

LexPredict ContraxSuite Quick Deployment

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How to create and plugin a new application.

- 1. Create a new application in `contraxsuite_services/apps/` directory.
- 2. Use files structure similar to other applications (f.e. "documents").
- 3. Add custom app into `INSTALLED_APPS` in `settings.py`.
- 4. Create your templates in `apps/your_app/templates` folder.
- 5. To insert a menu item in main menu for custom app, create template `apps/your_app/templates/main_menu_item.html` and use there `` tag structure similar to existing in main menu (see `templates/ base menu style1.html`).

In that case it will be displayed in main menu,

as first item. If a project has more than one custom app,

e.g. "employment" + "leases", then there will be displayed "Contract Types" menu item and it will have subitems, defined in

`apps/employment/templates/main_menu_item.html` and

`apps/leases/templates/main_menu_item.html` templates.

6. Create custom admin tasks in `apps/your_app/tasks.py`, inherit those tasks from `apps.task.tasks.BaseTask`. Register custom class-based task. Use unique names for admin tasks. See examples in `apps.task.tasks`.

7. To insert a menu item in task menu on Task List page for custom app,

create template `apps/your_app/templates/task_menu_item.html` and use there `` tag structure similar to existing in task menu.

(see `templates/task/task_list.html`).

In that case it will be displayed in task menu, as second item.

If a project has more than one custom app, their menu items will be displayed in task menu starting from second item.

8. Any template from main `templates` folder can be overwritten,

just create template with the same name and place it under your templates directory:

 $e.g. `apps/your_app/templates/document/stats.html`.\\$

NOTE: your app should be latest in `INSTALLED_APPS` in `settings.py`.

9. There is no need to include urls from custom app in main `urls.py` - they will be added automatically using namespace equal to an app name.

E.g. for `an_app` custom application under `apps` directory,

(if it's included in `INSTALLED_APPS` and it has it's own `urls.py`) -

there will be automatically included urls for that app in main `urls.py`

like `/an_app/...`.



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How to customize locators.

- 1. This project has some builin locators.
- 2. Specify *"required"* locators in `REQUIRED_LOCATORS` in `setting.py`. Users won't be able to disable these locators using "App configuration" menu.
- 3. Specify *"optional"* locators in `OPTIONAL_LOCATORS` setting.

 These locators can be disabled. In this case they won't be available in Task menu, items related to these locators won't be displayes in main menu > Extract menu.
- 4. Specify `LOCATOR_GROUPS` in `settings.py` and disable locators in `Extract` menu using group name (see `templates/_base_menu_style1.html`).
- 5. See `apps.common.middleware.AppEnabledRequiredMiddleware`.

Autologin Middleware.

- You can enable "auto login" via web "App configuration" menu (see "Auto Login" config menu setting).
- In this case if you navigate to any page except those declared in `AUTOLOGIN_ALWAYS_OPEN_URLS` (for now it is only login page) you will be signed in as "test_user".
- "test user" is a user with role "manager" for demo/test purposes.
- You can forbid any url in `AUTOLOGIN_TEST_USER_FORBIDDEN_URLS` for test user. (see `apps.common.middleware.AutoLoginMiddleware` for details).

App configuration menu.

- 1. Admin users have access to "App configuration" menu (see "gears" icon in top right corner).
- 2. The App uses `django-constance` for it: see https://django-constance.readthedocs.io/en/latest/
- 3. There are some settings which can be configured on the fly:
 - enable/disable "autologin" feature (see above);
 - enable/disable standard optional locators and related main menu items.

Minifying traffic (html/js/css).

- 1. Minifying html:
 - enabled using `django.middleware.gzip.GZipMiddleware` in `MIDDLEWARE` setting in `settings.py`. It compresses html content using gzip compressor.
- This reduces html file content length by 75-80%. Transferred file will have `Content-Encoding:gzip`.
- See https://docs.djangoproject.com/en/2.0/ref/middleware/#module-django.middleware.gzip.
- 2. Minifying css/js:
 - enabled using `django-pipeline`;
 - `PIPELINE_ENABLED = True` enables css/html minifying, just overwrite it in `local_settings` if needed.



