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All about APEX Metadata

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locations)

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Clients

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Locations

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3. Settings & Checks on Metadata
4. Quality Assurance on Metadata
5. Export / Import with Metadata

Introduction into Metadata

“data that provides
information about other
data”



Metadata is the key

- APEX has its own scheme
- Your App is Metadata
- App Definition is divided from App Logic and
App Data

APEX_230200

- wwv_flow...
- wwv_flow_ir

APEX_240100

- wwv_flow...
- wwv_flow_ir

APEX_240200

- wwv_flow...
- wwv_flow_ir

don't use wwv_...

use

apex_...

apex_appl_...

apex_application_...

Oracle APEX Views



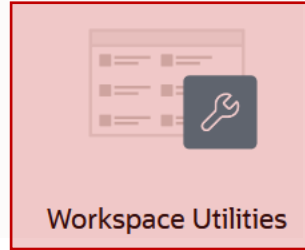
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Import





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Workspace Utilities

Workspace Utilities \ APEX Views

Report View Tree View

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View ↑≡	Comment
APEX_APPLICATIONS	Applications defined in the current workspace or database user.
APEX_APPLICATION_ALL_AUTH	All authorization schemes for all components by Application
APEX_APPLICATION_AUTH	Identifies the available Authentication Schemes defined for an Application
APEX_APPLICATION_AUTHORIZATION	Identifies Authorization Schemes which can be applied at the application, page or component level
APEX_APPLICATION_BC_ENTRIES	Identifies Breadcrumb Entries which map to a Page and identify a pages parent
APEX_APPLICATION_BREADCRUMBS	Identifies the definition of a collection of Breadcrumb Entries which are used to identify a page Hierarchy
APEX_APPLICATION_BUILD_OPTIONS	Identifies Build Options available to an application
APEX_APPLICATION_CACHING	Applications defined in the current workspace or database user.
APEX_APPLICATION_COMPUTATIONS	Identifies Application Computations which can run for every page or on login
APEX_APPLICATION_GROUPS	Application Groups defined per workspace. Applications can be associated with an application group.
APEX_APPLICATION_ITEMS	Identifies Application Items used to maintain session state that are not associated with a page
APEX_APPLICATION_LISTS	Identifies a named collection of Application List Entries which can be included on any page using a region of type List. Display attributes are controlled using a List Template.
APEX_APPLICATION_LIST_ENTRIES	Identifies the List Entries which define a List. List Entries can be hierarchical or flat.
APEX_APPLICATION_LOCKED_PAGES	Locked pages of an application
APEX_APPLICATION_LOVS	Identifies a shared list of values that can be referenced by a Page Item or Report Column



Oracle APEX Views

Query the various views against Oracle APEX metadata.

Workspace Utilities \ APEX Views

Report View Tree View

- ✓ APEX_WORKSPACES
 - > APEX_APPLICATIONS
 - > APEX_DG_BLUEPRINTS
 - > APEX_ISSUES
 - APEX_ISSUE_EMAIL_PREFS
 - > APEX_ISSUE_LABEL_GROUPS
 - APEX_ISSUE_MILESTONES
 - ✓ APEX_REST_CATALOG_GROUPS
 - ✓ APEX_REST_CATALOGS
 - APEX_REST_CATALOG_PLUGINS
 - APEX_REST_CATALOG_SERVICES

Handling Views

- evolution of Views
 1. apex_application_pages
 2. apex_appl_page_igs

- use “autocompletion”

