Collective.Addons User Documentation

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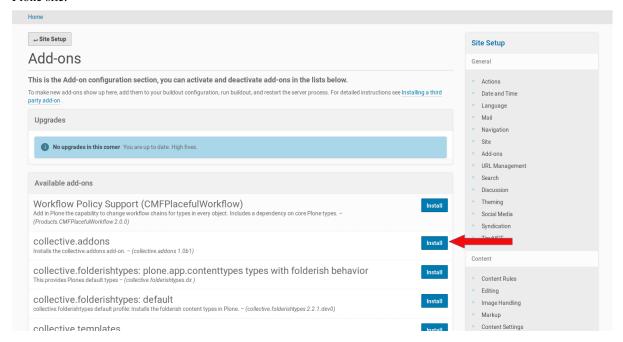
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INSTALLATION

You first need to install and activate the Plone add-on. Therefor you had to go to the Plone 'Site Setup' adminstration area. If you got administration permissions you find a link to it in the menu entry with your name (or 'admin'). You could reach it directly by adding '/@@overview-controlpanel' to the URL of your Plone site.

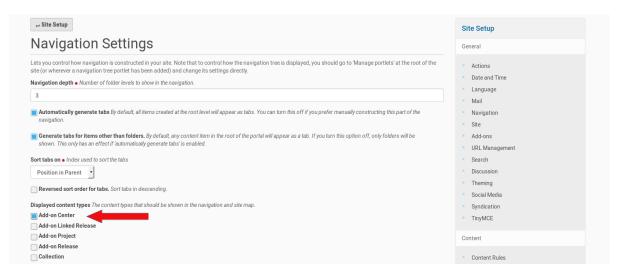
In the 'Site Setup' page click on 'Add-ons' and you get a list of the Plone add-ons which are available in your Plone site.



You will get a list like in the above screenshot. Click on the 'install' button next to the 'collective.addons' list entry and the add-on will be installed in your Plone site.

1.1 Navigation configuration

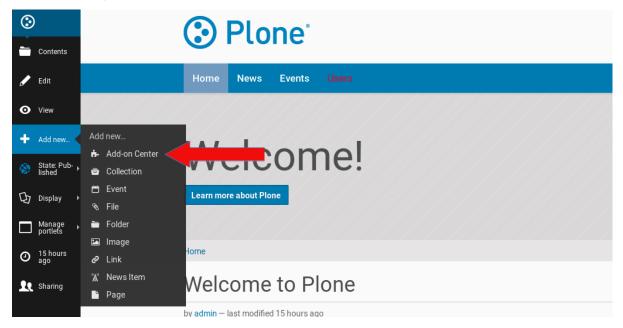
Next you need to go to the 'Navigation' configuration inside the 'Site Setup'. Thus click on the corresponding button and you get to the configuration menu in the screenshot below.



Tick the checkbox in fron of the entry 'Add-on_Center' and save your changes. The necessary steps are done to go to the homepage of your Plone site (or a subdirectory of the site, where you want to create a new add-on center.

ADD A NEW ADD-ON CENTER TO YOUR PLONE SITE

I assume you want to add the center to the Plone site root ('Home'). Therefor go to this site root and choose from the Plone menu on the left 'Add new'. You get in this menu an entry to create a new 'Add-on Center' (see the screenshot below).



Click on this entry and you get the form below. This is the edit form to create and configure a new Add-on Center in your Plone site.

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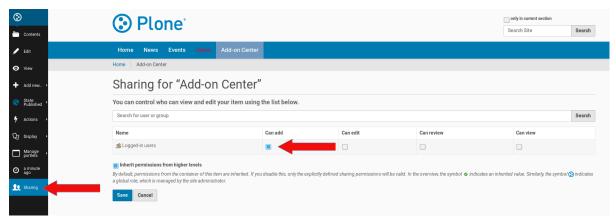
Fill in the fields in the edit form of the Add-on Center. All fields has a description of their expected values. Don't miss to go through the register of the edit form dialog. The fields on the register 'Allowed file extensions' need your input about the allowed file extensions for the add-ons, the image file extensions (logo, screenshot) and the documentation files. If there are different file extensions allowed for this file categories you could enter this file extensions seperated by a pipe into the form fields, e.g.: 'pdflodt' for documentation files. Once you are finished with adding values to the edit form, save the form. If you missed to edit a form field, you will get an error message and could fill in the necessary information into the appropriate form field.