- `PIPELINE` dictionary defines which files should be minified.
- After all files added to `PIPELINE` you must run `collectstatic` procedure to produce minified files.
- To test `django-pipeline` locally copy minified `pipeline` files
 from internal `staticfiles` directory into `static` folder according to paths specified in
 `PIPELINE`,

because django serves files from initial `static` folder during development.

- This reduces content length by 5-10%.
- WARNING! Be careful and test any added to `PIPELINE` file before deploying on production.
 - See https://django-pipeline.readthedocs.io/en/latest/ for details.

Authentication.

- 1. The App uses `django-allauth` for authentication, see http://django-allauth.readthedocs.io/en/latest/overview.html.
- 2. See settings which start with `ACCOUNT_`, see https://django-allauth.readthedocs.io/en/latest/configuration.html.
- 3. The App uses `apps.common.middleware.LoginRequiredMiddleware`, it requires a user to be authenticated to view any page other than LOGIN_URL.
- 4. To create a superuser use this management command:
- `./manage.py create superuser --username USER --password PWD --email it@email.com`
- 5. To create a user in python shell:
 - create a user (with role) + set password;
 - create EmailAddress for it where `verified=True`
- 6. Basically the App has some predefined user roles:
 - reviewer (without admin access rights);
 - manager (with manager admin rights, but without superuser access);
 - technical_admin (admin + superuser access rights)see `apps.user.models.User`

Permissions.

- 1. The App uses permissions based on user's role (see #6 above).
- 2. The App has some permission mixins defined in `apps/common/mixins.py`, see `AdminRequiredMixin`, `TechAdminRequiredMixin`, `ReviewerQSMixin`.
- 3. Basically access to documents / text units / extracted items depends on user role:
 - `the_admin` and `manager` have access to all documents;
 - `reviewer` has access to those documents which assigned to a task queue where that reviewer is present in `TaskQueue.reviewers`
 - see `apps.common.mixins.ReviewerQSMixin`, use `limit_reviewers_qs_by_field` to filter a queryset.
 - use `is_admin`, `is_reviewer`, `is_manager` methods from `apps.users.models.User` to allow/disallow access for certain roles
 - use `User.can_view_document(Document)` from `apps.users.models.User` to define/check user permissions for concrete document



Two-Factor Authentication (TFA).

- 1. To enable TFA:
 - set `ACCOUNT_ADAPTER = 'allauth_2fa.adapter.OTPAdapter'` in settings/local_settings (it is redefined in local_setting as `apps.users.adapters.AccountAdapter` for now);
 - install "Google Authenticator" on your cell phone;
 - go to profile page and click "TWO FACTOR AUTHENTICATION" button;
 - scan the QR code on the page with a token generator installed on your cell phone;
 - input a token generated by the "Google Authenticator" on "TFA" page;
 - you will be prompted to generate backup tokens;
 - generate and store backup tokens;
- 2. Now each time you want to login you need to enter a token generated by "Google Authenticator" on your cell phone;
- 3. WARNING! There may be issues related with date/time synchronization between contraxsuite server and your device, use synchronization menu in "Google Authenticator" app.
- 4. See https://pypi.python.org/pypi/django-allauth-2fa/ for details.

Asynchronous admin tasks.

- 1. The App uses `celery` for asynchronous tasks (see http://www.celeryproject.org/), celery app is declared in `apps/celery.py`
- 2. The App uses `RabbitMQ` as message broker for celery, see `CELERY_BROKER_URL` setting.

To install `RabbitMQ` see https://github.com/LexPredict/lexpredict-contraxsuite-deploy/blob/master/fabfile.py#L850

(`rabbitmg install` method)

3. The App uses django db as result backend for celery, see `CELERY_RESULT_BACKEND` setting,

see http://docs.celeryproject.org/en/latest/django/first-steps-with-django.html#django-celery-results-using-the-django-orm-cache-as-a-result-backend

Task results are available as `TaskResult` objects:

`from django celery results.models import TaskResult`.

