

# Why an improved Callback action for dialogs/forms is needed?

Related JIRA issue: [+ MGNLUI-3576](#) - Provide validatable callback action for both dialogs and forms CLOSED

JIRA issue that could use the improved action: [MGNLRES-186](#) - Add create and delete actions for resources CLOSED

## The problem

The pattern of a new resource creation action should look like this:

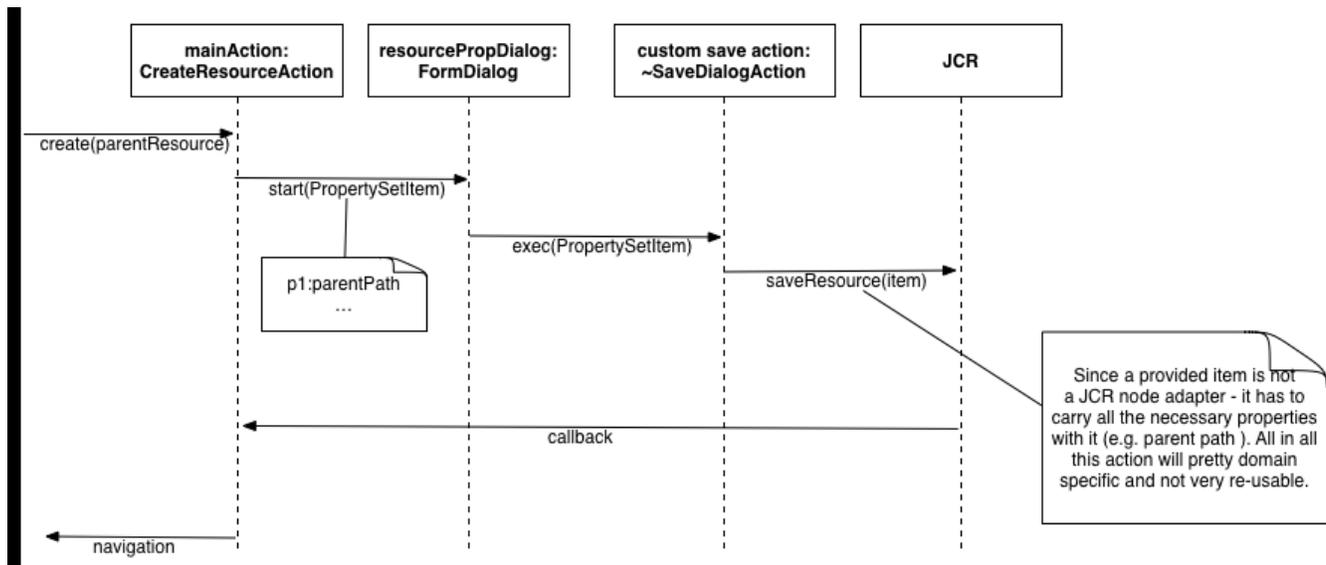
1. *Add resource* actionbar action brings in a dialog.
2. User specifies the name of a new resource.
3. User saves the dialog.
4. The new resource is created and the editor sub-app is automatically opened.

## Possible quirks:

Main hurdle is that most of the 'hotfix'-type have to deal with two aspects of data - **ResourceOrigin** (on the higher level) and **JCR** (on the lower level).

1. The new Resource Files app operates over simple `PropertySetItem`'s, whereas the actions usually want to do some JCR work and hence expect `JcrNodeAdapters` as input (and also they output JCR-related information).
2. Resource Vaadin Item does not provide a link to the parent folder out of the box.
3. Resource Files app will not react on the `ContentChangedEvent` coming from JCR-related actions since the type of id's do not match (`JcrItemI` when mere String paths expected).
4. JCR actions more or less easily operate with 'new'/transient items (`JcrNewNodeAdapter`). However, `JcrResourceOrigin` knows nothing of such items and will throw a `ResourceNotFoundException` upon any attempt to query such a resource. This makes it impossible to 'pre-create' a resource in JCR and work with it by means of `JcrResourceOrigin`.

*If we want to create a new resource in a 'usual' way trying to rely on just the existing actions:*



- A custom `CreateResourceAction` unwraps the parent resource/folder and starts a dialog.
- Dialog populates new resource properties into a `PropertySetItem`.
- Custom `SaveResourceAction` creates a resource entry in jcr and fires the callback
- The callback triggers the navigation to the new resource editor from the initial action (`CreateResourceAction`).

