



ORTL at a glance: A new Rich Text Editor for Oracle APEX

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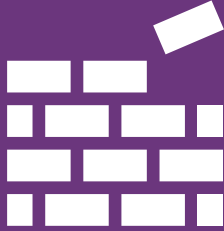
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Introduction

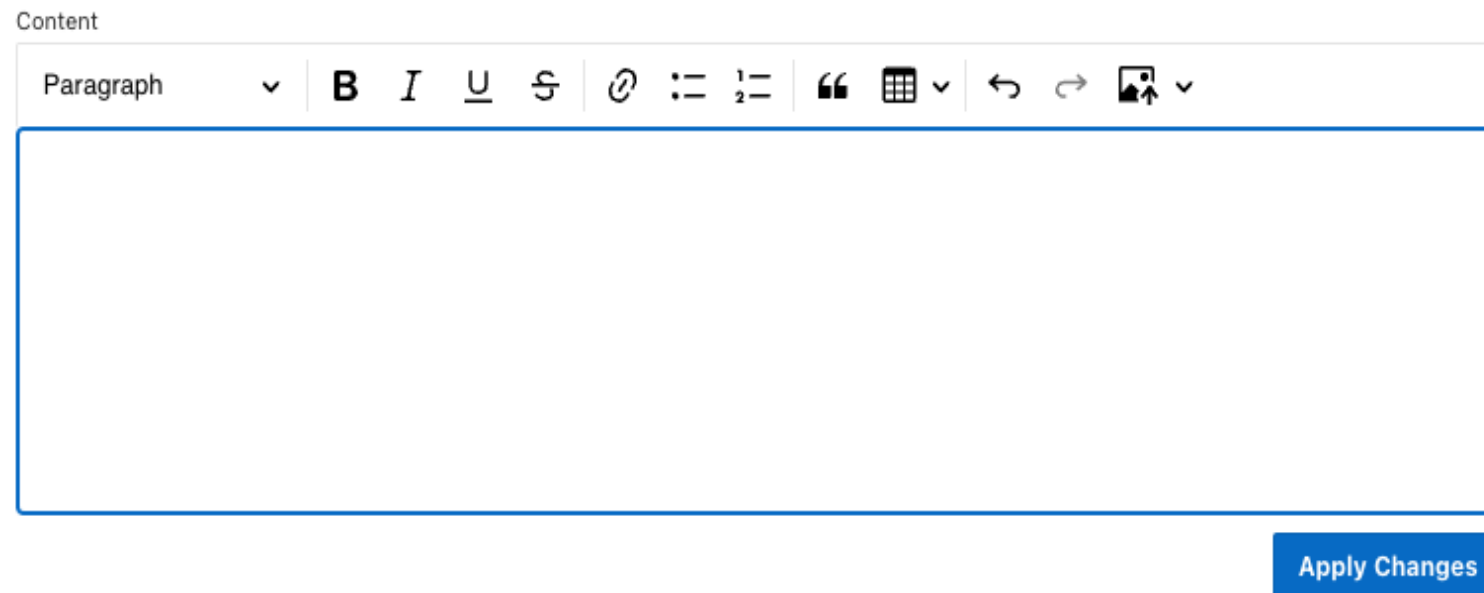
WHAT ARE WE TALKING ABOUT?

- RTE = Rich Text Editor
- Page item
- Support HTML and Markdown
- ORTL (Oracle Rich Text Library) = fork of CKEditor5

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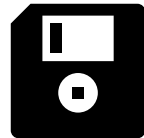
HIGHLY CUSTOMIZABLE



Custom toolbar



Image upload



Autosave



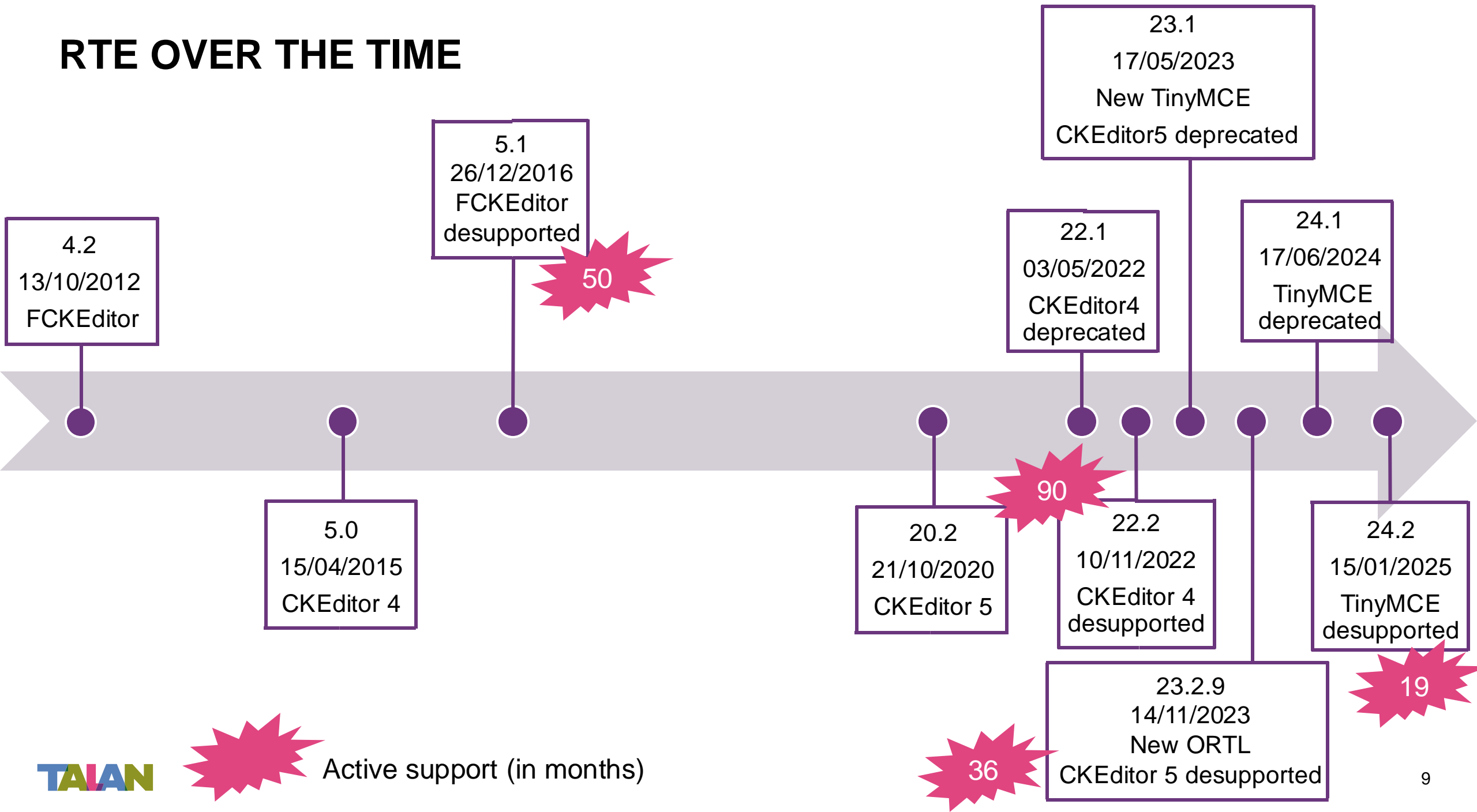
Mention aka @someone



Word and characters count

RTE over the time

RTE OVER THE TIME



What is the strategy for an easy migration (if you have customized your editor)?

MIGRATION FROM 22.2 TO 23.1 (17/05/2023)

1. Read the release note

3.1 Rich Text Editor

New Rich Text Editor page items are now based on a new thirty party library, TinyMCE. APEX 23.1 ships with the free edition of TinyMCE version 6.3.1.

Existing items based on the CKEditor5 library continue to work. However, these items are deprecated, and will be automatically converted to TinyMCE in a future release.

You can choose which library the Rich Text Editor uses via the new item attribute **Library**. Note that the two libraries are API-incompatible, and any custom code using CKEditor5 APIs must be re-worked.

Parent topic: [Changed Behavior](#)

5.1 CKEditor5 Deprecated

CKEditor5 is deprecated. Existing items based on the CKEditor5 library continue to work. However, these items will be automatically converted to TinyMCE in a future release. Any custom code using CKEditor5 APIs must be re-worked.

