

How to develop an Amazon S3 Datalist Binder

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In this tutorial, we will follow the [guideline for developing a plugin](#) to develop our Amazon S3 Datalist Binder plugin. Please also refer to the very first tutorial [How to develop a Bean Shell Hash Variable](#) for more details steps.

1. What is the problem?

We want to retrieve the files information in Amazon S3.

2. How to solve the problem?

We can either develop a [Datalist Binder Plugin](#) or [Userview Menu Plugin](#) for this purpose. In this tutorial, we will develop a [Datalist Binder Plugin](#) to retrieve the files information and populate it using [Datalist Builder](#).



Datalist Binder is not a suitable plugin type for this purpose as the Amazon S3 Client API does not able to get the total number of files and not able to support datalist action like sort, paging and filtering. We are writing this for learning purpose and not encourage for production usage as it will have performance issue.

Better way to do this is to develop an Userview Menu which can display the file as a Tree Structure and load additional files when the tree expanded.

3. What is the input needed for your plugin?

To develop an Amazon S3 Datalist Binder plugin, we will need to provide the input as below:

1. Amazon S3 API access key
2. Amazon S3 API secret
3. Amazon S3 Region
4. Amazon S3 Bucket
5. Folder / prefix to retrieve file list (Optional)

We will do it a little bit different here as some of the inputs will be putting in a properties file and retrieve it from the properties file when needed. Please refer to how is done in [File Upload Form Element Integrated with Amazon S3](#).

4. What is the output and expected outcome of your plugin?

A datalist which will list the files in Amazon S3 bucket based on configuration.

5. Are there any resources/API that can be reused?

We will use the [AWS SDK for Java](#).

6. Prepare your development environment

We need to always have our Joget Workflow Source Code ready and build by following [this guideline](#).

The following tutorial is prepared with a Macbook Pro and the Joget Source Code is version 5.0.1. Please refer to the [Guideline for Developing a Plugin](#) article for other platform commands.

Let's say our folder directory is as follows.

```
- Home
  - joget
    - plugins
    - jw-community
      -5.0.1
```

The "plugins" directory is the folder we will create and store all our plugins and the "jw-community" directory is where the Joget Workflow Source code is stored.

Run the following command to create a maven project in "plugins" directory.

```
cd joget/plugins/
~/joget/jw-community/5.0.1/wflow-plugin-archetype/create-plugin.sh org.joget amazon_s3_datalist_binder 5.0.1
```

Then, the shell script will ask us to key in a version number for the plugin and ask us for a confirmation before it generates the maven project.

```
Define value for property 'version': 1.0-SNAPSHOT: : 5.0.0
[INFO] Using property: package = org.joget
Confirm properties configuration:
groupId: org.joget
artifactId: amazon_s3_datalist_binder
version: 5.0.0
package: org.joget
Y: : y
```

We should get a "BUILD SUCCESS" message shown in our terminal and a "amazon_s3_datalist_binder" folder created in the "plugins" folder.

Open the maven project with your favourite IDE. I will be using [NetBeans](#).

7. Just code it!

a. Extending the abstract class of a plugin type

Create a "AmazonS3DatalistBinder" class under "org.joget" package. Then, extend the class with **org.joget.apps.datalist.model.DataListBinderDefault** abstract class. Please refer to [Datalist Binder Plugin](#). We will need to implement **org.joget.plugin.base.PluginWebSupport** interface class as well to provide an Ajax validation in plugin properties page. Please refer to [Web Service Plugin](#).

b. Implement all the abstract methods

As usual, we have to implement all the abstract methods. We will use `AppPluginUtil.getMessage` method to support i18n and using constant variable `MESSAGE_PATH` for message resource bundle directory.

Implementation of all basic abstract methods

```
package org.joget;

import org.joget.apps.app.service.AppPluginUtil;
import org.joget.apps.app.service.AppUtil;
import org.joget.apps.datalist.model.DataListBinderDefault;
import org.joget.plugin.base.PluginWebSupport;

public class AmazonS3DatalistBinder extends DataListBinderDefault implements PluginWebSupport {
    private final static String MESSAGE_PATH = "message/AmazonS3DatalistBinder";

    @Override
    public String getName() {
        return "Amazon S3 Datalist Binder";
    }

    @Override
    public String getVersion() {
        return "5.0.0";
    }

    @Override
    public String getClassName() {
        return getClass().getName();
    }

    @Override
    public String getLabel() {
        //support i18n
        return AppPluginUtil.getMessage("org.joget.AmazonS3DatalistBinder.pluginLabel", getClassName(),
MESSAGE_PATH);
    }

    @Override
    public String getDescription() {
        //support i18n
        return AppPluginUtil.getMessage("org.joget.AmazonS3DatalistBinder.pluginDesc", getClassName(),
MESSAGE_PATH);
    }

    @Override
    public String getPropertyOptions() {
        return AppUtil.readPluginResource(getClass().getName(), "/properties/amazonS3DatalistBinder.json",
null, true, MESSAGE_PATH);
    }
}
```

