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TwistyPlugin

A "twisty" is an interface toggle control to show and hide content.

TwistyPlugin gives you several options to control the appearance of a twisty:

- use link text or buttons
- position an icon left or right
- remember the state at the next visit of the page
- start the Twisty open or closed
- start the Twisty open or closed for the first visit
- use a span or div for the content
- set a class for the content span or div

Twisty has a fallback mechanism in case JavaScript is not available: all content is displayed and the control buttons are hidden.

Usage examples

Triad

A Twisty consists of 3 elements:

1. Show button
2. Hide button
3. Collapsing content ('Toggle')

The typical TwistyPlugin triad will look like this (pseudo code):

```
%TWISTYSHOW{}% %TWISTYHIDE{}%  
(there may be other things between buttons and content)  
%TWISTYTOGGLE{}% my content %ENDTWISTYTOGGLE%
```

Shorthand

The Twisty triad is conveniently packed into shorthand `%TWISTY{some parameters}% Collapsing content %ENDTWISTY%`:

```
%TWISTY{}%  
my twisty content  
%ENDTWISTY%
```

Will generate:

More...Close my twisty content

You may have noticed that no parameters are passed to `%TWISTY{}%` but the show and hide links *do* have text! The default values are fetched from plugin settings `TWISTYSHOWLINK` and `TWISTYHIDELINK`, see Plugin Settings below.

Twisty with icons

We will use `mode="div"` to put the collapsing content below the button (the default mode is "span").

```
%TWISTY{
mode="div"
showlink="Show..."
hidelink="Hide"
showimgleft="%ICONURLPATH{toggleopen-small}%"
hideimgleft="%ICONURLPATH{toggleclose-small}%"
}%
my twisty content
%ENDTWISTY%
```

It will look like this:

▢ Show... ▢ Hide
my twisty content

To put icons at the right side, write

```
%TWISTY{
mode="div"
showlink="Show "
hidelink="Hide "
showimgright="%ICONURLPATH{toggleopen-small}%"
hideimgright="%ICONURLPATH{toggleclose-small}%"
}%
my twisty content
%ENDTWISTY%
```

Show ▢ Hide ▢
my twisty content

Make it remember

To store the last state in a FOSWIKIPREF cookie, add the parameter `remember="on"`.
To test this, reload the page after toggling.

```
%TWISTY{
showlink="Show..."
hidelink="Hide"
remember="on"
}%
my twisty content
%ENDTWISTY%
```

Show...Hide my twisty content

If a Twisty state has been stored in a FOSWIKIPREF cookie before, it can be cleared by using `remember="off"`:

```
%TWISTY{
showlink="Show..."
hidelink="Hide"
remember="off"
}%
my twisty content
%ENDTWISTY%
```

Show...Hide my twisty content

NOTE: Twisty ids are generated automatically. If you need control over exactly *which* Twisty should be remembered, add the parameter `id`:

```
%TWISTY{
id="currentCustomerList"
showlink="Show..."
hidelink="Hide"
remember="on"
}%
my customer list
%ENDTWISTY%
```

Note that `id` sets a sitewide cookie. To create a unique id, add topic or web macros:

```
id="%WEB%_%TOPIC%_currentCustomerList"
```

Make it obey

To let the Twisty start with its content folded open, add parameter `start="show"`.

```
%TWISTY{
showlink="Show..."
hidelink="Hide"
start="show"
}%
my twisty content
%ENDTWISTY%
```

Show...Hide my twisty content

Likewise use `start="hide"` to start with hidden content.

```
%TWISTY{
showlink="Show..."
hidelink="Hide"
start="hide"
}%
my twisty content
%ENDTWISTY%
```

Show...Hide my twisty content

Make it obey only the first time

To let the Twisty start with its content folded open the first time the visitor sees the Twisty, add the parameter `firststart="show"`. If `remember="on"` is used, subsequential visits to the page will display the Twisty according the cookie setting.

```
%TWISTY{
showlink="Show..."
hidelink="Hide"
firststart="show"
}%
my twisty content
%ENDTWISTY%
```

Show...Hide my twisty content

Other use: hide interface parts in case of no JavaScript

You can use Twisty to show interface elements that should only be visible with JavaScript enabled. For instance the textbox control buttons in the edit screen need JavaScript to work. If a visitor does not have

JavaScript on it would not make sense to show these buttons.

