

IBM WebSphere Commerce V8.0

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Introduction

- Management Center is the business user tooling for WebSphere Commerce
- First introduced in a feature pack in Version 6
- Many enhancements in the Version 7 feature packs
- Launched through the URL https://<host>:8000/lobtools
- Business user logs in, selects a tool, and manages their business objects
- Works on base content or in the context of a workspace



Changed in Version 8

- No more OpenLaszlo or Flash
- UI ported to DHTML
- No need to compile/re-compile SWF
- No more Struts Actions or Struts configuration
- Struts actions ported to Spring Controllers
- Struts configuration ported to Spring configuration
- New look to user interface

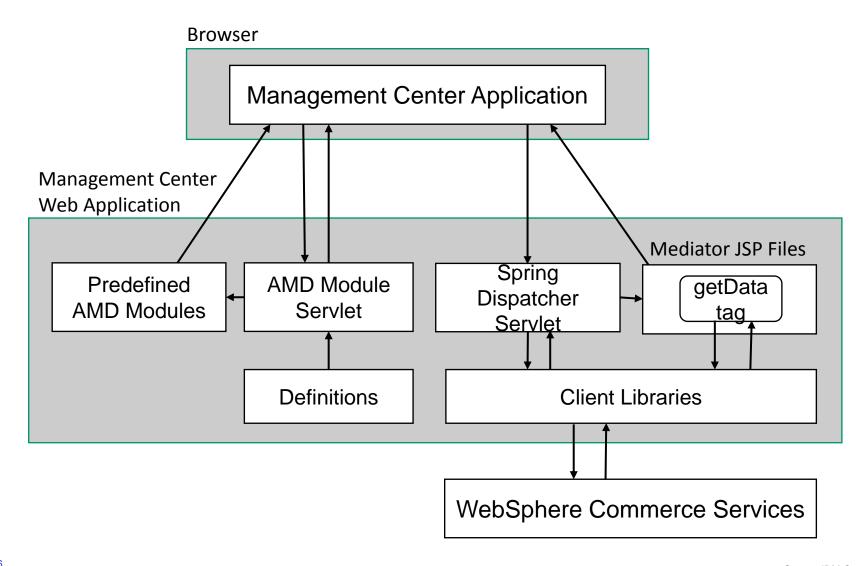


Unchanged in Version 8

- Management Center Framework concepts
- Mediator JSPs
- Component Services
- Client object and get data configurations



High Level Architecture





Management Center Definitions

- Definitions in XML files (LOBTools/WebContent/WEB-INF/src/xml)
- Three types
 - Class definitions
 - Class instance definitions
 - Singleton definitions
- Hierarchical declaration
- Module Servlet parses definitions and returns AMD (Asynchronous Module Definition) modules
- Definition names are AMD module names e.g. "cmc/foundation/ObjectDefinition"
- Dependencies on other modules are declared with <dependency> tag
- Circular dependencies are allowed
- JavaScript embedded in Class and Singleton definitions within methods, handlers, and variable expressions



Predefined Foundation Modules

- Set of foundation modules written directly in JavaScript
- Under LOBTools/WebContent/dojo/cmc
 - cmc/RootComponent
 - cmc/foundation/Node
 - cmc/foundation/Component
 - cmc/foundation/Animator
 - cmc/foundation/Clipboard
 - cmc/foundation/ContextMenuComponent
 - cmc/foundation/CursorUtil
 - cmc/foundation/DefinitionUtil
 - cmc/foundation/DrawComponent
 - cmc/foundation/EventHandler
 - cmc/foundation/EventUtil
 - cmc/foundation/FocusUtil
 - cmc/foundation/InputTextComponent

- cmc/foundation/KeyUtil
- cmc/foundation/Layout
- cmc/foundation/ModalUtil
- cmc/foundation/MouseUtil
- cmc/foundation/ResizeLayout
- cmc/foundation/StableBorderLayout
- cmc/foundation/State
- cmc/foundation/TextComponent
- cmc/foundation/Timer
- cmc/foundation/TrackComponent
- cmc/foundation/TrackUtil
- cmc/foundation/WrappingLayout
- cmc/foundation/XMLUtil



