collective.templates Documentation

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ONE

INSTALLATION

You can install the Plone add-on collective.addons using zc.buildout and the plone.recipe.zope2instance. Thus you could add it to the list of eggs to install, e.g.:

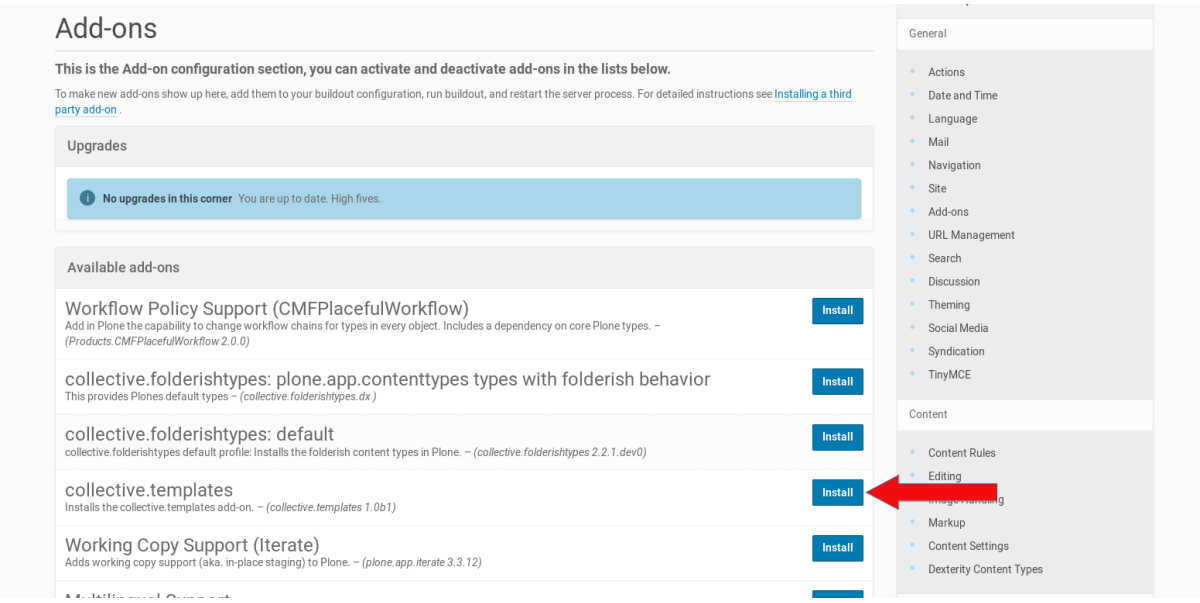
```
[buildout]
    ...
    eggs =
        ...
        collective.templates
```

Once you have added the add-on re-run buildout, e.g. with:

```
$ ./bin/buildout
```

Once your buildout finished you had to create a new Plone site and then install and activate the Plone add-on inside this new Plone site. Therefor you had to go to the Plone 'Site Setup' adminstration area. If you got administration permissions you find a link to it in the menu entry with your name (or 'admin'). You could reach it directly by adding '/@@overview-controlpanel' to the URL of your Plone site.

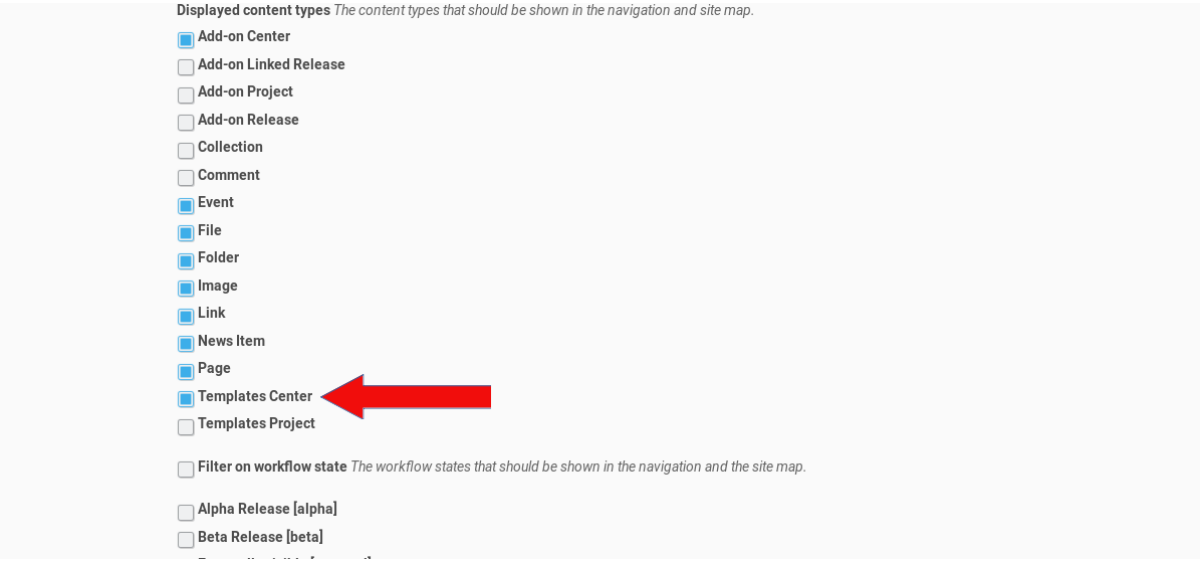
In the 'Site Setup' page click on 'Add-ons' and you get a list of the Plone add-ons which are available in your Plone site.



