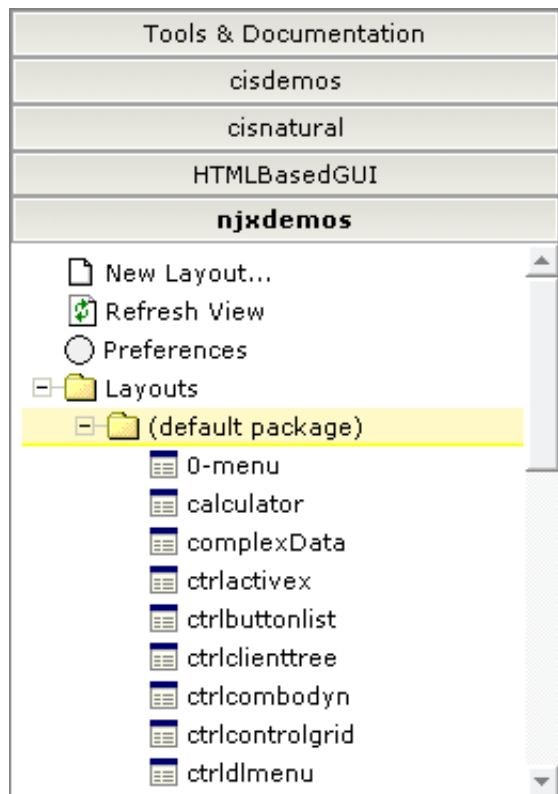# Creating a Project

In the Application Designer environment, layouts are structured in so-called application projects. In the development workplace, you see the existing projects on the left. For each project, there is a tree of layout definitions that you can display when you choose the button containing the project name. For example:



For this tutorial, you will now create a project with the name "cisnatfirst".

▶ **To create a project**

1. Choose **Tools & Documentation** to display the list of development tools.

2. Choose **Project Manager** in the tree.

   A list of existing application projects is now shown on the right.

3. Choose the **New** button which is located below the list of application projects.

   The following is now shown:

```
Create New Application Project                                    ▽
Application Project    [                              ]
                       [  Create  ]
                       Please note: you have to create a context root inside your servlet
                       engine! The name of the context root is the name of the application
                       project. In the native Application Designer environment this is done
                       automatically by restarting the Server.
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4. Enter "cisnatfirst" as the name of your project and choose the **Create** button.

   Your new project is now shown in the list of existing application projects on the right.

   The left side, which shows buttons for all existing projects, now also shows a button for your new project.

You can now proceed with the next exercise: *Getting Started with the Layout Painter*.