2.1 Publish The New Add-on Center

Once you finished with the edit form of the Add-on Center and saved your changes you need to publish the center. You could do this by a click on the entry 'State: Private' in the menubar on the left site. Choose the entry 'Publish' and you are done.

2.2 Sharing: Enable Members To Add Projects

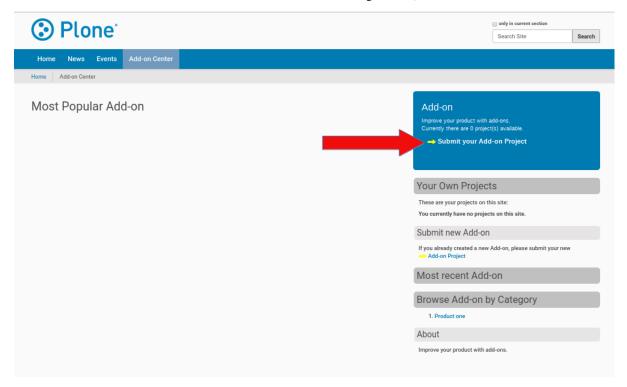
The logged in users are not able to add projects to the Add-on Center yet. You could enable this by a mouse click on the entry 'Sharing' in menubar on the left site (see screenshot below). This shows the edit menu for sharing and you could tick the checkbox 'Can add' for 'logged-in-users' (see screenshot below) to enable the members of the Plone site to add their add-on projects to the center.



ADD A NEW ADD-ON PROJECT TO THE ADD-ON CENTER

A member of the Plone site (logged-in user) could add own add-on projects to the 'Add-on Center' once he called the appropriate form for new such projects and fill in the necessary data.

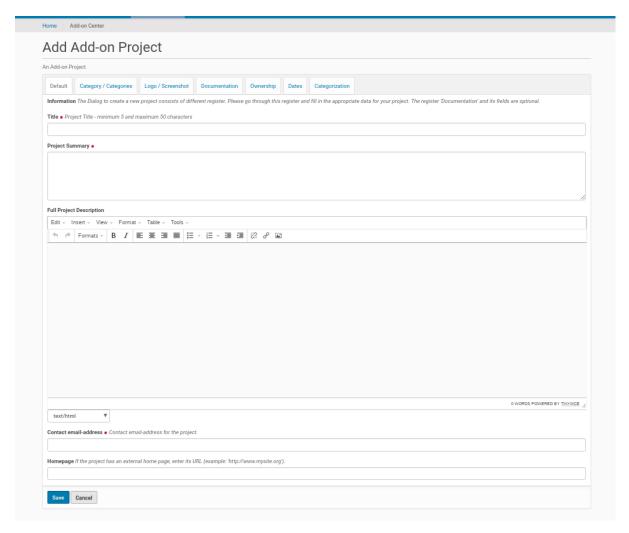
He has to click with the mouse first on the link in the box on the right side (see screenshot below.



This mouse click opens the form for providing new add-ons. The form dialog consists of several register. The form fields in the first register asks for more general information about the project. It's possible to edit and change the content of the fields later, if the focus or the features of the project varies.

3.1 The First Register 'Default'

The new add-on project needs its own title with a length from 5 to 50 characters. This title has to be unique inside the 'Add-on Center'. If there is already another add-on project with the same title the member will get an error message with the appropriate information. Thus he had to choose another title for his add-on project.



