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Preface

Welcome to *Developing Web Apps*!

This book shows how to develop a Web application by developing its API with Play & Scala and its GUI with React & TypeScript. Note that the resulting Web application (be it a monolith or a [self-contained system](#)¹) consists of one only deployment unit. This is reflected by there being only one Git/Docker² repository.

MVP

This book is about **building the thing right**, not about **building the right thing**. Therefore, we will not dwell on how to come up with a product, let alone worry about how viable the product is. Check out *Product Management in Practice*³ if you are interested in product management, too.

³<https://www.oreilly.com/library/view/product-management-in/9781098119720/>

Using React with TypeScript for developing GUIs is a no-brainer; I do not have much relevant experience using anything else (other than generating the GUI in the back-end, which is what I did back in 2007 when I implemented [Doodle](#)³ and when JavaScript was turned off in many browsers for security reasons). More importantly, both React and TypeScript are popular, state-of-the-art pieces of technology as the [State of JavaScript](#)⁴ survey keeps confirming. Using Play with Scala for developing APIs is one of several choices I had; the others were using Play with Java and using Spring Boot with Java (as well as using vanilla [Servlets](#)⁵ with Java, which is what I did back in 2007 ...). From a commercial point of view, I should have chosen Spring Boot (heck, I should have chosen Spring Boot with Kotlin), but I prefer Play over Spring Boot and Scala over both Java and Kotlin.

Enough about me. Let us talk about you for a minute.

¹<https://scs-architecture.org/>

²Familiarity with Git or Docker is not a prerequisite, but would be helpful for the [first part](#) as well as the [last part](#).

³<https://doodle.com/>

⁴<https://2022.stateofjs.com/>

⁵<https://jakarta.ee/specifications/servlet/>

Prerequisites

- You need to understand basic Web technologies such as HTML and HTTP. If that is not the case yet, start to [Learn web development](https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Learn)⁶ and go back to [the MDN project](https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/)⁷ whenever you are unfamiliar with or unsure about a piece of Web technology.
- You need to know Scala to get the most out of the API sections. If you are new to programming, study chapters 1 to 10 as well as 13, 15, and 16 of [Introduction to Programming and Problem Solving Using Scala](http://www.programmingusingscala.net/home/introduction-to-programming-and-problem-solving-using-scala)⁸. If you are only new to Scala, read [Scala for the Impatient](https://horstmann.com/scala/index.html)⁹.
- You need to know TypeScript to get the most out of the GUI sections. If you are new to programming, study chapters 1 to 10 as well as 13, 15, and 16 of [Introduction to Programming and Problem Solving Using Scala](http://www.programmingusingscala.net/home/introduction-to-programming-and-problem-solving-using-scala)¹⁰ (yep, Scala—I do not know of any good introduction to programming using TypeScript yet¹¹). If you are only new to JavaScript, read [Modern JavaScript for the Impatient](https://horstmann.com/javascript-impatient/)¹².¹³ If you are only new to TypeScript, read the *Get Started* part as well as the *Handbook* part of [the TypeScript documentation](https://www.typescriptlang.org/docs)¹⁴.
- You need to be familiar with Play to get the most out of the API sections. If you are new to Play, take a quick look at its [home page](https://www.playframework.com/)¹⁵, skim through the [Getting Started](https://www.playframework.com/documentation/latest/Introduction)¹⁶ section, and go through the [tutorial](https://www.playframework.com/documentation/latest/HelloWorldTutorial)¹⁷ in order to gain a first impression of Play.
- You need to be familiar with React to get the most out of the GUI sections. If you are new to React, take a quick look at its [home page](https://react.dev/)¹⁸, skim through the [Installation](https://react.dev/learn/installation)¹⁹ section, and go through the [Quick Start](https://react.dev/learn)²⁰ section in order to gain a first impression of React.
- You need to have a Java Development Kit (JDK) installed, [OpenJDK](https://adoptium.net/)²¹ for instance.
- You need to have [sbt](https://www.scala-sbt.org/)²² installed.
- You need to have [Node.js](https://nodejs.org/)²³ installed.

⁶<https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Learn>

⁷<https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/>

⁸<http://www.programmingusingscala.net/home/introduction-to-programming-and-problem-solving-using-scala>

⁹<https://horstmann.com/scala/index.html>

¹⁰<http://www.programmingusingscala.net/home/introduction-to-programming-and-problem-solving-using-scala>

¹¹I do know of an excellent introduction to *Programming with Types* using TypeScript, however.

¹²<https://horstmann.com/javascript-impatient/>

¹³«[Y]ou can't learn TypeScript without learning JavaScript!»

¹⁴<https://www.typescriptlang.org/docs>

¹⁵<https://www.playframework.com/>

¹⁶<https://www.playframework.com/documentation/latest/Introduction>

¹⁷<https://www.playframework.com/documentation/latest/HelloWorldTutorial>

¹⁸<https://react.dev/>

¹⁹<https://react.dev/learn/installation>

²⁰<https://react.dev/learn>

²¹<https://adoptium.net/>

²²<https://www.scala-sbt.org/>

²³<https://nodejs.org/>

Under Construction



the remainder of this book as to be (re-)organized and (re-)written

Guided Tours

By now you may think that while I am neither teaching TypeScript nor Scala to you, I am at least going to teach React and Play to you. Alas, I have read too many books whose authors have bitten off more than they could chew by trying to explain anything & everything themselves, so I have something else in mind. The parts which go to make the React library and the Play framework are concisely and well explained in the official, freely accessible docs. There is no point in me reinventing the wheel. Instead, my intention is to guide you through the documentation, which allows you to read it [lazily](#)²⁴, and to reinforce what you learn by showing you how every sequence of pages that I reference is applied in a production-level, albeit simple, Web app.

That said, you could read the documentation [eagerly](#)²⁵, before going through the rest of this book. In any case, I strongly recommend (re-)reading the React and Create React App as well as the Play docs (including the *Advanced Guides*, starting at <https://reactjs.org/docs/accessibility.html>, as well as the *Advanced topics for Scala*²⁶) “from cover to cover” eventually, both to solidify your React as well as Play knowledge and to learn of features you did not know existed but that might actually be of use to you.

React

As mentioned in the [Prerequisites](#), if you are new to React, take a quick look at its [home page](#)²⁷, skim through the *Installation*²⁸ section, and go through the *Quick Start*²⁹ section in order to gain a first impression of React’s power and simplicity.

²⁴https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lazy_evaluation

²⁵https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Eager_evaluation

²⁶<https://www.playframework.com/documentation/latest/ScalaAdvanced>

²⁷<https://reactjs.dev/>

²⁸<https://react.dev/learn/installation>

²⁹<https://react.dev/learn>

MAIN CONCEPTS ^

1. Hello World
2. Introducing JSX
3. Rendering Elements
4. Components and Props
5. State and Lifecycle
6. Handling Events
7. Conditional Rendering
8. Lists and Keys
9. Forms
10. Lifting State Up
11. Composition vs Inheritance
12. Thinking In React

Main Concepts

I am going to guide you through all twelve *Main Concepts* pages, starting at <https://reactjs.org/docs/hello-world.html>, and most of the *Hooks* pages, starting at <https://reactjs.org/docs/hooks-intro.html>.

HOOKS ^

1. Introducing Hooks
2. Hooks at a Glance
3. Using the State Hook
4. Using the Effect Hook
5. Rules of Hooks
6. Building Your Own Hooks
7. Hooks API Reference
8. Hooks FAQ

Hooks

I am also going to extensively reference the [Create React App](https://create-react-app.dev/)³⁰ docs, in particular:

³⁰<https://create-react-app.dev/>

- Welcome
 - [About Docs](#)³¹
- Getting Started
 - [Getting Started](#)³²
 - [Folder Structure](#)³³
 - [Available Scripts](#)³⁴
 - [Supported Browsers and Features](#)
 - [Updating to New Releases](#)³⁵
- Development
 - [Editor Setup](#)³⁶
 - [Developing Components in Isolation](#)
 - [Analyzing Bundle Size](#)
 - [HTTPS in Development](#)³⁷
- Styles and Assets
 - [Adding Stylesheets](#)³⁸
 - [Adding CSS Modules](#)
 - [Adding Sass Stylesheets](#)
 - [Adding CSS Reset](#)
 - [Post-Processing CSS](#)
 - [Adding Images, Fonts, and Files](#)³⁹
 - [Loading .graphql Files](#)
 - [Using the Public Folder](#)⁴⁰
 - [Code Splitting](#)
- Building your App
 - [Installing a Dependency](#)⁴¹
 - [Importing a Component](#)⁴²
 - [Using Global Variables](#)⁴³
 - [Adding Bootstrap](#)⁴⁴
 - [Adding Flow](#)
 - [Adding TypeScript](#)⁴⁵
 - [Adding Relay](#)
 - [Adding a Router](#)⁴⁶

³¹<https://create-react-app.dev/docs/documentation-intro>

³²<https://create-react-app.dev/docs/getting-started>

³³<https://create-react-app.dev/docs/folder-structure>

³⁴<https://create-react-app.dev/docs/available-scripts>

³⁵<https://create-react-app.dev/docs/updating-to-new-releases>

³⁶<https://create-react-app.dev/docs/setting-up-your-editor>

³⁷<https://create-react-app.dev/docs/using-https-in-development>

³⁸<https://create-react-app.dev/docs/adding-a-stylesheet>

³⁹<https://create-react-app.dev/docs/adding-images-fonts-and-files>

⁴⁰<https://create-react-app.dev/docs/using-the-public-folder>

⁴¹<https://create-react-app.dev/docs/installing-a-dependency>

⁴²<https://create-react-app.dev/docs/importing-a-component>

⁴³<https://create-react-app.dev/docs/using-global-variables>

⁴⁴<https://create-react-app.dev/docs/adding-bootstrap>

⁴⁵<https://create-react-app.dev/docs/adding-typescript>

⁴⁶<https://create-react-app.dev/docs/adding-a-router>

- [Environment Variables](#)⁴⁷
- [Making a Progressive Web App](#)
- [Measuring Performance](#)
- [Creating a Production Build](#)⁴⁸
- Testing
 - [Running Tests](#)
 - [Debugging Tests](#)
- Back-End Integration
 - [Proxying in Development](#)⁴⁹
 - [Fetching Data](#)⁵⁰
 - [Integrating with an API](#)
 - [Title & Meta Tags](#)
- Deployment
 - [Deployment](#)⁵¹
- Advanced Usage
 - [Custom Templates](#)
 - [Can I Use Decorators?](#)
 - [Pre-Rendering Static HTML](#)
 - [Advanced Configuration](#)⁵²
 - [Alternatives to Ejecting](#)
- Support
 - [Troubleshooting](#)

Play

As mentioned in the [Prerequisites](#), if you are new to Play, take a quick look at its [home page](#)⁵³, skim through the [Getting Started](#)⁵⁴ section, and go through the [tutorial](#)⁵⁵ in order to gain a first impression of Play's power and elegance.

I am going to guide you through the *Main concepts for Scala*, in particular:

- [Section introduction](#)⁵⁶
- [Configuration API](#)⁵⁷

⁴⁷<https://create-react-app.dev/docs/adding-custom-environment-variables>

⁴⁸<https://create-react-app.dev/docs/production-build>

⁴⁹<https://create-react-app.dev/docs/proxying-api-requests-in-development>

⁵⁰<https://create-react-app.dev/docs/fetching-data-with-ajax-requests>

⁵¹<https://create-react-app.dev/docs/deployment>

⁵²<https://create-react-app.dev/docs/advanced-configuration>

⁵³<https://www.playframework.com/>

⁵⁴<https://www.playframework.com/documentation/latest/Introduction>

⁵⁵<https://www.playframework.com/documentation/latest/HelloWorldTutorial>

⁵⁶<https://www.playframework.com/documentation/latest/ScalaHome>

⁵⁷<https://www.playframework.com/documentation/latest/ScalaConfig>

- HTTP programming
 - [Actions, Controllers and Results](#)⁵⁸
 - [HTTP Routing](#)⁵⁹
 - [Manipulating HTTP results](#)⁶⁰
 - [Session and Flash scopes](#)⁶¹
 - [Body parsers](#)
 - [Actions composition](#)
 - [Content negotiation](#)
 - [Handling errors](#)⁶²
- Asynchronous HTTP programming
 - [Asynchronous results](#)⁶³
 - [Streaming HTTP responses](#)
 - [Comet](#)
 - [WebSockets](#)
- The Twirl template engine
- Form submission and validation
 - [Handling form submission](#)
 - [Protecting against Cross Site Request Forgery](#)⁶⁴
 - [Custom Validations](#)
 - [Custom Field Constructors](#)
- Working with Json
 - [JSON basics](#)⁶⁵
 - [JSON with HTTP](#)⁶⁶
 - [JSON Reads/Writes/Format Combinators](#)
 - [JSON automated mapping](#)⁶⁷
 - [JSON Transformers](#)
- Working with XML
- Handling file upload
- Accessing an SQL database
- Using the Cache
- Calling REST APIs with Play WS
 - [The Play WS API](#)⁶⁸
 - [Connecting to OpenID services](#)
 - [Accessing resources protected by OAuth](#)
- Integrating with Akka

⁵⁸<https://www.playframework.com/documentation/latest/ScalaActions>

⁵⁹<https://www.playframework.com/documentation/latest/ScalaRouting>

⁶⁰<https://www.playframework.com/documentation/latest/ScalaResults>

⁶¹<https://www.playframework.com/documentation/latest/ScalaSessionFlash>

⁶²<https://www.playframework.com/documentation/latest/ScalaErrorHandling>

⁶³<https://www.playframework.com/documentation/latest/ScalaAsync>

⁶⁴<https://www.playframework.com/documentation/latest/ScalaCsrf>

⁶⁵<https://www.playframework.com/documentation/latest/ScalaJson>

⁶⁶<https://www.playframework.com/documentation/latest/ScalaJsonHttp>

⁶⁷<https://www.playframework.com/documentation/latest/ScalaJsonAutomated>

⁶⁸<https://www.playframework.com/documentation/latest/ScalaWS>

- [Internationalization with Messages](#)⁶⁹
- [Dependency Injection](#)
 - [Dependency Injection with Guice](#)⁷⁰
 - ~~Compile Time Dependency Injection~~
- [Application Settings](#)
 - [Application Settings](#)⁷¹
 - ~~HTTP request handlers~~
 - ~~Essential Actions~~
 - [HTTP filters](#)⁷²
- ~~Testing your application~~
- [Logging](#)⁷³

I am also going to extensively reference the *Common topics*, in particular:

- [The build system](#)
 - [Contents](#)⁷⁴
 - [Overview of the build system](#)⁷⁵
 - [About sbt settings](#)⁷⁶
 - [Manage application dependencies](#)⁷⁷
 - [Working with sub-projects](#)⁷⁸
 - ~~Play enhancer~~
 - ~~Aggregating reverse routers~~
 - ~~Improving Compilation Times~~
 - ~~Cookbook~~
 - ~~Debugging your build~~
- [Configuration](#)
 - [Configuration](#)⁷⁹
 - [Configuration file syntax and features](#)⁸⁰
 - [Configuring the application secret](#)⁸¹
 - [Configuring the session cookie](#)⁸²
 - ~~Configuring the JDBC connection pool~~
 - ~~Configuring Play's thread pools~~
 - ~~Configuring Akka Http Server Backend~~

⁶⁹<https://www.playframework.com/documentation/latest/ScalaI18N>

⁷⁰<https://www.playframework.com/documentation/latest/ScalaDependencyInjection>

⁷¹<https://www.playframework.com/documentation/latest/ScalaApplication>

⁷²<https://www.playframework.com/documentation/latest/ScalaHttpFilters>

⁷³<https://www.playframework.com/documentation/latest/ScalaLogging>

⁷⁴<https://www.playframework.com/documentation/latest/Build>

⁷⁵<https://www.playframework.com/documentation/latest/BuildOverview>

⁷⁶<https://www.playframework.com/documentation/latest/sbtSettings>

⁷⁷<https://www.playframework.com/documentation/latest/sbtDependencies>

⁷⁸<https://www.playframework.com/documentation/latest/sbtSubProjects>

⁷⁹<https://www.playframework.com/documentation/latest/Configuration>

⁸⁰<https://www.playframework.com/documentation/latest/ConfigFile>

⁸¹<https://www.playframework.com/documentation/latest/ApplicationSecret>

⁸²<https://www.playframework.com/documentation/latest/SettingsSession>

- ~~Configuring Netty Server Backend~~
- ~~Configuring logging~~⁸³
- ~~Configuring WS SSL~~
- ~~Configuring WS Cache~~
- Static assets
 - ~~Static assets~~⁸⁴
 - ~~Working with public assets~~⁸⁵
 - ~~Using CoffeeScript~~
 - ~~Using LESS CSS~~
 - ~~Using Sass~~
 - ~~Using JSHint~~
 - ~~Using RequireJs~~
- Built-in HTTP filters
 - ~~Play HTTP filters~~⁸⁶
 - ~~Configuring gzip encoding~~⁸⁷
 - ~~Configuring security headers~~⁸⁸
 - ~~Configuring CORS~~⁸⁹
 - ~~Configuring CSP~~⁹⁰
 - ~~Configuring allowed hosts~~⁹¹
 - ~~Configuring HTTPS redirect~~⁹²
- ~~Extending Play with modules~~
- ~~Working with Databases~~
- ~~Server Backends~~
- Deploying your application
 - ~~Using Play in production~~⁹³
 - ~~Deploying your application~~⁹⁴
 - ~~Production configuration~~⁹⁵
 - ~~Setting up a front end HTTP server~~
 - ~~Configuring HTTPS~~
 - ~~Deploying to a cloud service~~
- ~~Scheduling tasks~~
- ~~Application Shutdown~~
- ~~Integrating with Akka Typed & Cluster Sharding~~

⁸³<https://www.playframework.com/documentation/latest/SettingsLogger>

⁸⁴<https://www.playframework.com/documentation/latest/Assets>

⁸⁵<https://www.playframework.com/documentation/latest/AssetsOverview>

⁸⁶<https://www.playframework.com/documentation/latest/Filters>

⁸⁷<https://www.playframework.com/documentation/latest/GzipEncoding>

⁸⁸<https://www.playframework.com/documentation/latest/SecurityHeaders>

⁸⁹<https://www.playframework.com/documentation/latest/CorsFilter>

⁹⁰<https://www.playframework.com/documentation/latest/CspFilter>

⁹¹<https://www.playframework.com/documentation/latest/AllowedHostsFilter>

⁹²<https://www.playframework.com/documentation/latest/RedirectHttpsFilter>

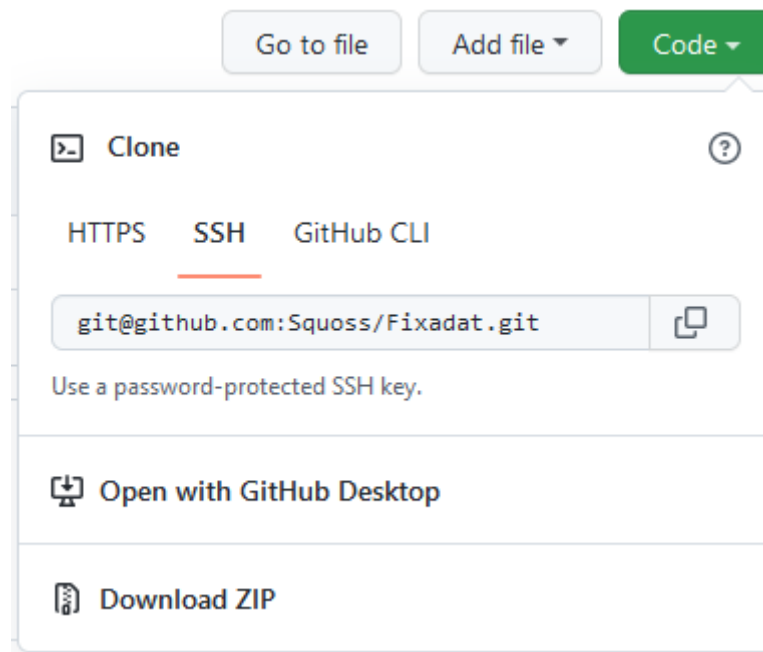
⁹³<https://www.playframework.com/documentation/latest/Production>

⁹⁴<https://www.playframework.com/documentation/latest/Deploying>

⁹⁵<https://www.playframework.com/documentation/latest/ProductionConfiguration>

Schedule like it's 200X

The Web app that serves as a teaching aid is Fixadat. Give it a try at <https://fixadat.com/> (and feel free to use it for actually fixing dates & times). Once you got an idea of what Fixadat offers its users, head over to GitHub where its source code is published at <https://github.com/Squoss/Fixadat> and download the project folder as a ZIP file.

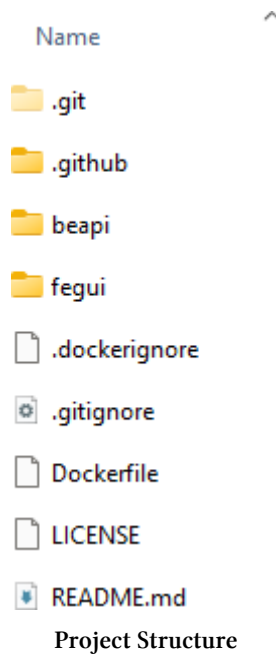


Download ZIP

Extract the ZIP file, which results in a folder called `Fixadat-main`. In that folder, you see that Fixadat consists of a Play subproject (beapi), of a React subproject (fegui), and of a Dockerfile. The `LICENSE` and the `README.md` files are relevant, of course, but not from a technical point of view. The `.git` folder and the `.gitignore` file are by-products of using [Git](https://git-scm.com/)⁹⁶ (but only the file being visible when you look at the project structure at <https://github.com/Squoss/Fixadat>) while the `.github` folder is a by-product of using [GitHub Actions](https://github.com/features/actions)⁹⁷. The `.dockerignore` file is a nice-to-have for speeding up a local Docker build.

⁹⁶<https://git-scm.com/>

⁹⁷<https://github.com/features/actions>



With your shell, execute the commands `sbt "run -Dconfig.file=conf/insecureLocalhost.conf"` in `Fixadat-main/beapi` and `npm install` as well as `npm start` in `Fixadat-main/fegui`. With your browser⁹⁸, visit <http://localhost:9000> and <http://localhost:3000> to run the apps locally; yes, **during development**, the API and the GUI are two separate apps. We will see how two become one **during deployment**.

Access Control

Fixadat requires authorization but does not require authentication. Unless we trust all users to be trustworthy and identify themselves truthfully, how can we achieve one without the other?



“The definitions of trust and trustworthy are often confused. The following example illustrates the difference: if an NSA employee is observed in a toilet stall at Baltimore Washington International airport selling key material to a Chinese diplomat, then (assuming his operation was not authorized) we can describe him as ‘trusted but not trustworthy’. Hereafter, we’ll use the NSA definition that a trusted system or component is one whose failure can break the security policy, while a trustworthy system or component is one that won’t fail.”

Ross Anderson, *Security Engineering*⁹⁹

⁹⁸I am using Firefox with the [React Developer Tools](#) extension, by the way.

⁹⁹<https://www.cl.cam.ac.uk/~rja14/book.html>



Identification and Authentication

For the time being, Fixadat does not need any user accounts. If it did, I would not implement them myself anymore (even though I seem to have got them right with respect to [password storage](#)¹⁰⁰ years before many major sites thanks to the first edition of [Cryptography Engineering](#)¹⁰¹). Instead, I would either fall back on so-called [social login](#)¹⁰² (and then, with the hope of increasing my users' privacy and reducing my own dependency on [GAFAM](#)¹⁰³, maybe one [made in Germany](#)¹⁰⁴ or [FxA](#)¹⁰⁵ if it were available to third parties) or on Identity as a Service (IDaaS).

Authorization

Even though Fixadat does not have any user accounts, we can still control access to resources by taking advantage of [capability URLs](#)¹⁰⁶. In a capability URL such as `https://doodle.com/inturicogmbh`, the capability `inturicogmbh` must not only serve as an identifier and therefore be unique, but also [virtually unguessable](#)¹⁰⁷.

We could generate the capabilities ourselves by careful, proper use of a [cryptographic pseudorandom number generator](#)¹⁰⁸, or we could leave the heavy lifting to Java's `java.util.UUID.randomUUID()`¹⁰⁹.

Unfortunately, there is an undeniable [risk of exposure](#)¹¹⁰ with capability URLs. Simply moving the capability to [the URLs query string would not mitigate the risk](#)¹¹¹. However, we could move it to the [fragment identifier](#)¹¹² and have the front-end [pick it up](#)¹¹³ and provide it to the back-end via a request header.

While we are at it, we can split the capability into a regular identifier (without security properties) and an access token, separating the two concerns: `https://fixadat.com/events/{EVENT_ID}#{ACCESS_TOKEN}`. This has the added benefit of allowing for revoking and re-issuing access tokens as well as for issuing tokens with differing access right.



If you like capabilities for access control, you may also like [Macaroons](#)¹¹⁴.

