

Freemarker Template Variables and Directives

Template variables are made available to render dynamic content within the application. To print a variable's value in FreeMarker, use the following syntax:
`${variableName}`

Some variables have methods which can be used to return a value or perform a task such as adding a stylesheet or script to the `<head>` element.

```
${stylesheets.add('<link rel="stylesheet" href="mystylesheet.css" />')}  
${headScripts.add(<script type="text/javascript" src="myscript.js"></script>)}
```

Special template directives provide debugging features that assist in template development.

```
<@describe var="stylesheets" />  
(describe the methods callable on a template variable)
```

```
<@dump var ="stylesheets" />  
(dump the contents of a template variable)
```

```
<@dumpAll />  
(dump the contents of the template data model)
```

A sample page at *

<http://yourLocalInstance.com/freemarkersamples>

* demonstrates most of the methods and directives available within a template. The template file responsible for this page is `vitro-core/webapp/web/templates/freemarker/body/samples.ftl`.