



Developing State-of-the-Art Table User Interfaces in Web Dynpro Java

SAP NetWeaver 7.0

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- **Provide an overview of the new Web Dynpro table functions in SAP NetWeaver 7.0**
- **Layout Web Dynpro tables**
- **Use cell variants**
- **Size tables using absolute and relative widths**
- **Explain grouped table headers**
- **Talks about some of the new table functions in SAP NetWeaver CE 7.1**



Web Dynpro Table UI Elements

Designing Tables – Sizing, Layouting, Grouping

Further Notes and Topics

Outlook – Table in SAP NetWeaver CE 7.1

Summary



Web Dynpro Table UI Elements

New Feature Overview

Web Dynpro Table Metamodel

Using Table Cell Variants

Grouping Values

- Table cells can be merged on the basis of their grouping value

Flights			
	Id	Connection	Airline
SQ		988	Singapore Air
		233	Singapore Air
		333	Singapore Air
UA		941	United Airlines
		233	United Airlines
		333	United Airlines

Hierarchical Column Headers *(See Exercise 2)*

- Headers can be arranged in a hierarchy

Flights			
	Identification		
	Id	Connection	Airline
AA	17	17	American Airlines
AA	17	17	American Airlines

Horizontal Scrolling

- A table can display fewer columns than nested in the table.
- Scroll to invisible columns

Flights			
	Id	Connection	Airline
AZ	790	790	Alitalia
AZ	790	790	Alitalia
DL	106	106	Delta Airlines
DL	106	106	Delta Airlines

Fix Table Columns Right or Left Aligned

- You can also fix columns aligned to the right or left.
- All scrollable columns should have the same widths to avoid resizing of the table after every scrolling action

Flights			
Id	Connection	Airline	
AZ	790	Alitalia	
AZ	790	Alitalia	
DL	106	Delta Airlines	
DL	106	Delta Airlines	

Table Cell Variants *(See Exercise 1)*

- Use different table cell editors in the same table column for different table rows

Table with CellVariants	
CellVariants	InputField
<input type="button" value="Apply"/>	Horse
Text 1	Cat
Bird	Bird
 	Elephant
Apply	Horse
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Bird

Fixed Top Table Cell

- Position cell editor(s) at fixed position on top of the table rows
- Replace the generic table filter row with custom filter editors like checkboxes, dropdowns

A screenshot of a table interface. The first row is highlighted with a yellow background and contains two cells: 'InputField' and 'TextEdit'. The 'InputField' cell has the value '0'. The 'TextEdit' cell has the value 'jacket'. Below this is a row labeled 'Fixed Table Row' with three cells containing '0', 'jeans', and 'skirt' respectively. The third row contains '0', 'skirt', and 't-shirt'. The fourth row is partially visible.

Quantity	Article
InputField 0	TextEdit jacket
Fixed Table Row	
0	jeans
0	skirt
0	t-shirt

Fixed Bottom Table Cell

- Position cell editor(s) at fixed position at bottom of displayed table rows

A screenshot of a table interface. The first four rows have a light orange background and contain 'Sold' in the first cell. The fifth row has a pink background and contains 'Sweatshirt' in the second cell. The last row is grey and contains a checkbox labeled 'Is Sold' which is checked. Below the table are navigation buttons for 'Zeile' (Row), page number '1 von 25', and other table controls.

Sold	blouse
	jeans
	pullover
Sold	sweatshirt
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Is Sold	

Fixed Table Layout

- Fix table layout to predefined sizes
- Avoid *jumping table columns* based on differing text lengths in different table rows
- Hidden content gets displayed via tooltip

A screenshot of a table interface titled "Table Header". The table has three columns: "Column1 Header", "Column2 Header", and "Column3 Header". The first row contains headers. Subsequent rows contain data elements. The second row's "Column2" cell is highlighted with a yellow background. A tooltip arrow points from this cell to the right, indicating hidden content. The tooltip text is partially visible as "Column 2; Element...". The table footer shows "Row 1 of 10".

Column1 Header	Column2 Header	Column3 Header
Column 1; Element 0	Column 2; Eleme...	Column 3; Element 0
Column 1; Element 1	Column 2; Eleme...	Column 3; Element 1
Column 1; Element 2	Column 2; Eleme...	Column 3; Element 2
Column 1; Element 3	Column 2; Eleme...	Column 3; Element 3
Column 1; Element 4	Column 2; Eleme...	Column 3; Element 4

Table Grid Modes

- Explicitly show or hide borders of table columns and table rows

A screenshot of a table interface titled "Table Header". The table has three columns: "Column1 Header", "Column2 Header", and "Column3 Header". The first row contains headers. Subsequent rows contain data elements. The second row's "Column2" cell is highlighted with a yellow background. A red vertical line is drawn through the entire "Column2" column, indicating its border. The table footer shows "Zeile 1 von 10".

Column1 Header	Column2 Header	Column3 Header
Column 1; Element 0	Column 2; Element 0	Column 3; Element 0
Column 1; Element 1	Column 2; Element 1	Column 3; Element 1
Column 1; Element 2	Column 2; Element 2	Column 3; Element 2
Column 1; Element 3	Column 2; Element 3	Column 3; Element 3
Column 1; Element 4	Column 2; Element 4	Column 3; Element 4

VERTICAL

Table *Row* Popin

- Insert popin container displayed between table rows
- Popins refers to the whole table row

Flight Data				
	No.	Date	Airfare	
AA	0017	12.01.2004	1	
AA	0017	28.04.2004	422	
Max. capacity econ.			385	Occupied
AA	0017	26.05.2004	422	
AA	0017	23.06.2004	422	
AA	0017	21.07.2004	422	

Table *Column* Popin (also named Cell Popin)

- Insert popin container displayed between table rows
- Popin refers to a specific cell in a table column
- Associated cell is assigned the background color of the popin

Flight Data						
	No.	Date	Airfare	Curr.	Plane	
AA	0017	12.01.2004	1,00	USD	ppp	
AA	0017	28.04.2004	422,94	USD	747-400	
Carrier						
CONNID Popin						
AA	0017	26.05.2004	422,94	USD	747-400	
AA	0017	23.06.2004	422,94	USD	747-400	
AA	0017	21.07.2004	422,94	USD	747-400	

Enhanced Table Selection Behavior

- Support multiple selection without changing the lead selection with property `selectionMode=multiNoLead`
- Define selectable and non-selectable table rows with *Table UI Element* property `rowSelectable`

Enhanced Table Eventing

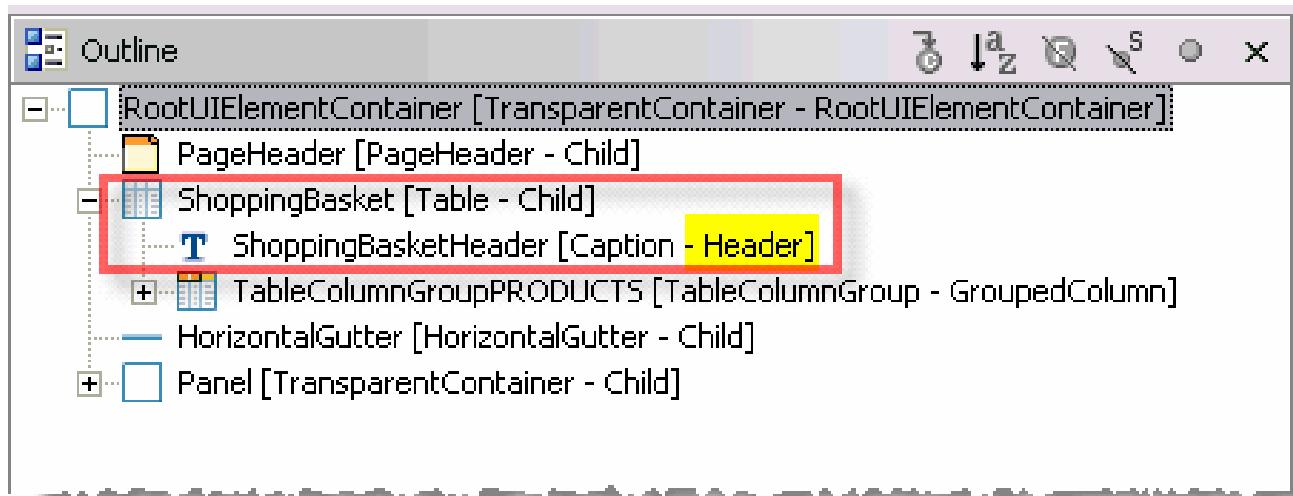
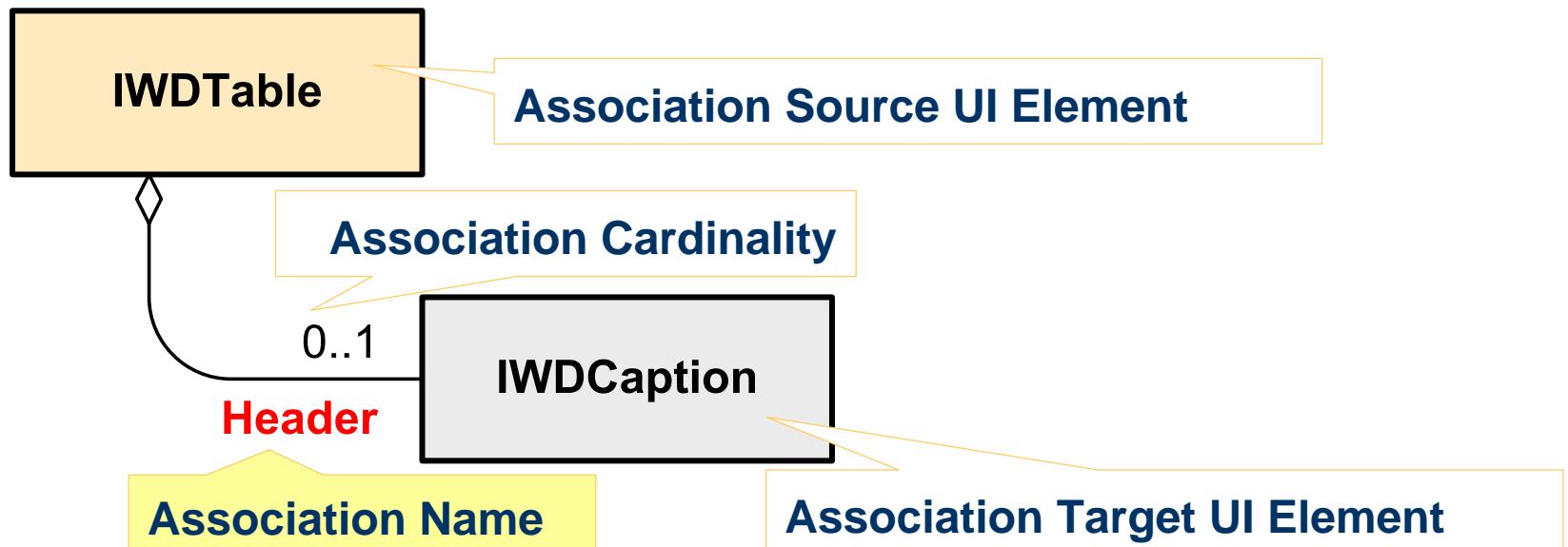
- *onFilter* Table event: `IWDTable.IWDOnSort`
- *onSort* Table event: `IWDTable.IWDOnFilter`
- Parameter enrichment for table's `onLeadSelectEvent`: `newRow`, `oldRow`

