

Moving Business Suite Fiori Launchpad from on-premise to the BTP Launchpad service

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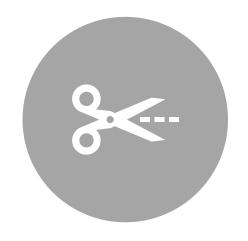
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Platform Modernization Project



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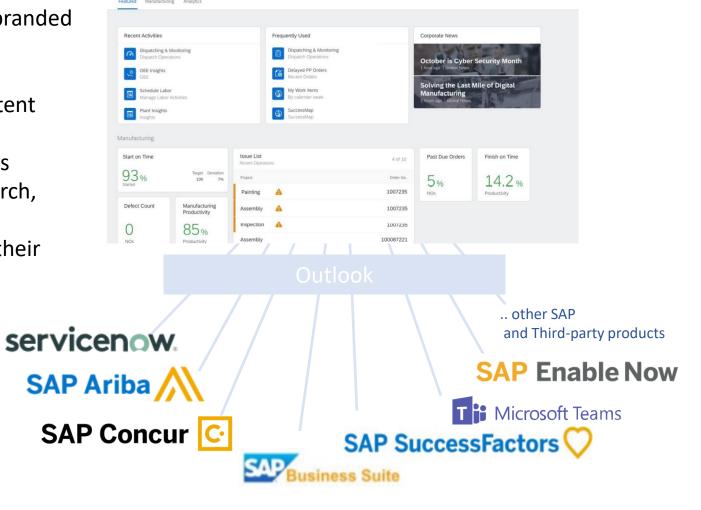


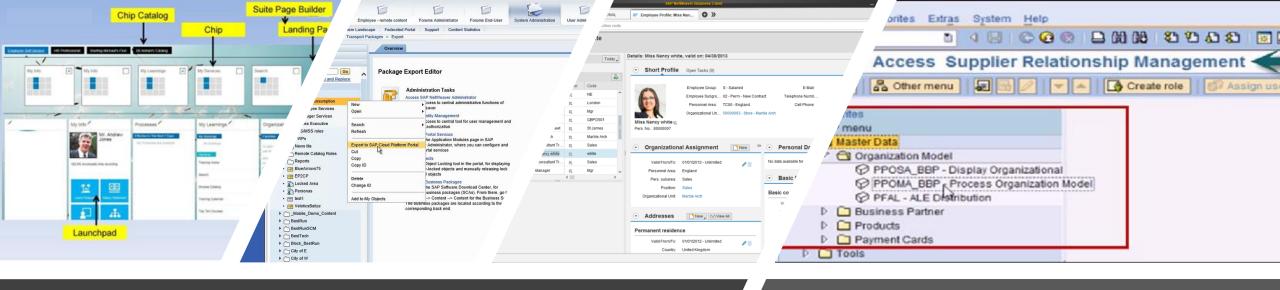
MIGRATE FROM ON-PREM ADFS TO AZURE AD (IPS + IAS)

Central Fiori Launchpad - Vision

A single pane of glass, which integrates content from SAP products and third-party applications in a uniform manner, allowing end users to centrally access the content they need to fulfill their tasks

- Central homepage providing unified corporate branded user experience
- Role-based access to content
- Streamlined integration of applications and content from cloud and on-premise products
- Convenient single sign-on to connected products
- Central services such as inbox, notifications, search, help and documentation
- A platform to enable users to perform many of their day-to-day tasks on mobile devices





- 60+ business roles
- 140+ Fiori Tiles, many more applications
- HR Renewals / LPD_CUST / NWBC / Portal
- 7 Systems / ECC / GW / SRM / SSF / Ariba ...
- Lots of old SAPUI5 apps built before Fiori

Part of the Early Adopters Care (EAC) Program

Business
Content to be
Migrated

Approaches for Content Integration



Manual Integration

- Integrate and configure single apps
- Available app templates
 - SAP Fiori / SAPUI5
 - Web Dynpro ABAP
 - SAP GUI for HTML
 - Dynamic URL (we used for NWBC*)