Parent topic: [Deprecated Features](#)

MIGRATION FROM 22.2 TO 23.1 (17/05/2023)

1. Read the release note
2. Migrate CKEditor5 to TinyMCE (learning curve, time, cost)

```
function(options){  
  // enable the Simple upload adapter  
  options.editorOptions.extraPlugins.push(  
    CKEditor5.upload.SimpleUploadAdapter  
  );  
  
  // configure the uploader  
  options.editorOptions.simpleUpload = {  
    uploadUrl: "Your POST endpoint URL"  
  };  
  
  // Add a button to upload an image in the toolbar  
  let toolbar = options.editorOptions.toolbar;  
  toolbar.push("uploadImage");  
  options.editorOptions.toolbar = toolbar;  
  
  return options;  
}
```




```
function(options){  
  // Add the plugin and the toolbar option  
  options.editorOptions.plugins += " image";  
  options.editorOptions.toolbar += " image";  
  
  //Indicates the upload location  
  options.editorOptions.images_upload_url = "YOUR_ENDPOINT_URL";  
  
  //Disable relative url  
  options.editorOptions.relative_urls = false;  
  
  return options;  
}
```

MIGRATION FROM 23.1 TO 24.1 (17/06/2024)

1. Read the release note 🖱️

5.5 TinyMCE-based Rich Text Editor

The Rich Text Editor page item based on the TinyMCE library is now deprecated, and will be removed in a future release. 
Customers are advised to switch the Library attribute of any Rich Text Editors using TinyMCE to Oracle Rich Text Library (ORTL).
Any custom code referencing the TinyMCE library and its options must be reworked for ORTL, which is a CKEditor5-based library.

Parent topic: [Deprecated Features](#)

MIGRATION FROM 23.1 TO 24.1 (17/06/2024)

1. Read the release note
2. Migrate TinyMCE to ORTL (learning curve, time, cost)

```
function(options){  
  // Add the plugin and the toolbar option  
  options.editorOptions.plugins += " image";  
  options.editorOptions.toolbar += " image";  
  
  //Indicates the upload location  
  options.editorOptions.images_upload_url = "YOUR_ENDPOINT_URL";  
  
  //Disable relative url  
  options.editorOptions.relative_urls = false;  
  
  return options;  
}
```



```
function(options){  
  // enable the Simple upload adapter  
  options.editorOptions.extraPlugins.push(  
    ckeditor5.SimpleUploadAdapter  
  );  
  
  // configure the uploader  
  options.editorOptions.simpleUpload = {  
    uploadUrl: "Your POST endpoint URL"  
  };  
  
  // Add a button to upload an image in the toolbar  
  let toolbar = options.editorOptions.toolbar;  
  toolbar.push("uploadImage");  
  options.editorOptions.toolbar = toolbar;  
  
  return options;  
}
```

Have you noticed anything?

LOOK CLOSELY

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}
```

CKEditor5: 22.2



```
function(options){  
    // enable the Simple upload adapter  
    options.editorOptions.extraPlugins.push(  
        ckeditor5.SimpleUploadAdapter  
    );  
  
    // configure the uploader  
    options.editorOptions.simpleUpload = {  
        uploadUrl: "Your POST endpoint URL"  
    };  
  
    // Add a button to upload an image in the toolbar  
    let toolbar = options.editorOptions.toolbar;  
    toolbar.push("uploadImage");  
    options.editorOptions.toolbar = toolbar;  
  
    return options;  
}
```

ORTL: 24.1

THE RIGHT PATH (KNOWING ALL WE LEARNED)

Migration from ≤ 22.2 to 23.1



Keep CKEditor5 🤪

~~Migrate CKEditor5 to TinyMCE (learning curve, time, cost)~~

Migration from 23.1 to 24.1+



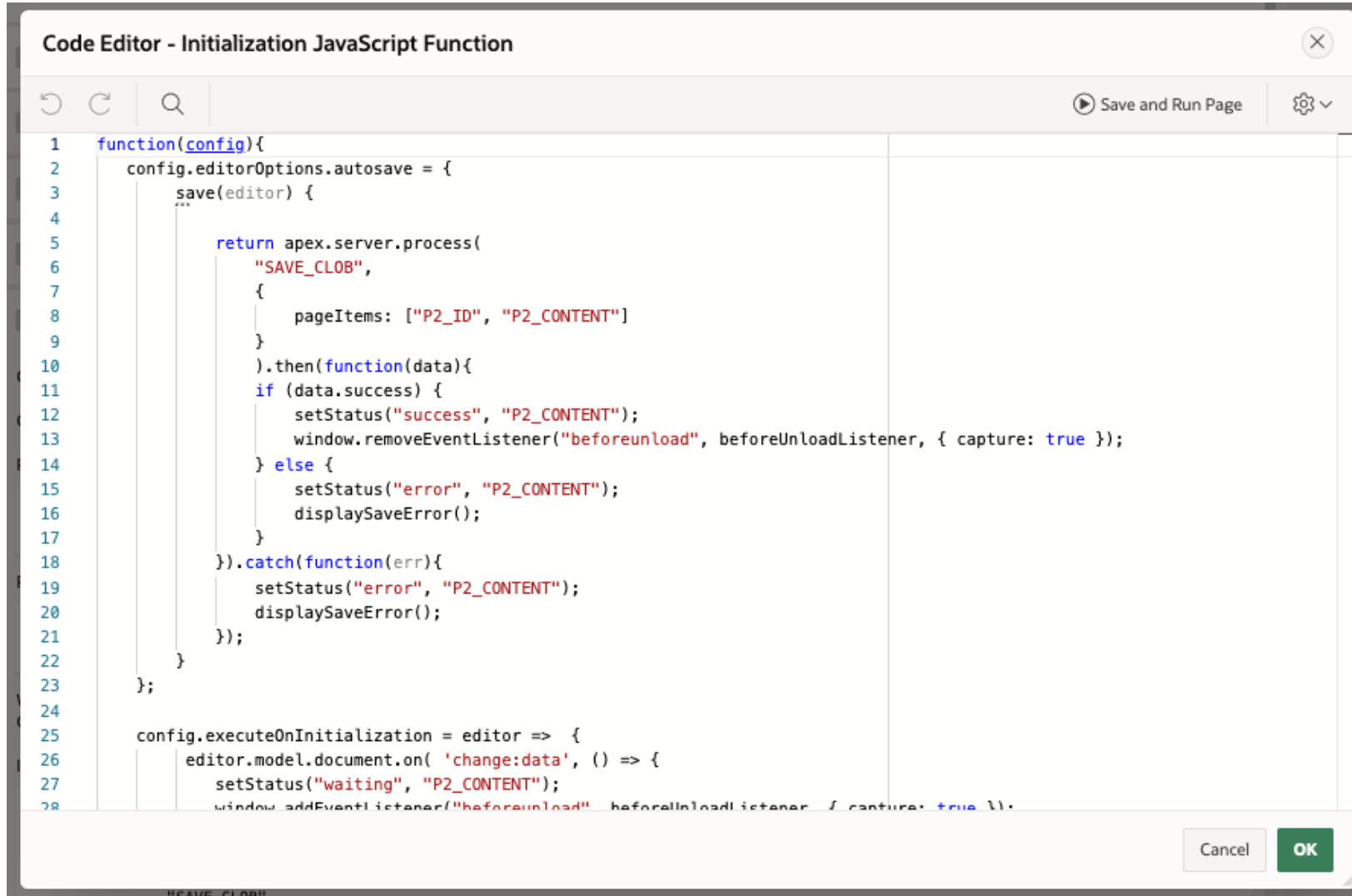
Migrate CKEditor5 to ORTL 🤪

~~Migrate TinyMCE to ORTL (learning curve, time, cost)~~

RTE customization

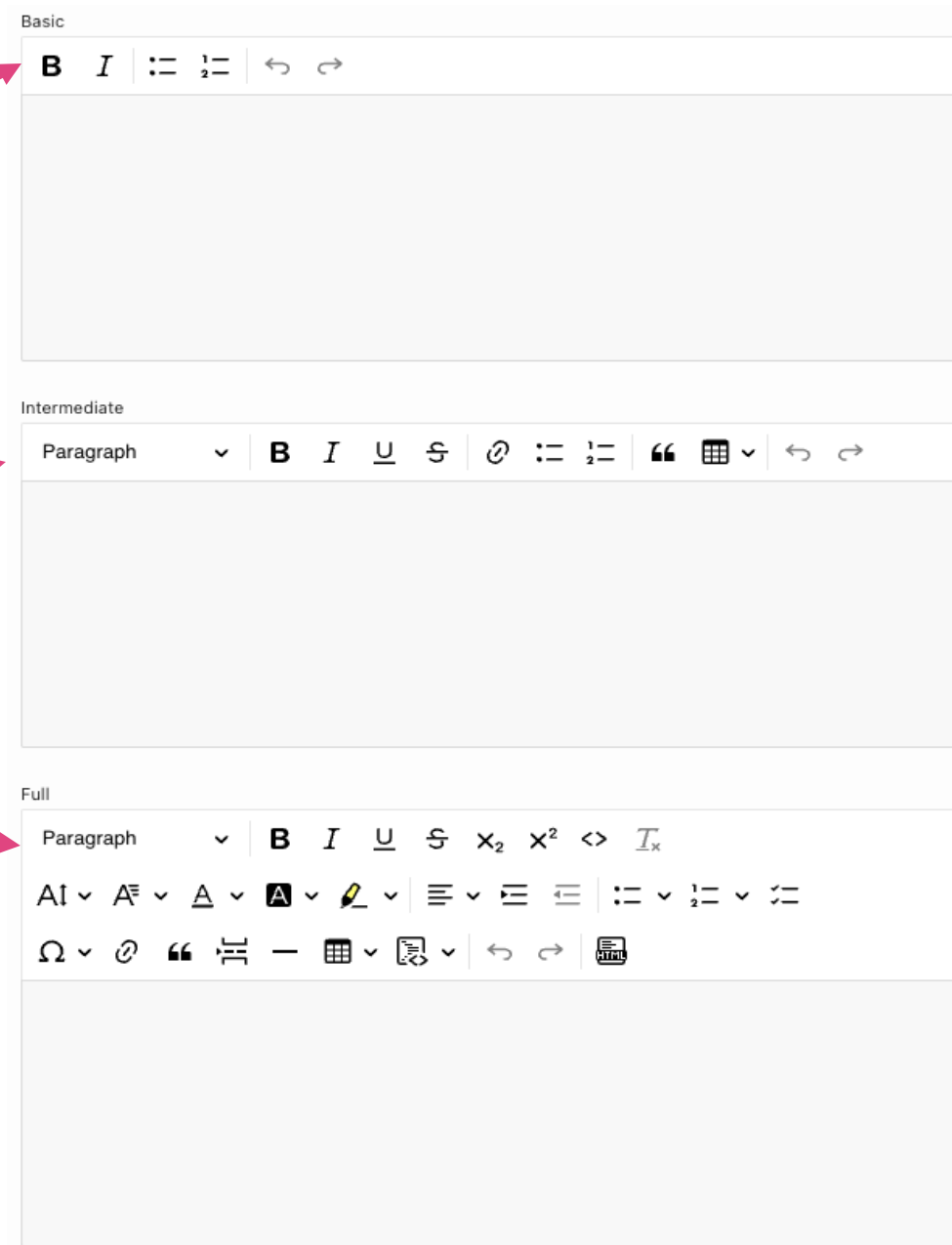
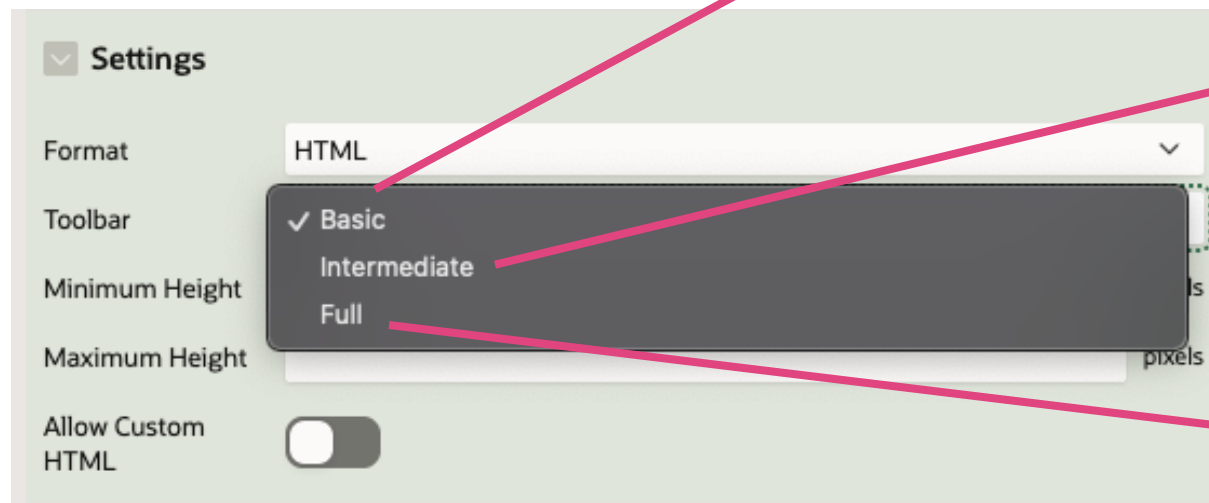
HOW TO CUSTOMIZE IT?

Add the code in the Initialization JavaScript Function attribute