Further Table Enhancements

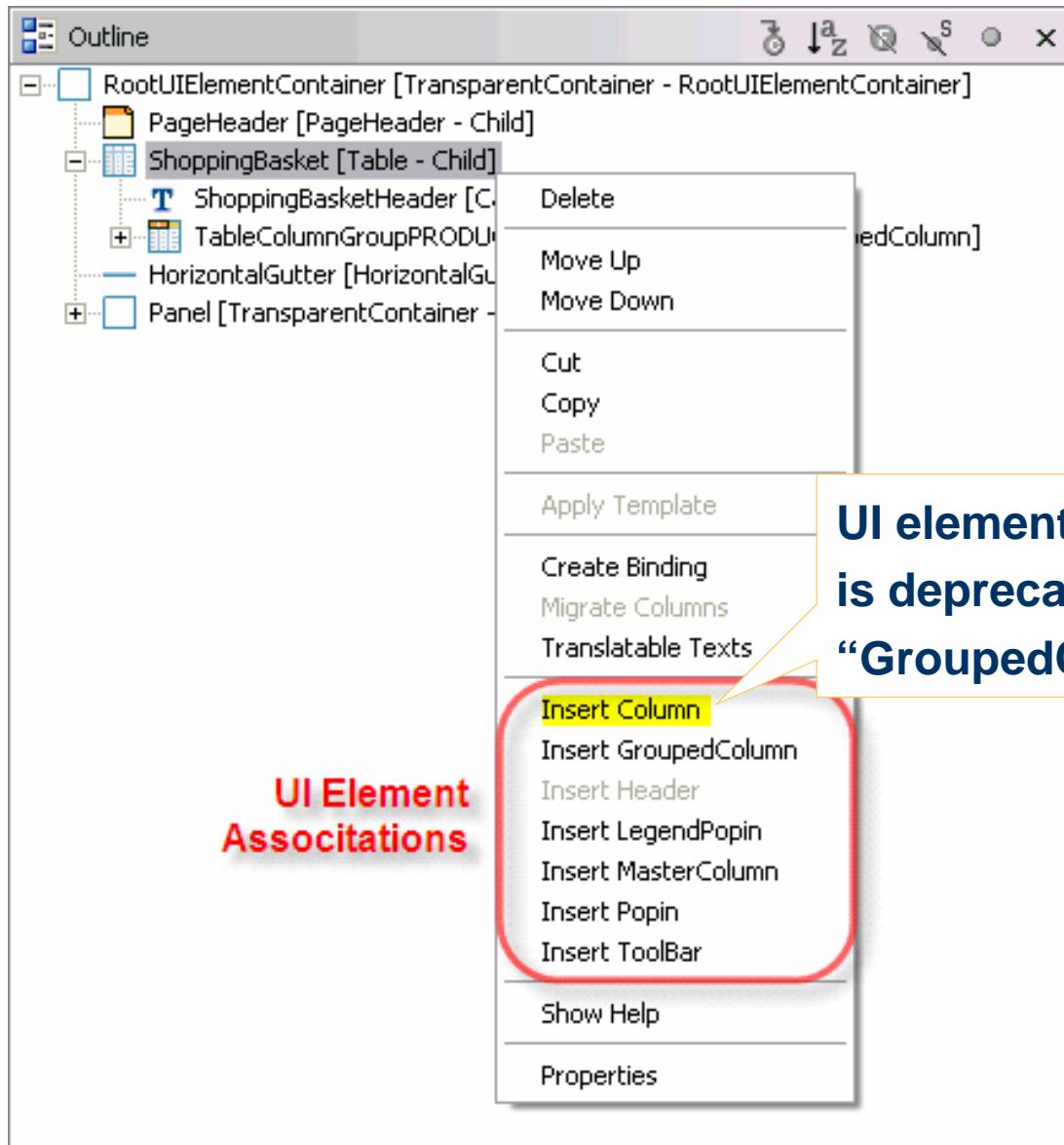
- Display Empty Table Text
- Custom extension columns for SAP NetWeaver Portal based Web Dynpro applications using an Adaptive RFC Model.



Table UI Element Associations



Adding Table UI Element Associations



UI Element
Associations

UI element association “Column”
is deprecated. Use
“GroupedColumn” instead

Abstract APIs

IWDAbstractMasterTableColumn
IWDAbstractTableCellVariant
IWDAbstractTableColumn
IWDAbstractTreeTableColumn

IWTable View Element APIs

IWTableColumn
IWTableCellEditor
IWTableColumnGroup
IWTableMarkableCellEditor
IWTablePopin
IWTablePopinToggleCell
IWTableSingleMarkableCell
IWTableStandardCell
IWTreeByNestingTableColumn

