_RESDTLVW, "where BUSINESS_UNIT = :1 AND PROJECT
AND TEAM_MEMBER = :3 and TEAM_MEMBER_CLASS = :4 and TEAM_MEMBER_IND = :5 ",
PROJECT.BUSINESS_UNIT, PROJECT.PROJECT_ID, GetRow().PROJECT_TEAM.TEAM_MEMBER.Value,
GetRow().PROJECT_TEAM.TEAM_MEMBER_CLASS.Value, GetRow().PROJECT_TEAM.TEAM_MEMBER_IND.Valu

        TransferPage(Page.PC_PRL_SCHED);

    End-If;

    /*AN: Hide the grids if the resource is not a resource class */

    If (&teamRow.PROJECT_TEAM.TEAM_MEMBER_CLASS.Value <> "L") Then
        &teamRow.GetRowset(Scroll.PROJ_TEAM_SCHED).HideAllRows();
        &teamRow.GetRowset(Scroll.PC_TEAM_IP_SCHD).HideAllRows();
    Else
        Local Rowset &ipSet = &teamRow.GetRowset(Scroll.PC_TEAM_IP_SCHD);
        If (&ipSet.ActiveRowCount > 1 Or
            (&ipSet.ActiveRowCount = 1 And
                All(&ipSet(1).PC_TEAM_IP_SCHD.START_DT.Value))) Then
            &teamRow.GetRowset(Scroll.PC_TEAM_IP_SCHD).ShowAllRows();
        Else
            &teamRow.GetRowset(Scroll.PC_TEAM_IP_SCHD).HideAllRows();
        End-If;
    End-If;

```

```
TransferPage ( Page.PC_PRL_SCHED );  
  
End-If ;  
  
End-Evaluate ;  
end-method ;
```

Defining Non-PeopleSoft Related Content Services

Access the Define Related Content Service page (PeopleTools, Portal, Related Content Service, Define Related Content Service). Select the *Non-PeopleSoft URL* URL type.

URL Type:

Non-PeopleSoft URL

?

Write help text

Copy Service Definition

URL Information

*External URL:

Note: parameter names are case-sensitive.

☐ Post mapping definition data.

☒ Escape URL Parameters

Service URL Parameter

*Parameter Name

Required

*Description

1

☐

+

-

Formed URL:

Show Formed URL

Test Related Content Service

Define Related Content Service page - Non-PeopleSoft URL type

URL Information

External URL Enter a non-PeopleSoft application URL.

Service URL Parameters

Enter any parameters that the external service requires.

Non-PeopleSoft URL Example

This is an example of a fully formed non-PeopleSoft URL:

```
http://finance.google.com/finance?q=ORCL
```

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Defining PeopleSoft Component Related Content Services

Access the Define Related Content Service page (PeopleTools, Portal, Related Content Service, Define Related Content). Select the *PeopleSoft Component URL* URL type.

*URL Type:

Peoplesoft Component

?

Write help text

Copy Service Definition

▼ URL Information

*Node Name:

Component Parameters

*Menu Name:

*Market:

*Component Name:

Page Name:

Note: parameter names are case-sensitive.

☐ Post mapping definition data.

☒ Escape URL Parameters

Service URL Parameter

| | *Parameter Name | Required | *Description | |
|---|----------------------|--------------------------|----------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 1 | <input type="text"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="text"/> | <div><div>+</div><div>-</div></div> |

Show Formed URL

Test Related Content Service

Define Related Content Service page - PeopleSoft Component URL type

Component Parameters

Menu Name

Enter the definition name of the PeopleSoft menu on which the component is located as configured in Application Designer.

Market

Enter the market, such as *GBL*, of the component as configured in Application Designer.

Component Name

Enter the component definition name as configured in Application Designer.

Page Name

Enter the page definition name as configured in Application Designer. Use this field to open a specific page in the component when it appears in the related content target area.

Component URL Example

This is an example of a fully formed component URL:

```
http://mymachine.peoplesoft.com/psp/ps/EMPLOYEE/PT_LOCAL/c/MAINTAIN_SECURITY.USERMAINT.GBL?OPRID=PTPORTAL&OPRDEFNDESC=Portal Administrator
```

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Defining Embeddable Pagelet Related Content Services

Access the Define Related Content Service page (PeopleTools, Portal, Related Content Service, Define Related Content). Select the *PeopleSoft Embeddable Pagelet* URL type.

The screenshot shows the 'Define Related Content Service' page for the 'Embeddable Pagelet' URL type. At the top, there's a dropdown for '*URL Type:' set to 'Embeddable Pagelet', with buttons for 'Write help text' and 'Copy Service Definition'. Below is a section titled 'URL Information' containing fields for '*Node Name:' and '*Pagelet ID:'. A note states 'parameter names are case-sensitive.' There are checkboxes for 'Post mapping definition data.' and 'Escape URL Parameters' (which is checked). Below this is a 'Service URL Parameter' table with columns for '*Parameter Name', 'Required', and '*Description'. The table has one row with a blank field for the parameter name, an unchecked 'Required' checkbox, and a blank description field. Navigation buttons 'First', '1 of 1', and 'Last' are present. At the bottom, there are links for 'Show Formed URL' and 'Test Related Content Service'.

Define Related Content Service page - PeopleSoft Embeddable Pagelet URL type

URL Information

Pagelet ID

Enter the unique identifier of the embeddable pagelet created in Pagelet Wizard.

See [Chapter 11, "Using Pagelet Wizard," Step 2: Selecting a Pagelet Data Source](#), page 326.

Service URL Parameters

Click the Populate parameters button to populate the Service URL Parameter grid with parameters that you defined as *Context Sensitive* in step three of the pagelet construction in Pagelet Wizard.

If the pagelet resides in the same system, as soon as you select the node, a lookup appears next to the pagelet ID field. When clicked, the lookup lists all of the available embeddable pagelets in the system.

The Populate parameters button populates the parameters only for the locally available pagelets. If a pagelet resides in a remote PeopleSoft system, you must manually enter the pagelet ID and pagelet parameters.

See [Chapter 11, "Using Pagelet Wizard," Step 3: Specifying Pagelet Data Source Parameters](#), page 338.

Embeddable Pagelet URL Example

This is an example of a fully formed embeddable pagelet URL:

`http://mymachine.peoplesoft.com/psc/ps/EMPLOYEE/PT_LOCAL/s/WEBLIB_PTEMBED.ISCRIPT1.FieldFormula.IScript_EmbeddedPageletBuilder?PAGELETID=USER_ROLES&OPRID=PTDMO&.MAXROWS=10`

Defining PeopleSoft OBIEE Pagelet Related Content Services

Access the Define Related Content Service page (PeopleTools, Portal, Related Content Service, Define Related Content). Select the *PeopleSoft OBIEE Pagelet* URL type.

*URL Type: OBIEE Pagelet ? Write help text Copy Service Definition

▼ URL Information

*Node Name: 🔍

*Pagelet ID:

Note: parameter names are case-sensitive. ☐ Post mapping definition data. ☒ Escape URL Parameters

| Service URL Parameter | | | First | 1 of 1 | Last |
|-----------------------|----------------------|--------------------------|----------------------|--------|------|
| | *Parameter Name | Required | *Description | | |
| 1 | <input type="text"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="text"/> | | |

[Show Formed URL](#) [Test Related Content Service](#)

Define Related Content Service page - PeopleSoft OBIEE Pagelet URL type

URL Information

Pagelet ID

Enter the unique identifier of the OBIEE pagelet created in Pagelet Wizard.

See Chapter 11, "Using Pagelet Wizard," Step 1: Entering Pagelet Identifying Information, page 324.

Service URL Parameters

Click the Populate parameters button to populate the Service URL Parameter grid with parameters that you defined as *Context Sensitive* in step three of the pagelet construction in Pagelet Wizard.

If the pagelet resides in the same system, as soon as you select the node, a lookup appears next to the pagelet ID field. When clicked, the lookup lists all of the available OBIEE pagelets in the system.

The Populate parameters button populates the parameters only for the locally available pagelets. If a pagelet resides in a remote PeopleSoft system, you must manually enter the pagelet ID and pagelet parameters.

See Chapter 11, "Using Pagelet Wizard," Step 3: Specifying Pagelet Data Source Parameters, page 338.

OBIEE Pagelet URL Example

This is an example of a fully formed OBIEE pagelet URL:

`http://mymachine.peoplesoft.com/psc/ps/EMPLOYEE/PT_LOCAL/s/WEBLIB_PTEMBED.ISCRIPT1.FieldFormula.IScript_EmbeddedPageletBuilder?PAGELETID=OBIEE_REPORT&1) Markets.Region=EASTERN REGION`

Defining PeopleSoft Query Related Content Services

Access the Define Related Content Service page (PeopleTools, Portal, Related Content Service, Define Related Content). Select the *PeopleSoft Query* URL type.

The screenshot shows the 'Define Related Content Service' page for the 'PeopleSoft Query' URL type. At the top, there's a dropdown menu for 'URL Type' set to 'PeopleSoft Query', with buttons for 'Write help text' and 'Copy Service Definition'. Below this is a section titled 'URL Information' containing two text input fields: '*Node Name:' and '*PS Query:'. A note states 'parameter names are case-sensitive.' There are two checkboxes: 'Post mapping definition data.' (unchecked) and 'Escape URL Parameters' (checked). Below these is a table titled 'Service URL Parameter' with columns '*Parameter Name', 'Required', and '*Description'. The table has one row with a '1' in the first column, an empty text box in the second, an unchecked checkbox in the third, and an empty text box in the fourth. Navigation buttons 'First', '1 of 1', and 'Last' are to the right of the table. At the bottom right are buttons '+', '-', and links for 'Show Formed URL' and 'Test Related Content Service'.

Define Related Content Service page - PeopleSoft Query URL type

URL Information

PS Query

Enter the query definition name as defined in Query Manager.

Service URL Parameters

Click the Populate parameters button to populate the Service URL Parameter grid with fields that you defined as *prompts* when creating the query definition.

If the query resides in the same system, as soon as you select the node, a lookup appears next to the PS Query field. When clicked, the lookup lists all of the available queries in the system.

The Populate parameters button populates the parameters only for the locally available queries. If a query resides in a remote PeopleSoft system, you must manually enter the query name and query parameters.

See *Enterprise PeopleTools 8.51 PeopleBook: PeopleSoft Query*, "Defining Selection Criteria," Defining Prompts.

PeopleSoft Query URL Example

This is an example of a fully formed PeopleSoft Query URL:

```
http://mymachine.peoplesoft.com/psc/ps_newwin/EMPLOYEE/PT_LOCAL/q/?ICAction=ICQryNameURL=P
UBLIC.MESSAGES_FOR_MSGSET&MESSAGE_SET_NBR=240
```

Defining PeopleSoft Script Related Content Services

Access the Define Related Content Service page (PeopleTools, Portal, Related Content Service, Define Related Content). Select the *PeopleSoft Script* URL type.

URL Type:

PeopleSoft Script

 ?

Write help text

Copy Service Definition

URL Information

*Node Name:

iScript Parameters

*Record (Table) Name:

*Field Name:

*PeopleCode Event Name:

FieldFormula

*PeopleCode Function Name:

IScript_

Note: parameter names are case-sensitive.

☐ Post mapping definition data.

☒ Escape URL Parameters

Service URL Parameter

First

1 of 1

Last

| | *Parameter Name | Required | *Description | |
|---|-----------------|--------------------------|--------------|----------------|
| 1 | | <input type="checkbox"/> | | <div>+ -</div> |

Show Formed URL

Test Related Content Service

Define Related Content Service page - PeopleSoft Script URL type

See *PeopleTools 8.51 PeopleBook: PeopleCode API Reference*, "Internet Script Classes (iScript)," Web Libraries.

iScript Parameters

- Record (Table) Name

Enter the name of the WEBLIB_ record where the iScript is stored.
- Field Name

Enter the name of the field where the iScript is stored.
- PeopleCode Event Name

Enter the name of the PeopleCode event under which the iScript is stored.
The default event is FieldFormula.
- PeopleCode Function Name

Enter the name of the function that performs the logic of the service.

Service URL Parameter

Enter the names of all parameters that the iScript must have to render the service in the related content service frame.

PeopleSoft Script URL Example

This is an example of a fully formed PeopleSoft script URL:

