# Creating and Consuming Pagelets with the Oracle WebCenter Pagelet Producer

The goal of this module is to teach you about functionality introduced in Oracle WebCenter 11g R1 (11.1.1.4), commonly referred to as PS3. The product will be rebranded as Oracle WebCenter Portal in PS5 (11.1.1.6).

For more information, visit Oracle WebCenter Portal (<a href="http://www.oracle.com/us/products/middleware/webcenter/index.html">http://www.oracle.com/us/products/middleware/webcenter/index.html</a>) on the Oracle Technology Network (OTN).

#### **Objectives**

After completing this module, you should be able to:

- Use the Pagelet Producer to create, edit, delete, and deploy resources and pagelets
- Add pagelets to web applications in a variety of scenarios, including standard web pages, portal pages, Oracle JDeveloper and Oracle WebCenter Spaces

### 1: Introduction: The Oracle WebCenter Pagelet Producer

#### What Is the Oracle WebCenter Pagelet Producer?

The Oracle WebCenter Pagelet Producer brokers transactions between client computers and external resources. This configuration allows you to:

- Proxy internal web applications to external addresses
- Manage authentication
- Expose functionality from internal applications that are on a private network or not readily accessible via web technology
- Transform proxied web applications, including URL-rewriting
- Add, remove and modify functionality from the external resource at runtime
- Consume WSRP portlets in Oracle WebCenter applications Benefits to this configuration include dynamic functionality and personalization, security and performance.

#### What Is the Oracle WebCenter Pagelet Producer?

The Oracle WebCenter Pagelet Producer allows you to publish content from back-end applications via **pagelets**.

A pagelet is a **reusable UI component** that can run on any web page or web application.

The pagelet development model is very lightweight and uses standard web technology (HTML, JavaScript and AJAX) instead of specific portlet standards.

Using the Pagelet Producer, you can:

- Add content and functionality from existing back-end applications to any web page on any platform
- Integrate external content into any portal

# 2. Using the Pagelet Producer Console: Creating and Configuring Resources, Pagelets, Injectors and Parsers

#### **Pagelet Producer Console**

The **Pagelet Producer Console** is a browser-based administration UI used to register resources and pagelets, manage proxy and transformation settings, and more.

To launch the Pagelet Producer Console, navigate to http://host\_name:port\_number/pageletadmin/ in your browser. The console allows you to configure the Pagelet Producer and create the following objects:

- Resource
- Pagelet
- Injector
- Parser

#### **Configuring Pagelet Producer Settings**

The **Settings** section in the Pagelet Producer Console includes important options that affect all resources and pagelets.

- Logging: Set logging levels for individual Pagelet Producer components.
- Proxy: Configure HTTP proxy access (URL, user name and password) and define a semicolon-separated list of URLs that will not be proxied.
- **Transform**: Define the path to the credential vault provider and configure secure and insecure ports.

#### **Creating a Resource**

To create a new resource, select **Resources** from the dropdown list, choose any existing resource in the navigation pane, and click the **Create** icon ("+") in the toolbar.

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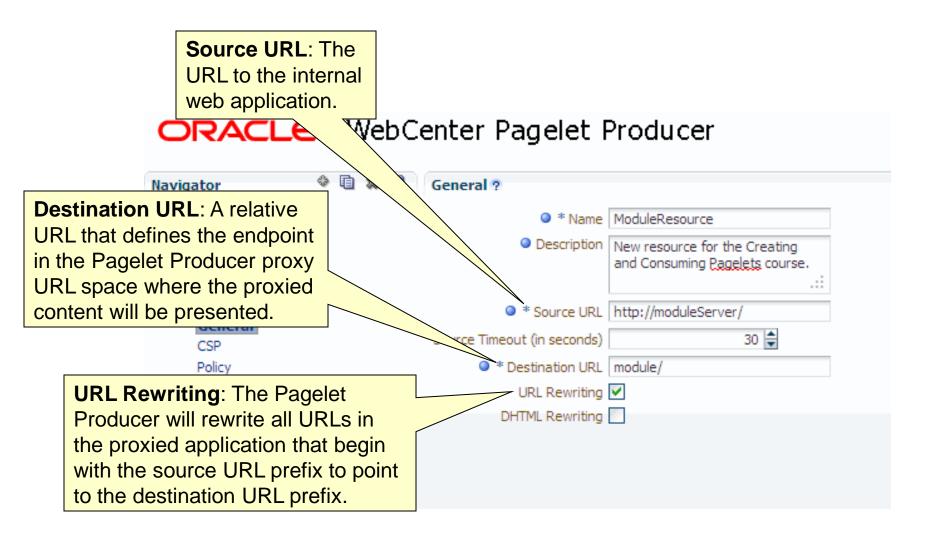


