



Welcome to the

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Overview

- ♥ Hello FLOW3!
- Configuration
- Bootstrap
- Packages
- Components
- Caching
- More



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Hello FLOW3!

The Hello World example based on FLOW3's Model-View-Controller Framework.



5 Easy Steps

- 1. Download FLOW3
- 2. Adjust write permissions
- 3. Create a new package
- 4. Create a default controller
- 5. Create a default action



1. Download FLOW3

Just checkout the FLOW3 distribution via Subversion:

svn co http://svn.typo3.org/FLOW3/dist/trunk/





2. Adjust write permissions

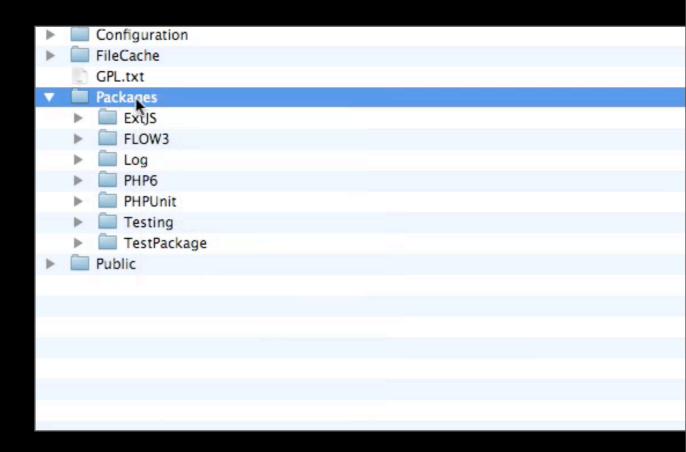
Make sure that the public folder is writeable for the webserver's user:

```
sudo chown -R robert:www public/
sudo chmod -R 770 public/
```



3. Create a package

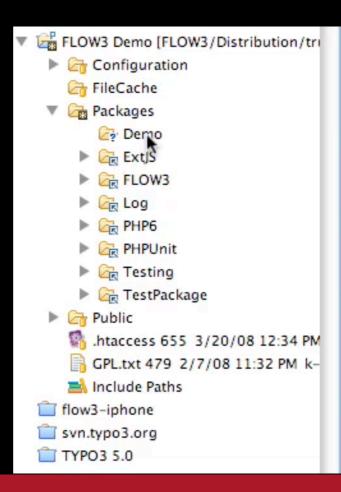
In order to create a new package, just create a new folder within the Packages directory.