```
http://mymachine.peoplesoft.com/psc/ps/EMPLOYEE/PT_LOCAL/s/WEBLIB_STOCK.ISCRIPT1.FieldFormula.IScript_StockQuote?stockquote=ORCL
```

Testing Related Content Service Definitions

Access the Test Related Content Service page (on the Define Related Content Service page, click the Test Related Content Service link).

Test Related Content Service

Enter valid values for parameters list below and click Test Related Content Service.

| Parameter Name | Parameter Value |
|----------------|----------------------|
| 1 q | <input type="text"/> |

[Test Related Content Service](#)

[Return](#)

Test Related Content Service page

| | |
|-------------------------------------|--|
| Parameter Name | Displays the parameters that you enter on the Define Related Content Service page. This field is display-only. |
| Parameter Value | Enter a test value for the parameter. |
| Test Related Content Service | Click to test the related content service with the parameter values that you enter. |
| Return | Click to return to the Define Related Content Service page after testing the service. |

Testing Related Content Service Parameter Values

To test parameter values:

1. Enter the value in the Parameter Value field.
2. Click the Test Related Content Service link.

The service appears in a separate browser window with the parameter value.

3. Click the Return button to return to the Define Related Content Service page.

Writing Help Text for Related Content Service Definitions

When you define related content services, it is advantageous to document the service and how the service parameters should be mapped to transaction content, especially if your services use multiple, complex service parameters. The components and pages can include numerous fields, some of which are named similarly, which can make configuring the service parameter mapping difficult.

Use the Help Text to clearly communicate the values that must be assigned to the service parameters for the service. The text that you enter is accessible to the subject matter expert when she clicks the Read help text link on the Related Content Service - Map fields page.

Important! It is imperative to use explicit, concise, clear, understandable language in your instructions.

Access the Related Content Service Definition - Help information page (on the Define Related Content Service page, click the Write help text button).

Related Content Service Definition - Help information

Service Name: Related Discussion

Enter help information for the Related Content Service Definition "Related Discussion" in the editor window below. This will be displayed as help information in the "Related Content Service - Map fields" page while assigning Related Content Service Definition to an application page.

The Related Discussions service allows a user to participate in discussions related to a transaction/transaction instance.

The parameters listed enable the association of a discussion topic with a transaction instance for storage and retrieval purpose. The key fields parameters map the transaction keys and will be used to distinguish one transaction instance from another. These will be auto populated with the keys defined for the transaction.

Please review PeopleTools Portal Technologies PeopleBook to understand how the field mapping is used to create contextual links by using this service.

OK Cancel

Related Content Service Definition - Help information page

Service Name Displays the name of the related content service. This field is display-only.

OK Click to save the text and return to the Related Content Service Definition page.

Note. You must save the service definition to save the help text.

Cancel Click to discard any changes and return to the Related Content Service Definition page.

To write Help text for a related content service definition:

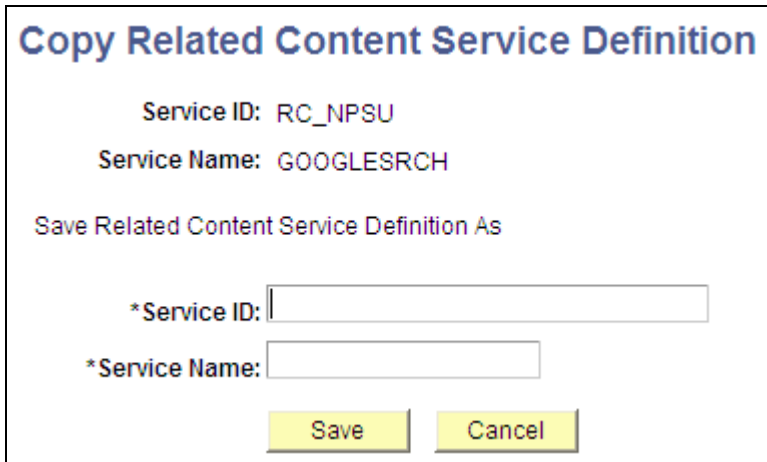
1. Enter help information for the related content service definition in the editor window.
2. Click the OK button.

This returns the user to the Related Content Service Definition page.

3. Save the definition.

Copying Related Content Service Definitions

Access the Copy Related Content Service Definition page (on the Related Content Service Definition page, click the Copy Service Definition button).



Copy Related Content Service Definition page

To copy a related content service definition:

1. Enter a new value in the Service ID field.
2. Enter a new value in the Service Name field.
3. Click the Save button.

A message appears indicating a successful save.

4. Click the OK button to dismiss the message box.
5. Click the Go to Related Content Service Definition link that appears to access the new related content service definition or click the Cancel button to the related content definition that you copied.

Note. Clicking the Cancel button does not cancel the save. The transaction is saved when you click the Save button.

Assigning and Managing Related Content Services

This section provides an overview of related content and related actions configuration and discusses how to:

- Assign related content to components, pages, and fields.
- Configure related content service parameters.
- Configure contextual menus.
- Configure the related content frame.

- Manage related content configuration.

Understanding Related Content Configuration

The Related Content Framework is designed so that subject matter experts or business analysts with an understanding of PeopleSoft applications and your business processes can assign related content services to components with little or no assistance from the developer after the service is defined. Almost every aspect of assigning and configuring related content services is done in the browser; no access to developer tools, such as PeopleSoft Application Designer, is necessary.

When you assign related content services to content references, you configure how the application user accesses the related content and where the related content appears. It is at this stage that you configure the contextual relationships between the transaction data and the related content by mapping service parameters to the fields on the transaction page.

When designed and configured correctly, the application user is presented with seamless access to related information, which can increase productivity and improve job performance.

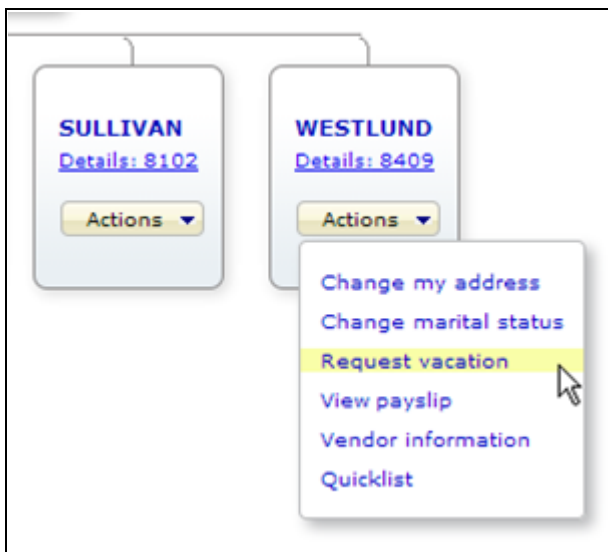
Important! For all service types other than PeopleSoft components, service definitions must exist before you can perform any configuration tasks.

Understanding Related Actions Configuration

SmartNavigation pages are dynamically generated folder structures that combine your own hierarchical application data from trees and rowsets, and PeopleSoft charting metadata to form a new, intuitive way to access transaction data in components.

See [Chapter 5, "Administering Portals," Defining Standard Navigation Folders, page 112.](#)

Related actions are a specific type of related content that appear as links in an Actions drop-down menu, which you only find on nodes that appears on SmartNavigation pages. This example shows two nodes on a SmartNavigation page and the Actions drop-down menu.



SmartNavigation node showing Actions drop-down menu and related actions list

You configure related actions the same way that you configure other types related content services. However, the component to which you assign the related content service might not seem obvious. These next sections explain how to find the component to which you want to assign a related content service that you want to appear in the Actions drop-down menu on a SmartNavigation page.

Finding the Details Component for Tree-Based SmartNavigation Pages

Trees are hierarchical collections of data, which you create and maintain by using PeopleSoft Tree Manager. Tree-based SmartNavigation folders use a specific type of tree called a detail tree as the data source. When you use PeopleSoft Tree Manager to configure a detail tree structure, you define the location of the component that you use to maintain the detail values in the tree. When you assign a related content service that you want to appear as a related action, you assign the service to the detail component, which underlies the nodes and leaves of the tree structure. To find this information, access the Details page on the Tree Structure component (Select Main Menu, Tree Manger, Tree Structure and then click the Details tab). Use the value in the Component Name field, which is the *DEPARTMENT* component in this example:

| Label | Value |
|-----------------|--------------------|
| Structure ID: | DEPTID |
| Record Name: | DEPT_TBL |
| Field Name: | DEPTID |
| Page Name: | DEPARTMENT |
| Component Name: | DEPARTMENT |
| Menu Name: | DESIGN_CHARTFIELDS |
| Menu Bar Name: | USE |
| Menu Item Name: | DEPARTMENT |

Tree Structure - Tree Details page

Note. Nodes and leaves can have different details component. The Nodes tab displays the tree node details component. When setting up related actions for a tree, you can configure services for either one or both.

See *Enterprise PeopleTools 8.51 PeopleBook: PeopleSoft Tree Manager*, "Creating Trees," Defining Tree Details.

Finding the Details Component for Rowset-Based SmartNavigation Pages

Rowsets are collections of data that are associated with buffer data. Rowset-based SmartNavigation pages use PeopleCode to populate the component buffer, generate the chart, and retrieve related actions. When the developer writes the PeopleCode programs that populate the chart, she must define a detail component from which the data is retrieved. When you assign a related content service that you want to appear as a related action, you assign the service to the detail component indicated in the PeopleCode program.

To find this information you can consult the developer or you can follow these steps:

1. Select PeopleTools, Portal, Structure & Content.
2. Navigate to the SmartNavigation folder by clicking the folder labels until you reach the appropriate folder.

When you find the folder, the label will be text, not a link.

3. Click the Edit link for that folder.
4. Use the PeopleCode Type and the iScript Parameters or Application Class Parameters fields to determine the name of the PeopleCode function or class that contains the information.
5. Open PeopleSoft Application Designer and access the record or class that you ascertained in the previous step.
6. Search for a line that sets the detail component. The exact code can vary depending on the naming conventions of the programmer, but it should set these elements:

- MenuName
- BarName
- ItemName
- Page
- Action
- Record
- KeyFieldNumber
- FieldName

This is an example: `"MenuName.QE_SAMPLE_APPS, BarName.USE, ItemName.QE_EMPLOYEE, Page.QE_EMPLOYEE, Action.U, Record.QE_EMPLOYEE, KeyFieldNumber.001, FieldName.EMPLID"`

See Also

Enterprise PeopleTools 8.51 PeopleBook: PeopleSoft Tree Manager, "Creating Trees," Defining Tree Details

PeopleTools 8.51 PeopleBook: PeopleCode Developer's Guide, "Using the PeopleCode Editor," Accessing Definitions and Associated PeopleCode

Pages Used to Assign and Manage Related Content Services

| <i>Page Name</i> | <i>Definition Name</i> | <i>Navigation</i> | <i>Usage</i> |
|--------------------------------------|------------------------|--|--|
| Manage Related Content Configuration | PTCS_SRVCFG_SRCH | PeopleTools, Portal, Related Content Service, Manage Related Content Service | Assign and manage related content services |
| Select a Content Reference | PTCS_CRFURL_SELECT | On the Manage Related Content Configuration page, click the Assign Related Content to Application Pages link. | Select content reference to assign related content to. |
| Assign Related Content | PTCS_SERVICECFG | On the Manage Related Content Configuration page, click the Assign Related Content to Application Pages link. | Assign related content service to component or page. |
| Manage Menus & Related Content Frame | PTCS_MENUCFG | On the Manage Related Content Configuration page, click the Assign Related Content to Application Pages link or the Edit Configuration button. Click the Configure Menus tab. | View the contextual menus for a content reference. |
| Menu Options | PTCS_MENUCFGOPT | On the Manage Menus & Related Content Frame page, click the Configure Menu link. | Configure the arrangement of links on the contextual menus and in the related content frame. |
| Related Content Service - Configure | PTCS_FIELDMAPS_SEC | On the Assign Related Content page, click the Map Fields link. | Configure mapping of service parameters to PeopleSoft page data. |

Assigning Related Content to Components, Pages, and Fields

Access the Manage Related Content Configuration page (PeopleTools, Portal, Related Content Service, Manage Related Content Service).

Manage Related Content Configuration

There are currently no application pages that have the Related Content Services assigned.

[Assign Related Content to Application Pages](#)

[Create a New Related Content Service](#)

Manage Related Content Configuration page without any existing assignments

The Manage Related Content Configuration page is the starting point for creating and assigning related content services. The first time you access this page, you will see that no application pages have been assigned related content. After you assign related content services to application pages, a grid appears listing the related content assignments.

See [Chapter 15, "Developing and Configuring Related Content," Managing Related Content Configuration, page 551.](#)

Click the [Assign Related Content to Application Pages](#) link to get started. This accesses the page where you select the content reference to which you are assigning the related content.

Note. The tree shows both PeopleSoft component URLs and PeopleSoft component-based generic URLs.

Select Include hidden Crefs to make hidden content references available for assignment. Selecting this check box redraws the tree including hidden content references in the system. Clearing it redraws the tree with only the visible content references in the system.

Select a Content Reference

Click a content reference link to pick a content reference

Click "Cancel" to go back to Manage Related Content Service page.

☐ Include hidden Crefs

Left | Right

- Root
 - Enterprise Components
 - PeopleSoft
 - My Content
 - Content Management
 - Investor Portal
 - Internal Controls Enforcer
 - Portal Administration

Select a Content Reference page

Important! When you select a content reference, the services that you assign are unique to the menu *and* component combination. The same component, when it is placed on different menus, can take different services as components on different menus might have different business requirements.

Configure Services
Configure Menus

Assign Related Content

Portal Name: EMPLOYEE
Content Reference: PT_ROLEMAINT_GBL [Roles](#)

Service Level

To configure different services for each page on a multi-tabbed component, select the "Services at Page level" radio button below and select the services for each page. Otherwise, leave the radio button at "Services at Component level" and select the services that will be common across all the pages in the selected component.

☒ Services at Component Level
☐ Services at Page level

Related Content to Display ?
Customize | Find |
First 1 of 1 Last

| | Service Type | Service ID | Service Name | Service Label | *Service Target | Configure |
|---|--------------|------------|--------------|---------------|---------------------|---------------|
| 1 | | | | | Related Content Fra | Configure + - |

[Return to Manage Related Content Configuration page](#)

Assign Related Content page

These tables describe the fields that appear on the Assign Related Content page:

| | |
|--------------------------|---|
| Portal Name | This is the name of the current portal where the related content will be assigned. This field is display-only. |
| Content Reference | This is the content reference to which you are assigning the related content. This is the name of the content reference that you selected on the Select a Content Reference page. This field is display-only. |

Service Level

Services at Component Level Select to assign the service so that it appears across all component pages.

Services at Page level Select to assign the service to specific pages in a component.

Note. The same service cannot be assigned at both the component and page levels. If you decide to change the level at which the service appears, you must remove it from the existing level before assigning it at the new level.

Related Content to Display

The fields in this grid change depending on the service level that you select. This table describes all possible fields.

| | |
|-----------------------|---|
| Page | <p>Select the specific page in the component to which you are assigning related content.</p> <p>This field appears in the grid when you select the Services at Page level option.</p> |
| Page Name | <p>Displays the page label. This field is display-only.</p> <p>This field appears in the grid when you select the Services at Page level option.</p> |
| Service Type | <p>Select from these two options.</p> <p><i>Content Reference</i> - Select this option to assign an existing content reference as related content. You do not have to configure the content reference as a service first, <i>unless you want to specify a particular page to open when the related content is displayed</i>. The system creates the service definition for you automatically when you save the assignment. Selecting this option enables the Select Content Reference button.</p> <p><i>Service</i> - Select this option to assign an existing service that you configured using the Define Related Content Service page. Selecting this option enables the Service ID field.</p> |
| Select | <p>Click this button to access the Select a Content Reference page, where you can select the content reference you want to assign as related content. This button is enabled only when you select <i>Content Reference</i> as the service type.</p> |
| Service ID | <p>Select the service to assign to the content reference. This field is enabled only when you select you select <i>Service</i> as the service type.</p> |
| Service Name | <p>Displays the name of the related content service. This field is display-only and values appear in this field only after you select a service ID.</p> |
| Service Label | <p>Enter the label that appears in the contextual menu and on the tab when the related content is rendered in the related content frame. This field is automatically populated when you select the service, but is editable.</p> |
| Service Target | <p>Select the target location where the related content appears. Select from these options:</p> <p><i>New Window</i> - Select to have the related content appear in a new browser window.</p> <p><i>Related Content</i> - Select to have the related content appear in its own frame beneath the current page.</p> <p><i>Replace Window</i> - Select to have the related content refresh the entire browser window, including navigation.</p> <p><i>Target Content</i> - Select to have the related content appear in the target area, replacing the current page.</p> |

Configure

Click to access the Related Content Service - Configure page where you assign field values to the service parameters necessary to retrieve the contextually relevant data.

Configuring Related Content Service Parameters

When you assign a related content service to a page or component you must configure the service parameters. Configuration can include mapping the field data to the service parameters, specifying in which type of menu the service link is listed, adding filters to the service, and specifying security options. The service parameter list and other configuration options vary based the service type, the service definition, and the service target that you choose.

The following sections describe configuration options and default settings for the various service type and service target combinations.

Contextual Menu Options for Component Level Services

If the service target is the *related content frame*, you can configure the service to appear in contextual menus as indicated in this table:

| Field Level Pop-up Menu | Related Content Menu | Related Actions Menu |
|--------------------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Not available | Available and selected by default. | Not available |

If the service target is *a new window or the target content frame*, you can configure the service to appear in contextual menus as indicated in this table:

| Field Level Pop-up Menu | Related Content Menu | Related Actions Menu |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Not available | Available | Available |

Note. The framework does not prevent you from configuring a service to appear in multiple contextual menus on the same page. Always have a valid business rule or business process that guides you in configuring menu options.

Related Content Menu Options for Page Level Services

This table describes menu availability options for page level services.

| Field Level Pop-up Menu | Related Content Menu | Related Actions Menu |
|---|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Available when the mapping type is <i>Page Field</i> . Not available if the field is a hidden field. | Always available | Not available |

Note. The framework does not prevent you from configuring a service to appear in multiple contextual menus on the same page. Always have a valid business rule or business process that guides you in configuring menu options.

Service Configuration

Access the Related Content Service - Configure page, (on the Assign Related Content page, click the Configure link.

Related Content Service - Configure

Page Name: Resources by Activity

Service Name: Activity Status

Read help text

| Map Parameters | | | | | | | | | |
|----------------|-------------------|--------------------------|--------------|---------------|----------------|---------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| | Service Parameter | Required | Mapping Type | Mapping Data | Select Mapping | Clear Mapping | Refresh Service On Change | Is Value Required? | Display in field menu |
| 1 | BUSINESS_UNIT | <input type="checkbox"/> | Key Field | Business Unit | Select | Clear | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2 | PROJECT_ID | <input type="checkbox"/> | Key Field | Project | Select | Clear | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3 | ACTIVITY_ID | <input type="checkbox"/> | Page Field | Activity | Select | Clear | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

Select Menu Type

☐ Related Content Menu☒ Drop-down Menu

Service Filter

PackagePathClass ID

Select security options

☒ Public Access

Related Content Service - Configure page

- Page Name

Displays the name of the page if you are configuring page level services. This field is display-only.
- Service Name

Displays the name of the service as defined on the Related Content Service Definition page. This field is display-only.
- Read help text

Click to display the help text as defined on the Related Content Service Definition page.

See Chapter 15, "Developing and Configuring Related Content," Writing Help Text for Related Content Service Definitions, page 532.
- OK

Click to return to the Assign Related Content page and save the configuration.

Map Parameters

The fields that appear in the Map Parameters grid vary depending on the service level type and the service type. This table describes all of the fields that can appear in the Map Parameters grid.

| | |
|--------------------------|--|
| Service Parameter | <p>If you are configuring a service, this field displays the name of every service parameter that is defined on the Related Content Service Definition page in the URL information scroll area.</p> <p>If you are configuring a content reference, this field is populated with the search keys as defined in the search record of the component definition. If the search record has no keys defined, then the service parameters are populated by the search key fields in the context search record in the component definition.</p> <p>See <i>PeopleTools 8.51 PeopleBook: PeopleSoft Application Designer Developer's Guide</i>, "Creating Component Definitions," Understanding Search Records.</p> |
| Required | <p>Displays whether the service parameter is defined as <i>Required</i> in the service definition on the Related Content Service Definition page in the Service URL Parameter grid.</p> <p>See <u>Chapter 15, "Developing and Configuring Related Content," Service URL Parameter, page 517.</u></p> |
| Mapping Type | <p>Select from four possible mapping types to map the service parameter to:</p> <p><i>Fixed Value</i> - select to map the service parameter to a constant. Selecting this option enables the Mapping Data field.</p> <p><i>Key Field</i> - select to map the service parameter to one of the level 0 search keys of the component assigned to the content service.</p> <hr/> <p>Note. For related actions, the key name used for the related actions component is the field name that you enter here. The key value comes from the corresponding key field from the detail component key list.</p> <hr/> <p><i>Page Field</i> - select to map the service parameter to any level 0, 1, or 2 page field, including hidden fields. This option is available only for page level services.</p> <p><i>System Variable</i> - select to map the service parameter to one of the available system variables.</p> |
| Mapping Data | <p>Enter the constant if the mapping type is <i>Fixed Value</i>.</p> <p>For all other mapping types, this field is disabled and displays the name of the field or variable that you map to the service parameter.</p> |

Select Mapping

Click the Select button to open a prompt page, which lists either the key fields, search fields, or system variables. The prompt list is determined by the mapping type.

If the mapping type is *Fixed Value*, then the Select button is hidden.

If the mapping type is *Key Field*, then the prompt page displays a list of search key fields from the component search record.

If the mapping type is *Page Field*, then the prompt page constructs a grid and dynamically populates it with a row for each page field that is available to the service. For each page field row, the grid also includes a hidden field indicator, the occurs or scroll level, the record (table) name, the field definition name, and the page field ID number.

Note.

Use the page field ID number to identify a specific occurrence of a page field when the field appears multiple times in the same occurs level on the page. Each instance of a page field has a unique ID number that you find on the Order tab of the page definition in PeopleSoft Application Designer.

If the mapping type is *System Variable*, then the prompt page displays valid system variables.

See *PeopleTools 8.51 PeopleBook: PeopleCode Language Reference*, "System Variables."

When the prompt page appears, select the item in the prompt list that you want to map to the service parameter.

Important! Only %UserID, %EmployeeId, %EmailAddress are supported for services to be displayed in the Related Actions menu of SmartNavigation pages.

Clear Mapping

Click the Clear button to remove the mapping data in the associated row from the service parameter.

Refresh Service On Change

Select to have the service data refresh automatically as the key values on the transaction page changes. The default value is cleared.

Important! Use this option judiciously. If the service is linked to a level 1 or level 2 key field and the application user scrolls through data rapidly, performance can be affected.

Note. If the page or the page field to which a service is mapped is in *deferred processing mode*, a trip to the server is required to refresh related content.

Is Value Required?

Some service might accept valid null values being passed to its parameters. If you select the Refresh Service On Change and Is Value Required? check boxes for this parameter, then when the mapped field value of that parameter on the transaction page changes to a null value, the system does not refresh the related content frame.

Display in field menu

Select to enable a related content field-level contextual popup menu in the field to which you are mapping the service parameter. This field is enabled only when the mapping type is *Page Field* and the field that you map to is not a hidden field in scroll level one.

Selecting this check box causes, at runtime, the red related content triangle to appear in the associated field, even if the field is display-only.

Important! When mapping a service parameter to a page field, always examine the page to determine whether the selected page field lies within a collapsible page control such as a group box, grid, and scroll area. Services that access page fields that lie within a collapsible control which is set to the collapsed state by default, must be configured to use the "Display in field menu" contextual menu option only.

Note. To reduce mapping effort, the Related Content Framework defines a set of reserved words and service parameters.

See [Appendix H, "Related Content Reserved Words and Service Parameters," page 641](#).

Select Menu Type

Not all options are available for every service. Availability is based on service type and service target.

Related Content Menu

Select to include the service at the page level under the Related Content drop-down menu in the page bar.

Important! Services with parameters that are mapped to page fields that lie within collapsible controls—group boxes, grids, and scroll areas—which are set to the collapsed state by default, should not use this option.

Related Actions Menu

Select to include the service under the Actions drop-down menu, which appears only on SmartNavigation pages.

Service Filter

A service filter hides or displays a service link in a field-level or related actions contextual menu based on the value in the field at runtime. The PeopleCode application class that you specify in these fields can access the component buffer, using field values to trigger data-specific logic that causes the related content service link to be visible or invisible based on the value of the field.

Package

Enter the application class package name to use for the service filter.

| | |
|----------------|---|
| Path | Enter the names—delimited by colons—of each subpackage in the hierarchy that drills down to the class that contains the method that filters the service. If the class is defined in the top level package, the Path lookup search results display only a colon. Select the colon. <div>Note. The application class parameters are validated when you save the definition; the service does not allow you to save an invalid application class.</div> |
| ClassID | Enter the class name that defines the data-specific logic. |

Service Security Options

This section appears only when the service target is the related content frame; additionally, only the security options specified in the related content service definition are available. This table describes the possible options:

| | |
|-----------------------------------|---|
| Public Access | Select to make the related content visible to anyone who is authorized to access the related content parent page. |
| Related Content Security | Select to have the service invoke the security that is native to the content, such as security views in a PeopleSoft Financial application. |
| Transaction Security | Select to have the service apply a security handler application class. When you select this option, the Security Application Class field appears. |
| Security Application Class | Enter the application class name in which the security logic resides. This field appears only when you select the Transaction Security option. |

Note. You must select a security option.

Note. You must click the OK button to return to the Assign Related Content page and save your service parameter settings.

Configuring Contextual Menus

After you assign related content services to specific menu types, you can configure the order that the services appear in the contextual menus and in the related content frame. This section describes how to configure the order of the links in field-level menus and the Related Content menu.

Access the Configure Menu Options page. (PeopleTools, Portal, Related Content Service, Manage Related Content Service. Click the Configure Menus tab.)

[Configure Services](#)
[Configure Menus](#)

Configure Menu Options

Portal Name: EMPLOYEE
Content Reference: PT_ROLEMAINT_GBL [Roles](#)

| | Contextual Menu Display Type | Page Name | Page Field Name | Configure |
|---|------------------------------|------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1 | Drop-Down Menu | | | Configure |
| 2 | Related Content Frame | | | Configure |
| 3 | Related Content Menu | | | Configure |
| 4 | Field Menu | ROLEDEFN | 0.PSROLEDEFN.DESCR.1 | Configure |
| 5 | Field Menu | ROLE_CLASS | 1.PSROLECLASS.CLASSID.4 | Configure |

[Return to Manage Related Content Configuration page](#)

Configure Menus page

All fields on the Configure Menu Options page are display-only; the Configure link is active.

Contextual Menu Display Type

Displays the locations of related content service contextual menu. These values can appear in this field:

Related Content Frame - one row appears in the grid if you configure the service target as the related content frame.

Related Content Menu - one row appears in the grid if you configure the service to be accessible from the related content menu.

Drop-Down Menu - one row appears in the grid if you configure the service to appear in the SmartNavigation Actions menu.

Field Menu - one or more rows appear in the grid if you configure the service to be accessible from page fields—one row for each field to which you assign the related content service.

Page Name

The page definition name where you have assigned related content services.

Page Field Name

The full page and field definition name in dot notation to which you have assigned the related content service. The dot notation convention is *scroll level.recordname.fieldname.pagefieldID*.

Configure

Click to access the Menu Options page. Each link is associated with a different menu depending on the row where it appears.

Menu Options

Access the Menu Options page. (On the Configure Menu Options page, click the Configure link associated with either the Related Actions Menu, the Related Content Menu, or a Field Menu row).

| Menu options | | | | | |
|--------------|-------------------|--------------------------|----------------|-----------------------|--------------------------------|
| Menu options | | | | | |
| | Service ID | Service Label | Parameter Name | Service Target | Sequence number |
| 1 | PROJECTACTIVITIES | Project Activities | PROJECT_ID | New Window | <input type="text" value="0"/> |
| 2 | PROJESTSUM | Estimate Summary | PROJECT_ID | Related Content Frame | <input type="text" value="0"/> |
| 3 | SRCHACTSTUS | Search Activities Status | PROJECT_ID | Replace Window | <input type="text" value="0"/> |

Configure Menu page

The display-only fields on this page provide details for the services that you access from the contextual menus. You can order the sequence in which the links appear in the menu by changing the value in the Sequence Number field.

Sequence number

Enter a sequence number. This value determines the position of the services in the related content frame when you assign multiple related content services. The values do not have to be unique. Services that have the same sequence number value appear in the order that they are listed on the Assign Related Content page.

Note. Click the OK button to return to the Configure Menu Options page and save your settings.

Configuring the Related Content Frame

You configure the order that services appear in the related content frame similarly to the way that you configure contextual menu options. You use the Menu options page; the page, however, offers more options that are specific to the related content frame.

Access the Menu options page where you by clicking the Configure link associated with the Related Content Frame display type.

Menu options

| Related Content Frame options | | | | | | First 1-9 of 9 Last |
|-------------------------------|-----------------|-------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------------|
| | Service ID | Service Label | Service Target | Default Service | Private Data | Sequence number |
| 1 | ACTSTATUS | Activity Status | Related Content Frame | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="text" value="0"/> |
| 2 | GENERALINFO | Projects Involved | Related Content Frame | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="text" value="0"/> |
| 3 | GOOGLE | Google Search | Related Content Frame | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="text" value="0"/> |
| 4 | PROJESTSUM | Estimate Summary | Related Content Frame | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="text" value="0"/> |
| 5 | RELATEDTAGS | Related Tags | Related Content Frame | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="text" value="0"/> |
| 6 | RELATEDTAGS | Related Tags | Related Content Frame | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="text" value="0"/> |
| 7 | RESOURCEDETAILS | Resource Details | Related Content Frame | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="text" value="0"/> |
| 8 | SCPERSONALDICT | My Dictionary | Related Content Frame | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="text" value="0"/> |
| 9 | SCPERSONALDICT | My Dictionary | Related Content Frame | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="text" value="0"/> |

☐ Open Services in expanded view

Menu options page (for configuring Related Content Frame options)

The display-only fields on this page provide details for the services that appear in the related content frame. This table describes other fields in the Configure Related Content Frame grid.

Default Service

Select to make a service the default service that appears when you first access the transaction page. The default service is enabled for component level service only. You may select only one related content service as the default service.

Selecting a default service enables the Open Services in Expanded View check box and disables all other default service check boxes.

Private Data

Select to prevent any data that you enter from being searchable in the services frame. This setting applies to the search option that is available for Discussions service only. Checking the Private Data check box also ensures that the discussion service provided by the Enterprise Portal disallows the content created in the discussion forum that is related to this transaction to be searched or accessed in Enterprise Portal product.

Sequence number

Enter a sequence number. This value determines the position of the services in the related content frame when you assign multiple related content services. The values do not have to be unique. Services that have the same sequence number value appear in the order that they are listed on the Assign Related Content page.

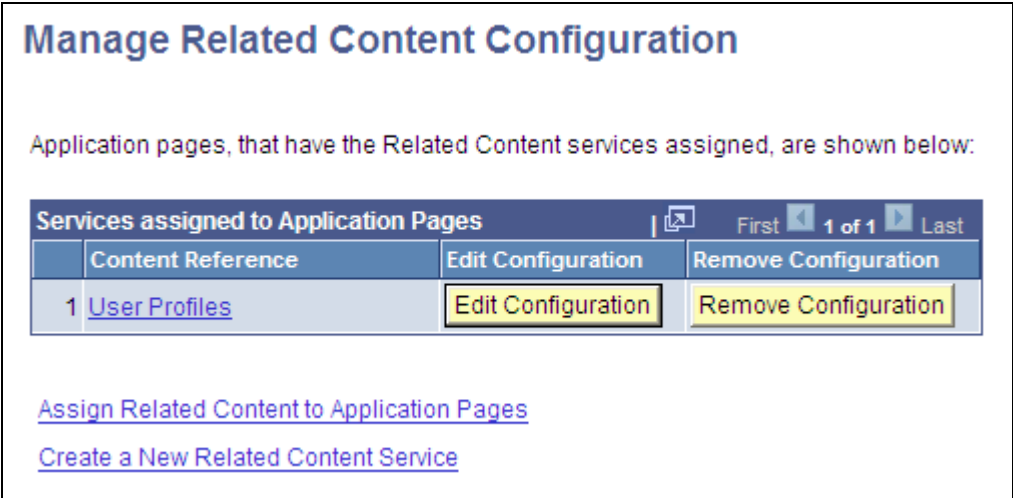
| | |
|---------------------------------------|--|
| Open Services in expanded view | Select to open the related content frame and display the default service automatically when you access the transaction page. This field is enabled only when you select a default service. |
|---------------------------------------|--|

Note. Click the OK button to return to the Configure Menus page, where you must save your settings.

Managing Related Content Configuration

After you have defined related content services and assigned them to content references, the assignments appear in the Services assigned to Application Pages grid, which is on the Manage Related Content Configuration page. Use this page to modify existing related content assignments.

Access the Manage Related Content Configuration page (PeopleTools, Portal, Related Content Service, Manage Related Content Service).



Manage Related Content Configuration page

Services Assigned to Application Pages

This table describes elements used to assign and manage related content services.

| | |
|-----------------------------|---|
| Content Reference | Displays active content reference links to application pages that have existing related content assignments. Click the link to display the application page and its related content. |
| Edit Configuration | Click to review or change the existing related content assignment. This button accesses the Assign Related Content page. |
| Remove Configuration | Click to delete the existing related content assignment from the content reference. |

Assign Related Content to Application Pages

Click to access the Select a Content Reference page. Use this link to create a new related content assignment.

Create a New Related Content Service

Click to access the Define Related Content Service page.

Creating Security Handlers

This section provides an overview of related content security handlers and describes how to define security handlers.

Page Used to Create Related Content Security Handlers

| <i>Page Name</i> | <i>Definition Name</i> | <i>Navigation</i> | <i>Usage</i> |
|-------------------------------------|------------------------|---|--|
| Related Content - Security Handlers | PTCS_HANDLER | PeopleTools, Portal, Related Content Service, Security Handlers | Define security handlers for related content security. |

Understanding Security Handlers

Security handlers are PeopleCode application packages that define the way security is enforced when accessing related content outside of the local node. You associate a content reference in the remote system to security logic that you write into an application class.

Default Security Handler

Developers must create new security handlers and application classes or use the default security handler, PeopleToolsBasicSecurity (PTCS_SECURITY application class). The default security handler uses these three methods:

`onAccessRequest(&MSG As Message) Returns Message;` - determines whether the current user has access to the remote related content.

`onSearchRequest(&MSG As Message) Returns Message;` - determines whether the current user has access to search the information in the related content discussion.

`onHelpInfoRequest(&MSG As Message) Returns Message;` - determines whether the related content has associated Help information.

The default security handler includes no data-level security. If you want data or row-level security, you must write the logic into the application class of the security handler.

Defining Security Handlers

Access the Related Content - Security Handlers page (PeopleTools, Portal, Related Content Service, Security Handlers).

Related Content - Security Handlers

| | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|----------------------|--------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| | Customize | Find | View All | 45 | First | 1 of 1 | Last | | | |
| | *Handler Name | Default Security | *Cref Name | *Root Package ID | *Qualified Package/Class Path | *Class ID | Method | Description | | |
| 1 | <input type="text"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> | <input type="button" value="+"/> | <input type="button" value="-"/> |

Related Content - Security Handlers page

- Handler Name

Enter a unique name for the handler.
- Default Security

Select this check box to use the default delivered security.
- Cref Name

Enter the name of the content reference to which you wish to apply the security logic.
- Root Package ID

Enter the name of the application package that contains the security logic.
- Qualified Package/Class Path

Enter the names—delimited by colons—of each subpackage in the hierarchy that drills down to the class that contains the method that defines the security logic.
- Class ID

Enter the class name for the security logic.
- Method

Enter the name of the method that invokes the security logic.
- Description

Enter a short description of the handler.

Part 5

Working with Portlet Technologies

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Understanding Web Services For Remote Portlets (WSRP)

This chapter provides an overview of Web Services for Remote Portlets (WSRP), a terminology list, and a scenario of how to implement portlet producers and consumers.

Understanding WSRP

WSRP is a web services protocol, which is used to bring together content and interactive web applications from remote sources. WSRP incorporates standards such as XML, SOAP, and WSDL to serve as a foundation, while allowing for the implementation of evolving standards.

A WSDL document is an XML file that contains information about the interface, semantics and other details of a call to a web service. When someone wants to use a service, they request a WSDL document to find out the location of the service, the associated function calls and how to access them. They then use this information in the WSDL to form a Simple Object Access Protocol (SOAP) request and send it via HTTP to the external system endpoint.

PeopleSoft provides support for:

- consuming portlets using WSRP technology.
- producing WSRP portlets through Pagelet Wizard.
- producing WSRP portlets for PeopleSoft pages and iScripts.
- implementing WS-Security for single signon with third party portals that support WSRP and WS-Security.

The terms *Producer* and *Consumer* are used to describe parties implementing the WSRP protocol.

Producer: A web service that offers one or more portlets and implements various WSRP interfaces. A producer may offer just one portlet, or may provide a container for deploying and managing several portlets.

Consumer: A web service client that invokes producer-offered WSRP web services and provides an environment for users to interact with portlets offered by one or more producers.

Most PeopleSoft pages, portlets, and iScripts are WSRP-compliant and available for consumption in WSRP-compliant portals; this refers to existing definitions and newly created definitions. While these PeopleSoft items, by default, are available for WSRP consumption, an administrator controls which items are actually produced, or exposed, for WSRP consumption.

This functionality enables you to incorporate PeopleSoft application pages, pagelets, and iScripts into a portal of your choice. When users in the non-PeopleSoft portal interact with the WSRP portlet, depending on how the portlet is configured, users can interact directly within the portlet or they can be transferred to the PeopleSoft portal where the portlet originated.

To enable components for WSRP production, you select the WSRP Compliant option on the Internet tab of the Component Properties dialog box.

See *PeopleTools 8.51 PeopleBook: PeopleSoft Application Designer Developer's Guide*, "Creating Component Definitions," Setting Internet Properties.

WSRP Interfaces and Operations

A producer must implement the following WSRP interfaces:

Service Description Interface: Provides metadata of itself and the list of portlets it offers. The Consumer invokes the `getServiceDescription` operation of this interface to obtain the metadata.

Markup Interface: Generates markup and processes interaction requests. The Consumer invokes the `getMarkup` operation of this interface to obtain the portlets markup. They then invoke the `performBlockingInteraction` operation to process users interactions to the Producer.

WSRP also specifies the following optional interfaces:

Registration Interface: Registration interface provides an in-band mechanism for a Consumer to register with a Producer. It lets the Producer customize its behavior for each Consumer based on registration information. WSRP also allows out-of-band registrations and no registration.

Portlet Management Interface: Allows Consumers to clone or destroy portlets, as well as customize portlets by changing any associated properties.

Note. The registration interface and portlet management interfaces are not used by the PeopleSoft producer. Consumers are therefore not required to register with the PeopleSoft producer.

WS-Security

By implementing the WS-Security standard, PeopleSoft provides the ability to leverage emerging XML security technologies to address web services security requirements. WS-Security provides:

- A way for applications to construct secure SOAP message exchanges.
- A general-purpose mechanism for associating security tokens with SOAP messages.
- XML Message integrity and confidentiality.

By providing WS-Security capabilities, you can leverage the standard set of SOAP extensions, that you use when building secure web services, to implement message content integrity and confidentiality. WS-Security provides a way to insert and convey security tokens in SOAP messages. The ability to leverage WS-Security standards provides for better interoperability and improved usability, enabling the implementation of robust security within a WSRP-capable environment. The solutions being provided through the PeopleSoft WS-Security implementation include:

- Single Signon solution between WSRP consumer and producer.

The web services consumer passes the appropriate identification to a producer as part of the SOAP message, so that producer can verify the identity in order to execute requested web services on behalf of the user without requiring a user to log in. Single signon between web services consumer and producer feature is currently supported in PeopleSoft WSRP Portal, PeopleSoft Integration Broker, and BPEL product.

- SOAP message integrity. Ensuring that messages have not been tampered with
- SOAP message confidentiality. Guaranteeing that messages are protected against eavesdroppers.

WS-Security UsernameToken Profile defines a standard way to associate user ID and password information in the SOAP messaging for web services interoperability.

The Security Assertion Markup Language (SAML) Token defines assertions, protocols, bindings, and profiles.

The PeopleSoft portal solution provides support for WS-Security for single-signon with third party applications—limited to user authentication using user name/password or user authentication using user name and digital signature through the use of Web Services Security: Username Token Profile and SAML Token.

Note. PeopleSoft provides multiple levels of security for WSRP. These levels, or options, are discussed in the following chapter. PeopleSoft recommends that you determine the level that is appropriate for your needs before implementing WS-Security. Using SSL connections to secure transmissions may be sufficient.

See [Chapter 10, "Configuring the Portal Environment," Improving Same-Server Performance Under SSL, page 278](#) and [Chapter 17, "Configuring WS-Security For WSRP Consumption and Production," page 563](#).

Terminology

| | |
|---------------------|--|
| ASF | Apache Software Foundation. |
| Java Portlet | A java software module that conforms to the Portlet API. |
| JCP | <i>Java Community Process</i> : Established for the development of java technology. |
| JSR | <i>Java Specification Request</i> : Each submission to the JCP gets assigned a unique JSR number. |
| JSR 168 | The JCP specification that describes the Portlet API. |
| SAML | <p><i>Security Assertion Markup Language</i>: An XML standard for exchanging authentication and authorization data between entities.</p> <p>SAML provides a standard security token—a SAML assertion—that can be used with standard web services security frameworks.</p> <p>See http://www.oasis-open.org/glossary/index.php</p> |

| | |
|---------------|---|
| SOAP | <i>Simple Object Access Protocol</i> : An XML-based messaging protocol framework for building and exchanging distributed, structured information in a decentralized and distributed environment. |
| WSDL | <i>Web Service Description Language</i> : A XML language for describing web services; it defines the core language that can be used to describe web services based on what the services offer. |
| WSRP | <i>Web Services for Remote Portlets</i> : A web services protocol for bringing together content and interactive web applications from remote sources. |
| WSS | <i>Web Services Security Language</i> : Supports security mechanisms, each using implementation and language-neutral XML formats. They include the use of: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• XML signature to provide SOAP message integrity.• Use of XML encryption to provide SOAP message confidentiality.• Attaching and referencing security tokens and associating signatures with security tokens. |
| WSRP4J | The ASF WSRP reference implementation project. |
| XML | <i>Extensible Markup Language</i> : Describes data and focuses on what data is. XML is designed to structure, store, and send information. |

Implementing WSRP Protocol Scenario

This scenario discusses interactions between two companies; PeopleSoft, Inc. (a WSRP producer), and Kane Consulting (a WSRP Consumer).

In this example, Kane Consulting is an online company, providing personalized financial services to clients by subscription. PeopleSoft, Inc. would like to host a number of financial applications, including a web based inventory planning application. Kane Consulting would like to offer this application to its clients via its web pages.

Without WSRP, in order to offer the inventory planning application to clients, PeopleSoft, Inc. and Kane Consulting must agree on the following procedure:

1. PeopleSoft, Inc. makes the metadata of the inventory planning application available to Kane Consulting. Kane Consulting uses this metadata to create a page that clients can use to manage their plans.
2. A client visits Kane Consulting's web site and clicks on a link to the inventory planning application.
3. Kane Consulting then transmits a request to PeopleSoft, Inc. to obtain the initial view of the application. PeopleSoft Inc. responds by returning HTML markup that represents the first page of the application.
4. Kane Consulting processes the returned markup and prepares it for conversion. If the returned markup has links, Kane Consulting transforms the markup such that when they are activated they return to the Kane Consulting web site.

5. Kane Consulting converts the markup into a web page, writes it into the response of the browser's connection, and transmits the page to the client's browser.
6. The client reviews the page, and finds a form to submit a new vendor ID. The client then fills in the ID number and other details and submits the entry.
7. Kane Consulting receives the request containing the new data. Upon determining that the request is for the inventory planning application, Kane Consulting transmits another request to PeopleSoft, Inc. to process the client transaction.
8. PeopleSoft, Inc. processes the transaction, adds the vendor ID to the clients plan and returns a new state for the plan.
9. Kane Consulting then sends a request to get the changed markup based on the current state of the plan. PeopleSoft Inc. generates the markup and returns.
10. Kane Consulting then repeats steps 4 and 5.
11. The client receives a new page containing the updated plan.

Instead of developing a protocol to achieve the above preceding procedure, PeopleSoft Inc. and Kane Consulting can use WSRP as the protocol. PeopleSoft Inc. is a WSRP Producer offering portlets, and Kane Consulting is a WSRP Consumer consuming portlets and aggregating portlets for clients to access aggregated portlet pages. The inventory planning application is a portlet offered by the WSRP Producer.

To implement the preceding procedure PeopleSoft Inc. and Kane Consulting uses WSRP to define various interactions, with PeopleSoft Inc. implementing the following required WSRP interfaces and operations.

Service Description Interface: Provides metadata of itself and the list of portlets it offers. Kane Consulting invokes the `getServiceDescription` operation of this interface to obtain this metadata. (Step 1 of the procedure).

Markup Interface: To generate markup and to process requests, PeopleSoft Inc. implements the markup interface specified by WSRP. Kane Consulting, invokes the `getMarkup` operation to obtain the portlet's markup (steps 3 and 9), and invokes `performBlockingInteraction` to generate the client's interactions to PeopleSoft Inc. (Step 7).

By implementing the preceding interfaces, and agreeing to conform to WSRP, both PeopleSoft Inc. and Kane Consulting can use a standard process to offer and consume portlets. In addition PeopleSoft Inc. can offer the same portlets to company X as long as X adheres to WSRP, and Kane Consulting can consume additional portlets offered by company Y provided Y also implements WSRP interfaces.

WSRP and Server Cluster Configuration Considerations

Support for web server clustering with session replication is supported. However, the open source products Enterprise PeopleSoft uses for WSRP functionality, Apache Pluto and WSRP4J, do not support serialization. If you intend to implement web server clustering with session replication *and* WSRP functionality, you must set up two separate web server environments. The web server environment servicing WSRP functionality cannot have session replication enabled.

Chapter 17

Configuring WS-Security For WSRP Consumption and Production

This chapter provides overviews of determining security requirements and WS-Security, and discusses how to:

- Set up WSRP security options.
- Set up SAML.
- Configure WS-Security For WSRP Producers.
- Define Nodes with WS-Security.

Important! The procedures for configuring WSRP consumption and production must be performed in the order set out in this chapter.

Determining Security Requirements

Before implementing WSRP, it is important that you first determine the level of security you require. If you are consuming remote portlets, the level you select *must* be the same as the producer. If you are producing portlets, consider whether you need to secure only the transmission channel, or the transmission channel and the messages. You should also consider how security will affect the performance of your servers.

Including the *No Security* option, there are six types of token security options for WS-Security (set in the server-config.wsdd file):

- *None*. No security token required.
- *Username Token*. The Username Token is in clear text format.

Important! If you require a secure channel between the producer and consumer, the .HTTPS protocol *must* be used.

- *Authentication Token as Username Token with full security*. Username Token is encrypted and messages are digitally signed.

Note. For this option, either the HTTP or HTTPS protocol can be used to communicate between the producer and consumer.

- *Username token with no password and digital signature*.

- *Authentication Token as SAML Token.* The SAML token messages are digitally signed.

Note. Security Assertion Markup Language (SAML) Token messages are digitally signed by default.

- *Authentication Token as SAML Token with full security.* The SAML token is encrypted and messages are digitally signed.

Important! The security option used by the producer *must* be an exact match to the security option used by the consumer.

Understanding the PeopleSoft WS-Security for WSRP

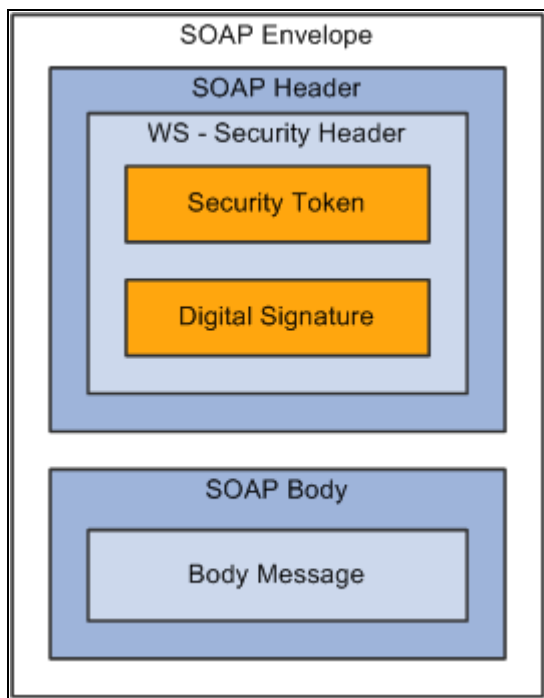
WSRP involves passing of SOAP messages between the WSRP consumer and producer. To safely utilize WSRP, PeopleSoft provides message-level security between the consumer and the producer by incorporating WS-Security.

WS-Security is an extension to the concept of the SOAP envelope header that enables applications to construct secure SOAP message exchanges. It also provides a means for associating security tokens with messages.

WS-Security provides three main mechanisms:

- *Integration solution between the WSRP consumer and producer:* The consumer passes their identification to the producer as part of the SOAP message so that the producer can verify the identity and produce WSRP content without requiring the user to log in.
- *Message integrity:* Ensures that messages have not been tampered with.
- *Message confidentiality:* Guarantees that messages are protected.

This figure shows the SOAP envelope, SOAP header and SOAP body and how WS-Security embeds the security token in the SOAP messages:



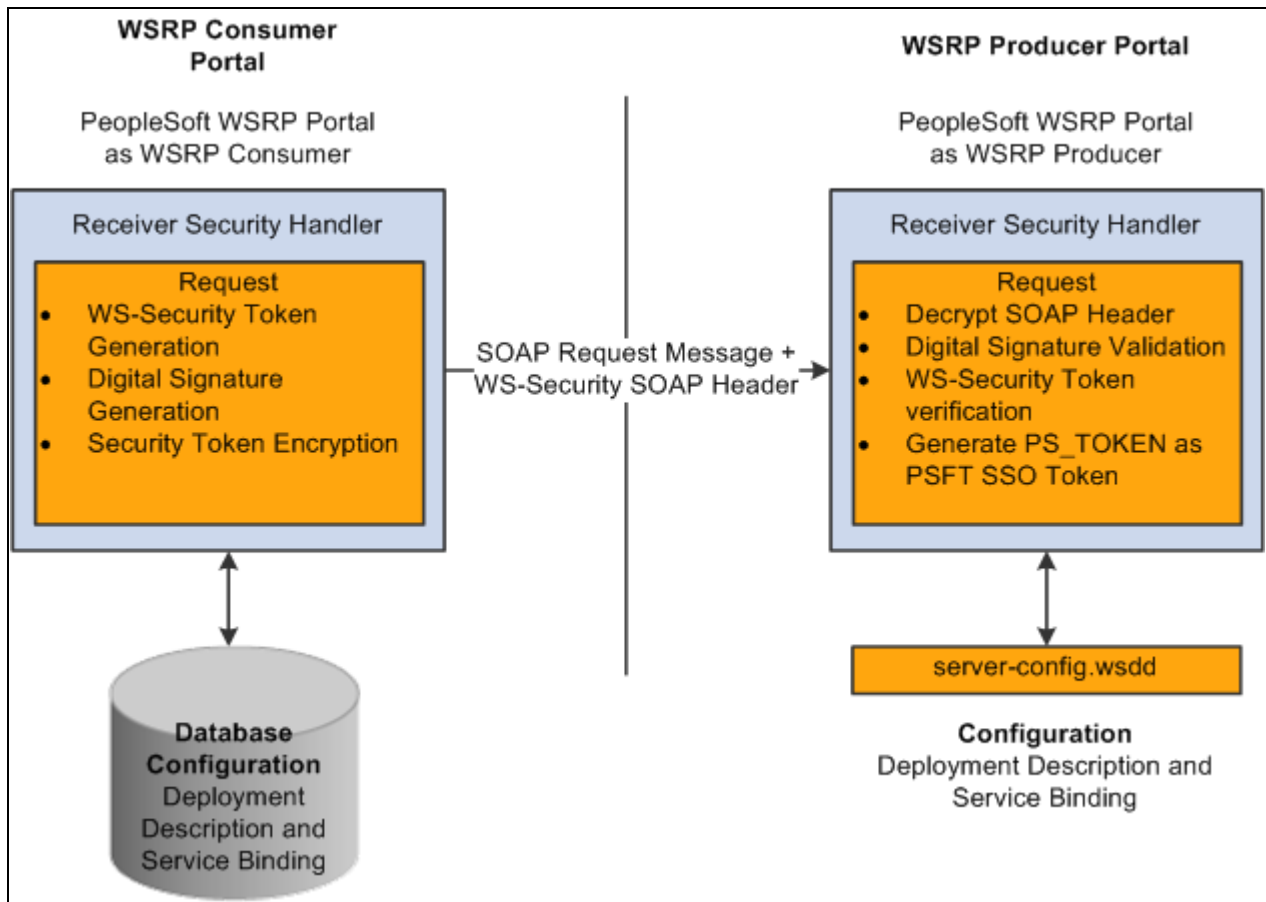
WS-Security SOAP Message Structure

When the PeopleSoft portal is a WSRP consumer, the user ID and password of the user signed into the portal is placed into a Username or SAML Token in the SOAP header, and the WSRP portlet consumes it. It is presented to each portlet during the initial markup request. The security handler performs WS-Security token generation, digital signature generation, and token encryption, before the PeopleSoft system sends the SOAP request message and the WS-Security SOAP header.

Important! The PeopleSoft portal authentication information (both the user ID and password), must be the same as the producer's.

When PeopleSoft is the producing system, the consuming system sends PeopleSoft the SOAP request message and the WS-Security SOAP header. The portal accepts the Username Token in the WS-Security header from the remote portal, assuming that the ID and password are acceptable to PeopleSoft. The receiver security handler decrypts the SOAP header, validates the digital signature, verifies the WS-Security token, and generates a PS_TOKEN cookie, the PeopleSoft authentication token.

This diagram shows PeopleSoft as both WSRP consumer and WSRP producer.



PeopleSoft Portal as WSRP Consumer and Producer

The WS-Security support provided by PeopleSoft applications includes

- Username Token Profile.
- Security Assertion Markup Language (SAML) Token Profile.

Note. PeopleSoft applications support SAML 1.1.

UserNameToken Security

With Username Token support, a consumer can supply a UsernameToken as a means of identifying the requestor by username, and optionally using a password to authenticate that identity to the web service provider.

This is an XML example of a UserName Token with password:

Note. The password is in cleartext.