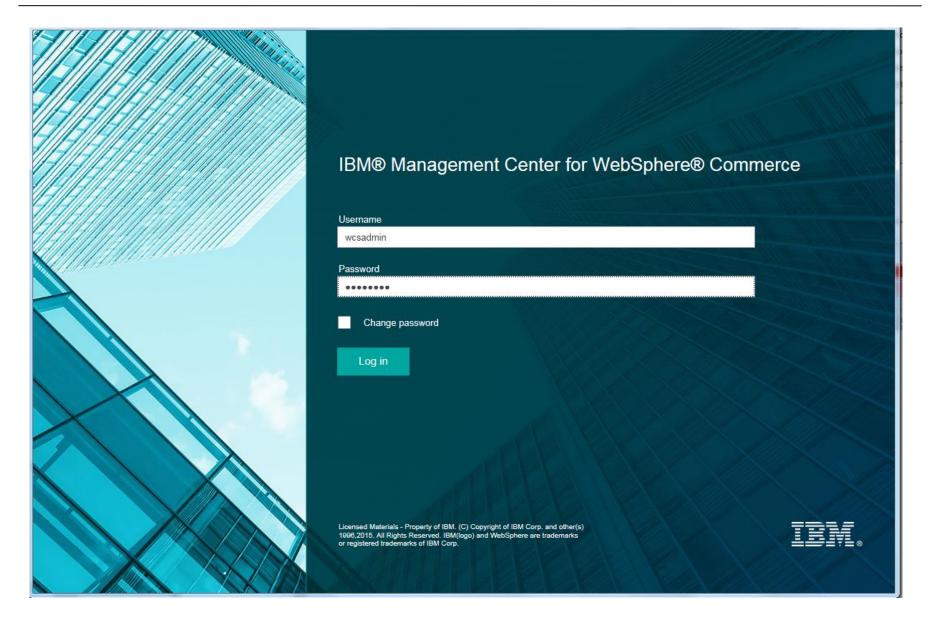
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- The dojo AMD loader is used to load predefined modules and definition modules
- The dojo declare feature is used to create classes
- No dojo widgets used

