Best Practices for deploying AEM Maintenance Releases

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Maintenance Releases

- ~~Hotfix~~ Cumulative Fix Pack
- Service Pack

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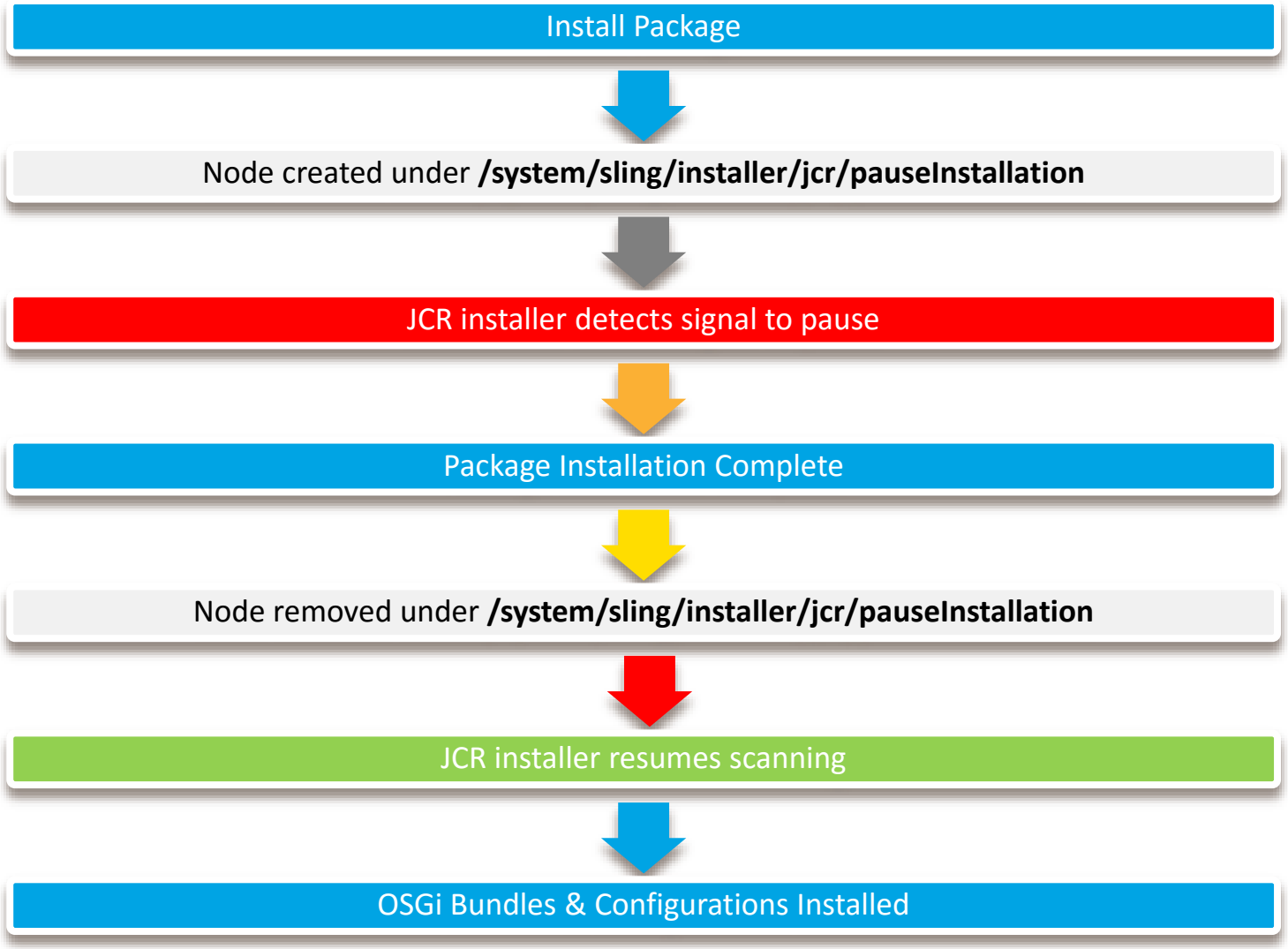
Installation Overview



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Installation Methods

- Package Manager UI ✓
- Package Manager HTTP API (Curl) ✓
- File System (crx-quickstart/install) !
- Bootstrap ✗