- 4. The App uses custom model for user tasks see `apps.task.models.Task`.
- 5. Each task should be defined in `tasks.py` file and registered: use `app.register_task(ClassBasedTask())` or `app.tasks.register(ClassBasedTask())` for class-based tasks and `@shared task` decorator for functions.
- 6. Class-based tasks should be inherited from `apps.task.tasks.BaseTask`, in this case a user can monitor their execution on Task List page.
 - put your staff into `process` method;
 - use `self.log(message)` for logging;
 - `self.task` represents `apps.task.models.Task` instance
 - use `self.task.subtasks_total` to set total amount of subtasks
 - save `Task` using `self.task.save()`
 - use `self.task.push()` to mark a *subtask* completed
 - use `self.task.force_complete()` to mark `Task` completed
- `Task` can have status `PENDING`, `FAILURE`, `SUCCESS`, for details see apps.task.models.Task`



- `SUCCESS` status means that all subtasks are completed, in this case `Task.progress` is equal 100%

7. Example:

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from django_celery_results.models import TaskResult
from celery.result import AsyncResult
from apps.task.models import Task
task = Task.objects.order_by('pk').last()
print(task.status)
task_result = task.celery_task
print(task_result.result)
async_result = AsyncResult(task_result.id)
child_tasks = async_result.children
for child_task in child_tasks:
 child_task.revoke(terminate=True)

- 8. Useful celery commands:
 - start celery app: `celery multi start 2 -A apps -f celery.log -B`,
 - where `2` is number of workers
 - stop celery app: `celery multi stop 2 -A apps`
 - show status: `celery status -A apps`
 - show active tasks: `celery inspect active -A apps`
 - show registered tasks `celery inspect registered -A apps`
 - purge all tasks: `celery purge -A apps -f`
- 9. Use `sudo rabbitmqctl command` for RabbitMQ where `command` is your custom command,
- f.e. `status`. See https://www.rabbitmg.com/rabbitmgctl.8.html.

Files management.

1. The App uses `Django-filebrowser` to serve file uploading.

See https://django-filebrowser.readthedocs.io/en/latest/.

We use this fork which removes the dependency on Grappelli:

https://github.com/smacker/django-filebrowser-no-grappelli.

2. Filebrowser views use admin template layout, but adapted for using in the App. Only superusers have access to filebrowser views for now.

This dependency can be eliminated: see `CAEQ` branch.

- 3. Filebrowser settings:
- `FILEBROWSER_DIRECTORY = 'data/documents/'` all files will be uploaded in this folder;
 - see settings which start with `FILEBROWSER_`, https://django-filebrowser.readthedocs.io/en/latest/settings.html

JqWidgets tips and tricks.

1. The App uses `JQWidgets` JavaScript & HTML5 UI Framework for building highly customizable tables and charts. See https://www.jgwidgets.com/.



- 2. It requires commercial license for commercial websites, so we cannot distribute it.
- 3. To install jqwidgets see

https://github.com/LexPredict/lexpredict-contraxsuite-deploy/blob/master/fabfile.py#L1113 (`jqwidgets_install` method)

- 4. JqWidgets settings:
- `JQ_EXPORT = False` use jqWidgets' export or not, e.g. send data to jq OR handle it on client side

see http://www.jgwidgets.com/community/topic/jgxgrid-export-data/

Exporting data from JqWidgets tables.

- 1. The App uses `django-excel` to export data (from "jqwidgets" tables) if native JqWidgets export isn't available, see `JQ_EXPORT = False`,
- 2. See `FILE_UPLOAD_HANDLERS` setting.
- 3. See `apps.common.utils.export_qs_to_file` and use of it in `apps.common.mixins`
- 4. See http://django-excel.readthedocs.io/en/latest/.

Loading dictionary data for Courts, Terms, etc.

- 1. The App uses this repo: https://github.com/LexPredict/lexpredict-legal-dictionary
- 2. `GIT_DATA_REPO_ROOT` setting specifies that path and branch name.
- 3. But a user can *additionally* specify local file path/name to upload data from there as well;

file will be searched in these directories:

- `<DATA ROOT>`
- `<MEDIA ROOT>/<FILEBROWSER DIRECTORY>`
- 4. See `apps.task.tasks.LoadTerms` task for example.

Elasticsearch (ES) integration.

- 1. The App uses ES in "Global Search" section on Text Unit List page.
- 2. See how to install ES:

https://github.com/LexPredict/lexpredict-contraxsuite-deploy/blob/master/fabfile.py#L890 (`elasticsearch install` method)

- 3. The App uses `elasticsearch` python package client for ES, see https://elasticsearch-py.readthedocs.io/en/master/
- 4. See `ELASTICSEARCH CONFIG` setting for configuring ES.
- 5. Use `sudo systemctl command elasticsearch` where command may be `status`/`start`/`stop`/`restart`/etc

OCR Documents (using Tika & Textract).

