

EXT: AJAX Social Network Components

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Introduction

What does it do?

This extension provides **social network components** such as ratings, commenting capabilities and sharing of web pages to TYPO3 content elements, or to virtually any TYPO3 record available in frontend

It contains AJAX functionality which works with jQuery 1.7 or newer. The system itself is very flexible – many options can be set. It can be used as commenting system and/or as rating system.

This extension can import comments from extension comments - it is an UPDATE!!!

This extension is presented to the TYPO3 community by TocToc Internetmanagement - www.toctoc.ch.

Features

The extension offers almost all of the possible features that are needed for commenting, rating and sharing. Many of the features have been brought in by users of *toctoc_comments*.

The feature list is long and it's important to have a complete overview for taking the right decisions when you start use the extension.

Plugin modes

1. Commenting mode (includes ratings and sharing)

Comments list on top and form at the bottom of the plugin

Form on top and then comments list

Only comments list

2. Recent comments list

3. Report bad comments

Components for sharing and rating and commenting can be all enabled/disabled

What can be commented, rated or shared?

	Comments	Ratings	Sharing
Pages	NA	NA	Yes
Content Elements	Yes	Yes	Yes *
Multiple times in content elements **	Yes	Yes	Yes *
Records in extensions DETAIL views	Yes	Yes	Yes *
News in tt_news LIST view	Yes	Yes	Yes *
Ratings on comments	NA	Yes	NA
Specified content elements	Yes	Yes	Yes *
Specified records	Yes	Yes	Yes *

^{*} Sharing shows up but the sharing content is always the page containing the comments.

TemplaVoila

Shortcuts to plugins on other pages work Can be used in FCE as TypoScript-Only Object

^{**} Possible In TemplaVoila flexible content elements (FCE), plugin identification is achieved with OptionalRecordIDs.



TypoScript-Object

toctoc_comments can be used as TypoScript-Object and placed in the page by TypoScript

PHP code of other extensions

Plugin can be called from code for a specific record (see manual developer)

Commenting features

Reply on comments with inline form, link to inline form or linked to commenting form

Comment hierarchy in form of a tree view with expandable and collapsible comments

Commenting form

Set fields as required or optional

Required hint displays if required fields present.

Users can choose notification by email on new comments

Users can cancel notifications from notification email or on the web page

Scanning of entered web pages, creation and handling of web page previews, including previews on flash video and HML5 videos

Smilies

Emojis can be entered like :door: or as Unicode

BB-Codes

optional HTML codes

Male/female avatar for anonymous users.

Automatically use fe_users data to fill hidden comment form data, use of cookies for anonymous users form data

Uploads

Picture- and PDF-attachments

Configurable presentation in frontend (scaled and cropped images as well as a nice ¡Query Lightbox)

HTML5 File uploading

Comments List

Sorting on first hierarchy level by date ascending or descending by Plugin option

Links in comments are converted to clickable links (can be turned on and off)

Pop-up cards with user information and statistics about comments and ratings made (user cards) on user pics.

Options for different date displays in comments: In a speaking way (2 days ago) or in different, fully localizable date formats (through PHP strtoftime() function)

Available user fields for comments are first name, last name, gender, email, homepage and location

Change place of comments browser from top to bottom or inverse

Comments counter

Supports leading spaces in Comments-Display

fe_users (logged in users)

fe_users can edit their comments in the comments list. Number of comments back editable can be set by option

fe_users can delete their comments in the comments list.

Filtering of comments by user-groups of fe_user is possible



Exclusion of fe_user comments from public is possible

Comments administration

Options for visible (expanded) levels and possible levels of comment replies

Set the required, maximal and cropping length for comments

Close comments/ratings after predefined period or immediately

Select an alternative fe_users image field

Ratings

3 designs for 2 types of ratings: star-system and iLike-system.

Display of iLikes (and iDislikes) with facebook-like info about the users who liked.

Special Labels for rating products, news, images and people (example: "I like this product")

Hide or show ratings on top of the plugin by TS Option.

Sharing

Supported platforms are Facebook, Twitter, Google+, LinkedIn, StumbleUpon, and with "Add This" all the rest

5 designs are available

Localized design

Templates

Highly customizable HTML-templates for commenting, rating, eID-requests, Text- and HTML-Mails.

All fe_user fields can be used as markers in the templates

stdWrap-configuration for most display markers

Design

CSS-classes are present for almost every element

Colors of the plugin are isolated in customizable CSS color themes

4 CSS-color-themes selectable by TS-option for easy change of colors used in the plugin

TS Options for Plugin Design are available as 'theme'-options.

TS-Options concerning design are pushed in CSS and JavaScript.

Support for boxmodels, they document and implement changes to the CSS layout in a single file.

Values of 6 design relevant TS Options are available for use in boxmodels.

2 boxmodels and 2 color themes for a look like DISQUS and Google are included.

Optional additional CSS file is possible

Anti-Spam

Prevent duplicate comments (for example, several subsequent POST requests)

Email address syntax validation

Internal spam checker, spam-filter can be set up with spam words in the BE

Optional Email confirmation Opt-in on first use of an email in the system

IP-blocking in backend or from notification email to administrator

IP-blocking lists included (source: www.spamhaus.org)



See IP address of the commenter in BE

Full info about the commenter in notification email to administrator

Captcha use (sr_freecap clone or recaptcha clone, with options for number of characters and colors)

Force all messages to pass approval by administrator

localized approval and notification-email

BB-Tags and attachments are shown in HTML-emails as well.

TYPO3 features

Multilanguage-Support

Support for new languages over the TYPO3 translation server

Full TYPO3 caching supported (USER object!), which highly improves web site performance

Automatically clear cache for any page(s) when adding a new comment.

eID-interface with customizable HTML-template for results of administrator confirmations, deletions from email and for COI.

CSH (Context Sensitive Help) in both Back end tables and plugin

Import data from legacy extensions comments and rating

Compatible TYPO3 4.3 up to TYPO3 6.x

jQuery

Uses jQuery 1.7 or newer

Textareas with watermark using jQuery

Tooltips and Image presentation with jQuery UITools

Sharing component sharrre is made implemented with jQuery.

Community

With community-extensions *cwt_community* and *community*, *toctoc_comments* allows commenting on users on users profile pages and on the community wall page.

Community option for profile comments visibility to "only user", "user and friends", "all community users".

Missing features

Yes we can't let it be to talk also about this.

We're certain that someone out there knows still more missing features. If it's you, please let us know about - we do it, if ever possible.

So far known missing features - and their venue is planned for near future - are these:

Mulitple ratings per record (like Hotelservice, Restaurant, Price)

use of a Gravatar

Upload videos as attachments

Topratings

Comment based Sharings

So feel free to contribute new ideas on www.toctoc.ch/toctoc_comments_featuretalk.html



New in this Manual

Revised feature list (see just above)

Screen-shots

There are screen-shots also in other sections of this manual.

Normal Mode

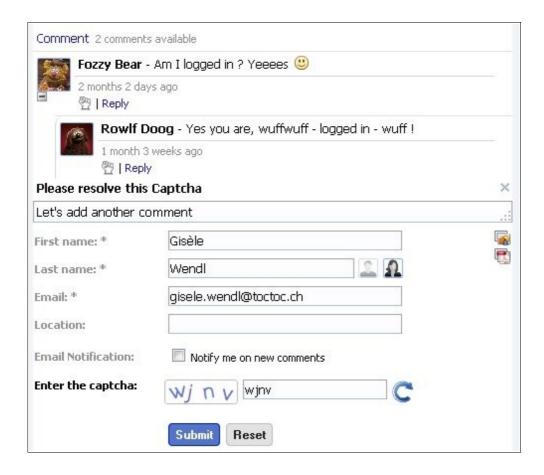
This is the plugin operating in normal mode. It displays comments, ratings and sharing options.

```
Unlike · Share 0
ជាជាជាជា 4.5 of 5 (2 votes) Your rating: 5 ជា You like this
```

This screenshot shows the plugin with sharing, iLike and voting enabled.

The following screen-shots show how to make an entry of a comment and then the approval process.

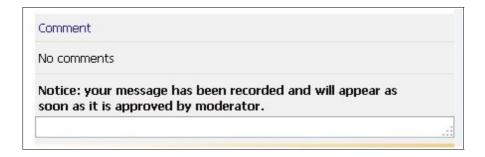
Note that comments can be entered without captcha-check and without approval. The setting without captcha would typically apply for logged in users.



After posting a comment the 'useCaptcha' option brings the captchas security question. Here the plugin uses an internal clone of sr_freecap.

Note: On a page, the plugin can be inserted several times.

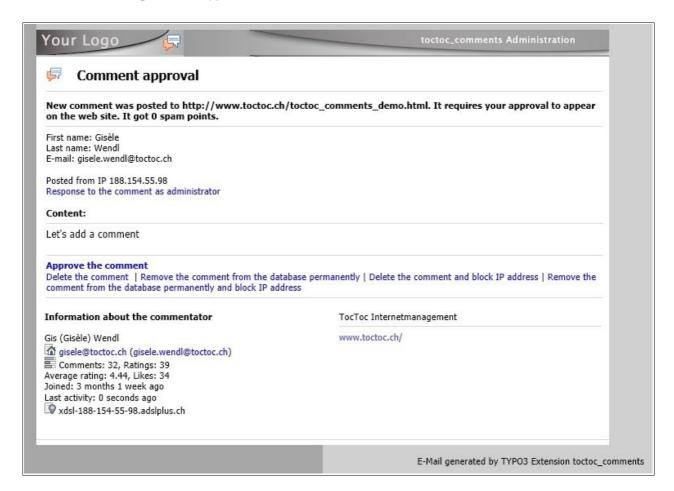




After the captcha has been resolved the comment has been recorded in the database. The user is informed to wait until the moderator (administrator) has approved the comment.



The comments administrator receives then an e-mail, he can approve, delete or kill the comment (kill deletes a comment permanently) from the database.



