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**Table 1. Information about the document**

A documentation for users, administrators and developers.

The users will learn how to install and setup a demo list. The administrators will learn setting up a list and plugin configuration. The developers will learn what pt\_extlist is about and how they can manipulate pt\_extlist.

The users and administrators need the basic knowledge about programming.

# Chapter 1. Introduction

## 1. What does it do?

This extension is intended to generate all sorts of lists. The data sources for the list can be a database or an extbase repository or anything you write a data-backend for (SOAP, CSV, XML, ...).

There are different steps you have to do if you want to set up a list. For a detailed example see section "Instruction" [###TODO insert link here###](#).

Here are some screenshots to give you an impression of how it looks like.

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<a href="#">UN</a> Andorra <a href="#">Details</a>	Andorra la Vella	AD	376	Europe
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<a href="#">UN</a> Antigua and Barbuda <a href="#">Details</a>	St John's	AG	1268	Americas
Anguilla <a href="#">Details</a>	The Valley	AI	1264	Americas
<a href="#">UN</a> Albania (Shqipëria) <a href="#">Details</a>	Tirana	AL	355	Europe
Netherlands Antilles (Nederlandse Antillen) <a href="#">Details</a>	Willemstad	AN	599	Americas
<a href="#">UN</a> Angola <a href="#">Details</a>	Luanda	AO	244	Africa
<a href="#">UN</a> Argentina <a href="#">Details</a>	Buenos Aires	AR	54	Americas
American Samoa (Amerika Samoa) <a href="#">Details</a>	Pago Pago	AS	685	Oceania
<a href="#">UN</a> Austria (Österreich) <a href="#">Details</a>	Vienna	AT	43	Europe

Figure 1.1. List rendered from static\_countries table

Besides the list itself, there are some more widgets that can be created by pt\_extlist:

**Static countries**

Country Name  All defined Fields  Max Phone

Continent ☒ Africa (57)  
☐ Americas (51)  
☐ Asia (47)  
☐ Europe (44)  
☐ Oceania (27)

Subcontinent

[Filter zurücksetzen](#)

Figure 1.2. Filters for static\_countries table

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<< < 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 > >>

Figure 1.3. Pager for static\_countries table

The plugin's flexform lets you insert a pt\_extlist plugin as a content element where you can configure your plugin's appearance:

The screenshot shows the 'Plugin' tab of a configuration window. At the top, there are tabs for 'General', 'Plugin', 'Access', 'Appearance', and 'Behaviour'. The 'Selected Plugin' dropdown is set to 'ExtList'. Below this, the 'Plugin Options' section is expanded, showing a 'DEF:' label and several sub-tabs: 'General Options', 'Export settings', 'Bookmarks settings', 'Filterbox settings', 'Pager settings', and 'Breadcrumbs settings'. The 'General Options' sub-tab is active, displaying a 'List Identifier' dropdown set to 'demolist' and a 'Plugin type' dropdown set to 'List'.

Figure 1.4. Flexform for inserting plugin

You can put several content elements on a page for setting up the layout and appearance of your widgets:

The screenshot shows a 'content' configuration area with a vertical list of content elements. Each element is represented by a small icon (a document with a plus sign) and a folder icon. The elements are: 'Filterbox', 'Breadcrumbs', 'List', and 'Pager'. Each element has a 'Plugin: ExtList' label below it. The elements are arranged in a vertical stack, with each element having its own configuration area.

Figure 1.5. Content elements for pt\_extlist

# Chapter 2. xxx

## 1. Examples

In this section, some examples will be provided to describe the functionality of pt\_extlist. Before you can start, make sure, that pt\_extlist is installed and loaded using Extension Manager.

### 1.1. Setting up a demo list based on static\_countries table

In this example, you will learn how to create a list by using a TYPO3 table as data source. We will use static\_countries table as it is available on all TYPO3 installations.

We will set up a page showing filters, list and pager for static countries.

1. Create a new page inside your page tree and open the template module. Open Template module and create new extension template:

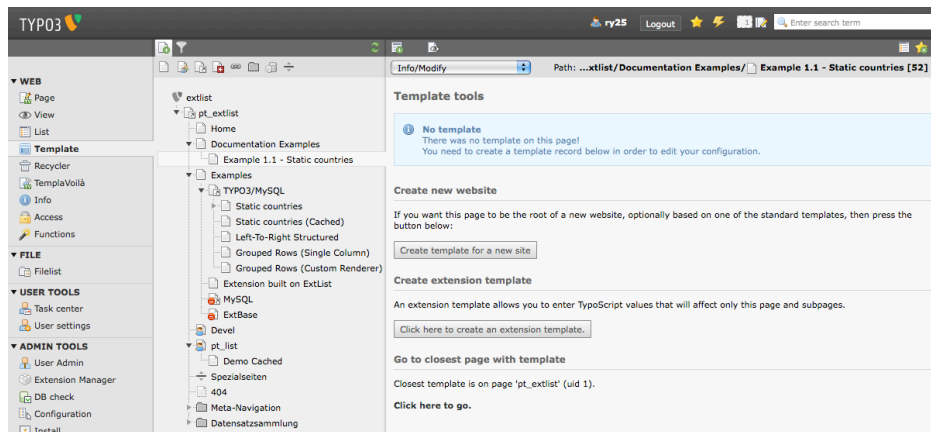


Figure 2.1. Create new extension template ###TODO### insert 1,2,3 for showing what to do in image

