
sphinxcontrib-filltable

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ABOUT

This Sphinx extension (named “sphinx-filltableref”, parsed as “fill table ref”) enables creating “summary” tables of data that link to other pages which contain “source” tables that specify where the data is from (the reference) and can also describe the data values in more detail.

The extension defines two Sphinx directives: The *tblrender* directive is used to specify what the summary table looks like (row and column labels and titles), but not the referenced data values. The *tbldata* directive is used to specify the data values along with the source (reference). When a document is processed, information specified in both types of directives are combined: data values from one or more *tbldata* directives are used to fill in the summary table specified in a *tblrender* directive. The values filled-in link to the “source” tables specified by the *tbldata* directive that display the citation for the values.

This extension requires extension: [sphinxcontrib-bibtexpdfink](#). The reason for this requirement is that, in order to generate the citations and references, this extension requires extensions: [sphinxcontrib-bibtex](#) and [sphinxcontrib-bibtex2](#), and both of those are installed automatically by [sphinxcontrib-bibtexpdfink](#). Also [sphinxcontrib-bibtexpdfink](#) allows having a link to a PDF file and notes for each reference, which can be quite useful.

INSTALLATION

Install the extension with:

```
$ pip install --index-url https://test.pypi.org/simple/ sphinxcontrib-filltableref
```

(This installs from Test PyPI).

The package is not yet on the real PyPI, but when it is, the installation command will be:

```
$ pip install sphinxcontrib-filltableref
```

2.1 Configuring

Add the extension to the Sphinx `conf.py` file (along with extensions `sphinxcontrib.bibtexpdflink`, `sphinxcontrib.bibtex`, and `sphinxcontrib.bibtex2`):

```
extensions = [  
    "sphinxcontrib.bibtex",  
    "sphinxcontrib.bibtex2",  
    "sphinxcontrib.bibtexpdflink",  
    "sphinxcontrib.filltableref"  
]
```

If it's desired to allow the citations to include links to PDF files and note files (which is the purpose of the *sphinxcontrib-bibtexpdflink* extension), add the locations of the PDF and notes file directories to the `conf.py` file using config variables *bibtexpdflink_note_dir* and *bibtexpdflink_pdf_dir* as describe in the [documentation for sphinxcontrib-bibtexpdflink](#).

USAGE

As described in *About*, the extension works using two directives: *tblrender* specifies what a summary table looks like (but without referenced values), and the *tbldata* directive specifies the values used to fill in the summary table) along with citations to publications.

These directives are described in the following sections:

3.1 tblrender

The *tblrender* directive (stands for “table render”) specifies what a summary table looks like (row and column titles and labels) but without including referenced values. (The referenced values are filled in when the document is created). The directive is used in the following way:

```
.. _<table_name>:

Title of table
-----

Description of table (displayed only before rendered summary table, not before source
tables.

.. tblrender <table_name>
   :description:
       Description of table, displayed before each "source" table, which are
       generated by "tbldata" directives.
   <ptable specification> AND/OR <gridtable specification>
```

The last line above indicates that there is an choice for the remainder of the directive: either a <ptable specification> or a <gridtable specification> or both. These two specifications accomplish the same thing, which is to define the table layout, but do it in different ways. The <ptable specification> uses parameter values that list the table row and column titles and labels. The <gridtable specification> uses a graphical layout that includes the row and column titles and labels in a table. The <ptable specification> will usually be shorter to write, but not as intuitive to understand since it does not look like a table. The <gridtable specification> will be easier to understand (since it looks like the finished table), but will be more laborious to create since it is longer and must be created by drawing lines using characters that must align across rows.

The only difference between the functionality of the two is that the <gridtable specification> allows including prefilled values in the cells, but this cannot be done with the <ptable specification>. Although only one of the specifications will normally be used in a single *tblrender* directive, it's permissible to include both. If that's done, they must specify exactly the same table (except for any prefilled values in the <gridtable specification>) or an error is generated. Also, if both specifications are present, the <gridtable specification> is used to create the table (which will include any

prefilled values). Including both specifications in the same *tblrender* directive is useful for documentation describing the specifications (this document) since that shows explicitly the relationship between them.