You will be prompted to choose a producer type:



- web: Standard web resources comprised of HTML, AJAX and JavaScript
- csp: WebCenter Interaction (WCI) resources
- ccf: WSRP and JPDK resources

#### **Resource Settings: General**



### Oracle WebCenter Pagelet Producer Proxy Warnings and Best Practices

- Configure the proxy carefully so users are not given direct access to unprotected private content.
- The Pagelet Producer transforms any URLs that use the Internal URL prefix configured for the resource unless URL Rewriting is deselected in the Resource editor.
- Static images and other binary data should be stored on a separate server so they are not proxied.
- To prevent unintentional transformation, encode all headers that are URLs.
  - In JSP, use response.encodeURL()
  - In .NET, use HttpUtility.URLEncode

#### **Resource Settings: Policy**

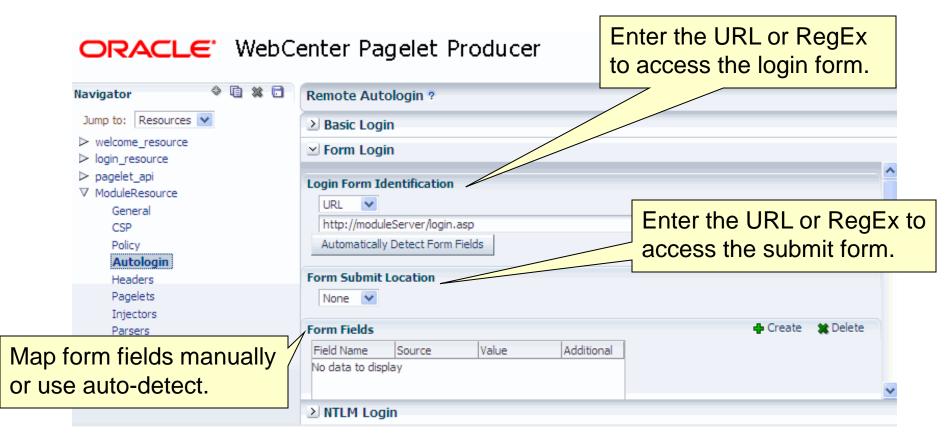
**Policy** settings limit access to the proxied resource to specific roles within Oracle WebCenter, configured in Oracle WebLogic Server.

- Enter the roles that should be allowed unauthenticated access to the resource. All other users will be prompted for credentials.
- If no roles are entered on this page, the resource will allow unauthenticated ("anonymous") access to all users.



### Resource Settings: Autologin Form Login

The Oracle WebCenter Pagelet Producer can automatically log in to proxied resources through HTML forms.



### Resource Settings: Autologin Basic and NTLM Login

To use basic or NTLM login, define the Username and Password keys to be used by the Pagelet Producer.

You must define an authentication source for all login fields:

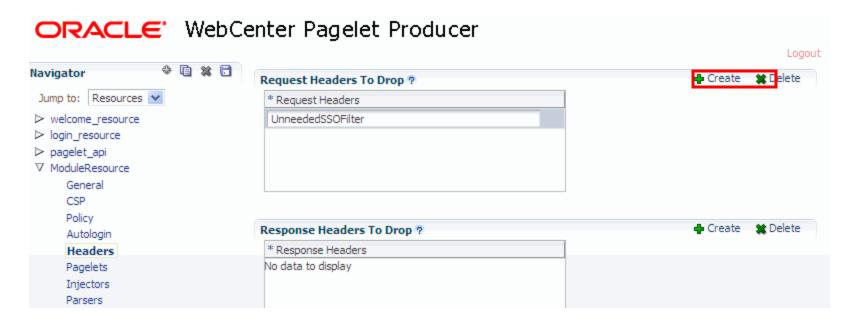
- Static: Uses the specified value for all users.
- Profile: Uses properties from the user's Oracle WebCenter profile to supply credential data.
- Vault and Shared Vault:
   Prompts for credentials the first time the resource is accessed and uses stored credentials for subsequent access.



#### **Resource Settings: Headers**

You can customize which headers are passed to the back-end application and from the back-end site to the browser.

