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Chapter 1

FrameworkBundle Configuration ("framework")

This reference document is a work in progress. It should be accurate, but all options are not yet fully covered.

The **FrameworkBundle** contains most of the "base" framework functionality and can be configured under the **framework** key in your application configuration. This includes settings related to sessions, translation, forms, validation, routing and more.

Configuration

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 - enabled
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- **session**
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 - cookie_domain
 - cookie_secure
 - cookie_httponly
 - gc_divisor

- gc_probability
- gc_maxlifetime
- save_path
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 - assets_base_urls
 - assets_version
 - assets_version_format

secret

type: string **required**

This is a string that should be unique to your application. In practice, it's used for generating the CSRF tokens, but it could be used in any other context where having a unique string is useful. It becomes the service container parameter named `kernel.secret`.

ide

type: string **default:** null

If you're using an IDE like TextMate or Mac Vim, then Symfony can turn all of the file paths in an exception message into a link, which will open that file in your IDE.

If you use TextMate or Mac Vim, you can simply use one of the following built-in values:

- textmate
- macvim

You can also specify a custom file link string. If you do this, all percentage signs (%) must be doubled to escape that character. For example, the full TextMate string would look like this:

Listing 1-1

```
1 framework:
2     ide: "txmt://open?url=file://%%f&line=%l"
```

Of course, since every developer uses a different IDE, it's better to set this on a system level. This can be done by setting the `xdebug.file_link_format` PHP.ini value to the file link string. If this configuration value is set, then the `ide` option does not need to be specified.

test

type: Boolean

If this configuration parameter is present (and not `false`), then the services related to testing your application (e.g. `test.client`) are loaded. This setting should be present in your `test` environment (usually via `app/config/config_test.yml`). For more information, see *Testing*.

trusted_proxies

type: array

Configures the IP addresses that should be trusted as proxies. For more details, see *Trusting Proxies*.

Listing 1-2

```
1 framework:
2     trusted_proxies: [192.0.0.1]
```

trust_proxy_headers



The `trust_proxy_headers` option is deprecated and will be removed in Symfony 2.3. See `trusted_proxies` and *Trusting Proxies* for details on how to properly trust proxy data.

type: Boolean

Configures if HTTP headers (like `HTTP_X_FORWARDED_FOR`, `X_FORWARDED_PROTO`, and `X_FORWARDED_HOST`) are trusted as an indication for an SSL connection. By default, it is set to `false` and only SSL_HTTPS connections are indicated as secure.

You should enable this setting if your application is behind a reverse proxy.

form

csrf_protection

session

cookie_lifetime



New in version 2.1: This option was formerly know as `lifetime`

type: integer **default:** 0

This determines the lifetime of the session - in seconds. By default it will use 0, which means the cookie is valid for the length of the browser session.

cookie_path



New in version 2.1: This option was formerly know as `path`

type: string **default:** /

This determines the path to set in the session cookie. By default it will use `/`.

cookie_domain



New in version 2.1: This option was formerly know as `domain`

type: string **default:** ''

This determines the domain to set in the session cookie. By default it's blank, meaning the host name of the server which generated the cookie according to the cookie specification.

`cookie_secure`



New in version 2.1: This option was formerly know as **secure**

type: Boolean **default:** false

This determines whether cookies should only be sent over secure connections.

`cookie_httponly`



New in version 2.1: This option was formerly know as **httponly**

type: Boolean **default:** false

This determines whether cookies should only accesible through the HTTP protocol. This means that the cookie won't be accesible by scripting languages, such as JavaScript. This setting can effectively help to reduce identity theft through XSS attacks.

`gc_probability`



New in version 2.1: The **gc_probability** option is new in version 2.1

type: integer **default:** 1

This defines the probability that the garbage collector (GC) process is started on every session initialization. The probability is calculated by using **gc_probability** / **gc_divisor**, e.g. 1/100 means there is a 1% chance that the GC process will start on each request.

`gc_divisor`



New in version 2.1: The **gc_divisor** option is new in version 2.1

type: integer **default:** 100

See `gc_probability`.

`gc_maxlifetime`



New in version 2.1: The **gc_maxlifetime** option is new in version 2.1

type: integer **default:** 14400

This determines the number of seconds after which data will be seen as "garbage" and potentially cleaned up. Garbage collection may occur during session start and depends on `gc_divisor` and `gc_probability`.

save_path

type: string **default:** %kernel.cache.dir%/sessions

This determines the argument to be passed to the save handler. If you choose the default file handler, this is the path where the files are created.

templating

assets_base_urls

default: { http: [], ssl: [] }

This option allows you to define base URL's to be used for assets referenced from **http** and **ssl** (**https**) pages. A string value may be provided in lieu of a single-element array. If multiple base URL's are provided, Symfony2 will select one from the collection each time it generates an asset's path.

For your convenience, **assets_base_urls** can be set directly with a string or array of strings, which will be automatically organized into collections of base URL's for **http** and **https** requests. If a URL starts with **https://** or is *protocol-relative*¹ (i.e. starts with **//**) it will be added to both collections. URL's starting with **http://** will only be added to the **http** collection.



New in version 2.1: Unlike most configuration blocks, successive values for **assets_base_urls** will overwrite each other instead of being merged. This behavior was chosen because developers will typically define base URL's for each environment. Given that most projects tend to inherit configurations (e.g. **config_test.yml** imports **config_dev.yml**) and/or share a common base configuration (i.e. **config.yml**), merging could yield a set of base URL's for multiple environments.

assets_version

type: string

This option is used to *bust* the cache on assets by globally adding a query parameter to all rendered asset paths (e.g. **/images/logo.png?v2**). This applies only to assets rendered via the Twig **asset** function (or PHP equivalent) as well as assets rendered with Assetic.

For example, suppose you have the following:

Listing 1-3 1

By default, this will render a path to your image such as **/images/logo.png**. Now, activate the **assets_version** option:

Listing 1-4 1 # app/config/config.yml
2 framework:
3 # ...
4 templating: { engines: ['twig'], assets_version: v2 }

Now, the same asset will be rendered as **/images/logo.png?v2**. If you use this feature, you **must** manually increment the **assets_version** value before each deployment so that the query parameters change.

You can also control how the query string works via the **assets_version_format** option.

1. <http://tools.ietf.org/html/rfc3986#section-4.2>

`assets_version_format`

type: string **default:** `%%s?%%s`

This specifies a *sprintf()*² pattern that will be used with the `assets_version` option to construct an asset's path. By default, the pattern adds the asset's version as a query string. For example, if `assets_version_format` is set to `%%s?version=%%s` and `assets_version` is set to `5`, the asset's path would be `/images/logo.png?version=5`.



All percentage signs (%) in the format string must be doubled to escape the character. Without escaping, values might inadvertently be interpreted as *Service Parameters*.



Some CDN's do not support cache-busting via query strings, so injecting the version into the actual file path is necessary. Thankfully, `assets_version_format` is not limited to producing versioned query strings.

The pattern receives the asset's original path and version as its first and second parameters, respectively. Since the asset's path is one parameter, you cannot modify it in-place (e.g. `/images/logo-v5.png`); however, you can prefix the asset's path using a pattern of `version-%%2$s/%%1$s`, which would result in the path `version-5/images/logo.png`.

URL rewrite rules could then be used to disregard the version prefix before serving the asset. Alternatively, you could copy assets to the appropriate version path as part of your deployment process and forgo any URL rewriting. The latter option is useful if you would like older asset versions to remain accessible at their original URL.

Full Default Configuration

framework:

Listing 1-5

```
# general configuration
trust_proxy_headers: false
secret:              ~ # Required
ide:                 ~
test:                ~
default_locale:      en

# form configuration
form:
  enabled:            true
csrf_protection:
  enabled:            true
  field_name:         _token

# esi configuration
esi:
  enabled:            true

# profiler configuration
profiler:
  only_exceptions:    false
  only_master_requests: false
  dsn:                file:%kernel.cache_dir%/profiler
  username:
```

2. <http://php.net/manual/en/function.sprintf.php>

```

password:
lifetime:      86400
matcher:
  ip:          ~

  # use the urldecoded format
  path:        ~ # Example: ^/path to resource/
  service:    ~

# router configuration
router:
  resource:    ~ # Required
  type:        ~
  http_port:   80
  https_port:  443
  # if false, an empty URL will be generated if a route is missing required parameters
  strict_requirements: %kernel.debug%

# session configuration
session:
  auto_start:  false
  storage_id:  session.storage.native
  handler_id:  session.handler.native_file
  name:        ~
  cookie_lifetime: ~
  cookie_path:  ~
  cookie_domain: ~
  cookie_secure: ~
  cookie_httponly: ~
  gc_divisor:  ~
  gc_probability: ~
  gc_maxlifetime: ~
  save_path:   %kernel.cache_dir%/sessions

  # DEPRECATED! Please use: cookie_lifetime
  lifetime:    ~

  # DEPRECATED! Please use: cookie_path
  path:        ~

  # DEPRECATED! Please use: cookie_domain
  domain:      ~

  # DEPRECATED! Please use: cookie_secure
  secure:      ~

  # DEPRECATED! Please use: cookie_httponly
  httponly:    ~

# templating configuration
templating:
  assets_version: ~
  assets_version_format: %s?%s
  hinclude_default_template: ~
  form:
    resources:

      # Default:
      - FrameworkBundle:Form
  assets_base_urls:
    http:      []

```

```

        ssl:                []
    cache:                  ~
    engines:                 # Required

    # Example:
    - twig
loaders:                    []
packages:

    # A collection of named packages
    some_package_name:
        version:            ~
        version_format:     %%s?%%s
        base_urls:
            http:            []
            ssl:              []

# translator configuration
translator:
    enabled:                true
    fallback:               en

# validation configuration
validation:
    enabled:                true
    cache:                  ~
    enable_annotations:     false

# annotation configuration
annotations:
    cache:                  file
    file_cache_dir:         "%kernel.cache_dir%/annotations"
    debug:                  true

```



Chapter 2

AsseticBundle Configuration Reference

Full Default Configuration

Listing 2-1

```
1  assetic:
2      debug:                "%kernel.debug%"
3      use_controller:
4          enabled:          "%kernel.debug%"
5          profiler:         false
6      read_from:            "%kernel.root_dir%../web"
7      write_to:             "%assic.read_from%"
8      java:                 /usr/bin/java
9      node:                 /usr/bin/node
10     ruby:                 /usr/bin/ruby
11     sass:                 /usr/bin/sass
12     # An key-value pair of any number of named elements
13     variables:
14         some_name:         []
15     bundles:
16
17         # Defaults (all currently registered bundles):
18         - FrameworkBundle
19         - SecurityBundle
20         - TwigBundle
21         - MonologBundle
22         - SwiftmailerBundle
23         - DoctrineBundle
24         - AsseticBundle
25         - ...
26     assets:
27         # An array of named assets (e.g. some_asset, some_other_asset)
28         some_asset:
29             inputs:         []
30             filters:        []
31             options:
```

```
32         # A key-value array of options and values
33         some_option_name: []
34     filters:
35
36         # An array of named filters (e.g. some_filter, some_other_filter)
37         some_filter: []
38     twig:
39         functions:
40             # An array of named functions (e.g. some_function, some_other_function)
41             some_function: []
```



Chapter 3

Doctrine Configuration Reference

Listing 3-1

```
doctrine:
  dbal:
    default_connection: default
    types:
      # A collection of custom types
      # Example
      some_custom_type:
        class: Acme\HelloBundle\MyCustomType
        commented: true

  connections:
    default:
      dbname: database

  # A collection of different named connections (e.g. default, conn2, etc)
  default:
    dbname: ~
    host: localhost
    port: ~
    user: root
    password: ~
    charset: ~
    path: ~
    memory: ~

  # The unix socket to use for MySQL
  unix_socket: ~

  # True to use as persistent connection for the ibm_db2 driver
  persistent: ~

  # The protocol to use for the ibm_db2 driver (default to TCPIP if omitted)
  protocol: ~

  # True to use dbname as service name instead of SID for Oracle
  service: ~
```

```

# The session mode to use for the oci8 driver
sessionMode: ~

# True to use a pooled server with the oci8 driver
pooled: ~

# Configuring MultipleActiveResultSets for the pdo_sqlsrv driver
MultipleActiveResultSets: ~
driver: pdo_mysql
platform_service: ~
logging: %kernel.debug%
profiling: %kernel.debug%
driver_class: ~
wrapper_class: ~
options:
    # an array of options
    key: []
mapping_types:
    # an array of mapping types
    name: []
slaves:

    # a collection of named slave connections (e.g. slave1, slave2)
    slave1:
        dbname: ~
        host: localhost
        port: ~
        user: root
        password: ~
        charset: ~
        path: ~
        memory: ~

    # The unix socket to use for MySQL
    unix_socket: ~

    # True to use as persistent connection for the ibm_db2 driver
    persistent: ~

    # The protocol to use for the ibm_db2 driver (default to TCPIP if
omitted)
    protocol: ~

    # True to use dbname as service name instead of SID for Oracle
    service: ~

    # The session mode to use for the oci8 driver
    sessionMode: ~

    # True to use a pooled server with the oci8 driver
    pooled: ~

    # Configuring MultipleActiveResultSets for the pdo_sqlsrv driver
    MultipleActiveResultSets: ~

orm:
    default_entity_manager: ~
    auto_generate_proxy_classes: false
    proxy_dir: %kernel.cache_dir%/doctrine/orm/Proxies
    proxy_namespace: Proxies
    # search for the "ResolveTargetEntityListener" class for a cookbook about this

```



```

resolve_target_entities: []
entity_managers:
    # A collection of different named entity managers (e.g. some_em, another_em)
    some_em:
        query_cache_driver:
            type:          array # Required
            host:          ~
            port:          ~
            instance_class: ~
            class:         ~
        metadata_cache_driver:
            type:          array # Required
            host:          ~
            port:          ~
            instance_class: ~
            class:         ~
        result_cache_driver:
            type:          array # Required
            host:          ~
            port:          ~
            instance_class: ~
            class:         ~
        connection:      ~
        class_metadata_factory_name: Doctrine\ORM\Mapping\ClassMetadataFactory
        default_repository_class: Doctrine\ORM\EntityRepository
        auto_mapping:     false
        hydrators:

            # An array of hydrator names
            hydrator_name: []

        mappings:
            # An array of mappings, which may be a bundle name or something else
            mapping_name:
                mapping: true
                type:    ~
                dir:     ~
                alias:   ~
                prefix:  ~
                is_bundle: ~

        dql:
            # a collection of string functions
            string_functions:
                # example
                # test_string: Acme\HelloBundle\DQL\StringFunction

            # a collection of numeric functions
            numeric_functions:
                # example
                # test_numeric: Acme\HelloBundle\DQL\NumericFunction

            # a collection of datetime functions
            datetime_functions:
                # example
                # test_datetime: Acme\HelloBundle\DQL\DatetimeFunction

        # Register SQL Filters in the entity manager
        filters:
            # An array of filters
            some_filter:
                class: ~ # Required
                enabled: false

```

Configuration Overview

This following configuration example shows all the configuration defaults that the ORM resolves to:

Listing 3-2

```
1 doctrine:
2     orm:
3         auto_mapping: true
4         # the standard distribution overrides this to be true in debug, false otherwise
5         auto_generate_proxy_classes: false
6         proxy_namespace: Proxies
7         proxy_dir: "%kernel.cache_dir%/doctrine/orm/Proxies"
8         default_entity_manager: default
9         metadata_cache_driver: array
10        query_cache_driver: array
11        result_cache_driver: array
```

There are lots of other configuration options that you can use to overwrite certain classes, but those are for very advanced use-cases only.

Caching Drivers

For the caching drivers you can specify the values "array", "apc", "memcache", "memcached", "xcache" or "service".

The following example shows an overview of the caching configurations:

Listing 3-3

```
1 doctrine:
2     orm:
3         auto_mapping: true
4         metadata_cache_driver: apc
5         query_cache_driver:
6             type: service
7             id: my_doctrine_common_cache_service
8         result_cache_driver:
9             type: memcache
10            host: localhost
11            port: 11211
12            instance_class: Memcache
```

Mapping Configuration

Explicit definition of all the mapped entities is the only necessary configuration for the ORM and there are several configuration options that you can control. The following configuration options exist for a mapping:

- **type** One of `annotation`, `xml`, `yaml`, `php` or `staticphp`. This specifies which type of metadata type your mapping uses.
- **dir** Path to the mapping or entity files (depending on the driver). If this path is relative it is assumed to be relative to the bundle root. This only works if the name of your mapping is a bundle name. If you want to use this option to specify absolute paths you should prefix the path with the kernel parameters that exist in the DIC (for example `%kernel.root_dir%`).
- **prefix** A common namespace prefix that all entities of this mapping share. This prefix should never conflict with prefixes of other defined mappings otherwise some of your entities cannot be found by Doctrine. This option defaults to the bundle namespace + **Entity**, for example for an application bundle called `AcmeHelloBundle` prefix would be `Acme\HelloBundle\Entity`.

- **alias** Doctrine offers a way to alias entity namespaces to simpler, shorter names to be used in DQL queries or for Repository access. When using a bundle the alias defaults to the bundle name.
- **is_bundle** This option is a derived value from **dir** and by default is set to true if dir is relative proved by a **file_exists()** check that returns false. It is false if the existence check returns true. In this case an absolute path was specified and the metadata files are most likely in a directory outside of a bundle.

Doctrine DBAL Configuration

DoctrineBundle supports all parameters that default Doctrine drivers accept, converted to the XML or YAML naming standards that Symfony enforces. See the Doctrine *DBAL documentation*¹ for more information. The following block shows all possible configuration keys:

Listing 3-4

```

1 doctrine:
2   dbal:
3     dbname:      database
4     host:        localhost
5     port:        1234
6     user:        user
7     password:    secret
8     driver:      pdo_mysql
9     # the DBAL driverClass option
10    driver_class: MyNamespace\MyDriverImpl
11    # the DBAL driverOptions option
12    options:
13      foo: bar
14    path:         "%kernel.data_dir%/data.sqlite"
15    memory:       true
16    unix_socket:  /tmp/mysql.sock
17    # the DBAL wrapperClass option
18    wrapper_class: MyDoctrineDbalConnectionWrapper
19    charset:      UTF8
20    logging:      "%kernel.debug%"
21    platform_service: MyOwnDatabasePlatformService
22    mapping_types:
23      enum: string
24    types:
25      custom: Acme\HelloBundle\MyCustomType
26    # the DBAL keepSlave option
27    keep_slave:   false

```

If you want to configure multiple connections in YAML, put them under the **connections** key and give them a unique name:

Listing 3-5

```

1 doctrine:
2   dbal:
3     default_connection: default
4     connections:
5       default:
6         dbname:      Symfony2
7         user:        root
8         password:    null
9         host:        localhost

```

1. <http://docs.doctrine-project.org/projects/doctrine-dbal/en/latest/reference/configuration.html>

```
10         customer:
11             dbname:      customer
12             user:        root
13             password:    null
14             host:        localhost
```

The `database_connection` service always refers to the *default* connection, which is the first one defined or the one configured via the `default_connection` parameter.

Each connection is also accessible via the `doctrine.dbal.[name]_connection` service where `[name]` is the name of the connection.



Chapter 4

Security Configuration Reference

The security system is one of the most powerful parts of Symfony2, and can largely be controlled via its configuration.

Full Default Configuration

The following is the full default configuration for the security system. Each part will be explained in the next section.

Listing 4-1

```
1  # app/config/security.yml
2  security:
3      access_denied_url:    ~ # Example: /foo/error403
4
5      # strategy can be: none, migrate, invalidate
6      session_fixation_strategy: migrate
7      hide_user_not_found:  true
8      always_authenticate_before_granting: false
9      erase_credentials:    true
10     access_decision_manager:
11         strategy:          affirmative
12         allow_if_all_abstain: false
13         allow_if_equal_granted_denied: true
14     acl:
15
16         # any name configured in doctrine.dbal section
17         connection:        ~
18         cache:
19             id:             ~
20             prefix:         sf2_acl_
21         provider:          ~
22         tables:
23             class:          acl_classes
24             entry:          acl_entries
25             object_identity: acl_object_identities
26             object_identity_ancestors: acl_object_identity_ancestors
```

```

27         security_identity:    acl_security_identities
28     voter:
29         allow_if_object_identity_unavailable: true
30
31 encoders:
32     # Examples:
33     Acme\DemoBundle\Entity\User1: sha512
34     Acme\DemoBundle\Entity\User2:
35         algorithm:    sha512
36         encode_as_base64: true
37         iterations:    5000
38
39     # Example options/values for what a custom encoder might look like
40     Acme\Your\Class\Name:
41         algorithm:    ~
42         ignore_case:    false
43         encode_as_base64: true
44         iterations:    5000
45         id:            ~
46
47 providers:                # Required
48     # Examples:
49     memory:
50         name:            memory
51         users:
52             foo:
53                 password:    foo
54                 roles:        ROLE_USER
55             bar:
56                 password:    bar
57                 roles:        [ROLE_USER, ROLE_ADMIN]
58     entity:
59         entity:
60             class:        SecurityBundle\User
61             property:    username
62
63     # Example custom provider
64     some_custom_provider:
65         id:            ~
66         chain:
67             providers:    []
68
69 firewalls:                # Required
70     # Examples:
71     somename:
72         pattern: .*
73         request_matcher: some.service.id
74         access_denied_url: /foo/error403
75         access_denied_handler: some.service.id
76         entry_point: some.service.id
77         provider: some_key_from_above
78         context: name
79         stateless: false
80         x509:
81             provider: some_key_from_above
82         http_basic:
83             provider: some_key_from_above
84         http_digest:
85             provider: some_key_from_above

```

```

86     form_login:
87         # submit the login form here
88         check_path: /login_check
89
90         # the user is redirected here when he/she needs to login
91         login_path: /login
92
93         # if true, forward the user to the login form instead of redirecting
94         use_forward: false
95
96         # login success redirecting options (read further below)
97         always_use_default_target_path: false
98         default_target_path: /
99         target_path_parameter: _target_path
100        use_referer: false
101
102        # login failure redirecting options (read further below)
103        failure_path: /foo
104        failure_forward: false
105        failure_handler: some.service.id
106        success_handler: some.service.id
107
108        # field names for the username and password fields
109        username_parameter: _username
110        password_parameter: _password
111
112        # csrf token options
113        csrf_parameter: _csrf_token
114        intention: authenticate
115        csrf_provider: my.csrf_provider.id
116
117        # by default, the login form *must* be a POST, not a GET
118        post_only: true
119        remember_me: false
120    remember_me:
121        token_provider: name
122        key: someS3cretKey
123        name: NameOfTheCookie
124        lifetime: 3600 # in seconds
125        path: /foo
126        domain: somedomain.foo
127        secure: false
128        httponly: true
129        always_remember_me: false
130        remember_me_parameter: _remember_me
131    logout:
132        path: /logout
133        target: /
134        invalidate_session: false
135        delete_cookies:
136            a: { path: null, domain: null }
137            b: { path: null, domain: null }
138        handlers: [some.service.id, another.service.id]
139        success_handler: some.service.id
140    anonymous: ~
141
142    # Default values and options for any firewall
143    some_firewall_listener:
144        pattern: ~

```

```

145     security:                true
146     request_matcher:         ~
147     access_denied_url:       ~
148     access_denied_handler:   ~
149     entry_point:             ~
150     provider:                 ~
151     stateless:                false
152     context:                  ~
153     logout:
154         csrf_parameter:       _csrf_token
155         csrf_provider:         ~
156         intention:             logout
157         path:                  /logout
158         target:                 /
159         success_handler:       ~
160         invalidate_session:    true
161         delete_cookies:
162
163         # Prototype
164         name:
165             path:               ~
166             domain:             ~
167         handlers:               []
168     anonymous:
169         key:                     4f954a0667e01
170     switch_user:
171         provider:               ~
172         parameter:              _switch_user
173         role:                   ROLE_ALLOWED_TO_SWITCH
174
175     access_control:
176         requires_channel:       ~
177
178         # use the urldecoded format
179         path:                   ~ # Example: ^/path to resource/
180         host:                   ~
181         ip:                     ~
182         methods:                []
183         roles:                  []
184     role_hierarchy:
185         ROLE_ADMIN:             [ROLE_ORGANIZER, ROLE_USER]
186         ROLE_SUPERADMIN:       [ROLE_ADMIN]

```

Form Login Configuration

When using the `form_login` authentication listener beneath a firewall, there are several common options for configuring the "form login" experience.

For even more details, see *How to customize your Form Login*.

The Login Form and Process

- `login_path` (type: `string`, default: `/login`) This is the URL that the user will be redirected to (unless `use_forward` is set to `true`) when he/she tries to access a protected resource but isn't fully authenticated.

This URL **must** be accessible by a normal, un-authenticated user, else you may create a redirect loop. For details, see "*Avoid Common Pitfalls*".

- **check_path** (type: `string`, default: `/login_check`) This is the URL that your login form must submit to. The firewall will intercept any requests (POST requests only, by default) to this URL and process the submitted login credentials.

Be sure that this URL is covered by your main firewall (i.e. don't create a separate firewall just for `check_path` URL).

- **use_forward** (type: `Boolean`, default: `false`) If you'd like the user to be forwarded to the login form instead of being redirected, set this option to `true`.
- **username_parameter** (type: `string`, default: `_username`) This is the field name that you should give to the username field of your login form. When you submit the form to `check_path`, the security system will look for a POST parameter with this name.
- **password_parameter** (type: `string`, default: `_password`) This is the field name that you should give to the password field of your login form. When you submit the form to `check_path`, the security system will look for a POST parameter with this name.
- **post_only** (type: `Boolean`, default: `true`) By default, you must submit your login form to the `check_path` URL as a POST request. By setting this option to `false`, you can send a GET request to the `check_path` URL.

Redirecting after Login

- **always_use_default_target_path** (type: `Boolean`, default: `false`)
- **default_target_path** (type: `string`, default: `/`)
- **target_path_parameter** (type: `string`, default: `_target_path`)
- **use_referer** (type: `Boolean`, default: `false`)

HTTP-Digest Authentication

To use HTTP-Digest authentication you need to provide a realm and a key:

Listing 4-2

```
1 # app/config/security.yml
2 security:
3   firewalls:
4     somename:
5       http_digest:
6         key: "a_random_string"
7         realm: "secure-api"
```



Chapter 5

SwiftmailerBundle Configuration ("swiftmailer")

This reference document is a work in progress. It should be accurate, but all options are not yet fully covered. For a full list of the default configuration options, see [Full Default Configuration](#)

The **swiftmailer** key configures Symfony's integration with Swiftmailer, which is responsible for creating and delivering email messages.

Configuration

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 - type
 - path
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- **antiflood**
 - threshold
 - sleep
- delivery_address
- disable_delivery

- logging

transport

type: string **default:** smtp

The exact transport method to use to deliver emails. Valid values are:

- smtp
- gmail (see *How to use Gmail to send Emails*)
- mail
- sendmail
- null (same as setting `disable_delivery` to `true`)

username

type: string

The username when using `smtp` as the transport.

password

type: string

The password when using `smtp` as the transport.

host

type: string **default:** localhost

The host to connect to when using `smtp` as the transport.

port

type: string **default:** 25 or 465 (depending on encryption)

The port when using `smtp` as the transport. This defaults to 465 if encryption is `ssl` and 25 otherwise.

encryption

type: string

The encryption mode to use when using `smtp` as the transport. Valid values are `tls`, `ssl`, or `null` (indicating no encryption).

auth_mode

type: string

The authentication mode to use when using `smtp` as the transport. Valid values are `plain`, `login`, `cram-md5`, or `null`.

spool

For details on email spooling, see *How to Spool Emails*.

type

type: string **default:** file

The method used to store spooled messages. Currently only **file** is supported. However, a custom pool should be possible by creating a service called **swiftmailer.spool.myspool** and setting this value to **myspool**.

path

type: string **default:** %kernel.cache_dir%/swiftmailer/spool

When using the **file** pool, this is the path where the spooled messages will be stored.

sender_address

type: string

If set, all messages will be delivered with this address as the "return path" address, which is where bounced messages should go. This is handled internally by Swiftmailer's **Swift_Plugins_ImpersonatePlugin** class.

antiflood

threshold

type: string **default:** 99

Used with **Swift_Plugins_AntiFloodPlugin**. This is the number of emails to send before restarting the transport.

sleep

type: string **default:** 0

Used with **Swift_Plugins_AntiFloodPlugin**. This is the number of seconds to sleep for during a transport restart.

delivery_address

type: string

If set, all email messages will be sent to this address instead of being sent to their actual recipients. This is often useful when developing. For example, by setting this in the **config_dev.yml** file, you can guarantee that all emails sent during development go to a single account.