- data based on
 1. application_id
 2. page_id

- label

- display_sequence

Pages by Application

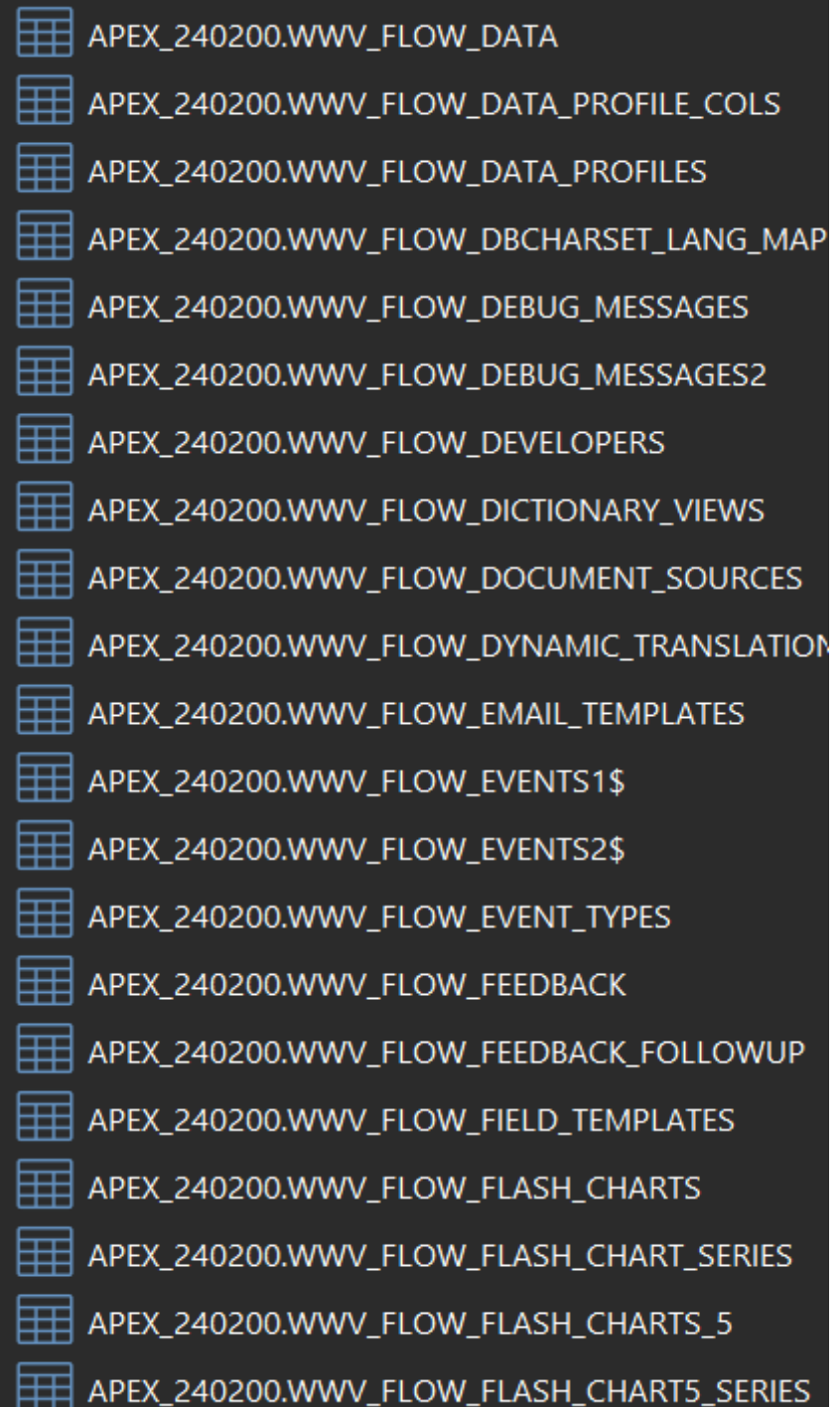
```
select p.page_name
       ,p.page_id
from apex_application_pages p
where p.application_id = 133
order by page_name
```

Items by Page with Regions

```
select i.page_id, i.page_name, i.region, i.item_name, i.label
from apex_application_page_items i
join apex_application_page_regions r on r.region_id = i.region_id
where i.application_id = 133
order by i.page_name
       ,r.display_sequence
       ,i.display_sequence
```

APEX Metadata don'ts

- never change APEX Metadata objects
- never create copy of objects
 - ⇒ APEX Upgrade will fail
- never manipulate APEX Metadata
 - ⇒ Relations to other attributes might be broken
- APEX Import validates Metadata



APEX_240200.WWV_FLOW_DATA
APEX_240200.WWV_FLOW_DATA_PROFILE_COLS
APEX_240200.WWV_FLOW_DATA_PROFILES
APEX_240200.WWV_FLOW_DBCHARSET_LANG_MAP
APEX_240200.WWV_FLOW_DEBUG_MESSAGES
APEX_240200.WWV_FLOW_DEBUG_MESSAGES2
APEX_240200.WWV_FLOW_DEVELOPERS
APEX_240200.WWV_FLOW_DICTIONARY_VIEWS
APEX_240200.WWV_FLOW_DOCUMENT_SOURCES
APEX_240200.WWV_FLOW_DYNAMIC_TRANSLATION
APEX_240200.WWV_FLOW_EMAIL_TEMPLATES
APEX_240200.WWV_FLOW_EVENTS1\$
APEX_240200.WWV_FLOW_EVENTS2\$
APEX_240200.WWV_FLOW_EVENT_TYPES
APEX_240200.WWV_FLOW_FEEDBACK
APEX_240200.WWV_FLOW_FEEDBACK_FOLLOWUP
APEX_240200.WWV_FLOW_FIELD_TEMPLATES
APEX_240200.WWV_FLOW_FLASH_CHARTS
APEX_240200.WWV_FLOW_FLASH_CHART_SERIES
APEX_240200.WWV_FLOW_FLASH_CHARTS_5
APEX_240200.WWV_FLOW_FLASH_CHART5_SERIES

