

Extending biblios

Implementing a new editor type
Adding a Couchdb-networked folder

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What is biblios?

- An open source web based metadata editor
<http://biblios.org>
- Developed at LibLime over last year
- Cataloging client used in <http://biblios.net>

Biblios architecture

- User Interface
 - <http://extjs.com> toolkit
 - <http://jquery.org>
- Backend uses Perl CGI scripts
 - Any server side language may be employed

Biblios Plugins

- At end of index.html loading, Biblios loads any plugins defined in biblios' configuration file
- Uses Jquery \$.getScript(filename, handler)
- Plugins may do anything they like
 - Change UI
 - Add additional behaviours
 - Add editor types
 - Perform actions upon certain biblios actions

Part 1

Implementing an editor for Dublin Core

Example Plugin configuration

File: conf/biblios.xml

```
<plugin>
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    <file>plugins/dcEditor/dcEditor.js</file>
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Editor Plugins

- Provide means of previewing records
- Provide means of editing records
 - Generate html for record type
 - Server side code
 - Browser side javascript
- Provide means of saving records
 - Extract data from html editor and turn back into XML

Editor configuration

- Add `<editor>` stanza
- `<syntax>` associates this `<editor>` with given syntax
- `<name>` must match name of `<plugin>`

```
<editor>
  <name>MARC21Editor</name>
  <syntax>marcxml</syntax>
  <enabled>1</enabled>
</editor>
<editor>
  <name>DublinCoreEditor</name>
  <syntax>xml</syntax>
  <enabled>1</enabled>
</editor>
```

Editor Plugin API

Constructor

function(editorid)

Xml related methods

XMLString()

XML()

loadXml(xmldoc, callback)

update()

Processing and editing methods

postProcess()

processForLocation()

getToolsMenu()

getToolbar(editorid)

Metadata retrieval methods

getFormat()

getTitle()

getAuthor()

getDate()

getPublisher()

getControlNumber()

Editor code overview

```
dcEditor = function(editorid) {
    this.editorid = editorid;
    this.editorelem = $('#'+editorid);
    this.xmldoc = '';
    this.XMLString = function() {...};
    this.update = function() {...};
    this.XML = function() {...};
    this.getFormat = function() {...};
    this.loadXml = function(xmlDoc,callback) {...};
    this.postProcess = function() {...};
    this.processForLocation = function() {...};
    this.getToolsMenu = function() {...};
    this.getToolbar = function(editorid) {...};
    this.getTitle = function() {...};
    this.getAuthor = function() {...};
    this.getDate = function() {...};
    this.getPublisher = function() {...};
    this.getControlNumber = function() {...};
};
```

loadXml()

```
this.loadXml = function(xmlDoc,callback) {
    this.xmldoc = xmlDoc;
    var processor = new XSLTProcessor();
    processor.importStylesheet( dcxsl );
    var editorDoc = processor.transformToDocument( xmlDoc );
    callback.call(this, xslTransform.serialize(editorDoc), this.editorid);
};
```

getTitle()

```
this.getTitle = function() {
    return this.xmldoc.getElementsByTagNameNS('http://purl.org/dc/elements/1.1/', 'title')[0].text;
};
```

XSL Stylesheet to generate Editor

```
<xsl:template match="/rdf:RDF/*">
  <p class="title">Title:</p>
  <input type="text">
    <xsl:attribute name="class">dcEditor-title</xsl:attribute>
    <xsl:attribute name="value"><xsl:value-of select="dc:title"/></xsl:attribute>
  </input>