WTableMethods Helper Class
WTableMethods.IWTableMethods

WTableCellDesign

W TableColumnFixedPosition

W TableColumnHAlign

W TableColumnSortDirection

W TableCompatibilityMode

W TableDesign

W TableGridMode

Enumerations

W TablePopinTitleDesign

W TableSelectionChangeBehaviour

W TableSelectionMode

IWDAbstractTreeTableColumn
.IWDOOnLoadChildren

IWDAbstractTableColumn
.IWDOOnAction

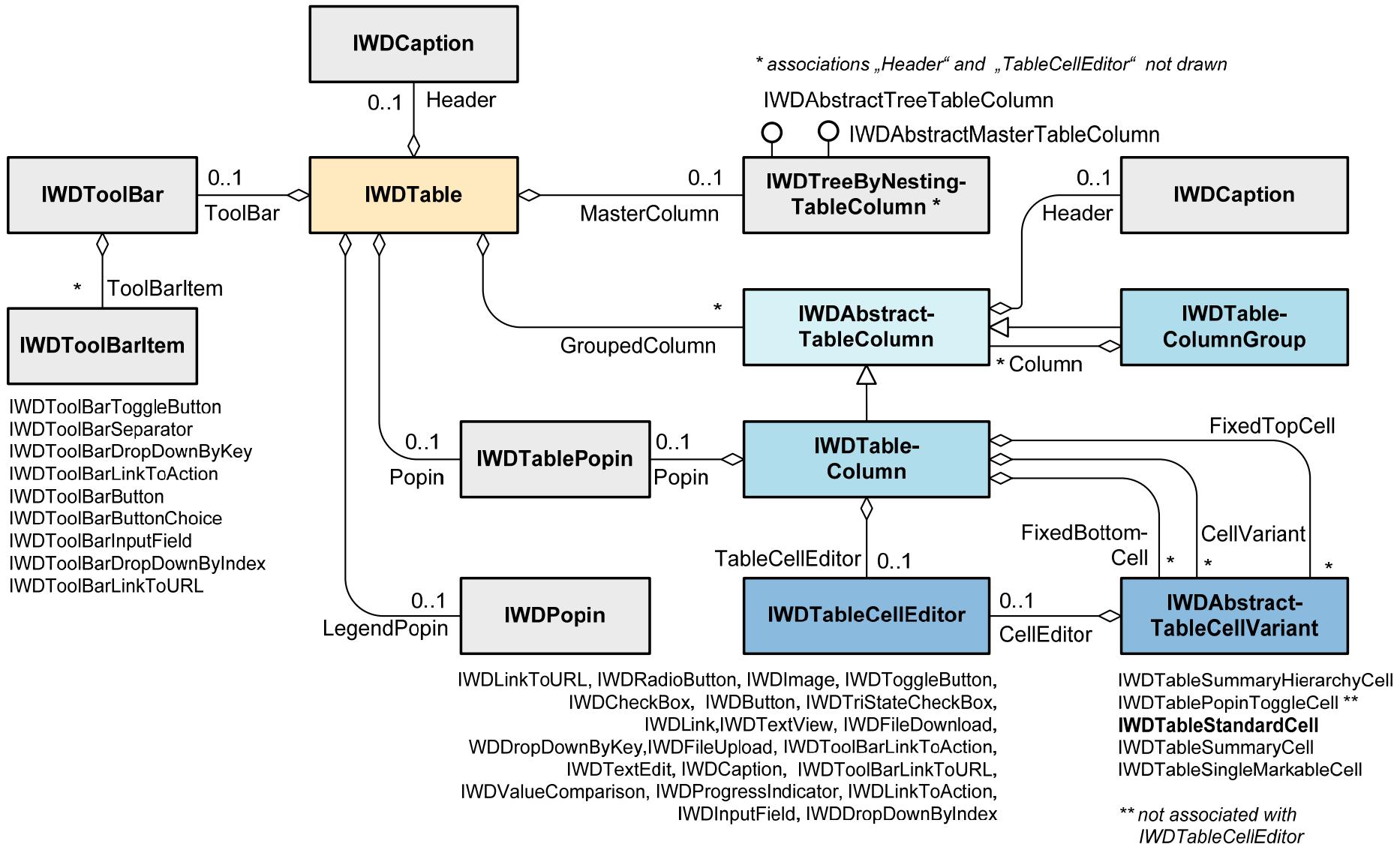
IWTable.IWDOOnSort

IWTable.IWDOOnLeadSelect

IWTablePopinToggleCell
.IWDOOnToggle

Events

Web Dynpro Table Metamodel in SAP NetWeaver 7.0



With the 0:n association **CellVariant** of the *TableColumn* UI element, you can display different cell editors in the same table column.

Table Cell Variant = InputField

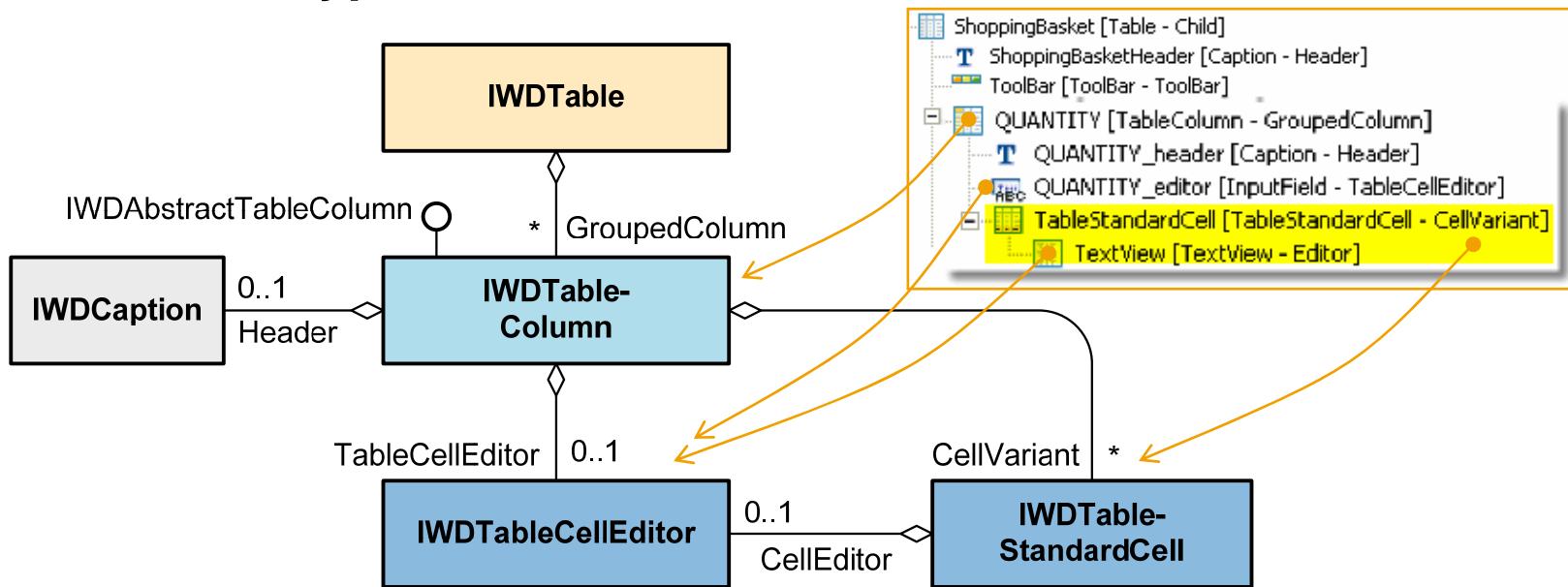
Table Cell Variant = TextView

Table Cell Design

The screenshot shows a table titled "Natural Clothes: Online Shop". The table has columns for Quantity, Article, Color, Price (€), and Total per article (€). The "Quantity" column contains dropdown arrows. The "Article" column contains dropdown arrows. The "Color" column contains dropdown arrows. The "Price (€)" column contains dropdown arrows. The "Total per article (€)" column contains dropdown arrows. The "Sold" column contains two types of cells: yellow cells with the value "Sold" and red cells with the value "Sold". Yellow cells are associated with the "InputField" variant, while red cells are associated with the "TextView" variant. A red box highlights the last row of the "Sold" column, which contains a red cell with "Sold" and a red-bordered cell for the "Article" column containing "pullover".

	Quantity ▲▼	Article ▲▼	Color ▲▼	Price (€) ▲▼	Total per article (€) ▲▼
Sold	jacket	blue	34,60	0,00	
0	skirt	red	24,95	0,00	
0	t-shirt	orange	29,90	0,00	
Sold	trousers	black	64,90	0,00	
0	top	black	44,90	0,00	
Sold	dress	colored	78,90	0,00	
0	blouse	white	35,50	0,00	
0	jeans	blue	89,90	0,00	
Sold	pullover	red	69,00	0,00	
0	sweatshirt	green	61,60	0,00	

In a typical scenario you define an *InputField* UI element as the standard cell editor and a *TextView* UI element for the associated cell variant of type *TableStandardCell*.



IWDLinkToURL, IWDRadioButton, IWDIImage, IWDToggleButton,
 IWDCheckBox, IWDButton, IWDTriStateCheckBox,
 IWDLINK, IWDTextView, IWDFileDownload,
 WDDropDownByKey, IWDFileUpload, IWDTToolBarLinkToAction,
 IWDTTextEdit, IWDCaption, IWDTToolBarLinkToURL,
 IWDValueComparison, IWDProgressIndicator, IWDLINKtoAction,
 IWDIInputField, IWDDropDownByIndex

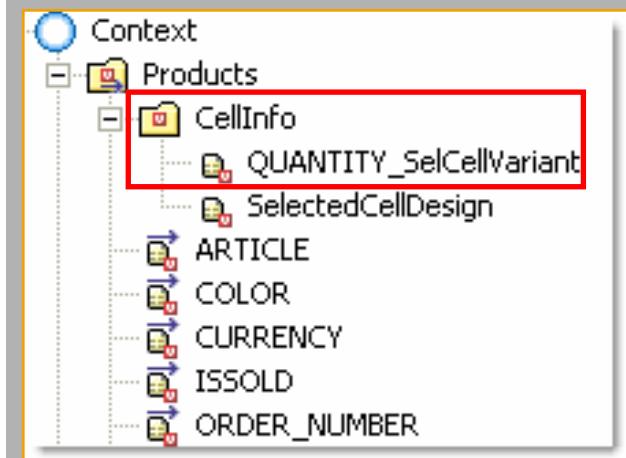
* skipped association „Column“ from *IWDAbstractTableColumn* to *IWDTableColumnGroup*,
 skipped associations „FixedBottomCell“ and „FixedTopCell“ from *IWDTableColumn* to *IWDAbstractTableCellVariant*
 skipped association „Popin“ from *IWDTableColumn* to *IWDTablePopin*

Adding a Cell Variant to a Table Column (1)

1

Define Required Context Elements

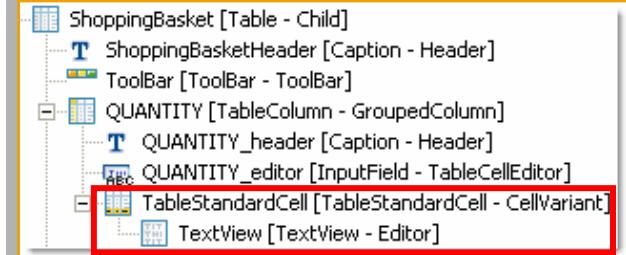
- Every table node element must be enriched with a context attribute storing the selected cell variant ID per node element.
- Add non-singleton node **CellInfo** with cardinality 1..1 to (mapped) table data node.
- Add calculated context attribute of type *String* to get variantKey per node element (row) at runtime.