You will get a list like in the above screenshot. Click on the 'install' button next to the 'collective.templates' list entry and the add-on will be installed in your Plone site.

1.1 Navigation configuration

Next you need to go to the 'Navigation' configuration inside the 'Site Setup'. Thus click on the corresponding button and you get to the configuration menu in the screenshot below.



Tick the checkbox in fron of the entry 'Templates Center' and save your changes. The necessary steps are done to go to the homepage of your Plone site (or a subdirectory of the site, where you want to create a new template center.

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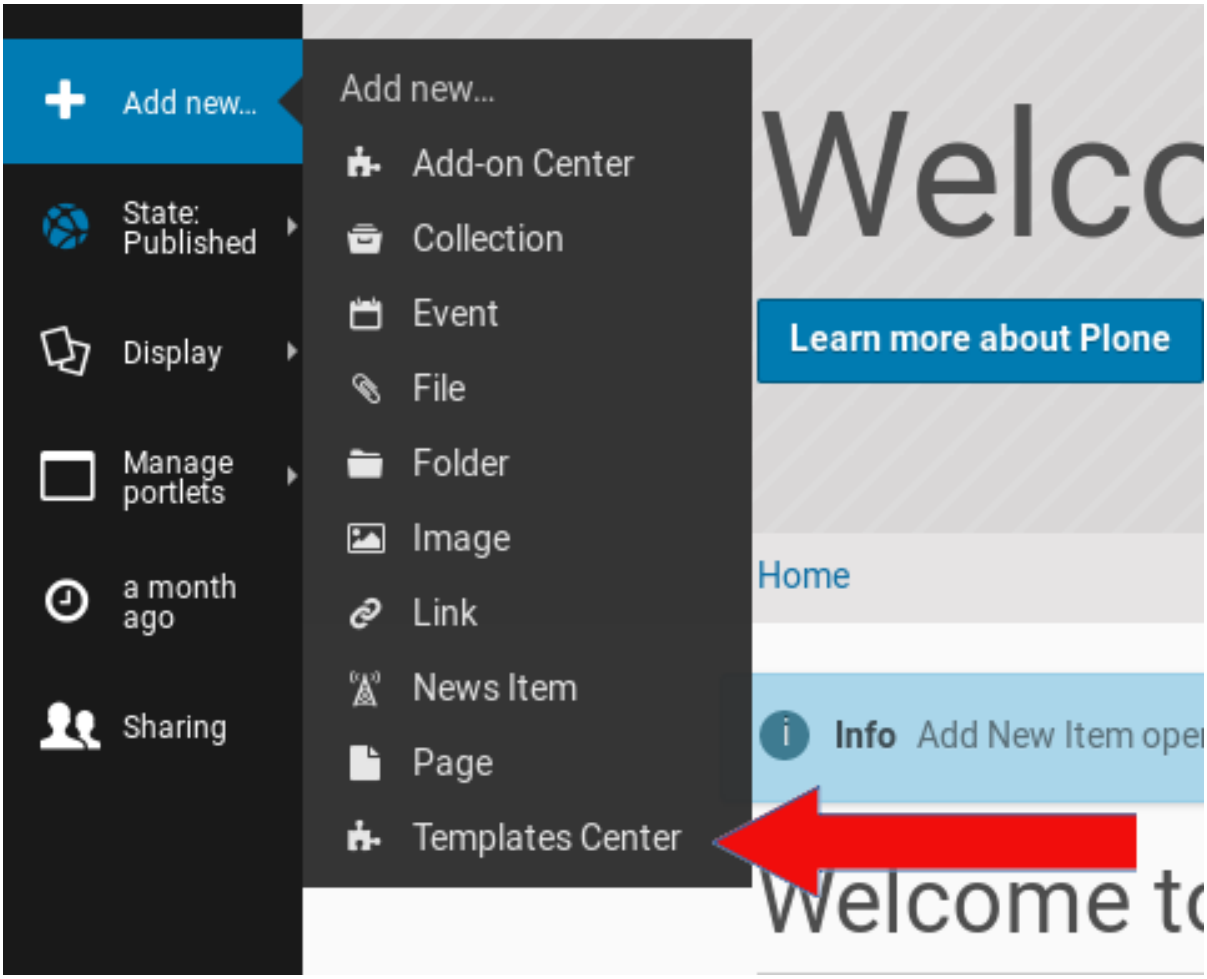
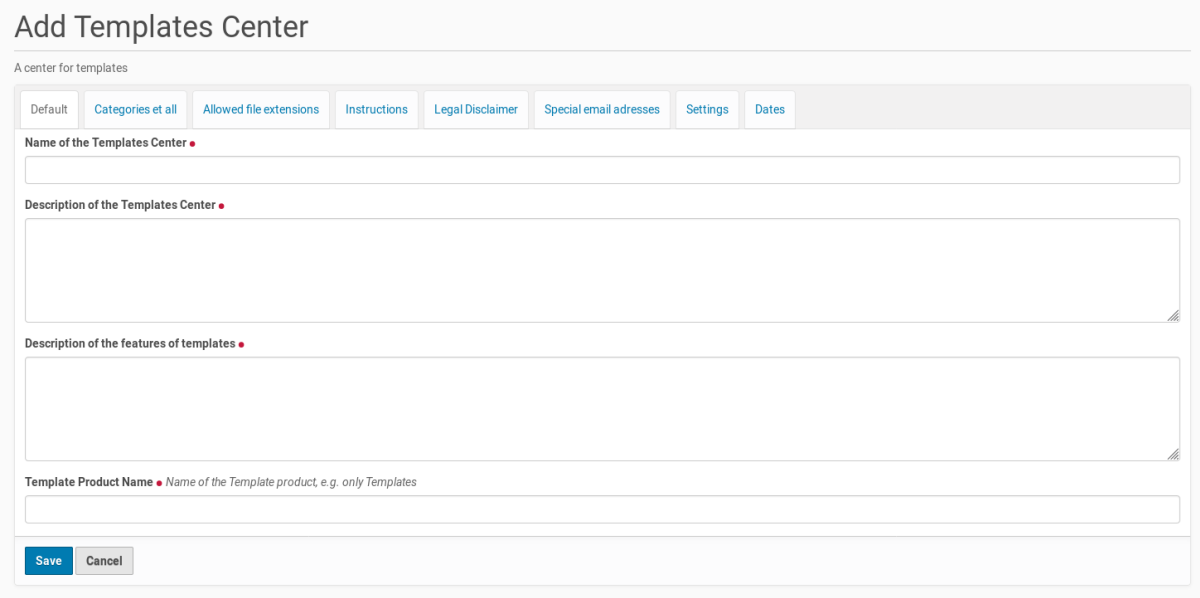
ADD A NEW TEMPLATE CENTER TO YOUR PLONE SITE

I assume you want to add the center to the Plone site root ('Home'). Therefor go to this site root and choose from the Plone menu on the left 'Add new'. You get in this menu an entry to create a new 'Template Center' (see the screenshot below).



Click on this entry and you get the form below. This is the edit form to create and configure a new Template Center in your Plone site.



