

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

4. Top ratings

5. Top views and top activities

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.

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

TemplaVoila

Shortcuts to plugins on other pages work

Can be used in FCE as TypoScript-Only Object

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

Counting of views as view per IP or logged on user.

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: (at the end of the comment) or as Unicode

Selection panel for smilies and emojis

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 jQuery 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 strtotime() 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

Recent comments list

Most viewed comments or plugins list

Comments or plugins with most activity list

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.

Ratings can be categorized (scoped) (example rate "Quality" and "Price" for a product record)

Top ratings can be displayed (many options apply)

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

Customize language labels from TypoScript

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 concerning labels and operation mode

Support for new languages over the TYPO3 translation server

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

Automatically clear TYPO3 page cache for any page(s) when data changes.

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 6.1

jQuery

Uses jQuery 1.7 or newer

Textareas with watermark using jQuery

Tooltips and Image presentation with jQuery UITools

Sharingcomponent sharre 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:

- use of a Gravatar
- Upload videos as attachments
- Comment based Sharings

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

New in this Manual

- Fresh screen-shots where needed
- Updated TS-options list
- A chapter about views, top views and top activities

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. 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.

The screenshot displays the 'toctoc_comments' plugin interface. At the top, it says 'Comment' and '2 people saw this since 18.08.2013 3 comments available'. Below this, there are three comments:

- Fozzy Bear** - Am I logged in ? Yeeees 😊
8 months 3 weeks ago, 2 people saw this
[thumbs up icon] | Reply
- Rowlf Doog** - Yes you are, wuffwuff - logged in - wuff !
8 months 1 week ago, 2 people saw this
[thumbs up icon] | Reply
- Kermit Frog** - yo da simple commenting is nice 🌻
5 months 21 hours ago, 2 people saw this
[thumbs up icon] | Reply

Below the comments, there is a section titled 'Please resolve this Captcha' with a close button (X). It contains a text input field with the placeholder 'Let's add another comment...' and a smiley face icon. Below this is a form with the following fields:

- First name: *** Gisèle
- Last name: *** Wendl [user avatars]
- Email: *** gisele.wendl@toctoc.ch
- Location:** [empty field]

A note below the form states: '* : required field'. Below the form, there is a checkbox for 'Email Notification:' which is checked. Below that, there is a captcha section with the text 'Enter the captcha: *', a captcha image showing 'WVAB', an empty input field, and a 'C' logo. A 'Submit' button and an eye icon are also present. At the bottom, there is another text input field with the placeholder 'Let's add another comment...' and a smiley face icon, and a close button (X).

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.

Comment

2 people saw this since 18.08.2013 3 comments available

Your message has been recorded and will appear as soon as it is approved by moderator.

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

Your Logo

toc_toc_comments Administration

Comment approval

New comment was posted to http://www.toc_toc.ch/toc_toc_comments_simplecomments+M5d637b1e38d.html. It requires your approval to appear on the web site. It got 0 spam points.

First name: Gisèle
Last name: wendl
Email: gisele.wendl@toc_toc.ch

Posted from IP 188.154.55.45
Response to the comment as administrator

Content:

Let's add another comment...😊
No attachment for this comment

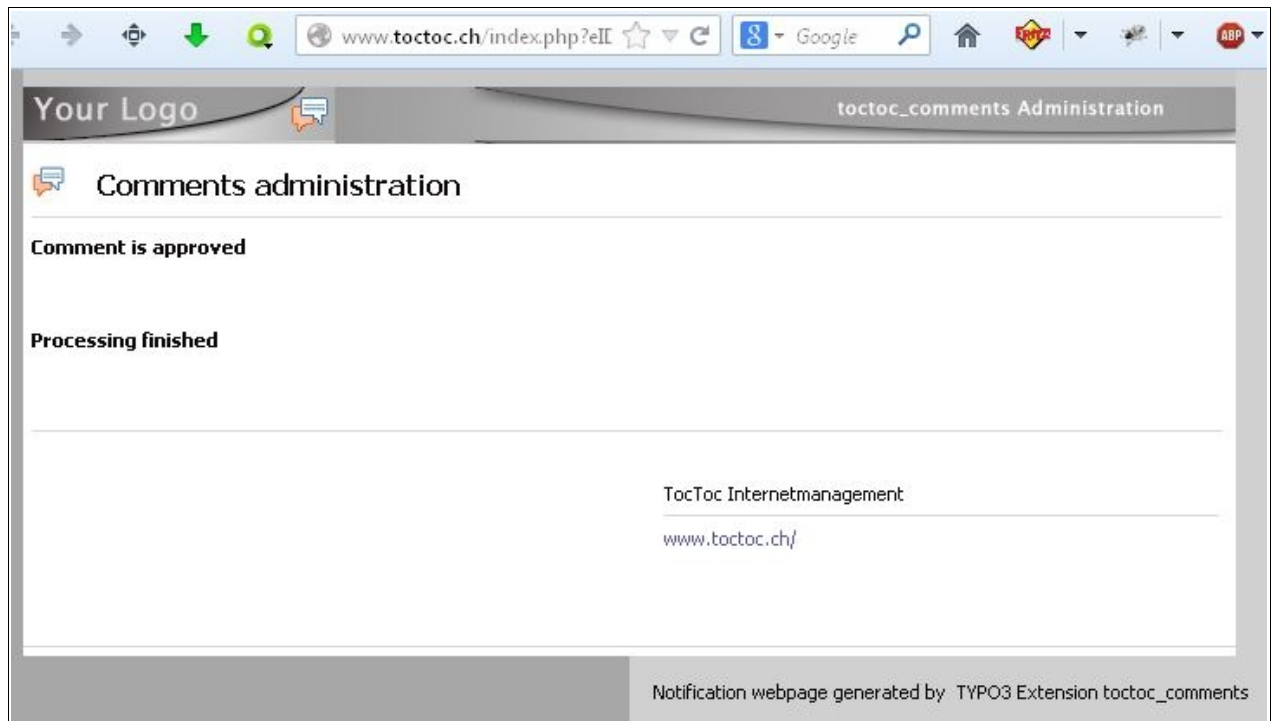
Approve the comment
Delete the comment | Remove the comment from the database permanently | Delete the comment and block IP address | Remove the comment from the database permanently and block IP address

<p>Information about the commentator Gisèle wendl ✉ gisele.wendl@toc_toc.ch 📊 Ratings: 88 Average rating: 4.57, Likes: 14 Joined: 2 months 2 weeks ago Last activity: 1 second ago 📍 xdsl-188-154-55-45.adslplus.ch</p>	<p>TocToc Internetmanagement www.toc_toc.ch/</p>
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E-Mail generated by TYPO3 Extension toc_toc_comments

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As the admin clicks on approve comment 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.

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



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:



The screenshot shows a web form titled "This is the bad comment you want to report". The form contains the following elements:

- A header bar with the text "This is the bad comment you want to report".
- A comment preview area showing: "Rowlf Doog - Yes you are, wuffwuff - logged in - wuff !" and "Demo | 20 hours 28 minutes ago".
- A text box containing the comment: "Well Rowlf is really pollution the list with his underexposed ...".
- Form fields for "Your name:" and "E-mail:". Each has a corresponding text input box.
- A captcha section with the text "Enter the captcha:" followed by the word "w b a y u" and an empty input box.
- A link: "If you can't read the word, click here.".
- A blue "Submit" button.

Top ratings mode


In mode "Top ratings" the plugin displays a list with top ratings with items linked to the source.