Put the "JavaScript content" in an almost bare bones Twisty. Write `showlink="" hidelink=""` to not display any default link texts.

```
%TWISTY{
link=""
noscript="hide"
start="show"
}%
<input type="submit" class="foswikiButton" value="You surely have !JavaScript" />
%ENDTWISTY%
```

Do not forget to set `start="show"` to show the Twisty content at all.

When JavaScript is off, the button should be invisible.

This code will show the button when JavaScript is off:

```
%TWISTY{
link=""
start="show"
}%
<input type="submit" class="foswikiButton" value="You might have !JavaScript" />
%ENDTWISTY%
```

Styling the Twisty

Use parameter `class` to style the content div or class:

```
%TWISTY{
mode="div"
showlink="Show..."
hidelink="Hide"
class="foswikiHelp"
}%
my twisty content
%ENDTWISTY%
```

Generates:

Show...Hide
my twisty content

Styling the Twisty link or button

Use parameter `linkclass` to style the twisty links:

```
%TWISTY{
mode="div"
showlink="Show..."
hidelink="Hide"
linkclass="foswikiButton"
}%
my twisty content
%ENDTWISTY%
```

Generates:

Other use: hide interface parts in case of no JavaScript

Show...Hide
my twisty content

Twisty headers

To be able to use header tags like `<h2>`, use the properties `prefix` and `suffix`. Because we have identical show and hide links we can use the shorthand property `link`.

```
%TWISTY{
  prefix="<h4>"
  mode="div"
  link="Twisty Header"
  showimgleft="%ICONURLPATH{toggleopen}%"
  hideimgleft="%ICONURLPATH{toggleclose}%"
  suffix="</h4>"
}%
%GREEN% my twisty content %ENDCOLOR%
%ENDTWISTY%
```

Will create:

▢ **Twisty Header** ▢ **Twisty Header**

my twisty content

If you don't use images, there is an easier way to create a twisty header:

```
%TWISTY{
  mode="div"
  showlink="<h4>&#9658; Details</h4>"
  hidelink="<h4>&#9660; Details</h4>"
}%
%GREEN% my twisty content %ENDCOLOR%
%ENDTWISTY%
```

Will create:

Details

Details

my twisty content

All on, all off

You can toggle all Twisties on or off at once by putting a link or button on the page with class `twistyExpandAll` or `twistyCollapseAll`.

```
<button class="twistyExpandAll foswikiButton">Expand all</button> &nbsp; <button class="twistyCollapseAll foswikiButton">Collapse all</button>
```

Creates these controls:

Expand all Collapse all

When you want to use links, write:

```
#VarTOGGLE
```

```
<a href="#TOGGLE" class="twistyExpandAll">Expand all</a> &nbsp;  
<a href="#TOGGLE" class="twistyCollapseAll">Collapse all</a>
```

Expand all Collapse all

Special syntax: format tokens

If you use other macros inside TWISTY parameters chances are it will mess up the macro, or the rendered html. Use format tokens to 'delay' rendering of these variables until the Twisty parameters are parsed.

The format tokens are the same as with FormattedSearch:

Escape:	Expands To:
\$n or \$n ()	New line. Use \$n () if followed by alphanumeric character, e.g. write Foo\$n () Bar instead of Foo\$nBar
\$nop or \$nop ()	Is a "no operation".
\$quot	Double quote (")
\$percent	Percent sign (%)
\$dollar	Dollar sign (\$)

For example, to show an icon inside the link, do not write:

```
link="%Y%"
```

but use format tokens:

```
link="$percentY$percent "
```

... to get:



my twisty content

Or a more complex example using SpreadsheetPlugin; do not write:

```
link="Count: (%CALC{"$GET(infoCount)"}%) "
```

but use format tokens:


```
link="Count: ($percentCALC{"$quot$dollarGET(infoCount)$quot}$percent) "
```

Syntax

TWISTY

This renders the button as well as the toggled content section contained within this and the closing ENDTWISTY tag.

