

Another Configuration Approach for Adobe AEM

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Manage bundles settings

- From web console **/system/console/configMgr**
- Configuration files under **'/apps'** and extension **.cfg** or **.config**
- content-nodes (sling:OsgiConfig) in the repository (this is)

Resolution order

Resolution order is common **apps-then-libs**, so we have this order by default

Startup:

1. `/apps/*/config/*`
2. `/libs/*/config/*`
3. `/crx-quickstart/launchpad/config`

Runtime:

1. Modifications within Web Console
2. `/apps/*/config/*`
3. `/libs/*/config/*`

Run mode restrictions

For run mode specific configurations, multiple run modes can be combined:

Ex.: **/apps/*/config.<runmode1>.<runmode2>/**

If multiple configurations for the same PID are applicable
- config with highest number of matching run modes is applied.

Common configuration

- `com.drfits.aem.meetup.configurations.felix.CityCacheImpl`
- `@Component`
- `@Service`
- `@Property`
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Pros and Cons

Pros:

- Described in most of all articles
- Vast majority of developers are familiar with it

Cons:

- Too many boilerplate
- Using custom Felix annotations
- Configs need additional checks on object types

Add OSGI configuration

Prerequisites

- org.osgi.service.component.annotations - 1.3.0
- org.apache.felix.scr.annotations - 1.12.0

*Now annotations from **org.osgi.service.component.annotations.*** available and old Felix annotations marked as deprecated*

- biz.aQute.bndlib - 3.3.0 (for DS 1.3)

Update maven plugins:

- maven-bundle-plugin - 3.2.0 (for Java 8 support)
- maven-scr-plugin - 1.23.0

Now we are ready to write OSGI Components according to specification.

OSGI configuration example

- `com.drfits.aem.meetup.configurations.osgi.CityCacheNewImpl`

Pros and Cons

Pros:

- More loosely coupled code
- Property type checks
- More easy for mocking
- New scope Prototype in new OSGI spec:
 - `@Component(scope = ServiceScope.PROTOTYPE)`
 - `@Reference(scope = ReferenceScope.PROTOTYPE_REQUIRED)`

Cons:

- Not so much how-to articles
- AEM Felix console has some issues

Questions?

Summary

1. Code examples - <https://github.com/drfits/osgi-configurations>
2. OSGI specification - <https://www.osgi.org/developer/downloads/release-6/release-6-download/>
3. My Blog - <http://drfits.com>