2

Add UI Elements to View Layout

- Add **CellVariant** of type *Table-StandardCell* to Table Column.
- Add cell editor of type *TextView* to *TableStandardCell* cell variant.



3

Assign *Variant Key* to Added Cell Variant

- Every cell variant added to a table column must be specified with a corresponding variant key.
- Set property **variantKey** for the added cell variant of type *TableStandardCell*.
- Example
variantKey = SOLD

Properties	
Property	Value
- Element Properties [View]	
cellDesign	Products.CellInfo.Select..
hAlign	auto
id	TableStandardCell
variantKey	SOLD

4

Define Binding Relation from *TableColumn* UI Element to View Context

- Property **selectedCellVariant** of the *TableColumn* UI element defines the cell variant to be displayed per table row.
- Bind this property to the *calculated context attribute SelCellVariant*.

QUANTITY [TableColumn - GroupedColumn]	
T QUANTITY_header [Caption - Header]	
EQUANTITY_editor [InputField - TableCellEditor]	
Properties	
Property	Value
- Element Properties [TableColumn]	
accessibilityDescription	
cellDesign	standard
design	transparent
filterValue	
fixedPosition	notFixed
groupingValue	
hAlign	auto
id	QUANTITY
isFiltered	false
isVisible	true
selectedCellVariant	Products.CellInfo.QUANTITY_SelCellVariant
sortOrder	none
visible	visible
width	

Table Cell Variants and Context Binding

Table in View Layout

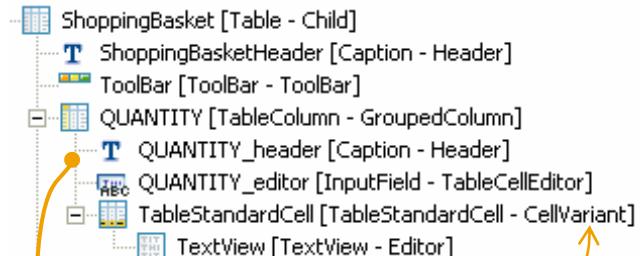
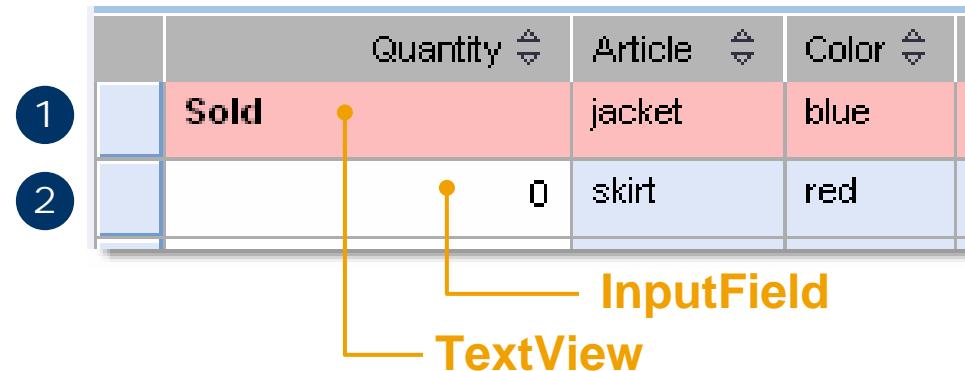


Table in View UI



0..n **Context**
TableDataNode

▲ Attribute
Node

▲ IsSold

1..1 / *Non-Singleton*

CellInfo

▲ SelCellVariantCalc
(calculated attribute)

Design time

TableDataNode

Context

▲ Attribute
Node
● Node
□ Node Element

CellInfo

jacket

true

2

SOLD

CellInfo

skirt

false



5

Implement *Calculated Context* Attribute Getter Method in View Controller

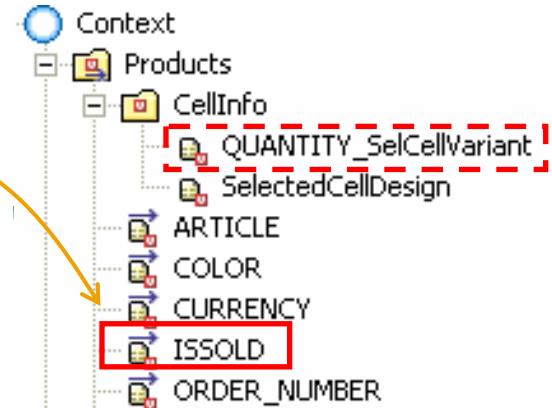
- Open view controller “**Implementation**” tab.
- Implement **calculated context attribute getter** to retrieve variant keys per node element (table row).
- For a calculated context attribute **CellInfo .SelCellVariant** this getter method is named **getCellInfo-SelCellVariant()**.
- Returned variant keys must match the defined cell variant keys (see step 3).
- Use empty String “” as key for standard cell editor.



The screenshot shows a Java code editor window within the SAP NetWeaver IDE. The code is for a class named 'TableSizing...' and a method named 'getCellInfoQUANTITY_SelCellV'. The code implements a logic to return a variant key based on the value of a boolean attribute 'element.node().getParentElement().getIPrivateTableCellVariantsView.IProductsElement.booleanValue()' and the value 'MyCellVariantKey.SOLD.toString()'. The code editor interface includes tabs for Properties, Layout, Context, Plugs, Actions, Methods, and Implementation.

```
public ... CD254_WD... TableC... TableUIComp MyCellVaria...
{
    //@@begin getCellInfoQUANTITY_SelCellVariant(IPrivateTableCellVariantsView.IProductsElement
    Boolean) element.node().getParentElement().getIPrivateTableCellVariantsView.IProductsElement
    .booleanValue()
    == false
    ? "" // if VariantKey does not exist "" is used
    : MyCellVariantKey.SOLD.toString();
    //@@end
}
```

```
public java.lang.String getCellInfoQUANTITY_SelCellVariant(  
    IPrivateTableCellVariantsView.ICellInfoElement element)  
{  
  
    //@@begin getCellInfoQUANTITY_SelCellVariant(  
    //IPrivateTableCellVariantsView.ICellInfoElement)  
  
    IPrivateTableCellVariantsView.IProductsElement prodEl =  
        (IPrivateTableCellVariantsView.IProductsElement) element  
            .node().getParentElement();  
  
    return prodEl.getISSOLD()  
        ? MyCellVariantKey.SOLD.toString()  
        : "" // if VariantKey does not exist  
;  
  
    //@@end  
}
```



With the property `cellDesign` defined on `TableColumn` UI Element and `table cell variant (TableStandardCell` UI Element) level you can change the design of the displayed table cells and consequently table rows.

How can table rows have the same cell design when using table cell variants?

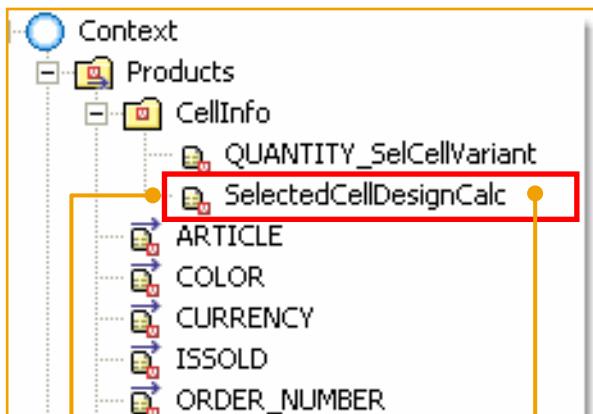
Same table cell design for all cells in same table row

Using Cell Variants in Web Dynpro Tables					
Natural Clothes: Online Shop					
	Quantity ▲▼	Article ▲▼	Color ▲▼	Price (€) ▲▼	Total per article (€) ▲▼
Sold		jacket	blue	34,60	0,00
	0	skirt	red	24,95	0,00
	0	t-shirt	orange	29,90	0,00
	0	trousers	black	64,90	0,00
Sold		top	black	44,90	0,00
Sold		dress	colored	78,90	0,00
	0	blouse	white	35,50	0,00
	0	jeans	blue	89,90	0,00
Sold		pullover	red	69,00	0,00
	0	sweatshirt	green	61,60	0,00

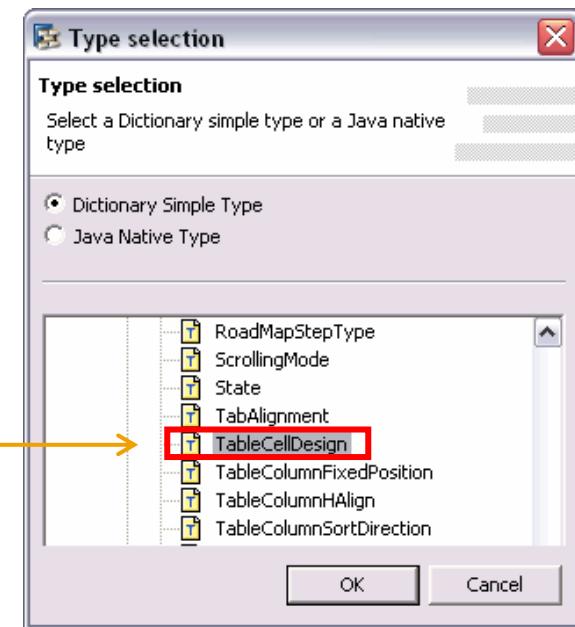
1

Define Required Calculated Context Attribute

- Every table node element must be enriched with a context attribute storing the selected cell design per node element.
- Add non-singleton node **CellInfo** with cardinality 1..1 to (mapped) data node.
- Add calculated context attribute of dictionary simple type `com.sap.ide.webdynpro.uielementdefinitions.TableCellDesign` to get cell design per node element (table row) at runtime.