```
1 function(config){
2   config.editorOptions.autosave = {
3     save(editor) {
4       ...
5       return apex.server.process(
6         "SAVE_CLOB",
7         {
8           pageItems: ["P2_ID", "P2_CONTENT"]
9         }
10        ).then(function(data){
11          if (data.success) {
12            setStatus("success", "P2_CONTENT");
13            window.removeEventListener("beforeunload", beforeUnloadListener, { capture: true });
14          } else {
15            setStatus("error", "P2_CONTENT");
16            displaySaveError();
17          }
18        }).catch(function(err){
19          setStatus("error", "P2_CONTENT");
20          displaySaveError();
21        });
22      }
23    };
24
25    config.executeOnInitialization = editor => {
26      editor.model.document.on( 'change:data', () => {
27        setStatus("waiting", "P2_CONTENT");
28        window.addEventListener("beforeunload", beforeUnloadListener, { capture: true });
```

TOOLBAR – DECLARATIVE OPTIONS



TOOLBAR – CONFIGURATION: TWO AVAILABLE FORMATS

Basic

```
function(config){  
  
    config.editorOptions.toolbar = [  
        'bold',  
        'italic',  
        '|',  
        'undo',  
        'redo',  
        '|',  
        'numberedList',  
        'bulletedList'  
    ];  
  
    return config;  
}
```

Extended

```
function(config){  
  
    config.editorOptions.toolbar = {  
        items: [  
            'undo', 'redo',  
            '|',  
            'heading',  
            '|',  
            'fontfamily', 'fontsize', 'fontColor', 'fontBackgroundColor',  
            '|',  
            'bold', 'italic', 'strikethrough', 'subscript', 'superscript', 'code',  
            '|',  
            'link', 'uploadImage', 'blockQuote', 'codeBlock',  
            '|',  
            'bulletedList', 'numberedList', 'todoList', 'outdent', 'indent'  
        ],  
        shouldNotGroupWhenFull: false  
    };  
  
    return config;  
}
```

TOOLBAR – WHAT ARE MY OPTIONS?

```
// List of available options for an editor  
Array.from(apex.items.PAGE_ITEM.getEditor().ui.componentFactory.names())
```



JavaScript console (browser development tools)

```
> Array.from(apex.items.P4_FULL.getEditor().ui.componentFactory.names())
```

```
< (108) ['alignment:left', 'alignment:right', 'alignment:center', 'alignment:justify', 'alignment', 'menuBar:alignment', 'undo', 'menuBar:undo',  
'redo', 'menuBar:redo', 'imageTextAlternative', 'insertImage', 'imageInsert', 'menuBar:insertImage', 'toggleImageCaption', 'uploadImage', 'imageUpload', 'menuBar:uploadImage', 'insertImageViaUrl', 'menuBar:insertImageViaUrl', 'resizeImage:original', 'resizeImage:custom', 'resizeImage:25', 'resizeImage:50', 'resizeImage:75', 'resizeImage', 'imageResize', 'imageStyle:inline', 'imageStyle:alignLeft', 'imageStyle:alignRight', 'imageStyle:alignCenter', 'imageStyle:alignBlockLeft', 'imageStyle:alignBlockRight', 'imageStyle:block', 'imageStyle:side', 'imageStyle:wrapText', 'imageStyle:breakText', 'blockQuote', 'menuBar:blockQuote', 'bold', 'menuBar:bold', 'code', 'menuBar:code', 'italic', 'menuBar:italic', 'strikeThrough', 'menuBar:strikeThrough', 'subscript', 'menuBar:subscript', 'superscript', 'menuBar:superscript', 'underline', 'menuBar:underline', 'codeBlock', 'menuBar:codeBlock', 'accessibilityHelp', 'menuBar:accessibilityHelp', 'selectAll', 'menuBar:selectAll', 'fontFamily', 'menuBar:fontFamily', 'fontSize', 'menuBar:fontSize', 'fontColor', 'menuBar:fontColor', 'fontBackgroundColor', 'menuBar:fontBackgroundColor', 'heading', 'menuBar:heading', 'highlight:yellowMarker', 'highlight:greenMarker', 'highlight:pinkMarker', 'highlight:blueMarker', 'highlight:redPen', 'highlight:greenPen', 'removeHighlight', 'highlight', 'menuBar:highlight', 'horizontalLine', 'menuBar:horizontalLine', 'htmlEmbed', 'menuBar:htmlEmbed', 'indent', 'menuBar:indent', 'outdent', 'menuBar:outdent', 'link', 'menuBar:link', 'linkImage', 'menuBar:linkImage', 'numberedList', 'menuBar:numberedList', 'bulletedList', 'menuBar:bulletedList', 'todoList', 'menuBar:todoList', 'pageBreak', 'menuBar:pageBreak', 'removeFormat', 'menuBar:removeFormat', 'specialCharacters', ...] i
```