¹⁰⁰https://cheatsheetseries.owasp.org/cheatsheets/Password_Storage_Cheat_Sheet.html

¹⁰¹<https://www.schneier.com/books/cryptography-engineering>

¹⁰²https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Social_login

¹⁰³https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Big_Tech#GAFAM_or_FAAMG

¹⁰⁴<https://www.golem.de/news/single-sign-on-made-in-germany-wettstreit-zwischen-verimi-netid-oder-id4me-1809-136504.html>

¹⁰⁵<https://mozilla.github.io/ecosystem-platform/docs/features/firefox-accounts/fxa-overview>

¹⁰⁶<https://www.w3.org/TR/capability-urls/>

¹⁰⁷<https://www.w3.org/TR/capability-urls/#capability-url-design>

¹⁰⁸https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cryptographically_secure_pseudorandom_number_generator

¹⁰⁹[https://docs.oracle.com/en/java/javase/16/docs/api/java.base/java/util/UUID.html#randomUUID\(\)](https://docs.oracle.com/en/java/javase/16/docs/api/java.base/java/util/UUID.html#randomUUID())

¹¹⁰<https://www.w3.org/TR/capability-urls/#risk-of-exposure>

¹¹¹https://owasp.org/www-community/vulnerabilities/Information_exposure_through_query_strings_in_url

¹¹²<https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Web/API/Location/hash>

¹¹³<https://reactrouter.com/web/api/location>

¹¹⁴<https://www.manning.com/books/api-security-in-action>

Project Setup

This part consists of seven chapters. Chapters [Überproject](#) and [Subprojects](#) initiate the project. Chapter [Tools of the Trade](#) sets a basic toolbox up. Chapter [Two Become One 1](#) enables the two (sub-)apps to act as one (über-)app during development. Chapter [Security as a Forethought](#) hardens the Web app independent of its domain. Chapter [So Long, MVC!](#) refactors the Play project in order to nip a Big Ball of Mud in the bud. And chapter [Welcome, User-Friendliness!](#) extends the React project such that it can take advantage of both [Bootstrap](#)¹¹⁵ and [React Router](#)¹¹⁶.

Not only the chapter on hardening the Web app, but this entire part is pretty much independent of the domain.



reminder to myself

- replace the Adressabo and Squawg screenshots by Fixadat ones
- review fetchJson.ts
- finish the MVC chapter wrt DI/Guice

¹¹⁵<https://getbootstrap.com/>

¹¹⁶<https://reactrouter.com/>

Überproject

For the most part, we do not really need version control for this book. We do need it to cover delivery & deployment at the end, however. If you do not care about delivery & deployment yet, you could simply create a project folder called `Fixadat` and skip the rest of this chapter:

```
1 mkdir Fixadat
```

Nowadays, thanks to [Git](#)¹¹⁷, there is no reason whatsoever not to use version control anyway. And thanks to (free) services such as [GitLab](#)¹¹⁸, [Cloud Source Repositories](#)¹¹⁹, [Bitbucket](#)¹²⁰, [Azure Repos](#)¹²¹, [AWS CodeCommit](#)¹²², etc., we do not even have to worry about hosting and backups¹²³. We are going to use Microsoft's [GitHub](#)¹²⁴.

Which came first: The chicken or the egg?

Which came first: The local branch or the remote branch? When starting a brand-new project, I prefer creating its repository remotely and cloning it locally. Creating a repository on GitHub is easy:

¹¹⁷<https://git-scm.com/>

¹¹⁸<https://gitlab.com>

¹¹⁹<https://cloud.google.com/source-repositories>

¹²⁰<https://bitbucket.org/>

¹²¹<https://azure.microsoft.com/en-us/services/devops/repos/>

¹²²<https://aws.amazon.com/codecommit/>


¹²³Well, at least in theory, but maybe not in practice.

¹²⁴<https://github.com/>

Create a new repository

A repository contains all project files, including the revision history. Already have a project repository elsewhere? [Import a repository.](#)

Owner *

 Squoss ▾

Repository name *

/ Fixadat ✓

Great repository names are short and memorable. Need inspiration? How about [friendly-octo-rotary-phone?](#)

Description (optional)

Fix a date & time



Public

Anyone on the internet can see this repository. You choose who can commit.



Private

You choose who can see and commit to this repository.

Initialize this repository with:

Skip this step if you're importing an existing repository.

☒ Add a README file

This is where you can write a long description for your project. [Learn more.](#)

Add .gitignore


Choose which files not to track from a list of templates. [Learn more.](#)


.gitignore template: None ▾

Choose a license

A license tells others what they can and can't do with your code. [Learn more.](#)

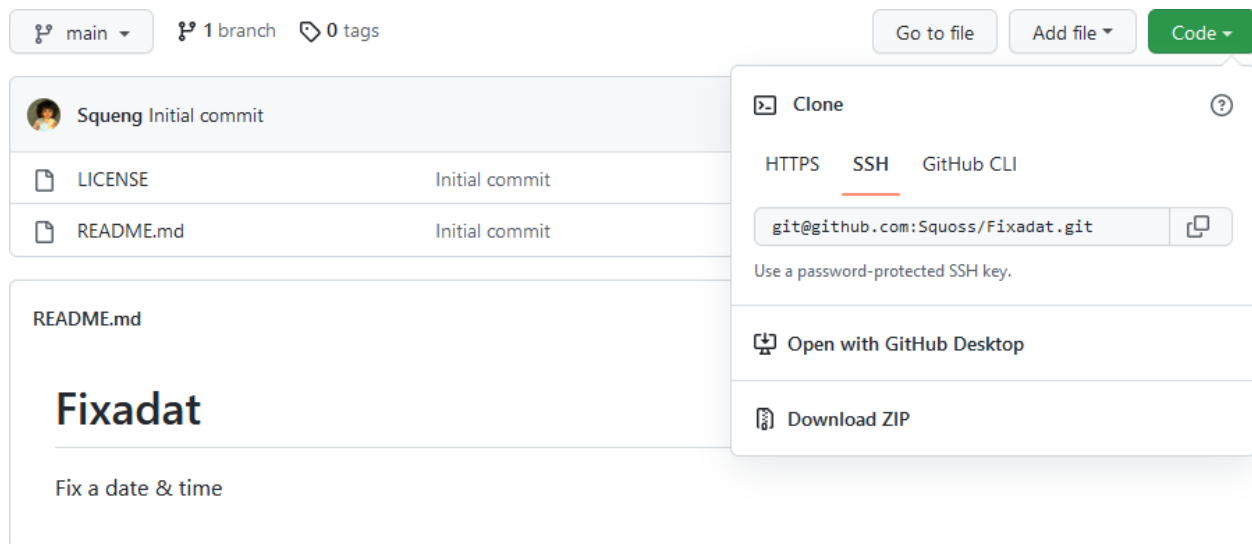
License: MIT License ▾

This will set  main as the default branch. Change the default name in Squeng-made open-source software's [settings](#).

 You are creating a public repository in the Squoss organization.

Create repository

Creating a GitHub repository



Created a GitHub repository

So is cloning it locally with [Sourcetree](#)¹²⁵:

Clone

Cloning is even easier if you set up a [remote account](#)

Repository Type: This is a Git repository

Local Folder:

[Advanced Options](#)

Cloning a repository

There is now a folder called `Fixadat` that we are going to work in.

¹²⁵<https://www.sourcetreeapp.com/>

Subprojects

I am going to use `fegui` for the name of the front-end/GUI project and `beapi` for the name of the back-end/API project in an attempt to make them less generic than simply `frontend` or `gui` and `backend` or `api`, respectively, and therefore easily identifiable as well as searchable & replaceable if need be.

React & TypeScript



If you have not done so yet, read the following pages (I assume that you already have taken a quick look at React's [home page](#)¹²⁶, skimmed through the [Installation](#)¹²⁷ section, and gone through the [Quick Start](#)¹²⁸ section):

- [Getting Started](#)¹²⁹
- [Folder Structure](#)¹³⁰
- [Available Scripts](#)¹³¹
- [Adding TypeScript](#)¹³²
- [Static Type Checking \(with TypeScript\)](#)¹³³

Since *"Create React App [...] is the best way to start building a new single-page application in React."*¹³⁴, that is what we will use to create a brand-new React project with TypeScript support from the very beginning. With your shell, execute the command `npx create-react-app fegui --template typescript` in `Fixadat`. Note that instead of `js` or `jsx`¹³⁵, the file endings are `ts` and `tsx`, respectively, in our case.

With your shell, execute `npm start` in `Fixadat/fegui`. If you are also using VSC, you could run `start` instead. In both cases, a new browser window or tab should open and display the initial GUI.

¹²⁶<https://reactjs.dev/>

¹²⁷<https://react.dev/learn/installation>

¹²⁸<https://react.dev/learn>

¹²⁹<https://create-react-app.dev/docs/getting-started>

¹³⁰<https://create-react-app.dev/docs/folder-structure>

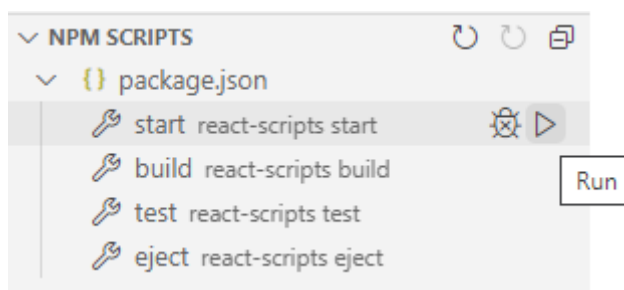
¹³¹<https://create-react-app.dev/docs/available-scripts>

¹³²<https://create-react-app.dev/docs/adding-typescript>

¹³³<https://reactjs.org/docs/static-type-checking.html#typescript>

¹³⁴<https://reactjs.org/docs/create-a-new-react-app.html#create-react-app>

¹³⁵<https://create-react-app.dev/docs/folder-structure>



npm Scripts section in VSC's explorer

Performance as an Afterthought

Even though performance matters, we are not going to [measure it](#)¹³⁶ in this book. Therefore, we can simplify the project a little bit. Delete `Fixadat/fegui/reportWebVitals.ts` as well as all references to it in `Fixadat/fegui/index.tsx` and then, with your shell, execute the command `npm uninstall web-vitals` in `Fixadat/fegui`.

Play & Scala



If you have not done so yet, read the following page (I assume that you already have taken a quick look at Play's [home page](#)¹³⁷, skimmed through the [Getting Started](#)¹³⁸ section, and gone through the [tutorial](#)¹³⁹):

- [New to Play](#)¹⁴⁰

There are several ways to create a Play project. One is to execute the command `sbt new playframework/play-scala-seed.g8` in `Fixadat` to create a brand-new Play project with your shell. When asked for a name and for an organization (in [reverse domain name notation](#)¹⁴¹), enter `beapi` and whatever reverse domain makes sense. Note that we are going to restructure the [anatomy of our Play application](#)¹⁴² by [bidding MVC farewell](#) once we have [tooled up](#).

¹³⁶<https://create-react-app.dev/docs/measuring-performance/>

¹³⁷<https://www.playframework.com/>

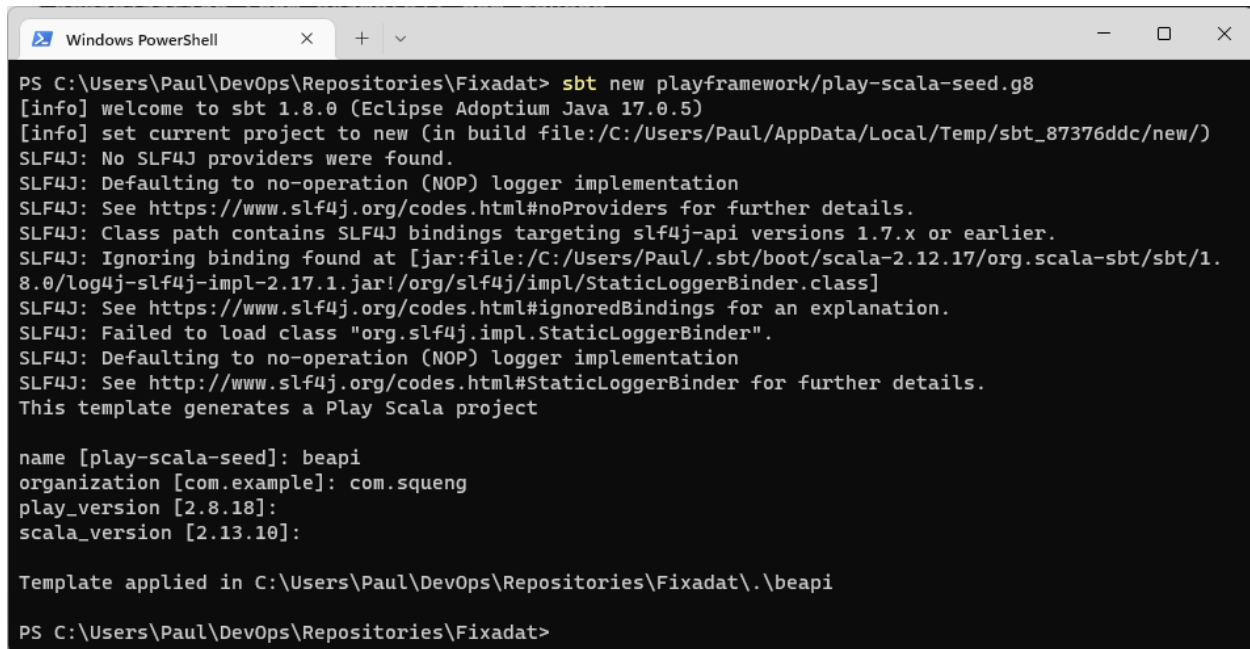
¹³⁸<https://www.playframework.com/documentation/latest/Introduction>

¹³⁹<https://www.playframework.com/documentation/latest/HelloWorldTutorial>

¹⁴⁰<https://www.playframework.com/getting-started>

¹⁴¹https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Reverse_domain_name_notation

¹⁴²<https://www.playframework.com/documentation/latest/Anatomy>



```
PS C:\Users\Paul\DevOps\Repositories\Fixadat> sbt new playframework/play-scala-seed.g8
[info] welcome to sbt 1.8.0 (Eclipse Adoptium Java 17.0.5)
[info] set current project to new (in build file:/C:/Users/Paul/AppData/Local/Temp/sbt_87376ddc/new/)
SLF4J: No SLF4J providers were found.
SLF4J: Defaulting to no-operation (NOP) logger implementation
SLF4J: See https://www.slf4j.org/codes.html#noProviders for further details.
SLF4J: Class path contains SLF4J bindings targeting slf4j-api versions 1.7.x or earlier.
SLF4J: Ignoring binding found at [jar:file:/C:/Users/Paul/.sbt/boot/scala-2.12.17/org.scala-sbt/sbt/1.8.0/log4j-slf4j-impl-2.17.1.jar!/org.slf4j/impl/StaticLoggerBinder.class]
SLF4J: See https://www.slf4j.org/codes.html#ignoredBindings for an explanation.
SLF4J: Failed to load class "org.slf4j.impl.StaticLoggerBinder".
SLF4J: Defaulting to no-operation (NOP) logger implementation
SLF4J: See http://www.slf4j.org/codes.html#StaticLoggerBinder for further details.
This template generates a Play Scala project

name [play-scala-seed]: beapi
organization [com.example]: com.squeng
play_version [2.8.18]:
scala_version [2.13.10]:

Template applied in C:\Users\Paul\DevOps\Repositories\Fixadat\.\beapi
PS C:\Users\Paul\DevOps\Repositories\Fixadat>
```

Seeding with Play Scala

In order to quickly check that the Play project was created successfully, execute the command `sbt` in `Fixadat/beapi` and then `run`; note that the second command is executed in sbt's interactive mode in the context of `beapi`. With your browser, visit <http://localhost:9000>.

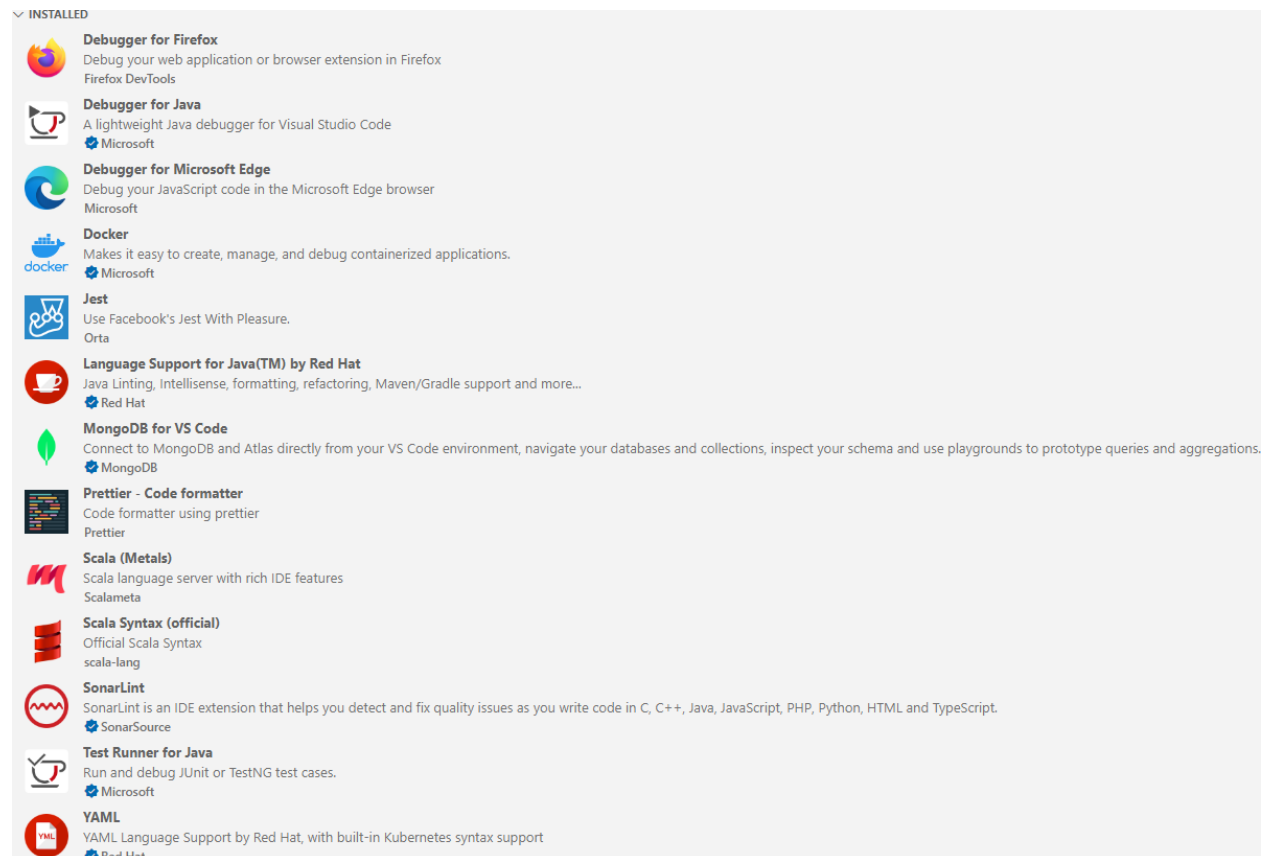
Remove Clutter

Since our frontend is built with React, delete folders `images`, `javascripts`, and `stylesheets` from `Fixadat/beapi/public`. Furthermore, delete folder `.g8` from `Fixadat/beapi` as well as the [Giter8](http://www.foundweekends.org/giter8/)¹⁴³ plugin from `Fixadat/beapi/project/plugins.sbt`; we will not need them anymore.

¹⁴³<http://www.foundweekends.org/giter8/>

Tools of the Trade

You need an editor to read and write source code. I am using [Visual Studio Code](https://code.visualstudio.com/)¹⁴⁴ (VSC) with a bunch of extensions, I know quite a few developers who are using [IntelliJ IDEA](https://www.jetbrains.com/idea/)¹⁴⁵ (one friend of mine recommended it to me over twenty years ago), [etc.](https://marketplace.visualstudio.com/items?itemName=Orta.vscode-jest)¹⁴⁶



VSC extensions

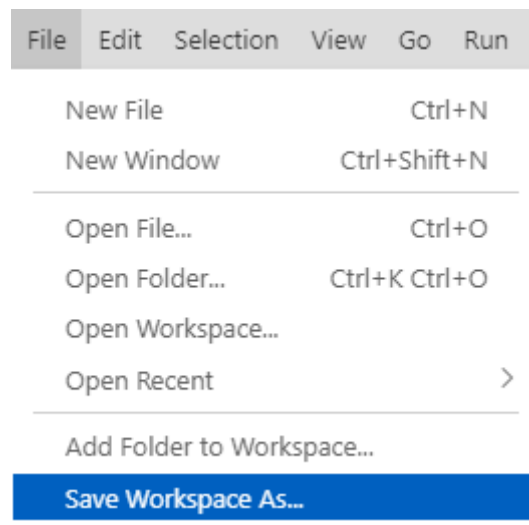
If you are also using VSC, open a new window. Then *Open Folder...* and choose *beapi* in *Fixadat*. Then *Add Folder to Workspace...* and choose *fegui* in *Fixadat*. Finally, *Save Workspace As...* so that you do not have to repeat these steps. And if you are also using the [Jest extension](https://marketplace.visualstudio.com/items?itemName=Orta.vscode-jest)¹⁴⁷, you should add *beapi* to the disabled workspace folders setting.

¹⁴⁴<https://code.visualstudio.com/>

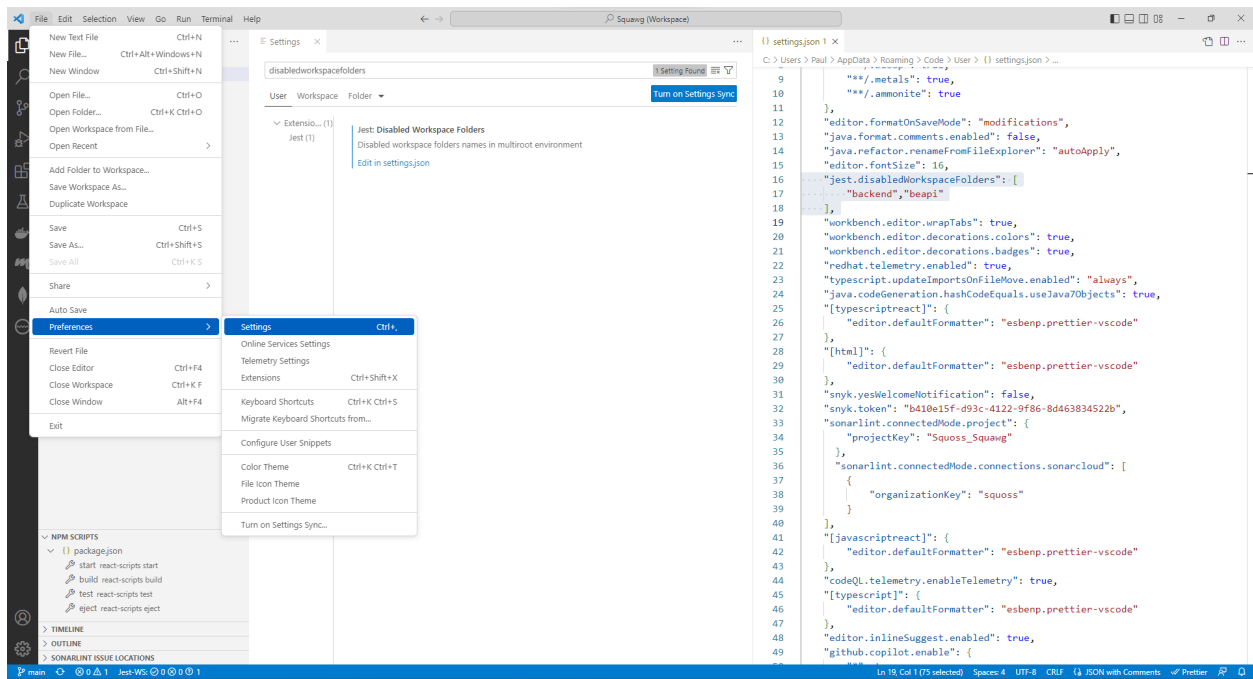
¹⁴⁵<https://www.jetbrains.com/idea/>

¹⁴⁶<https://scalameta.org/metals/docs/editors/overview.html>

¹⁴⁷<https://marketplace.visualstudio.com/items?itemName=Orta.vscode-jest>



VSC folders and workspace



VSC Jest extension

Two Become One 1



If you have not done so yet, read the following pages:

- [Proxying in Development](#)¹⁴⁸
- [Building for Relative Paths](#)¹⁴⁹

Dude, where's my API?

Because the GUI and the API are two different apps during development, API requests need to be proxied. Simply add the key-value pair "proxy": "http://localhost:9000/" to Fixadat/fegui/package.json.

```
38   "browserslist": {
39     "production": [
40       ">0.2%",
41       "not dead",
42       "not op_mini all"
43     ],
44     "development": [
45       "last 1 chrome version",
46       "last 1 firefox version",
47       "last 1 safari version"
48     ]
49   },
50   "proxy": "http://localhost:9000/",
51   "homepage": "https://fixadat.com/fegui"
52 }
```

API requests proxy

¹⁴⁸<https://create-react-app.dev/docs/proxying-api-requests-in-development>

¹⁴⁹<https://create-react-app.dev/docs/deployment/#building-for-relative-paths>

Prepare for Launch

Since we are using React for the GUI (and not [Twirl¹⁵⁰](#)), the generated HomeController need not return any result. As a matter of fact, we can delete `Fixadat/beapi/app/controllers/HomeController.scala` as well as `Fixadat/beapi/app/views` and `Fixadat/beapi/test/controllers`. Instead, we need a controller that returns the HTML page with the DOM container for React and the React-generated (from Play's point of view static) files.