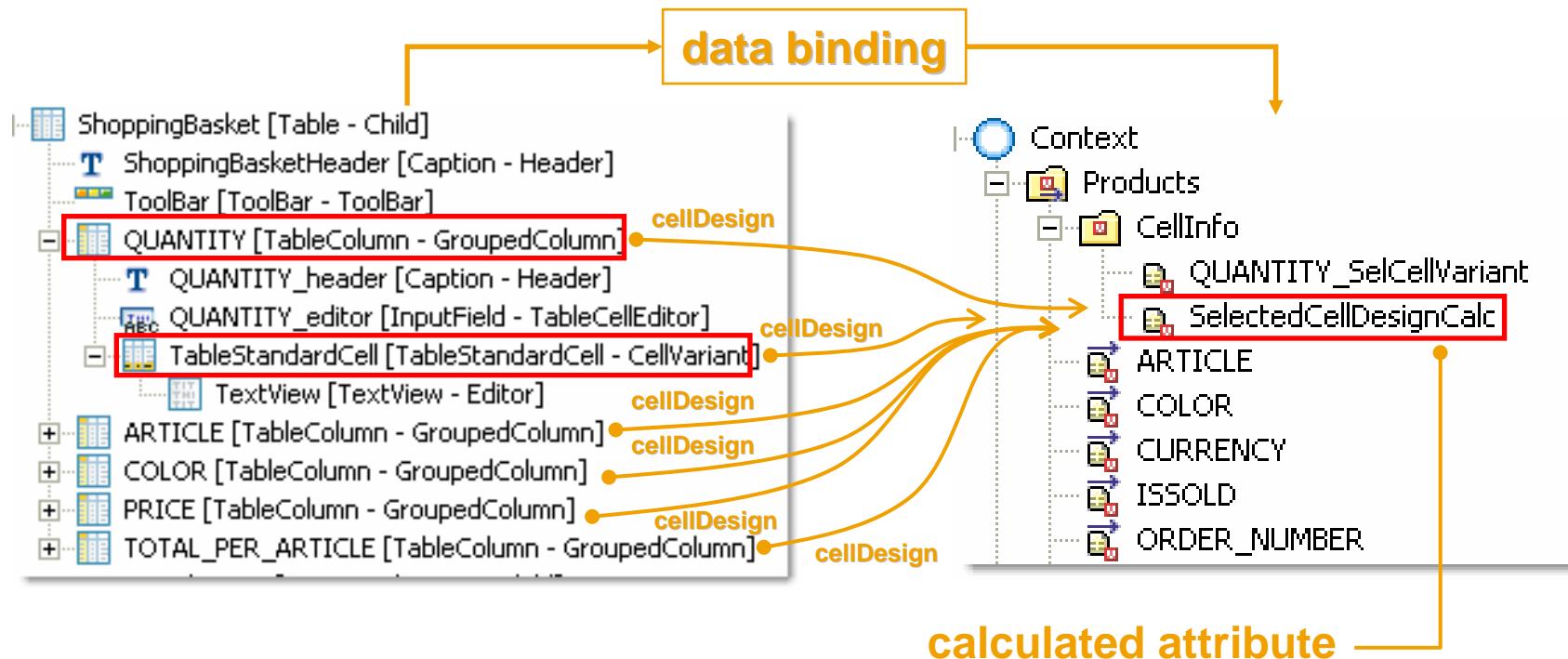
calculated context attribute
(`readOnly = true`)



2

Define Required Data Binding Relations

- Bind property **cellDesign** of all TableColumn UI elements to the same calculated context attribute **SelectedCellDesignCalc**.
- Bind property **cellDesign** of associated table cell variants (*TableStandardCell UI Elements*) to the same calculated context attribute **SelectedCellDesignCalc**



3

Implement Calculated Attribute Getter in View Controller

- Calculate cell design value of type `WDTTableCellDesign` for every table cell.
- All different `cellDesign` properties (see step 1) are bound to the same calculated attribute → calculated attribute getter method is invoked for every displayed table cell, or for every context attribute of all displayed table node elements.
- Make sure, that the calculated attribute getter returns the same cell design value for the same node element.

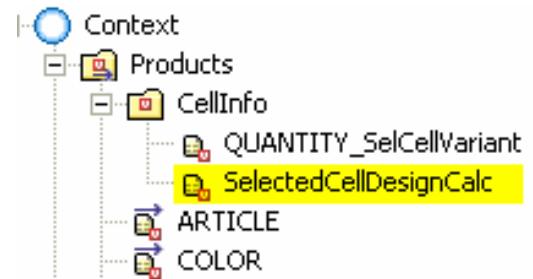
```
public com.sap.tc.webdynpro.clientserver.uielib.standard.api
    .WDTTableCellDesign getCellInfoSelectedCellDesignCalc( —
        IPrivateTableCellVariantsView.ICellInfoElement element) {

    //@@begin getCellInfoSelectedCellDesign(
    //  IPrivateTableCellVariantsView.ICellInfoElement)

    IPrivateTableCellVariantsView.IProductsElement prodEl =
        (IPrivateTableCellVariantsView.IProductsElement) element
            .node().getParentElement();

    return prodEl.getISSOLD()
        ? WDTTableCellDesign.BADVALUE_LIGHT
        : WDTTableCellDesign.STANDARD;

    //@@end
}
```





20 Minutes

EXERCISE 1

Using Table Cell Variants



Designing Tables – Sizing, Layouting, Grouping

Sizing and Layouting Table UIs

Grouping Table Columns

		Use Case Scenario
1	How to size tables with <i>absolute</i> widths	<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ My table width is driven by the widths of the embedded table columns■ I want to avoid varying table widths when scrolling
2	How to size tables with <i>relative</i> widths	<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ My table must span 100% width of its embedding container UI element■ I want to set minimum widths for all columns
3	How to size tables with <i>fixed table layout</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ My table must be sized with absolute not relative or minimum widths■ I want to avoid varying column width when scrolling
4	How to wrap texts in <i>Text-View</i> table cell editors	<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ I want to reduce the column width by wrapping the texts of the displayed <i>TextView</i> cell editors.
5	How to apply <i>horizontal table scrolling</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ My table must display several columns and gets a large width even when applying <i>text wrapping</i>■ I want to display a subset of fixed columns and scroll the other column horizontally.

To change the widths of Web Dynpro Tables and Table Columns three specific UI element properties must be defined:

- *Table* UI Element Property `fixedTableLayout`
- *Table* UI Element Property `width`
- *TableColumn* UI Element Property `width`

Depending on the defined combination of property values different sizing results can be achieved.

1 *Table width*

500px		
Table Header		
Column1 Header	Column2 Header	Column3 Header
Column1 Data	Column2 Data	Column3 Data
Column1 Data	Column2 Data	Column3 Data
Column1 Data	Column2 Data	Column3 Data
Column1 Data	Column2 Data	Column3 Data
Column1 Data	Column2 Data	Column3 Data
Column1 Data	Column2 Data	Column3 Data
Column1 Data	Column2 Data	Column3 Data
Column1 Data	Column2 Data	Column3 Data
Column1 Data	Column2 Data	Column3 Data

2 *TableColumn width*

true

3 *Table fixedTableLayout*

When to Apply *Absolute* Table Widths



Set absolute table column widths when the table width
is driven by or can increase with the displayed table columns !

- Keeps the table width independent of the embedding container width
- Table width adapts to the width of its table column content (cell editor texts, column header texts)

The screenshot shows a SAP Fiori application titled "Ticker Symbols". A dropdown menu shows "Index DAX". The search bar contains "Search". The table has three columns: "Name", "Ticker Symbol", and "Stock Market Index". The first row shows "ADIDAS" with "ADS.DE" in the "Ticker Symbol" column and "DAX" in the "Stock Market Index" column. Subsequent rows list other companies like ALTANA, ALLIANZ N, BASF, BAYER, BMW, COMMERZBANK, DEUTSCHE BOERSE N, DEUTSCHE BANK N, and DAIMLERCHRYSLER N, each with their respective Ticker Symbol and Stock Market Index. The entire table is enclosed in a dashed blue border labeled "Container embedding table". A large red double-headed arrow spans the width of the table, and a red circle with a slash is overlaid on it, indicating that the table must not span the full width of the container.

Name	Ticker Symbol	Stock Market Index
ADIDAS	ADS.DE	DAX
ALTANA	ALT.DE	
ALLIANZ N	ALV.DE	
BASF	BAS.DE	
BAYER	BAY.DE	
BMW	BMW.DE	
COMMERZBANK	CBK.DE	
DEUTSCHE BOERSE N	DB1.DE	
DEUTSCHE BANK N	DBK.DE	
DAIMLERCHRYSLER N	DCX.DE	

NOTE: Slide content only valid for *Table UI* property `fixedTableLayout = false`

With *Table UI element* property
`fixedTableLayout = false`
all absolute table widths values
are *minimum* widths.