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Installation Validation

- ✓ OSGi bundles state
- ✓ Sub Packages
- ✓ Error logs
- ✓ **Sling OSGi Installer Mbean :** Active -> false, ActiveResourceCount -> 0
- ✓ Product version (/system/console/productinfo)
- ✓ Package Manager Activity Logs
- ✓ Last but not the least – Do a hands on sanity to ensure AEM is good to use post installation

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Challenges in deploying

- OSGi Export Package Changes
- Overlay Conflicts

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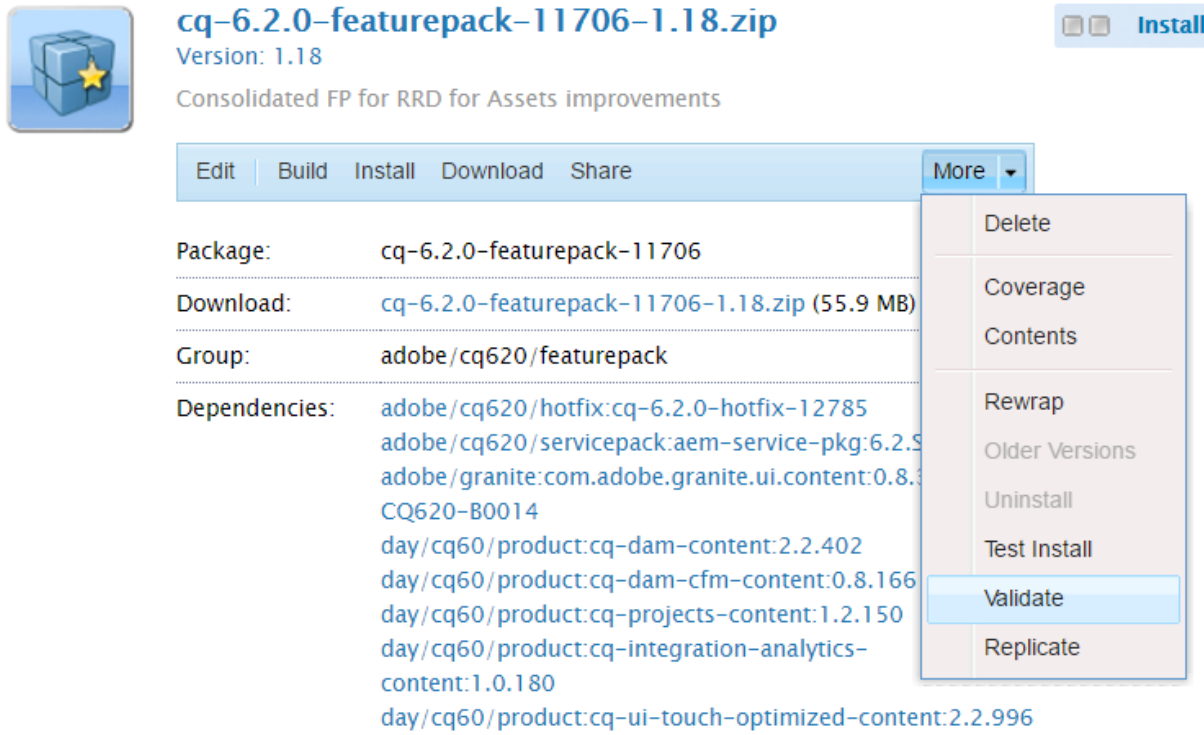
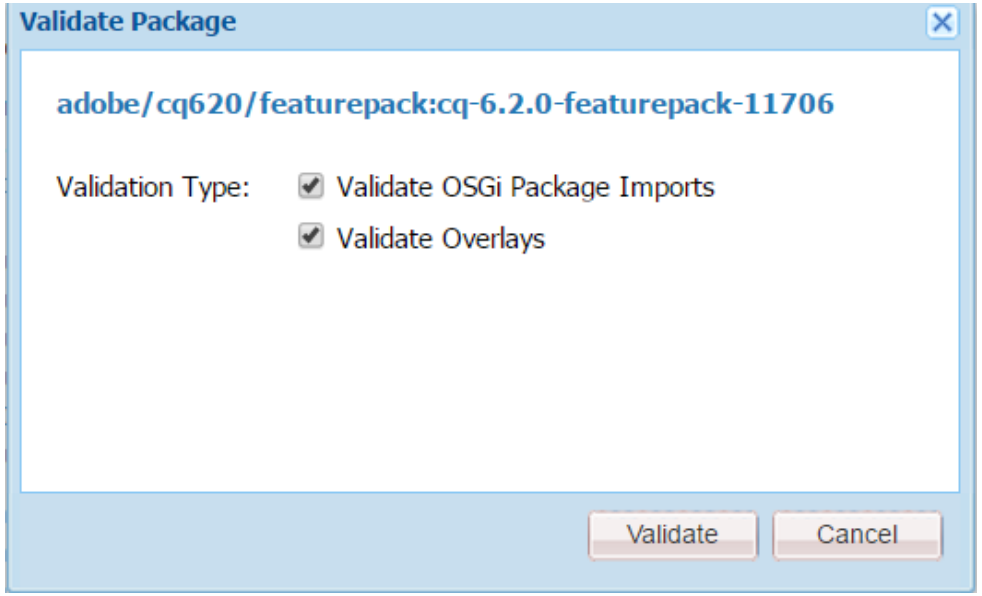
Package Manager | Enhancements