To this end, introduce `Fixadat/beapi/app/gui/ReactController.scala151`:

```

1  package gui
2
3  import play.api.Environment
4  import play.api.mvc.AnyContent
5  import play.api.mvc.BaseController
6  import play.api.mvc.ControllerComponents
7  import play.api.mvc.Request
8  import play.filters.csrf.CSRF
9
10 import javax.inject.Inject
11 import javax.inject.Singleton
12 import scala.io.Codec
13 import scala.io.Source
14
15 @Singleton
16 class ReactController @Inject() (
17     val controllerComponents: ControllerComponents,
18     val env: Environment
19 ) extends BaseController {
20
21     val is = env.classLoader.getResourceAsStream("public/build/index.html")
22     val bufferedSource = Source.createBufferedSource(
23         inputStream = is,
24         close = () => is.close()
25     )(Codec.UTF8)
26     val stringBuilder = bufferedSource.addString(new StringBuilder())
27     val indexHtml = stringBuilder.mkString
28
29     def guiFile(reactFile: String) = Action {
30         implicit request: Request[AnyContent] =>
31         implicit val ec: scala.concurrent.ExecutionContext =

```

¹⁵⁰<https://www.playframework.com/documentation/latest/ScalaTemplates>

¹⁵¹<https://github.com/Squoss/Fixadat/blob/main/beapi/app/gui/ReactController.scala>

```

32     scala.concurrent.ExecutionContext.global
33     Ok.sendResource(
34         s"public/build/$reactFile",
35         env.classLoader
36     ) // TODO/FIXME: check for path-traversal vulnerability
37 }
38
39 def guiRoute(reactRoute: String) = Action {
40     implicit request: Request[AnyContent] =>
41         val token =
42             CSRF.getToken // // https://www.playframework.com/documentation/latest/Scala\
43 Csrf#Getting-the-current-token
44         Ok(indexHtml.replace("REPLACE_CSRF_TOKEN", token.get.value))
45         .as("text/html")
46     }
47 }

```

In `Fixadat/beapi/conf/routes`¹⁵², the first mapping needs to be modified accordingly and two mappings need to be added at the very end:

```

1  GET /                gui.ReactController.guiRoute(reactRoute = "")
2  ...
3  GET /fegui/*reactFile gui.ReactController.guiFile(reactFile)
4  GET /*reactRoute      gui.ReactController.guiRoute(reactRoute)

```

We are going to revisit the new GUI controller as well as the routes mappings in later chapters. For the time being, note how the controller (pre-)loads and returns the exact same HTML page, whether the request path is only / or /legalese/pp or any other path that does not start with /fegui/. The latter prefix is for the React-generated files. Simply add the key-value pair "homepage": "https://fixadat.com/fegui" to `Fixadat/fegui/package.json` in order for React to be aware of it.

We can add a simple HTML page (without DOM container) as `index.html` to `Fixadat/beapi/public/build` to serve as a placeholder during development:

¹⁵²<https://github.com/Squoss/Fixadat/blob/main/beapi/conf/routes>

```
1  <!DOCTYPE html>
2  <html lang="en">
3    <head>
4      <meta charset="utf-8">
5      <meta name="viewport" content="width=device-width, initial-scale=1, shrink-to-fi\
6  t=no">
7      <title>Hello, Fixadat!</title>
8      <meta name="csrf-token" content="REPLACE_CSRF_TOKEN">
9    </head>
10   <body>
11     <h1>Hello, API!</h1>
12     <p>On <code>localhost</code>, i.e., during development, the GUI is available at \
13 <a href="http://localhost:3000/">port 3000</a>.</p>
14   </body>
15 </html>
```

As we shall [see below](#), it will be overwritten with React's `index.html`, which includes the DOM container, when the production app is built.

Security as a Forethought

As you certainly know, you cannot develop and deploy any Web app without considering security. And I mean *you* personally. Your organization also needs to seriously consider data protection and [privacy](http://williamstallings.com/Privacy/)¹⁵³ as those are a question of your organization's policy (vis-à-vis its customers, its products' users, etc.), some of which is enforced with security mechanisms.

Considering a Web app's security means considering aspects such as identification & authentication, authorization, software security, security software, and many more. This chapter is not about any of these aspects. This chapter is about hardening the app against some common Web threats that are virtually independent of your app and that services such as [Mozilla Observatory](https://observatory.mozilla.org/)¹⁵⁴ (bookmark it!) can partially measure.

If you are new to Web application security, peruse the [OWASP](https://owasp.org/)¹⁵⁵ resources, in particular the [OWASP Top Ten](https://owasp.org/www-project-top-ten/)¹⁵⁶ and the [OWASP Cheat Sheet Series](https://cheatsheetseries.owasp.org/)¹⁵⁷, and read [WASEC: Web Application Security for the everyday software engineer](https://leanpub.com/wasec)¹⁵⁸ as a gentle introduction to the subject.

Hardening a Web app is more of a back-end responsibility, but the front-end is not completely off the hook.

¹⁵³<http://williamstallings.com/Privacy/>

¹⁵⁴<https://observatory.mozilla.org/>

¹⁵⁵<https://owasp.org/>

¹⁵⁶<https://owasp.org/www-project-top-ten/>

¹⁵⁷<https://cheatsheetseries.owasp.org/>

¹⁵⁸<https://leanpub.com/wasec>

Hardening the back-end



If you have not done so yet, read the following pages:

- [Protecting against Cross Site Request Forgery¹⁵⁹](#)
- [HTTP filters¹⁶⁰](#)
- [Configuring the application secret¹⁶¹](#)
- [Configuring the session cookie¹⁶²](#)
- [Play HTTP filters¹⁶³](#)
- [Configuring security headers¹⁶⁴](#)
- [Configuring CORS¹⁶⁵](#)
- [Configuring CSP¹⁶⁶](#)
- [Configuring allowed hosts¹⁶⁷](#)
- [Configuring HTTPS redirect¹⁶⁸](#)

As we shall see in the [configuration chapter](#), the configuration for a Play app is found in its `application.conf` file (`Fixadat/beapi/conf/application.conf` in our case). Furthermore, Play provides various filters, most of which are security filters. Not all of Play's security mechanisms which allow for hardening a Play app are filters, but all can be configured.

When running Fixadat, you must see the following output (in any order):

```
1 play.filters.csrf.CSRFFilter
2 play.filters.headers.SecurityHeadersFilter
3 play.filters.hosts.AllowedHostsFilter
4 play.filters.csp.CSPFilter
5 play.filters.https.RedirectHttpsFilter
```

This is necessary but not sufficient for Play to be configured securely.

The first three filters listed above are enabled by default; to make it explicit, include the key-value pair `play.http.filters = play.api.http.EnabledFilters`. The last two filters listed above must be enabled explicitly by adding the key-value pairs `play.filters.enabled += play.filters.csp.CSPFilter`, and `play.filters.enabled +=`

¹⁵⁹<https://www.playframework.com/documentation/latest/ScalaCsrf>

¹⁶⁰<https://www.playframework.com/documentation/latest/ScalaHttpFilters>

¹⁶¹<https://www.playframework.com/documentation/latest/ApplicationSecret>

¹⁶²<https://www.playframework.com/documentation/latest/SettingsSession>

¹⁶³<https://www.playframework.com/documentation/latest/Filters>

¹⁶⁴<https://www.playframework.com/documentation/latest/SecurityHeaders>

¹⁶⁵<https://www.playframework.com/documentation/latest/CorsFilter>

¹⁶⁶<https://www.playframework.com/documentation/latest/CspFilter>

¹⁶⁷<https://www.playframework.com/documentation/latest/AllowedHostsFilter>

¹⁶⁸<https://www.playframework.com/documentation/latest/RedirectHttpsFilter>

`play.filters.https.RedirectHttpsFilter`. Note that the [CORS filter](#)¹⁶⁹ is not enabled¹⁷⁰; Fixadat is a [self-contained system](#)¹⁷¹ whose API is not meant for third-party clients (yet).

Testing

If the (default) filters interfere with (unit) tests, refer to

- [Testing Default Filters](#)^a
- [Testing CSRF](#)^b
- [Testing with CSRFFilter](#)^c
- [Testing](#)^d
- [Testing with AllowedHostsFilter](#)^e

^a<https://www.playframework.com/documentation/latest/Filters#Testing-Default-Filters>

^b<https://www.playframework.com/documentation/latest/ScalaCsrf#Testing-CSRF>

^c<https://www.playframework.com/documentation/latest/Filters#Testing-with-CSRFFilter>

^d<https://www.playframework.com/documentation/latest/AllowedHostsFilter#Testing>

^e<https://www.playframework.com/documentation/latest/Filters#Testing-with-AllowedHostsFilter>

Application Secret

Play requires an application secret, which defaults to `changeme`, which in turn would not be accepted in production as it would be insecure. In production, we are going to [set it via an environment variable](#)¹⁷². We are going to define the environment variable (named `APPLICATION_SECRET`) in the [last part](#). Right now, we only need to add the key-value pair `play.http.secret.key = ${?APPLICATION_SECRET}` so that Play looks for it.

Session Cookie

Unless you have really really good reasons (Do you really?) not to, you should harden all your app's cookies by setting [Secure](#)¹⁷³, [SameSite=Strict](#)¹⁷⁴, and [HttpOnly](#)¹⁷⁵. You can configure Play to do so for the session cookie by adding the key-value pairs `play.http.session.secure = true`, `play.http.session.sameSite = "strict"`, and `play.http.session.httpOnly = true`.

¹⁶⁹<https://www.playframework.com/documentation/latest/CorsFilter>

¹⁷⁰If your app needs to allow for Cross Origin Resource Sharing, heed OWASP's advice.

¹⁷¹<https://scs-architecture.org/>

¹⁷²<https://www.playframework.com/documentation/latest/ApplicationSecret#Environment-variables>

¹⁷³https://cheatsheetseries.owasp.org/cheatsheets/Session_Management_Cheat_Sheet.html#secure-attribute

¹⁷⁴https://cheatsheetseries.owasp.org/cheatsheets/Session_Management_Cheat_Sheet.html#samesite-attribute

¹⁷⁵https://cheatsheetseries.owasp.org/cheatsheets/Session_Management_Cheat_Sheet.html#httponly-attribute

Cross-Site Request Forgery (CSRF)

In order to [prevent](#)¹⁷⁶ CSRF [attacks](#)¹⁷⁷, a CSRF token must be included with certain HTTP requests. Remember that “By default, Play will require a CSRF check when **all** of the following **are true**:”

- The request method is not GET, HEAD or OPTIONS.
- The request has one or more Cookie or Authorization headers.
- The CORS filter is not configured to trust the request’s origin.

The first requirement implies that an API better be [RESTful](#)¹⁷⁸; more specifically, GET, HEAD, and OPTIONS requests must not have any side effects. The second requirement can be re-configured to protect all requests: add the key-value pair `play.filters.csrf.header.protectHeaders = null`. The third requirement can be re-configured to NOT [trust CORS requests](#)¹⁷⁹: add the key-value pair `play.filters.csrf.bypassCorsTrustedOrigins = false`.

Since “*CSRF tokens should not be transmitted using cookies*”¹⁸⁰, we are going to [use a custom request header](#)¹⁸¹. In production, the back-end is going to [store the CSRF token in the DOM](#)¹⁸². Therefore, the front-end must provide a placeholder in `Fixadat/fegui/public/index.html` and [set the custom header](#)¹⁸³ when it makes certain API calls. In order to test the replacement of the placeholder during development, add the line `<meta name="csrf-token" content="REPLACE_CSRF_TOKEN" />` to `Fixadat/beapi/public/index.html`’s `<head>` section. In order to actually replace the placeholder, overwrite the implementation of the `index()` method in `Fixadat/beapi/app/controllers/HomeController.scala` with the following one (and add `import play.filters.csrf.CSRF`):

```
1  def index() = Action { implicit request: Request[AnyContent] =>
2    val token =
3      CSRF.getToken // // https://www.playframework.com/documentation/latest/ScalaCs\
4  rf#Getting-the-current-token
5    Ok(string.replace("REPLACE_CSRF_TOKEN", token.get.value))
6    .as("text/html")
7  }
```

In production, Fixadat’s front-end and back-end will agree on what the value of the CSRF token is. During development, they will not. Instead, the back-end can be configured to [skip the CSRF check](#)¹⁸⁴

¹⁷⁶https://cheatsheetseries.owasp.org/cheatsheets/Cross-Site_Request_Forgery_Prevention_Cheat_Sheet.html

¹⁷⁷<https://owasp.org/www-community/attacks/csrf>

¹⁷⁸<https://dpunkt.de/produkt/rest-und-http-2/>

¹⁷⁹<https://www.playframework.com/documentation/latest/ScalaCsrf#Trusting-CORS-requests>

¹⁸⁰https://cheatsheetseries.owasp.org/cheatsheets/Cross-Site_Request_Forgery_Prevention_Cheat_Sheet.html#synchronizer-token-pattern

¹⁸¹https://cheatsheetseries.owasp.org/cheatsheets/Cross-Site_Request_Forgery_Prevention_Cheat_Sheet.html#use-of-custom-request-headers

¹⁸²https://cheatsheetseries.owasp.org/cheatsheets/Cross-Site_Request_Forgery_Prevention_Cheat_Sheet.html#storing-the-csrf-token-value-in-the-dom

¹⁸³https://cheatsheetseries.owasp.org/cheatsheets/Cross-Site_Request_Forgery_Prevention_Cheat_Sheet.html#overriding-defaults-to-set-custom-header

¹⁸⁴<https://www.playframework.com/documentation/latest/ScalaCsrf#Plays-CSRF-protection>

when the value of the `Csrf-Token` header is `REPLACE_CSRF_TOKEN`. For obvious reasons, we do not want to add the key-value pair `play.filters.csrf.header.bypassHeaders.Csrf-Token = "REPLACE_CSRF_TOKEN"` to `application.conf`. Instead, add the following configuration as `insecureLocalhost.conf` (the inverse of a [production configuration file](#)¹⁸⁵, so to speak) to `Fixadat/beapi/conf` and start the back-end locally with `[Fixadat] $ run -Dconfig.file=conf/insecureLocalhost.conf` from now on:

```
1 include "application"
2
3 play.filters.csrf.header.bypassHeaders.Csrf-Token = "REPLACE_CSRF_TOKEN"
```

Security Headers

Play supports various [headers](#)¹⁸⁶ to [enhance security](#)¹⁸⁷. In two cases, we can be even stricter than [Play's defaults](#)¹⁸⁸ by adding the key-value pairs `play.filters.headers.permittedCrossDomainPolicies = "none"` and `play.filters.headers.referrerPolicy = "strict-origin-when-cross-origin"`. Furthermore, let us make it explicit that we do not allow for [action-specific overrides](#)¹⁸⁹ by adding the key-value pair `play.filters.headers.allowActionSpecificHeaders = false`.

Content Security Policy (CSP)

Play features a dedicated [CSP](#)¹⁹⁰ filter. As we want to have a [tight basic CSP policy](#)¹⁹¹ (namely, `Content-Security-Policy: default-src 'none'; script-src 'self'; connect-src 'self'; img-src 'self'; style-src 'self';`), add the following key-value pairs:

```
1 play.filters.csp.directives.default-src = "'none'"
2 play.filters.csp.directives.connect-src = "'self'"
3 play.filters.csp.directives.font-src = "'self'"
4 play.filters.csp.directives.img-src = "'self'"
5 play.filters.csp.directives.manifest-src = "'self'"
6 play.filters.csp.directives.script-src = "'self'"
7 play.filters.csp.directives.style-src = "'self'"
```

Furthermore, we want [mixed content to be blocked](#)¹⁹² by adding the key-value pair `play.filters.csp.directives.block-all-mixed-content = ""` and [click-jacking to be prevented](#)¹⁹³ by adding the key-value pair `play.filters.csp.directives.frame-ancestors = "'none'"`.

¹⁸⁵<https://www.playframework.com/documentation/latest/ApplicationSecret#Production-configuration-file>

¹⁸⁶<https://owasp.org/www-project-secure-headers/>

¹⁸⁷https://cheatsheetseries.owasp.org/cheatsheets/HTML5_Security_Cheat_Sheet.html#http-headers-to-enhance-security

¹⁸⁸<https://www.playframework.com/documentation/latest/SecurityHeaders#Configuring-the-security-headers>

¹⁸⁹<https://www.playframework.com/documentation/latest/SecurityHeaders#Action-specific-overrides>

¹⁹⁰<https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Web/HTTP/CSP>

¹⁹¹https://cheatsheetseries.owasp.org/cheatsheets/Content_Security_Policy_Cheat_Sheet.html#basic-csp-policy

¹⁹²https://cheatsheetseries.owasp.org/cheatsheets/Content_Security_Policy_Cheat_Sheet.html#mixed-content-policy

¹⁹³https://cheatsheetseries.owasp.org/cheatsheets/Content_Security_Policy_Cheat_Sheet.html#preventing-clickjacking

Allowed Hosts

As you know¹⁹⁴, Play allows for limiting the hosts that can make requests by allow-listing those. We would like `fixadat.com` (including any and all sub-domains) and `localhost` to be allow-listed, which is why we add the key-value `play.filters.hosts.allowed = [".fixadat.com", "localhost", "${?PAAS_DOMAIN}]`. The last entry in the array value allows for substituting the domain of the PaaS provider via an environment variable.



In the [last part](#), we are going to allow-list `fixadat.cleverapps.io`. If we would like to allow-list further domains of our PaaS provider Clever Cloud, `fixadat-test.cleverapps.io` for instance, we have to allow-list them explicitly and must not allow-list `cleverapps.io` in general!

Redirecting HTTP to HTTPS

In production, enforcing HTTP over TLS or simply HTTPS is a must. As you know¹⁹⁵, Fixadat further instructs browsers to switch to HTTPS even if the user entered only `http://` by taking advantage of [Strict Transport Security](#)¹⁹⁶: `play.filters.https.strictTransportSecurity = "max-age=31536000; includeSubDomains"`

If you would like to already [enforce HTTPS during development](#)¹⁹⁷, add the key-value pair `play.filters.https.redirectEnabled = true`. If you would like to, you could configure a custom TLS certificate [for the Play project](#)¹⁹⁸ or even [for your browser](#)¹⁹⁹, but the latter would be akin to playing with fire, so beware!

Note that in production, determining whether a request was sent over TLS requires [configuring trusted proxies](#)²⁰⁰, which we are going to do in the [last part](#). That's because the TLS connection terminates at the edge and is not [handled by Play](#)²⁰¹ itself.



In the [last part](#), we are also configuring our PaaS provider Clever Cloud to enforce HTTPS.

☒ Force HTTPS

Any non secured HTTP request to this application will be redirected to HTTPS with a *301 Moved Permanently* status code.

Force HTTPS

¹⁹⁴from <https://www.playframework.com/documentation/latest/ScalaContentNegotiation#Language>

¹⁹⁵from <https://www.playframework.com/documentation/latest/RedirectHttpsFilter>

¹⁹⁶<https://www.playframework.com/documentation/latest/RedirectHttpsFilter#Strict-Transport-Security>

¹⁹⁷<https://www.playframework.com/documentation/latest/RedirectHttpsFilter#Enabling-the-HTTPS-filter>

¹⁹⁸(<https://www.playframework.com/documentation/latest/ConfiguringHttps#SSL-Certificates-from-a-keystore>)

¹⁹⁹<https://github.com/FiloSottile/mkcert>

²⁰⁰<https://www.playframework.com/documentation/latest/HTTPServer#Configuring-trusted-proxies>

²⁰¹<https://www.playframework.com/documentation/latest/ConfiguringHttps#Production-usage-of-HTTPS>

Hardening the front-end

Content Security Policy (CSP)

Even though the [content security policy](https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Web/HTTP/Headers/Content-Security-Policy)²⁰² (CSP) is configured at and served by the back-end, there is something we have to do for it (or rather because of it) in the front-end. Since [we want a CSP](https://cheatsheetseries.owasp.org/cheatsheets/Content_Security_Policy_Cheat_Sheet.html)²⁰³ that does **not** allow `'unsafe-inline'`²⁰⁴ (let alone `'unsafe-eval'`), React needs to be configured not to generate any inline scripts. As you know²⁰⁵, you need to add a file called `.env` to `Fixadat/fegui` and add the line `INLINE_RUNTIME_CHUNK=false` to it.

Cross-Site Request Forgery (CSRF)

In order to [prevent](https://cheatsheetseries.owasp.org/cheatsheets/Cross-Site_Request_Forgery_Prevention_Cheat_Sheet.html)²⁰⁶ CSRF attacks²⁰⁷, a CSRF token must be included with certain HTTP requests. Since *“CSRF tokens should not be transmitted using cookies”*²⁰⁸, we are going to [use a custom request header](https://cheatsheetseries.owasp.org/cheatsheets/Cross-Site_Request_Forgery_Prevention_Cheat_Sheet.html#synchronizer-token-pattern)²⁰⁹. In production, the back-end is going to [store the CSRF token in the DOM](https://cheatsheetseries.owasp.org/cheatsheets/Cross-Site_Request_Forgery_Prevention_Cheat_Sheet.html#storing-the-csrf-token-value-in-the-dom)²¹⁰. Therefore, the front-end must provide a placeholder in `Fixadat/fegui/public/index.html` and [set the custom header](https://cheatsheetseries.owasp.org/cheatsheets/Cross-Site_Request_Forgery_Prevention_Cheat_Sheet.html#overriding-defaults-to-set-custom-header)²¹¹ when it makes certain API calls. For the former, add the line `<meta name="csrf-token" content="REPLACE_CSRF_TOKEN" />` to `Fixadat/fegui/public/index.html`'s `<head>` section. For the latter, add the following helper functions as `fetchJson.ts` (which is a mash-up between <https://www.carlrippon.com/fetch-with-async-await-and-typescript/> and https://cheatsheetseries.owasp.org/cheatsheets/Cross-Site_Request_Forgery_Prevention_Cheat_Sheet.html#xmlhttprequest-native-javascript) to `Fixadat/fegui/src`:

²⁰²<https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Web/HTTP/Headers/Content-Security-Policy>

²⁰³https://cheatsheetseries.owasp.org/cheatsheets/Content_Security_Policy_Cheat_Sheet.html

²⁰⁴<https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Web/HTTP/Headers/Content-Security-Policy/script-src>

²⁰⁵from <https://create-react-app.dev/docs/production-build/>, <https://create-react-app.dev/docs/adding-custom-environment-variables/>, and <https://create-react-app.dev/docs/advanced-configuration/>

²⁰⁶https://cheatsheetseries.owasp.org/cheatsheets/Cross-Site_Request_Forgery_Prevention_Cheat_Sheet.html

²⁰⁷<https://owasp.org/www-community/attacks/csrf>

²⁰⁸https://cheatsheetseries.owasp.org/cheatsheets/Cross-Site_Request_Forgery_Prevention_Cheat_Sheet.html#synchronizer-token-pattern

²⁰⁹https://cheatsheetseries.owasp.org/cheatsheets/Cross-Site_Request_Forgery_Prevention_Cheat_Sheet.html#use-of-custom-request-headers

²¹⁰https://cheatsheetseries.owasp.org/cheatsheets/Cross-Site_Request_Forgery_Prevention_Cheat_Sheet.html#storing-the-csrf-token-value-in-the-dom

²¹¹https://cheatsheetseries.owasp.org/cheatsheets/Cross-Site_Request_Forgery_Prevention_Cheat_Sheet.html#overriding-defaults-to-set-custom-header

```

1  // https://www.carlrippon.com/fetch-with-async-await-and-typescript/
2
3  interface HttpResponse<T> extends Response {
4      parsedBody?: T;
5  }
6
7  async function fetchJson<T>(request: Request): Promise<HttpResponse<T>> {
8      // https://cheatsheetseries.owasp.org/cheatsheets/Cross-Site_Request_Forgery_Prevention_Cheat_Sheet.html#xmlhttprequest-native-javascript
9      if (!/^(GET|HEAD|OPTIONS)$/.test(request.method)) {
10         const csrf_token = document.querySelector("meta[name='csrf-token']")!.getAttribute("content");
11         request.headers.append("Csrf-Token", csrf_token!);
12     }
13
14
15     const response: HttpResponse<T> = await fetch(request);
16     try {
17         response.parsedBody = await response.json();
18     } catch (ex) { }
19
20     if (!response.ok) {
21         throw new Error(response.statusText);
22     }
23     return response;
24 }
25
26 export async function get<T>(path: string, accessToken: string, args: RequestInit = {
27     method: "get", mode: "same-origin", credentials: "same-origin", cache: "no-store",
28     redirect: "error", headers: { "X-Access-Token": accessToken } }): Promise<HttpResponse<T>> {
29     return await fetchJson<T>(new Request(path, args));
30 }
31
32
33 export async function patch<T>(
34     path: string,
35     accessToken: string,
36     body: any,
37     args: RequestInit = { method: "PATCH", body: JSON.stringify(body), mode: "same-origin",
38     credentials: "same-origin", cache: "no-store", redirect: "error", headers: { "Content-Type": "application/json", "X-Access-Token": accessToken } },
39 ): Promise<HttpResponse<T>> {
40     return await fetchJson<T>(new Request(path, args));
41 }
42
43

```

```

44 export async function post<T>(
45   path: string,
46   accessToken = "",
47   body = {},
48   args: RequestInit = { method: "POST", body: JSON.stringify(body), mode: "same-origi\
49 in", credentials: "same-origin", cache: "no-store", redirect: "error", headers: { "C\
50 ontent-Type": "application/json", "X-Access-Token": accessToken } },
51 ): Promise<Http<T>> {
52   return await fetchJson<T>(new Request(path, args));
53 }
54
55 export async function put<T>(
56   path: string,
57   accessToken: string,
58   body: any,
59   args: RequestInit = { method: "PUT", body: JSON.stringify(body), mode: "same-origi\
60 n", credentials: "same-origin", cache: "no-store", redirect: "error", headers: { "Co\
61 ntent-Type": "application/json", "X-Access-Token": accessToken } },
62 ): Promise<Http<T>> {
63   return await fetchJson<T>(new Request(path, args));
64 }

```

Cross-Site Scripting (XSS)

In order to [prevent](#)²¹² Stored or Reflected XSS [attacks](#)²¹³ and to [prevent](#)²¹⁴ DOM-based [attacks](#)²¹⁵, the GUI's content must be properly escaped. Luckily, [React takes care of escaping](#)²¹⁶. If you really really have to [circumvent React escaping](#)²¹⁷ some content (Do you really?), do yourself a favor and at least avoid any user-generated content as well as content consumed from third parties (e.g., via their APIs)!

What about TLS?

