

6. Create reference to element

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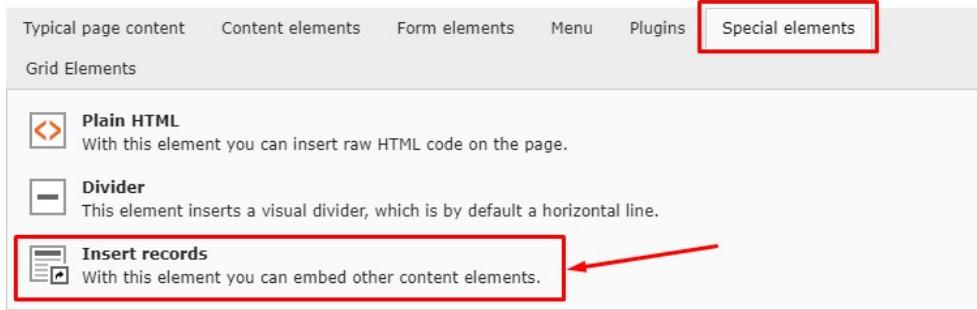
Create reference through 'Insert record' element

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To use the reference element, go to the 'Special elements' tab while creating a new content element and choose 'Insert record' (6.1)

New content element

Please select the type of page content you wish to create:



The screenshot shows a user interface for creating a new content element. At the top, there is a navigation bar with tabs: 'Typical page content', 'Content elements', 'Form elements', 'Menu', 'Plugins', and 'Special elements'. The 'Special elements' tab is highlighted with a red border. Below the tabs, there is a section titled 'Grid Elements'. Under this section, three items are listed: 'Plain HTML' (with a description: 'With this element you can insert raw HTML code on the page.'), 'Divider' (with a description: 'This element inserts a visual divider, which is by default a horizontal line.'), and 'Insert records' (with a description: 'With this element you can embed other content elements.'). The 'Insert records' item is also highlighted with a red border and has a red arrow pointing to it from the bottom right.

6.1

In the 'General' tab you can see that the content element type

'Insert record' is selected (1).

You can add name (2) of a record, but it will be not visible in frontend. With the help of the buttons (3) you can access the page tree of the website, where you are then able to choose any page content (separate elements), news or pages.

NOTE! Selecting is easier if all content elements has a header. Content without header will be shown as 'No title' or with first frase of the text area, which can make it a little bit hard to find the correct content element.

Selected content elements will be shown in the field below (5) and they can be organised by using the arrows on the right hand side of the field (4), to move them up and down in the order or to remove a content from the selection (you need to mark it and use the necessary icon). (6.2)

The screenshot shows the TYPO3 Backend interface for managing content elements. The top navigation bar includes tabs for General, Appearance, Language, Access, Categories, Notes, and Grid Elements. The 'General' tab is active. Below the tabs, under 'Content Element', the 'Type' dropdown is set to '1' (Insert Records) and the 'Column' dropdown is set to 'Content'. A 'Name (not visible in frontend)' input field is present. The main area shows a 'Records' grid with one item listed (5). To the right of the grid are sorting and deletion icons (4). At the bottom, there are buttons for 'Page Content', 'News', and 'Page' (3), with 'Page Content' and 'News' highlighted with red boxes. The entire interface is styled with a light gray background and white text.

6.2

Another way of creating references in the reference element, is when you [copy the element](#) and then paste it with the paste icon, inside a 'Insert record' element. (6.3)

General Appearance Language Access Categories Notes Grid Elements

Content Element

Type	Column
Insert Records	Content

Name (not visible in frontend)

Records

Find records

Page Content News Page

Recursive:

0 levels (only selected page) ▾

6.3

As a result, your reference will look a bit different than regular elements, and shown with a blue tint. (6.4)

Content

Content

Reference

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Content

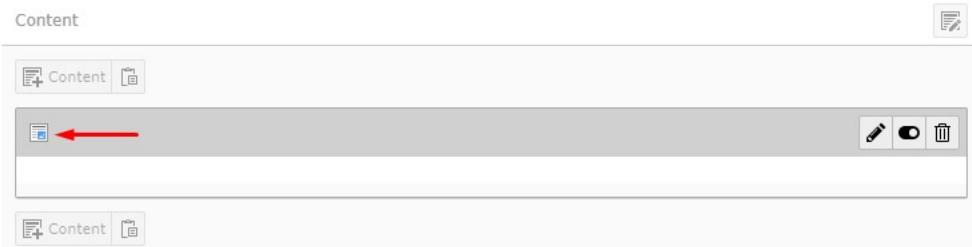
6.4

But now all changes that are made in the original element, are mirrored in the reference.

