FixedColumns example Basic initialisation

When displaying a table which scrolls along the x-axis, it can sometimes be useful to the end user for the left most column to be fixed in place, if it shows grouping, index or similar information. This is basically the same idea as 'freeze columns' in Excel. This can be achieved with the FixedColumns plug-in for DataTables, as shown below.

Note that FixedColumns is suitable only for use with the scrolling features in [DataTables](http://datatables.net). If you want to achieve a similar effect without scrolling enabled, please checkout [FixedHeader](http://datatables.net/extensions/fixedheader), also for DataTables.

FixedColumns is initialised using the [fixedColumns](http://datatables.net/reference/option/fixedColumns) option as part of the DataTables construction as shown below. This example also has vertical scrolling enabled ([scrollY](http://datatables.net/reference/option/scrollY)) and paging disabled ([paging](http://datatables.net/reference/option/paging)).

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* Javascript
* HTML
* CSS
* Ajax
* Server-side script

The Javascript shown below is used to initialise the table shown in this example:

$(document).ready(function() { $('#example').DataTable( { scrollY: 300, scrollX: true, scrollCollapse: true, paging: false, fixedColumns: true } ); } );

In addition to the above code, the following Javascript library files are loaded for use in this example:

* [//code.jquery.com/jquery-1.12.3.min.js](http://code.jquery.com/jquery-1.12.3.min.js)
* [../../../../media/js/jquery.dataTables.js](http://docs.google.com/media/js/jquery.dataTables.js)
* [../../js/dataTables.fixedColumns.js](http://docs.google.com/js/dataTables.fixedColumns.js)

The HTML shown below is the raw HTML table element, before it has been enhanced by DataTables:

This example uses a little bit of additional CSS beyond what is loaded from the library files (below), in order to correctly display the table. The additional CSS used is shown below:

/\* Ensure that the demo table scrolls \*/ th, td { white-space: nowrap; } div.dataTables\_wrapper { width: 800px; margin: 0 auto; }

The following CSS library files are loaded for use in this example to provide the styling of the table:

* [../../../../media/css/jquery.dataTables.css](http://docs.google.com/media/css/jquery.dataTables.css)
* [../../css/fixedColumns.dataTables.css](http://docs.google.com/css/fixedColumns.dataTables.css)

This table loads data by Ajax. The latest data that has been loaded is shown below. This data will update automatically as any additional data is loaded.

The script used to perform the server-side processing for this table is shown below. Please note that this is just an example script using PHP. Server-side processing scripts can be written in any language, using [the protocol described in the DataTables documentation](http://datatables.net/manual/server-side).

Other examples

[**Initialisation and options**](http://docs.google.com/index.html)

* [Basic initialisation](http://docs.google.com/simple.html)
* [Left and right fixed columns](http://docs.google.com/left_right_columns.html)
* [Multiple fixed columns](http://docs.google.com/two_columns.html)
* [Right column only](http://docs.google.com/right_column.html)
* [Column visibility integration](http://docs.google.com/colvis.html)
* [Server-side processing](http://docs.google.com/server-side-processing.html)
* [CSS row sizing](http://docs.google.com/css_size.html)
* [Assigned column width](http://docs.google.com/size_fixed.html)
* [Fluid column width](http://docs.google.com/size_fluid.html)
* [Index column](http://docs.google.com/index_column.html)

[**Integration with other DataTables extensions**](http://docs.google.com/integration/index.html)

* [Select - whole row](http://docs.google.com/integration/select.html)
* [Select - checkboxes](http://docs.google.com/integration/select-checkbox.html)
* [DataTables API](http://docs.google.com/integration/api.html)

[**Styling**](http://docs.google.com/styling/index.html)

* [Complex headers](http://docs.google.com/styling/rowspan.html)
* [Column visibility integration](http://docs.google.com/styling/colvis.html)
* [Server-side processing](http://docs.google.com/styling/server-side-processing.html)
* [Individual column filtering](http://docs.google.com/styling/col_filter.html)
* [Right-to-left text direction](http://docs.google.com/styling/rtl.html)
* [Bootstrap](http://docs.google.com/styling/bootstrap.html)
* [Bootstrap 4](http://docs.google.com/styling/bootstrap4.html)
* [Foundation](http://docs.google.com/styling/foundation.html)
* [Semantic UI](http://docs.google.com/styling/semanticui.html)
* [jQuery UI](http://docs.google.com/styling/jqueryui.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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