Default name of exported CSV

Posted by lousyfool - 2016/05/07 15:36

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Hi,

First, compliment for ARI Data Tables - it's easy to use, flexible, and does what i need it to do. :)

However, I have a page with numerous Data Table modules, am hiding the tables with CSS so that only the CSV export buttons are displayed. Trouble is that on click on either one the default file name is always the same:
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Been looking through files to find where this is set, and the only one where I could find at least something similar is TableTools.min.js, though that doesn't seem to be it.

I should be ok with writing a code snippet for the suggested file name to reflect something more "table specific", but can you please give me a pointer to where (as e.g. in "which file") I can do such customisation?

Many thanks in advance!

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Re:Default name of exported CSV

Posted by admin - 2016/05/08 05:45

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Hello,

Currently the extension doesn't support ability to change name of exported file. It is generated in /modules/mod_aridatatables/includes/js/widgets/datatable/plugins/tabletools/swf/copy_csv_xls_pdf.swf file.

Regards,
ARI Soft

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Re:Default name of exported CSV

Posted by lousyfool - 2016/05/08 06:53

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Thanks for the info.

Hmm, I was sure hoping it to be PHP or so, but in fact it's an SWF (no wonder I didn't find any hints when scanning the files, haha!), and obviously there's nothing I can do without the initial FLA.

You may, or may not, agree that it would be great to have one of the following features to make the default file name "better" = more distinct than now. IMHO, it would improve the export feature tremendously, not only but especially when there are multiple modules on a single page.

Suggestions:
Instead of the current -

either use at least
 - , where the date is the current timestamp, of course

or better yet
have a text field in the "ARI Data Table > Show export buttons" section of the module backend which, if not empty, replaces the current default file name,
and offer variables such as timestamp, module title or current user object, for insertion

I can think of even more sophisticated solutions, but I believe something like this would do in the vast majority of cases.
And I'm sure it's all in good hands with you, anyway. ;)

As a short-term workaround I'd be glad if I could only "abuse" the table caption field for the purpose, because the caption is used nowhere else in my present case.
However, considering that my client needs several pages with 6 or more sets of export buttons each for different tables, I

bet you can see that the present way is far too "generic".

So, it'd be fantastic if you could look into this a bit more and either extend the ARI Data Table option with a "new feature", or help me with implementing a workaround.

This way or the other, thank you greatly for consideration!

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Re:Default name of exported CSV
Posted by admin - 2016/05/09 07:03
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Thank you for your suggestion. We will improve data export in a future version of the extension.

Regards,
ARI Soft

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Re:Default name of exported CSV
Posted by lousyfool - 2016/05/09 07:11
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Hi again,

Seeing your response, here I am right away to say thank you... happy to read your post!

Now, after my indicating that I'm a bit in a hurry with my project, which is getting near its deadline and the client finding the present default naming of files "unacceptable", demanding a "fix", you know what the next question is, lol...: When?

If you'd need - understandably - some time before anything would make it into "a future version", again, a temporary workaround would be ok here, but I fear I'm completely depending on your help with it, in which form ever.

Open for any ideas... and "near future" dates, of course! B)

Thank you once again!

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Re:Default name of exported CSV
Posted by admin - 2016/05/10 06:13
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Sorry, but we don't have an exact date when it will be implemented.

Regards,
ARI Soft

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Re:Default name of exported CSV
Posted by lousyfool - 2016/05/10 06:29
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Sorry, but we don't have an exact date when it will be implemented.

I understand.

Sorry for being a pest with this, but with no access to source code there's nothing I can do myself as quick workaround. Is there any way we could do something quickly - with minimal effort for you? What I could think of:

- Replace current variables with others, so default file names would be - , then compile it and get me that new copy_csv_xls_pdf.swf?

or maybe

- Get me the source FLA (if it's in there), so I can do it myself?

As I said, open for other ideas, too.

Sorry and thank you again!

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Re:Default name of exported CSV
Posted by admin - 2016/05/10 07:00
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The SWF file is part of TableTools add-on for DataTable jQuery plugin. You can send request to add-on developers and ask about source file.

Regards,
ARI Soft

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