Pasting reference by copying element

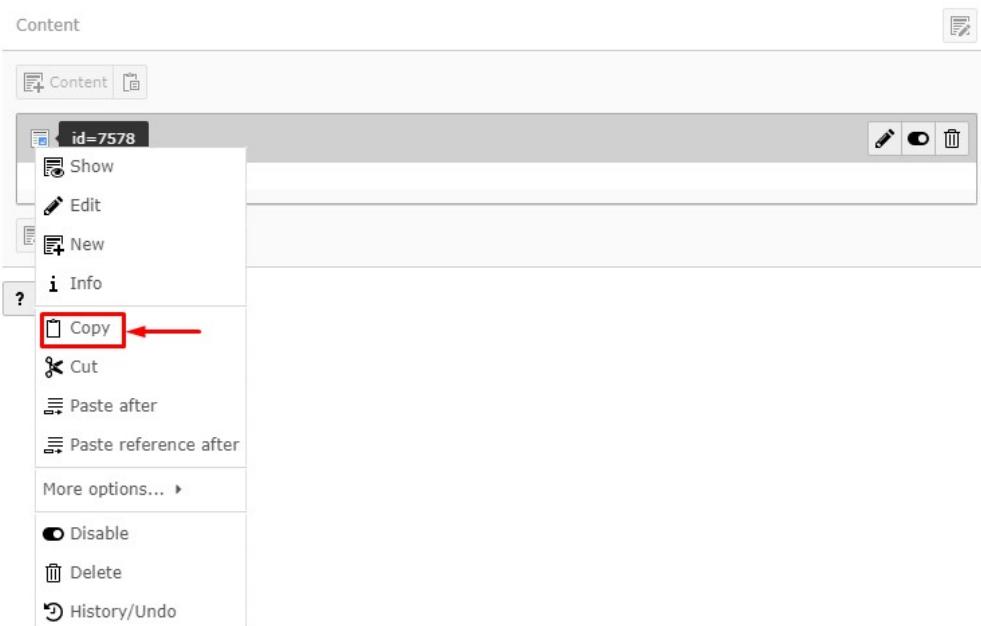
The easiest way of creating single references, is by simply copying the content element and then pasting as a reference.

To copy an element, click the icon in the top left corner of the content element (6.5).



6.5

Select 'Copy' in the drop down menu, that appears (6.6).



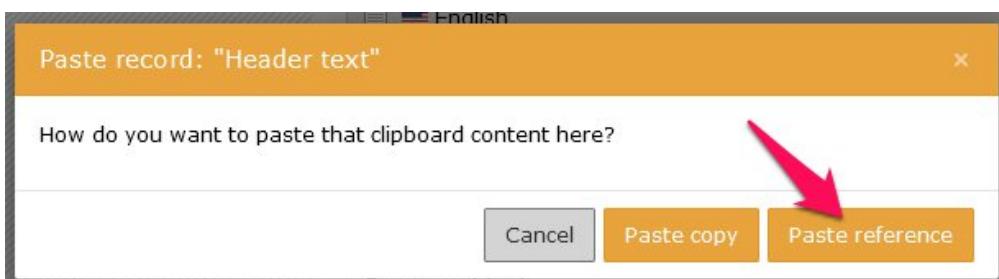
6.6

After copying an element, paste icons will appear in all the places where it is possible to paste content (6.7).



6.7

After clicking the pasting icon, select 'Paste reference' in the dialogue box (6.8).



6.8

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