3.1.1 <ptable specification>

<ptable specification> contains:

```
:rows: <row title>, <row labels>
:cols: <col title>, <col labels>
:expanded_col_title: <expanded_col_title>
:ct_offset: <ct_offset>
```

The entities in angle brackets are either strings (enclosed in single or double quotes), list of strings (each element in the list separated by a comma) or an integer. The entities are:

<row title> The title displayed in the top left cell of the table (above the <row labels> which are in the left-most column below the <row title>). Example: “City”.

<row labels> List of the row labels, each element separated by a comma. These go in the first column, under the <row title>. Example: “New York”, “London”, “Chicago”, ...

<col title> The title displayed above the <col labels> in the header of the table. Example: “Season” (for a table showing average temperature during each season).

<col labels> List of the column labels, each element separated by a comma. Example: “Population”, “Spring”, “Fall”, “Summer”, ...

<ct_offset> A positive integer specifying the number of columns (counting left to right), for which the <col label> does not subcategorize the <col title>. If not specified, the default is one (since the first column contains the <row title>, which does not subcategorize the <col title>). A value greater than one specifies a table in which the header for some columns after the first column have a <col label> that does not appear under the <col title>. This is used for creating the table header.

For example, with the previous example values, <ct_offset> would be 2, to indicate that the “Population” column label is not an instance of the <col title> (“Season”), and thus “Population” should not be under “Season” in the table header. e.g., the header (and table) would look like:

Season					
City	Population	Fall	Winter	Spring	Summer
New York					
London					
Chicago					

<expanded_col_title> This is a string that can be used in place of the <col title> as the column title for the column containing values in the source tables (made by the *tbldata* directive). If the <gridtable specification> is used (in addition to the <ptable specification>), then the <expanded_col_title> must match a value that is derived from the <gridtable specification>. This value is formed by first parsing the gridtable to obtain the <col title>, <col labels> and <ct_offset>; then combining the first <ct_offset> <column labels> and the <col title> separated by ” or “. In other words, what is specified explicitly using the <ptable specification> must match the layout given in the <gridtable specification> if both are present.

Using the values in the above examples, if derived from a <gridtable specification>, <expanded_col_title> would be “Population or Season”.

The full <ptable specification> for the table shown above is:

```
:rows: "City", "New York", "London", "Chicago"
:cols: "Season", "Population", "Fall", "Winter", "Spring", "Summer"
:expanded_col_title: "Population or Season"
:ct_offset: 2
```

3.1.2 <gridtable specification>

<gridtable specification> contains a :gridLayout: parameter followed by a reStructuredText [grid table](#). Pre-filled values can be included in the cells. The specification for the table shown earlier is below. A prefilled value (population of New York) is included.

```
:gridLayout:
+-----+-----+-----+-----+
|          |          | Season |          |
|          |          |-----+-----+-----+-----+
| City     | Population | Fall   | Winter | Spring | Summer |
+=====+=====+=====+=====+=====+=====+
| New York | 8 million  |        |        |        |        |
+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+
| London   |            |        |        |        |        |
+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+
| Chicago  |            |        |        |        |        |
+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+
```

3.1.3 Example

An example including both types of specifications is below. The <gridtable specification> includes prefilled values (“-”) along a diagonal.

```
.. _table_loebner_fig2a:
```

Cells and connections in cat

The following table provides counts of cells and connections in the cat cerebellum. The first two columns (**Source cell** and **Cell count**) are respectively a cell type and the count (number) of cells of that type. The values in the rest of the table give the number of connections from the Source cell to Target cells. These are specified as a pair of numbers: F0,FI. F0 is fan-out (number of target cells each source cell contacts) and FI is fan-in (number of source cells going to each target cell). The data is from Figure 2 in :cite:`LoebnerEE-1989`.

```
.. tblrender:: table_loebner_fig2a
:rows: "Source cell", "basket", "golgi", "granule", "purkinje", "stellate"
:cols: "Target cell", "Cell count", "basket", "golgi", "granule", "purkinje",
↪ "stellate"
```