```
  ▶ [0 ... 99]
```

```
  ▶ [100 ... 107]
```

```
    length: 108
```

```
  ▶ [[Prototype]]: Array(0)
```

TOOLBAR - GROUPING ITEMS (DROPDOWN)

```
function(config){  
  config.editorOptions.toolbar = [  
    'undo',  
    'redo',  
    '|',  
    {  
      label: 'Fonts',  
      icon: 'text',  
      withText: true,  
      items: [ 'fontFamily', 'fontSize', 'fontColor', 'fontBackgroundColor' ]  
    },  
    {  
      label: 'Basic styles',  
      withText: true,  
      items: [ 'bold', 'italic', 'strikethrough', 'superscript', 'subscript' ]  
    }  
  ];  
  return config;  
}
```

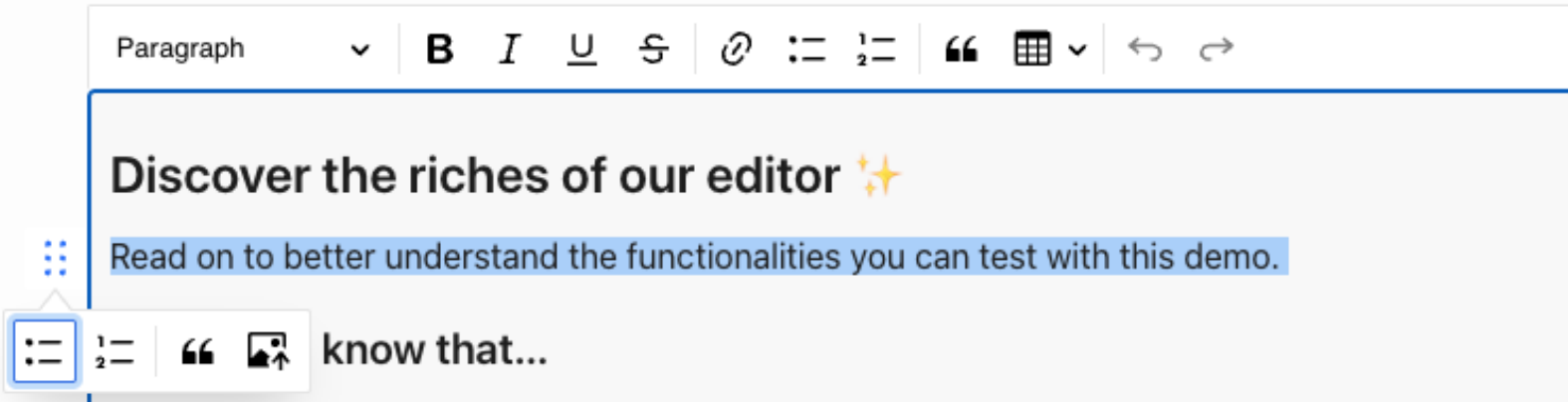
1

2

Remove color

Color picker

BLOCKTOOLBAR



Add external toolbar to the left

```
function(config){
  config.editorOptions.extraPlugins.push(ckeditor5.BlockToolbar);

  config.editorOptions.blockToolbar = [
    'paragraph', 'heading1', 'heading2', 'heading3',
    '|',
    'bulletedList', 'numberedList',
    '|',
    'blockQuote', 'uploadImage'
  ];

  return config;
}
```


IMAGE UPLOAD

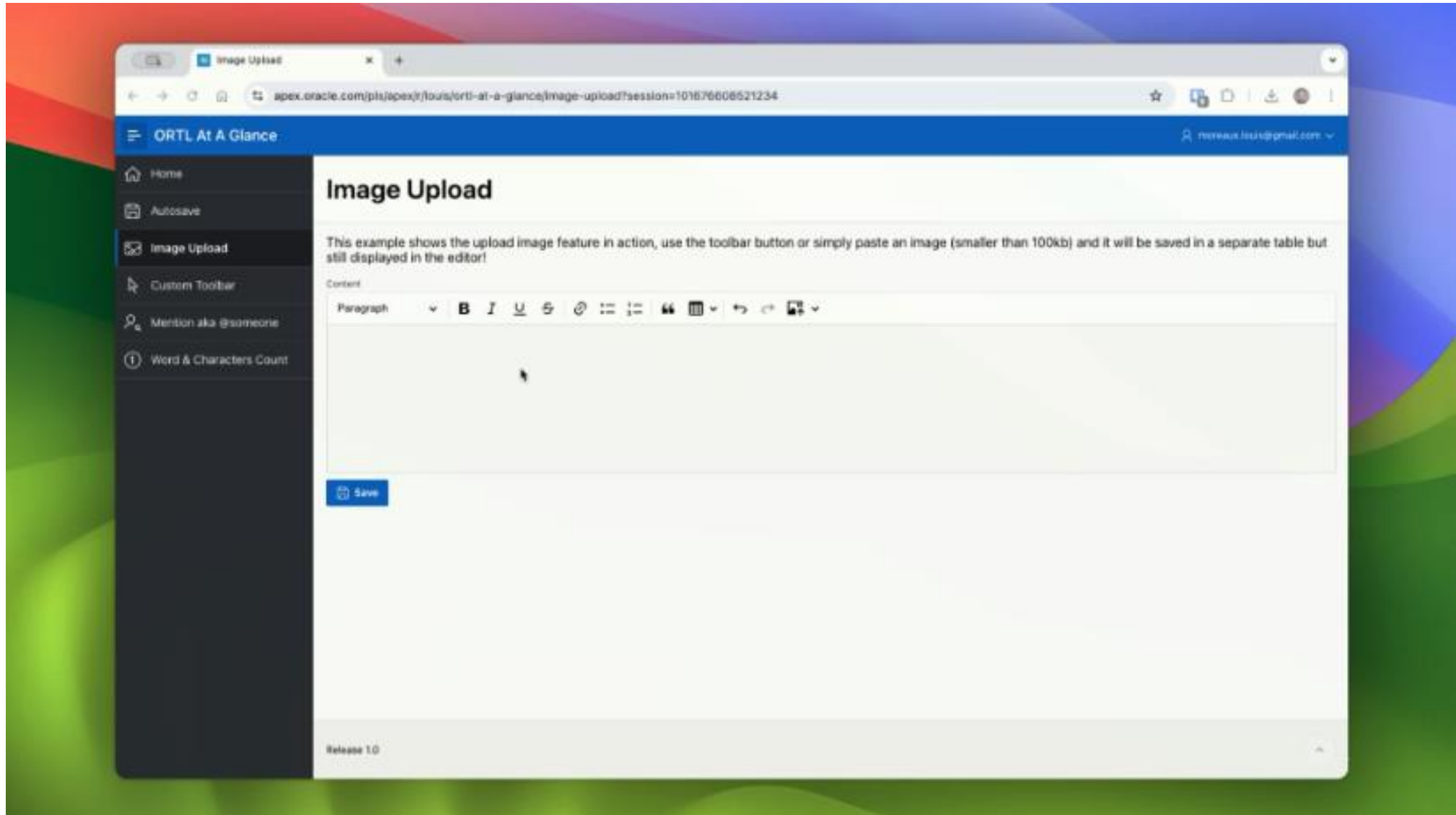


IMAGE UPLOAD – HOW IT WORKS?

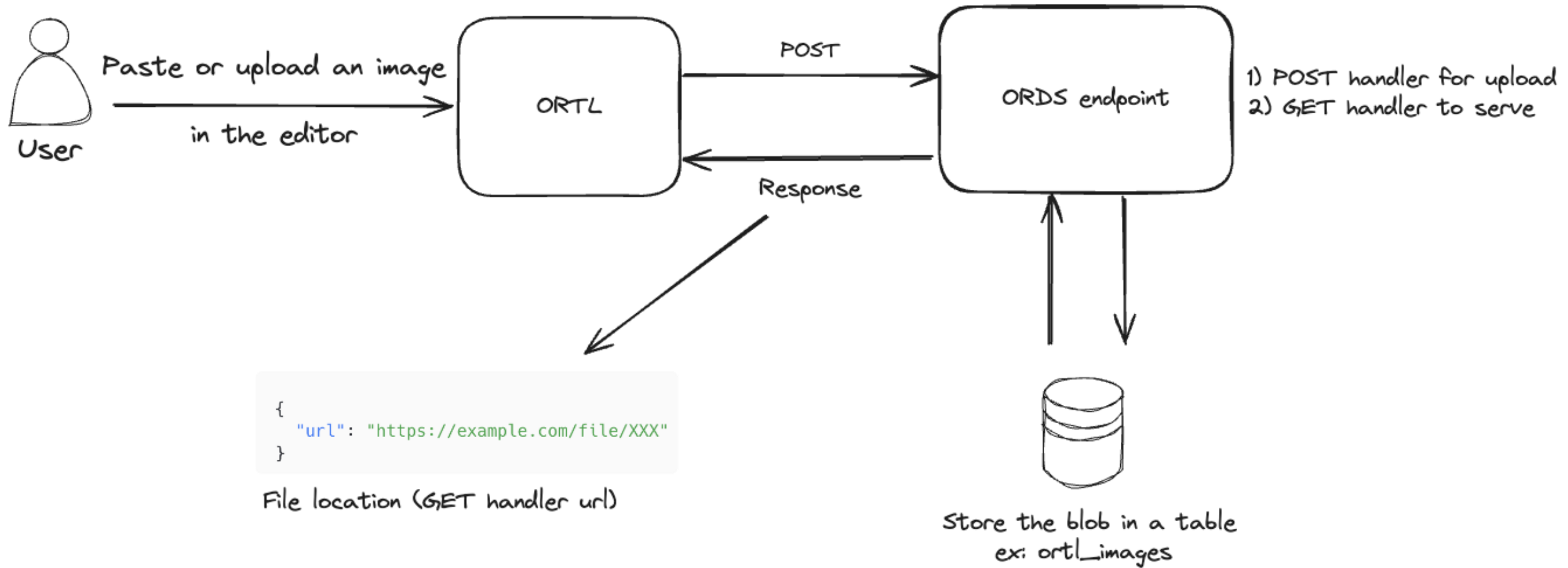


IMAGE UPLOAD – EDITOR CONFIGURATION

- 1 Enable the simple upload adapter
- 2 Configure it
- 3 Add a toolbar button