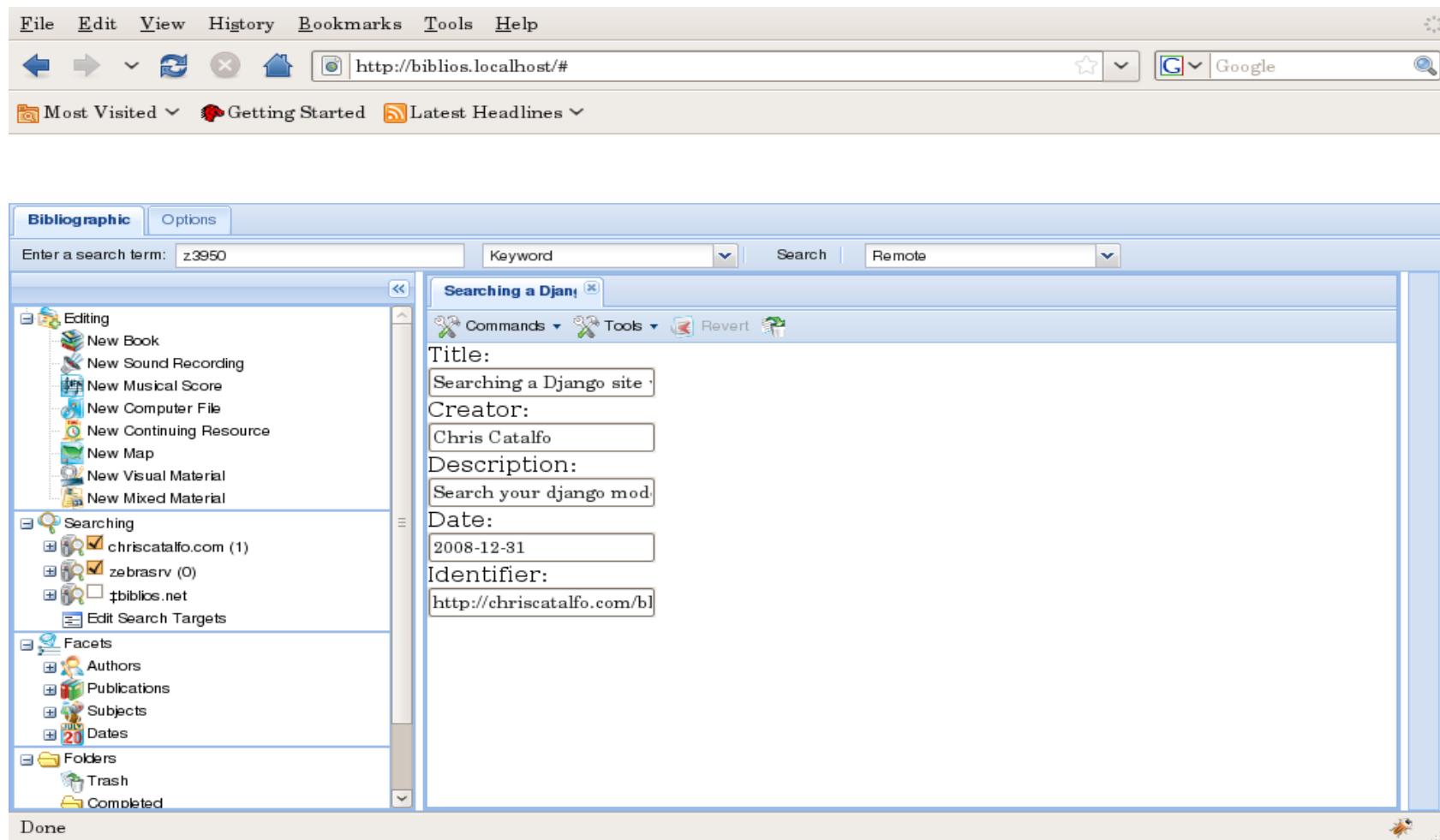
  <p class="creator">Creator:</p>
  <input type="text">
    <xsl:attribute name="class">dcEditor-creator</xsl:attribute>
    <xsl:attribute name="value"><xsl:value-of select="dc:creator"/></xsl:attribute>
  </input>

  <p class="description">Description:</p>
  <input type="text">
    <xsl:attribute name="class">dcEditor-description</xsl:attribute>
    <xsl:attribute name="value"><xsl:value-of select="dc:description"/></xsl:attribute>
  </input>

  <p class="date">Date:</p>
  <input type="text">
    <xsl:attribute name="class">dcEditor-date</xsl:attribute>
    <xsl:attribute name="value"><xsl:value-of select="dc:date"/></xsl:attribute>
  </input>