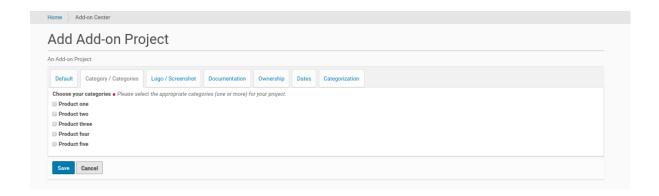
A new project needs also a summary and could get a full description of its purpose and features. The latter one is optional (only form fields with a red point behind the title are mandatory).

It's also necessary that the member provides an email-address. This address will be used to get in contact with the project (owner). The 'Add-on Center' sends e.g. messages if the status of the project changes (e.g. it was published by a reviewer). Users of the project / add-on could send feedback to the author within a form. The content of this form will be send by email to the project (owner) (The feedback provider will not see the email address of the project).

If there is already a homepage of the add-on project available on the internet, it is possible to submit within the correspondending form field. This homepage will be published inside the project ressources on the right side of the add-on project page. Thus the user of the project / add-on could reach the external project homepage very easily with only one mouse click.

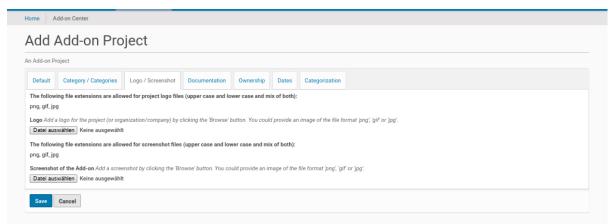
3.2 The Second Register 'Category / Categories'

The add-on projects were assigned to one or more categories. The creator of the add-on project could choose on this register one or more categories, the new add-on project matches. The list of categories on this register had been created by the Plone site administrator within the 'Add-on Center'.



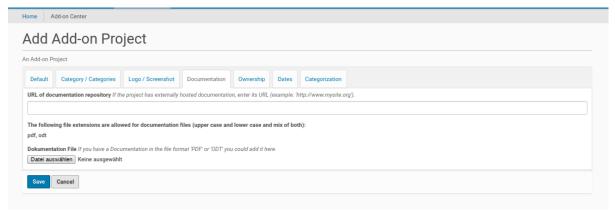
3.3 The Third Register 'Logo / Screenshot'

This is the place to submit a project logo or screenshot. It is mandatory to submit one of them. The allowed file extensions are displayed next to the button to call the file dialog. The Plone site administrator choose this allowed file extensions within the 'Add-on Center'.



3.4 The Fourth Register 'Documentation'

This register provide the opportunity to upload a documentation file. It will be linked from the project ressources in the project view. The allowed file extensions are displayed next to the button to call the file dialog. The Plone site administrator choose this allowed file extensions within the 'Add-on Center'.





ADD A NEW RELEASE TO AN ADD-ON PROJECT

A owner of an add-on project could add a release to the own project. There is a link at the top of an add-on project page whilst the owner is logged-in to the Plone site. Once he clicked on this link he got an edit form to enter the content of the new release.



The owner could make alternatively a mouse click on the menu entry 'Add new' in the menu bar on the left side and choose from the opening sub menu the entry 'Add-On Release' (see the small red arrow in the screenshot above).

The form dialog consists of several register. The form fields in the first register asks for more general information about the release. It's possible to edit and change the content of the fields later, if there is something missing or there are e.g. typos, that should be fixed.

4.1 The First Register 'Default'

The new add-on release needs its own release number. This number (up to twelf chars) will be part of the release title and its URL. The title will be created from the add-on project title and the release number. This title has to be unique inside the Plone site. If the release number is already in use, the editor will get an error message about it.