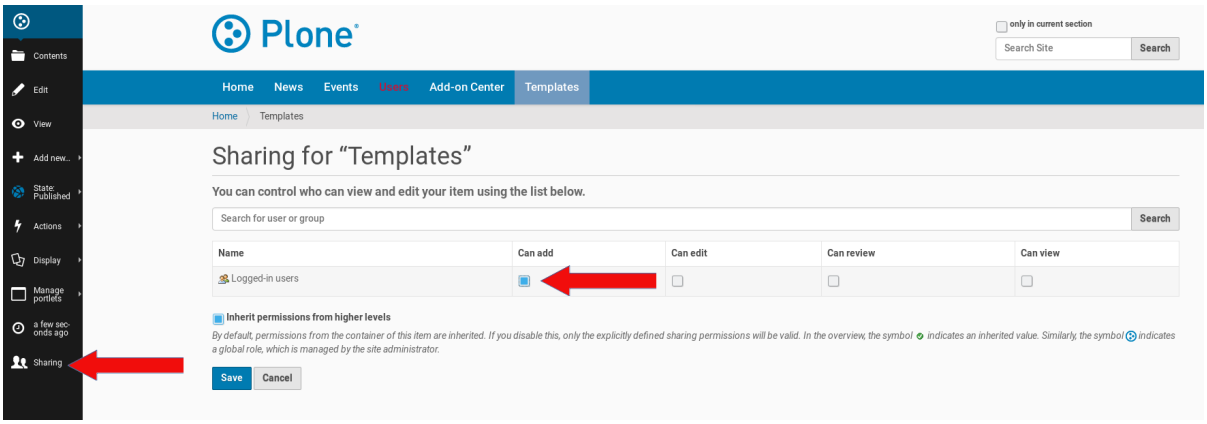
Fill in the fields in the edit form of the Template Center. All fields has a description of their expected values. Don't miss to go through the register of the edit form dialog. The fields on the register 'Allowed file extensions' need your input about the allowed file extensions for the templates and the image file extensions (screenshot). If there are different file extensions allowed for this file categories you could enter this file extensions seperated by a pipe into the form fields, e.g.: 'png|jpg' for image files. Once you are finished with adding values to the edit form, save the form. If you missed to edit a form field, you will get an error message and could fill in the necessary information into the appropriate form field.

2.1 Publish The New Add-on Center

Once you finished with the edit form of the Add-on Center and saved your changes you need to publish the center. You could do this by a click on the entry 'State: Private' in the menubar on the left site. Choose the entry 'Publish' and you are done.

2.2 Sharing: Enable Members To Add Projects

The logged in users are not able to add projects to the Template Center yet. You could enable this by a mouse click on the entry 'Sharing' in menubar on the left site (see screenshot below). This shows the edit menu for sharing and you could tick the checkbox 'Can add' for 'logged-in-users' (see screenshot below) to enable the members of the Plone site to add their template projects to the center.


Plone
only in current section
Search Site
Search
Contents
Edit
View
Add new...
State: Published
Actions
Display
Manage portlets
a few seconds ago
Sharing
Home
News
Events
Users
Add-on Center
Templates
Home
Templates
Sharing for “Templates”
You can control who can view and edit your item using the list below.
Search for user or group
Search
Name
Can add
Can edit
Can review
Can view
Logged-in users
Inherit permissions from higher levels
By default, permissions from the container of this item are inherited. If you disable this, only the explicitly defined sharing permissions will be valid. In the overview, the symbol indicates an inherited value. Similarly, the symbol indicates a global role, which is managed by the site administrator.
Save
Cancel

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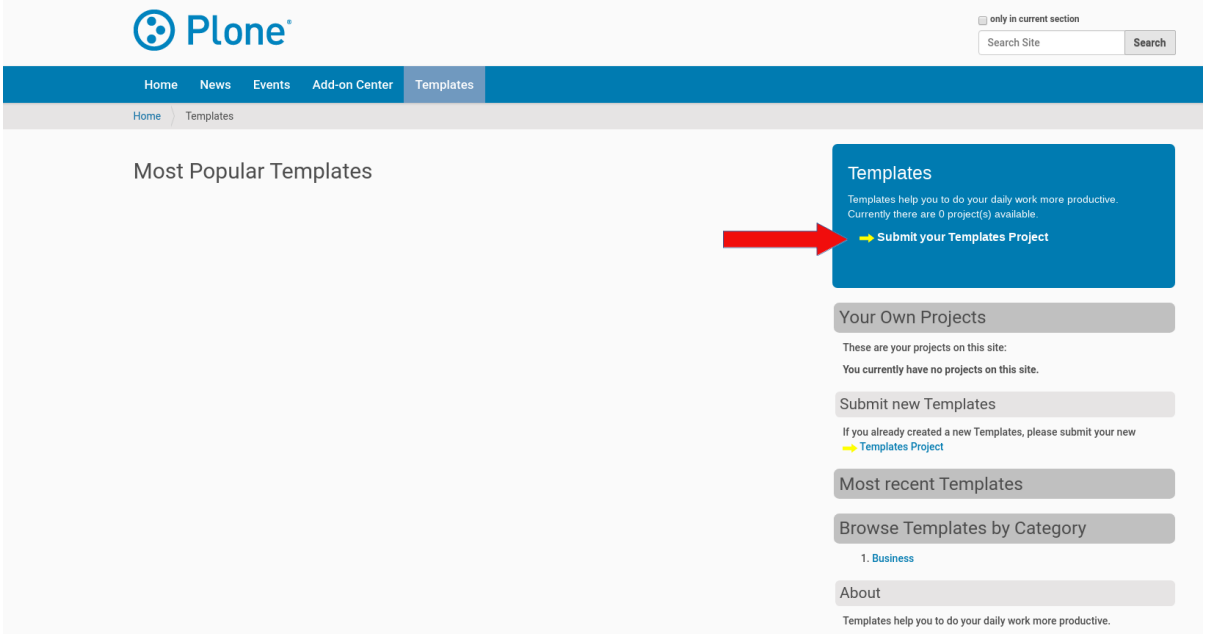
THREE