4. Create a Default Controller

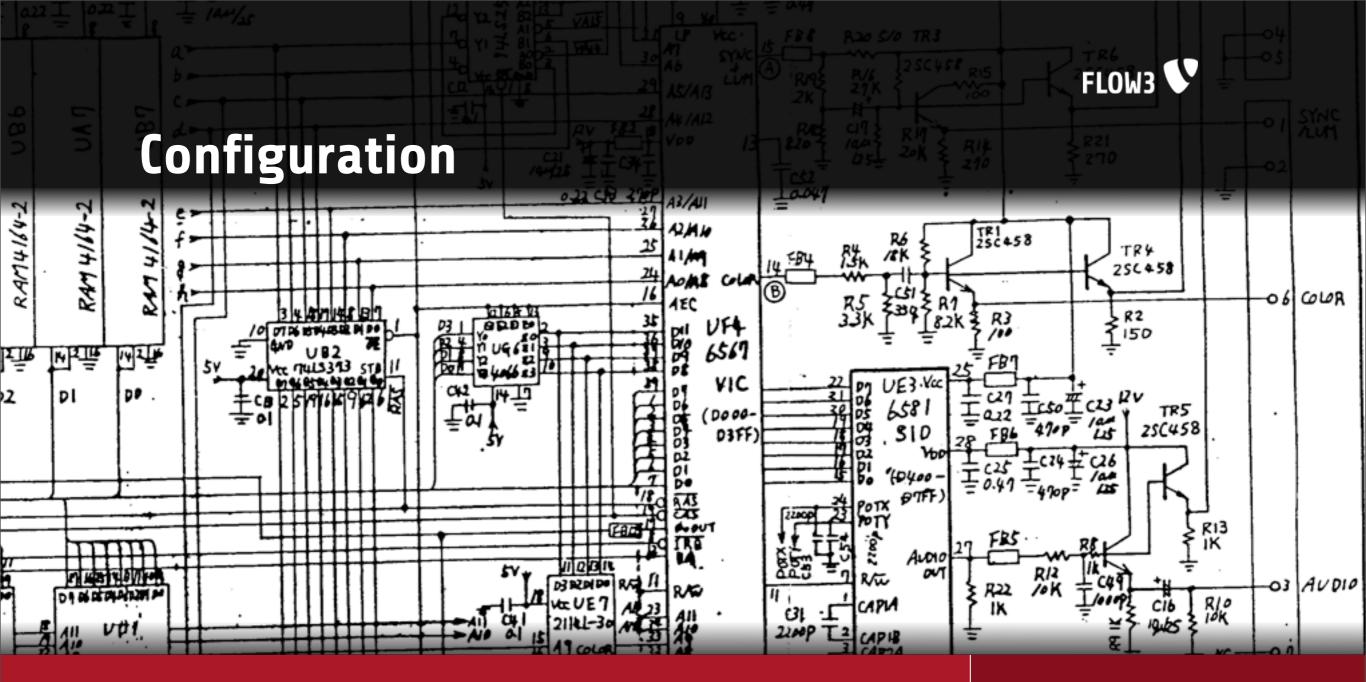
- 1. Create a "Classes" directory
- 2. Create a "Controller" directory
- 3. Create a class file
- 4. Extend FLOW3's action controller