Without defining any table width property, your table gets implicitly sized by its content

- Widths of column header texts
- Widths of cell editor content in visible rows

By defining suitable minimum widths you can reduce the probability of an implicit increase of table widths based on larger header or cell editor content widths!

The figure consists of two screenshots of the SAP Fiori Ticker Symbols application, separated by a red double-headed arrow. Both screenshots show a table with three columns: Name, Ticker Symbol, and Stock Market Index. In the top screenshot, the 'Index' dropdown is set to 'Dow Jones' and the 'Name' column has an absolute width of 100 pixels, which is explicitly smaller than the content of the first row ('QCOM QUALCOMM'). The 'Ticker Symbol' and 'Stock Market Index' columns have standard widths. In the bottom screenshot, the 'Index' dropdown is set to 'All Indices' and the 'Name' column has an absolute width of 300 pixels, which is explicitly larger than the content of the first row ('QCOM QUALCOMM'). The 'Ticker Symbol' and 'Stock Market Index' columns have standard widths. Red boxes highlight the 'Name' column in both cases to indicate the specific column being discussed.

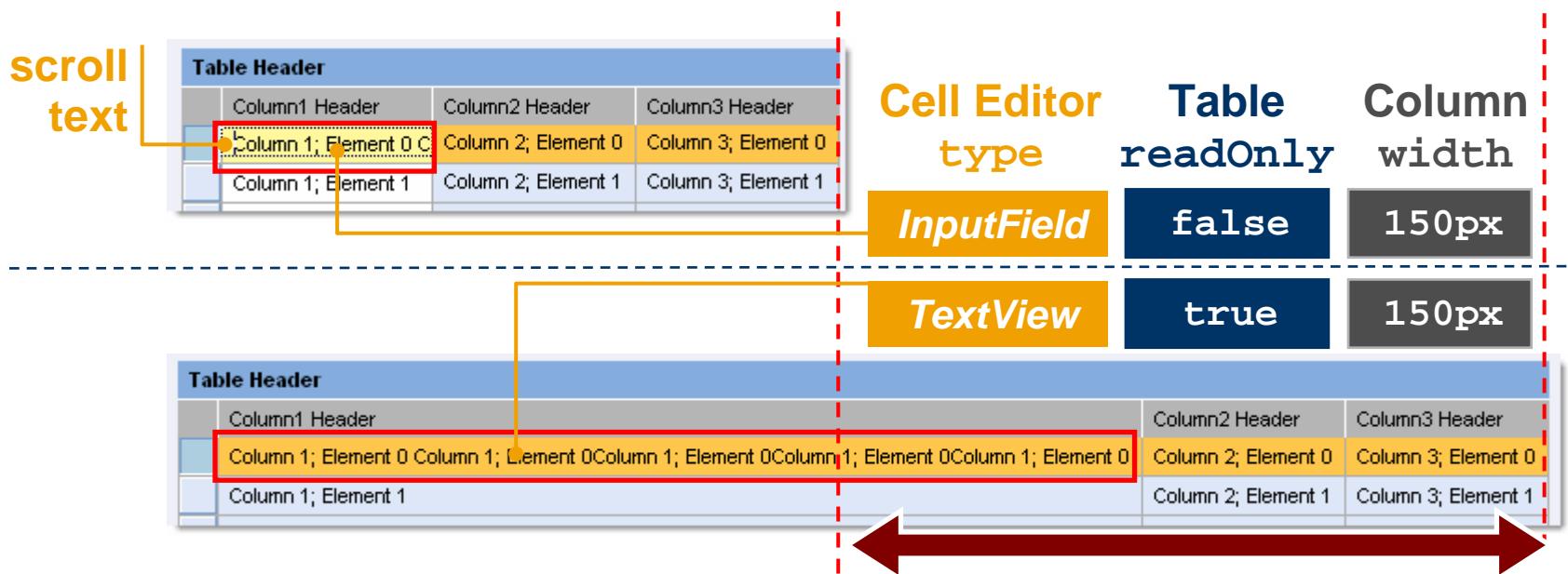
Name	Ticker Symbol	Stock Market Index
QCOM QUALCOMM	QCOM	NASDAQ
QLGC QLOGIC	QLGC	
RIMM RESEARCH MOTIO	RIMM	
ROST ROSS INC	ROST	

NOTE: Slide content only valid for *Table UI* property `fixedTableLayout = false`

The Cell Editor Type Can Affect the Columns Width

The type of the rendered table cell editor can affect the column width (with *Table UI* element property `fixedTableLayout=false`):

- In a `readOnly` table an *InputField* cell editor is rendered as a *TextView*.
- In an *InputField* You can scroll the “*hidden*” text content → the absolute table column size does not get enlarged and remains 150px
- In a *TextView* You cannot scroll → the absolute (*minimum*) table column size gets enlarged → the table width gets enlarged
- **SOLUTION:** Set *Table UI* property `fixedTableLayout` to true



NOTE: Slide content only valid for *Table UI* property `fixedTableLayout = false`



Implicit Sizing of
Table Widths

Absolute Widths
are *Minimum* Widths

DEMO

When to Apply *Relative Table Widths*



Set a relative table width when the table width is driven by the width of its parent container but not of the table content!

- Keeps the table width relative to the width of the embedding container
- Table width only adapts to the width of its table columns when “large” column header texts or cell content gets displayed.

Ticker Symbols		
Index	DAX	Search
	Name	Ticker Symbol
	ADIDAS	ADS.DE
	ALTANA	ALT.DE
	ALLIANZ N	ALV.DE
	BASF	BAS.DE
	BAYER	BAY.DE
	BMW	BMW.DE
	COMMERZBANK	CBK.DE
	DEUTSCHE BOERSE N	DB1.DE
	DEUTSCHE BANK N	DBK.DE
	DAIMLERCHRYSLER N	DCX.DE

Container
embedding
table

width = 100%

table must span the container width

A relative table width is controlled by the **defined** width of its embedding (scroll) container

When defining *relative* widths a table gets still implicitly sized by its content

With *Table UI element* property **fixedTableLayout = false** all *relative* table width values are *minimum* widths related to the *absolute* width of the embedding container

Set the *Table UI element* width to 100% to span the whole width of the embedding container by default!

Sizing Web Dynpro Table Widths

ON/OFF

Table Header			
	Column1 Header	Column2 Header	Column3 Header
1	Column 1; Element 5	Column 2; Element 5	Column 3; Element 5
2	Column 1; Element 6	Column 2; Element 6	Column 3; Element 6
3	Column 1; Element 7	Column 2; Element 7	Column 3; Element 7
4	Column 1; Element 8	Column 2; Element 8	Column 3; Element 8
5	Column 1; Element 9	Column 2; Element 9	Column 3; Element 9

Row 6 of 10

← width = 100% →

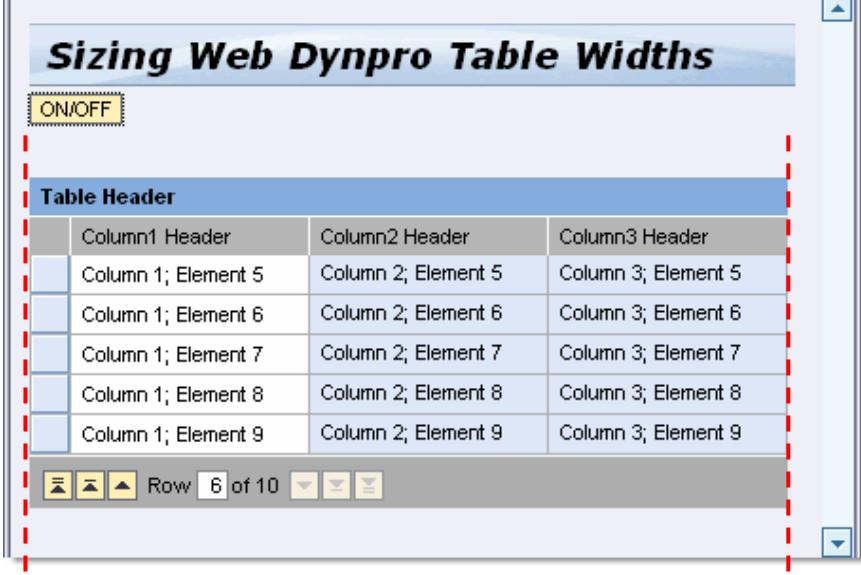
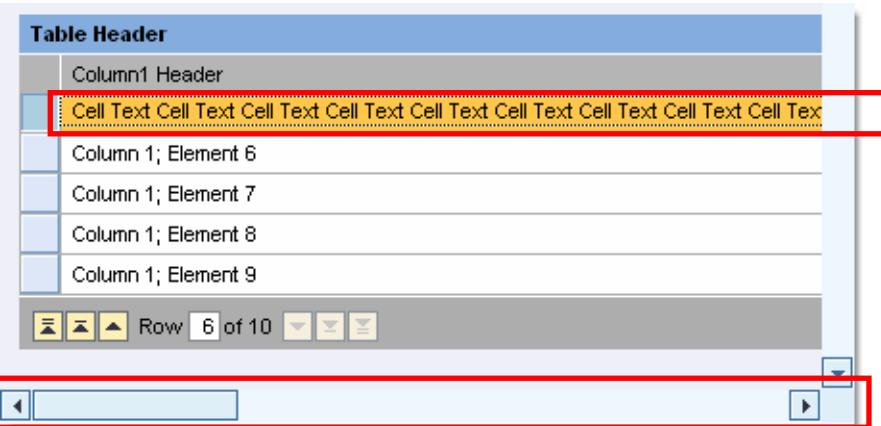


Table Header

Column1 Header
Cell Text
Column 1; Element 6
Column 1; Element 7
Column 1; Element 8
Column 1; Element 9

Row 6 of 10



NOTE: Slide content only valid for *Table UI* property **fixedTableLayout = false**

You can combine *relative* and *absolute* widths in the UI elements *Table* and *TableColumn*.

