

How Symfony2 Forms Works?

Basic usage

Symfony

Data is Valid	Data is invalid
Form is bound and you can for e.g. persist data to DB before redirecting the user to other page	Form is bound and rendered, displaying all validation errors

Built-in Field Types

Text Field
text
textarea
email
integer
money
number
password
percent
search

url

Choice Fields choice entity country language locale timezone

Field Groups Date and Time Fields collection date repeated datetime Hidden Fields time birthday hidden

csrf Other Fields checkbox Base Fields file field radio form

Fragments Templates

The fragments are defined as blocks in Twig and as template files in PHP.

(e.g. field label) renders the field's label renders the field's HTML representation (e.g. field_widget) renders the field's errors (e.g. field_errors) renders the field's entire row (e.g. field_row) (label, widget & errors) (e.g. field rows) renders all form field rows

(e.g. form_rest) renders any fields that have not yet been rendered enctype (e.g. form enctype) if at least one field is a file upload field, this renders the enctype="multipart/form-data"



Entity

represent and store the data

src/Acme/TaskBundle/Entity/Task.php

namespace Acme\TaskBundle\Entity:

protected \$dueDate;

use Symfony\Component\Validator\Constraints as Assert; •-

class Task{ * @Assert\NotBlank() • using annotations public \$task * @Assert\NotBlank() * @Assert\Type("\DateTime")

public function getTask() { return \$this->task; public function setTask(\$task) { \$this->task = \$task: public function getDueDate() { return \$this->dueDate: public function setDueDate(\DateTime \$dueDate = null) { \$this->dueDate = \$dueDate;

Validation

Applied to the underlying object (class) by adding a set of rules (constraints). These rules can be specified in YAML, XML. annotations, or PHP

bind the submitted data to the form, which translates that data back to the task and dueDate properties of the \$task object

ask the \$task object whether or not it has valid data

Unless a property is public, it must have a "getter" and "setter" method so that the form component can get and put data onto the property

Controller

src/Acme/TaskBundle/Controller/DefaultController.php Stask = new TaskΩ: \$task->setTask('Write a blog post');

\$task->setDueDate(new \DateTime('tomorrow')); \$form = \$this->createFormBuilder(\$task)

Built-in Field ->add('task', 'text') **Types** ->add('dueDate', 'date') •-->getForm():

if (\$request->getMethod() == 'POST') { \$form->bindRequest(\$request):

if (\$form->isValid()) {

// perform some action, such as saving the task to DB return \$this->redirect(\$this->generateUrl('task success')):

return \$this->render('AcmeTaskBundle:Default:new.html.twig', arrav(

'form' => \$form->createView(). render the form));

bindRequest

}

translate user-submitted data back to the properties of an object

isValid

check for valid data in the object

createView

render the

Create

the form

The Form

Task Write a blog post Duedate Jul \$ 24 \$. 2011 ‡ Submit the

View

src/Acme/TaskBundle/Resources/views/Default/new.html.twig <form action="{{ path('task_new') }}" method="post" {{ form_enctype(form) }}> {{ form_widget(form) }} <input type="submit" /> </form> src/Acme/TaskBundle/Resources/views/Default/new.html.php <form action="<?php echo \$view['router']->generate('task_new') ?>" method="post" <?php echo \$view['form']->enctype(\$form) ?>> <?php echo \$view['form']->widget(\$form) ?> <input type="submit" /> </form>