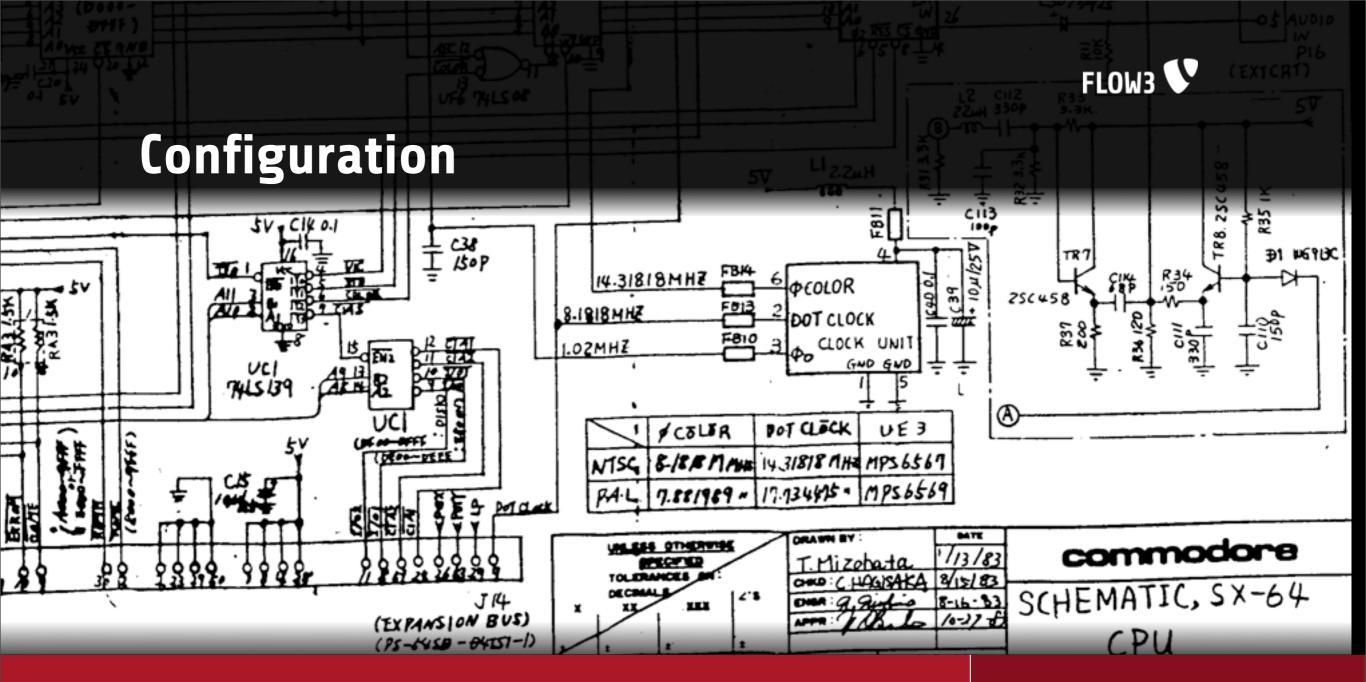


5. Create Default Action

```
P F3_Demo_Controller_Default.php X
  1<?php¶
  3class-F3_Demo_Controller_Default-extends-F3_FLOW3_MVC_Controller_ActionController-{¶
  51
  61
  731
  8?>
```



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Configuration Format

- The default configuration format is PHP
- Configuration options reside in a configuration object
- The configuration object provides array access and a fluent interface
- Configuration options are self-documenting



Configuration Format

```
1<?php¶
2declare(ENCODING="utf-8"); ¶
3 ¶
    *¶
5 * Configuration for the FLOW3 Framework * **
7.*.This.file.contains.the.default.base.configuration.for.the.FLOW3.....*
8 * Framework. Don't modify this file but add configuration options to ....*
9.*.the.FLOW3.php.file.in.the.in.global.Configuration/.directory.instead...*
    .....*/¶
11¶
12/**¶
13 · * · @package · FLOW3¶
14 * * @version * $Id: · FLOW3.php · 689 · 2008 - 04 - 03 · 10:57:33Z · robert · $¶
15 - */¶
16¶
17/***
18 * Defines the global, last-resort exception handler.
19·*¶
20 ** ·@type · F3_FLOW3_Error_DevelopmentExceptionHandlerInterface¶
21 - */¶
22\c->exceptionHandler->className·=·'F3_FLOW3_Error_ProductionExceptionHandler':¶
```

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Configuration Types

- FLOW3 distinguishes between different configuration types for different purposes:
 - FLOW3 reserved for FLOW3 configuration
 - Package package related configuration
 - Component configuration for components, including Dependency Injection
 - Routes special configuration for defining MVC routes
 - Settings mainly user-level settings for any purpose



Configuration Types

- R Components.php 689 4/3/08 12:57 PM robert
- FLOW3.php 689 4/3/08 12:57 PM robert
- Packages.php 689 4/3/08 12:57 PM robert
- README 645 3/18/08 12:22 PM robert
- Routes.php 689 4/3/08 12:57 PM robert
- R Settings.php 689 4/3/08 12:57 PM robert



The Cascade

- Each package defines possible configuration options by setting default values
- Default configuration can be altered by user-defined configuration files
- User configuration can only modify existing configuration options
- ♥ Modifying non-existent configuration options results in an error



Application Context

- An application context is a set of configuration for a specific context
- FLOW3 is shipped with configuration for these contexts:
 - Production
 - Development
 - Testing
 - Staging
- ▼ FLOW3 is always launched in one defined context
- Additional, user-defined contexts are possible



Application Context

- Configuration defined in the top level of a Configuration directory is the base configuration
- Specialized configuration for application contexts reside in subdirectories named after the context
- Application context configuration overrides the base configuration



Application Context

▼ FLOW3 Demo [FLOW3/Distribution/trunk] Configuration Development Ph FLOW3.php 779 4/30/08 5:41 PM robert Production Components.php Settings.php Testing P FLOW3.php 757 4/23/08 5:12 PM robert Settings.php Components.php 689 4/3/08 12:57 PM robert FLOW3.php 689 4/3/08 12:57 PM robert Packages.php 689 4/3/08 12:57 PM robert README 645 3/18/08 12:22 PM robert Routes.php 689 4/3/08 12:57 PM robert R Settings.php 689 4/3/08 12:57 PM robert