2. Give your extension template a proper name:



Figure 2.2. Give your extension template a proper name

3. Switch to the "Includes" Tab and select the following templates:

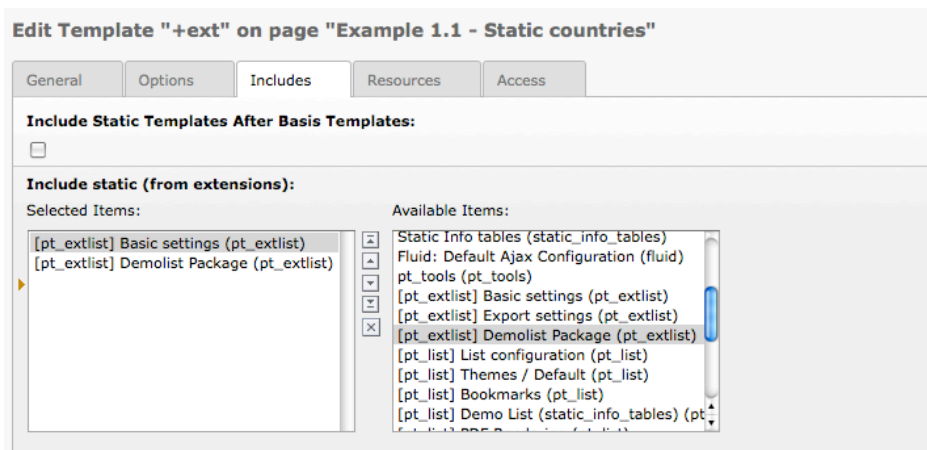


Figure 2.3. Select Basic settings and demolist package as static templates

4. Save your template and switch to the page module.
5. Select the page you just created and insert a new content element of type "plugin":

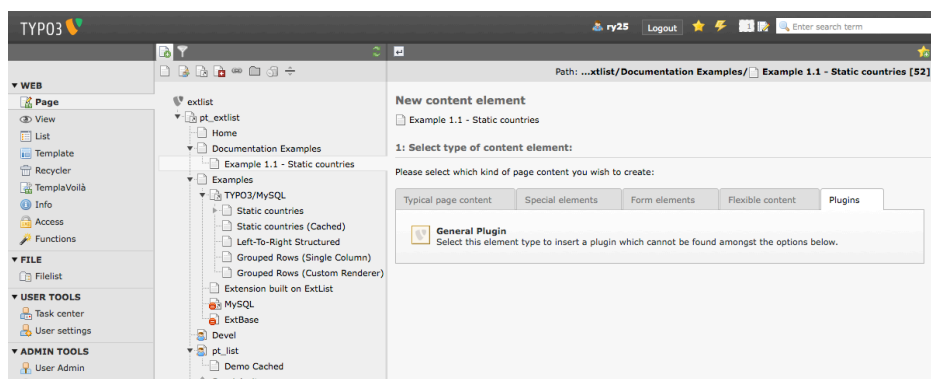


Figure 2.4. Insert plugin as content element

6. Select ExtList from the page content's "Selected Plugin" list:

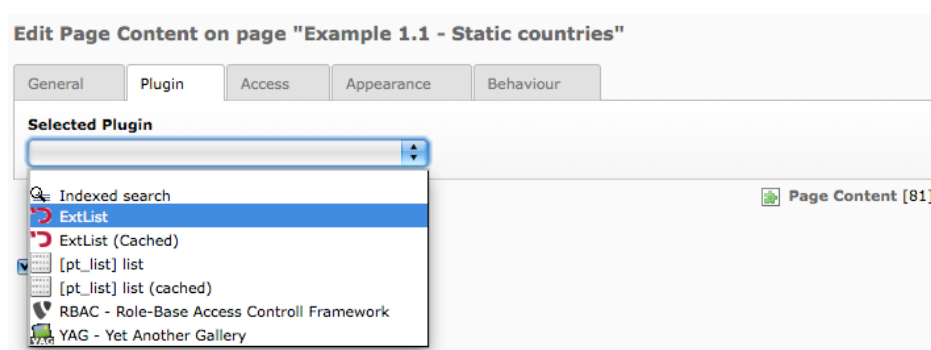


Figure 2.5. Select ExtList as content type

7. In the flexform for ExtList select "demolist"



Figure 2.6. Select "demolist" as list identifier

8. As plugin type select "Filterbox":

Figure 2.7. Select "Filterbox" as Plugin Type

9. Switch to the "Filterbox settings" Tab and input "filterbox1" as Filterbox Identifier:

Figure 2.8. Setting the filterbox identifier

10. Save your content element and create another one just below. Select "Plugin" as content type and "ExtList" as plugin type just as you did before. Again select "demolist" as list identifier (steps 5 - 7 above), but this time select "list" as plugin type:

Figure 2.9. Select "List" as Plugin Type

11. Save and create a third content element. Repeat steps 5 - 7 from above, then select "demolist" as List Identifier and select "Pager" as Plugin Type:

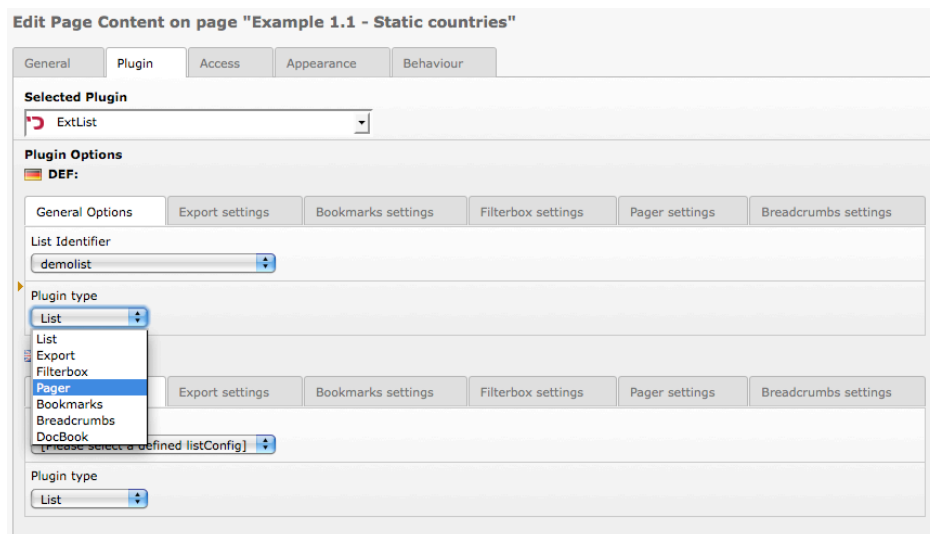


Figure 2.10. Select "Pager" as Plugin Type

12 Save content element and take a look at the page in the Frontend. Depending on your CSS Styles, it should look somehow like that:

### Example 1.1 - Static countries

Country Name

All defined Fields

Max Phone

Continent

☒ Africa (57)  
☐ Americas (51)  
☐ Asia (47)  
☐ Europe (44)  
☐ Oceania (27)

Subcontinent

[ALL]

Submit Filters

[Filter zurücksetzen](#)

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<a href="http://www.un.org">http://www.un.org</a> Antigua and Barbuda <a href="#">Details</a>	St John's	AG	1268	Americas
<a href="#">Anguilla Details</a>	The Valley	AI	1264	Americas
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<a href="http://www.un.org">http://www.un.org</a> Austria (Österreich) <a href="#">Details</a>	Vienna	AT	43	Europe
			<b>Min.: 0</b> <b>Ø: 693.6372</b> <b>Max.: 35818</b> <b>Σ: 156762</b>	

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<< < 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 > >>

Figure 2.11. Frontend view of ExtList widgets

13Now let's do a little more advanced stuff and change the number of records shown per page. Therefore switch to the Template module and select the page where you added the content elements above. Write the following line of code into your setup field:

```
plugin.tx_ptextlist.settings.listConfig.demolist.pager.itemsPerPage = 4
```

Now reload your page in the Frontend and look what's happening - there should be only 4 records per page anymore:

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<a href="http://www.un.org">http://www.un.org</a> Afghanistan (افغانستان) <a href="#">Details</a>	Kabul	AF	93	Asia
<a href="http://www.un.org">http://www.un.org</a> Antigua and Barbuda <a href="#">Details</a>	St John's	AG	1268	Americas
Anguilla <a href="#">Details</a>	The Valley	AI	1264	Americas
			<b>Min.: 0</b> <b>Ø: 693.6372</b> <b>Max.: 35818</b> <b>Σ: 156762</b>	

Figure 2.12. List after changing items per page

So that's it - you just set up your first list! Feel free to test the other sample configurations shipping with pt\_extlist to see some more features.

# Chapter 3. Set up and Configuration

## 1. Setting up Lists

In this section you will learn how to set up lists using pt\_extlist. We will guide you step by step through the TypoScript configuration and show you how to use pt\_extlist's widgets as page content.

### 1.1. Widgets overview

Get an overview of what the individual widgets are doing and how they look like in the frontend. All widgets depend on a list identifier set up in TypoScript and selected within the FlexForm of your plugin.

#### 1.1.1. List widget

Renders a list of data set up by configuration. Can use headers for sorting list data by certain columns.

#### 1.1.2. Filter widgets

Renders filterboxes containing multiple filters defined by configuration.

#### 1.1.3. Pager widget

Renders a pager as configured by configuration. Pager limits rows of list to configured amount per page.

#### 1.1.4. Breadcrumbs widget

Breadcrumbs show which filters are activated and which values they have.

#### 1.1.5. Bookmarks widget

Bookmarks enable user to save certain list settings like filters, pager, sortings and reload them again afterwards.

## 1.2. TypoScript configuration

### 1.2.1. List Identifier and TypoScript namespace

Each list has its own identifier.

### 1.2.2. Sample Configuration

The following listing shows a sample configuration as it ships with pt\_extlist.

```
plugin.tx_ptextlist.settings {
    _LOCAL_LANG.default.emptyList = empty list

    listConfig.demolist < plugin.tx_ptextlist.prototype.listConfig.default
    listConfig.demolist {
```

```
backendConfig < plugin.tx_ptextlist.prototype.backend.typo3
backendConfig {

    datasource {
        # no configuration required here
    }

    tables (
        static_countries,
        static_territories st_continent,
        static_territories st_subcontinent
    )

    baseFromClause (
        static_countries
        LEFT JOIN static_territories AS st_subcontinent ON
(static_countries.cn_parent_tr_iso_nr = st_subcontinent.tr_iso_nr)
        LEFT JOIN static_territories AS st_continent ON (st_subcontinent.tr_parent_iso_nr =
st_continent.tr_iso_nr)
    )

    baseWhereClause (
        st_continent.tr_name_en <> ""
        AND st_subcontinent.tr_name_en <> ""
    )
}

fields {
    name_local {
        table = static_countries
        field = cn_short_local
        isSortable = 1
    }

    name_en {
        table = static_countries
        field = cn_short_en
    }

    uno_member {
        table = static_countries
        field = cn_uno_member
    }

    capital {
        table = static_countries
        field = cn_capital
    }

    iso2 {
        table = static_countries
        field = cn_iso_2
        isSortable = 0
    }

    phone {
        table = static_countries
        field = cn_phone
    }

    isoNo {
        table = static_countries
        field = cn_currency_iso_nr
    }
}
```

```

continent {
    table = st_continent
    field = tr_name_en
}

subcontinent {
    table = st_subcontinent
    field = tr_name_en
}

countryuid {
    table = static_countries
    field = uid
}
}

pager {
    pagerConfigs {
        second {
            enabled = 1
            pagerClassName = Tx_PtExtlist_Domain_Model_Pager_DefaultPager
            templatePath = EXT:pt_extlist/Resources/Private/Templates/Pager/second.html

            showNextLink = 1
            showPreviousLink = 1
            showFirstLink = 0
            showLastLink = 0
        }
    }
}

columns {

    10 {
        columnIdentifier = nameColumn
        label = LLL:EXT:pt_extlist/Configuration/TypoScript/Demolist/
locallang.xml:column_nameColumn

        fieldIdentifier = name_local, name_en, countryuid, uno_member
        isSortable = 1
        sorting = name_local

        renderObj = COA
        renderObj {
            5 = IMAGE
            5.if {
                value.data = field:uno_member
                equals = 1
            }
            5.file = EXT:pt_list/typoscript/static/demolist/un.gif
            5.stdWrap.typolink.parameter = http://www.un.org
            5.stdWrap.typolink.ATagParams = class="un-link"

            10 = TEXT
            10.data = field:name_en
            10.append = TEXT
            10.append {
                data = field:name_local
                if {
                    value.data = field:name_local
                    equals.data = field:name_en
                    negate = 1
                }
            }
        }
        10.append.noTrimWrap = | (|)|
    }
}