This uses **Swift_Plugins_ReducingPlugin**. Original recipients are available on the **X-Swift-To**, **X-Swift-Cc** and **X-Swift-Bcc** headers.

disable_delivery

type: Boolean **default:** false

If true, the **transport** will automatically be set to **null**, and no emails will actually be delivered.

logging

type: Boolean **default:** %kernel.debug%

If true, Symfony's data collector will be activated for Swiftmailer and the information will be available in the profiler.

Full Default Configuration

Listing 5-1

```
1 swiftmailer:
2   transport:      smtp
3   username:       ~
4   password:       ~
5   host:           localhost
6   port:           false
7   encryption:     ~
8   auth_mode:      ~
9   spool:
10    type:          file
11    path:           "%kernel.cache_dir%/swiftmailer/spool"
12   sender_address: ~
13   antiflood:
14     threshold:    99
15     sleep:        0
16   delivery_address: ~
17   disable_delivery: ~
18   logging:        "%kernel.debug%"
```



Chapter 6

TwigBundle Configuration Reference

Listing 6-1

```
1 twig:
2     exception_controller:
3     Symfony\Bundle\TwigBundle\Controller\ExceptionController::showAction
4     form:
5         resources:
6
7         # Default:
8         - form_div_layout.html.twig
9
10        # Example:
11        - MyBundle::form.html.twig
12    globals:
13
14        # Examples:
15        foo:                "@bar"
16        pi:                 3.14
17
18        # Example options, but the easiest use is as seen above
19        some_variable_name:
20            # a service id that should be the value
21            id:              ~
22            # set to service or leave blank
23            type:            ~
24            value:           ~
25
26        autoescape:         ~
27        base_template_class: ~ # Example: Twig_Template
28        cache:              "%kernel.cache_dir%/twig"
29        charset:            "%kernel.charset%"
30        debug:              "%kernel.debug%"
31        strict_variables:   ~
32        auto_reload:        ~
33        optimizations:      ~
```

Configuration

exception_controller

type: string **default:**
Symfony\\Bundle\\TwigBundle\\Controller\\ExceptionController::showAction

This is the controller that is activated after an exception is thrown anywhere in your application. The default controller (*ExceptionController*¹) is what's responsible for rendering specific templates under different error conditions (see *How to customize Error Pages*). Modifying this option is advanced. If you need to customize an error page you should use the previous link. If you need to perform some behavior on an exception, you should add a listener to the `kernel.exception` event (see *kernel.event_listener*).

1. <http://api.symfony.com/2.1/Symfony/Bundle/TwigBundle/Controller/ExceptionController.html>



Chapter 7

Monolog Configuration Reference

Listing 7-1

```
1 monolog:
2   handlers:
3
4   # Examples:
5   syslog:
6     type:          stream
7     path:          /var/log/symfony.log
8     level:         ERROR
9     bubble:        false
10    formatter:     my_formatter
11    processors:
12      - some_callable
13  main:
14    type:          fingers_crossed
15    action_level:  WARNING
16    buffer_size:   30
17    handler:       custom
18  custom:
19    type:          service
20    id:            my_handler
21
22  # Default options and values for some "my_custom_handler"
23  my_custom_handler:
24    type:          ~ # Required
25    id:            ~
26    priority:      0
27    level:         DEBUG
28    bubble:        true
29    path:          "%kernel.logs_dir%/%kernel.environment%.log"
30    ident:         false
31    facility:      user
32    max_files:     0
33    action_level:  WARNING
34    activation_strategy: ~
35    stop_buffering: true
36    buffer_size:   0
```



```

37     handler: ~
38     members: []
39     channels:
40         type: ~
41         elements: ~
42     from_email: ~
43     to_email: ~
44     subject: ~
45     email_prototype:
46         id: ~ # Required (when the email_prototype is used)
47         factory-method: ~
48     channels:
49         type: ~
50         elements: []
51     formatter: ~

```



When the profiler is enabled, a handler is added to store the logs' messages in the profiler. The profiler uses the name "debug" so it is reserved and cannot be used in the configuration.



Chapter 8

WebProfilerBundle Configuration

Full Default Configuration

Listing 8-1

```
1 web_profiler:
2
3     # DEPRECATED, it is not useful anymore and can be removed safely from your configuration
4     verbose:             true
5
6     # display the web debug toolbar at the bottom of pages with a summary of profiler info
7     toolbar:             false
8     position:            bottom
9     intercept_redirects: false
```



Chapter 9

Form Types Reference

A form is composed of *fields*, each of which are built with the help of a *field type* (e.g. a `text` type, `choice` type, etc). Symfony2 comes standard with a large list of field types that can be used in your application.

Supported Field Types

The following field types are natively available in Symfony2:

Text Fields

- `text`
- `textarea`
- `email`
- `integer`
- `money`
- `number`
- `password`
- `percent`
- `search`
- `url`

Choice Fields

- `choice`
- `entity`
- `country`
- `language`
- `locale`
- `timezone`

Date and Time Fields

- `date`

- *datetime*
- *time*
- *birthday*

Other Fields

- *checkbox*
- *file*
- *radio*

Field Groups

- *collection*
- *repeated*

Hidden Fields

- *hidden*
- *csrf*

Base Fields

- *field*
- *form*



Chapter 10

birthday Field Type

A *date* field that specializes in handling birthdate data.

Can be rendered as a single text box, three text boxes (month, day, and year), or three select boxes.

This type is essentially the same as the *date* type, but with a more appropriate default for the years option. The years option defaults to 120 years ago to the current year.

Underlying Data Type	can be <code>DateTime</code> , <code>string</code> , <code>timestamp</code> , or <code>array</code> (see the <i>input option</i>)
Rendered as	can be three select boxes or 1 or 3 text boxes, based on the <code>widget</code> option
Options	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <code>years</code>
Inherited options	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <code>widget</code>• <code>input</code>• <code>months</code>• <code>days</code>• <code>format</code>• <code>pattern</code>• <code>data_timezone</code>• <code>user_timezone</code>• <code>invalid_message</code>• <code>invalid_message_parameters</code>• <code>read_only</code>• <code>disabled</code>
Parent type	<i>date</i>
Class	<i>BirthDayType</i> ¹

1. <http://api.symfony.com/2.1/Symfony/Component/Form/Extension/Core/Type/BirthdayType.html>

Field Options

years

type: array **default:** 120 years ago to the current year

List of years available to the year field type. This option is only relevant when the **widget** option is set to **choice**.

Inherited options

These options inherit from the *date* type:

widget

type: string **default:** choice

The basic way in which this field should be rendered. Can be one of the following:

- **choice:** renders three select inputs. The order of the selects is defined in the pattern option.
- **text:** renders a three field input of type text (month, day, year).
- **single_text:** renders a single input of type text. User's input is validated based on the format option.

input

type: string **default:** datetime

The format of the *input* data - i.e. the format that the date is stored on your underlying object. Valid values are:

- **string** (e.g. 2011-06-05)
- **datetime** (a `DateTime` object)
- **array** (e.g. `array('year' => 2011, 'month' => 06, 'day' => 05)`)
- **timestamp** (e.g. 1307232000)

The value that comes back from the form will also be normalized back into this format.

months

type: array **default:** 1 to 12

List of months available to the month field type. This option is only relevant when the **widget** option is set to **choice**.

days

type: array **default:** 1 to 31

List of days available to the day field type. This option is only relevant when the **widget** option is set to **choice**:

Listing 10-1 1 `'days' => range(1,31)`

format

type: integer or string **default:** IntlDateFormatter::MEDIUM

Option passed to the `IntlDateFormatter` class, used to transform user input into the proper format. This is critical when the widget option is set to `single_text`, and will define how the user will input the data. By default, the format is determined based on the current user locale: meaning that *the expected format will be different for different users*. You can override it by passing the format as a string.

For more information on valid formats, see *Date/Time Format Syntax*². For example, to render a single text box that expects the user to end `yyyy-MM-dd`, use the following options:

Listing 10-2

```
1 $builder->add('date_created', 'date', array(  
2     'widget' => 'single_text',  
3     'format' => 'yyyy-MM-dd',  
4 ));
```

pattern

type: string

This option is only relevant when the widget is set to `choice`. The default pattern is based off the format option, and tries to match the characters `M`, `d`, and `y` in the format pattern. If no match is found, the default is the string `{{ year }}-{{ month }}-{{ day }}`. Tokens for this option include:

- `{{ year }}`: Replaced with the `year` widget
- `{{ month }}`: Replaced with the `month` widget
- `{{ day }}`: Replaced with the `day` widget

data_timezone

type: string **default:** system default timezone

Timezone that the input data is stored in. This must be one of the *PHP supported timezones*³

user_timezone

type: string **default:** system default timezone

Timezone for how the data should be shown to the user (and therefore also the data that the user submits). This must be one of the *PHP supported timezones*⁴

These options inherit from the *date* type:

invalid_message

type: string **default:** This value is not valid

This is the validation error message that's used if the data entered into this field doesn't make sense (i.e. fails validation).

This might happen, for example, if the user enters a nonsense string into a *time* field that cannot be converted into a real time or if the user enters a string (e.g. `apple`) into a number field.

Normal (business logic) validation (such as when setting a minimum length for a field) should be set using validation messages with your validation rules (*reference*).

2. <http://userguide.icu-project.org/formatparse/datetime#TOC-Date-Time-Format-Syntax>

3. <http://php.net/manual/en/timezones.php>

4. <http://php.net/manual/en/timezones.php>

invalid_message_parameters

type: array **default:** array()

When setting the `invalid_message` option, you may need to include some variables in the string. This can be done by adding placeholders to that option and including the variables in this option:

Listing 10-3

```
1 $builder->add('some_field', 'some_type', array(  
2     // ...  
3     'invalid_message'           => 'You entered an invalid value - it should include %num%  
4     letters',  
5     'invalid_message_parameters' => array('%num%' => 6),  
6 ));
```

read_only



New in version 2.1: The `read_only` option was changed in 2.1 to render as a `readonly` HTML attribute. Previously, it rendered as a `disabled` attribute. Use the `disabled` option if you need the old behavior.

type: Boolean **default:** false

If this option is true, the field will be rendered with the `readonly` attribute so that the field is not editable.

disabled



New in version 2.1: The `disabled` option is new in version 2.1

type: boolean **default:** false

If you don't want a user to modify the value of a field, you can set the `disabled` option to true. Any submitted value will be ignored.



Chapter 11

checkbox Field Type

Creates a single input checkbox. This should always be used for a field that has a Boolean value: if the box is checked, the field will be set to true, if the box is unchecked, the value will be set to false.

Rendered as	input checkbox field
Options	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• value
Inherited options	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• required• label• read_only• disabled• error_bubbling
Parent type	<i>field</i>
Class	<i>CheckboxType</i> ¹

Example Usage

Listing 11-1

```
1 $builder->add('public', 'checkbox', array(  
2     'label' => 'Show this entry publicly?',  
3     'required' => false,  
4 ));
```

1. <http://api.symfony.com/2.1/Symfony/Component/Form/Extension/Core/Type/CheckboxType.html>

Field Options

value

type: mixed **default:** 1

The value that's actually used as the value for the checkbox. This does not affect the value that's set on your object.

Inherited options

These options inherit from the *field* type:

required

type: Boolean **default:** true

If true, an *HTML5 required attribute*² will be rendered. The corresponding `label` will also render with a `required` class.

This is superficial and independent from validation. At best, if you let Symfony guess your field type, then the value of this option will be guessed from your validation information.

label

type: string **default:** The label is "guessed" from the field name

Sets the label that will be used when rendering the field. The label can also be directly set inside the template:

Listing 11-2 1 `{{ form_label(form.name, 'Your name') }}`

read_only



New in version 2.1: The `read_only` option was changed in 2.1 to render as a `readonly` HTML attribute. Previously, it rendered as a `disabled` attribute. Use the disabled option if you need the old behavior.

type: Boolean **default:** false

If this option is true, the field will be rendered with the `readonly` attribute so that the field is not editable.

disabled



New in version 2.1: The `disabled` option is new in version 2.1

type: boolean **default:** false

2. <http://diveintohtml5.info/forms.html>

If you don't want a user to modify the value of a field, you can set the disabled option to true. Any submitted value will be ignored.

error_bubbling

type: Boolean **default:** false

If true, any errors for this field will be passed to the parent field or form. For example, if set to true on a normal field, any errors for that field will be attached to the main form, not to the specific field.



Chapter 12

choice Field Type

A multi-purpose field used to allow the user to "choose" one or more options. It can be rendered as a **select** tag, radio buttons, or checkboxes.

To use this field, you must specify *either* the `choice_list` or `choices` option.

Rendered as	can be various tags (see below)
Options	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <code>choices</code>• <code>choice_list</code>• <code>multiple</code>• <code>expanded</code>• <code>preferred_choices</code>• <code>empty_value</code>• <code>empty_data</code>• <code>by_reference</code>
Inherited options	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <code>required</code>• <code>label</code>• <code>read_only</code>• <code>disabled</code>• <code>error_bubbling</code>
Parent type	<code>form</code> (if expanded), <code>field</code> otherwise
Class	<code>ChoiceType</code> ¹

1. <http://api.symfony.com/2.1/Symfony/Component/Form/Extension/Core/Type/ChoiceType.html>

Example Usage

The easiest way to use this field is to specify the choices directly via the **choices** option. The key of the array becomes the value that's actually set on your underlying object (e.g. `m`), while the value is what the user sees on the form (e.g. `Male`).

Listing 12-1

```
1 $builder->add('gender', 'choice', array(
2     'choices' => array('m' => 'Male', 'f' => 'Female'),
3     'required' => false,
4 ));
```

By setting **multiple** to true, you can allow the user to choose multiple values. The widget will be rendered as a multiple **select** tag or a series of checkboxes depending on the **expanded** option:

Listing 12-2

```
1 $builder->add('availability', 'choice', array(
2     'choices' => array(
3         'morning' => 'Morning',
4         'afternoon' => 'Afternoon',
5         'evening' => 'Evening',
6     ),
7     'multiple' => true,
8 ));
```

You can also use the **choice_list** option, which takes an object that can specify the choices for your widget.

Select tag, Checkboxes or Radio Buttons

This field may be rendered as one of several different HTML fields, depending on the **expanded** and **multiple** options:

element type	expanded	multiple
select tag	false	false
select tag (with multiple attribute)	false	true
radio buttons	true	false
checkboxes	true	true

Field Options

choices

type: array **default:** array()

This is the most basic way to specify the choices that should be used by this field. The **choices** option is an array, where the array key is the item value and the array value is the item's label:

Listing 12-3

```
1 $builder->add('gender', 'choice', array(
2     'choices' => array('m' => 'Male', 'f' => 'Female')
3 ));
```

choice_list

type: `Symfony\Component\Form\Extension\Core\ChoiceList\ChoiceListInterface`

This is one way of specifying the options to be used for this field. The `choice_list` option must be an instance of the `ChoiceListInterface`. For more advanced cases, a custom class that implements the interface can be created to supply the choices.

multiple

type: Boolean **default:** false

If true, the user will be able to select multiple options (as opposed to choosing just one option). Depending on the value of the `expanded` option, this will render either a select tag or checkboxes if true and a select tag or radio buttons if false. The returned value will be an array.

expanded

type: Boolean **default:** false

If set to true, radio buttons or checkboxes will be rendered (depending on the `multiple` value). If false, a select element will be rendered.

preferred_choices

type: array **default:** `array()`

If this option is specified, then a sub-set of all of the options will be moved to the top of the select menu. The following would move the "Baz" option to the top, with a visual separator between it and the rest of the options:

```
Listing 12-4 1 $builder->add('foo_choices', 'choice', array(
2     'choices' => array('foo' => 'Foo', 'bar' => 'Bar', 'baz' => 'Baz'),
3     'preferred_choices' => array('baz'),
4 ));
```

Note that preferred choices are only meaningful when rendering as a `select` element (i.e. `expanded` is false). The preferred choices and normal choices are separated visually by a set of dotted lines (i.e. -----). This can be customized when rendering the field:

```
Listing 12-5 1 {{ form_widget(form.foo_choices, { 'separator': '====' }) }}
```

empty_value

type: string or Boolean

This option determines whether or not a special "empty" option (e.g. "Choose an option") will appear at the top of a select widget. This option only applies if both the `expanded` and `multiple` options are set to false.

- Add an empty value with "Choose an option" as the text:

```
Listing 12-6 1 $builder->add('states', 'choice', array(
2     'empty_value' => 'Choose an option',
3 ));
```

- Guarantee that no "empty" value option is displayed:

```
Listing 12-7 1 $builder->add('states', 'choice', array(
2     'empty_value' => false,
3 ));
```

If you leave the `empty_value` option unset, then a blank (with no text) option will automatically be added if and only if the `required` option is false:

```
Listing 12-8 1 // a blank (with no text) option will be added
2 $builder->add('states', 'choice', array(
3     'required' => false,
4 ));
```

empty_data

type: mixed **default:** `array()` if multiple or expanded, `''` otherwise

This option determines what value the field will return when the `empty_value` choice is selected.

For example, if you want the `gender` field to be set to `null` when no value is selected, you can do it like this:

```
Listing 12-9 1 $builder->add('gender', 'choice', array(
2     'choices' => array(
3         'm' => 'Male',
4         'f' => 'Female'
5     ),
6     'required' => false,
7     'empty_value' => 'Choose your gender',
8     'empty_data' => null
9 ));
```

by_reference

type: Boolean **default:** `true`

In most cases, if you have a `name` field, then you expect `setName` to be called on the underlying object. In some cases, however, `setName` may *not* be called. Setting `by_reference` ensures that the setter is called in all cases.

To explain this further, here's a simple example:

```
Listing 12-10 1 $builder = $this->createFormBuilder($article);
2 $builder
3     ->add('title', 'text')
4     ->add(
5         $builder->create('author', 'form', array('by_reference' => ?))
6         ->add('name', 'text')
7         ->add('email', 'email')
8     )
```

If `by_reference` is true, the following takes place behind the scenes when you call `bind` on the form:

```
Listing 12-11 1 $article->setTitle('...');
2 $article->getAuthor()->setName('...');
3 $article->getAuthor()->setEmail('...');
```

Notice that `setAuthor` is not called. The author is modified by reference.

If you set `by_reference` to false, binding looks like this:

```
Listing 12-12 1 $article->setTitle('...');
                2 $author = $article->getAuthor();
                3 $author->setName('...');
                4 $author->setEmail('...');
                5 $article->setAuthor($author);
```

So, all that `by_reference=false` really does is force the framework to call the setter on the parent object.

Similarly, if you're using the *collection* form type where your underlying collection data is an object (like with Doctrine's `ArrayCollection`), then `by_reference` must be set to `false` if you need the setter (e.g. `setAuthors`) to be called.

Inherited options

These options inherit from the *field* type:

required

type: Boolean **default:** true

If true, an *HTML5 required attribute*² will be rendered. The corresponding `label` will also render with a `required` class.

This is superficial and independent from validation. At best, if you let Symfony guess your field type, then the value of this option will be guessed from your validation information.

label

type: string **default:** The label is "guessed" from the field name

Sets the label that will be used when rendering the field. The label can also be directly set inside the template:

```
Listing 12-13 1 {{ form_label(form.name, 'Your name') }}
```

read_only



New in version 2.1: The `read_only` option was changed in 2.1 to render as a `readonly` HTML attribute. Previously, it rendered as a `disabled` attribute. Use the disabled option if you need the old behavior.

type: Boolean **default:** false

If this option is true, the field will be rendered with the `readonly` attribute so that the field is not editable.

2. <http://diveintohtml5.info/forms.html>

disabled



New in version 2.1: The **disabled** option is new in version 2.1

type: boolean **default:** false

If you don't want a user to modify the value of a field, you can set the disabled option to true. Any submitted value will be ignored.

error_bubbling

type: Boolean **default:** false

If true, any errors for this field will be passed to the parent field or form. For example, if set to true on a normal field, any errors for that field will be attached to the main form, not to the specific field.



Chapter 13

collection Field Type

This field type is used to render a "collection" of some field or form. In the easiest sense, it could be an array of `text` fields that populate an array `emails` field. In more complex examples, you can embed entire forms, which is useful when creating forms that expose one-to-many relationships (e.g. a product form where you can manage many related product photos).

Rendered as	depends on the type option
Options	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• type• options• allow_add• allow_delete• prototype• prototype_name
Inherited options	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• label• error_bubbling• by_reference
Parent type	<i>form</i>
Class	<i>CollectionType</i> ¹

Basic Usage

This type is used when you want to manage a collection of similar items in a form. For example, suppose you have an `emails` field that corresponds to an array of email addresses. In the form, you want to expose each email address as its own input text box:

Listing 13-1

1. <http://api.symfony.com/2.1/Symfony/Component/Form/Extension/Core/Type/CollectionType.html>

```

1 $builder->add('emails', 'collection', array(
2     // each item in the array will be an "email" field
3     'type' => 'email',
4     // these options are passed to each "email" type
5     'options' => array(
6         'required' => false,
7         'attr' => array('class' => 'email-box')
8     ),
9 ));

```

The simplest way to render this is all at once:

Listing 13-2 `1 {{ form_row(form.emails) }}`

A much more flexible method would look like this:

Listing 13-3

```

1 {{ form_label(form.emails) }}
2 {{ form_errors(form.emails) }}
3
4 <ul>
5 {% for emailField in form.emails %}
6     <li>
7         {{ form_errors(emailField) }}
8         {{ form_widget(emailField) }}
9     </li>
10 {% endfor %}
11 </ul>

```

In both cases, no input fields would render unless your `emails` data array already contained some emails. In this simple example, it's still impossible to add new addresses or remove existing addresses. Adding new addresses is possible by using the `allow_add` option (and optionally the `prototype` option) (see example below). Removing emails from the `emails` array is possible with the `allow_delete` option.

Adding and Removing items

If `allow_add` is set to `true`, then if any unrecognized items are submitted, they'll be added seamlessly to the array of items. This is great in theory, but takes a little bit more effort in practice to get the client-side JavaScript correct.

Following along with the previous example, suppose you start with two emails in the `emails` data array. In that case, two input fields will be rendered that will look something like this (depending on the name of your form):

Listing 13-4

```

1 <input type="email" id="form_emails_0" name="form[emails][0]" value="foo@foo.com" />
2 <input type="email" id="form_emails_1" name="form[emails][1]" value="bar@bar.com" />

```

To allow your user to add another email, just set `allow_add` to `true` and - via JavaScript - render another field with the name `form[emails][2]` (and so on for more and more fields).

To help make this easier, setting the `prototype` option to `true` allows you to render a "template" field, which you can then use in your JavaScript to help you dynamically create these new fields. A rendered prototype field will look like this:

Listing 13-5

```

1 <input type="email" id="form_emails__name__" name="form[emails][__name__]" value="" />

```

By replacing `__name__` with some unique value (e.g. 2), you can build and insert new HTML fields into your form.

Using jQuery, a simple example might look like this. If you're rendering your collection fields all at once (e.g. `form_row(form.emails)`), then things are even easier because the `data-prototype` attribute is rendered automatically for you (with a slight difference - see note below) and all you need is the JavaScript:

Listing 13-6

```
1 <form action="..." method="POST" {{ form_enctype(form) }}>
2   {# ... #}
3
4   {# store the prototype on the data-prototype attribute #}
5   <ul id="email-fields-list" data-prototype="{{ form_widget(form.emails.vars.prototype)
6 | e }}">
7     {% for emailField in form.emails %}
8       <li>
9         {{ form_errors(emailField) }}
10        {{ form_widget(emailField) }}
11      </li>
12    {% endfor %}
13  </ul>
14
15  <a href="#" id="add-another-email">Add another email</a>
16
17  {# ... #}
18 </form>
19
20 <script type="text/javascript">
21   // keep track of how many email fields have been rendered
22   var emailCount = '{{ form.emails | length }}';
23
24   jQuery(document).ready(function() {
25     jQuery('#add-another-email').click(function() {
26       var emailList = jQuery('#email-fields-list');
27
28       // grab the prototype template
29       var newWidget = emailList.attr('data-prototype');
30       // replace the "__name__" used in the id and name of the prototype
31       // with a number that's unique to your emails
32       // end name attribute looks like name="contact[emails][2]"
33       newWidget = newWidget.replace(/__name__/g, emailCount);
34       emailCount++;
35
36       // create a new list element and add it to the list
37       var newLi = jQuery('<li></li>').html(newWidget);
38       newLi.appendTo(jQuery('#email-fields-list'));
39
40       return false;
41     });
42   })
</script>
```



If you're rendering the entire collection at once, then the prototype is automatically available on the `data-prototype` attribute of the element (e.g. `div` or `table`) that surrounds your collection. The only difference is that the entire "form row" is rendered for you, meaning you wouldn't have to wrap it in any container element as was done above.

Field Options

type

type: string or *FormTypeInterface*² **required**

This is the field type for each item in this collection (e.g. `text`, `choice`, etc). For example, if you have an array of email addresses, you'd use the *email* type. If you want to embed a collection of some other form, create a new instance of your form type and pass it as this option.

options

type: array **default:** array()

This is the array that's passed to the form type specified in the type option. For example, if you used the *choice* type as your type option (e.g. for a collection of drop-down menus), then you'd need to at least pass the `choices` option to the underlying type:

Listing 13-7

```
1 $builder->add('favorite_cities', 'collection', array(
2     'type' => 'choice',
3     'options' => array(
4         'choices' => array(
5             'nashville' => 'Nashville',
6             'paris' => 'Paris',
7             'berlin' => 'Berlin',
8             'london' => 'London',
9         ),
10     ),
11 ));
```

allow_add

type: Boolean **default:** false

If set to `true`, then if unrecognized items are submitted to the collection, they will be added as new items. The ending array will contain the existing items as well as the new item that was in the submitted data. See the above example for more details.

The prototype option can be used to help render a prototype item that can be used - with JavaScript - to create new form items dynamically on the client side. For more information, see the above example and *Allowing "new" tags with the "prototype"*.



If you're embedding entire other forms to reflect a one-to-many database relationship, you may need to manually ensure that the foreign key of these new objects is set correctly. If you're using Doctrine, this won't happen automatically. See the above link for more details.

allow_delete

type: Boolean **default:** false

If set to `true`, then if an existing item is not contained in the submitted data, it will be correctly absent from the final array of items. This means that you can implement a "delete" button via JavaScript which simply removes a form element from the DOM. When the user submits the form, its absence from the submitted data will mean that it's removed from the final array.

2. <http://api.symfony.com/2.1/Symfony/Component/Form/FormTypeInterface.html>

For more information, see *Allowing tags to be removed*.



Be careful when using this option when you're embedding a collection of objects. In this case, if any embedded forms are removed, they *will* correctly be missing from the final array of objects. However, depending on your application logic, when one of those objects is removed, you may want to delete it or at least remove its foreign key reference to the main object. None of this is handled automatically. For more information, see *Allowing tags to be removed*.

prototype

type: Boolean **default:** true

This option is useful when using the `allow_add` option. If **true** (and if `allow_add` is also **true**), a special "prototype" attribute will be available so that you can render a "template" example on your page of what a new element should look like. The `name` attribute given to this element is `__name__`. This allows you to add a "add another" button via JavaScript which reads the prototype, replaces `__name__` with some unique name or number, and render it inside your form. When submitted, it will be added to your underlying array due to the `allow_add` option.

The `prototype` field can be rendered via the `prototype` variable in the collection field:

Listing 13-8 1 `{{ form_row(form.emails.vars.prototype) }}`

Note that all you really need is the "widget", but depending on how you're rendering your form, having the entire "form row" may be easier for you.



If you're rendering the entire collection field at once, then the prototype form row is automatically available on the `data-prototype` attribute of the element (e.g. `div` or `table`) that surrounds your collection.

For details on how to actually use this option, see the above example as well as *Allowing "new" tags with the "prototype"*.

prototype_name



New in version 2.1: The `prototype_name` option was added in Symfony 2.1

type: String **default:** `__name__`

If you have several collections in your form, or worse, nested collections you may want to change the placeholder so that unrelated placeholders are not replaced with the same value.