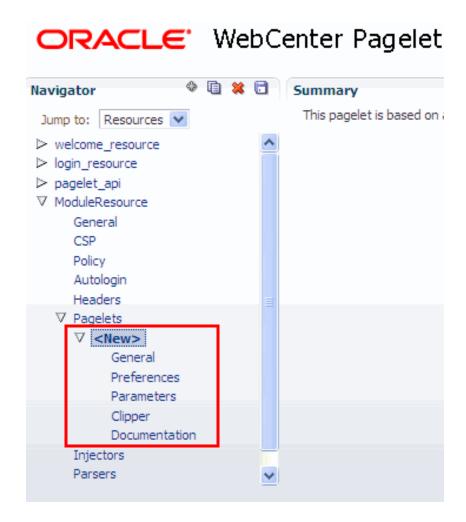
To block Request or Response header elements, click **Create** and specify the header name.



#### **Creating Pagelets**

Once you have configured a resource, you can create pagelets within the resource.

To create a pagelet, select the Pagelets section under the resource and click the Create icon ("+") in the toolbar.



#### **Pagelet Settings: General**

#### ORACLE WebCenter Pagelet Producer **URL Suffix:** The *relative* path General 2 to the pagelet. Do not include \* Name | WebPagelet the Source URL prefix entered \* Library | Module for the resource. URL Suffix | webpagelet.html pagelet\_api Refresh Inline Refresh Inline enables Description refreshing the pagelet without reloading the page that hosts the pagelet. ∇ Pagelets ∇ WebPagelet General Preferences **Parameters** Clipper Documentation

#### **Pagelet Settings: Preferences**

On the **Preferences** page, enter *relative* URLs to any preference pages required by the pagelet.

Choose the preference level for the preference page:

- Global preferences apply to all instances of the pagelet in all pages.
- Customize preferences apply to a single instance of the pagelet in all users' pages.
- Personalize preferences apply to a single instance of the pagelet in a single user's page.

#### **Pagelet Settings: Preferences and Parameters**

On the **Parameters** page, enter the **Payload Schema** or **Parameters** that should be passed to the pagelet.

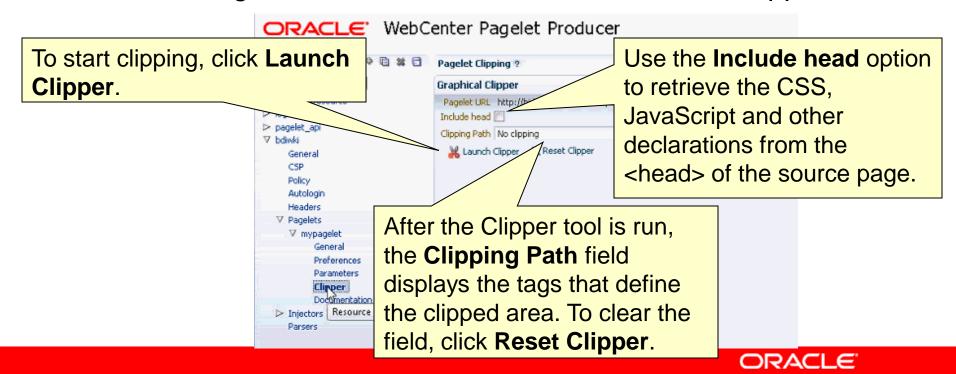
For parameters, specify the name, whether or not the parameter is required, the data type, and the transport type:

- Request Parameters are added to the HTTP request and apply to all instances of a pagelet.
- Administrative, Community and Pagelet Preferences are used in Oracle WebCenter Interaction.

#### **Pagelet Settings: Clipper**

The **Clipper** allows you to create a pagelet by clipping a portion of a web page in a proxied application. **Clipping is done at runtime**, so clipped content is retrieved each time the pagelet is displayed.

The **Graphical Clipper** allows you to select page content using a mouse-driven graphical tool. The **Advanced Clipper** allows you to define HTML tag names and attributes to describe the clipped.