```



```

10.wrap3 = |&nbsp;

20 = TEXT
20.value = Details
20.typolink.parameter = 1
20.typolink.additionalParams.dataWrap =
&tx_unseretolleextension_controller_details[countryuid]={field:countryuid}
}
}

11 {
label = Capital
columnIdentifier = capital
fieldIdentifier = capital
cellCSSClass {
renderObj = TEXT
renderObj.dataWrap = {field:capital}
}
}

20 {
label = LLL:EXT:pt_extlist/Configuration/TypoScript/Demolist/
locallang.xml:column_isoNoColumn
columnIdentifier = isoNoColumn
fieldIdentifier = iso2
isSortable = 1
}

30 {
label = Phone
columnIdentifier = phoneColumn
fieldIdentifier = phone
}

40 {
label = Continent
columnIdentifier = continent
fieldIdentifier = continent
}

50 {
label = Subcontinent
columnIdentifier = subcontinent
fieldIdentifier = subcontinent
accessGroups = 3
}
}

aggregateData {
sumPhone {
fieldIdentifier = phone
method = sum
}
avgPhone {
fieldIdentifier = phone
method = avg
}
maxPhone {
fieldIdentifier = phone
method = max
}
minPhone {
fieldIdentifier = phone
method = min
}
}

```

```

}

aggregateRows {
  10 {
    phoneColumn {
      aggregateDataIdentifier = sumPhone, avgPhone, maxPhone, minPhone
      renderObj = TEXT
      renderObj.dataWrap (
        Min.: <b>{field:minPhone}</b><br />
        &empty;: <b>{field:avgPhone}</b><br />
        Max.: <b>{field:maxPhone}</b><br />
        &sum;: <b>{field:sumPhone}</b><br />
      )
    }
  }
}

filters {
  filterbox1 {
    filterConfigs {
      10 < plugin.tx_ptextlist.prototype.filter.string
      10 {
        filterIdentifier = filter1
        label = LLL:EXT:pt_extlist/Configuration/TypoScript/Demolist/
locallang.xml:filter_nameField
        fieldIdentifier = name_local
      }

      11 < plugin.tx_ptextlist.prototype.filter.string
      11 {
        filterIdentifier = allFields
        label = All defined Fields
        fieldIdentifier = *
      }

      15 < plugin.tx_ptextlist.prototype.filter.max
      15 {
        filterIdentifier = filter15
        label = Max Phone
        fieldIdentifier = phone
        accessGroups = 3
      }

      20 < plugin.tx_ptextlist.prototype.filter.checkbox
      20 {
        filterIdentifier = filter2
        label = Continent
        fieldIdentifier = continent
        filterField = continent
        displayFields = continent
        showRowCount = 1
        submitOnChange = 0
        invert = 0
        invertable = 0

        excludeFilters = filterbox1.filter3
      }

      30 < plugin.tx_ptextlist.prototype.filter.select
      30 {
        filterIdentifier = filter3
        label = Subcontinent
        fieldIdentifier = subcontinent
        filterField = subcontinent
        displayFields = continent, subcontinent
      }
    }
  }
}

```

```

        multiple = 0
        showRowCount = 1
        submitOnChange = 0
        inactiveOption = [ALL]
        invert = 0
        invertable = 0
    }

}

}

filterbox2 {
    showSubmit = 0
    showReset = 0
    filterConfigs {
        10 < plugin.tx_pgettextlist.prototype.filter.firstLetter
        10 {
            filterIdentifier = filter4
            label = Capital
            fieldIdentifier = capital
        }
    }
}

}

}

}

}

plugin.tx_pgettextlist.settings.listConfig.demoListProxyFilter {
    backendConfig < plugin.tx_pgettextlist.prototype.backend.typo3
    backendConfig {
        tables (
            static_territories
        )

        continent {
            table = static_territories
            field = tr_name_en
        }
    }

    fields {
        continent {
            table = static_territories
            field = tr_name_en
        }
    }

    filters {
        filterbox1 {
            filterConfigs {
                10 < plugin.tx_pgettextlist.prototype.filter.select
                10 {
                    filterIdentifier = continent
                    label = Subcontinent
                    fieldIdentifier = continent
                    filterField = continent
                    displayFields = continent
                    showRowCount = 0
                    multiple = 0
                    inactiveOption = [ALL]

                    renderObj = TEXT
                    renderObj {
                        dataWrap = {field:allDisplayFields}
                    }
                }
            }
        }
    }
}

```

```
}  
}  
}  
}  
}  
  
#####  
# Localization Override  
#####  
plugin.tx_ptextlist._LOCAL_LANG{  
    default {  
        emptyList = List is empty.  
    }  
    de {  
        emptyList = Liste ist leer.  
    }  
}
```

### **1.2.3. backendConfig section**

#### **1.2.3.1. Setting up a MySQL backend**

#### **1.2.3.2. Setting up a TYPO3 backend**

#### **1.2.3.3. Setting up a Extbase backend**

### **1.2.4. fields section**

#### **1.2.4.1. Setting up fields for database backends**

#### **1.2.4.2. Setting up fields for Extbase domain objects**

### **1.2.5. columns section**

### **1.2.6. filters section**

### **1.2.7. pager section**

### **1.2.8. aggregateData section**

### **1.2.9. aggregateRow section**

### **1.2.10. Localization override**

## **1.3. Setting up widgets as content elements**

# Chapter 4. Architecture

## 1. Architecture

This section gives you an overview of the architecture of pt\_extlist. It shows its design principles and gives you a hint on where to make your hands dirty if you want to extend pt\_extlist or use it in third party extensions.

### 1.1. Who should read this?

If you are just interested in how pt\_extlist works and want to see how things are put together, the following chapter could be a nice thing to read. If you are a developer and want to extend pt\_extlist or want to use it as an API inside your extension, it's necessary to read this!

