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AEM Communities and Sling
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- Introduction
- Challenges of UGC and personalized content
- Storage Resource Provider (SRP)
- Social Component Framework (SCF)
- Future

What is AEM Communities

- Create and manage online communities
- Components for users to engage and collaborate with each other
- Large scale User Generated Content
- Rich, interactive and personalized components

AEM Communities – an Overview

Administration

Site Wizard

Site
Templates

Group
Templates

Bulk
Moderation

In-Context
Moderation

Member
Mgmt.

Responsive
Design

Analytics

Members

Profiles

Scores

Badges

Activities

Notifications

Messages

Social Graph

Social Logins

Functions

Forums

QnA

Blogs

Calendars

Files

NewsFeeds

Groups

Assignment

Catalog

Commons

Comments

Reviews

Ratings

Votes

Tags

Attachments

Search

Translations

Enablement

Resources
Management

Learning Paths
Management

SCORM Engine

Video Analytics

Progress
Reporting

Assignments
Reporting

Platform

ASRP/Cloud Storage

JSRP/JCR Storage

MSRP/Mongo Storage

User and Group Sync



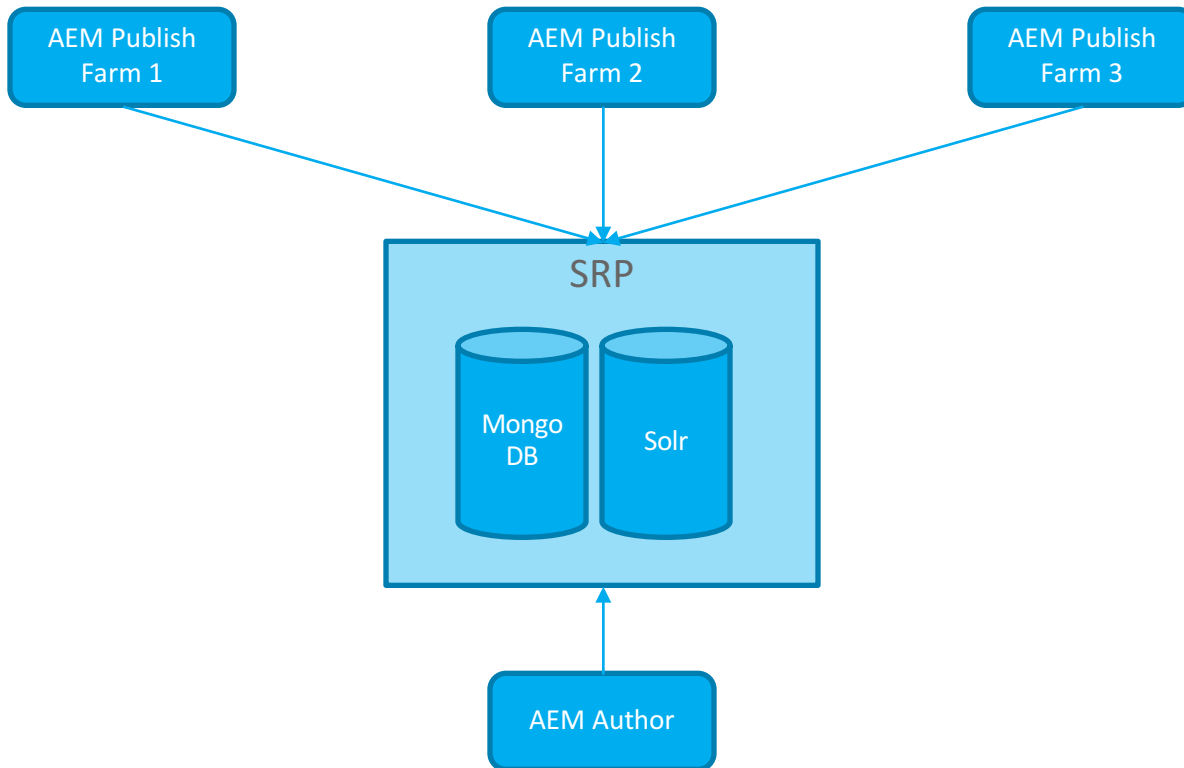
Demo

Challenges with UGC

- **Large volume of uncontrolled writes**
- Content gets created on multiple publish instances and needs to be synced
- Replication became a bottleneck
- Writes and reads need to be fast
- Search needed to scale for high volume of content

