



Symphony

Tips & Tricks

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Doctrine

Setting custom table/properties names using built-in Doctrine naming strategy

```
# app/config/config.yml
doctrine:
  dbal:
    # ...
  orm:
    naming_strategy: doctrine.orm.naming_strategy.underscore
```



```
namespace AppBundle\Entity;
```

```
use Doctrine\ORM\Mapping as ORM;
```

```
/** @ORM\Table */
```

```
class ApiUsers
```

```
{
```

```
/** @ORM\Column(type="string") */
```

```
private $apiToken;
```

```
/** @ORM\Column(type="datetime") */
```

```
private $createdAt;
```

```
}
```

automatically translated into **api_users** (database)

automatically translated into **api_token** (database)

automatically translated into **created_at** (database)

January

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Best Practices (controller related)

Use “action” and “method” options in the controller

```
$form = $this->createForm(PaymentType::class, $order, [  
    'action' => $this->generateUrl('payment_gw'),  
    'method' => 'PUT',  
]);
```

Use custom options to pass dynamic data to constructor

```
$defaultShipping = $this->getDefaultShipping($customer);  
$form = $this->createForm(  
    new PlaceOrderType($defaultShipping),  
);  
  
$form = $this->createForm(PlaceOrderType::class, ..., [  
    'default_shipping' => $defaultShipping,  
]);
```

Don't pass dynamic data to constructor

Use custom options

Pass global settings to constructor

```
parameters:  
    app.us_shipping.enabled: true  
  
services:  
    app.form.shipping:  
        class: AppBundle\Form\ShippingType  
        arguments:  
            - %app.us_shipping.enabled%  
        tags:  
            - { type: form.type }
```

```
class ShippingType extends AbstractType  
{  
    private $usShipping;  
  
    public function __construct($usShipping)  
    {  
        $this->usShipping = (bool) $usShipping;  
    }  
  
    // ...  
}
```

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Improved WHERE... IN

Before Doctrine 2.5

```
$categories = ...  
  
$categoryIds = [];  
foreach ($categories as $category) {  
    $categoryIds[] = $category->getId();  
}  
  
$queryBuilder = $this  
->where('model.category IN (:category_ids)')  
->setParameter('category_ids', $categoryIds)  
;
```

transform the
ArrayCollection
into an array of Ids

Doctrine 2.5+

```
$categories = ...  
  
$queryBuilder = $this  
->where('model.category IN (:categories)')  
->setParameter('categories', $categories)  
;
```

WHERE... IN
supports the use
of ArrayCollection

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Twig

Variadic Filters (for unlimited arguments)

Defining a variadic filter

```
$filter = new Twig_SimpleFilter('image', function (  
    $path, $options = []  
) {  
  
    // ...  
  
}, ['is_variadic' => true]);
```

a single variadic parameter holds any number of passed parameters (unlimited)

Getting the values passed

```
$filter = new Twig_SimpleFilter('image', function (  
    $path, $options = []  
) {  
    $path = ...  
    $width = $options['width'];  
    $height = $options['height'];  
    $opacity = $options['opacity'];  
}, ['is_variadic' => true]);
```


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Configuration

Dealing with Sensitive Data: Alternative to Environment Variables

1. Create a “credentials” file in the prod server

```
# /etc/credentials/example.com.yml
parameters:
  database_user:      ...
  database_password: ...

  mailer_user:        ...
  mailer_password:   ...

  secret:             ...

  github_client_id:  ...
  github_client_secret: ...
```

3. In “dev” machine

- Credentials file doesn't exist but no error is triggered (because of ignore_errors)
- App uses the regular parameters.yml file

2. Load the credentials file in the application

```
# app/config/config.yml
imports:
  - { resource: parameters.yml }
  - { resource: services.yml }
  - { resource: security.yml }
  - { resource: admin.yml }
  - { resource: '/etc/credentials/example.com.yml',
      ignore_errors: true }
# ...
```

4. In “prod” machine

- Credentials file overrides parameters.yml
- The right parameters are available anywhere (e.g. console commands)
- Developers can't see the production configuration options
- Requires discipline to add/remove options

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Success and Failure Handlers

The security.interactive_login event

Success/failure handlers are available since Symfony 2.0 (2011) but lots of developers don't use them because they are not documented

```

services:
  login_listener:
    class: AppBundle\Listener>LoginListener
    arguments: [ '@security.token_storage', '@doctrine' ]
    tags:
      - { name: 'kernel.event_listener', event: 'security.interactive_login' }

```

the most common event to "do things" after the user successfully logs in

Defining a success handler

```

namespace AppBundle\Security;

use Symfony\Component\Security\Http\Authentication\AuthenticationSuccessHandlerInterface;

class LoginHandler implements AuthenticationSuccessHandlerInterface
{
    public function onAuthenticationSuccess(Request $request, TokenInterface $token)
    {
        // do something ...
        return $this->redirect(...);
        return new Response(...);
    }
}

```

you just need to implement this interface...