APEX_ADMINISTRATOR_ROLE

- It's a database role
- `grant APEX_ADMINISTRATOR_ROLE to my_schema;`
- access all APEX Metadata over all Workspaces

- Documentation
 - App Builder User's Guide
 - [23.4 About Utilizing Database Reporting](#)
 - [24.2.7 Controlling the Debug Level for an Instance](#)
 - [21.1.3.10 Restricting Password Reuse](#)

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RESET_PASSWORD Procedure

March 5, 2025 • matches the current password or it is NULL and the owner of the calling PL/SQL code has **APEX_ADMINISTRATOR_ROLE**. If the value is not the user's password,

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REMOVE_MENU_ENTRY Procedure

March 5, 2025 • Procedure This procedure removes an existing builder extension menu link entry. Requires the **APEX_ADMINISTRATOR_ROLE**. Syntax

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APEX_INSTANCE_ADMIN

March 5, 2025 • can be executed by the SYS or SYSTEM database users and any database user granted the role **APEX_ADMINISTRATOR_ROLE**. Available Parameter Values

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ADD_MENU_ENTRY Procedure

March 5, 2025 • ADD_MENU_ENTRY Procedure This procedure adds a builder extension menu link. Requires the **APEX_ADMINISTRATOR_ROLE**. Syntax

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About Web Credentials and APEX_WEB_SERVICE

March 5, 2025 • database users that are not mapped to any workspace unless they have been granted the role **APEX_ADMINISTRATOR_ROLE**. Examples Example

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APEX_MAIL

March 5, 2025 • database users that are not mapped to any workspace unless they have been granted the role **APEX_ADMINISTRATOR_ROLE**. Copy-- Example 1

Navigation on Metadata

Navigation Menu - static

- Maintain relation between pages by hand
- Same child Page not possible multiple times
- Navigation “Name” and Page “Name” different
- Navigation and Page Authorization different
- One Navigation for multiple apps

List: Navigation Menu

Show All Name List Entries Subscription Configuration Comments

Name

* Name ?

List Entries

1. Primary Report

Sequence	Icon	Name	Target	Level <input type="button" value="↑↓"/>	Parent Entry
10	fa-home	Sample Reports	Page 10	1	
20	fa-briefcase	Use Cases	Page 9	1	
30	fa-search-plus	SQL Examples	Page 39	1	
40	fa-flash	Analytic Functions	Page 21	1	
50	fa-gear	Administration	Page 36	1	
55		Interactive Report	Page 1	2	Sample Reports
60		Interactive Grid	Page 17	2	Sample Reports
63		Faceted Search	Page 42	2	Sample Reports
65		Cards	Page 41	2	Sample Reports
70		Classic Report	Page 3	2	Sample Reports
100		Drill Down Interactive Report	Page 6	2	Use Cases
105		Drill Down Interactive Grid	Page 40	2	Use Cases
110		Report Highlighting	Page 7	2	Use Cases
120		Interactive Report Query API	Page 11	2	Use Cases
130		Linking to Interactive Reports	Page 18	2	Use Cases
135		Linking to Interactive Grids	Page 37	2	Use Cases
140		Bind Variables	Page 15	2	Use Cases
150		Filtering	Page 5	2	Use Cases
160		Non-Tabular Templates	Page 13	2	Use Cases

Navigation Menu dynamic self defined structure

- define a table like NAVIGATION
- define n-m relation if multiple occurrences needed
- activate and deactivate
- order your pages
- and more attributes

```
create table NAVIGATION
(
  navi_id                number not null,
  navi_parent_id        number,
  navi_text              varchar2(100 char),
  navi_app_page_id      number,
  navi_status            number not null,
  navi_position          number,
  navi_help_text        varchar2(255 char),
  navi_comment           varchar2(2000 char),
  navi_class             varchar2(100 char),
  navi_items             varchar2(4000 char),
  navi_item_values       varchar2(4000 char)
);
```

