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Yii extension for sending HTML emails with layouts using [PHPMailer](#)

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- Calling render() is not necessary when sending emails
- New methods : setFrom(), setTo(), setSubject(), setBody(), setAttachment()...


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- *testMode* for saving emails as eml files
- New ways to send simple messages without layout or view, or with just layout without the view
- Updated PHPMailer to 5.2.6
- Extension should be compatible with code used with previous versions

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Features

- Based on latest PHPMailer (version 5.2.6 bundled)
- Supports Yii layouts and translation
- Supports web and console applications
- Send full HTML emails with embedded images
- Work with views like you usually do in Yii
- Use test mode to save emails instead of sending them (useful when you don't have mail server installed locally)

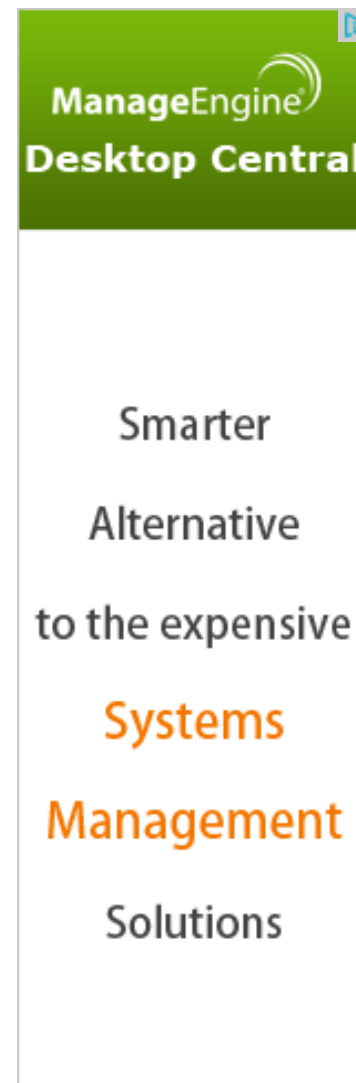
Installation

1. Copy YiiMailer folder to protected/extensions
2. Add 'ext.YiiMailer.YiiMailer' line to your imports in main and/or console yii config
3. Copy mail.php config file to protected/config
4. Create email layout file mail.php in protected/views/layouts/ (default path, can be changed in config)
5. Create all the views you want to use in protected/views/mail/ (default path, can be changed in config)
6. Put all images you want to embed in emails in images/mail/ (default path, can be changed in config)

Instantiate YiiMailer in your controller or console command and pass view and data array:

```
$mail = new YiiMailer('contact', array('message' => 'Message to send', 'name' =>
'John Doe', 'description' => 'Contact form'));
```

or



```
$mail = new YiiMailer();  
$mail->setView('contact');  
$mail->setData(array('message' => 'Message to send', 'name' => 'John Doe',  
'description' => 'Contact form'));
```

Layout is automatically set from config but you may override it with:

```
$mail->setLayout('layoutName');
```

Set the properties:

```
$mail->setFrom('from@example.com', 'John Doe');  
$mail->setTo(Yii::app()->params['adminEmail']);  
$mail->setSubject('Mail subject');
```

You may use all PHPMailer properties you would usually use.

And finally send email(s):

```
if ($mail->send()) {  
    Yii::app()->user->setFlash('contact', 'Thank you for contacting us. We will  
respond to you as soon as possible.');
```

```
} else {  
    Yii::app()->user->setFlash('error', 'Error while sending email: '.$mail->  
getError());  
}
```

Sending simple messages

You can send email without both the layout and view by using:

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```
$mail = new YiiMailer();  
// $mail->clearLayout(); // if layout is already set in config  
$mail->setFrom('from@example.com', 'John Doe');  
$mail->setTo(Yii::app()->params['adminEmail']);  
$mail->setSubject('Mail subject');  
$mail->setBody('Simple message');  
$mail->send();
```

Setting addresses

When using methods for setting addresses (setTo(), setCc(), setBcc(), setReplyTo()) any of the following is valid for arguments:

```
$mail->setTo('john@example.com');  
$mail->setTo(array('john@example.com', 'jane@example.com'));  
$mail->setTo(array('john@example.com'=>'John Doe', 'jane@example.com'));
```

Sending attachments

You may send one or more attachments using setAttachment() method:

