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# 1 Introduction

The hyper Content & Digital Asset Management Server can be extended by plugins to provide additional functionality.

This allows to define stand-alone applications using the hyperCMS API.

You will find a test plugin in the installation package of hyperCMS which can serve as a simple template (cms/plugin/test).

## 2 General

For each plugin a directory in "cms/plugins/" must be created. All files of the plugin as well as the file "plugin.xml" must be located within this directory so that the system can recognize the plugin. This XML file contains the basic data of a plugin as well as the navigation items which one can access the plugin.

## 3 Structure of the Plugin XML file

The „plugin.xml“ file must follow the following XML structure:

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8" ?>
<plugin>
  <definition>
    <name>My Plugin</name>
    <author>hyperCMS</author>
    <version>1.0</version>
    <description>Just a test Plugin</description>
  </definition>
  <menus>
    <main>
    </main>
    <publication>
    </publication>
  </menus>
</plugin>
```

### 3.1 Definition Tag

The definition tag holds the basic data of each plugin. The following fields must have a value here, so the system accepts the plugin: Name, Author, Version, Description

```
<definition>
  <name>My Plugin</name>
  <author>hyperCMS</author>
  <version>1.0</version>
  <description>Just a test Plugin</description>
</definition>
```

## 3.2 Menu Tag

The menu tag holds menu items that are added to the Navigator of hyperCMS. The underlying main tag and publication tag determine whether this is a general or a specific publication item.

```
<menus>
  <main>
    <group>
      <name>Navigation Group 1</name>
      <icon>img/group.gif</icon>
      <subpoints>
        <point>
          <name> Navigation Item 1.1</name>
          <icon>img/item.gif</icon>
          <page>pages/page.php</page>
          <control>pages/control.php</control>
        </point>
        <point>
          <name> Navigation Item 1.2</name>
          <icon>img/item.gif</icon>
          <page>pages/page.php</page>
        </point>
      </subpoints>
    </group>
  </main>
  <publication>
    <point>
      <name>Publication Navigation Item 1</name>
      <icon>img/item.gif</icon>
      <page>pages/page.php</page>
    </point>
  </publication>
</menus>
```

### 3.2.1 Group Tag

This tag groups menu items. The group must be of the following structure:

```
<group>
  <name></name>
  <icon></icon>
  <subpoints></subpoints>
</group>
```

Name, icon and subpoints must be available in order to display the group in the Navigator of the system.

#### **<name>**

Name of the item in the Navigator.

#### **<icon>**

The icon tag needs to provide a link to an image (16 x 16 pixels) relative to the directory of the plugin. The image needs to be placed inside the plugin directory.

#### **<subpoints>**

The subpoint tag holds additional point tags. Additional group tags are not allowed within the subpoint tag.

### 1.1.1 Point Tag

This tag describes a navigation item and has the following structure:

```
<point>
  <name></name>
  <icon></icon>
  <page></page>
  <control></control>
</point>
```

Name, icon and subpoints must be available in order to display the group in the Navigator of the system.

#### **<name>**

Name of the item in the Navigator.

#### **<icon>**

The same rules apply as for the icon tag in the group tag.

#### **<page>**

This tag contains the link to the main page of the workplace relative to the plugins directory. This page is displayed as the main page via `plugin_showpage`.

#### **<control>**

This tag contains the link to the workplace control (optional) relative to the plugins directory.

## 4 Plugin pages

### 4.1 `plugin_showpage.php`

This page is used to display the plugin pages, including the workplace control, if defined.

#### 4.1.1 `plugin_generateLink()`

This function can be used to generate a link to a page based. The input parameters should be provided in the following order:

<b>\$plugin:</b>	Identificaton/name of the plugin
<b>\$page:</b>	Link to the main page of the workplace relative to the plugins directory
<b>\$control:</b>	Link to the workplace control (optional) relative to the plugins directory
<b>\$getParameters:</b>	Additional GET parameters as string which should be passed to the page (e.g. "site=myPublication&action=show")

## 2 Legal reference / flag

### 2.1 Questions and suggestions

For advanced questions and suggestions, please contact the support. We are available for every question regarding our reseller- and partner-program. You can apply for an access to our enhanced Online-Demo of the hyper Content Management Servers via our support.

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### 2.3 Legal information

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