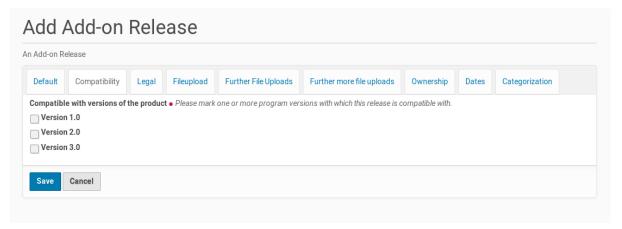
A new release needs also a summary and could get a full release description with details about its features. The latter one is optional (only form fields with a red point behind the title are mandatory).

There is also an optional field to add changelog information, especially if the add-on release adds some new features or fix some issues.

The field for the email address will be initialized with the email address from the add-on project the release was added to.

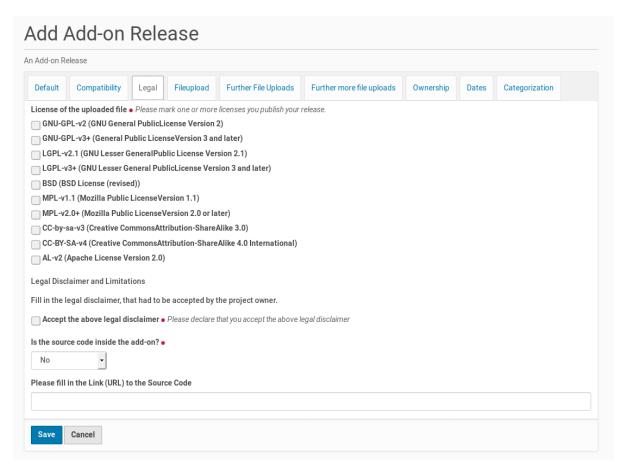
4.2 The Second Register 'Compatibility'

This register contains a form field to choose the versions of the program the release is compatible with. The list of program versions will be created by the site admin within the 'Add-on Center'. It is possible to choose multiple program versions for the release compatibility.



4.3 The Third Register 'Legal'

The third register shows the necessary fields for the legal statements about the release. It starts with the license for the release. It is possible to check more than one license for a release. This declaration need to be in accordance with the license declaration inside the add-on release (if there is one).

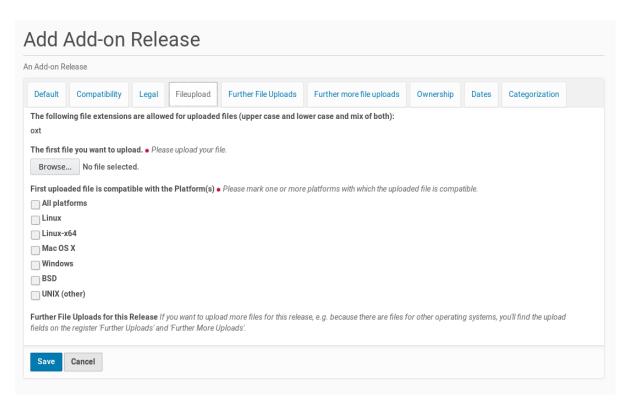


There is also a read-only form field which contains the text of the legal disclaimer that has to be accepted by the add-on release owner. The text of the legal disclaimer will be set by the site admin inside the 'Add-on Center'.

If the source code is not inside the add-on release (the drop down field is set to 'No'), it is necessary to fill in the link to the source code in the form field at the bottom of the register. If such a link will not be submitted the release owner gets an error message.

4.4 The Fourth Register 'Fileupload'

This register is the place to upload the add-on release file and declare which platform it is compatible with.



If there are versions of the add-on release for different platforms (e.g. one for MS Windows and another one for Linux only) this further release files could be uploaded using the following register.

The list of platforms in the listing below the upload field will be created by the site admin inside the 'Add-on Center'. She / he is able to expand this list at any time if desired.

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ADD A NEW LINKED RELEASE TO AN ADD-ON PROJECT

Linked releases put the add-on project owner into the position to host release files on external ressources, e.g. his own webspace or another website. Whilst the owner is logged-in to the Plone site there is a link at the top of an add-on project page. Once he clicked on this link (see screenshot below) he got an edit form to enter the content of the new linked release.