### 1.2. Overview

Take a look at the following figure to get a first impression of pt\_extlist's architecture:

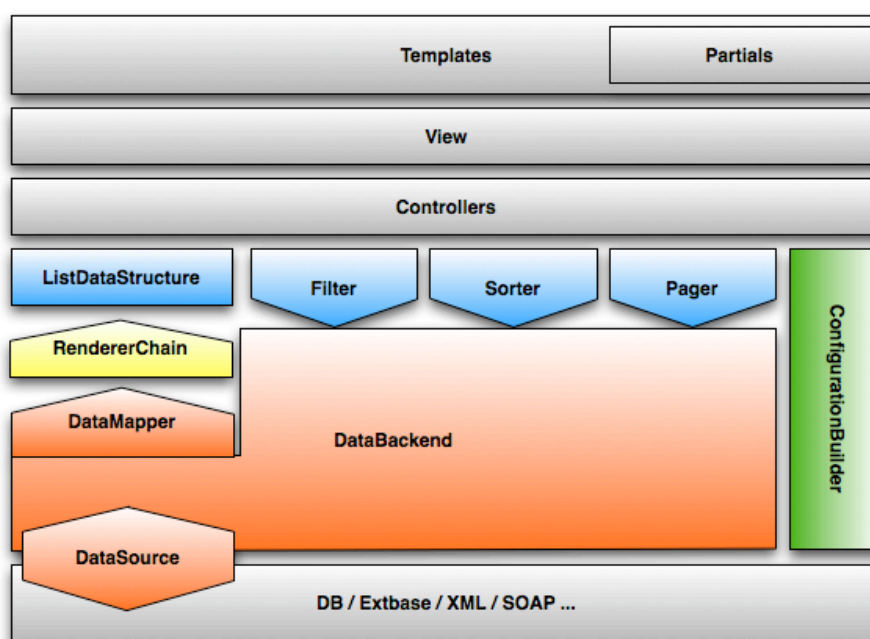


Figure 4.1. Basic Architecture of pt\_extlist

The red elements stand for data-related stuff. DataSource gets our data from whatever source we use. Sources can be TYPO3 databases as well as arbitrary MySQL databases and Extbase repositories.

The green elements are configuration-specific which means that they pull our configuration from TypoScript or Flexforms and do various merging on them to generate some nice-to-handle objects that are used for all configuration inside pt\_extlist.

The blue elements are what we would like to call our Domain Models as they handle things like lists, filters, pagers etc. which is the core domain of our extension.

Finally the yellow elements stand for all objects that handle the rendering of our list data. As we will see, this can get quite complex.

Our extension architecture is surrounded by some out-of-the box framework stuff provided mainly by Extbase and TYPO3.

## 1.3. Basic Architecture

### 1.3.1. Modell-View-Controller (MVC)

### 1.3.2. Independent Components

### 1.3.3. pt\_extlist Lifecycle

## 1.4. Configuration

Regarding our extension in a bottom-up fashion, we can easily start with configuration as its the basic thing to have before we can set up anything else. As you might have suggested, most of our configuration is using in TypoScript. Besides there are some settings coming from Flexform or surrounding extensions. We covered this problem inside pt\_extlist using what we call a configurationBuilder. Roughly speaking, it is an object that handles the creation of all configuration stuff we need. As we did not like fiddling around with arrays, we started to implement so called configuration objects for all the configuration that we needed. The main aspects of those objects is to make sure that the required settings are there and correct. Configuration objects are passed to all other objects that require some kind of configuration.

Take a look at this diagram to get an idea of how everything works together:

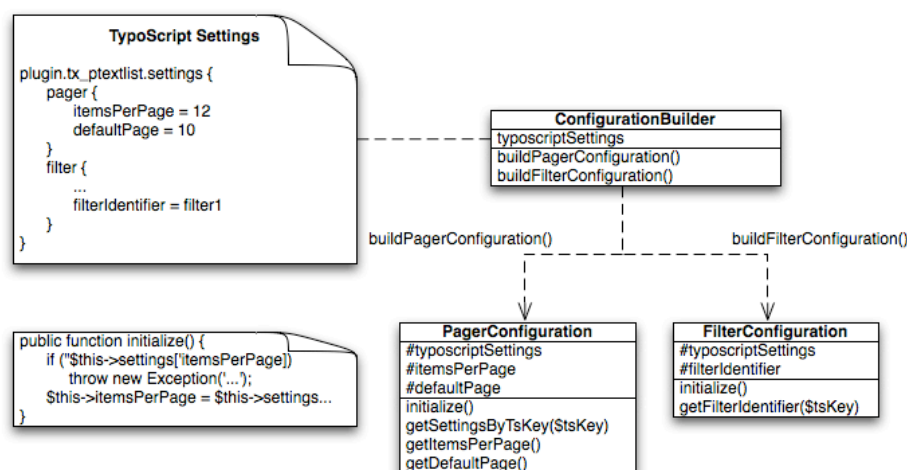


Figure 4.2. Configuration Builder scheme

So what's the basic idea of our so-called configuration objects?

1. TypoScript is a mighty tool for setting up configuration stuff. Unfortunately there is no way to check for existence and correctness of settings. Our configuration objects jump in the gap here and present a single point of checking configuration.

2. Whenever you need a configuration set in TYPOScript in your code, you have to check whether it is set or not. This probably has to be done several times and has to be changed several times whenever your configuration needs to be changed. Configuration objects enable you to keep your TS and your program logic synchronized by only changing code in one single class.
3. Configurations objects provide you with an object-oriented style of accessing configuration settings. You no longer have to fiddle around with arrays when you want to access configuration, now there are Getters and Setters and things like code-completion.

Before we had what we call the configuration builder, objects had to handle their configuration by themselves which made it necessary to implement huge `init()`-methods for setting up all configuration stuff. Whenever an object was not a singleton, the configuration stuff had to be run time and time again for every instantiation of an object.

As the configuration builder is a extension-wide singleton class which caches configuration objects once they are created, we now can simply grab a configuration from it, every time we need it and do not have to cope with checking the configuratin within our domain objects which makes them a lot simpler to implement and understand.

