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**CHAPTER** 

ONE

## INTRODUCTION

## 1.1 Why another python framework?

The main reason for developing a new framework is simple: I want to use it for teaching purposes. I have seen many projects which fail either because of poor coding or because they become legacy very fast. I will not get into details why and what could have been done. It defeats the purpose.

Each piece of code that is being added to fantastico will follow these simple rules:

- 1. The code is written because is needed and there is no clean way to achieve the requirement with existing fantastico features.
- 2. The code is developed using TDD (Test Driven Development).
- 3. The code quality is 9+ (reported by pylint).
- 4. The code coverage is 90%+ (reported by nose coverage).
- 5. The code is fully documented and included into documentation.

## 1.1.1 What do you want to teach who?

I am a big fan of Agile practices and currently I own a domain called scrum-expert.ro. This is meant to become a collection of hands on resource of how to develop good software with high quality and in a reasonable amount of time. Resources will cover topics like

- 1. Incremental development always ready for rollout.
- 2. TDD (Test Driven Development)
- 3. XP (eXtreme programming)
- 4. Scrum
- 5. Projects setup for Continuous Delivery

and many other topics that are required for delivering high quality software but apparently so many companies are ignoring nowadays.

### 1.2 Fantastico's initial ideas

- Very fast and pluggable routing engine.
- Easily creation of REST apis.
- Easily publishing of content (dynamic content).

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- Easily composition of available content.
- Easily deployment on non expensive infrastructures (AWS, RackSpace).

Once the features above are developed there should be extremely easy to create the following sample applications:

- 1. Blog development
- 2. Web Forms development.
- 3. Personal web sites.

**CHAPTER** 

**TWO** 

## **GETTING STARTED**

## 2.1 Installation manual

In this section you can find out how to configure fantastico framework for different purposes.

## 2.1.1 Developing a new fantastico project

Currently fantastico is in early stages so we did not really use it to create new projects. The desired way we want to provide this is presented below:

pip-3.2 install fantastico

#. git checkout gh-pages

Done, now you are ready to follow our tutorials about creating new projects.

## 2.1.2 Contributing to fantastico framework

Fantastico is an open source MIT licensed project to which any contribution is welcomed. If you like this framework idea and you want to contribute do the following (I assume you are on an ubuntu machine):

```
#. Create a github account.
#. Ask for permissions to contribute to this project (send an email to radu.cosnita@gmail.com) - I w.
#. Create a folder where you want to hold fantastico framework files. (e.g worspace_fantastico)
#. cd ~/workspace_fantastico
#. git clone git@github.com:rcosnita/fantastico
#. sudo apt-get install python3-setuptools
#. sh virtual_env/setup_dev_env.sh
#. cd ~/workspace_fantastico
#. git clone git@github.com:rcosnita/fantastico fantastico-doc
```

Now you have a fully functional fantastico workspace. I personally use PyDev and spring toolsuite but you are free to use whatever editor you want. The only rule we follow is *always keep the code stable*. To check the stability of your contribution before committing the code follow the steps below:

```
#. cd ~/workspace_fantastico/fantastico
#. sh run_tests.sh (we expect no failure in here)
#. sh run_pylint.sh (we expect 9+ rated code otherwise the build will fail).
#. cd ~/workspace_fantastico/fantastico
#. export BUILD_NUMBER=1
#. ./build_docs.sh (this will autogenerate documentation).
#. Look into ~/workspace_fantastico/fantastico-doc
#. Here you can see the autogenerated documentation (do not commit this as Jenkins will do this for y
#. Be brave and push your newly awesome contribution.
```

## 2.2 Fantastico settings

Fantastico is configured using a plain settings file. This file is located in the root of fantastico framework or in the root folder of your project. Before we dig further into configuration options lets see a very simple settings file:

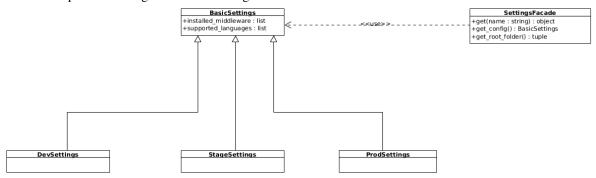
The above code sample represent the minimum required configuration for fantastico framework to run. The order in which middlewares are listed is the order in which they are executed when an http request is made.

## 2.2.1 Settings API

Below you can find technical information about settings.

```
class fantastico.settings.BasicSettings
```

This is the core class that describes all available settings of fantastico framework. For convenience all options have default values that ensure minimum functionality of the framework. Below you can find an example of three possible configuration: Dev / Stage / Production.