  <p class="identifier">Identifier:</p>
  <input type="text">
    <xsl:attribute name="class">dcEditor-identifier'</xsl:attribute>
    <xsl:attribute name="value"><xsl:value-of select="dc:identifier"/></xsl:attribute>
  </input>
```

Editor Generated in biblios



Getting Dublin Core Records to Edit

The screenshot shows a web browser window with the following details:

- Address Bar:** http://biblios.localhost/#
- Toolbar:** File, Edit, View, History, Bookmarks, Tools, Help.
- Search Bar:** Google
- Bookmarks Bar:** Most Visited, Getting Started, Latest Headlines.

The main content area displays a search interface for bibliographic records:

- Header:** Bibliographic, Options, Database, Macros, Plugins, Editors, Search Targets, Send Targets, Preferences.
- Buttons:** Add Target, Remove Target.
- Table:** A grid showing search targets. The columns are: Name, Host, Port, Database, Description, User, Passwo, Syntax, Search settings, Source, Library Type, Count.
- Data:**

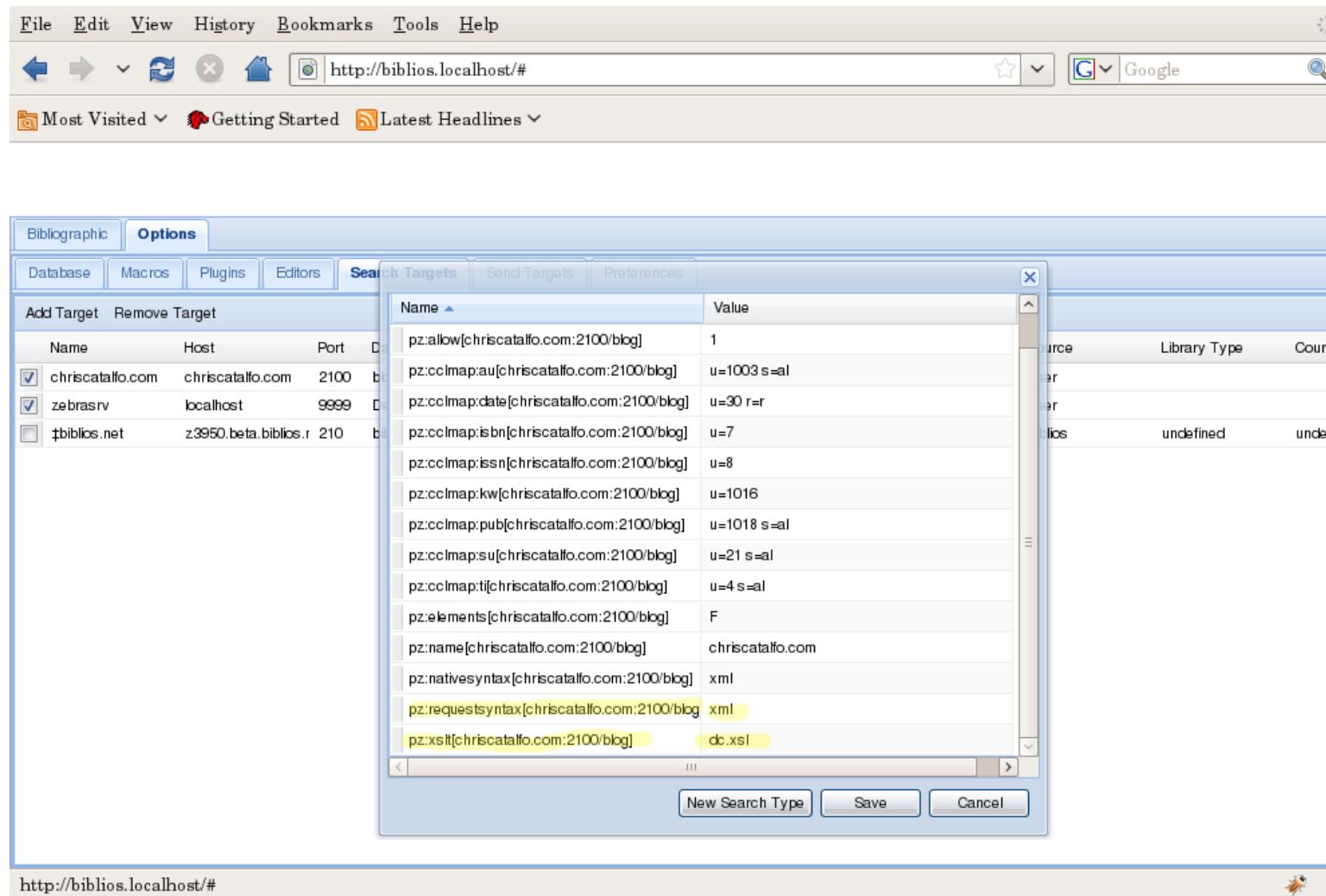
Name	Host	Port	Database	Description	User	Passwo	Syntax	Search settings	Source	Library Type	Count
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> chriscatalfo.com	chriscatalfo.com	2100	blog	cc.com			xml	{'pz:name[chriscat user}			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> zebrasrv	localhost	9999	Default				marcxml	{'pz:name[localhos user}			
<input type="checkbox"/> #biblios.net	z3950.beta.biblios.r	210	bibliographic	#biblios.net			marcxml	{'pz:name[z3950.b biblios}		undefined	undefined

Setting up record previews