Navigation Dynamic - table function -

- complex functionality encapsulated
- different menu structure by enduser
- custom highlighting

```
1  select
2  | n.level_
3  ,n.text          label
4  ,n.target        target
5  ,n.is_current    is_current_list_entry
6  ,n.image         image
7  ,'width0'       image_attribute
8  ,null           imageAltValue
9  ,null           attribute1
10 ,null           attribute2
11 ,null           attribute3
12 ,null           attribute4
13 ,n.html_classes attribute5
14 from table(navigation_pkg.fk_tf_navigation(
15 | pi_app_user     => :APP_USER
16 | ,pi_app_type    => :AI_APP_TYPE
17 | ,pi_app_id      => :APP_ID
18 | ,pi_apex_page_id => :APP_PAGE_ID
19 | ,pi_apex_session => :APP_SESSION
20 | ,pi_debug       => :DEBUG)) n
```

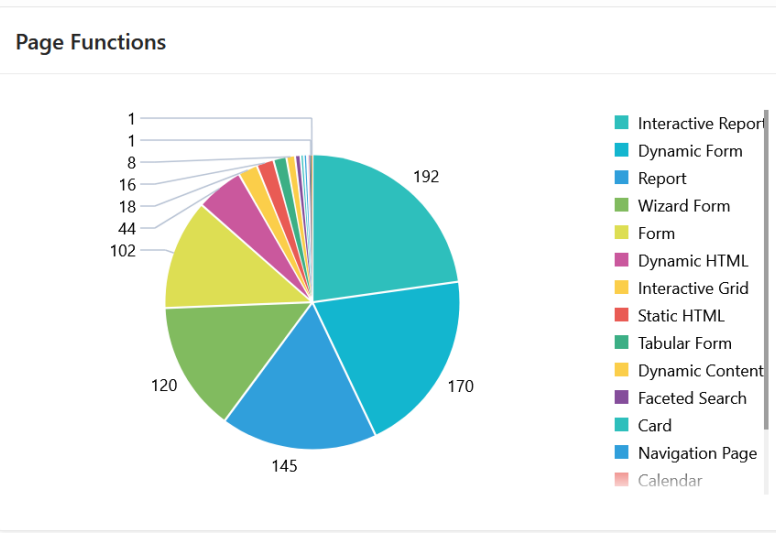
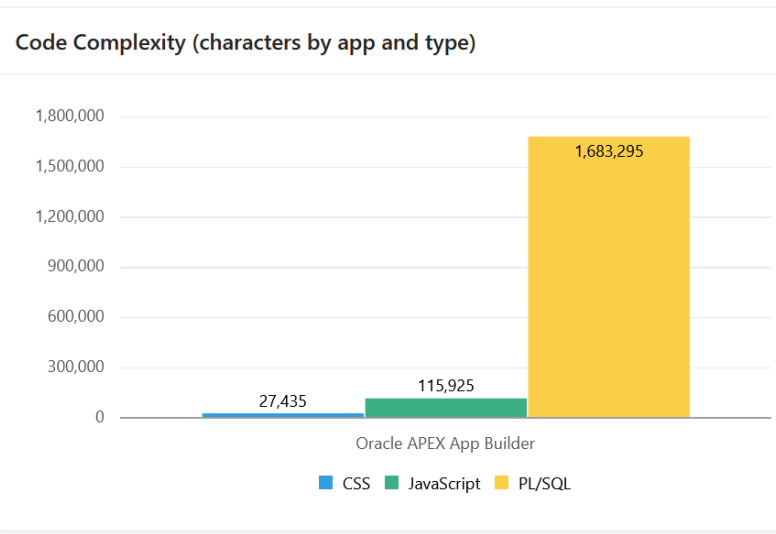
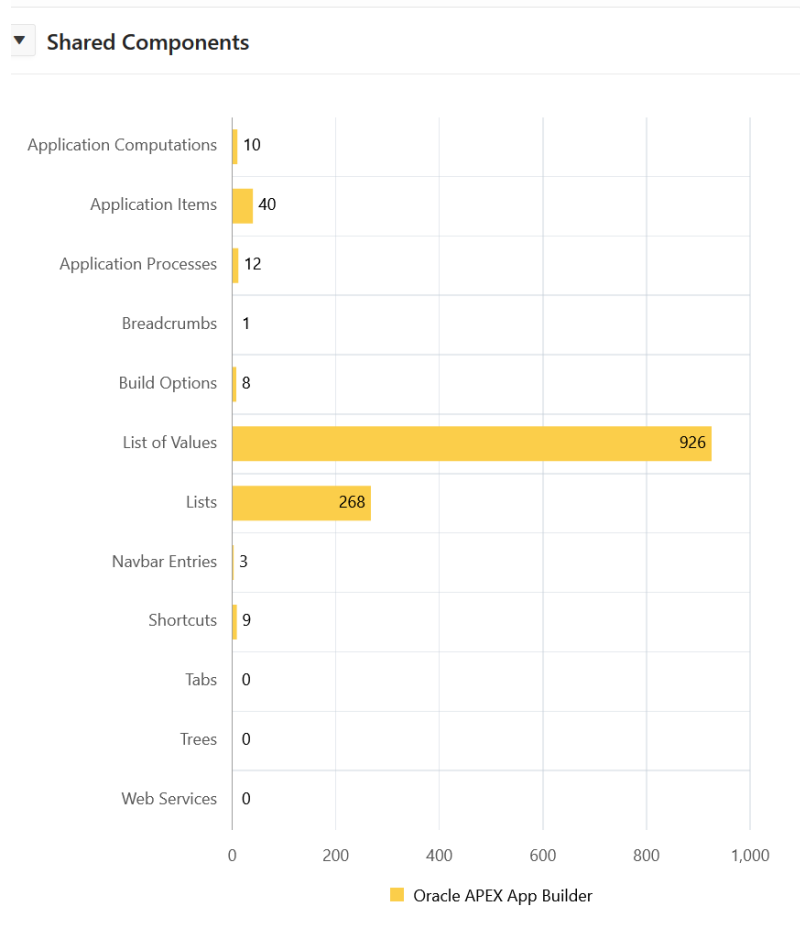

