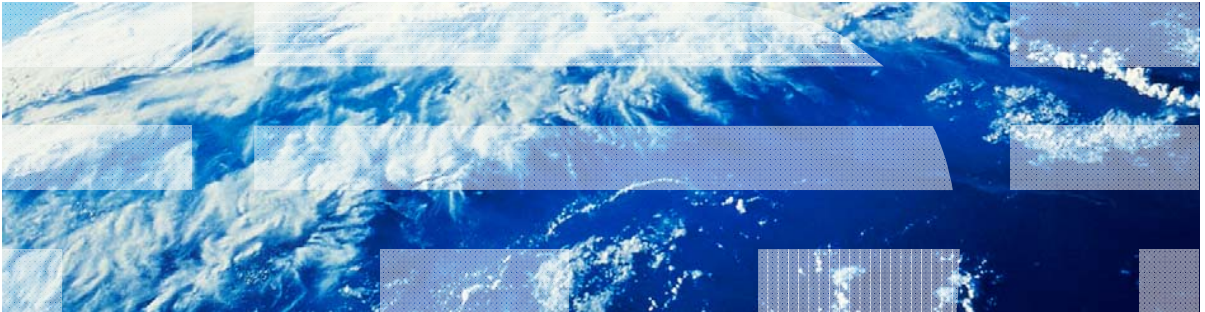


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Adapter framework overview



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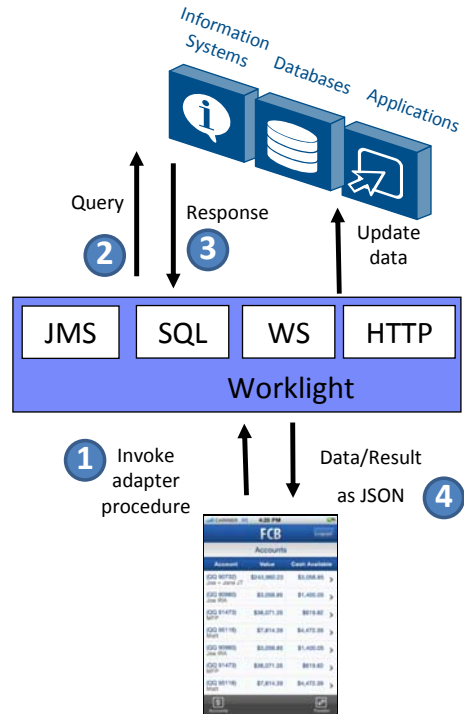
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Adapters overview

- An adapter is a transport layer that is used by the Worklight® Platform to connect to various back-end systems.
- Adapters are used to:
 - Retrieve information
 - Perform actions
- Adapters that are provided with the product:
 - SQL adapter
 - HTTP adapter (supports both REST and SOAP)
 - Cast Iron® adapter
 - JMS adapter



Benefits

- Universality
 - Supports multiple integration technologies and back-end information systems
- Read-only as well and Transactional Capabilities
 - Adapters support read-only and transactional access modes to back-end systems
- Fast Development
 - Use simple XML syntax and easily configured with JavaScript™ API
- Security
 - Use of flexible authentication facilities to create connections with back-end systems
 - Adapters offer control over the identity of the connected user
- Scalability
 - Adapters reduce the number of transactions on back-end systems by using cache to store retrieved back-end data
- Transparency
 - Data that are retrieved from back-end applications is exposed in a uniform manner regardless of the adapter type

Adapter anatomy

- Each Worklight adapter consists of:
 - An XML file, describing the connectivity options and listing the procedures that are exposed to the application or other adapters.
 - A JavaScript file, containing the implementation of procedures that are declared in the XML file.
 - Zero or more XSL files, containing a transformation scheme for retrieved raw XML data.
- Data that are retrieved by an adapter can be returned raw or preprocessed by the adapter itself. In both cases, it is presented to the application as a JSON object.