- Set **relative table width**
- Set **absolute table width**
- Set some columns with **absolute widths**
- Set other columns with ***relative* widths summed up to 100%**

Table Header			
Col 1	Column2 Head	Column3 Head	Column4 Head
Column 1; Element 1	Column 2; Element 0	Column 3; Element 0	Column 4; Element 0
Column 1; Element 1	Column 2; Element 1	Column 3; Element 1	Column 4; Element 1
Column 1; Element 2	Column 2; Element 2	Column 3; Element 2	Column 4; Element 2
Column 1; Element 3	Column 2; Element 3	Column 3; Element 3	Column 4; Element 3
Column 1; Element 4	Column 2; Element 4	Column 3; Element 4	Column 4; Element 4

Row 1 of 10

NOTE: Slide content only valid for *Table* UI property `fixedTableLayout = false`



Relative Table Widths
Mixing *Relative* with
Absolute Widths

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Apply text wrapping of *TextView* cell editor content to ...

- keep the column width close to the defined minimum widths, as long as cell text does not enlarge it,
- avoid or delay horizontal scrolling based on long texts.

NOTE: Text wrapping only works for text containing whitespace

Table Header		
Column1 Header	Column2	Column3 Header
Column 1; Element 0	Column 2; Element 0	Column 3; Element 0
Column 1; Element 1	Column 2; Element 1	Column 3; Element 1

**TextView
textWrapping**

true

false

Table Header			50%	50%	
Column1 Header	Column2	Column3 Header	Column 1; Element 0	Column 2; Element 0	Column 3; Element 0
Column 1; Element 1	Column 2; Element 1	Column 3; Element 1	Column 1; Element 2	Column 2; Element 2	Column 3; Element 2
Column 1; Element 3	Column 2; Element 3	Column 3; Element 3	Column 1; Element 4	Column 2; Element 4	Column 3; Element 4

**TextView
textWrapping**

false

false

NOTE: Slide content only valid for *Table* UI property `fixedTableLayout = false`

Using a Fixed Table Layout

By setting the *Table UI* element property `fixedTableLayout` to **true** you can achieve *fixed widths* instead of *minimum table (column) widths*.

- PRO: Avoid / Delay horizontal scrolling based on long texts in table
- CON: Hidden cell editor or column header texts are displayed in tooltips
- CON: Cannot be combined with cell editor text wrapping

TableColumn widths

Table width

500px `fixedTableLayout = true`

NOTE: Slide content only valid for *Table UI* property `fixedTableLayout = true`

Apply scrollable and fixed table columns to reduce the number of columns being displayed

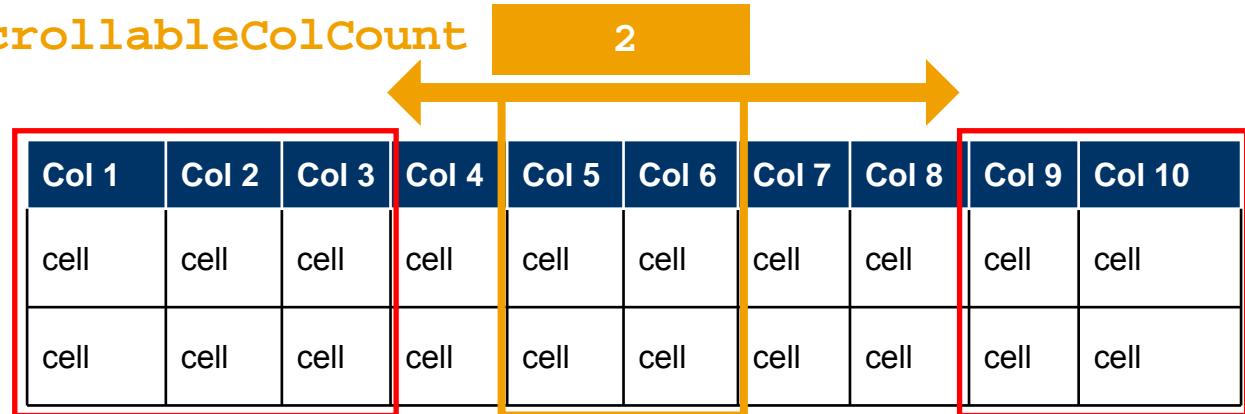
■ PROS: Display large tables with large number of columns, without ...

- scrolling the embedding container,
- reading cell content in tooltips based on heavily shrunk column widths

■ CONS:

- User must explicitly scroll columns to see “hidden” column content
- Potential variation of displayed table columns based on varying column content widths (see note)

Table – scrollableColCount



TableColumn
fixedPosition

left

notFixed

right



Table Text Wrapping
Using Fixed Table Layout
Scrolling Table Columns

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EXERCISE 2

Sizing and Layouting Table UIs

Tables columns headers can be grouped hierarchically by “inserting” *TableColumnGroup* UI elements between *Table* and *TableColumn* UI elements:

Nested Grouping of Table Columns

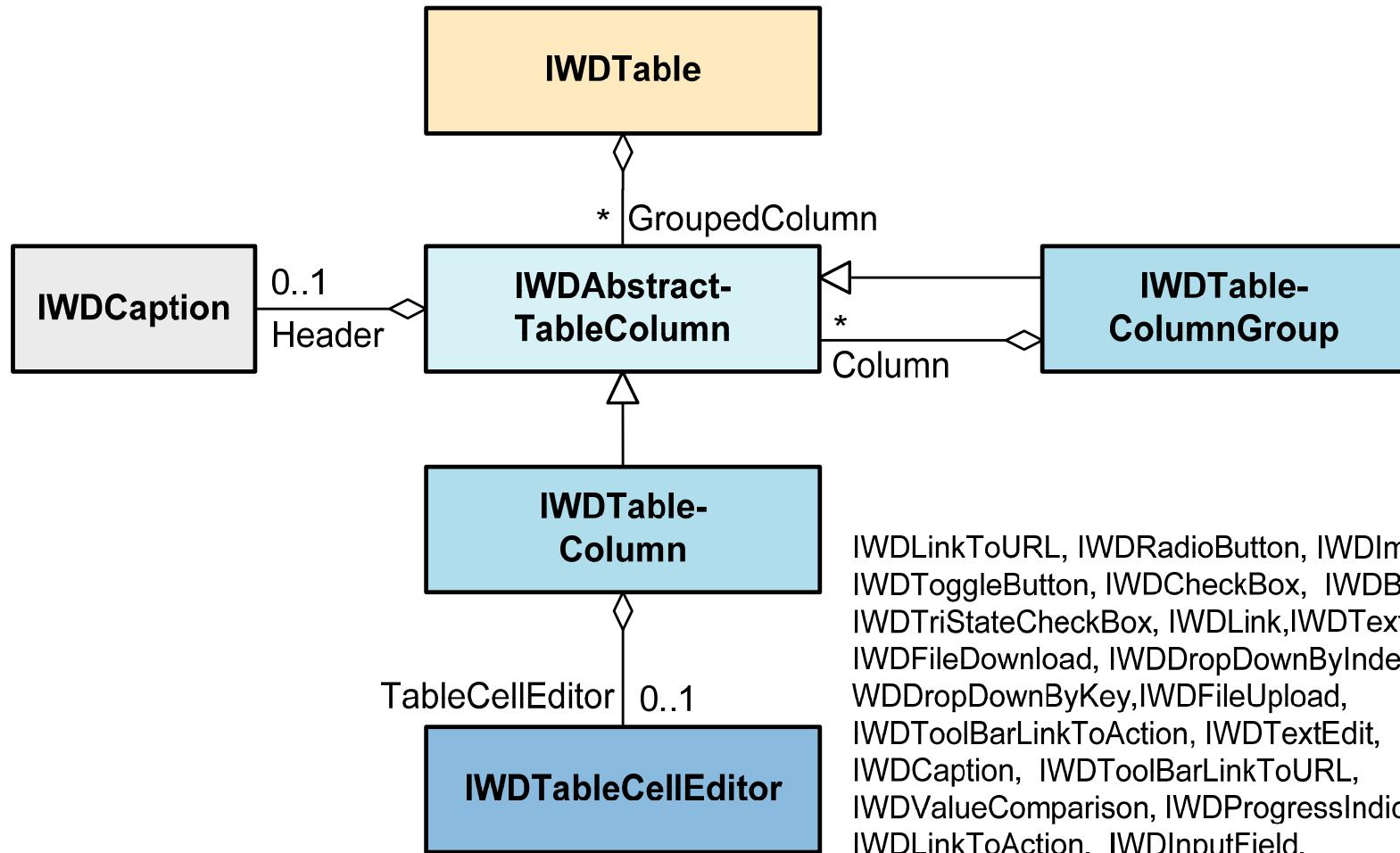
Natural Clothes: Online Shop

		Article Details			Price Information	
		Quantity	Article	Color	Total per article (€)	Price (€)
			jacket	blue	0,00	34,60
			skirt	red	0,00	24,95
			t-shirt	orange	0,00	29,90
			trousers	black	0,00	64,90

