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AutoViewTemplatePlugin

Automatically sets `VIEW_TEMPLATE` and `EDIT_TEMPLATE`

Description

This plugin sets the `VIEW_TEMPLATE` and `EDIT_TEMPLATE` variables according to a corresponding form definition. So when you attach a new form to a topic, this plugin will enable the corresponding view/edit template automatically. This comes in very handy for applications where users create new topics without the help of a topic creator wizard, e.g. creating a new topic for a yet non-existing WikiWord. Together with the appropriate application settings, this plugin will then assure that the data the user enters is handled appropriately during view and edit.

There are two modes on how the name of the template is derived:

1. `exist` (default) and
2. `section`.

Mode "exist"

A topic that has a `MyForm` WikiForm attached to it, will be displayed using the view template `MyView` and edited using the `MyEdit` if they exist. The template name is derived by stripping off the suffix `...Form` from the form name and appending `...View`. The Wiki engine will then use the template name `MyView` to search for the correct template along the template search path, for example using a topic `MyView`.

Examples:

You have a form called `PurchaseRequestForm`. The plugin will now search for `PurchaseRequestViewTemplate`, and `PurchaseRequestEditTemplate`.

Mode "section"

A topic with a `MyForm` will be displayed/edited using the template name stored in the named section `viewtemplate/edittemplate`. For example given the `MyForm` form definition topic contains a section `viewtemplate` whose only content is `MyOtherView`, then this will be used to view the topic. Likewise, the content of the `edittemplate` section in `MyForm` will read to find the edit template.

By default existing values for `VIEW_TEMPLATE` and `EDIT_TEMPLATE` have priority. You can change this behaviour in `configure` so that the form defined templates have priority.

Examples:

We have a form called `PurchaseRequestForm` which contains the usual table that defined the form fields.

We want this form to define that the topics are viewed with `ViewFormAtTopTemplate` and edited with `EditPurchaseRequestTemplate`.

Below this we place the two sections that defines the templates to be used. Note that you must omit the `...Template` from the template names.

```
%STARTSECTION{"viewtemplate"}%ViewFormAtTopTemplate%ENDSECTION{"edittemplate"}%
```

```
%STARTSECTION{"edittemplate"}%EditPurchaseRequest%ENDSECTION{"edittemplate"}%
```

Configuration Settings

The following settings can be defined in `configure`

Setting	Description	Default
{Plugins}{AutoViewTemplatePlugin}{Debug}	Turn on debugging by turning this on	Default: On
{Plugins}{AutoViewTemplatePlugin}{Override}	Form defined templates override VIEW_TEMPLATE and EDIT_TEMPLATE settings	Default: Off
{Plugins}{AutoViewTemplatePlugin}{Mode}	The mode the plugin uses for defining templates. exist for deriving the template name from the form name section for defining the template in a section of the form definition topic	Default: exist

Plugin Installation Instructions

You do not need to install anything in the browser to use this extension. The following instructions are for the administrator who installs the extension on the server.

Open `configure`, and open the "Extensions" section. Use "Find More Extensions" to get a list of available extensions. Select "Install".

If you have any problems, or if the extension isn't available in `configure`, then you can still install manually from the command-line. See <http://foswiki.org/Support/ManuallyInstallingExtensions> for more help.

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