DataTables example Data sources

DataTables can obtain data from four different fundamental sources:

* HTML document (DOM)
* Javascript (array / objects)
* Ajax sourced data with client-side processing
* Ajax sourced data with server-side processing

Which of these options is used to populate the table with data depends upon how the table is initialised. The examples in this section show these four different data source types.

[**Data sources**](http://docs.google.com/index.html)

* [HTML (DOM) sourced data](http://docs.google.com/dom.html)
* [Ajax sourced data](http://docs.google.com/ajax.html)
* [Javascript sourced data](http://docs.google.com/js_array.html)
* [Server-side processing](http://docs.google.com/server_side.html)

Please refer to the [DataTables documentation](http://www.datatables.net) for full information about its API properties and methods.

Additionally, there are a wide range of [extensions](http://www.datatables.net/extensions) and [plug-ins](http://www.datatables.net/plug-ins) which extend the capabilities of DataTables.

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