

PrimeFaces: Extended Data Tables

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Overview



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Motivation

For data tables in general

- When you have variable-length data to display in the results page
 - E.g., if you want to show deposits and withdrawals in last month rather than just current balance

For PrimeFaces extended version

- h:dataTable is popular and easy to use
- But, important features are either lacking or very difficult to implement
 - Skinning/theming
 - · Sorting by given column attributes
 - · Paging when number of entries is long

Most common/important options shown

- Many more options. See User's Guide for details.

Simplified Testing

Real life

- Normally, the data is produced in the business logic that is called by the action controller
 - E.g., you collect a bank customer ID and month in a form, and the button says

<h:commandButton ... action="#{user.findChanges}"/> where findChanges finds the bank account changes (deposits and withdrawals) in the month and puts then into an array or List

For practice

- Here, we will hardcode the data for simplicity
 - I.e., make a managed bean with a method that returns a fixed List

Simplifying Testing: Example

Bean	Standalone Test Page
<pre>@ManagedBean public class Test { private List<person> people = ; public List<person> getPeople() { return(people); } }</person></person></pre>	<p:datatable <="" td="" var="person"></p:datatable>

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p:dataTable Basics



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Simplest Syntax

- Attributes
 - var, value
- Nested element
 - p:column
- Example

```
<p:dataTable var="someVar" value="#{bean.someCollection}">
  <p:column>#{someVar.property1}</p:column>
  <p:column>#{someVar.property2} </p:column>
    ...
</p:dataTable>
```

- Legal types for "value" attribute
 - List, Array, Collection, ResultSet, Result, DataModel, LazyDataModel
 - Some features (e.g., sorting) work only with List, so routinely use List instead of array

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Supporting Class: Programmer

```
public class Programmer {
  private String firstName, lastName, level;
  private double salary;
  private String[] languages;
  public Programmer(String firstName,
                    String lastName,
                    String level,
                    double salary,
                    String... languages) {
    this.firstName = firstName;
    this.lastName = lastName;
    this.level = level;
    this.salary = salary;
    this.languages = languages;
  }
  // getFirstName, getLastName, getLevel, getSalary,
  // getLanguages
```

Programmer (Continued)

```
/** Formats the salary like "$24,567.89". */
public String getFormattedSalary() {
    return(String.format("$%,.2f", salary));
}

/** Returns a String like "Java, C++, and Lisp".
    * That is, it puts commas and the word "and" into list.
    */
public String getLanguageList() {
    StringBuilder langList = new StringBuilder();
    for(int i=0; i<languages.length; i++) {
        if(i < (languages.length-1)) {
            langList.append(languages[i] + ", ");
        } else {
            langList.append("and " + languages[i]);
        }
    }
    return(langList.toString());
}</pre>
```

Supporting Class: Company

Managed Bean: Company1

```
In early examples, data never changes, so it could be application scoped. But, in later examples, we will sort
@ManagedBean
                                 the Programmer array and we want that to persist (and not to affect other users)
@SessionScoped
public class Company1 extends Company {
  public Company1() {
    super("My-Small-Company.com",
         new Programmer("Larry", "Ellison", "Junior", 34762.52,
                           "SQL", "Prolog", "OCL", "Datalog"),
         new Programmer("Larry", "Page", "Junior", 43941.86,
                           "Java", "C++", "Python", "Go"),
         new Programmer("Steve", "Ballmer", "Intermediate", 83678.29,
                           "Visual Basic", "VB.NET", "C#", "Visual C++",
                           "Assembler"),
         new Programmer("Sam", "Palmisano", "Intermediate", 96550.03,
                           "REXX", "CLIST", "Java", "PL/I", "COBOL"),
         new Programmer("Steve", "Jobs", "Intermediate", 103488.80,
                           "Objective-C", "AppleScript", "Java", "Perl",
                           "Tcl"));
  }
```