Settings on Metadata

APEX Visualizer

- Open-Source Tool
- Metadata driven checks
- View Layer for APEX Metadata
- <https://github.com/OliverLemm/apex-visualizer>

App Id	App Name ↑⇅	Alias	Owner	Version	Pages Overall	Simple Pages (less than 15 objects)	Normal Pages (15-50 objects)	Complex Pages (50-100 objects)	Very Complex Pages (100 and more objects)
4000	Oracle APEX App Builder	APP-BUILDER	APEX_240200	&PRODUCT_NAME. 24.2.3	851	489	284	55	23

1 - 1



get all JavaScript

- You can find JavaScript in
 1. Page HTML Header
 2. Page HTML onload
 3. Page JavaScript
 4. Region Header
 5. Region Footer
 6. Dynamic Action – JavaScript Expression
 7. Dynamic Action – JavaScript Action
 8. Button – “Target” (redirect URL)
 9. Static Files - *.js
 10. Plugin Files - *.js

```
-- Page HTML Header
select p.application_id
      ,p.page_id
      ,'Page HTML Header' component_name
      ,'page' component_type
      ,'page_html_header' js_code_type
      ,0 best_practice
      ,to_char(substr(p.page_html_header
                    ,0
                    ,3900)) js_code_vc2
      ,p.page_html_header js_code_clob
from apex_application_pages p
where p.page_html_header is not null
and instr(p.page_html_header
          , '<script' ) > 0
union all
-- Page HTML onload
select p.application_id
      ,p.page_id
      ,'Execute when Page Loads' component_name
      ,'page' component_type
      ,'page_html_onload' js_code_type
      ,0 best_practice
      ,p.page_html_onload js_code_vc2
      ,to_clob(p.page_html_onload) js_code_clob
from apex_application_pages p
where p.page_html_onload is not null
and instr(p.page_html_onload
          , '<script' ) > 0
union all
```

Quality Assurance on Metadata

Quasto - <https://github.com/mt-ag/quasto>

 quasto Public








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 dev ▼  16 Branches  8 Tags

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About

a project for checking guidelines and code quality for oracle databases

-  Readme
 -  MIT license
 -  Activity
 -  Custom properties
 -  9 stars
 -  9 watching
 -  3 forks
- [Report repository](#)

Releases 6

 **Release 24.1** Latest
on Jun 28

[+ 5 releases](#)

