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# **Django ezTables Documentation**

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Django ezTables provides easy integration between [jQuery DataTables](#) and [Django](#).



# COMPATIBILITY

Django ezTables requires Python 2.7, Django 1.4 and Django.js 0.5.





# INSTALLATION

You can install Django ezTables with pip:

```
$ pip install django-eztables
```

or with easy\_install:

```
$ easy_install django-eztables
```

Add `djangojs` and `django-eztables` to your `settings.INSTALLED_APPS`.



# FEATURES

- Datables.net, plugins and localization integration with Django.
- **Server-side processing with a simple view supporting:**
  - sorting (single and multi columns)
  - filtering with regex support (global and by column)
  - formatting using format pattern
- Deferred loading support.
- Twitter Bootstrap integration.



# DEMO

You can try the demo by cloning this repository and running the test server with provided data:

```
$ python manage.py syncdb
$ python manage.py loaddata eztables/demo/fixtures/browsers.json
$ python manage.py runserver
```

Then open your browser to <http://localhost:8000>



# DOCUMENTATION

## 5.1 Template tags

### 5.1.1 Initialization

You can either:

- load the template tag lib into each template manually:

```
{% load eztables %}
```

- load the template tag lib by adding to your `views.py`:

```
from django.template import add_to_builtins

add_to_builtins('eztables.templatetags.eztables')
```

### 5.1.2 Usage

#### **datatables\_js**

A `{% datatables_js %}` tag is available to include the datatables javascript library. After loading, you can use the Datatables library as usual:

```
<table id="my-table">
</table>

{% datatables_js %}
<script>
    $('#my-table').dataTable();
</script>
```

#### **bootstrap support**

If you want to use the twitter bootstrap style (based on [this blog post](#)), 2 template tags are provided for:

- `{% datatables_bootstrap_js %}` for the javascript part.
- `{% datatables_bootstrap_css %}` for the css part.

```
<head>
    {% datatables_bootstrap_css %}

    {% datatables_js %}
    {% datatables_bootstrap_js %}
</head>

<table id="my-table">
</table>

<script>
    $('#my-table').dataTable({
        "bPaginate": true,
        "sPaginationType": "bootstrap",
        "bScrollCollapse": true
    });
</script>
```

## 5.2 Server-side processing

Django ezTable provide a single view to implement server-side pagination: `eztables.views.DatatablesView`.

It follows the [Django Class-based Views pattern](#) and can render Array-based or Object-based JSON.

As it extends `django.views.generic.list.MultipleObjectMixin` it expects the `model` attribute to be set in both case.

Both modes expect a `fields` attribute that can optionnaly contains format patterns.

The exemple will use the same models as the demo:

```
from django.db import models

class Engine(models.Model):
    name = models.CharField(max_length=128)
    version = models.CharField(max_length=8, blank=True)
    css_grade = models.CharField(max_length=3)

    def __unicode__(self):
        return '%s %s (%s)' % (self.name, self.version or '-', self.css_grade)

class Browser(models.Model):
    name = models.CharField(max_length=128)
    platform = models.CharField(max_length=128)
    version = models.CharField(max_length=8, blank=True)
    engine = models.ForeignKey(Engine)

    def __unicode__(self):
        return '%s %s' % (self.name, self.version or '-')
```

### 5.2.1 Array-based JSON

To render an array-based JSON, you must provide `fields` as a list or a tuple containing the field names.



```
from eztables.views import DatatablesView
from myapp.models import Browser

class BrowserDatatablesView(DatatablesView):
    model = Browser
    fields = (
        'engine__name',
        'name',
        'platform',
        'engine__version',
        'engine__css_grade',
    )
```

You can simply instantiate your datatable with:

```
$(function() {
    $('#browser-table').dataTable({
        "bPaginate": true,
        "sPaginationType": "bootstrap",
        "bProcessing": true,
        "bServerSide": true,
        "sAjaxSource": Django.url('dt-browsers-default')
    });
});
```