## 1.5. Handling State

Since Extbase has been around, handling with persistence of domain objects isn't that a big problem anymore. We use our repositories for finding, updating and deleting objects and that's it. But what about session persistence. Let's say, a user filters a list with some complicated criterias, selects one single record of it to look at and then comes back to his filtered list. Shouldn't it show the state it had before he opened the single record?

Such functionality is handled in `pt_extlist` with what we called a "Session-Persistence-Manager". Roughly speaking it is a container to which you can register objects that get a portion of data from the session when the object is created and can store data back to the session when the lifecycle ends.

Here is a sketch of how session persistence is working within `pt_extlist`:

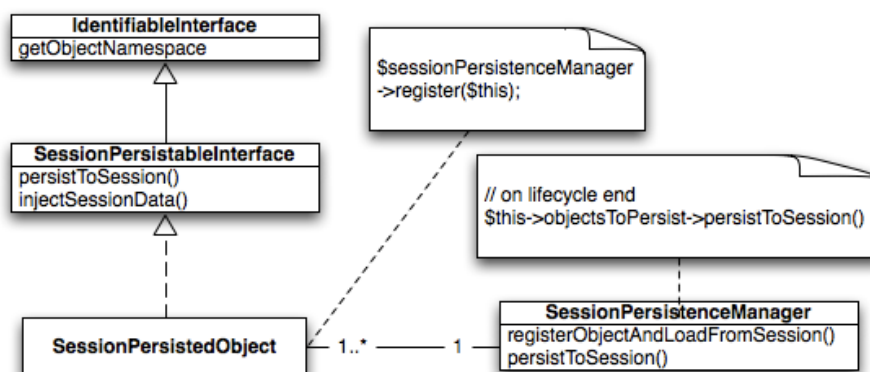


Figure 4.3. Session Persistence in `pt_extlist`

Please mind, that an object creates its own namespace within the session using the `IdentifiableInterface`. As we cannot automatically create a namespace for an object this method is implemented individually in each object that wants to use session persistence.



Another place where objects can gather state from are GET and POST parameters. Coming back to our filter example from above, a user could change a previously session-persisted filter so the data coming from the POST vars should overwrite the session settings.

Therefore, we introduced a GET/POST-Var adapter that works somehow similar as the session persistence manager, of course without being able to write back data to it as this would not make any sense.

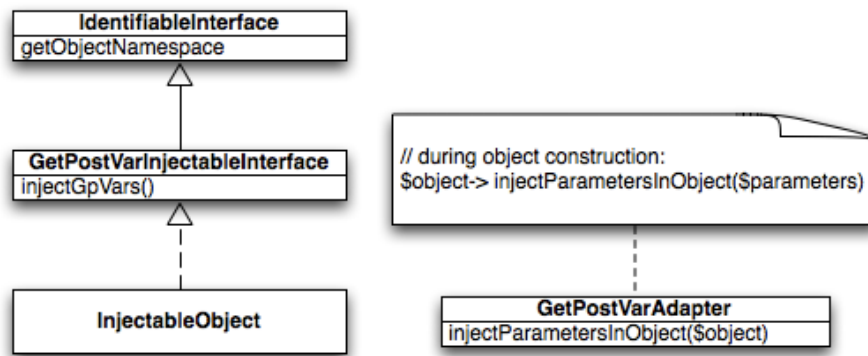


Figure 4.4. GET/POST Var Adapter

The GET/POST-Var adapter also handles the extension and instance namespace. Think about the following situation: you have two instances of pt\_extlist plugin on the same page. Each instance comes with its own filters, pagers etc. and the should not influence each other. As an example think about a shopping page, where you have a list of articles on the left and a overview of your shopping cart as a second list on the right.

What the GP-Var adapter does is adding the list identifier (e.g. 'articleList' and 'shoppingCartList') to the namespace of the objects to differentiate between the two instances of the plugin.

## 1.6. The Data Backend

You can talk about the Data Backend as the heart of the pt\_extlist extension. Somehow almost everything comes together here. Most of the pt\_extlist components like filters, lists, pagers and breadcrumbs etc. influence the data backend or are themselves influenced or created by the data backend.

Besides being the "glue" holding all components of the extension together, the data backend has the taks of communicating with the "outer-world". This means, that whatever data is displayed within the extension is gathered by the backend from whatever datasource it is working on. The data backend also knows how to translate generic queries and constraints created from the components before they are passed to the data source.

###TODO### insert diagram for data backend

### 1.6.1. The Query Object

Former implementations of pt\_extlist where bound to SQL-databases as a databackend. All queries created were SQL queries so you could directly create SQL snippets within all classes that manipulated the query. E.g. a filter class created some WHERE-clauses, a pager created a LIMIT-clause and a column header created an ORDER BY-clause for sorting.

One big change that comes with pt\_extlist was being able to use whatever data source you like as a data backend. We therefore had to generalize all queries that are created within our classes.

For this purpose, we introduced a so-called query object that can handle common SQL-query like functionality in an object oriented manner. Queries can take constraints (WHERE-clauses), limitations (LIMIT-clauses), sortings (ORDER BY-clauses) and some other stuff. But it's kept in a form that enables us to transform the query to whatever backend we want to use. At the moment there is a TYPO3 backend, using the actual TYPO3-database as a datasource and an Extbase backend that uses Repositories as data sources.

In order to send a query to the corresponding datasource, we have to translate it to a language that can be handled by the backend. We therefore introduced interpreters. Compared to the Extbase query object, those interpreters are independent of the query object itself, so that you can implement your own interpreters for whatever backend you want to support (e.g. XML via XPath or XQuery, SOAP, REST...).

