# Index fields

Index fields are used for displaying information from a smartform, such as tasks, instances and so on, directly in a list. They can be filtered and sorted. See also configure column view.
So that a index field indicates a value, it must be defined in the smartform. Here the HTML fields "Input" and "Select" can be selected. To display a value from the smartform in the columns, the attribute index=„fieldX" must be added to the respective field in the smartform. Where "X" is the value of the index fields, so 1 to 10.

**Example**

```html
<input type="text" id="name" name="name" index="field2"> </input>
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Now the value is displayed in the index field number 2, which was entered in the smartform in the textfield "name".

**Date fields**

If a date was saved in a process variable as a string "10.02.2015", it can only be sorted alphabetically (0-9 for each digit). But if the date is saved in the format "2015-02-10T0:0:0", a correct sorting for the date can be achieved. The TIM Datepicker automatically saves the dates in this format (simply add class="datepicker" in the input element). The clients display the clean date format "10.02.2015" (depends on country settings in the browser) instead of "2015-02-10T0:0:0".