Content Federation

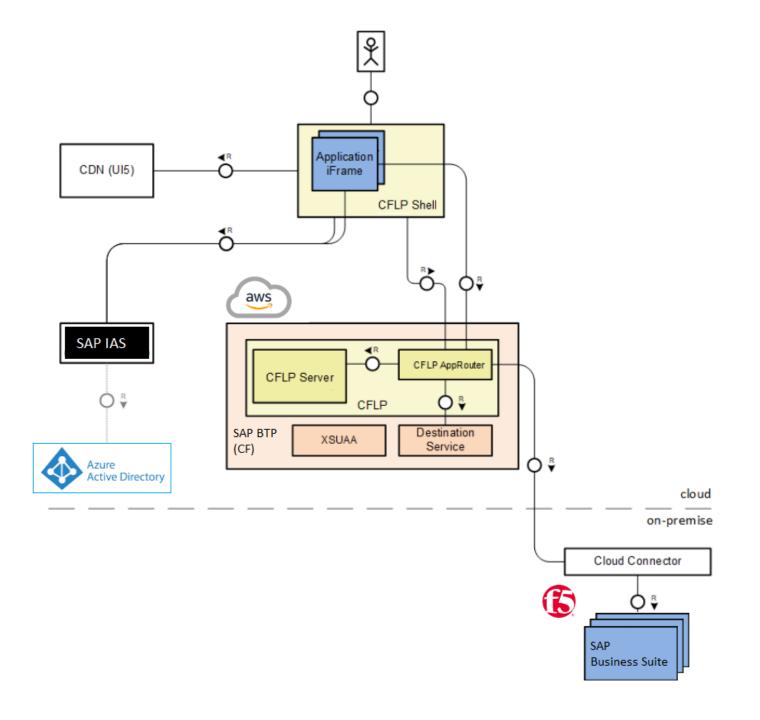
- Launchpad Services connects to a content provider (e.g S/4HANA)
- Provider system exposes app configuration and content structure via CDM (common data model)
- Content admin can browse & select specific role from provider and assign it to site / users

Content Federation wasn't available at the time we configured, would have made life easier

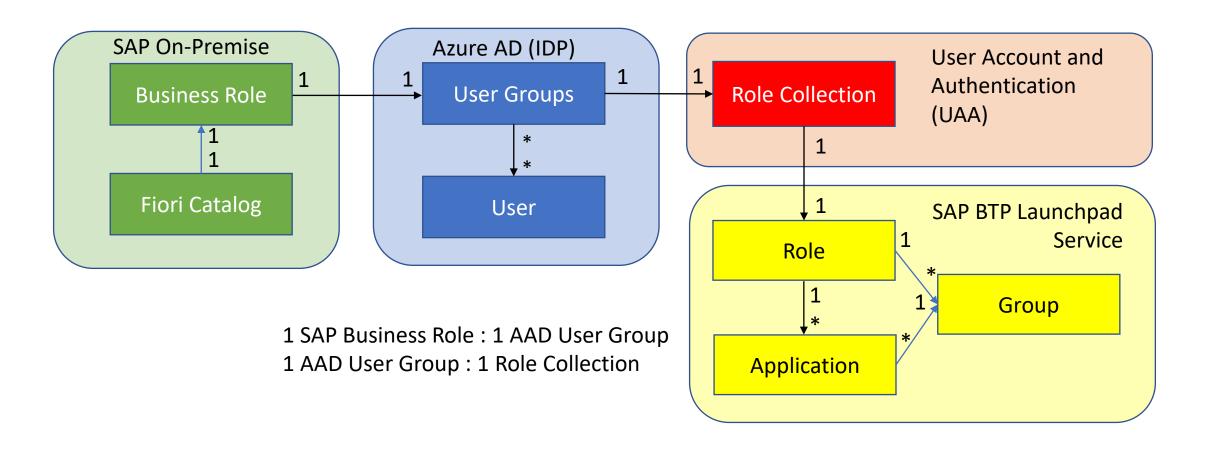
*with Content Federation approach you can use Web Dynpro Compatibility Mode which wraps the Web Dynpro Application in an NWBC URL, useful for use cases which still uses OBN (Object Base Navigation)

Tunnelled Access

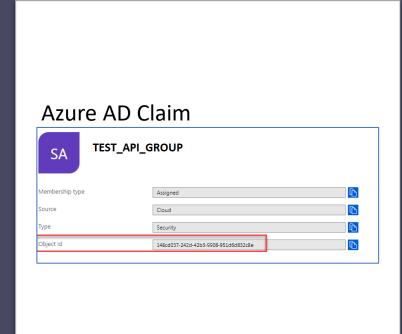
Principal Propagation using X.509 TLS Client-Certificates