Common Store for UGC

Common Store



* MSRP - shown in figure

- Implements various Sling Resource Provider APIs

```
public interface SocialResourceProvider extends ResourceProvider, ModifyingResourceProvider,  
    QueryableResourceProvider {
```

- Provides read, write and search APIs for UGC
- Multiple implementations for various storage options
- Supports atomic increments and pagination
- Search is provided by integrating with Solr

<https://docs.adobe.com/docs/en/aem/6-2/develop/communities/essentials/srp.html>

Storage Options

- JSRP – UGC stored in local JCR repository
 - Low volume
- ASRP – data is stored via Adobe hosted cloud service
 - Medium volume, managed by Adobe
- MSRP – UGC is sent to a MongoDB setup dedicated for UGC. Solr is used to support search
 - High volume, self managed

Example usage of SRP

- Write to a SRP

```
Map<String, Object> props = new HashMap<String, Object>(5);
props.put("jcr:description", text);
props.put("jcr:date", date);

// use the Resource API to create resource to make this data store agnostic
Resource item;
try {
    item =
        srp.create(resolver, sru.resourceToUGCStoragePath(todolist) + "/" + owner + "/"
            + createUniqueNameHint(text), props);
    resolver.commit();
} catch (final PersistenceException e) {
    LOG.error("Unable to create todo item", e);
    throw new OperationException("Unable to create todo item", 500);
}
```

Search using SRP

```
final UgcFilter filter = new UgcFilter();
stateGroup.addConstraint(new ValueConstraint<Boolean>("isDone_b", Boolean.TRUE));
filter.and(stateGroup);
filter.and(pathFilters);
filter.addSort(new UgcSort("added", Direction.Asc));
final UgcSearch search = todoListComponent.getResourceResolver().adaptTo(UgcSearch.class);
try {
    SearchResults<Resource> results =
        search.find(null, todoListComponent.getResourceResolver(), filter, 0, 100000, true);
    this.filteredSize = Math.toIntExact(results.getTotalNumberOfResults());
    return results.getResults().iterator();
} catch (final RepositoryException e) {
```

Social Component Framework

Why did we build a framework

- Need for dynamic, rich and interactive components
- User generated content needs to be cached but still personalized
- Search engine friendly – community content discovery is largely via search engines
- Reduce complexity and time to customize and extend components
 - Customizing OOTB components to fit customer's design should be easy
 - Extending functionality should not mean large projects
 - Should be very easy to customize look and feel and UX
 - Need for re-usability
- Integrate with legacy systems or other custom applications
 - Inherently support a HTTP API

What does our component framework do?

Provides a **collection of services, APIs and patterns** that enable developers to create dynamic components. Components built using the framework are easy to **customize, extend and reuse.**