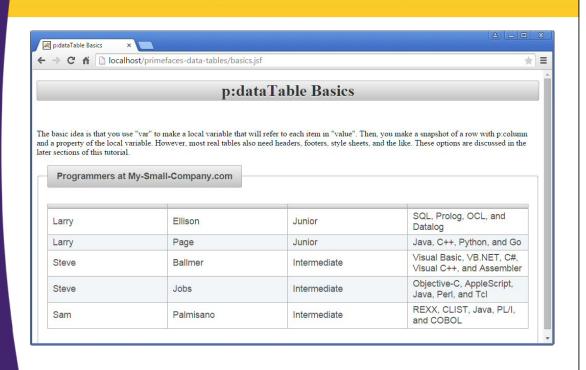
Facelets Page: Top

```
<!DOCTYPE html PUBLIC "-//W3C//DTD XHTML 1.0 Transitional//EN"</pre>
  "http://www.w3.org/TR/xhtml1/DTD/xhtml1-transitional.dtd">
                                                                             This first simple example
<html xmlns="http://www.w3.org/1999/xhtml"</pre>
                                                                             doesn't use any f: tags,
                                                                             but many real
         xmlns:f="http://xmlns.jcp.org/jsf/core"
                                                                             p:dataTable examples
                                                                             use f:facet for the overall
         xmlns:h="http://xmlns.jcp.org/jsf/html"
                                                                             table heading (caption).
                                                                             So, plan ahead and add
         xmlns:p="http://primefaces.org/ui">
                                                                             this namespace from the
                                                                             beginning.
<h:head><title>p:dataTable Basics</title>
</h:head>
                                                                             You probably are already
<h:body>
                                                                            using this namespace for
                                                                            p:commandButton,
                                                                            p:inputText, etc. But even
                                                                             if not, you need it for
                                                                            p:dataTable and
```

p:column.

Facelets Page: Main Code

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Column and Table Headers



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Column Headers

Problem

 Regular content gives a snapshot of a row. So, most content inside p:column is repeated for every row.

Solution

— Mark headings with headerText. Shown for 1st row only.
<p:dataTable var="someVar" value="#{someCollection}">
<p:column headerText="First Heading">
#{someVar.property1}
</p:column>

You can also use the standard JSF style of f.facet with name="header". But, that is a lot more cumbersome.

Footers

Use footerText

Table Header (Caption)

Problems

- A regular heading above the table does not take on look and feel of the table.
- p:dataTable has no support for <caption>

Solution

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Headers: Facelets

```
<p:dataTable var="programmer"
              value="#{company1.programmers}">
  <f:facet name="header">
    Programmers at #{company1.companyName}
  </f:facet>
  <p:column headerText="First Name">
    #{programmer.firstName}
  </p:column>
  <p:column headerText="Last Name">
    #{programmer.lastName}
  </p:column>
  <p:column headerText="Experience Level">
    #{programmer.level}
  </p:column>
  <p:column headerText="Languages">
    #{programmer.languageList}
  </p:column>
                                               Note: same managed bean (Company1) and
                                               supporting class (Programmer) as previous example
k/p:dataTable>
```

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Row Styling



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Styling Table as a Whole

tableStyleClass

- styleClass applies to the entire component, whose outer element is a div
- <u>table</u>StyleClass applies to the table itself

Caution

 Large-scale changes to look of the table can make it hard to adapt to a new PrimeFaces theme

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Styling Rows

Styling rows consistently

- Problem: no rowClasses
 - Standard JSF supports rowClasses, which lets you specify sets of styles that apply to n rows and then repeat
- Solution: use CSS3 positional selectors
 - For every-other row, use ".tableClass tr:nth-child(odd) td" ".tableClass tr:nth-child(even) td"

Styling rows dynamically

- Use rowStyleClass
 - It is JSF EL expression that is re-evaluated for each row
 - Example:

<p:dataTable ... rowStyleClass="#{bean.test ? 'style1' : 'style2'}">

Consistent Row Styling: Example

Big idea: zebra striping

- Make every-other row have a different background color

Approach

- Use tableStyleClass to give overall table a style of "zebra"
- Style odd-numbered rows with positional selector table.zebra tr:nth-child(odd) td { background-color: #dddddd; }

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Consistent Row Styling: CSS

CSS file

```
- WebContent/resources/css/table-row-styles.css
table.zebra tr:nth-child(odd) td {
    background-color: #dddddd;
  }
  .green { color: green }
  .red { color: red }
```

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Consistent Row Styling: Facelets

Note: same managed bean (Company1) and supporting class (Programmer) as earlier examples.