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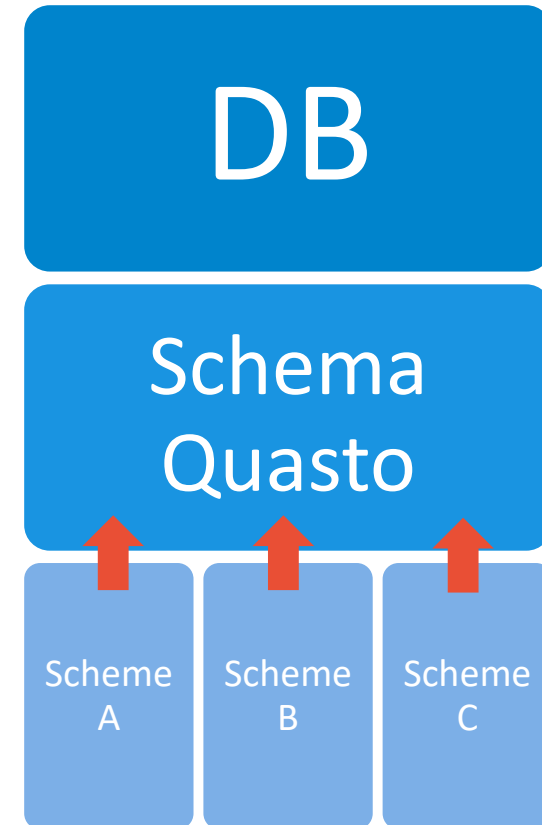
QUASTO - The Quality Assurance Tool for Oracle databases

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Quasto

- APEX App & DB Schema
- define Metadata driven Queries
- call from other scheme



Maintain rules in APEX App

Add/Edit Rule

Rule Number
1

Client Name
hyand

Name
Tables without PK

Category *
 APEX DATA DDL

Layer *
 APPLICATION DATABASE PAGE

Error Level *
 Error Info Warning

Active *

Comment

Error Message
The table has no Primary Key.

Object Types
TABLE

Exclude Objects

PROCESS, TABLE, VIEW, PACKAGE, PACKAGE BODY, ITEM
Use a colon (:) to separate each object type.

Use a colon (:) to separate each object.

```
SQL Statement
with param as
(select :1 scheme
,;2 qaru_id
,;3 qaru_category
,;4 qaru_error_level
,;5 qaru_object_types
,;6 qaru_error_message
,;7 qaru_sql
from dual)
select qa_rule_t(pi_qaru_id      => p.qaru_id
,pi_qaru_category             => p.qaru_category
,pi_qaru_error_level          => p.qaru_error_level
,pi_qaru_error_message        => p.qaru_error_message
,pi_qaru_object_types         => p.qaru_object_types
,pi_qaru_sql                  => p.qaru_sql
,pi_scheme_name               => p.scheme
,pi_object_id                 => ao.object_id
,pi_object_name               => ao.object_name
,pi_object_details            => ao.object_name || ' without primary key'
,pi_object_type               => 'TABLE'
,pi_object_value              => null
,pi_object_updated_user       => null
,pi_object_updated_date       => ao.last_ddl_time)
from param p
cross join all_tables at
join all_objects ao on at.table_name = ao.object_name
where (ao.owner = p.scheme or p.scheme is null)
and not exists (select null
from all_constraints cons
join all_cons_columns cols on cols.constraint_name = cons.constraint_name
where cols.table_name = at.table_name
and cons.constraint_type = 'P'
and cons.status = 'ENABLED')
```

Close Create

Example rule for Never Condition

Add/Edit Rule

Rule Number 3	Client Name hyand
Name Object with Never Condition	Category* <input checked="" type="radio"/> APEX <input type="radio"/> DATA <input type="radio"/> DDL
Layer* <input type="radio"/> APPLICATION <input type="radio"/> DATABASE <input checked="" type="radio"/> PAGE	Error Level* <input type="radio"/> Error <input type="radio"/> Info <input checked="" type="radio"/> Warning
Active* <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Comment	
Error Message Your object has a never Condition. Use Build Option or remove the object.	
Object Types PROCESS,ITEM,VALIDATION,DYNAMIC_ACTION	Exclude Objects

```
SQL Statement  
cross join (select 'ITEM' object_type  
,pi.application_id  
,pi.application_name  
,pi.page_id  
,pi.region_id  
,pi.item_id object_id  
,pi.item_name object_name  
,pi.condition_type_code object_value  
,pi.last_updated_by object_updated_user  
,pi.last_updated_on object_updated_date  
,pi.application_id as apex_app_id  
,pi.page_id as apex_page_id  
from apex_application_page_items pi  
where pi.condition_type_code = 'NEVER'  
union  
select 'REGION' object_type  
,pr.application_id  
,pr.application_name  
,pr.page_id  
,pr.region_id  
,pr.region_id object_id  
,pr.region_name object_name  
,pr.condition_type_code object_value  
,pr.last_updated_by object_updated_user  
,pr.last_updated_on object_updated_date  
,pr.application_id as apex_app_id  
,pr.page_id as apex_page_id  
from apex_application_page_regions pr  
where condition_type_code = 'NEVER'  
union  
select 'BUTTON' object_type  
,pb.application_id  
,pb.application_name  
,pb.page_id  
,pb.region_id  
,pb.button_id object_id  
,pb.button_name object_name  
,pb.condition_type_code object_value  
,pb.last_updated_by object_updated_user  
,pb.last_updated_on object_updated_date  
,pb.application_id as apex_app_id  
,pb.page_id as apex_page_id  
from apex_application_page_buttons pb  
where pb.condition_type_code = 'NEVER'  
union
```