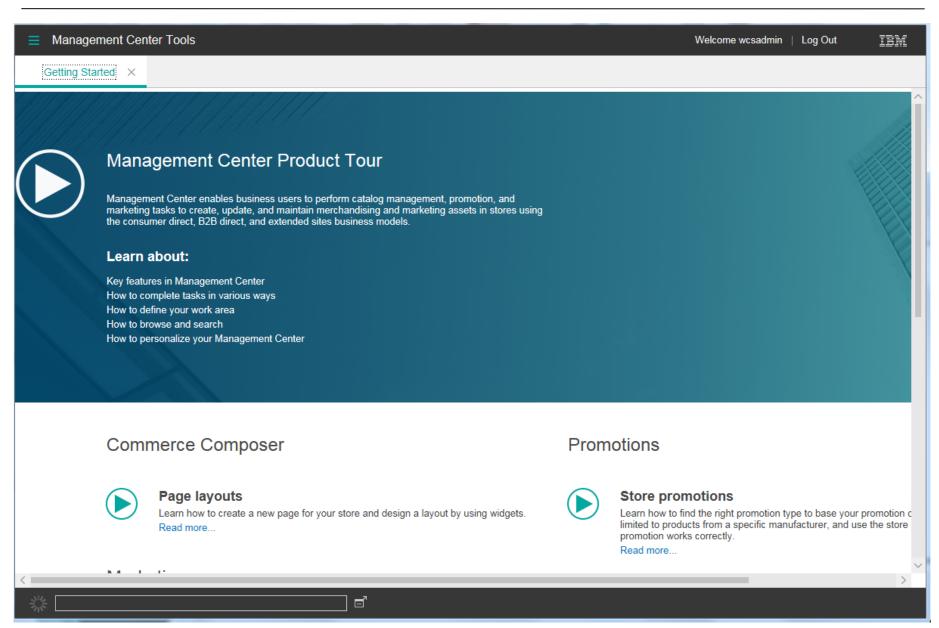


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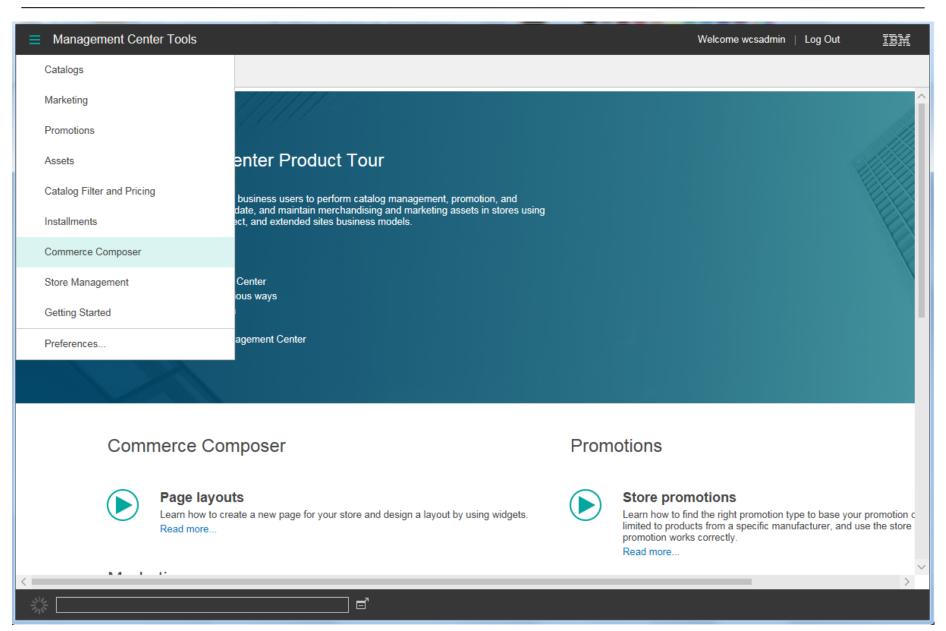