Adapter anatomy: procedures

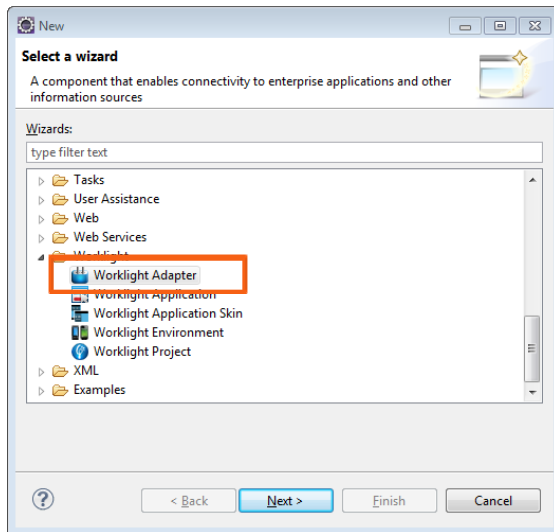
- Procedures provide Adapter functions to the application
- Procedures call back-end services to retrieve data or to perform actions
- Procedures are declared in XML and are implemented with server-side JavaScript
- Using server-side JavaScript, a procedure can process the data before or after it calls the service
- Additional filtering can be applied to retrieved data with simple XSLT
- Usually, adapter procedures are implemented in JavaScript, but since an adapter is a server-side entity, it is possible to use Java snippets in the adapter code

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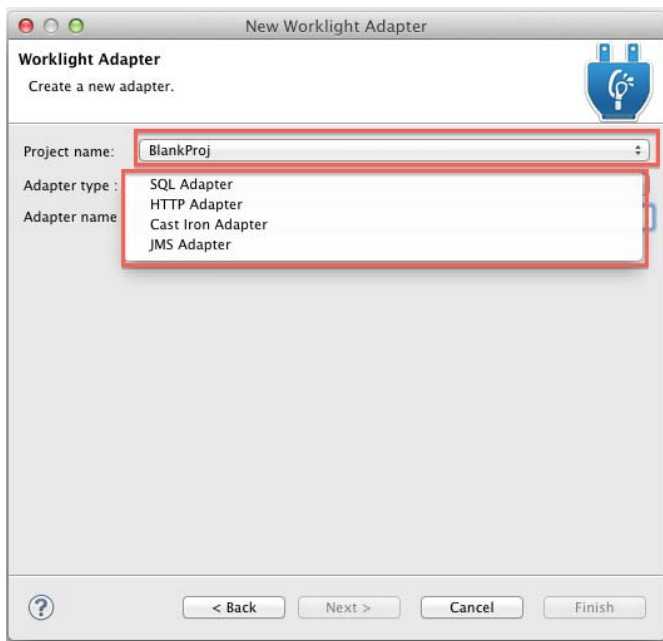
Creating an adapter

- Right-click the Worklight Project node
- Add a new Worklight adapter



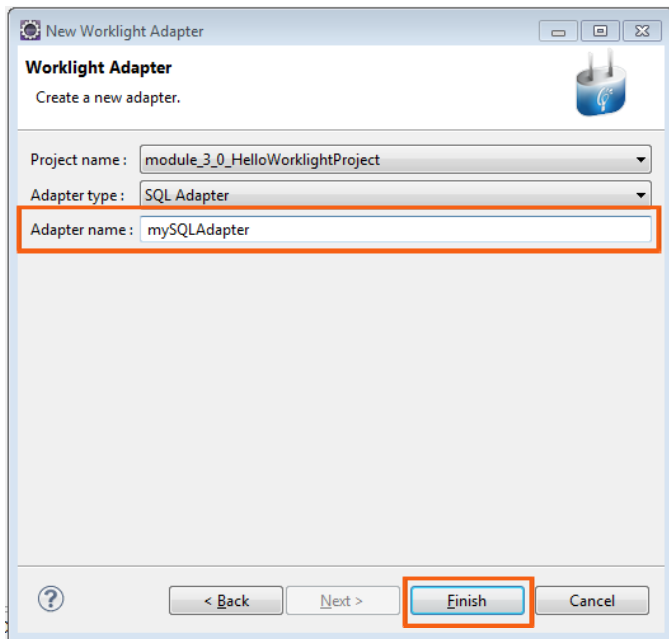
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- Select a Worklight project
- Select an Adapter type



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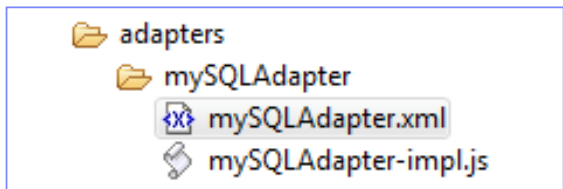
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- Click **Finish**



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- The result
 - XML files, which declare procedures and connection properties
 - A JavaScript file, which defines procedures and the adapter logic