Bootstrap (or: how to launch a rocket)



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Public/index.php

- This file is the default main script
- ▼ It launches FLOW3 in the **Production** context
- The webserver's web root should point to the **Public** directory

```
define('FLOW3_PATH_PUBLIC', str_replace('\\', '/', dirname(__FILE__))...'/'); ¶
require_once(FLOW3_PATH_PUBLIC...'../Packages/FLOW3/Classes/F3_FLOW3.php'); ¶

$framework.=.new.F3_FLOW3(); ¶
$framework->run(); ¶
```



Public/index_dev.php

- This script is used for development
- It launches FLOW3 in the **Development** context
- More scripts like this can be created for additional contexts

```
define('FLOW3_PATH_PUBLIC', str_replace('\\', '/', dirname(__FILE__))...'/');¶
require_once(FLOW3_PATH_PUBLIC...'../Packages/FLOW3/Classes/F3_FLOW3.php');¶

$framework = new F3_FLOW3('Development');¶
$framework > run();¶
```



Public/index_dev.php

- Don't forget to run FLOW3 in **Development** context while you're developing because
 - component configuration is cached in production mode, so new classes won't be recognized
 - resources are cached in production mode, so changes won't be detected
 - and many more things might be cached which lead to unexpected errors if you change some code in your package



\$FLOW3->run()

- run() is a convenience method which
 - initializes the FLOW3 framework
 - resolves a request handler
 - handles and responses to the request



\$FLOW3->initialize()

- The initialization process is divided into different stages:
 - Initialize FLOW3
 - Initialize the packages
 - Initialize the components
 - Initialize the settings
 - Initialize the resources
- The configuration for each level can't be changed once the initialization level is reached