Inherited options

These options inherit from the *field* type. Not all options are listed here - only the most applicable to this type:

label

type: string **default:** The label is "guessed" from the field name

Sets the label that will be used when rendering the field. The label can also be directly set inside the template:

```
Listing 13-9 1 {{ form_label(form.name, 'Your name') }}
```

error_bubbling

type: Boolean **default:** true

If true, any errors for this field will be passed to the parent field or form. For example, if set to true on a normal field, any errors for that field will be attached to the main form, not to the specific field.

by_reference

type: Boolean **default:** true

In most cases, if you have a `name` field, then you expect `setName` to be called on the underlying object. In some cases, however, `setName` may *not* be called. Setting `by_reference` ensures that the setter is called in all cases.

To explain this further, here's a simple example:

```
Listing 13-10 1 $builder = $this->createFormBuilder($article);
2 $builder
3     ->add('title', 'text')
4     ->add(
5         $builder->create('author', 'form', array('by_reference' => ?))
6         ->add('name', 'text')
7         ->add('email', 'email')
8     )
```

If `by_reference` is true, the following takes place behind the scenes when you call `bind` on the form:

```
Listing 13-11 1 $article->setTitle('...');
2 $article->getAuthor()->setName('...');
3 $article->getAuthor()->setEmail('...');
```

Notice that `setAuthor` is not called. The author is modified by reference.

If you set `by_reference` to false, binding looks like this:

```
Listing 13-12 1 $article->setTitle('...');
2 $author = $article->getAuthor();
3 $author->setName('...');
4 $author->setEmail('...');
5 $article->setAuthor($author);
```

So, all that `by_reference=false` really does is force the framework to call the setter on the parent object. Similarly, if you're using the *collection* form type where your underlying collection data is an object (like with Doctrine's `ArrayCollection`), then `by_reference` must be set to `false` if you need the setter (e.g. `setAuthors`) to be called.



Chapter 14

country Field Type

The **country** type is a subset of the **ChoiceType** that displays countries of the world. As an added bonus, the country names are displayed in the language of the user.

The "value" for each country is the two-letter country code.



The locale of your user is guessed using `Locale::getDefault()`¹

Unlike the **choice** type, you don't need to specify a **choices** or **choice_list** option as the field type automatically uses all of the countries of the world. You *can* specify either of these options manually, but then you should just use the **choice** type directly.

Rendered as	can be various tags (see <i>Select tag</i> , <i>Checkboxes</i> or <i>Radio Buttons</i>)
Inherited options	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• multiple• expanded• preferred_choices• empty_value• error_bubbling• required• label• read_only• disabled
Parent type	<i>choice</i>
Class	<i>CountryType</i> ²

1. <http://php.net/manual/en/locale.getdefault.php>

2. <http://api.symfony.com/2.1/Symfony/Component/Form/Extension/Core/Type/CountryType.html>

Inherited options

These options inherit from the *choice* type:

multiple

type: Boolean **default:** false

If true, the user will be able to select multiple options (as opposed to choosing just one option). Depending on the value of the **expanded** option, this will render either a select tag or checkboxes if true and a select tag or radio buttons if false. The returned value will be an array.

expanded

type: Boolean **default:** false

If set to true, radio buttons or checkboxes will be rendered (depending on the **multiple** value). If false, a select element will be rendered.

preferred_choices

type: array **default:** array()

If this option is specified, then a sub-set of all of the options will be moved to the top of the select menu. The following would move the "Baz" option to the top, with a visual separator between it and the rest of the options:

```
Listing 14-1 1 $builder->add('foo_choices', 'choice', array(
2     'choices' => array('foo' => 'Foo', 'bar' => 'Bar', 'baz' => 'Baz'),
3     'preferred_choices' => array('baz'),
4 ));
```

Note that preferred choices are only meaningful when rendering as a **select** element (i.e. **expanded** is false). The preferred choices and normal choices are separated visually by a set of dotted lines (i.e. -----). This can be customized when rendering the field:

```
Listing 14-2 1 {{ form_widget(form.foo_choices, { 'separator': '====' }) }}
```

empty_value

type: string or Boolean

This option determines whether or not a special "empty" option (e.g. "Choose an option") will appear at the top of a select widget. This option only applies if both the **expanded** and **multiple** options are set to false.

- Add an empty value with "Choose an option" as the text:

```
Listing 14-3 1 $builder->add('states', 'choice', array(
2     'empty_value' => 'Choose an option',
3 ));
```

- Guarantee that no "empty" value option is displayed:

Listing 14-4

```

1 $builder->add('states', 'choice', array(
2     'empty_value' => false,
3 ));

```

If you leave the `empty_value` option unset, then a blank (with no text) option will automatically be added if and only if the `required` option is false:

Listing 14-5

```

1 // a blank (with no text) option will be added
2 $builder->add('states', 'choice', array(
3     'required' => false,
4 ));

```

error_bubbling

type: Boolean **default:** false

If true, any errors for this field will be passed to the parent field or form. For example, if set to true on a normal field, any errors for that field will be attached to the main form, not to the specific field.

These options inherit from the *field* type:

required

type: Boolean **default:** true

If true, an *HTML5 required attribute*³ will be rendered. The corresponding `label` will also render with a `required` class.

This is superficial and independent from validation. At best, if you let Symfony guess your field type, then the value of this option will be guessed from your validation information.

label

type: string **default:** The label is "guessed" from the field name

Sets the label that will be used when rendering the field. The label can also be directly set inside the template:

Listing 14-6

```

1 {{ form_label(form.name, 'Your name') }}

```

read_only



New in version 2.1: The `read_only` option was changed in 2.1 to render as a `readonly` HTML attribute. Previously, it rendered as a `disabled` attribute. Use the `disabled` option if you need the old behavior.

type: Boolean **default:** false

If this option is true, the field will be rendered with the `readonly` attribute so that the field is not editable.

3. <http://diveintohtml5.info/forms.html>

disabled



New in version 2.1: The **disabled** option is new in version 2.1

type: boolean **default:** false

If you don't want a user to modify the value of a field, you can set the disabled option to true. Any submitted value will be ignored.



Chapter 15

csrf Field Type

The `csrf` type is a hidden input field containing a CSRF token.

Rendered as	input hidden field
Options	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <code>csrf_provider</code>• <code>intention</code>• <code>property_path</code>
Parent type	hidden
Class	<i>CsrfType</i> ¹

Field Options

`csrf_provider`

type: `Symfony\Component\Form\CsrfProvider\CsrfProviderInterface`

The `CsrfProviderInterface` object that should generate the CSRF token. If not set, this defaults to the default provider.

`intention`

type: `string`

An optional unique identifier used to generate the CSRF token.

`property_path`

type: any **default:** the field's value

1. <http://api.symfony.com/2.1/Symfony/Component/Form/Extension/Csrf/Type/CsrfType.html>

Fields display a property value of the form's domain object by default. When the form is submitted, the submitted value is written back into the object.

If you want to override the property that a field reads from and writes to, you can set the `property_path` option. Its default value is the field's name.

If you wish the field to be ignored when reading or writing to the object you can set the `property_path` option to `false`, but using `property_path` for this purpose is deprecated, you should do it the way described below:



New in version 2.1: Since 2.1, the `mapped` option has been added for this use-case.



Chapter 16

date Field Type

A field that allows the user to modify date information via a variety of different HTML elements.

The underlying data used for this field type can be a `DateTime` object, a string, a timestamp or an array. As long as the `input` option is set correctly, the field will take care of all of the details.

The field can be rendered as a single text box, three text boxes (month, day, and year) or three select boxes (see the `widget_` option).

Underlying Data Type	can be <code>DateTime</code> , string, timestamp, or array (see the <code>input</code> option)
Rendered as	single text box or three select fields
Options	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <code>widget</code>• <code>input</code>• <code>empty_value</code>• <code>years</code>• <code>months</code>• <code>days</code>• <code>format</code>• <code>pattern</code>• <code>data_timezone</code>• <code>user_timezone</code>
Inherited options	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <code>invalid_message</code>• <code>invalid_message_parameters</code>• <code>read_only</code>• <code>disabled</code>
Parent type	<code>field</code> (if text), <code>form</code> otherwise
Class	<code>DateTime</code> ¹

1. <http://api.symfony.com/2.1/Symfony/Component/Form/Extension/Core/Type/DateTime.html>

Basic Usage

This field type is highly configurable, but easy to use. The most important options are **input** and **widget**. Suppose that you have a **publishedAt** field whose underlying date is a **DateTime** object. The following configures the **date** type for that field as three different choice fields:

```
Listing 16-1 1 $builder->add('publishedAt', 'date', array(  
2     'input' => 'datetime',  
3     'widget' => 'choice',  
4 ));
```

The **input** option *must* be changed to match the type of the underlying date data. For example, if the **publishedAt** field's data were a unix timestamp, you'd need to set **input** to **timestamp**:

```
Listing 16-2 1 $builder->add('publishedAt', 'date', array(  
2     'input' => 'timestamp',  
3     'widget' => 'choice',  
4 ));
```

The field also supports an **array** and **string** as valid **input** option values.

Field Options

widget

type: string **default:** choice

The basic way in which this field should be rendered. Can be one of the following:

- **choice:** renders three select inputs. The order of the selects is defined in the **pattern** option.
- **text:** renders a three field input of type text (month, day, year).
- **single_text:** renders a single input of type text. User's input is validated based on the **format** option.

input

type: string **default:** datetime

The format of the **input** data - i.e. the format that the date is stored on your underlying object. Valid values are:

- **string** (e.g. 2011-06-05)
- **datetime** (a **DateTime** object)
- **array** (e.g. `array('year' => 2011, 'month' => 06, 'day' => 05)`)
- **timestamp** (e.g. 1307232000)

The value that comes back from the form will also be normalized back into this format.

empty_value

type: string or array

If your **widget** option is set to **choice**, then this field will be represented as a series of **select** boxes. The **empty_value** option can be used to add a "blank" entry to the top of each select box:

```
Listing 16-3 1 $builder->add('dueDate', 'date', array(
2     'empty_value' => '',
3 ));
```

Alternatively, you can specify a string to be displayed for the "blank" value:

```
Listing 16-4 1 $builder->add('dueDate', 'date', array(
2     'empty_value' => array('year' => 'Year', 'month' => 'Month', 'day' => 'Day')
3 ));
```

years

type: array **default:** five years before to five years after the current year

List of years available to the year field type. This option is only relevant when the **widget** option is set to **choice**.

months

type: array **default:** 1 to 12

List of months available to the month field type. This option is only relevant when the **widget** option is set to **choice**.

days

type: array **default:** 1 to 31

List of days available to the day field type. This option is only relevant when the **widget** option is set to **choice**:

```
Listing 16-5 1 'days' => range(1,31)
```

format

type: integer or string **default:** IntlDateFormatter::MEDIUM

Option passed to the `IntlDateFormatter` class, used to transform user input into the proper format. This is critical when the widget option is set to **single_text**, and will define how the user will input the data. By default, the format is determined based on the current user locale: meaning that *the expected format will be different for different users*. You can override it by passing the format as a string.

For more information on valid formats, see *Date/Time Format Syntax*². For example, to render a single text box that expects the user to end **yyyy-MM-dd**, use the following options:

```
Listing 16-6 1 $builder->add('date_created', 'date', array(
2     'widget' => 'single_text',
3     'format' => 'yyyy-MM-dd',
4 ));
```

2. <http://userguide.icu-project.org/formatparse/datetime#TOC-Date-Time-Format-Syntax>

pattern

type: string

This option is only relevant when the widget is set to **choice**. The default pattern is based off the format option, and tries to match the characters **M**, **d**, and **y** in the format pattern. If no match is found, the default is the string `{{ year }}-{{ month }}-{{ day }}`. Tokens for this option include:

- `{{ year }}`: Replaced with the **year** widget
- `{{ month }}`: Replaced with the **month** widget
- `{{ day }}`: Replaced with the **day** widget

data_timezone

type: string **default:** system default timezone

Timezone that the input data is stored in. This must be one of the *PHP supported timezones*³

user_timezone

type: string **default:** system default timezone

Timezone for how the data should be shown to the user (and therefore also the data that the user submits). This must be one of the *PHP supported timezones*⁴

Inherited options

These options inherit from the *field* type:

invalid_message

type: string **default:** This value is not valid

This is the validation error message that's used if the data entered into this field doesn't make sense (i.e. fails validation).

This might happen, for example, if the user enters a nonsense string into a *time* field that cannot be converted into a real time or if the user enters a string (e.g. **apple**) into a number field.

Normal (business logic) validation (such as when setting a minimum length for a field) should be set using validation messages with your validation rules (*reference*).

invalid_message_parameters

type: array **default:** array()

When setting the `invalid_message` option, you may need to include some variables in the string. This can be done by adding placeholders to that option and including the variables in this option:

```
Listing 16-7 1 $builder->add('some_field', 'some_type', array(  
2           // ...  
3           'invalid_message'           => 'You entered an invalid value - it should include %num%  
4 letters',  
5           'invalid_message_parameters' => array('%num%' => 6),  
6       ));
```

3. <http://php.net/manual/en/timezones.php>

4. <http://php.net/manual/en/timezones.php>

read_only



New in version 2.1: The **read_only** option was changed in 2.1 to render as a **readonly** HTML attribute. Previously, it rendered as a **disabled** attribute. Use the disabled option if you need the old behavior.

type: Boolean **default:** false

If this option is true, the field will be rendered with the **readonly** attribute so that the field is not editable.

disabled



New in version 2.1: The **disabled** option is new in version 2.1

type: boolean **default:** false

If you don't want a user to modify the value of a field, you can set the disabled option to true. Any submitted value will be ignored.



Chapter 17

datetime Field Type

This field type allows the user to modify data that represents a specific date and time (e.g. **1984-06-05 12:15:30**).

Can be rendered as a text input or select tags. The underlying format of the data can be a **DateTime** object, a string, a timestamp or an array.

Underlying Data Type	can be DateTime , string, timestamp, or array (see the input option)
Rendered as	single text box or three select fields
Options	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <code>date_widget</code>• <code>time_widget</code>• <code>input</code>• <code>date_format</code>• <code>hours</code>• <code>minutes</code>• <code>seconds</code>• <code>years</code>• <code>months</code>• <code>days</code>• <code>with_seconds</code>• <code>data_timezone</code>• <code>user_timezone</code>
Inherited options	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <code>invalid_message</code>• <code>invalid_message_parameters</code>• <code>read_only</code>• <code>disabled</code>
Parent type	<i>form</i>
Class	<i>DateTimeType</i> ¹

Field Options

date_widget

type: string **default:** choice

Defines the **widget** option for the *date* type

time_widget

type: string **default:** choice

Defines the **widget** option for the *time* type

input

type: string **default:** datetime

The format of the *input* data - i.e. the format that the date is stored on your underlying object. Valid values are:

- string (e.g. 2011-06-05 12:15:00)
- datetime (a DateTime object)
- array (e.g. array(2011, 06, 05, 12, 15, 0))
- timestamp (e.g. 1307276100)

The value that comes back from the form will also be normalized back into this format.

date_format

type: integer or string **default:** IntlDateFormatter::MEDIUM

Defines the **format** option that will be passed down to the date field. See the *date type's format option* for more details.

hours

type: integer **default:** 0 to 23

List of hours available to the hours field type. This option is only relevant when the **widget** option is set to **choice**.

minutes

type: integer **default:** 0 to 59

List of minutes available to the minutes field type. This option is only relevant when the **widget** option is set to **choice**.

seconds

type: integer **default:** 0 to 59

List of seconds available to the seconds field type. This option is only relevant when the **widget** option is set to **choice**.

1. <http://api.symfony.com/2.1/Symfony/Component/Form/Extension/Core/Type/DateTimeType.html>

years

type: array **default:** five years before to five years after the current year

List of years available to the year field type. This option is only relevant when the **widget** option is set to **choice**.

months

type: array **default:** 1 to 12

List of months available to the month field type. This option is only relevant when the **widget** option is set to **choice**.

days

type: array **default:** 1 to 31

List of days available to the day field type. This option is only relevant when the **widget** option is set to **choice**:

Listing 17-1 1 `'days' => range(1,31)`

with_seconds

type: Boolean **default:** false

Whether or not to include seconds in the input. This will result in an additional input to capture seconds.

data_timezone

type: string **default:** system default timezone

Timezone that the input data is stored in. This must be one of the *PHP supported timezones*²

user_timezone

type: string **default:** system default timezone

Timezone for how the data should be shown to the user (and therefore also the data that the user submits). This must be one of the *PHP supported timezones*³

Inherited options

These options inherit from the *field* type:

invalid_message

type: string **default:** This value is not valid

This is the validation error message that's used if the data entered into this field doesn't make sense (i.e. fails validation).

2. <http://php.net/manual/en/timezones.php>

3. <http://php.net/manual/en/timezones.php>

This might happen, for example, if the user enters a nonsense string into a *time* field that cannot be converted into a real time or if the user enters a string (e.g. **apple**) into a number field.

Normal (business logic) validation (such as when setting a minimum length for a field) should be set using validation messages with your validation rules (*reference*).

invalid_message_parameters

type: array **default:** array()

When setting the `invalid_message` option, you may need to include some variables in the string. This can be done by adding placeholders to that option and including the variables in this option:

Listing 17-2

```
1 $builder->add('some_field', 'some_type', array(  
2     // ...  
3     'invalid_message'           => 'You entered an invalid value - it should include %num%  
4     letters',  
5     'invalid_message_parameters' => array('%num%' => 6),  
6 ));
```

read_only



New in version 2.1: The `read_only` option was changed in 2.1 to render as a **readonly** HTML attribute. Previously, it rendered as a **disabled** attribute. Use the `disabled` option if you need the old behavior.

type: Boolean **default:** false

If this option is true, the field will be rendered with the **readonly** attribute so that the field is not editable.

disabled



New in version 2.1: The **disabled** option is new in version 2.1

type: boolean **default:** false

If you don't want a user to modify the value of a field, you can set the `disabled` option to true. Any submitted value will be ignored.



Chapter 18

email Field Type

The **email** field is a text field that is rendered using the HTML5 `<input type="email" />` tag.

Rendered as	input email field (a text box)
Inherited options	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <code>max_length</code>• <code>required</code>• <code>label</code>• <code>trim</code>• <code>read_only</code>• <code>disabled</code>• <code>error_bubbling</code>
Parent type	<i>field</i>
Class	<i>EmailType</i> ¹

Inherited Options

These options inherit from the *field* type:

`max_length`

type: integer

This option is used to add a `max_length` attribute, which is used by some browsers to limit the amount of text in a field.

`required`

type: Boolean **default:** true

1. <http://api.symfony.com/2.1/Symfony/Component/Form/Extension/Core/Type/EmailType.html>

If true, an *HTML5 required attribute*² will be rendered. The corresponding **label** will also render with a **required** class.

This is superficial and independent from validation. At best, if you let Symfony guess your field type, then the value of this option will be guessed from your validation information.

label

type: string **default:** The label is "guessed" from the field name

Sets the label that will be used when rendering the field. The label can also be directly set inside the template:

Listing 18-1 1 `{{ form_label(form.name, 'Your name') }}`

trim

type: Boolean **default:** true

If true, the whitespace of the submitted string value will be stripped via the **trim()** function when the data is bound. This guarantees that if a value is submitted with extra whitespace, it will be removed before the value is merged back onto the underlying object.

read_only



New in version 2.1: The **read_only** option was changed in 2.1 to render as a **readonly** HTML attribute. Previously, it rendered as a **disabled** attribute. Use the disabled option if you need the old behavior.

type: Boolean **default:** false

If this option is true, the field will be rendered with the **readonly** attribute so that the field is not editable.

disabled



New in version 2.1: The **disabled** option is new in version 2.1

type: boolean **default:** false

If you don't want a user to modify the value of a field, you can set the disabled option to true. Any submitted value will be ignored.

error_bubbling

type: Boolean **default:** false

If true, any errors for this field will be passed to the parent field or form. For example, if set to true on a normal field, any errors for that field will be attached to the main form, not to the specific field.

2. <http://diveintohtml5.info/forms.html>



Chapter 19

entity Field Type

A special **choice** field that's designed to load options from a Doctrine entity. For example, if you have a **Category** entity, you could use this field to display a **select** field of all, or some, of the **Category** objects from the database.

Rendered as	can be various tags (see <i>Select tag</i> , <i>Checkboxes</i> or <i>Radio Buttons</i>)
Options	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• class• property• group_by• query_builder• em
Inherited options	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• required• label• multiple• expanded• preferred_choices• empty_value• read_only• disabled• error_bubbling
Parent type	<i>choice</i>
Class	<i>EntityType</i> ¹

Basic Usage

The **entity** type has just one required option: the entity which should be listed inside the choice field:

1. <http://api.symfony.com/2.1/Symfony/Bridge/Doctrine/Form/Type/EntityType.html>

Listing 19-1

```

1 $builder->add('users', 'entity', array(
2     'class' => 'AcmeHelloBundle:User',
3     'property' => 'username',
4 ));

```

In this case, all `User` objects will be loaded from the database and rendered as either a `select` tag, a set or radio buttons or a series of checkboxes (this depends on the `multiple` and `expanded` values). If the entity object does not have a `__toString()` method the `property` option is needed.

Using a Custom Query for the Entities

If you need to specify a custom query to use when fetching the entities (e.g. you only want to return some entities, or need to order them), use the `query_builder` option. The easiest way to use the option is as follows:

Listing 19-2

```

1 use Doctrine\ORM\EntityRepository;
2 // ...
3
4 $builder->add('users', 'entity', array(
5     'class' => 'AcmeHelloBundle:User',
6     'query_builder' => function(EntityRepository $er) {
7         return $er->createQueryBuilder('u')
8             ->orderBy('u.username', 'ASC');
9     },
10 ));

```

Select tag, Checkboxes or Radio Buttons

This field may be rendered as one of several different HTML fields, depending on the `expanded` and `multiple` options:

element type	expanded	multiple
select tag	false	false
select tag (with <code>multiple</code> attribute)	false	true
radio buttons	true	false
checkboxes	true	true

Field Options

class

type: string **required**

The class of your entity (e.g. `AcmeStoreBundle:Category`). This can be a fully-qualified class name (e.g. `Acme\StoreBundle\Entity\Category`) or the short alias name (as shown prior).

property

type: string

This is the property that should be used for displaying the entities as text in the HTML element. If left blank, the entity object will be cast into a string and so must have a `__toString()` method.

`group_by`

type: string

This is a property path (e.g. `author.name`) used to organize the available choices in groups. It only works when rendered as a select tag and does so by adding optgroup tags around options. Choices that do not return a value for this property path are rendered directly under the select tag, without a surrounding optgroup.

`query_builder`

type: Doctrine\ORM\QueryBuilder or a Closure

If specified, this is used to query the subset of options (and their order) that should be used for the field. The value of this option can either be a `QueryBuilder` object or a Closure. If using a Closure, it should take a single argument, which is the `EntityRepository` of the entity.

`em`

type: string **default:** the default entity manager

If specified, the specified entity manager will be used to load the choices instead of the default entity manager.

Inherited options

These options inherit from the *choice* type:

`multiple`

type: Boolean **default:** false

If true, the user will be able to select multiple options (as opposed to choosing just one option). Depending on the value of the `expanded` option, this will render either a select tag or checkboxes if true and a select tag or radio buttons if false. The returned value will be an array.

`expanded`

type: Boolean **default:** false

If set to true, radio buttons or checkboxes will be rendered (depending on the `multiple` value). If false, a select element will be rendered.

`preferred_choices`

type: array **default:** array()

If this option is specified, then a sub-set of all of the options will be moved to the top of the select menu. The following would move the "Baz" option to the top, with a visual separator between it and the rest of the options:

```
Listing 19-3 1 $builder->add('foo_choices', 'choice', array(  
2           'choices' => array('foo' => 'Foo', 'bar' => 'Bar', 'baz' => 'Baz'),
```

```

3     'preferred_choices' => array('baz'),
4 );

```

Note that preferred choices are only meaningful when rendering as a `select` element (i.e. `expanded` is false). The preferred choices and normal choices are separated visually by a set of dotted lines (i.e. -----). This can be customized when rendering the field:

Listing 19-4

```
1 {{ form_widget(form.foo_choices, { 'separator': '====' }) }}
```

empty_value

type: string or Boolean

This option determines whether or not a special "empty" option (e.g. "Choose an option") will appear at the top of a select widget. This option only applies if both the `expanded` and `multiple` options are set to false.

- Add an empty value with "Choose an option" as the text:

Listing 19-5

```

1 $builder->add('states', 'choice', array(
2     'empty_value' => 'Choose an option',
3 ));

```

- Guarantee that no "empty" value option is displayed:

Listing 19-6

```

1 $builder->add('states', 'choice', array(
2     'empty_value' => false,
3 ));

```

If you leave the `empty_value` option unset, then a blank (with no text) option will automatically be added if and only if the `required` option is false:

Listing 19-7

```

1 // a blank (with no text) option will be added
2 $builder->add('states', 'choice', array(
3     'required' => false,
4 ));

```

These options inherit from the *field* type:

required

type: Boolean **default:** true

If true, an *HTML5 required attribute*² will be rendered. The corresponding `label` will also render with a `required` class.

This is superficial and independent from validation. At best, if you let Symfony guess your field type, then the value of this option will be guessed from your validation information.

label

type: string **default:** The label is "guessed" from the field name

2. <http://diveintohtml5.info/forms.html>

Sets the label that will be used when rendering the field. The label can also be directly set inside the template:

Listing 19-8 1 `{{ form_label(form.name, 'Your name') }}`

read_only



New in version 2.1: The **read_only** option was changed in 2.1 to render as a **readonly** HTML attribute. Previously, it rendered as a **disabled** attribute. Use the disabled option if you need the old behavior.

type: Boolean **default:** false

If this option is true, the field will be rendered with the **readonly** attribute so that the field is not editable.

disabled



New in version 2.1: The **disabled** option is new in version 2.1

type: boolean **default:** false

If you don't want a user to modify the value of a field, you can set the disabled option to true. Any submitted value will be ignored.

error_bubbling

type: Boolean **default:** false

If true, any errors for this field will be passed to the parent field or form. For example, if set to true on a normal field, any errors for that field will be attached to the main form, not to the specific field.



Chapter 20

file Field Type

The **file** type represents a file input in your form.

Rendered as	input file field
Inherited options	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• required• label• read_only• disabled• error_bubbling
Parent type	<i>form</i>
Class	<i>FileType</i> ¹

Basic Usage

Say you have this form definition:

Listing 20-1 1 `$builder->add('attachment', 'file');`



Don't forget to add the **enctype** attribute in the form tag: `<form action="#" method="post" {{ form_enctype(form) }}>`.

When the form is submitted, the **attachment** field will be an instance of *UploadedFile*². It can be used to move the **attachment** file to a permanent location:

Listing 20-2

-
1. <http://api.symfony.com/2.1/Symfony/Component/Form/Extension/Core/Type/FileType.html>
 2. <http://api.symfony.com/2.1/Symfony/Component/HttpFoundation/File/UploadedFile.html>

```

1 use Symfony\Component\HttpFoundation\File\UploadedFile;
2
3 public function uploadAction()
4 {
5     // ...
6
7     if ($form->isValid()) {
8         $someNewFilename = ...
9
10        $form['attachment']->getData()->move($dir, $someNewFilename);
11
12        // ...
13    }
14
15    // ...
16 }

```

The `move()` method takes a directory and a file name as its arguments. You might calculate the filename in one of the following ways:

Listing 20-3

```

1 // use the original file name
2 $file->move($dir, $file->getClientOriginalName());
3
4 // compute a random name and try to guess the extension (more secure)
5 $extension = $file->guessExtension();
6 if (!$extension) {
7     // extension cannot be guessed
8     $extension = 'bin';
9 }
10 $file->move($dir, rand(1, 99999).'.'.$extension);

```

Using the original name via `getClientOriginalName()` is not safe as it could have been manipulated by the end-user. Moreover, it can contain characters that are not allowed in file names. You should sanitize the name before using it directly.

Read the *cookbook* for an example of how to manage a file upload associated with a Doctrine entity.

Inherited options

These options inherit from the *field* type:

required

type: Boolean **default:** true

If true, an *HTML5 required attribute*³ will be rendered. The corresponding `label` will also render with a `required` class.