As you can see, if you want to overwrite basic configuration you simply have to extend the class and set new values for the attributes you want to overwrite.

#### database config

This property holds the configuration of database. It is recommended to have all environment configured the same. An exception can be done for host but the rest must remain the same. Below you can find an example of functional configuration:

```
"pool_recycle": 600}
```

As you can see, in your configuration you can influence many attributes used when configuring the driver / database. **show\_sql** key tells orm engine from **Fantastico** to display all generated queries.

Moreover, by default **Fantastico** holds connections opened for 10 minutes. After 10 minutes it refreshes the connection and ensures no thread is using that connection till is completely refreshed.

#### dev\_server\_host

This property holds development server hostname. By default this is localhost.

#### dev\_server\_port

This property holds development server port. By default this is 12000.

#### doc base

This property defines public location of Fantastico documentation.

#### installed middleware

Property that holds all installed middlewares.

#### roa api

This property defines the url for mapping ROA resources api. By default is /api. Read more about ROA on ROA Auto discovery.

#### routes\_loaders

This property holds all routes loaders available.

#### supported\_languages

Property that holds all supported languages by this fantastico instance.

#### templates\_config

This property holds configuration of templates rendering engine. For the moment this influence how Jinja2 acts.

### 2.2.2 Create Dev configuration

Let's imagine you want to create a custom dev configuration for your project. Below you can find the code for this:

```
class DevSettings (BasicSettings):
    @property
    def supported_languages(self):
        return ["en_us", "ro_ro"]
```

The above configuration actually overwrites supported languages. This mean that only en\_us is relevant for **Dev** environment. You can do the same for **Stage**, **Prod** or any other custom configuration.

### 2.2.3 Using a specifc configuration

```
class fantastico.settings.SettingsFacade(environ=None)
```

For using a specific fantastico configuration you need to do two simple steps:

- •Set FANTASTICO\_ACTIVE\_CONFIG environment variable to the fully python qualified class name you want to use. E.g. fantastico.settings.BasicSettings
- •In your code, you can use the following snippet to access a specific setting:

```
from fantastico.settings import SettingsFacade
print(SettingsFacade().get("installed_middleware"))
```

If no active configuration is set in the fantastico.settings.BasicSettings will be used.

```
get (name)
```

Method used to retrieve a setting value.

#### **Parameters**

- name Setting name.
- **type** string

**Returns** The setting value.

Return type object

```
get_config()
```

Method used to return the active configuration which is used by this facade.

```
Return type fantastico.settings.BasicSettings
```

Returns Active configuration currently used.

```
get_root_folder()
```

Method used to return the root folder of the current fantastico project (detected starting from settings) profile used.

### 2.3 Contribute

Fantastico framework is open source so every contribution is welcome. For the moment we are looking for more developers willing to contribute.

#### 2.3.1 Code contribution

If you want to contribute with code to fantastico framework there are a simple set of rules that you must follow:

- Write unit tests (for the code / feature you are contributing).
- Write integration tests (for the code / feature you are contributing).
- Make sure your code is rated above 9.5 by pylint tool.
- In addition integration tests and unit tests must cover 95% of your code.

In order for each build to remain stable the following hard limits are imposed:

- 1. Unit tests must cover  $\geq$  95% of the code.
- 2. Integration tests must cover  $\geq$  95% of the code.
- 3. Code must be rated above 9.5 by pylint.
- 4. Everything must pass.

When you push on master a set of jobs are cascaded executed:

- 1. Run all unit tests job.
- 2. Run all integration tests job (only if unit tests succeeds).

3. Generate documentation and publish it (only if integration tests job succeeds).

You can follow the above build process by visiting Jenkins build. Login with your github account and everything should work smoothly.

In the end do not forget that in Fantastico framework we love to develop against a **stable** base. We really think code will have high quality and zero bugs.

#### Writing unit tests

For better understanding how to write unit tests see the documentation below:

class fantastico.tests.base\_case.FantasticoUnitTestsCase (methodName='runTest')
This is the base class that must be inherited by each unit test written for fantastico.

```
class SimpleUnitTest (FantasticoUnitTestsCase):
    def init(self):
        self._msg = "Hello world"

    def test_simple_flow_ok(self):
        self.assertEqual("Hello world", self._msg)

_get_class_root_folder()
```

This methods determines the root folder under which the test is executed.

```
_get_root_folder()
```

This method determines the root folder under which core is executed.

```
check_original_methods(cls_obj)
```