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Consistent Row Styling: Results



Dynamic Row Styling: Example

Big idea: color based on bean property

- Use green text for Java developers
- Use red text for non-Java developers

Approach

- Give Programmer an isJavaDeveloper() method
- Create two styles, "red" and "green"
- Use rowStyleClass to dynamically assign the appropriate style

```
<p:dataTable ...
rowStyleClass="#{programmer.javaDeveloper ? 'green' : 'red'}">
```

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Consistent Row Styling: CSS

CSS file

```
- WebContent/resources/css/table-row-styles.css
table.zebra tr:nth-child(odd) td {
 background-color: #dddddd;
 }
 .green { color: green }
 .red { color: red }
```

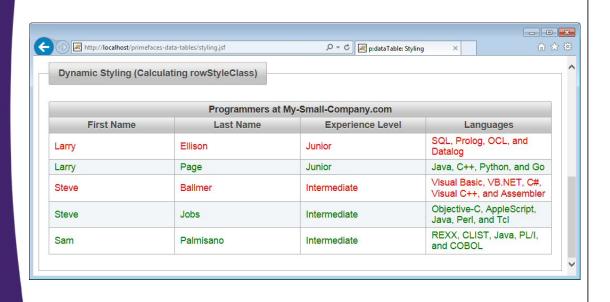
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Resizable Columns



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Big Idea

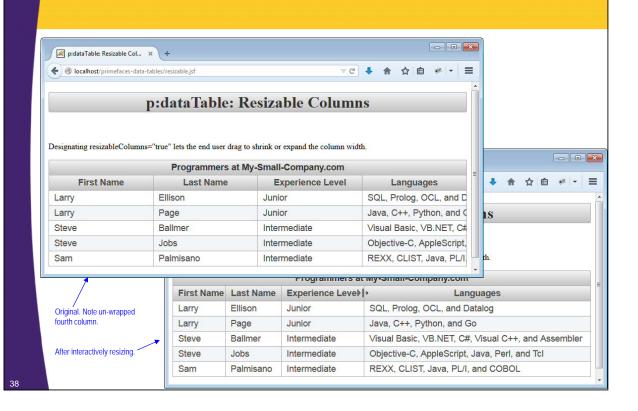
- Default behavior
 - Each column gets an equal width
- Can let user drag columns wider or more narrow
 - Use <p:dataTable ... resizableColumns="true">
- Major deficiency
 - Long table cells do not wrap when resize is turned on

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Sortable Tables



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Big Idea

- Default behavior
 - Rows are shown in the order they appear in the data
- Can let user click to sort based on column
 - Use <p:column ... sortBy="#{bean.property}">
 - · Uses Ajax: sorts List on the server
- Sorting uses standard Java comparisons
 - Alphabetical for String properties
 - By number value for numeric properties
 - Can override comparison with sortFunction
 - As with normal Java compare function, returns -1, 0, or 1 depending if first arg should be earlier, tied, or later
- Must use List (or ListModel)
 - Main table data source must be List, not array

Undocumented Requirements

- Must use List (or ListModel)
 - The type for "value" must be List, not array
- You must enclose table in h:form

```
<h:form>
<p:dataTable ...>...</p:dataTable>
</h:form>
```

- This is ostensibly because clicks result in Ajax calls, but pagination also uses Ajax and does not require h:form
- Sorting and pagination do not mix
 - Tables with sorting cannot use pagination (next topic)
- None of these requirement are documented
 - Not mentioned in 5.1 User's Guide
 - Not explicitly stated in Showcase

Example

- When table first comes up
 - In order that programmers appear in original data
- When user clicks on first name, last name, or experience level
 - Sorts alphabetically by that property
 - Uses sortBy
 - Clicking a second time reverses the order
- When user clicks on languages
 - Sorts by length
 - Uses sortBy and sortFunction
 - Clicking a second time reverses the order

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```
<h:form>
<p:dataTable var="programmer" value="#{company1.programmers}">
  <f:facet name="header">Programmers at #{company1.companyName}</f:facet>
  <p:column headerText="First Name" sortBy="#{programmer.firstName}">
    #{programmer.firstName}
  </p:column>
  <p:column headerText="Last Name" sortBy="#{programmer.lastName}">
    #{programmer.lastName}
 </p:column>
  <p:column headerText="Experience Level" sortBy="#{programmer.level}">
    #{programmer.level}
  </p:column>
  <p:column headerText="Languages" sortBy="#{programmer.languageList}"</pre>
            sortFunction="#{sorter.compareLength}">
    #{programmer.languageList}
  </p:column>
</p:dataTable>
</h:form>
```

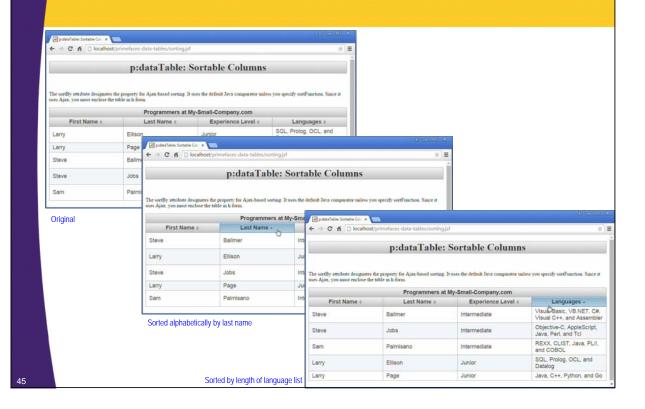
Note: same managed bean (Company1) and supporting class (Programmer) as earlier examples.

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Java: Comparison Function For Languages Column

