

Haanga

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1 Introduction

Haanga is a template engine that uses [Django](#) syntax. In the beginning it was developed for [Menéame](#), but we decided to release it as an independent project so it can be used by anyone :-)

Some features:

- Human readable.
- Easy to use and maintain.
- Highly efficient because every template is *compiled* into a PHP script.
- The generated code is ready to take advantage from any PHP optimizer (like xcache).

1.1 Why yet another template engine?

At [Menéame](#) performance is critical, we cannot afford to waste CPU cycles. We tested all alternatives, unfortunately none of them fulfilled our needs, so we decided to build our template engine, so we started [Haanga](#) with the following goals:

1. It has to be very efficient.
2. The template itself has to work as less as possible.
3. It *must* generate self-contained code.
4. We liked django style, therefore we wanted to build something like this.

2 Installing