```
<soapenv:Header>
  <wsse:Security soapenv:mustUnderstand="1" xmlns:wsse="http://docs.oasis-open.org/
/wss/2004/01/oasis-200401-wss-wssecurity-secext-1.0.xsd">
    <wsse:UsernameToken>
      <wsse:Username>QEDMO</wsse:Username>
      <wsse:Password Type="http://docs.oasis-open.org/wss/2004/01/oasis-200401-wss-
username-token-profile-1.0#PasswordText">QEDMO</wsse:Password>
    </wsse:UsernameToken>
  </wsse:Security>
</soapenv:Header>
```

This is an XML example of a UserName Token with Digital Signature:

```

<soapenv:Envelope xmlns:soapenv="http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/soap/envelope/">
<soapenv:Header>
<wsse:Security soapenv:mustUnderstand="1" xmlns:wsse="http://docs.oasis-open.org/
wss/2004/01/oasis-200401-wss-wssecurity-secext-1.0.xsd"><ds:Signature xmlns:ds="
http://www.w3.org/2000/09/xmldsig#">
<ds:SignedInfo>
<ds:CanonicalizationMethod Algorithm="http://www.w3.org/2001/10/xml-exc-c14n#" />
<ds:SignatureMethod Algorithm="http://www.w3.org/2000/09/xmldsig#rsa-sha1" />
<ds:Reference URI="#id-18871350">
<ds:Transforms>
<ds:Transform Algorithm="http://www.w3.org/2001/10/xml-exc-c14n#" />
</ds:Transforms>
<ds:DigestMethod Algorithm="http://www.w3.org/2000/09/xmldsig#sha1" />
<ds:DigestValue>Do+wViC4mSHBWYmRMWKArdF8xmU=</ds:DigestValue>
</ds:Reference>
<ds:Reference URI="#id-11549664">
<ds:Transforms>
<ds:Transform Algorithm="http://www.w3.org/2001/10/xml-exc-c14n#" />
</ds:Transforms>
<ds:DigestMethod Algorithm="http://www.w3.org/2000/09/xmldsig#sha1" />
<ds:DigestValue>4NVgNpjXl6B4+Wrmw+7bnGfeJSS=</ds:DigestValue>
</ds:Reference>
</ds:SignedInfo>
<ds:SignatureValue>
QFXQuStu8sLAvsDiGNaZHuvWBIES9GpgY6fGb9KLP209hzNi+cPp3NahsFlmVxcXzCjrui2Vc3vq
wLtYA9kaFsm7EMY8TdJC9cmiepr07pR2iXXMmDYyp0ldOQkz+3SeBg9F2qPOBAg/jTrWgppys2rS
ES9pV6OIKRk0try8BcU=
</ds:SignatureValue>
<ds:KeyInfo Id="KeyId-1049443">
<wsse:SecurityTokenReference wsu:Id="STRId-14721926" xmlns:wsu="http://docs.oasis-
open.org/wss/2004/01/oasis-200401-wss-wssecurity-utility-1.0.xsd"><ds:X509Data>
<ds:X509IssuerSerial>
<ds:X509IssuerName>CN=PeopleTools TEST root CA,DC=peoplesoft,DC=com,OU=PeopleTools=
Development,O=PeopleSoft Inc,L=Pleasanton,ST=CA,C=US</ds:X509IssuerName>
<ds:X509SerialNumber>566474176348341487536757</ds:X509SerialNumber>
</ds:X509IssuerSerial>
</ds:X509Data></wsse:SecurityTokenReference>
</ds:KeyInfo>
</ds:Signature>
<wsse:UsernameToken wsu:Id="id-11549664" xmlns:wsu="http://docs.oasis-open.org/wss-
/2004/01/oasis-200401-wss-wssecurity-utility-1.0.xsd"><wsse:Username>QEDMO</wsse:
Username><wsse:Password Type="http://docs.oasis-open.org/wss/2004/01/oasis-200401-
wss-username-token-profile-1.0#PasswordText">QEDMO</wsse:Password></wsse:Username-
Token></wsse:Security></soapenv:Header>    <soapenv:Body wsu:Id="id-18871350" xmlns:
=>
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=>
wsu="http://docs.oasis-open.org/wss/2004/01/oasis-200401-wss-wssecurity-utility-
1.0.xsd">    <ns1:testMethod xmlns:ns1="http://axis/service/security/test9/Log-
TestService9" />    </soapenv:Body></soapenv:Envelope>

```

Security Assertion Markup Language (SAML) Token Security

A SAML Token makes statements about a principal. All SAML tokens include the following common information:

- Issuer ID
- Issuance timestamp
- NotBefore or NotOnOfAfter conditions
- Subject
- Name
- Subject confirmation
- Conditions under which the assertion is valid

This is an XML example of a SAML token:

```
<Assertion AssertionID="d9aeaa4c1126df5ee0c6df64fdf961b1" IssueInstant="2008-05-14T18:18:47.246Z" Issuer=".peoplesoft.com" MajorVersion="1" MinorVersion="1"
  xmlns="urn:oasis:names:tc:SAML:1.0:assertion" xmlns:saml="urn:oasis:names:tc:SAML:1.0:assertion"
=>
=>
=>
=>
=>
=>
=>
1.0:assertion" xmlns:samlp="urn:oasis:names:tc:SAML:1.0:protocol">
  <Conditions NotBefore="2008-05-14T18:18:47.184Z" NotOnOrAfter="2008-05-14T18:28:47.184Z"/>
  <AuthenticationStatement AuthenticationInstant="2008-05-14T18:18:47.215Z"
  AuthenticationMethod="urn:oasis:names:tc:SAML:1.0:am:password">
    <Subject>
      <NameIdentifier NameQualifier=".peoplesoft.com">QEDMO</NameIdentifier>
      <SubjectConfirmation>
        <ConfirmationMethod>urn:oasis:names:tc:SAML:1.0:cm:sender-vouches</
/ConfirmationMethod>
      </SubjectConfirmation>
    </Subject>
  </AuthenticationStatement>
</Assertion>
```

This is an XML example of a SAML token with Digital Signature