The top ratings can be configured: Number of votes required, Number of list items, Days back to be considered and the target of the top ratings: specific records, content, comments or all of them.


In the screenshot we see the top 5 News of a website


Top 5 ratings, News


Likes and Votes together in the last 365 days, minimum of votes required 3.

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8.8 · Rating: ★★★★★ 4.9 (9 votes)
 Bingo! tactoc_comments 3.2 :-) | 6 months 6 days ago
 The new version brings integration in tt_news LIST-view and a new design for iLikes. CSS-color-themes make it easy to change the look of the plug-in. Many improvements in details and fixes of newly discovered bugs have been realized in version 3.2.0. - this...
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7.4 · Rating: ★★★★★ 4.6 (8 votes)
 Why AJAX Social Network Components? | 5 months 6 days ago
 In this interview Gisèle Wendl explains why toctoc_comments has been coded, why it's useful and she gives some insights in the background.
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5.6 · Rating: ★★★★★ 4.7 (6 votes)
 Neue Comments-Extension für TYPO3 | 1 year 2 months ago
 Wir haben die Extension 'comments' überarbeitet und präsentieren hier die Beta-Version
- 

4 · Rating: ★★★★★ 5 (4 votes)
 toctoc_comments 3.0 | 7 months 2 weeks ago
 On December 1st we released new version 3 of AJAX Social Network Components (toctoc_comments)
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4 · Rating: ★★★★★ 5 (4 votes)
 Social Network Components for TYPO3 | 10 months 3 weeks ago
 Social Network Components for TYPO3 with 'toctoc_comments', the successor extension for 'comments' and 'ratings'

Other charts mode

More charts are available in mode other charts, there's a chart showing top views and another showing top-activities.

Top views


A view is counted When an IP or a logged in user sees first a plugin or a comment.



The top views can be configured: Number of views required, Number of list items, Days back to be considered and the target of the top views: specific records, content, comments or all of them.



In the screenshot we see most viewed 5 News of a website




Most viewed 5 News




Views in the last 14 days.



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 **29** since 19.08.2013, last time seen 4 hours 36 minutes ago
 [toctoc_comments 4.0 - the ratings and emoji-version](#) | 3 weeks 4 days ago
 Top ratings are available now, ratings can now be scoped and put in categories, many new configuration...
- 

 **11** since 19.08.2013, last time seen 19 hours 16 minutes ago
 [Why AJAX Social Network Components?](#) | 6 months 2 weeks ago
 In this interview Gisèle Wendl explains why toctoc_comments has been coded, why it's useful and she...
- 

 **9** since 19.08.2013, last time seen 2 days 18 hours ago
 [toctoc_comments 3.6.0 with application caching](#) | 3 months 3 weeks ago
 The caching concept has been improved with more support for TYPO3 page cache and with an internal application...
- 

 **6** since 19.08.2013, last time seen 2 days 18 hours ago
 [Bingo! toctoc_comments 3.2 :-\)](#) | 7 months 2 weeks ago
 The new version brings integration in tt_news LIST-view and a new design for iLikes. CSS-color-themes...
- 

 **6** since 19.08.2013, last time seen 2 days 18 hours ago
 [toctoc_comments 3.0](#) | 7 months 2 weeks ago
 On December 1st we released new version 3 of AJAX Social Network Components (toctoc_comments)

Top activities


The activity counter is maintained as sum of, ratings and comments. Ratings can be given more weight than views, also comments can be weighted differently from views.


The top activities list can be configured: Number of activities required, Number of list items, Days back to be considered and the target of the top activities: specific records, content, comments or all of them.


In the screenshot we see the 5 News of a website with most activity.


Most active 5 News


Activity in the last 14 days.

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35 since 19.08.2013, last activity 4 hours 41 minutes ago
toctoc_comments 4.0 - the ratings and emoji-version | 3 weeks 4 days ago
Top ratings are available now, ratings can now be scoped and put in categories, many new configuration...
- 

15 since 19.08.2013, last activity 19 hours 20 minutes ago
Why AJAX Social Network Components? | 6 months 2 weeks ago
In this interview Gisèle Wendl explains why toctoc_comments has been coded, why it's useful and she...
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13 since 19.08.2013, last activity 2 days 18 hours ago
toctoc_comments 3.6.0 with application caching | 3 months 3 weeks ago
The caching concept has been improved with more support for TYPO3 page cache and with an internal application...
- 

13 since 19.08.2013, last activity 2 days 18 hours ago
Petition for Edward Snowden - awareness for the NSA | 2 months 2 days ago
There's a petition on avaaz.org we consider important and like to invite you to sign. At the same time...
- 

10 since 19.08.2013, last activity 2 days 18 hours ago
toctoc_comments 2.2 | 7 months 2 weeks ago
IE8 support and integration for old 'comments' extensions brings the new version of toctoc_comments.

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 from 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_pil {
    ratings {
        enableRatings=1
        useDislike = 1
    }
    spamProtect {
        requireApproval = 0
        useCaptcha = 0
    }
}
[else]
plugin.tx_toctoccomments_pil {
    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.

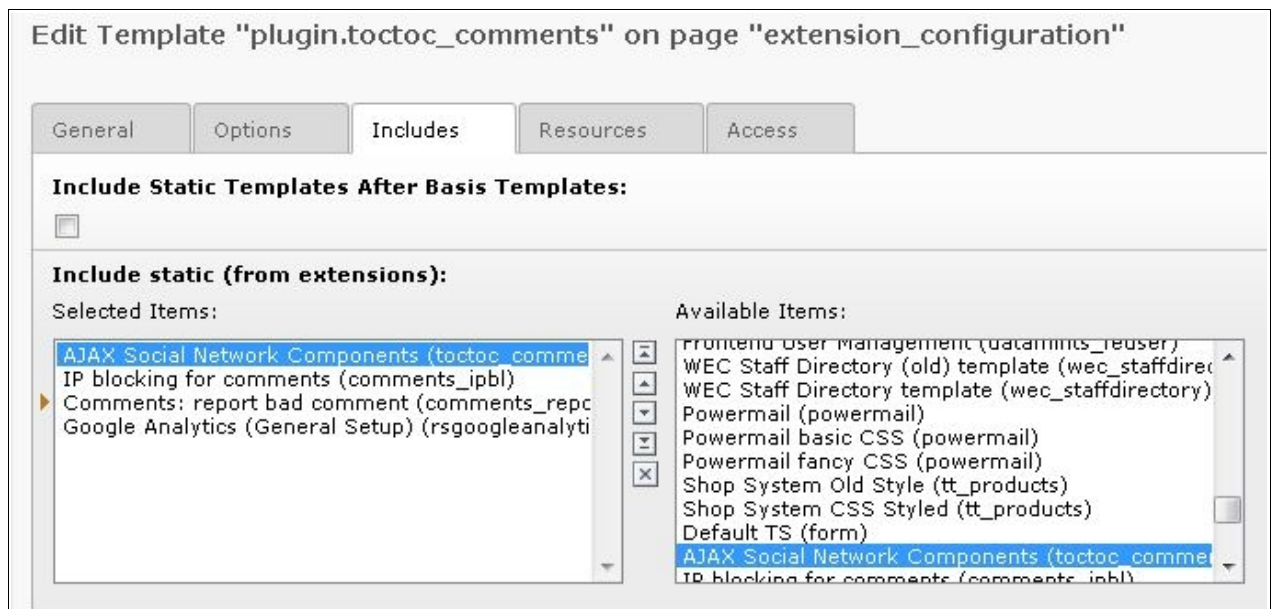
If you update from a former version of *toctoc_comments*, then make sure that the upload-folders are created:

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 jQuery. 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":



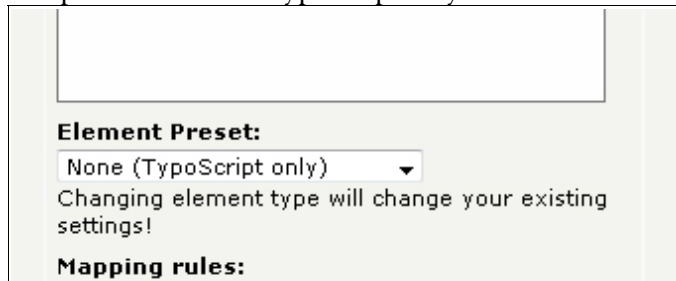
This will insert a plugin for AJAX Social Network Components as a new content element.