This method ensures that for a given class only original non decorated methods will be invoked. Extremely useful when you want to make sure @Controller decorator does not break your tests. It is strongly recommended to invoke this method on all classes which might contain @Controller decorator. It ease your when committing on CI environment.

```
classmethod setup_once()
```

This method is overriden in order to correctly mock some dependencies:

```
•fantastico.mvc.controller_decorators.Controller
```

#### Writing integration tests

For better understanding how to write integration tests see the documentation below:

class fantastico.tests.base\_case.FantasticoIntegrationTestCase (methodName='runTest')
 This is the base class that must be inherited by each integration test written for fantastico.

```
class SimpleIntegration(FantasticoIntegrationTestCase):
    def init(self):
        self.simple_class = {}

    def cleanup(self):
        self.simple_class = None

    def test_simple_ok(self):
        def do_stuff(env, env_cls):
            self.assertEqual(simple_class[env], env_cls)

        self._run_test_all_envs(do_stuff)
```

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If you used this class you don't have to mind about restoring call methods from each middleware once they are wrapped by fantastico app. This is a must because otherwise you will crash other tests.

#### \_envs

Private property that holds the environments against which we run the integration tests.

```
_restore_call_methods()
```

This method restore original call methods to all affected middlewares.

```
run test all envs(callable obj)
```

This method is used to execute a callable block of code on all environments. This is extremely useful for avoid boiler plate code duplication and executing test logic against all environments.

```
_save_call_methods (middlewares)
```

This method save all call methods for each listed middleware so that later on they can be restored.

#### fantastico\_cfg\_os\_key

This property holds the name of os environment variable used for setting up active fantastico configuration.

**class** fantastico.server.tests.itest\_dev\_server.**DevServerIntegration** (*methodName='runTest'*)

This class provides the foundation for writing integration tests that do http requests against a fantastico server.

class DummyLoaderIntegration(DevServerIntegration):

As you can see from above listed code, when you write a new integration test against Fantastico server you only need to provide the request logic and assert logic functions. Request logic is executed while the server is up and running. Assert logic is executed after the server has stopped.

```
_check_server_started(server)
```

This method holds the sanity checks to ensure a server is started correctly.

```
_get_server_base_url (server, route)
```

This method returns the absolute url for a given relative url (route).

```
_run_test_against_dev_server(request_logic, assert_logic=None)
```

This method provides a template for writing integration tests that requires a development server being active. It accepts a request logic (code that actually do the http request) and an assert logic for making sure code is correct.

## 2.4 Development mode

**Fantastico** framework is a web framework designed to be developers friendly. In order to simplify setup sequence, fantastico provides a standalone WSGI compatible server that can be started from command line. This server is fully compliant with WSGI standard. Below you can find some easy steps to achieve this:

- 1. Goto fantastico framework or project location
- 2. sh run\_dev\_server.sh

This is it. Now you have a running fantastico server on which you can test your work.

By default, Fantastico dev server starts on port 12000, but you can customize it from fantastico.settings.BasicSettings.

## 2.4.1 Hot deploy

Currently, this is not implemented, but it is on todo list on short term.

#### 2.4.2 API

For more information about Fantastico development server see the API below.

This class provides a very simple wsgi http server that embeds Fantastico framework into it. As developer you can use it to simply test your new components.

```
start (build_server=<function make_server at 0x5c95490>, app=<class 'fantas-
tico.middleware.fantastico app.FantasticoApp'>)
```

This method starts a WSGI development server. All attributes like port, hostname and protocol are read from configuration file.

#### started

Property used to tell if development server is started or not.

stop()

This method stops the current running server (if any available).

## 2.4.3 Database config

Usually you will use **Fantastico** framework together with a database. When we develop new core features of **Fantastico** we use a sample database for integration. You can easily use it as well to play around:

- 1. Goto fantastico framework location
- 2. export MYSQL PASSWD=\*\*\*\*\* (your mysql password)
- 3. export MYSQL\_HOST=<hostname> (your mysql hostname: e.g localhost)
- 4. sh run\_setup\_db.sh

run\_setup\_db.sh create an initial fantastico database and a user called fantastico identified by 12345 password. After database is successfully created, it scans for all available module\_setup.sql files and execute them against newly created database.

### **HOW TO ARTICLES**

## 3.1 Creating a new project

A new Fantastico based project can be easily setup by following this how to. In this how to we are going to create a project named **fantastico\_first**.