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```

:expanded_col_title: "Cell count or Target cell"
:ct_offset: 2
:description:
  Values are either a Cell count, or F0,FI where F0 is *fan-out* (number of target
  cells each source cell contacts) and FI is *fan-in* (number of source cells going to each
  target cell).
:gridLayout:
  +-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+
  |          |          | Target cell                                     |
  |          |          |                                     |
  | Source    | Cell    | +-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+
  | cell      | count   | basket   | golgi    | granule  | purkinje |
  | stellate  |         |          |          |          |          |
  +-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+
  | basket    |         | -        |          |          |          |
  |          |         |         |          |          |          |
  +-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+
  | golgi     |         |         | -        |          |          |
  |          |         |         |         |          |          |
  +-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+
  | granule   |         |         |          | -        |          |
  |          |         |         |          |         |          |
  +-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+
  | purkinje  |         |         |          |          | -        |
  |          |         |         |          |          |         |
  +-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+
  | stellate  |         |         |          |          |          |
  | -        |         |         |          |          |          |
  +-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+
  
```

It is rendered as shown below. The values for some of the cells followed by links to the source of the value are fill-in during the rendering process. These values are specified in the “source” table given on the next page using the *tbldata* directive.

Cells and connections in cat

The following table provides counts of cells and connections in the cat cerebellum. The first two columns (*Source cell* and *Cell count*) are respectively a cell type and the count (number) of cells of that type. The values in the rest of the table give the number of connections from the Source cell to Target cells. These are specified as a pair of numbers: FO,FI. FO is fan-out (number of target cells each source cell contacts) and FI is fan-in (number of source cells going to each target cell). The data is from Figure 2 in [LoebnerEE-1989].

Values are either a Cell count, or FO,FI where FO is *fan-out* (number of target cells each source cell contacts) and FI is *fan-in* (number of source cells going to each target cell).

Source cell	Cell count	Target cell				
		basket	golgi	granule	purkinje	stellate
basket	7.5x10 ⁶ [b1]	-			9, 7.5x10 ⁶ [b2]	
golgi	4.2x10 ⁵ [n1]		-			
granule	2.2x10 ⁹ [n2]			-		
purkinje	1.3x10 ⁶ [n3]				-	
stellate	2.1x10 ⁷ [n4]					-

3.2 tbldata

The *tbldata* directive (abbreviation for “table data”) is used to specify data values that are included in to the summary table (defined by the *tblrender* directive) along with citation(s) to publications from which the values were found. There can be multiple *tbldata* directives for each *tblrender* directive (each *tbldata* directive specifying additional data values). The *tbldata* directive has the following format:

```
.. tbldata:: <table_name>
   :id_prefix: <id_prefix>

   <row title> | <expanded col title> | Value | Reference
   <row label-a> | <col label a> | <value a> | <reference a>
   <row label-b> | <col label b> | <value b> | <reference b>
   <row label-c> | <col label c> | <value c> | <reference c>
   .
   .
   .
```

Text describing the data (optional)

```
.. footbibliography::
```

The entities in angle brackets are:

<table_name> Name of the summary table (used in the *tblrender* directive).

<id_prefix> A short prefix (for example ‘a’, ‘b’, ‘gr’) which will be used to make an id (e.g. a1, a2, a3 ...) associated with the row in the table. It will be displayed as the link after the data value in the summary table and link to the source table. The prefix should be unique for each source table.

<row title> The row title specified in the *tblrender* directive.

<expanded col title> Either the *<expanded_col_title>* or the *<col title>* specified in the *tblrender* directive. (Either one is allowed, whatever seems most understandable should be used).

<row label-a> A <row label> in the summary table.

<col label a> A <col label> in the summary table.

<value a> A value to be inserted into the summary table for the specified <row label-a> and <col label a>.

<reference a> A reference (bibtex citation id) or a list of references, seperated by spaces or commas.

An example is shown below:

```
.. tbldata:: table_loebner_fig2a
   :id_prefix: b

   Source cell | Cell count or Target cell | Value | Reference
   basket      | Cell count                 | 7.5x10^6 | LoebnerEE-1989
   basket      | purkinje                   | 9, 7.5x10^6 | LoebnerEE-1989
```

Some text describing basket cells.