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 TypeScript only-element:



Element Preset:

None (TypeScript only) ▼

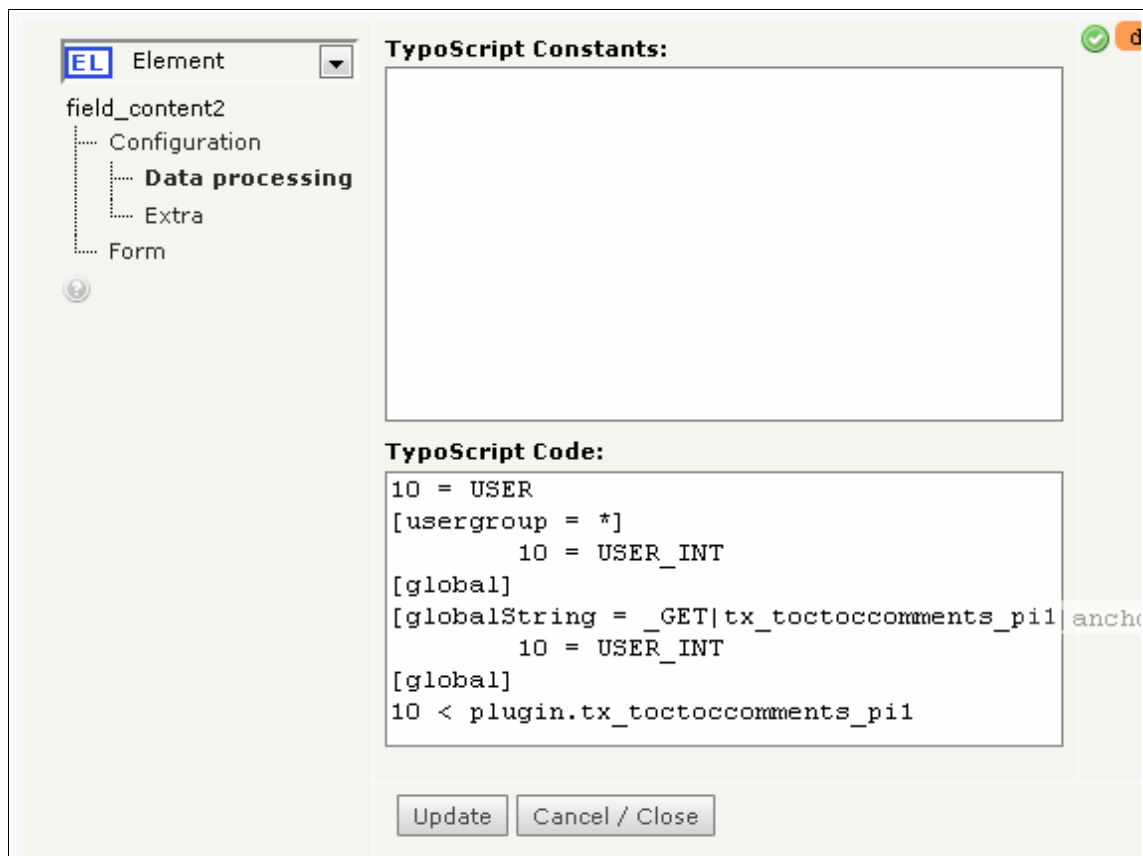
Changing element type will change your existing settings!

Mapping rules:

The TS you need looks like this

```
10 = USER
[usergroup = *]
    10 = USER_INT
[global]
[globalString = _GET|tx_toctoccomments_pi1|anchor=*]
    10 = USER_INT
[global]

10 < plugin.tx_toctoccomments_pi1
```



EL Element ▼

field_content2

- Configuration
- Data processing**
- Extra
- Form

TypeScript Constants:

TypeScript Code:

```
10 = USER
[usergroup = *]
    10 = USER_INT
[global]
[globalString = _GET|tx_toctoccomments_pi1|anchor=*]
    10 = USER_INT
[global]
10 < plugin.tx_toctoccomments_pi1
```

Update Cancel / Close

In normal TemplaVoila mode it is possible to use references on a toctoc_comments plugin and, of course use it as normal Plugin in TemplaVoila's main content area (see also UseTemplavoilaField = field_content)