```

- <soapenv:Envelope xmlns:soapenv="http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/soap/envelope/">
- <soapenv:Header>
- <wsse:Security soapenv:mustUnderstand="1" xmlns:wsse="http://docs.oasis-open.org/
/wss/2004/01/oasis-200401-wss-wssecurity-secext-1.0.xsd">
- <Assertion AssertionID="ede14876b3389b653824f0456e07676d" IssueInstant="2008-05-
13T22:54:17.417Z" Issuer=".peoplesoft.com" MajorVersion="1" MinorVersion="1">
  xmlns="urn:oasis:names:tc:SAML:1.0:assertion" xmlns:saml="urn:oasis:names:tc:SAML:
=>
=>
=>
=>
=>
1.0:assertion" xmlns:samlp="urn:oasis:names:tc:SAML:1.0:protocol">
  <Conditions NotBefore="2008-05-13T22:54:17.386Z" NotOnOrAfter="2008-05-13T23:04:
17.386Z" />
- <AuthenticationStatement AuthenticationInstant="2008-05-13T22:54:17.401Z">
  AuthenticationMethod="urn:oasis:names:tc:SAML:1.0:am:password">
- <Subject>
  <NameIdentifier NameQualifier=".peoplesoft.com">QEDMO</NameIdentifier>
- <SubjectConfirmation>
  <ConfirmationMethod>urn:oasis:names:tc:SAML:1.0:cm:sender-vouches</Confirmation
Method>
  </SubjectConfirmation>
  </Subject>
  </AuthenticationStatement>
  </Assertion>
- <wsse:SecurityTokenReference wsu:Id="STRSAMLId-11733267" xmlns:wsu="http://
/docs.oasis-open.org/wss/2004/01/oasis-200401-wss-wssecurity-utility-1.0.xsd">
  <wsse:Reference URI="#ede14876b3389b653824f0456e07676d" ValueType="http://
/docs.oasis-open.org/wss/2004/XX/oasis-2004XX-wss-saml-token-profile-
1.0#SAMLAssertion-1.1" />
  </wsse:SecurityTokenReference>
  <wsse:BinarySecurityToken EncodingType="http://docs.oasis-open.org/wss/2004/01/
/oasis-200401-wss-soap-message-security-1.0#Base64Binary" ValueType="http://
/docs.oasis-open.org/wss/2004/01/oasis-200401-wss-x509-token-profile-1.0#X509v3">
    wsu:Id="CertId-28365241" xmlns:wsu="http://docs.oasis-open.org/wss/2004/01/oasis-
200401-wss-wssecurity-utility-1.0.xsd">MIElZCCBACgAwIBAgIKQrSKy
QAAAAAL+DANBgkqhkiG9w0BAQUFADCBvJELMAkGALUEBhMCVVMxCzAJBgNVBAGTAKNBMRMwEQYDVQQHEwp
QbGVhc2FudG9uMRcwFQYDVQQKEw5QZW9wbGVUb2Z0IEluYzEgMB4GALUECgMXUGVvcGx1VG9vbHMg
RGV2ZWxvcGllbnQxEzARBgoJkiaJk/ISZAEZFgNjb20xGjYAYBgJkiaJk/ISZAEZFgppwZW9wb
GVzb2Z0MSEwHwYDVQQDEzhQZW9wbGVUb29scyBURVNUIHJvb3QgQ0EwHhcNMDCwODE2MTc1MDIzWhc
NMDgwODE2MTgwMDIzWjBxMQswCQYDVQQGEwJVUzETMBEGALUECBMKQ2FsaWZvcn5pYTEtMBEGALUEBx
MKUGxlYXNhbnRvbJEPMA0GALUEChMGT3JhY2x1MRQwEgYDVQQLEwtQZW9wbGVUb29sczERMA8GALUEAw
IcWVfaWJ0Z3QwgZ8wDQYJKoZIhvcNAQEBBQADgY0AMIGJAoGBAMrvvgIBLkotkSm+tnbxjyNQ1
Ti3h3p8h44WhIj1Ikdvhtwk890doxdF1HkDaX0Zz7/9IcW4wc5l3z/C/r0kchcq95ToRxKZ5UC50Sx2wb
T9/GL6GVUP/EBtGqcaZSeE4G9OHivMeXxe7opb3InyyAxU/dbuLj/bMpOvABgbmdhAgMBAAGjggHm
MIIB4jAdBgNVHQ4EFgQUZ1KpPrdYQY+mEdNk/YWKe4Iqn+wwHwYDVR0jBBGwFoAU/jeXdgwdjCBw
II0g3c+t5n06BswwgawGALUdHwSBpDCBoTCBnqCBm6CBmIZMaHR0cDovL3B0bnRhc2EYLnBlb3BsZXNvZn
QuY29tL0NlcnRfbnJvbGwvUGVvcGx1VG9vbHMlMjBURVNUTiIwcm9vdCUyMENBLmNybiZlZlZm1sZTov
L1lxcHRudGFzMTIucGVvcGxlc29mdC5jb21cQ2VydEVucm9sbFwvQZW9wbGVUb29scyBURVNUIHJvb3Qg
Q0EuY3J3SjMIHwBggrBgEFBQcBAQSB4zCB4DBwBggrBgEFBQcwAoZkaHR0cDovL3B0bnRhc2EYLnBlb3Bs
ZXNvZnQuY29tL0NlcnRfbnJvbGwvUGVvcGxlc29mdC5jb21fUGVvcGx1VG9vbHMlMjBURVNUTiIwcm9vdCUyMENBLmNy
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```



```
BURVNUIHJvzb3QgQ0EuY3J0MA0GCSqGSib3DQEBBQUAA4GBABazWo6xhkZFRbESi3ICewrBTKFjtDbmJV
Vq=>
BaB0pConBMRGDJ0bQf9Rwo6/Ucm/BoUEEP/dzBkLYM0NEueQoQvf4ZHrd73qwNV9CCUHU3nlwfn=>
L5K54qrda4V2CoBvgpHEU7EVdt47YV2E8HUAufyDaXZ0prRMB6I2KtKaayBNI</wsse:BinarySecurity=>
Token>
- <ds:Signature Id="Signature-22949069" xmlns:ds="http://www.w3.org/2000/09=>
/xmlsig#">
- <ds:SignedInfo>
  <ds:CanonicalizationMethod Algorithm="http://www.w3.org/2001/10/xml-exc-cl4n#" =>
/>
  <ds:SignatureMethod Algorithm="http://www.w3.org/2000/09/xmlsig#rsa-sha1" />
- <ds:Reference URI="#STRSAMLId-11733267">
- <ds:Transforms>
- <ds:Transform Algorithm="http://docs.oasis-open.org/wss/2004/01/oasis-200401-wss->
=>
=>
=>
=>
=>
=>
soap-message-security-1.0#STR-Transform">
- <wsse:TransformationParameters>
  <ds:CanonicalizationMethod Algorithm="http://www.w3.org/2001/10/xml-exc-cl4n#" =>
/>
  </wsse:TransformationParameters>
</ds:Transform>
</ds:Transforms>
<ds:DigestMethod Algorithm="http://www.w3.org/2000/09/xmlsig#sha1" />
<ds:DigestValue>TK2a7xf+ldF9MklXYut8g5RG+A=</ds:DigestValue>
</ds:Reference>
- <ds:Reference URI="#id-78219">
- <ds:Transforms>
  <ds:Transform Algorithm="http://www.w3.org/2001/10/xml-exc-cl4n#" />
</ds:Transforms>
  <ds:DigestMethod Algorithm="http://www.w3.org/2000/09/xmlsig#sha1" />
  <ds:DigestValue>wTVh0phi6NrTKDWnyxbX/WNCw68=</ds:DigestValue>
  </ds:Reference>
</ds:SignedInfo>
  <ds:SignatureValue>LGWmXxak++duS8IfY+/4BphfpjW+ka6a8dxUfyMUGUZ57dlHOmts0flR0Roqd=>
IOKJTSD33qRyU6p 7lufZXSRoiJD5iEUjr+El7KgBEmfPFV5hdX2a+dnHN8Zd9AlDRh7qzrlawKcRpd=>
BDdoS2mjnjcz mlLOU6aPQQKAjgrtztg=</ds:SignatureValue>
- <ds:KeyInfo Id="KeyId-15595312">
- <wsse:SecurityTokenReference wsu:Id="STRIde-24840600" xmlns:wssu="http:>
//docs.oasis-open.org/wss/2004/01/oasis-200401-wss-wssecurity-utility-1.0.xsd">
  <wsse:Reference URI="#CertId-28365241" ValueType="http://docs.oasis-open.org/wss=>
/2004/01/oasis-200401-wss-x509-token-profile-1.0#X509v3" />
  </wsse:SecurityTokenReference>
</ds:KeyInfo>
</ds:Signature>
</wsse:Security>
</soapenv:Header>
- <soapenv:Body wsu:Id="id-78219" xmlns:wssu="http://docs.oasis-open.org/wss/2004=>
/01/oasis-200401-wss-wssecurity-utility-1.0.xsd">
  <nsl:testMethod xmlns:nsl="http://axis/service/security/test9/LogTestService9" =>
/>
</soapenv:Body>
</soapenv:Envelope>
```

Note these points about PeopleSoft SAML assertions

- The PeopleSoft SAML token is concerned with the authentication statement *only*.
- The PeopleSoft SAML token supports SAML with digital signature and encryption. SAML tokens without digital signatures are not supported.
- The PeopleSoft SAML profile of WSS: SOAP Message Security requires that systems support *sender-voucher* methods of subject confirmation.
- The SAML Assertion validity or condition by default is set to 10 minutes. However, you can override the default time by adding `org.apache.ws.security.saml.AssertValidMins=15` in the `wssSAML.properties` file which is located in the `\\WEB-INF\classes\wssSAML.properties` directory.

Setting Up WSRP Security Options

This section discusses how to:

- Use HTTPS protocol to communicate between producer and consumer.
- Install certificates for encryption and signature.

Using HTTPS Protocol to Communicate Between Producer and Consumer

If you choose the security option "Authentication token as Username token in clear text format", it is recommended to use HTTPS to protect the username and password. To use HTTPS protocol both the producer and consumer must first configure and enable SSL for HTTPS on their web servers.

Before the consumer imports the producer `\pspc\wsdl\wsrp4j_service.wsdl`, the producer must modify the file by setting it to HTTPS mode and changing the port number from the HTTP port number to the HTTPS port.

Note. The system automatically inserts the hostname and port number using the values entered during installation.

Example:

```

<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<wsdl:definitions targetNamespace="urn:oasis:names:tc:wsrp:v1:wsdl"
  xmlns:bind="urn:oasis:names:tc:wsrp:v1:bind"
  xmlns="http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/wsdl/"
  xmlns:wsdl="http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/wsdl/"
  xmlns:soap="http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/wsdl/soap/">

  <import namespace="urn:oasis:names:tc:wsrp:v1:bind"
    location="wsrp_v1_bindings.wsdl"/>

  <wsdl:service name="WSRPService">
    <wsdl:port binding="bind:WSRP_v1_Markup_Binding_SOAP"=>
name="WSRPBaseService">
      <soap:address location=>
"https://<Producer Hostname>:<SSL port>/pspc/wsrp4j/WSRPBaseService"/>
    </wsdl:port>
    <wsdl:port binding="bind:WSRP_v1_ServiceDescription_Binding_SOAP"=>
name="WSRPServiceDescriptionService">
      <soap:address location="https://<Producer Hostname>:<SSL port>/pspc/wsrp4j/WSRPServiceDescriptionService"/>
    </wsdl:port>
    </wsdl:service>
  </wsdl:definitions>

```

Note. Where <Producer Hostname> is the hostname of the Producer web server, <SSL port> is the SSL port number of the Producer web server.

If you are using an SSL accelerator in your PeopleSoft system, and you want to use the HTTPS protocol for WSRP to communicate with PeopleSoft Pure Internet Architecture, you need to use the following properties file:

<PIA_HOME>\websevr\peoplesoft\applications\peoplesoft\pspc\WEB-INF\config\services\PIAService.properties.

Note. This is similar to using Web Profile's Default Addressing fields.

See [Chapter 10, "Configuring the Portal Environment," Configuring Web Profiles, page 228.](#)

In this properties file, specify the default protocol, host, and port to override the incoming request protocol, host and port. The settings WSRP checks in the PIAService.properties file are:

usePIAConfig = true Flag to check if settings in the PIAService.properties file should be used or not.

If you set usePIAConfig to be true, the incoming request is overridden by values set in the PIAService.properties file. Otherwise, the system uses the incoming request values for protocol (scheme), host, and port.

portalHost=<your webserver host> The default host to use instead.

portalPort=<your port> The default port to use instead.

SSLToPIA=true

If you set SSLToPIA to be true, the system will use HTTPS, otherwise it will use the HTTP scheme.

See Also

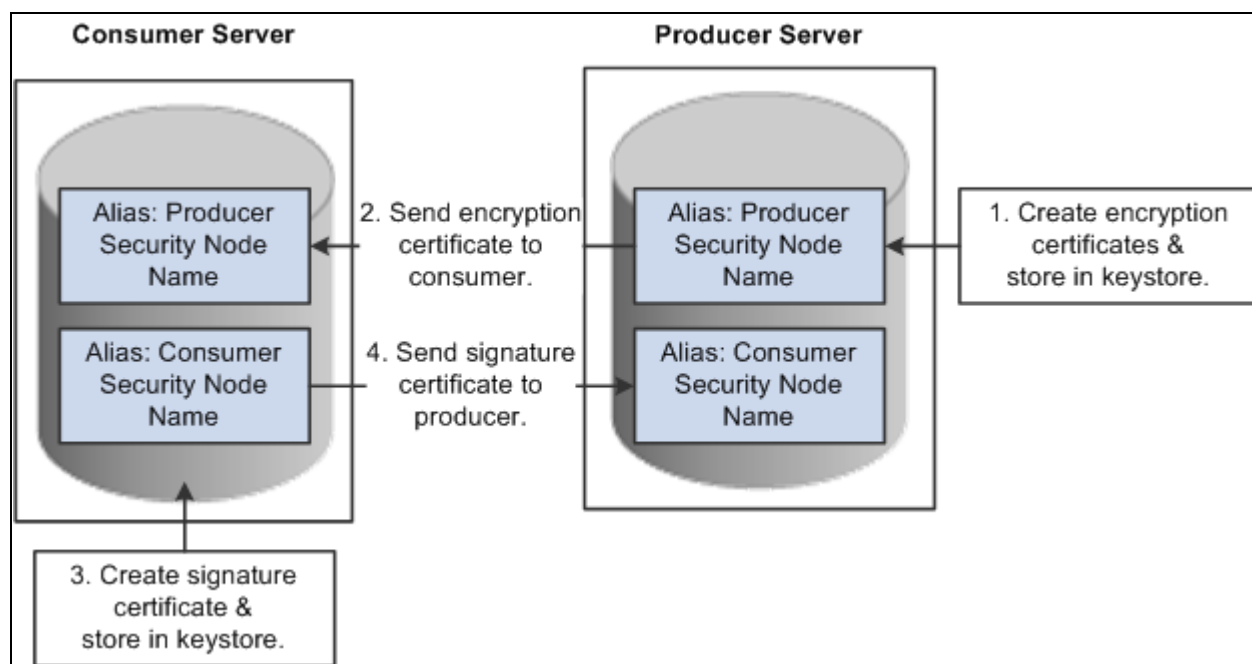
PeopleTools 8.51 PeopleBook: System and Server Administration, "Working with Oracle WebLogic," Implementing WebLogic SSL Keys and Certificates

PeopleTools 8.51 PeopleBook: System and Server Administration, "Working with IBM WebSphere," Setting Up SSL For WebSphere

Installing Certificates For Encryption and Signature

When you select the *Authentication token as Username token with full security* security option, both the producer and the consumer must install the certificates that are used to enable the encryption and signature.

This diagram illustrates the process flow for installing certificates and enabling encryption and signature.



Process for installing certificates and enabling encryption and signature

First use the following reference for instructions on how to create and request your encryption and signature certificates.

See *PeopleTools 8.51 PeopleBook: System and Server Administration*, "Working with Oracle WebLogic," Implementing WebLogic SSL Keys and Certificates and *PeopleTools 8.51 PeopleBook: System and Server Administration*, "Working with IBM WebSphere," Setting Up SSL For WebSphere.

Enabling Encryption

Producer:

The encryption key and certificate are created on the producer and stored in the web server predefined keystore.

Note. Make sure when you create the entry to hold your encryption keys and certificate in your keystore, the entry's alias name must be the security node name of your Producer server.

Send the encryption certificate to the consumer. This can be done using an out-of-band method, such as file copy or email.

Consumer:

Install the encryption certificate on the Consumer server by running `pskeymanager.cmd -import`.

Note. Make sure when you import the certificate, the entry's alias name must be the security node name of your Producer server.

Enabling Message Signature

Consumer:

Create the signature key and certificate on the consumer and store in the web server predefined keystore.

Note. Make sure when you create the entry to hold your signature keys and certificate in your keystore, the entry's alias name must be the security node name of your Consumer server.

Send the signature certificate to the producer. This can be done using an out-of-band method, such as file copy or email.

Producer:

Install the signature certificate on the Producer server by running `pskeymanager.cmd -import`.

Note. Make sure when you import the certificate, the entry's alias name must be the security node name of your Producer server.

Encrypting Keystore Password Using PSCipher

A copy of the `wss.properties` file, which contains PKI java keystore information, such as keystore file location and password for the keystore can be found on both the Consumer and Producer servers.

The location of the `wss.properties` file on the Consumer web server is:

...\PORTAL\WEB-INF\classes

The location of the `wss.properties` file on the Producer web server is:

....\pspc\WEB-INF\classes

The following is the sample `wss.properties` file:

```
org.apache.ws.security.crypto.provider=org.apache.ws.security.components.
crypto.Merlin
org.apache.ws.security.crypto.merlin.keystore.type=jks
org.apache.ws.security.crypto.merlin.keystore.password=UWZzB57U6SE=
org.apache.ws.security.crypto.merlin.file=keystore/pskey
```

To define the location of the keystore file, the Portal Administrator needs to define the proper keystore file to replace above `org.apache.ws.security.crypto.merlin.file` property.

To encrypt the keystore password using Java program `PSCipher`:

1. Run `PSCipher.bat` (.sh for UNIX) to encrypt the password.

```
% PSCipher.bat <password>
```

For example, `PSCipher interop` provides output as `UWZzB57U6SE=`

2. Write down the output of `PSCipher` and then update the encrypted password in the `wss.properties` file for `org.apache.ws.security.crypto.merlin.keystore.password`

See *PeopleTools 8.51 PeopleBook: Security Administration*, "Encrypting Text With `PSCipher`."

Setting Up SAML

This section discusses how to:

- Create the SAML administrator.
- Import digital certificates.
- Configure the SAML inbound setup
- Run the `RedeployWSRP.cmd` executable.

Note. You must perform all of the tasks in the order presented to correctly implement the use of the SAML token.

Creating the SAML Administrator

The SAML administrator must have access to the SAML pages. You grant access to the SAML pages through the *PTPT1000* permission list.

To create the SAML administrator:

1. Access the User Profile page (PeopleTools, Security, User Profiles, User Profiles).
2. Add a new user or select an existing user who will be the SAML administrator.
3. Access the Roles page and insert a role that contains the *PTPT1000* permission list.
4. Save the user profile.

See Also

PeopleTools 8.51 PeopleBook: Security Administration, "Administering User Profiles," Creating a New User Profile

Importing Digital Certificates

To implement SAML, you must import the digital certificate of the sender and store it in the keystore of participating PeopleSoft applications.

See *PeopleTools 8.51 PeopleBook: Security Administration*, "Working with SSL/TLS and Digital Certificates," Configuring Digital Certificates.

Configuring the SAML Inbound Setup

The SAML Inbound Setup page creates an InBound web service in the producer site that maps the one PeopleSoft user ID to one SAML assertion subject and links the subject with the sender's digital certificate (public key). The SAML administrator sets up a web service for each external user who accesses the PeopleSoft system who is using the SAML security option. This information should be configured by the SAML administrator—someone who understands the external requirements and how these requirements map to the component permissions necessary for the user to accomplish the business task.

Access the Security Assertion Markup Language [SAML] Inbound Setup page (PeopleTools, Security, SAML Administration Setup, SAML Inbound Setup).

Security Assertion Markup Language [SAML] Inbound Setup.

| | | | |
|----------------------------|--|--------------|--------------------------------|
| *Certificate Alias | <input type="text" value="qe_local"/> | *Active Flag | <input type="text" value="A"/> |
| *Issuer | <input type="text" value=".PEOPLESOFT.COM"/> | | |
| *SubjectName | <input type="text" value="QEDMO"/> | | |
| *QualifierName | <input type="text" value=".PEOPLESOFT.COM"/> | | |
| *Mapping Peoplesoft UserID | <input type="text" value="QESAML"/> | | |
| Long Description | <input type="text"/> | | |

Security Assertion Markup Language [SAML] Inbound Setup page

| | |
|----------------------------------|--|
| Certificate Alias | Enter the sender's public key, which you imported in the previous step (Importing Digital Certificates). |
| | Note. This key must be base 64 encoded. |
| Issuer | Enter the domain name of the issuing entity. |
| SubjectName | Enter a user ID or email address. |
| QualifierName | Enter the domain name of the issuing entity. |
| Mapping PeopleSoft UserID | Enter the UserID to map to the SubjectName. This field sets the PeopleSoft internal permissions for the external user and prevents cross-site vulnerability. |
| | Note. This userID does not have to be the user ID of the sender, but must be a valid PeopleSoft user in the PSOPRDEFN table. |
| | Note. This field is internal to the PeopleSoft application and is hidden from all consumer sites and third party systems. |

Running the RedeployWSRP.cmd Executable

To run the RedeployWSRP.cmd executable:

- Navigate to the producer web server folder, for example *PSHOME/Webserver/bin*.
- Double-click the file to launch the program.
- Select *Option 5: Redeploy WSRPBaseService with SAMLToken Security Option*.

Configuring WS-Security For PeopleSoft as a WSRP Producer

The *...peoplesoft\pspc\WEB-INF* directory on the producer web server contains a *server-config.wsdd* file, which contains the WSRPBaseService definition plus the following variations. Each one of the variations is associated with a security option:

| Security Option | Filename |
|--|-----------------------------------|
| 1. None | server-config.wsdd.none |
| 2. UsernameToken in ClearText | server-config.wsdd.username-token |
| 3. Authentication Token as Username Token with full security | server-config.wsdd.fullsecurity |

| Security Option | Filename |
|--|------------------------------|
| 4. Username Token with no password and digital signature | server-config.wsdd.untnp |
| 5. SAML Token either with digital signature only or with digital signature and encryption. | server-config.wsdd.samltoken |

PeopleSoft applications provide two options for modifying the security constraint on the **WSRPBaseService**. Which option you should use depends on whether your web server is currently running. If your web server is running, you can modify **WSRPBaseService** without rebooting the server.

Note. The `PIA_HOME\webserv\%DOMAIN_NAME%\` directory contains the redeployWSRP batch file.

Modifying WSRPBaseService Without Rebooting

To modify **WSRPBaseService** without having to reboot the web server:

1. Using the Command Prompt, change to the directory containing the redeployWSRP file:

```
cd %PIA_HOME%\webserv\%DOMAIN_NAME%\
```

2. Enter the command: redeployWS <option #>

For example:

```
redeployWSRP 2
```

This will redeploy **WSRPBaseService** using **UsernameToken** in clear text security option. The web service is removed and redeployed dynamically without having to reboot the web server.

Modifying WSRPBaseService and Rebooting

To modify **WSRPBaseService** if the web server is not up and running:

1. Using the Command Prompt, change to the `...\peoplesoft\pspc\WEB-INF` directory:

For example:

```
cd %PIA_HOME%\webserv\%DOMAIN_NAME%\applications\peoplesoft\pspc\WEB-INF\
```

2. Copy <desired server-config.wsdd.option> to replace server-config.wsdd file.
3. Reboot the WSRP Producer Portal web server to allow the newly installed server-config.wsdd file to deploy web services for the producer.

Defining Nodes With WS-Security

This section discusses how to set up nodes for WS-Security.

Pages Used to Define Nodes With WS-Security

| Page Name | Definition Name | Navigation | Usage |
|-------------|-----------------|---|---|
| Portal | IB_NODEURI | PeopleTools, Portal, Node Definitions, Portal | Enter required information for the WS-Security node. |
| WS Security | IB_NODESECURITY | Click the WS Security tab from the Portal page. | To enable secure access based on WS-Security for remote producers. Note. Secure access is optional. You must be an administrator to access this page. |

Configuring WS-Security For WSRP Consumers

Access the WS Security page (PeopleTools, Portal, Node Definitions).

WS Security page

Select Authentication Token Type options based on the options specified in the server-config.wsdd file.

| Security Option | Authentication Token Options |
|--|---|
| None | Select <i>None</i> as the Authentication Token Type, and clear all check boxes. |
| Authentication Token as Username Token | Select <i>Username Token</i> as the Authentication Token Type, and clear all check boxes. |

| Security Option | Authentication Token Options |
|---|---|
| Authentication Token as Username Token with full security | <p>Select <i>Username Token</i> as the Authentication Token Type,.and select both the Encrypted and Digitally Signed check boxes.</p> <p>Note. With this setting, the Username Token is encrypted and messages are digitally signed.</p> |
| Authentication Token as Username Token with no password and digital signature | <p>Select <i>Username Token, no password</i> as the Authentication Token Type, and select the Digitally Signed check box.</p> |
| Authentication Token as SAML Token with digital signature | <p>Select <i>SAML Token</i> as the Authentication Token Type .</p> <p>Note. By default, SAML Tokens are digitally signed.</p> |
| Authentication Token as SAML Token with digital signature and encryption. | <p>Select <i>SAML Token</i> and select the Encrypted check box.</p> <p>Note. With this setting, the SAML Token is encrypted and by default messages are digitally signed.</p> |

See Also

Chapter 18, "Using WSRP to Consume and Produce Remote Portlets," Importing Producer Information, page 586

Chapter 17, "Configuring WS-Security For WSRP Consumption and Production," Determining Security Requirements, page 563

Chapter 10, "Configuring the Portal Environment," Defining Portal Nodes, page 268

Chapter 18

Using WSRP to Consume and Produce Remote Portlets

This chapter discusses how to:

- Set up the local gateway URL. (Consumer)
- Use the WSRP Consumption Wizard. (Consumer)
- Display remote portlets on a homepage. (Consumer)
- Produce remote portlets. (Producer)

Note. Use the following link to the wsrp-primer for more information about WSRP.

See Also

Chapter 6, "Administering Portal Homepages and Pagelets," page 165

<http://www.oasis-open.org/committees/download.php/10539/wsrp-primer-1.0.html>

Setting Up the Local Gateway URL (Consumer)

This section discusses how to set up the local gateway URL.

The local gateway is used for administrative tasks , such as registering producers.