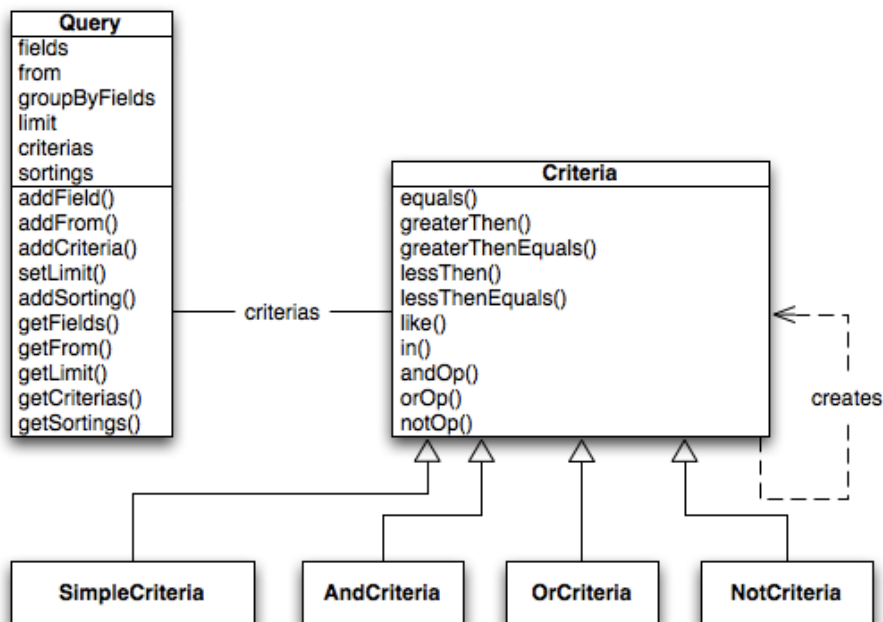


Figure 4.5. Query Object

The translation is handled by Interpreters shipping with a data-backend. Not every data-backend requires its own Interpreter, for example the MySQL backend and the TYPO3 backend share a common Interpreter as they both use SQL.

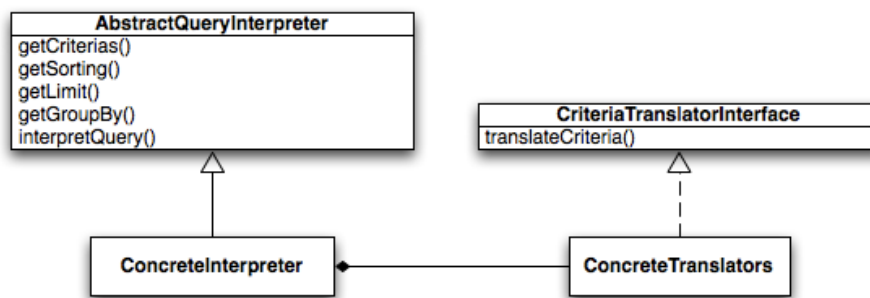


Figure 4.6.

## 1.6.2. Data Sources

## 1.6.3. Data Mappers

## 1.7. The domain model

### 1.7.1. The List object

### 1.7.2. Filters

### 1.7.3. Pager

### 1.7.4. BreadCrumbs

### 1.7.5. Bookmarks

## 1.8. List Rendering

### 1.8.1. The Renderer Chain

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## 1. API

In this section you will learn how to use pt\_extlist's API to extend the extension or use it within third-party extensions.

### 1.1. Extending pt\_extlist

Pt\_extlist can be extended in multiple ways. Many of its classes are configured via TypoScript so you can easily exchange them with your own classes to fit your needs. Common types of extensions are changing Data-Backends or writing your own filter classes. We will start with the latter one.

#### 1.1.1. Writing your own filter classes

Recapitulating what has been told about filters in the Architecture chapter, we reintroduce the following class diagram to understand what filters are actually doing:

```
Tx_PtExtlist_Domain_Model_Filter_FilterInterface
● getErrorMessage()
● getFilterBoxIdentifier()
● getFilterBreadCrumb()
● getFilterConfig()
● getFilterIdentifier()
● getFilterQuery()
● getListIdentifier()
● init()
● injectDataBackend(Tx_PtExtlist_Domain_DataBackend_DataBackendInterface $dataBackend)
● injectFilterConfig(Tx_PtExtlist_Domain_Configuration_Filters_FilterConfig $filterConfig)
● injectGpVarAdapter(Tx_PtExtlist_Domain_StateAdapter_GetPostVarAdapter $gpVarAdapter)
● injectSessionPersistenceManager(Tx_PtExtlist_Domain_StateAdapter_SessionPersistenceManager $sessionPersistenceManager)
● isActive()
● reset()
● validate()
```

Figure 5.1. Filter Interface

By taking a look at the Interface for filters, you see that there are mainly three main purposes:

1. Configuration and State-related stuff
2. Returning a filter query that determines what the filter is actually filtering on the data
3. Creating a filter breadcrumb information

Keeping in mind that there are some helpers - namely abstract classes - that do a lot of work for us we do not have to implement much logic when creating a new filter class:

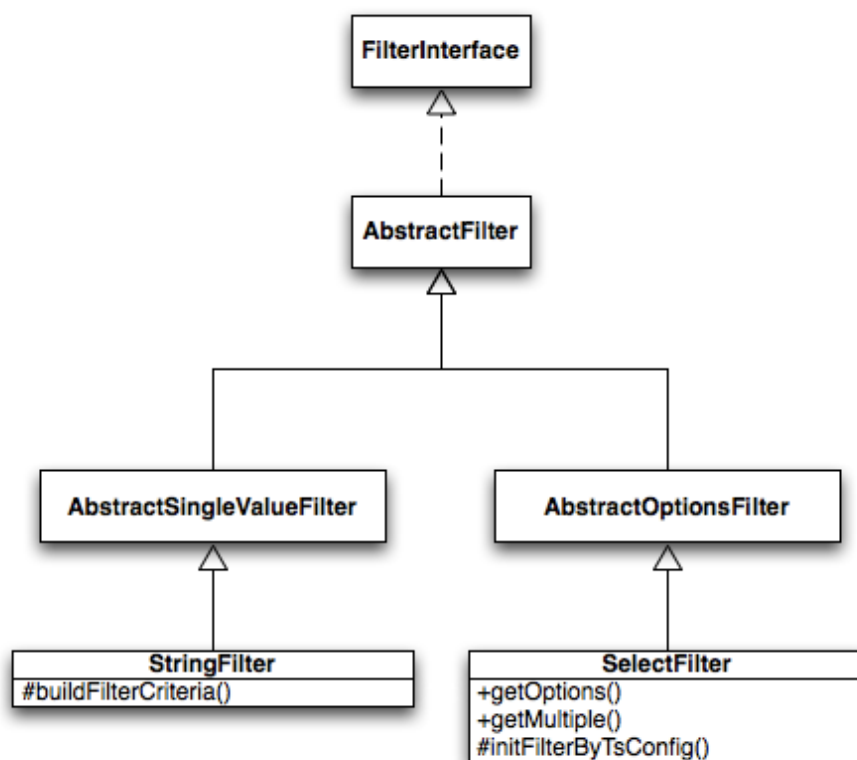


Figure 5.2. Abstract Filter Classes

So as you can see - all that's left for you to implement in your concrete filter class is a method that creates the actual filter criteria.