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
tmptoc_comments = COA
tmptoc_comments {
    10 = USER
    10 < plugin.tx_toctoccomments_pi1
    10 {
        code = FORM,COMMENTS
        optionalRecordId = tt_news_76
        additionalClearCachePagesLocal = 292,291
        advanced {
            reverseSorting = 1
            invertBrowser = 0
        }
    }
}
TSObj.toctoc_comments < tmptoc_comments
```

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.

The screenshot shows the configuration interface for the 'AJAX Social Network Components' plugin. At the top, a dropdown menu is set to 'AJAX Social Network Components'. Below this is a section titled 'Plugin Options' with five tabs: 'General', 'Advanced', 'Rating options', 'Anti-spam', and 'Attachments'. The 'General' tab is active. It contains the following fields:

- Mode:** A dropdown menu set to 'Normal'.
- Triggering prefix:** A text input field with a dropdown arrow, a delete button (X), and a folder icon.
- Plugin to table map:** A small icon representing a table.
- Trigger optional Record:** A text input field with a dropdown arrow, a delete button (X), and a folder icon.
- [All tables]**: A label indicating the current selection.
- Store records at page:** A text input field with up/down arrows, a delete button (X), and a folder icon.
- Page:** A label indicating the current selection.

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_pi1`, 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.

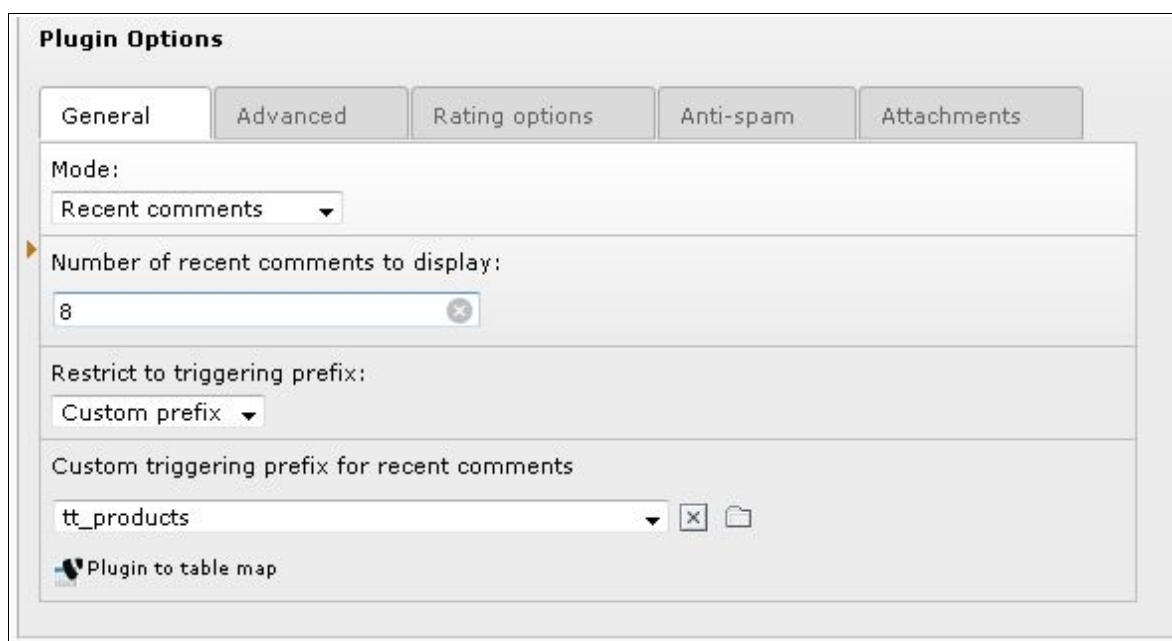
Trigger optional record gives possibility to specify a record or content element for which the comments will be valid. By Default the plugin associates to the containing content element or the record in association with a triggering prefix. Here you can force the record to be commented.

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.



The screenshot shows the 'Plugin Options' dialog with the 'General' tab selected. The 'Mode' dropdown is set to 'Recent comments'. Below it, the 'Number of recent comments to display' is set to 8. The 'Restrict to triggering prefix' dropdown is set to 'Custom prefix'. The 'Custom triggering prefix for recent comments' field contains 'tt_products'. There is a 'Plugin to table map' button at the bottom left.


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)

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.




The screenshot shows the 'Plugin Options' dialog with the 'General' tab selected. The 'Mode' dropdown is set to 'Report bad comment'.

Options for reporting bad comments are all set by TS.

Top ratings mode

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

General	Advanced	Rating options	Anti-spam	Attachments
Mode: <div>Top ratings ▼</div>				
Number of top ratings <div></div>				
Number of past days for top ratings <div></div>				
minimum of votes required <div></div>				
Restrict to triggering prefix for top ratings: <div>All ▼</div>				
Custom triggering prefix for top ratings <div></div> <div>✕</div> <div>📁</div>				
 Plugin to table map				
Show top ratings for: <div>Only Likes and Dislikes ▼</div>				
Align results with the result with most votes: <div>Use TypeScript setting ▼</div>				

Number of top ratings on the list. Used in the title of plugin

Number of past days for top ratings: Only ratings in this period are considered

Minimum of votes required to appear in the list


Restrict to external prefix for top ratings: “All” will consider all records, “Only comments” only ratings on comments, “Only content” will show only ratings on content elements and with “Custom prefix” the Custom triggering prefix defined what will be showed in the list

Custom triggering prefix for top ratings is considered when The “Restrict to external prefix for top ratings” is set to “Custom prefix”. Here you can select an entry of Plug-in-to-table-map.

Align results with the result with most votes recalculates the ratings such all items would have the same number of votes. Now the missing votes are added as overall average of the ratings found (with the current configuration of Days back and minimum votes required)

More charts mode

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

General	Advanced	Rating options	Anti-spam	Attachments
Mode: More charts ▼				
Show chart for: Views ▼				
Number of items to show in chart <input type="text"/>				
Number of past days to query <input type="text"/>				
minimum records required <input type="text"/>				
Restrict to triggering prefix for chart: All ▼				
Custom triggering prefix for chart <input type="text"/> <input type="button" value="x"/> <input type="button" value="f"/>				
 Plugin to table map				

Number of items to show in chart on the list. Used in the title of plugin

Number of past days to query: Only data in this period is considered

Minimum records required (views or activities) to appear in the list

Restrict to external prefix for chart: “All” will consider all records, “Only comments” only view/activities on comments, “Only content” will show only view/activities on content elements and with “Custom prefix” the Custom triggering prefix defined what will be showed in the list

Custom triggering prefix for chart is considered when The “Restrict to external prefix for chart” is set to “Custom prefix”. Here you can select an entry of Plug-in-to-table-map.

Advanced tab

General	Advanced	Rating options	Anti-spam	Attachments
Close commenting after: <input type="text"/>				
Commenting closed for this plugin-instance Use TypeScript setting ▼				
use Sharing: No ▼				
don't use Sharing for Facebook: Use TypeScript setting ▼				
don't use Sharing for Google+: Use TypeScript setting ▼				
don't use Sharing for Twitter: Use TypeScript setting ▼				
don't use Sharing for LinkedIn: No ▼				
don't use Sharing for Stumbleupon: No ▼				
initial value for view counter <input type="text"/>				
initial value for views since <input type="text"/> 				

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

initial value for view counter allows to let the counter start from a value different from 0.

initial value for views since allows to fix the date when a first view happened.

Rating options tab

General Advanced **Rating options** Anti-spam Attachments

enable only Ratings:
Use TypoScript setting ▼

Enable ratings:
Use TypoScript setting ▼

Template file for ratings:
[Text input] [File icon]

use voting and show rating stars
Use TypoScript setting ▼

use "My vote"
Use TypoScript setting ▼

Use scope(s) for voting:
[Text input] [Up] [Down] [X]
TocToc Scopes for ratings

Use overall for scoped voting:
Use TypoScript setting ▼

use iLike AND iDislike:
Use TypoScript setting ▼

use or don't use iDislike:
Use TypoScript setting ▼

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 scope(s) for voting: Assign rating scopes (categories). Rating scopes must be saved first to table "TocToc scopes for ratings" in the Backend. Once this is done the scopes can be associated to the rating configuration, allowing ratings on categories belonging to the record.

Use overall scope for voting shows the overall, the sum of category ratings of the record.

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

The screenshot shows the 'Anti-spam' tab in the TYPO3 backend. It contains five sections, each with a dropdown menu set to 'Use TypoScript setting':

- Require approval of each comment:** A dropdown menu.
- Check referrer:** A dropdown menu.
- Use captcha:** A dropdown menu.
- Send notification to this e-mail:** A text input field.
- Send e-mail from this address:** A text input field.

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

The screenshot shows the 'Attachments' tab in the TYPO3 backend. It contains three sections:

- Use attachment type webpage preview:** A dropdown menu set to 'Use TypoScript setting'.
- Optional webpage preview on top:** A section with a dropdown menu, a list of icons (up, down, left, right, delete), and a 'Comment Attachments' button.
- Index of preview picture (must exist, default is 0):** A text input field.

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

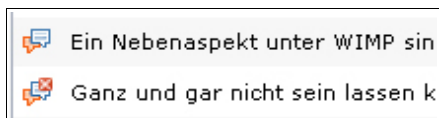
The administrator will receive e-mail with links to approve, delete or kill (delete permanently) comments.

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 in toctoc_comments ?

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)

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

Top Ratings

At the base of top ratings are statistics gathered by the users of your rating system.

The detail records for the statistics are in table TocToc user rating

Considerations

The statistics at the base of top ratings are correctly maintained from the moment on you install *toctoc_comments* 4.0.

Ratings of former versions are also considered if you expand the time interval beyond this moment, but its's fuzzy:

The moment when then rating or iLike has been made can't be distinguished. Also former ratings are only considered after a "new" vote or ilike has been made after install of version 4.0.

Display of top ratings on votes or/and iLikes

You can select if you want to consider only Likes and Dislikes or only votes.

If you want to see the overall – there is a mode for voting and Likes merged together, where the sorting is by voting, another where the sorting is by Likes.

Display of calculated top ratings with the same base of votes

For the 2 mixed modes it is possible to calculate the ratings such if every item would have obtained the maximum votes found in the query.

Then the missing votes are added as average value of all votes made.

This "levels out" differences in numbers of votes, assuming missing votes to be close to the average voting value already known.

(see TypoScript-option `topRatings.AlignResultsWithMaxVotesAndAvgVote`)

Top ratings on comments

They are linked directly to the comment, same way like from the recent comments list.
No image is provided.

Top ratings on content

The links on these items target directly the *toctoc_comments* plugin on the page holding the content element.

The image display is on the content element itself, also the texts displayed. TO add an image for display change the view on the Content element to "Pictures" and add a picture.

The title and text are from the content element itself.

To add a text simply copy/paste the content from the content element you target the rating on when the view on the content element holding the *toctoc_comments* plugin is changed to "Text".

Change back to view "Plugin" and save.

Top ratings on records

For the display of these items their information in table "Plugin to table map" is considered.

Which field are displayed is specified in "displayfields" (Fields to display in top ratings list).

Where the folder with the images is, this is specified with "topratingsimagesfolder" (Folder with images to display in top ratings list).

If the records must be displayed on a specific page there's the possibility to specify this page in "topratingsdetailpage" (Force a detail page for top Ratings)

Please refer to the detail specification of these fields in "Entries for top Ratings" in chapter "Comments and ratings on records of other extensions".

Top Views and Top activities

Like for top ratings the consideration concerning the scope of the list apply.

The setup of the chart is almost identical, apart for the “AlignResultsWithMaxVotesAndAvgVote”-feature, which is not appliable with views and activities.

Considerations

The statistics at the base of top views and therefore top activities as well, are correctly maintained from the moment on you install toctoc_comments 4.1.

Please consider the relevant TS options