Page Used to Set Up the Local Gateway URL

| <i>Page Name</i> | <i>Definition Name</i> | <i>Navigation</i> | <i>Usage</i> |
|------------------|------------------------|--|---|
| Gateways | IB_GATEWAY | PeopleTools, Integration Broker, Configuration, Gateways Select <i>Local</i> Gateway. | Set up a web server to use for administration tasks, such as registering producers. |

Setting Up the Local Gateway URL

Access the Gateways page (PeopleTools, Integration Broker, Configuration, Gateways).

Gateways

Gateway ID: LOCAL

☒ Local Gateway ☐ Load Balancer

URL:

[Gateway Setup Properties](#)

| Connectors | | | | Customize | Find | First | 1-9 of 9 | Last |
|------------|---------------|-------------|-------------------------------------|----------------------------|------|-------|----------|------|
| | *Connector ID | Description | *Connector Class Name | | | | | |
| 1 | SMTPTARGET | | SMTPTargetConnector | Properties | | | | |
| 2 | FILEOUTPUT | | SimpleFileTargetConnector | Properties | | | | |
| 3 | PSFTTARGET | | PeopleSoftTargetConnector | Properties | | | | |
| 4 | JMSTARGET | | JMSTargetConnector | Properties | | | | |
| 5 | HTTPTARGET | | HttpTargetConnector | Properties | | | | |
| 6 | GETMAILTARGET | | GetMailTargetConnector | Properties | | | | |
| 7 | FTPTARGET | | FTPTargetConnector | Properties | | | | |
| 8 | AS2TARGET | | AS2TargetConnector | Properties | | | | |
| 9 | PSFT81TARGET | | ApplicationMessagingTargetConnector | Properties | | | | |

Gateways page

To set up a web server for WSRP administration tasks:

1. Change the URL to: *http://<web server name:port>/PSIGW/PeopleSoftListeningConnector*

Note. If you omit the port number, the system presumes a value of 9000.

2. Click Save.
3. Click Load Gateway Connectors.

The connectors will appear in the Connectors grid.

4. Click Save.

Using the WSRP Consumption Wizard (Consumer)

This section provides an overview of the WSRP Consumption Wizard and discusses how to:

- Import producer information.
- Register producers.

- Create content references.


Understanding the WSRP Consumption Wizard Data

The Consumption Wizard is a tool used to easily import producer information, register producers, and create content references (crefs) for the producer offered portlets. Once a producer has been registered, the offered portlets become available for use by any of your portals. Although the automatically created crefs are only available to users of the current portal, an administrator can log into a different portal and manually create crefs for any of the producer offered portlets.

See Also

Chapter 5, "Administering Portals," Administering Content References, page 121

Common Elements Used in This Section

| | | |
|---|--|--|
|  | | Click a number to go to the corresponding page within portal wizard. 1: Import Producer Information. 2: Registration. 3: Producer Offered Portlets. The different background signifies: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Pale Blue</i>: The page has been updated.• <i>Orange</i>: Current page.• <i>Dark Blue</i>: The page has not been updated. |
| Previous and Next | | Click to navigate page by page. |
| Producer Title and Description | | Enter meaningful titles and descriptions. <hr/> Note. The producer title is also used as the default folder label for the content references created based on this producers offered portlets. <hr/> |
| Creation Date/Time and Last Update Date/Time | | Indicates the date and time that the remote portlet information was first entered in the PeopleSoft system and most recently updated. |

Pages Used to Navigate WSRP Consumption Wizard

| <i>Page Name</i> | <i>Definition Name</i> | <i>Navigation</i> | <i>Usage</i> |
|-----------------------------|------------------------|---|--|
| Define Producers | PT_WSRP_PRO_LIST | PeopleTools, Portal, WSRP Consumption | Add a new producer, edit an existing producers information, or delete a producer. |
| Import Producer Information | PT_WSRP_IMPORT | Click Edit or Add a Import Producer Information | Enter the producers WSDL URL to import required information. |
| Registration | PT_WSRP_REGISTER | Click Save on the Import Producer Information page. | Input producer registration information. |
| Producer Offered Portlets | PT_WSRP_PORT_LIST | Click Next on the Registration page. | View and edit portlet information. Create PeopleSoft portlets based on these portlets. |
| Producer Details | PT_WSRP_PRODETAIL | Click the Producer Details link on the Producer Offered Portlets page. | View the producers actual Service DescriptionResponse. |
| Portlet Content References | PT_WSRP_PORT_CREFS | Click the View button for the desired portlet on the Producer Offered Portlets page. | View the Content Reference of the newly created portlet. |
| Portlet Details | PT_WSRP_PORTDETAIL | Click the Details button for the desired portlet on the Producer Offered Portlets page. | View the XML that was returned from the producer for this portlet. |

Importing Producer Information

Access the Import Producer Information page (PeopleTools, Portal, WSRP Consumption. Click the Add a Producer or Edit buttons).

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1

2

3

Next >

Import Producer Information

Enter new or modify existing producer information.

Producer Name: XYZ_CORP

Creation Date/Time: 11/01/2004 11:45:39AM

Last Update Date/Time:

***Producer Title:**

Description:

Security Node:

Web Service Endpoint URL

***URL:**

Status: Import Complete

Import Producer Information page

- Producer Name** Enter a meaningful name for this producer.
The value entered here is also used as part of the default folder name for content references created based on this producers offered portlets.
- Security Node (Optional)** Select the node definition that was created for WS-Security.
See [Chapter 17, "Configuring WS-Security For WSRP Consumption and Production," page 563.](#)

Web Service Endpoint URL

- URL** Enter the web service WSDL URL for this producer.

Note. The producer provides this information.

- Import** Click to import the required producer information.

- Status** If the WSDL URL is correct the status will automatically update from *No Data Imported* to *Import Complete*. If the URL is incorrect, or the producer is unavailable, you will receive a warning message with information on how to make corrections.

Save

Click to save the producer information and jump to the Registration page.

Registering Producers

Access the Registration page (Click the Next button).

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Registration

Get the producer registration information.

| | |
|------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Producer Title: | XYZ Corp |
| Description: | XYZ Corporation |
| Registration Type: | In-Band |
| Creation Date/Time | 11/01/2004 11:45:40AM |
| Last Update Date/Time | 11/01/2004 11:47:37AM |

▼ Status

Registration is complete.
Registration is required.
Handle: 4WMUDGQAAAAANQASGFQQAAA

☑ Consumer Properties

Consumer Name: http://c1jcolli031902.peoplesoft.com/psc/ps/3c6fd4e4-285f-11d9-9b1c-ab327c31d4f2
Consumer Agent: PeopleSoft Portal V.8.46-110.2

▼ Registration Properties

| | | |
|------------------------|--|-------------------|
| *Email address: | <input type="text" value="erica_kane@peoplesoft.com"/> | ? |
| *Company Name: | <input type="text" value="PeopleSoft, Inc."/> | ? |
| *Location: | <input type="text" value="Pleasanton, CA 94588"/> | ? |

Save

[Return to Producer List](#)

Register

Deregister

Registration page

Registration Type

Choose a registration type:

In Band: In this process, the consumer sends a request to register with the producer, along with any properties required by the producer.

Out of Band: In this process the producer and consumer specify manual processes such as email or phone conversations to establish registration.

None: Registration is not required. No further information is required. Continue to the next page.

Status**Handle**

Out of band: Enter the handle value conveyed to you by the producer.

In Band: Read-only. The value will display automatically when you click Register.

Validate

Click to check the validity of the handle.

Note. This button appears only when the registration type is *Out of band*.

Handle Status

Indicates the validity of the handle.

Note. This field appears only when the registration type is *Out of band*.

Note. Messages regarding registration status are also displayed within this group box.

Consumer Properties**Consumer Name and
Consumer Agent**

Displays the consumer information, (URL and software version), which is required by and sent to the producer.

Registration Properties

This group box appears only when the registration type is *In-Band*.

Note. The fields contained in this group box may vary according to each producers requirements.

Register

Click to register the producer.

If registration is successful, the registration message in the Status group box is updated and the Deregister button appears.

Important! When you deregister a producer, the handle becomes invalid and all user portlet personalizations are removed. You will need to obtain a new handle before attempting a reregistration.

Creating Content References

Access the Producer Offered Portlets page (Click the Next button)..

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1 2 3

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Producer Offered Portlets

View and edit portlet information for this producer.

Producer Title: XYZ Corp
Description: XYZ Corporation
Creation Date/Time 11/01/2004 11:45:40AM
Last Update Date/Time 11/01/2004 11:47:37AM

[Update Portlet List](#)
[Producer Details](#)
[Select All](#)
[Deselect All](#)
[Create Pagelets for All Selected Portlets](#)

| Producer Offered Portlets | | | | | | |
|--|-----------------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|--|
| Customize Find First 1-13 of 13 Last | | | | | | |
| Actions | Description | | | | | |
| Portlet Handle | Portlet Title | Selected | View | Details | Delete | |
| BookmarkPortlet | Sun: BookmarkPortlet | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | View | Details | Delete | |
| GooglePortlet | Sun: Google Search | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | View | Details | Delete | |
| HelloWorldPortlet | Sun: HelloWorldPortlet | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | View | Details | Delete | |
| InputStreamPortlet | Sun: Test Input Stream | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | View | Details | Delete | |
| JSPPortlet | Sun: ShowTime Portlet | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | View | Details | Delete | |
| NamedDispatcherGetAttributePortlet | Sun: Test NamedDispatcher | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | View | Details | Delete | |
| NavStatePortlet | Sun: Nav State | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | View | Details | Delete | |
| NotepadPortlet | Sun: Notepad Portlet | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | View | Details | Delete | |
| PrefPortlet | Sun: PrefPortlet | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | View | Details | Delete | |
| RequestDispatcherGetAttributePortlet | Sun: Test RequestDispatcher | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | View | Details | Delete | |
| RssPortlet | Sun: RSS | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | View | Details | Delete | |
| TestPortlet | Sun: TestPortlet | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | View | Details | Delete | |
| WeatherPortlet | Sun: WeatherPortlet | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | View | Details | Delete | |

Producer Offered Portlets page

Update Portlet List

Click to refresh the list of offered portlets.

Important! When previously listed portlets are no longer offered by a producer, the Delete button associated with those portlets becomes active.

Producer Details

Click to go to the Producer Details page and view the producers actual ServiceDescriptionResponse.

Create Pagelets for All Selected Portlets

Click to create content references for the selected portlets.

These content references can be located in a folder created automatically using the values entered for this producer name and title for its name.

This will make the portlets available when end users are personalizing their homepages.

Note. You can also create the content references manually in any portal using the Structure and Content page.

See [Chapter 5, "Administering Portals," Administering Content References, page 121.](#)

Producer Offered Portlets**Selected**

Select the portlets you want to consume, then click the Create Pagelets for All Selected Portlets button to create content references.

You can also use the Select All and Deselect All buttons.

View

Click to go to the Portlet Content References page to view the newly created content reference in a new browser window. The page displays the portal where the new portlet resides, the name and label of the portlet, and a link to the content reference.

Note. This button is disabled until a content reference is created.

Details

Click to go to the Portlet Details page to view the XML returned from the producer for this portlet.

Delete

Click the Update Portlet List to refresh the list of portlets that are being offered by this producer. The Delete button will become active for portlets that are no longer being offered.

Click the Delete button to remove the portlet and associated content reference.

Displaying Remote Portlets on a Homepage (Consumer)

This section discusses how to:

- Review content references.
- Display remote portlets on a homepage.

Pages Used to Display Remote Portlets

| <i>Page Name</i> | <i>Definition Name</i> | <i>Navigation</i> | <i>Usage</i> |
|----------------------------|------------------------|--|--|
| Content Ref Administration | PORTAL_CREF_ADM | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PeopleTools, Portal, Structure and Content, Portal Objects, Pagelets Click the desired folder name, then click Edit for the desired portlet. • PeopleTools, Portal, WSRP Consumption, Define Producers Click Edit for the desired producer, then navigate to the Producer Offered Portlets page. Click View on the Producer Offered Portlets page for the desired pagelet, then click the navigation link on the Portal Content References page. | Review content reference data or manually create a content reference for an offered portlet. |
| Tab Content | PORTAL_TAB_CON_ADM | PeopleTools, Portal, Structure and Content, Portal Objects, Homepage, Tabs Click the Edit button associated with the My Page content reference. Click Tab Content. | Select the portlets that can be used for this homepage tab definition. |
| Personalize Content | PORTALHPCOMP | Click the Personalize Content link on the Homepage. | Choose the remote portlets that you want to appear on your homepage. |

Reviewing Content References

Access the Content Ref Administration page for a remote portlet (PeopleTools, Portal, Structure and Content, Portal Objects, Pagelets). Click the desired folder name, then click Edit for the desired portlet).

General Security

Root > Portal Objects > Pagelets >

Content Ref Administration

*Name:

*Label:

Long Description: (254 Characters)

Product:

Sequence number:

Object Owner ID

Usage Type:

Storage Type:

Template Name:

Author: VP1

Parent Folder: Pagelets

*Valid from date:

Valid to date:

Creation Date: 09/11/2009

☐ No Template

URL Information

URL Type:

*Producer:

*Portlet:

[Producer Details](#)

Content Ref Administration page

The field values that are automatically entered are based on the values entered for the producer via the portal wizard. These include:

- | | |
|----------------------|---|
| Name | Defaults to WSRP_<portlet handle>. This field is read-only and cannot be changed. |
| Label | Enter a meaningful label description for this portlet. Defaults to the remote portlets short title. |
| Parent Folder | Defaults to the producers title. Click the Select New Parent button to move the content reference to a different folder. |
| Usage Type | Defaults to <i>Pagelet</i> . |
| Storage Type | Defaults to <i>Remote by URL</i> . This field is read-only and cannot be changed. |

URL Information

- | | |
|-----------------|-------------------------------------|
| URL Type | Defaults to <i>Remote Portlet</i> . |
|-----------------|-------------------------------------|

| | |
|-------------------------|---|
| Producer | Defaults to the producers name. |
| Portlet | Defaults to the portlets handle. |
| Producer Details | Click to go to the consumption wizards' Import Producer Information page for this producer. |

Note. When you create content references manually for offered portlets update fields by using the same default values explained in this section.

See [Chapter 5, "Administering Portals," Defining Content References, page 124.](#)

Displaying Remote Portlets on a Homepage

Access the Tab Content page (PeopleTools, Portal, Structure and Content, Portal Objects, Homepage, Tabs. Click the Edit button associated with the My Page content reference. Click the Tab Content tab).

General **Security** **Tab Content** **Tab Layout**

Root > Portal Objects > Homepage > Tabs >

Tab Content

Label: My Page

- * Select the pagelets that can be used for this homepage tab definition.
- * Set the pagelet behavior with the drop down list next to the selected pagelet.
- * Select the "Include all?" checkbox to display all pagelets from the portal registry for this category. This setting is used for the "Personalize Content" page.

▼ QE

☒ Include all?

| | |
|---|------------|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Display Cookies | Optional ▼ |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> QE Portal Links | Optional ▼ |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> QE Redirect Test | Optional ▼ |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> QE_COMMAINCOOKIE | Optional ▼ |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> QE_Counter | Optional ▼ |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Signin | Optional ▼ |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Test Global Variables | Optional ▼ |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Who Am I | Optional ▼ |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> User-based Cache | Optional ▼ |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Role-based Cache | Optional ▼ |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Application-based Cache | Optional ▼ |

▼ XYZ Corp

☒ Include all?

| | |
|--|------------|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sun: BookmarkPortlet | Optional ▼ |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sun: Google Search | Optional ▼ |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sun: Notepad Portlet | Optional ▼ |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sun: WeatherPortlet | Optional ▼ |

▼ News

☐ Include all?

| | |
|---|------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Excite Business News | Optional ▼ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Technology News | Optional ▼ |

Tab Content page

Note. This procedure is performed by the administrator.

To make newly created remote portlets available to end users:

1. Access the Tab Content page.
2. Select the required portlets, or select the Include all? check box to display all portlets from the portal registry for remote content group box.
3. Click Save.

The selected portlets are now available for end users to display on their homepages.

To display the newly created remote portlets on a homepage:

1. On the homepage, click Personalize Content.
2. Choose the remote portlets that you want to appear on your homepage.
3. Click Personalize Layout to organize your portlets.
4. Click Save to save your selections and return to your homepage.

Producing Remote Portlets (Producer)

This section discusses how to:

- Specify PeopleSoft content for WSRP production.
- Offer WSRP portlets.
- Work with WSRP content references.
- Set WSRP display mode.
- Map PeopleSoft styles to WSRP styles.
- Validate WSRP-compliance.
- Use PeopleSoft WSRP-produced content.

Pages Used to Produce Remote Portlets

| <i>Page Name</i> | <i>Definition Name</i> | <i>Navigation</i> | <i>Usage</i> |
|----------------------------|------------------------|---|--|
| Specify Publishing Options | PTPPB_WIZ_PUBOPT | PeopleTools, Portal, Pagelet Wizard, Pagelet Wizard Click the Next button on the Specify Display Options page, or click the icon for step 6. | Specify the manner in which your portlet is published. |

| Page Name | Definition Name | Navigation | Usage |
|----------------------------|------------------------|---|--|
| Producer Offered Portlets | PT_WSRP_PRO_PORT | PeopleTools, Portal, WSRP Production | Select the portlets you want to offer to third party consumers. |
| Producer Details | PT_WSRP_PRODUCEDTL | Click the Producer Details link on the Producer Offered Portlets page. | Displays the service description XML that is sent to the consumer for all portlets in the selected portal. |
| Portlet Details | PT_WSRP_PROPOROTDTL | Click the Details button for the desired portlet on the Producer Offered Portlets page. | Displays the generated XML for this portlet that will be sent to a consumer. |
| Content Ref Administration | PORTAL_CREF_ADM | Click the Path link for the desired portlet on the Producer Offered Portlets page. | Review the content reference that was created automatically for this portlet. |
| Content Ref Security | PORTAL_CREF_SEC | Click the Security tab on the Content Ref Administration page. | Review the security information for this portlet. |

Specifying PeopleSoft Content for WSRP Production

This section discusses how to:

- Specify pagelets for WSRP production.
- Specify content references for WSRP production.

Specifying Pagelets for WSRP Production

Access the Pagelet Wizard - Specify Publishing Options page.

Use Pagelet Wizard to create pagelets that you want to publish as WSRP portlets. On the Specify Publishing Options page, you have the option of selecting WSRP Portlet for Homepage pagelets and Template pagelets. This enables the pagelet's WSRP Producible option and causes the pagelet to appear on the Producer Offered Portlets page so that an administrator can expose it for remote, WSRP portal consumption. Also consider the Enable Caching option on the Specify Publishing Options page. If you select to enable caching, also choose the Caching Type and the Minutes to Cache.

Note. When you create a pagelet using Pagelet Wizard and select the WSRP Portal option, the system automatically enables the pagelet for consumption by Oracle portals using the JPDK specification.

Specifying Components for WSRP Production

To enable a component for WSRP production, select the WSRP Compliant option on the Internet tab of the Component Properties dialog box.

See *PeopleTools 8.51 PeopleBook: PeopleSoft Application Designer Developer's Guide*, "Creating Component Definitions," Setting Internet Properties.

Specifying Content References for WSRP Production

Access the Content Ref Administration page.

While you can also specify pagelets for WSRP production using Pagelet Wizard, you specify PeopleSoft components and iScripts intended for WSRP production using content reference options.

Note. Content references for pagelets (portlets) also control whether the pagelet can be WSRP produced. For example, selecting the WSRP Producing option for a pagelet's content reference is equivalent to selecting the WSRP Portlet option on the Specify Publishing Options page in Pagelet Wizard. This applies also to component-based and iScript-based pagelets

Access the Content Ref Administration page (PeopleTools, Portal, Structure and Content.).

The screenshot shows the 'Content Ref Administration' page with the 'General' tab selected. The page has a breadcrumb 'Root >'. The title is 'Content Ref Administration'. On the right, it shows 'Author: VP1' and 'Parent Folder: Root'. The form contains several fields: '*Name:', '*Label:', 'Long Description: (254 Characters)', 'Product:', 'Sequence number:', 'Object Owner ID' (with a search icon), 'Usage Type:' (set to 'Target'), 'Storage Type:' (set to 'Remote by URL'), and 'Template Name:'. On the right side of the form, there are date pickers for '*Valid from date:' (09/11/2009) and 'Valid to date:', and a 'Creation Date:' of 09/11/2009. At the bottom right, there are two checkboxes: 'WSRP Producing' (checked) and 'No Template' (unchecked).

Content Ref Administration page – WSRP Producing option

The WSRP Producing option only appears for content references with the Usage Type set to *Target* or *Pagelet*, with the URL Type set to one of these values:

- *PeopleSoft Component*.
- *PeopleSoft Generic URL*.
- *PeopleSoft Script*.
- *PeopleSoft Worklist URL*.

The WSRP Producing check box appears just to the right of the Storage Type drop-down list box, and, by default, it is not selected. Selecting this option causes the current content reference to appear on the Producer Offered Portlets page so that an administrator can choose to expose it for remote, WSRP portals. In turn, deselecting the option causes the current content reference to be removed from the list on the Producer Offered Portals page.

Because WSRP producible content must originate from the local node, if a content reference is modified to reference a remote node, the WSRP Producible check box will not appear, and the content reference will not be able to be exposed to remote, WSRP portlets.

WSRP producible content references possess a set of optional, WSRP-specific attributes, differentiating them from other content references. The following table contains descriptions of the WSRP content reference attributes:

| Attribute | Attribute Label | Description | Values |
|------------------|------------------------|--|--------------------|
| WSRP_TITLE | WSRPTitle | Allows the exposed WSRP Title to be exposed to remote WSRP portals. | Entered text. |
| WSRP_DESCR | WSRPDescription | Allows the exposed WSRP Description to be different than the default content reference description. | Entered text. |
| WSRP_WINDOWSTATE | WSRPWindowState | Allows the ability to override the default window state behavior for portlets or target pages. The default window state without the content reference attribute override for portlets is <i>normal</i> . The default window state without the content reference attribute override for target content is <i>maximize</i> . | normal maximize |

Content reference links created from content references displaying the WSRP Producible check box also display the WSRP Producible check box. By default, the option is not selected when you create a new content reference link, even if the WSRP Producible check box is selected for the associated content reference. As with the content reference, if you select the WSRP Producible option on the content reference link, it will appear on the Producer Offered Portlets page.

When working with WSRP producible content references, also consider the following:

- Portal registry folders do not display the WSRP Producible check box.
- Context Manager template pagelets, considered by the system to be a type of portlet, are WSRP producible. If keys or parameters expected by a supporting transaction are unavailable, the content will appear the same way as keys being unavailable in the PeopleSoft portal.
- If a WSRP producible content reference is moved to a different location in the portal registry, it still retains its ability to be WSRP produced.
- The Test Content Reference link only tests how the content reference will appear in the PeopleSoft portal, not WSRP.
- If you have a content reference that should only be available for WSRP and not through the PeopleSoft portal, hide the content reference from the PeopleSoft navigation system.

Offering WSRP Portlets

Access the Producer Offered Portlets page (PeopleTools, Portal, WSRP Production).

The Producer Offered Portlets page displays PeopleSoft provider content that has been selected for WSRP production. That is, any pagelet appearing on this page has the WSRP Portlet option selected in Pagelet Wizard, and any content reference that appears on this page has the WSRP Producible option selected on the Content Ref Administration page.

WSRP Production

Producer Offered Portlets

Search Criteria

*Portal Name:

EMPLOYEE

Search

Portlet Title:

begins with

Producer Offered Portlets

Web Service Endpoint URL

URL:

http://ple-jcollins00.corp.peoplesoft.com/pspc/pswsdl/ps_1/EMPLOYEE

Oracle Portal Web Provider URL


URL:

http://ple-jcollins00.corp.peoplesoft.com/pspc/providers/psprovider/ps_1/EMPLOYEE

Select All

Deselect All

Portlets

Customize | Find |  First 1 of 1 Last

| Portal Name | Title | Description | Selected | Details | Path |
|-------------|---------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------|--|
| EMPLOYEE | Demonstration | Demonstration WSRP portlet. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Details | Root>Portal Objects>Pagelets>QE> |

Save

[Producer Details](#)

Producer Offered Portlets page

Portal Name

Choose the portal where the content you want to offer is located, and click Search.

Note. To display portlets within all portals, select *All Portals*, and leave the Portlet Title value empty.

Portlet Title

Enter the portlet title or a portion of it for increased search options. Use the "%" character for wild card values.

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| | |
|---------------------------------------|--|
| Web Service Endpoint URL | Displays the URL that the WSRP consumer portal requires to import the offered content. |
| Oracle Portal Web Provider URL | Displays the URL that the JPKD-compliant Oracle Portal requires to import the offered content. |

Note. This value applies only for Pagelet Wizard pagelets.

