

Custom Formatter Prerequisites

IDE Integration / Classpath

The definitions for the required Yellowfin classes are available in the following library from a standard Yellowfin installation. This library is located in the **/appserver/webapps/ROOT/WEB-INF/lib/** directory of the installation.

- **i4-mi.jar**

This dependency contains the **CustomFormatter** class that you will need to extend.

Java Version

Yellowfin has backwards compatibility to Java 7. Any custom formatters made for public consumption should be compiled with Java 7, unless the formatter's dependencies force the use of a newer Java implementation. The plug-in loader will display an error reporting that the version of Java is not sufficient if the loaded .jar file is compiled with a newer version than what is in use by Yellowfin.

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