In production, enforcing HTTP over TLS or simply HTTPS is a must. If you already enable or even enforce HTTPS in the back-end during development, you may want to do so in the front-end as well. Simply add the line `HTTPS=true` to `Fixadat/fegui/.env`. If you would like to, you could configure a custom TLS certificate [for your front-end project](#)^a or even [for your browser](#)^b, but the latter would

²¹²https://cheatsheetseries.owasp.org/cheatsheets/Cross_Site_Scripting_Prevention_Cheat_Sheet.html

²¹³<https://owasp.org/www-community/attacks/xss/>

²¹⁴https://cheatsheetseries.owasp.org/cheatsheets/DOM_based_XSS_Prevention_Cheat_Sheet.html

²¹⁵https://owasp.org/www-community/attacks/DOM_Based_XSS

²¹⁶<https://reactjs.org/docs/introducing-jsx.html#jsx-prevents-injection-attacks>

²¹⁷<https://reactjs.org/docs/dom-elements.html#dangerouslysetinnerhtml>

be akin to playing with fire, so beware!

^a<https://create-react-app.dev/docs/using-https-in-development/#custom-ssl-certificate>

^b<https://github.com/FiloSottile/mkcert>

Rinse & Repeat

For as long as your project is deployed, you will not be done with security; you need to strive for [continuous security](#)²¹⁸. With respect to this chapter, you need to answer at least two questions on a regular basis (e.g., at the end of a [Sprint](#)²¹⁹ before you deliver the [Increment](#)²²⁰ if you happen to employ [Scrum with Essence](#)²²¹ (or without)):

1. Do I need to [update Play](#)²²² or [another dependency](#)²²³ because of a newly discovered security vulnerability?
2. Do I need to [update React](#)²²⁴ or [another package](#)²²⁵ because of a newly discovered security vulnerability?
3. Are the steps taken above still [necessary](#)²²⁶ and sufficient?

As for 1 and 2, you could automate some parts within your [repository](#)²²⁷ and/or [pipeline](#)²²⁸ and/or

...

²¹⁸<https://www.manning.com/books/securing-devops>

²¹⁹<https://www.scrumguides.org/scrum-guide.html#the-sprint>

²²⁰<https://www.scrumguides.org/scrum-guide.html#increment>

²²¹<https://www.scruminc.com/better-scrum-with-essence/>

²²²<https://www.playframework.com/documentation/latest/Migration28>

²²³<https://github.com/albuch/sbt-dependency-check>

²²⁴<https://create-react-app.dev/docs/updating-to-new-releases>

²²⁵<https://docs.npmjs.com/cli/v6/commands/npm-audit>

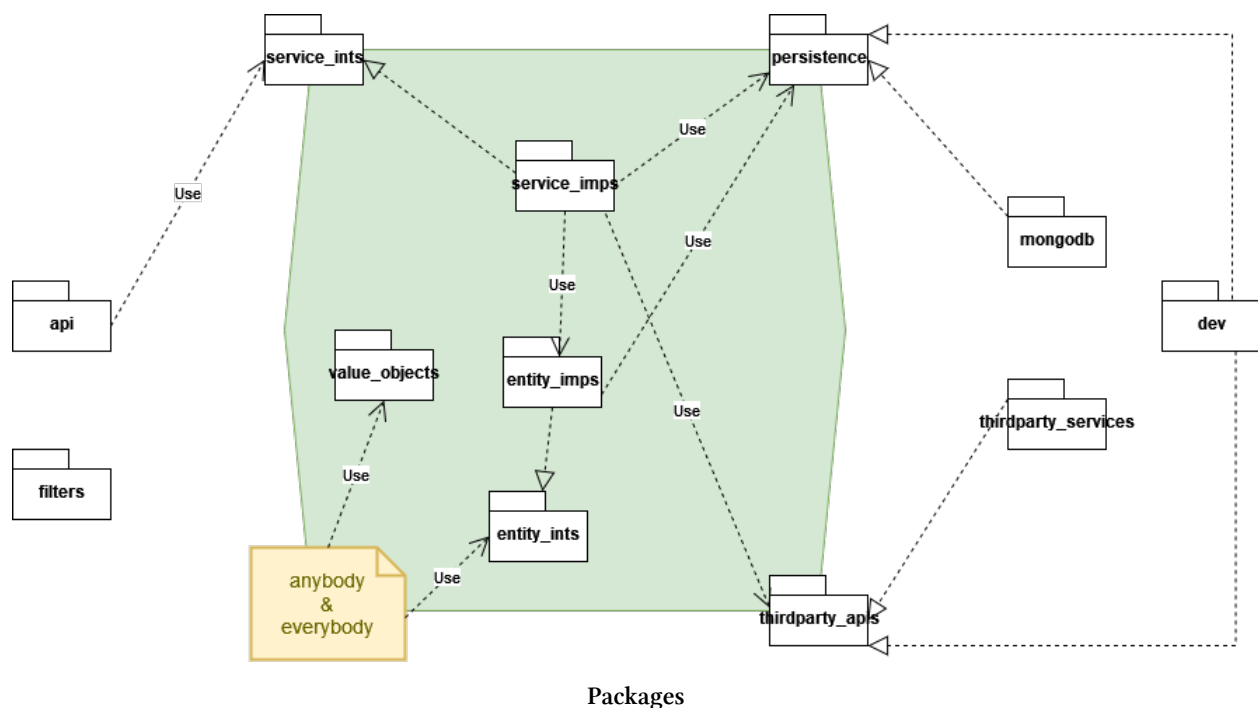
²²⁶https://infosec.mozilla.org/guidelines/web_security

²²⁷<https://docs.github.com/en/free-pro-team@latest/github/managing-security-vulnerabilities>

²²⁸<https://support.snyk.io/hc/en-us/sections/360001152577-CI-CD-integrations>

So Long, MVC!

The Play project was obviously generated with the Model-View-Controller pattern in mind. Since I prefer a [clean](#)²²⁹/[hexagonal](#)²³⁰/[onion](#)²³¹ architecture²³², however, we are going to restructure the project accordingly. (The advantages and disadvantages of moving from Model-View-Controller (MVC) to Ports & Adapters are very well covered in *Get Your Hands Dirty on Clean Architecture*²³³.) The goal is to enforce the architecture depicted below, where the green hexagon and its border represent the domain (quite in the sense of [Domain-Driven Design](#)²³⁴).



The Controllers are Dead, Long Live the Controllers!

In the [last chapter](#), we just got rid of the Play views. In order to emphasize that the controllers are first & foremost providing an API, we rename `Fixadat/beapi/app/controllers` to `Fixadat/beapi/app/api` and change `HomeController`'s package also from `controllers` to `api`, both in `Fixadat/beapi/app/api/HomeController.scala` and `Fixadat/beapi/conf/routes`.

²²⁹<https://blog.cleancoder.com/uncle-bob/2012/08/13/the-clean-architecture.html>

²³⁰<https://alistair.cockburn.us/hexagonal-architecture/>

²³¹<https://jeffreypalermo.com/tag/onion-architecture/>

²³²See also <https://youtu.be/UakcxHQ1uDg> and *Domain Modeling Made Functional*, a book worth reading.

²³³<https://leanpub.com/get-your-hands-dirty-on-clean-architecture>

²³⁴<https://leanpub.com/ddd-by-example>

sbt Subproject

As you know²³⁵, a Play project can have a simple library subproject. By organizing the domain as such a subproject (Fixadat/beapi/reinraum), the build system can enforce its independence from the “harsh world” (Web, DBMS, etc.) around it. To create the subproject for the domain, add folder `reinraum` in `Fixadat/beapi/` and replace the line `lazy val root = (project in file(".")).enablePlugins(PlayScala)` in `Fixadat/beapi/build.sbt` by the following lines:

```
1 lazy val root = (project in file("."))
2   .enablePlugins(PlayScala)
3   .aggregate(reinraum)
4   .dependsOn(reinraum)
5 lazy val reinraum = project
```

Then add folders `src` to `Fixadat/beapi/reinraum`, `main` as well as `test` to `Fixadat/beapi/reinraum/src`, `scala` to `Fixadat/beapi/reinraum/src/main` as well as to `Fixadat/beapi/reinraum/src/test`, and the following configuration as `build.sbt` to `Fixadat/beapi/reinraum`:

```
1 scalaVersion := "2.13.10"
2
3 libraryDependencies += guice
4 libraryDependencies += "com.google.inject" % "guice" % "5.1.0" // bumping the Guice \
5 version manually allows for using Play 2.8 with Java 17
6
7 libraryDependencies += "org.scalatest" %% "scalatest" % "3.2.7" % Test
```

Note how the domain’s `build.sbt` includes the regular `scalatest` while the Play project’s includes `scalatestplus-play`.

ArchUnit tests

There is still substantial risk for quick & dirty shortcuts. We introduce `ArchUnit`²³⁶ test suites that enforce our dependency rules in order to ensure that the dependencies around, on, and within the domain do not become a tangled mess.

In both `Fixadat/beapi/build.sbt` and `Fixadat/beapi/reinraum/build.sbt`, add the line `libraryDependencies += "com.tngtech.archunit" % "archunit" % "0.21.0" % Test`. In `Fixadat/beapi/test`, add the following code as `DependencyRulesTestSuite.scala`:

²³⁵from <https://www.playframework.com/documentation/latest/sbtSubProjects#Adding-a-simple-library-sub-project>

²³⁶<https://www.archunit.org/>

```
1  import com.tngtech.archunit.core.importer.ClassFileImporter
2  import com.tngtech.archunit.lang.syntax.ArchRuleDefinition.noClasses
3  import org.scalatest.funsuite.AnyFunSuite
4
5  class DependencyRulesTestSuite extends AnyFunSuite {
6
7      val AKKA = "akka.."
8      val API = "api.."
9      val DEFAULT = ""
10     val DEV = "dev.."
11     val DOMAIN_ENTITYINTS = "domain.entity_interfaces.."
12     val DOMAIN_SERVICEINTS = "domain.service_interfaces.."
13     val DOMAIN_PERSISTENCE = "domain.persistence.."
14     val DOMAIN_VALUEOBJECTS = "domain.value_objects.."
15     val FILTERS = "filters.."
16     val JAVA = "java.."
17     val JAVAX = "javax.."
18     val MAILJET = "com.mailjet.."
19     val MONGODB_ADAPTER =
20         "mongodb.." // the MongoDB driver starts its packages with com or org
21     val MONGODB_DRIVER = Seq("org.bson..", "org.mongodb..")
22     val PLAY_API = "play.api.." // "play.." would also include Play's Java API
23     val PLAY_CORE = "play.core.."
24     val PLAY_FILTERS = "play.filters.."
25     val PHONENUMBERS = "com.google.i18n.phonenumbers.."
26     val ROUTER = "router.."
27     val SCALA = "scala.."
28     val THIRDPARTY_APIS = "thirdparty_apis.."
29     val THIRDPARTY_SERVICES = "thirdparty_services.."
30     val VALIDATORS = "org.apache.commons.validator.."
31
32     val NOT_THE_APP =
33         Seq(
34             JAVA,
35             JAVAX,
36             SCALA,
37             AKKA,
38             PLAY_API,
39             PLAY_CORE,
40             PLAY_FILTERS,
41             ROUTER,
42             PHONENUMBERS,
43             VALIDATORS
```

```

44     )
45     val THE_APP_OUTSIDE_OF_THE_DOMAIN =
46         Seq(DEFAULT, API, DEV, FILTERS, MONGODB_ADAPTER, THIRDPARTY_SERVICES)
47
48     val classes =
49         new ClassFileImporter().importPackages(THE_APP_OUTSIDE_OF_THE_DOMAIN: _*)
50
51     test(
52         "the controllers depend on themselves, the SPI, the (abstract) types, and the va\
53 lue objects only"
54     ) {
55
56         noClasses()
57             .that()
58             .resideInAPackage(API)
59             .should()
60             .dependOnClassesThat()
61             .resideOutsideOfPackages(
62                 (NOT_THE_APP :+ API :+ DOMAIN_SERVICEINTS :+ DOMAIN_ENTITYINTS :+ DOMAIN_VAL\
63 UEOBJECTS): _*
64             )
65             .check(classes)
66     }
67
68     test("nothing depends on the controllers") {
69
70         noClasses()
71             .that()
72             .resideOutsideOfPackages(API, ROUTER)
73             .should()
74             .dependOnClassesThat()
75             .resideInAPackage(API)
76             .check(classes)
77     }
78
79     // we don't care what DEV implementations depend on
80
81     test("nothing depends on DEV implementations") {
82
83         noClasses()
84             .that()
85             .resideOutsideOfPackage(DEV)
86             .and()

```

```

87         .doNotHaveSimpleName("Module")
88         .should()
89         .dependOnClassesThat()
90         .resideInAPackage(DEV)
91         .check(classes)
92     }
93
94     test("the filters depend on themselves only") {
95
96         noClasses()
97         .that()
98         .resideInAPackage(FILTERS)
99         .should()
100        .dependOnClassesThat()
101        .resideOutsideOfPackages(
102            (NOT_THE_APP :+ "play.mvc.."): _*
103        ) // "play.mvc.." covers play.mvc.EssentialFilter
104        .check(classes)
105    }
106
107     test("nothing depends on the filters") {
108
109         noClasses()
110         .that()
111         .resideOutsideOfPackage(FILTERS)
112         .should()
113         .dependOnClassesThat()
114         .resideInAPackage(FILTERS)
115         .check(classes)
116     }
117
118     test(
119         "the MongoDB adapter depends on itself and the repositories only"
120     ) {
121
122         noClasses()
123         .that()
124         .resideInAPackage(MONGODB_ADAPTER)
125         .should()
126         .dependOnClassesThat()
127         .resideOutsideOfPackages(
128             (NOT_THE_APP ++ MONGODB_DRIVER :+ MONGODB_ADAPTER :+ DOMAIN_ENTITYINTS :+ DO\
129             MAIN_PERSISTENCE): _*

```

```

130         )
131         .check(classes)
132     }
133
134     test("nothing depends on the MongoDB adapter") {
135
136         noClasses()
137         .that()
138         .resideOutsideOfPackage(MONGODB_ADAPTER)
139         .and()
140         .doNotHaveSimpleName("Module")
141         .should()
142         .dependOnClassesThat()
143         .resideInAPackage(MONGODB_ADAPTER)
144         .check(classes)
145     }
146
147     test(
148         "third-party services depend on themselves and the third-party APIs only"
149     ) {
150
151         noClasses()
152         .that()
153         .resideInAPackage(THIRDPARTY_SERVICES)
154         .should()
155         .dependOnClassesThat()
156         .resideOutsideOfPackages(
157             (NOT_THE_APP :+ DOMAIN_VALUEOBJECTS :+ MAILJET :+ THIRDPARTY_APIS :+ THIRDPARTY_SERVICES): _*
158         )
159         .check(classes)
160     }
161
162
163     test("nothing depends on third-party services") {
164
165         noClasses()
166         .that()
167         .resideOutsideOfPackage(THIRDPARTY_SERVICES)
168         .and()
169         .doNotHaveSimpleName("Module")
170         .should()
171         .dependOnClassesThat()
172         .resideInAPackage(THIRDPARTY_SERVICES)

```

```
173     .check(classes)
174   }
175 }
```

In `Fixadat/beapi/reinraum/src/test/scala`, add the following code as `DependencyRulesTestSuite.scala`:

```
1  import com.tngtech.archunit.core.importer.ClassFileImporter
2  import com.tngtech.archunit.lang.syntax.ArchRuleDefinition.noClasses
3  import org.scalatest.funSuite.AnyFunSuite
4
5  class DependencyRulesTestSuite extends AnyFunSuite {
6
7    val DEFAULT = ""
8    val DOMAIN_ENTITYIMPS = "domain.entity_implementations.."
9    val DOMAIN_ENTITYINTS = "domain.entity_interfaces.."
10   val DOMAIN_PERSISTENCE = "domain.persistence.."
11   val DOMAIN_SERVICEIMPS = "domain.service_implementations.."
12   val DOMAIN_SERVICEINTS = "domain.service_interfaces.."
13   val DOMAIN_VALUEOBJECTS = "domain.value_objects.."
14   val JAVA = "java.."
15   val JAVAX = "javax.."
16   val PHONENUMBERS = "com.google.i18n.phonenumbers.."
17   val SCALA = "scala.."
18   val THIRDPARTY_APIS = "thirdparty_apis.."
19
20   val NOT_THE_APP =
21     Seq(JAVA, JAVAX, SCALA, PHONENUMBERS)
22   val THE_APP_INSIDE_THE_DOMAIN =
23     Seq(
24       DOMAIN_ENTITYIMPS,
25       DOMAIN_ENTITYINTS,
26       DOMAIN_PERSISTENCE,
27       DOMAIN_SERVICEIMPS,
28       DOMAIN_SERVICEINTS,
29       DOMAIN_VALUEOBJECTS
30     )
31
32   val classes =
33     new ClassFileImporter().importPackages(
34       (THE_APP_INSIDE_THE_DOMAIN :+ THIRDPARTY_APIS): _*
35     )
36
37   test("the domain depends on itself and third-party APIs only") {
```



```

38
39     noClasses()
40         .that()
41         .resideInAnyPackage(THE_APP_INSIDE_THE_DOMAIN: _*)
42         .should()
43         .dependOnClassesThat()
44         .resideOutsideOfPackages(
45             (NOT_THE_APP ++ THE_APP_INSIDE_THE_DOMAIN :+ THIRDPARTY_APIS): _*
46         )
47         .check(classes)
48     }
49
50     test(
51         "the repositories port depends on itself and the domain types only"
52     ) {
53
54         noClasses()
55             .that()
56             .resideInAPackage(DOMAIN_PERSISTENCE)
57             .should()
58             .dependOnClassesThat()
59             .resideOutsideOfPackages(
60                 (NOT_THE_APP :+ DOMAIN_PERSISTENCE :+ DOMAIN_ENTITYINTS :+ DOMAIN_VALUEOBJEC\
61 TS): _*
62             )
63             .check(classes)
64         }
65
66         test(
67             "besides the repositories port, only the domain services and domain entities dep\
68 end on the repositories port"
69         ) {
70
71             noClasses()
72                 .that()
73                 .resideOutsideOfPackages(
74                     DOMAIN_PERSISTENCE,
75                     DOMAIN_SERVICEIMPS,
76                     DOMAIN_ENTITYIMPS
77                 )
78                 .should()
79                 .dependOnClassesThat()
80                 .resideInAPackage(DOMAIN_PERSISTENCE)

```

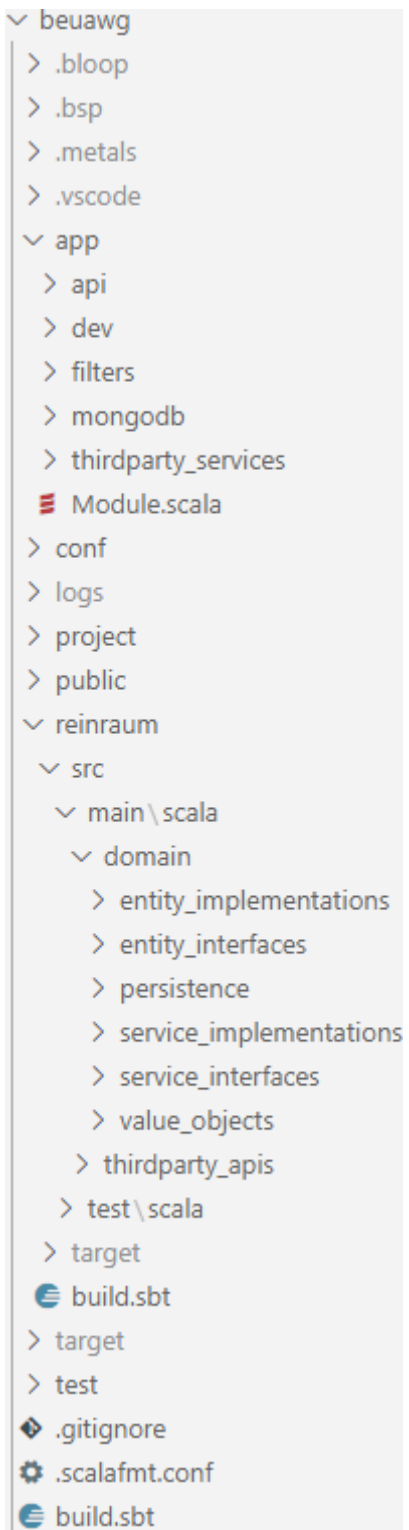
```
81         .check(classes)
82     }
83
84     test("the services port depends on itself and the domain types only") {
85
86         noClasses()
87         .that()
88         .resideInAPackage(DOMAIN_SERVICEINTS)
89         .should()
90         .dependOnClassesThat()
91         .resideOutsideOfPackages(
92             (NOT_THE_APP :+ DOMAIN_SERVICEINTS :+ DOMAIN_ENTITYINTS :+ DOMAIN_VALUEOBJEC\
93 TS): _*)
94         )
95         .check(classes)
96     }
97
98     test("only the domain services depend on the services port") {
99
100         noClasses()
101         .that()
102         .resideOutsideOfPackages(DOMAIN_SERVICEIMPS)
103         .should()
104         .dependOnClassesThat()
105         .resideInAPackage(DOMAIN_SERVICEINTS)
106         .check(classes)
107     }
108
109     test("the third-party APIs port depends on itself only") {
110
111         noClasses()
112         .that()
113         .resideInAPackage(THIRDPARTY_APIS)
114         .should()
115         .dependOnClassesThat()
116         .resideOutsideOfPackages((NOT_THE_APP :+ THIRDPARTY_APIS): _*)
117         .check(classes)
118     }
119
120     test("only the domain services depend on the third-party APIs port") {
121
122         noClasses()
123         .that()
```

```

124         .resideOutsideOfPackages(DOMAIN_SERVICEIMPS)
125         .should()
126         .dependOnClassesThat()
127         .resideInAPackage(THIRDPARTY_APIS)
128         .check(classes)
129     }
130
131     test(
132         "the domain services depend on themselves, the domain entities, the domain types\
133 , and the ports only"
134     ) {
135
136         noClasses()
137         .that()
138         .resideInAPackage(DOMAIN_SERVICEIMPS)
139         .should()
140         .dependOnClassesThat()
141         .resideOutsideOfPackages(
142             (NOT_THE_APP :+ DOMAIN_ENTITYIMPS :+ DOMAIN_ENTITYINTS :+ DOMAIN_VALUEOBJECT\
143 S :+ DOMAIN_PERSISTENCE :+ DOMAIN_SERVICEINTS :+ THIRDPARTY_APIS): _*
144         )
145         .check(classes)
146     }
147
148     test("nothing depends on the domain services") {
149
150         noClasses()
151         .that()
152         .resideOutsideOfPackage(DOMAIN_SERVICEIMPS)
153         .should()
154         .dependOnClassesThat()
155         .resideInAPackage(DOMAIN_SERVICEIMPS)
156         .check(classes)
157     }
158
159     test(
160         "the entities depend on the domain types and the domain (persistence) events only\
161 y"
162     ) {
163
164         noClasses()
165         .that()
166         .resideInAPackage(DOMAIN_ENTITYIMPS)

```

```
167         .should()
168         .dependOnClassesThat()
169         .resideOutsideOfPackages(
170             (NOT_THE_APP :+ DOMAIN_ENTITYIMPS :+ DOMAIN_ENTITYINTS :+ DOMAIN_VALUEOBJECT\
171 S :+ DOMAIN_PERSISTENCE): _*
172         )
173         .check(classes)
174     }
175
176     test("the domain types depend on the value objects only") {
177
178         noClasses()
179         .that()
180         .resideInAPackage(DOMAIN_ENTITYINTS)
181         .should()
182         .dependOnClassesThat()
183         .resideOutsideOfPackages(
184             (NOT_THE_APP :+ DOMAIN_ENTITYINTS :+ DOMAIN_VALUEOBJECTS): _*
185         )
186         .check(classes)
187     }
188
189     test("the value objects depend on themselves only") {
190
191         noClasses()
192         .that()
193         .resideInAPackage(DOMAIN_VALUEOBJECTS)
194         .should()
195         .dependOnClassesThat()
196         .resideOutsideOfPackages(
197             (NOT_THE_APP :+ DOMAIN_VALUEOBJECTS): _*
198         )
199         .check(classes)
200     }
201 }
```



Play Project Structure

With your shell, execute the command `sbt test` in `Fixadat/beapi` to test the architecture.

FIXME/TODO

Finally, the [Guice](https://github.com/google/guice)²³⁷ module in `Fixadat/beapi/app/Module.scala` takes care of wiring the objects at runtime. We are going to revisit dependency injection in more detail in the remainder of this book.

²³⁷<https://github.com/google/guice>

Welcome, User-Friendliness!

Bootstrap

We would like the app's GUI to be responsive and look nice, which is why we are going to add Bootstrap. As you know²³⁸, with your shell, you need to execute the commands `npm install bootstrap` and `npm install @types/bootstrap` as well as `npm install bootstrap-icons` in `Fixadat/fegui`. Note that `Fixadat/fegui/package.json` now has entries for all three imports. Now we can import Bootstrap's CSS, icon font, and logic in `Fixadat/fegui/index.tsx`, our app's entry point. (If you would like to, you could also [add a custom theme](#)²³⁹ now or later.)

```
import React from 'react';
import ReactDOM from 'react-dom';
import './index.css';
import App from './App';
import reportWebVitals from './reportWebVitals';

import 'bootstrap';
import 'bootstrap/dist/css/bootstrap.min.css';
import 'bootstrap-icons/font/bootstrap-icons.css'

ReactDOM.render(
  <React.StrictMode>
    <App />
  </React.StrictMode>,
  document.getElementById('root')
);
```

Bootstrap imports

²³⁸from <https://create-react-app.dev/docs/adding-bootstrap> as well as <https://getbootstrap.com/docs/5.1/getting-started/download/#npm>, <https://getbootstrap.com/docs/5.1/getting-started/webpack/#importing-javascript>, <https://getbootstrap.com/docs/5.1/getting-started/webpack/#importing-compiled-css>, and <https://icons.getbootstrap.com/#install>

²³⁹<https://www.npmjs.com/package/bootswatch#react-users--create-react-app--or-similar-bundler>

React Router

We would like the app's URIs to allow for [deep linking](#)²⁴⁰, which is why we are going to add React Router. As you know²⁴¹, with your shell, you need to execute the commands `npm install react-router-dom` and `npm install @types/react-router-dom` in `Fixadat/fegui`. Note that `Fixadat/fegui/package.json` now has entries for both imports.