- 1. cd ~/
- mkdir fantastico\_first
- 3. cd fantastico\_first
- 4. virtualenv-3.2 –distribute pip-deps
- 5. pip-deps/bin/activate
- 6. pip install fantastico
- 7. fantastico\_setup\_project.sh python3.2 my\_project

The last step might take a while because it will also install all fantastico dependencies (e.g sphinx, sqlalchemy, ...). Please make sure your replace python3.2 with the correct python version. In order to test the current project do the following:

- 1. fantastico\_run\_dev\_server
- 2. Access http://localhost:12000/mvc/hello-world

Your newly project is setup correctly and it runs fantastico default samples project.

## 3.1.1 Create first component

After the new project it's correctly setup we can create our first component.

- 1. . pip-deps/bin/activate
- $2. \ export \ FANTASTICO\_ACTIVE\_CONFIG=my\_project.settings. Base Profile$
- 3. cd my\_project
- 4. mkdir component1
- 5. cd component1
- 6. mkdir static
- 7. Paste an image into static folder (e.g first\_photo.jpg)
- 8. touch \_\_init\_\_.py

- 9. touch hello\_world.py
- 10. Paste the code listed below into hello world.py

- 11. fantastico\_dev\_server
- 12. Now you can access Hello route.
- 13. Now you can access First photo route.

#### 3.1.2 Customize dev server

For understanding how to customize dev server please read Development mode

#### 3.1.3 Customize uwsqi prod server

By design, each Fantastico project provides built in support for running it on uWSGI server. If you want to customize uwsgi parameters for your server you can follow these steps:

- 1. cd \$FANTASTICO\_PROJECT\_FOLDER/deployment/conf/nginx
- 2. nano fantastico-uwsgi.ini
- 3. Change the options you want and save the file.
- 4. fantastico\_run\_prod\_server (for testing the production server).
- 5. Be aware that first you need an nginx configured and your project config file deployed (Read *Deployment how to*).

## 3.2 Creating a simple TODO application

In this how to article you can find information of how you can create a TODO web application using Fantastico framework. This tutorial works with Fantastico versions greater or equal than 0.5.0.

### 3.2.1 Functional requirements

The application we are going to develop must meet the following requirements:

• User must be able to create tasks.

- User must be able to see all tasks.
- User must be able to quickly filter tasks.
- User must be able to complete tasks.
- User must be able to use an web application for managing tasks.

## 3.2.2 Overview

## My friendly todos for {current date}



Figure 3.1: TODO web application powered by Fantastico.

The frontend is powered by the following API endpoints:

End- point	HTTP verb	HTTP Body	Description
/tasks	GET	None	Retrieves available tasks in a paginated manner.
/tasks	POST	{"name": "Task name", "description": "Task description"}	Creates a new task described by the given body.
/tasks/:task	_i <b>G</b> ET	{"task_id": 1, "name": "Task name", "description": "Task description"}	Retrieves a specific task from tasks collection.
/tasks/:task	Li <b>&amp;</b> UT	{"name": "Task name changed", "description": "Task description changed"}	Updates a specific task from tasks collection.
/tasks/:task	i <b>D</b> ELETE	None	Deletes a specific task from tasks collection.

#### 3.2.3 How to sources

All tutorial source files are available on github: https://github.com/rcosnita/fantastico-todo. Each step of the tutorial has a corresponding branch in the github repository so you can easily skip steps of this tutuorial. Though you can skip steps we recommend you take 30 minutes and finish this step by step how to in order to fully understand the power of Fantastico framework and how easy it is to build modern web applications using it.

### 3.2.4 Requirements

This tutorial requires developer to have:

- 1. A Debian based operating system
- 2. Access to a mysql database.
- 3. Python 3.2 or newer.

## 3.2.5 Next steps

#### Step 0 - TODO setup

Follow the steps below in order to setup todo web application project correctly:

- 1. git clone https://github.com/rcosnita/fantastico-todo.git fantastico-todo
- 2. cd fantastico-todo
- 3. virtualenv-3.2 –distribute pip-deps
- 4. . pip-deps/bin/activate
- 5. pip install fantastico
- 6. fantastico\_setup\_project.sh python3.2 todo \* (this will take a couple of minutes because it installs all dependencies).

At this moment you have a **Fantastico** project created and a component module holder named todo initialized. For more information about advanced project setup you can always read *Creating a new project*.

#### Step 1 - TODO settings

In this section of the tutorial you can find information about how to correctly configure database parameters. Follow the steps below in order to have correct settings for TODO web applications:

1. git checkout -b step-1-settings

export PYTHONPATH=.