Usage: %TWISTY{ ... }% Toggable contents %ENDTWISTY%

Parameter 	Value	Description	Remark
class		Class for Twisty div or span	

All on, all off

Parameter	Value	Description	Remark
	CSS class name		optional, default none
firststart	"hide" or "show"	Initial state of the Twisty the first time the visitor gets to see the Twisty; this will NOT override cookie settings (see remember).	optional, default no initial state
hideimg	Image url	Deprecated, use showimgleft, hideimgleft, showimgright or hideimgright.	optional, defaults to no image
hideimgleft	Image url	Specify the url of an image that will be displayed with the hide link at the left side of the link. You may use ICONURLPATH to display one of the DocumentGraphics icons. Alternatively use an image attached to the topic.	optional, defaults to no image
hideimgright	Image url	Specify the url of an image that will be displayed with the hide link at the right side of the link. You may use ICONURLPATH to display one of the DocumentGraphics icons. Alternatively use an image attached to the topic.	optional, defaults to no image
hidelink	Link label	Hide link label	optional
id	Unique identifier	Used to link TWISTYBUTTON and TWISTYTOGGLE	optional
img	Image url	Deprecated, use showimgleft, hideimgleft, showimgright or hideimgright.	optional, defaults to no image
imgleft	Image url	Deprecated, use showimgleft, hideimgleft, showimgright or hideimgright.	optional, defaults to no image
imgright	Image url	Deprecated, use showimgleft, hideimgleft, showimgright or hideimgright.	optional, defaults to no image
link	Link label	Link label for both show and hide links	optional
linkclass	CSS class name	Class for link	optional, default none
mode	"div" or "span"	Specify if the Twisty Toggle section will use a <div> or a tag. Note that if the contents contains block elements such as div, mode should be div as well to create valid HTML markup.	optional, defaults to
noscript	"hide"	Make content hidden in case use does not have JavaScript on	optional, default content is shown in case JavaScript if off
prefix	Text	Text to display before the show/hide links	optional, default none
remember	"on", "off"	If "on", the Twisty state is remembered the next time the page is shown. If "off", the stored setting will be cleared. Note: when used, think carefully about a unique name (id) for the Twisty, otherwise the cookie that is set might affect other Twisties with the same name. Also note that only interaction is stored, not the state of the Twisty when left	optional, no default

Parameter	Value	Description	Remark
		unclicked.	
showimg	Image url	Deprecated, use showimleft, hideimleft, showimright or hideimright.	optional, defaults to no image
showimleft	Image url	Specify the url of an image that will be displayed with the show link at the left side of the link. You may use ICONURLPATH to display one of the DocumentGraphics icons. Alternatively use an image attached to the topic.	optional, defaults to no image
showimright	Image url	Specify the url of an image that will be displayed with the show link at the right side of the link. You may use ICONURLPATH to display one of the DocumentGraphics icons. Alternatively use an image attached to the topic.	optional, defaults to no image
showlink	Link label	Show link label	optional
start	"hide" or "show"	Initial state of the Twisty; this will override any setting stored in a cookie (see remember).	optional, default no initial state
suffix	Text	Text to display after the show/hide links	optional, default none

- Related TWISTYBUTTON and TWISTYTOGGLE

ENDTWISTY

Twisty closure, complements the opening TWISTY tag.

- Syntax: %ENDTWISTY%

See ENDTWISTYTOGGLE.

Twisty components syntax

Occasionally you might need to create a custom set of individual Twisty components:

TWISTYBUTTON

Shorthand version for TWISTYSHOW & TWISTYHIDE This is useful if both the show and the hide button take the same arguments.