Now, we have to create a UI for admin user to provide inputs for our plugin. In `getPropertyOptions` method, we already specify our [Plugin Properties Options](#) definition file is located at `"/properties/amazonS3DatalistBinder.json"`. Let us create a directory `"resources/properties"` under `"amazon_s3_datalist_binder/src/main"` directory. After creating the directory, create a file named `"amazonS3DatalistBinder.json"` in the `"properties"` folder.

In the properties definition options file, we will need to provide options as below. Please note that we can use `"@@message.key@"` syntax to support i18n in our properties options. As mentioned previously, some of the properties will put in a properties file, so only 1 property exist in our [Plugin Properties Options](#) definition file. We will have an AJAX validation to validate the properties file is exist and able to connect to Amazon S3 service.

```
[{
  title : '@@AmazonS3DatalistBinder.config@@',
  properties : [{
    name : 'folder',
    label : '@@AmazonS3DatalistBinder.folder@@',
    type : 'textfield'
  }],
  validators : [{
    type : 'AJAX',
    url : '[CONTEXT_PATH]/web/json/app[APP_PATH]/plugin/org.joget.AmazonS3DatalistBinder/service?
action=validate'
  }]
}]
```

Other properties will put in [awsS3.properties](#) file. This properties file will need to put in your wflow folder.

After completing the properties option to collect inputs, we can work on the main methods of the plugin which are `getColumns`, `getPrimaryKeyColumnName`, `getData` and `getDataTotalRowCount` method.

```
protected static AmazonS3 s3;
protected static Properties properties;
protected static DataListColumn[] columns;
protected List<Map<String, Object>> cacheData;

protected static String getPropertiesPath() {
    return SetupManager.getBaseSharedDirectory() + "awsS3.properties";
}

public static AmazonS3 getClient() throws Exception {
    if (s3 == null) {
        FileInputStream fis = null;
        try {
            properties = new Properties();
            fis = new FileInputStream(new File(getPropertiesPath()));
            properties.load(fis);

            BasicAWSCredentials awsCreds = new BasicAWSCredentials(properties.getProperty("access_key_id"),
properties.getProperty("secret_access_key"));
            s3 = new AmazonS3Client(awsCreds);

            Region region = Region.getRegion(Regions.fromName(properties.getProperty("region")));
            s3.setRegion(region);

            if (!s3.doesBucketExist(properties.getProperty("bucket"))) {
                Bucket bucket = s3.createBucket(properties.getProperty("bucket"));
                if (bucket == null) {
                    throw new RuntimeException(AppPluginUtil.getMessage("AmazonS3DatalistBinder.
bucketFilToCreate", AmazonS3DatalistBinder.class.getName(), MESSAGE_PATH));
                }
            }
        } catch (Exception e) {
            LogUtil.error(AmazonS3DatalistBinder.class.getName(), e, "");
            s3 = null;

            if (e instanceof FileNotFoundException) {
                throw new RuntimeException(AppPluginUtil.getMessage("AmazonS3DatalistBinder.
configurationFileIsMissing", AmazonS3DatalistBinder.class.getName(), MESSAGE_PATH));
            } else {
                throw e;
            }
        } finally {
            try {
                if (fis != null) {
                    fis.close();
                }
            } catch (Exception e) {}
        }
    }
    return s3;
}

protected List<Map<String, Object>> getCacheData() {
    if (cacheData == null) {
        cacheData = new ArrayList<Map<String, Object>>();
        try {
            AmazonS3 client = getClient();
            String prefix = getPropertyString("folder");
            if (prefix.isEmpty()) {
                prefix = null;
            }
            ObjectListing listing = client.listObjects(properties.getProperty("bucket"), prefix);
            boolean cont;
            do {
                cont = false;
            }
        }
    }
}
```

```

        List<S3ObjectSummary> summaries = listing.getObjectSummaries();
        for (S3ObjectSummary s : summaries) {
            Map<String, Object> obj = new HashMap<String, Object>();
            String key = s.getKey();
            int pos = key.lastIndexOf("/");
            obj.put("key", key);
            obj.put("path", (pos > 0)?(key.substring(0, pos-1)):"");
            obj.put("filename", (pos > 0)?(key.substring(pos+1)):key);
            obj.put("owner", s.getOwner().getDisplayName());
            obj.put("md5", s.getETag());
            obj.put("size", s.getSize());
            obj.put("storageClass", s.getStorageClass());
            obj.put("lastModified", s.getLastModified());

            cacheData.add(obj);
        }

        if (listing.isTruncated()) {
            cont = true;
            listing = client.listNextBatchOfObjects(listing);
        }
    } while (cont);
} catch (Exception e) {}
}
return cacheData;
}

public DataListColumn[] getColumns() {
    if (columns == null) {
        Collection<DataListColumn> list = new ArrayList<DataListColumn>();
        list.add(new DataListColumn("key", AppPluginUtil.getMessage("AmazonS3DatalistBinder.key",
getClassName(), MESSAGE_PATH), true));
        list.add(new DataListColumn("path", AppPluginUtil.getMessage("AmazonS3DatalistBinder.path",
getClassName(), MESSAGE_PATH), true));
        list.add(new DataListColumn("filename", AppPluginUtil.getMessage("AmazonS3DatalistBinder.filename",
getClassName(), MESSAGE_PATH), true));
        list.add(new DataListColumn("owner", AppPluginUtil.getMessage("AmazonS3DatalistBinder.owner",
getClassName(), MESSAGE_PATH), true));
        list.add(new DataListColumn("md5", AppPluginUtil.getMessage("AmazonS3DatalistBinder.md5",
getClassName(), MESSAGE_PATH), false));
        list.add(new DataListColumn("size", AppPluginUtil.getMessage("AmazonS3DatalistBinder.size",
getClassName(), MESSAGE_PATH), true));
        list.add(new DataListColumn("storageClass", AppPluginUtil.getMessage("AmazonS3DatalistBinder.
storageClass", getClassName(), MESSAGE_PATH), true));
        list.add(new DataListColumn("lastModified", AppPluginUtil.getMessage("AmazonS3DatalistBinder.
lastModified", getClassName(), MESSAGE_PATH), true));

        columns = list.toArray(new DataListColumn[]{});
    }
    return columns;
}

public String getPrimaryKeyColumnName() {
    return "key";
}

public DataListCollection getData(DataList dataList, Map properties, DataListFilterQueryObject[]
filterQueryObjects, String sort, Boolean desc, Integer start, Integer rows) {
    //TODO: handle filterQueryObjects

    List list = PagingUtils.sortAndPage(getCacheData(), sort, desc, start, rows);
    DataListCollection data = new DataListCollection();
    data.addAll(list);

    return data;
}

public int getDataTotalRowCount(DataList dataList, Map properties, DataListFilterQueryObject[]
filterQueryObjects) {
    //TODO: handle filterQueryObjects

