

Improving the Oxygen Authoring Experience Through Custom Actions

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Agenda

- Author mode overview
- Creating your own author actions
- Actions at the right time, in the right place
- Sharing author actions between frameworks



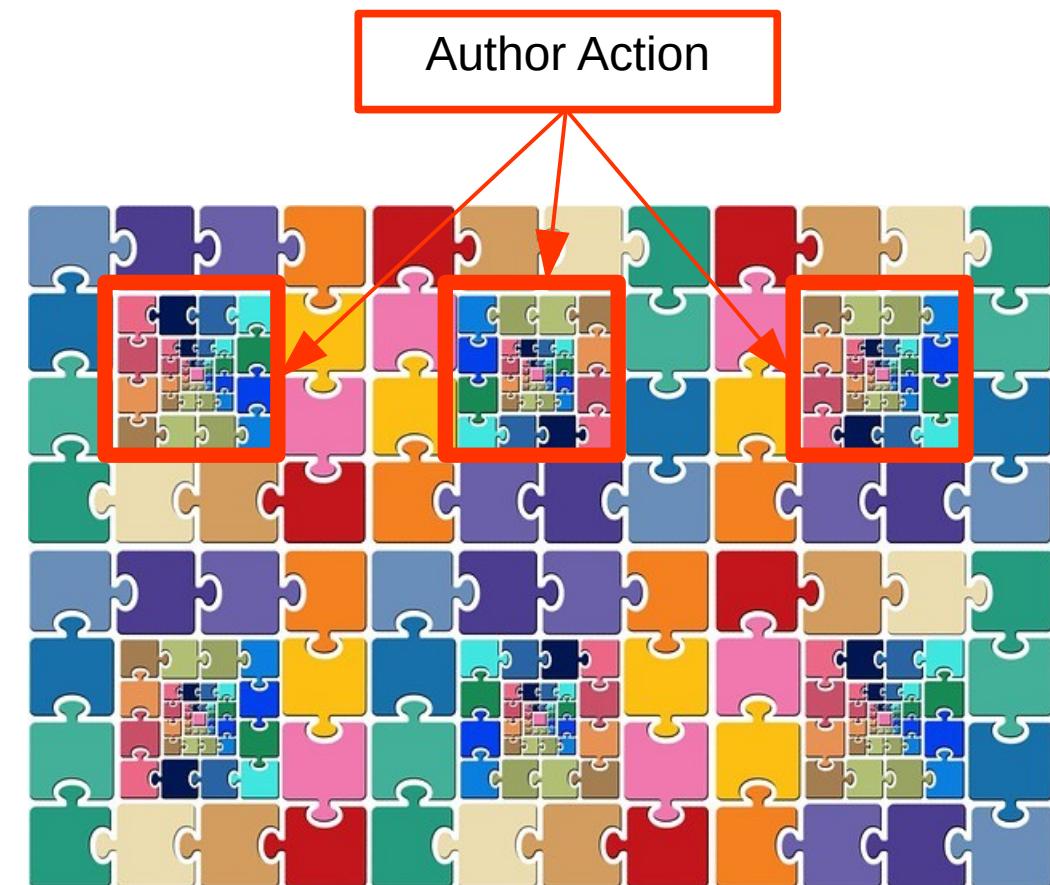
Author mode overview

- Context, content, and structure

Author mode overview

- Context
- Content
- Structure
 - Content completion
 - Elements view
 - Author actions

Author action



Create an action

- It is just a configuration
- Based on Xpath and various operations (*insert an XML fragment, change an attribute*)
- *Demo: create an action to insert a customized example section*

```
<example>
  <title></title>
  <codeblock></codeblock>
</example>
```



Default operations

- ChangeAttributeOperation
 - *add/modify/remove an attribute*
- InsertFragmentOperation
 - *inserts an XML fragment at the current cursor position.*
- DeleteElementOperation
 - *deletes the node indicated by the elementLocation parameter*
- MoveElementOperation
 - *flexible operation for moving an XML element to another location from the same document.*