```
advanced.countCommentViews = 1
advanced.countViews = 1
```

They turn on or off the counting of views.

Custom Language Labels

All the language labels defined in pil/locallang.xml and used in the frontend plugin can be overwritten from TypoScript.

For example you want to replace the value of xml key pil_template.text_topratings (Top %s ratings) by Top %s evaluations. In TypoScript it looks like this:

```
plugin.toc_toc_comments {
    ll {
        en {
            pil_template-text_topratings =Top %s evaluations
        }
    }
}
```

Note that the dot (.) becomes a hyphen (-) in TypoScript.

“en” designates language key “en” for English. There is no “default” - specifiy the language directly.

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-pil {
    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.

After change of template, changes are not visible in frontend, what to do?

You need to clear the internal cache of toctoc_comments as well. This is done by calling the page using GET-Parameter `?purge_cache=1`.

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.

Edit Template "plugin.toctoc_comments" on page "extension_configuration"

GeneralOptionsIncludesResourcesAccess

Include Static Templates After Basis Templates:

☐

Include static (from extensions):

Selected Items:

- AJAX Social Network Components (toctoc_comme
- IP blocking for comments (comments_ipbl)
- Comments: report bad comment (comments_rep
- Google Analytics (General Setup) (rsgoogleanalyti

Available Items:

- frontend User Management (uacadmins_reuser)
- WEC Staff Directory (old) template (wec_staffdirec
- WEC Staff Directory template (wec_staffdirectory)
- Powermail (powermail)
- Powermail basic CSS (powermail)
- Powermail fancy CSS (powermail)
- Shop System Old Style (tt_products)
- Shop System CSS Styled (tt_products)
- Default TS (form)
- AJAX Social Network Components (toctoc_comme
- IP blocking for comments (comments_ipbl)

Caching

Up to version 3.5.0 *toctoc_comments* had no options for cache handling.

With Version 3.6.0 the behavior how cache is handled can be changed. By default, the old caching behavior remains active, but it is recommended to have a look at the caching possibilities and considerations below, if you run *toctoc_comments*

- only for ratings or sharings
- if you clone plugins on different pages
- if you comment or rate on the same records on different pages

TYPO3 page cache

To display new data in the plugins in the frontend, the page cache of a webpage in TYPO3 needs to be empty.

When changing data, *toctoc_comments* clears the page cache of the current page and the cache of the pages specified in `additionalCachePages` und `additionalCachePagesLocal`.

Up to version 3.5.0. date-display format - “2 hours and 45 minutes ago” was not yet updated by JavaScript, so rendering a fresh page was needed.

These are the reasons why, up to version 3.5.0. page cache was emptied by the extension at almost every page call. Also

This is the behavior when TS option `advanced.activateClearPageCache` is set to 1.

Setting `advanced.activateClearPage` to the new default 0 enables TYPO3 page cache to be used, also then Plugin caching in PHP-Sessions can be activated. It will be active if you leave TS-Option `useSessionCache` unchanged (=1).

Page cache will still be emptied when new data is entered.

Plugin cache

When TYPO3-cache is allowed, then *toctoc_comments* can use its internal plugin cache.

Plugin cache is useful when you have more than 1 plugin on a page: When data in one plugin changes, on the next page load, the other plugins take their data from plugin cache.

Plugin cache is stored at the level of Session → Plugin → Language → User → Page and it is cleared on data access at the level of Session → Plugin → Language → User. Dirty Cache is identified by the Plugins timestamp of last update in table `tx_toctoc_comments_plugincache`.

You can still disable plugin cache with TS-Option `useSessionCache` = 0.

Plugin cache dramatically reduces load times to values around 3ms to 12ms.

Recommendations

Use the new caching behavior with settings **`advanced.activateClearPage` = 0 and `advanced.useSessionCache` = 1.**

In this case consider `additionalCachePages` und `additionalCachePagesLocal` to be setup correctly.

Configuration

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

Additionally we marked the options available in the backend plugin with (P - Page, mode(if present) - Name in the backend)

Property:	Data type:	Description:	Default:
storagePid	int+	Page uid where comment records will be stored. Current page if empty. (P - General, Normal - Store records at page:)	empty
externalPrefix	string	See Triggering prefix in User guide . (P - General, Normal - Triggering prefix)	pages
templateFile	string	Template file for the plugin. Accepts either site-relative path or extension-related path (EXT: prefix) (W)	EXT:tococ_comments/res/templat e/tococcomments_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 (1) or Text format (0)	1
HTMLEmailFontFamily	string	Font Family for HTML E-Mail	tahoma,verdana,arial,sans-serif

Property:	Data type:	Description:	Default:
Options from setup.txt			
additionalClearCachePages	list	Additional pages where the cache should be dropped when adding or deleting toctoc_comment-data. Comma separated list.	
additionalClearCachePagesLocal	list	Locally needed pages that should extend additionalClearCachePages. This is needed for cloned views on comments. (LIST and DETAIL-views as well). (P - General, Normal - Additional pages to clear cache)	
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 3- Top ratings mode (P - General - 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 <i>toctoc_comments</i> 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 <i>toctoc_comment</i> plugins implemented for comments on pages (default). For <i>toctoc_comment</i> 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. (P - General, Normal - Trigger optional Record)	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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● firstname ● lastname, ● email ● homepage ● location ● content 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.	Minimum recommended and default: Firstname, lastname, content, email If you want only an Alias, instead of firstname, lastname, then use lastname for this purpose.

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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 <code>date()</code> and <code>strftime()</code> 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". If the format is invalid, you will get an error-message in the frontend.	empty
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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • date • strftime (W)	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 (P - Advanced - Close commenting after)	empty
commentingClosed	boolean	Commenting can be totally suppressed, 0 (default) or 1 When commenting is closed also rating is closed. (P - Advanced - Commenting closed for this plugin-instance)	0
autoConvertLinks	boolean	If enabled, will search for possible links in comment text and turn them to links. Specifically the following texts are searched: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 <code>rel="nofollow"</code> 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 <i>comments_response</i> extension to be installed.	0
userCommentResponseLevels	int+	Number of levels of comments on comments, values from 0 (none) to 20 are allowed	3
userCommentResponseLevelExpanded	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
showFeUsercommentsOnlyInSameUserGroup	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
notificationForCommentatorEmail	string	E-mail address to use when sending mails to users who want to be notified on new comments	

Property:	Data type:	Description:	Default:
notificationForCommentatorHTMLEmailTemplate	string	HTML Template to use for notification email to commentator of former comments	EXT:toctoc_comments/res/template/toctoccomments_template_commentator_email.html
notificationForCommentatorEmailTemplate	string	E-mail template for commentator of former comments	EXT:toctoc_comments/res/template/toctoccomments_template_commentatoremail.txt
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_comments/res/template/toctoccomments_template_eid.html
CommentsShowOldPerCID	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 <i>toctoc_comments</i> should look for a user pic. (W)	image
useSharing	boolean	Use of Share-Links for social networks like Facebook, Google and Twitter (P - Advanced - use Sharing)	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 (P - Advanced - don't use Sharing for Facebook)	0
dontUseSharingGoogle	boolean	Use of Share-Link for Google+ is suppressed (P - Advanced - don't use Sharing for Google+)	0
dontUseSharingTwitter	boolean	Use of Share-Link for Twitter is suppressed (P - Advanced - don't use Sharing for Twitter)	0