```
$mail->setAttachment('something.pdf');  
$mail->setAttachment(array('something.pdf', 'something_else.pdf', 'another.doc'));  
$mail->setAttachment(array('something.pdf'=>'Some  
file', 'something_else.pdf'=>'Another file'));
```

Test mode

When working locally without mail server installed, it may be useful to save emails as files instead of trying to send them and getting errors in the process. To use test mode, you must specify path to directory where you want to save your emails and set 'testMode' property to 'true' in your config:

```
'savePath' => 'webroot.assets.mail',  
'testMode' => true,
```

Emails are saved as .eml files and you can use software like Mozilla Thunderbird to open them.

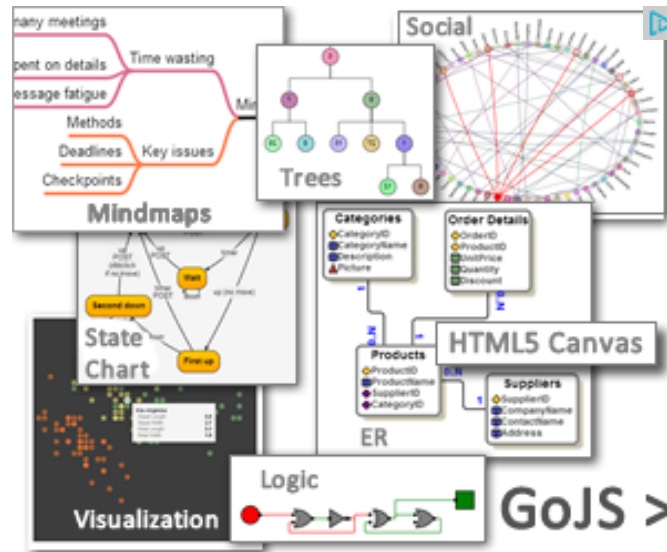
Alternatively, you may also send email message with layout but without specific view (set layout and set body) or with view but without layout (clear layout and set view).

Examples

Two examples included: one for standard contact form in yii web app and the other one for yii console app.

Github page

<https://github.com/vernes/YiiMailer>



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#13940 [stummp](#) at 2013/07/08 10:51am

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testMode

simply awesome!!!

#13521 [Vernes](#) at 2013/06/03 03:21pm

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@Kkk

I can't reproduce your problem, are you sure your paths are ok? Did you get some error?

Did you try putting "header.png" image somewhere else just to see if that would work?

#12597 [Philipp Stracker](#) at 2013/03/31 09:35am

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Difference to Yii Mail extension

I do not know the exact difference to the Yii Mail extension. But I love this extension! I use it, because I was able to understand and use it within 5 Minutes, while I am still not 100% clear about how to use Yii Mail (and I do not care either)

When I was looking for a mailer-solution this one was the easiest to understand. And it also works great.

Good job vernes!

#12570 [krasavcheg.ua](#) at 2013/03/29 04:38am

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It's AMAZING

Great ext!

Well done Vernes

#11799 Vernes at 2013/02/04 03:46pm

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@fleuryc

I created this extension a while ago for use in my personal projects and recently i decided to share it, if someone finds it useful that would be great.

I am an old PHPMailer user and really haven't use Yii-Mail or SwiftMailer (both are great btw).

#11789 fleuryc at 2013/02/04 05:49am

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Compared to Yii-mail (Swift Mailer)

Hi!

Just a question @Vernes : why did you create this ext, since the [Yii Mail extension](#) does already exist and is very popular (even if a bit old)?

What does your ext (PHP Mailer) do that Yii-Mail (Swift Mailer) doesn't (and vice-versa)?

I'm just being curious, your ext seems great (even if the configuration could be handled in a more standard way (as an application component)).

Cheers!

#11770 Vernes at 2013/02/02 01:03pm

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New version 1.1

Added support for console applications

#11717 mshakeel at 2013/01/29 07:28am

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YiiMailer using CronJob (Console Application)

Can we use this wonderful extension in our console application?

Since it renders the views and layout which can be a problem in cronjob (as discussed here [Forum link](#))

#11277 [Nathan](#) at 2013/01/03 03:34am

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AWS

I may start using such an extension if it also supported AWS SES.

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