View provider configuration

The **configured ViewProvider** allows you to configure template selection when using the `ViewController`, either directly from a URL or via a sub-request.

> **eZ Publish 4.x terminology**
> In eZ Publish 4.x, it was known as **template override system *by configuration*** (`override.ini`).
> However this only reflects old overrides for `node/view/*.tpl` and `content/view/*.tpl`.

Principle

The **configured ViewProvider** takes its configuration from your siteaccess in the **`content_view`** section. This configuration is a hash built in the following way:

```
# app/config/ezplatform.yml
ezpublish:
    system:
        # Can be a valid siteaccess, siteaccess group or even "global"
        front_siteaccess:
            # Configuring the LocationViewProvider
            content_view:
                # The view type (full/line are standard, but you can use custom ones)
                full:
                    # A simple unique key for your matching ruleset
                    folderRuleset:
                        # The template identifier to load, following the Symfony
bundle notation for templates
                        # See
http://symfony.com/doc/current/book/controller.html#rendering-templates
                        template: eZDemoBundle:full:small_folder.html.twig
                        # Hash of matchers to use, with their corresponding values to
match against
                        match:
                            # Key is the matcher "identifier" (class name or service
identifier)
                            # Value will be passed to the matcher's
setMatchingConfig() method.
                            Identifier\ContentType: [small_folder, folder]
```

> **Important note about template matching**
> **Template matching will NOT work if your content contains a Field Type that is not supported by the repository**. It can be the case when you are in the process of a migration from eZ Publish 4.x, where custom datatypes have been developed.
> In this case the repository will throw an exception which is caught in the `ViewController`, **causing a fallback to the legacy kernel**.
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> The list of Field Types supported out of the box is available here.

> **Tip**

You can define your template selection rules in a different configuration file. Read the cookbook recipe to learn more about it.

You can also use your own custom controller to render a content/location.

About `location_view & content_view`

Until eZ Publish Platform 5.4, the main view action was `location_view`. This is deprecated since eZ Platform 15.12 (1.0). Only `content_view` should be used to view content, with a location as an option.

Existing `location_view` rules will be, *when possible*, converted transparently to `content_view`, with a deprecation notice. However, it is not possible to do so when the rule uses a custom controller.
In any case, `location_view` rules should be converted to `content_view` ones, as `location_view` will be removed in the next kernel major version.

Matchers

To be able to select the right templates against conditions, the view provider uses matcher objects, all implementing `eZ\Publish\Core\MVC\Symfony\View\ContentViewProvider\Configured\Matcher` interface.

Matcher identifier

The matcher identifier can comply to 3 different formats:

1. **Relative qualified class name** (e.g. `Identifier\ContentType`). This is the most common case and used for native matchers. It will then be relative to `eZ\Publish\Core\MVC\Symfony\View\ContentViewProvider\Configured\Matcher`.
2. **Full qualified class name** (e.g. `\Foo\Bar\MyMatcher`). This is a way to specify a **custom matcher** that doesn't need specific dependency injection. Please note that it **must** start with a `\`.
3. **Service identifier**, as defined in Symfony service container. This is the way to specify a more **complex custom matcher** that has dependencies.

Injecting the Repository
If your matcher needs the repository, simply make it implement `eZ\Publish\Core\MVC\RepositoryAwareInterface` or extend the `eZ\Publish\Core\MVC\RepositoryAware` abstract class. The repository will then be correctly injected before matching.

Matcher value

The value associated to the matcher is being passed to its `setMatchingConfig()` method and can be anything supported by the matcher.

In the case of native matchers, they support both **scalar values** or **arrays of scalar values**.
Passing an array amounts to applying a logical OR.

Combining matchers

It is possible to combine matchers to add additional constraints for matching a template:

```
# ...
match:
    Identifier\ContentType: [small_folder, folder]
    Identifier\ParentContentType: frontpage
```

The example above can be translated as "Match any content which **ContentType** identifier is ***small_folder* OR *folder***, **AND** having *frontpage* as **ParentContentType** identifier".

Available matchers

The following table presents all native matchers.

Identifier	Description
`Id\Content`	Matches the ID number of the Content item
`Id\ContentType`	Matches the ID number of the Content Type that the Content item is an instance of
`Id\ContentTypeGroup`	Matches the ID number of the group containing the Content Type that the Content item is an instance of
`Id\Location`	Matches the ID number of a Location. *In the case of a Content item, matched against the main location.*
`Id\ParentContentType`	Matches the ID number of the parent Content Type. *In the case of a Content item, matched against the main location.*
`Id\ParentLocation`	Matches the ID number of the parent Location. *In the case of a Content item, matched against the main location.*
`Id\Remote`	Matches the remoteId of either content or Location, depending on the object matched.
`Id\Section`	Matches the ID number of the Section that the Content item belongs to.
`Id\State`	*Not supported yet.*
`Identifier\ContentType`	Matches the identifier of the Content Type that the Content item is an instance of.
`Identifier\ParentContentType`	Matches the identifier of the parent Content Type. *In the case of a Content item, matched against the main Location.*
`Identifier\Section`	Matches the identifier of the Section that the Content item belongs to.
`Identifier\State`	*Not supported yet.*
`Depth`	Matches the depth of the Location. The depth of a top level Location is 1.
`UrlAlias`	Matches the virtual URL of the Location (i.e. `/My/Content-Uri`). **Important: Matches when the UrlAlias of the location starts with the value passed.** *Not supported for Content (aka content_view).*

Related topics:

- Content view
- Default view templates