## 5.2.2 Object-based JSON

To render an array-based JSON, you must provide fields as a dict containing the mapping between the JSON fields names and the model fields.

```
from eztables.views import DatatablesView
from myapp.models import Browser

class ObjectBrowserDatatablesView(DatatablesView):
    model = Browser
    fields = {
        'name': 'name',
        'engine': 'engine__name',
        'platform': 'platform',
        'engine_version': 'engine__version',
        'css_grade': 'engine__css_grade',
    }
}
```

You need to use the `aoColumns` properties in the DataTables initialization:

```
$(function() {
    $('#browser-table').dataTable({
        "bPaginate": true,
        "sPaginationType": "bootstrap",
        "bProcessing": true,
        "bServerSide": true,
        "sAjaxSource": Django.url('dt-browsers-objects'),
        "aoColumns": [
            { "mData": "engine" },
            { "mData": "name" },
            { "mData": "platform" },
            { "mData": "engine_version" },
        ]
    });
});
```

```
        { "mData": "css_grade" }
    ]
    });
});
```

### 5.2.3 Format patterns

You can optionnaly provide some format patterns in the field definition:

```
from eztables.views import DatatablesView
from myapp.models import Browser

class FormattedBrowserDatatablesView(DatatablesView):
    model = Browser
    fields = (
        'engine__name',
        '{name} {version}',
        'platform',
        'engine__version',
        'engine__css_grade',
    )

class FormattedObjectBrowserDatatablesView(DatatablesView):
    model = Browser
    fields = {
        'name': '{name} {version}',
        'engine': 'engine__name',
        'platform': 'platform',
        'engine_version': 'engine__version',
        'css_grade': 'engine__css_grade',
    }
```

## 5.3 Localization

Django ezTable embed DataTables localizations.

They have the following naming convention:

```
{{STATIC_URL}}/js/libs/datatables/language.{{LANG}}.json
```

You can simply retrieve them with `django.js`:

```
$('#my-table').dataTable({
    ...
    "oLanguage": {
        "sUrl": Django.file("js/libs/datatables/language.fr.json")
    }
    ...
});
```

You can obtain the current language code with `django.js` too:

```
var code = Django.context.LANGUAGE_CODE;
```

Be carefull, no localization is provided for English language.

## 5.4 API

### 5.4.1 eztables – Main package

### 5.4.2 eztables.forms – DataTables pagination form processing

```
class eztables.forms.DatatablesForm(*args, **kwargs)
    Bases: django.forms.forms.Form
    Datatables server side processing Form
    See: http://www.datatables.net/usage/server-side

    bRegex = None
        True if the global filter should be treated as a regular expression for advanced filtering, false if not.

    iColumns = None
        Number of columns being displayed (useful for getting individual column search info)

    iDisplayLength = None
        Number of records that the table can display in the current draw. It is expected that the number of records
        returned will be equal to this number, unless the server has fewer records to return.

    iDisplayStart = None
        Display start point in the current data set.

    iSortingCols = None
        Number of columns to sort on

    sEcho = None
        Information for DataTables to use for rendering.

    sSearch = None
        Global search field
```

### 5.4.3 eztables.views – DataTables server-side processing view

```
class eztables.views.DatatablesView(**kwargs)
    Bases: django.views.generic.list.MultipleObjectMixin,
           django.views.generic.base.View
    Render a paginated server-side Datatables JSON view.
    See: http://www.datatables.net/usage/server-side

    column_search(queryset)
        Filter a queryset with column search

    get_orders()
        Get ordering fields for QuerySet.order_by

    get_page(form)
        Get the requested page

    get_queryset()
        Apply Datatables sort and search criterion to QuerySet

    get_row(row)
        Format a single row (if necessary)
```

**get\_rows** (*rows*)

Format all rows

**global\_search** (*queryset*)

Filter a queryset with global search

**render\_to\_response** (*form*, *\*\*kwargs*)

Render Datatables expected JSON format

#### 5.4.4 `eztables.templatetags.eztables` – Template tags

## 5.5 Changelog

### 5.5.1 0.1 (2013-02-07)

- Initial implementation

# INDICES AND TABLES

- *genindex*
- *modindex*
- *search*



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