dontUseSharingLinkedIn	boolean	Use of Share-Link for LinkedIn is suppressed (P - Advanced - don't use Sharing for LinkedIn)	1
dontUseSharingStumbleupon	boolean	Use of Share-Link for Stumbleupon is suppressed (P - Advanced - don't use Sharing for Stumbleupon)	1

Property:	Data type:	Description:	Default:
recentcommentsPluginPages	string	<p>Pages with a record to display :</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Used by recent comments (if mode Restrict to external prefix = "All") and report bad comments forms.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>So when linking on a comment of this page, the recent comment list needs to know which record to display.</p> <p>Here you simply select the concerned pages.</p> <p>This option and the next option recentcommentsPluginRecords go together and they are really rarely needed.</p>	
recentcommentsPluginRecords	string	<p>Records for pages with a record to display :</p> <p>Corresponding list of records, a list like "tt_news_51, tt_products_65".</p> <p>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.</p>	
commentsShowCount	boolean	Show total number of comments :In comments listing on top the total number of comments is shown	
reverseSorting	boolean	Shows last comments first and reverses sorting order to show last comments on level 0	0
invertBrowser	boolean	Invert comment browser position :Puts comments browser on top or bottom of comments list.	0
allowHTMLTagsInComments	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	<p>Enables plugin mode for walls of community extensions, if so, only comments of you and your friends are shown.</p> <p>Options:</p> <p>inactive=0</p> <p>wall of tx_community=1,</p> <p>wall of cwt_community=2]; (W)</p>	0
communityProfileCommentsVisibility	options	<p>only user=0, user and friends=1, all community users=2</p> <p>Enables visibility of comments on users community profile page.</p>	1
replyModeInline	boolean	Replies on comments are entered under the comment replied on. Slows down bit performance.	1
replyModeInlineOpenForm	boolean	reply mode inline with open form :Form for Replies on comments is shown instead of reply link	0
useEmoji	options	<p>inactive=0,emoji images 16px=1,emoji images 20px=2</p> <p>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)</p>	1
useInternalSmiliesInEmojiSelector	boolean	Specify if the internal smilies are displayed in the emoji selection panel	1
emojiConfigCacheLevel	options	<p>Caching of Emoji configurations:Starting up the Emojis uncached costs much time. So we cache them. Here you can specify at what level they are cached.</p> <p>[site=0,page=1,plugin=2]</p>	0
useMultilingual	boolean	<p>Make Plugins multilingual</p> <p>If set to 0 TYPO3 translations of the plugin will always contain the content of the default language content element. If you set the option to 1 and localize a plugin, the comments and ratings of the plugin will be per language. (S recommended, W possible)</p>	0

Property:	Data type:	Description:	Default:
activateClearPageCache	boolean	Dont use TYPO3 caching: If set to 1 pages with plugins will not be cached. If set to 0 please consider additionalCachePagesLocal when you have the same plugin data on different pages. (S recommended, W possible)	0
useSessionCache	boolean	Use session based caching If set to 1 and activateClearPageCache=0, plugins are cached in PHP-session and recalculated only after changes in the data of a plugin of the page. (S recommended, W possible) Good to know in this context: URL-parameter ?no_cache=1 empties SessionCache, URL-parameter ?purge_cache=1 clears page cache and resets entire session	1
cacheBackTrack	boolean	Show plugins with changed data: If useSessionCache is set to 1 you can use cacheBackTrack and show the user the plugins where data has changed since their first visit using the current session. . (S recommended, W possible)	1
countViews	boolean	Enables counting of Plugin views: For each Plugin a counter will be maintained and will be displayed on top of comments list, if enabled	1
countViewsShowSince	boolean	Shows view since date	1
showCountViews	boolean	Shows counting of Plugin views	0
showCountViewsOnlyIfCommentsExist	boolean	Shows counting of Plugin views only if comments are present. showCountViews must be set to 1.	1
countViewsAddComments	boolean	Adds comments count to view count and enables initial values for viewcounts and firstview. showCountViews must be set to 1.	0
showCountCommentViews	boolean	Shows counting of comment views	0
countCommentViews	boolean	enables counting of comment views	1
showCountViewsLongFormat	boolean	Shows the text for counting of views in a longer format: Short: 909 Views since 21.12.2012. Long: 909 people saw this content since 21.12.2012	0
activityMultiplicatorRating	int+	or calculation of activity, multiplicand for number of ratings: For the value of an activity ratings might be considered more than views, with this ratings are given more value than simple views in the calculation of the activity-value	2
activityMultiplicatorComment	int+	For calculation of activity, multiplicand for number of comments: For the value of an activity ratings might be comments more than views, with this comments are given more value than simple views in the calculation of the activity-value	4
Options from setup.txt			
dateFormatOldStyle	boolean	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
enableUriLog	boolean	Enable URL log	0
initialViewsCount	int+	Allows to give initial value to the views counters by TypoScript	0
initialViewsDate	timestamp	Allows to give initial value to the first view dates by TypoScript	

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. (P - Anti-Spam - Require approval of each comment)	1
useCaptcha	string	Enables using captcha to post comments. Possible values are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None=0 • sr_freecap clone captcha extension=1 • jm_recaptcha clone extension=2 Captcha is checked after submit ! (P - Anti-Spam - Use captcha)	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
freecapBackgroundcolor	string	freecaptcha-clone Backgroundcolor: 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 (P - Anti-Spam - Send notification to this email)	
informationEmail	string	Notify administrator about posted comment without approval by e-mail	
fromEmail	string	E-mail address to send notifications from (P - Anti-Spam - Send email from this address)	
emailTemplateHTML	string	HTML-template to use for approval needed-notification email to administrator. Is also used for simple notifications without approval.	EXT:toctoc_comments/res/template/toctoccomments_template_email.html
emailTemplate	string	Template to use for Approval needed-notification email to administrator. It will result in a simple text-E-mail.	EXT:toctoc_comments/res/template/toctoccomments_template_email.txt
emailTemplateInfo	string	Template to use for information-notification email to administrator	emailTemplateInfo = EXT:toctoc_comments/res/template/toctoccomments_template_emailinfo.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_comments/res/template/toctoccomments_template_email_coi.html

Property:	Data type:	Description:	Default:
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_comments/res/template/toctoccomments_template_email_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. (P - Anti-Spam - Check referrer)	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 (P - Ratings - Enable ratings)	0
ratingsOnly	boolean	Enable ratings only: Use plugin as rating-only version (P - Ratings - enable only Ratings)	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
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) (P - Ratings - Template file for ratings)	EXT:toctoc_comments/res/template/toctoccomments_ratings.html
useMyVote	boolean	Show the vote of the user (P - Ratings - use "My vote")	1
useVotes	boolean	Shows the rating stars and enables voting, if checked. (P - Ratings - use voting and show rating stars)	1
useNumberOfVotes	boolean	Shows the number of votes: Shows the number of votes, if checked	1
useNumberOfStars	boolean	Shows the number of stars: Shows the number of stars, if checked	0

Property:	Data type:	Description:	Default:
useAvgOfVotes	boolean	Shows the average of votes: Shows the average value of votes, if checked	1
useScopesForVote	string	List of scopes to be used for voting: A list of uids for scopes, separated by commas (P - Ratings - Use scope(s) for voting)	
useOverallScopeForVote	boolean	For scoped ratings, show overall: if checked overall will be visible. (P - Ratings - Use overall for scoped voting)	1
enableOverallScopeForVote	boolean	For scoped ratings, enable overall: if checked overall will be clickable	0
useLikeDislike	boolean	Show Like and Dislike Features, if checked both are active. (P - Ratings - use iLike AND iDislike)	1
useDislike	boolean	Show Dislike Features; makes only sense in connection with useLikeDislike. (P - Ratings - use or don't use iDislike)	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 (P - Attachments - Use attachment type webpage preview)	1
