

## Magento product view page analysis

One of the most edited file in Magento is the template file **View.phtml** file. Reason for this is that a lot of clients would like to rearrange it differently on their online stores. Here is the analysis of that file and the list of all the methods it uses.

lib/Varien/**Object.php**  
class Varien\_Object

app/code/core/Mage/Core/Block/**Abstract.phtml**  
abstract class Mage\_Core\_Block\_Abstract extends Varien\_Object

app/code/core/Mage/Core/Block/**Template.phtml**  
class Mage\_Core\_Block\_Template extends Mage\_Core\_Block\_Abstract

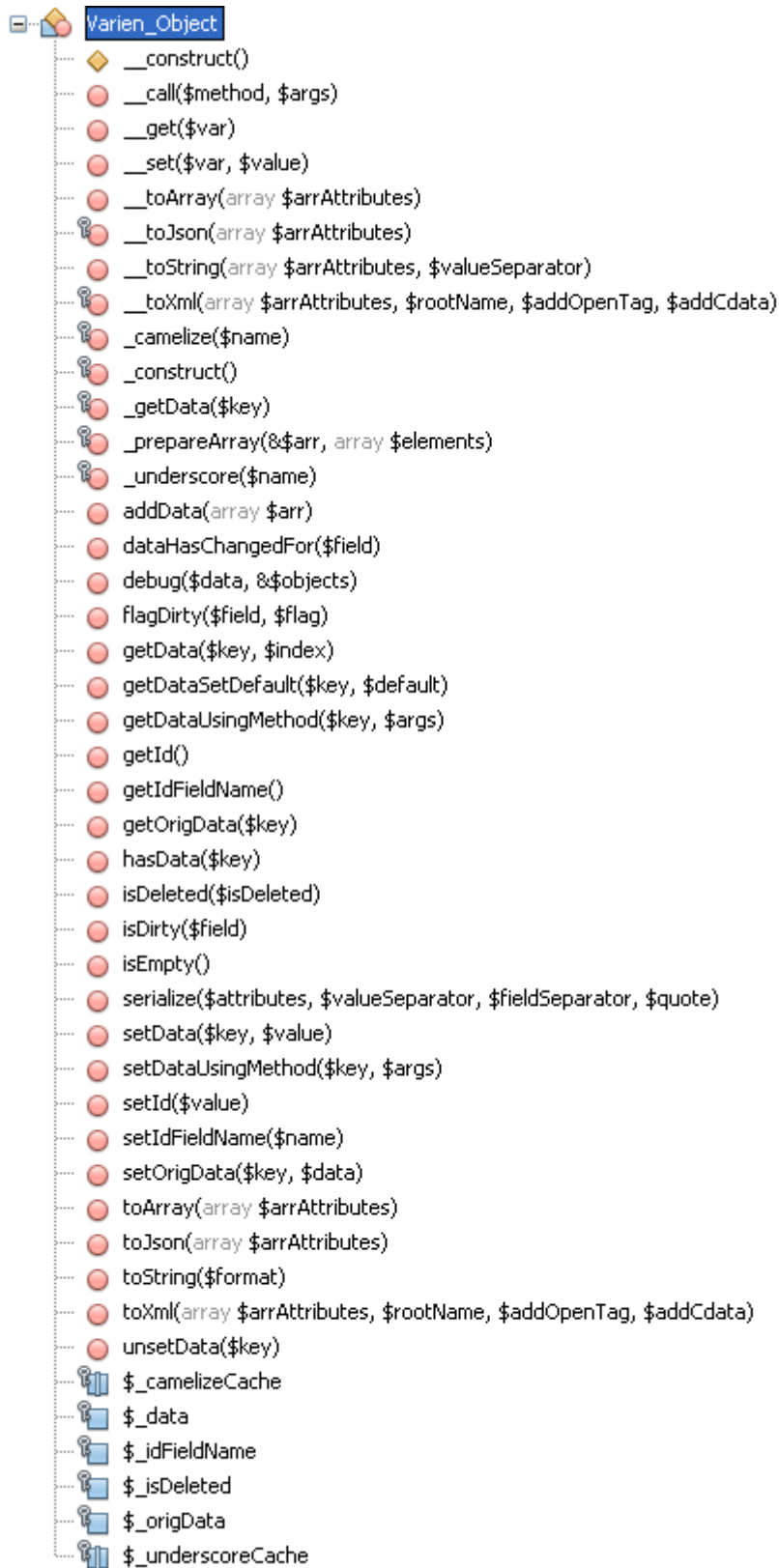
app/code/core/Mage/Catalog/Block/Product/ **Abstract.phtml**  
abstract class Mage\_Catalog\_Block\_Product\_Abstract extends Mage\_Core\_Block\_Template