```
var dcxsl = xslTransform.loadFile('plugins/dcEditor/dcxsl.xsl');
biblios.app.registerPreviewXsl('xml', dcxsl);
```

- biblios.app.registerPreview('syntax', xml doc)

Setting stylesheet to extract data



Searching and previewing DC

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The main application window is titled "Bibliographic". It contains the following sections:

- Left Sidebar:** A tree view of search targets:
 - Editing
 - New Book
 - New Sound Recording
 - New Musical Score
 - New Computer File
 - New Continuing Resource
 - New Map
 - New Visual Material
 - New Mixed Material
 - Searching
 - chriscatalfo.com
 - zebrasrv
 - #biblios.net
 - Edit Search Targets
 - Facets
 - Authors
 - Publications
 - Subjects
 - Dates
 - Folders
 - Trash
 - Completed
- Search Bar:** Enter a search term: z3950, Keyword dropdown, Search button, Remote dropdown.
- Table View:** Shows 1 record.

Medium	Title	Author	Publisher	Date	Location
	Searching a Django site via Z39.50	Chris Catalfo		2008	chriscatalfo.co
- Preview Panel:** Displays the following fields:
 - Title: Searching a Django site via Z39.50
 - Creator: Chris Catalfo
 - Description: Search your django mod
 - Date: 2008-12-31
 - Identifier: http://biblios.localhost/

Saving a DC record

```
this.XMLString = function() {
    var xmlstring = "";
    xmlstring += '<rdf:RDF xmlns:rdf="http://www.w3.org/1999/02/22-rdf-syntax-ns#" xmlns:dc="http://purl.org/dc/elements/1.1/"><rdf:Description rdf:about="http://media.example.com/audio/guide.ra">';
    var title = $('.dcEditor-title',this.editorelem).val();
    xmlstring += '<dc:title>' + title + '</dc:title>';
    var creator = $('.dcEditor-creator',this.editorelem).val();
    xmlstring += '<dc:creator>' + creator + '</dc:creator>';
    var description = $('.dcEditor-description',this.editorelem).val();
    xmlstring += '<dc:description>' + description + '</dc:description>';
    var date = $('.dcEditor-date',this.editorelem).val();
    xmlstring += '<dc:date>' + date + '</dc:date>';
    var publisher = $('.dcEditor-publisher',this.editorelem).val();
    xmlstring += '<dc:publisher>' + publisher + '</dc:publisher>';
    var identifier = $('.dcEditor-identifier',this.editorelem).val();
    xmlstring += '<dc:identifier>' + identifier + '</dc:identifier>';
    xmlstring += '</rdf:Description>';
    xmlstring += '</rdf:RDF>';
    return xmlstring;
};
```

Part 2

Adding a network folder using CouchDB

CouchDB Plugin Overview

- CouchDB
 - <http://couchdb.apache.org/>
 - Non relational, document oriented database
 - Interaction done using REST API over HTTP
- Biblios <-> couchDB interaction
 - Through proxy script
 - Through web server proxy directly to couchDB

ExtJS <->CouchDB

- ExtJS Grid
- ExtJS Data Store
 - http://wiki.apache.org/couchdb/Getting_started_with_
 - Encapsulates interaction with CouchDB
 - Uses proxy to allow requests to be sent from biblios to couchDB

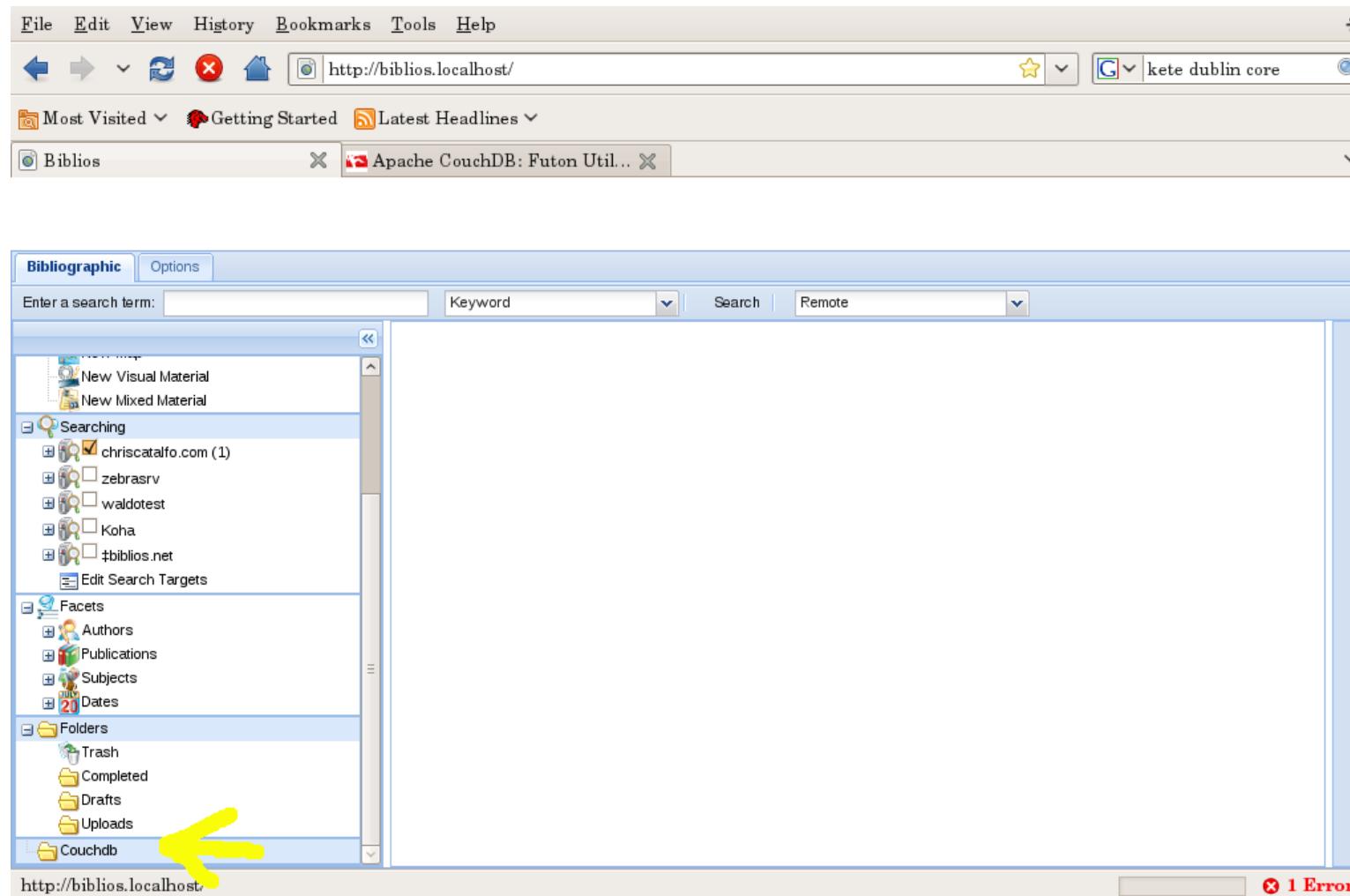
Adding Extjs Components

- Ext.getCmp('...').add(<your object>)
- Ext.getCmp('resourcesPanel').items.get(0).items.add(new Ext.tree.TreePanel({....}))

Add Couch folder to biblios sidebar

