

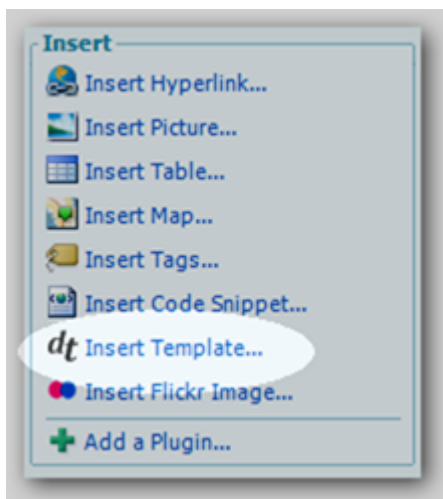
Write Plugins Easily Using The Dynamic Template Plugin For Windows Live Writer

[Joe Cheng](#), member of the Windows Live Writer team, [just unveiled](#) his first publicly available Windows Live Writer plugin...

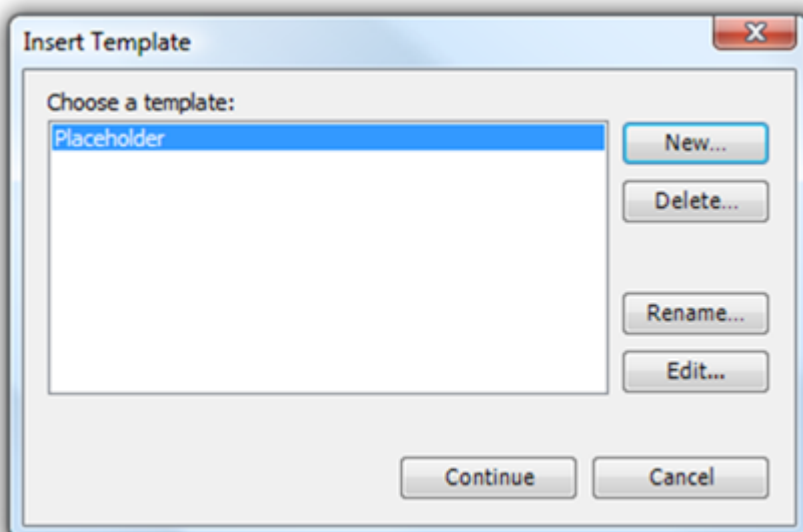
I've just released my first (publicly available) Windows Live Writer plugin: **Dynamic Template**. It lets you write mini-plugins from snippets of C# and HTML, and reuse them within Windows Live Writer.

It's sort of a meta-plugin plugin. He has a screencast on how to use it, but I'll post a few screenshots of it in action here.

The plugin adds a new *Insert Template* option in the sidebar.

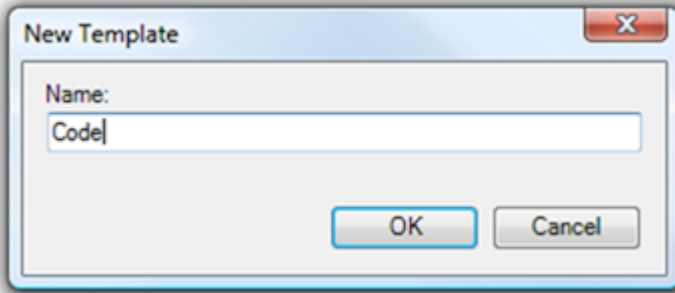


Clicking on this brings up a dialog with a list of templates.