- Validate option added in Package Manager
  - Upload package and pre-validate it before actual installation
  - Any inconsistencies or conflicts reported can be handled before installation





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Validate OSGi Package Imports

- Package can be pre-validated to check if installing the package will result in any unsatisfied OSGi package imports and bundles in installed state
- Activity logs list the unsatisfied package imports and the corresponding bundles
- Bundles that will go in installed state are also listed

Activity Log

```
Validate Package: /etc/packages/adobe/cq620/featurepack/cq-6.2.0-featurepack-11706-1.18.zip
Wed May 24 2017 15:50:55 GMT+0530 (India Standard Time)

Validating content package

1 unsatisfied OSGi package import in 1 bundle.
1. Unsatisfied package import com.day.cq.dam.api-[1.18.0,2.0.0) in bundle com.day.cq.dam.cq-dam-indesign-5.9.29.NPR-11706-R004 present at cq-6.2.0-featurepack-11706-1.18.zip/jcr_root/libs/system/

Following 1 bundle will go from 'Active' to 'Installed' state if you install this content package.
1. com.day.cq.dam.cq-dam-indesign-5.9.29.NPR-11706-R004

1 unsatisfied OSGi package import.

Package validated in 0ms.
```

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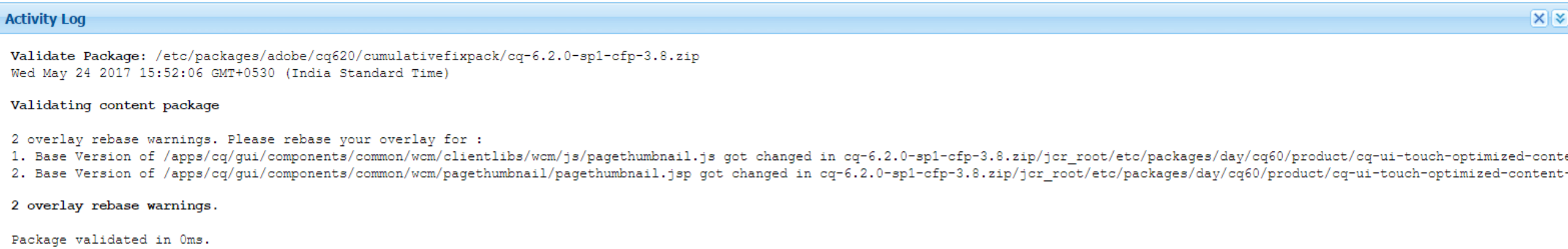
Validate Overlays

- Package can be pre-validated to ensure that no overlay is effected and identify overlays that need to be rebased
- Detects conflicts in JSP, JS & CSS file overlays only
- A warning is logged in activity logs that list the number of overlays that need to rebased with the overlay path and the path of the file in the content package



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Best Practices

- ✓ Backup
- ✓ Maintenance window
- ✓ Dependencies
- ✓ Restart after upgrade
- ✓ Clustered instances
- ✓ Test Install and Validations
- ✓ Release notes

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