This is superficial and independent from validation. At best, if you let Symfony guess your field type, then the value of this option will be guessed from your validation information.

label

type: string **default:** The label is "guessed" from the field name

3. <http://diveintohtml5.info/forms.html>

Sets the label that will be used when rendering the field. The label can also be directly set inside the template:

Listing 20-4 1 `{{ form_label(form.name, 'Your name') }}`

read_only



New in version 2.1: The **read_only** option was changed in 2.1 to render as a **readonly** HTML attribute. Previously, it rendered as a **disabled** attribute. Use the disabled option if you need the old behavior.

type: Boolean **default:** false

If this option is true, the field will be rendered with the **readonly** attribute so that the field is not editable.

disabled



New in version 2.1: The **disabled** option is new in version 2.1

type: boolean **default:** false

If you don't want a user to modify the value of a field, you can set the disabled option to true. Any submitted value will be ignored.

error_bubbling

type: Boolean **default:** false

If true, any errors for this field will be passed to the parent field or form. For example, if set to true on a normal field, any errors for that field will be attached to the main form, not to the specific field.



Chapter 21

The Abstract "field" Type

The `field` form type is deprecated as of Symfony 2.1. Please use the *Form field type* instead.



Chapter 22

form Field Type

See *FormType*¹.

The `form` type predefines a couple of options that are then available on all fields.

data

type: mixed **default:** Defaults to field of the underlying object (if there is one)

When you create a form, each field initially displays the value of the corresponding property of the form's domain object (if an object is bound to the form). If you want to override the initial value for the form or just an individual field, you can set it in the data option:

Listing 22-1

```
1 $builder->add('token', 'hidden', array(  
2     'data' => 'abcdef',  
3 ));
```

required

type: Boolean **default:** true

If true, an *HTML5 required attribute*² will be rendered. The corresponding `label` will also render with a `required` class.

This is superficial and independent from validation. At best, if you let Symfony guess your field type, then the value of this option will be guessed from your validation information.

constraints

type: array or *Constraint*³ **default:** null

1. <http://api.symfony.com/2.1/Symfony/Component/Form/Extension/Core/Type/FormType.html>

2. <http://diveintohtml5.info/forms.html>

Allows you to attach one or more validation constraints to a specific field. For more information, see *Adding Validation*. This option is added in the *FormTypeValidatorExtension*⁴ form extension.

cascade_validation

type: Boolean **default:** false

Set this option to **true** to force validation on embedded form types. For example, if you have a **ProductType** with an embedded **CategoryType**, setting **cascade_validation** to **true** on **ProductType** will cause the data from **CategoryType** to also be validated.

Instead of using this option, you can also use the **Valid** constraint in your model to force validation on a child object stored on a property.

read_only



New in version 2.1: The **read_only** option was changed in 2.1 to render as a **readonly** HTML attribute. Previously, it rendered as a **disabled** attribute. Use the `'disabled' _` option if you need the old behavior.

type: Boolean **default:** false

If this option is true, the field will be rendered with the **readonly** attribute so that the field is not editable.

trim

type: Boolean **default:** true

If true, the whitespace of the submitted string value will be stripped via the **trim()** function when the data is bound. This guarantees that if a value is submitted with extra whitespace, it will be removed before the value is merged back onto the underlying object.

mapped

type: boolean

If you wish the field to be ignored when reading or writing to the object, you can set the **mapped** option to **false**

property_path

type: any **default:** the field's value

Fields display a property value of the form's domain object by default. When the form is submitted, the submitted value is written back into the object.

If you want to override the property that a field reads from and writes to, you can set the **property_path** option. Its default value is the field's name.

3. <http://api.symfony.com/2.1/Symfony/Component/Validator/Constraint.html>

4. <http://api.symfony.com/2.1/Symfony/Component/Form/Extension/Validator/Type/FormTypeValidatorExtension.html>

If you wish the field to be ignored when reading or writing to the object you can set the `property_path` option to `false`, but using `property_path` for this purpose is deprecated, you should do it the way described below:



New in version 2.1: Since 2.1, the `mapped` option has been added for this use-case.

attr

type: array **default:** Empty array

If you want to add extra attributes to HTML field representation you can use `attr` option. It's an associative array with HTML attribute as a key. This can be useful when you need to set a custom class for some widget:

Listing 22-2

```
1 $builder->add('body', 'textarea', array(  
2     'attr' => array('class' => 'tinymce'),  
3 ));
```

translation_domain

type: string **default:** messages

This is the translation domain that will be used for any labels or options that are rendered for this field.



Chapter 23

hidden Field Type

The hidden type represents a hidden input field.

Rendered as	input hidden field
Inherited options	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• data• property_path
Parent type	<i>field</i>
Class	<i>HiddenType</i> ¹

Inherited Options

These options inherit from the *field* type:

data

type: mixed **default:** Defaults to field of the underlying object (if there is one)

When you create a form, each field initially displays the value of the corresponding property of the form's domain object (if an object is bound to the form). If you want to override the initial value for the form or just an individual field, you can set it in the data option:

Listing 23-1

```
1 $builder->add('token', 'hidden', array(  
2     'data' => 'abcdef',  
3 ));
```

property_path

type: any **default:** the field's value

1. <http://api.symfony.com/2.1/Symfony/Component/Form/Extension/Core/Type/HiddenType.html>

Fields display a property value of the form's domain object by default. When the form is submitted, the submitted value is written back into the object.

If you want to override the property that a field reads from and writes to, you can set the `property_path` option. Its default value is the field's name.

If you wish the field to be ignored when reading or writing to the object you can set the `property_path` option to `false`, but using `property_path` for this purpose is deprecated, you should do it the way described below:



New in version 2.1: Since 2.1, the `mapped` option has been added for this use-case.



Chapter 24

integer Field Type

Renders an input "number" field. Basically, this is a text field that's good at handling data that's in an integer form. The input `number` field looks like a text box, except that - if the user's browser supports HTML5 - it will have some extra frontend functionality.

This field has different options on how to handle input values that aren't integers. By default, all non-integer values (e.g. 6.78) will round down (e.g. 6).

Rendered as	input text field
Options	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <code>rounding_mode</code>• <code>grouping</code>
Inherited options	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <code>required</code>• <code>label</code>• <code>read_only</code>• <code>disabled</code>• <code>error_bubbling</code>• <code>invalid_message</code>• <code>invalid_message_parameters</code>
Parent type	<i>field</i>
Class	<i>IntegerType</i> ¹

Field Options

`rounding_mode`

type: integer **default:** `IntegerToLocalizedStringTransformer::ROUND_DOWN`

1. <http://api.symfony.com/2.1/Symfony/Component/Form/Extension/Core/Type/IntegerType.html>

By default, if the user enters a non-integer number, it will be rounded down. There are several other rounding methods, and each is a constant on the *IntegerToLocalizedStringTransformer*²:

- `IntegerToLocalizedStringTransformer::ROUND_DOWN` Rounding mode to round towards zero.
- `IntegerToLocalizedStringTransformer::ROUND_FLOOR` Rounding mode to round towards negative infinity.
- `IntegerToLocalizedStringTransformer::ROUND_UP` Rounding mode to round away from zero.
- `IntegerToLocalizedStringTransformer::ROUND_CEILING` Rounding mode to round towards positive infinity.

grouping

type: integer **default:** false

This value is used internally as the `NumberFormatter::GROUPING_USED` value when using PHP's `NumberFormatter` class. Its documentation is non-existent, but it appears that if you set this to `true`, numbers will be grouped with a comma or period (depending on your locale): `12345.123` would display as `12,345.123`.

Inherited options

These options inherit from the *field* type:

required

type: Boolean **default:** true

If true, an *HTML5 required attribute*³ will be rendered. The corresponding `label` will also render with a `required` class.

This is superficial and independent from validation. At best, if you let Symfony guess your field type, then the value of this option will be guessed from your validation information.

label

type: string **default:** The label is "guessed" from the field name

Sets the label that will be used when rendering the field. The label can also be directly set inside the template:

Listing 24-1 1 `{{ form_label(form.name, 'Your name') }}`

read_only



New in version 2.1: The `read_only` option was changed in 2.1 to render as a `readonly` HTML attribute. Previously, it rendered as a `disabled` attribute. Use the `disabled` option if you need the old behavior.

type: Boolean **default:** false

2. <http://api.symfony.com/2.1/Symfony/Component/Form/Extension/Core/DataTransformer/IntegerToLocalizedStringTransformer.html>

3. <http://diveintohtml5.info/forms.html>

If this option is true, the field will be rendered with the **readonly** attribute so that the field is not editable.

disabled



New in version 2.1: The **disabled** option is new in version 2.1

type: boolean **default:** false

If you don't want a user to modify the value of a field, you can set the disabled option to true. Any submitted value will be ignored.

error_bubbling

type: Boolean **default:** false

If true, any errors for this field will be passed to the parent field or form. For example, if set to true on a normal field, any errors for that field will be attached to the main form, not to the specific field.

invalid_message

type: string **default:** This value is not valid

This is the validation error message that's used if the data entered into this field doesn't make sense (i.e. fails validation).

This might happen, for example, if the user enters a nonsense string into a *time* field that cannot be converted into a real time or if the user enters a string (e.g. **apple**) into a number field.

Normal (business logic) validation (such as when setting a minimum length for a field) should be set using validation messages with your validation rules (*reference*).

invalid_message_parameters

type: array **default:** array()

When setting the **invalid_message** option, you may need to include some variables in the string. This can be done by adding placeholders to that option and including the variables in this option:

```
Listing 24-2 1 $builder->add('some_field', 'some_type', array(
2             // ...
3             'invalid_message'           => 'You entered an invalid value - it should include %num%
4 letters',
5             'invalid_message_parameters' => array('%num%' => 6),
6         ));
```



Chapter 25

language Field Type

The **language** type is a subset of the **ChoiceType** that allows the user to select from a large list of languages. As an added bonus, the language names are displayed in the language of the user.

The "value" for each language is the *Unicode language identifier* (e.g. **fr** or **zh-Hant**).



The locale of your user is guessed using `Locale::getDefault()`¹

Unlike the **choice** type, you don't need to specify a **choices** or **choice_list** option as the field type automatically uses a large list of languages. You *can* specify either of these options manually, but then you should just use the **choice** type directly.

Rendered as	can be various tags (see <i>Select tag</i> , <i>Checkboxes</i> or <i>Radio Buttons</i>)
Inherited options	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• multiple• expanded• preferred_choices• empty_value• error_bubbling• required• label• read_only• disabled
Parent type	<i>choice</i>
Class	<i>LanguageType</i> ²

1. <http://php.net/manual/en/locale.getdefault.php>

2. <http://api.symfony.com/2.1/Symfony/Component/Form/Extension/Core/Type/LanguageType.html>

Inherited Options

These options inherit from the *choice* type:

multiple

type: Boolean **default:** false

If true, the user will be able to select multiple options (as opposed to choosing just one option). Depending on the value of the **expanded** option, this will render either a select tag or checkboxes if true and a select tag or radio buttons if false. The returned value will be an array.

expanded

type: Boolean **default:** false

If set to true, radio buttons or checkboxes will be rendered (depending on the **multiple** value). If false, a select element will be rendered.

preferred_choices

type: array **default:** array()

If this option is specified, then a sub-set of all of the options will be moved to the top of the select menu. The following would move the "Baz" option to the top, with a visual separator between it and the rest of the options:

```
Listing 25-1 1 $builder->add('foo_choices', 'choice', array(  
2     'choices' => array('foo' => 'Foo', 'bar' => 'Bar', 'baz' => 'Baz'),  
3     'preferred_choices' => array('baz'),  
4 ));
```

Note that preferred choices are only meaningful when rendering as a **select** element (i.e. **expanded** is false). The preferred choices and normal choices are separated visually by a set of dotted lines (i.e. -----). This can be customized when rendering the field:

```
Listing 25-2 1 {{ form_widget(form.foo_choices, { 'separator': '====' }) }}
```

empty_value

type: string or Boolean

This option determines whether or not a special "empty" option (e.g. "Choose an option") will appear at the top of a select widget. This option only applies if both the **expanded** and **multiple** options are set to false.

- Add an empty value with "Choose an option" as the text:

```
Listing 25-3 1 $builder->add('states', 'choice', array(  
2     'empty_value' => 'Choose an option',  
3 ));
```

- Guarantee that no "empty" value option is displayed:

Listing 25-4

```

1 $builder->add('states', 'choice', array(
2     'empty_value' => false,
3 ));

```

If you leave the `empty_value` option unset, then a blank (with no text) option will automatically be added if and only if the `required` option is false:

Listing 25-5

```

1 // a blank (with no text) option will be added
2 $builder->add('states', 'choice', array(
3     'required' => false,
4 ));

```

error_bubbling

type: Boolean **default:** false

If true, any errors for this field will be passed to the parent field or form. For example, if set to true on a normal field, any errors for that field will be attached to the main form, not to the specific field.

These options inherit from the *field* type:

required

type: Boolean **default:** true

If true, an *HTML5 required attribute*³ will be rendered. The corresponding `label` will also render with a `required` class.

This is superficial and independent from validation. At best, if you let Symfony guess your field type, then the value of this option will be guessed from your validation information.

label

type: string **default:** The label is "guessed" from the field name

Sets the label that will be used when rendering the field. The label can also be directly set inside the template:

Listing 25-6

```

1 {{ form_label(form.name, 'Your name') }}

```

read_only



New in version 2.1: The `read_only` option was changed in 2.1 to render as a `readonly` HTML attribute. Previously, it rendered as a `disabled` attribute. Use the `disabled` option if you need the old behavior.

type: Boolean **default:** false

If this option is true, the field will be rendered with the `readonly` attribute so that the field is not editable.

3. <http://diveintohtml5.info/forms.html>

disabled



New in version 2.1: The **disabled** option is new in version 2.1

type: boolean **default:** false

If you don't want a user to modify the value of a field, you can set the disabled option to true. Any submitted value will be ignored.



Chapter 26

locale Field Type

The **locale** type is a subset of the **ChoiceType** that allows the user to select from a large list of locales (language+country). As an added bonus, the locale names are displayed in the language of the user.

The "value" for each locale is either the two letter ISO639-1 *language* code (e.g. **fr**), or the language code followed by an underscore (**_**), then the ISO3166 *country* code (e.g. **fr_FR** for French/France).



The locale of your user is guessed using `Locale::getDefault()`¹

Unlike the **choice** type, you don't need to specify a **choices** or **choice_list** option as the field type automatically uses a large list of locales. You *can* specify either of these options manually, but then you should just use the **choice** type directly.

Rendered as	can be various tags (see <i>Select tag</i> , <i>Checkboxes</i> or <i>Radio Buttons</i>)
Inherited options	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• multiple• expanded• preferred_choices• empty_value• error_bubbling• required• label• read_only• disabled
Parent type	<i>choice</i>
Class	<i>LanguageType</i> ²

1. <http://php.net/manual/en/locale.getdefault.php>

2. <http://api.symfony.com/2.1/Symfony/Component/Form/Extension/Core/Type/LanguageType.html>

Inherited options

These options inherit from the *choice* type:

multiple

type: Boolean **default:** false

If true, the user will be able to select multiple options (as opposed to choosing just one option). Depending on the value of the **expanded** option, this will render either a select tag or checkboxes if true and a select tag or radio buttons if false. The returned value will be an array.

expanded

type: Boolean **default:** false

If set to true, radio buttons or checkboxes will be rendered (depending on the **multiple** value). If false, a select element will be rendered.

preferred_choices

type: array **default:** array()

If this option is specified, then a sub-set of all of the options will be moved to the top of the select menu. The following would move the "Baz" option to the top, with a visual separator between it and the rest of the options:

```
Listing 26-1 1 $builder->add('foo_choices', 'choice', array(
2     'choices' => array('foo' => 'Foo', 'bar' => 'Bar', 'baz' => 'Baz'),
3     'preferred_choices' => array('baz'),
4 ));
```

Note that preferred choices are only meaningful when rendering as a **select** element (i.e. **expanded** is false). The preferred choices and normal choices are separated visually by a set of dotted lines (i.e. -----). This can be customized when rendering the field:

```
Listing 26-2 1 {{ form_widget(form.foo_choices, { 'separator': '====' }) }}
```

empty_value

type: string or Boolean

This option determines whether or not a special "empty" option (e.g. "Choose an option") will appear at the top of a select widget. This option only applies if both the **expanded** and **multiple** options are set to false.

- Add an empty value with "Choose an option" as the text:

```
Listing 26-3 1 $builder->add('states', 'choice', array(
2     'empty_value' => 'Choose an option',
3 ));
```

- Guarantee that no "empty" value option is displayed:

Listing 26-4

```

1 $builder->add('states', 'choice', array(
2     'empty_value' => false,
3 ));

```

If you leave the `empty_value` option unset, then a blank (with no text) option will automatically be added if and only if the `required` option is false:

Listing 26-5

```

1 // a blank (with no text) option will be added
2 $builder->add('states', 'choice', array(
3     'required' => false,
4 ));

```

error_bubbling

type: Boolean **default:** false

If true, any errors for this field will be passed to the parent field or form. For example, if set to true on a normal field, any errors for that field will be attached to the main form, not to the specific field.

These options inherit from the *field* type:

required

type: Boolean **default:** true

If true, an *HTML5 required attribute*³ will be rendered. The corresponding `label` will also render with a `required` class.

This is superficial and independent from validation. At best, if you let Symfony guess your field type, then the value of this option will be guessed from your validation information.

label

type: string **default:** The label is "guessed" from the field name

Sets the label that will be used when rendering the field. The label can also be directly set inside the template:

Listing 26-6

```

1 {{ form_label(form.name, 'Your name') }}

```

read_only



New in version 2.1: The `read_only` option was changed in 2.1 to render as a `readonly` HTML attribute. Previously, it rendered as a `disabled` attribute. Use the `disabled` option if you need the old behavior.

type: Boolean **default:** false

If this option is true, the field will be rendered with the `readonly` attribute so that the field is not editable.

3. <http://diveintohtml5.info/forms.html>

disabled



New in version 2.1: The **disabled** option is new in version 2.1

type: boolean **default:** false

If you don't want a user to modify the value of a field, you can set the disabled option to true. Any submitted value will be ignored.



Chapter 27

money Field Type

Renders an input text field and specializes in handling submitted "money" data.

This field type allows you to specify a currency, whose symbol is rendered next to the text field. There are also several other options for customizing how the input and output of the data is handled.

Rendered as	input text field
Options	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• currency• divisor• precision• grouping
Inherited options	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• required• label• read_only• disabled• error_bubbling• invalid_message• invalid_message_parameters
Parent type	<i>field</i>
Class	<i>MoneyType</i> ¹

Field Options

currency

type: string **default:** EUR

1. <http://api.symfony.com/2.1/Symfony/Component/Form/Extension/Core/Type/MoneyType.html>

Specifies the currency that the money is being specified in. This determines the currency symbol that should be shown by the text box. Depending on the currency - the currency symbol may be shown before or after the input text field.

This can also be set to false to hide the currency symbol.

divisor

type: integer **default:** 1

If, for some reason, you need to divide your starting value by a number before rendering it to the user, you can use the **divisor** option. For example:

Listing 27-1

```
1 $builder->add('price', 'money', array(  
2     'divisor' => 100,  
3 ));
```

In this case, if the **price** field is set to 9900, then the value 99 will actually be rendered to the user. When the user submits the value 99, it will be multiplied by 100 and 9900 will ultimately be set back on your object.

precision

type: integer **default:** 2

For some reason, if you need some precision other than 2 decimal places, you can modify this value. You probably won't need to do this unless, for example, you want to round to the nearest dollar (set the precision to 0).

grouping

type: integer **default:** false

This value is used internally as the `NumberFormatter::GROUPING_USED` value when using PHP's `NumberFormatter` class. Its documentation is non-existent, but it appears that if you set this to **true**, numbers will be grouped with a comma or period (depending on your locale): 12345.123 would display as 12,345.123.

Inherited Options

These options inherit from the *field* type:

required

type: Boolean **default:** true

If true, an *HTML5 required attribute*² will be rendered. The corresponding **label** will also render with a **required** class.

This is superficial and independent from validation. At best, if you let Symfony guess your field type, then the value of this option will be guessed from your validation information.

label

type: string **default:** The label is "guessed" from the field name

2. <http://diveintohtml5.info/forms.html>

Sets the label that will be used when rendering the field. The label can also be directly set inside the template:

Listing 27-2 1 `{{ form_label(form.name, 'Your name') }}`

read_only



New in version 2.1: The **read_only** option was changed in 2.1 to render as a **readonly** HTML attribute. Previously, it rendered as a **disabled** attribute. Use the disabled option if you need the old behavior.

type: Boolean **default:** false

If this option is true, the field will be rendered with the **readonly** attribute so that the field is not editable.

disabled



New in version 2.1: The **disabled** option is new in version 2.1

type: boolean **default:** false

If you don't want a user to modify the value of a field, you can set the disabled option to true. Any submitted value will be ignored.

error_bubbling

type: Boolean **default:** false

If true, any errors for this field will be passed to the parent field or form. For example, if set to true on a normal field, any errors for that field will be attached to the main form, not to the specific field.

invalid_message

type: string **default:** This value is not valid

This is the validation error message that's used if the data entered into this field doesn't make sense (i.e. fails validation).

This might happen, for example, if the user enters a nonsense string into a *time* field that cannot be converted into a real time or if the user enters a string (e.g. **apple**) into a number field.

Normal (business logic) validation (such as when setting a minimum length for a field) should be set using validation messages with your validation rules (*reference*).

invalid_message_parameters

type: array **default:** array()

When setting the **invalid_message** option, you may need to include some variables in the string. This can be done by adding placeholders to that option and including the variables in this option:

Listing 27-3 1 `$builder->add('some_field', 'some_type', array(`
2 `// ...`

```
3     'invalid_message'          => 'You entered an invalid value - it should include %num%
4 letters',
5     'invalid_message_parameters' => array('%num%' => 6),
    );
```



Chapter 28

number Field Type

Renders an input text field and specializes in handling number input. This type offers different options for the precision, rounding, and grouping that you want to use for your number.

Rendered as	input text field
Options	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <code>rounding_mode</code>• <code>precision</code>• <code>grouping</code>
Inherited options	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <code>required</code>• <code>label</code>• <code>read_only</code>• <code>disabled</code>• <code>error_bubbling</code>• <code>invalid_message</code>• <code>invalid_message_parameters</code>
Parent type	<i>field</i>
Class	<i>NumberType</i> ¹

Field Options

precision

type: integer **default:** Locale-specific (usually around 3)

This specifies how many decimals will be allowed until the field rounds the submitted value (via `rounding_mode`). For example, if `precision` is set to 2, a submitted value of 20.123 will be rounded to, for example, 20.12 (depending on your `rounding_mode`).

1. <http://api.symfony.com/2.1/Symfony/Component/Form/Extension/Core/Type/NumberType.html>

rounding_mode

type: integer **default:** IntegerToLocalizedStringTransformer::ROUND_HALFUP

If a submitted number needs to be rounded (based on the **precision** option), you have several configurable options for that rounding. Each option is a constant on the *IntegerToLocalizedStringTransformer*²:

- `IntegerToLocalizedStringTransformer::ROUND_DOWN` Rounding mode to round towards zero.
- `IntegerToLocalizedStringTransformer::ROUND_FLOOR` Rounding mode to round towards negative infinity.
- `IntegerToLocalizedStringTransformer::ROUND_UP` Rounding mode to round away from zero.
- `IntegerToLocalizedStringTransformer::ROUND_CEILING` Rounding mode to round towards positive infinity.
- `IntegerToLocalizedStringTransformer::ROUND_HALFDOWN` Rounding mode to round towards "nearest neighbor" unless both neighbors are equidistant, in which case round down.
- `IntegerToLocalizedStringTransformer::ROUND_HALFEVEN` Rounding mode to round towards the "nearest neighbor" unless both neighbors are equidistant, in which case, round towards the even neighbor.
- `IntegerToLocalizedStringTransformer::ROUND_HALFUP` Rounding mode to round towards "nearest neighbor" unless both neighbors are equidistant, in which case round up.

grouping

type: integer **default:** false

This value is used internally as the `NumberFormatter::GROUPING_USED` value when using PHP's `NumberFormatter` class. Its documentation is non-existent, but it appears that if you set this to **true**, numbers will be grouped with a comma or period (depending on your locale): `12345.123` would display as `12,345.123`.

Inherited Options

These options inherit from the *field* type:

required

type: Boolean **default:** true

If true, an *HTML5 required attribute*³ will be rendered. The corresponding `label` will also render with a `required` class.

This is superficial and independent from validation. At best, if you let Symfony guess your field type, then the value of this option will be guessed from your validation information.

label

type: string **default:** The label is "guessed" from the field name

Sets the label that will be used when rendering the field. The label can also be directly set inside the template:

2. <http://api.symfony.com/2.1/Symfony/Component/Form/Extension/Core/DataTransformer/IntegerToLocalizedStringTransformer.html>

3. <http://diveintohtml5.info/forms.html>

Listing 28-1 1 `{{ form_label(form.name, 'Your name') }}`

read_only



New in version 2.1: The **read_only** option was changed in 2.1 to render as a **readonly** HTML attribute. Previously, it rendered as a **disabled** attribute. Use the disabled option if you need the old behavior.

type: Boolean **default:** false

If this option is true, the field will be rendered with the **readonly** attribute so that the field is not editable.

disabled



New in version 2.1: The **disabled** option is new in version 2.1

type: boolean **default:** false

If you don't want a user to modify the value of a field, you can set the disabled option to true. Any submitted value will be ignored.

error_bubbling

type: Boolean **default:** false

If true, any errors for this field will be passed to the parent field or form. For example, if set to true on a normal field, any errors for that field will be attached to the main form, not to the specific field.

invalid_message

type: string **default:** This value is not valid

This is the validation error message that's used if the data entered into this field doesn't make sense (i.e. fails validation).

This might happen, for example, if the user enters a nonsense string into a *time* field that cannot be converted into a real time or if the user enters a string (e.g. **apple**) into a number field.

Normal (business logic) validation (such as when setting a minimum length for a field) should be set using validation messages with your validation rules (*reference*).

invalid_message_parameters

type: array **default:** array()

When setting the **invalid_message** option, you may need to include some variables in the string. This can be done by adding placeholders to that option and including the variables in this option:

Listing 28-2 1 `$builder->add('some_field', 'some_type', array(
2 // ...
3 'invalid_message' => 'You entered an invalid value - it should include %num%
 letters',`


```
4     'invalid_message_parameters' => array('%num%' => 6),  
5  ));
```



Chapter 29

password Field Type

The `password` field renders an input password text box.

Rendered as	input password field
Options	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <code>always_empty</code>
Inherited options	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <code>max_length</code>• <code>required</code>• <code>label</code>• <code>trim</code>• <code>read_only</code>• <code>disabled</code>• <code>error_bubbling</code>
Parent type	<code>text</code>
Class	<code>PasswordType</code> ¹

Field Options

`always_empty`

type: Boolean **default:** true

If set to true, the field will *always* render blank, even if the corresponding field has a value. When set to false, the password field will be rendered with the **value** attribute set to its true value.

Put simply, if for some reason you want to render your password field *with* the password value already entered into the box, set this to false.

1. <http://api.symfony.com/2.1/Symfony/Component/Form/Extension/Core/Type/PasswordType.html>

Inherited Options

These options inherit from the *field* type:

max_length

type: integer

This option is used to add a `max_length` attribute, which is used by some browsers to limit the amount of text in a field.

required

type: Boolean **default:** true

If true, an *HTML5 required attribute*² will be rendered. The corresponding `label` will also render with a `required` class.

This is superficial and independent from validation. At best, if you let Symfony guess your field type, then the value of this option will be guessed from your validation information.

label

type: string **default:** The label is "guessed" from the field name

Sets the label that will be used when rendering the field. The label can also be directly set inside the template:

Listing 29-1 1 `{{ form_label(form.name, 'Your name') }}`

trim

type: Boolean **default:** true

If true, the whitespace of the submitted string value will be stripped via the `trim()` function when the data is bound. This guarantees that if a value is submitted with extra whitespace, it will be removed before the value is merged back onto the underlying object.

read_only



New in version 2.1: The `read_only` option was changed in 2.1 to render as a `readonly` HTML attribute. Previously, it rendered as a `disabled` attribute. Use the disabled option if you need the old behavior.

type: Boolean **default:** false

If this option is true, the field will be rendered with the `readonly` attribute so that the field is not editable.

2. <http://diveintohtml5.info/forms.html>

disabled



New in version 2.1: The **disabled** option is new in version 2.1

type: boolean **default:** false

If you don't want a user to modify the value of a field, you can set the disabled option to true. Any submitted value will be ignored.

error_bubbling

type: Boolean **default:** false

If true, any errors for this field will be passed to the parent field or form. For example, if set to true on a normal field, any errors for that field will be attached to the main form, not to the specific field.