useWebpageVideoPreview	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
webpagePreviewDescriptionLength	int+	Character length of the webpage preview description. Values between 50 and 500 are accepted by the system	200
webpagePreviewDescriptionMinLength	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
webpagePreviewCacheTimePage	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
webpagePreviewCacheTimeTempImages	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
webpagePreviewCacheClearManual	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
webpagePreviewNumberOfImages	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
webpagePreviewScanMinimalImageFileSize	int+	Minimal file size for an image while scanning webpages Value in Bytes, 300 - 6000	1500

Property:	Data type:	Description:	Default:
webpagePreviewScanMinImageSize	int+	Minimal Height and Width for an image while scanning webpages Value in Pixel, 30 - 100	40
webpagePreviewScanMaxImageSize	int+	Maximal Height and Width for an image while scanning webpages Value in Pixel, 300 - 1280	450
useLikeDislikewebpagePreviewScanMinLogoSize	int+	Minimal Height and Width for a logo image while scanning webpages: Value in Pixel, 20 - 70	30
webpagePreviewScanMaxImageScans	int+	Maximal Pictures scanned (if logo has been found already) Values are 20 to 100, higher values result in longer scan time	40
webpagePreviewScanMaxImageScansForLogo	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
webpagePreviewScanMaxHorizontalRelation	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
webpagePreviewScanMaxVerticalRelation	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
webpagePreviewScanLogoPatterns	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
webpagePreviewScanExcludeImagePatterns	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, rlogos, white, transpa, bg_teaser
webpagePreviewDescriptionPortionLength	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
webpagePreviewCurlTimeout	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
picUploadMaxDimWebpage	int+	Maximal dimensions for an image for display in the comments list, 200 - 800.	470
picUploadMaxDimYWebpage	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 pdf upload. Value in KB, 10 - 100000.	3000
Options only available in the plugin, but could be set from TypoScript as well			
useTopWebpagePreview	int+	ID of the webpage preview to show on top of the plugin (P - Attachments - Optional webpage preview on top)	
topWebpagePreviewPicture	int+	Index of preview picture for the webpage preview to show on top of the plugin (P - Attachments - Index of preview picture (must exist, default is 0))	

Recent Comments (->RECENTCOMMENTS)

All options are setup only (no constants)

Property:	Data type:	Description:	Default:
listCount	int+	Number of comments shown in the list (P - General, Recent Comments - Number of recent comments to display)	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
restrictToprefixToTableMap	string	The custom external prefix for recent comments triggers specific records like News, Products or other records with associated comments. (P - General, Recent Comments - Custom triggering prefix for recent 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_comments/res/template/toctoccomments_template_reportcomment_email.txt
HTMLEmailTemplateFile	string	HTML-template to use for notification email to administrator.	EXT:toctoc_comments/res/template/toctoccomments_template_reportcomment_email.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	

TopRatings (->TOPRATINGS)

Property:	Data type:	Description:	Default:
topRatingsMode	options]	Show top ratings for likes, votes or both together [likes=0,votes=1,both by rating=2,both by likes=3 (P - General, Top ratings - Show top ratings for)	2
RatingsDays	int+	Number of days for top ratings: How many days should be checked for top ratings (P - General, Top ratings - Number of past days for top ratings)	30
RatedItemsListCount	int+	Items in list for top ratings: How many should be shown in top ratings (P - General, Top ratings - Number of top ratings)	10
NumberOfVotesRequired	int+	Number of votes required to appear in top ratings, minimum is 1 vote (P - General, Top ratings - minimum of votes required)	3
TextCropLength	int+	Number of charcters after a top ratings text is cropped. 10 - 250	100
Options from setup.txt			
topRatingsrestrictToExternalPrefix	options	All=0 or empty, Only comments=comments, Only content=content, Custom prefix=custom (P - General, Top ratings - Restrict to triggering prefix for top ratings)	0
topRatingsExternalPrefix	int+	Uid of the entry in plugin-to-table-map (P - General, Top ratings - Custom triggering prefix for top ratings)	
topratingsimagesize	int+	Size of the image for links from the top ratings in pixel	54
topratingsnumberwidth	int+	Width of the ranking-field in the list in pixel	20
topRatingsOriginalLang Display	boolean	If displaying items in an alternative language, setting this option to 1 will make display of title, image and dates from the original language version of the item, not the translated version. The item long text (description) will still be displayed in the alternative language, if present.	0

Options from setup.txt			
AlignResultsWithMaxVotesAndAvgVote	boolean	If set to 1, then the calculation of top ratings change: Top ratings with number of votes lower than the maximum found are given additional votes such all have the same number of votes. The average value added is the average value of all votes found in current configuration (days back and minimum votes required) (P – General, Top ratings – Align results with the result with most votes)	0
showMinimumVotesInTitle	boolean	Show text for minimum of votes required in the title of the plugin	0
showAlignCommentinTitle	boolean	If AlignResultsWithMaxVotesAndAvgVote is enabled, show text how the votes are aligned to the same level of votes.	0
showCountTopViewsLastView	boolean	Enable last viewed date	1

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
selectedBoxmodel	string	Boxmodel filename: To apply as Boxmodel on the CSS select an existing boxmdl here, value like myboxmodel.txt	
boxmodelTextareaLineHeight	int+	Textarea height: Height of textareas of forms, 16 - 30.	20
boxmodelTextareaNbrLines	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
usethemeFontFamilyForPlugin	boolean	Use themeFontFamily as font-family for the entire plugin.	1
boxmodelLevelIndent	options	Indent for levels: Indent in fraction of user image size, if set to for it's the boxmodelSpacing (very small, good for mobile solutions) full=1,half=2,third=3,boxmodelSpacing=4]	2
boxmodelLabelWidth	int+	Width of labels, 50 - 200.	134
boxmodelInputFieldSize	int+	Size of Form Input fields, 12 - 40.	35
selectedBoxmodelkoogled	boolean	"Koogled" boxmodels have either the word koogled in the name or set this to 1. This does the following: * Margin of comments in comments list get 6 pixels less margin for the texts in top ratings lists and charts * Usercards get prepared to display a background image on top * The Expand-Icons have more left margin * Opacity of form is initialized with 0.5	0

Debug [->DEBUG]

All theme options are valid per webpage (W)

Property:	Data type:	Description:	Default:
useDebug	boolean	Use of debugging features such as run-times, caching and session resets.	0
useDebugFeUserIds	string	List with Fe_users.uid that are used for debugging, comma-separated	
showStartupDetails	boolean	Show details on Startup-times useDebug must be 1 and useDebugFeUserId set to correct fe_users.uid.	0
showLibDetails	boolean	Show details on times used in main file toctoc_comment_lib.php. useDebug must be 1 and useDebugFeUserId set to correct fe_users.uid.	0
showDropsfromBoxmodel	boolean	Inconsistent entries in a boxmodel get dropped. Here you can turn on the protocol to see the drops	0

Comments and ratings on records of other extensions

Before version 3.1 of *toctoc_comments* commenting and rating on records was implemented as Prefix-to-table-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 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_pil`
- `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`

* is a variant of `wecstaffdirectory`

Adding 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_pil[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`.

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 parameter is “newsid”, the URL looks like this:

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

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

Entries for top Ratings

displayfields

For selecting topRatings data on records like News or Products *toctoc_comments* needs to know which fields of the record to display.

In displayfields you can specify title, time of the record, the content (will be cropped) and you can specify if toctoc_comments should use translated records (in the same records table) with *sys_language_uid*, also you can specify the name of the field holding an image for display.

A displayfield has the following syntax