```
function(options){  
  1 options.editorOptions.extraPlugins.push(  
    ckeditor5.SimpleUploadAdapter  
  );  
  
  2 options.editorOptions.simpleUpload = {  
    uploadUrl: "https://example.com/file",  
    withCredentials: true,  
    headers: {  
      'Apex-Session': apexSession  
    }  
  };  
  
  3 let toolbar = options.editorOptions.toolbar;  
  toolbar.push("insertImage");  
  options.editorOptions.toolbar = toolbar;  
  
  return options;  
}
```

IMAGE UPLOAD – ORDS (POST)

- 1 Get the blob from the request
- 2 Add some validation (ex: file size)
- 3 Store the file in the db and get the id
- 4 Create the success response
- 5 For errors, provide a user-friendly message

```
declare
    l_id orl_images.id%type;
    l_blob blob;
    e_file_too_big exception;
begin
    1 dbms_lob.createtemporary(l_blob, false);
      l_blob := :body;

    2 if (sys.dbms_lob.getlength(l_blob) > 100000) then
        raise e_file_too_big;
    end if;

    3 insert into orl_images (image, content_type) values (l_blob, :content_type)
    returning id into l_id;
    commit;

    dbms_lob.freetemporary(l_blob);

    4 :status := 201;

    apex_json.open_object;
    apex_json.write(
        p_name => 'url',
        p_value => owa_util.get_cgi_env('REQUEST_PROTOCOL') ||
                    '://' ||
                    owa_util.get_cgi_env('SERVER_NAME') ||
                    owa_util.get_cgi_env('SCRIPT_NAME') ||
                    owa_util.get_cgi_env('PATH_INFO') ||
                    '/' || l_id
    );
    apex_json.close_object;
    5 exception
    when e_file_too_big then
        apex_json.open_object;
        apex_json.open_object('error');
        apex_json.write('message', 'File too big (max 100kb).');
        apex_json.close_object;
        apex_json.close_object;
    when others then
        apex_json.open_object;
        apex_json.open_object('error');
        apex_json.write('message', 'Something wrong!');
        apex_json.write('sqlerrm', sqlerrm);
        apex_json.close_object;
        apex_json.close_object;
end;
```

IMAGE UPLOAD – ORDS (GET)

Built-in source type

* Method ?

* Source Type ?

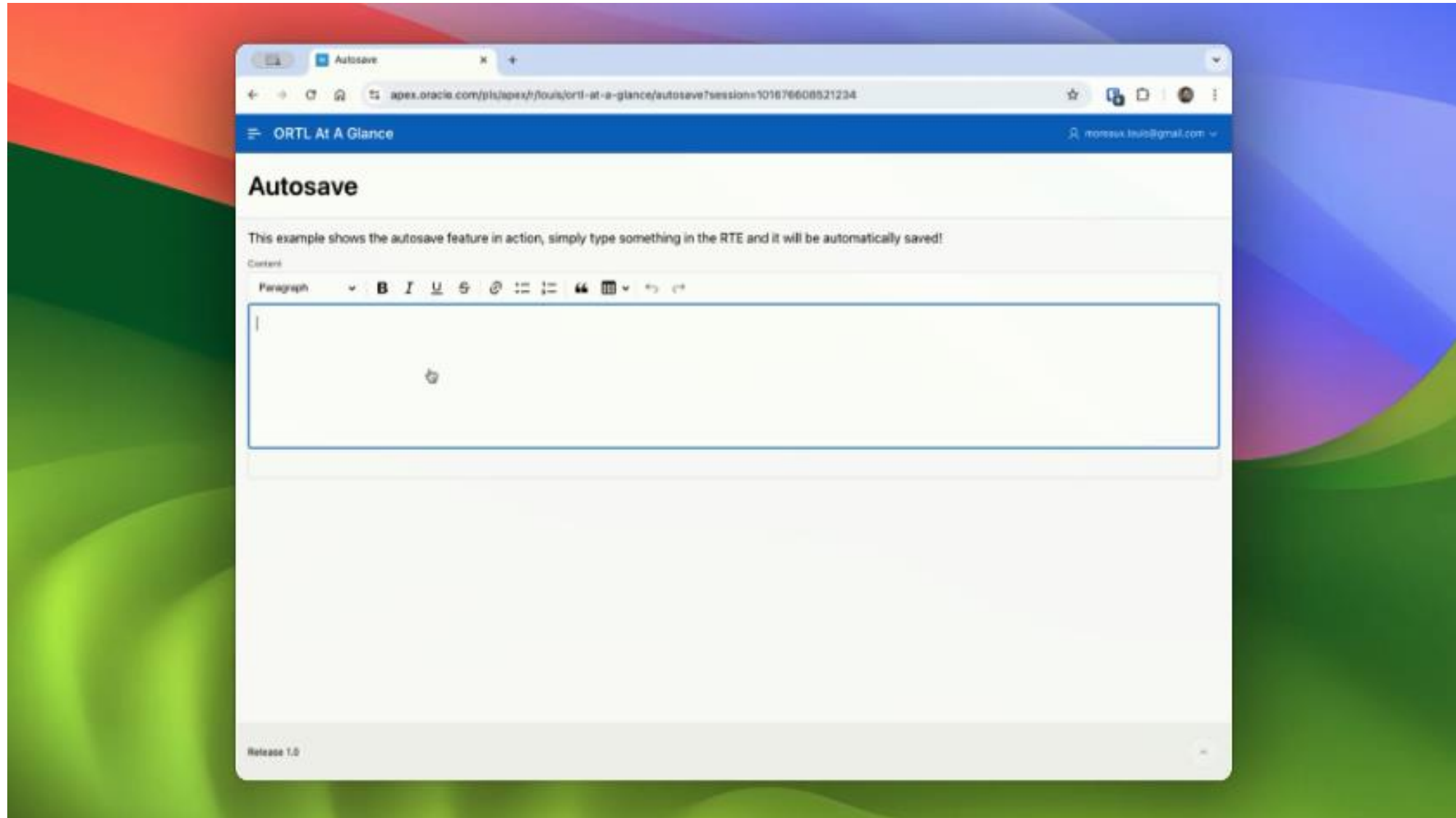
SQL query