As the admin clicks on approve comment (in this screenshot he did it a second time as one can see...) a web page rendered by the extension is presented, the template for the page and the HTML-mails can be easily adapted to your needs.



Many other scenarios apply.



Recent Comments Mode

In mode "recent comments" the plugin looks like follows.



You can restrict the recent comments to comments on News only, on Products only or you can make them overall comments. Other filters are possible.

Clicking on a link brings you on the target page and the comment is highlighted with a fatter border, so it can be seen very quickly.





Report bad comment mode

In mode "Report bad comment" the plugin displays a form which allows users to send complaints on comments they don't like, or ask you to remove one of their comments.

When clicking on the fist-icon (see screen-shot on previous page) the user is directed to the webpage with the form which looks by default like this:

Rowlf Doog - Yes you a	are, wuffwuff - logged in - wuff !	
■ Demo 20 hours 28	minutes ago	
Well Rowlf is really	pollution the list with his underexposed	·
Your name:		
E-mail:		
Enter the captcha:	wbayu	
If you can't read the wo		



Different look for logged in users.

When a user is logged in the fields to enter first name, last name, email, location are hidden and filled with the values form the users profile. This is handled with a template. In the template-file for comments there are 2 subtemplates for the form – one for logged in users, one for IP-users (not logged in).

Handling in TS-Setup is best done with conditional assignment of options. Often used is the captcha/approval for anonymous (IP)-users and let fe_users post without further control.

Have a look at this TS Setup

```
[usergroup = *]
plugin.tx_toctoccomments_pi1 {
     ratings {
          enableRatings=1
          useDislike = 1
     spamProtect {
          requireApproval = 0
          useCaptcha = 0
[else]
plugin.tx_toctoccomments_pi1 {
     ratings {
          enableRatings=1
          useDislike = 0
     spamProtect {
          requireApproval = 1
          useCaptcha = 1
     }
[global]
```



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The biggest Thanks goes to all the people behind the code:

Developers of PHP and MySQL, Webbrowser developers, developers of jQuery, developers of TYPO3 and many more.

The chain of thanks goes deep what programming is concerned.

At this occasion I won't miss to remind us of the humans who made the devices where you read this information:

Computers, Handys, Tablets - the entire IT infrastructure is manufactured by humans working under mostly very bad conditions.

"Fair Trade" and "ecological production" are important to change this, please try to choose your products not by price, but by this.

Having questions?

For news checkout www.toctoc.ch.

We have many demos of the extension at http://www.toctoc.ch/toctoc_comments_demo.html

We provide help and support over forge.typo3.org/toctoc_comments/.

Please, avoid sending e-mails directly, thanks!



Users manual

Installing and Setup

1) Install the extension in EM. If you have problems with creating the tables, please deactivate *dbal* for this install.

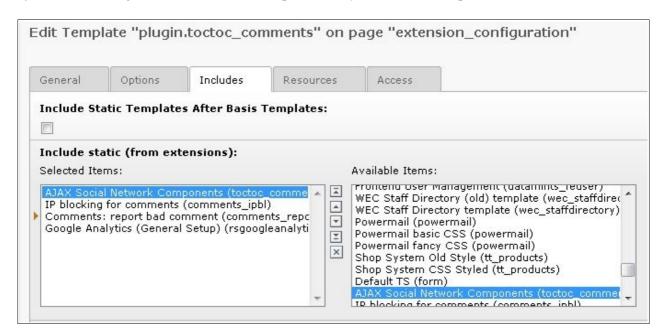
If you update from a former version of *toctoc_comments*, then make sure that the upload-folders are created:

In EM open the Configuration-tab of the extension and press Update to create these folders.

Static Data is imported during install, it's enough to do this once.

After this please make sure that possible existing data won't be overwritten by unchecking the check-boxes for the imports.

2) Then include AJAX Social Network Components in your sites TS-Template



3) Make sure that jQuery is added to the page by adding something like this to the page.config-TS:

```
page.includeJSlibs {
    jquery = typo3conf/ext/toctoc_comments/resources/jquery-1.7.2.min.js
    jquerytools = typo3conf/ext/toctoc_comments/res/js/jquery.tools.min.js
}
```

Many Websites already run ¡Query. Please be aware of the following compatibility information:

jQuery versions 1.7.+ are not compatible with lightboxes which use brackets ([]) in their "rel=" attributes. If possible just change the brackets to parentheses (). Some light-boxes accept this.

Info: TYPO3 6.0 will fully support only jQuery 1.7+. Also, the Share-function needs jQuery 1.7+ to function properly (older versions cannot display the number of shares correctly)

3) Setup your TS. See setup.txt in directory /static for an example.

Important is to set the constant for the StoragePID – the pid of the folder where comments will be stored.

TS Setup can be very minimal, see the example above for logged in and anonymous users – this is the recommended minimal setup.



jQuery Tools needs to be loaded directly after jQuery. This helps to avoid conflicts with other jQuery plug-ins like fancybox.

Upgrading from comments 1.5.x/1.6.0

You need to enable the upgrade mode in the extension setup in Extension Manager.

When upgrade-mode is enabled, the comments and ratings for comments on a page are imported in *toctoc_comments* regardless of their original storage folder id.

For importing data data replace the *comments* plugin by *toctoc_comments*-plugin and open the page. At this moment the data of this page is imported from the tx_comments-tables to tx_toctoc_comments-tables.

After the update disable the update option again.

Changing the folder of static data

In EM in the extensions configuration panel you can activate the update of static data. With this static data like blocked IP-addresses and Triggering Prefixes get moved in the folder of the current storage-pid.

Once the plugin is run in the frontend the data gets moved from the root-folder of your site to the comments-folder (storagePid).

So activating this option works only after complete installation of the plugin.

Inserting AJAX comments to page

When inserting a new content element, scroll down to the end of "New content element" wizard and click on the "AJAX Social Network Components":



This will insert a plugin for AJAX Social Network Components as a new content element.

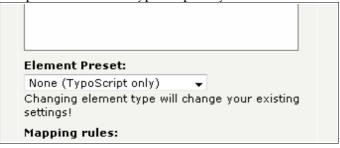
Alternatively you can inject the plugin by TS in a TemplaVoila FCE as explained on the next page.



Use in TemplaVoila FCE

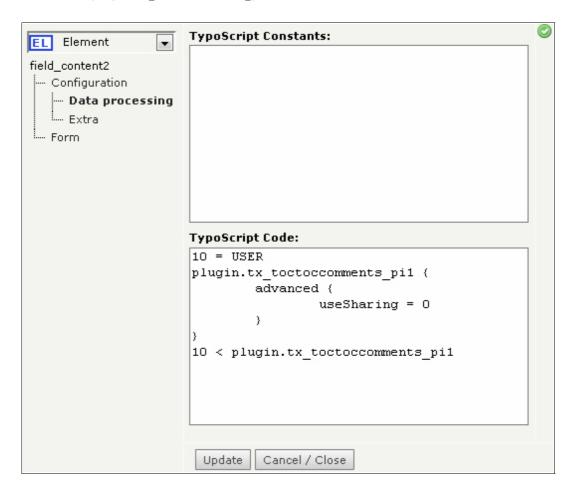
In a flexible content element (FCE) of TemplaVoila you can setup TS for a mapped element. It's possible to use the plugin in a FCE like this:

Setup the element as TypoScript only-element:



The TS you need looks like this

```
10 = USER
10 < plugin.tx_toctoccomments_pi1</pre>
```



In normal TemplaVolia mode it is possible to use references on a toctoc_comments plugin



Customizing comments

All available comments options should be configured first site-wide through a TypoScript-Template.

Please check the options (options for theme) before you change CSS-files.

Changes to template files

toctoc_comments is an AJAX-based solution.

Normally a marker can be set-up anywhere in a sub-template and it will work.

But if a marker is needed in an AJAX process, the zone where markers can be moved is mostly limited by the **CSS-selectors with id's** inside the sub-template

Important setup options

Setup the storage folder and the e-mail-addresses for notification mails

Customizing from the plugin

Then some of the options setup in TS can be overwritten through the plug-in's configuration when it is inserted as content element.

A few options are available only thru the plugin.

TypoScript configuration is the only possibility for configuration if the plugin is inserted through TypoScript setup. (for example, as "TypoScript object path" in TemplaVoila or as a part of flexible content element).

For information on TypoScript configuration options see "Configuration" section later in this manual.

Important: Flexform configuration always overrides TypoScript configuration when a field is set to some value!

The choice which options are available in the plugin was guided by the importance to have an option individually setup in a specific plugin instance.

So for example you can deactivate sharing in general TS-configuration, and activate it only in the first plugin on a page.

Use as TypoScript-Object

It's possible to use toctoc_comments as TypoScript Object.

Example

```
TSObj.toctoc_comments >
TSObj.toctoc_comments = COA
tmptoctoc_comments = COA
tmptoctoc_comments {
    10 = USER
    10 < plugin.tx_toctoccomments_pil
    10 {
        code = FORM,COMMENTS
        optionalRecordId = tt_news_76
        additionalClearCachePagesLocal = 292,291
        advanced {
            reverseSorting = 1
                invertBrowser = 0
        }
    }
}
TSObj.toctoc comments < tmptoctoc comments</pre>
```



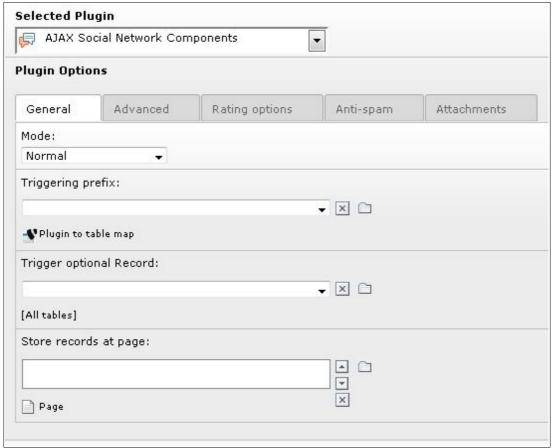
Plugin configuration

The plugin in the backend consists from 5 tabs.