- Supported parameters: all parameters supported by TWISTY, except for `noscript` and `class` (only used for 'toggle' content)
- Parameter differences:
 - ◆ `mode`: button mode defaults to `span`
- Syntax: %TWISTYBUTTON{id="myid" ... }%
- Supported parameters:

Parameter	Value	Description	Remark
mode	"div" or "span"	Specify if the Twisty button will use a <code><div></code> or a <code></code> tag. Note that if the contents contains block elements such as <code>div</code> , <code>mode</code> should be <code>div</code> as well to	optional, defaults to <code></code>

Parameter	Value	Description	Remark
		create valid HTML markup.	

- Example: `%TWISTYBUTTON{id="myid" link="more"}%%TWISTYTOGGLE{id="myid"}%content%ENDTWISTYTOGGLE%`
- Related: TWISTYSHOW and TWISTYHIDE

TWISTYSHOW

Show/open link

- Syntax: `%TWISTYSHOW{id="myid" ... }%`
- Supported parameters:

Parameter	Value	Description	Remark
id	Unique identifier	Used to link TWISTYSHOW, TWISTYHIDE and TWISTYTOGGLE	required
link	Link label	Show link label	optional
mode	"div" or "span"	Specify if the Twisty Show link will use a <code><div></code> or a <code></code> tag. Note that if the contents contains block elements such as <code>div</code> , mode should be <code>div</code> as well to create valid HTML markup.	optional, defaults to <code></code>
img	Image url	Specify the url of an image that will be displayed at the right side of the link. You may use <code>ICONURLPATH</code> to display one of the DocumentGraphics icons. Alternatively use an image attached to the topic.	optional, defaults to no image
imgleft	Image url	Specify the url of an image that will be displayed at the left side of the link. You may use <code>ICONURLPATH</code> to display one of the DocumentGraphics icons. Alternatively use an image attached to the topic.	optional, defaults to no image
imgright	Image url	Specify the url of an image that will be displayed at the right side of the link. You may use <code>ICONURLPATH</code> to display one of the DocumentGraphics icons. Alternatively use an image attached to the topic.	optional, defaults to no image
remember	"on", "off"	If "on", the Twisty state is remembered the next time the page is shown. If "off", the stored setting will be cleared. Note: when used, think carefully about a unique name (id) for the Twisty, otherwise the cookie that is set might affect other Twisties with the same name. Also note that only interaction is stored, not the state of the Twisty when left unclicked.	optional, no default
start	"hide" or "show"	Initial state of the Twisty; this will override any setting stored in a cookie (see <code>remember</code>).	optional, default no initial state
firststart	"hide" or "show"	Initial state of the Twisty the first time the visitor gets to see the Twisty; this will NOT override cookie settings (see <code>remember</code>).	optional, default no initial state

- Example: `%TWISTYSHOW{id="demo" link=" Click to Unfold " imgleft="%ICONURLPATH{toggleopen}%"}%`
- Related: TWISTYHIDE and TWISTYTOGGLE

TWISTYHIDE

Hide/close link

- Syntax: %TWISTYHIDE{id="myid" ... }%
- Supported parameters:

Parameter	Value	Description	Remark
id	Unique identifier	Used to link TWISTYSHOW, TWISTYHIDE and TWISTYTOGGLE	required
link	Link label	Hide link label	optional
mode	"div" or "span"	Specify if the Twisty Hide link will use a <div> or a tag. Note that if the contents contains block elements such as div, mode should be div as well to create valid HTML markup.	optional, defaults to
img	Image url	Specify the url of an image that will be displayed at the right side of the link. You may use ICONURLPATH to display one of the DocumentGraphics icons. Alternatively use an image attached to the topic.	optional, defaults to no image
remember	"on", "off"	If "on", the Twisty state is remembered the next time the page is shown. If "off", the stored setting will be cleared. Note: when used, think carefully about a unique name (id) for the Twisty, otherwise the cookie that is set might affect other Twisties with the same name. Also note that only interaction is stored, not the state of the Twisty when left unclicked.	optional, no default
start	"hide" or "show"	Initial state of the Twisty; this will override any setting stored in a cookie (see remember).	optional, default no initial state
firststart	"hide" or "show"	Initial state of the Twisty the first time the visitor gets to see the Twisty; this will NOT override cookie settings (see remember).	optional, default no initial state