ADD A NEW TEMPLATE PROJECT TO THE TEMPLATE CENTER

A member of the Plone site (logged-in user) could add own template projects to the 'Template Center' once he called the appropriate form for new such projects and fill in the necessary data.

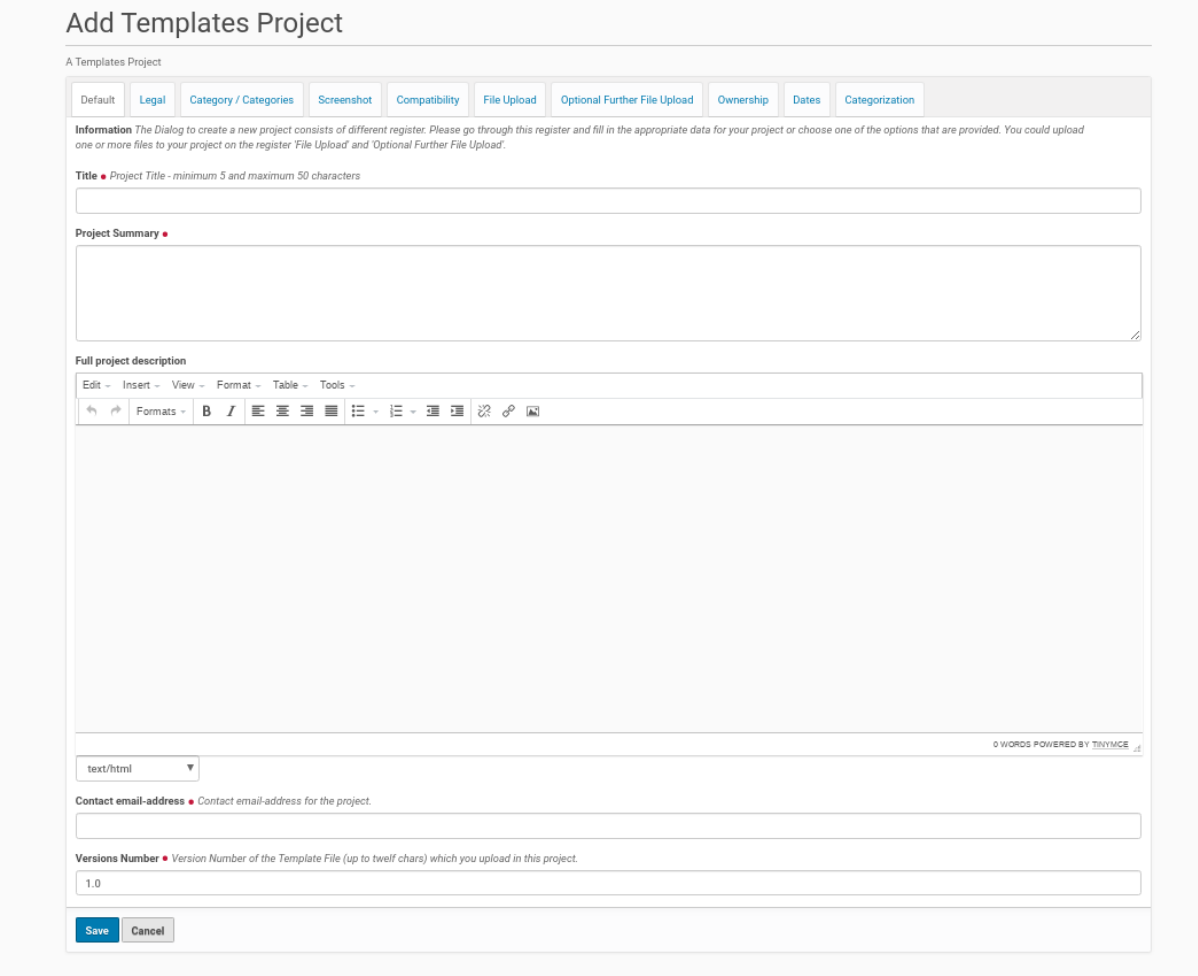
He has to click with the mouse first on the link in the box on the right side (see screenshot below).