```
Field for title [field for time] [field for image] [field for sys_language_uid], [field for content]
```

for *tt_news* it looks like this:

```
title tstamp image sys_language_uid, short
```

When you install or update to *toctoc_comments* 4.0 or above, then the plugin automatically fills in some fields for existing prefixes. *displayfields* and *topratingsimagesfolder* are set to default values, that can be changed as you want later in the Backend in the table.

topratingsimagesfolder

If in displayfields an image is specified, then we need to now the folder containing the images of the extension, Normally this is uploads/pics/, but it can be another folder which can be specified here.

topratingsdetailpage

Some website allow their records to be rated on overview pages and also on detailpages. It concerns mainly the extensions *tt_products* and *tt_news*. So linking the rated item to the overview page is a bad idea - here you can force the page which displays the detail records.

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

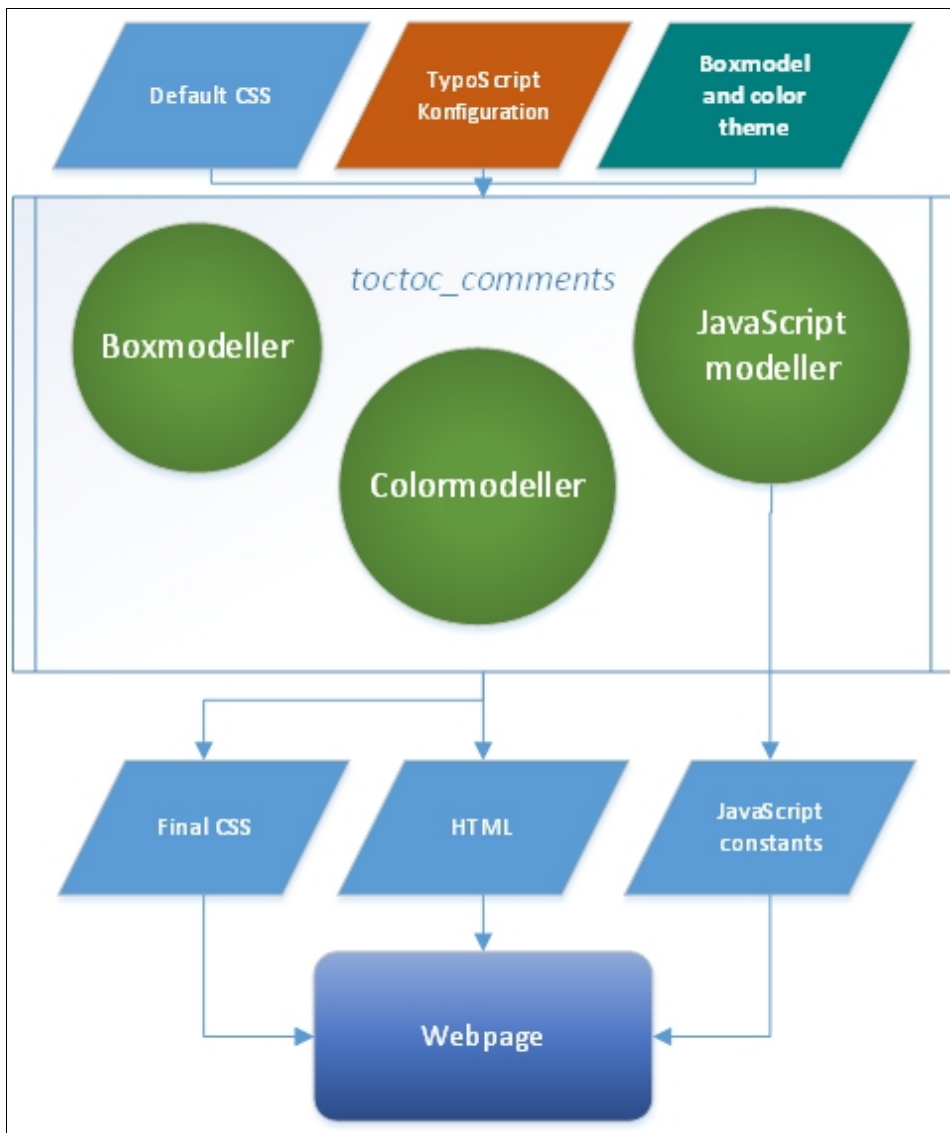
table: fe_users

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-avatarepicf, .tx-tc-avatarepic
.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
    boxmodellLineHeight = 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
    boxmodellLineHeight = 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 config-dependent 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/mailimg.

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 color1 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	adbcecc	
Border sharre, 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'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_pil = USER_INT
plugin.tx_toctoccomments_pil {
    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_pil {
    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 disable jQuery from *cwt_community* with

```
plugin.tx_cwtcommunity_pil.jquery.enabled = 0
```

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

prefix: tx_cwtcommunity_pil
table: fe_users

showUid parameter: action=getviewprofile&uid

On the **user wall** configuration option changes to

```
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

Troubles with the TYPO3 translation server?

If you translate the extension and don't know how to use the TYPO3 translation server., then please contact us over our website www.toctoc.ch.

Once we contact you can send the translated xml files by e-mail (zip-format) – we will upload the translations then on the Server.

To-Do list

- 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 Ratings-administration
- Gravatar as user image
- Improve usability in Extbase/Fluid Extensions and create a developer interface like for pil-based extensions (see manual developer, chapter “Use in other extensions”)

TYPO3 Forge: [toctoc_comments](#).