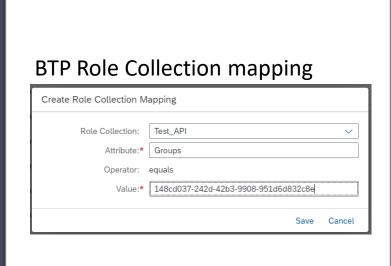


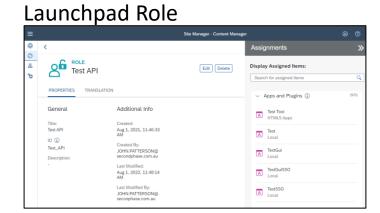
Role Mapping



^{*}On-Premise the Fiori content was driven by Catalogs, Catalogs are different in BTP Launchpad N.B. there is a limit of 250 dynamic groups for users in AAD

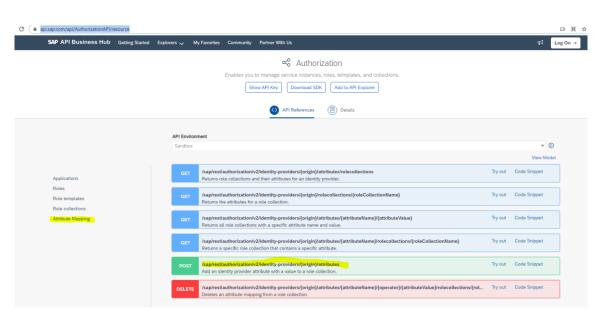






User Group Mapping

BTP Authorization API

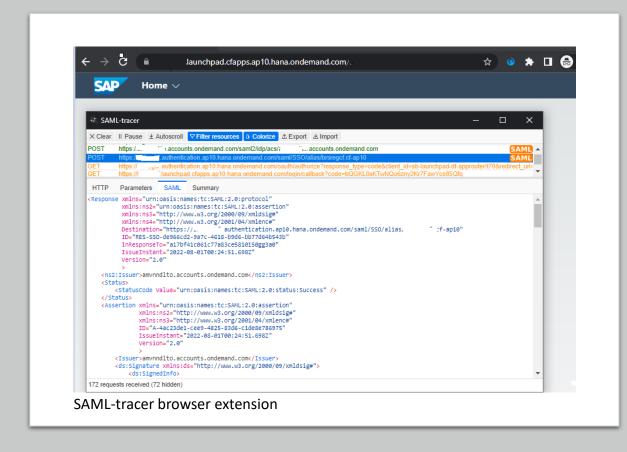


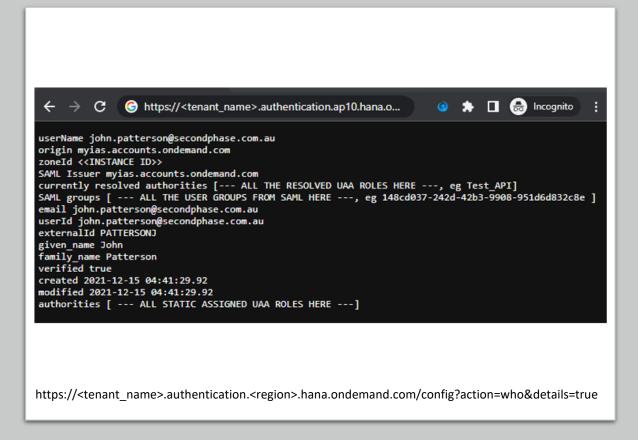
https://api.sap.com/api/AuthorizationAPI/resource

API in Postman to mass mapping with CSV->JSON data file

Trouble Shooting User Access













Teething Troubles Date formatting, no EN-AU locale

Theme issues

Unsupported content techniques



FLP Back Button not working



HTTP Host header lost on multiple hops

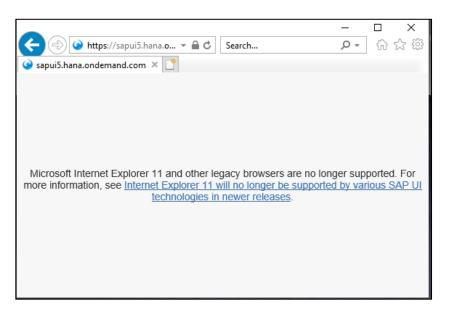


Performance of <iFrame>

I raised 38 OSS #EAC-LP messages in 12 months (20 High)
Note most fixes meant either a UI5 patch or a ABAP SNOTE or both

Support for Internet Explorer by SAPUI5 Application Framework will end soon.