use of global page

- run Metadata Queries on global Page
- only for testing purposes
- use developer session as condition

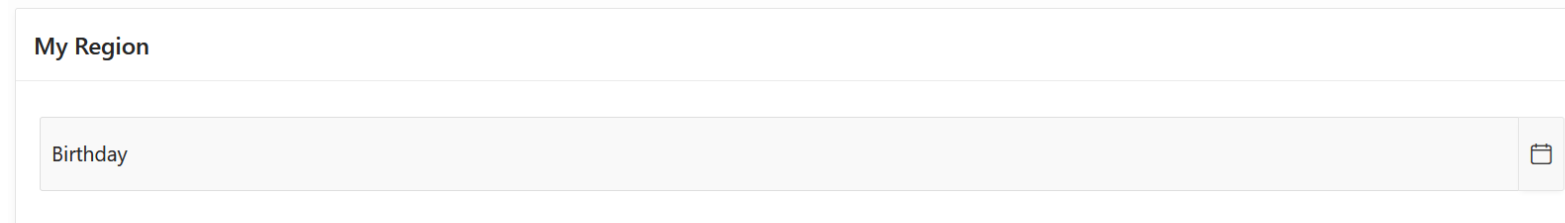
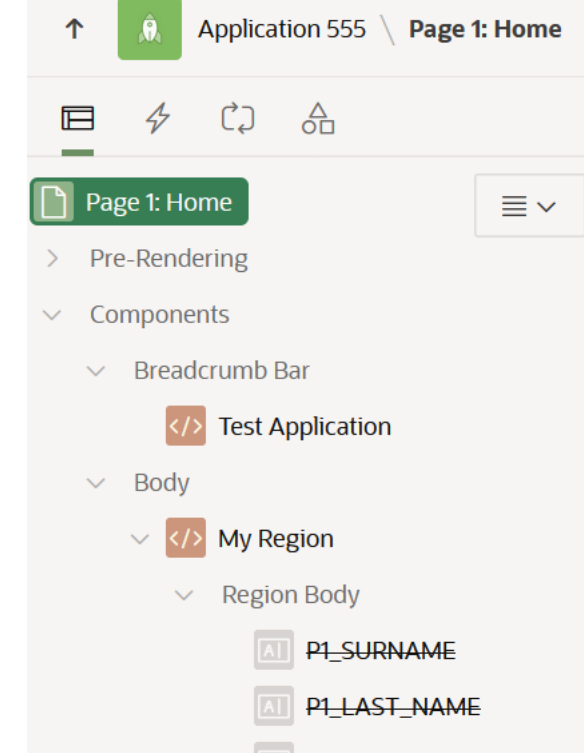
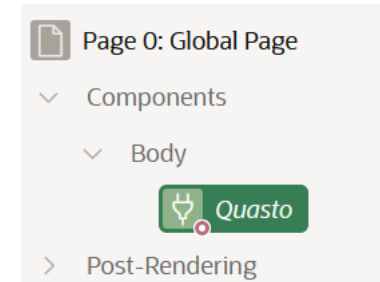
Server-side Condition

Type

Language

PL/SQL Expression

```
APEX_Application.g_edit_cookie_session_id IS NOT NULL
```



Quasto

#	Error Level	Rule Number	Rule Name	Object Type	Object Name	Details
1	2	Object with Never Condition	3	ITEM	P1_SURNAME	The Item P1_SURNAME on Page 1 in Test Application has a never condition!
2	2	Object with Never Condition	3	ITEM	P1_LAST_NAME	The Item P1_LAST_NAME on Page 1 in Test Application has a never condition!
3	2	Object with Never Condition	3	ITEM	P1_LOCATION	The Item P1_LOCATION on Page 1 in Test Application has a never condition!
4	2	Object with Never Condition	3	ITEM	P1_COUNTRY	The Item P1_COUNTRY on Page 1 in Test Application has a never condition!