#### 1.1.1.1. String Filter Example

One of the most simple filters shipping with pt\_extlist is the String filter. It can filter a string value based on a user input which is also a string. You can find the String-Filter class in the Classes/Domain/Model/Filter/StringFilter.php file.

Here is the PHP source code:

```

class Tx_PtExtlist_Domain_Model_Filter_StringFilter extends
Tx_PtExtlist_Domain_Model_Filter_AbstractSingleValueFilter {

    /**
     * Creates filter query from filter value and settings
     *
     * @return Tx_PtExtlist_Domain_QueryObject_Criteria Criteria for current filter value
     * (null, if empty)
     */
    protected function
    buildFilterCriteria(Tx_PtExtlist_Domain_Configuration_Data_Fields_FieldConfig
    $fieldIdentifier) {

        if ($this->filterValue == '') {
            return NULL;
        }
    }
}

```

```
$fieldName = Tx_PtExtlist_Utility_DbUtils::getSelectPartByFieldConfig($fieldIdentifier);
$filterValue = '%'.$this->filterValue.'%';

$criteria = Tx_PtExtlist_Domain_QueryObject_Criteria::like($fieldName, $filterValue);

return $criteria;
}
}
```

The most important function is *buildFilterCriteria()* where the filter creates a constraint on how the data filtered by this filter should look like. We use our generic query criteria *Tx\_PtExtlist\_Domain\_QueryObject\_SimpleCriteria* with an operator *like* here to implement a string filter that uses a LIKE-comparison in its built criteria. *Tx\_PtExtlist\_Domain\_QueryObject\_Criteria::like(\$fieldName, \$filterValue)* is nothing more but a factory method that returns a criteria object.

As we mentioned above, a lot of functionality is given to us by our abstract classes, so to get some more information about what the String-Filter does and how it is configured, take a look at its TypeScript prototype located in *Configuration/TypeScript/BaseConfig/Prototype/Filter.txt*:

```
string {
  filterClassName = Tx_PtExtlist_Domain_Model_Filter_StringFilter
  partialPath = Filter/String/StringFilter
  defaultValue =
  accessGroups =

  breadcrumbString = TEXT
  breadcrumbString {
    # Fields that can be used are "label" and "value"
    dataWrap = {field:label} equals {field:value}
  }
}
```

You find a lot more configuration possibilities here than you would assume after looking at the filter class above. First of all, there is a *filterClassName*, that determines which filter class to instantiate in order to create a string filter object. The partial path leads us to the HTML template that is used for the filter's user interface. *defaultValue* lets us set a predefined value when the filter is shown for the first time and *accessGroups* restricts the filter to certain *fe\_groups* that are allowed to see the filter.

*breadcrumbString* enables us to create a TS template for rendering the breadcrumb text of the filter.

The last thing we have to know, when we want to implement our own filter class is how to actually configure them within our list configuration. Therefore you should take a look at one of the demolist's filterbox configurations. There we find something like this:

```
filters {
  filterbox1 {
    filterConfigs {
      10 < plugin.tx_ptextlist.prototype.filter.string
      10 {
        filterIdentifier = filter1
        label = LLL:EXT:pt_extlist/Configuration/TypeScript/Demolist/
        locallang.xml:filter_nameField
        fieldIdentifier = name_local
      }
    }
  }
}
```

```
}
```

All the filters of a list configuration are configured in the *filters* section of your configuration. Within this section you have to set up a arbitrary key for the name of your filterbox. In the example above, this is *filterbox1*. For each filterbox, you have to set up a list of filters within *filterConfigs* and in there we finally have our String-Filter. The basic settings are copied from the prototype above, then we have to change the settings that are unique for our usage of the filter like *filterIdentifier*, *label* and the *fieldIdentifier* we want to let our filter operate on.

## 2. Cookbook

This chapter is a collection of recipes for common tasks in pt\_extlist.

### 2.1. Testaufgabe

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# Chapter 7. Developer Guide

## 1. Extending pt\_extlist

This chapter is mainly for developing and extending pt\_extlist.

### 1.1. RenderChain

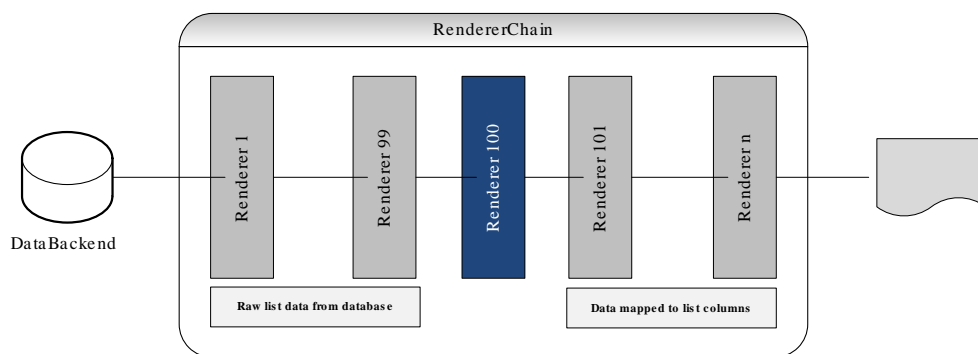


Figure 7.1. RenderChain