Tesseract LASAGNA: MVP PWA Framework

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Concept

Tesseract LASAGNA is a fast, modern and modular PHP OOP framework for rapid prototyping of **Progressive Web Apps** (PWA). Tesseract uses *Google Sheets CSV exports* as a data input, builds the Model from CSV layers (hence the LASAGNA codename).

There are **Presenters** used to process the **Model** and to export resulting data in TEXT, JSON, XML or HTML5 formats (or any other custom format). **View** is built as a set of Mustache templates and *partials*.

Tesseract is based on *Composer components*, the Model defines a complex **RESTful API**, has a *command line interface* (CLI) and incorporates *continuous integration* (CI) testing.

Tesseract uses no database models and structures, so it is quite easy to implement all types of scaling and integration. Access is based on the Halite **encrypted master key cookie**.

Installation

Clone the repository https://github.com/GSCloud/lasagna

git clone https://github.com/GSCloud/lasagna.git

and run:

cd lasagna; make install

Basic Functionality

Index

Tesseract starts parsing the **www/index.php** file, that's targeted at the Apache level via **.htaccess** configuration file using *mod_rewrite*. **Index** can contain various constant overrides. **Index** then loads the **Boostrap.php** core file from the root folder.

Bootstrap

Bootstrap sets the constants and the application environment, **Nette Debugger** is also instantiated on the fly. Bootstrap loads the **App.php** core file from the **app**/ folder (the location can be overriden via a constant).

App

App processes the application configuration files (public and private), sets caching mechanisms (optional Redis database support), configures URL routing, emmits CSP headers and sets the **Model**

(multidimensional array). **App** then loads the corresponding *presenter* based on the actual URI and the route. It can also run a *CLI presenter*, if the CLI is detected.

When the *presenter* returns an updated Model, the output is echoed and final headers are set (including some optional debugging information). Runtime ends here.

Router

Router is a part of the **App** script and is defined by joining several routing tables (NE-ON format) in the **/app** folder.

- router_defaults.neon default values (global)
- router_core.neon core Tesseract funcionality (global)
- router admin.neon administrative routes (global)
- router_extras.neon extra features (optional)
- router_api.neon API calls go here
- router.neon all the web app pages

Presenter

Presenter is a subclass instance based on an *abstract class* **APresenter.php** and defines at least the *process()* method, that is called from the **App**. The *process()* method can either output the resulting data or return it encapsulated inside the Model back to the **App** for rendering.

API

API is generated from the routing tables on the fly. See the live demo at this URL: https://lasagna.gscloud.cz/api

Command Line Interface

Makefile

Run make to see the inline documentation.

Bootstrap CLI

```
./cli.sh <command> [<parameter> ···]
or
php -f Bootstrap.php <command> [<parameter> ···]
```

app '<code>' - run inline code
clear - alias for clearall
clearall - clear all temporary files
clearcache - clear cache
clearci - clear CI logs
clearlogs - clear logs
cleartemp - clear temporary files
doctor - check system requirements
local - local CI test
prod - production CI test
unit - run Unit test (TBD)

Examples:

./cli.sh clear

./cli.sh app

Filesystem Hierarchy

- apache/ Apache configuration example
- app/ Presenters and NE-ON configurations
- bin/ bash scripts for Makefile
- ci/ Continous Integration logs
- data/ private data, encryption keys, CSV imports, etc.
- doc/ phpDocumentor generated documentation
- docker/ files to be inserted into the Docker container
- logs/ system logs
- node_modules/ Node.js modules used by Gulp
- temp/ temporary files, Mustache compiled templates
- vendor/ Composer generated vendor classes
- www/ static assets
 - www/cdn-assets/ repository version hash-links to www/
 - www/css/ CSS classes
 - www/docs/ link to doc/
 - www/download/ downloadable files
 - www/epub/ ePub files
 - www/img/ images
 - www/js/ JavaScript files
 - www/partials/ Mustache partials

- www/summernote/ Summernote editor
- www/templates/ Mustache templates
- www/upload/ uploads via administration panel
- www/webfonts fonts

Model

Tesseract Model is a multi-dimensional array. You can list the model keys easily like this:

Constants

Tesseract specific constants can be listed by a command:

```
./cli.sh app '$app→showConst()'
```

Constants can be overriden in **www/index.php**, otherwise they are defined in the Boostrap and the App.