General tab

Normal Mode

In mode "Normal" the plugin can be used for commenting, rating, sharing with many options which are available on the other tabs.



Triggering prefix defines what parameter in URL triggers displaying of comments. The value depends on another plugin and its parameters. It's used when you want to related the comments to News or Products shown on a page, but not on the page itself.

Typically this parameter will be tx_extkey_pil, but some older plug-ins have different values (for example, "tx_ttnews" for tt_news plugin).

Special value "pages" allows to comment on content elements on a page instead of records (value by default).

The mappings are in table "Plugin to table map", custom mappings can be defined there. In versions before V3.1.0. this information was maintained in TS-Setup.

Trigger optional record gives possibility to specify a record or content element for which the comments will be valid. By Default the plugin associates to the containing content element or the record in association with a triggering prefix. Here you can force the record to be commented.

If it is a content element holding a plugin itself, then the comments of the other content element are shown, but you still can represent them in another way.

Storage records at page specifies the sys-folder where records should be stored. If empty, current page is used. Normally TS Option is used.



Recent comments mode, option "All"

In this mode the options of the other tabs are not relevant.

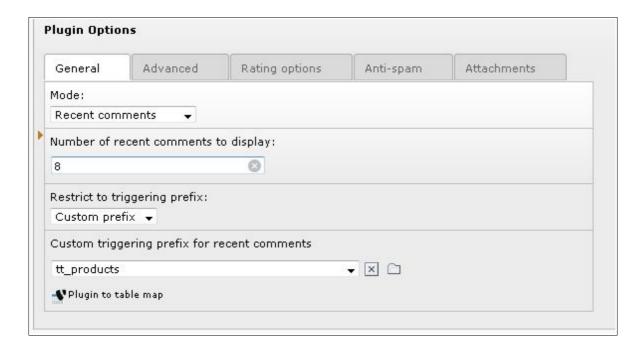


Number of comments to display on the list, newest comments are on top

Restrict to external prefix: "All" will consider all comments for the list. "Custom" allows to display comments filtered by associated extension, for example only the comments concerning News (tt_news)

Recent comments mode, option "Custom prefix"

In this mode the options of the other tabs are not relevant. Also the pages and records are not relevant. It's this mode you need if you want to display the recent comments about News.



Custom triggering prefix for recent comments, defines the extension for which you want to display recent comments (on its records).

Report bad comment mode

In this mode the options of the other tabs are not relevant.





Options for reporting bad comments are all set by TS.

Advanced tab

General	Advanced	Rating options	Anti-spam	Attachments	
Close comm	enting after:				
Commenting	g closed for this pl	ugin-instance			
Use TypoSo	cript setting 🔻				
use Sharing	1				
Use TypoSo	cript setting 🔻				
don't use Sh	aring for Faceboo	k:			
	cript setting 🔻				
don't use Sh	aring for Google+	4			
Use TypoSo	cript setting 🔻				
don't use Sh	aring for Twitter:				
Use TypoSo	cript setting 🔻				
don't use Sh	aring for LinkedIr	11			
Use TypoSo	cript setting 🔻				
don't use Sh	aring for Stumble	upon:			
	cript setting 🔻				

Close commenting after allows to automatically disable commenting if record is older than specified time period. Time period is a number followed by suffix. Suffix can be h (hour), m (month), y (year) or d (day). Comments extension takes care to change page caching time so that page cache expires when comments should be closed.

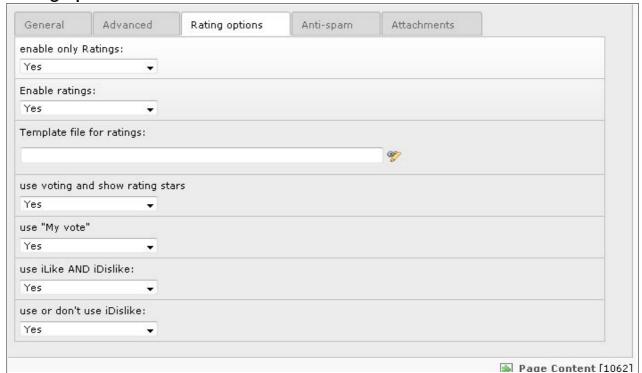
Commenting closed for this plugin instance allows to close commenting immediately.

Use Sharing enables the sharing function in the plugin

don't use sharing disables the Sharing function for a given platform individually



Rating options tab



Enable only Ratings suppresses the display of comments – sharing is not touched.

enable ratings allows to enable or disable all rating functions (voting and liking).

Template file for ratings. Allows to specify a different ratings layout

use voting and show rating stars enables basic rating

use "My vote" shows the users individual vote (per IP if logged out, per fe_user if logged in)

use iLike AND iDislike enables to basic use of the like-feature. Both, like and dislike are activated use or don't use iDislike allows to hide the dislike-feature



Anti-spam tab

General	Advanced	Rating options	Anti-spam	Attachments	
Require app	roval of each com	nment:			
Use TypoSo	cript setting 🔻				
Check refer	rer:				
Use TypoSo	cript setting 🔻				
Use captcha	:				
Use TypoSo	cript setting 🔻				
Send notifica	ation to this e-ma	il:			
Sand a-mail	from this address				
Selia e-iliali	mom ans address	·.			

Require approval of each comment triggers the email for administrator where he can approve or disapprove a comment.

Check referrer is an option for more control on posts, the referrer of the post must be on the site itself.

Use captcha enable use of captcha (regardless if the user is logged in or not)

Send notification to this e-mail allows to specify a recipient other than in TS setup for approval emails about new comments

Send e-mail from this address allows to specify another sender e-mail than specified in TS setup

Attachments tab

General	Advanced	Rating options	Anti-spam	Attachments	
Use attachm	ent type webpage	preview:			
Use TypoSo	cript setting 🔻				
(Comment	Attachments		▼ A □ Ø		
		t exist, default is 0)			

Use attachment type webpage preview allows or disallows webpage previews when the user is entering a comment

Optional webpage preview on top: Here you can select an existing webpage preview and put it at the top of the plug-in

Index of preview picture, this is the index number of the image file of the website preview to display. Check the record in the backend to make your choice first



Approving comments

If a comment is set to "not approved" (approved=0) it's may be because it is spam or the **Require** approval of each comment option is set. These comments will not be visible on the page.

E-Mail approval

The administrator will receive e-mail with links to approve, delete or kill (delete permanently) comments.

Administration of comments can be done also through Web>List module of the Web->Comments module.

Approval by Web->List module

This is the normal TYPO3 Listmode where you have the records and then you can edit them like any other records.

Here disapproved comments have different icon in the List module:



The first item on the screenshot above shows a comment which has not been approved yet. When opened for editing, the following flag will define if comment is approved:



If check is set, comment is approved.

Approval by Web->Comments module.

In the BE-module of comments you can approve, delete, hide and kill comments on a list. For "mass-administration" this is the easiest way.



Email confirmation opt-in (COI)

If a comment is set to **hidden** it is because the Email confirmation opt-in is active (confirmedOptIn=1) and the user did not yet confirm his email.

When confirmedOptIn is set to 1 and a user sends a comment he has to confirm his email before the comment will appear in the frontend.

This confirmation is necessary once per email and used IP-address.

User Statistics

User Statistics which are maintained by the plugin help to see user activities, and allows to keep track.

What is a User?

There are 2 kinds of users: Anonymous and logged in users. *toctoc_comments* stores it's own user format especially with the goal to identify returning anonymous users.

Logged in users, FE-Users, are stored in format '0.0.0.0.fe_userid' (example: 0.0.0.0.2054). Anonymous users are identified by their IP-address.

So the format for anonymous users is 'IP.0' (example: 184.126.45.22.0)

TocToc UserID		
188.154.55.98.0		
Commenter's initial first name:	Commenter's initial last name:	
Gis	Wendl	
Commenter's initial IP:	3.330	
188,154,55,98		
Commenter's initial IP, resolved:		
xdsl-188-154-55-98.adslplus.ch		
Commenter's initial email:	Commenter's initial web site:	Commenter's initial location:
gisele@toctoc.ch		
Creation date		
12:25 20-08-2012		
Commenter's current first name:	Commenter's current last name:	
Gisèle	Wendl	
last used IP		
188.154.55.98		
Commenter's current email:	Commenter's current web site:	Commenter's current location:
gisele.wendl@toctoc.ch		
Last update		
13:40 24-01-2013		
average rating value number of votes	number of likes number of dislikes	
4.52 62	49 0	
number of comments		
6		
Date of confirmed opt in (COI)	Email used for COI	IP used for COI
01:00 01-01-1970		



FAQ

After installation, the plugin has to big font-size. How can I change this and where ?

If you use a boxmodel, then change it in the boxmodelfile and make boxmodels for the blue CSS Selectors below. You can use boxmodel.txt for a start and set TS option

```
theme.selectedBoxmodel = boxmodel.txt
```

If you do not use boxmodels then follow this procedure:

It's in file tx-tc-30.css.

Find CSS selector .toctoc-comments-pil and set the font-size to the percentage which fits the size needed.

```
.toctoc-comments-pi1 {
   font-size: nn%;
}
```

Check the Tool tips and the confirmation-popups. For tool tips change selector .tooltip.

```
.tooltip {
    font-size: nn%;
}
```

For the confirmation pop ups ajust #confirm-container this:

```
#confirm-container {
    font-size: nn%;
    line-height: mm%;
}
```

If you use a boxmodel look out for the same selectors, they are already present in boxmodel.txt.

Ask in TYPO3 Forge: toctoc_comments.