```
.. footbibliography::
```

This is combined with the *Example tblrender* directive on the previous page to generate:

Data for table *Cells and connections in cat*

The following table has data and references for table *Cells and connections in cat*. Values are either a Cell count, or FO,FI where FO is *fan-out* (number of target cells each source cell contacts) and FI is *fan-in* (number of source cells going to each target cell).

Id	Source cell	Cell count or Target cell	Value	Reference
b1	basket	Cell count	7.5x10 ⁶	[LoebnerEE-1989] ¹
b2	basket	purkinje	9, 7.5x10 ⁶	[LoebnerEE-1989] [?]

Some text describing basket cells.

¹ EE Loebner. Intelligent network management and functional cerebellum synthesis. In Raugh MR, editor, *Cerebellar Models of Associative Memory: Three papers from IEEE COMPCON SPRING '89*, pages 14–19. Research Institute for Advanced Computer Science, NASA Ames Research Center, 1989. PDF: [LoebnerEE-1989.pdf](#), Notes: [LoebnerEE-1989.html](#).

The notes listed here are in the `notes` directory. Links to these note files are added to the references that have the same citation key as the note file name by the `sphinxcontrib-bibtexpdfink` Sphinx extension.

The following notes are available:

4.1 JaeckelLA-1989a

Notes about [JaeckelLA-1989a]¹.

This paper describes the “selected-coordinate design” of the Sparce Distributed Memory (SDM). The design was the subject of a patent application filed in 1998.

4.2 LiK+MalikJ-2017

Notes about [LiK+MalikJ-2017]¹.

This paper describes an effecient algorithm for searching for k-nearest neighbours. It states that the algorithm is reduces the number of distance evaluations by a factor of 14 to 116 and the memory consumption by a factor of 21 compared to prior methods.

4.3 LoebnerEE-1989

Notes about [LoebnerEE-1989]¹.

Figure 2 in the paper provides data about the number of cells of different types in the cat cerebellum.

The number of cells of each type given in the figure is:

¹ LA Jaeckel. An alternative design for a sparse distributed memory. Technical Report 89.28, NASA Ames Research Center, 1989. PDF: [JaeckelLA-1989a.pdf](#), Notes: [JaeckelLA-1989a.html](#) (this file).

¹ K Li and J Malik. Fast k-nearest neighbour search via dynamic continuous indexing. 2017. URL: <https://arxiv.org/abs/1512.00442>, PDF: [LiK+MalikJ-2017.pdf](#), Notes: [LiK+MalikJ-2017.html](#) (this file).

¹ EE Loebner. Intelligent network management and functional cerebellum synthesis. In Raugh MR, editor, *Cerebellar Models of Associative Memory: Three papers from IEEE COMPCON SPRING '89*, pages 14–19. Research Institute for Advanced Computer Science, NASA Ames Research Center, 1989. PDF: [LoebnerEE-1989.pdf](#), Notes: [LoebnerEE-1989.html](#) (this file).

Cell type	Number of cells
basket	7.5×10^6
golgi	4.2×10^5
granule	2.2×10^9
purkinje	1.3×10^6
stellate	2.1×10^7

This data is included in the example summary table using the following `tbldata` directive. (The basket cell data is not included because it is provided in the other example `tbldata` directive.)

```
.. tbldata:: table_loebner_fig2a
   :id_prefix: n
```

Source cell	Cell count or Target cell	Value	Reference
golgi	Cell count	4.2×10^5	LoebnerEE-1989
granule	Cell count	2.2×10^9	LoebnerEE-1989
purkinje	Cell count	1.3×10^6	LoebnerEE-1989
stellate	Cell count	2.1×10^7	LoebnerEE-1989

```
.. footbibliography::
```

It is rendered as:

Data for table *Cells and connections in cat*

The following table has data and references for table *Cells and connections in cat*. Values are either a Cell count, or FO,FI where FO is *fan-out* (number of target cells each source cell contacts) and FI is *fan-in* (number of source cells going to each target cell).

Id	Source cell	Cell count or Target cell	Value	Reference
n1	golgi	Cell count	4.2×10^5	[LoebnerEE-1989] [?]
n2	granule	Cell count	2.2×10^9	[LoebnerEE-1989] [?]
n3	purkinje	Cell count	1.3×10^6	[LoebnerEE-1989] [?]
n4	stellate	Cell count	2.1×10^7	[LoebnerEE-1989] [?]

REFERENCES

The sample references here are generated by the [sphinxcontrib-bibtexpdflink](#) extension which builds on the the [sphinxcontrib-bibtex](#) extension by adding links to included PDF and *Notes* files to the references.

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