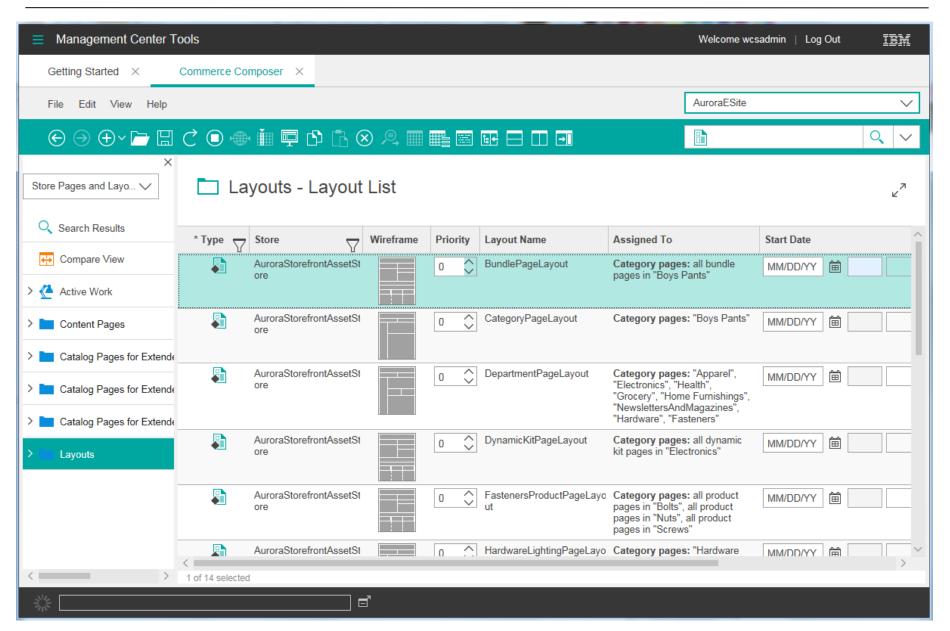








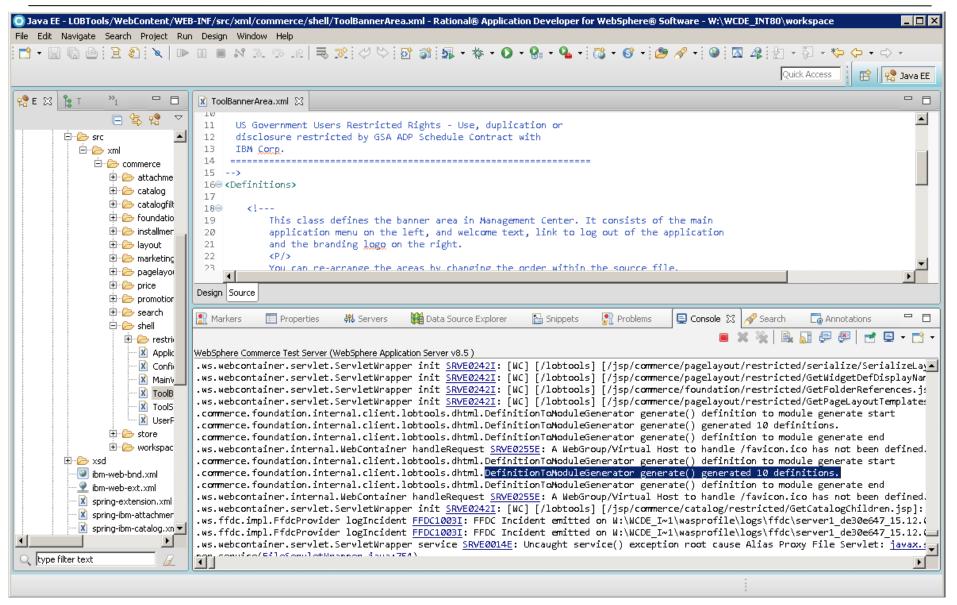






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Customization

- To customize Management Center UI you will need knowledge of JavaScript, XML, and the Management Center Framework
- Management Center definitions are xml files in LOBTools/WebContent/WEB-INF/src/xml
- New definition files with new definitions can be added under this directory
- Out of the box definition files that are NOT under a "restricted" directory can be modified directly
- Clients can define new business tools and new business objects or extend existing business objects and business tools
- Changes to definition files are detected by the AMD Module Servlet based on file timestamp
 - No need to restart the server
 - You are required to clear the browser cache and re-launch Management Center
- Custom Spring controllers are configured in spring-extension.xml (including overriding out of the box configurations)



Adoption

- New customers can adopt and customize V8 Management Center immediately
- Migration tools for existing customers coming soon
- Customers with existing Management Center UI customizations can do one of the following
 - Re-apply their customizations manually
 - Use their existing V7 FEP8 LOBTools.war with V8 while they wait for the migration tools



Assumptions

- Management Center has the same level of accessibility as Version 7
- DHTML Management Center is not a re-write it is a port so features and behaviors are mostly unchanged from Version 7
- Similar level of BIDI support as Version 7
 - You can input/modify BIDI text
 - No mirroring support for UI



Troubleshooting

- Launch Management Center with logger.display=true to enable client logging and tracing features
- Use browser console (e.g. firebug) to find unhandled exceptions
- Use JavaScript script debuggers to debug custom JavaScript
- Use server trace: com.ibm.commerce.foundation.client.lobtools
- Check server logs when you change a definition. If the file can't be parsed errors will be logged.



References

- The Knowledge Center contains updated tutorials and documentation
- Start here: http://www-01.ibm.com/support/knowledgecenter/SSZLC2_8.0.0/com.ibm.commerce.managementcenter_customization.doc/concepts/ctf_managementcenter_framework_overview.htm



Other sessions related to WC V8 and Commerce Insights

Date	Time	Session	Topics	Speaker(s)
Mon 30 Nov	10:00-12:00 ET	Overview	Overview session, covering all that is new in WC V8 and CI	Nicolai Nielsen
Tue 01 Dec	10:00-12:00 ET	Commerce Insights	Functionality and on-boarding for Commerce Insights	Katherine Langdon Karson Ng Daisy Tan
Wed 02 Dec	10:00-12:00 ET	Management Center	New framework and UI for IBM Management Center	Bruce Baker Judy Chan
Thu 03 Dec	10:00-12:00 ET	Stack Changes	Changes in the stack, licensing, and removed features in WC V8	Nicolai Nielsen
Fri 04 Dec	10:00-12:00 ET	Migration	Migration approach and tooling in WC V8	Nicolai Nielsen
Mon 07 Dec	10:00-12:00 ET	Customer Service	Overview of the new Aurora Customer Service tools	Guru Shamanna Karson Ng
Tue 08 Dec	10:00-11:00 ET	Social Commerce Accelerators	Coverage for the Social Commerce Accelerators (note: not V8-specific)	Nicolai Nielsen
Tue 08 Dec	11:00-12:00 ET	New Maintenance Strategy		Nicolai Nielsen

Also: Internet Retailer Webinar, hosted by IBM on December 2 at 2pm ET: Turning Commerce Data into Online Merchandising Insight

https://www.internetretailer.com/webinars/turning-commerce-data-online-merchandising-insight/



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