Chapter 30

percent Field Type

The **percent** type renders an input text field and specializes in handling percentage data. If your percentage data is stored as a decimal (e.g. **.95**), you can use this field out-of-the-box. If you store your data as a number (e.g. **95**), you should set the **type** option to **integer**.

This field adds a percentage sign **"%"** after the input box.

Rendered as	input text field
Options	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• type• precision
Inherited options	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• required• label• read_only• disabled• error_bubbling• invalid_message• invalid_message_parameters
Parent type	<i>field</i>
Class	<i>PercentType</i> ¹

Options

type

type: string **default:** fractional

1. <http://api.symfony.com/2.1/Symfony/Component/Form/Extension/Core/Type/PercentType.html>

This controls how your data is stored on your object. For example, a percentage corresponding to "55%", might be stored as `.55` or `55` on your object. The two "types" handle these two cases:

- **fractional** If your data is stored as a decimal (e.g. `.55`), use this type. The data will be multiplied by `100` before being shown to the user (e.g. `55`). The submitted data will be divided by `100` on form submit so that the decimal value is stored (`.55`);
- **integer** If your data is stored as an integer (e.g. `55`), then use this option. The raw value (`55`) is shown to the user and stored on your object. Note that this only works for integer values.

precision

type: integer **default:** 0

By default, the input numbers are rounded. To allow for more decimal places, use this option.

Inherited Options

These options inherit from the *field* type:

required

type: Boolean **default:** true

If true, an *HTML5 required attribute*² will be rendered. The corresponding `label` will also render with a `required` class.

This is superficial and independent from validation. At best, if you let Symfony guess your field type, then the value of this option will be guessed from your validation information.

label

type: string **default:** The label is "guessed" from the field name

Sets the label that will be used when rendering the field. The label can also be directly set inside the template:

Listing 30-1 1 `{{ form_label(form.name, 'Your name') }}`

read_only



New in version 2.1: The **read_only** option was changed in 2.1 to render as a **readonly** HTML attribute. Previously, it rendered as a **disabled** attribute. Use the disabled option if you need the old behavior.

type: Boolean **default:** false

If this option is true, the field will be rendered with the **readonly** attribute so that the field is not editable.

2. <http://diveintohtml5.info/forms.html>

disabled



New in version 2.1: The **disabled** option is new in version 2.1

type: boolean **default:** false

If you don't want a user to modify the value of a field, you can set the **disabled** option to true. Any submitted value will be ignored.

error_bubbling

type: Boolean **default:** false

If true, any errors for this field will be passed to the parent field or form. For example, if set to true on a normal field, any errors for that field will be attached to the main form, not to the specific field.

invalid_message

type: string **default:** This value is not valid

This is the validation error message that's used if the data entered into this field doesn't make sense (i.e. fails validation).

This might happen, for example, if the user enters a nonsense string into a *time* field that cannot be converted into a real time or if the user enters a string (e.g. **apple**) into a number field.

Normal (business logic) validation (such as when setting a minimum length for a field) should be set using validation messages with your validation rules (*reference*).

invalid_message_parameters

type: array **default:** array()

When setting the **invalid_message** option, you may need to include some variables in the string. This can be done by adding placeholders to that option and including the variables in this option:

Listing 30-2

```
1 $builder->add('some_field', 'some_type', array(
2     // ...
3     'invalid_message'          => 'You entered an invalid value - it should include %num%
4     letters',
5     'invalid_message_parameters' => array('%num%' => 6),
6 ));
```



Chapter 31

radio Field Type

Creates a single radio button. If the radio button is selected, the field will be set to the specified value. Radio buttons cannot be unchecked - the value only changes when another radio button with the same name gets checked.

The **radio** type isn't usually used directly. More commonly it's used internally by other types such as *choice*. If you want to have a Boolean field, use *checkbox*.

Rendered as	input radio field
Options	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• value
Inherited options	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• required• label• read_only• disabled• error_bubbling
Parent type	field
Class	RadioType ¹

Field Options

value

type: mixed **default:** 1

The value that's actually used as the value for the radio button. This does not affect the value that's set on your object.

1. <http://api.symfony.com/2.1/Symfony/Component/Form/Extension/Core/Type/RadioType.html>

Inherited Options

These options inherit from the *field* type:

required

type: Boolean **default:** true

If true, an *HTML5 required attribute*² will be rendered. The corresponding `label` will also render with a `required` class.

This is superficial and independent from validation. At best, if you let Symfony guess your field type, then the value of this option will be guessed from your validation information.

label

type: string **default:** The label is "guessed" from the field name

Sets the label that will be used when rendering the field. The label can also be directly set inside the template:

Listing 31-1 1 `{{ form_label(form.name, 'Your name') }}`

read_only



New in version 2.1: The `read_only` option was changed in 2.1 to render as a `readonly` HTML attribute. Previously, it rendered as a `disabled` attribute. Use the `disabled` option if you need the old behavior.

type: Boolean **default:** false

If this option is true, the field will be rendered with the `readonly` attribute so that the field is not editable.

disabled



New in version 2.1: The `disabled` option is new in version 2.1

type: boolean **default:** false

If you don't want a user to modify the value of a field, you can set the `disabled` option to true. Any submitted value will be ignored.

error_bubbling

type: Boolean **default:** false

If true, any errors for this field will be passed to the parent field or form. For example, if set to true on a normal field, any errors for that field will be attached to the main form, not to the specific field.

2. <http://diveintohtml5.info/forms.html>



Chapter 32

repeated Field Type

This is a special field "group", that creates two identical fields whose values must match (or a validation error is thrown). The most common use is when you need the user to repeat his or her password or email to verify accuracy.

Rendered as	input text field by default, but see type option
Options	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• type• options• first_options• second_options• first_name• second_name
Inherited options	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• invalid_message• invalid_message_parameters• error_bubbling
Parent type	<i>field</i>
Class	<i>RepeatedType</i> ¹

Example Usage

Listing 32-1

```
1 $builder->add('password', 'repeated', array(  
2     'type' => 'password',  
3     'invalid_message' => 'The password fields must match.',  
4     'options' => array('attr' => array('class' => 'password-field')),  
5     'required' => true,
```

1. <http://api.symfony.com/2.1/Symfony/Component/Form/Extension/Core/Type/RepeatedType.html>

```

6     'first_options' => array('label' => 'Password'),
7     'second_options' => array('label' => 'Repeat Password'),
8 );

```

Upon a successful form submit, the value entered into both of the "password" fields becomes the data of the **password** key. In other words, even though two fields are actually rendered, the end data from the form is just the single value (usually a string) that you need.

The most important option is **type**, which can be any field type and determines the actual type of the two underlying fields. The **options** option is passed to each of those individual fields, meaning - in this example - any option supported by the **password** type can be passed in this array.

Rendering

The repeated field type is actually two underlying fields, which you can render all at once, or individually. To render all at once, use something like:

Listing 32-2 1 `{{ form_row(form.password) }}`

To render each field individually, use something like this:

Listing 32-3 1 `{{ form_row(form.password.first) }}`
 2 `{{ form_row(form.password.second) }}`



The sub-field names are **first** and **second** by default, but can be controlled via the **first_name** and **second_name** options.

Validation

One of the key features of the **repeated** field is internal validation (you don't need to do anything to set this up) that forces the two fields to have a matching value. If the two fields don't match, an error will be shown to the user.

The **invalid_message** is used to customize the error that will be displayed when the two fields do not match each other.

Field Options

type

type: string **default:** text

The two underlying fields will be of this field type. For example, passing a type of **password** will render two password fields.

options

type: array **default:** array()

This options array will be passed to each of the two underlying fields. In other words, these are the options that customize the individual field types. For example, if the **type** option is set to **password**, this

array might contain the options `always_empty` or `required` - both options that are supported by the `password` field type.

`first_options`

type: array **default:** array()



New in version 2.1: The `first_options` option is new in Symfony 2.1.

Additional options (will be merged into *options* above) that should be passed *only* to the first field. This is especially useful for customizing the label:

Listing 32-4

```
1 $builder->add('password', 'repeated', array(  
2     'first_options' => array('label' => 'Password'),  
3     'second_options' => array('label' => 'Repeat Password'),  
4 ));
```

`second_options`

type: array **default:** array()



New in version 2.1: The `second_options` option is new in Symfony 2.1.

Additional options (will be merged into *options* above) that should be passed *only* to the second field. This is especially useful for customizing the label (see `first_options`).

`first_name`

type: string **default:** first

This is the actual field name to be used for the first field. This is mostly meaningless, however, as the actual data entered into both of the fields will be available under the key assigned to the **repeated** field itself (e.g. `password`). However, if you don't specify a label, this field name is used to "guess" the label for you.

`second_name`

type: string **default:** second

The same as `first_name`, but for the second field.

Inherited options

These options inherit from the *field* type:

`invalid_message`

type: string **default:** This value is not valid

This is the validation error message that's used if the data entered into this field doesn't make sense (i.e. fails validation).

This might happen, for example, if the user enters a nonsense string into a *time* field that cannot be converted into a real time or if the user enters a string (e.g. **apple**) into a number field.

Normal (business logic) validation (such as when setting a minimum length for a field) should be set using validation messages with your validation rules (*reference*).

`invalid_message_parameters`

type: array **default:** array()

When setting the `invalid_message` option, you may need to include some variables in the string. This can be done by adding placeholders to that option and including the variables in this option:

```
Listing 32-5 1 $builder->add('some_field', 'some_type', array(  
2           // ...  
3           'invalid_message'           => 'You entered an invalid value - it should include %num%  
4           letters',  
5           'invalid_message_parameters' => array('%num%' => 6),  
           ));
```

`error_bubbling`

type: Boolean **default:** false

If true, any errors for this field will be passed to the parent field or form. For example, if set to true on a normal field, any errors for that field will be attached to the main form, not to the specific field.



Chapter 33

search Field Type

This renders an `<input type="search" />` field, which is a text box with special functionality supported by some browsers.

Read about the input search field at *DiveIntoHTML5.info*¹

Rendered as	<code>input search</code> field
Inherited options	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <code>max_length</code>• <code>required</code>• <code>label</code>• <code>trim</code>• <code>read_only</code>• <code>disabled</code>• <code>error_bubbling</code>
Parent type	<code>text</code>
Class	<code>SearchType</code> ²

Inherited Options

These options inherit from the *field* type:

`max_length`

type: integer

This option is used to add a `max_length` attribute, which is used by some browsers to limit the amount of text in a field.

1. <http://diveintohtml5.info/forms.html#type-search>

2. <http://api.symfony.com/2.1/Symfony/Component/Form/Extension/Core/Type/SearchType.html>

required

type: Boolean **default:** true

If true, an *HTML5 required attribute*³ will be rendered. The corresponding `label` will also render with a `required` class.

This is superficial and independent from validation. At best, if you let Symfony guess your field type, then the value of this option will be guessed from your validation information.

label

type: string **default:** The label is "guessed" from the field name

Sets the label that will be used when rendering the field. The label can also be directly set inside the template:

Listing 33-1 1 `{{ form_label(form.name, 'Your name') }}`

trim

type: Boolean **default:** true

If true, the whitespace of the submitted string value will be stripped via the `trim()` function when the data is bound. This guarantees that if a value is submitted with extra whitespace, it will be removed before the value is merged back onto the underlying object.

read_only



New in version 2.1: The `read_only` option was changed in 2.1 to render as a `readonly` HTML attribute. Previously, it rendered as a `disabled` attribute. Use the disabled option if you need the old behavior.

type: Boolean **default:** false

If this option is true, the field will be rendered with the `readonly` attribute so that the field is not editable.

disabled



New in version 2.1: The `disabled` option is new in version 2.1

type: boolean **default:** false

If you don't want a user to modify the value of a field, you can set the disabled option to true. Any submitted value will be ignored.

error_bubbling

type: Boolean **default:** false

If true, any errors for this field will be passed to the parent field or form. For example, if set to true on a normal field, any errors for that field will be attached to the main form, not to the specific field.

3. <http://diveintohtml5.info/forms.html>



Chapter 34

text Field Type

The text field represents the most basic input text field.

Rendered as	input text field
Inherited options	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• max_length• required• label• trim• read_only• disabled• error_bubbling
Parent type	<i>field</i>
Class	<i>TextType</i> ¹

Inherited Options

These options inherit from the *field* type:

max_length

type: integer

This option is used to add a `max_length` attribute, which is used by some browsers to limit the amount of text in a field.

required

type: Boolean **default:** true

1. <http://api.symfony.com/2.1/Symfony/Component/Form/Extension/Core/Type/TextType.html>

If true, an *HTML5 required attribute*² will be rendered. The corresponding `label` will also render with a `required` class.

This is superficial and independent from validation. At best, if you let Symfony guess your field type, then the value of this option will be guessed from your validation information.

label

type: string **default:** The label is "guessed" from the field name

Sets the label that will be used when rendering the field. The label can also be directly set inside the template:

Listing 34-1 1 `{{ form_label(form.name, 'Your name') }}`

trim

type: Boolean **default:** true

If true, the whitespace of the submitted string value will be stripped via the `trim()` function when the data is bound. This guarantees that if a value is submitted with extra whitespace, it will be removed before the value is merged back onto the underlying object.

read_only



New in version 2.1: The `read_only` option was changed in 2.1 to render as a `readonly` HTML attribute. Previously, it rendered as a `disabled` attribute. Use the `disabled` option if you need the old behavior.

type: Boolean **default:** false

If this option is true, the field will be rendered with the `readonly` attribute so that the field is not editable.

disabled



New in version 2.1: The `disabled` option is new in version 2.1

type: boolean **default:** false

If you don't want a user to modify the value of a field, you can set the `disabled` option to true. Any submitted value will be ignored.

error_bubbling

type: Boolean **default:** false

If true, any errors for this field will be passed to the parent field or form. For example, if set to true on a normal field, any errors for that field will be attached to the main form, not to the specific field.

2. <http://diveintohtml5.info/forms.html>



Chapter 35

textarea Field Type

Renders a `textarea` HTML element.

Rendered as	<code>textarea</code> tag
Inherited options	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <code>max_length</code>• <code>required</code>• <code>label</code>• <code>trim</code>• <code>read_only</code>• <code>disabled</code>• <code>error_bubbling</code>
Parent type	<i>field</i>
Class	<i>TextareaType</i> ¹

Inherited Options

These options inherit from the *field* type:

`max_length`

type: integer

This option is used to add a `max_length` attribute, which is used by some browsers to limit the amount of text in a field.

`required`

type: Boolean **default:** true

1. <http://api.symfony.com/2.1/Symfony/Component/Form/Extension/Core/Type/TextareaType.html>

If true, an *HTML5 required attribute*² will be rendered. The corresponding `label` will also render with a `required` class.

This is superficial and independent from validation. At best, if you let Symfony guess your field type, then the value of this option will be guessed from your validation information.

label

type: string **default:** The label is "guessed" from the field name

Sets the label that will be used when rendering the field. The label can also be directly set inside the template:

Listing 35-1 1 `{{ form_label(form.name, 'Your name') }}`

trim

type: Boolean **default:** true

If true, the whitespace of the submitted string value will be stripped via the `trim()` function when the data is bound. This guarantees that if a value is submitted with extra whitespace, it will be removed before the value is merged back onto the underlying object.

read_only



New in version 2.1: The `read_only` option was changed in 2.1 to render as a `readonly` HTML attribute. Previously, it rendered as a `disabled` attribute. Use the `disabled` option if you need the old behavior.

type: Boolean **default:** false

If this option is true, the field will be rendered with the `readonly` attribute so that the field is not editable.

disabled



New in version 2.1: The `disabled` option is new in version 2.1

type: boolean **default:** false

If you don't want a user to modify the value of a field, you can set the `disabled` option to true. Any submitted value will be ignored.

error_bubbling

type: Boolean **default:** false

If true, any errors for this field will be passed to the parent field or form. For example, if set to true on a normal field, any errors for that field will be attached to the main form, not to the specific field.

2. <http://diveintohtml5.info/forms.html>



Chapter 36

time Field Type

A field to capture time input.

This can be rendered as a text field, a series of text fields (e.g. hour, minute, second) or a series of select fields. The underlying data can be stored as a `DateTime` object, a string, a timestamp or an array.

Underlying Data Type	can be <code>DateTime</code> , string, timestamp, or array (see the <code>input</code> option)
Rendered as	can be various tags (see below)
Options	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <code>widget</code>• <code>input</code>• <code>with_seconds</code>• <code>hours</code>• <code>minutes</code>• <code>seconds</code>• <code>data_timezone</code>• <code>user_timezone</code>
Inherited options	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <code>invalid_message</code>• <code>invalid_message_parameters</code>• <code>read_only</code>• <code>disabled</code>
Parent type	<code>form</code>
Class	<code>TimeType</code> ¹

Basic Usage

This field type is highly configurable, but easy to use. The most important options are `input` and `widget`.

1. <http://api.symfony.com/2.1/Symfony/Component/Form/Extension/Core/Type/TimeType.html>

Suppose that you have a `startTime` field whose underlying time data is a `DateTime` object. The following configures the `time` type for that field as three different choice fields:

```
Listing 36-1 1 $builder->add('startTime', 'time', array(
2     'input' => 'datetime',
3     'widget' => 'choice',
4 ));
```

The `input` option *must* be changed to match the type of the underlying date data. For example, if the `startTime` field's data were a unix timestamp, you'd need to set `input` to `timestamp`:

```
Listing 36-2 1 $builder->add('startTime', 'time', array(
2     'input' => 'timestamp',
3     'widget' => 'choice',
4 ));
```

The field also supports an `array` and `string` as valid `input` option values.

Field Options

widget

type: string **default:** choice

The basic way in which this field should be rendered. Can be one of the following:

- **choice:** renders two (or three if `with_seconds` is true) select inputs.
- **text:** renders a two or three text inputs (hour, minute, second).
- **single_text:** renders a single input of type text. User's input will be validated against the form `hh:mm` (or `hh:mm:ss` if using seconds).

input

type: string **default:** datetime

The format of the *input* data - i.e. the format that the date is stored on your underlying object. Valid values are:

- **string** (e.g. `12:17:26`)
- **datetime** (a `DateTime` object)
- **array** (e.g. `array('hour' => 12, 'minute' => 17, 'second' => 26)`)
- **timestamp** (e.g. `1307232000`)

The value that comes back from the form will also be normalized back into this format.

with_seconds

type: Boolean **default:** false

Whether or not to include seconds in the input. This will result in an additional input to capture seconds.

hours

type: integer **default:** 0 to 23

List of hours available to the hours field type. This option is only relevant when the **widget** option is set to **choice**.

minutes

type: integer **default:** 0 to 59

List of minutes available to the minutes field type. This option is only relevant when the **widget** option is set to **choice**.

seconds

type: integer **default:** 0 to 59

List of seconds available to the seconds field type. This option is only relevant when the **widget** option is set to **choice**.

data_timezone

type: string **default:** system default timezone

Timezone that the input data is stored in. This must be one of the *PHP supported timezones*²

user_timezone

type: string **default:** system default timezone

Timezone for how the data should be shown to the user (and therefore also the data that the user submits). This must be one of the *PHP supported timezones*³

Inherited options

These options inherit from the *field* type:

invalid_message

type: string **default:** This value is not valid

This is the validation error message that's used if the data entered into this field doesn't make sense (i.e. fails validation).

This might happen, for example, if the user enters a nonsense string into a *time* field that cannot be converted into a real time or if the user enters a string (e.g. **apple**) into a number field.

Normal (business logic) validation (such as when setting a minimum length for a field) should be set using validation messages with your validation rules (*reference*).

invalid_message_parameters

type: array **default:** array()

When setting the **invalid_message** option, you may need to include some variables in the string. This can be done by adding placeholders to that option and including the variables in this option:

Listing 36-3

2. <http://php.net/manual/en/timezones.php>

3. <http://php.net/manual/en/timezones.php>

```

1 $builder->add('some_field', 'some_type', array(
2     // ...
3     'invalid_message' => 'You entered an invalid value - it should include %num%
4     letters',
5     'invalid_message_parameters' => array('%num%' => 6),
6 ));

```

read_only



New in version 2.1: The **read_only** option was changed in 2.1 to render as a **readonly** HTML attribute. Previously, it rendered as a **disabled** attribute. Use the disabled option if you need the old behavior.

type: Boolean **default:** false

If this option is true, the field will be rendered with the **readonly** attribute so that the field is not editable.

disabled



New in version 2.1: The **disabled** option is new in version 2.1

type: boolean **default:** false

If you don't want a user to modify the value of a field, you can set the disabled option to true. Any submitted value will be ignored.



Chapter 37

timezone Field Type

The `timezone` type is a subset of the `ChoiceType` that allows the user to select from all possible timezones.

The "value" for each timezone is the full timezone name, such as `America/Chicago` or `Europe/Istanbul`.

Unlike the `choice` type, you don't need to specify a `choices` or `choice_list` option as the field type automatically uses a large list of locales. You *can* specify either of these options manually, but then you should just use the `choice` type directly.

Rendered as	can be various tags (see <i>Select tag</i> , <i>Checkboxes</i> or <i>Radio Buttons</i>)
Inherited options	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <code>multiple</code>• <code>expanded</code>• <code>preferred_choices</code>• <code>empty_value</code>• <code>required</code>• <code>label</code>• <code>read_only</code>• <code>disabled</code>• <code>error_bubbling</code>
Parent type	<code>choice</code>
Class	<code>TimezoneType</code> ¹

Inherited options

These options inherit from the `choice` type:

1. <http://api.symfony.com/2.1/Symfony/Component/Form/Extension/Core/Type/TimezoneType.html>

multiple

type: Boolean **default:** false

If true, the user will be able to select multiple options (as opposed to choosing just one option). Depending on the value of the **expanded** option, this will render either a select tag or checkboxes if true and a select tag or radio buttons if false. The returned value will be an array.

expanded

type: Boolean **default:** false

If set to true, radio buttons or checkboxes will be rendered (depending on the **multiple** value). If false, a select element will be rendered.

preferred_choices

type: array **default:** array()

If this option is specified, then a sub-set of all of the options will be moved to the top of the select menu. The following would move the "Baz" option to the top, with a visual separator between it and the rest of the options:

Listing 37-1

```
1 $builder->add('foo_choices', 'choice', array(  
2     'choices' => array('foo' => 'Foo', 'bar' => 'Bar', 'baz' => 'Baz'),  
3     'preferred_choices' => array('baz'),  
4 ));
```

Note that preferred choices are only meaningful when rendering as a **select** element (i.e. **expanded** is false). The preferred choices and normal choices are separated visually by a set of dotted lines (i.e. -----). This can be customized when rendering the field:

Listing 37-2

```
1 {{ form_widget(form.foo_choices, { 'separator': '====' }) }}
```

empty_value

type: string or Boolean

This option determines whether or not a special "empty" option (e.g. "Choose an option") will appear at the top of a select widget. This option only applies if both the **expanded** and **multiple** options are set to false.

- Add an empty value with "Choose an option" as the text:

Listing 37-3

```
1 $builder->add('states', 'choice', array(  
2     'empty_value' => 'Choose an option',  
3 ));
```

- Guarantee that no "empty" value option is displayed:

Listing 37-4

```
1 $builder->add('states', 'choice', array(  
2     'empty_value' => false,  
3 ));
```

If you leave the **empty_value** option unset, then a blank (with no text) option will automatically be added if and only if the **required** option is false:

Listing 37-5

```

1 // a blank (with no text) option will be added
2 $builder->add('states', 'choice', array(
3     'required' => false,
4 ));

```

These options inherit from the *field* type:

required

type: Boolean **default:** true

If true, an *HTML5 required attribute*² will be rendered. The corresponding `label` will also render with a `required` class.

This is superficial and independent from validation. At best, if you let Symfony guess your field type, then the value of this option will be guessed from your validation information.

label

type: string **default:** The label is "guessed" from the field name

Sets the label that will be used when rendering the field. The label can also be directly set inside the template:

Listing 37-6

```

1 {{ form_label(form.name, 'Your name') }}

```

read_only



New in version 2.1: The `read_only` option was changed in 2.1 to render as a `readonly` HTML attribute. Previously, it rendered as a `disabled` attribute. Use the `disabled` option if you need the old behavior.

type: Boolean **default:** false

If this option is true, the field will be rendered with the `readonly` attribute so that the field is not editable.

disabled



New in version 2.1: The `disabled` option is new in version 2.1

type: boolean **default:** false

If you don't want a user to modify the value of a field, you can set the `disabled` option to true. Any submitted value will be ignored.

error_bubbling

type: Boolean **default:** false

2. <http://diveintohtml5.info/forms.html>

If true, any errors for this field will be passed to the parent field or form. For example, if set to true on a normal field, any errors for that field will be attached to the main form, not to the specific field.



Chapter 38

url Field Type

The `url` field is a text field that prepends the submitted value with a given protocol (e.g. `http://`) if the submitted value doesn't already have a protocol.

Rendered as	<code>input url</code> field
Options	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><code>default_protocol</code>
Inherited options	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><code>max_length</code><code>required</code><code>label</code><code>trim</code><code>read_only</code><code>disabled</code><code>error_bubbling</code>
Parent type	<code>text</code>
Class	<code>UrlType</code> ¹

Field Options

`default_protocol`

type: string **default:** http

If a value is submitted that doesn't begin with some protocol (e.g. `http://`, `ftp://`, etc), this protocol will be prepended to the string when the data is bound to the form.

1. <http://api.symfony.com/2.1/Symfony/Component/Form/Extension/Core/Type/UrlType.html>

Inherited Options

These options inherit from the *field* type:

max_length

type: integer

This option is used to add a `max_length` attribute, which is used by some browsers to limit the amount of text in a field.

required

type: Boolean **default:** true

If true, an *HTML5 required attribute*² will be rendered. The corresponding `label` will also render with a `required` class.

This is superficial and independent from validation. At best, if you let Symfony guess your field type, then the value of this option will be guessed from your validation information.

label

type: string **default:** The label is "guessed" from the field name

Sets the label that will be used when rendering the field. The label can also be directly set inside the template:

Listing 38-1 1 `{{ form_label(form.name, 'Your name') }}`

trim

type: Boolean **default:** true

If true, the whitespace of the submitted string value will be stripped via the `trim()` function when the data is bound. This guarantees that if a value is submitted with extra whitespace, it will be removed before the value is merged back onto the underlying object.

read_only



New in version 2.1: The `read_only` option was changed in 2.1 to render as a `readonly` HTML attribute. Previously, it rendered as a `disabled` attribute. Use the disabled option if you need the old behavior.

type: Boolean **default:** false

If this option is true, the field will be rendered with the `readonly` attribute so that the field is not editable.

2. <http://diveintohtml5.info/forms.html>

disabled



New in version 2.1: The **disabled** option is new in version 2.1

type: boolean **default:** false

If you don't want a user to modify the value of a field, you can set the disabled option to true. Any submitted value will be ignored.

error_bubbling

type: Boolean **default:** false

If true, any errors for this field will be passed to the parent field or form. For example, if set to true on a normal field, any errors for that field will be attached to the main form, not to the specific field.



Chapter 39

Twig Template Form Function Reference

This reference manual covers all the possible Twig functions available for rendering forms. There are several different functions available, and each is responsible for rendering a different part of a form (e.g. labels, errors, widgets, etc).

form_label(view, label, variables)

Renders the label for the given field. You can optionally pass the specific label you want to display as the second argument.

Listing 39-1

```
1 {{ form_label(form.name) }}
2
3 {# The two following syntaxes are equivalent #}
4 {{ form_label(form.name, 'Your Name', {'label_attr': {'class': 'foo'}}) }}
5 {{ form_label(form.name, null, {'label': 'Your name', 'label_attr': {'class': 'foo'}}) }}
```

See "More about Form "Variables"" to learn about the `variables` argument.

form_errors(view)

Renders any errors for the given field.

Listing 39-2

```
1 {{ form_errors(form.name) }}
2
3 {# render any "global" errors #}
4 {{ form_errors(form) }}
```

form_widget(view, variables)

Renders the HTML widget of a given field. If you apply this to an entire form or collection of fields, each underlying form row will be rendered.

```
Listing 39-3 1 {# render a widget, but add a "foo" class to it #}  
2 {{ form_widget(form.name, {'attr': {'class': 'foo'}}) }}
```

The second argument to `form_widget` is an array of variables. The most common variable is `attr`, which is an array of HTML attributes to apply to the HTML widget. In some cases, certain types also have other template-related options that can be passed. These are discussed on a type-by-type basis. The `attributes` are not applied recursively to child fields if you're rendering many fields at once (e.g. `form_widget(form)`).

