Data Channels

Data channels create a named pipe to run profiles from user space. One channel per line. Each line is comma delimited and contain channel name, domain, profile, allowed groups.

You use them with PluginDataChannel. Starting in Tiki6, a payment parameter can be added and thus, the data channel will only be run when the payment is done.

Please see: http://profiles.tiki.org/Data+Channels

A good example is http://profiles.tiki.org/Project_Management

1.1. Usage with trackerfilter/trackerlists

The idea of it is to let you set up a trackerfilter/trackerlist with checkboxes, let the user select the ones they want, and then run a datachannel (profile) on each item.

Example:

Test page

1.1.1. Tracker list multi select tester

```text
<trackerfilter filters="2/d:3/d:4/d" noflipflop="y" trackerId="1" fields="2:3:4:5"
other_filters="1" checkbox="0/itemId" wiki="tracker checkbox test tpl">
  ---
  {DATACHannel(channel="test_channel" emptyCache="none")}
  itemId,external=\input[name='itemId[]']:\checked
  surname,external=\input[name='surname[]']
  forename,external=\input[name='forename[]']
  {DATACHannel}
</trackerfilter>
```

Pretty tracker template: tracker checkbox test tpl

1.1.2. tracker checkbox test tpl

```text
{if $checkbox}
  ${item.field_values[$checkbox.ix].value|escape}
  <input type="{$checkbox.type}" name="{$checkbox.name[]}" value="{if $checkbox.ix > -1}{$item.field_values[$checkbox.ix].value|escape}{else}{$item.itemId}{/if}" />
  __{$f_2} __{$f_3} __{$f_4} __ {$f_5}
  <input type="hidden" name="surname[{$item.itemId}]" value="{$f_3}" />
  <input type="hidden" name="forename[{$item.itemId}]" value="{$f_4}" />
```
1.2. Example usage with hidden fields and Tracker plugin

I show this example because external fields only seem to work with tracker fields of type text, not drop-downs. Tracker number and field numbers need to be adapted to your Tiki site.

This data channel will show how to create a tracker item and a group and a wiki page which shows the tracker item.

1.2.1. Create Tracker 2

Fields

- Field 5 (Town) is of type "text" (this would also work with the external data channel field syntax)
- Field 6 (Country) is of type "Country selector", which looks like a Drop-down
- Field 7 (Continent) is of type "Drop-down"

Gory details of fields extraction

1.2.2. Create data channel

Create Data channel in Admin → Admin Home → Profiles → Advanced

```
New_Town,tiki://local,template_Add_New_Town,Admins
```

This creates a data channel which only admins can use.

1.2.3. The page which calls the data channel

This contains the Tracker plugin, the datachannels plugin and the JQ plugin which binds them together

```javascript
Create New Town

-=-Create New Town=-

{tracker trackerId="2" fields="5:6:7" showtitle="n" formtag="n"}

{DATACHANNEL(channel="New_Town" buttonLabel="Create" class="channel" debug="y")

Town,hidden=
Country,hidden=
Continent,hidden=
{DATACHANNEL}

{JQ()}
```
The JQ plugin will need approval

View details ➔ Approve

1.2.4. The page which contains the data channel code

```yaml
mappings:
  varNameTown: $profilerequest:Town$Unnamed Town$

permissions:
  varNameTown:
    autojoin: n
    description: $profilerequest:Continent$ $ - $profilerequest:Country$ $ #The group description uses other variables

objects:
- type: group
  id: varNameTown
  allow: #Permissions of group varNameTown
    group_view
    group_view_members
    group_add_member
    group_remove_member
    group_join

objects:
- type: tracker_item # Create the tracker item
  ref: town_file_id # This is how we reference the tracker item from within the wiki page
data:
  tracker: 2
  status: open
  values:
    - [ 5, $profilerequest:Town$Unnamed Town$ ]
```
1.3. The page which contains the template for the wiki page which is created with the data channel

This is just to illustrate the use of references.

```
template_Town_Page
- Town $profilerequest:Town$Unnamed Town$-

Blah blah
{trackerlist trackerId="2" itemId="$profileobject:town_file_id$"}
```

More text