Portlets

This section of the page is named "Portlets," despite the content being exposed could be components, pages, or iScripts. Regardless, the content is exposed and discovered by WSRP consuming portals as "portlets."

| | |
|-----------------|--|
| Selected | Select the portlets you want to offer to consumers. Click the Select All button to offer all of the portlets listed. Click the Deselect button to remove all of the selections. If a content item in the list is not selected, it cannot be exposed to consumer portals. |
|-----------------|--|

Note. By default, each new item appearing in the portlets list will have the Selected check box selected.

| | |
|----------------|---|
| Details | Click to go to the Portlet Details page to view this portlet's generated XML that will be sent to a consumer. |
|----------------|---|

| | |
|-------------|---|
| Path | Click to go to the Content Ref Administration page to view the cref information for this portlet. |
|-------------|---|

| | |
|-------------------------|--|
| Producer Details | Click this link to go to the Producer Details page to view the service description XML that is sent to the consumer for all portlets in this portal. |
|-------------------------|--|

Note. If a WSRP producible content reference is deleted from the portal registry, the system removes it from the Producer Offered Portlets page.

Working With WSRP Content References

Use the Content Ref Administration page to view WSRP Content reference information.

Important! Use the Content Ref Administration page only to select a new parent folder or update the security for the pagelet.

Setting WSRP Display Mode

You can set the WSRP display mode using the system-wide, WSRP Display Mode option on the PeopleTools Options page (PeopleTools, Utilities, Administration, PeopleTools Options). This option enables you to control how PeopleSoft content is rendered when user interaction is initiated from within a WSRP consuming portal. This may override the WSRP Compliant setting within the component. You can select these settings:

- *Display as Portlet.* Renders content accessed from a link in a portlet inline, as a portlet, provided the component has the WSRP Compliant property enabled. As with PeopleSoft applications and new windows, opening a new window, versus replacing the window, is not possible due to session and state management issues.
- *Replace Existing Window.* All content navigated to from a portlet will render in the same browser window but take the user out of the consuming portal and into the PeopleSoft portal to render the content.

If a pagelet is WSRP-produced, and the end user clicks a link on the pagelet to take the user to a different page from PeopleSoft, the following describes the logic flow that determines whether:

- The link is displayed inline in the portlet window of the WSRP consuming portal.
 - The end user is taken out of the WSRP-consuming portal and into the PeopleSoft portal to render the PeopleSoft content.
1. Determine WSRP display mode.
 - If set to *Replace Existing Window*, display the PeopleSoft content in the PeopleSoft portal within the same window.
 - If set to *Display as Portlet* determine if content is WSRP compliant.
 2. Determine WSRP compliance status.
 - If WSRP compliance is not selected, display PeopleSoft content in the PeopleSoft portal within the same window.
 - If WSRP compliance is selected, display the PeopleSoft content inline as a portlet.

See Also

PeopleTools 8.51 PeopleBook: System and Server Administration, "Using PeopleTools Utilities,"
PeopleTools Options

Mapping PeopleSoft Styles to WSRP Styles

For WSRP content, PeopleSoft style classes are mapped to corresponding WSRP styles. PeopleSoft provides PeopleSoft WSRP produced markup references only WSRP style names, not PeopleSoft styles. If a particular PeopleSoft style is not mapped to a corresponding WSRP style, the style can not be generated in the WSRP markup. The look and feel of the style in the WSRP consuming portal is determined by the WSRP CSS style sheets on the consuming portal.

PeopleSoft-to-WSRP styles exist adhere to WSRP specification 1.0(10.6). To modify the WSRP mapping, use the WSRP Style drop-down list box on the Miscellaneous tab for a style definition in Application Designer.

Note. Compared to PeopleSoft style options, WSRP style options are limited.

Validating WSRP-Compliance

To ensure that PeopleSoft pages, iScripts, and portlets comply with WSRP standards, use the WSRP validation options in PeopleSoft Application Designer. You can validate a single project or an entire database. Results of the validation appear in the Validate output tab, as with any other validate operation. The first line of the WSRP validation results is "Begin Validate WSRP Compliance," with the last line being "End Validate WSRP Compliance."

The system validates WSRP compliance against the following definitions:

- HTML areas within pages.
- HTML objects.
- JavaScript objects.
- Templates.
- Application classes.
- PeopleCode.
- PeopleCode iScripts.

The validation generates errors after identifying the existence of any of the following keywords. The use of these keywords is not recommended:

- href="http://
- frameset
- src="http://
- .location
- action="http://
- top.
- parent.
- parent.frames
- window.
- IFRAME
- ILAYER

Performing WSRP Validation For a Project

To perform WSRP validation for a project:

1. In Application Designer, open the project containing the WSRP definitions.
2. Select Tools, Options and click the Validate tab.

3. On the Validate tab, select the Validate WSRP compliance check box, and click OK.

Note. By default, this option is not selected.

4. Select Tools, Validate project.

Performing WSRP Validation For a Database

To perform WSRP validation for a database:

1. Launch Application Designer, and signon to the appropriate database.
2. Select Tools, Validate Database for WSRP.

Using PeopleSoft WSRP-Produced Content

This section discusses the differences between the behavior of PeopleSoft content within the PeopleSoft portal and a consuming WSRP portal:

- The main PeopleSoft menu portlet does not provide navigation of WSRP consumed content. The PeopleSoft WSRP content needs to be discovered through the consumer portlet's navigation.
- Hot keys (such as, Ctrl + J for the System Information page) are available as long as they do not conflict with any hot keys defined on the consuming system.
- Pagebar functionality is not included in PeopleSoft WSRP produced content.

For example, the New Window hyperlink or the Multi-Language drop-down list will not display (so, multi-language functionality is *not* supported for WSRP content). The Copy URL functionality is available on the System Information page only.

- Personalizations, such as "Tab-Over," made through the My Personalizations page apply to WSRP content.
- Only PeopleSoft portlets and iScripts support Edit capability, not components.

Note. PeopleSoft portlets including an Edit URL do not support multiple instances of the of the portlet in the consuming portal.

Chapter 19

Working with JSR 168 Portlets

This chapter provides overviews of JSR 168 and PeopleSoft compliance with JSR 168, and discusses how to:

- Configure the portlet container.
- Describe the portlet entity registry.

Understanding JSR 168

JSR 168 is a standard for portals running in a Java 2 Platform, Enterprise Edition (J2EE) architecture. It specifies content definitions much like pagelets, called portlets, that present portal content defined according to the JSR 168 standard. Portlets are Java-based web components that you can register in the PeopleSoft portal just as you register pagelets. Both HTML templates and frame templates support portlet content.

Portlets generate fragments of markup (such as HTML, Extensible HyperText Markup Language, and Wireless Markup Language). The PeopleSoft portlet engine manages and invokes portlets by using Java programs. This combines markup fragments that are generated by different portlets into a portal page.

You develop your own Java-based JSR 168 compliant portlets, and then register them by using the PeopleSoft portal registration components.

You expose your locally installed portlets to remote WSRP consumers by creating entries in the portal entity registry.

See [Chapter 19, "Working with JSR 168 Portlets," Describing the Portlet Entity Registry, page 607](#).

Understanding PeopleSoft Compliance with JSR 168

This section discusses:

- Java Portlet API
- Window states.
- Content caching.
- Portlet modes.

Java Portlet API

Portlets obtain their context via the Portlet API- functions like access to user profile information for the current user, participation in the portal window and action event model, access to web client information, sharing of information with other portlets and a standard way of storing and retrieving per-user/per-instance portlet data persistently. PeopleTools portlet container supports the Java Portlet API 1.0. The Java Portlet API provides a URL-rewriting mechanism for creating links to trigger actions within a portlet without requiring knowledge on how URLs are structured in the particular web application. Portlets are grouped in a Portal Application by bundling them in a single web application archive file (WAR) with a Portlet deployment descriptor file. In addition, the API provides a mean for sharing data among portlets of the same Portal Application.

Window States

The PeopleSoft JSR 168 engine accepts all of the required as well as any custom window states. However, although we allow any window state, PeopleSoft does not react to them. Portlets always appear to have a *Normal* amount of screen real-estate.

Content Caching

In the current release, the PeopleSoft JSR 168 engine doesn't support the caching of portlet content based on caching elements that are embedded in the portlet; any caching tags in the portlet are ignored. However, the engine does support caching by using the `PSCACHECONTROL` content reference attribute.

See [Chapter 9, "Using Portal Caching Features," Implementing Pagelet Caching, page 214.](#)

Portlet Modes

The PeopleSoft JSR 168 engine supports all of the required portlet modes, which are:

- VIEW
- EDIT
- HELP

Configuring the Portlet Container

If the `logClientIPOnMalformedRequest` initialization parameter is set to `true`, it will log the address of clients making failed attempts to access the Java portlets (due to malformed URLs).

If the `AccessJavaPortletsFromPeopleSoftPortalOnly` initialization parameter is set to `true`, only clients who have their `REMOTE_USER` setting will be allowed access. By default, all accesses from the users homepage supply the `REMOTE_USER` setting.

Note. You can secure all of the Java portlets on your system using J2EE security and role based permissions within your portlet logic.

The parameter can be found in the PortletContainerServlet definition in the web.xml of the /pspc application

The following is the relevant section from the /pspc/WEB-INF/web.xml within the domain:

```
<servlet>
  <servlet-name>PortletContainerServlet</servlet-name>
  <display-name>PeopleSoft PortletContainer Servlet</display-name>
  <servlet-class>com.peoplesoft.pt.portlet.container.ContainerServlet</servlet-→
class>
  <!-- <load-on-startup>0</load-on-startup> -->
  <init-param>
    <param-name>logClientIPOnMalformedRequest</param-name>
    <param-value>true</param-value>
  </init-param>
  <init-param>
    <param-name>AccessJavaPortletsFromPeopleSoftPortalOnly</param-name>
    <param-value>false</param-value>
  </init-param>
</servlet>
```

Describing the Portlet Entity Registry

The portlet entity registry is the source for both the PeopleSoft portlet content references and the portlets produced through WSRP.

Choosing Portlets to Produce For WSRP

You can choose which portlets to produce for WSRP by including them as <portlet> elements in portletentityregistry.xml.

To produce portlets for WSRP:

1. Edit portletcontainer/WEB-INF/data/portletentityregistry.xml to add an <application> element for your new portlet application.

The following is the portletentityregistry.xml file as delivered, showing the production of four portlets for WSRP consumption, WSRPTestPortlet of the wsrpctest portlet application, TestPortlet1 and TestPortlet2 of the testsuite portlet application, and the HelloPortlet of the helloportletapp portlet application.