This mouse click opens the form for providing new templates. The form dialog consists of several register. The form fields in the first register asks for more general information about the project. It's possible to edit and change the content of the fields later, if the focus or the features of the project varies.

3.1 The First Register 'Default'

The new template project needs its own title with a length from 5 to 50 characters. This title has to be unique inside the 'Template Center'. If there is already another template project with the same title the member will get an error message with the appropriate information. Thus he had to choose another title for his template project.



A new project needs also a summary and could get a full description of its purpose and features. The latter one is optional (only form fields with a red point behind the title are mandatory).

It's also necessary that the member provides an email-address. This address will be used to get in contact with the project (owner). The 'Template Center' sends e.g. messages if the status of the project changes (e.g. it was published by a reviewer). Users of the project / template could send feedback to the author within a form. The content of this form will be send by email to the project (owner) (The feedback provider will not see the email address of the project).

The last field contains the version number of the template project. The field starts with a value of '1.0'. But the project owner could change this value to the appropriate version number of the template file. The number '1.0' means that the template file is ready for production. If this is not the case this version number should have a leading zero.

If the project owner replaces the template file(s) with a newer one, she / he have to change the value of the version field. But there is no reminder / error message yet for this task yet. It's on her / his own responsibility not to forget to update the version number in that case.

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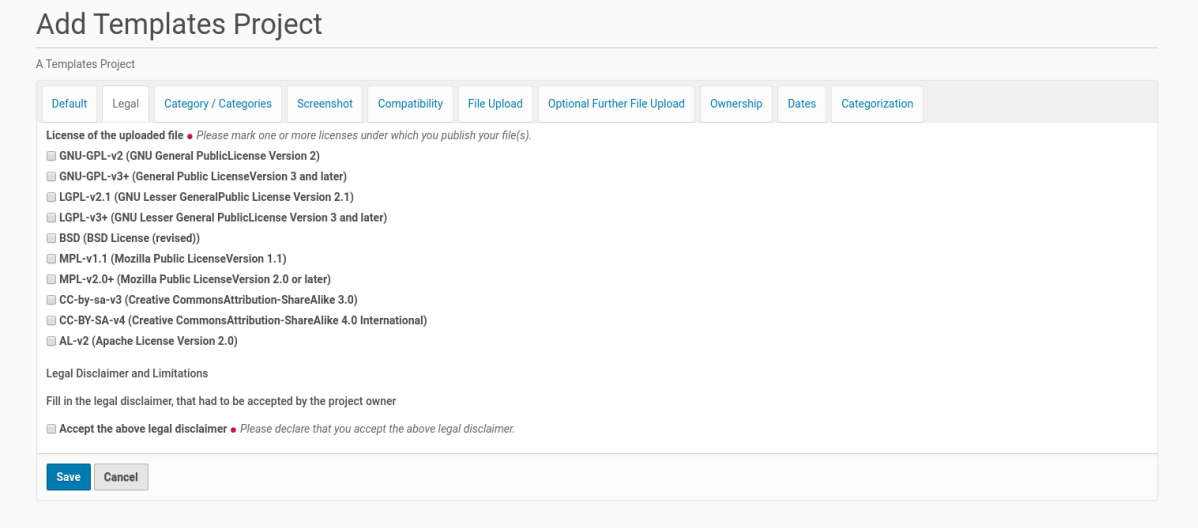
THE SECOND REGISTER ‘LEGAL’