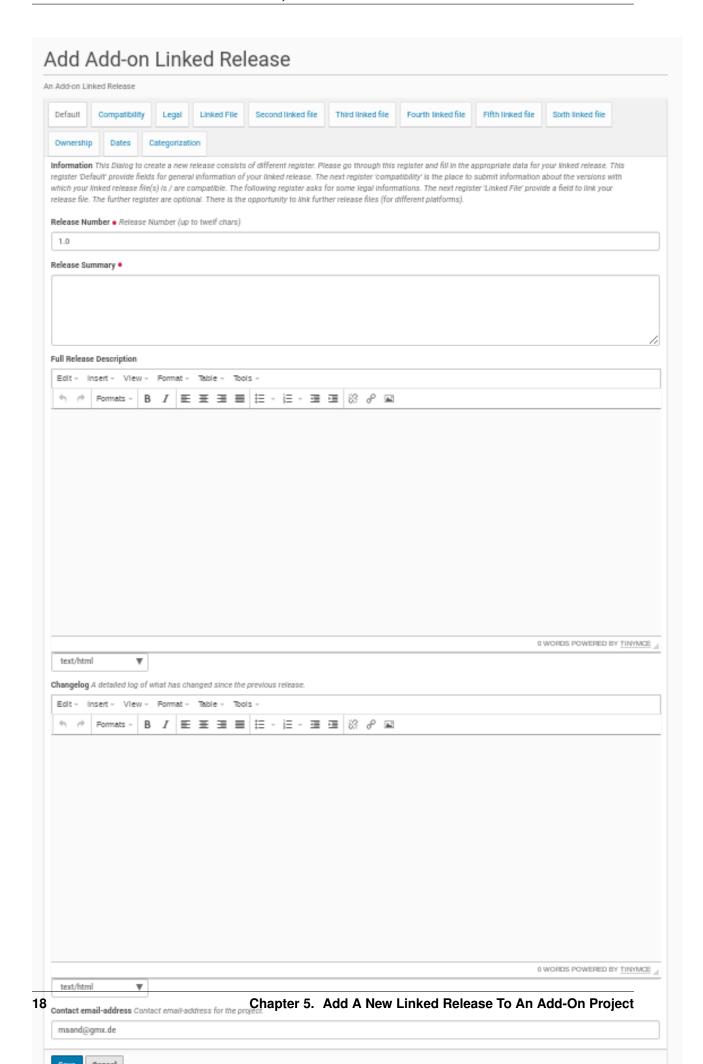


The owner could make alternatively a mouse click on the menu entry 'Add new' in the menu bar on the left side and choose from the opening sub menu the entry 'Add-On Linked Release' (see the small red arrow in the screenshot above).

The form dialog consists of several register. The form fields in the first register asks for more general information about the release. It's possible to edit and change the content of the fields later, if there is something missing or there are e.g. typos, which should be fixed.

5.1 The First Register 'Default'

The new add-on linked release needs its own release number. This number (up to twelf chars) will be part of the linked release title and its URL. The title will be created from the add-on project title and the linked release number. This title has to be unique inside the Plone site. If the linked release number is already in use, the editor will get an error message about it.



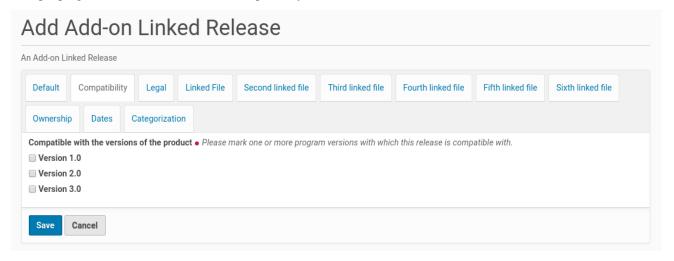
A new linked release needs also a summary and could get a full release description with details about its features. The latter one is optional (only form fields with a red point behind the title are mandatory).

