

How to install the view package

This How-To describes the setup of the plugins (needed to work with `forrest:views` and `forrest:contracts`) and a fresh seed.

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1. Intended Audience

Users/devs who wants to get started with view development. This setup guide is valid for both user and devs.

2. Purpose

To help user installing views. This is the "getting started" setup-guide.

3. Prerequisites

- You have to use the trunk version of forrest for using views because it is in an early stage

4. Steps

The process of setting up the plugin is quite heavy. We promise it will be easier in the future. Some of the instructions has to be modified with your local settings.

4.1. Build the view and the viewHelper plugins

The first step is to build the view and the viewHelper plugins. Change to a console of your choice and go (cd) to the trunk version of forrest {forrest-trunk}. Then do an update and after this deploy both plugins locally.

```
cd {forrest-trunk}
svn up
cd whiteboard/plugins/org.apache.forrest.plugin.internal.view/
ant local-deploy
cd ../org.apache.forrest.plugin.output.viewHelper.xhtml/
ant local-deploy
```

4.2. Seed a new project

Go to the dir where you want to seed a new project and seed it. Then we have to prepare a default.fv directory in project.conf-dir (forrest.properties) of the fresh seed. That will be needed as soon you modify the default view of your project. The "templates"-directory is need for your project specific contract implementations.

```
cd ~/src/newSeed
forrest seed
mkdir src/documentation/conf
mkdir src/documentation/resources/templates
```

4.3. Modifying forrest.properties

Now we have to tell forrest that we are planing to use the view plugins. We will do that by editing to the forrest.properties to add the plugins:

```
project.required.plugins=org.apache.forrest.plugin.output.viewHelper.xhtml,org.apache.forrest.plugin.output.viewHelper.xml
```

Now we have to change the project skin to leather-dev. The reason is that the plugins are still not independent from the "old fashion skins".

Note:

We exchanging only site2xhtml.xml of leather-dev skin by the plugins and some contracts are based on e.g. document2html.xml output of leather-dev.

```
project.skin=leather-dev
```

4.4. Test your new view based project

Now you have finished the preparation and the setup to finally try

```
forrest run
```

then point to <http://localhost:8888/> and you should see the default view based skin.

Note:

When developing styles with views 'forrest run' is the quickest way. You will see you do not have to build your project to see the changes on your pages when working with *.fv.

5. Further Reading

Congratulations you are now able to work with views. From here we recommend to read the following How-To's:

- Getting started with forrest:view DSL
- Create your own contract implementation

6. Feedback

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