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<portlet-entity-registry>
  <application id="">
    <definition-id>helloportletapp</definition-id>
    <portlet id="">
      <definition-id>helloportletapp.HelloPortlet</definition-id>
    </portlet>
  </application>
  <application id="">
    <definition-id>wsrpctest</definition-id>
    <portlet id="">
      <definition-id>wsrpctest.WSRPTestPortlet</definition-id>
    </portlet>
    <portlet id="">
      <definition-id>wsrpctest.WSRPTestPortlet</definition-id>
    </portlet>
  </application>
  <application id="">
    <definition-id>testsuite</definition-id>
    <portlet id="">
      <definition-id>testsuite.TestPortlet2</definition-id>
    </portlet>
    <portlet id="">
      <definition-id>testsuite.TestPortlet1</definition-id>
    </portlet>
  </application>
</portlet-entity-registry>
```

The portletentityregistry.xml requires the following:

- Your portlet application must have a new <application> element in which the <definition-id> is the name of your portlet application directory and the id is unique within the file.
- Any portlets you wish to produce from your portlet application must have their own <portlet> elements within your new <application> element. Use the delivered portletentityregistry.xml as a guide.

Note. Each portlet must have a unique id within the <application>. For example, refer to the same definition multiple times —each having different preferences and its own unique entity ID.

- The <definition-id> of each portlet is a period-separated fully qualified name for the portlet of the form: "<portletApplicationName>.<portletName>" as shown. The portletApplicationName portion must match the <definition-id> of the <application>. The portletName portion must match the <portlet-name> element for the <portlet> definition in your portlet.xml file.
2. Restart your web server. Your Java portlets are now produced via WSRP technology. All WSRP Consumers you may choose to use will need to retrieve the new service description, which will include the new Java portlets.

Appendix A

Consuming PeopleSoft Components as a Web Service in OBIEE

PeopleSoft applications have an internal API that generates a PeopleSoft Component URL for any transaction page. This API is exposed as a standard web service, `PeopleSoftComponents`, which, when consumed, enables you to load PeopleSoft metadata into the OBIEE system. With the metadata loaded, you can configure action links from OBIEE Answers or Dashboards to a PeopleSoft transaction page without hard coding the PeopleSoft URL.

In addition to generating the PeopleSoft transaction page URL, the web service can also expose the key structure information and append to the URL a query string that uniquely identifies a transaction row within a PeopleSoft table. When you embed the URL as an action link, you enable the OBIEE application user to navigate to a PeopleSoft transaction page which shows a specific row of data.

Understanding the OBIEE and the PeopleSoftComponents Web Service Interaction

When you create a PeopleSoft Component Action Type, the following background processing, which is transparent to the end-user, occurs between the OBIEE and PeopleSoft systems. The system invokes the OBIEE plug-in and calls the following service operations to load the component metadata.

There are two options:

- The system invokes the following service operations in sequence:
 1. `getComponentList()`
 2. `getComponentBaseUrl()`
 3. `getComponentKeys()`
- The system invokes the `getComponentMetadata()` service operation, which is a bulk-loading of the metadata

This table describes the `PeopleSoftComponents` Service Operations:

| <i>Service Operation</i> | <i>Definition</i> | <i>Input Parameter</i> |
|---------------------------------|--|------------------------|
| <code>getComponentList()</code> | Returns the list of all the component names in the source PeopleSoft system. | None |

| Service Operation | Definition | Input Parameter |
|--|--|--------------------------|
| <code>getComponentKeys(string ComponentName)</code> | Returns all the search keys and the alternate search keys for the given component | Component name as string |
| <code>getComponentBaseURL(string ComponentName)</code> | Returns the PeopleSoft component URL for the given component name available within the PeopleSoft source system. | Component name as string |
| <code>getComponentMetadata()</code> | Returns PeopleSoft component URLs of all the components available within the PeopleSoft source system. This service operation is used for bulk load of metadata that returns all components, their URLs, the component search keys and the alternate search keys. | None |

The result set is stored in local OBIEE metadata tables. The PeopleSoft component metadata is displayed in a hierarchical tree structure which is available as Target URLs for a application when embedding the Action Links to various report columns.

Note. Any PeopleSoft component can be registered under various portal names. For any given component, there could be multiple associated URLs. In the OBIEE Report Designer, you must select the appropriate component URL using the tree browser.

Setting Up OBIEE to Consume PeopleSoft Components as a Web Service

To set up OBIEE to consume PeopleSoft components as a web service, an OBIEE administrator must perform the following tasks as a one-time activity:

1. Consume the PeopleSoftComponents web service.

An administrator with the appropriate permissions uses the OBIEE EM Integration Console to define URLs for web services registries (UDDI/WSIL) and consume the WSDLs. Multiple PeopleSoft application installations, such as CRM, HCM, SCM, EPM, and so on can co-exist and share a single OBIEE system.

2. Load the PeopleSoft component metadata into the OBIEE system.

Select Load PeopleSoft Meta Data from the menu.

Note. These activities need be performed only once prior to developing OBIEE reports and again after a PeopleTools upgrade to reload the PeopleTools metadata.

Appendix B

Language Support For Consuming and Producing Remote Portlets

The ServiceDescription provides translations for the following strings: title, shortTitle, description, displayName, and keywords. The main language value is placed inside <offeredPortlets> tag, other language strings are inside <resources> tags at the end of xml file.

PeopleSoft stores the mapping of 3-character PeopleSoft language codes such as *ENG*, *FRA*, *CFR*, and *DUT*, as well as ISO locales such as *en*, *en-US*, *fr*, *fr-ca*, and *nl*.

Language Support For Consuming Remote Portlets

When we consume remote portlets we request service description XML from the remote producer. We store the definition of the remote producer in the PeopleSoft database. We then parse service description XML and store the definitions of the remote portlets. If there is multilanguage data in the service description, we map ISO locales to PeopleSoft language codes and store the values in our database along with the correct PeopleSoft language codes.

Note. We are interested only in such locales that correspond to installed PeopleSoft language codes. All other locales are ignored.

When parsing the remote ServiceDescription, we look for matches between ISO locales and installed PeopleSoft language codes. We accept the string values when matches are found. Here are the rules:

- Accept if an exact match is found. For example, if *fr-ca* (CFR) is installed and *fr-ca* is provided in ServiceDescription.
- If the child is installed and they provide only the parent, we accept parent for child. For example, if *fr* (FRA) and *fr-ca* (CFR) are installed and only *fr* is provided, it is matched to both *fr* and *fr-ca*.
- If the parent locale is installed, but only children are provided, then accept the child for the parent. For example, if *fr* (FRA) is installed and *fr-ca* (CFR) is provided, then accept it for FRA.

Language Support Rules For Producing Remote Portlets

When we produce remote portlets, we look at the definitions of the appropriate content references and generate the ServiceDescription. If there are any multilanguage strings (like cref label, description and keywords), we may have to include them into ServiceDescription. The remote producer sends us the list of "desired locales" he is interested in and in response we determine whether these desired locales have matching installed PeopleSoft language codes.

When generating the ServiceDescription, PeopleSoft will try to find matches for the desired locales to PeopleSoft installed languages using the following rules:

- If the locale is installed, return it.
- If only the parent is installed, return the parent. For example, if the desired locale is *fr-ca* and only *fr* is found, return *fr*.
- If no match is found, return *en* (English).

Appendix C

Understanding Changes in Portal Configuration Settings

In the current release, PeopleSoft portal configuration has moved from a file-based environment to a PeopleSoft Pure Internet Architecture interface. This appendix provides a complete listing that maps PeopleTools 8.43 and earlier portal settings to the current PeopleTools web profile settings. Within each of several broad functional categories, the release 8.43 properties are listed alphabetically, alongside the corresponding web profile fields that replace them.

The portal configuration files still exist in the current PeopleTools release, but they now contain only a small number of properties, and they're not meant to be edited. Don't modify any of the following files unless directed to do so by a PeopleSoft representative:

- Configuration.properties
- Pstools.properties
- Browserprops.xml
- Cookierules.xml

See Also

Chapter 10, "Configuring the Portal Environment," Configuring Web Profiles, page 228

General Properties

You can now set these properties from the configuration.properties file by using the Web Profile Configuration - General page:

| Release 8.43 Configuration Property | Corresponding Web Profile General Field |
|--|--|
| AuthTokenDomain | Authentication Domain |
| compressCacheFiles | Compress Response References |
| compressResponse | Compress Responses |
| compressMimeTypes | Compress MIME Types (compress Multipurpose Internet Mail Extensions types) |

| Release 8.43 Configuration Property | Corresponding Web Profile General Field |
|--|--|
| CompressReportOutput | Compress Report Output field in the Reports group box. |
| CompressReportOutputNetscape | Compress Report Output field in the Reports group box. |
| enableNewWindow | Enable New Window |
| enableProcessingWait | Enable Processing Message |
| enableReportRepository | Enable Report Repository field in the Reports group box. |
| helpUrl | Help URL |
| physicalpath | Non-standard Base Path |
| ReportRepositoryPath | Report Repository Path field in the Reports group box. |
| saveConfirmDisplayTime | Save Confirmation Display Time |
| singleThreadNS | Single Thread Netscape |
| threadDelay | Single Thread Delay |

See Also

[Chapter 10, "Configuring the Portal Environment," Configuring General Portal Properties, page 232](#)

Security Properties

You can now set these properties from the configuration.properties file by using the Web Profile Configuration - Security page:

| Release 8.43 Configuration Property | Corresponding Web Profile Security Fields |
|--|---|
| byPassSignOn | Allow Public Access field in the Public Users group box. |
| defaultPWD | Password field in the Public Users group box. |
| defaultUSERID | User ID field in the Public Users group box. |
| defaultXMMLinkUSERID | User ID field in the XML Link group box. |
| defaultXMMLinkPWD | Password field in the XML Link group box. |
| portalUseHttpForSameServer | PIA use HTTP Same Server (PeopleSoft Pure Internet Architecture use HTTP same server) |

| Release 8.43 Configuration Property | Corresponding Web Profile Security Fields |
|--|---|
| sessionTimeout | Authenticated Users - Inactivity Logout field in the Authenticated Users group box. |
| SSLRequired | Secured Access Only field in the SSL group box. |
| timeoutWarningScript | Timeout Warning Script and Override fields in the Authenticated Users group box. |
| userIDCookieAge | Days to Autofill User ID |
| UseSecureCookieWithSSL | Secure Cookie with SSL field in the SSL group box. |
| warningTimeout | Inactivity Warning field in the Authenticated Users group box. |
| XMLLinkUseHttpForSameServer | XML Link Use HTTP Same Server field in the XML Link group box. |

You can now set these properties from the pstools.properties file by using the Web Profile Configuration - Security page:

| Release 8.43 Pstools Property | Corresponding Web Profile Security Field |
|--------------------------------------|---|
| tuxedo_network_disconnect_timeout | Disconnect Timeout field in the Web Server Jolt Settings group box. |
| tuxedo_receive_timeout | Receive Timeout field in the Web Server Jolt Settings group box. |
| tuxedo_send_timeout | Send Timeout field in the Web Server Jolt Settings group box. |

See Also

[Chapter 10, "Configuring the Portal Environment," Configuring Portal Security, page 237](#)

Virtual Addressing Properties

You can now set these properties from the configuration.properties file by using the Web Profile Configuration - Virtual Addressing page:

| Release 8.43 Configuration Property | Corresponding Web Profile Virtual Addressing Fields |
|--|--|
| defaultPort | Port field in the Default Addressing group box. |
| defaultScheme | Protocol field in the Default Addressing group box. |

| Release 8.43 Configuration Property | Corresponding Web Profile Virtual Addressing Fields |
|--|--|
| pswebservername | Name field in the Default Addressing group box. |
| relativeURL | Generate Relative URLs |
| RPS | Protocol, Host, HTTP, and HTTPS fields in the Reverse Proxy Server List group box. |

See Also

[Chapter 10, "Configuring the Portal Environment," Configuring Virtual Addressing, page 244](#)

Cookie Rules

You can now set these elements and attributes from the cookierules.xml file by using the Web Profile Configuration - Cookie Rules page:

| Release 8.43 Cookierules.xml Element or Attribute | Corresponding Web Profile Cookie Rules Field |
|--|---|
| block domain | Cookies Not Passed to Server |
| cookie name | Cookie Pattern |
| delete_on_logout | Delete Cookie on Logout |
| forward domain | Cookies Passed to Server |
| proxied | Proxied |
| secure | Secure |

See Also

[Chapter 10, "Configuring the Portal Environment," Configuring Cookie Rules, page 247](#)

Caching Settings

You can now set these properties from the configuration.properties file by using the Web Profile Configuration - Caching page:

| Release 8.43 Configuration Property | Corresponding Web Profile Caching Field |
|--|--|
| CachePurgeAllHitCount | Cache Purge All Hit Count field in the On the Web Server group box. |
| CacheTargetContent | Cache Target Content field in the On the Web Server group box. |
| chartdirphys | Chart Directory field in the On the Web Server - Directories group box. |
| chartdirweb | Chart Web Directory field in the On the Web Server - Directories group box. |
| cssdirphys | CSS Directory (cascading style sheet directory) field in the On the Web Server - Directories group box. |
| cssdirweb | CSS Web Directory (cascading style sheet web director) field in the On the Web Server - Directories group box. |
| enableBrowserCache | Cache Generated HTML field in the On the Browser group box. |
| enableNoVersion | Copy Image/CSS (No Versioning) (copy image/cascading style sheet (no versioning) field in the On the Web Server - Directories group box. |
| imagedirphys | Image Directory field in the On the Web Server - Directories group box. |
| imagedirweb | Image Web Directory field in the On the Web Server - Directories group box. |
| jsdirphys | JavaScript Directory field in the On the Web Server - Directories group box. |
| jsdirweb | JavaScript Web Directory field in the On the Web Server - Directories group box. |
| maxSavedState | Number of States Supported field in the On the Browser group box. |
| PortalCacheHomepageOnBrowser | Cache Homepage field in the On the Browser group box. |
| PortalCacheObjects | Cache Portal Objects field in the On the Web Server group box. |
| PortalCacheStaleInterval | Cache Stale Interval field in the On the Web Server group box. |
| PortalHomepageStaleInterval | Homepage Stale Interval field in the On the Browser group box. |
| portalUseCachedProxiedJS | Cache Proxied JavaScripts field in the On the Web Server group box. |

You can now set these elements and attributes from the browserprops.xml file by using the Web Profile Configuration - Caching page:

| Release 8.43 Browserprops.xml Element or Attribute | Corresponding Web Profile Caching Field |
|---|--|
| property name="CacheHomePage" | Cache Home Page field in the Browsers group box. |
| useragent id | User Agent ID field in the Browsers group box. |

See Also

[Chapter 10, "Configuring the Portal Environment," Configuring Caching, page 248](#)

Trace and Debug Properties

You can now set these properties from the configuration.properties file by using the Web Profile Configuration - Debugging page:

| Release 8.43 Configuration Property | Corresponding Web Profile Debugging Field |
|--|--|
| connectionInformation | Show Connection Information |
| debug_inlinejavascript | Show JavaScript Inline HTML |
| debug_inlinstylesheet | Show StyleSheet Inline HTML |
| debug_overlap | Show Overlapping Fields |
| debug_savefile | Create File from PeopleSoft Pure Internet Architecture HTML Page |
| debug_showlayout | Show Layout |
| enableDebugDumpFile | Write Dump File |
| enableTrace | Show Trace Link at Signon |
| testing | Generate HTML for Testing |

See Also

[Chapter 10, "Configuring the Portal Environment," Configuring Trace and Debug Options, page 254](#)

Look and Feel Settings

You can now set these properties from the configuration.properties file by using the Web Profile Configuration - Look and Feel page:

| 8.43 Configuration Property | Corresponding Web Profile Look and Feel Fields |
|------------------------------------|---|
| authtokenenabled_page | Auth Token Enable Page field in the Other Pages group box. |
| chgPwdOnExpire | Change Password On Expire and Override fields in the Password group box. |
| chgPwdOnWarn | Change Password On Warning and Override fields in the Password group box. |
| cookiesrequired_page | Cookies Required Page field in the Other Pages group box. |
| exception_page | Exception Page field in the Error Pages group box. |
| expire_page | Page field in the Expire Page group box. |
| expirePage_ContentName | Content Name field in the Expire Page group box. |
| logout_page | Logout Page field in the Signon/Logout Pages group box. |
| mcfAuthFailure_page | MCF Auth Failure Page field in the Error Pages group box. |
| passwordexpired_page | Password Expired Page field in the Password group box. |
| passwordwarning_page | Password Warning Page field in the Password group box. |
| signon_page | Signon Page field in the Signon/Logout Pages group box. |
| signonError_page | Signon Error Page field in the Signon/Logout Pages group box. |
| signonresultdoc_page | Signon Result Doc Page field in the Signon/Logout Pages group box. |
| signontrace_page | Enable Trace Page field in the Other Pages group box. |
| sslrequired_page | SSL Required Page field in the Other Pages group box. |
| start_page | Page field in the Start Page group box. |
| startPageScript | Script and Override fields in the Start Page group box. |
| userprofile_page | User Profile Page field in the Other Pages group box. |

You now specify the locale properties from the `pstools.properties` file as default language mappings on the Manage Installed Languages page. You can specify additional mappings from International Organization for Standardization (ISO) locale codes to PeopleSoft language codes by using the Web Profile Configuration - Look and Feel page.

See Also

Chapter 10, "Configuring the Portal Environment," Configuring Trace and Debug Options, page 254

PeopleTools 8.51 PeopleBook: Global Technology, "Adding New Languages"

Appendix D

PeopleTools Web Libraries

This appendix provides an overview of web libraries and discusses PeopleTools web libraries.

Understanding Web Libraries

A web library is a derived or work record whose name starts with WEBLIB_. All PeopleSoft iScripts are embedded in records of this type. An iScript is a specialized PeopleCode function that generates dynamic web content. Administrators should make sure that users have the proper access to web libraries.

For example, the default navigation system for PeopleSoft Pure Internet Architecture users is implemented by using a web library. If users do not have the proper authorization to the web library and its associated scripts, then they won't have proper access to the system. If users are not authorized for a particular web library or script, then they can't invoke it. After you add a web library, you set the access for each script function individually. Invoking an iScript requires the assembly of a URL. Developers assemble the URL by using PeopleCode.

PeopleTools Web Libraries

This table lists the primary PeopleTools web libraries:

| Web Library Name | Description |
|-------------------------|--|
| WEBLIB_CTI | Generates the Computer Telephony Integration (CTI) console and the CTI free-seat extension page. |
| WEBLIB_IB | Generates PeopleSoft Integration Broker functions. |
| WEBLIB_MCF | Generates the Multichannel Framework (MCF) console, Agent to Customer chat window, Customer to Agent chat window, Agent to Agent chat window, and MCF tracer window. |
| WEBLIB_MSGWSDL | This is the record behind the page for the enterprise integration point (EIP) Web Services Description Language (WSDL) generation. |
| WEBLIB_NAVMAIN | |
| WEBLIB_OPT | Generates Optimization framework functions. |

| Web Library Name | Description |
|-------------------------------|---|
| WEBLIB_PORTAL | <p>Contains the following six fields with FieldFormula iScript PeopleCode, each of which relate to a functional area of the portal:</p> <p>PORTAL_HOMEPAGE: Support for homepage runtime interaction, including the homepage version of the menu navigation.</p> <p>PORTAL_NAV: Main support routines for side navigation.</p> <p>PORTAL_HEADER: Support for the header portion of the page and some generic routines.</p> <p>PORTAL_DYN_TEMP: Support for the dynamic template.</p> <p>PORTAL_PGLT_PREV: Support for the pagelet preview functionality.</p> <p>PT_WSRP: Used to sign onto PeopleSoft when it is defined as a producer.</p> |
| WEBLIB_PPM | Generates Performance Monitor functions. |
| WEBLIB_PTAF WEBLIB_PTAFEMC | Generates Approval functions. |
| WEBLIB_PTCBD | Contains iScripts for displaying common Dashboard components. |
| WEBLIB_PTCXM | Contains iScripts for displaying Context Manager pagelets. |
| WEBLIB_PTDIAG | Contains iScripts for displaying PeopleTools Diagnostics pages. |
| WEBLIB_PTOBIEE | Contains iScripts for displaying Business Intelligence (Analytics) pagelets. |
| WEBLIB_PTPP_SC | Renders navigation pages and Main Menu navigation pagelet. |
| WELIB_PTPP_PGT | Renders navigation pagelets without Pagelet Wizard. |
| WEBLIB_PTPPB | Contains iScripts for displaying Pagelet Wizard pagelets as homepage pagelets and template pagelets |
| WEBLIB_PTPPB1 | Contains an iScript for displaying Pagelet Wizard pagelets as WSRP portlets. |
| WEBLIB_PTDIAG | Generates Diagnostic framework functions. |

| Web Library Name | Description |
|-------------------------|---|
| WEBLIB_PT_NAV | Contains iScripts for the menu pagelet, drop-down navigation, and left-hand navigation for transaction pages. |
| WEBLIB_PTRTE | Contains iScripts for uploading inline images in rich text. |
| WEBLIB_PT_TPL | Contains iScripts for Portal template processing. |
| WEBLIB_QUERY | Contains the PeopleCode to generate a URL for running queries. |
| WEBLIB_RPT | Contains iScript for the Run report to window output option. Supports access to the new browser window. |
| WEBLIB_SDK | Generates Software development kit functions. |
| WEBLIB_SDK_BI | Contains sample code showing a call to the PeopleSoft Business Interlinks PSHttpEnable function to return information from a remote site that is formatted into the HTML display. |
| WEBLIB_SOAPTOCI | This is the entry point for ExcelToCI and the WSDL Discovery. |
| WEBLIB_TIMEOUT | Generates an inactivity timeout warning script. |
| WEBLIB_XMLLINK | Generates PeopleSoft Business Interlinks XML functions. |

Appendix E

Configuring the Application for 8.4x Navigation

The 8.5x navigation is based on iframe templates and features drop-down navigation. The 8.4x navigation is based on frame templates and uses menu pagelet navigation. This appendix describes how to reconfigure an 8.5x application for 8.4x navigation.

To reconfigure the application you must complete the following tasks:

- Reconfigure the default template.
- Reconfigure the navigation pagelet.

Important! HTML templates are deprecated features as of PeopleTools 8.50. PeopleSoft applications require iframe templates to function as designed. Features that will not function as designed in HTML templates include modal secondary, pop up, and grid zoom pages; drop-down navigation; related content; and WorkCenter pages.

Reconfiguring the Default Template

To reconfigure the default template:

1. Select PeopleTools, Portal, Structure and Content.
2. In the Folders group box, click Portal Objects, and then click Templates.
3. Click the Edit link for the 8.4x default template.
4. In the Field Name field, delete the existing value and enter *DUMMY*.

5. Save the component.

The template will look like this:

The screenshot displays the 'Content Ref Administration' web page. At the top, there are tabs for 'General' and 'Security'. The breadcrumb trail is 'Root > Portal Objects > Templates >'. The main title is 'Content Ref Administration'. The configuration is as follows:

- Name:** PT_84X_DEFAULT_TEMPLATE
- Author:** PTDMO
- *Label:** 8.4x default template
- Parent Folder:** Templates (with 'Copy object' and 'Select New Parent Folder' buttons)
- Long Description:** (254 Characters) 8.4x default frames template
- Product:** PT
- *Valid from date:** 05/18/2000
- Sequence number:** (empty)
- Valid to date:** (empty)
- Object Owner ID:** PPT (with a search icon and 'PeopleTools' text)
- Usage Type:** Frame template (dropdown)
- Creation Date:** 05/18/2000
- Storage Type:** Remote by URL (dropdown)

There is an 'Add Content Reference' link on the right. Below this is the 'URL Information' section:

- *Node Name:** LOCAL_NODE (with a search icon)
- URL Type:** PeopleSoft Script (dropdown)

The 'iScript Parameters' section contains:

- *Record (Table) Name:** WEBLIB_PT_NAV
- *Field Name:** DUMMY
- *PeopleCode Event Name:** FieldFormula
- *PeopleCode Function Name:** IScript_PT_NAV_TPL_FRAME
- Additional Parameters:** (empty text box with example: name1=value1&name2=value2)

Below this are fields for 'Producer' and 'Portlet', both with search icons. A 'Producer Details' link is at the bottom of this section. The 'Content Reference Attributes' section at the bottom has:

- Name:** (empty text box)
- Label:** (empty text box)
- Attribute value:** (empty text box)
- Translate:** (checked checkbox)
- Buttons:** 'Delete' and 'Add' (yellow)
- Link:** 'Attribute Information' (blue)

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6. In the breadcrumbs, click the Templates link.
7. Click the Edit link for the 8.50 default template.
8. In the Field Name field, replace *ISCRIP1* with *ISCRIP2*.

9. Change the template Usage Type from *Inline frame template* to *Frame template*.

10. Save the component.

The template will look like this:

The screenshot displays the 'Content Ref Administration' web page. At the top, there are tabs for 'General' and 'Security'. The breadcrumb trail is 'Root > Portal Objects > Templates >'. The page title is 'Content Ref Administration'. The 'Name' field is 'DEFAULT_TEMPLATE'. The 'Author' is 'PTDMO'. The 'Parent Folder' is 'Templates'. The '*Label' is '8.50 default template'. The 'Long Description' is '8.50 default template'. The 'Product' is 'PT'. The 'Sequence number' is empty. The 'Object Owner ID' is 'PPT' with a search icon and 'PeopleTools'. The 'Usage Type' is 'Frame template'. The 'Storage Type' is 'Remote by URL'. The '*Valid from date' is '05/18/2000'. The 'Valid to date' is empty. The 'Creation Date' is '05/18/2000'. There are buttons for 'Copy object' and 'Select New Parent Folder'. A link 'Add Content Reference' is at the bottom right of the main form.

Below the main form is the 'URL Information' section. The '*Node Name' is 'LOCAL_NODE'. The 'URL Type' is 'PeopleSoft Script'. The 'iScript Parameters' section includes: '*Record (Table) Name' is 'WEBLIB_PT_NAV', '*Field Name' is 'ISCRIP2', '*PeopleCode Event Name' is 'FieldFormula', and '*PeopleCode Function Name' is 'IScript_PT_NAV_TPL_FRAME'. There is an 'Additional Parameters' field with an example: 'name1=value1&name2=value2'. Below this are fields for 'Producer' and 'Portlet', each with a search icon. A link 'Producer Details' is at the bottom of this section.

At the bottom is the 'Content Reference Attributes' section. It has fields for 'Name', 'Label', and 'Attribute value'. There is a 'Delete' button next to the 'Name' field. A checkbox 'Translate' is checked. A link 'Attribute Information' is next to the 'Label' field. An 'Add' button is at the bottom left of this section.

8.50 DEFAULT_TEMPLATE Template after reconfiguration

Reconfiguring the Navigation Pagelet

To reconfigure the navigation template:

1. Select PeopleTools, Portal, Structure and Content.
2. In the Folders group box, click Portal Objects, and then click Pagelets.
3. Click the PeopleSoft Applications link, and then click the Edit link for Main Menu.
4. In the Field Name field, delete the existing value and enter *ISCRIP2*.
5. Save the component.

The content reference will look like this:

General Security

Root > Portal Objects > Pagelets > PeopleSoft Applications >

Content Ref Administration

Name: MENU Author: PTDMO

*Label: Menu Parent Folder: PeopleSoft Applications
[Copy object](#) [Select New Parent Folder](#)

Long Description: (254 Characters) 8.50 menu

Product: PT

Sequence number:

Object Owner ID: PPT PeopleTools

Usage Type: Pagelet Creation Date: 05/15/2000

Storage Type: Remote by URL ☐ WSRP Producible

[Add Content Reference](#)

URL Information

*Node Name: LOCAL_NODE

URL Type: PeopleSoft Script

iScript Parameters

*Record (Table) Name: WEBLIB_PT_NAV *Field Name: ISCRIP2

*PeopleCode Event Name: FieldFormula *PeopleCode Function Name: IScript_PT_NAV_PAGELET

Additional Parameters: templatetype=html

Example: name1=value1&name2=value2

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6. In the breadcrumbs, click the PeopleSoft Applications link.
7. Click the Edit link for Menu - Classic.
8. In the Label field, replace *Menu - Classic* with *Menu*.
9. In the Field Name field, replace *ISCRIP2* with *ISCRIP1*.

10. Save the component.

The content reference will look like this:

GeneralSecurity

Root > Portal Objects > Pagelets > PeopleSoft Applications >

Content Ref Administration

Name:PT_84X_MENU

*Label:Menu

Long Description:
(254 Characters)8.4x menu pagelet

Product:PT

Sequence number:

Object Owner IDPPTPeopleTools

Usage Type:Pagelet

Storage Type:Remote by URL

Author:PTDMO

Parent Folder:PeopleSoft Applications

Copy objectSelect New Parent Folder

Creation Date:05/15/2000

WSRP Producible

Add Content Reference

URL Information

*Node NameLOCAL_NODE

URL Type:PeopleSoft Script

iScript Parameters

*Record (Table) Name:WEBLIB_PT_NAV

*Field Name:ISCRIP1

*PeopleCode Event Name:FieldFormula

*PeopleCode Function Name:IScript_PT_NAV_PAGELET

Additional Parameters:

Example: name1=value1&name2=value2

Menu - Classic pagelet after reconfiguration

11. Stop and restart the application and web servers.

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Appendix F

Converting Frames-Based Templates to iFrame-Based Templates

This appendix provides a detailed example of converting an existing frames-based template (eProcurement Shopping Cart template) to the 8.5x drop-down navigation template.

When you convert a frames-based template to an iframe-based template, it enables you to take advantage of the new features in the iframe template, such as drop-down navigation; related content; WorkCenter pages, modal pop up pages, key-specific favorites improvements; and the recently used menu functionality.

Important! The following conversion example assumes the current frames-based template that you are converting uses a storage type of *Local in HTML (catalog)*. If your frames template is a *Remote by URL* template, your steps will be slightly different.

Converting the eProcurement Shopping Cart Template

This section describes how to:

- Gather information about the current template.
- Create the iframe template iScript.
- Create the iframe template HTML definition.
- Set security for the template iScript.
- Convert the template content reference.
- Troubleshoot errors.

Gathering Information About the Current Template

To gather information about the current template:

1. Select PeopleTools, Portal, Structure and Content.
2. Within Structure and Content, click Portal Objects, then click Templates.
3. Click the Edit link next to the ePro Shopping Cart Template.
4. Copy the text in the HTML Area field. Save it to a text file. After you have changed the template type this HTML will be removed.

5. Click the Security tab and note the current security for this content reference.

This step is important if there are specific permissions or roles that have been set. Later, you apply these permissions to the new iScript that will be created.

Creating the iFrame Template iScript

To create the iframe template iScript:

1. Open the WEBLIB_PV.ISCRIPT.FieldFormula PeopleCode in edit mode.
2. At the bottom of the PeopleCode, enter the following code:

```
Declare Function ptIframeTemplateHNav PeopleCode WEBLIB_PT_NAV.ISCRIPT1 Field=>
Formula;

/*
 * builds the inline frame template with the drop-down navigation
 */
Function IScript_PVShopCart_Template

    /* parameter 1: HTML object name that will be used to generate the inline frame=>
    template */
    %Response.Write(ptIframeTemplateHNav( "PV_SHOP_CART_HNAV_TEMPLATE" ));

End-Function;
```

Note. For *Remote by URL* templates, use the existing web library iScript and just modify the PeopleCode as seen above.

Creating the iFrame Template HTML Definition

To create the iframe template HTML definition:

1. In Application Designer, open the PT_HNAV_TEMPLATE HTML definition.
2. Clone the definition and save it as the the value that was used in parameter 1 of the new iScript.
3. Open the text file that contains the original template HTML and locate the pagelets that you need to move to the new template, for example:

```
<frame name="CART" id="CART" frameborder="no" scrolling="auto" noresize src="">
  style="border-top:ridge #CCCCCC 5px;">
    <IClientComponent Name="Links">
      <Source Node="ERP" Pagelet="EP_PV_REQ_LINKS_PGLT">dummy</Source>
    </IClientComponent>
</frame>
```

4. Change the HTML so that it looks like this:

```
<div id="pvcartpagelet">
  <iframe name="CART" id="CART" frameborder="no" src="">
    <pagelet name="Links">
      <source Node="ERP" Pagelet="EP_PV_REQ_LINKS_PGLT"/>
    </pagelet>
  </iframe>
</div>
```

Note. The iframe template does not support the IClientComponent template meta tag. These meta tags are deprecated and are replaced by the pagelet meta tag.

5. Locate where you want to position the Links pagelet in the PV_SHOP_CART_HNAV_TEMPLATE iframe template. If the pagelet is to exist to the right or left of the target content, place the pagelet inside of the iframe content container <div>. In this scenario, the pagelet will be located to the right of the target content.

```
<div id="ptifrmcontent">
  <div id="ptifrmtarget">
    <iframe id="ptifrmtgtframe" name="TargetContent" title="%bind(:6)" frameborder=>
=>
=>
"0" scrolling="auto" onload="ptrc.onLoadTC()" src="">
      <target Name="target" params="%bind(:7)"/>
    </iframe>
  </div>
  <div id="pvcartpagelet">
    <iframe name="CART" id="CART" frameborder="no" src="">
      <pagelet name="Links">
        <source Node="ERP" Pagelet="EP_PV_REQ_LINKS_PGLT"/>
      </pagelet>
    </iframe>
  </div>
  %bind(:8)
  <script type="text/javascript" src="%bind(:9)"></script>
</div>
```

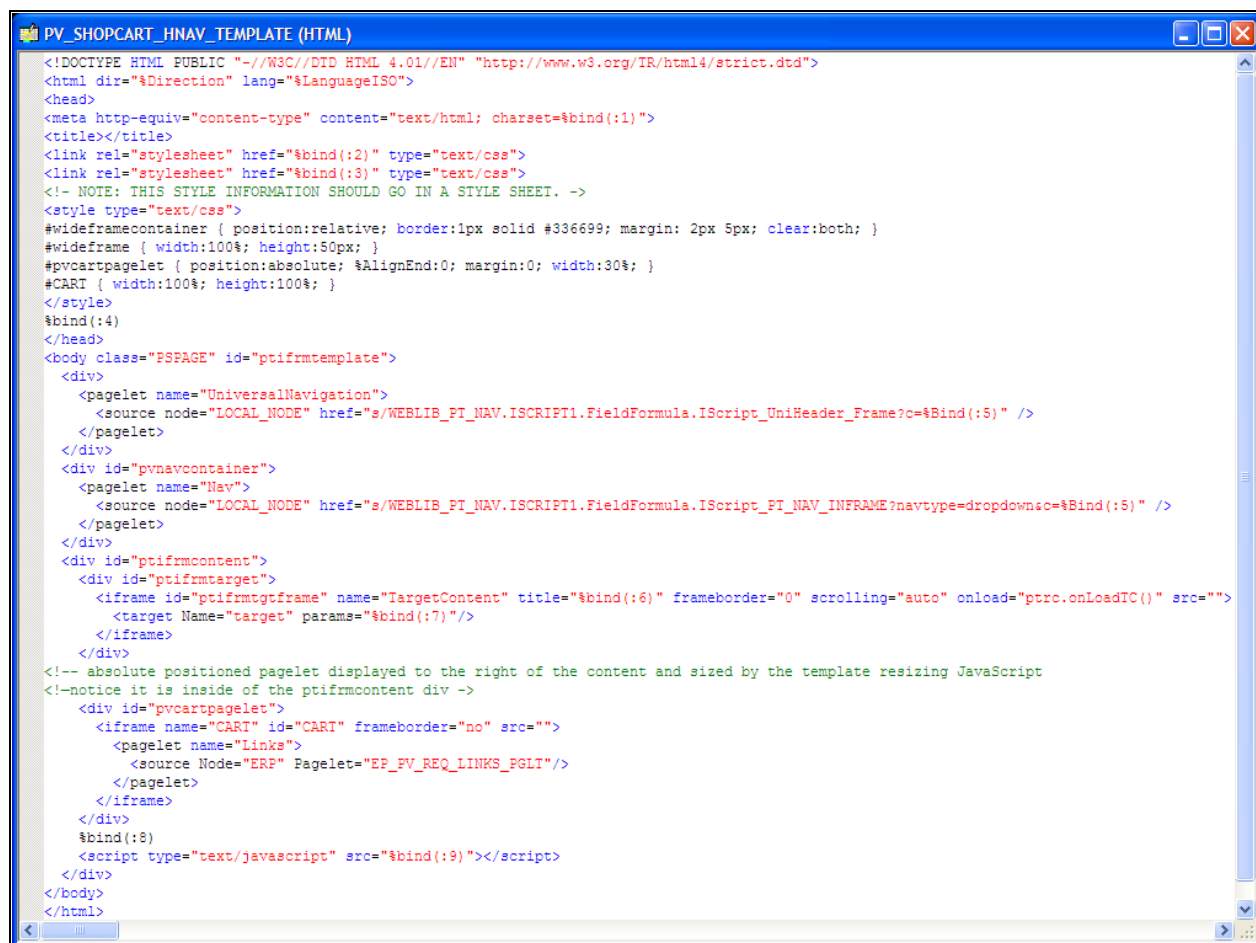
6. Add the style information for the new pagelet. Ideally, these styles should go into a style sheet to take advantage of style sheet caching on the web server and browser. For this example, the embedded style approach places the style in the head section of the template.