See *"More about Form "Variables"'* to learn more about the `variables` argument.

form_row(view, variables)

Renders the "row" of a given field, which is the combination of the field's label, errors and widget.

```
Listing 39-4 1 {# render a field row, but display a label with text "foo" #}  
2 {{ form_row(form.name, {'label': 'foo'}) }}
```

The second argument to `form_row` is an array of variables. The templates provided in Symfony only allow to override the label as shown in the example above.

See *"More about Form "Variables"'* to learn about the `variables` argument.

form_rest(view, variables)

This renders all fields that have not yet been rendered for the given form. It's a good idea to always have this somewhere inside your form as it'll render hidden fields for you and make any fields you forgot to render more obvious (since it'll render the field for you).

```
Listing 39-5 1 {{ form_rest(form) }}
```

form_enctype(view)

If the form contains at least one file upload field, this will render the required `enctype="multipart/form-data"` form attribute. It's always a good idea to include this in your form tag:

```
Listing 39-6 1 <form action="{{ path('form_submit') }}" method="post" {{ form_enctype(form) }}>
```

More about Form "Variables"

In almost every Twig function above, the final argument is an array of "variables" that are used when rendering that one part of the form. For example, the following would render the "widget" for a field, and modify its attributes to include a special class:

Listing 39-7

```

1  {# render a widget, but add a "foo" class to it #}
2  {{ form_widget(form.name, { 'attr': {'class': 'foo'} }) }}

```

The purpose of these variables - what they do & where they come from - may not be immediately clear, but they're incredibly powerful. Whenever you render any part of a form, the block that renders it makes use of a number of variables. By default, these blocks live inside *form_div_layout.html.twig*¹.

Look at the `form_label` as an example:

Listing 39-8

```

1  {% block form_label %}
2      {% if not compound %}
3          {% set label_attr = label_attr|merge({'for': id}) %}
4      {% endif %}
5      {% if required %}
6          {% set label_attr = label_attr|merge({'class': (label_attr.class|default('') ~ '
7 required')|trim}) %}
8      {% endif %}
9      {% if label is empty %}
10         {% set label = name|humanize %}
11     {% endif %}
12     <label{% for attrname, attrvalue in label_attr %} {{ attrname }}="{{ attrvalue }}" {%
endfor %}>{{ label|trans({}, translation_domain) }}</label>
    {% endblock form_label %}

```

This block makes use of several variables: `compound`, `label_attr`, `required`, `label`, `name` and `translation_domain`. These variables are made available by the form rendering system. But more importantly, these are the variables that you can override when calling `form_label` (since in this example, you're rendering the label).

The exact variables available to override depends on which part of the form you're rendering (e.g. label versus widget) and which field you're rendering (e.g. a `choice` widget has an extra `expanded` option). If you get comfortable with looking through *form_div_layout.html.twig*², you'll always be able to see what options you have available.



Behind the scenes, these variables are made available to the `FormView` object of your form when the form component calls `buildView` and `buildViewBottomUp` on each "node" of your form tree. To see what "view" variables a particular field has, find the source code for the form field (and its parent fields) and look at the above two functions.



If you're rendering an entire form at once (or an entire embedded form), the `variables` argument will only be applied to the form itself and not its children. In other words, the following will **not** pass a "foo" class attribute to all of the child fields in the form:

Listing 39-9

```

1  {# does not work - the variables are not recursive #}
2  {{ form_widget(form, { 'attr': {'class': 'foo'} }) }}

```

1. https://github.com/symfony/symfony/blob/2.1/src/Symfony/Bridge/Twig/Resources/views/Form/form_div_layout.html.twig

2. https://github.com/symfony/symfony/blob/2.1/src/Symfony/Bridge/Twig/Resources/views/Form/form_div_layout.html.twig



Chapter 40

Symfony2 Twig Extensions

Twig is the default template engine for Symfony2. By itself, it already contains a lot of build-in functions, filters, tags and tests (<http://twig.sensiolabs.org/documentation>¹ then scroll to the bottom).

Symfony2 adds more custom extension on top of Twig to integrate some components into the Twig templates. Below is information about all the custom functions, filters, tags and tests that are added when using the Symfony2 Core Framework.

There may also be tags in bundles you use that aren't listed here.

Functions



New in version 2.1: The `csrf_token`, `logout_path` and `logout_url` functions were added in Symfony2.1

Function Syntax	Usage
<code>asset(path, packageName = null)</code>	Get the public path of the asset, more information in " <i>Linking to Assets</i> ".
<code>asset_version(packageName = null)</code>	Get the current version of the package, more information in " <i>Linking to Assets</i> ".
<code>form_enctype(view)</code>	This will render the required <code>enctype="multipart/form-data"</code> attribute if the form contains at least one file upload field, more information in <i>the Twig Form reference</i> .
<code>form_widget(view, variables = {})</code>	This will render a complete form or a specific HTML widget of a field, more information in <i>the Twig Form reference</i> .
<code>form_errors(view)</code>	This will render any errors for the given field or the "global" errors, more information in <i>the Twig Form reference</i> .

1. <http://twig.sensiolabs.org/documentation>

Function Syntax	Usage
<code>form_label(view, label = null, variables = {})</code>	This will render the label for the given field, more information in <i>the Twig Form reference</i> .
<code>form_row(view, variables = {})</code>	This will render the row (the field's label, errors and widget) of the given field, more information in <i>the Twig Form reference</i> .
<code>form_rest(view, variables = {})</code>	This will render all fields that have not yet been rendered, more information in <i>the Twig Form reference</i> .
<code>csrf_token(intention)</code>	This will render a CSRF token. Use this function if you want CSRF protection without creating a form
<code>is_granted(role, object = null, field = null)</code>	This will return <code>true</code> if the current user has the required role, more information in "Access Control in Templates"
<code>logout_path(key)</code>	This will generate the relative logout URL for the given firewall
<code>logout_url(key)</code>	Equal to <code>logout_path(...)</code> but this will generate an absolute url
<code>path(name, parameters = {})</code>	Get a relative url for the given route, more information in "Linking to Pages".
<code>url(name, parameters = {})</code>	Equal to <code>path(...)</code> but it generates an absolute url

Filters



New in version 2.1: The `humanize` filter was added in Symfony2.1

Filter Syntax	Usage
<code>text humanize</code>	Makes a technical name human readable (replaces underscores by spaces and capitalizes the string)
<code>text trans(arguments = {}, domain = 'messages', locale = null)</code>	This will translate the text into the current language, more information in <i>Twig Templates</i> .
<code>text transchoice(count, arguments = {}, domain = 'messages', locale = null)</code>	This will translate the text with pluralization, more information in <i>Twig Templates</i> .
<code>variable yaml_encode(inline = 0)</code>	This will transform the variable text into a YAML syntax.
<code>variable yaml_dump</code>	This will render a yaml syntax with their type.
<code>classname abbr_class</code>	This will render an <code>abbr</code> element with the short name of a PHP class.
<code>methodname abbr_method</code>	This will render a PHP method inside a <code>abbr</code> element (e.g. <code>Symfony\Component\HttpFoundation\Response::getContent</code>)
<code>arguments format_args</code>	This will render a string with the arguments of a function and their types.
<code>arguments format_args_as_text</code>	Equal to <code>[...] format_args</code> , but it strips the tags.

Filter Syntax	Usage
path file_excerpt(line)	This will render an excerpt of a code file around the given line.
path format_file(line, text = null)	This will render a file path in a link.
exceptionMessage format_file_from_text	Equal to <code>format_file</code> except it parsed the default PHP error string into a file path (i.e. 'in foo.php on line 45')
path file_link(line)	This will render a path to the correct file (and line number)

Tags

Tag Syntax	Usage
<code>{% render url('route', {parameters}) %}</code>	This will render the Response Content for the given controller that the URL points to. For more information, see <i>Embedding Controllers</i> .
<code>{% form_theme form 'file' %}</code>	This will look inside the given file for overridden form blocks, more information in <i>How to customize Form Rendering</i> .
<code>{% trans with {variables} %}...{% endtrans %}</code>	This will translate and render the text, more information in <i>Twig Templates</i>
<code>{% transchoice count with {variables} %} ... {% endtranschoice %}</code>	This will translate and render the text with pluralization, more information in <i>Twig Templates</i>

Tests



New in version 2.1: The `selectedchoice` test was added in Symfony2.1

Test Syntax	Usage
<code>selectedchoice(choice, selectedValue)</code>	This will return <code>true</code> if the choice is selected for the given form value

Global Variables

Variable	Usage
<code>app</code> <i>Attributes:</i> <code>app.user</code> , <code>app.request</code> <code>app.session</code> , <code>app.environment</code> , <code>app.debug</code> <code>app.security</code>	The <code>app</code> variable is available everywhere, and gives you quick access to many commonly needed objects. The <code>app</code> variable is instance of <i>GlobalVariables</i> ²

2. <http://api.symfony.com/2.1/Symfony/Bundle/FrameworkBundle/Templating/GlobalVariables.html>

Symfony Standard Edition Extensions

The Symfony Standard Edition adds some bundles to the Symfony2 Core Framework. Those bundles can have other Twig extensions:

- **Twig Extension** includes all extensions that do not belong to the Twig core but can be interesting. You can read more in *the official Twig Extensions documentation*³
- **Assetic** adds the `{% stylesheets %}`, `{% javascripts %}` and `{% image %}` tags. You can read more about them in *the Assetic Documentation*;

3. <http://twig.sensiolabs.org/doc/extensions/index.html>



Chapter 41

Validation Constraints Reference

The Validator is designed to validate objects against *constraints*. In real life, a constraint could be: "The cake must not be burned". In Symfony2, constraints are similar: They are assertions that a condition is true.

Supported Constraints

The following constraints are natively available in Symfony2:

Basic Constraints

These are the basic constraints: use them to assert very basic things about the value of properties or the return value of methods on your object.

- *NotBlank*
- *Blank*
- *NotNull*
- *Null*
- *True*
- *False*
- *Type*

String Constraints

- *Email*
- *MinLength*
- *MaxLength*
- *Length*
- *Url*
- *Regex*
- *Ip*

Number Constraints

- *Max*
- *Min*
- *Range*

Date Constraints

- *Date*
- *DateTime*
- *Time*

Collection Constraints

- *Choice*
- *Collection*
- *Count*
- *UniqueEntity*
- *Language*
- *Locale*
- *Country*

File Constraints

- *File*
- *Image*

Other Constraints

- *Callback*
- *All*
- *UserPassword*
- *Valid*



Chapter 42

NotBlank

Validates that a value is not blank, defined as not equal to a blank string and also not equal to `null`. To force that a value is simply not equal to `null`, see the *NotNull* constraint.

Applies to	<i>property or method</i>
Options	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <code>message</code>
Class	<i>NotBlank</i> ¹
Validator	<i>NotBlankValidator</i> ²

Basic Usage

If you wanted to ensure that the `firstName` property of an `Author` class were not blank, you could do the following:

Listing 42-1

```
1 # src/BlogBundle/Resources/config/validation.yml
2 Acme\BlogBundle\Entity\Author:
3   properties:
4     firstName:
5       - NotBlank: ~
```

Options

message

type: string **default:** This value should not be blank

1. <http://api.symfony.com/2.1/Symfony/Component/Validator/Constraints/NotBlank.html>

2. <http://api.symfony.com/2.1/Symfony/Component/Validator/Constraints/NotBlankValidator.html>

This is the message that will be shown if the value is blank.



Chapter 43

Blank

Validates that a value is blank, defined as equal to a blank string or equal to `null`. To force that a value strictly be equal to `null`, see the *Null* constraint. To force that a value is *not* blank, see *NotBlank*.

Applies to	<i>property or method</i>
Options	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <code>message</code>
Class	<i>Blank</i> ¹
Validator	<i>BlankValidator</i> ²

Basic Usage

If, for some reason, you wanted to ensure that the `firstName` property of an `Author` class were blank, you could do the following:

Listing 43-1

```
1 # src/BlogBundle/Resources/config/validation.yml
2 Acme\BlogBundle\Entity\Author:
3   properties:
4     firstName:
5       - Blank: ~
```

Options

message

type: string **default:** This value should be blank

1. <http://api.symfony.com/2.1/Symfony/Component/Validator/Constraints/Blank.html>

2. <http://api.symfony.com/2.1/Symfony/Component/Validator/Constraints/BlankValidator.html>

This is the message that will be shown if the value is not blank.



Chapter 44

NotNull

Validates that a value is not strictly equal to `null`. To ensure that a value is simply not blank (not a blank string), see the *NotBlank* constraint.

Applies to	<i>property or method</i>
Options	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <code>message</code>
Class	<i>NotNull</i> ¹
Validator	<i>NotNullValidator</i> ²

Basic Usage

If you wanted to ensure that the `firstName` property of an `Author` class were not strictly equal to `null`, you would:

Listing 44-1

```
1 # src/BlogBundle/Resources/config/validation.yml
2 Acme\BlogBundle\Entity\Author:
3   properties:
4     firstName:
5       - NotNull: ~
```

Options

message

type: string **default:** This value should not be null

1. <http://api.symfony.com/2.1/Symfony/Component/Validator/Constraints/NotNull.html>

2. <http://api.symfony.com/2.1/Symfony/Component/Validator/Constraints/NotNullValidator.html>

This is the message that will be shown if the value is `null`.



Chapter 45

Null

Validates that a value is exactly equal to `null`. To force that a property is simply blank (blank string or `null`), see the *Blank* constraint. To ensure that a property is not null, see *NotNull*.

Applies to	<i>property or method</i>
Options	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <code>message</code>
Class	<i>Null</i> ¹
Validator	<i>NullValidator</i> ²

Basic Usage

If, for some reason, you wanted to ensure that the `firstName` property of an `Author` class exactly equal to `null`, you could do the following:

Listing 45-1

```
1 # src/Acme/BlogBundle/Resources/config/validation.yml
2 Acme\BlogBundle\Entity\Author:
3   properties:
4     firstName:
5       - 'Null': ~
```

Options

message

type: string **default:** This value should be null

1. <http://api.symfony.com/2.1/Symfony/Component/Validator/Constraints/Null.html>

2. <http://api.symfony.com/2.1/Symfony/Component/Validator/Constraints/NullValidator.html>

This is the message that will be shown if the value is not `null`.



Chapter 46

True

Validates that a value is `true`. Specifically, this checks to see if the value is exactly `true`, exactly the integer `1`, or exactly the string `"1"`.

Also see *False*.

Applies to	<i>property or method</i>
Options	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <code>message</code>
Class	<i>True</i> ¹
Validator	<i>TrueValidator</i> ²

Basic Usage

This constraint can be applied to properties (e.g. a `termsAccepted` property on a registration model) or to a "getter" method. It's most powerful in the latter case, where you can assert that a method returns a true value. For example, suppose you have the following method:

Listing 46-1

```
1  // src/Acme/BlogBundle/Entity/Author.php
2  namespace Acme\BlogBundle\Entity;
3
4  class Author
5  {
6      protected $token;
7
8      public function isTokenValid()
9      {
10         return $this->token == $this->generateToken();
11     }
12 }
```

1. <http://api.symfony.com/2.1/Symfony/Component/Validator/Constraints/True.html>

2. <http://api.symfony.com/2.1/Symfony/Component/Validator/Constraints/TrueValidator.html>


```
11     }  
12 }
```

Then you can constrain this method with `True`.

Listing 46-2

```
1 # src/Acme/BlogBundle/Resources/config/validation.yml  
2 Acme\BlogBundle\Entity\Author:  
3     getters:  
4         tokenValid:  
5             - "True": { message: "The token is invalid" }
```

If the `isTokenValid()` returns false, the validation will fail.

Options

message

type: string **default:** This value should be true

This message is shown if the underlying data is not true.



Chapter 47

False

Validates that a value is **false**. Specifically, this checks to see if the value is exactly **false**, exactly the integer **0**, or exactly the string **"0"**.

Also see *True*.

Applies to	<i>property or method</i>
Options	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <code>message</code>
Class	<i>False</i> ¹
Validator	<i>FalseValidator</i> ²

Basic Usage

The **False** constraint can be applied to a property or a "getter" method, but is most commonly useful in the latter case. For example, suppose that you want to guarantee that some **state** property is *not* in a dynamic **invalidStates** array. First, you'd create a "getter" method:

Listing 47-1

```
1 protected $state;
2
3 protected $invalidStates = array();
4
5 public function isStateInvalid()
6 {
7     return in_array($this->state, $this->invalidStates);
8 }
```

In this case, the underlying object is only valid if the **isStateInvalid** method returns **false**:

Listing 47-2

-
1. <http://api.symfony.com/2.1/Symfony/Component/Validator/Constraints/False.html>
 2. <http://api.symfony.com/2.1/Symfony/Component/Validator/Constraints/FalseValidator.html>

```
1 # src/BlogBundle/Resources/config/validation.yml
2 Acme\BlogBundle\Entity\Author
3     getters:
4         stateInvalid:
5             - "False":
6                 message: You've entered an invalid state.
```



When using YAML, be sure to surround **False** with quotes ("False") or else YAML will convert this into a Boolean value.

Options

message

type: string **default:** This value should be false

This message is shown if the underlying data is not false.



Chapter 48

Type

Validates that a value is of a specific data type. For example, if a variable should be an array, you can use this constraint with the **array** type option to validate this.

Applies to	<i>property or method</i>
Options	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>type</i>• <i>message</i>
Class	<i>Type</i> ¹
Validator	<i>TypeValidator</i> ²

Basic Usage

Listing 48-1

```
1  # src/BlogBundle/Resources/config/validation.yml
2  Acme\BlogBundle\Entity\Author:
3      properties:
4          age:
5              - Type:
6                  type: integer
7                  message: The value {{ value }} is not a valid {{ type }}.
```

1. <http://api.symfony.com/2.1/Symfony/Component/Validator/Constraints/Type.html>

2. <http://api.symfony.com/2.1/Symfony/Component/Validator/Constraints/TypeValidator.html>

Options

type

type: `string` [*default option*]

This required option is the fully qualified class name or one of the PHP datatypes as determined by PHP's `is_` functions.

- `array`³
- `bool`⁴
- `callable`⁵
- `float`⁶
- `double`⁷
- `int`⁸
- `integer`⁹
- `long`¹⁰
- `null`¹¹
- `numeric`¹²
- `object`¹³
- `real`¹⁴
- `resource`¹⁵
- `scalar`¹⁶
- `string`¹⁷

message

type: `string` **default:** This value should be of type `{{ type }}`

The message if the underlying data is not of the given type.

-
- 3. http://php.net/is_array
 - 4. http://php.net/is_bool
 - 5. http://php.net/is_callable
 - 6. http://php.net/is_float
 - 7. http://php.net/is_double
 - 8. http://php.net/is_int
 - 9. http://php.net/is_integer
 - 10. http://php.net/is_long
 - 11. http://php.net/is_null
 - 12. http://php.net/is_numeric
 - 13. http://php.net/is_object
 - 14. http://php.net/is_real
 - 15. http://php.net/is_resource
 - 16. http://php.net/is_scalar
 - 17. http://php.net/is_string



Chapter 49

Email

Validates that a value is a valid email address. The underlying value is cast to a string before being validated.

Applies to	<i>property or method</i>
Options	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• message• checkMX• checkHost
Class	<i>Email</i> ¹
Validator	<i>EmailValidator</i> ²

Basic Usage

Listing 49-1

```
1 # src/BlogBundle/Resources/config/validation.yml
2 Acme\BlogBundle\Entity\Author:
3   properties:
4     email:
5       - Email:
6         message: The email "{{ value }}" is not a valid email.
7         checkMX: true
```

1. <http://api.symfony.com/2.1/Symfony/Component/Validator/Constraints/Email.html>

2. <http://api.symfony.com/2.1/Symfony/Component/Validator/Constraints/EmailValidator.html>

Options

message

type: string **default:** This value is not a valid email address

This message is shown if the underlying data is not a valid email address.

checkMX

type: Boolean **default:** false

If true, then the *checkdnsrr*³ PHP function will be used to check the validity of the MX record of the host of the given email.

checkHost



New in version 2.1: The **checkHost** option was added in Symfony 2.1

type: Boolean **default:** false

If true, then the *checkdnsrr*⁴ PHP function will be used to check the validity of the MX *or* the A *or* the AAAA record of the host of the given email.

3. <http://php.net/manual/en/function.checkdnsrr.php>

4. <http://php.net/manual/en/function.checkdnsrr.php>



Chapter 50

MinLength



The `MinLength` constraint is deprecated since version 2.1 and will be removed in Symfony 2.3. Use `Length` with the `min` option instead.

Validates that the length of a string is at least as long as the given limit.

Applies to	<i>property or method</i>
Options	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <code>limit</code>• <code>message</code>• <code>charset</code>
Class	<i>MinLength</i> ¹
Validator	<i>MinLengthValidator</i> ²

Basic Usage

Listing 50-1

```
1 # src/Acme/BlogBundle/Resources/config/validation.yml
2 Acme\BlogBundle\Entity\Blog:
3   properties:
4     firstName:
5       - MinLength: { limit: 3, message: "Your name must have at least {{ limit }}
      characters." }
```

1. <http://api.symfony.com/2.1/Symfony/Component/Validator/Constraints/MinLength.html>

2. <http://api.symfony.com/2.1/Symfony/Component/Validator/Constraints/MinLengthValidator.html>

Options

limit

type: integer [*default option*]

This required option is the "min" value. Validation will fail if the length of the give string is **less** than this number.

message

type: string **default:** This value is too short. It should have {{ limit }} characters or more

The message that will be shown if the underlying string has a length that is shorter than the limit option.

charset

type: charset **default:** UTF-8

If the PHP extension "mbstring" is installed, then the PHP function *mb_strlen*³ will be used to calculate the length of the string. The value of the **charset** option is passed as the second argument to that function.

3. <http://php.net/manual/en/function.mb-strlen.php>



Chapter 51

MaxLength



The `MaxLength` constraint is deprecated since version 2.1 and will be removed in Symfony 2.3. Use `Length` with the `max` option instead.

Validates that the length of a string is not larger than the given limit.

Applies to	<i>property or method</i>
Options	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <code>limit</code>• <code>message</code>• <code>charset</code>
Class	<i>MaxLength</i> ¹
Validator	<i>MaxLengthValidator</i> ²

Basic Usage

Listing 51-1

```
1 # src/Acme/BlogBundle/Resources/config/validation.yml
2 Acme\BlogBundle\Entity\Blog:
3     properties:
4         summary:
5             - MaxLength: 100
```

1. <http://api.symfony.com/2.1/Symfony/Component/Validator/Constraints/MaxLength.html>

2. <http://api.symfony.com/2.1/Symfony/Component/Validator/Constraints/MaxLengthValidator.html>

Options

limit

type: integer [*default option*]

This required option is the "max" value. Validation will fail if the length of the give string is **greater** than this number.

message

type: string **default:** This value is too long. It should have {{ limit }} characters or less

The message that will be shown if the underlying string has a length that is longer than the limit option.

charset

type: charset **default:** UTF-8

If the PHP extension "mbstring" is installed, then the PHP function *mb_strlen*³ will be used to calculate the length of the string. The value of the **charset** option is passed as the second argument to that function.

3. <http://php.net/manual/en/function.mb-strlen.php>



Chapter 52

Length

Validates that a given string length is *between* some minimum and maximum value.



New in version 2.1: The Length constraint was added in Symfony 2.1.

Applies to	<i>property or method</i>
Options	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• min• max• charset• minMessage• maxMessage• exactMessage
Class	<i>Length</i> ¹
Validator	<i>LengthValidator</i> ²

Basic Usage

To verify that the `firstName` field length of a class is between "2" and "50", you might add the following:

Listing 52-1

```
1 # src/Acme/EventBundle/Resources/config/validation.yml
2 Acme\EventBundle\Entity\Participant:
3     properties:
4         firstName:
5             - Length:
```

1. <http://api.symfony.com/2.1/Symfony/Component/Validator/Constraints/Length.html>

2. <http://api.symfony.com/2.1/Symfony/Component/Validator/Constraints/LengthValidator.html>

```

6         min: 2
7         max: 50
8         minMessage: "Your first name must be at least {{ limit }} characters length"
9         maxMessage: "Your first name cannot be longer than than {{ limit }}
    characters length"

```

Options

min

type: integer [default option]

This required option is the "min" length value. Validation will fail if the given value's length is **less** than this min value.

max

type: integer [default option]

This required option is the "max" length value. Validation will fail if the given value's length is **greater** than this max value.

charset

type: string **default:** UTF-8

The charset to be used when computing value's length. The *grapheme_strlen*³ PHP function is used if available. If not, the *mb_strlen*⁴ PHP function is used if available. If neither are available, the *strlen*⁵ PHP function is used.

minMessage

type: string **default:** This value is too short. It should have {{ limit }} characters or more..

The message that will be shown if the underlying value's length is less than the min option.

maxMessage

type: string **default:** This value is too long. It should have {{ limit }} characters or less..

The message that will be shown if the underlying value's length is more than the max option.

exactMessage

type: string **default:** This value should have exactly {{ limit }} characters..

The message that will be shown if min and max values are equal and the underlying value's length is not exactly this value.

3. <http://php.net/manual/en/function.grapheme-strlen.php>

4. <http://php.net/manual/en/function.mb-strlen.php>

5. <http://php.net/manual/en/function strlen.php>



Chapter 53

Url

Validates that a value is a valid URL string.

Applies to	<i>property or method</i>
Options	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• message• protocols
Class	<i>Url</i> ¹
Validator	<i>UrlValidator</i> ²

Basic Usage

Listing 53-1

```
1 # src/BlogBundle/Resources/config/validation.yml
2 Acme\BlogBundle\Entity\Author:
3     properties:
4         bioUrl:
5             - Url:
```

Options

message

type: string **default:** This value is not a valid URL

This message is shown if the URL is invalid.

1. <http://api.symfony.com/2.1/Symfony/Component/Validator/Constraints/Url.html>

2. <http://api.symfony.com/2.1/Symfony/Component/Validator/Constraints/UrlValidator.html>

protocols

type: array **default:** array('http', 'https')

The protocols that will be considered to be valid. For example, if you also needed `ftp://` type URLs to be valid, you'd redefine the `protocols` array, listing `http`, `https`, and also `ftp`.



Chapter 54

Regex

Validates that a value matches a regular expression.

Applies to	<i>property or method</i>
Options	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• pattern• match• message
Class	<i>Regex</i> ¹
Validator	<i>RegexValidator</i> ²

Basic Usage

Suppose you have a **description** field and you want to verify that it begins with a valid word character. The regular expression to test for this would be `/^\w+/,` indicating that you're looking for at least one or more word characters at the beginning of your string:

Listing 54-1

```
# src/Acme/BlogBundle/Resources/config/validation.yml
Acme\BlogBundle\Entity\Author:
  properties:
    description:
      - Regex: "/^\w+/"
```

Alternatively, you can set the match option to **false** in order to assert that a given string does *not* match. In the following example, you'll assert that the **firstName** field does not contain any numbers and give it a custom message:

Listing 54-2

```
# src/Acme/BlogBundle/Resources/config/validation.yml
Acme\BlogBundle\Entity\Author:
```

-
1. <http://api.symfony.com/2.1/Symfony/Component/Validator/Constraints/Regex.html>
 2. <http://api.symfony.com/2.1/Symfony/Component/Validator/Constraints/RegexValidator.html>


```
properties:
  firstName:
    - Regex:
      pattern: "/\d/"
      match: false
      message: Your name cannot contain a number
```

Options

pattern

type: string [*default option*]

This required option is the regular expression pattern that the input will be matched against. By default, this validator will fail if the input string does *not* match this regular expression (via the *preg_match*³ PHP function). However, if *match* is set to *false*, then validation will fail if the input string *does* match this pattern.

match

type: Boolean default: *true*

If *true* (or not set), this validator will pass if the given string matches the given pattern regular expression. However, when this option is set to *false*, the opposite will occur: validation will pass only if the given string does **not** match the pattern regular expression.

message

type: string **default:** This value is not valid

This is the message that will be shown if this validator fails.

3. <http://php.net/manual/en/function.preg-match.php>



Chapter 55

Ip

Validates that a value is a valid IP address. By default, this will validate the value as IPv4, but a number of different options exist to validate as IPv6 and many other combinations.