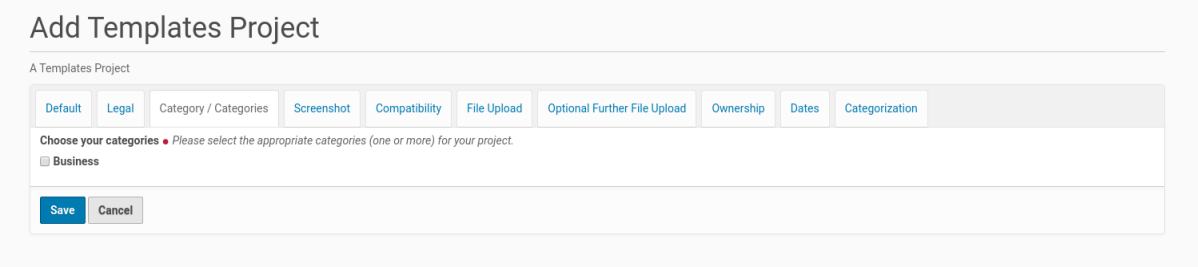
The Second register shows the necessary fields for the legal statements about the template project / files. It starts with the license for the template file(s). It is possible to check more than one license for a template filee(s). This declaration need to be in accordance with the license declaration inside the template file(s) (if there is one).



There is also a read-only form field which contains the text of the legal disclaimer that has to be accepted by the template project owner. The text of the legal disclaimer will be set by the site admin inside the ‘Template Center’.

4.1 The Third Register ‘Category / Categories’

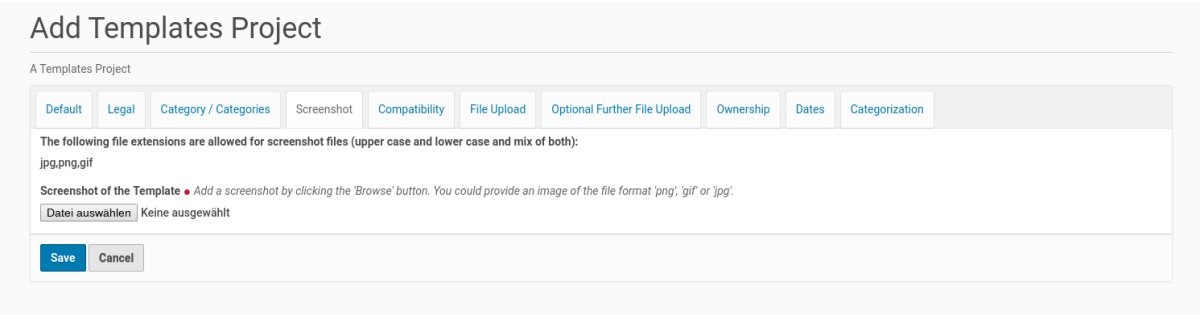
The template projects were assigned to one or more categories. The creator of the template project could choose on this register one or more categories, the new template project matches. The list of categories in this register had been created by the Plone site administrator within the ‘Template Center’.



4.2 The Fourth Register 'Screenshot'

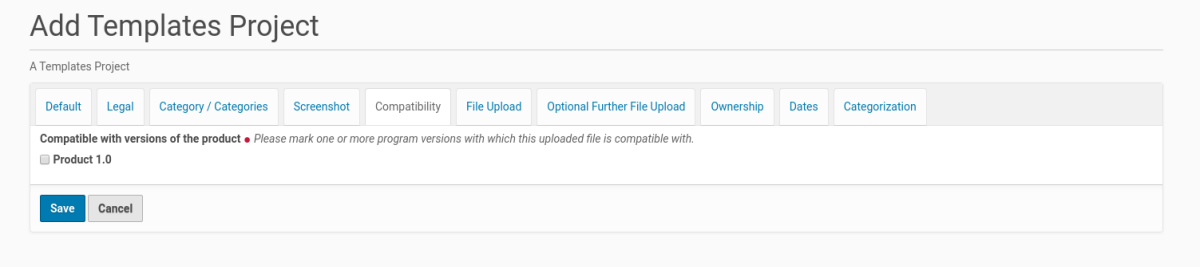
This is the place to submit a project screenshot. This is mandatory.

The allowed file extensions are displayed next to the button to call the file dialog. The Plone site administrator choose this allowed file extensions within the 'Template Center'.