- Example: %TWISTYHIDE{id="demo" link=" Click to Fold " imgleft="%ICONURLPATH{toggleclose}%" }%
- Related: TWISTYSHOW and TWISTYTOGGLE

TWISTYTOGGLE

Twisty Toggle contents section

- Syntax: %TWISTYTOGGLE{id="myid"}%
- Supported parameters:

Parameter	Value	Description	Remark
id	Unique identifier	Used to link TWISTYSHOW, TWISTYHIDE and TWISTYTOGGLE.	required
mode	"div" or "span"	Specify if the Twisty Toggle section will use a <div> or a tag. Note that if the contents contains block elements such as div, mode should be div as well to create valid HTML markup.	optional, defaults to
class	CSS class name	Class for content div or span	optional, default none

Parameter	Value	Description	Remark
linkclass	CSS class name	Class for link	optional, default none
remember	"on", "off"	If "on", the Twisty state is remembered the next time the page is shown. If "off", the stored setting will be cleared. Note: when used, think carefully about a unique name (id) for the Twisty, otherwise the cookie that is set might affect other Twisties with the same name. Also note that only interaction is stored, not the state of the Twisty when left unclicked.	optional, no default
start	"hide" or "show"	Initial state of the Twisty; this will override any setting stored in a cookie (see <code>remember</code>).	optional, default no initial state
firststart	"hide" or "show"	Initial state of the Twisty the first time the visitor gets to see the Twisty; this will NOT override cookie settings (see <code>remember</code>).	optional, default no initial state
noscript	"hide"	Make content hidden in case use does not have JavaScript on	optional, default content is shown with no JavaScript

- Example: `%TWISTYTOGGLE{id="demo" mode="div" remember="on"}%My content%ENDTWISTYTOGGLE%`
- Related: TWISTYHIDE, TWISTYHIDE an ENDTWISTYTOGGLE

ENDTWISTYTOGGLE

The Twisty closure

- Syntax: `%ENDTWISTYTOGGLE%`
 - ◆ Will end the most inner unclosed Twisty Toggle section, using the proper tag
- Example: `%ENDTWISTYTOGGLE%`
- Related: TWISTYTOGGLE

Working with other Javascript libraries

If you want to use a different Javascript library than the default Foswiki Javascripts, add to the skin path:

- `jquery` to use JQuery
 - ◆ For example, append to the url: `?skin=jquery,nat` or write: `Set SKIN = jquery,nat`
 - ◆ For this, Foswiki:Extensions/JQueryPlugin needs to be installed
- `dojo` to use JQuery
 - ◆ For example, append to the url: `?skin=dojo,pattern` or write: `Set SKIN = dojo,pattern`
 - ◆ For this, Foswiki:Extensions/DojoToolkitContrib needs to be installed

Plugin Settings

You can override some default settings in the plugin by setting the following preferences.

Preference	Meaning	Default
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TWISTYTOGGLE

Preference	Meaning	Default
TWISTYSHOWLINK	For example: <code>More...</code>	More...
TWISTYHIDELINK	For example: <code>Close</code>	Close
TWISTYMODE	Either <code>div</code> or <code>span</code>	span
TWISTYREMEMBER	Either <code>on</code> or <code>off</code> . If set to <code>on</code> all Twisty states will be stored in a FOSWIKIPREF cookie; if set to <code>off</code> the FOSWIKIPREF cookie will be cleared	not specified

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.

Plugin Info

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	and <code>suffix</code> ; JavaScript to collapse or expand all Twisties on the page.
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