React Router requires a, well, [Router](#)²⁴² at the top of the component hierarchy which uses its features. We are using a [BrowserRouter](#)²⁴³ by adding `import { BrowserRouter } from 'react-router-dom';` to `Fixadat/fegui/src/index.tsx`'s import section and by wrapping `<App />` in `<BrowserRouter />`.

`Fixadat/fegui/src/index.tsx` now (i.e, after having added a [custom theme](#)²⁴⁴ and reorganized the imports) looks as follows:

```
1  import React from 'react';
2  import ReactDOM from 'react-dom';
3  import { BrowserRouter } from 'react-router-dom';
4  import App from './App';
5
6  import 'bootstrap/dist/quartz/bootstrap.min.css';
7  import 'bootstrap-icons/font/bootstrap-icons.css';
8  import './index.css';
9
10
11 ReactDOM.render(
12   <React.StrictMode>
13     <BrowserRouter>
14       <App />
15     </BrowserRouter>
16   </React.StrictMode>,
17   document.getElementById('root')
18 );
```

²⁴⁰https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Deep_linking

²⁴¹from <https://create-react-app.dev/docs/adding-a-router/> as well as <https://reactrouter.com/web/guides/quick-start/installation>

²⁴²<https://reactrouter.com/core/api/Router>

²⁴³<https://reactrouter.com/web/api/BrowserRouter>

²⁴⁴<https://bootswatch.com/sketchy/>

Business Logic

Interaction Design

As already mentioned in the [preface](#), this is a book about **building the thing right**. Therefore, we simply postulate the existence of a product manager who has figured out the **building the right thing** part with the help of an interaction designer.

Our product manager and interaction designer have come up with user groups, their interactions, and some (mostly app-independent) boilerplate. (Normally, they would sketch their ideas with a wireframe tool, but I will simply include screenshots of the real thing themed with [Bootswatch's Sketchy](#)²⁴⁵.)

Users and Interactions

There are two kinds of users, hosts and guests.

Hosts

A user clicking a prominent “create” or “new” button on the app’s abode must be redirected to a newly created event page.

répondez s'il vous plaît

Invite to an event via your favorite off-line & on-line channels and collect replies in one place.

Create a replies page for your event >>

It's free of charge and requires no signing up.

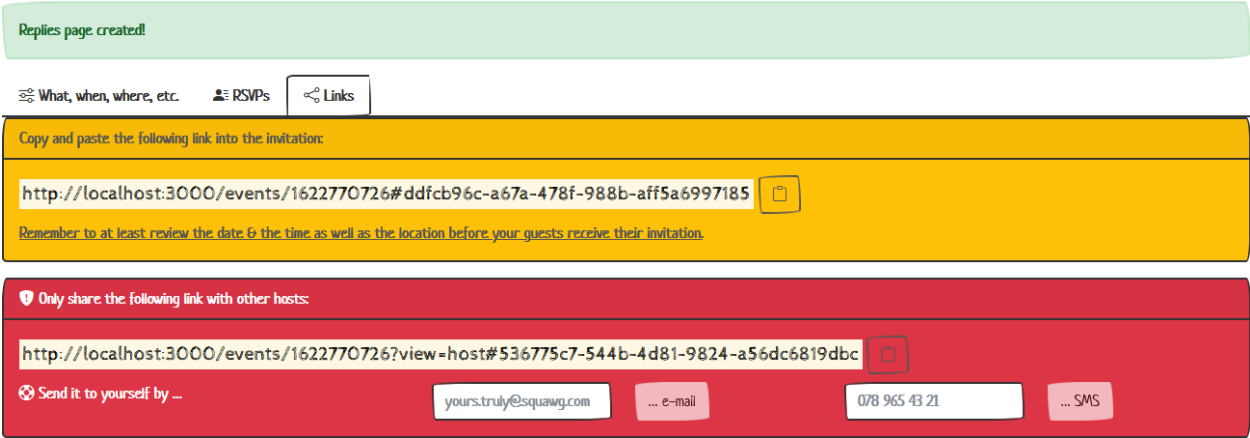
Create Event Page

On the newly created event page, the user is a host, has thus full access rights, and sees three different tabs: Links, Settings, and RSVPs. The Links tab displays two links, the link for guests and the link for hosts and allows for copying and sending the latter (typically to oneself) by e-mail or SMS. The Settings tab allows for editing the event, that is, changing its name, adding a description, fixing its

²⁴⁵<https://bootswatch.com/sketchy/>

date & time, etc. as well as defining whether invitations can be accepted for +1s, too. The RSVPs tab will eventually list all the accepted or declined invitations.

Id(1622770726)



Created Event Page

Guests

Users invited to an event page are guests and can RSVP by entering their name as well as their cell-phone number and indicate a +1.

Boilerplate

The boilerplate consists of one page for acknowledgements (one page for the prices?! FIXE/TODO) and three pages for legal texts. Futhermore, when a user enters a path that is undefined, the app is supposed to respond with a basic Not Found page.

In summary, these are the paths and pages from a user's perspective:

Path	Page
/	the app's abode
/events/EVENT_ID#GUEST_TOKEN	the RSVP page of event EVENT_ID
/events/EVENT_ID#HOST_TOKEN	redirected to /event/EVENT_ID/RSVPs#HOST_TOKEN
/events/EVENT_ID/links#HOST_TOKEN	the Links tab of event EVENT_ID
/events/EVENT_ID/meta#HOST_TOKEN	the Settings tab of event EVENT_ID
/events/EVENT_ID/RSVPs#HOST_TOKEN	the RSVPs tab of event EVENT_ID
/acknowledgements	honor to whom honor is due
/legalese/im	the imprint or masthead ²⁴⁶

²⁴⁶<https://translate.berlin/blog/impressum-uebersetzen>

Path	Page
/legalese/pp	the privacy policy ²⁴⁷
/legalese/tos	the terms of service ²⁴⁸
?	not found

²⁴⁷<https://privacy-icons.ch/>

²⁴⁸<https://tosdr.org/>

A Guided Tour of Play

At this point, I assume that you have skimmed through the *Getting Started*²⁴⁹ section and have gone through the [tutorial](https://www.playframework.com/documentation/latest/HelloWorldTutorial)²⁵⁰. If you have not done so yet, read page <https://www.playframework.com/documentation/latest/ScalaHome> for the sake of completeness.

²⁴⁹<https://www.playframework.com/documentation/latest/Introduction>

²⁵⁰<https://www.playframework.com/documentation/latest/HelloWorldTutorial>

Persistence

```
docker volume create mongobdata
```

Event Sourcing

MongoDB

Ever since I evaluated NoSQL database management systems (DBMS)²⁵¹ and decided to migrate Doodle²⁵² from MySQL²⁵³ to MongoDB²⁵⁴, the latter has been my favorite DBMS.

Event Store

At the time, MongoDB was not an obvious choice, and quite a few colleagues at least challenged my decision. And especially with respect to [event sourcing](#), maybe it should no longer be my first choice. So if you adopt event sourcing for a production app, at least look into [Event Store^a](#) as well as [Akka Persistence^b](#).

^a<https://www.eventstore.com/>

^b<https://doc.akka.io/docs/akka/current/typed/persistence.html>

Process

Originally, I used to run MongoDB locally after downloading and installing the [Community Server²⁵⁵](#). Alternatively, one could simply take advantage of a (free) MongoDB as a Service, from [Atlas²⁵⁶](#) for instance.

These days, I prefer to run MongoDB locally via Docker Desktop. First, I had to [create a Docker volume²⁵⁷](#) (cf. [Caveats²⁵⁸](#)). Then, I simply ([re²⁵⁹](#)-)run `docker run --name mongodcontainer --restart unless-stopped -p 27017:27017 -v mongobdata:/data/db -d mongo:6`.

²⁵¹with the help of the first edition of [Einstieg in die Welt nichtrelationaler Web 2.0 Datenbanken](#), so it must have been in late 2010 and/or early 2011

²⁵²<https://doodle.com/>

²⁵³<https://www.mysql.com/>

²⁵⁴<https://www.mongodb.com/>

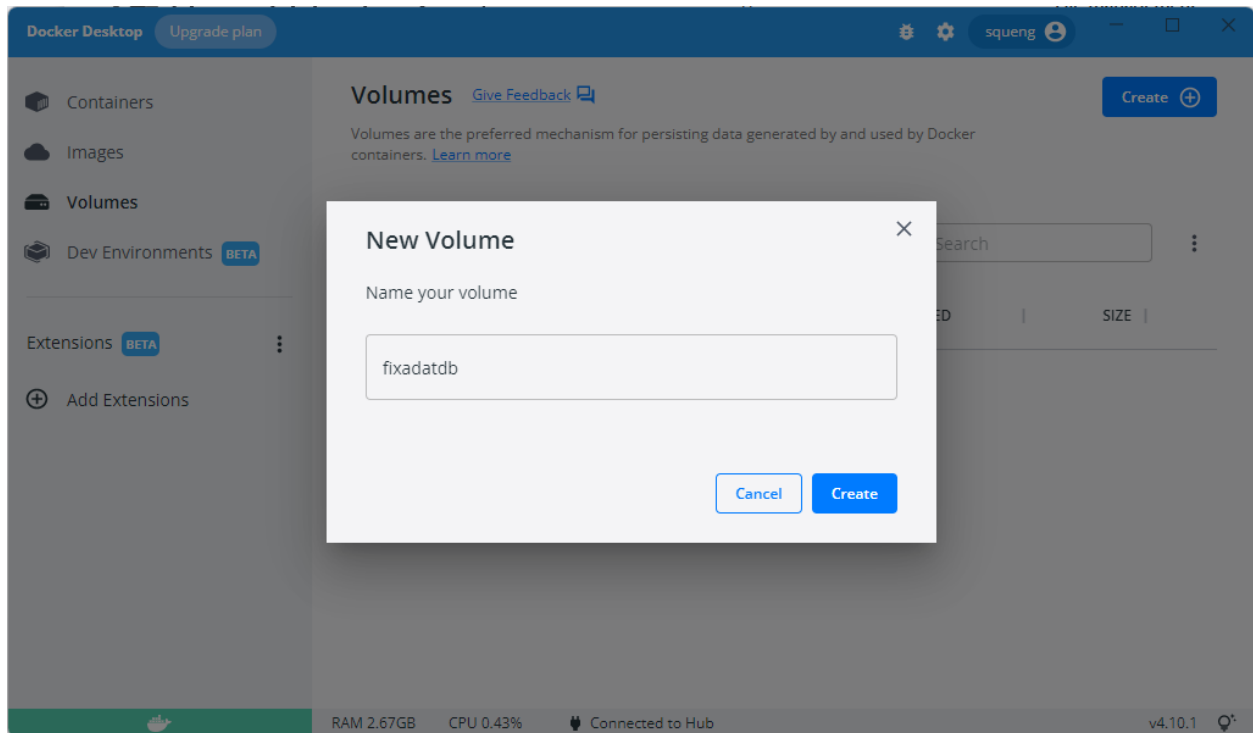
²⁵⁵<https://www.mongodb.com/try/download/community>

²⁵⁶<https://www.mongodb.com/atlas>

²⁵⁷https://docs.docker.com/engine/reference/commandline/volume_create/

²⁵⁸https://hub.docker.com/_/mongo

²⁵⁹<https://docs.docker.com/config/containers/start-containers-automatically/>



Creating a volume with Docker Desktop

Driver

In order for the back-end to be able to interact with MongoDB, we need to include the [Scala driver](https://mongodb.github.io/mongo-java-driver/4.4/apidocs/mongo-scala-driver/index.html)²⁶⁰ in the library dependencies in `Fixadat/beapi/build.sbt` by adding the following line:

```
1 libraryDependencies += "org.mongodb.scala" %% "mongo-scala-driver" % "4.7.0"
```

APIs

I like to have to three browser tabs with driver API docs open, namely

- <https://mongodb.github.io/mongo-java-driver/4.4/apidocs/mongodb-driver-core/index.html>
- <https://mongodb.github.io/mongo-java-driver/4.4/apidocs/bson/index.html>
- <https://mongodb.github.io/mongo-java-driver/4.4/apidocs/mongo-scala-driver/index.html>

²⁶⁰<https://mongodb.github.io/mongo-java-driver/4.4/driver-scala/>

Configuration

Module

application.conf

insecureLocalhost.conf

delicate.conf

Code

Connection helper

note `CodecRegistries.fromCodecs(new UuidCodec(UuidRepresentation.STANDARD))`,

Dependency Injection

As you know,

`Fixadat/beapi/app/Module.scala`²⁶¹ instantiates the connection helper and injects `MdbRepository` where a `Repository` is required (if `MongoDB` is configured and not another DBMS or the `DevRepository`).

```
1  class Module(  
2      env: Environment,  
3      config: Configuration  
4  ) extends AbstractModule  
5      with Logging {  
6      override def configure() = {  
7  
8          // https://www.playframework.com/documentation/latest/ScalaDependencyInjection#Eager-bindings  
9  
10         bind(classOf[Mdb]).asEagerSingleton  
11         // we may not need it when env.mode == play.api.Mode.Dev, but it won't cause any  
12         problem as long as nobody invokes Mdb.apply()  
13  
14         val dbImplementationName = config.get[String]("di.db")  
15         val dbImplementationClass: Class[_ <: Repository] = env.classLoader  
16             .loadClass(dbImplementationName)  
17             .asSubclass(classOf[Repository])  
18         logger.debug(s"db implementation class is $dbImplementationClass")  
19         bind(classOf[Repository]).to(dbImplementationClass)  
20     }  
21 }
```

²⁶¹<https://github.com/Squoss/Fixadat/blob/main/beapi/app/Module.scala>

Configuration



If you have not done so yet, read the following pages:

- [Configuration API](#)²⁶²
- [Configuration](#)²⁶³
- [Configuration file syntax and features](#)²⁶⁴
- [Production configuration](#)²⁶⁵

Configuration Files

Fixadat takes advantage of both the default configuration file `application.conf`²⁶⁶ and [alternative configuration files](#)²⁶⁷. If you look into folder `conf`²⁶⁸, there is actually only one alternative configuration file, namely `insecureLocalhost.conf`²⁶⁹; however, `.gitignore`²⁷⁰ refers to a second alternative configuration file called `delicate.conf`.

`insecureLocalhost.conf` is meant for use in run mode (i.e., development on localhost): [Fixadat]
\$ `run -Dconfig.file=conf/insecureLocalhost.conf`:

```
1  include "application"
2
3  play.filters.csrf.header.bypassHeaders.Csrf-Token = "REPLACE_CSRF_TOKEN"
4
5  di.db = dev.DevRepository
6  di.email = dev.DevEmail
7  di.sms = dev.DevSms
8
9  mongodb.uri = "mongodb://localhost:27017/fixadat"
10 mongodb.db = fixadat
```

²⁶²<https://www.playframework.com/documentation/latest/ScalaConfig>

²⁶³<https://www.playframework.com/documentation/latest/Configuration>

²⁶⁴<https://www.playframework.com/documentation/latest/ConfigFile>

²⁶⁵<https://www.playframework.com/documentation/latest/ProductionConfiguration>

²⁶⁶<https://github.com/Squoss/Fixadat/blob/main/beapi/conf/application.conf>

²⁶⁷<https://www.playframework.com/documentation/latest/ConfigFile#Specifying-an-alternative-configuration-file>

²⁶⁸<https://github.com/Squoss/Fixadat/main/beapi/conf>

²⁶⁹<https://github.com/Squoss/Fixadat/blob/main/beapi/conf/insecureLocalhost.conf>

²⁷⁰<https://github.com/Squoss/Fixadat/blob/main/beapi/.gitignore>

It includes the default configuration file. What makes it insecure is that it allows for a hard-coded anti-CSRF token, which is further explained in the [security chapter](#). It configures console-based messaging and a memory-based database, which is further explained in the [dependency-injection chapter](#); nevertheless, for the sake of convenience, is also configures a local MongoDB instance, which is further explained in the [persistence chapter](#), such that the command for run mode does not become unwieldy: [Fixadat] \$ run -Dconfig.file=conf/insecureLocalhost.conf -Ddi.db=mongodb.MdbRepository instead of [Fixadat] \$ run -Dconfig.file=conf/insecureLocalhost.conf -Ddi.db=mongodb.MdbRepository -Dmongodb.uri=... -Dmongodb.db=...

delicate.conf is also meant for use in run mode, but less for development on localhost and more for debugging with an actual messaging and/or database provider: [Fixadat] \$ run -Dconfig.file=conf/insecureLocalhost.conf.

```
beapi > conf > delicate.conf
1  include "insecureLocalhost"
2
3  di.db = mongodb.MdbRepository
4  mongodb.uri = "mongodb+srv://rwSquoss: [REDACTED]@ [REDACTED].mongodb.net/squawg?retryWrites=true&w=majority"
5  mongodb.db = squawg
6
7  di.email = thirdparty_services.Mailjet
8  mailjet.apiKey = [REDACTED]
9  mailjet.secretKey = [REDACTED]
10 mailjet.sender = "fixadat@squeng.com"
11
12 di.sms = thirdparty_services.Mailjet
13 mailjet.smsToken = [REDACTED]
```

Don't try this at home!

Application Secret

If you have not done so yet, read the following page:

- [Configuring the application secret²⁷¹](#)

Session Cookie

If you have not done so yet, read the following page:

- [Configuring the session cookie²⁷²](#)

²⁷¹<https://www.playframework.com/documentation/latest/ApplicationSecret>

²⁷²<https://www.playframework.com/documentation/latest/SettingsSession>

Logging

If you have not done so yet, read the following page:

- [Configuring logging](#)²⁷³

²⁷³<https://www.playframework.com/documentation/latest/SettingsLogger>

Dependency Injection

The [Dependency Injection pattern](#)²⁷⁴ is a popular means of wiring objects and a natural fit for frameworks—such as Play—with their [Hollywood Principle](#)²⁷⁵. And it is particularly convenient with respect to [ports & adapters](#).



If you have not done so yet, read the following page:

- [Dependency Injection with Guice](#)²⁷⁶

Build Scripts

First off, note how both the application build script `build.sbt`²⁷⁷ (in addition to the “regular” `libraryDependencies += guice`) as well as the subproject’s build script `build.sbt`²⁷⁸ include the line `libraryDependencies += "com.google.inject" % "guice" % "5.1.0"`. The former does so in order to manually bump the version number for compatibility with Java 17. The latter does so in order to make the [JSR 330](#)²⁷⁹ annotations (i.e., `package javax.inject`) available.

Controllers and Filters

That all four controllers as well as the one filter are defined as classes and have instances of framework types injected as necessary should come as [no surprise](#)²⁸⁰.

Additionally, `ElectionsController`²⁸¹ has a domain-service instance injected while both `ReactController`²⁸² and `ValidationsController`²⁸³ are defined as singletons in order for their `vals` to be cached.

²⁷⁴<https://martinfowler.com/articles/injection.html>

²⁷⁵<https://www.informit.com/store/design-patterns-elements-of-reusable-object-oriented-9780201633610>

²⁷⁶<https://www.playframework.com/documentation/latest/ScalaDependencyInjection>

²⁷⁷<https://github.com/Squoss/Fixadat/blob/main/beapi/build.sbt>

²⁷⁸<https://github.com/Squoss/Fixadat/blob/main/beapi/reinraum/build.sbt>

²⁷⁹<https://jcp.org/en/jsr/detail?id=330>

²⁸⁰<https://www.playframework.com/documentation/latest/ScalaActions#Controllers-are-action-generators>

²⁸¹<https://github.com/Squoss/Fixadat/blob/main/beapi/app/api/ElectionsController.scala>

²⁸²<https://github.com/Squoss/Fixadat/blob/main/beapi/app/gui/ReactController.scala>

²⁸³<https://github.com/Squoss/Fixadat/blob/main/beapi/app/api/ValidationsController.scala>

A Guided Tour of React

This part needs be done and fixed.



reminder to myself

- FIXME
- TODO

Template

Bootstrap features a bunch of [examples](https://getbootstrap.com/docs/5.0/examples/)²⁸⁴, and our product manager and interaction designer like [Navbar fixed](https://getbootstrap.com/docs/5.0/examples/navbar-fixed/)²⁸⁵ for Fixadat. To adopt it, copy the content of the body except for the script tag, wrap it in a `<React.Fragment>` tag²⁸⁶, and replace the return value of `Fixadat/fegui/src/App.tsx` with it. As you know²⁸⁷, you also need to replace `class=` by `className=` and `tabindex="-1"` by `tabIndex={-1}`.



```
44 <!-- Custom styles for this template -->
45 <link href="navbar-top-fixed.css" rel="stylesheet">
46 </head>
47 <body>
48
49
50 <nav class="navbar navbar-expand-md navbar-dark fixed-top bg-dark">
51   <div class="container-fluid">
52     <a class="navbar-brand" href="#">Fixed navbar</a>
53     <button class="navbar-toggler" type="button" data-bs-toggle="collapse" data-bs-target="#navbarCollapse" aria-expanded="false" aria-label="Toggle navigation">
54       <span class="navbar-toggler-icon"></span>
55     </button>
56     <div class="collapse navbar-collapse" id="navbarCollapse">
57       <ul class="navbar-nav me-auto mb-2 mb-md-0">
58         <li class="nav-item active">
59           <a class="nav-link" aria-current="page" href="#">Home</a>
60         </li>
61         <li class="nav-item">
62           <a class="nav-link" href="#">Link</a>
63         </li>
64         <li class="nav-item">
65           <a class="nav-link disabled" href="#" tabindex="-1" aria-disabled="true">Disabled</a>
66         </li>
67       </ul>
68       <form class="d-flex">
69         <input class="form-control me-2" type="search" placeholder="Search" aria-label="Search">
70         <button class="btn btn-outline-success" type="submit">Search</button>
71       </form>
72     </div>
73   </div>
74 </nav>
75
76 <main class="container">
77   <div class="py-5 bg-light p-5 rounded">
78     <h1>Navbar example</h1>
79     <p class="lead">This example is a quick exercise to illustrate how fixed to top navbar works. As you scroll, it will remain fixed to the top of your browser's viewport.</p>
80     <a class="btn btn-lg btn-primary" href="/docs/5.0/components/navbar/" role="button">View navbar docs <span></span></a>
81   </div>
82 </main>
83
84 <script src="/docs/5.0/dist/js/bootstrap.bundle.min.js" integrity="sha384-ygbV9kiqU66o65Xn8688pTtMq1QaeYH7/c7LECLb5PA2x56Kf80OJfdrcaFN" crossorigin="anonymous"></script>
85
86
87 </body>
88 </html>
```

Navbar fixed HTML

Futhermore, copy its [stylesheet](https://getbootstrap.com/docs/5.0/examples/navbar-fixed/navbar-top-fixed.css)²⁸⁸ and overwrite `Fixadat/fegui/src/index.css` with it:

```
1 /* source: https://getbootstrap.com/docs/5.0/examples/navbar-fixed/navbar-top-fixed. \
2 css */
3 body {
4   min-height: 75rem;
5   padding-top: 4.5rem;
6 }
```

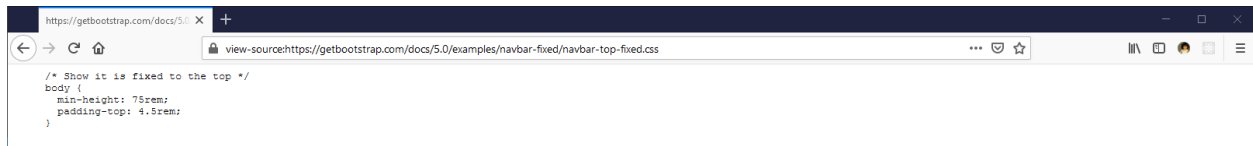
²⁸⁴<https://getbootstrap.com/docs/5.0/examples/>

²⁸⁵<https://getbootstrap.com/docs/5.0/examples/navbar-fixed/>

²⁸⁶<https://reactjs.org/docs/fragments.html>

²⁸⁷from <https://reactjs.org/docs/introducing-jsx.html#specifying-attributes-with-jsx>

²⁸⁸<https://getbootstrap.com/docs/5.0/examples/navbar-fixed/navbar-top-fixed.css>



Navbar fixed CSS

Finally, delete `Fixadat/fegui/src/App.css` and `Fixadat/fegui/src/logo.svg` as well as their imports in `Fixadat/fegui/src/App.tsx`. The latter now looks as follows after having added a `<footer>` tag²⁸⁹ consisting of a simple card²⁹⁰ fixed to the bottom²⁹¹:

```

1  import React from 'react';
2
3  function App() {
4    return (
5      <React.Fragment>
6        <header>
7          <nav className="navbar navbar-expand-md navbar-dark fixed-top bg-dark">
8            <div className="container-fluid">
9              <a className="navbar-brand" href="#">Fixed navbar</a>
10             <button className="navbar-toggler" type="button" data-bs-toggle="collapse\
11 e" data-bs-target="#navbarCollapse" aria-controls="navbarCollapse" aria-expanded="fa\
12 lse" aria-label="Toggle navigation">
13               <span className="navbar-toggler-icon"></span>
14             </button>
15             <div className="collapse navbar-collapse" id="navbarCollapse">
16               <ul className="navbar-nav me-auto mb-2 mb-md-0">
17                 <li className="nav-item active">
18                   <a className="nav-link" aria-current="page" href="#">Home</a>
19                 </li>
20                 <li className="nav-item">
21                   <a className="nav-link" href="#">Link</a>
22                 </li>
23                 <li className="nav-item">
24                   <a className="nav-link disabled" href="#" tabIndex={-1} aria-disab\
25 led="true">Disabled</a>
26                 </li>
27               </ul>
28               <form className="d-flex">
29                 <input className="form-control me-2" type="search" placeholder="Sear\
30 ch" aria-label="Search" />
31                 <button className="btn btn-outline-success" type="submit">Search</bu\

```

²⁸⁹<https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Web/HTML/Element/footer>

²⁹⁰<https://getbootstrap.com/docs/5.0/components/card/>

²⁹¹<https://getbootstrap.com/docs/5.0/helpers/position/#fixed-bottom>

```

32 tton>
33         </form>
34     </div>
35 </div>
36 </nav>
37 </header>
38
39     <main className="container">
40         <div className="bg-light p-5 rounded">
41             <h1>Navbar example</h1>
42             <p className="lead">This example is a quick exercise to illustrate how fix\
43 ed to top navbar works. As you scroll, it will remain fixed to the top of your brows\
44 er's viewport.</p>
45             <a className="btn btn-lg btn-primary" href="/docs/5.0/components/navbar/" \
46 role="button">View navbar docs &raquo;</a>
47         </div>
48     </main>
49
50     <footer className="fixed-bottom">
51         <div className="card text-end">
52             <div className="card-body">
53                 Copyright &copy; <time dateTime="2021">2021</time> Squeng AG
54             </div>
55         </div>
56     </footer>
57 </React.Fragment>
58 );
59 }
60
61 export default App;

```

While the navigation (at least for the most part) and the footer are meant to look the same on every path, the main section must reflect the current path.