```
<style type="text/css">
/* style for the CART pagelet container div */
#pvcartpagelet {
    position:absolute; /* required: the position must be fixed so the iframe can be=
    sized properly */

    %AlignEnd:0;      /* meta CSS to position the location of the pagelet */
    margin:0;
    width:30%;        /* required: must be a percentage, value so the correct width=
    is rendered when the browser is resized */
}

/* style for the CART iframe */
#CART { width:100%; height:100%; }
</style>
```

This is the full HTML definition:



Test HTML object: PV_SHOPCART_HNAV_TEMPLATE with shopping cart pagelet

If a pagelet needs to expand to the width of the page, the following HTML and style information can be used:


```

<style type="text/css">
#wideframecontainer {
    position:relative;                /* required: */
    border:1px solid #336699;
    margin: 2px 5px;
    clear:both;
}
#wideframe { width:100%; height:50px; }
</style>
...
<!--must be located outside of the content container div-->
<div id="wideframecontainer">
    <iframe name="wide" id="wideframe" frameborder="no" src="">
        <pagelet name="Test">
            <source Node="LOCAL_NODE" href="s/WEBLIB_PV.ISCRIPT1.FieldFormula.IScript_>
PT_TEST"/>
        </pagelet>
    </iframe>
</div>

```

This is the full HTML definition that contains a wide pagelet:

```

<!DOCTYPE HTML PUBLIC "-//W3C//DTD HTML 4.01//EN" "http://www.w3.org/TR/html4/strict.dtd">
<html dir="%Direction" lang="%LanguageISO">
<head>
<meta http-equiv="content-type" content="text/html; charset=%bind(:1)">
<title></title>
<link rel="stylesheet" href="%bind(:2)" type="text/css">
<link rel="stylesheet" href="%bind(:3)" type="text/css">
<!-- NOTE: THIS STYLE INFORMATION SHOULD GO IN A STYLE SHEET. -->
<style type="text/css">
#wideframecontainer { position:relative; border:1px solid #336699; margin: 2px 5px; clear:both; }
#wideframe { width:100%; height:50px; }
#pvcartpagelet { position:absolute; %AlignEnd:0; margin:0; width:30%; }
#CART { width:100%; height:100%; }
</style>
%bind(:4)
</head>
<body class="PSPAGE" id="ptifrmtemplate">
<div>
<pagelet name="UniversalNavigation">
<source node="LOCAL_NODE" href="/s/WEBLIB_PT_NAV.ISCRIPT1.FieldFormula.IScript_UniReader_Frame?c=%Bind(:5)" />
</pagelet>
</div>
<div id="pvnavcontainer">
<pagelet name="Nav">
<source node="LOCAL_NODE" href="/s/WEBLIB_PT_NAV.ISCRIPT1.FieldFormula.IScript_PT_NAV_INFRAME?navtype=dropdownsc=%Bind(:5)" />
</pagelet>
</div>
<!-- relative positioned pagelet which gets the entire width of the page and is resized automatically by the browser -->
<!--notice it is outside of the ptifrmcontent div -->
<div id="wideframecontainer">
<iframe name="wide" id="wideframe" frameborder="no" src="">
<pagelet name="Test">
<source Node="LOCAL_NODE" href="/s/WEBLIB_PV.ISCRIPT1.FieldFormula.IScript_PT_TEST"/>
</pagelet>
</iframe>
</div>
<div id="ptifrmcontent">
<div id="ptifrmtarget">
<iframe id="ptifrmtgtframe" name="TargetContent" title="%bind(:6)" frameborder="0" scrolling="auto" onload="ptcrl.onLoadIC()" src="">
<target Name="target" params="%bind(:7)"/>
</iframe>
</div>
<!-- absolute positioned pagelet displayed to the right of the content and sized by the template resizing JavaScript -->
<!--notice it is inside of the ptifrmcontent div -->
<div id="pvcartpagelet">
<iframe name="CART" id="CART" frameborder="no" src="">
<pagelet name="Links">
<source Node="ERP" Pagelet="EP_PV_REQ_LINKS_PG1"/>
</pagelet>
</iframe>
</div>
%bind(:8)
<script type="text/javascript" src="%bind(:9)"/></script>
</div>
</body>
</html>

```

Test HTML object: PV_SHOPCART_HNAV_TEMPLATE with shopping cart and wide pagelet

Setting Security for the Template iScript

To set security for the template iScript:

1. Select PeopleTools, Security, Permissions & Roles, Permission Lists.
2. Enter the permission list that you noted when you gathered information about the template earlier.
3. Enable Web Library security for the permission list.
4. Continue until all permission lists and roles are added.

Note. If the template content reference security is public, only one permission list is needed.

Note. For *Remote by URL* templates, this step is optional, because the iScript already exists.

Converting the Template Content Reference

To convert the template content reference:

1. Select PeopleTools, Portal, Structure and Content.
2. Within Structure and Content, click Portal Objects, then click Templates.
3. Click the Edit link next to the ePro Shopping Cart Template.
4. Change the Usage Type to *inline frame template*.
5. Change the Storage Type to *Remote By URL*.
6. Enter the iScript record, field, and PeopleCode function names.
7. Click the Save button.
8. Stop and restart the application and web servers.
9. Test the template.

Note. For *Remote by URL* templates, omit steps 5, 6, and 7.

Troubleshooting Errors

This table describes some common errors and possible causes:

| Error | Solution |
|-------------------|---|
| JavaScript errors | Check existing pagelet JavaScript. Make sure to correct statements like this: <pre>parent.parent.frames["UniversalHeader"] /* no longer valid in an iframe template */ parent.frames[3]. /* use a iframe name or an iframe id */</pre> |

Appendix G

Configuring OBIEE Related Content Services

You can configure related content services to display OBIEE analytics reports. The OBIEE servlet must be installed and OBIEE must be configured to enable OBIEE related content. In addition to configuring the analytics servlet, there are prerequisites that must be fulfilled before assigning OBIEE related content to application pages.

OBIEE Configuration Prerequisites

When using OBIEE analytics as related content services, note the following configuration requirements:

- The OBIEE database needs to be on release 10.1.3.3 or greater.
- The PeopleSoft application database and the OBIEE database must be configured with the same users to access the reports.
- XML needs to be generated for the OBIEE report definition that you make available as related content. To automatically generate the XML, navigate to the advanced tab to on the OBIEE report definition and save the report.
- The sizing of reports need to be handled on OBIEE database. The associated grid, width of the page, and the centering of the objects can not be adjusted.
- Set up the Integration Broker Gateway on the PIA database.
- Encrypt the *secureFileKeystorePasswd*.
 1. Select PeopleTools, Integration Broker, Configuration, Gateways and click the Gateway Setup Properties link.
 2. Enter *administrator* in the User ID field and *password* in the Password field and click the OK button.
 3. Click the Advanced Properties Page link and search for *secureFileKeystorePasswd*.
 4. Copy the password and encrypt it using the Password Encryption Utility at the bottom of the page.
 5. Replace the existing plain text password with the encrypted value.
 6. Click the OK button.
 7. Save the page and click the OK button.
- Test the deployment by entering this URL in your browser: *http://<webservername:port>/analytics*.

- After installing analytics.war, update the OBIEE server setup with the weblogic URI: `http://<webservername:port>/analytics` and reload the report definitions.

Appendix H

Related Content Reserved Words and Service Parameters

When you have a service using any of the following reserved words as service parameters, these will have some default mapping done when you first time access the Map Fields page. Here is the list of supported related content specific reserved word service parameters and their default mapping data.

Reserved Words Default Mapping

This table lists the reserved words and their default mapping:

| <i>Reserved Word</i> | <i>Description</i> | <i>Default Map Type</i> |
|-----------------------------|---|--------------------------------|
| PTCS_CREFNAME | Current content reference (cref) name for which the service assignment and mapping is being done. | Fixed value. |
| PTCS_CREFLABEL | Current related content transaction cref label. | Fixed value. |
| PTCS_NODENAME | %Node. | System variable. |
| PTCS_PORTALNAME | %Portal. | System variable. |
| PTCS_KEYFIELD1 | Component level 0 key1 if available. | Key field. |
| PTCS_KEYFIELD2 | Component level 0 key2 if available. | Key field. |
| PTCS_KEYFIELD3 | Component level 0 key3 if available. | Key field. |
| PTCS_KEYFIELD4 | Component level 0 key4 if available. | Key field. |
| PTCS_PAGENAME | %Page. | System variable. |
| PTCS_SERVICEID | Current related content service ID. | Fixed value. |
| PTCS_RELURL | Relative URL of the content reference. | Fixed value. |

Appendix I

Configuring Related Content Contextual Menus to Access Oracle UPK Modules and Topics

You can configure Oracle User Productivity Kit (UPK) modules and topics as component and page-level-related content services. This appendix provides a brief overview of Oracle UPK and related content and describes how to:

- Create related content services that access UPK topics.
- Assign UPK-based services to pages and components.
- Access UPK-based related content.

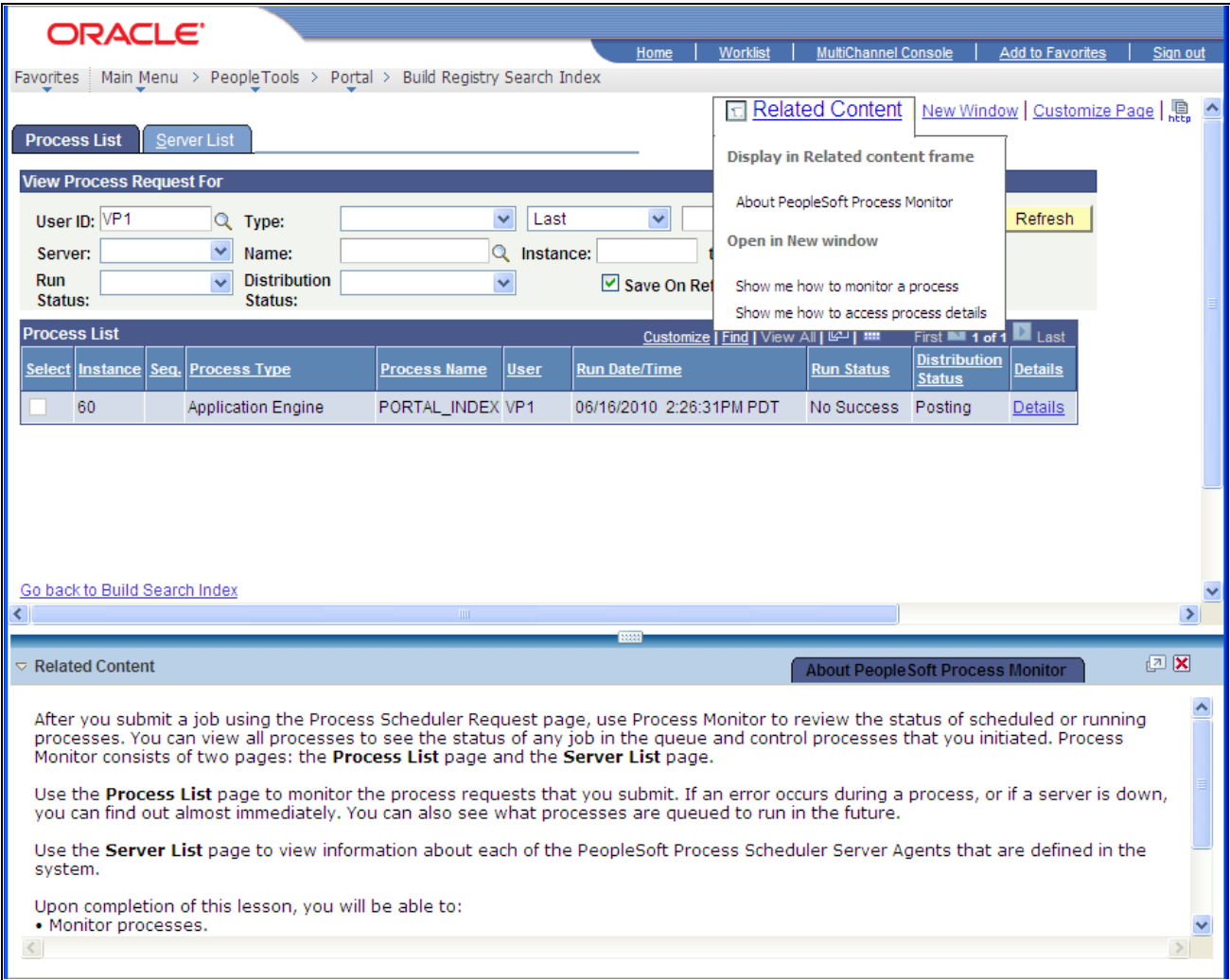
Note. In this appendix, the word *topic* is used to represent both topics and modules unless specified otherwise.

Understanding Oracle UPK and Related Content

Oracle UPK Developer and content is an end-user training solution that provides a single-source development and customizing tool to enable rapid content creation and customization. UPK also can provide system process documentation, web-based training materials, role-based performance support, and product documentation.

PeopleSoft Related Content Framework is a set of PeopleTools definitions and processes that enable developers and subject matter experts to link application pages with contextually relevant content. The primary goal of related content services is to provide immediate access to relevant, contextual information for any PeopleSoft transaction without requiring any additional user effort. PeopleSoft Related Content Framework acts as an enterprise mashup, tying together all types of content such as Oracle Business Intelligence Enterprise Edition (OBIEE) analytics, queries, discussion threads, documentation, and relevant non-PeopleSoft data into a single tool—PeopleSoft application pages.

You can use the related content framework to set up access to UPK modules and topics so that any UPK content is available at the page or component levels under the Related Content menu as shown here:



UPK links under the Related Content contextual menu with a conceptual topic in the related content frame

Prerequisites

This table lists the necessary prerequisites for integrating UPK and related content and provides references to information about these prerequisites:

| Prerequisite | Reference |
|--|---|
| Perform all related content configurations. | See Chapter 15, "Developing and Configuring Related Content," Prerequisites, page 515. |
| Create, deploy, and configure UPK player package to your web server. | See Oracle's <i>PeopleSoft Enterprise Help Menu Integration</i> See Oracle's <i>User Productivity Kit In-Application Support Guide</i> |

Creating Related Content Services That Access UPK Topics

This section discusses how to:

1. Modify the UPK player package link.
2. Create the UPK-based service definition

Note. Your UPK content should already be installed on the web server and available to your users.

To create related content services for UPK modules, you must obtain the link to the UPK player package from your UPK administrator.

Modifying the UPK Player Package Link

To modify the UPK player package link:

1. Contact your UPK system administrator to obtain the player package link (URL). It should look similar to this:

`http://upkservername/upk/content_subject/toc.html`

2. Change the file name `toc.html` to `kp.html` so that the URL looks similar to this:

`http://upkservername/upk/content_subject/kp.html`

The `kp.html` file lists your UPK modules and topics. Pointing directly to the `kp.html` file, which is located in the player package folder, enables you to manually link to a specific mode for a topic

3. Paste the link into your browser and access the file.
4. Find the topic. Right-click the `Concept` or `Do It` link associated with the topic. If you are creating task-oriented related content, right-click the `Do It` link; otherwise, click the `Concept` link.

- From the pop-up menu, select **Copy Shortcut**.

Alternately, select **Properties** and then copy the URL that you see on the dialog box.

For conceptual information, the URL should look similar to this:

<http://upkserver/upk/peopletools/tpc/0350d9a9-6013-4cc9-9022-016f815029ba/Parts/index.html>

For task-oriented information, the URL should look similar to this:

http://upkserver/upk/peopletools/dhtml_kp.html?Guid=69f0376e-70fc-417c-a43c-ecd6afb72b29&Mode=D&Back

Note. If you see *Mode=D*, the link accesses the topic in the *Do It* mode.

If you see *Mode=K*, the link accesses the topic in the *Know It* mode.

If you see *Mode=T*, the link accesses the topic in the *Try It* mode.

If you see *Mode=S*, the link accesses the topic in the *See It* mode.

If you see *index.html*, the link accesses the topic or module in the *Concept* mode.

- If you are creating multiple service definitions, you might consider creating a spreadsheet that looks something like this table::

| Topic | URL |
|---------------------------------|---|
| Process Scheduler - Concept | http://upkserver/upk/peopletools/tpc/0350d9a9-6013-4cc9-9022-016f815029ba/Parts/index.html |
| Viewing Process Details - Do It | http://upkserver/upk/peopletools/dhtml_kp.html?Guid=69f0376e-70fc-417c-a43c-ecd6afb72b29&Mode=D&Back |

- For each task-oriented URL, remove the *&Back* at the end of the address.
- Save your spreadsheet.

Creating the UPK-Based Service Definition

To create the UPK-based service definition:

- Create a new related-content service definition.

Choose a naming convention that makes UPK service definitions easily identifiable, for example *UPK_<service_definition_name>*

- Enter the service name and description.
- Select *Non-PeopleSoft URL* as the URL type.
- In the External URL field, enter the URL to your *kp.html* file.

It should look similar to this: http://myupkbsite.com/upk/mycontent/dhtml_kp.html?Guid=5cd5ba9f-c3a8-441f-923b-a8aca7e95b6e&Mode=D

- Click the **Test Related Content Service** link.

The **Test Related Content Service** page opens.

- On the **Test Related Content Service** page, click the **Test Related Content Service** link.
- Click the **Return** button to go back to the **Define Related Content Service** page.
- For conceptual information, select the **New Window** check box to give the administrator the ability to enable the new window functionality for the user.
- In the **Select security options** group box, select the **Public Access** check box.
- Click the **Save** button.

Note. UPK-based service definitions do not require additional parameters.

This completed service definition shows an external URL that accesses UPK content in Do It mode:

Define Related Content Service

Service ID: **UPK_VIEWPROCDETAILS_D**

*Service Name:

Description:

*URL Type: ? Write help text Copy Service Definition

URL Information

*External URL:

Note: parameter names are case-sensitive. ☐ Post mapping definition data. ☒ Escape URL Parameters

| Service URL Parameter | | |
|-----------------------|--------------------------|--------------|
| *Parameter Name | Required | *Description |
| 1 | <input type="checkbox"/> | |

[Show Formed URL](#) [Test Related Content Service](#)

Display Options

☐ Refresh ☐ New Window

Select security options

☒ Public Access ☐ Related Content Security ☐ Transaction Security ☐ Private Data

Define Related Content Service page, which accesses UPK content set to Do It mode

Note. You can use the **Copy Service Definition** button to clone this definition and save time creating new UPK-based service definitions.

See Also

Chapter 15, "Developing and Configuring Related Content," Defining Non-PeopleSoft Related Content Services, page 526

Assigning UPK-Based Services to Pages and Components

To assign UPK-based services to pages and components:

Note. This section assumes that you are assigning the service to a content reference that currently has no service assignments.

1. Access the Manage Related Content Configuration page. (Select PeopleTools, Portal, Related Content Service, Manage Related Content Service.)
2. Click the Assign Related Content to Application Pages link.
3. Navigate the tree and select the content reference.
4. Select either the page or the component level.
5. Select *Service* as the service type.
6. Click the Service ID prompt and select the appropriate service.
7. Enter the service label. Select a label that is based on the context of the service. In addition, use direct language; for example, *Show me how to submit a process* is appropriate for a service on the Process Scheduler page.
8. Select the service target where you want the content to appear. Select one of these options:
 - *Related Content* for conceptual information.
 - *New Window* for all other UPK types.

Important! You must enable the UPK player to open in a new window. If you select other options, unexpected results might occur.

9. Click the Configure link.

The Related Content Service - Configure page appears.

10. In the Select Menu Type group box, select *Related Content Menu*.
11. Click the **OK** button.
12. Click the **Save** button.
13. Select the Configure Menus tab.

14. Configure the arrangement of links in the Related Content menu.

See Chapter 15, "Developing and Configuring Related Content," [Configuring Contextual Menus](#), page 547.

15. Configure the arrangement of services in the Related Content frame.

See Chapter 15, "Developing and Configuring Related Content," [Configuring the Related Content Frame](#), page 549.

16. Click the Save button.

The Assign Related Content page appears.

17. Click the content reference link to test your configuration.

The completed service assignment presented here shows the component and page-level services and the menu configuration options:

- Component-level UPK conceptual service assignment:

Assign Related Content

Portal Name: EMPLOYEE
 Content Reference: PT_PROCESSMONITOR_GBL [Process Monitor](#)

Service Level ?

☒ Services at Component Level ☐ Services at Page level

| Assign Services ? | | | | | | Customize Find | First 1 of 1 Last |
|-------------------|--------------------|-----------------|--------------------------|-----------------|---------------------------|------------------|-------------------|
| Service Type | Service ID | Service Name | Service Label | *Service Target | Configure | | |
| 1 Service | UPK_PRCMON_CONCEPT | Process Monitor | About PeopleSoft Process | Related Content | Configure | + | - |

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Component level conceptual UPK topic configured to appear in the related content frame

- Page-level task-oriented service assignments:

Configure Services

Configure Menus

Assign Related Content

Portal Name: EMPLOYEE

Content Reference: PT_PROCESSMONITOR_GBL [Process Monitor](#)

Service Level ?

Services at Component Level

Services at Page level

Assign Services ?

Customize

Find

First

1-2 of 2

Last

| Page | Page Name | Service Type | Service ID | Service Name | Service Label | *Service Target | Configure | | |
|------|-------------|---------------|------------|-----------------------|-------------------|--------------------------|------------|-----------|-----|
| 1 | PMN_PRCSLIS | &Process List | Service | UPK_PROCESS_SCHEDULER | Monitor a Process | Show me how to monitor a | New Window | Configure | + - |
| 2 | PMN_PRCSLIS | &Process List | Service | UPK_VIEWPROCDETAILS_D | Process Details | Show me how to access p | New Window | Configure | + - |

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Page-level task-oriented UPK topic configured to appear in a new window

- Menu configuration options that order the services in the Related Content menu:

Configure Services

Configure Menus

Configure Menu Options

Portal

Content

Configure

Menu options

First

1-2 of 2

Last

| | Service ID | Service Label | Service Target | Sequence number |
|---|-----------------------|---------------------------------------|----------------|-----------------|
| 1 | UPK_PROCESS_SCHEDULER | Show me how to monitor a process | New Window | 0 |
| 2 | UPK_VIEWPROCDETAILS_D | Show me how to access process details | New Window | 1 |

Save

OK

Cancel

Menu options secondary page showing the order of the links in the contextual menu

Accessing UPK-Based Related Content

The following procedure shows how to access UPK-based related content.

Any page that displays the Related Content menu in the upper right area of the page provides the user with access to related content.

1. Select the Related Content menu.

Conceptual information links should appear in the Related Content Frame section of the contextual menu.

Task-oriented links should appear in the Open in New Window section of the contextual menu.

2. Click a link in the Open in New Window section. The UPK player should launch in a new window (or a new tab) and the UPK topic will open in its own window.
3. Click a link in the Related Content Frame section. The topic should open the lower frame and display the conceptual information.

Appendix J

Configuring Embedded Help to Display UPK Content

As part of the embedded Help functionality, you can include links to Oracle UPK modules and topics. This appendix describes how to:

- Modify the UPK Player package link.
- Add UPK-based URLs to the application.
- Embed UPK-based URLs in messages.
- Add embedded Help to page controls.

Note. In this appendix, the word *topic* is used to represent both topics and modules unless specified otherwise.

Your UPK content should already be installed on the web server and available to your users.

Modifying the UPK Player Package Link

To modify the UPK player package link:

1. Contact your UPK system administrator to obtain the player package link (URL). It should look similar to this:

http://upkservername/upk/content_subject/toc.html

2. Change the file name toc.html to kp.html so that the URL looks similar to this:

http://upkservername/upk/content_subject/kp.html

The kp.html file lists your UPK modules and topics. Pointing directly to the kp.html file, which is located in the player package folder, enables you to manually link to a specific mode for a topic.

3. Paste the link into your browser to access the file.
4. Find the topic that you want to use in embedded help, and then right-click the Concept or Do It link associated with the topic.

If you are creating task oriented related content, right-click the Do It link, otherwise click the Concept link.

- From the pop-up menu, select Copy Shortcut or Copy Link Location. You will need the URL in the next topic, *Adding UPK-Based URLs to the Application*.

As an alternative, select Properties and then copy the URL that you see on the dialog box.

- For conceptual information, the URL should look similar to this:

<http://upkserver/upk/hcmam91/tpc/1d1a9fb4-aa18-407a-b50c-f5e0e65e4bb8/index.html>

- For task oriented information, the URL should look similar to this:

http://upkserver/upk/peopletools/dhtml_kp.html?Guid=69f0376e-70fc-417c-a43cecd6afb72b29&Mode=D&Back

Note. The URL for each UPK mode ends differently. Look for &Mode= near the end of the URL.

This table describes the different URL endings and the corresponding UPK mode:

| URL Ending | UPK Mode |
|-------------------|-----------------|
| &Mode=D | Do It |
| &Mode=K | Know It |
| &Mode=T | Try It |
| &Mode=S | See It |
| &Mode=P | Print It |
| Index.html | Concept |

Adding UPK-Based URLs to the Application

To add UPK-based URLs to the application:

- Select Main Menu, PeopleTools, Utilities, Administration, URLs.
- Add a new value, such as UPK_QRY_1.

This is the URL identifier. You will need this later.

- Click the Add button.
- Enter a description.
- Paste the URL the you copied in the previous topic into the URL field.
- Remove &Back from the end of the URL so that the URL ends in the mode, for example, &Mode=D.
- Save the URL.

Embedding UPK-Based URLs in Messages

To embed UPK-based URLs in messages:

1. Select Administration from the drop-down menu, and then select Message Catalog.
2. Click Add a New Value.
3. Enter 21000. (You want to enter a value that isn't reserved by PeopleTools or PeopleSoft applications.)
4. Enter a description.
5. Enter message text.

Note. The message text is the link text that appears in the embedded help pop up. A phrase such as, "Show me" or another generic phrase works well.

6. Enter a description. In the description, include this code:

```
%PBURLTBL(URL_ID, setnbr, mnbr)
```

7. Replace URL_ID with the URL identifier that you added earlier.
8. Replace *setnbr* with the set number of your message.
9. Replace *mnbr* with the message number of your message.

The following example would access the UPK_QRY_1 URL and display message set 3, message number six:

```
%PBURLTBL(UPK_QRY_1, 3, 61)
```

10. Save the message.

Adding Embedded Help to a Page Control

To add embedded Help to page controls:

1. Open the page definition.
2. Double-click the scroll area or grid to access the properties dialog box.
3. Click the Label tab.
4. In the Embedded Help Popup section, select the Message Catalog Popup option.
5. Enter the Message Set/Number values of the message that you want to appear in the embedded help pop-up page.

The message should appear in the Text field.

6. Verify that the message in the Text field is correct.

7. Click the OK button.
8. Save the page definition.
9. In the browser, access the page and test the embedded help.

Appendix K

Configuring OBIEE Admin User Permissions in Enterprise Manager 11g

This appendix discusses how to configure the OBIEE Server Admin user with the correct permissions in Enterprise Manager 11g.

Note. For use with OBIEE 11g only.

Configuring OBIEE Server Admin User Permissions in Enterprise Manager 11g

This section discusses the necessary permission configuration for using OBIEE.

Note. For use with 11g only.

The user that you configure in the Server Setup page must have *impersonate* permissions in Enterprise Manager. In release 10g, the *BI Administrator* satisfies this requirement. In release 11g, the user must be assigned the *BI System* application role.

To give the OBIEE server administrator the BI System application role in Enterprise Manager 11g:

1. Sign in to OBIEE web server Enterprise Manager as an administrator.
2. In the left side navigation, click Business Intelligence, coreapplication.
3. When the new page appears, click the **Security** tab.
4. When the new page appears, click **Configure and manage Application Roles**.
5. When the new page appears, click **BI System**.
6. In the users column, click **Add User** and add the same user that you entered as the Admin User on the Server Setup page.
7. Click the **OK** button to save your changes.

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