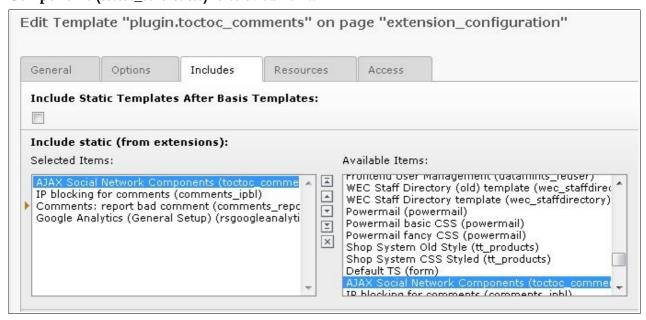
Administration

Adding TypoScript template

The extension's TypoScript template must be added to site's TypoScript template.

To add this template, go to **Template** for the extension, click on the **Info/Modify** there and click **Click here to edit whole template record** link.

In the opened form select Includes, in Include static (from extensions) add AJAX Social Network Components (toctoc_comments) to selected items.





Configuration

Plugin configuration is explained in **User manual**. This section talks about TypoScript configuration.

Leaving default values as they are, this is not a bad idea as long you don't know why it's really needed to change a value.

Main configuration

TS options are valid per plugin instance.

Some options, by their nature, are valid per webpage, others are valid site-wide. We marked properties which are valid for the entire site with an (S) in the description, these valid for a webpage are marked with an (W).

So don't setup options marked with (S) or (W) per Plugin. Set them either in general Plugin TS (S) and (W) or if needed in a template attached to the webpage (W).

Property:	Data type:	Description:	Default:
storagePid	int+	Page uid where comment records will be stored. Current page if empty.	empty
externalPrefix	string	See Triggering prefix in User guide.	pages
templateFile	string	Template file for the plugin. Accepts either site- relative path or extension-related path (EXT: prefix) (W)	EXT:toctoc_comments/res/template/toctoccomments_template.html
commentsPerPage	int	Number of comments show in a comments list	3
minCommentLength	int+	Required length for a comment (W)	10
maxCommentLength	int+	Maximal length for a comment (W)	4000
commentCropLength	int+	Comment cropping: After this length a comment is cropped at initial display (W)	256
UserImageSize	int+	Size of user image in pixels. Image will be cropped from the center of the original image (square) (W)	32
userContactUC	boolean	This option enables display of basic user contact information in usercards	1
userHomepageUC	boolean	This option enables display of the users homepage in usercards	1
userEmailUC	boolean	This option enables display of the email of the commenting user in usercards	0
userLocationUC	boolean	This option enables display of the users location in usercards	1
userStatsUC	boolean	This option enables display of statistics in usercards	1
userIPUC	boolean	This option enables display IP information about the user in usercards	0
timeoutUC	int+	Time in seconds for display of a usercard. Values between 3 and 15 are ok	9
HTMLEmail	boolean	e-mail are sent in HTML-Format (I) or Text format (0)	1
HTMLEmailFontFamily	string	Font Family for HTML E-Mail	tahoma,verdana,arial,sans-serif
Options from setup.txt	·		•



Property	Data tuca:	Description	Dofault
Property:	Data type:	Description:	Default:
additionalClearCachePag es	list	Additional pages where the cache should be dropped when adding or deleting toctoc_commentdata. Comma separated list.	
additionalClearCachePag esLocal	list	Additional pages to be added to additional Clear Cache Pages, useful for cloned views on comments.	
code	string	Operation-mode of the commenting component: COMMENTS,FORM: First comments list, then the form FORM,COMMENTS: First the form is shown then the comments list COMMENTS: Only Comments list is shown	COMMENTS,FORM
pluginmode	int	Empty: Comments and Form, Sharing and Ratings 1: Recent comments mode 2. Report bad comment mode	Empty
optionalRecordId	string	A specific record to comment on, it can be a content element or a record with a table to prefix map defined, or a virtual content_element_id. Virtual content elements are needed when placing multiple plugins into 1 'real' TYPO3-Content element. See: also externalPrefix for use of records You can specify a content element holding another toctoc_comments plugin with this. If so, the comments of the other plugin are displayed, but still you can configure the current plugin as you want. It works for toctoc_comment plugins implemented for comments on pages (default). For toctoc_comment plugins implemented for comments on records it will not work, the prefix-to-table map can be used only in context of the plugin for the external records. And makes no sense, because comments are attached to records and not to a content element.	Example:: tt_news_72
preventDuplicatePosts	boolean	If set, prevents duplicate posts on the same page	1
requiredFields	list of values	Comma-separated list of fields to be required for comments. Available values: firstname lastname, email homepage location content	Minimum recommended and default: Firstname, lastname, content, email If you want only an Alias, instead of firstname, lastname, then use lastname for this purpose.
requiredFields_errorWrap	array	Remark: lastname, email and content are always required by the system. For fe_users the fields (apart content) are filled automatically by the values in table fe_users. dataWrap for required field if field is not filled	dataWrap = <span class="tx-tc-</th></tr><tr><th>requiredrieids_error wrap</th><th>array</th><th>properly</th><th>required-
error">(LLL:EXT:toctoc_comment s/pil/locallang.xml:error):
firstName_stdWrap	array	Wrap for "First name" field	wrap =
lastName_stdWrap	array	Wrap for "Last name" field	wrap =
email_stdWrap	array	Wrap for "E-mail" field	wrap = (empty)



Property	Data type:	Description:	Default:
Property:			
webSite_stdWrap	array	Wrap for "Web site" field	wrap =
location_stdWrap	array	Wrap for "Location" field	wrap =
content_stdWrap	array	Wrap for "Content" field	wrap =
crdate_stdWrap	array	Wrap for recent comments list "Date" field	wrap =
author_stdWrap	array	Wrap for recent comments list "author" field	wrap = -
recentComment_stdWrap	array	Wrap for recent comments list "Comment" field	wrap =
Options for smilies			
smiliePath	string	Path to directory with smiley image files	EXT:toctoc_comments/res/smilie
fileExt	string	file extension of smiley images	png
smilies	array	Syntax: [filename] = [string1] [string2] Smilies are a mix from facebook-like smilies and the smilies from the original smilie-extension. Smilies gisele (Gisèle Wendl), Roman and Jacqueline are, just like the famous developer Putnam from facebook, dedicated to the related, living persons, who contributed to this extension.	smile = :-) :) :] =) tongue = :-P :-p =P wink = ;-) ;) grin = :-D :D =D curlylips = :3 kiss = :-* :* grumpy = ^(^-(glasses = 8-) B-) sunglasses = 8- 8 B- B upset = ^:-o ^:-O confused = o.O O.o shark = (^^^) gasp = :O :o pacman = :v squint = devil = 3-) unsure = :-/ :\ :-\ frown = :-(:(:[=(cry = :'(putnam = :putnam: robot = :] heart = :h: angel = O-) kiki = ^_ penguin = :+p: gisele = :g: jacque = :j: roman = :r: 6 = :- 7 = :-s s(:s 8 = :-U 9 = 8O 8-O 8o 8-o 10 == 11 = M-) 12 = ()-) 13 = V-) 14 = [-) 15 = X-) 17 = WOW)

Advanced options (->ADVANCED)

Property:	Data type:	Description:	Default:
dateFormat	string	Defines date format to use for date/time information about posts. Format specifiers depend on dateFormatMode configuration option. See PHP function date() and strftime() for information about format specifiers. If empty, defaults to concatenation of SYS->ddmmyy and SYS->hhmm system variables (from Install tool) and dateFormatMode is forced to "date"	empty



Property:	Data type:	Description:	Default:
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dateFormatMode	string	Determines what PHP function to use for date formatting. Defaults to "date". If you want to use month or week days in national language, you have to use "strftime". Valid values are: • date • strftime	date
closeCommentsAfter	string	If set, automatically disables commenting for items older than this period. See Close commenting after in the User manual for more information. Setup-only option	empty
commentingClosed	boolean	Commenting can be totally suppressed, 0 (default) or 1 When commenting is closed also rating is closed.	0
autoConvertLinks	boolean	If enabled, will search for possible links in comment text and turn them to links. Specifically the following texts are searched: • http:// • www. Anything that starts from these strings and till next space will be converted to links. This procedure is not very clever but works in most cases. Links are always created with rel="nofollow" and css class "tx-comments-external-autolink". There is no way to change any of these two attributes.	1
adminCommentResponse	boolean	Admin can give direct comments on comments: When notification mails for new comments come in, the admin can give a direct reply which will be showed under the comment. Requires modified comments_response extension to be installed.	0
userCommentResponseLe vels	int+	Number of levels of comments on comments, values from 0 (none) to 20 are allowed	3
userCommentResponseLe velExpanded	int+	When displaying comments on comments this sets how many levels are expanded. values from 0 (none) to 20 are allowed	1
showFeUsercomments	boolean	Show comments of FE Users:If set to 0 comments of FE users are shown only after login.	1
showFeUsercommentsOnly InSameUserGroup	boolean	Show comments for FE Users depending of the user groups:For logged in users only comments by users of the same user groups are shown (showFeUsercomments must be set to 0).	0
commentatorNotify	boolean	commentator of former comments can be notified about new, approved comments	1
commentatorNotifybyIP	boolean	commentator of former comments are identified by their IP:If enabled, the commentators are identified as per their IP address if they are not logged in. If disabled commentators who are not logged in can't disable E-Mail notification on new comments.	1
notificationForCommentat orEmail	string	E-mail address to use when sending mails to users who want to be notified on new comments	
notificationForCommentat orHTMLEmailTemplate	string	HTML Template to use for notification email to commentator of former comments	EXT:toctoc_com ments/res/templa te/toctoccommen ts_template_com mentator_email. html
notificationForCommentat orEmailTemplate	string	E-mail template for commentator of former comments	EXT:toctoc_com ments/res/templa te/toctoccommen ts_template_com mentatoremail.tx t