Delete the main section's content and add the following function as `Abode.tsx` in `Fixadat/fegui/src`:


```

1  function Abode() {
2    return (
3      <div className="bg-light p-5 rounded">
4        <h1>répondez s'il vous plaît</h1>
5        <p className="lead">Use your favorite off-line & on-line channels for invi\
6 tations and let invitees conveniently RSVP in one place.</p>
7        <a className="btn btn-lg btn-primary" href="/docs/5.0/components/navbar/" role\
8 ="button">Create a basic page for RSVPing &raquo;</a>
9        <p>It's free of charge and requires no signing up.</p>
10     </div>
11   );
12 }
13
14 export default Abode;

```

Add the following function as `NotFound.tsx` in `Fixadat/fegui/src`:

```

1  import { Link } from 'react-router-dom';
2
3  function NotFound() {
4    return (
5      <div className="alert alert-info" role="alert">
6        <h4 className="alert-heading">Not Found</h4>
7        <p>The page that you have requested has not been found.</p>
8        <hr />
9        <p className="mb-0"><Link to="/" className="alert-link"><i className="bi-house\
10 "></i></Link></p>
11     </div>
12   );
13 }
14
15 export default NotFound;

```

And because we cannot develop all React components at once, add the following function as `ToDo.tsx` in `Fixadat/fegui/src`:

```

1  function ToDo() {
2    return (
3      <mark>To Do</mark>
4    );
5  }
6
7  export default ToDo;

```

Now we have all we need to update the template above with the correct links. To cut a long story short, Fixadat/fegui/src/App.tsx now looks as follows after additionally having added links to Squeng²⁹² and GitHub²⁹³:

```

1  import React from 'react';
2  import { Link, NavLink, Redirect, Route, Switch } from 'react-router-dom';
3
4  import Abode from './Abode';
5  import NotFound from './NotFound';
6  import ToDo from './ToDo';
7
8  function App() {
9    return (
10     <React.Fragment>
11       <header>
12         <nav className="navbar navbar-expand-md navbar-dark fixed-top bg-dark">
13           <div className="container-fluid">
14             <Link className="navbar-brand" to="/">Fixadat</Link> <a className="navba\
15 r-brand" href="https://io.squeng.com/abode/" target="Squeng"><small>Squeng<sup>&reg;<\/sup>&nbsp;<\/small><\/a>
16 <\/sup>&nbsp;<\/small><\/a>
17             <button className="navbar-toggler" type="button" data-bs-toggle="collaps\
18 e" data-bs-target="#navbarCollapse" aria-controls="navbarCollapse" aria-expanded="fa\
19 lse" aria-label="Toggle navigation">
20               <span className="navbar-toggler-icon"><\/span>
21             <\/button>
22             <div className="collapse navbar-collapse" id="navbarCollapse">
23               <ul className="navbar-nav me-auto mb-2 mb-md-0">
24                 <li className="nav-item">
25                   <NavLink className="nav-link" exact={true} activeClassName="active\
26 " aria-current="page" to="/"><i className="bi-house"><\/i><\/NavLink>
27                 <\/li>
28                 <li className="nav-item">
29                   <NavLink className="nav-link" activeClassName="active" to="/acknow\

```

²⁹²<https://io.squeng.com/abode/>

²⁹³<https://github.com/Squoss/Fixadat>

```

30   ledgements">Acknowledgements</NavLink>
31       </li>
32       <li className="nav-item dropdown">
33           <a className="nav-link dropdown-toggle" href="#" id="legalese" rol\
34 e="button" data-bs-toggle="dropdown" aria-expanded="false">Legalese</a>
35           <ul className="dropdown-menu" aria-labelledby="legalese">
36               <li><NavLink className="dropdown-item" activeClassName="disabled\
37 " to="/legalese/im">Imprint / Masthead</NavLink></li>
38               <li><NavLink className="dropdown-item" activeClassName="disabled\
39 " to="/legalese/pp">Privacy Policy</NavLink></li>
40               <li><NavLink className="dropdown-item" activeClassName="disabled\
41 " to="/legalese/tos">Terms of Service</NavLink></li>
42           </ul>
43       </li>
44       <li className="nav-item">
45           <a className="nav-link disabled" href="#" tabIndex={-1} aria-disab\
46 led="true">Prices</a>
47       </li>
48   </ul>
49   <a className="btn btn-secondary" href="https://github.com/Squoss/Fixad\
50 at" target="Github"><i className="bi-github"></i></a>
51   </div>
52 </div>
53 </nav>
54 </header>
55
56 <main className="container">
57   <Switch>
58     <Route exact path="/" component={Abode} />
59     <Route path="/events/:event" component={ToDo} />
60     <Route path="/acknowledgements" component={ToDo} />
61     <Route exact path="/legalese">
62       <Redirect to="/legalese/im" />
63     </Route>
64     <Route path="/legalese/im" component={ToDo} />
65     <Route path="/legalese/pp" component={ToDo} />
66     <Route path="/legalese/tos" component={ToDo} />
67     {/* when none of the above match, <NotFound> will be rendered */}
68     <Route component={NotFound} />
69   </Switch>
70 </main>
71
72 <footer className="fixed-bottom">

```

```
73     <div className="card text-end">
74       <div className="card-body">
75         Copyright &copy; <time dateTime="2021">2021</time> Squeng AG
76       </div>
77     </div>
78   </footer>
79 </React.Fragment>
80 );
81 }
82
83 export default App;
```

Internationalization and Localization

React in general and Create React App in particular do not support internationalization (i18n) and localization (l10n) out of the box. However, there are several third-party i18n/l10n libraries that work with React (Mozilla's research project [Fluent](#)²⁹⁴, for instance), some even exclusively.

As you know²⁹⁵, Play supports i18n/l10n out of the box. Because it is based on Java's time-tested mechanisms and because we also need localized texts in the back-end (e.g., when sending e-mail) but want to avoid redundancy, we are taking an approach inspired by the [Play JsMessages library](#)²⁹⁶.

Schnittstelle

Back-end

This section requires familiarity with Java's [Locale](#)^a, [PropertyResourceBundle](#)^b, and [MessageFormat](#)^c.

^a<https://docs.oracle.com/en/java/javase/17/docs/api/java.base/java/util/Locale.html>

^b<https://docs.oracle.com/en/java/javase/17/docs/api/java.base/java/util/PropertyResourceBundle.html>

^c<https://docs.oracle.com/en/java/javase/17/docs/api/java.base/java/text/MessageFormat.html>

Supported Locales

Since we want English (en) to be the default/fallback locale, we use the existing [Fixadat/beapi/conf/messages](#)²⁹⁷ for it and add [Fixadat/beapi/conf/messages.de](#)²⁹⁸ for German (de). Then we list the supported locales by adding the key-value pair `play.i18n.langs = ["en", "de"]` in [Fixadat/beapi/conf/application.conf](#)²⁹⁹. Note how both messages files start with sort of a self-reference: `locale = ...`; its meaning is going to become clear below.

²⁹⁴<https://github.com/projectfluent/fluent.js/tree/master/fluent-react>

²⁹⁵from <https://www.playframework.com/documentation/latest/ScalaI18N>

²⁹⁶<https://github.com/julienrf/play-jsmessages>

²⁹⁷<https://github.com/Squoss/Fixadat/blob/main/beapi/conf/messages>

²⁹⁸<https://github.com/Squoss/Fixadat/blob/main/beapi/conf/messages.de>

²⁹⁹<https://github.com/Squoss/Fixadat/blob/main/beapi/conf/application.conf>

Switching the Locale

As you know³⁰⁰, Play does a good job of interpreting a HTTP request's Accept-Language header. Nevertheless, we want to allow for explicitly switching the locale by the user. One approach is to have a controller react to a change-locale request, switch the locale, and respond with a redirection (e.g., back to the page the user was already on). Another approach is to have a filter intercept all requests and determine whether the locale needs switching before the request is handled any further. We take the latter approach and are going to see below what that means for the front-end.

Add the following class to `Fixadat/beapi/app/filters` and then activate it by adding the key-value pair `play.filters.enabled += filters.MessagesFilter` in `Fixadat/beapi/conf/application.conf`³⁰¹:

```
1 package filters
2
3 import akka.stream.Materializer
4 import play.api.Configuration
5 import play.api.Logging
6 import play.api.i18n.I18nSupport
7 import play.api.i18n.Lang
8 import play.api.mvc.Cookie
9 import play.api.mvc.Filter
10 import play.api.mvc.RequestHeader
11 import play.api.mvc.Result
12 import play.api.routing.HandlerDef
13 import play.api.routing.Router
14
15 import javax.inject.Inject
16 import scala.concurrent.ExecutionContext
17 import scala.concurrent.Future
18
19 class MessagesFilter @Inject() (implicit
20   val mat: Materializer,
21   ec: ExecutionContext,
22   config: Configuration
23 ) extends Filter {
24
25   def apply(
26     nextFilter: RequestHeader => Future[Result]
27   )(requestHeader: RequestHeader): Future[Result] = {
28
```

³⁰⁰from <https://www.playframework.com/documentation/latest/ScalaContentNegotiation#Language>

³⁰¹<https://github.com/Squoss/Fixadat/blob/main/beapi/conf/application.conf>

```

29 // cannot use I18nSupport above (this is a filter, not a controller) and therefore\
30 re not result.withLang below
31 // https://www.playframework.com/documentation/latest/ScalaI18N#Language-Cookie-\
32 Support
33 // for future reference: https://www.playframework.com/documentation/latest/api/\
34 scala/play/api/i18n/MessagesApi.html#setLang(result:play.api.mvc.Result,lang:play.ap\
35 i.i18n.Lang):play.api.mvc.Result
36 val cookieName = config
37   .getOptional[String]("play.i18n.langCookieName")
38   .getOrElse("PLAY_LANG")
39 val query = requestHeader.queryString
40 val newLocale =
41   query.get("locale").flatMap(_.headOption.flatMap(Lang.get(_)))
42 if (newLocale.isEmpty) {
43   nextFilter(requestHeader).map { result => result }
44 } else {
45   nextFilter(requestHeader.withTransientLang(newLocale.get)).map { result =>
46     result.withCookies(Cookie(cookieName, newLocale.get.code))
47   }
48 }
49 }
50 }

```

Serving the Localizations

routes

```

1 def jsonMessages = Action { implicit request =>
2   val lang = request.lang
3   val default = messagesApi.messages.get("default").getOrElse(Map())
4   val language =
5     messagesApi.messages.get(Lang(lang.language).code).getOrElse(Map())
6   val country = messagesApi.messages
7     .get(Lang(lang.language, lang.country).code)
8     .getOrElse(Map())
9   val script = messagesApi.messages
10    .get(Lang(lang.language, lang.country, lang.script).code)
11    .getOrElse(Map())
12   val variant = messagesApi.messages
13     .get(Lang(lang.language, lang.country, lang.script, lang.variant).code)
14     .getOrElse(Map())
15   Ok(Json.toJson(default ++ language ++ country ++ script ++ variant))
16 }

```

Front-end

In addition to what is listed in the [Guided Tours](#) chapter, this section requires familiarity with [using contexts^a](#) and the [useContext^b](#) hook.

^a<https://reactjs.org/docs/context.html>

^b<https://reactjs.org/docs/hooks-reference.html#usecontext>

Using a Localization Context

```
1 import React from "react";
2
3 export interface Localizations {
4   [key: string]: string;
5 }
6
7 export const l10nContext = React.createContext<Localizations>({});
```

Fetching and Providing the Localizations

```
1 import React, { useEffect, useState } from "react";
2 import App from "../App";
3 import { get } from "../fetchJson";
4 import { l10nContext, Localizations } from "../l10nContext";
5
6
7 function I18nApp(props: {}) {
8   console.log("I18nApp props: " + JSON.stringify(props));
9
10  const [localizations, setLocalizations] = useState<Localizations>({});
11
12  useEffect(() => {
13    const fetchLocalizations = () => get<Localizations>("/jsonMessages", "").then(responseJson => {
14      console.debug(responseJson.status);
15      console.debug(responseJson.parsedBody);
16      setLocalizations(responseJson.parsedBody!);
17    }).catch(error => console.error(`failed to get time zones: ${error}`));
18
19    fetchLocalizations();
20  });
```



```

21   }, []);
22
23   return (
24     <React.Fragment>
25       {localizations === {} ? (
26         <div className="spinner-border" role="status">
27           <span className="visually-hidden">Loading localizations ...</span>
28         </div>
29       ) : (
30         <l10nContext.Provider value={localizations}>
31           <App />
32         </l10nContext.Provider>
33       )}
34     </React.Fragment>
35   );
36 }
37
38 export default I18nApp;

```

Using the Localizations

```

1  import { useContext } from 'react';
2  import { Link } from 'react-router-dom';
3  import { l10nContext } from "../l10nContext";
4
5  function NotFound(props: {}) {
6    console.log("NotFound props: " + JSON.stringify(props));
7
8    const localizations = useContext(l10nContext);
9
10   return (
11     <div className="alert alert-info" role="alert">
12       <h4 className="alert-heading">{localizations['notFound.title']}</h4>
13       <p>{localizations['notFound.page']}</p>
14       <hr />
15       <p className="mb-0"><Link to="/" className="alert-link"><i className="bi bi-ho\
16 use"></i></Link></p>
17     </div>
18   );
19 }
20
21 export default NotFound;

```

Switching the Locale

```

1  import { Modal } from "bootstrap";
2  import React, { useContext, useEffect } from 'react';
3  import { Link, NavLink, Redirect, Route, Switch, useLocation } from 'react-router-dom';
4
5  import Abode from './Abode';
6  import EventComponent from './EventComponent';
7  import { l10nContext } from './l10nContext';
8  import NotFound from './NotFound';
9  import Todo from './ToDo';
10
11
12  function App(props: {}) {
13    console.log("App props: " + JSON.stringify(props));
14
15    const localizations = useContext(l10nContext);
16
17    const location = useLocation();
18    let locationString = location.pathname;
19    locationString += "?";
20    new URLSearchParams(location.search).forEach((v, k) => locationString += k !== "locale" ? `&${k}=${v}&` : "");
21    locationString += "locale=NEWLOCALE";
22    locationString += location.hash;
23
24
25    <div className="dropdown">
26      <button className="btn btn-outline-primary dropdown-toggle" type="button" id="language" data-bs-toggle="dropdown" aria-expanded="false"><i className="bi bi-globe"></i></button>
27      <ul className="dropdown-menu" aria-labelledby="language">
28        <li><a className={localizations['locale'] === "de" ? "dropdown-item disabled" : "dropdown-item"} href={locationString.replace("NEWLOCALE", "de")}>Deutsch</a></li>
29        <li><a className={localizations['locale'] === "en" ? "dropdown-item disabled" : "dropdown-item"} href={locationString.replace("NEWLOCALE", "en")}>English</a></li>
30      </ul>
31    </div>

```

<http://localhost:9000/?locale=en> or <http://localhost:9000/?locale=de>

<http://localhost:9000/?locale=de-CH> defaults to German and <http://localhost:9000/?locale=fr-CA> defaults to English

Privacy

<https://www.heise.de/hintergrund/Softwareentwicklung-und-Datenschutz-wie-passt-das-zusammen-6155870.html?seite=all>

<https://www.springer.com/de/book/9783662630860>

<https://dpunkt.de/produkt/cloud-computing-nach-der-datenschutz-grundverordnung/>

Legalese

Consent Management: <https://usercentrics.com/>

Hello, world!

This part needs be done and fixed.

Like the first part and unlike the previous part, this entire part is pretty much independent of the domain.



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 - [Deploying your application](#)³⁰⁴
 - [Production configuration](#)³⁰⁵

³⁰²<https://www.playframework.com/documentation/latest/ApplicationSecret>

³⁰³<https://www.playframework.com/documentation/latest/Production>

³⁰⁴<https://www.playframework.com/documentation/latest/Deploying>

³⁰⁵<https://www.playframework.com/documentation/latest/ProductionConfiguration>

Going Public

index.html

Before we publish the Web app, we should change the title and the description in `Fixadat/fegui/public/index.html`. While we are at it, we could also change the favicon and update `Fixadat/fegui/public/manifest.json`; services such as [Favicon Generator](https://www.ionos.com/tools/favicon-generator)³⁰⁶ can help with both. `Fixadat/fegui/public/index.html` now looks as follows:

```
1  <!DOCTYPE html>
2  <html lang="en">
3    <head>
4      <meta charset="utf-8" />
5      <link rel="icon" href="%PUBLIC_URL%/favicon.ico" />
6      <meta name="viewport" content="width=device-width, initial-scale=1" />
7      <meta name="description" content="Squeng's RSVP app" />
8      <!-- generated with https://www.ionos.com/tools/favicon-generator -->
9      <link rel="apple-touch-icon" sizes="57x57" href="%PUBLIC_URL%/apple-icon-57x57.p\
10 ng" />
11      <link rel="apple-touch-icon" sizes="60x60" href="%PUBLIC_URL%/apple-icon-60x60.p\
12 ng" />
13      <link rel="apple-touch-icon" sizes="72x72" href="%PUBLIC_URL%/apple-icon-72x72.p\
14 ng" />
15      <link rel="apple-touch-icon" sizes="76x76" href="%PUBLIC_URL%/apple-icon-76x76.p\
16 ng" />
17      <link rel="apple-touch-icon" sizes="114x114" href="%PUBLIC_URL%/apple-icon-114x1\
18 14.png" />
19      <link rel="apple-touch-icon" sizes="120x120" href="%PUBLIC_URL%/apple-icon-120x1\
20 20.png" />
21      <link rel="apple-touch-icon" sizes="144x144" href="%PUBLIC_URL%/apple-icon-144x1\
22 44.png" />
23      <link rel="apple-touch-icon" sizes="152x152" href="%PUBLIC_URL%/apple-icon-152x1\
24 52.png" />
25      <link rel="apple-touch-icon" sizes="180x180" href="%PUBLIC_URL%/apple-icon-180x1\
26 80.png" />
27      <link rel="icon" type="image/png" sizes="192x192" href="%PUBLIC_URL%/android-ic\
28 on-192x192.png" />
```

³⁰⁶<https://www.ionos.com/tools/favicon-generator>

```
29     <link rel="icon" type="image/png" sizes="32x32" href="%PUBLIC_URL%/favicon-32x32\
30 .png" />
31     <link rel="icon" type="image/png" sizes="96x96" href="%PUBLIC_URL%/favicon-96x96\
32 .png" />
33     <link rel="icon" type="image/png" sizes="16x16" href="%PUBLIC_URL%/favicon-16x16\
34 .png" />
35     <link rel="manifest" href="%PUBLIC_URL%/manifest.json" />
36     <meta name="msapplication-TileColor" content="#ffffff" />
37     <meta name="msapplication-TileImage" content="%PUBLIC_URL%/ms-icon-144x144.png" \
38 />
39     <!-- https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Web/HTML/Element/meta/name/theme-c\
40 olor -->
41     <meta name="theme-color" media="(prefers-color-scheme: light)" content="white">
42     <meta name="theme-color" media="(prefers-color-scheme: dark)" content="black">
43     <title>Fixadat</title>
44 </head>
45 <body>
46     <noscript>You need to enable JavaScript to run this app.</noscript>
47     <div id="root"></div>
48 </body>
49 </html>
```

Note that we replaced both Create React App's and Favicon Generator's theme-color by a media-dependent one.

build.sbt

Two Become One 2



You do not need to be familiar with [Docker](#)³⁰⁷, let alone understand the Docker instructions below in detail. This section is merely meant to shed light on how two independent (sub-)projects during development can result in one [self-contained system](#)³⁰⁸ during production.

Dockerfiles contain the instructions for building a Docker image, which is instantiated as a Docker container at runtime. Our Dockerfile takes advantage of Docker's support for [multi-stage builds](#)³⁰⁹.

The first stage builds the front-end:

```
1 FROM node:16 as react
2
3 WORKDIR /squeng/fixadat
4
5 COPY fegui/.env ./
6 # COPY fegui/.npmrc ./
7 COPY fegui/package*.json ./
8 COPY fegui/tsconfig.json ./
9 # https://docs.npmjs.com/cli/v7/commands/npm-ci
10 RUN npm ci
11
12 COPY fegui/public ./public
13 COPY fegui/src ./src
14 # https://create-react-app.dev/docs/adding-custom-environment-variables#linux-macos-
15 bash
16 RUN INLINE_RUNTIME_CHUNK=false npm run build
```

As you know³¹⁰, Play can serve static, public assets. The second stage copies the front-end artifacts built during the first stage into the back-end as such assets and builds it:

³⁰⁷<https://www.docker.com/>

³⁰⁸<https://scs-architecture.org/>

³⁰⁹<https://docs.docker.com/develop/develop-images/multistage-build/>

³¹⁰from <https://www.playframework.com/documentation/latest/Assets> and <https://www.playframework.com/documentation/latest/AssetsOverview>


```

1 FROM hseeberger/scala-sbt:17.0.1_1.6.1_2.13.8 as play
2
3 WORKDIR /squeng/fixadat
4
5 COPY beapi/app ./app
6 COPY beapi/conf ./conf
7 COPY beapi/project ./project
8 COPY beapi/public ./public
9 COPY beapi/reinraum ./reinraum
10 COPY beapi/build.sbt ./
11 COPY --from=react /squeng/fixadat/build ./public/build
12 RUN sbt stage

```

The third stage copies the artifacts integrated and built during the second stage and builds the actual Docker image:

```

1 FROM openjdk:17-slim
2
3 WORKDIR /squeng/fixadat
4
5 COPY --from=play /squeng/fixadat/target/universal/stage ./target/universal/stage
6
7 RUN groupadd -r gruppe && useradd --no-log-init -r -g gruppe benutzer
8 RUN chown -R benutzer:gruppe /squeng
9 USER benutzer
10
11 EXPOSE 8080
12 CMD ["target/universal/stage/bin/fixadat", "-Dpidfile.path=play.pid", "-Dhttp.port=8\
13 080"]

```

That is all there is to it.

Alternatives

There are both alternatives and variants to this set-up. One alternative is to integrate the front-end and the back-end from the very beginning (like [ASP.NET Core's React project template](https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/aspnet/core/client-side/spa/react)³¹¹, for instance). Another one is to keep the front-end and the back-end separate by deploying them independently (and worrying more about [CORS](https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Web/HTTP/CORS)³¹² than [CSRF](https://leanpub.com/cd-pipelines)). A variant is not to use Docker's multi-stage build but to build & combine the front-end and the back-end “directly” in your project's [pipeline](https://leanpub.com/cd-pipelines)³¹³ first and then package it in a Docker image (if you are using Docker at all). And so on and so forth – one size does not fit all.

³¹¹<https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/aspnet/core/client-side/spa/react>

³¹²<https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Web/HTTP/CORS>

³¹³<https://leanpub.com/cd-pipelines>

Building Images Locally

In order to test building the Docker image, you can run `docker build -t="squeng/fixadat" .` in `Fixadat`. Before doing so, you may want to optimize the local build time by adding the following as `Fixadat/.dockerignore`:

```
1 # https://docs.docker.com/engine/reference/builder/#dockerignore-file
2
3 # the following lists need not be exhaustive but should at least include the worst o\
4 ffenders (i.e., largest directories)
5
6 feuwig/build
7 feuwig/node_modules
8
9 **/.bloop
10 **/.metals
11 **/target
```

Running Containers Locally

In order to test the Docker container (wether the image was built locally or pulled from Docker Hub), you can run

```
1 docker run -p 9090:8080 -p 9494:8484 -e "APPLICATION_SECRET=UPERSECRETAPPSECRET" -e\
2 "HERE_API_KEY=UPERSECRETAPIKEY" -e "MAILJET_API_KEY=NOTSOSECRETAPIKEY" -e "MAILJET\
3 _SECRET_KEY=UPERSECRETSECRETKEY" -e "MAILJET_SMS_TOKEN=UPERSECRETSMTOKEN" -e "MON\
4 GODB_DB=fixadat" -e "MONGODB_URI=mongodb+srv://rwSquoss:UPERSECRETPASSWORD@cluster0\
5 .jam64.mongodb.net/fixadat?retryWrites=true&w=majority" squeng/fixadat
```

In the example above, ports 8080 and 8484 within the container are mapped to local ports 9090 and 9494, respectively. Therefore, when visiting `http://localhost:9090/` one would be redirected to `https://localhost:8484/` instead of `https://localhost:9494/`.

