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Opening Selected Items in List Filter Online from a Native SharePoint List

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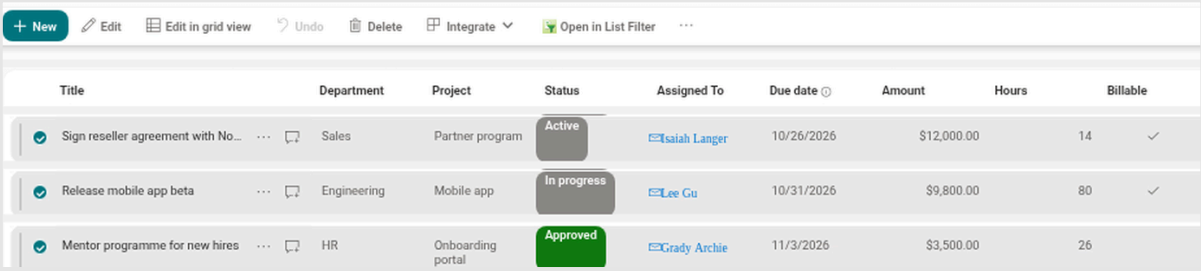
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Introduction

People usually find the items they need in the native **view** of a **SharePoint list** or **document library** - and then want to continue working with exactly those items in a richer view: grouped, with totals, with a custom set of columns, exported to Excel. The **Open in List Filter** command bridges the two. It is a command in the command bar of a native list or library that opens a page with the List Filter Online **web part** and shows only the items that were selected in the native view.

The command ships in the same package as the web part. It is a SharePoint Framework list command set, so it works in any modern list or library of your **SharePoint Online tenant** once it is enabled. This article explains how the command works, how to enable it for the tenant, how to limit it to specific lists or sites, and what to check when it does not behave as expected.



The Open in List Filter command in the command bar of a native library

How it works

When you click **Open in List Filter**, the command reads the IDs of the selected items and opens the configured page in a new browser tab. The IDs travel in the `lff` query-string parameter of the page address - the same parameter that **Copy Link to Filter** uses in the web part - as a single condition: ID *In* (the selected IDs). The condition is addressed to any List Filter Online web part on the page (the instance identifier `*`), so you do not need to know which web part instance sits on the target page.

On the target page, the web part reads the parameter, applies the condition as a user filter and loads the matching items. The condition appears as a filter chip above the results, exactly like a filter chosen in the filter pane, and can be removed with the chip or with **Clear all the filters**. After the filter is applied, the parameter is removed from the address bar, so a later refresh of that tab does not re-apply the selection.

The command is visible only when at least one item is selected and the pageUrl property is configured. Without a selection, the command stays hidden.

Note

The command passes item IDs, not the items themselves. The target page must therefore show the same list as the one the command was clicked in; see **Important** below.

Prerequisites

Before enabling the command, make sure that:

- the List Filter Online package is deployed to the **app catalog** of the tenant - see KB10251. How to Install List Filter Online and Add It to a Page;
- a page exists with a configured List Filter Online web part whose data source points at the list or library in which the command will be used;
- you have administrator access to the app catalog **site**, because the command is switched on in the **Tenant Wide Extensions** list of that site.

The package is deployed with *Make this solution available to all sites in the organization* enabled, so no activation on individual sites is needed. The command itself, however, is hidden until it is configured as described next.