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Property:	Data type:	Description:	Default:
eIDHTMLTemplate	string	When clicking on Links in Admin-E-Mails this template will be used to show the answer of the system (S)	EXT:toctoc_com ments/res/templa te/toctoccommen ts_template_eid.h tml
CommentsShowOldPerCI D	int+	This is the scrolling multiplication number, telling how many commentsPerPage the show older comments function reveals at a time.	3
commentsEditBack	int+	When a user can edit his comments, this number indicates how many comments back the user is allowed to edit. set 0 for none. allowed 0 to 50.	1
UseTemplavoilaField	string	Name of the field defined in TemplaVoila (if used) where the comments-plugins goes. Check your TemplaVoila page-template. (W)	field_content
UseMainColPos	int	tt_content Column (colPos) with comments-plugins: Columnposition (colPos) where the comments-plugins go. Can be left on 0, most of the times. (W)	0
FeUserImagePath	string	Path where the feuser-images are stored. Normally uploads/pics/. (W)	uploads/pics/
FeUserDbField	string	Database field in fe_users where toctoc_comments should look for a user pic. (W)	image
useSharing	boolean	Use of Share-Links for social networks like Facebook, Google and Twitter	1
useSharingDesign	int	Use Design with (default) or without buttons Default popup=0,Buttons popup=1,Default open=2,Buttons open=3,Add This small=4 Don't combine 1 and 3 on the same webpage.	0
dontUseSharingFacebook	boolean	Use of Share-Link for Facebook is suppressed	0
dontUseSharingGoogle	boolean	Use of Share-Link for Google+ is suppressed	0
dontUseSharingTwitter	boolean	Use of Share-Link for Twitter is suppressed	0
dontUseSharingLinkedIn	boolean	Use of Share-Link for LinkedIn is suppressed	1
dontUseSharingStumbleup on	boolean	Use of Share-Link for Stumbleupon is suppressed	1
recentcommentsPluginpag es	string	Pages with a record to display: When a plugin is linked to a content element on a page, but the page displays records, then you should indicate the page-ids here as a comma separated list. Used by recent comments (if mode Restrict to external prefix = "All") and report bad comments forms. Also your website must contain pages which are used to display single records and then you place the plugin toctoc_comments without setting up the triggering prefix. So when linking on a comment of this page, the recent comment list needs to know which record to display. Here you simply select the concerned pages.	
recentcommentsPluginRec ords commentsShowCount	string	This option and the next option recentcommentsPluginRecords go together and they are really rarely needed. Records for pages with a record to display: Corresponding list of records, a list like "tt_news_51, tt_products_65". Here you define the records which need to be shown for the list of pages where a record of a contained plugin should be shown. The sequence of the records selected here must be same as the pages. Show total number of comments: In comments listing on top the total	
reverseSorting	boolean	number of comments is shown Shows last comments first and reverses sorting order to show last	0
8		comments on level 0	-



Property:	Data type:	Description:	Default:
invertBrowser	boolean	Invert comment browser position :Puts comments browser on top or bottom of comments list.	0
allowHTMLTagsInComme nts	boolean	Allows HTML-Tags in comments. If set to 1 then HTML-Tags can be used to format comments, extending the BB-Codes, but more risky.	0
wallExtension	options	Enables plugin mode for walls of community extensions, if so, only comments of you and your friends are shown. Options: inactive=0 wall of tx_community=1, wall of cwt_community=2]; (W)	0
communityProfileComme ntsVisibility	options	only user=0, user and friends=1, all community users=2 Enables visibility of comments on users community profile page.	1
replyModeInline	boolean	Replies on comments are entered under the comment replied on. Slows down bit performance.	1
replyModeInlineOpenFor m	boolean	reply mode inline with open form :Form for Replies on comments is shown instead of reply link	0
useEmoji	options	inactive=0,emoji images 16px=1,emoji images 20px=2 Make use of Emoji pictures :Unicode Emojis are replaced by image emojis in comments and while entering comments :text emojis: are converted to unicode-emojis. (W)	1
Options from setup.txt			
dateFormatOldStyle	ooolean	Use old style date format:Old style date format is like "20.08.2012", new style would be like "3 weeks and 4 days ago". See dateFormatMode and dateFormat for old style	0
enableUrlLog l	ooolean	Enable URL log	0

Spam protection (->SPAMPROTECT)

Property:	Data type:	Description:	Default:
requireApproval	boolean	If enabled, messages will be set to disapproved state and notification will be sent to administrator (see notificationEmail below). If approval is not requested but checkTypicalSpam is set, messages still can be set to disapproved state and notification is sent.	1
useCaptcha	string	Enables using captcha to post comments. Possible values are: None=0 sr_freecap clone captcha extension=1 jm_recaptcha clone extension=2 Captcha is checked after submit!	0
checkTypicalSpam	boolean	If set, extension automatically checks all comments for typical guest-book spam. If comments receives more than the value of spamCutOffPoint spam points, it is automatically set to disapproved state and notification is sent to the author in the plugin.	1
spamCutOffPoint	integer	If number of points is greater than this value, new comment is ignored, user receives spam warning message and e-mail to administrator is not sent.	10
freecapBackgoundcolor	string	freecaptcha-clone Backgoundcolor: Use valid rgb-code like 225,225, 225	255, 255, 255
freecapTextcolor	string	freecaptcha-clone textcolor:Use valid rgb-code like 25,25, 25	95, 107, 200
freecapNumberchars	int+	Number of characters freecaptcha-clone:max is 10, min is 3	4
freecapHeight	int+	Height for freecaptcha-clone: max is 50, min is 23.	23
notificationEmail	string	E-mail address to send notifications to	
informationEmail	string	Notify administrator about posted comment without approval by email	



Property:	Data type:	Description:	Default:
fromEmail	string	E-mail address to send notifications from	
emailTemplateHTML	string	HTML-template to use for approval needed-notification email to administrator. Is also used for simple notifications without approval.	EXT:toctoc_com ments/res/templa te/toctoccommen ts_template_emai l.html
emailTemplate	string	Template to use for Approval needed-notification email to administrator. It will result in a simple text-E-mail.	EXT:toctoc_com ments/res/templa te/toctoccommen ts_template_emai l.txt
emailTemplateInfo	string	Template to use for information-notification email to administrator	emailTemplateIn fo = EXT:toctoc_com ments/res/templa te/toctoccommen ts_template_emai linfo.txt
emailTemplatecoiHTML	string	HTML-E-mail template for confirmed opt in:, it's used for confirmed opt in-request email to user who made a comment first time using his email-address.	EXT:toctoc_com ments/res/templa te/toctoccommen ts_template_emai l_coi.html
emailcoiTemplate	string	Text-E-mail template for confirmed opt in:, it's used for confirmed opt in-request email to user who made a comment first time using his email-address.	EXT:toctoc_com ments/res/templa te/toctoccommen ts_template_emai l_coi.txt
useIPblocking	boolean	Enables IP-Blocklists in frontend, if enabled comments by blocked IPs are evaluated as spam	1
confirmedOptIn		Enables Confirmed opt-in (COI): When a commentator sends his email first time, then he will receive a confirmation email and he needs to confirm his email address by clicking a link, which changes the state "hidden" of his comment from false to true. Remark: the comment might not be approved yet, this works in addition to coi and needs just to be handled normally.	0
Options from setup.txt			
considerReferer	boolean	If set, checks that referrer of the current page is within the same web site. If not, message is set to disapproved state and notification is sent to administrator.	0

Ratings (->RATINGS)

Property:	Data type:	Description:	Default:
enableRatings	boolean	Enables web site visitors to rate comments. Notice that ratings change is only available if comments are not closed for the item. When comments are closed, ratings automatically become read-only	0
ratingsOnly	boolean	Enable ratings only: Use plugin as rating-only version	0
minValue	integer	Minimum rating value. This must not be changed once ratings are in use already. Changing this value also requires CSS adjustments (length of voting bar).	1
maxValue	integer	Maximum rating value. This must not be changed once ratings are in use already. Changing this value also requires CSS adjustments (length of voting bar). (S)	5
ratingImageWidth	integer	Width of a single rating bar image. Must be adjusted if a non-default image is used. (W)	11



Property:	Data type:	Description:	Default:
mode	auto or static	"auto" means that ratings will operate as they normally do on web sites (user votes and he cannot vote on this item any more). "static" means that the user will not be able to vote: ratings will be read-only.	auto
disableIpCheck	boolean	Disables the IP address check for voting. If this check is disabled, users may vote any number of times on the item (useful for testing). Notice: users will have to reload the page to vote again!	0
additionalCSS	string	Allows to change the appearance of ratings without changing template. Typically ratingImageWidth needs to be changed too. (W)	
ratingsTemplateFile	string	Template file for ratings shown in the plugin. Accepts either site-relative path or extension-related path (EXT: prefix)	EXT:toctoc_com ments/res/templa te/toctoccommen ts_ratings.html
useMyVote	boolean	Show the vote of the user	1
useVotes	boolean	Shows the rating stars and enables voting, if checked.	1
useLikeDislike	boolean	Show Like and Dislike Features, if checked both are active.	1
useDislike	boolean	Show Dislike Features; makes only sense in connection with useLikeDislike.	1
useTopVotes	boolean	Shows the rating stars and enables voting, if checked on top of the plugin	1
useTopLikeDislike	boolean	Show Like and Dislike Features on top of the plugin	1

Attachments (->ATTACHMENTS)