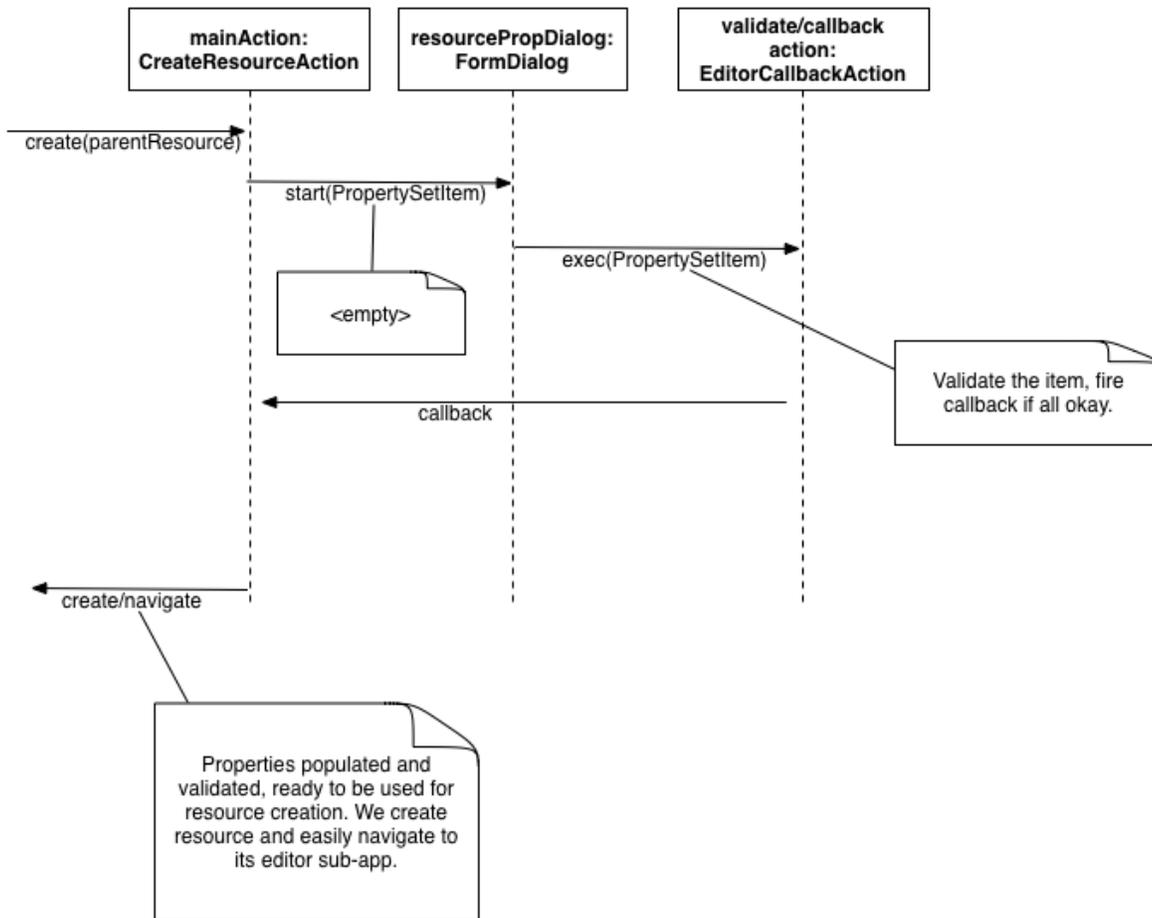
Problems I see here:

1. We have to add the parent path to the Vaadin item which we pass into dialog, so that when it saves - it knows where to create the new JCR node.
2. When the saving is done - the initial action will have hard times resolving where to navigate because the new resource's path is not communicated back.
3. We have to develop two custom, not really re-usable actions.

Possible alterations of this scenario:

1. We resolve the parent JCR node in `CreateResourceAction` and start dialog with an ad-hoc `JcrContentConnector`:
  - a. We could then even delegate to `OpenCreateDialogAction`, but:
    - i. it would create a new resource following the logic different from that defined in `ResourcesContentConnector#createNewResource`
    - ii. It would fire the `ContentChangedEvent` with the item id type not treatable by Resource Files app.
    - iii. it would still be problematic to navigate to the detail sub-app (??)

## Proposed solution



1. As **MGNLUI-3576** suggests - we introduce a new action called smth like `EditorCallbackAction` in **ui-framework** which supersedes both the existing `CallbackDialogAction/CallbackFormAction`.
  - a. The semantics of the new action is the same - just notify the editor, that the detail sub-app/dialog finished editing the item without doing anything extra.
  - b. The main difference from the aforementioned actions - it should also do validation to ensure the editing is correct.
2. According to this all the resource-related logic happens within the `CreateResourceAction`, the dialog action simply enclosed in it and only populates the properties like `resource name`, nothing else.
  - a. We end up writing only one custom action (which is sort of logically complete in terms that the full cycle of resource creation happens here).
  - b. No need to pass around context information (e.g. parent coordinates, resulting resource path etc).
  - c. Actual JCR entry creation is postponed till the latest action phase, cancel action stays as dumb as usually.
  - d. Navigation is trivial since all the data is at the hand.