Packages



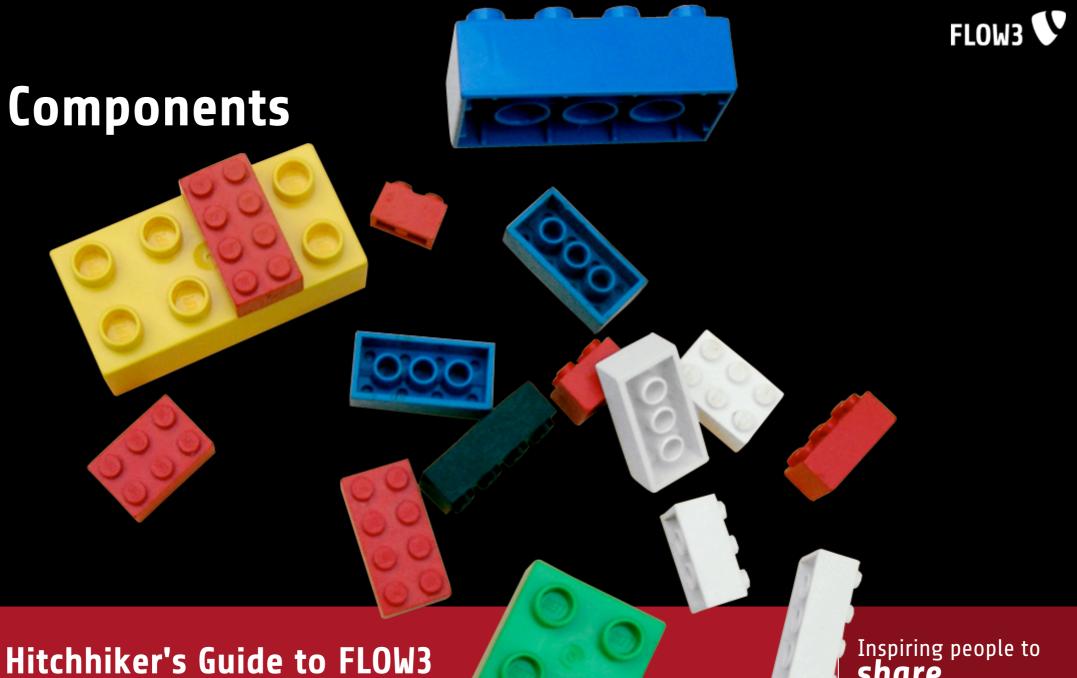
Package Manager

- Like the good old Extension Manager but without UI yet
- Scans the **Packages** directory for packages
- ₩ Will connect to the FLOW3 Package Repository
- Package file format is just plain .zip
- ♥ Will provide access via Web / CLI and offer Web Services



Meta/Package.xml

- Contains meta information about a FLOW3 package
- The format is defined by a RelaxNG schema: http://typo3.org/ns/2008/flow3/package/Package.rng
- The Package.xml will soon be mandatory





Components

- Components are re-usable, properly encapsulated objects
- The lifecycle of a component and the combination of active components is managed by the **Component Manager**
- ◆ All classes in the TYPO3 context are considered as components
- Components are configurable





- Classes are automatically registered as components if
 - they reside in the Classes directory of a package and
 - their name follows the FLOW3 naming conventions



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Example

```
2 declare(ENCODING="utf-8");¶
      **
5.*.This.script.is.part.of.the.TYPO3.project.-.inspiring.people.to.share!..*¶
     **
7.*.TYPO3.is.free.software;.you.can.redistribute.it.and/or.modify.it.under.*¶
8.*.the.terms.of.the.GNU.General.Public.License.version.2.as.published.by..*¶
9 * the Free Software Foundation. **
11.*.This.script.is.distributed.in.the.hope.that.it.will.be.useful,.but.....*¶
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13.*.TABILITY.or.FITNESS.FOR.A.PARTICULAR.PURPOSE..See.the.GNU.General......*¶
14.*.Public.License.for.more.details.....*¶
     */=
16¶
17/**
18 · * · @package · Demo¶
19.*.@version.$Id:.F3_Demo_Controller_Default.php.123.2008-01-01.12:00:00Z.robert.$¶
20 - */9
21¶
23 * The · Default · Controller · of · the · Demo · package¶
24.*¶
25 · * · @package · Demo¶
26.*.@version.$Id:.F3_Demo_Controller_Default.php.123.2008-01-01.12:00:00Z.robert.$¶
28class·F3_Demo_Controller_Default·{¶
30}¶
32?>
```





Playing with building blocks

- The combination of components used is configurable (orchestration)
- The less components know about each other the easier it is to reuse them in a variety of contexts
- Create your own LEGO set by creating cleanly separated, decoupled components!





Component Dependencies

- Components seldomly come alone
- Components depend on other components which depend on other components which ...
- Problem:
 - Components explicitly refer to other components: \$phoneBookManager = new PhoneBookManager



Dependency Injection

- A component doesn't ask for the instance of another component but gets it **injected**
- This methodology is referred to as the "Hollywood Principle": "Don't call us, we'll call you"
- Enforces loose coupling and high cohesion
- Makes you a better programmer



Constructor without Dependency Injection



Component with Constructor Injection



Component with Setter Injection



Autowiring

- FLOW3's framework tries to autowire constructor arguments and arguments of inject* methods
- The type of the component to be injected is determined by the argument type (type hinting)
- Autowiring does not work with Setter Injection through regular setters (set* methods)
- Dependencies are only autowired if no argument is passed explicitly



Fetching components manually

- Although Dependency Injection is strongly recommended, there might be cases in which components need to be created or retrieved manually
- Use the getComponent() method in these cases.

```
$component = $componentManager->getComponent($componentName, $arg1, $arg2, ...);
```



Component scope

- Component objects always live in a certain scope
- Currently supported scopes are:
 - Singleton Only one instance exists during one script run
 - Prototype Each getComponent() call returns a fresh instance