Skinnable

Simple/Reusable Templates

HTTP API

Server Side Extensibility

Dynamic Content

Client Side Extensibility

SEO Friendly

Client Side Rendering

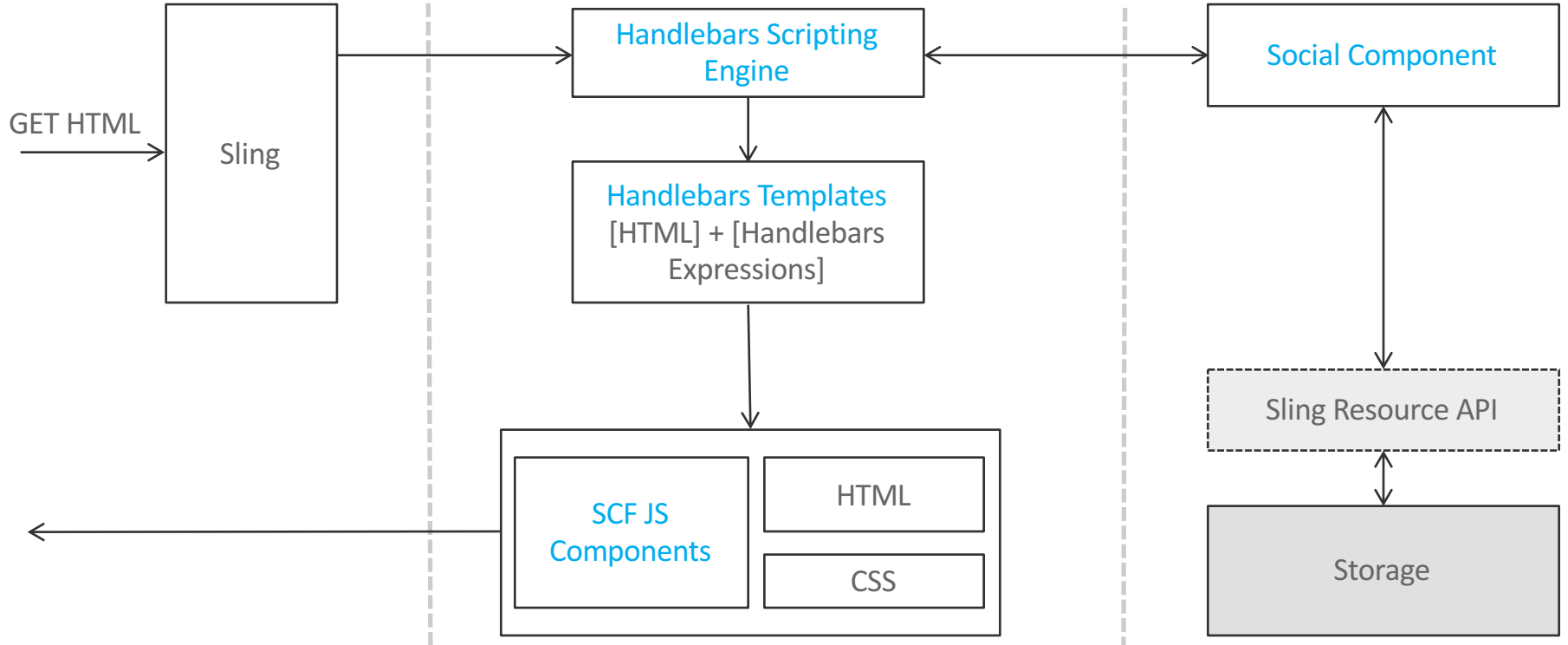


Demo

Illustrates how to build a SocialComponent that reads/writes/searches UGC using the SRP storage options

<https://github.com/Adobe-Marketing-Cloud/aem-communities-todomvc-sample>

GET Request



Example SocialComponent

```
/**
 * A Social Component that represents a single todo item
 */
public interface TodoItem extends SocialComponent {

    /**
     * @return the text of the todo item
     */
    String getItemText();

    /**
     * @return true if the item is still pending, false if the item has been completed
     */
    boolean isActive();
}

public class TodoItemImpl extends BaseSocialComponent implements TodoItem {

    private final ValueMap itemProps;

    public TodoItemImpl(Resource resource, ClientUtilities clientUtils) {
        super(resource, clientUtils);
        itemProps = resource.adaptTo(ValueMap.class);
    }

    @Override
    public String getItemText() {
        return itemProps.get("item-description", "");
    }
}
```