Actions in the right place

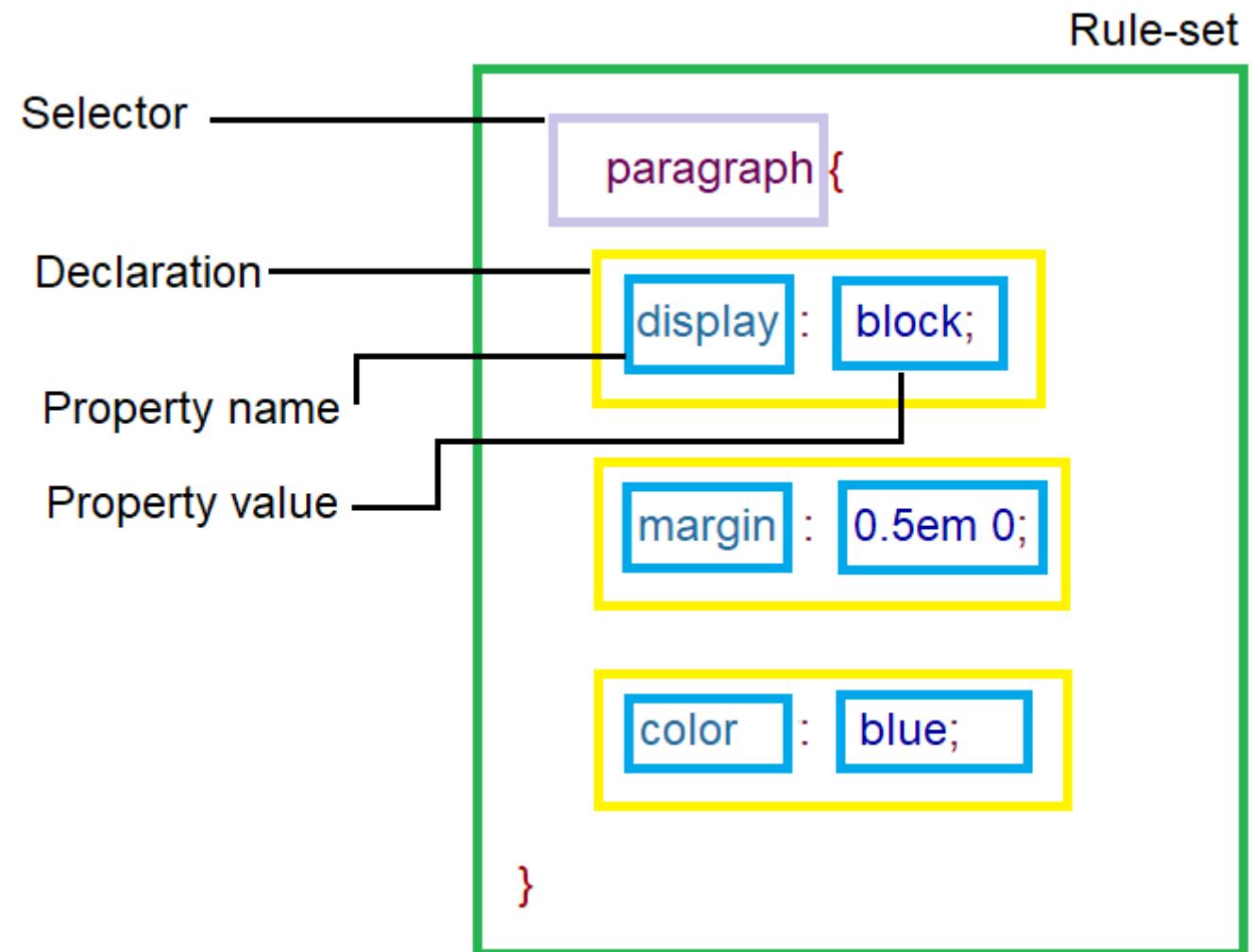


- Toolbar
- Menus
- Content completion
 - [Use case] – replace the “example” element with our action
- Document
 - *Demo: bind an action (add list item)*
 - *Demo: bind a group of actions (paragraph structure)*

Author mode

- CSS rules driven

```
paragraph {  
    display: block;  
    margin: 0.5em 0;  
    color: blue;  
}
```



Author mode

- CSS rules

```
paragraph {  
    display: block;  
    margin: 0.5em 0;  
    color: blue;  
}
```

- {less} mixins

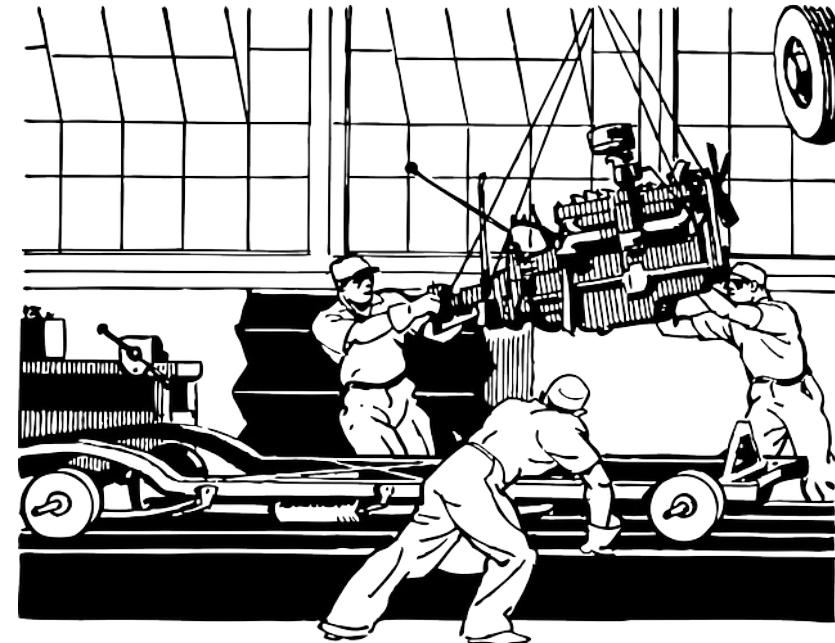
```
.paragraph() {  
    display : block;  
    margin: 0.5em 0;  
}
```

```
paragraph {  
    .paragraph();  
}
```

```
step {  
    .paragraph();  
}
```

What if the default operations are not enough?

- Chain multiple actions by using a special operation (*ExecuteMultipleActionsOperation*)
 - [Use case - Fixup image]: set `@placement="break"` and insert an “alt” element on an image



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- Chain them together using a special operation (*ExecuteMultipleActionsOperation*)
 - Demo: *create an action to change an attribute and insert a fragment*
- Use scripting languages to implement custom use case
 - XSLT (*XSLTOperation*)
 - Demo: *Convert a DL to a TABLE*
 - XQuery (*XqueryOperation*) or XQuery Update (*XQueryUpdateOperation*)
 - Demo: *Convert a TABLE to DL*
 - Javascript (*JSOperation*)

Building and sharing

- Graphical UI
- External files
 - *Demo: An action to insert a customized section*
 - *Export existing actions*



THANK YOU!

Questions?

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