```
Ext.getCmp('resourcesPanel').items.get(0).items.add(  
    new Ext.tree.TreePanel({  
        id: 'couchFolder'  
,autoScroll:true  
,leaf:false  
,root: new Ext.tree.AsyncTreeNode({  
            text: 'Couchdb'  
,leaf:true  
,icon: libPath + 'lib/extjs2/resources/images/default/tree/folder-open.gif'  
,listeners: {  
                click: function(n,e) {...}  
            }  
,loader: new Ext.tree.TreeLoader({  
                ... }) //couchdb loader  
            }) // couchdb root  
    })  
);
```

Couch folder in biblios



Biblios <--- Couch

- REST request to CouchDB to retrieve records
- ExtJS Store retrieves data from external source
- Create CouchDB View document and use as url for ExtJS store

CouchDb ExtJS Store

```
var couchDbStore = new Ext.ux.data.CouchStore({
    db:      'couchdb/biblios',
    view:   'records/all',
    fields: [
        {name: '_id'          }, // I'd love to get rid of this as well
        {name: '_rev'          }, // ditto
        {name: 'title'         },
        {name: 'author'        },
        {name: 'publisher'     },
        {name: 'xml'           },
        {
            {
                name: 'dateofpub'
            },
            {
                name: 'xmlformat'
            },
            {
                name: 'location'
            },
            {
                name: 'medium'
            }
        ]
}); // CouchStore_def
```

Couchdb View

File Edit View History Bookmarks Tools Help

http://localhost:5984/_utils/

Most Visited Getting Started Latest Headlines

Biblio Apache CouchDB: Futon Util... Overview biblio _design/records

Save Document Add Field Delete Document

Field	Value
_id	"_design/records"
_rev	"586456827"
language	"javascript"
views	<input type="checkbox"/> all map "function(doc){emit(null,doc);}"

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Done

Add Couch Grid