Property:	Data type:	Description:	Default:
useWebpagePreview	boolean	Use attachment feature web page preview: Web page previews are allowed	1
useWebpageVideoPrevie w	boolean	Use attachment feature web page video preview: Flash- and HTML5-videos in are shown. Whenever the webpage scanner finds a video, then the video will be displayed instead of the HTML preview of the webpage.	1
webpagePreviewHeight	int+	Height of the Webpagepreview. Associated webpage preview-images will have same size. min is 30 max is 120 pixels	70
webpagePreviewDescript ionLength	int+	Character length of the webpage preview description. Values between 50 and 500 are accepted by the system	200
webpagePreviewDescript ionMinimalLength	int+	Minimal character length of the webpage preview description When a description found on a webpage is shorter than this number, the system gets the description from Google - values must be between 20 and 150	5
webpagePreviewCacheTi mePage	int+	Cache expiry for scanned pages in minutes After this time pages are scanned again values must be between 0 and 1440 (1 day max)	180
webpagePreviewCacheTi meTempImages	int+	Cache expiry for temporary stored images in minutes After this time images in the temp folder are deleted, after a new page has been scanned values must be between 5 and 120 (2 hours max)	60
webpagePreviewCacheCl earManual	boolean	Delete temp images manually or by scheduled script If you want to control manually deletion of outdated images in temp folder set this to 1 - you can use a scheduled PHP-script, or if you don't mind, even delete the files when your disk-space contingent is reached.	0
webpagePreviewNumber OfImages	int+	Number of images in webpage previews The number of images shown influences the performance during scanning of webpages remarkably. Values between 4 and 25 are possible	10



Property:	Data type:	Description:	Default:
webpagePreviewScanMi nimalImageFileSize	int+	Minimal file size for an image while scanning webpages Value in Bytes, 300 - 6000	1500
webpagePreviewScanMi nImageSize	int+	Minimal Height and Width for an image while scanning webpages Value in Pixel, 30 - 100	40
webpagePreviewScanMa xImageSize	int+	Maximal Height and Width for an image while scanning webpages Value in Pixel, 300 - 1280	450
useLikeDislikewebpagePr eviewScanMinLogoSize	int+	Minimal Height and Width for a logo image while scanning webpages: Value in Pixel, 20 - 70	30
webpagePreviewScanMa xImageScans	int+	Maximal Pictures scanned (if logo has been found already) Values are 20 to 100, higher values result in longer scan time	40
webpagePreviewScanMa xImageScansForLogo	int+	Maximal Pictures scanned if logo has not been found already: Values are 30 to 150, must be higher than webpagePreviewScanMaxImages to make sense	55
webpagePreviewScanMa xHorzizontalRelation	int+	Maximal allowed x to y relation for scanned images The integer value when dividing width by height a scanned image may have. Values between 1 and 5 are possible	5
webpagePreviewScanma xverticalrelation	int+	Maximal allowed y to x relation for scanned images The integer value when dividing height by width a scanned image may have. Values between 1 and 4 are possible	3
webpagePreviewScanLog oPatterns	boolean	List of Patterns for logo recognition A list of string patterns, separated by commas - if a pattern is found in a file name, then the image file is considered as logo of the website scanned. Be careful with short patterns - patterns shorter than 4 chars are ignored	logo,crght
webpagePreviewScanExc ludeImagePatterns	boolean	List of Patterns for image exclusion during scan A list of string patterns, separated by commas - if a pattern is found in a file name, then the image file is excluded	pixeltrans, spacer, youtube, rclogos, white, transpa, bg_teaser
webpagePreviewDescript ionPortionLength	int+	Minimal Length of a page text fragment during scan: When scanning text from pages, then the content of p-Tags and span-tags is analyzed. The content must be longer than this value for inclusion in page description. Values between 10 and 100 are accepted	40
webpagePreviewCurlTim eout	int+	Timeout for HTML requests in ms Request are canceled after this duration. 3000 to 13000.	7000
usePicUpload	boolean	Use Image attachment.	= 1
usePdfUpload	boolean	Use PDF attachment.	= 1
picUploadDims	int+	Maximal height and width for an preview image after upload. Value in Pixel, 50 - $150.$	100
picUploadMaxDimX	int+	Maximal width for an image after upload. Value in Pixel, 100 - 900.	800
picUploadMaxDimY	int+	Maximal height for an image after upload. Value in Pixel, 100 - 1200.	900
picUploadMaxDimWebp age	int+	Maximal dimensions for an image for display in the comments list, 200 - 800.	470
picUploadMaxDimYWe bpage	int+;	Maximal height for an image for display in the comments list, 200 - 800.	300
picUploadMaxfilesize	int+	Maximal file size for image upload. Value in KB, 10 - 100000.	2500
pdfUploadMaxfilesize	int+	Maximal file size for image upload. Value in KB, 10 - 100000.	3000

Recent Comments (->RECENTCOMMENTS)

All options are setup only (no constants)



Property:	Data type:	Description:	Default:
listCount	int+	Number of comments shown in the list	3
sorting	string	Sorting of recent comments	uid DESC
anchorPre	string	Anchor prefix used when highlighting comments after clicking on a link	#tx-tc-ct-
linkComments	boolean	If set to 1 (default) Comments are linked to the original sources.	1
maxCharCount	int+	Number of characters before the comment is cropped	100
restictToprefixToTableM ap	string	The custom external prefix for recent comments triggers specific records like News, Products or other records with associated comments.	

Report bad Comment (->COMMENTSREPORT)

All options are setup only (no constants), only one plugin instance on a page is possible.

Property:	Data type:	Description:	Default:
active	boolean	Set comment reporting active (1) or inactive (0)	0
reportPid	int+	Report page id:ID of the page where reporting form is located	
emailTemplateFile	string	Text mode template to use for notification email to administrator.	EXT:toctoc_com ments/res/templa te/toctoccommen ts_template_repo rtcomment_emai l.txt
HTMLemailTemplateFil e	string	HTML-template to use for notification email to administrator.	EXT:toctoc_com ments/res/templa te/toctoccommen ts_template_repo rtcomment_emai l.html
requiredFields	string	Required fields: for the form, comma-separated list of required fields	From, frommail, text
useCaptcha	int	[None=0, captcha extension=1, sr_freecap extension=2] Use captcha: Enable captcha usage. (W)	2
sourceEmail	string	E-mail to send notifications from	
destinationEmail	string	E-mail to send notifications to	

Theme (->THEME)

All theme options are valid per webpage (W)

Property:	Data type:	Description:	Default:
themeFontFamily	string	Font Family for theme: used for textareas	tahoma,verdana, arial,sans-serif
selectedTheme	string	Selected color theme (CSS): Basic color-palette that is used by the extension in frontend	default Options Default=default White on Black Theme=black White on Red Theme=red Custom Theme=custom
themeFontFamily	string	Font Family for theme: used for textareas	tahoma,verdana, arial,sans-serif



Property:	Data type:	Description:	Default:
selectedBoxmodel	string	Boxmodel filename: To apply as Boxmodel on the CSS select an existing boxmdel here, value like myboxmodel.txt	
boxmodelTextareaLineH eight	int+	Textarea height: Height of textareas of forms, 16 - 30.	20
boxmodelTextareaNbrLi nes	int+	Textarea number of lines: How many lines the textarea contains ? 1 - 6.	1
boxmodelSpacing	int+	Boxmodel element x-spacing: Horizontal spacing between elements in the boxmodel, 0 - $10.$	4
boxmodelLineHeight	int+	CSS-Line Height:Lineheight in the plugin, 14 - 40.	16
usethemeFontFamilyFor Plugin	boolean	Use themeFontFamily as font-family for the entire plugin.	1
boxmodelLevelIndent	options	Indent for levels: Indent in fraction of user image size full=1,half=2,third=3]	2
boxmodelLabelWidth	int+	Width of labels, 50 - 200.	134
box model Input Field Size	int+	Size of Form Input fields, 12 - 40.	35



Comments and ratings on records of other extensions

Before version 3.1 of toctoc_comments commenting and rating on records was implemented as Prefix-totable-map and was setup in TS-Configuration.

Now prefix-to-table maps are maintained in TYPO3 table "Plugin to table map".



You can maintain and add new records in the backend (see also chapter "Changing the folder of static data")

When and why is a plugin to table map needed?

When you want to allow comments or ratings on records, then you can do this with TS-Option externalPrefix and a corresponding entry in table "Plugin to table map"-

The records must be shown in a details view page and the parameters used by the extension to display the record must be present as GET-Variables in the URL of the page. (Don't worry if you use nice URLs made with realURL or others, it works)

toctoc_comments already includes the "Plugin to table map" for the following 11 extension keys

- tx_album3x_pi1
- tx_commerce_pil
- tx_irfaq_pil
- tx_mininews_pil
- tx_ttnews
- tt_products
- tx_rouge *
- tx_wecstaffdirectory_pil
- tx_community
- tx_cwtcommunity_pil
- tx_news_pil

Adding new entries to table "Plugin to table map"

Extension users and authors, who want to enable rating and commenting on their records, may add entries to TYPO3 table "Plugin to table map".

Here is an example how it should be done:

Make a new record in table "Plugin to table map".

If your plug-ins extensionkey is tx_myext_pil and its records table is tx_myext_mytable, then the URL calling your extension will look like this:

http://domain.tld/index.php?id=12345&tx myext pi1[showUid]=67890

(Parameter "showUid" is normally set by default extension design)

toctoc_comments will understand that it must refer to tx_myextmytable for triggering prefix tx_myext_pil.

^{*} is a variant of wecstaffdirectory



Optional URL parameter

Some extensions use names other than "showUid" to refer to a single record. Our extension needs to know the name of this URL parameter to find the record's uid.

Why optional?

Extensions mostly use "showUid" parameter. If "showUid" is used, there is no need to repeat it in "Plugin to table map", it will be the default.

With "Optional URL parameter" it is possible to use custom URL parameter with toctoc_comments.

If your extension, for example, uses parameter "newsid" to display it's records, then add "newsid" to the entry concerning your extension in "Plugin to table map" field "Optional URL parameter".

So if the paramenter is "newsid", the URL looks like this:

http://domain.tld/index.php?id=12345&tx_myext_pi1[newsid]=67890

toctoc_comments will understand that record's uid value is 67890.