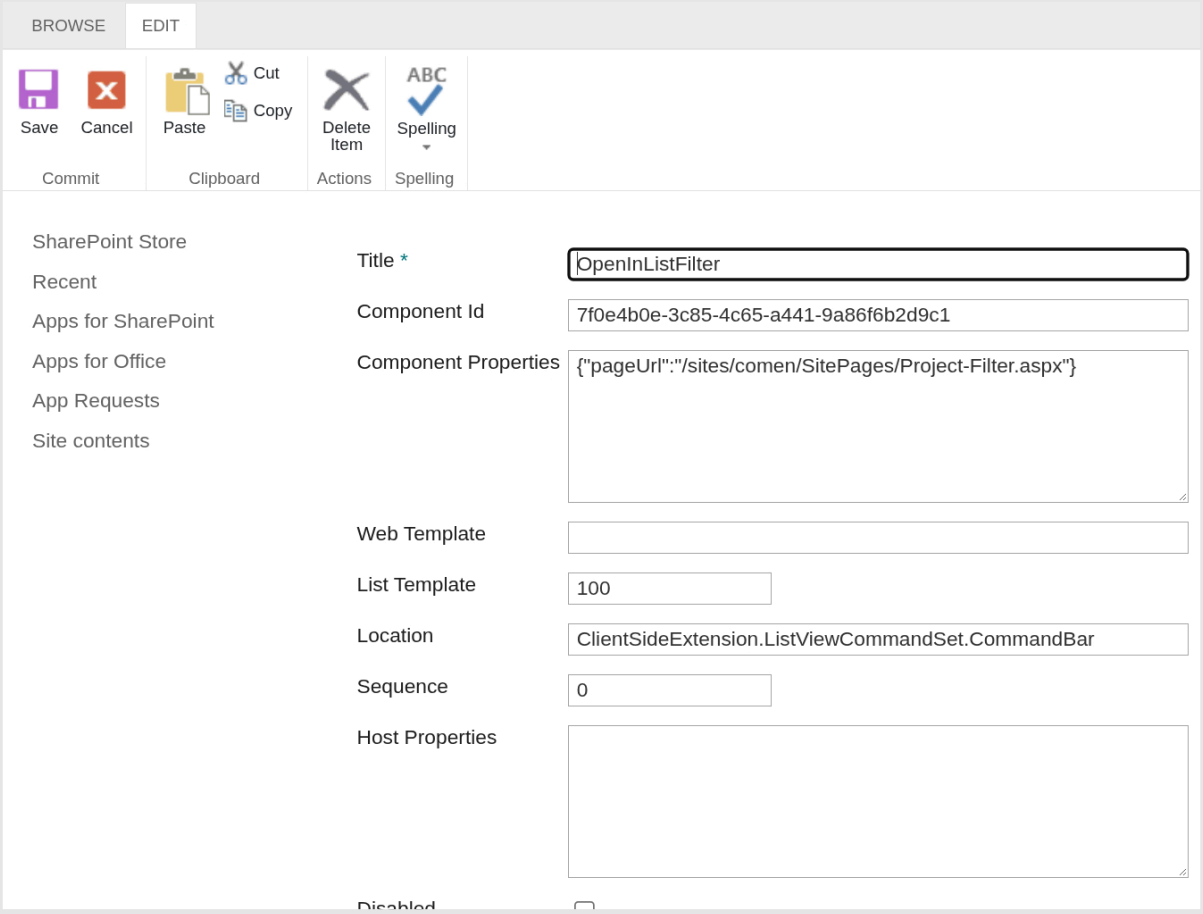
Enabling the command tenant-wide

Open the app catalog site and go to its **Tenant Wide Extensions** list (**Site contents** → **Tenant Wide Extensions**). Uploading the package adds an entry for the command set to this list; it belongs to the **Vitextra List Filter** solution and carries the component identifier `7f0e4b0e-3c85-4c65-a441-9a86f6b2d9c1`, which you can use to find it if several Vitextra extensions are listed.

Edit the entry and set two fields:

1. **Component Properties** - a **JSON** object with the `pageUrl` property pointing to the page that hosts the List Filter Online web part. Both an absolute and a server-relative URL are accepted:
2. **Disabled** - make sure the entry is not disabled, otherwise SharePoint does not load the command set at all.

Save the entry. The command reads its `pageUrl` property when a list view loads and shows itself only when the property has a value and at least one item is selected; an entry without `pageUrl` keeps the command hidden even if the extension is enabled.



The Tenant Wide Extensions entry of the command with the pageUrl property set

Note

Changes in the Tenant Wide Extensions list are picked up by SharePoint with a delay, which can be up to several minutes or more. Reload the list page after saving the entry.

Scoping to specific lists or sites

The package creates a tenant-wide entry for generic lists (**List Template** `100`). For document libraries, configure an entry with `101`. The command set itself does not check the source list; review the scope before enabling it.

Column	What it does
List Template	Limits the command to lists of one template, for example `101` for document libraries or `100` for generic lists.
Web Template	Limits the command to sites created

Column	What it does
	from one template, for example `GROUP#0` for team sites or `SITEPAGEPUBLISHING#0` for communication sites.
Location	Where the command is rendered; keep the value SharePoint set when the entry was created.
Sequence	Order among several extensions registered for the same location.

The template fields select types of lists or sites, not an individual list. Creating multiple tenant-wide entries does not route each list to its own page. If different lists need different target pages, register the command separately at list scope with the appropriate `pageUrl`; see Microsoft's extension registration guidance.

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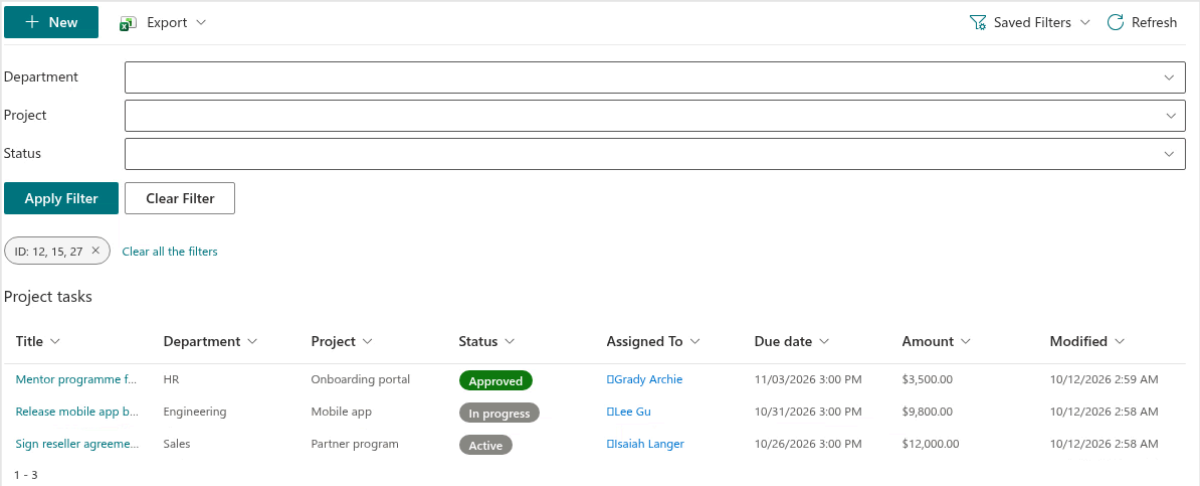
The columns of the Tenant Wide Extensions list are provided and interpreted by SharePoint, not by List Filter Online. Refer to the Microsoft documentation of tenant-wide deployment of SharePoint Framework extensions for the exact values they accept.