- 1. The App uses `tika` and `textract` to ocr files. See https://github.com/chrismattmann/tika-python, and https://textract.readthedocs.io/en/stable/.
- 2. Tika works x5 times faster than textract and it's used by default.



- 3. Python-tika uses tika-server, there is another option `tika-app`, but it works slowly \sim x4 times.
- 4. Python-tika extracts `tika-server.jar` if needed and run tika server, so parsing a document first time can take a little bit more time.
- 5. Python-tika requires `/tmp/tika.log` file, so check that it exists and available for a current user (usually ubuntu:ubuntu).
- 6. Textract installation tips / utils: see `apps.task.utils.ocr.textract`.

Django Admin site.

- 1. The App uses `django-suit` modern theme for Django admin interface.
- 2. We can override admin site templates in `templates/admin/` folder
- 3. See http://djangosuit.com/,

https://docs.djangoproject.com/en/2.0/ref/contrib/admin/

Django initial migrations.

- 1. Relationships between database tables are very complex, and initial migrations don't pass django's system checks when migrations are ran first time.
- 2. For this case we have custom management command which runs migrations without system checks: `./manage.py force_migrate`
- 3. See `apps/common/management/commands/force migrate.py` for details.
- 4. We run this command while initial deployment: see `manage('force migrate')` in fabfile.

Historical objects.

- 1. The App uses `django-simple-history` to track history for DocumentNote objects.
- 2. See `apps.document.models.DocumentNote`, each note has own `history` object which represents a history of creating and changing that note.
- 3. See https://django-simple-history.readthedocs.io/en/latest/

Deployment.

1. Deploying via docker image:

The app now uses continuous integration of deployment process via jenkins and docker image.

Read more about deploying using docker here:

https://github.com/LexPredict/lexpredict-contraxsuite/blob/master/docker/QUICK DEPLOY.md

- 2. Deploying via Fabric:
 - * You can use `Fabric` for deployment, see http://www.fabfile.org/.
 - * But `Fabric` doesn't support python3, so we use this fork

https://pypi.python.org/pypi/Fabric3/1.10.2 which is compatible with python3.

- * Working with fabric:
 - all commands are in `deploy/fabfile.py`
 - for each instance create a folder `deploy/YOUR_INSTANCE_NAME`



- put 3 files there:
 - `fabrirc` which is configuration file with set of variables
 - `your.pem` ssh key
 - `local setting.py` where you can redefine django variables from `settings.py`
- from `deploy` directory run command `fab -c YOUR_INSTANCE_NAME/fabricrc COMMAND_NAME`
 - f.e. `fab -c dev-alpha/fabricrc restart` or `fab -c demo/fabricrc manage:migrate`
 - see `fabric` documentation and `fabfile.py` commands for more information

Django settings.py and local_settings.py files.

- 1. The App has `settins.py` with all django settings.
- 2. To redefine django settings we use `local_settings.py` file, just write there you own settings and put it next to `settings.py`
- 3. F.e. we can set `DEBUG = True` in local setting while main setting has `DEBUG = False`.
- 4. You can use `LOCAL_INSTALLED_APPS` and `LOCAL_MIDDLEWARE` in local settings, they will be concatenated with `INSTALLED_APPS` and `MIDDLEWARE` variables from main settings file.
- 5. Use local settings for all secure settings like keys, passwords, credentials, etc. Set there email backend, define database creds.
- 6. Include required hosts in `ALLOWED_HOSTS`: for local development include `localhost` and `127.0.0.1`, for deployment use ip / dns names.

Useful python packages for development.

- 1. `django-debug-toolbar` https://django-debug-toolbar.readthedocs.io/en/stable/
 - allows track sql queries efficiency
 - gives access to templates and their context
 - info about request, headers, django settings
- 2. `django-extensions` https://django-extensions.readthedocs.io/en/latest/ is a collection of custom extensions for Django.
 - `./manage.py shell_plus`, `./manage.py runserver_plus`, etc
- 3. `ipdb` https://pypi.python.org/pypi/ipdb ipython debugger.
- 4. `flower` http://flower.readthedocs.io/en/latest/ celery monitoring tool

