forrest:views concept (Draft -feature planed for 0.8)

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Warning:

This document is heavily under development

1 Introduction

Like stated in the <u>Skin documentation file</u> the aim of the forrest skins is to provide many capabilities so that extra skins are not needed. Our experience showed that many forrest user had to create a new skin because the default skin did not offer the feature their wanted to use. That leaded us to develop a new concept of creating skins that would be easily extensible by a user.

The aim of the upcoming "forrest:views" skinning concept is to provide a flexible framework for creating site and page specific layout in different formats.

2 Background

The problem with the forrest skins so far has been that "only" the design changed (html-skeleton), but still we had to write a completely new skin and implement all functionality. Another problem was that the functionality was not easy extensible by a user. Then we decided to support the a standard regarding naming conventions for css elements. This standard has been developed on the <u>OSCOM</u> website, where you can find some more background informations.

3 Definition of naming conventions

"A naming convention is an attempt to systematize names in a field so they unambiguously convey similar information in a similar manner." wordig-definition

4 leather-dev

That leaded to the development of the "leather-dev" skin which established a semantic container approach for div elements. The problems with leather-dev was pointed out on the mail <u>status on</u> leather-dev?