Using the command

Once the command is enabled, using it takes three steps:

1 Open the list or library in its native view and select one or more items - with the row check boxes or by clicking the rows.
2 Click **Open in List Filter** in the command bar.
3 A new tab opens with the configured page. The List Filter Online web part shows only the selected items and displays a filter chip with the ID condition above the results.

From there you work as on any other List Filter Online page: sort, group, export the items to Excel, open the version history of an item, or narrow the selection further with the filter pane.



The target page showing the selected items with the ID filter chip

Important

Warning

The web part on the target page must be configured for the same list or library in which the command is used. The command passes only item IDs, and IDs are unique per list, not per tenant. If the web part points at another list, the IDs match unrelated items of that list, and the page shows the wrong records without any error.

Two further points follow from the design of the command:

- The package creates a tenant-wide entry for generic lists (**List Template** `100`). For document libraries, configure an entry with `101`. The command set itself does not check the source list; review the scope before enabling it.
- If the target page contains more than one List Filter Online web part, every one of them receives the condition, because the link is addressed to any instance. Each web part applies it to its own list.

Troubleshooting

The command is not visible in the command bar.

- No items are selected, or the `pageUrl` property is empty or missing in **Component Properties**. Select at least one item and make sure the property has a value.
- The entry is disabled, or it is scoped to a list template or web template that does not match the current list or site.
- The list page has not been refreshed since the entry was changed. Reload the page; allow some time for the tenant-wide configuration to propagate.

- The package is not deployed, or was deployed without making it available to all sites.

The page opens, but the items are not filtered or the wrong items are shown.

- The web part on the target page shows a different list than the one the command was clicked in. Compare the data source of the web part with the source list.
- If the command is executed without valid item IDs, the page opens without a filter. In normal use, the command is hidden without a selection.
- The `pageUrl` points to a page without a List Filter Online web part; the parameter is then ignored by the page.

The filter disappears after a refresh.

- This is expected. The `lff` parameter is consumed once and removed from the address bar. To keep a link to this selection, use **Copy Link to Filter** in the **Saved Filters** menu of the web part.

Terms

App Catalog
The App Catalog is a special SharePoint site that stores apps for SharePoint, Teams, and other Microsoft 365 services. Global or SharePoint administrators can upload and manage applications from the AppSource marketplace, custom-developed apps, or third-party apps for the organization's internal use. There can be only one tenant-level App Catalog in a tenant; site collection app catalogs can be added for individual site collections.

Document Library
A special type of list that stores files, folders, and information about them. Like a list, a document library can contain personal or shared views, item-level permissions, and so on.

JSON
JSON (JavaScript Object Notation) is a lightweight, text-based data-interchange format that is easy for people to read and write and easy for software to parse and generate. It is widely used by REST APIs, configuration files, and web applications to exchange structured data.

List
A list is a storage unit in SharePoint. A list can contain columns of different types, content types, and views. A document library is a special type of list and therefore inherits the functionality of a list.

SharePoint
SharePoint is a web-based collaboration platform that provides content management, document management, workflow applications, search, and other tools that empower employees and teams to work together. SharePoint is also a secure place to store, organize, and access shared information.

SharePoint Online
The cloud version of SharePoint, a web-based collaboration platform within Microsoft 365 that provides an extensive range of capabilities to store, share, and manage the digital information, content, and knowledge of an organization.

Site

Terms

A SharePoint site is a container for information within the SharePoint platform. Sites typically offer features such as document libraries, lists, calendars, discussion boards, and workflows, facilitating collaboration, communication, and document management within teams or across departments. Sites can be customized and configured to suit the specific needs and workflows of an organization.

Tenant
A Microsoft 365 tenant is a dedicated instance of Microsoft 365 services. The tenant holds the organization's information, such as users and domains (Microsoft Entra ID), configurations, subscriptions, and services. An organization receives a tenant by signing up for Microsoft 365 services.

View
A view is a saved configuration that determines which items of a list or library are displayed and how, including the columns, sorting, filtering, grouping, and layout. Views can be personal or public.

Web Part
A web part is a primary building block of functionality or content placed on a SharePoint page. Some web parts support customization, such as configuring the web part or changing its appearance.