Continuous Integration

In this chapter and the next two, we set our pipeline up. Since we decided to use GitHub when we set our project up, we are going to use [GitHub Actions](#)³¹⁴ for our pipeline. Note that all the version-control services mentioned at the beginning of this book provide workflow automation and/or integrate with third-party providers.



If the concept of pipelines in general or GitHub Actions in particular are new to you, you are kindly referred to [Continuous Delivery Pipelines](#)³¹⁵ and [Automating Workflows with GitHub Actions](#)³¹⁶, respectively.

When working in a team, I like to adopt [trunk-based development with short-lived feature branches](#)³¹⁷. Thus, we test (for defects) whenever a Git commit is pushed to its feature branch and when a pull request is merged into the trunk and we scan (for security) when all the tests pass (to scan the latest codebase) and once a day (to re-scan the dependencies).

Test

Testing simply means running the tests that we could (and should) run locally as well. In [Fixadat/.github/workflows](#)³¹⁸, add the following as `test.yml`³¹⁹:

```
1  name: Test
2
3  on:
4    push:
5      branches: [ '**' ]
6    pull_request:
7      branches: [ main ]
8
9  jobs:
10   npm:
11     runs-on: ubuntu-latest
12     steps:
```

³¹⁴<https://github.com/features/actions>

³¹⁵<https://leanpub.com/cd-pipelines>

³¹⁶<https://www.packtpub.com/product/automating-workflows-with-github-actions/9781800560406>

³¹⁷<https://trunkbaseddevelopment.com/short-lived-feature-branches/>

³¹⁸<https://github.com/Squoss/Fixadat/tree/main/.github/workflows>

³¹⁹<https://github.com/Squoss/Fixadat/blob/main/.github/workflows/test.yml>

```

13   - uses: actions/checkout@v2
14   - name: Set up Node.js 16
15     uses: actions/setup-node@v2
16     with:
17       node-version: '16'
18       cache: 'npm'
19       cache-dependency-path: fegui/package-lock.json
20   - name: Clean install with npm
21     run: npm ci
22     working-directory: fegui
23   - name: Test with npm
24     run: npm test
25     working-directory: fegui
26 sbt:
27   runs-on: ubuntu-latest
28   steps:
29     - uses: actions/checkout@v2
30     - name: Set up JDK 17
31       uses: actions/setup-java@v2
32       with:
33         distribution: 'temurin'
34         java-version: '17'
35     - name: Test with sbt
36       run: sbt test
37       working-directory: beapi

```

Scan

As can be seen at <https://github.com/Squoss/Fixadat/security/code-scanning/setup>, there are quite a few code-scanning workflows to choose from. We are going to scan with [Snyk](#)³²⁰ and [SonarCloud](#)³²¹.



And because I am using Visual Studio Code, I am also using the [Snyk extension](#)³²² and the [SonarLint extension](#)³²³.

³²⁰<https://github.com/snyk/actions>

³²¹<https://github.com/SonarSource/sonarcloud-github-action>

³²²<https://docs.snyk.io/products/snyk-code/using-snyk-code-via-ide#vs-code-ide-plugin>

³²³<https://www.sonarlint.org/vscode/>

Auth Token
Use this token to authenticate the Snyk CLI and in CI/CD pipelines. Learn more about authenticating CLI in our docs.

KEY	CREATED	
<input type="text" value="click to show"/>	17 January 2022, 14:09:20	<button>Revoke & Regenerate</button>

Snyk auth token

To scan with Snyk, we need to generate a token at <https://app.snyk.io/account> and add it as a repository secret by the name `SNYK_AUTH_TOKEN` at <https://github.com/Squoss/Fixadat/settings/secrets/actions>.

Tokens








If you want to enforce security by not providing credentials of a real SonarCloud user to run your code scan or to invoke web services, you can provide a User Token as a replacement of the user login. This will increase the security of your installation by not letting your analysis user's password going through your network.

Generate Tokens
 Generate

Name	Last use	Created	
GitHub Actions	< 1 hour ago	January 17, 2022	<button>Revoke</button>
Visual Studio Code	< 1 hour ago	January 17, 2022	<button>Revoke</button>

SonarCloud tokens

To scan with SonarCloud, we need to generate a token at <https://sonarcloud.io/account/security/> and add it as a repository secret by the name `SONAR_CLOUD_TOKEN` at <https://github.com/Squoss/Fixadat/settings/secrets/actions>.

Repository secrets			
	CLEVER_APP_ID	Updated 11 days ago	<button>Update</button> <button>Remove</button>
	CLEVER_SECRET	Updated 11 days ago	<button>Update</button> <button>Remove</button>
	CLEVER_TOKEN	Updated 11 days ago	<button>Update</button> <button>Remove</button>
	DOCKER_HUB_TOKEN	Updated 11 days ago	<button>Update</button> <button>Remove</button>
	DOCKER_HUB_USER	Updated 11 days ago	<button>Update</button> <button>Remove</button>
	SNYK_AUTH_TOKEN	Updated 8 days ago	<button>Update</button> <button>Remove</button>
	SONAR_CLOUD_TOKEN	Updated 8 days ago	<button>Update</button> <button>Remove</button>

GitHub repository secrets

Now we can add the following as `scan.yml`³²⁴ in `Fixadat/.github/workflows`³²⁵:

```

1  name: Scan
2
3  on:
4    workflow_run:
5      workflows: ["Test"]
6      types: [completed]
7    schedule:
8      - cron: '0 12 * * *'
9
10 jobs:
11   Sonar:
12     runs-on: ubuntu-latest
13     if: ${{ github.event_name == 'schedule' || github.event.workflow_run.conclusion \
14 == 'success' }}
15     steps:
16       - uses: actions/checkout@v2
17       with:

```

³²⁴<https://github.com/Squoss/Fixadat/blob/main/.github/workflows/scan.yml>

³²⁵<https://github.com/Squoss/Fixadat/tree/main/.github/workflows>

```

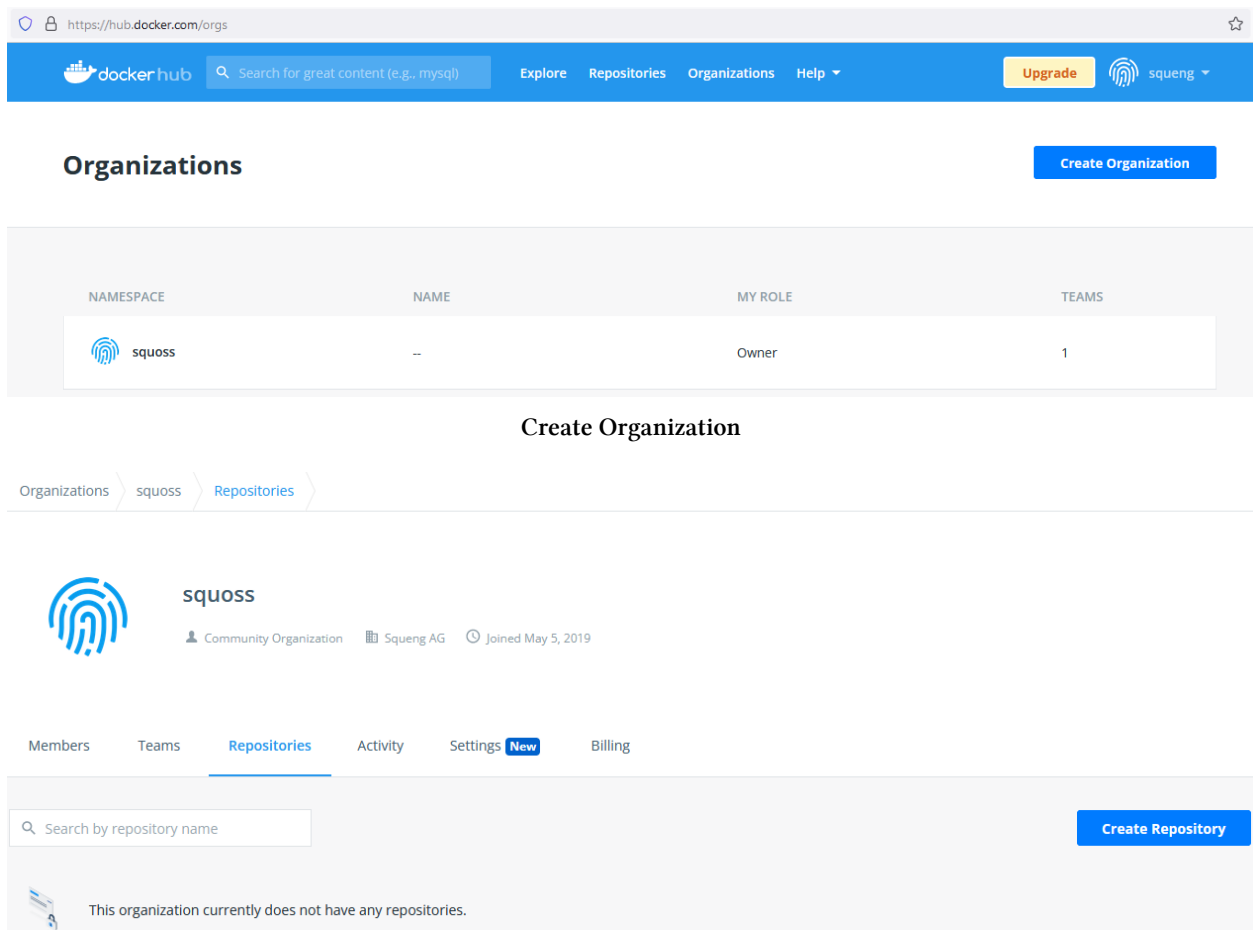
18     # Disabling shallow clone is recommended for improving relevancy of reporting
19     fetch-depth: 0
20   - name: back-end and front-end
21     uses: sonarsource/sonarcloud-github-action@master
22     with:
23       # https://docs.sonarcloud.io/advanced-setup/analysis-scope/#restrict-the-s
24       cope-of-analysis-in-general
25       args: >
26         -Dsonar.organization=squoss
27         -Dsonar.projectKey=Squoss_Fixadat
28         -Dsonar.sources=beapi/app/,beapi/reinraum/src/main/scala/,fegui/src/
29         -Dsonar.tests=beapi/test/,beapi/reinraum/src/test/scala/,fegui/src/__tes\
30       ts__/_
31         -Dsonar.exclusions=fegui/src/__tests__/**/*
32     env:
33       GITHUB_TOKEN: ${ secrets.GITHUB_TOKEN }
34       SONAR_TOKEN: ${ secrets.SONAR_CLOUD_TOKEN }
35   Snyk:
36     runs-on: ubuntu-latest
37     if: ${ github.event_name == 'schedule' || github.event.workflow_run.conclusion \
38 == 'success' }
39     steps:
40       - uses: actions/checkout@v2
41       - name: Run Snyk to check for vulnerabilities
42         # Snyk can be used to break the build when it detects security issues
43         # in this case we want to upload the issues to GitHub Code Scanning
44         continue-on-error: true
45         id: coe
46         uses: snyk/actions/node@master
47         env:
48           SNYK_TOKEN: ${ secrets.SNYK_AUTH_TOKEN }
49         with:
50           args: |
51             --sarif-file-output=snyk.sarif
52             --all-projects
53       - name: Upload result to GitHub Code Scanning
54         uses: github/codeql-action/upload-sarif@v1
55         with:
56           sarif_file: snyk.sarif
57       - name: Check for failures # https://docs.github.com/en/actions/learn-github-a
58       ctions/contexts#steps-context
59         if: ${ steps.coe.outcome != 'success' }
60       run: exit 1

```


Continuous Delivery

If you do not (only) provide your Web app as a service and do not want to make third parties build it themselves, you could make its Docker image available to them. A popular way to deliver Docker images is [Docker Hub](https://hub.docker.com/)³²⁶; after all, we also use it to pull our [base images](#) and the [MongoDB](#) image. Note that there are quite a few alternatives (you should look for “container repository”, however, and not “image repository”).

The first step is to create an organization for (some of) your project(s) if you have not done so yet.



The screenshot shows the Docker Hub interface for the 'squoss' organization. The top navigation bar includes the Docker Hub logo, a search bar, and links for Explore, Repositories, Organizations, and Help. A 'Create Organization' button is visible in the top right. Below the navigation bar, the 'Organizations' section displays a table with the following data:

NAMESPACE	NAME	MY ROLE	TEAMS
 squoss	--	Owner	1

Below the table, there is a 'Create Organization' button. The breadcrumb navigation shows 'Organizations > squoss > Repositories'. The main content area shows the 'squoss' organization profile, including its logo, name, and details: 'Community Organization', 'Squeng AG', and 'Joined May 5, 2019'. The navigation tabs include 'Members', 'Teams', 'Repositories' (which is selected), 'Activity', 'Settings' (with a 'New' badge), and 'Billing'. Below the tabs, there is a search bar for repository names and a 'Create Repository' button. A message at the bottom states: 'This organization currently does not have any repositories.'

Created Organization

The second step is to create a repository within the organization.

³²⁶<https://hub.docker.com/>

Repositories > Create >

Create Repository

squoss



squawg

The repository for the teaching object of <https://leanpub.com/DevWebApps>

Visibility

Using 0 of 0 private repositories. [Get more](#)



Public

Appears in Docker Hub search results



Private

Only visible to you

Cancel

Create

Create Repository

squoss > Repositories > squawg > Using 0 of 0 private repositories. [Get more](#)

General Tags Builds Permissions Webhooks Activity **New** Settings

Advanced Image Management
View all your images and tags in this repository, clean up unused content, recover untagged images. Available with Pro, Team and Business subscriptions. [View preview](#)

squoss/squawg
The repository for the teaching object of <https://leanpub.com/DevWebApps>

Last pushed: never

Docker commands [Public View](#)

To push a new tag to this repository,

```
docker push squoss/squawg:tagname
```

Tags and Scans VULNERABILITY SCANNING - DISABLED [Enable](#)

This repository is empty. When it's not empty, you'll see a list of the most recent tags here.

Automated Builds

Manually pushing images to Hub? Connect your account to GitHub or Bitbucket to automatically build and tag new images whenever your code is updated, so you can focus your time on creating.

Available with Pro, Team and Business subscriptions.

[Upgrade to Team](#) [Learn more](#)

Readme

Repository description is empty. Click [here](#) to edit.

Created Repository

Pull

If your project uses GitHub or Bitbucket, and depending on your Docker Hub subscription, one approach for making the delivery continuous would be to [link the Docker repository to your source-code repository](#)³²⁷ in order for Docker Hub to pull the sources and [build the image automatically](#)³²⁸ whenever they change. Such an approach would not necessarily be quick & dirty since it would allow for some [quality assurance by automated testing](#)³²⁹.

Push

The approach we are pursuing for making the delivery continuous is to extend the pipeline that we started setting up in the [last chapter](#). If you have given the push approach above a try, you may want to clean it up & out first.

³²⁷<https://docs.docker.com/docker-hub/builds/link-source/>

³²⁸<https://docs.docker.com/docker-hub/builds/>

³²⁹<https://docs.docker.com/docker-hub/builds/automated-testing/>

Cleaning up & out





If you have not already done so,

Third-party application access policy

Policy: Access restricted ✓

Only approved applications can access data in this organization. Applications owned by Squoss always have access.

[Remove restrictions](#)

 Clever Cloud API ...	✗ Denied — 
 Heroku Dashboard	✗ Denied — 
 Docker Hub Builder	✗ Denied — 

Denying access

- [unlink your GitHub account from your Docker Hub account](#)³³⁰,
- deny Docker Hub access to your GitHub organization (at https://github.com/organizations/Squoss/settings/oauth_application_policy in Fixadat's case), and
- revoke Docker Hub's access to your personal account at <https://github.com/settings/applications>.

³³⁰<https://docs.docker.com/docker-hub/builds/link-source/#unlink-a-github-user-account>

Applications

Installed GitHub Apps


Authorized GitHub Apps

Authorized OAuth Apps

You have granted **4 applications** access to your account.

Sort ▾


Revoke all



Clever Cloud API

Last used within the last week · Owned by [CleverCloud](#)


...



Discuss Lightbend

Last used within the last 5 months · Owned by [lightbend](#)


...



Docker Hub Builder

Last used within the last 3 months · Owned by [docker](#)

...



Snyk Login

Last used within the last week · Owned by [snyk](#)

...

Revoking access

The order does not matter.

New Access Token

A personal access token is similar to a password except you can have many tokens and revoke access to each one at any time. [Learn more](#)

Access Token Description *

GitHub Action

Access permissions

Read, Write, Delete








Read, Write, Delete tokens allow you to manage your repositories.

Cancel

Generate

New Access Token

To push to Docker Hub, we need to generate a token at <https://hub.docker.com/settings/security> and add it as a repository secret by the name DOCKER_HUB_TOKEN at <https://github.com/Squoss/Fixadat/settings/secrets/actions>.

Repository secrets			
	CLEVER_APP_ID	Updated 11 days ago	<button>Update</button> <button>Remove</button>
	CLEVER_SECRET	Updated 11 days ago	<button>Update</button> <button>Remove</button>
	CLEVER_TOKEN	Updated 11 days ago	<button>Update</button> <button>Remove</button>
	DOCKER_HUB_TOKEN	Updated 11 days ago	<button>Update</button> <button>Remove</button>
	DOCKER_HUB_USER	Updated 11 days ago	<button>Update</button> <button>Remove</button>
	SNYK_AUTH_TOKEN	Updated 8 days ago	<button>Update</button> <button>Remove</button>
	SONAR_CLOUD_TOKEN	Updated 8 days ago	<button>Update</button> <button>Remove</button>

GitHub repository secrets

And even though it is not really a secret, we add the Docker Hub user name as a repository secret by the name DOCKER_HUB_USER at <https://github.com/Squoss/Fixadat/settings/secrets/actions>.

Now we can add the following as `dockerHub.yml`³³¹ in `Fixadat/.github/workflows`³³²:

```

1  name: Deliver to Docker Hub
2
3  on:
4    workflow_run:
5      workflows: ["Scan"]
6      types: [completed]
7    workflow_dispatch:
8
9  jobs:
10   deliver:
11     runs-on: ubuntu-latest
12     if: ${ { github.event_name == 'workflow_dispatch' || github.event.workflow_run.conclusion == 'success' } }
13     steps:

```

³³¹<https://github.com/Squoss/Fixadat/blob/main/.github/workflows/dockerHub.yml>

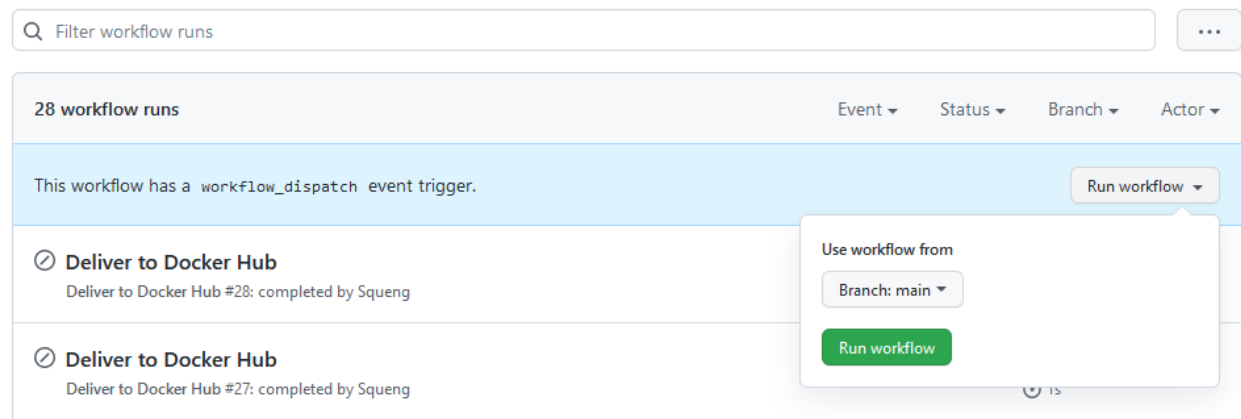
³³²<https://github.com/Squoss/Fixadat/tree/main/.github/workflows>

```
15     - name: Set up Docker Buildx
16       uses: docker/setup-buildx-action@v1
17     - name: Log in to Docker Hub
18       uses: docker/login-action@v1
19       with:
20         username: ${ secrets.DOCKER_HUB_USER }
21         password: ${ secrets.DOCKER_HUB_TOKEN }
22     - name: Build and push
23       id: docker_build
24       uses: docker/build-push-action@v2
25       with:
26         push: true
27         tags: squeng/fixadat:latest
```

The latest image is built and pushed automatically whenever the scan from the [Continuous Integration](#) step passed. However, it could be the case that the scan fails because of a newly discovered vulnerability even though the image would be more secure than the currently delivered (i.e., published at Docker Hub) one. For such cases, we have included `workflow_dispatch` in order to build and push the latest image manually.

Deliver to Docker Hub

dockerHub.yml



Manually deliver to Docker Hub

Continuous Deployment

At runtime, we need two environments, one for MongoDB and one for Docker. Nowadays, both are typically in the cloud.

MongoDB

There are quite a few MongoDB as a Service providers. One obvious choice would be to subscribe to the same provider as for the Platform as a Service ([Clever Cloud](https://www.clever-cloud.com/mongodb-hosting/)³³³ in our case). Another obvious choice is to subscribe to [Atlas from MongoDB, Inc.](https://www.mongodb.com/atlas/database)³³⁴.

³³³<https://www.clever-cloud.com/mongodb-hosting/>

³³⁴<https://www.mongodb.com/atlas/database>

Serverless

Dedicated

Shared

Cloud Providers & Regions

AZURE, Netherlands (westeurope) ▼

aws

Google Cloud

Azure

★ Recommended region ⓘ

NORTH AMERICA

EUROPE

🇺🇸 Virginia-East2 (eastus2) ★

🇳🇱 Netherlands (westeurope) ★

Backup

Serverless Continuous Backup ▼

Snapshots are taken every 6 hours. You can switch backup plans at any time.

☒ **Serverless Continuous Backup**

- ✓ Daily snapshots are retained for 35 days.
- ✓ Point in time restore enabled with a restore window of last 72 hours.

[View Pricing](#)

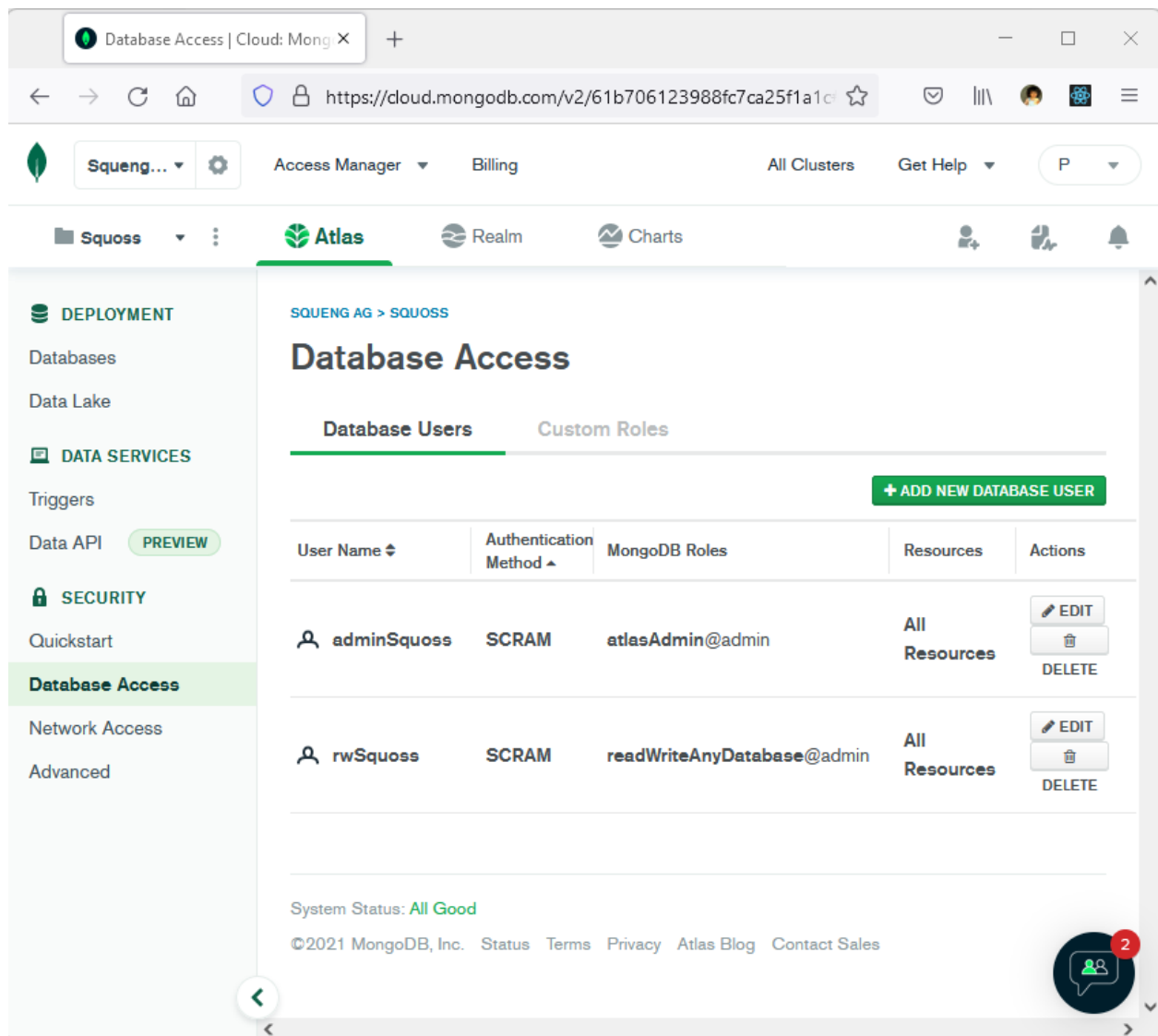
☐ **Basic Backup**

- ✓ Only the two most recent snapshots are available.
- ✓ Included for free.