```

```

    return getCacheData().size();
}

```

In our plugin properties, we have an AJAX validation to test the properties file and the connection to Amazon S3 Client. Let implement the `webService` method to provide an API for validation.

```

public void webService(HttpServletRequest request, HttpServletResponse response) throws ServletException,
IOException {
    boolean isAdmin = WorkflowUtil.isCurrentUserInRole(WorkflowUserManager.ROLE_ADMIN);
    if (!isAdmin) {
        response.sendError(HttpServletResponse.SC_UNAUTHORIZED);
        return;
    }

    String action = request.getParameter("action");
    if ("validate".equals(action)) {
        String message = "";
        boolean success = true;
        try {
            AmazonS3DataListBinder.getClient();
        } catch (Exception e) {
            LogUtil.error(this.getClassName(), e, "");
            success = false;
            message = StringUtil.escapeString(e.getMessage(), StringUtil.TYPE_JAVASCRIPT, null);
        }
        try {
            JSONObject jsonObject = new JSONObject();
            jsonObject.accumulate("status", (success?"success":"fail"));
            JSONArray messageArr = new JSONArray();
            messageArr.put(message);
            jsonObject.put("message", messageArr);
            jsonObject.write(response.getWriter());
        } catch (Exception e) {
            //ignore
        }
    } else {
        response.setStatus(HttpServletResponse.SC_NO_CONTENT);
    }
}

```

c. Manage the dependency libraries of your plugin

We need to include "jsp-api" and "aws-java-sdk-s3" libraries in our POM file.

```

<!-- Change plugin specific dependencies here -->
<dependency>
    <groupId>javax.servlet</groupId>
    <artifactId>jsp-api</artifactId>
    <version>2.0</version>
</dependency>
<dependency>
    <groupId>com.amazonaws</groupId>
    <artifactId>aws-java-sdk-s3</artifactId>
    <version>1.10.56</version>
</dependency>
<!-- End change plugin specific dependencies here -->