Outline

- RootUIElementContainer [TransparentContainer - RootUIElementContainer]
 - PageHeader [PageHeader - Child]
 - ShoppingBasket [Table - Child]
 - 1 ShoppingBasketHeader [Caption - Header]
 - 2 TableColumnGroupPRODUCTS [TableColumnGroup - GroupedColumn]
 - 2.1 TableColumnGroupsPRODUCTS_Header [Caption - Header]
 - 2.2 TableColumnGroupARTICLE [TableColumnGroup - Column]
 - 2.2.1 TableColumnGroupARTICLE_Header [Caption - Header]
 - 2.2.2 QUANTITY [TableColumn - Column]
 - 2.2.3 ARTICLE [TableColumn - Column]
 - 2.2.4 COLOR [TableColumn - Column]
 - 2.2.5 TableColumnGroupPRICE [TableColumnGroup - Column]
 - 2.2.5.1 TableColumnGroupPRICE_Header [Caption - Header]
 - 2.2.5.2 TOTAL_PER_ARTICLE1 [TableColumn - Column]
 - 2.2.5.3 PRICE [TableColumn - Column]

Grouped Table Columns – Metamodel

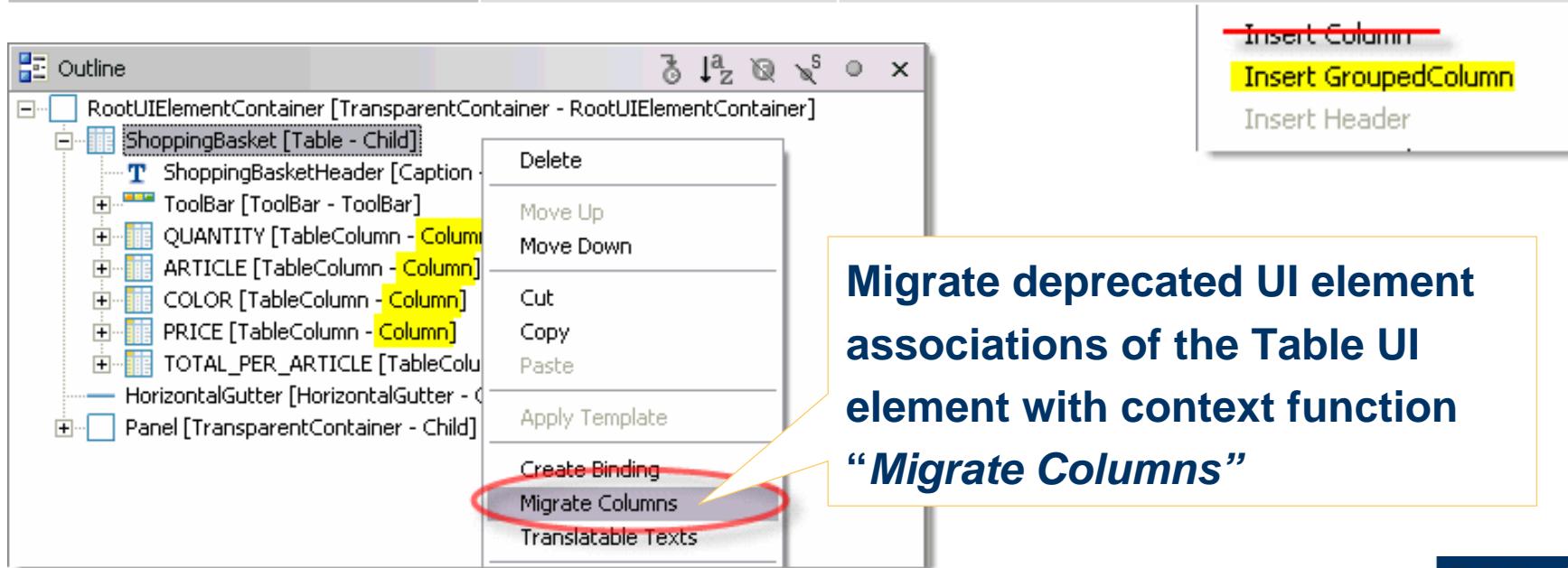


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IWDTriStateCheckBox, IWDLINK, IWDTextView,
IWDFileDownload, IWDDropDownByIndex;
WDDDropDownByKey, IWDFileUpload,
IWDTToolBarLinkToAction, IWDTTextEdit,
IWDCaption, IWDToolBarLinkToURL,
IWDValueComparison, IWDProgressIndicator,
IWDLINKTOACTION, IWDIInputField,

The UI element association **Column** from a **Table UI element** to a **TableColumn UI element** is deprecated:

- Do not use the **Table** context menu item **Insert Column** any more!
- Use the new association **GroupedColumn** instead

Deprecated Association	New Association	Association Target UI Element
Column	GroupedColumn	<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ IWDTableColumn■ IWDTableColumnGroup





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EXERCISE 3

Adding Grouped Table Columns



Web Dynpro Table UI Elements

Designing Tables – Sizing, Layouting, Grouping

Further Notes and Topics

Outlook – Table in SAP NetWeaver CE 7.1

Summary

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Topic	Link
Table in SAP Online Help	http://help.sap.com/saphelp_nw2004s/helpdata/en/b8/f87842fdb70f53e1000000a155106/frameset.htm
Table Tutorial	SDN Tutorial “Creating a Tree Structue in a Table” https://www.sdn.sap.com/irj/servlet/prt/portal/prtroot/com.sap.km.cm.docs/library/uuid/49f2ea90-0201-0010-ce8e-de18b94aee2d
Trees in Table	SDN Tutorial “Creating a Tree Structue in a Table” Link URL: See <i>Table Tutorial</i>
Master Detail Table Tutorial	SDN Tutorial “Context Programming and Data Binding” Link URL: See <i>Table Tutorial</i>
Table Selection Behavior	SDN Article “Enhancing Table Performance” https://www.sdn.sap.com/irj/sdn/weblogs?blog=/pub/wlg/2343

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Downloading Files in Tables on-demand	SDN Article “Uploading and Downloading Files in Web Dynpro Tables - SAP NetWeaver 7.0” https://www.sdn.sap.com/irj/sdn/weblogs?blog=/pub/wlg/6603
Excel Export in Tables	SDN Wiki Code Tutorial “Exporting Table Data Using On-Demand Streams - SAP NetWeaver 7.0” https://wiki.sdn.sap.com/wiki/x/0mQ
Sorting in Tables	SDN WebLog „Enhanced Web Dynpro Java TableSorter for SAP NetWeaver 04s“ https://www.sdn.sap.com/irj/sdn/weblogs?blog=/pub/wlg/3287
Vetoable Lead Selection Change	Web Dynpro Runtime API JavaDoc: <u>WDTableSelectionMode</u>



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Summary

The UI element **Table** has been enhanced in SAP NetWeaver CE 7.1

- Multi sorting ability and visualize filtered column
- Horizontal and vertical table scrolling
- Provide scroll tip for scroll status (index scroll tips)
- Wrapping of table column headers
- Generic selection menu (Select/deselect all)
- Selectable columns

The image displays two screenshots of SAP NetWeaver CE 7.1 tables. The left screenshot shows a table with columns for Name, Street, ZipCode, and City. A mouse cursor is hovering over the scroll bar, and a callout bubble labeled "Row 64" with a letter "G" indicates the current row number. The right screenshot shows a "Selection Menu" for the "Stock Market Index" with "DAX" selected. It includes a search bar and a table with columns for Name, TickerSymbol, and Stockt. A callout bubble points to the "Select All" option in the menu.

Row 64 G

Selection Menu

Name	Street	ZipCode	City
Giese Ing,Gesellschaft	Schwarzwaldring20	76275	Ettl
Giese Ing,Gesellschaft	Schwarzwaldring20	76275	Ettl
Glöckler GMBH	Pforzheimer. 105	7505	Bre
Gora GMBH	Gewerbestr.7	76467	Bie
GPA-Jakob GMBH	Gresbachstr.15	76229	Ka

Stock Market Index	DAX	Search
Name		TickerSymbol
Select All		Stockt
Deselect All		
ADS.DE		
ALT.DE		
ALLIANZ N		
ALV.DE		

Scroll tip



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Web Dynpro Table UI Elements

Designing Tables – Sizing, Layouting, Grouping

Interacting with Table UIs

Further Notes and Topics

Outlook – Table in SAP NetWeaver CE 7.1

Summary

- Have an overview of the new Web Dynpro table functions in SAP NetWeaver 7.0
- Know about table layouting functions
- Understand how to use cell variants
- Know how to size tables using absolute and relative widths
- Have a grasp of table grouping
- Know about some of the functions in SAP NetWeaver CE 7.1



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