```
var bibliosCouchGrid =  
    new Ext.grid.GridPanel({  
        id: 'couchgrid'  
        ,height:300  
        ,region:'center'  
        ,store: couchDbStore  
        ,columns:  
            [  
                {  
                    header:'Title'  
                    ,dataIndex:'title'  
                }  
                ,{  
                    header:'Author'  
                    ,dataIndex:'author'  
                }  
                ,{  
                    header:'Publisher'  
                    ,dataIndex:'publisher'  
                }  
                ,{  
                    header:'Date'  
                    ,dataIndex:'date'  
                }  
                ,{  
                    header:'Medium'  
                    ,dataIndex:'medium'  
                }  
                ,{  
                    header:'Format'  
                    ,dataIndex:'xmlformat'  
                }  
                ,{  
                    header:'Location'  
                    ,dataIndex:'location'  
                }  
            ]  
    })  
    .render('couchgrid')
```

Documents in CouchDB

Overview → **biblios**

[+ Create Document ...](#) [Compact Database](#) [Delete Database](#) Select view: All documents

Key	Value
"9c2b5f7defbdb5cc22fae1282b2c3bd2" ID: 9c2b5f7defbdb5cc22fae1282b2c3bd2	{"rev": "3807362825"}
"_design/records" ID: _design/records	{"rev": "586456827"}
"b0e73d87dab3832524085a039f69a80c" ID: b0e73d87dab3832524085a039f69a80c	{"rev": "2989028981"}
"b67820734a07fc04dceeb74f0d29247f" ID: b67820734a07fc04dceeb74f0d29247f	{"rev": "3549026065"}
"fd287fcdddeb0e500780ad010ee44233f" ID: fd287fcdddeb0e500780ad010ee44233f	{"rev": "3798715044"}

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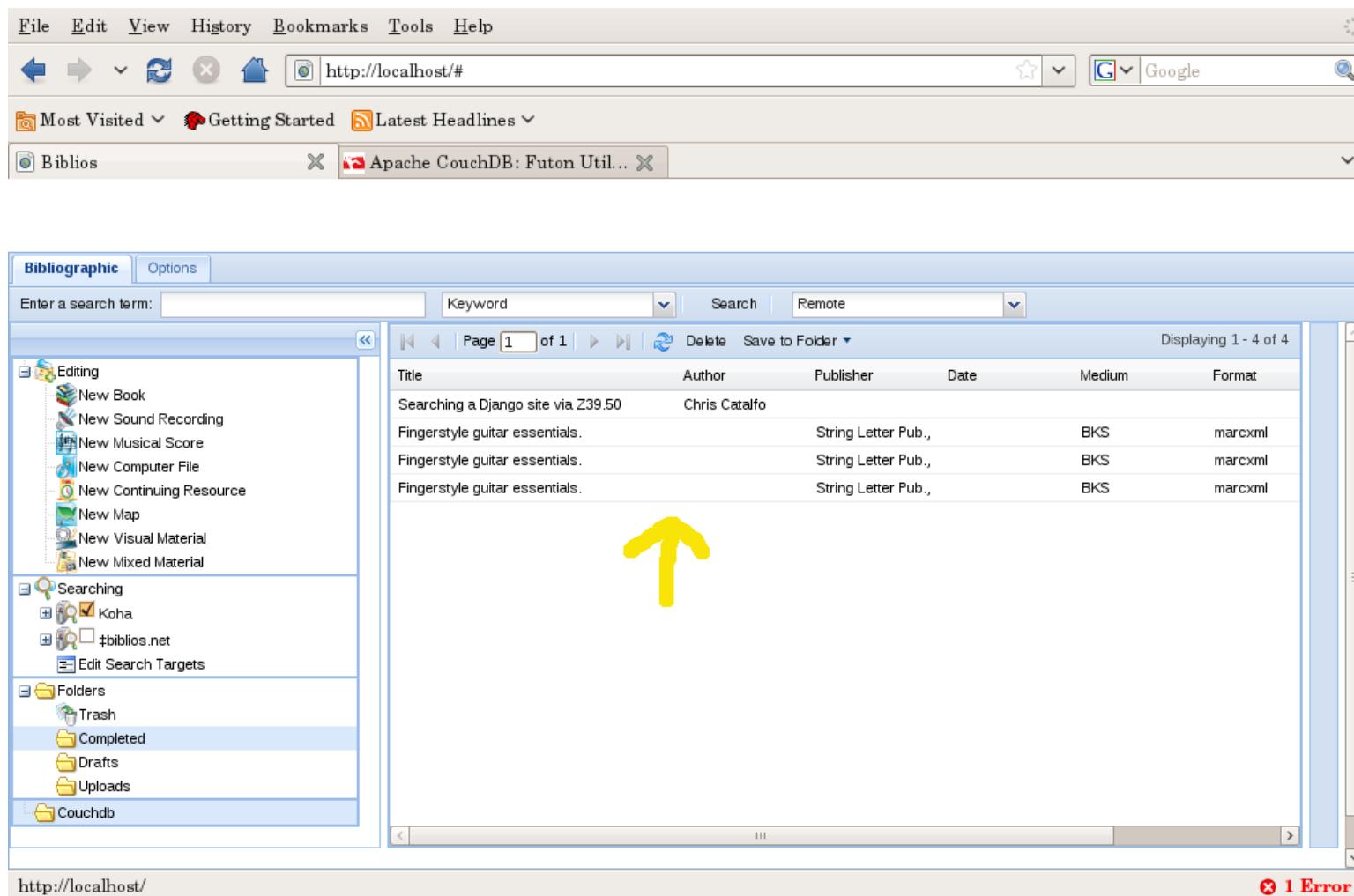
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Couchdb Grid = Store + Display



The screenshot shows the Apache CouchDB Futon web interface. At the top, there's a browser-like header with tabs for "Biblio" and "Apache CouchDB: Futon Util...". A yellow arrow points upwards from the bottom of the left sidebar towards the main grid area.

Bibliographic Options

Enter a search term: [] Keyword Search Remote

Page 1 of 1 | Delete Save to Folder | Displaying 1 - 4 of 4

Title	Author	Publisher	Date	Medium	Format
Searching a Django site via Z39.50	Chris Catalfo				marcxml
Fingerstyle guitar essentials.		String Letter Pub.,		BKS	marcxml
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Sidebar (Left)

- Editing
 - New Book
 - New Sound Recording
 - New Musical Score
 - New Computer File
 - New Continuing Resource
 - New Map
 - New Visual Material
 - New Mixed Material
- Searching
 - Koha
 - #biblio.net
 - Edit Search Targets
- Folders
 - Trash
 - Completed
 - Drafts
 - Uploads
 - Couchdb

http://localhost/ 1 Error

Implementing Saving to biblios