There is also an optional field to add changelog information, especially if the add-on linked release adds some new features or fix some issues.

The field for the email address will be initialized with the email address from the add-on project the linked release was added to.

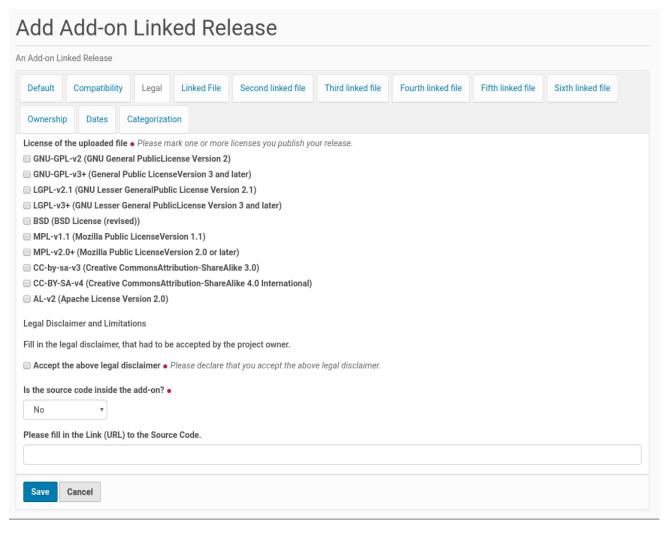
5.2 The Second Register 'Compatibility'

This register contains a form field to choose the versions of the program the linked release is compatible with. The list of program versions will be created by the site admin within the 'Add-on Center'. It is possible to choose multiple program versions for the release compatibility.



5.3 The Third Register 'Legal'

The third register shows the necessary fields for the legal statements about the linked release. It starts with the license for the linked release. It is possible to check more than one license for a linked release. This declaration need to be in accordance with the license declaration inside the add-on linked release (if there is one).

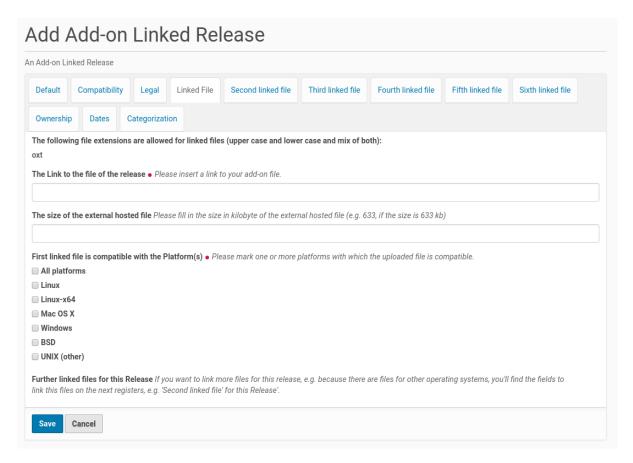


There is also a read-only form field which contains the text of the legal disclaimer that has to be accepted by the add-on linked release owner. The text of the legal disclaimer will be set by the site admin inside the 'Add-on Center'.

If the source code is not inside the add-on linked release (the drop down field is set to 'No'), it is necessary to fill in the link to the source code in the form field at the bottom of the register. If such a link will not be submitted the linked release owner gets an error message.

5.4 The Fourth Register 'Linked File'

This register is the place to link to the add-on linked release file and declare which platform it is compatible with.



If there are versions of the add-on linked release for different platforms (e.g. one for MS Windows and another one for Linux only) this further linked release files could be linked using the following register.

The list of platforms in the listing below the upload field will be created by the site admin inside the 'Add-on Center'. She / he is able to expand this list at any time if desired.

Because a linked release is not uploaded to the Plone website it is not possible for Plone to calculate the size of the add-on linked release file. Thus there is a form field to submit this size of the file. This information will be displayed in the website next to the download link for the linked release file.