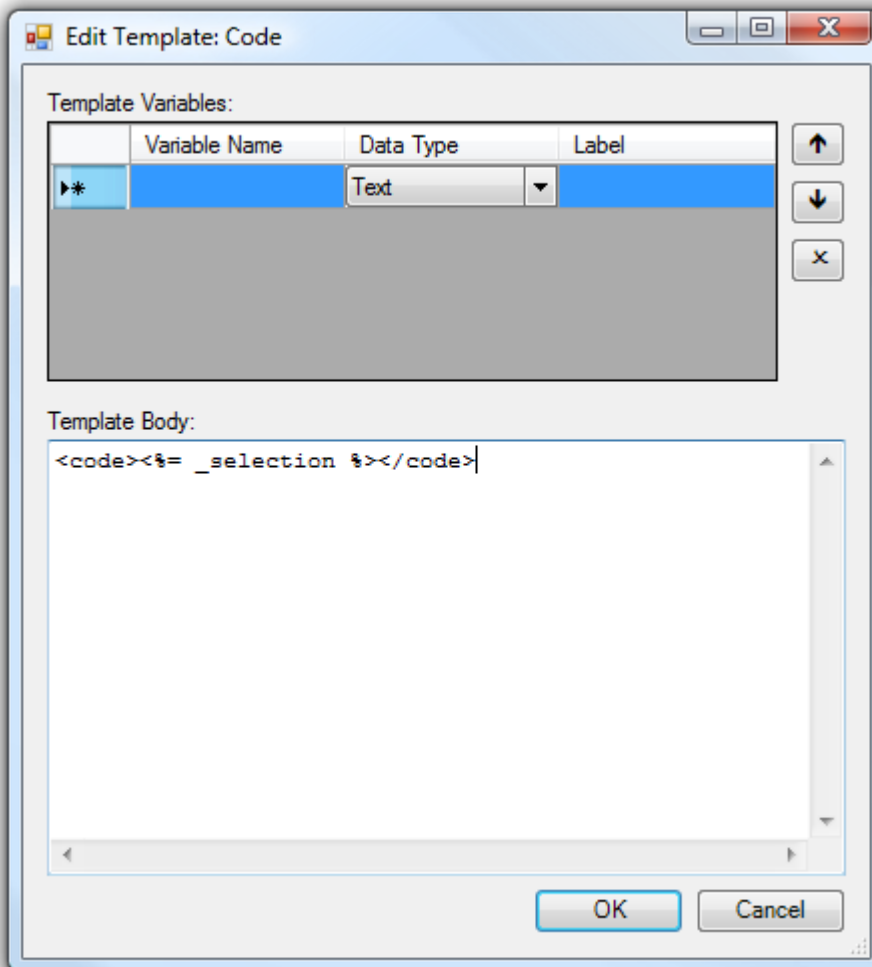


Click *New* to bring up the template editor. I'm going to create one for wrapping sections of html with the `<code></code>` tags.

First, I'll name the template.

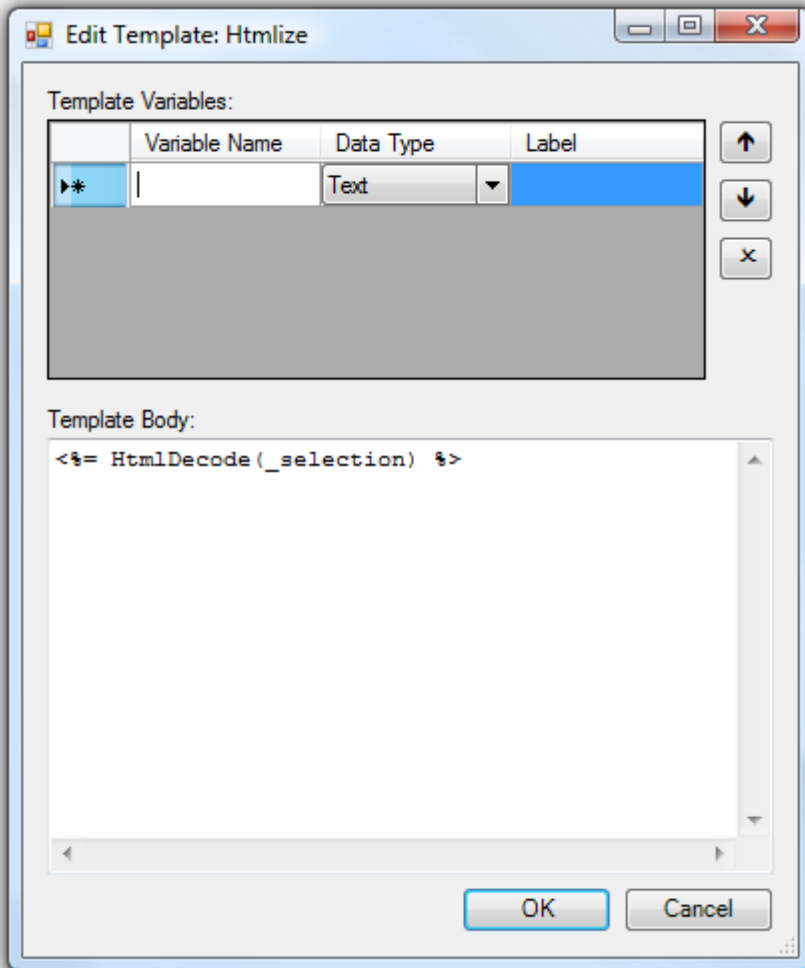


Then I'll edit the template. Since this template just adds HTML around a selection and doesn't require that I ask for user input, I don't need to create a variable.



And now I can just select some text, click on *Insert Template...* and double click *Code*. Nice!

Another useful template is one that Joe calls *Htmlize*.



As you can see, you can call some functions from within a template. This one is useful for converting something like `^{blah}` into ^{blah} while in the Web Layout or Normal mode.

Watch [Joe's Screencast](#) for a demo of a template that takes in user input as part of the template. There's also some documentation [located here](#). This is a pretty handy plugin that'll be great for automating a variety of html snippets I use often.

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