```
, {
    text: 'Save to Folder'
}, menu: {
    id: 'couchSaveMenu'
}, items: []
}, listeners: {
    beforeshow: function(menu, menuItem, e) {
        menu.removeAll();
        var savefiles = getSaveFileNames();
        for(var i = 0; i < savefiles.length; i++) {
            menu.add({
                text: savefiles[i].name
                , savefileid: savefiles[i].id
                , handler: function(btn) {
                    var records = bibliosCouchGrid.getSelections();
                    for(var i = 0; i < records.length; i++) {
                        if(bibliosdebug) {
                            console.info('saving ' + records[i].data.title);
                        }
                        showStatusMsg('Saving ' + records[i].data.title);
                        var record = new DB.Records({
                            title : records[i].data.title
                            , author: records[i].data.author
                            , publisher: records[i].data.publisher
                            , date:records[i].data.date
                            , xml:records[i].data.xml
                            , medium:records[i].data.medium
                            , location:'couchdb'
                            , Savefiles_id:btn.savefileid
                        }).save();
                        clearStatusMsg();
                    }
                }
            });
        }
    });
}
```

Save from Couchdb

Screenshot of a web browser window showing the Apache CouchDB Futon interface.

The browser header includes:

- File Edit View History Bookmarks Tools Help
- Back Forward Refresh Stop Home http://localhost/#
- Google search bar
- Most Visited dropdown
- Getting Started link
- Latest Headlines link

The tabs at the top of the browser are:

- Biblios
- Apache CouchDB: Futon Util... (active tab)

The main content area shows the "Bibliographic" view of the Futon interface.

Left sidebar:

- Editing
 - New Book
 - New Sound Recording
 - New Musical Score
 - New Computer File
 - New Continuing Resource
 - New Map
 - New Visual Material
 - New Mixed Material
- Searching
 - Koha
 - #biblios.net
 - Edit Search Targets
- Folders
 - Trash
 - Completed
 - Drafts
 - Uploads
 - Couchdb (selected)

Search and navigation controls:

- Enter a search term:
- Keyword dropdown
- Search button
- Remote dropdown
- Page 1 of 1
- Previous Next First Last
- Delete button
- Save to Folder dropdown
 - Trash
 - Completed
 - Drafts
 - Uploads
- Displaying 1 - 4 of 4

Table of results:

Title	Author	Date	Medium	Format
Searching a Django site via Z39.50	Chris C	2012-07-10	BKS	marcxml
Fingerstyle guitar essentials.		2012-07-10	BKS	marcxml
Fingerstyle guitar essentials.		2012-07-10	BKS	marcxml
Fingerstyle guitar essentials.		2012-07-10	BKS	marcxml

Page footer:

- http://localhost/#
- ✖ 1 Error

Listening to biblios.app events

- `biblios.app.on('beforesearch',
function(searchWhere, searchQuery) { ...})`

Add Couch to Send Menu

The screenshot shows a window of a JavaScript IDE with the following interface elements:

- Menu bar: File, Edit, Options, Buffers, YASnippet, Tools, IM-JavaScript-IDE, JavaScript, Help.
- Toolbar: Includes icons for file operations like Open, Save, Print, and search.
- Code editor area:

```
File Edit Options Buffers YASnippet Tools IM-JavaScript-IDE JavaScript Help
id: 'couchTbar'
,store: couchDbStore
,displayInfo: true
,items: [
{
  text: 'Delete'
  ,handler: function(btn) {...}
}
,{
  text: 'Save to Folder'
  ,menu: {
    id: 'couchSaveMenu'
    ,items: []
    ,listeners: {
      beforeshow: function(menu, menuItem, e) {...}
    } // couchSaveMenu listeners
  } // couchSaveMenu
} // saveToFolder
]
}); // couchTbar items
);
Ext.getCmp('bibliocenter').items.add(bibliosCouchGrid);
biblios.app.on('updatesendmenu', addCouchToSendMenu); // couchDbStore.load({});
```

The code is written in ExtJS, defining a toolbar item ('couchTbar') with a 'Delete' button and a 'Save to Folder' item. The 'Save to Folder' item has its own menu ('couchSaveMenu') which contains a 'beforeshow' event listener. The code then adds this toolbar to a component ('bibliocenter') and sets up an event listener ('updatesendmenu') to call a function ('addCouchToSendMenu'). Finally, it loads a store ('couchDbStore').

At the bottom of the code editor, there is a status bar with the following information:

--:-- bibliosCouch.js 59% L300 Git:master (JavaScript-IDE) ---Fri Feb 13 9:57AM 0.71-----

Send to Couchdb

Screenshot of a web browser window showing the Apache CouchDB Futon interface. The browser's address bar shows `http://localhost/#`. The tab bar includes "Biblios" and "Apache CouchDB: Futon Util...".

The main interface is a bibliographic record viewer. On the left, there is a sidebar with sections for "Editing" (New Book, New Sound Recording, etc.), "Searching" (Koha, #biblios.net), and "Folders" (Trash, Completed, Drafts, Uploads, Couchdb). The main area displays a list of records:

Medium	Title	Publisher	DateOfPub	Status
BKS	Hitching Post Hill--Ash Hill :General Bea	Brace,;; McNee	1927-1996	new
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BKS	Hitching Post Hill--Ash Hill :General Bea	Brace,;; McNee	1927-1996	new
BKS	Hitching Post Hill--Ash Hill :General Bea	Creighton, Lucia Bruce,;; McNee	1927-1996	new
BKS	The old stone ditching post,	Davis, Eugene N.	s.n.]	1927.

A context menu is open over the first record, showing options: Move, Export, Send, Duplicate, and Macros. The "Send" option is highlighted, with a submenu showing "Couchdb".

The "Preview" section at the bottom shows the following bibliographic data:

```
00000912cam a22002651 4500
001426990
003BIBLIOS
00520050817181833.0
008791114s1927 nhuacf 000 0 eng
010# # 27008750
```

The status bar at the bottom shows the URL `http://localhost/#` and a red error icon with the text "1 Error".

Extending biblios: Summary

- Extend editors by creating new editor type
- Add Extjs components with handlers that do something useful
- Listen for biblios.app events and do something when they get fired

More Information

- Chris Catalfo
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- <http://biblios.org/docs>
- Post to biblios-dev Google Group
(<http://groups.google.com/group/biblios-dev>)
- <git://git.biblios.org>
- <git://github.com/ccatalfo/biblios-dceditor.git>
- <git://github.com/ccatalfo/biblios-couchdb.git>
- Demo of these plugins:
<http://chriscatalfo.com/biblios>