Applies to	<i>property or method</i>
Options	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• version• message
Class	<i>Ip</i> ¹
Validator	<i>IpValidator</i> ²

Basic Usage

Listing 55-1

```
1 # src/BlogBundle/Resources/config/validation.yml
2 Acme\BlogBundle\Entity\Author:
3   properties:
4     ipAddress:
5       - Ip:
```

Options

version

type: string **default:** 4

This determines exactly *how* the ip address is validated and can take one of a variety of different values:

-
1. <http://api.symfony.com/2.1/Symfony/Component/Validator/Constraints/Ip.html>
 2. <http://api.symfony.com/2.1/Symfony/Component/Validator/Constraints/IpValidator.html>

All ranges

- `4` - Validates for IPv4 addresses
- `6` - Validates for IPv6 addresses
- `all` - Validates all IP formats

No private ranges

- `4_no_priv` - Validates for IPv4 but without private IP ranges
- `6_no_priv` - Validates for IPv6 but without private IP ranges
- `all_no_priv` - Validates for all IP formats but without private IP ranges

No reserved ranges

- `4_no_res` - Validates for IPv4 but without reserved IP ranges
- `6_no_res` - Validates for IPv6 but without reserved IP ranges
- `all_no_res` - Validates for all IP formats but without reserved IP ranges

Only public ranges

- `4_public` - Validates for IPv4 but without private and reserved ranges
- `6_public` - Validates for IPv6 but without private and reserved ranges
- `all_public` - Validates for all IP formats but without private and reserved ranges

message

type: string **default:** This is not a valid IP address

This message is shown if the string is not a valid IP address.



Chapter 56

Max



The Max constraint is deprecated since version 2.1 and will be removed in Symfony 2.3. Use *Range* with the `max` option instead.

Validates that a given number is *less* than some maximum number.

Applies to	<i>property or method</i>
Options	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• limit• message• invalidMessage
Class	<i>Max</i> ¹
Validator	<i>MaxValidator</i> ²

Basic Usage

To verify that the "age" field of a class is not greater than "50", you might add the following:

Listing 56-1

```
1 # src/Acme/EventBundle/Resources/config/validation.yml
2 Acme\EventBundle\Entity\Participant:
3     properties:
4         age:
5             - Max: { limit: 50, message: You must be 50 or under to enter. }
```

1. <http://api.symfony.com/2.1/Symfony/Component/Validator/Constraints/Max.html>

2. <http://api.symfony.com/2.1/Symfony/Component/Validator/Constraints/MaxValidator.html>

Options

limit

type: integer [*default option*]

This required option is the "max" value. Validation will fail if the given value is **greater** than this max value.

message

type: string **default:** This value should be {{ limit }} or less

The message that will be shown if the underlying value is greater than the limit option.

invalidMessage

type: string **default:** This value should be a valid number

The message that will be shown if the underlying value is not a number (per the *is_numeric*³ PHP function).

3. <http://php.net/manual/en/function.is-numeric.php>



Chapter 57

Min



The Min constraint is deprecated since version 2.1 and will be removed in Symfony 2.3. Use *Range* with the `min` option instead.

Validates that a given number is *greater* than some minimum number.

Applies to	<i>property or method</i>
Options	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• limit• message• invalidMessage
Class	<i>Min</i> ¹
Validator	<i>MinValidator</i> ²

Basic Usage

To verify that the "age" field of a class is "18" or greater, you might add the following:

Listing 57-1

```
1 # src/Acme/EventBundle/Resources/config/validation.yml
2 Acme\EventBundle\Entity\Participant:
3     properties:
4         age:
5             - Min: { limit: 18, message: You must be 18 or older to enter. }
```

1. <http://api.symfony.com/2.1/Symfony/Component/Validator/Constraints/Min.html>

2. <http://api.symfony.com/2.1/Symfony/Component/Validator/Constraints/MinValidator.html>

Options

limit

type: integer [*default option*]

This required option is the "min" value. Validation will fail if the given value is **less** than this min value.

message

type: string **default:** This value should be {{ limit }} or more

The message that will be shown if the underlying value is less than the limit option.

invalidMessage

type: string **default:** This value should be a valid number

The message that will be shown if the underlying value is not a number (per the *is_numeric*³ PHP function).

3. <http://php.net/manual/en/function.is-numeric.php>



Chapter 58

Range

Validates that a given number is *between* some minimum and maximum number.



New in version 2.1: The Range constraint was added in Symfony 2.1.

Applies to	<i>property or method</i>
Options	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• min• max• minMessage• maxMessage• invalidMessage
Class	<i>Range</i> ¹
Validator	<i>RangeValidator</i> ²

Basic Usage

To verify that the "height" field of a class is between "120" and "180", you might add the following:

Listing 58-1

```
1 # src/Acme/EventBundle/Resources/config/validation.yml
2 Acme\EventBundle\Entity\Participant:
3     properties:
4         height:
5             - Range:
6                 min: 120
```

1. <http://api.symfony.com/2.1/Symfony/Component/Validator/Constraints/Range.html>

2. <http://api.symfony.com/2.1/Symfony/Component/Validator/Constraints/RangeValidator.html>


```
7         max: 180
8         minMessage: You must be at least 120cm tall to enter
9         maxMessage: You cannot be taller than 180cm to enter
```

Options

min

type: integer [*default option*]

This required option is the "min" value. Validation will fail if the given value is **less** than this min value.

max

type: integer [*default option*]

This required option is the "max" value. Validation will fail if the given value is **greater** than this max value.

minMessage

type: string **default:** This value should be {{ limit }} or more.

The message that will be shown if the underlying value is less than the min option.

maxMessage

type: string **default:** This value should be {{ limit }} or less.

The message that will be shown if the underlying value is more than the max option.

invalidMessage

type: string **default:** This value should be a valid number.

The message that will be shown if the underlying value is not a number (per the *is_numeric*³ PHP function).

3. <http://www.php.net/manual/en/function.is-numeric.php>



Chapter 59

Date

Validates that a value is a valid date, meaning either a `DateTime` object or a string (or an object that can be cast into a string) that follows a valid YYYY-MM-DD format.

Applies to	<i>property or method</i>
Options	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <code>message</code>
Class	<i>Date</i> ¹
Validator	<i>DateValidator</i> ²

Basic Usage

Listing 59-1

```
1 # src/Acme/BlogBundle/Resources/config/validation.yml
2 Acme\BlogBundle\Entity\Author:
3     properties:
4         birthday:
5             - Date: ~
```

Options

message

type: string **default:** This value is not a valid date

This message is shown if the underlying data is not a valid date.

1. <http://api.symfony.com/2.1/Symfony/Component/Validator/Constraints/Date.html>

2. <http://api.symfony.com/2.1/Symfony/Component/Validator/Constraints/DateValidator.html>



Chapter 60

DateTime

Validates that a value is a valid "datetime", meaning either a `DateTime` object or a string (or an object that can be cast into a string) that follows a valid YYYY-MM-DD HH:MM:SS format.

Applies to	<i>property or method</i>
Options	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <code>message</code>
Class	<i>DateTime</i> ¹
Validator	<i>DateTimeValidator</i> ²

Basic Usage

Listing 60-1

```
1 # src/Acme/BlogBundle/Resources/config/validation.yml
2 Acme\BlogBundle\Entity\Author:
3   properties:
4     createdAt:
5       - DateTime: ~
```

Options

message

type: string **default:** This value is not a valid datetime

This message is shown if the underlying data is not a valid datetime.

1. <http://api.symfony.com/2.1/Symfony/Component/Validator/Constraints/DateTime.html>

2. <http://api.symfony.com/2.1/Symfony/Component/Validator/Constraints/DateTimeValidator.html>



Chapter 61

Time

Validates that a value is a valid time, meaning either a `DateTime` object or a string (or an object that can be cast into a string) that follows a valid "HH:MM:SS" format.

Applies to	<i>property or method</i>
Options	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <code>message</code>
Class	<i>Time</i> ¹
Validator	<i>TimeValidator</i> ²

Basic Usage

Suppose you have an `Event` class, with a `startAt` field that is the time of the day when the event starts:

Listing 61-1

```
1 # src/Acme/EventBundle/Resources/config/validation.yml
2 Acme\EventBundle\Entity\Event:
3     properties:
4         startsAt:
5             - Time: ~
```

Options

message

type: string **default:** This value is not a valid time

This message is shown if the underlying data is not a valid time.

1. <http://api.symfony.com/2.1/Symfony/Component/Validator/Constraints/Time.html>

2. <http://api.symfony.com/2.1/Symfony/Component/Validator/Constraints/TimeValidator.html>



Chapter 62

Choice

This constraint is used to ensure that the given value is one of a given set of *valid* choices. It can also be used to validate that each item in an array of items is one of those valid choices.

Applies to	<i>property or method</i>
Options	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• choices• callback• multiple• min• max• message• multipleMessage• minMessage• maxMessage• strict
Class	<i>Choice</i> ¹
Validator	<i>ChoiceValidator</i> ²

Basic Usage

The basic idea of this constraint is that you supply it with an array of valid values (this can be done in several ways) and it validates that the value of the given property exists in that array.

If your valid choice list is simple, you can pass them in directly via the choices option:

Listing 62-1

```
1 # src/Acme/BlogBundle/Resources/config/validation.yml
2 Acme\BlogBundle\Entity\Author:
```

1. <http://api.symfony.com/2.1/Symfony/Component/Validator/Constraints/Choice.html>
2. <http://api.symfony.com/2.1/Symfony/Component/Validator/Constraints/ChoiceValidator.html>

```

3     properties:
4         gender:
5             - Choice:
6                 choices: [male, female]
7                 message: Choose a valid gender.

```

Supplying the Choices with a Callback Function

You can also use a callback function to specify your options. This is useful if you want to keep your choices in some central location so that, for example, you can easily access those choices for validation or for building a select form element.

Listing 62-2

```

1 // src/Acme/BlogBundle/Entity/Author.php
2 class Author
3 {
4     public static function getGenders()
5     {
6         return array('male', 'female');
7     }
8 }

```

You can pass the name of this method to the `callback_` option of the **Choice** constraint.

Listing 62-3

```

1 # src/Acme/BlogBundle/Resources/config/validation.yml
2 Acme\BlogBundle\Entity\Author:
3     properties:
4         gender:
5             - Choice: { callback: getGenders }

```

If the static callback is stored in a different class, for example **Util**, you can pass the class name and the method as an array.

Listing 62-4

```

1 # src/Acme/BlogBundle/Resources/config/validation.yml
2 Acme\BlogBundle\Entity\Author:
3     properties:
4         gender:
5             - Choice: { callback: [Util, getGenders] }

```

Available Options

choices

type: array [default option]

A required option (unless callback is specified) - this is the array of options that should be considered in the valid set. The input value will be matched against this array.

callback

type: string|array|Closure

This is a callback method that can be used instead of the `choices` option to return the choices array. See [Supplying the Choices with a Callback Function](#) for details on its usage.

multiple

type: Boolean **default:** false

If this option is true, the input value is expected to be an array instead of a single, scalar value. The constraint will check that each value of the input array can be found in the array of valid choices. If even one of the input values cannot be found, the validation will fail.

min

type: integer

If the `multiple` option is true, then you can use the `min` option to force at least XX number of values to be selected. For example, if `min` is 3, but the input array only contains 2 valid items, the validation will fail.

max

type: integer

If the `multiple` option is true, then you can use the `max` option to force no more than XX number of values to be selected. For example, if `max` is 3, but the input array contains 4 valid items, the validation will fail.

message

type: string **default:** The value you selected is not a valid choice

This is the message that you will receive if the `multiple` option is set to `false`, and the underlying value is not in the valid array of choices.

multipleMessage

type: string **default:** One or more of the given values is invalid

This is the message that you will receive if the `multiple` option is set to `true`, and one of the values on the underlying array being checked is not in the array of valid choices.

minMessage

type: string **default:** You must select at least {{ limit }} choices

This is the validation error message that's displayed when the user chooses too few choices per the `min` option.

maxMessage

type: string **default:** You must select at most {{ limit }} choices

This is the validation error message that's displayed when the user chooses too many options per the `max` option.

strict

type: Boolean **default:** false

If true, the validator will also check the type of the input value. Specifically, this value is passed to as the third argument to the PHP *`in_array`*³ method when checking to see if a value is in the valid choices array.

3. <http://php.net/manual/en/function.in-array.php>



Chapter 63

Collection

This constraint is used when the underlying data is a collection (i.e. an array or an object that implements **Traversable** and **ArrayAccess**), but you'd like to validate different keys of that collection in different ways. For example, you might validate the `email` key using the **Email** constraint and the `inventory` key of the collection with the **Range** constraint.

This constraint can also make sure that certain collection keys are present and that extra keys are not present.

Applies to	<i>property or method</i>
Options	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <code>fields</code>• <code>allowExtraFields</code>• <code>extraFieldsMessage</code>• <code>allowMissingFields</code>• <code>missingFieldsMessage</code>
Class	<i>Collection</i> ¹
Validator	<i>CollectionValidator</i> ²

Basic Usage

The **Collection** constraint allows you to validate the different keys of a collection individually. Take the following example:

Listing 63-1

```
1 namespace Acme\BlogBundle\Entity;
2
3 class Author
4 {
```

1. <http://api.symfony.com/2.1/Symfony/Component/Validator/Constraints/Collection.html>

2. <http://api.symfony.com/2.1/Symfony/Component/Validator/Constraints/CollectionValidator.html>

```

5     protected $profileData = array(
6         'personal_email',
7         'short_bio',
8     );
9
10    public function setProfileData($key, $value)
11    {
12        $this->profileData[$key] = $value;
13    }
14 }

```

To validate that the `personal_email` element of the `profileData` array property is a valid email address and that the `short_bio` element is not blank but is no longer than 100 characters in length, you would do the following:

Listing 63-2

```

1  # src/BlogBundle/Resources/config/validation.yml
2  Acme\BlogBundle\Entity\Author:
3      properties:
4          profileData:
5              - Collection:
6                  fields:
7                      personal_email: Email
8                      short_bio:
9                          - NotBlank
10                         - Length:
11                             max: 100
12                             maxMessage: Your short bio is too long!
13             allowMissingFields: true

```

Presence and Absence of Fields

By default, this constraint validates more than simply whether or not the individual fields in the collection pass their assigned constraints. In fact, if any keys of a collection are missing or if there are any unrecognized keys in the collection, validation errors will be thrown.

If you would like to allow for keys to be absent from the collection or if you would like "extra" keys to be allowed in the collection, you can modify the `allowMissingFields` and `allowExtraFields` options respectively. In the above example, the `allowMissingFields` option was set to true, meaning that if either of the `personal_email` or `short_bio` elements were missing from the `$personalData` property, no validation error would occur.

Options

fields

type: array *[default option]*

This option is required, and is an associative array defining all of the keys in the collection and, for each key, exactly which validator(s) should be executed against that element of the collection.

allowExtraFields

type: Boolean **default:** false

If this option is set to **false** and the underlying collection contains one or more elements that are not included in the `fields` option, a validation error will be returned. If set to **true**, extra fields are ok.

extraFieldsMessage

type: Boolean **default:** The fields `{{ fields }}` were not expected

The message shown if `allowExtraFields` is false and an extra field is detected.

allowMissingFields

type: Boolean **default:** false

If this option is set to **false** and one or more fields from the `fields` option are not present in the underlying collection, a validation error will be returned. If set to **true**, it's ok if some fields in the `fields_` option are not present in the underlying collection.

missingFieldsMessage

type: Boolean **default:** The fields `{{ fields }}` are missing

The message shown if `allowMissingFields` is false and one or more fields are missing from the underlying collection.



Chapter 64

Count

Validates that a given collection's (i.e. an array or an object that implements Countable) element count is *between* some minimum and maximum value.



New in version 2.1: The Count constraint was added in Symfony 2.1.

Applies to	<i>property or method</i>
Options	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• min• max• minMessage• maxMessage• exactMessage
Class	<i>Count</i> ¹
Validator	<i>CountValidator</i> ²

Basic Usage

To verify that the `emails` array field contains between 1 and 5 elements you might add the following:

Listing 64-1

```
1 # src/Acme/EventBundle/Resources/config/validation.yml
2 Acme\EventBundle\Entity\Participant:
3     properties:
4         emails:
5             - Count:
```

1. <http://api.symfony.com/2.1/Symfony/Component/Validator/Constraints/Count.html>

2. <http://api.symfony.com/2.1/Symfony/Component/Validator/Constraints/CountValidator.html>

```
6         min: 1
7         max: 5
8         minMessage: "You must specify at least one email"
9         maxMessage: "You cannot specify more than {{ limit }} emails"
```

Options

min

type: integer *[default option]*

This required option is the "min" count value. Validation will fail if the given collection elements count is **less** than this min value.

max

type: integer *[default option]*

This required option is the "max" count value. Validation will fail if the given collection elements count is **greater** than this max value.

minMessage

type: string **default:** This collection should contain {{ limit }} elements or more..

The message that will be shown if the underlying collection elements count is less than the min option.

maxMessage

type: string **default:** This collection should contain {{ limit }} elements or less..

The message that will be shown if the underlying collection elements count is more than the max option.

exactMessage

type: string **default:** This collection should contain exactly {{ limit }} elements..

The message that will be shown if min and max values are equal and the underlying collection elements count is not exactly this value.



Chapter 65

UniqueEntity

Validates that a particular field (or fields) in a Doctrine entity is (are) unique. This is commonly used, for example, to prevent a new user to register using an email address that already exists in the system.

Basic Usage

Suppose you have an `AcmeUserBundle` bundle with a `User` entity that has an `email` field. You can use the `UniqueEntity` constraint to guarantee that the `email` field remains unique between all of the constraints in your user table:

```
Listing 65-1 1 // Acme/UserBundle/Entity/User.php
2 namespace Acme\UserBundle\Entity;
3
4 use Symfony\Component\Validator\Constraints as Assert;
5 use Doctrine\ORM\Mapping as ORM;
6
7 // DON'T forget this use statement!!!
8 use Symfony\Bridge\Doctrine\Validator\Constraints\UniqueEntity;
9
10 /**
11  * @ORM\Entity
12  * @UniqueEntity("email")
13  */
14 class Author
15 {
16     /**
17      * @var string $email
18      *
19      * @ORM\Column(name="email", type="string", length=255, unique=true)
20      * @Assert\Email()
21      */
22     protected $email;
23
24     // ...
25 }
```

Options

fields

type: array | string *[default option]*

This required option is the field (or list of fields) on which this entity should be unique. For example, if you specified both the **email** and **name** field in a single **UniqueEntity** constraint, then it would enforce that the combination value where unique (e.g. two users could have the same email, as long as they don't have the same name also).

If you need to require two fields to be individually unique (e.g. a unique **email** and a unique **username**), you use two **UniqueEntity** entries, each with a single field.

message

type: string **default:** This value is already used.

The message that's displayed when this constraint fails.

em

type: string

The name of the entity manager to use for making the query to determine the uniqueness. If it's left blank, the correct entity manager will be determined for this class. For that reason, this option should probably not need to be used.

repositoryMethod

type: string **default:** findBy



New in version 2.1: The **repositoryMethod** option was added in Symfony 2.1. Before, it always used the **findBy** method.

The name of the repository method to use for making the query to determine the uniqueness. If it's left blank, the **findBy** method will be used. This method should return a countable result.



Chapter 66

Language

Validates that a value is a valid language code.

Applies to	<i>property or method</i>
Options	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• message
Class	<i>Language</i> ¹
Validator	<i>LanguageValidator</i> ²

Basic Usage

Listing 66-1

```
1 # src/UserBundle/Resources/config/validation.yml
2 Acme\UserBundle\Entity\User:
3     properties:
4         preferredLanguage:
5             - Language:
```

Options

message

type: string **default:** This value is not a valid language
This message is shown if the string is not a valid language code.

1. <http://api.symfony.com/2.1/Symfony/Component/Validator/Constraints/Language.html>

2. <http://api.symfony.com/2.1/Symfony/Component/Validator/Constraints/LanguageValidator.html>



Chapter 67

Locale

Validates that a value is a valid locale.

The "value" for each locale is either the two letter ISO639-1 *language* code (e.g. **fr**), or the language code followed by an underscore (**_**), then the ISO3166 *country* code (e.g. **fr_FR** for French/France).

Applies to	<i>property or method</i>
Options	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• message
Class	<i>Locale</i> ¹
Validator	<i>LocaleValidator</i> ²

Basic Usage

Listing 67-1

```
1 # src/UserBundle/Resources/config/validation.yml
2 Acme\UserBundle\Entity\User:
3     properties:
4         locale:
5             - Locale:
```

Options

message

type: string **default:** This value is not a valid locale

1. <http://api.symfony.com/2.1/Symfony/Component/Validator/Constraints/Locale.html>

2. <http://api.symfony.com/2.1/Symfony/Component/Validator/Constraints/LocaleValidator.html>

This message is shown if the string is not a valid locale.



Chapter 68

Country

Validates that a value is a valid two-letter country code.

Applies to	<i>property or method</i>
Options	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <code>message</code>
Class	<i>Country</i> ¹
Validator	<i>CountryValidator</i> ²

Basic Usage

Listing 68-1

```
1 # src/UserBundle/Resources/config/validation.yml
2 Acme\UserBundle\Entity\User:
3     properties:
4         country:
5             - Country:
```

Options

message

type: string **default:** This value is not a valid country
This message is shown if the string is not a valid country code.

1. <http://api.symfony.com/2.1/Symfony/Component/Validator/Constraints/Country.html>
2. <http://api.symfony.com/2.1/Symfony/Component/Validator/Constraints/CountryValidator.html>



Chapter 69

File

Validates that a value is a valid "file", which can be one of the following:

- A string (or object with a `__toString()` method) path to an existing file;
- A valid *File*¹ object (including objects of class *UploadedFile*²).

This constraint is commonly used in forms with the *file* form type.



If the file you're validating is an image, try the *Image* constraint.

Applies to	<i>property or method</i>
Options	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <code>maxSize</code>• <code>mimeType</code>• <code>maxSizeMessage</code>• <code>mimeTypeMessage</code>• <code>notFoundMessage</code>• <code>notReadableMessage</code>• <code>uploadIniSizeErrorMessage</code>• <code>uploadFormSizeErrorMessage</code>• <code>uploadErrorMessage</code>
Class	<i>File</i> ³
Validator	<i>FileValidator</i> ⁴

1. <http://api.symfony.com/2.1/Symfony/Component/HttpFoundation/File/File.html>

2. <http://api.symfony.com/2.1/Symfony/Component/HttpFoundation/File/UploadedFile.html>

3. <http://api.symfony.com/2.1/Symfony/Component/Validator/Constraints/File.html>

4. <http://api.symfony.com/2.1/Symfony/Component/Validator/Constraints/FileValidator.html>

Basic Usage

This constraint is most commonly used on a property that will be rendered in a form as a *file* form type. For example, suppose you're creating an author form where you can upload a "bio" PDF for the author. In your form, the `bioFile` property would be a `file` type. The `Author` class might look as follows:

Listing 69-1

```
1  // src/Acme/BlogBundle/Entity/Author.php
2  namespace Acme\BlogBundle\Entity;
3
4  use Symfony\Component\HttpFoundation\File\File;
5
6  class Author
7  {
8      protected $bioFile;
9
10     public function setBioFile(File $file = null)
11     {
12         $this->bioFile = $file;
13     }
14
15     public function getBioFile()
16     {
17         return $this->bioFile;
18     }
19 }
```

To guarantee that the `bioFile` `File` object is valid, and that it is below a certain file size and a valid PDF, add the following:

Listing 69-2

```
1  # src/Acme/BlogBundle/Resources/config/validation.yml
2  Acme\BlogBundle\Entity\Author:
3      properties:
4          bioFile:
5              - File:
6                  maxSize: 1024k
7                  mimeTypes: [application/pdf, application/x-pdf]
8                  mimeTypeMessage: Please upload a valid PDF
```

The `bioFile` property is validated to guarantee that it is a real file. Its size and mime type are also validated because the appropriate options have been specified.

Options

`maxSize`

type: mixed

If set, the size of the underlying file must be below this file size in order to be valid. The size of the file can be given in one of the following formats:

- **bytes:** To specify the `maxSize` in bytes, pass a value that is entirely numeric (e.g. `4096`);
- **kilobytes:** To specify the `maxSize` in kilobytes, pass a number and suffix it with a lowercase "k" (e.g. `200k`);
- **megabytes:** To specify the `maxSize` in megabytes, pass a number and suffix it with a capital "M" (e.g. `4M`).

mimeTypes

type: array or string

If set, the validator will check that the mime type of the underlying file is equal to the given mime type (if a string) or exists in the collection of given mime types (if an array).

You can find a list of existing mime types on the *IANA website*⁵

maxSizeMessage

type: string **default:** The file is too large ({{ size }}). Allowed maximum size is {{ limit }}

The message displayed if the file is larger than the maxSize option.

mimeTypesMessage

type: string **default:** The mime type of the file is invalid ({{ type }}). Allowed mime types are {{ types }}

The message displayed if the mime type of the file is not a valid mime type per the mimeTypes option.

notFoundMessage

type: string **default:** The file could not be found

The message displayed if no file can be found at the given path. This error is only likely if the underlying value is a string path, as a File object cannot be constructed with an invalid file path.

notReadableMessage

type: string **default:** The file is not readable

The message displayed if the file exists, but the PHP `is_readable` function fails when passed the path to the file.

uploadIniSizeErrorMessage

type: string **default:** The file is too large. Allowed maximum size is {{ limit }}

The message that is displayed if the uploaded file is larger than the `upload_max_filesize` PHP.ini setting.

uploadFormSizeErrorMessage

type: string **default:** The file is too large

The message that is displayed if the uploaded file is larger than allowed by the HTML file input field.

uploadErrorMessage

type: string **default:** The file could not be uploaded

The message that is displayed if the uploaded file could not be uploaded for some unknown reason, such as the file upload failed or it couldn't be written to disk.

5. <http://www.iana.org/assignments/media-types/index.html>



Chapter 70

Image

The `Image` constraint works exactly like the `File` constraint, except that its `mimeTypes` and `mimeTypesMessage` options are automatically setup to work for image files specifically.

Additionally, as of Symfony 2.1, it has options so you can validate against the width and height of the image.

See the `File` constraint for the bulk of the documentation on this constraint.

Applies to	<i>property or method</i>
Options	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <code>mimeTypes</code>• <code>minWidth</code>• <code>maxWidth</code>• <code>maxHeight</code>• <code>minHeight</code>• <code>mimeTypesMessage</code>• <code>sizeNotDetectedMessage</code>• <code>maxWidthMessage</code>• <code>minWidthMessage</code>• <code>maxHeightMessage</code>• <code>minHeightMessage</code>• See <code>File</code> for inherited options
Class	<i>File</i> ¹
Validator	<i>FileValidator</i> ²

Basic Usage

This constraint is most commonly used on a property that will be rendered in a form as a *file* form type. For example, suppose you're creating an author form where you can upload a "headshot" image for the

1. <http://api.symfony.com/2.1/Symfony/Component/Validator/Constraints/File.html>

2. <http://api.symfony.com/2.1/Symfony/Component/Validator/Constraints/FileValidator.html>

author. In your form, the `headshot` property would be a `file` type. The `Author` class might look as follows:

```
Listing 70-1 1 // src/Acme/BlogBundle/Entity/Author.php
2 namespace Acme\BlogBundle\Entity;
3
4 use Symfony\Component\HttpFoundation\File\File;
5
6 class Author
7 {
8     protected $headshot;
9
10    public function setHeadshot(File $file = null)
11    {
12        $this->headshot = $file;
13    }
14
15    public function getHeadshot()
16    {
17        return $this->headshot;
18    }
19 }
```

To guarantee that the `headshot` `File` object is a valid image and that it is between a certain size, add the following:

```
Listing 70-2 1 # src/Acme/BlogBundle/Resources/config/validation.yml
2 Acme\BlogBundle\Entity\Author
3     properties:
4         headshot:
5             - Image:
6                 minWidth: 200
7                 maxWidth: 400
8                 minHeight: 200
9                 maxHeight: 400
```

The `headshot` property is validated to guarantee that it is a real image and that it is between a certain width and height.