```
select content_type , image
from ortl_images
where id = :ID
```

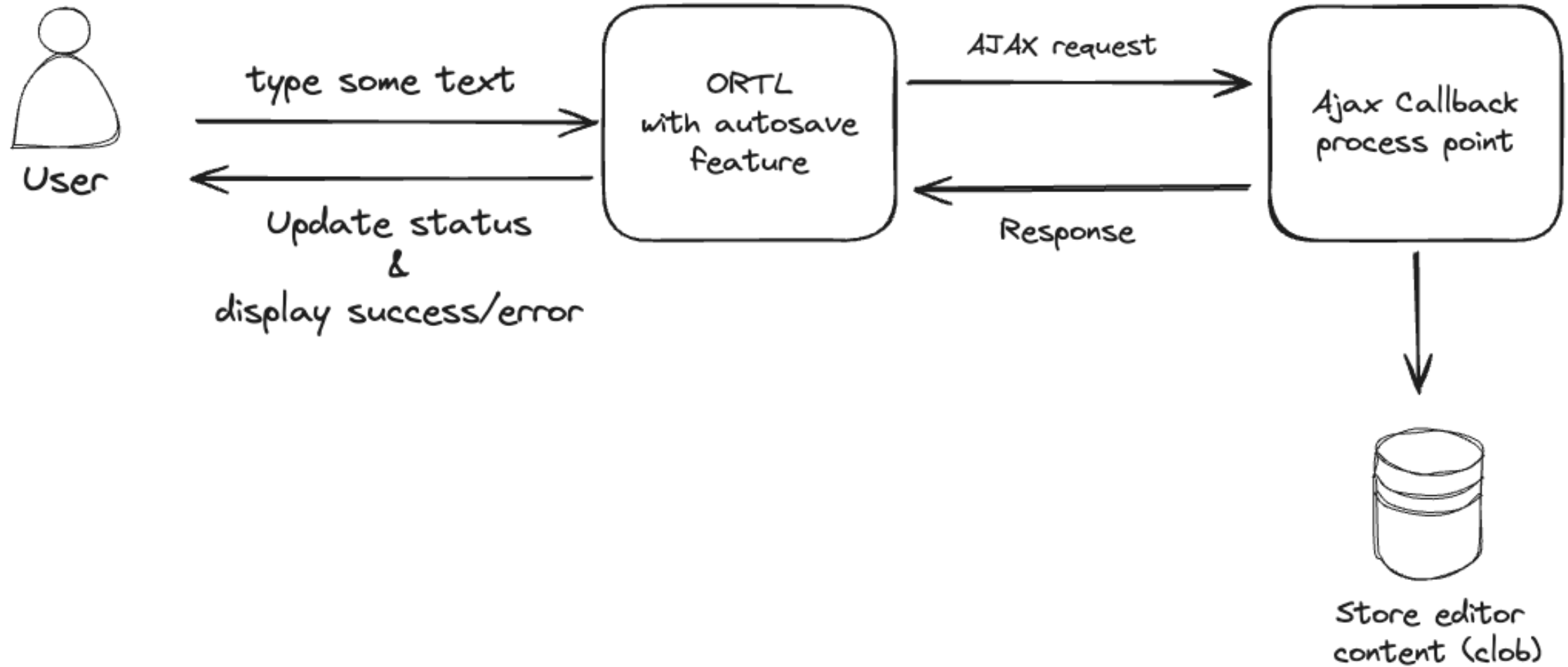
URI parameter

Parameters ?						
<div><input type="text" value="Search: All Text Columns"/> <input type="button" value="Go"/> <input type="button" value="Actions"/> <input type="button" value="Edit"/> <input type="button" value="Add Row"/> <input type="button" value="Reset"/></div>						
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Name	Bind Variable	Access Method	Source Type	Data Type
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	id	ID	IN	URI	STRING

AUTOSAVE



AUTOSAVE – HOW IT WORKS?



AUTOSAVE – EDITOR CONFIGURATION

- 1 Configure autosave feature
- 2 Call Ajax Callback process
- 3 Update status and message
- 4 Update status on change event

```
function(config){  
  1 config.editorOptions.autosave = {  
    save(editor) {  
      2 return apex.server.process(  
        "SAVE_CLOB",  
        {  
          pageItems: ["P2_ID", "P2_CONTENT"]  
        }  
      ).then(function(data){  
        3 if (data.success) {  
          setStatus("success", "P2_CONTENT");  
          apex.message.showPageSuccess("Saved changes");  
        } else {  
          setStatus("error", "P2_CONTENT");  
          displaySaveError();  
        }  
      }).catch(function(err){  
        setStatus("error", "P2_CONTENT");  
        displaySaveError();  
      });  
    }  
  };  
  4 config.executeOnInitialization = editor => {  
    editor.model.document.on( 'change:data', () => {  
      setStatus("waiting", "P2_CONTENT");  
    });  
  }  
  return config;  
}
```


AUTOSAVE – AJAX CALLBACK

- 1 Save editor content
- 2 Successful response
- 3 Unsuccessful response

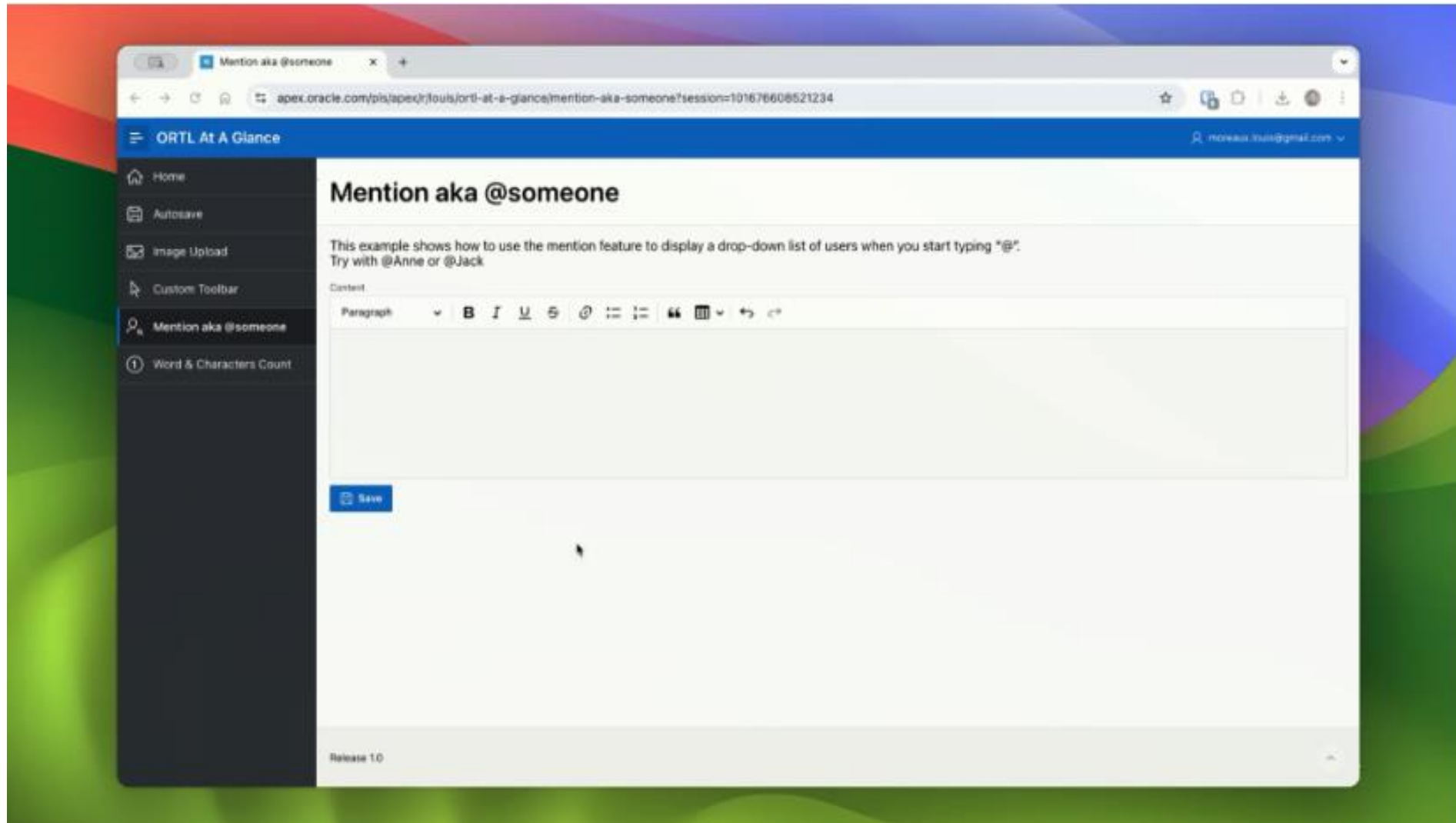
```
begin
  1    update aw_orcl
        set content = :P2_CONTENT
        where id = :P2_ID;