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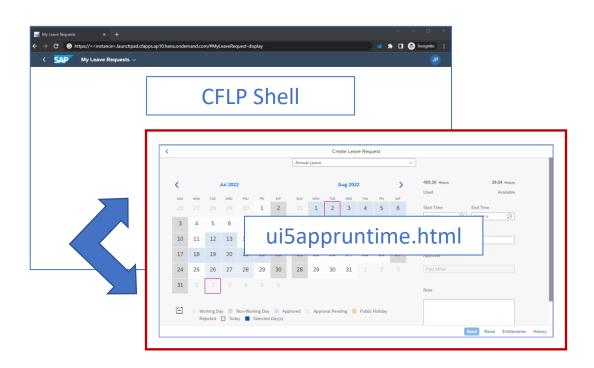


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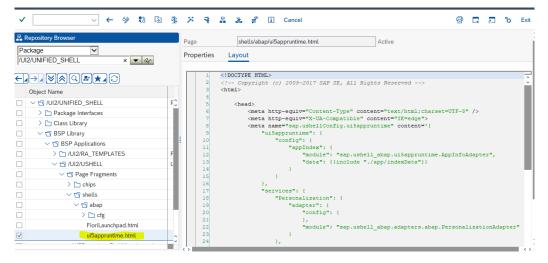
Application Runtime 🛂



The ui5appruntime.html is used for integration scenarios where UI5-based apps are included in a central Fiori launchpad



- Ui5appruntime.html is a headless FLP runtime
- UI5 app is reverse proxied from on-prem
- The <iFrame> is sandboxed
- sap.ushell services post messages to communicate
- The sap.ushell.appRuntime need to be in sync
- A lot of latency when un-optimized



Improvements for Integration of ABAP-based UI5 Apps

- Preload all Ui5 library dependencies via the manifest
- Minify the app and use Component-preload.js
- HTTP/2 all the way down requires kernel >= 7.49
- Use UI5 CDN requires SAP_UI >= 754 SP 06
- Measure VPN vs Direct Access
- Review Browser settings and policies (eg Cache)
- Whitelisting *.hana.ondemand.com on Corporate Proxies and Firewalls
- Deploy UI5 apps to HTML5 Application Repository instead

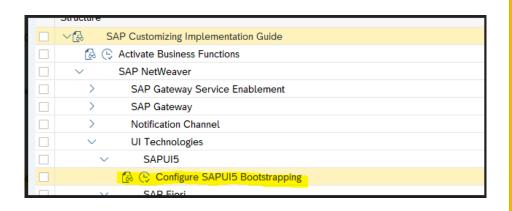


UI5 CDN

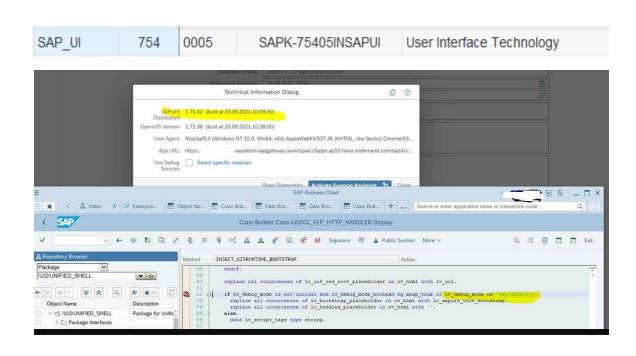
3013753 - Enable SAPUI5 CDN for consumption via BTP Launchpad Service — SAP_UI >= 754 SP 06 2943781 - The usage of the SAPUI5 CDN is only allowed for SAP Cloud products

Originally had to get an exemption off UI5 Product Owner Now only works if called from cloud

Origin	Purpose	URL Pattern	Description
SETUP	SAPUI5CDN	https://ui5.sap.com/	UI5 from SAP CDN account

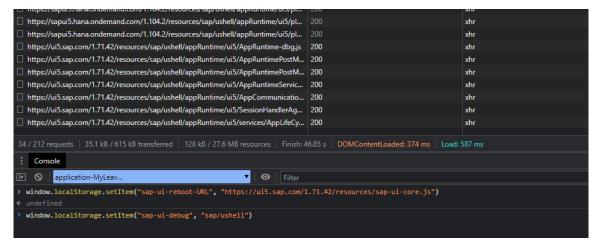


Debugging an <iFrame>



Prior to the UI5 CDN we used to test a SAPUI5 patch before we implemented, needed for risk assessment

Set the "sap-ui-reboot-URL" and "sap-ui-debug" Local Storage settings in the iFrames console and refresh page



https://newbedev.com/debugging-iframes-with-chrome-developer-tools

Lessons Learnt



Patch early, patch often



Use the UI5 CDN



Address performance issues early



Automate where possible



Reach out for help



Build your own tools to fill the gaps