Community extensions

community

You need to create the following "Plugin to table map":

prefix: tx_community

table: fe_users

showUid parameter: user

cwt_community

You need to create the following "Plugin to table map":

prefix: tx_cwtcommunity_pil

table: fe_users

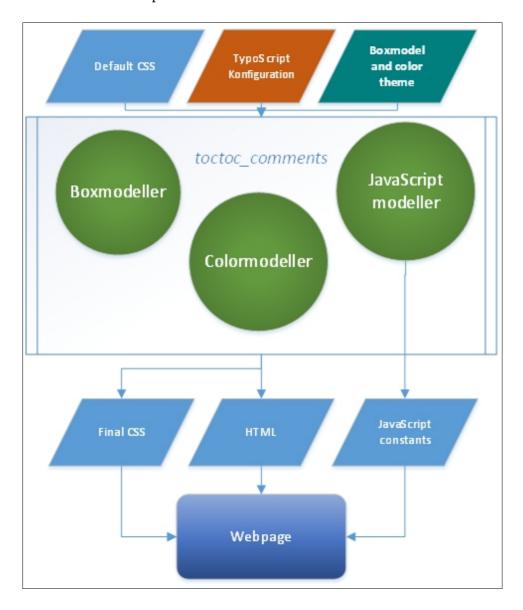
showUid parameter: action=getviewprofile&uid



Designing the plugin

Here we present the best practices for changes of the design of *toctoc_comments*, you'll find all about CSS customizing with boxmodels, CSS color themes and the TS-Options for the plugin layout in the front end.

The following image shows how *toctoc_comments* automates design tasks with CSS color themes, boxmodels and TS-Options:



Overview

By default the extension uses CSS file res\css\tx-tc30.css.

As soon as you add TS-options which change the layout a modified version of res\css\tx-tc30.css with file name tx-tc30-system.css will be generated on plugin run-time in folder res\css\boxmodels\css.

These options can be called **system-css options**.

! in tx-tc30.css leave existing CSS selectors intact. Leave properties with empty values intact.

```
selector [, selector2, ...] [:pseudo-class] {
```



```
property: value;
  [property2: value2;
    ...]
}
/* comment */
```

These elements are needed as soon system-css options are active.

When you want to change colors used in the plug-in please refer to the chapter in this manual about the **CSS-Color-Themes**

Using a theme and save it to theme with name "work" is the best practice:

- The "work"-theme is never overwritten when updating toctoc_comments
- · You keep CSS-colors of the layout in a separated CSS-file.
- · You document the colors you use in file theme.txt
- · Several examples of color themes are there for learning and customization

If you need to change the font-size, margins, heights, borders and properties like these, then it's best practice to use a **boxmodel**.

Already when you apply system-css options a specific system box-model is used to set up tx-tc30-system.

There are several boxmodels included in folder res/css/boxmodels/. Selection of a boxmodel is made with TS-option

```
theme {
    selectedBoxmodel = boxmodel.txt
}
```



Boxmodels

A box model is a CSS abstraction layer.

It allows to give speaking names to groups of CSS selectors and associated properties. The properties can be set to new values or to calculated values.

Calculations can be specified with formulas, you can identify property values as variables or use system-css-options.

You can use the following TS-Option as boxmodel-TS-Options:

```
{boxmodelTextareaLineHeight} => theme.boxmodelTextareaLineHeight
{boxmodelTextareaHeight} => theme.boxmodelTextareaLineHeight *
theme.boxmodelTextareaNbrLines
{boxmodelSpacing} => theme.boxmodelSpacing
{boxmodelLineHeight} => theme.boxmodelLineHeight
{boxmodelLineHeightHalf} => round((theme.boxmodelLineHeight-16)/2,0)
{boxmodelSpacingHalf} => round(theme.boxmodelSpacing)/2,0);
{ratingImageWidth} => ratings.ratingImageWidth
{boxmodelInputFieldSize} => theme.boxmodelInputFieldSize
{boxmodelLabelWidth} => theme.boxmodelLabelWidth
```

You can start with boxmodel.txt. It produces more or less the default layout of *toctoc_comments* – it does not modify res\css\tx-tc30.css, try to make and document your changes in a custom boxmodel.txt – file and use this for design changes.

Some other classified box models are already there and can either be used as they are, if you like the design associated to it, or you can use them for examples.

Syntax

Boxmodels are defined in text files and they have a simple syntax.

A boxmodel file consists of blocks of boxmodels which applies CSS-properties on CSS-selectors, optionally with rules how to make values.

A boxmodel block has the following syntax

```
Boxmodel (Identificator for new boxmodel)
Borderradius small used everywhere in the plugin (Which aspect of CSS is handled by this
boxmodel, here you give the element a speaking short description)
CSS (Identificator for CSS of boxmodel)
[+]border-radius: 2px 2px 2px 2px; (border-radius will be set to "2px 2px 2px 2px" if no
Rules are specified, with the optional leading '+' properties can be added to the selector)
[border-radius: {10}px 2px 2px 2px; (if no "Rules" are defined, then {10} will be set to 2.
With "Rules" the variable {10} is defined and will be set by the rule. Variables are in
format {varname})
[CSS] (more CSS sections can be used if no "Rules" are present)
[Rules
\{10\} = 2 + 3\} (\{10\} will be calculated as 2+3=5. In the evaluation part variables can be used
and you have access to some TS-Options values like the line height for example.
Selectors (Identificator for CSS-selectors containing the CSS of the boxmodel)
.tx-tc-ct-box-picturecrop322 img (always full line without { as in the original CSS-File) .tx-tc-userpic, .tx-tc-userpicf, .tx-tc-avatarpicf, .tx-tc-avatarpic
.txtc_details
.tx-tc-ct-editbutton, .tx-tc-ct-deletebutton, .tx-tc-ct-denotifybutton
.new-selector (if a selector is not found in the original CSS-File, it will be added at the
end of the css file)
*** (End of boxmodel)
```



The input file on which the boxmodel file is applied is the basic CSS-file tx-tc30.css.

The used output file is in sub-folder boxmodels/css.

Limits

CSS properties (and selectors) can't be deleted, the "Boxmodeller" supports only changes to CSS properties and additions of CSS properties and selectors.

The default CSS in tx-tc30.css must be well formatted: A leading space before { and a leading tab before a CSS property are needed.

Recommended TS-Options for included box models

Recommended TS-Options for box model boxmodel_tisqus.txt:

```
UserImageSize = 36
theme {
    selectedTheme = tisqus
    themeFontFamily = "Helvetica Neue",arial,sans-serif
    boxmodelTextareaLineHeight = 24
    boxmodelTextareaNbrLines = 2
    boxmodelLineHeight = 24
    selectedBoxmodel=boxmodel_tisqus.txt
    boxmodelLevelIndent = 1
}
```

Recommended TS-Options for box model boxmodel_koogle.txt:

```
UserImageSize = 48
ratings {
    ratingImageWidth=19
}
theme {
    selectedTheme = koogle
    themeFontFamily = arial,sans-serif
    boxmodelTextareaLineHeight = 18
    boxmodelTextareaNbrLines = 2
    boxmodelLineHeight = 18
    boxmodelSpacing= 10
    selectedBoxmodel=boxmodel_koogle.txt
    boxmodelLevelIndent = 1
}
```



Organization of files

JavaScript

There's one JS File for all the comment- and ratings-specific tasks, it's included in the header of the page automatically from the template.

res/js holds all the js-files for the jQuery-Extensions

For some language-dependent strings and some config-values language-dependent JS files are written and handled during run time.

! Files like tx-tc-de.js or tx-tc-en.js are generated automatically by the extension. They contain language-specific data for use in JavaScript.

jQuery

jQuery: It's up to the programmer who put the extension in your site to link the jQuery-File.

Often jQuery is already used in a site, then you just need to make sure that the version of the jQuery in use is newer than 1.7.

We deliver a working version (1.7.2) in directory /resources if you don't use it already.

Note: Lightboxes often use the rel=sometext[index] - syntax in the href tags.

Newer versions of jQuery do not support the [] brackets anymore. To make it work again make the brackets disappear.

! Do not use the present file res/js/jquery.js for the frontend, This version of jquery is used in the backend and it's version is to low for the frontend. Use the jquery in /resouces if you need one in the frontend.

jQuery tools: jquery.tools.min.js is present in folder res/js.

CSS

CSS is used excessively in this extension. CSS files are in directory res/css

For TS-option dependent CSS changes, like when you change the UserImageSize, a specific configdependent CSS file is handles automatically by the extension.

Fontsizes: CSS works with size-inheritance from the HTML-document, font-sizes are specified in percent (like font-size: 90%;)

! File tx-tc-conf.css is generated by the extension.

Themes: All CSS-selectors for the Plug-ins colors are in sub-directory themes.

Several theme directories are present.

Directory /custom is empty, so you can place your own CSS color theme.

On updates of *toctoc_comments* the files in /custom won't be overwritten.

Images

The folders for images used in the frontend are res/images and res/css/themes/nnn/img. (nnn is the name of the theme).

Images used in e-mail templates are in folder res/templates/mailing.

Templates

Templates for E-Mail and for HTML-pages generated by eID, the plugins main-template and the template for ratings are in folder res/templates.



Fonts for the Captchas

Fonts for the 2 internal captcha variants are in folder pil/fonts

Smilies

Smilies can be found in folder res/smilie

Other Extensions adapted for toctoc_comments

We included a file with a download link for a modified version of *comments_response* which works with *toctoc_comments* and formerly worked for extension *comments*.

It allows direct comments on comments for admins when approving them from the notification e-mail. The info-file is in folder directory /resources.



Code-Concepts

Extension architecture

This extension is still build in the classic approach as pil-Extension. It does not use yet Fluid and Extbase, nor a domain model. We're working on that and maybe in a future release the architecture will change.