Bootstrap.php

- APP application folder
- AUTO_DETECT_LINE_ENDINGS Tesseract detects line endings by default
- CACHE cache folder
- CLI TRUE if running in terminal mode
- **CONFIG** public configuration file
- **CONFIG_PRIVATE** private configuration file
- CSP CSP HEADERS configuration file
- DATA application data folder, also private data goes here
- **DEBUG** TRUE if debugging is enabled
- DEFAULT_SOCKET_TIMEOUT 30 seconds timeout
- DISPLAY_ERRORS Tesseract displays errors by default

- DOWNLOAD download folder
- **DS** operating system *directory separator*
- ENABLE_CSV_CACHE enable use of extra curl_multi CSV cache
- LOCALHOST TRUE if running on a local server
- LOGS log files folder
- PARTIALS Mustache partials folder
- ROOT root folder
- TEMP temporary files folder
- TEMPLATES templates folder
- TESSERACT_END execution UNIX time end
- TESSERACT_START execution UNIX time start
- UPLOAD upload folder
- WWW static assets folder, also the Apache root

App.php

- CACHEPREFIX cache name prefix
- DOMAIN domain name
- SERVER server name
- PROJECT project name (higher level)
- APPNAME application name (lower level)
- MONOLOG Monolog log filename
- GCP_PROJECTID Google Cloud Platform (GCP) project ID
- GCP_KEYS GCP auth keys JSON base filename (in app/)

Administration

Authentication

Tesseract login is based solely on the **Google OAuth 2.0** client right now.

When the user logs in, a master key - Halite encrypted cookie - is created and set via HTTPS protocol. This cookie is protected from tampering and its parameters can be modified in the administration panel, or remotely via authenticated API calls.

There is no database of connections or authenticated users at all. The default login URL is /login and the default logout URL is /logout.

Halite is a high-level cryptography interface that relies on libsodium for all of its underlying cryptography operations. Halite was created by Paragon Initiative Enterprises as a result of our continued efforts to improve the ecosystem and make cryptography in PHP safer and easier to implement.

To display the structure of the unencrypted master key, run the following command:

```
./cli.sh app 'dump($app→getIdentity())'
```

More detailed information can be obtained this way:

```
./cli.sh app 'dump($app→getCurrentUser())'
```

Note: These commands always return the string ``XX" for the country code, because this information is obtained from the Cloudflare header itself.

Permissions

Tesseract has built-in three basic permission levels, that can be easily extended.

Core levels are:

- 1. admin superuser,
- 2. editor can refresh data and edit articles,
- 3. tester no elevated permissions,
- 4. authenticated user rights the same as level 3, and
- 5. unauthenticated user unknown identity.

Remote Calls

Remote calls are handled by the *AdminPresenter*, administrator can generate the corresponding URIs in the administration panel.

- CoreUpdateRemote download CSV files and rebuild the data cache
- FlushCacheRemote flush all caches
- RebuildAdminKeyRemote recreate random admin key (authentication of remote calls)
- RebuildNonceRemote recreate random nonce (identity nonce)
- RebuildSecureKeyRemote recreate random secure key (cookie encryption)

Automation on localhost is possible via the **admin key** (domain = domain name, deployed in /www/domain/folder), this key is readable only for root/www-data:

curl https://\${domain}/admin/CoreUpdateRemote?key=\$(cat /www/\${domain}/data/admin.key)

Core Features

Versioning

All static assets are automatically versioned by using a git version hash. This hash is used to generate a symbolic link in the **www/cdn-assets** folder.

The symbolic link looks like this:

```
./cli.sh app 'echo $app→getData("cdn")'
/cdn-assets/4790592b350262b8e1960a96a097de0af1828532
and can be used to version the assets in Mustache template like this:
<image src="{{cdn}}/img/logo.png">
Web Pages
TBD
Translations
TBD
PWA Manifest
TBD
Service Worker
TBD
Icons
TBD
Fonts
TBD
Sitemaps
Tesseract generates TXT and XML sitemaps based on the routing tables.
CSP Headers
You can define headers for Content Security Policy in app/csp.neon file.
Extra Features
Articles
TBD
QR Images
The route goes as qr/[s|m|l|x:size]/[:trailing]. The Hello World example is as follows:
https://lasagna.gscloud.cz/qr/s/Hello%20World
```

EPUB Ebook Reader

TBD

Pingback Monitoring

Pingback service posts some detailed information about the state of the server. See the live demo at this URL: https://lasagna.gscloud.cz/pingback

Data Exports

Article data can be exported based on the article language (CS), profile (default) and page ID (use `home' for the homepage).

https://lasagna.gscloud.cz/cs/exportHTML/default/home

https://lasagna.gscloud.cz/cs/exportHTML/default/id/demo

Android App Extras

TBD

What's next?

CURRENT: Known Bugs

 adbario/php-dot-notation package contains PHP 8.1 deprecation bugs that can be fixed by overwriting the vendor/adbario/php-dot-notation/src/Dot.php file with app/Dot.php temporary fix

FUTURE: TODO Implementations

- Multi-site multiple sites support (partially ready)
- Dark Mode set UI in the dark
- Tesseract Configurator web based configuration UI
- Links Manager Links manager UI
- SEO Manager SEO manager UI
- Administration UI administration UI reborn