Component scope

- The scope can be defined through
 - an annotation in the component class (recommended)
 - through the component configuration in a **Components.php** file
- The default scope is "Singleton"



Component scope

```
\Theta
      <?php
                                                      <?php
       * This is a singleton component
                                                        * This is a prototype component
                                                       * @package Demo
       * @package Demo
       * @scope singleton
                                                        * @scope prototype
      class F3_Demo_SomeSingleton {
                                                      class F3_Demo_SomePrototype {
                                                 10
                                                 11 🖂 }
                                                 12
                                                      ?>
                                                 13
```



- Dependency Injection can be used in almost any case, there's no need to call getComponent()
- ♥ But what if you need to instantiate a component within a method?



Solution A: Call getComponent()



Solution B: Call a factory method

```
<?php
      * @package Demo
     class F3_Demo_Controller_Phonebook {
         public function addEntryAction() {
             $phoneBookEntry = $this->createPhonebookEntry();
12 🖾
14 0
          * @return F3_Demo_Model_PhoneBookEntry
16
         abstract protected function createPhonebookEntry();
18 🖸 }
```

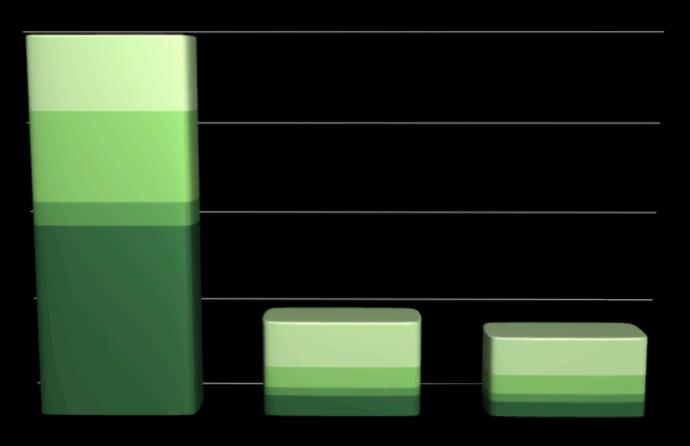
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Planned feature: Automatically generated factory methods



Caching



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Caching

- ▼ FLOW3 comes with a generic caching mechanism
- Different kinds of cache frontends (aka "Caches") are supported:
 - Variable cache: Caches all kinds of variables, including objects
 - File cache: Is optimized for caching files
- Various kinds of cache backends (aka "Storages") can be used:
 - File backend: Store cache content in files
 - Memcached backend: Store cache content in memory
- More frontends and backends are planned
- User-defined frontends and backends can be used as well



Cache Configuration Example

- The component configuration is cached in **Production** context
- This is achieved by enabling the cache in the production configuration



Cache Files Example

robsmac:/tmp/FLOW3 robert\$

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How to Cache

- Create a new cache frontend backend pair
- Configure the frontend as necessary
- Store data using the frontend's API
- Retrieve data using the frontend's API



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Cache Manager

- Provides a registry for reusing caches
- Caches are registered through the registerCache() method and can be retrieved again by calling the getCache() method
- Caching can be done without the Cache Manager, too. Registration is not mandatory and only needed if you want to share the cache object among different places



How Use the Cache Manager

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More ...

SYNTAX

more [-dlfpcsu] [-num] [+/ pattern] [+ linenum] [file ...]

OPTIONS

Command line options are described below. Options are also taken from the environment variable MORE (make sure to precede them with a dash (``-'')) but command line options will override them.

- -num This option specifies an integer which is the screen size (in lines).
- -d more will prompt the user with the message "[Press space to contin ue, 'q' to quit.]" and will display "[Press 'h' for instructions.]" instead of ringing the bell when an illegal key is pressed.
- -1 more usually treats ^L (form feed) as a special character, and will pause after any line that contains a form feed. The -l option will prevent this behavior.
- -f Causes more to count logical, rather than screen lines (i.e., long lines are not folded).
- -p Do not scroll. Instead, clear the whole screen and then display the text.