```

d. Make your plugin internationalization (i18n) ready

We are using i18n message key in `getLabel` and `getDescription` method. We will use i18n message key in our properties options definition as well. Then, we will need to create a message resource bundle properties file for our plugin. Create a directory, "resources/message", under "amazon_s3_datalist_binder/src/main" directory. Then, create a "AmazonS3DataListBinder.properties" file in the folder. In the properties file, add all the message keys and its label as below.

```

org.joget.AmazonS3DatalistBinder.pluginLabel=Amazon S3 Datalist Binder
org.joget.AmazonS3DatalistBinder.pluginDesc=Used to retrieve the available files in Amazon S3.
AmazonS3DatalistBinder.config=Configure Amazon S3 Datalist Binder
AmazonS3DatalistBinder.configurationFileIsMissing=AWS S3 configuration file is missing.
AmazonS3DatalistBinder.bucketFilToCreate=AWS Bucket fail to create.
AmazonS3DatalistBinder.key=Key
AmazonS3DatalistBinder.path=Path
AmazonS3DatalistBinder.filename=File Name
AmazonS3DatalistBinder.owner=Owner
AmazonS3DatalistBinder.md5=MD5 Hash
AmazonS3DatalistBinder.size=Size
AmazonS3DatalistBinder.storageClass=Storage Class
AmazonS3DatalistBinder.lastModified=Last Modified
AmazonS3DatalistBinder.folder=Folder

```

e. Register your plugin to the Felix Framework

Next, we will have to register our plugin class in the Activator class (Auto generated in the same class package) to tell the Felix Framework that this is a plugin.

```

public void start(BundleContext context) {
    registrationList = new ArrayList<ServiceRegistration>();
    //Register plugin here
    registrationList.add(context.registerService(AmazonS3DatalistBinder.class.getName(), new
AmazonS3DatalistBinder(), null));
}

```

f. Build it and test

Let's build our plugin. Once the building process is done, we will find a "amazon_s3_datalist_binder-5.0.0.jar" file created under "amazon_s3_datalist_binder/target" directory.

Then, let's upload the plugin jar to [Manage Plugins](#). After uploading the jar file, double check that the plugin is uploaded and activated correctly.

Filter by Type Datalist Binder				
<input type="checkbox"/>	Plugin Name	Plugin Description	Plugin Version	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Advanced Form Data Binder	Retrieves data rows from a	5.0.0	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Amazon S3 Datalist Binder	Used to retrieve the availat	5.0.0	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Form Data Binder	Retrieves data rows from a	5.0.0	
<input type="checkbox"/>	JDBC Datalist Database Bi	Database Binder Using JDI	5.0.0	

Check the Amazon S3 Datalist Binder plugin is available in [Datalist Builder](#).

Select Binder

Select Binder > Select Source of Data (Binder) (Amazon S3 Datalist Binder)

Select Source of Data (Binder)

Amazon S3 Datalist Binder

Advanced Form Data Binder

Amazon S3 Datalist Binder

Form Data Binder

JDBC Datalist Database Binder

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Next >

OK

Select and configure the Amazon S3 Datalist Binder.

Configure Amazon S3 Datalist Binder

Select Binder > Configure Amazon S3 Datalist Binder

Folder

test

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Next >

OK

Press ok. If the [awsS3.properties](#) properties file is missing or invalid. Error message will shown.

Configure Amazon S3 Datalist Binder

Select Binder > Configure Amazon S3 Datalist Binder

Folder

test

localhost:8080 says:
Secret key cannot be null.

☐ Prevent this page from creating additional dialogs.

OK

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Next >

OK

Design the datalist.

Joget

DATALIST BUILDER

Test App v1: AmazonS3Datalist

SOURCE

DESIGN

PROPERTIES

PREVIEW

SAVE

Columns / Filters

Created By

Created By Name

Date Created

Date Modified

File Name

ID

Key

MD5 Hash

Modified By

Modified By Name

Owner

Path

Size

Storage Class

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Drag Actions Here

Check the result.

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Show

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<input type="checkbox"/>	test/testaws/82c9d1ea-c0a80050-45a0d018-48870b14/VERSION.txt	VERSION.txt	test/testaws/82c9d1ea-c0a80050-45a0d018-48870b14	22	tech	17-03-2016 04:16 AM	0ae2e42fa31447f38d4764ca824c2421	STANDARD
<input type="checkbox"/>	test/testaws/82ca13e3-c0a80050-45a0d018-c3580b16/CHANGES.txt	CHANGES.txt	test/testaws/82ca13e3-c0a80050-45a0d018-c3580b16	2761	tech	17-03-2016 04:16 AM	d77bba6c62c95b5e3ac1b2c5ac5d4f6c	STANDARD

3 items found, displaying all items.

8. Take a step further, share it or sell it

You can download the source code from [amazon_s3_datalist_binder_src.zip](#).