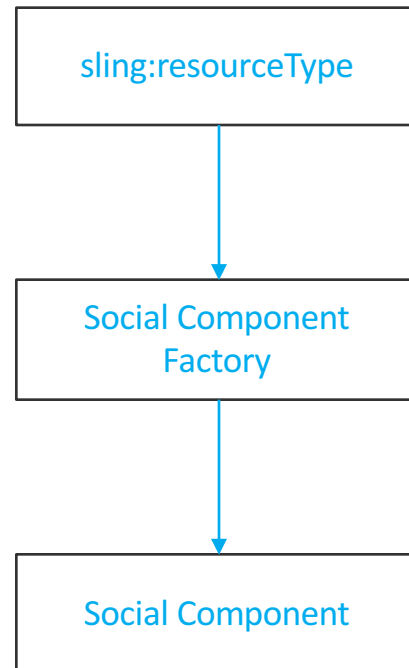
Social Component

Registering a SocialComponent

```
@Service
@Component
public class TodoItemFactory extends AbstractSocialComponentFactory implements SocialComponentFactory {

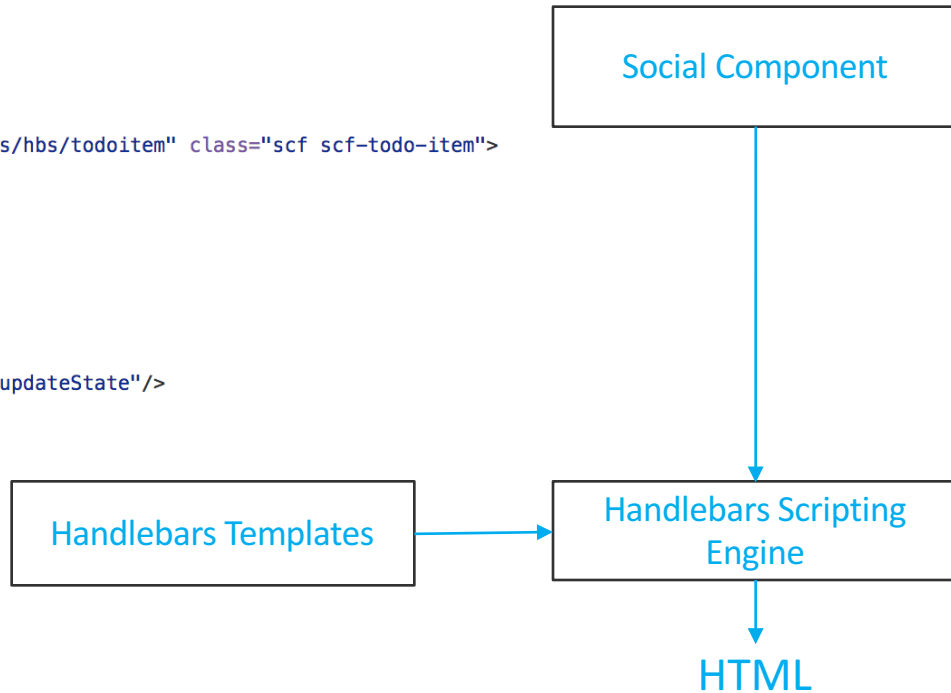
    @Override
    public SocialComponent getSocialComponent(final Resource item) {
        return new TodoItemImpl(item, getClientUtilities(item.getResourceResolver()));
    }

    @Override
    public String getSupportedResourceType() {
        return "scf-todo/components/hbs/todoitem";
    }
}
```