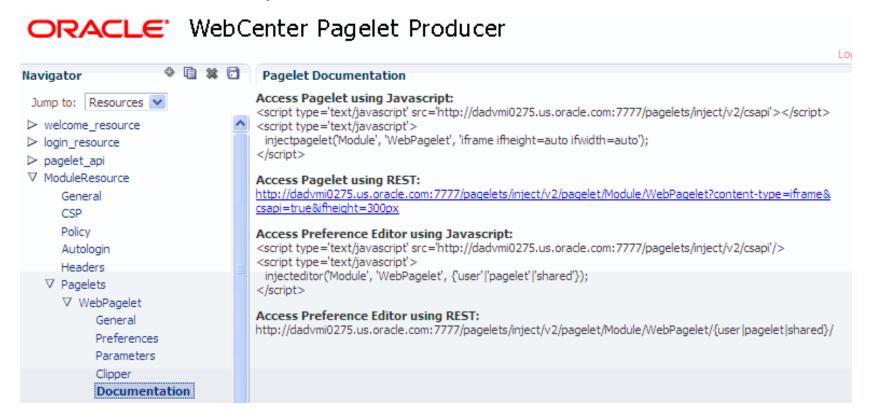


#### Pagelet Clipper Best Practices

- To modify the clipped content, use an injector.
- If the back-end resource is accessed over HTTPS, the Pagelet Producer Console must be accessed over a secure port.
- If the source page requires a login, configure Autologin settings before using the clipper.
- The Suffix URL entered on the General page for the pagelet must reflect the final URL loaded by the browser after following all redirects.

#### **Pagelet Settings: Documentation**

The **Documentation** page displays code to insert the pagelet and preference editor (if configured) into a web page using either the JavaScript or REST.



#### **Creating Injectors**

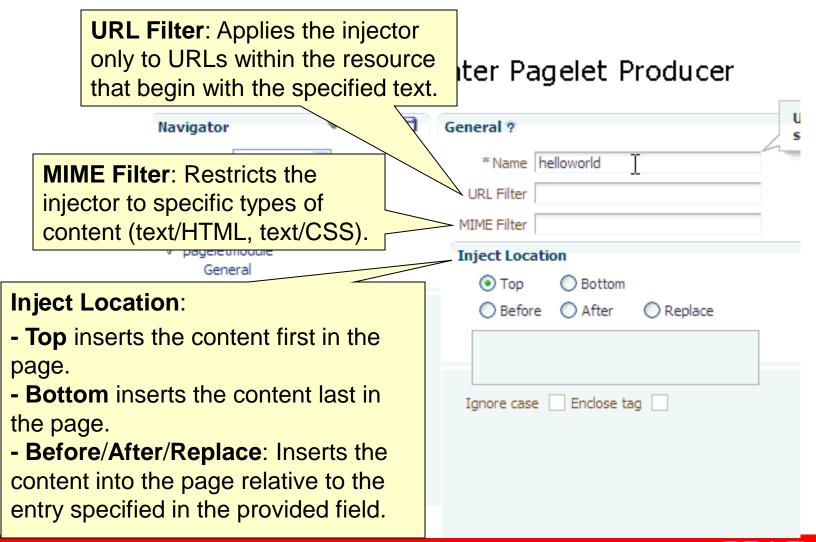
**Injectors** modify content at runtime, and insert content into a specified location in a proxied resource page.

The content may be **any text**, including HTML, CSS, JavaScript, and pagelet declarations.

To create an injector, select Injectors under the appropriate resource and click the Create icon ("+") in the toolbar.



#### **Injector Settings: General**



#### **Injector Settings: Content**

Content to be injected can be any text, including HTML, CSS, JavaScript, and pagelet declarations.

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#### **Creating Parsers**

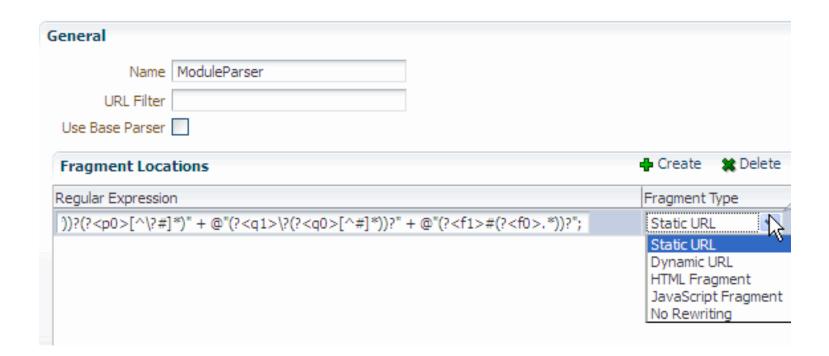
Custom **Parsers** allow you to supplement or change built-in logic for parsing content and finding URLs.

To create a parser, select Parsers under the appropriate resource and click the **Create** icon in the toolbar.