```
@ManagedBean
@ApplicationScoped
public class Sorter {
  public int compareLength(String s1, String s2) {;
    return(s2.length() - s1.length());
  }
}
```

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Pagination



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Big Idea

Default behavior

- All rows are shown
- Can limit the rows with rows="n"

Can show limited number and let user page

- Use <p:dataTable ... rows="n" paginator="true">
 - Uses Ajax to fetch new data from server

Still loads entire data into server memory

- But lazy loading also supported
 - Facelets use p:dataTable with rows="n", paginator="true", and lazy="true"
 - Java data source then must implement LazyDataModel

Warning: Do not paginate sortable tables

 Resets to first page when you sort, but then sorting is lost on following pages (at least as of PrimeFaces 5.1)

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Pagination Options

- Basic
 - rows="n" and paginator="true"

Position of paginator controls

- paginatorPosition (top, bottom, both [default])
- Controls
 - paginatorTemplate
 - Can specify which controls appear, and in which order. For details, see pagination section of DataGrid (not DataTable) in User's Manual.
 - pageLinks
 - Max number of links to display [default 10]
 - paginatorAlwaysVisible [default true]
 - Determines if paginator controls should be hidden if total number of rows is less than number of rows per page

Example

- Total data length
 - **-** 50
- Number of rows shown at a time
 - **10**
- Default paginator position
 - Both top and bottom

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Managed Bean

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Helper Class to Make Programmers (Part 1)

Helper Class to Make Programmers (Part 2)

```
public static Programmer[] makeProgrammers(int count) {
   Programmer[] programmers = new Programmer[count];
   for(int i=0; iprogrammers.length; i++) {
      programmers[i] = makeProgrammer(i);
   }
   return(programmers);
}
```

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Helper Class to Choose from Array at Random

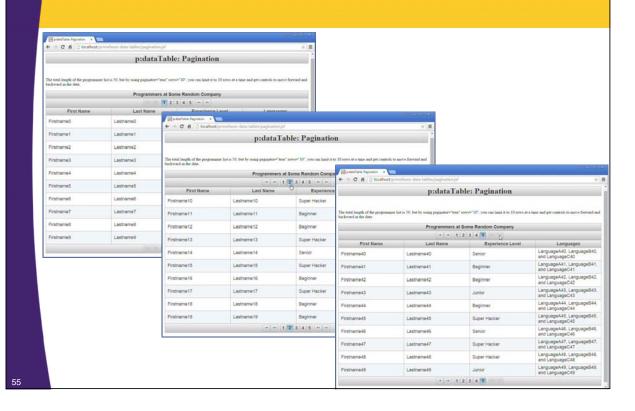
```
public class RandomUtils {
  private static Random r = new Random();

public static int randomInt(int range) {
    return(r.nextInt(range));
  }

public static int randomIndex(Object[] array) {
    return(randomInt(array.length));
  }

public static <T> T randomElement(T[] array) {
    return(array[randomIndex(array)]);
  }
}
```

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Wrap-Up



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Summary

General format

```
<p:dataTable var="someName" value="#{someBean.someList}">
    <f:facet name="header">Table Title</f:facet>
    <p:column headerText="Col1 Name">#{someName.prop1}</p:column>
    <p:column headerText="Col2 Name">#{someName.prop2}</p:column>
    ...
</p:dataTable>
```

Options

- p:dataTable
 - tableStyleClass, rowStyleClass, resizableColumns, rows, paginator
- p:column
 - sortBy, sortFunction
 - For sortable tables, use List not array and enclose table in h:form

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Questions?

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