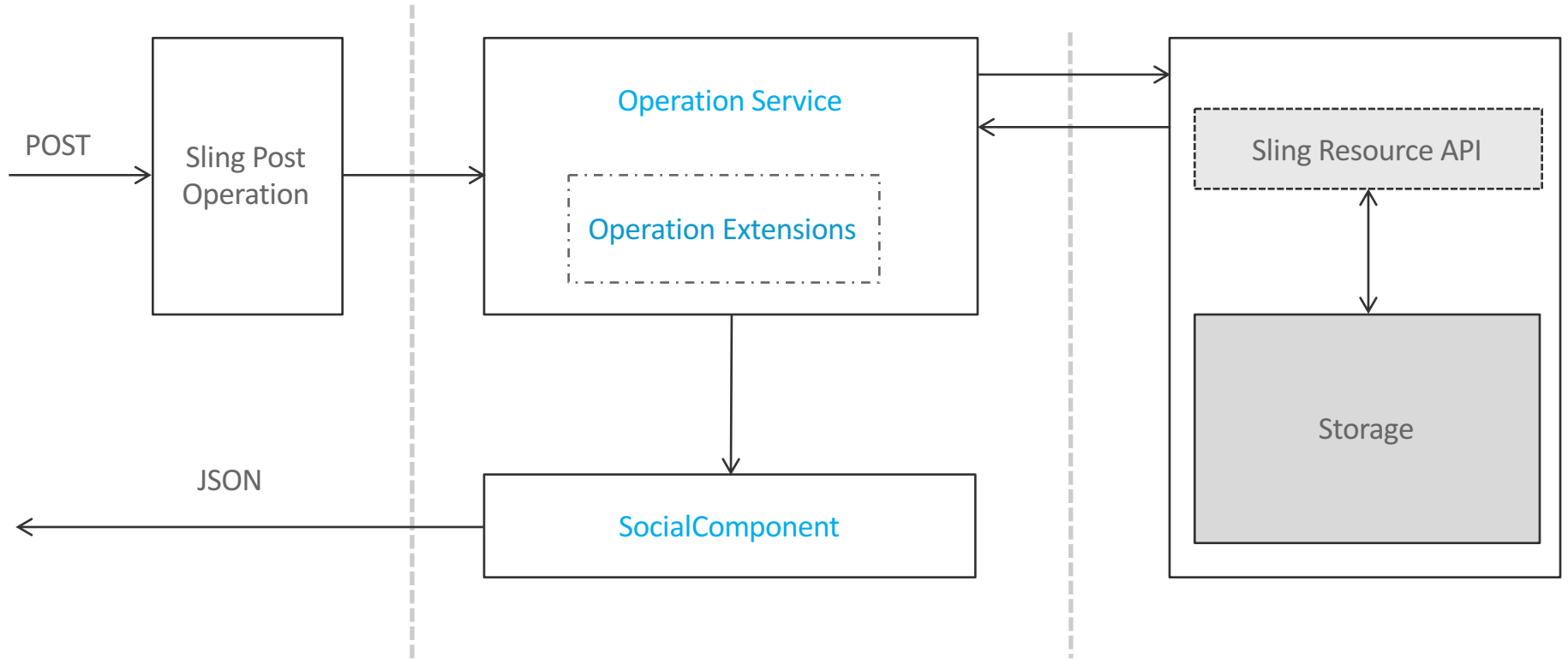


Handlebars Template

```
<li data-component-id="{{id}}" data-scf-component="scf-todo/components/hbs/todoitem" class="scf scf-todo-item">
  {{#if active}}
    <div class="scf-todo-item-content">
      <input type="checkbox" evt="change=updateState"/>
      <span>{{itemText}}</span>
    </div>
  {{else}}
    <div class="scf-todo-item-content scf-is-done">
      <input type="checkbox" checked="checked" evt="change=updateState"/>
      <span>{{itemText}}</span>
    </div>
  {{/if}}
</li>
```



POST Request



SocialComponents as RESTful endpoints

```
{  
  "id": "/content/usergenerated/asi/mongo/content/todos/jcr:content/todos/jdoe@geometrix.info/wFox4e-my-very-first-todo-t",  
  "properties": { ... }, // 9 items  
  "itemText": "my very first todo to get done",  
  "active": true,  
  "resourceType": "scf-todo/components/hbs/todoitem",  
  "url": "/content/usergenerated/asi/mongo/content/todos/jcr:content/todos/jdoe@geometrix.info/wFox4e-my-very-first-todo-t.social.json"  
}
```