#### **Creating Parsers**

Parsers are implemented at runtime, allowing you to modify content dynamically for consumption in a pagelet.



### 3. Consuming WSRP Portlets

### Consuming WSRP Portlets (Patch 11809215)

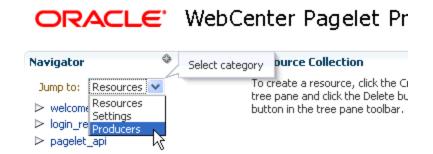
The Pagelet Producer can expose WSRP portlets as pagelets for use in WebCenter Portal applications, WebCenter Spaces, and third-party portals.

**Note**: To use this feature in the PS3 version of Oracle WebCenter, install **patch 11809215**.

When you register a WSRP producer in the Pagelet Producer Console, the new resource will be populated automatically with pagelets to represent the portlets associated with the WSRP endpoint.

### Consuming WSRP Portlets Register WSRP Endpoint (WSDL)

In the Pagelet Producer Console, choose **Producers** from the dropdown menu.



Navigator Producer

Portlet Producer

Jump to: Producers

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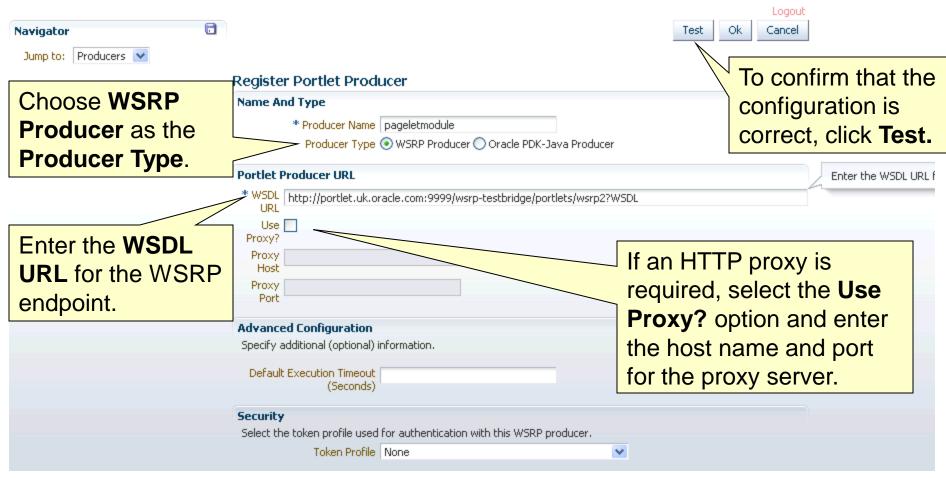
Click Register.

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### **Consuming WSRP Portlets Configuration Settings**

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#### **Consuming WSRP Portlets**

The new producer is displayed with a list of the imported pagelets based on the WSRP portlets from the WSDL.



#### **Consuming WSRP Portlets**

When a producer is registered, a new resource is automatically created, and the imported WSRP portlets are imported into the associated Pagelets collection.



#### 4. Adding Pagelets to Pages and Applications

#### Adding a Pagelet to a Page

Once you have deployed a pagelet, you can insert it into any proxied or non-proxied web page using:

- JavaScript
- REST

The code to insert a pagelet into a page is provided on the Documentation page for the pagelet in the Pagelet Producer Console.

You can also drag and drop pagelets onto WebCenter Portal pages using Oracle JDeveloper and in Oracle WebCenter Spaces using Oracle Composer.