  2    apex_json.open_object;
        apex_json.write('success', true);
        apex_json.close_object;

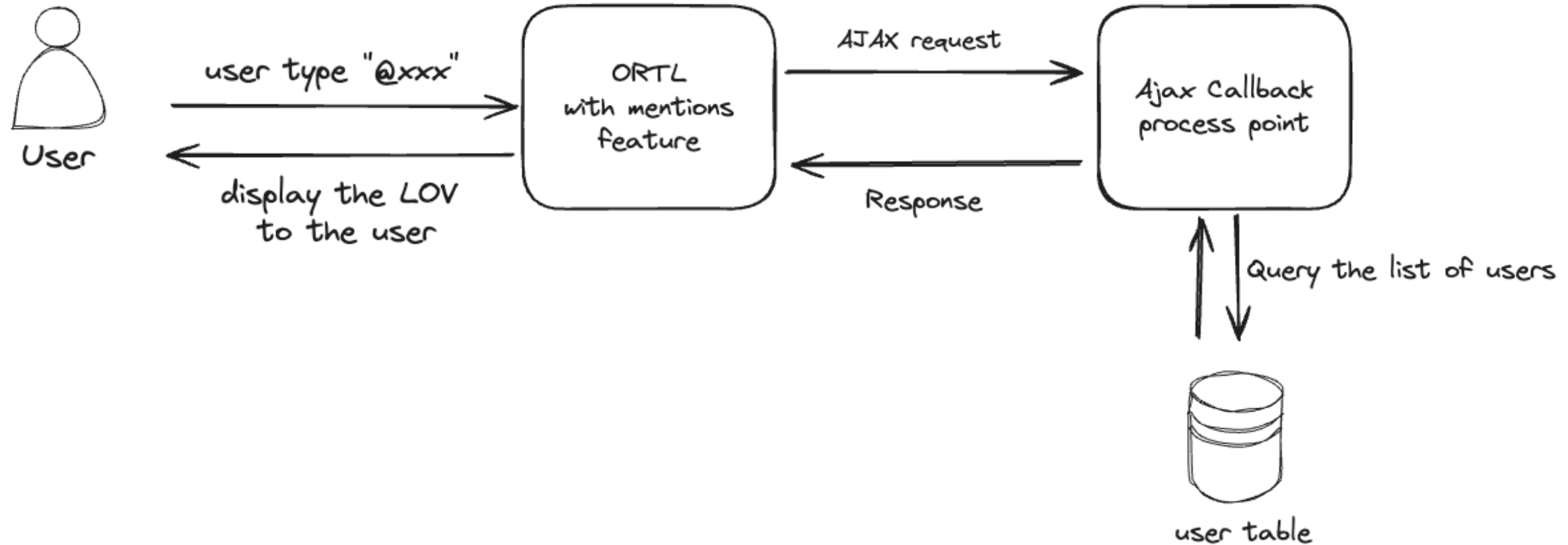
  3    exception
        when others then
            apex_json.open_object;
            apex_json.write('success', false);
            apex_json.close_object;

end;
```

MENTIONS AKA @SOMEONE



MENTIONS – HOW IT WORKS?



MENTIONS – EDITOR CONFIGURATION

- 1 Define one to many feeds
- 2 Provide a marker (@, #, etc)
- 3 JavaScript function to get the data
- 4 JavaScript function to format the list

```
function(options){  
    options.editorOptions.mention = {  
        feeds: [  
            {  
                marker: '@',  
                feed: getUserItems,  
                itemRenderer: renderItemRenderer  
            }  
        ],  
    };  
    return options;  
}
```

MENTIONS – FEED FUNCTION

- 1 Function with typed text as argument
- 2 Should return a Promise
- 3 Call Ajax Callback process
- 4 Returns aJSON array

```
1 function getUserItems( queryText ) {  
2   return new Promise( resolve => {  
3     let ret = apex.server.process(  
        "GET_USERS",  
        {  
          x01:queryText.toLowerCase()  
        }  
      );  
  
      ret.done( function( data ) {  
        let users = [];  
        if ( data.matchFound ) {  
          users = JSON.parse(data.users);  
        }  
        resolve(users);  
      });  
    });  
  }  
}
```

MENTIONS – AJAX CALLBACK

1 Query table (using user input)

2 Return JSON response with:

- matchFound (true/false)
- Users: data (JSON)

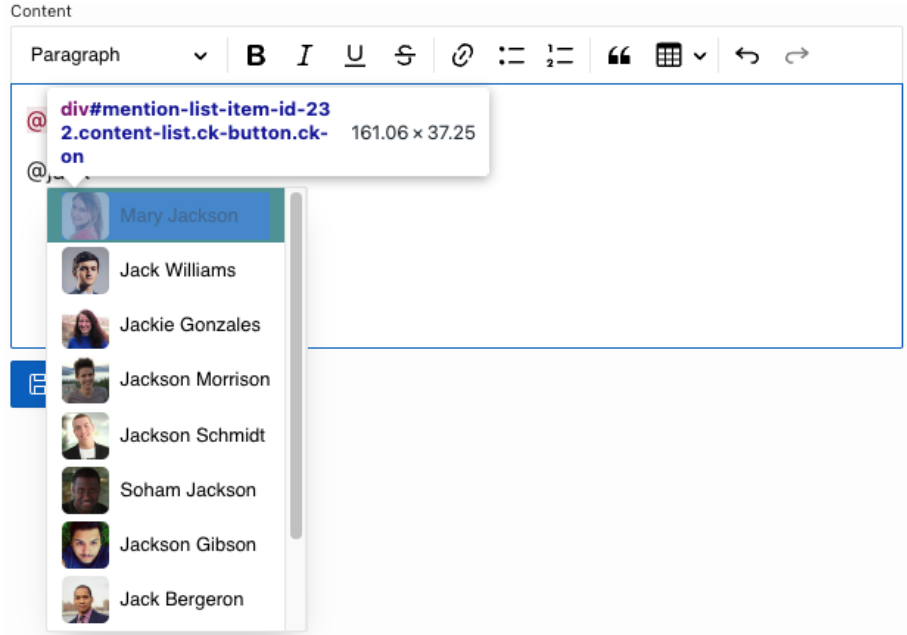
1

```
declare
    l_users clob;
begin
    select
        json_arrayagg(
            json_object(
                key 'id' value '@' || id,
                key 'text' value '@' || first || ' ' || last,
                key 'userId' value id,
                key 'name' value first || ' ' || last,
                key 'email' value email,
                key 'picture' value large
            )
            returning clob)
        into l_users
    from user_data
    where lower(first) like apex_application.g_x01 || '%'
        or lower(last) like apex_application.g_x01 || '%';
```

2

```
apex_json.open_object;
apex_json.write('success', true);
apex_json.write('matchFound', (l_users is not null));
apex_json.write('users', l_users);
apex_json.close_object;
end;
```

MENTIONS – RENDER FUNCTION



```
<div class="ck ck-balloon-panel ck-balloon-panel_caret_se ck-balloon-panel_visible" style="top: 300px; left: 32px;">
  <div class="ck ck-balloon-rotator" z-index="-1">
    <div class="ck ck-balloon-rotator_navigation ck-hidden">...</div>
    <div class="ck ck-balloon-rotator_content">
      <ul class="ck ck-reset ck-list ck-mentions" tabindex="-1">
        <li class="ck ck-list_item" role="presentation">
          <div class="content-list ck-button ck-on" id="mention-list-item-id-232">
            