...and return a Response instance

Enabling the success handler

```

# app/config/services.yml
services:
  app.login_handler:
    class: AppBundle\Security>LoginHandler
    arguments: ...

# app/config/security.yml
firewalls:
  main:
    pattern: ^/
    form_login:
      success_handler: app.login_handler

```

the LoginHandler class is executed when the user logs in successfully and after the event.interactive_login

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Monolog

Creating Simple Custom Formatters

Creating custom formatters

```
# app/config/config.yml
services:
  app.log.formatter:
    class: 'Monolog\Formatter\LineFormatter'
    public: false
    arguments:
      - "%level_name% [%datetime%] [%channel%] %message%\n\n
        %context%\n\n"
      - 'H:i:s'
      - false
```

the format of
each log line

the format of
%datetime%
placeholder

ignore \n inside the
log messages?

Enable the custom log formatter

```
# app/config/config_dev.yml
monolog:
  handlers:
    main:
      type: stream
      path: "%kernel.logs_dir%/%kernel.environment%.log"
      level: debug
      formatter: app.log.formatter
```

add the formatter
option

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Console

Console Style Guide: Create Visually Consistent Commands Effortlessly

All common features are covered

You can use it in your own commands too

```
$io = new SymfonyStyle($input, $output);
```

```
// common output elements
$io->title(string $message);
$io->section(string $message);
$io->text(string|array $message);
$io->comment(string|array $message);
```

```
// more advanced output elements
$io->note(string|array $message);
$io->caution(string|array $message);
$io->listing(array $elements);
$io->table(array $headers, array $rows);
```

```
// ask for user's input
$io->ask(string $question, string|null $default = null, callable|null $validator = null);
$io->askHidden(string $question, callable|null $validator = null);
$io->confirm(string $question, bool $default = true);
$io->choice(string $question, array $choices, string|int|null $default = null);
```

```
// display the result of the command or some important task
$io->success(string|array $message);
$io->error(string|array $message);
$io->warning(string|array $message);
```

```
use Symfony\Component\Console\Style\SymfonyStyle;

class MyCustomCommand extends ContainerAwareCommand
{
    // ...

    protected function execute(InputInterface $input, OutputInterface $output)
    {
        $io = new SymfonyStyle($input, $output);
        $io->...
        // ...
    }
}
```



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Form

Field Dependencies

```
$builder  
->add('country', 'entity', [ ... ])   
->add('province', 'entity', [ ... ])   
;
```

Use POST_* hooks on fields

```
$builder->get('country')->addEventListener(  
    FormEvents::POST_SET_DATA,  
    $addProvinceField  
);  
  
$builder->get('country')->addEventListener(  
    FormEvents::POST_SUBMIT,  
    $addProvinceField  
);
```

```
$addProvinceField = function (FormEvent $event) {  
    $form = $event->getForm()->getParent();  
    $country = $event->getData();  
  
    $form->add('province', EntityType::class, [  
        'class' => Province::class,  
        'query_builder' => function ($repo) use ($country) {  
            // query provinces by $country  
        },  
    ]);  
};
```

September

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Composer

Improve Class Loading Performance

New “exclude-from-classmap” option

These classes are excluded from the optimized autoloader

```
// composer.json
{
  "autoload": {
    "exclude-from-classmap": ["/Tests/", "/test/", "/tests/"]
  }
}
```

```
// composer.json
{
  "autoload": {
    "exclude-from-classmap": ["**/Tests/", "/test/**"]
  }
}
```

** matches anything

* matches anything except /

```
$ composer dump-autoload --optimize
```

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Tests

Meaningful Data Providers

array keys are the labels of each data set

```
public function getUserData()
{
    return [
        'register user only'      => [true, false, false],
        'register and enable'    => [true, true, false],
        'register, enable and notify' => [true, true, true],
    ];
}

/** @dataProvider getUserData */
public function testRegistration($register, $enable, $notify)
{
    // ...
}
```

When an error happens...

```
$ phpunit -c app
F..
Time: 137 ms, Memory: 12.50Mb
```

```
There was 1 failure:
1) AppBundle\Tests\Controller\DefaultControllerTest::testRegistration
with data set "register user only" (true, false, false)
```

meaningful error messages

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Controller

Accessing Request Parameters: Useful Methods Defined in the ParameterBag

Accessing request parameters

```
use Sensio\Bundle\FrameworkExtraBundle\Configuration\Route;
use Symfony\Bundle\FrameworkBundle\Controller\Controller;
use Symfony\Component\HttpFoundation\Request;

/** @Route("/blog") */
class BlogController extends Controller
{
    /** @Route("/", name="blog_index") */
    public function indexAction()
    {
        $value1 = $request->query->get('parameter1');
        $value2 = $request->request->get('parameter2');

        // ...
    }
}
```

everybody uses
the `get()` method,
but there
are other
useful methods

ParameterBag defines some useful methods

```
$pageNumber = $request->query->getInt('page');
$isPublished = $request->query->getBoolean('published');

// 'ABC+12.34DEF' -> 'ABCDEF'
$request->query->getAlpha('parameter');

// 'ABC+12.34DEF' -> 'ABC1234DEF'
$request->query->getAlnum('parameter');

// 'ABC+12.34DEF' -> '1234'
$request->query->getDigits('parameter');
```


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**Tips & Tricks from SymfonyCon 2015
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