Atlas Create Serverless

Setting up an organization (e.g., “Squeng AG” in my case), then a project (e.g., “Squoss” in my case), and then a (free) cluster or a serverless instance with Atlas is [straightforward](https://docs.atlas.mongodb.com/getting-started/)³³⁵.

³³⁵<https://docs.atlas.mongodb.com/getting-started/>



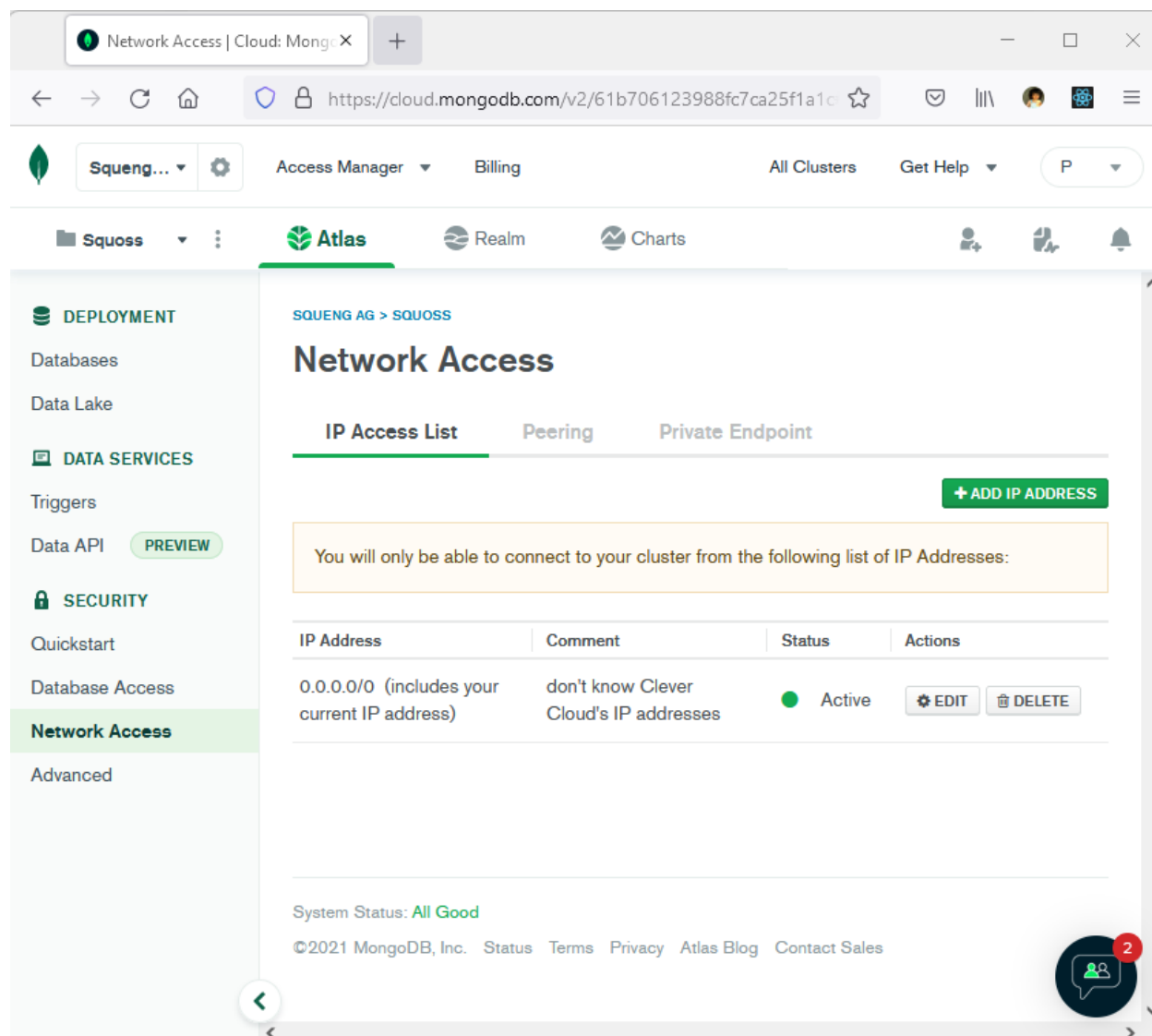
The screenshot shows the MongoDB Atlas web interface. The browser address bar displays the URL `https://cloud.mongodb.com/v2/61b706123988fc7ca25f1a1c`. The top navigation bar includes links for 'Access Manager', 'Billing', 'All Clusters', and 'Get Help'. The left sidebar contains a menu with categories: 'DEPLOYMENT' (Databases, Data Lake), 'DATA SERVICES' (Triggers, Data API), and 'SECURITY' (Quickstart, Database Access, Network Access, Advanced). The 'Database Access' option is highlighted. The main content area is titled 'Database Access' and has two tabs: 'Database Users' (selected) and 'Custom Roles'. A green button '+ ADD NEW DATABASE USER' is located in the top right of the main area. Below the tabs is a table with the following columns: 'User Name', 'Authentication Method', 'MongoDB Roles', 'Resources', and 'Actions'. The table contains two entries:

User Name	Authentication Method	MongoDB Roles	Resources	Actions
adminSquoss	SCRAM	atlasAdmin@admin	All Resources	EDIT DELETE
rwSquoss	SCRAM	readWriteAnyDatabase@admin	All Resources	EDIT DELETE

At the bottom of the main area, it shows 'System Status: All Good' and a footer with '©2021 MongoDB, Inc.' and links for 'Status', 'Terms', 'Privacy', 'Atlas Blog', and 'Contact Sales'. A chat bubble icon with a red '2' is in the bottom right corner.

Atlas Database Access

When it comes to database access, one should employ a user with read & write (but not more) access if possible. When it comes to network access, one should limit the IP addresses if possible.



Atlas Network Access

In any case, a URI (e.g., `mongodb+srv://rwSquoss:PASSWORD@...?retryWrites=true&w=majority` in my case) should result as well as a DB name given or chosen (e.g., “fixadat” in my case).

Docker

There are quite a few Platform as a Service providers that support Docker. I have not evaluated them in a while, but I have been a satisfied [Clever Cloud](#)³³⁶ customer for years.

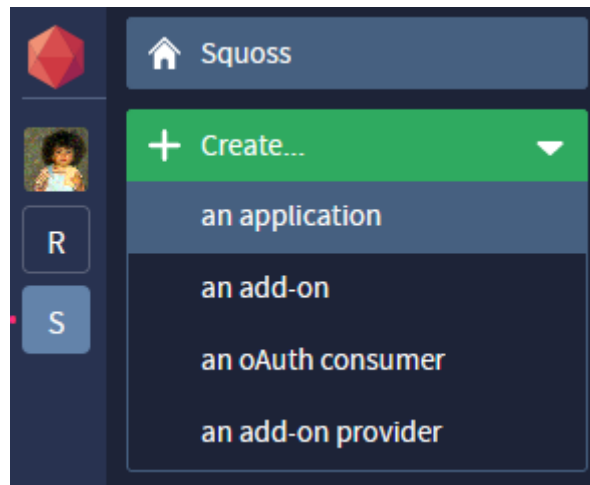


The Play documentation actually contains a page on [Deploying to Clever Cloud](#)³³⁷, which you could read for the sake of completeness.

³³⁶<https://www.clever-cloud.com/>

³³⁷<https://www.playframework.com/documentation/latest/Deploying-CleverCloud>

Creating an account³³⁸ and adding an organization³³⁹ is straightforward. Applications can be created in one's personal space or in an organization.



Create an application

Pull




If a project uses GitHub or Bitbucket, one approach for making the deployment continuous would be to link the Clever Cloud account to the GitHub or Bitbucket account via <https://console.clever-cloud.com/users/me/information> and then, when creating the application, to choose a source-code repository (and Docker as the application kind) in order for Clever Cloud to pull the sources and re-deploy the app automatically whenever they change. Such an approach would be relatively quick & dirty since it would not allow for any quality assurance by automated testing.

³³⁸<https://www.clever-cloud.com/doc/account/create-account/>


³³⁹<https://www.clever-cloud.com/doc/account/administrate-organization/>




Beware that Clever Cloud requests much more access to GitHub than it needs. That access could be revoked via <https://github.com/settings/applications>, but can unfortunately not be fine-tuned. So unless you deem Clever Cloud to be [trustworthy](#), do not give it access to your GitHub account!



Authorize Clever Cloud API




Clever Cloud API by CleverCloud
wants to access your Squeng account




Organizations and teams
Admin access

▼




Repository webhooks and services
Admin access

▼




Public SSH keys
Read-only access

▼



Repositories
Public and private


▼



Personal user data
Full access

▼

Organization access

 Squoss ✓

Cancel

Authorize CleverCloud

Authorizing will redirect to
<https://api.clever-cloud.com>

Push

The approach we are pursuing for making the deployment continuous is to extend the pipeline that we continued setting up in the [last chapter](#). If you have given the pull approach above a try, you may want to clean it up & out first.

Cleaning up & out

If you have not already done so,

You have linked your Github account to Clever-Cloud

UNLINK YOUR GITHUB ACCOUNT

Unlinking accounts







- unlink your GitHub account from your Clever Cloud account at <https://console.clever-cloud.com/users/me/information>,
- deny Clever Cloud access to your GitHub organization (at https://github.com/organizations/Squoss/settings/oauth_application_policy in Fixadat's case), and
- revoke Clever Cloud's access to your personal account at <https://github.com/settings/applications>.

Third-party application access policy

Policy: Access restricted ✓

Only approved applications can access data in this organization. Applications owned by Squoss always have access.

Remove restrictions

 Clever Cloud API ...	✗ Denied — 
 Heroku Dashboard	✗ Denied — 
 Docker Hub Builder	✗ Denied — 


Denying access


The order does not matter.


Applications


Installed GitHub Apps Authorized GitHub Apps **Authorized OAuth Apps**

You have granted **4 applications** access to your account. Sort ▾ Revoke all

 **Clever Cloud API**
Last used within the last week · Owned by [CleverCloud](#) ...

 **Discuss Lightbend**
Last used within the last 5 months · Owned by [lightbend](#) ...

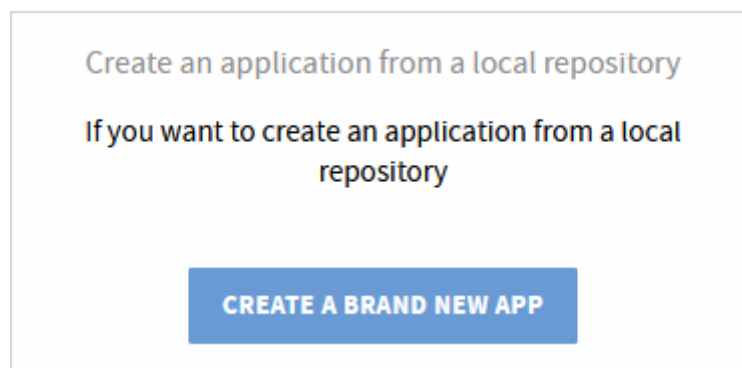
 **Docker Hub Builder**
Last used within the last 3 months · Owned by [docker](#) ...

 **Snyk Login**
Last used within the last week · Owned by [snyk](#) ...

Revoking access

Clever Cloud

Before we can push, we have to create an application by choosing to create a brand-new app.



Creating a brand-new app

We have to enter its name and choose a location of its cloud. (I have chosen Clever Cloud's own infrastructure in Paris; Fixadat running in Europe gives me a warm & fuzzy feeling with respect to data protection.)













What is the name of your application? and in which region should it be hosted?

NAME: *

Squawg

DESCRIPTION:

ZONE: *

	Paris France	 clever cloud
	infra:clever-cloud	
	Montreal Canada	 OVHcloud
	infra:ovh	
	New York United States	 BSO
	infra:bsc	
	Roubaix France	 OVHcloud
	infra:ovh	
	Roubaix France	 OVHcloud
	infra:ovh	certification:hds
	Singapore Singapore	 OVHcloud

CREATE

Naming and locating the app

Then we can simply confirm the suggested dimensions.

How many instances do you need? And which flavour?

i Learn more about [scaling](#)

We suggest you to start your application on a single XS instance (1024 MB, 1 CPUs), it will cost you 14.40€ for 30 days.

Of course, you will be able to edit this configuration later if you need to.

EDIT
NEXT

Starting small

Now would be the time to add MongoDB if one did not already have one. Then it is time to add all the environment variables referenced in [Fixadat/beapi/conf/application.conf](https://github.com/Squoss/Fixadat/blob/main/beapi/conf/application.conf)³⁴⁰, including but not limited to the application secret. As you know³⁴¹, an application secret can be generated by executing `playGenerateSecret` in the `sbt` console.

Environment variables

List of environment variables that will be injected in the application *Squawg*. [Learn more](#)

APPLICATION_SECRET		<input type="button" value="REMOVE"/>
HERE_MAPS_API_KEY		<input type="button" value="REMOVE"/>
MAILJET_API_KEY		<input type="button" value="REMOVE"/>
MAILJET_SECRET_KEY		<input type="button" value="REMOVE"/>
MAILJET_SMS_TOKEN		<input type="button" value="REMOVE"/>
MONGODB_DB		<input type="button" value="REMOVE"/>
MONGODB_URI		<input type="button" value="REMOVE"/>
PAAS_DOMAIN	squawg.cleverapps.io	<input type="button" value="REMOVE"/>
PORT	8080	<input type="button" value="REMOVE"/>

Environment variables

PAAS_DOMAIN will make sense once we reach the *Domains* section below.

³⁴⁰<https://github.com/Squoss/Fixadat/blob/main/beapi/conf/application.conf>

³⁴¹from <https://www.playframework.com/documentation/latest/ApplicationSecret#Generating-an-application-secret>

Before pushing your code to Clever Cloud, please note that:

- A file named Dockerfile is required, with "CMD " (this is the command that starts your application).
- The application must listen on port 8080.
- [Documentation about Docker](#) is available!

OK, it's almost finished. Please run the following instructions in order to deploy your application:

```
git remote add clever git+ssh://git@push-n2-par-clevercloud-customers.services.clever-cloud.com/app_00bca9b5-c6dd-4965-8f54-2411983b825d.git
git push -u clever master
# git push -u clever branch:master if you want to push a specific branch
```

Waiting for code from a git push

Waiting

While Clever Cloud waits for the first deployment, we can provide it with further pieces of information. On Clever Cloud's end, there is more to configure. First, because XS is too small to build the app, we have to enable a bigger, dedicated build instance. Second, [as announced](#), we should force HTTPS. Third, we want user-friendlier (and marketable) domains.

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Zero downtime deployment
During a deployment, old scalers are kept up until the new instances work. Updates are thus transparent to the user. Your application has to work correctly with several scalers in parallel (e.g. for connections to databases).	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Sticky sessions
When horizontal scalability is enabled, a user is always served by the same scaler. Some frameworks or technologies require this option.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Enable dedicated build Instance
Your application will build on a dedicated machine allowing you to use a small scaler to run your application. But, using this option will make your deployment slower (by ~10 seconds)	
You can set a custom build flavor if the default one doesn't fit your needs: <input type="text" value="S"/>	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Cancel ongoing deployment on new push
A "git push" will cancel any ongoing deployment and start a new one with the last available commit.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Force HTTPS
Any non secured HTTP request to this application will be redirected to HTTPS with a 301 Moved Permanently status code.	

Information

FIXME/TODO: In the context of Clever Cloud, Fixadat has to [trust all proxies](#)³⁴² and use the legacy [X-Forwarded headers](#)³⁴³. That's because the TLS connection terminates at the edge (i.e., upon connecting to Clever Cloud) and is then forwarded without TLS. We could configure the app accordingly by adding `play.http.forwarded.trustedProxies`








³⁴²<https://www.playframework.com/documentation/latest/HTTPServer#Trusting-all-proxies>

³⁴³<https://www.playframework.com/documentation/latest/HTTPServer#Forwarded-header-version>

= ["0.0.0.0/0", "::/0"] and play.http.forwarded.version = "x-forwarded" to [Fixadat/beapi/conf/application.conf](https://github.com/Fixadat/beapi/blob/main/conf/application.conf)³⁴⁴. However, that would result in Clever-Cloud-specific configuration in the general configuration. Alternatively, we could have a <https://www.playframework.com/documentation/latest/ProductionConfiguration> x-forwarded is the default (play.http.forwarded.version,Quoted("x-forwarded"),play.filters.https.xForwardedProtoEnabled,Config but so is ["127.0.0.1", "::1"] ((play.http.forwarded.trustedProxies,SimpleConfigList(["127.0.0.1","::1"]))) AND YET IT ALREADY WORKS?! tbd

GitHub

To push to Clever Cloud, we need to generate a token as well as a secret as [explained by 47ng](https://github.com/47ng/actions-clever-cloud#authentication)³⁴⁵ and add them as repository secrets by the name CLEVER_TOKEN and CLEVER_SECRET, respectively, at <https://github.com/Squoss/Fixadat/settings/secrets/actions>.

Repository secrets			
	CLEVER_APP_ID	Updated 11 days ago	<button>Update</button> <button>Remove</button>
	CLEVER_SECRET	Updated 11 days ago	<button>Update</button> <button>Remove</button>
	CLEVER_TOKEN	Updated 11 days ago	<button>Update</button> <button>Remove</button>
	DOCKER_HUB_TOKEN	Updated 11 days ago	<button>Update</button> <button>Remove</button>
	DOCKER_HUB_USER	Updated 11 days ago	<button>Update</button> <button>Remove</button>
	SNYK_AUTH_TOKEN	Updated 8 days ago	<button>Update</button> <button>Remove</button>
	SONAR_CLOUD_TOKEN	Updated 8 days ago	<button>Update</button> <button>Remove</button>

GitHub repository secrets

And even though it is not really a secret, we add the Clever Cloud app ID as a repository secret by the name CLEVER_APP_ID at <https://github.com/Squoss/Fixadat/settings/secrets/actions>.

Now we can add the following as `cleverCloud.yml`³⁴⁶ in `Fixadat/.github/workflows`³⁴⁷:

³⁴⁴<https://github.com/Squoss/Fixadat/blob/main/beapi/conf/application.conf>

³⁴⁵<https://github.com/47ng/actions-clever-cloud#authentication>

³⁴⁶<https://github.com/Squoss/Fixadat/blob/main/.github/workflows/cleverCloud.yml>

³⁴⁷<https://github.com/Squoss/Fixadat/tree/main/.github/workflows>

```
1  name: Deploy to Clever Cloud
2
3  on:
4    workflow_run:
5      workflows: ["Scan"]
6      types: [completed]
7    workflow_dispatch:
8
9  jobs:
10   deploy:
11     runs-on: ubuntu-latest
12     if: ${{ github.event_name == 'workflow_dispatch' || github.event.workflow_run.conclusion == 'success' }}
13     steps:
14       - uses: actions/checkout@v2
15       - with:
16         fetch-depth: 0
17       - name: Set up Node.js 16
18         uses: actions/setup-node@v2
19         with:
20           node-version: '16'
21       - name: Install the Clever Tools # https://www.clever-cloud.com/doc/reference/clever-tools/getting\_started/#via-npm
22         run: npm install -g clever-tools
23       - name: Link to the Clever Cloud account # https://www.clever-cloud.com/doc/reference/clever-tools/getting\_started/#linking-your-account
24         run: clever login --token ${{ secrets.CLEVER_TOKEN }} --secret ${{ secrets.CLEVER_SECRET }}
25       - name: Link to the app # https://www.clever-cloud.com/doc/reference/clever-tools/getting\_started/#linking-an-existing-application
26         run: clever link ${{ secrets.CLEVER_APP_ID }}
27       - name: Deploy # https://www.clever-cloud.com/doc/reference/clever-tools/getting\_started/#deploying-new-code
28         run: clever deploy
```

The latest repository is pushed automatically whenever the scan from the [Continuous Integration](#) step passed. However, it could be the case that the scan fails because of a newly discovered vulnerability even though the resulting container would be more secure than the currently deployed one. For such cases, we have included `workflow_dispatch` in order to push the latest repository manually.

Deploy to Clever Cloud

cleverCloud.yml

Filter workflow runs

67 workflow runs

Event ▾ Status ▾ Branch ▾ Actor ▾

This workflow has a `workflow_dispatch` event trigger.

Run workflow ▾

Use workflow from

Branch: main ▾

Run workflow

Deploy to Clever Cloud #67: completed by Squeng

Deploy to Clever Cloud #66: completed by Squeng

Manually deploy to Clever Cloud

Domains

Domain names `*.cleverapps.io`

cleverapps.io domain are free to use and come with TLS support out of the box. Please keep in mind they're designed for testing purposes and should not be used for production systems

app cleverapps.io REMOVE

squawg .cleverapps.io ADD

cleverapps.io domain

A user-friendlier (but not marketable) domain can easily be added. As shown above, it also needs to be allow-listed via the environment variable `PAAS_DOMAIN`. However, we would like to use the top-level domain that was already allow-listed in [Fixadat/beapi/conf/application.conf](https://github.com/Squoss/Fixadat/blob/main/beapi/conf/application.conf)³⁴⁸.

Configure your DNS

Specific DNS configuration is required to use your own domains. The following DNS zone has to be added via your registrar.

See the documentation

RECORD TYPE	VALUE
CNAME record	domain.par.clever-cloud.com.
A records	185.42.117.108
	185.42.117.109
	46.252.181.103
	46.252.181.104

App-specific values

³⁴⁸<https://github.com/Squoss/Fixadat/blob/main/beapi/conf/application.conf>

Custom domain names

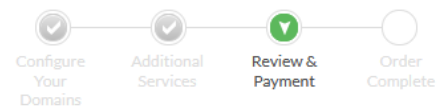
app.squawg.com ↗	REMOVE
squawg.com ↗	REMOVE
e.g. something.mycompany.com	ADD

Top-level domain

With the help of a [contextual example](#)³⁴⁹ and the app (in our case Paris)-specific values, managing the DNS zone is straightforward.

Review and Payment

Please enter your credit card details below, and click the checkbox if you agree to the Terms and Conditions set out by EuroDNS' registration services.



Your Shopping Cart
 Clear All

fixadat.com

Registration ⓘ

1 Year

€ 16.80

Voucher code

APPLY

Choose an invoice profile

Squeng (Squeng AG) - Default

Total excl. VAT:	€ 16.80
VAT:	€ 0.00
Total incl. VAT:	€ 16.80

Ordering fixadat.com

³⁴⁹<https://www.clever-cloud.com/doc/administrate/domain-names/#contextual-example>

DNS Zone: fixadat.com



All

Domain Connect ☒

Type	Host/Subdomain	Value	Priority	TTL	
A	fixadat.com.	185.42.117.108	N/A	1h	
A	fixadat.com.	185.42.117.109	N/A	1h	
A	fixadat.com.	185.53.177.20	N/A	10m	
A	fixadat.com.	46.252.181.103	N/A	1h	
A	fixadat.com.	46.252.181.104	N/A	1h	
CNAME	*fixadat.com.	825610.parkingcrew.net.	N/A	10m	
CNAME	app.fixadat.com.	domain.par.clever-cloud.com.	N/A	1h	
NS	fixadat.com.	ns1.eurodns.com.	N/A	1d	
NS	fixadat.com.	ns2.eurodns.com.	N/A	1d	
NS	fixadat.com.	ns3.eurodns.com.	N/A	1d	
NS	fixadat.com.	ns4.eurodns.com.	N/A	1d	

Type	Server	Hostmaster	Refresh	Retry	Expire	Min	TTL	
SOA	ns1.eurodns.com.	@	12h	2h	14d	1d	1d	

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Appendix

Updating and Upgrading

At the very least for [security reasons](#), you need to update and eventually upgrade your projects on a regular basis.

Updating the Back-end

- update FROM `hseeberger/scala-sbt:JAVA_SBT_SCALA` as `play` in `Fixadat/Dockerfile`
- follow the [migration instructions](#)³⁵⁰ if need be
- update `scalaVersion` in `Fixadat/beapi/build.sbt` as well as in `Fixadat/beapi/reinraum/build.sbt`
- update `sbt.version` in `Fixadat/beapi/project/build.properties` as well as in `Fixadat/beapi/reinraum/project/build.properties`
- update `addSbtPlugin("com.typesafe.play" % "sbt-plugin" % "X.Y.Z")` in `Fixadat/beapi/project/plugins.sbt`
- update third-party dependencies in both `Fixadat/beapi/build.sbt` and `Fixadat/beapi/reinraum/build.sbt`

Updating the Front-end

- follow the [migration instructions](#)³⁵¹ if need be
- with your shell, execute the command `npm update` in `Fixadat/fegui`
- with your shell, execute the command `npm audit fix` in `Fixadat/fegui`

Upgrading the Back-end

- upgrade FROM `openjdk:JAVA` as well as FROM `hseeberger/scala-sbt:JAVA_SBT_SCALA` as `play` in `Fixadat/Dockerfile`
- follow the [migration instructions](#)³⁵²
- to be continued

Upgrading the Front-end

- upgrade FROM `node:JS` as `react` in `Fixadat/Dockerfile`
- follow the [migration instructions](#)³⁵³
- to be continued

³⁵⁰<https://www.playframework.com/documentation/latest/Migration28>

³⁵¹<https://github.com/facebook/create-react-app/blob/main/CHANGELOG.md>

³⁵²<https://www.playframework.com/documentation/latest/Migration28>

³⁵³<https://github.com/facebook/create-react-app/blob/main/CHANGELOG.md>