

you will need basic knowledge of the DataGrid

## How to use the DLL:

### 1. Step

Add the DLL as a reference to your project

### 2. Step

Include the namespace:

```
using DynTemplateColumns.NCFDataGrid;
```

### 3. Step

from any function inside the Page Init Process e.g. in OnInit:

```
override protected void OnInit(EventArgs e)
{
    //
    // CODEGEN: This call is required by the ASP.NET Web Form Designer.
    //
    InitializeComponent();

    ...

    SuperGrid_Init();

    if(!IsPostBack)
        SuperGrid_Bind();

    ...

    base.OnInit(e);
}
```

most convincing in a separate function or class, create the columns:

```
private void SuperGrid_Init()
{

    SuperGrid.DataKeyField="id";

        //normal bound column
    BoundColumn bc_ID= CFCustomColumn.CreateBoundColumn("id","id",true);
    SuperGrid.Columns.Add(bc_ID);

        //normal bound column, but shorter
    SuperGrid.Columns.Add(CFCustomColumn.CreateBoundColumn("author","name",false));

    ...

    //here it happens

    TemplateColumn myCol=CFCustomColumn.CreateTemplateColumn(
        (new Label()).GetType(), /*yes i know, i'm lazy!*/
        new CFEventhandlers.CustomColumnItemDelegate(SuperGrid_CreateLabel),
        new CFEventhandlers.CustomColumnItemDelegate(SuperGrid_BindLabel),
        (new DropDownList()).GetType(),
        new CFEventhandlers.CustomColumnItemDelegate(SuperGrid_CreateDropDown),
        new CFEventhandlers.CustomColumnItemDelegate(SuperGrid_BindDropDown));

    myCol.HeaderText="type";
    SuperGrid.Columns.Add(myCol);

    ...

}
```

The CreateTemplateColumn defined as:

```
public static TemplateColumn CreateTemplateColumn(
    Type ItemControlType,
    CFEventhandlers.CustomColumnItemDelegate ItemCreateEvent,
    CFEventhandlers.CustomColumnItemDelegate ItemBindEvent,
    Type EditItemControlType,
    CFEventhandlers.CustomColumnItemDelegate EditItemCreateEvent,
    CFEventhandlers.CustomColumnItemDelegate EditItemBindEvent)
```

Every Column in a DataGrid gets a (WebControl)Type for the normal view and for the edit mode. If you don't need edit mode, you can set its type and Eventhandlers to null.

## 4. Step

### The Eventhandlers:

#### They are defined as:

```
public delegate void CustomColumnItemDelegate(object sender, CustomColumnItemEventArgs e);
```

`object sender` - will be the Control

`CustomColumnItemEventArgs args` - is a special class, which derived from the standard `EventArgs`.

#### There are 4 Eventhandlers, you can use:

##### a) When DataRow is in normal view:

1. `ItemCreateEvent` – gets called for each row, after the control is created, but not added to the DataGrid
2. `ItemBindEvent` - gets called for each row, when DataGrid is in binding process

##### b) When DataRow is in edit mode:

1. `EditItemCreateEvent` - gets called for the selected row to edit, after the control is created, but not added to the DataGrid
2. `EditItemBindEvent` - gets called for the selected row to edit, when DataGrid is in binding process

#### Set up the Eventhandlers, sample:

Note the following functions contain Pseudo-Code or function calls not defined in this document, they are marked with this color.

```
private void SuperGrid_CreateLabel(object sender, CustomColumnItemEventArgs args)
{
    //you can change the control properties here
}
```

```
private void SuperGrid_BindLabel(object sender, CustomColumnItemEventArgs args)
{
    //get index of sender and pageindex of DataGrid, and use them to receive the
    //appropriate row and data in your DataSet/DataTable, use caching if possible
    string data=GetDataFromDataBase((Label)sender, args.e.ItemIndex);

    ((Label)sender).Text = data;

    //you can change the control properties here
}
```

```
private void SuperGrid_CreateDropDown(object sender, CustomColumnItemEventArgs args)
{
    //you can change the control properties here
}
```

```

private void SuperGrid_BindDropDown(object sender, CustomColumnEventArgs args)
{
    //if this fails something is going really bad for you
    DropDownList x= ((DropDownList)sender);

    //get index of sender and pageindex of DataGrid, and use them to receive the
    //appropriate rowindex
    int masterrowindex = GetItemIndex(x);
    if(masterrowindex < (int)0)
        return;

    //Tables
    DataTable detailTable = GetDropDownTableFromDB();
    DataTable masterTable = GetGridTableFromDB();

    //get foreign-id value in master datatable
    string strFID=GetTableValue("fid",masterrowindex,masterTable).ToString();

    //get column index in detail table
    int indexID=detailTable.Columns.IndexOf("id");
    int indexName=detailTable.Columns.IndexOf("name");

    //loop detailTable and populate the DropDown x
    for(int rowindex=0; rowindex < detailTable.Rows.Count; rowindex++)
    {
        ListItem li = new ListItem();
        li.Value=detailTable.Rows[rowindex].ItemArray.GetValue(indexID).ToString();
        li.Text=detailTable.Rows[rowindex].ItemArray.GetValue(indexName).ToString();
        x.Items.Add(li);

        //important, select the correct item !
        if(strFID == li.Value)
            x.SelectedIndex=rowindex;
    }

    //please note, that this function is only a demonstration on how to do, in real world
    //you should do data retrieval once and then use caching/update features on some parts,
    //instead of looping again and again
}

```