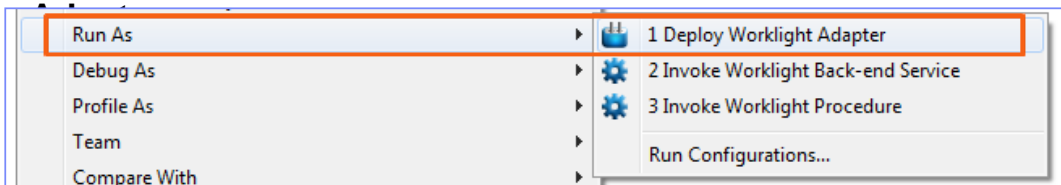


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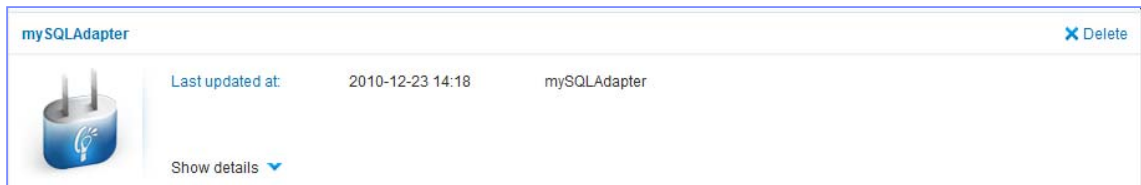
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Adapter deployment

- Select an adapter to deploy
- Right-click the adapter and then **Run As > Deploy Worklight**

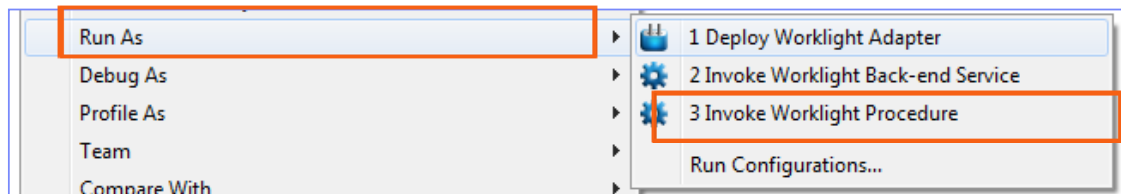


- The Worklight Studio archives the adapter code and deploys it onto the Worklight Server
- You can see the deployed adapter in the Worklight Console



Testing the adapter procedures

- Use the Worklight Studio to test the adapter procedures
- To run a procedure test, click **Invoke Worklight Procedure** from the **Run As** menu



Testing the adapter procedures

- Select the procedure that you want to test
- Enter comma-separated procedure parameters
- Click **Run**

The screenshot shows the 'Edit Configuration' dialog box with the following details:

- Title bar: Edit Configuration
- Section: Edit configuration and launch.
- Name: Invoke Procedure (21)
- Tab: Invoke Procedure Data (selected), WorkLight Server configuration
- Project name: HelloWorklight
- Adapter name: mySQLAdapter
- Procedure name: procedure1
- Signature: procedure1 (param)
- Parameters (comma-separated): 1, "john", true
- Buttons: Apply, Revert, Run, Close

Orange boxes highlight the 'Procedure name' dropdown, the 'Parameters' text area, and the 'Run' button.

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Reviewing the adapter structure: XML

```
<wl:adapter name="mySQLAdapter" >
```

```
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```

```
<description />
```

```
<connectivity>
```

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The adapter Name is a required attribute.

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Connectivity

- Defines the connection properties and load constraints of the back-end system
- When the back-end system requires user authentication, this element defines how user credentials are obtained

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Procedures

Declare a service for accessing a back-end application. One entry for each adapter procedure.

Reviewing the adapter structure: JavaScript

- Each procedure declared in the adapter XML file must have a corresponding function in the JS file
- WL.Server API defines a procedure logic in JavaScript

```
17 <procedure name="procedure1"/>  
18 <procedure name="procedure2"/>
```

XML File

```
8 var procedure1Statement =  
9 WL.Server.createStatement("select COLUMN1, COLUMN2 from TABLE1 where COLUMN3 = ?");  
10 function procedure1(param) {  
11     return WL.Server.invokeSQLStatement({  
12         preparedStatement : procedure1Statement,  
13         parameters : [param]  
14     });  
15 }
```

JS File

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