

# Web AppBuilder for ArcGIS: A Deep Dive in Enterprise Deployments

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#### What we'll cover...

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- Who are We?
- What is "Enterprise" Development?
- App Building Process and Pipeline
- Source Control Patterns
- Multi-Environment Deployment Considerations
- Architectural Patterns
- Tips and Tricks



#### Who Are We?





#### **Enterprise Development**

What do we consider to be "Enterprise" Development?

- Generally it's a project that has more than one developer contributing
- Typically it's a project that is deployed into multiple environments (i.e development, staging, and production)
- Usually it's a project that has grown into a significant amount of complexity
  - Application code that doesn't "fit" cleanly into a single widget
  - Out of the Box widgets have been customized or extended
  - WAB code itself may have been modified

#### **Build Pipeline**

- What is a build pipeline?
- What are the steps in a build pipeline?



\* The main takeaway here is to go from code checkout to deployment with no manual steps





#### Source Control





#### Source Code Management Paradigms

- Essential for team collaboration
- There are a few different ways to do this
- We have a recommended approach but one size doesn't always fit all.



#### Source Code Management Paradigms

#### **No Source Control**



#### Source Control Everything

arc-gis-web-appbuilder
client
stemapp
...
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server







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Create Web Apps (outside of WAB)

- Steps to create a Web Application outside of WebAppBuilder
- Gulp example
- Manual example





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Intro to Task Runners for Automation

- Both of these are task runners that run using NodeJS
- Used for automating build steps
- They are similar but different. Use whatever you're comfortable with.
- Gulp has a rich set of available plugins: <u>https://gulpjs.com/plugins/</u>



#### App Build Process

Digging into the build process

- With Gulp you build concise tasks for each build step
- Build as many as you need
- Checkout other WAB sessions for more on this
- <u>https://github.com/nbrueggemann/wab-dev-env-sample</u> load-env copy-configs Gulp default configure watch copy-src

## **Configure for Environment**



#### **Multi-Environment Configuration**

- Typically configurations point to services your widget depend on
- There may need to change for deployments to different environments



#### **Multi-Environment Configuration**

- We use gulp-replace as a way to build these configurations for us
- Target one env at a time: gulp -env=dev (yargs for arguments)



#### **Multi-Environment Configuration**

Demo Code:

https://github.com/nbrueggemann/wab-dev-env-sample







## Minimize







#### Deployment

- We often deploy to tomcat web servers. The automated process we use is as follows:
  - Zip up application using gulp-zip
  - Change extension to .war since that what tomcat expects.
  - Use node-ssh package to ssh into web servers are move the .war file to the server



- Focus is typically on widgets and themes but customizing doesn't have to stop there
- Very valid reasons for putting code outside of widget
  - Shared code between widgets
  - Core application business logic
- Where should this code go?
  - custom/libs
  - "custom" folder is used so your code doesn't end up in the root of libs folder in wab.



Shared code between widgets



my-project
src
custom
libs
filter-status
Dijit files...

Update build process to handle libs folder



Drawbacks

• You loose the ability to pick up your widget and share it by itself.



#### Additional Tips and Tricks

- Peek into WAB and take a look around
- Understanding WAB configs



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#### Getting to know jimu.js Better

- Web App Builder dev docs are good. But we have the code so we might as well dig into it!
- There's some good utilities available that aren't talked about. Examples:
  - CSVUtils
  - GeoJsonConverters
  - A whole slew of dijits