AJAX-Events

The plugin handles many AJAX events, some of them are:

Vote an article or a comment (article stand for what we're commenting on)

Like an article or a comment

Dislike an article or a comment

Delete a comment

Add a comment

Check the Captcha

Set the Captcha

Browse for older comments

Hide older comments

Show user card

...

jQuery serves for Sharing, makes the input box for comments "elastic", creates the usercards and helps to resize the commenting area.

S SESSION-Variables

The extension uses many S_SESSION variables for program control and performance optimization. It uses a named session.

Themes

Since version 3.2, the extension uses themes to define the colors used in front end.

Themes are organized in sub folders in folder res\css\themes and they help to make the life of the webpage designer easier. Colors are defined in a text file called theme.txt with records like this:

```
Color required field messages, Recaptcha Labels and Texts: fefefe 010101 Border submit: fefefe 001da0
```

When applying your colors to the plug-in, you must not longer know what selector in CSS belongs to what element in the plug-in - it is all precised in the descriptive first part of the theme-record.

The first part is separated by ':' from the rest of the record.

The second part contains 2 color-codes: the color-code used in the present theme (color 1) and the reference color-code of the default-template (color 0).

```
Description: color1 color0
```

The rules for the fields of the record are

```
<text>:<space><color1><space><color0>
```



How does toctoc comments use themes?

When the plugin is rendered, the current colors according to file **theme.txt** in the themes folder are checked against the content in file **tx-tc30-theme.css in themes subfolder /css**.

For this purpose *toctoc_comments* picks up the default theme, prepares it according the themes color definitions and only writes the new CSS file of the theme when differences were found.

Changing a theme

file /theme/theme.txt: If you change a colorl in the themes theme.txt file, the changes will trigger an update of file tx-tc30-theme.css in themes subfolder /css.

file /default/css/tx-tc30-theme.css: When you add new selectors in tx-tc30-theme.css of the default theme, these additions will be propagated to the other themes. The update happens on first use in the frontend.

This automatism works for every theme, apart from the theme named "custom".

There is an empty folder in the themes folder for the custom theme.

The custom theme will never be impacted by the theme automatism. Files in the custom folder will never be replaced when you update the extension.

Red and black theme

We included a **black** and **red** theme as examples for customized themes. Both for sites with white text, either on black or red.

Developing your theme

Use theme "work" for a start. It's a copy of theme default.

Once you're done, copy your files in the custom theme folders.

TypoScript and themes

Themes can be setup up in TS, but it's an option, as of the first implementation in version 3.2.0., that can't be applied to single plug-in instances, because it's a CSS style sheet which is valid for the entire webpage.

So you can have different themes on different pages.

You can specify themes per User or User group, using User TS or Conditions in general TS setup. Scheduled themes are also possible to realize with conditions in TS.



Palette of the default theme

It's easy and a good thing to document the colors used in a theme. Below you see the colors used in the default theme.

You can import theme.txt in Excel, make a screenshot and then fill in the colors and workout your colors with Photoshop.

Color required field messages, Recaptcha Labels and Texts	010101
Border submit	001da0
Color sr_freecap-clone-Captcha texts	0D0909
Color Reset button, static iLike-Text	201e1f
Color Dialog Message	292a2d
Background Submitbutton	5475C8
Background Dialogtitel	5475C9
Border Prev/Next web page preview, Color of voting text, comment count, comment date	8b8c90
Color Labels	959697
Border bottom in Userinfo Popups	959695
Border Recaptcha area	999b99
Border 3 for textarea	a4a5a7
Border for highlighting comments	adaeaf
Border inputs and textarea	adbecc
Border sharrre, middle area	bdbebf
Border Recaptcha Textbox, top-border Commentsbrowser	bdc6da
Border Captcha-image, border reset	bfc0c2
Border Dialogs	cecece
Border-top ratings area	d3d8e5
Tag hr, few borders	d8d8d8
Many borders, background overlay and admin response	e3e3e3
Background as Website is, forced for some elements	ffffff
Color of Submitbutton	fefefd
Backgroundcolor of inputfields	fdfdff
Color of inputfields	030303
Border of Userpics	97b0ee

(as of Version 3.1)



Using AJAX Social Network Components in other extensions

Here we describe how to use toctoc_comments in other extension - without need for PHP-programming.

In "manual developer" there is a description if you want to use toctoc_comments from code. Adding toctoc_comments by code to other extensions is the last possibility to achieve comments and ratings on records. But it's always working and easy.

tt_news

toctoc_comments provides 2 custom markers for tt_news.

The markers do not influence performance of tt_news, if they are not used.

Comments Count with link to comments on News detail page

This marker is for display of number of comments inside LIST, LATEST or SEARCH views.

Marker is ###TX_COMMENTS_COUNT###.

By default it will produce the following HTML:

```
<a href="url/to/news/item\#tx-toctoc-comments-comments-###UID###" class="tx-toctoc-comments-count">5 comments(s)</span>
```

This HTML can be customized by modifying template supplied with *toctoc_comments*. See ###TTNEWS_COMMENT_COUNT_SUB### subpart in the template.

tt_news marker is typically included after "more" link.

Plug-in display

This marker has been introduced with version 3.2.0. The marker is for display of the entire plugin. The configuration for the plug-in is originating from TS, but every option can be overwritten from tt_news -TS setup:

```
plugin.tt_news {
    toctoc_comments {
        ratings {
            useVotes =0
            useDislike =0
        }
    }
}
```

It works, like the other marker, inside LIST, LATEST or SEARCH views.

Marker is ###TX_TOCTOCCOMMENTS###.

When using the same comments on a detail and a list/search or latest view, then it it's necessary to add the list-view, search or latest page to TS setup option additionalClearCachePages or additionalClearCachePagesLocal.

If detail page should not be refreshed, then add it as well. There's a little logic which tries to find the detail page and cleans its cache on changed data. But this does not work in every configuration: Only one detail page must exist and the plugin on this page must be set up normally (not injected by TS in TemplaVoila FCE)



community

In extension *community* it is possible to use *toctoc_comments* in the user profile page and on the user wall

The user wall of *tx_community* still can not be "mixed" with *toctoc_comments*, but the plugins can be displayed aside.

On the **user profile** *toctoc_comments* allows new comments only for friends of the user profile owner. Only comments made on the user profile are displayed.

Users who are not friend see the comments on the user profile, but they can not make comments themselves.

You'll need this "Plugin to table map":

```
prefix: tx_community
table: fe_users
showUid parameter: user
```

On the profile page it's needed to run *toctoc_comments* as USER_INT-object to avoid caching when changing to another user profile. Set in Page TS-Setup:

```
plugin.tx_toctoccomments_pi1 = USER_INT
plugin.tx_toctoccomments_pi1 {
    advanced {
        reverseSorting = 1
        invertBrowser = 1
    }
    code = FORM,COMMENTS
}
```

The plugin setup just creates a view similar to facebook with the newest posts and commenting form on top

On the **user wall** *toctoc_comments* allows new comments for all fe_users. Only comments made from the current user and his friends are shown.

Setting up the plugin on the wall requires the table-to-prefix entry for tx_community to be set.

Additional configuration option for use on the community wall is this:

```
plugin.tx_toctoccomments_pi1 {
    advanced {
        wallExtension = 1
    }
    ratings {
        disableIpCheck = 1
    }
}
```

(IP check disabled is more fun on the wall)

cwt_community

For extension cwt_community the same it's the same like for community

cwt_community uses same jQuery like toctoc_comments, we recommend, on pages where you use
toctoc_comments, to disbale jQuery from cwt_ community with

```
plugin.tx cwtcommunity pi1.jquery.enabled = 0
```

You'll need this "Plugin to table map":

```
prefix: tx_cwtcommunity_pil
table: fe_users
```



 $show \label{thm:configuration} I is a show \label{thm:configuration} When \label{thm:configuration} Show \label{thm:configuration} Under \label{thm:configur$

wallExtension = 2



Known problems

- Install requires (temporary) deactivation of extensions dbal.
- Watermark can fail under IE, sometimes the watermark gets lost.
- Even if capable for HTML5, IE10 Preview fails on file uploads



Hooks

Since the original version of *toctoc_comments*, *comments 1.5*. the extension has not been tested with all the hooks *comments 1.5*. offered.

toctoc_comments added AJAX functionality, so many hooks that worked in comments don't work as it in a AJAX environment.

Also the functions, used by hooks have been moved from class.toctoc_comments_pil.php to toctoc_comment_lib.php.

In former versions of this manual we listed all these hooks, but as they have not been tested we decided to skip this part for instance.



Interoperability Overview with other comments-extensions

toctoc_comments can be used as an update to extension comments.

With *comments* – there are many of other extensions that implement hooks on *comments* and therefore can't be used in *toctoc_comments* as they are.

From 18 extensions found

- 13 are obsolete, their functionality is now inside *toctoc_comments*
- 1 extension can be installed, slightly modified and works with toctoc_comments
- 4 extensions have not yet been tested or the interface in *toctoc_comments* is not ready for them. The missing functionality overall reduces to the possibility to use a gravatar as user image.

Translating the extension

Translation of the extension happens through TYPO3 translation server. If you do not know what translation server is, read about it here.

End of 2012 and at the release of this manual we encountered problems with the synchronization between translation server and TER. This can happen and will be resolved soon. For a first aid we deploy the language-packs also over our website on www.toctoc.ch/toctoc_comments_ll.html

A help for translating the xml-file **pil/locallang.xml** is available since version 3.2.0 in the developers manual. (manual developer.swx in folder /doc)

You'll find more info about available translations on www.toctoc.ch/toctoc_comments_ll.html



To-Do list

- Scoped ratings (Multiple ratings per record)
- Emoij-Codes
- Make the boxmodeller delete CSS properties, merge the conf-CSS files into the boxmodel CSS files.
- Uploadable video attachments
- Better BE for Comments including Per-User-View, Activity Reports, Dashboard and Ratingsadministration
- Gravatar as user image

TYPO3 Forge: toctoc_comments.