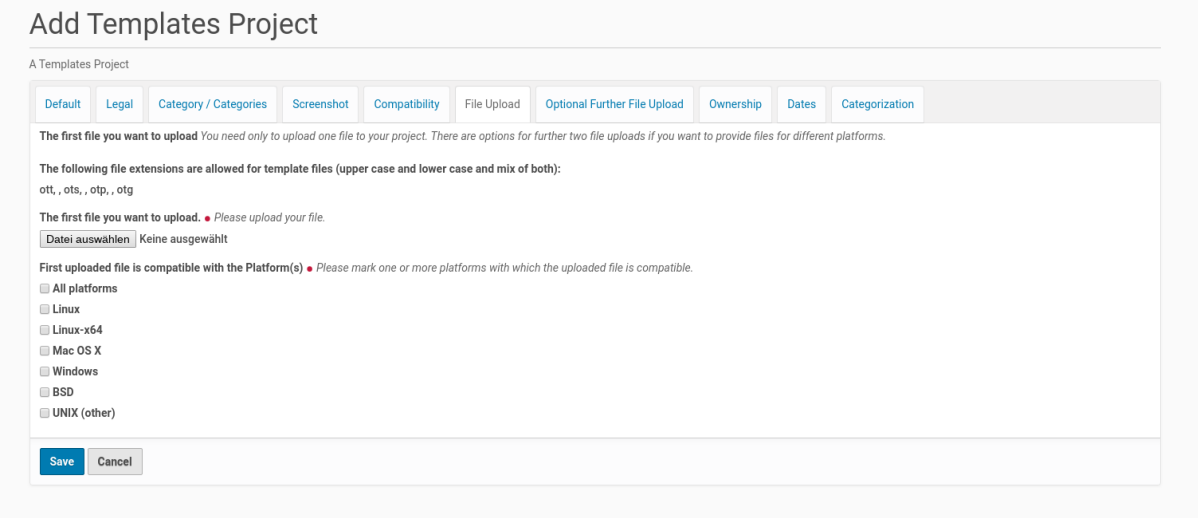
4.3 The Fifth Register 'Compatibility'

This register contains a form field to choose the versions of the program the release is compatible with. The list of program versions will be created by the site admin within the 'Template Center'. It is possible to choose multiple program versions for the template file(s) compatibility.



4.4 The Sixth Register 'File Upload'

This register is the place to upload the template file and declare which platform it is compatible with.



If there are versions of the template file for different platforms (e.g. one for MS Windows and another one for Linux only) this further template files could be uploaded using the following register ('Optional Further File Upload').

The list of platforms in the listing below the the upload field will be created by the site admin inside the 'Template Center'. She / he is able to expand this list at any time if desired.

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FIVE

PUBLISH A TEMPLATE PROJECT

Once the project owner has finished the edits in the form and save it, she / he could submit the template project for publication. This could be done within the menubar on the left side. She / he had to click on the menu entry 'Private' and than click on the entry 'Submit for publication' in the opening drop down menu. The menu entry will change from 'Private' to 'Pending'.

The project owner will get an email with an information about this change of the workflow state. A corresponding email will be send to the administrator or a configured email address for this task (configured inside the 'Template Center'.

The project has been forwarded into the review queue of the 'Template Center'. Once the administrator, site-admiministrator or a reviewer changed the workflow state again, e.g. published the project, the project owner will get a further email with this new state.

CHAPTER

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MESSAGING

The collective.template Plone add-on use some of the Plone messaging implementations to create messages to the site admin, reviewers and the owner / creator of teplate projects.

6.1 Messages To The Site-Admininstrator / Administrator

- The site-administrator / admiinstrator get an e-mail once a new template project have been added to the template center.
- If the project owner submit her / his project for publication, the site-administrator / administrator get an e-mail about this event.

If the form field 'contactForCenter' in the templaten center contains an e-mail address the above messages will be send to this address. Otherwise the e-mail goes to the e-mail address of the Plone site.

6.2 Messages To The Project Owner

- Once a workflow status of his project(s) change the project owner will get a message (e-mail) which inform her / him about this new status.
- Once the site-administrator / administrator of the Plone site adds a new product version to the form field 'Available Versions' the owner of a project will get an e-mail to inform her / him about this event. The message ask the owner to update the versions list of his project(s).

CHAPTER

SEVEN

CONTACT TO A TEMPLATE PROJECT

There are two mail forms available to get in contact with a template project and send feedback to its main contact respective owner.

7.1 Mail Form On The Project Page

There is a mail form linked from the project resources tool bar on the right side of a template project page. This contact form set already the project name of the project, from which page it is called. The user need only to fill in his name, mail address and message to the project (owner/contact) into the form. The form is secured by a captcha.

7.2 Mail Form On The Start Page Of The Template Center

Another mail form is linked directly from the sidebar of the Template Center. This form differs from the one on the project pages, because it has not already a default entry for the project name. Thus the user of this form has to know the name of the template project and write it into the form field.

It is on the disposition of the template project owner / contact if he get back to the sender of the mail. The mail address of the project owner / contact is not public visible and will not be submitted to the sender of the contact form.

CHAPTER

EIGHT

INDICES AND TABLES

- genindex
- modindex
- search