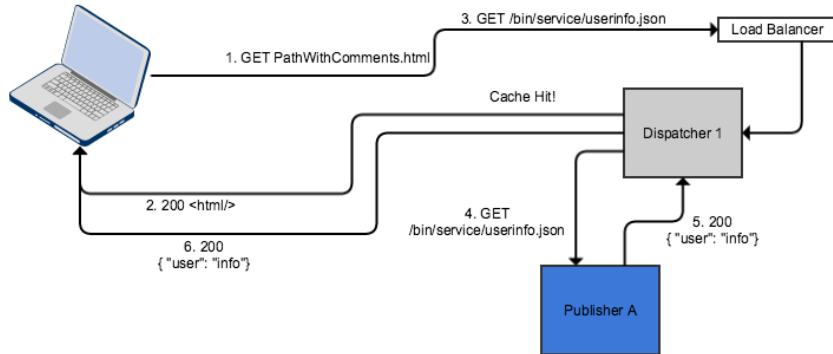


Customizing/Extending OOTB Components

- Skinning
 - Only need to change the CSS
- Look and Feel and UX
 - Change template, CSS and extend/override JavaScript Models and Views
- Make more/less information available to the template or to the GET endpoint
 - Extend the OOTB SocialComponent(only need to add/subtract what you need)
 - Register custom SocialComponent for component resourceType
- Add some custom processing during operations
 - Write an OperationExtension
 - Listen for OSGi events
- Add a new custom operation
 - Create new Sling Post Operation
 - Use existing Operation Services as needed
- Integrating with 3rd party services
 - Use HTTP endpoints for Create/Edit/Delete
 - Use /path/to/resource.social.json to read and present resources

Caching and Dynamic Content

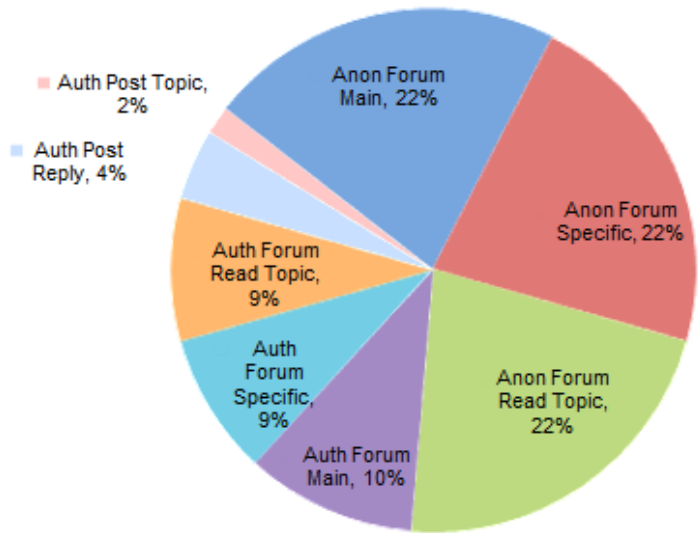
Caching and Personalizing views



- Server rendered component is cached for anonymous users
- Components re-rendered on client side after side loading user specific information
- Caches are flushed by listening for OSGi events that update UGC

SCF+SRP Performance

transaction proportions
ForumMixedTransactions.jmx



- JCR with Replication + Fully server rendered components (JSP)
 - CRX2
 - 2 node active/passive cluster
 - **5 transactions per second**
- SRP - SCF for components + MSRP (Mongo + Solr) for UGC
 - OAK (for content and component nodes)
 - 4 node publish farm
 - Dispatcher
 - **100 transactions per second**

What's next?

- SCF and SlingModels
 - resourceType to SlingModel binding - SLING-5992
 - “export” JSON serialization of SlingModel (.export.json)
- SCF Next
 - Extend SlingModels
 - Optimized JSON views
 - Opensource SCF?

Thank You