            <span class="user-name">Mary Jackson</span>
          </div>
        </li>
        <li class="ck ck-list_item" role="presentation">...</li>
        <li class="ck ck-list_item" role="presentation">...</li>
        <li class="ck ck-list_item" role="presentation">...</li>
        <li class="ck ck-list_item" role="presentation">...</li>
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        <li class="ck ck-list_item" role="presentation">...</li>
        <li class="ck ck-list_item" role="presentation">...</li>
      </ul>
    </div>
  </div>
</div>
```

```
[
  {
    "id": "@232",
    "text": "@Mary Jackson",
    "userId": 232,
    "name": "Mary Jackson",
    "email": "mary.jackson@example.com",
    "picture": "https://randomuser.me/api/portraits/women/91.jpg"
  },
  {
    ...
  }
]
```



```
function renderItem( item ) {
  const itemElement = document.createElement( 'div' );

  itemElement.classList.add( 'content-list' );
  itemElement.id = `mention-list-item-id-${ item.userId }`;

  const pictureElement = document.createElement( 'img' );
  pictureElement.classList.add( 'avatar-list' );
  pictureElement.setAttribute( "src", item.picture );
  itemElement.appendChild( pictureElement );

  const usernameElement = document.createElement( 'span' );

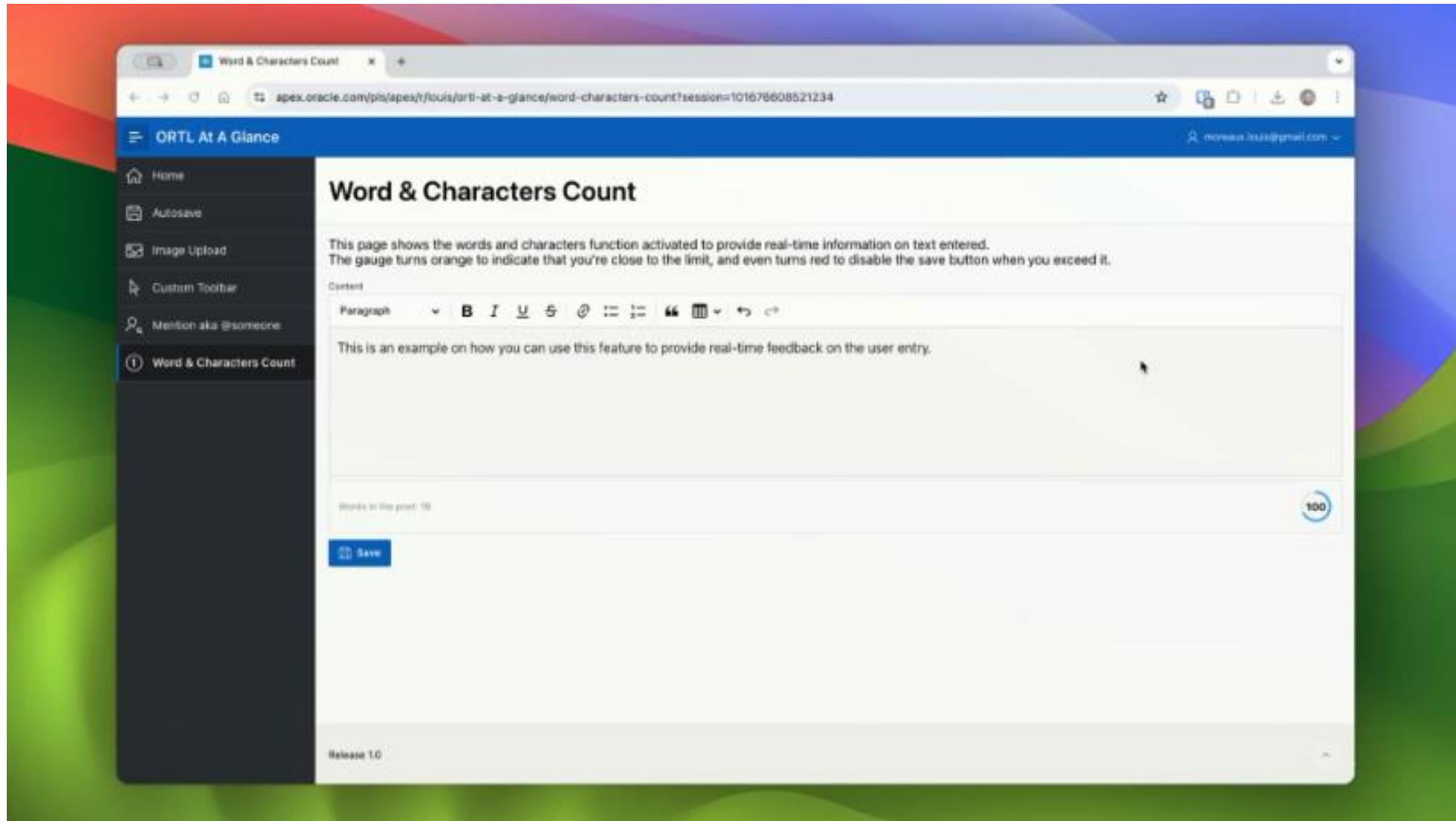
  usernameElement.classList.add( 'user-name' );
  usernameElement.textContent = item.name;

  itemElement.appendChild( usernameElement );

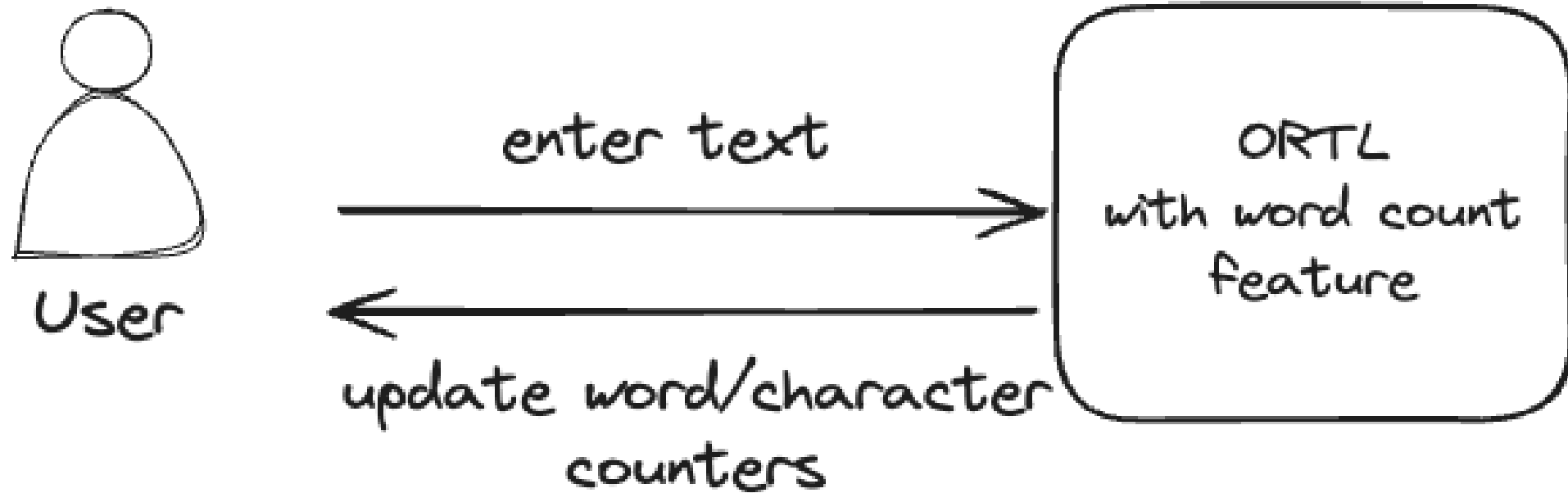
  return itemElement;
}
```



WORD & CHARACTER COUNT



W&C COUNT – EDITOR CONFIGURATION



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1 Configure WordCount feature

2 Provide onUpdate behavior

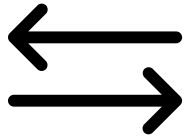
```
{  
  "characters": 150,  
  "words": 25  
}
```

```
function(config){  
  1 config.editorOptions.wordCount = {  
    2 onUpdate: function(stats) {  
      console.log( "Characters: " + stats.characters);  
      console.log( "Words: " + stats.words);  
    }  
  };  
  return config;  
}
```

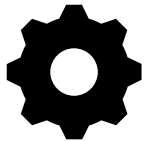
Conclusion



Avoid using TinyMCE in 23.1+



Migrate CKEditor5 to ORTL is easier



Rich Text Editor is highly customizable and powerful

Thanks

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