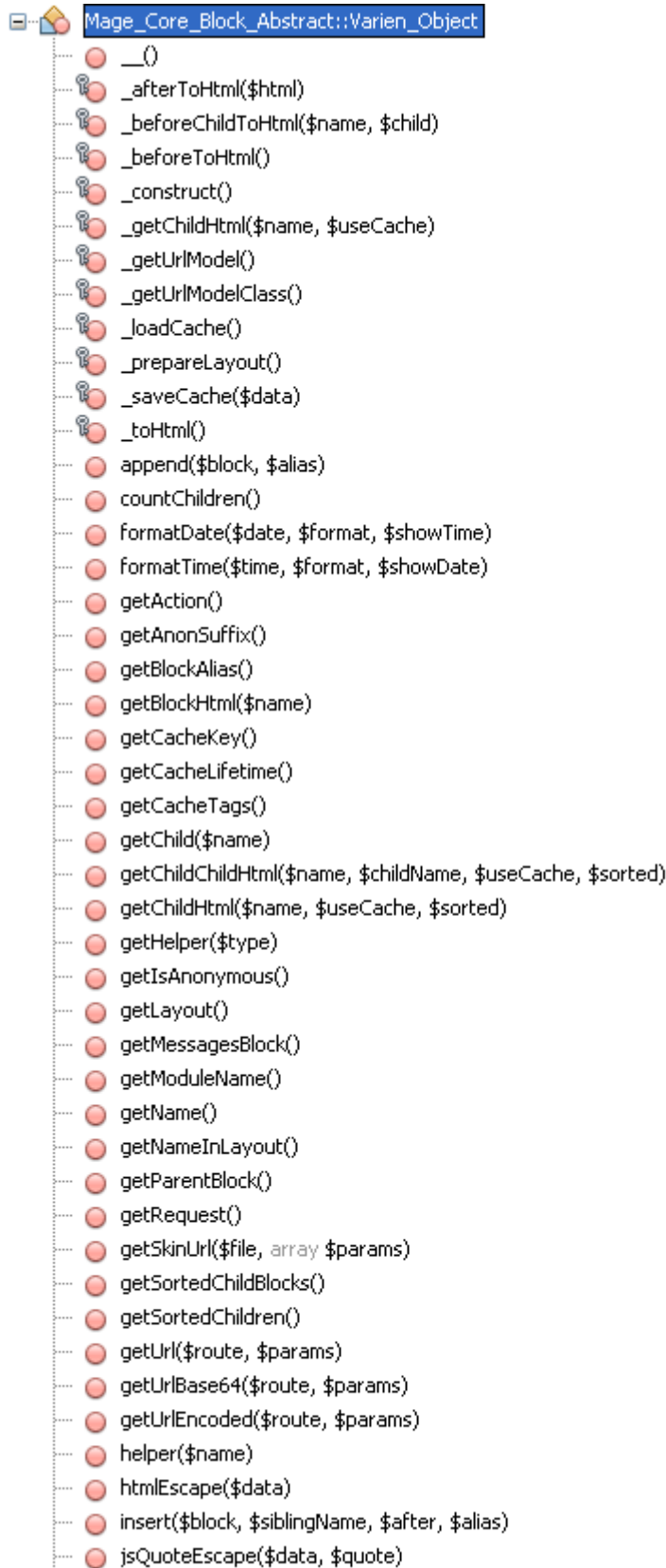
app/code/core/Mage/Catalog/Block/Product/ **View.phtml**  
class Mage\_Catalog\_Block\_Product\_View extends  
Mage\_Catalog\_Block\_Product\_Abstract

app/code/core/Mage/Catalog/Block/Product/ **View.phtml**  
*correlates to*  
app/design/frontend/default/default/template/catalog/product/ **View.phtml**

### *Could be useful* stuff

- **Zend\_Debug::dump(\$this);**
- **Zend\_Debug::dump(\$this->getRequest());**
- \$this->getRequest() returns object of type **Mage\_Core\_Controller\_Request\_Http** (open )
- Using **Zend\_Debug::dump(\$this->getRequest());** you get to see the available data you can extract like **echo \$this->getRequest()->getParam('id');**
- In some other page than View.phtml you can use **Mage::getModel('catalog/product');** to create instance of a product
- To get the product data (object) on page other than View.phtml you need to load the product data into the empty instance you can use **\$p = Mage::getModel('catalog/product')->load('some\_product\_id');**
- If you are trying to load a product data on a page different than View.phtml you might ask yourself what the product id is. Try using **Zend\_Debug::dump(\$this->getRequest());** to find some data that will enable you to retrieve the product id if it already does not contain product id





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- setAnonSuffix(\$suffix)
- setAttribute(\$name, \$value)
- setBlockAlias(\$alias)
- setChild(\$alias, \$block)
- setIsAnonymous(\$flag)
- setLayout(Mage\_Core\_Model\_Layout \$layout)
- setMessagesBlock(Mage\_Core\_Block\_Messages \$block)
- setName(\$name)
- setParentBlock(Mage\_Core\_Block\_Abstract \$block)
- toHtml()
- unsetCallChild(\$alias, \$callback, \$result, \$params)
- unsetChild(\$alias)
- unsetChildren()
- \$\_alias
- \$\_anonSuffix
- \$\_children
- \$\_childrenHtmlCache
- \$\_isAnonymous
- \$\_layout
- \$\_messagesBlock
- \$\_name
- \$\_parent
- \$\_parentBlock
- \$\_request
- \$\_sortedChildren
- \$\_urlModel

- Mage\_Core\_Block\_Template::Mage\_Core\_Block\_Abstract
  - \_toHtml()
  - assign(\$key, \$value)
  - fetchView(\$fileName)
  - getArea()
  - getBaseUrl()
  - getDirectOutput()
  - getJsUrl(\$fileName)
  - getShowTemplateHints()
  - getTemplate()
  - renderView()
  - setScriptPath(\$dir)
  - \$\_baseUrl
  - \$\_jsUrl
  - \$\_showTemplateHints
  - \$\_showTemplateHintsBlocks
  - \$\_viewDir
  - \$\_viewVars

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