Export / Import and Metadata

Authentication Scheme check

- Developing Apps by changing Authentication Scheme
- ensure not to run apps with Open Door or any other false setting?
- run Script
 - before export
 - or
 - after import

```
SET VERIFY OFF
WHENEVER SQLERROR EXIT SQL.SQLCODE
declare
  l_count          number;
  e_no_http_header_error exception;
begin
  select count(1)
  into l_count
  from apex_application_auth a
  where a.application_id = &1
  and a.is_current_authentication = 'Y'
  and a.scheme_type_code in ('NATIVE_HTTP_HEADER_VARIABLE',
                              'NATIVE_SAML');

  if l_count = 0
  then
    raise_application_error(-20002,'No HTTP Header Variable as
Authentication scheme selected.');
```

Invalid Objects check

- Ensure App Deployment with valid Database Objects
- Integrate recompile
- run Script after import

```
begin
  select count(1) into l_new_invalid from user_objects where status <> 'VALID';

  l_old_invalid := l_new_invalid + 1;
  while l_new_invalid < l_old_invalid and l_new_invalid <> 0
  loop
    dbms_output.put_line('recompile run ' || (l_round + 1));
    l_round := l_round + 1;
    dbms_utility.compile_schema(schema => l_schema_name ,compile_all => false);
    l_old_invalid := l_new_invalid;

    select count(1) into l_new_invalid from user_objects where status <> 'VALID';
  end loop;

  if l_new_invalid <> 0
  then
    dbms_output.put_line(l_new_invalid || ' objects cannot be made valid');

    for o in (select object_name, object_type
              from user_objects u
              where u.status = 'INVALID'
              order by object_name)
    loop
      dbms_output.put_line(o.object_name || ' (' || o.object_type || ') is invalid');
    end loop;

    raise e_objects_not_valid;

  else
    dbms_output.put_line('all objects are valid');
  end if;
```

Pre Version check

- Query your App Version
- Query your App Status
- Query your Environment

```
select a.version  
      ,a.flow_status_code  
      ,a.availability_status  
from apex_applications a  
where a.application_id = 133
```

VERSION	FLOW_STATUS_CODE	AVAILABILITY_STATUS
Release 1.0	AVAILABLE_W_EDIT_LINK	Available with Developer Toolbar

VERSION	FLOW_STATUS_CODE	AVAILABILITY_STATUS
Release 1.1	DEVELOPERS_ONLY	Available to Developers Only

```
select i.name, i.value  
from apex_instance_parameters i  
where i.name like 'ENV_BANNER_LABEL'
```

NAME	VALUE
ENV_BANNER_LABEL	PROD

Activate Automations (on production)

```
PROMPT >> Activating APEX Automations
DECLARE
  c_app_id constant number := apex_application_install.get_application_id;
begin
  if glb_db_umgebungen_pkg.fc_ist_prod
  then
    for a in (select aaa.static_id, aaa.name
              from apex_appl_automations aaa
              where aaa.polling_status_code is not null
                    and aaa.polling_status_code = 'DISABLED'
                    and aaa.application_id = c_app_id)
    loop
      dbms_output.put_line('Enable Automation: ' || a.name);
      apex_automation.enable(p_application_id => c_app_id,
                            p_static_id    => a.static_id);
    end loop;
  else
    dbms_output.put_line('No Production Environment, no Automations will be activated.');
```

Publish Translations

```
PROMPT >> Publish Translated Applications
declare
  c_app_id constant number := apex_application_install.get_application_id;
  l_count_translations number := 0;
begin
  -- Next call might fail if we do not set NUMERIC_CHARACTERS
  execute immediate q'[alter session set NLS_NUMERIC_CHARACTERS=','.'];

  for l in ( select translated_app_language
            from apex_application_trans_map
            where primary_application_id = c_app_id)
  loop
    dbms_output.put_line('Translation: ' || l.translated_app_language);
    apex_lang.publish_application(p_application_id => c_app_id,
                                p_language       => l.translated_app_language );
    l_count_translations := l_count_translations + 1;
  end loop;

  if l_count_translations = 0
  then
    dbms_output.put_line('No Translation available.');
```




Please fill in your
evaluations



Say Hy_

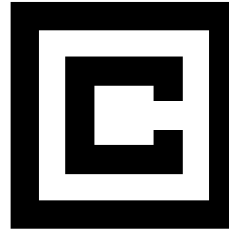
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