#### Adding a Pagelet to a Web Page: JavaScript

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function injectpagelet(library, name, iframe_options,
payload, params, context_id, element_id,
is_in_community)
```

The injectpagelet interface includes the following attributes:

- **iframe\_options**: Optional. Specifies whether to use an IFRAME. To enable automatic resizing, set ifheight and ifwidth to 'auto'.
- payload: Optional. The XML payload to send with the request.
- params: The pagelet parameters in query string format.
- context\_id: Optional. The external identifier of the pagelet instance. It must be an integer.
- element\_id: Optional. The HTML element ID in which the pagelet content is injected.
- is\_in\_community: Optional. Specifies whether the pagelet is on a community (WebCenter Interaction) or group page.

#### Adding a Pagelet to a Portal Page: REST

http://proxy:port/inject/v2/pagelet/libraryname/pageletname? content-type=iframe&csapi=true&ifheight=123px&ifclass=myclass

The following parameters are defined for the pagelet inject URL:

- instanceid: Optional. The instance ID of the pagelet.
- content-type: The return type:
  - javascript: Returns injectable code.
  - html: Returns pagelet markup with PTPortlet object.
  - iframe: Returns an iframe filled with the pagelet content.
- csapi: Whether the CSAPI will be included with the pagelet response.
- onhttperror: How error codes will be displayed:
  - comment: Replaces pagelet with HTML comment error code.
  - inline: Replaces pagelet with error code and server error page.
  - fullpage: Replaces entire page with HTTP error information.

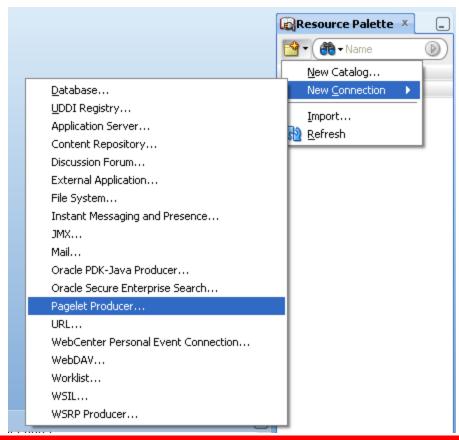
### Adding a Pagelet to a JSF Page in JDeveloper Register the Pagelet Producer

Before you can add a pagelet to a JSF page, you must register the Pagelet Producer with your WebCenter Portal application using

the Resource Palette.

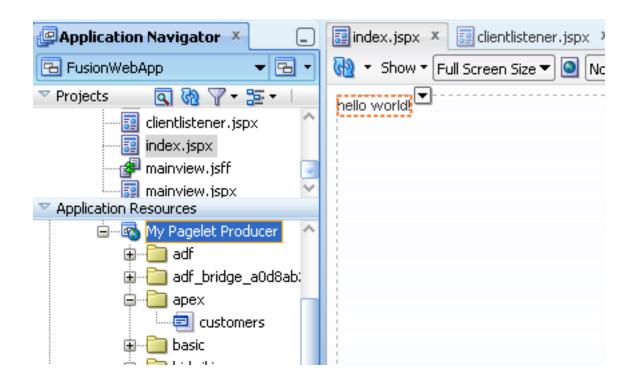
In the Application Resources panel, right-click Connections, choose New Connection and then choose Pagelet Producer.

Enter a name for the producer and the URL to the Pagelet Producer (in the format http://hostname:portnumber)



## Adding a Pagelet to a JSF Page in JDeveloper Adding the Pagelet to the Page

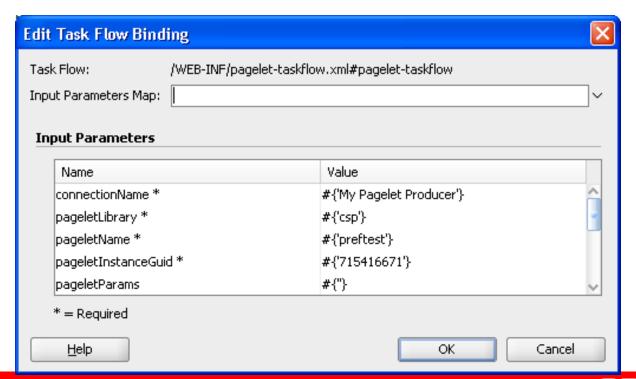
In JDeveloper **Design View**, you can drag and drop pagelets onto a JSF page. In the Application Resources of the Application Navigator, expand the Pagelet Producer to display its contents.



### Adding a Pagelet to a JSF Page in JDeveloper Additional Settings

In the **Add Pagelet to Page** dialog, choose whether to enable IFrame encapsulation.

In the **Edit Task Flow Binding** dialog, change any input parameters as necessary.



#### Adding a Pagelet to a Page in WebCenter Spaces

You can add a pagelet to a WebCenter Spaces page using Oracle Composer. All pagelets configured in the Pagelet Producer console are available through Oracle Composer in WebCenter Spaces. Using Composer, you can drag and drop pagelets onto any Spaces page.

For more information, see the section "Adding Resource Catalog Components to Pages" in *Oracle Fusion Middleware Users Guide for Oracle WebCenter Spaces* 

#### **Summary**

In this module, you should have learned how to:

- Use the Pagelet Producer to create, edit, delete, and deploy resources and pagelets
- Add pagelets to web applications in a variety of scenarios, including standard web pages, portal pages, Oracle JDeveloper and Oracle WebCenter Spaces