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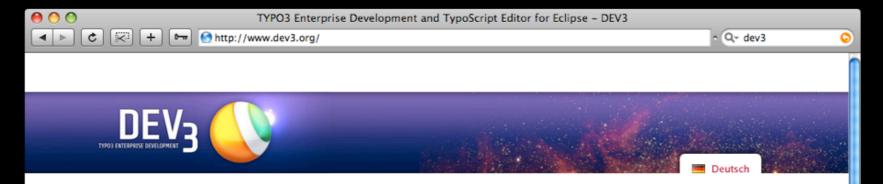


Coding Guidelines

- Malte and Tim create the FLOW3CGL package
- CGL document will be on forge.typo3.org soon



DEV3



DEV₃ - TYPO3 Enterprise Development

Our Mission

"SweeTS -delicious TypoScript Development", developed by Eckhard M. Jäger, was the first real development application for TYPO3 und Typoscript. "SweeTS" offers many features for a rapid and secure TypoScript development. SweeTS is not yet totally independent from operating systems and does not offer all interfaces that an enterprise development tool needs.

With the DEV₃ project we answer the call of many developers to make all ideas and possibilities of "SweeTS" available on an Eclipse system. Together with the FLOW3DE-Projekt we want to create not only an open source solution for the whole TYPO3/ TypoScript and PHP developement that is independent of operating systems, we want to create a solution for the upcoming and modern framework FLOW3. too. We will develop DEV₃ on the base of the PHP Developer Tools (PDT) which

Wee need you!

If you are a TYPO3 developer you can help us in different ways:

- . Donate money for a professional and fast developement of DEV3
- . Send us your commented TypoScript code to integrate as DEV3 code snippets
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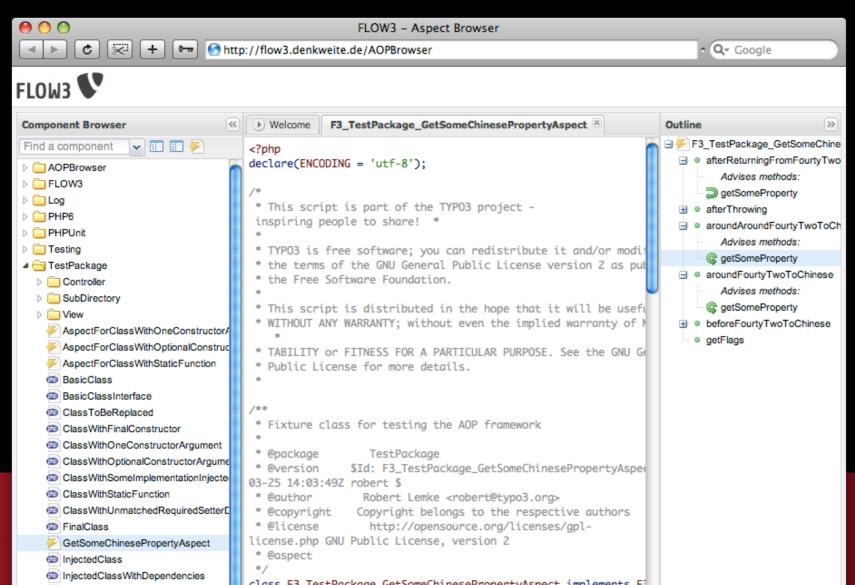
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Known Issues

- FLOW3 (or rather PHP) currently causes Apache crashes - why ever ...
- Tests consume a lot of memory (> 400 MB)
- Access is comparably slow even in Production context (~ 3 req/s) and needs much memory (~ 20 MB)
- Many aspects are work in progress and neither optimized nor finished



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Links

- FLOW3 Website http://flow3.typo3.org
- ▼ TYP03 5.0 Subsite http://typo3.org/gimmefive
- ▼ TYP03 Forge http://forge.typo3.org



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