Options

This constraint shares all of its options with the `File` constraint. It does, however, modify two of the default option values and add several other options.

mimeTypes

type: array or string **default:** image/*

You can find a list of existing image mime types on the *IANA website*³

mimeTypesMessage

type: string **default:** This file is not a valid image

3. <http://www.iana.org/assignments/media-types/image/index.html>



New in version 2.1: All of the min/max width/height options are new to Symfony 2.1.

minWidth

type: integer

If set, the width of the image file must be greater than or equal to this value in pixels.

maxWidth

type: integer

If set, the width of the image file must be less than or equal to this value in pixels.

minHeight

type: integer

If set, the height of the image file must be greater than or equal to this value in pixels.

maxHeight

type: integer

If set, the height of the image file must be less than or equal to this value in pixels.

sizeNotDetectedMessage

type: string **default:** The size of the image could not be detected

If the system is unable to determine the size of the image, this error will be displayed. This will only occur when at least one of the four size constraint options has been set.

maxWidthMessage

type: string **default:** The image width is too big ({{ width }}px). Allowed maximum width is {{ max_width }}px

The error message if the width of the image exceeds maxWidth.

minWidthMessage

type: string **default:** The image width is too small ({{ width }}px). Minimum width expected is {{ min_width }}px

The error message if the width of the image is less than minWidth.

maxHeightMessage

type: string **default:** The image height is too big ({{ height }}px). Allowed maximum height is {{ max_height }}px

The error message if the height of the image exceeds maxHeight.

minHeightMessage

type: string **default:** The image height is too small ({{ height }}px). Minimum height expected is {{ min_height }}px

The error message if the height of the image is less than minHeight.



Chapter 71

Callback

The purpose of the Callback assertion is to let you create completely custom validation rules and to assign any validation errors to specific fields on your object. If you're using validation with forms, this means that you can make these custom errors display next to a specific field, instead of simply at the top of your form.

This process works by specifying one or more *callback* methods, each of which will be called during the validation process. Each of those methods can do anything, including creating and assigning validation errors.



A callback method itself doesn't *fail* or return any value. Instead, as you'll see in the example, a callback method has the ability to directly add validator "violations".

Applies to	<i>class</i>
Options	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>methods</i>
Class	<i>Callback</i> ¹
Validator	<i>CallbackValidator</i> ²

Setup

Listing 71-1

```
1 # src/Acme/BlogBundle/Resources/config/validation.yml
2 Acme\BlogBundle\Entity\Author:
3     constraints:
```

1. <http://api.symfony.com/2.1/Symfony/Component/Validator/Constraints/Callback.html>

2. <http://api.symfony.com/2.1/Symfony/Component/Validator/Constraints/CallbackValidator.html>

```

4      - Callback:
5        methods: [isAuthorValid]

```

The Callback Method

The callback method is passed a special `ExecutionContext` object. You can set "violations" directly on this object and determine to which field those errors should be attributed:

Listing 71-2

```

1  // ...
2  use Symfony\Component\Validator\ExecutionContext;
3
4  class Author
5  {
6      // ...
7      private $firstName;
8
9      public function isAuthorValid(ExecutionContext $context)
10     {
11         // somehow you have an array of "fake names"
12         $fakeNames = array();
13
14         // check if the name is actually a fake name
15         if (in_array($this->getFirstName(), $fakeNames)) {
16             $context->addViolationAtSubPath('firstname', 'This name sounds totally fake!',
17             array(), null);
18         }
19     }

```

Options

methods

type: array **default:** array() [default option]

This is an array of the methods that should be executed during the validation process. Each method can be one of the following formats:

1. String method name

If the name of a method is a simple string (e.g. `isAuthorValid`), that method will be called on the same object that's being validated and the `ExecutionContext` will be the only argument (see the above example).

2. Static array callback

Each method can also be specified as a standard array callback:

Listing 71-3

```

1  # src/Acme/BlogBundle/Resources/config/validation.yml
2  Acme\BlogBundle\Entity\Author:
3      constraints:
4          - Callback:

```

```

5         methods:
6         - [Acme\BlogBundle\MyStaticValidatorClass,
          isAuthorValid]

```

In this case, the static method `isAuthorValid` will be called on the `Acme\BlogBundle\MyStaticValidatorClass` class. It's passed both the original object being validated (e.g. `Author`) as well as the `ExecutionContext`:

Listing 71-4

```

1 namespace Acme\BlogBundle;
2
3 use Symfony\Component\Validator\ExecutionContext;
4 use Acme\BlogBundle\Entity\Author;
5
6 class MyStaticValidatorClass
7 {
8     public static function isAuthorValid(Author $author,
9     ExecutionContext $context)
10    {
11        // ...
12    }
13 }

```



If you specify your **Callback** constraint via PHP, then you also have the option to make your callback either a PHP closure or a non-static callback. It is *not* currently possible, however, to specify a *service* as a constraint. To validate using a service, you should *create a custom validation constraint* and add that new constraint to your class.



Chapter 72

All

When applied to an array (or Traversable object), this constraint allows you to apply a collection of constraints to each element of the array.

Applies to	<i>property or method</i>
Options	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• constraints
Class	<i>All</i> ¹
Validator	<i>AllValidator</i> ²

Basic Usage

Suppose that you have an array of strings, and you want to validate each entry in that array:

Listing 72-1

```
1 # src/UserBundle/Resources/config/validation.yml
2 Acme\UserBundle\Entity\User:
3   properties:
4     favoriteColors:
5       - All:
6         - NotBlank: ~
7         - Length:
8           min: 5
```

Now, each entry in the `favoriteColors` array will be validated to not be blank and to be at least 5 characters long.

1. <http://api.symfony.com/2.1/Symfony/Component/Validator/Constraints/All.html>

2. <http://api.symfony.com/2.1/Symfony/Component/Validator/Constraints/AllValidator.html>

Options

constraints

type: array [*default option*]

This required option is the array of validation constraints that you want to apply to each element of the underlying array.



Chapter 73

UserPassword



New in version 2.1: This constraint is new in version 2.1.

This validates that an input value is equal to the current authenticated user's password. This is useful in a form where a user can change his password, but needs to enter his old password for security.



This should **not** be used to validate a login form, since this is done automatically by the security system.

Applies to	<i>property or method</i>
Options	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <code>message</code>
Class	<i>UserPassword¹</i>
Validator	<i>UserPasswordValidator²</i>

Basic Usage

Suppose you have a *PasswordChange* class, that's used in a form where the user can change his password by entering his old password and a new password. This constraint will validate that the old password matches the user's current password:

Listing 73-1

-
1. <http://api.symfony.com/2.1/Symfony/Component/Security/Core/Validator/Constraint/UserPassword.html>
 2. <http://api.symfony.com/2.1/Symfony/Component/Security/Core/Validator/Constraint/UserPasswordValidator.html>


```
1 # src/UserBundle/Resources/config/validation.yml
2 Acme\UserBundle\Form\Model\ChangePassword:
3     properties:
4         oldPassword:
5             - Symfony\Component\Security\Core\Validator\Constraint\UserPassword:
6                 message: "Wrong value for your current password"
```

Options

message

type: message **default:** This value should be the user current password

This is the message that's displayed when the underlying string does *not* match the current user's password.



Chapter 74

Valid

This constraint is used to enable validation on objects that are embedded as properties on an object being validated. This allows you to validate an object and all sub-objects associated with it.

Applies to	<i>property or method</i>
Options	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <code>traverse</code>
Class	<i>Type</i> ¹

Basic Usage

In the following example, create two classes **Author** and **Address** that both have constraints on their properties. Furthermore, **Author** stores an **Address** instance in the **\$address** property.

Listing 74-1

```
1 // src/Acme/HelloBundle/Address.php
2 class Address
3 {
4     protected $street;
5     protected $zipCode;
6 }
```

Listing 74-2

```
1 // src/Acme/HelloBundle/Author.php
2 class Author
3 {
4     protected $firstName;
5     protected $lastName;
6     protected $address;
7 }
```

1. <http://api.symfony.com/2.1/Symfony/Component/Validator/Constraints/Type.html>

Listing 74-3

```

1  # src/Acme/HelloBundle/Resources/config/validation.yml
2  Acme\HelloBundle\Address:
3      properties:
4          street:
5              - NotBlank: ~
6          zipCode:
7              - NotBlank: ~
8              - Length:
9                  max: 5
10
11  Acme\HelloBundle\Author:
12      properties:
13          firstName:
14              - NotBlank: ~
15              - Length:
16                  min: 4
17          lastName:
18              - NotBlank: ~

```

With this mapping, it is possible to successfully validate an author with an invalid address. To prevent that, add the `Valid` constraint to the `$address` property.

Listing 74-4

```

1  # src/Acme/HelloBundle/Resources/config/validation.yml
2  Acme\HelloBundle\Author:
3      properties:
4          address:
5              - Valid: ~

```

If you validate an author with an invalid address now, you can see that the validation of the **Address** fields failed.

AcmeHelloBundleAuthor.address.zipCode: This value is too long. It should have 5 characters or less

Options

traverse

type: string **default:** true

If this constraint is applied to a property that holds an array of objects, then each object in that array will be validated only if this option is set to **true**.



Chapter 75

The Dependency Injection Tags

Dependency Injection Tags are little strings that can be applied to a service to "flag" it to be used in some special way. For example, if you have a service that you would like to register as a listener to one of Symfony's core events, you can flag it with the `kernel.event_listener` tag.

You can learn a little bit more about "tags" by reading the "Tags" section of the Service Container chapter.

Below is information about all of the tags available inside Symfony2. There may also be tags in other bundles you use that aren't listed here. For example, the AsseticBundle has several tags that aren't listed here.

Tag Name	Usage
<code>data_collector</code>	Create a class that collects custom data for the profiler
<code>form.type</code>	Create a custom form field type
<code>form.type_extension</code>	Create a custom "form extension"
<code>form.type_guesser</code>	Add your own logic for "form type guessing"
<code>kernel.cache_warmer</code>	Register your service to be called during the cache warming process
<code>kernel.event_listener</code>	Listen to different events/hooks in Symfony
<code>kernel.event_subscriber</code>	To subscribe to a set of different events/hooks in Symfony
<code>monolog.logger</code>	Logging with a custom logging channel
<code>monolog.processor</code>	Add a custom processor for logging
<code>routing.loader</code>	Register a custom service that loads routes
<code>security.voter</code>	Add a custom voter to Symfony's authorization logic
<code>security.remember_me_aware</code>	To allow remember me authentication
<code>security.listener.factory</code>	Necessary when creating a custom authentication system
<code>swiftmailer.plugin</code>	Register a custom SwiftMailer Plugin
<code>templating.helper</code>	Make your service available in PHP templates
<code>translation.loader</code>	Register a custom service that loads translations

twig.extension	Register a custom Twig Extension
validator.constraint_validator	Create your own custom validation constraint
validator.initializer	Register a service that initializes objects before validation

data_collector

Purpose: Create a class that collects custom data for the profiler

For details on creating your own custom data collection, read the cookbook article: *How to create a custom Data Collector*.

form.type

Purpose: Create a custom form field type

For details on creating your own custom form type, read the cookbook article: *How to Create a Custom Form Field Type*.

form.type_extension

Purpose: Create a custom "form extension"

Form type extensions are a way for you to "hook into" the creation of any field in your form. For example, the addition of the CSRF token is done via a form type extension (*FormTypeCsrfExtension*¹).

A form type extension can modify any part of any field in your form. To create a form type extension, first create a class that implements the *FormTypeExtensionInterface*² interface. For simplicity, you'll often extend an *AbstractTypeExtension*³ class instead of the interface directly:

Listing 75-1

```

1  // src/Acme/MainBundle/Form/Type/MyFormTypeExtension.php
2  namespace Acme\MainBundle\Form\Type;
3
4  use Symfony\Component\Form\AbstractTypeExtension;
5
6  class MyFormTypeExtension extends AbstractTypeExtension
7  {
8      // ... fill in whatever methods you want to override
9      // like buildForm(), buildView(), finishView(), setDefaultOptions()
10 }
```

In order for Symfony to know about your form extension and use it, give it the *form.type_extension* tag:

Listing 75-2

```

1  services:
2      main.form.type.my_form_type_extension:
3          class: Acme\MainBundle\Form\Type\MyFormTypeExtension
4          tags:
5              - { name: form.type_extension, alias: field }
```

1. <http://api.symfony.com/2.1/Symfony/Component/Form/Extension/Csrf/Type/FormTypeCsrfExtension.html>

2. <http://api.symfony.com/2.1/Symfony/Component/Form/FormTypeExtensionInterface.html>

3. <http://api.symfony.com/2.1/Symfony/Component/Form/AbstractTypeExtension.html>

The `alias` key of the tag is the type of field that this extension should be applied to. For example, to apply the extension to any "field", use the "field" value.

form.type_guesser

Purpose: Add your own logic for "form type guessing"

This tag allows you to add your own logic to the *Form Guessing* process. By default, form guessing is done by "guessers" based on the validation metadata and Doctrine metadata (if you're using Doctrine).

To add your own form type guesser, create a class that implements the *FormTypeGuesserInterface*⁴ interface. Next, tag its service definition with `form.type_guesser` (it has no options).

To see an example of how this class might look, see the `ValidatorTypeGuesser` class in the `Form` component.

kernel.cache_warmer

Purpose: Register your service to be called during the cache warming process

Cache warming occurs whenever you run the `cache:warmup` or `cache:clear` task (unless you pass `--no-warmup` to `cache:clear`). The purpose is to initialize any cache that will be needed by the application and prevent the first user from any significant "cache hit" where the cache is generated dynamically.

To register your own cache warmer, first create a service that implements the *CacheWarmerInterface*⁵ interface:

Listing 75-3

```
1  // src/Acme/MainBundle/Cache/MyCustomWarmer.php
2  namespace Acme\MainBundle\Cache;
3
4  use Symfony\Component\HttpKernel\CacheWarmer\CacheWarmerInterface;
5
6  class MyCustomWarmer implements CacheWarmerInterface
7  {
8      public function warmUp($cacheDir)
9      {
10         // do some sort of operations to "warm" your cache
11     }
12
13     public function isOptional()
14     {
15         return true;
16     }
17 }
```

The `isOptional` method should return true if it's possible to use the application without calling this cache warmer. In Symfony 2.0, optional warmers are always executed anyways, so this function has no real effect.

To register your warmer with Symfony, give it the `kernel.cache_warmer` tag:

Listing 75-4

```
1  services:
2      main.warmer.my_custom_warmer:
3          class: Acme\MainBundle\Cache\MyCustomWarmer
```

4. <http://api.symfony.com/2.1/Symfony/Component/Form/FormTypeGuesserInterface.html>

5. <http://api.symfony.com/2.1/Symfony/Component/HttpKernel/CacheWarmer/CacheWarmerInterface.html>

```

4     tags:
5         - { name: kernel.cache_warmer, priority: 0 }

```

The **priority** value is optional, and defaults to 0. This value can be from -255 to 255, and the warmers will be executed in the order of their priority.

kernel.event_listener

Purpose: To listen to different events/hooks in Symfony

This tag allows you to hook your own classes into Symfony's process at different points.

For a full example of this listener, read the *How to create an Event Listener* cookbook entry.

For another practical example of a kernel listener, see the cookbook article: *How to register a new Request Format and Mime Type*.

Core Event Listener Reference

When adding your own listeners, it might be useful to know about the other core Symfony listeners and their priorities.



All listeners listed here may not be listening depending on your environment, settings and bundles. Additionally, third-party bundles will bring in additional listener not listed here.

kernel.request

Listener Class Name	Priority
<i>ProfilerListener</i> ⁶	1024
<i>TestSessionListener</i> ⁷	192
<i>SessionListener</i> ⁸	128
<i>RouterListener</i> ⁹	32
<i>LocaleListener</i> ¹⁰	16
<i>Firewall</i> ¹¹	8

kernel.controller

Listener Class Name	Priority
<i>RequestDataCollector</i> ¹²	0

6. <http://api.symfony.com/2.1/Symfony/Component/HttpKernel/EventListener/ProfilerListener.html>

7. <http://api.symfony.com/2.1/Symfony/Bundle/FrameworkBundle/EventListener/TestSessionListener.html>

8. <http://api.symfony.com/2.1/Symfony/Bundle/FrameworkBundle/EventListener/SessionListener.html>

9. <http://api.symfony.com/2.1/Symfony/Component/HttpKernel/EventListener/RouterListener.html>

10. <http://api.symfony.com/2.1/Symfony/Component/HttpKernel/EventListener/LocaleListener.html>

11. <http://api.symfony.com/2.1/Symfony/Component/Security/Http/Firewall.html>

12. <http://api.symfony.com/2.1/Symfony/Bundle/FrameworkBundle/DataCollector/RequestDataCollector.html>

kernel.response

Listener Class Name	Priority
<i>EsilListener</i> ¹³	0
<i>ResponseListener</i> ¹⁴	0
<i>ResponseListener</i> ¹⁵	0
<i>ProfilerListener</i> ¹⁶	-100
<i>TestSessionListener</i> ¹⁷	-128
<i>WebDebugToolbarListener</i> ¹⁸	-128
<i>StreamedResponseListener</i> ¹⁹	-1024

kernel.exception

Listener Class Name	Priority
<i>ProfilerListener</i> ²⁰	0
<i>ExceptionListener</i> ²¹	-128

kernel.terminate

Listener Class Name	Priority
<i>EmailSenderListener</i> ²²	0

kernel.event_subscriber

Purpose: To subscribe to a set of different events/hooks in Symfony



New in version 2.1: The ability to add kernel event subscribers is new to 2.1.

To enable a custom subscriber, add it as a regular service in one of your configuration, and tag it with `kernel.event_subscriber`:

Listing 75-5

```
1 services:
2     kernel.subscriber.your_subscriber_name:
3         class: Fully\Qualified\Subscriber\Class\Name
```

-
- 13. <http://api.symfony.com/2.1/Symfony/Component/HttpKernel/EventListener/EsilListener.html>
 - 14. <http://api.symfony.com/2.1/Symfony/Component/HttpKernel/EventListener/ResponseListener.html>
 - 15. <http://api.symfony.com/2.1/Symfony/Bundle/SecurityBundle/EventListener/ResponseListener.html>
 - 16. <http://api.symfony.com/2.1/Symfony/Component/HttpKernel/EventListener/ProfilerListener.html>
 - 17. <http://api.symfony.com/2.1/Symfony/Bundle/FrameworkBundle/EventListener/TestSessionListener.html>
 - 18. <http://api.symfony.com/2.1/Symfony/Bundle/WebProfilerBundle/EventListener/WebDebugToolbarListener.html>
 - 19. <http://api.symfony.com/2.1/Symfony/Component/HttpKernel/EventListener/StreamedResponseListener.html>
 - 20. <http://api.symfony.com/2.1/Symfony/Component/HttpKernel/EventListener/ProfilerListener.html>
 - 21. <http://api.symfony.com/2.1/Symfony/Component/HttpKernel/EventListener/ExceptionListener.html>
 - 22. <http://api.symfony.com/2.1/Symfony/Bundle/SwiftmailerBundle/EventListener/EmailSenderListener.html>


```

4     tags:
5         - { name: kernel.event_subscriber }

```



Your service must implement the *EventSubscriberInterface*²³ interface.



If your service is created by a factory, you **MUST** correctly set the `class` parameter for this tag to work correctly.

monolog.logger

Purpose: To use a custom logging channel with Monolog

Monolog allows you to share its handlers between several logging channels. The logger service uses the channel `app` but you can change the channel when injecting the logger in a service.

Listing 75-6

```

services:
    my_service:
        class: Fully\Qualified\Loader\Class\Name
        arguments: [@logger]
        tags:
            - { name: monolog.logger, channel: acme }

```



This works only when the logger service is a constructor argument, not when it is injected through a setter.

monolog.processor

Purpose: Add a custom processor for logging

Monolog allows you to add processors in the logger or in the handlers to add extra data in the records. A processor receives the record as an argument and must return it after adding some extra data in the `extra` attribute of the record.

Let's see how you can use the built-in `IntrospectionProcessor` to add the file, the line, the class and the method where the logger was triggered.

You can add a processor globally:

Listing 75-7

```

1 services:
2     my_service:
3         class: Monolog\Processor\IntrospectionProcessor
4         tags:
5             - { name: monolog.processor }

```

23. <http://api.symfony.com/2.1/Symfony/Component/EventDispatcher/EventSubscriberInterface.html>



If your service is not a callable (using `__invoke`) you can add the `method` attribute in the tag to use a specific method.

You can add also a processor for a specific handler by using the `handler` attribute:

Listing 75-8

```
1 services:
2     my_service:
3         class: Monolog\Processor\IntrospectionProcessor
4         tags:
5             - { name: monolog.processor, handler: firephp }
```

You can also add a processor for a specific logging channel by using the `channel` attribute. This will register the processor only for the `security` logging channel used in the Security component:

Listing 75-9

```
1 services:
2     my_service:
3         class: Monolog\Processor\IntrospectionProcessor
4         tags:
5             - { name: monolog.processor, channel: security }
```



You cannot use both the `handler` and `channel` attributes for the same tag as handlers are shared between all channels.

routing.loader

Purpose: Register a custom service that loads routes

To enable a custom routing loader, add it as a regular service in one of your configuration, and tag it with `routing.loader`:

Listing 75-10

```
1 services:
2     routing.loader.your_loader_name:
3         class: Fully\Qualified\Loader\Class\Name
4         tags:
5             - { name: routing.loader }
```

security.listener.factory

Purpose: Necessary when creating a custom authentication system

This tag is used when creating your own custom authentication system. For details, see *How to create a custom Authentication Provider*.

security.remember_me_aware

Purpose: To allow remember me authentication

This tag is used internally to allow remember-me authentication to work. If you have a custom authentication method where a user can be remember-me authenticated, then you may need to use this tag.

If your custom authentication factory extends *AbstractFactory*²⁴ and your custom authentication listener extends *AbstractAuthenticationListener*²⁵, then your custom authentication listener will automatically have this tagged applied and it will function automatically.

security.voter

Purpose: To add a custom voter to Symfony's authorization logic

When you call `isGranted` on Symfony's security context, a system of "voters" is used behind the scenes to determine if the user should have access. The `security.voter` tag allows you to add your own custom voter to that system.

For more information, read the cookbook article: *How to implement your own Voter to blacklist IP Addresses*.

swiftmailer.plugin

Purpose: Register a custom SwiftMailer Plugin

If you're using a custom SwiftMailer plugin (or want to create one), you can register it with SwiftMailer by creating a service for your plugin and tagging it with `swiftmailer.plugin` (it has no options).

A SwiftMailer plugin must implement the `Swift_Events_EventListener` interface. For more information on plugins, see *SwiftMailer's Plugin Documentation*²⁶.

Several SwiftMailer plugins are core to Symfony and can be activated via different configuration. For details, see *SwiftmailerBundle Configuration* ("swiftmailer").

templating.helper

Purpose: Make your service available in PHP templates

To enable a custom template helper, add it as a regular service in one of your configuration, tag it with `templating.helper` and define an `alias` attribute (the helper will be accessible via this alias in the templates):

Listing 75-11

```
1 services:
2     templating.helper.your_helper_name:
3         class: Fully\Qualified\Helper\Class\Name
4         tags:
5             - { name: templating.helper, alias: alias_name }
```

translation.loader

Purpose: To register a custom service that loads translations

24. <http://api.symfony.com/2.1/Symfony/Bundle/SecurityBundle/DependencyInjection/Security/Factory/AbstractFactory.html>

25. <http://api.symfony.com/2.1/Symfony/Component/Security/Http/Firewall/AbstractAuthenticationListener.html>

26. <http://swiftmailer.org/docs/plugins.html>

By default, translations are loaded from the filesystem in a variety of different formats (YAML, XLIFF, PHP, etc). If you need to load translations from some other source, first create a class that implements the *LoaderInterface*²⁷ interface:

```
Listing 75-12 1 // src/Acme/MainBundle/Translation/MyCustomLoader.php
2 namespace Acme\MainBundle\Translation;
3
4 use Symfony\Component\Translation\Loader\LoaderInterface;
5 use Symfony\Component\Translation\MessageCatalogue;
6
7 class MyCustomLoader implements LoaderInterface
8 {
9     public function load($resource, $locale, $domain = 'messages')
10    {
11        $catalogue = new MessageCatalogue($locale);
12
13        // some how load up some translations from the "resource"
14        // then set them into the catalogue
15        $catalogue->set('hello.world', 'Hello World!', $domain);
16
17        return $catalogue;
18    }
19 }
```

Your custom loader's `load` method is responsible for returning a *MessageCatalogue*²⁸.

Now, register your loader as a service and tag it with `translation.loader`:

```
Listing 75-13 1 services:
2     main.translation.my_custom_loader:
3         class: Acme\MainBundle\Translation\MyCustomLoader
4         tags:
5             - { name: translation.loader, alias: bin }
```

The `alias` option is required and very important: it defines the file "suffix" that will be used for the resource files that use this loader. For example, suppose you have some custom `bin` format that you need to load. If you have a `bin` file that contains French translations for the `messages` domain, then you might have a file `app/Resources/translations/messages.fr.bin`.

When Symfony tries to load the `bin` file, it passes the path to your custom loader as the `$resource` argument. You can then perform any logic you need on that file in order to load your translations.

If you're loading translations from a database, you'll still need a resource file, but it might either be blank or contain a little bit of information about loading those resources from the database. The file is key to trigger the `load` method on your custom loader.

twig.extension

Purpose: To register a custom Twig Extension

To enable a Twig extension, add it as a regular service in one of your configuration, and tag it with `twig.extension`:

Listing 75-14

27. <http://api.symfony.com/2.1/Symfony/Component/Translation/Loader/LoaderInterface.html>
28. <http://api.symfony.com/2.1/Symfony/Component/Translation/MessageCatalogue.html>

```

1 services:
2     twig.extension.your_extension_name:
3         class: Fully\Qualified\Extension\Class\Name
4         tags:
5             - { name: twig.extension }

```

For information on how to create the actual Twig Extension class, see *Twig's documentation*²⁹ on the topic or read the cookbook article: *How to write a custom Twig Extension*

Before writing your own extensions, have a look at the *Twig official extension repository*³⁰ which already includes several useful extensions. For example `Intl` and its `localizeddate` filter that formats a date according to user's locale. These official Twig extensions also have to be added as regular services:

Listing 75-15

```

1 services:
2     twig.extension.intl:
3         class: Twig_Extensions_Extension_Intl
4         tags:
5             - { name: twig.extension }

```

validator.constraint_validator

Purpose: Create your own custom validation constraint

This tag allows you to create and register your own custom validation constraint. For more information, read the cookbook article: *How to create a Custom Validation Constraint*.

validator.initializer

Purpose: Register a service that initializes objects before validation

This tag provides a very uncommon piece of functionality that allows you to perform some sort of action on an object right before it's validated. For example, it's used by Doctrine to query for all of the lazily-loaded data on an object before it's validated. Without this, some data on a Doctrine entity would appear to be "missing" when validated, even though this is not really the case.

If you do need to use this tag, just make a new class that implements the *ObjectInitializerInterface*³¹ interface. Then, tag it with the `validator.initializer` tag (it has no options).

For an example, see the `EntityInitializer` class inside the Doctrine Bridge.

29. <http://twig.sensiolabs.org/doc/advanced.html#creating-an-extension>

30. <https://github.com/fabpot/Twig-extensions>

31. <http://api.symfony.com/2.1/Symfony/Component/Validator/ObjectInitializerInterface.html>



Chapter 76

Requirements for running Symfony2

To run Symfony2, your system needs to adhere to a list of requirements. You can easily see if your system passes all requirements by running the `web/config.php` in your Symfony distribution. Since the CLI often uses a different `php.ini` configuration file, it's also a good idea to check your requirements from the command line via:

Listing 76-1 1 \$ `php app/check.php`

Below is the list of required and optional requirements.

Required

- PHP needs to be a minimum version of PHP 5.3.3
- JSON needs to be enabled
- ctype needs to be enabled
- Your PHP.ini needs to have the date.timezone setting

Optional

- You need to have the PHP-XML module installed
- You need to have at least version 2.6.21 of libxml
- PHP tokenizer needs to be enabled
- mbstring functions need to be enabled
- iconv needs to be enabled
- POSIX needs to be enabled (only on *nix)
- Intl needs to be installed with ICU 4+
- APC 3.0.17+ (or another opcode cache needs to be installed)
- PHP.ini recommended settings
 - `short_open_tag` = Off
 - `magic_quotes_gpc` = Off
 - `register_globals` = Off

- `session.autostart = Off`

Doctrine

If you want to use Doctrine, you will need to have PDO installed. Additionally, you need to have the PDO driver installed for the database server you want to use.

