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The ezstring datatype (Text line): what it stores and how templates use it.

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Class `eZStringType` in `kernel/classes/datatypes/ezstring/ezstringtype.php`; identifier `ezstring`, listed in `settings/content.ini` `[DataTypeSettings]` `AvailableDataTypes[]`.

What it stores

The columns of the attribute tables its class reads or writes: `data_int1`, `data_int2`, `data_text`, `data_text1`, `sort_key_string` (`data_text`, `data_int`, `data_float` and `sort_key_*` are the object attribute's; `data_text1` ... `data_int4` the class attribute's settings). Found by reading the class: a heuristic. Sorting: `sortKeyType()` returns `string`. It is indexed by the search; collects information (forms); can be filled from a plain string.

In templates

`my_attribute` stands for the identifier of an attribute of this type in your class:

Template

```
{def $attribute = $node.data_map.my_attribute}
{if $attribute.has_content}
    {attribute_view_gui attribute=$attribute}
{/if}
{* the value as the datatype returns it (objectAttributeContent()) *}
{$attribute.content|attribute( show, 1 )}
```

The shipped template that shows it (`attribute_view_gui`), `design/standard/templates/content/datatype/view/ezstring.tpl`:

Template

```
{* DO NOT EDIT THIS FILE! Use an override template instead. *}
{$attribute.data_text|wash( xhtml )}
```

The shipped template that edits it (`attribute_edit_gui`), `design/standard/templates/content/datatype/edit/ezstring.tpl`:

Template

```
{* DO NOT EDIT THIS FILE! Use an override template instead. *}
{default attribute_base='ContentObjectAttribute'
         html_class='full'}
<input id="ezcoa-{if ne( $attribute_base, 'ContentObjectAttribute' )}{$attribute_base}-{/if}{$attribute.contentclassattribute_id}_{$attribute.contentclass_attribute_identifier}" class="{eq( $html_class, 'half' )|choose( 'box', 'halfbox' )} ezcc-{$attribute.object.content_class.identifier} ezcca-{$attribute.object.content_class.identifier}_{$attribute.contentclass_attribute_identifier}"
 type="text" size="70" name="{$attribute_base}_ezstring_data_text_{$attribute.id}" value="{$attribute.data_text|wash( xhtml )}" />
{/default}
```

Override them for one class attribute in an `override.ini.append.php` with `Source=content/datatype/view/ezstring.tpl` and a match on `attribute_identifier` (see A template override).

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