2. Paste the code below under fantastico-todo/pip-deps/bin/activate at the end of the file.

```
# fantastico-todo/pip-deps/bin/activate
export FANTASTICO_ACTIVE_CONFIG=todo.settings.BaseProfile
```

3. Paste the code below under fantastico-todo/todo/settings.py

```
# fantastico-todo/todo/settings.py

from fantastico.settings import BasicSettings

class BaseProfile(BasicSettings):
    '''todo web application base profile.'''

    @property
    def database_config(self):
        '''This property is automatically invoked by fantastico in order to connect to database.

    db_config = super(BaseProfile, self).database_config

    db_config["database"] = "tododb"
    db_config["username"] = "todo_user"
    db_config["password"] = "12345"

    return db_config
```

4. Run the command below in order to make sure sdk is working:

```
fsdk --help
```

You should see a screen similar to the one below:

5. Execute the code below in order to create **tododb** database.

```
/usr/bin/mysql --host=localhost --user=root --password=**** --verbose -e "source sql/setup_datak
```

#### **Explanation**

We have just configured our virtual development environment for **TODO** web application to use **tododb** with **todo\_user/12345** credentials. You can of course configure more details of your connection:

- MySql host.
- MySql port.
- · MySql charset.

For a complete list of database configuration in Fantastico framework please read Fantastico settings.

In addition, we created a dedicated database for **TODO** web application.

#### Step 2 - TODO API endpoints

In this section of **TODO** how to we are going to create the following API endpoints:

End-	HTTP	HTTP Body	Description
point	verb		
/tasks	GET	None	Retrieves available tasks in a
			paginated manner.
/tasks	POST	{"name": "Task name", "description": "Task	Creates a new task described by
		description"}	the given body.
/tasks/:task	i <b>G</b> ET		Retrieves a specific task from
			tasks collection.
/tasks/:task	i₽UT	{"name": "Task name changed", "description":	Updates a specific task from
		"Task description changed"}	tasks collection.
/tasks/:task	iDELETE	None	Deletes a specific task from
			tasks collection.

These are going to provide support for various clients which want to provide TODO functionality:

- · Javascript frontend client.
- Mobile app client.

#### Create database

Our TODO tasks are going to be persisted by the endpoints into a MySql database (already created in previous steps). Now, we are going to create tasks tables:

- 1. git checkout -b step-2-create-api
- 2. Paste the code below under fantastico-todo/todo/frontend/sql/module\_setup.sql

```
CREATE TABLE IF NOT EXISTS tasks(
   task_id INT NOT NULL AUTO_INCREMENT,
   name VARCHAR(200) NOT NULL,
   description TEXT,
   status SMALLINT,
   PRIMARY KEY(task_id)
);
```

3. Execute the following command in order to create the table into **tododb** database:

```
fsdk syncdb --db-command /usr/bin/mysql --comp-root todo
```

- 4. Create some sample uncompleted tasks in your database:
  - (a) Paste the code below in fantastico-todo/todo/frontend/sql/create\_data.sql:

```
INSERT INTO tasks(name, description, status)
SELECT * FROM (SELECT 'Go buy some dog food.', 'It is extremely important to have this by no
WHERE NOT EXISTS(SELECT name FROM tasks WHERE name = 'Go buy some dog food.');

INSERT INTO tasks(name, description, status)
SELECT * FROM (SELECT 'Write some clean code.', 'You decide when to start this.', 0) as tmp
WHERE NOT EXISTS(SELECT name FROM tasks WHERE name = 'Write some clean code.');
```

(b) Execute the following command in order to insert above mentioned tasks into **tododb** database:

```
fsdk syncdb --db-command /usr/bin/mysql --comp-root todo
```

#### **Create APIs**

Now that the storage is ensured and our project is configured correctly we have to create the APIs. In order to do this follow the steps below:

- 1. fsdk activate-extension -name roa\_discovery -comp-root todo
- 2. Paste the code below in fantastico-todo/todo/frontend/models/tasks.py

```
from fantastico.mvc import BASEMODEL
from fantastico.roa.resource_decorator import Resource
from sqlalchemy.schema import Column
from sqlalchemy.types import Integer, String, Text, SmallInteger
from todo.frontend.validators.task_validator import TaskValidator
@Resource(name="Task", url="/tasks", validator=TaskValidator)
class Task(BASEMODEL):
    ""This class provides the task model required for todo application."
    __tablename__ = "tasks"
    id = Column("task_id", Integer, primary_key=True, autoincrement=True)
    name = Column("name", String(200), nullable=False)
    description = Column("description", Text)
    status = Column("status", SmallInteger, nullable=False)
    def __init__(self, name=None, description=None, status=0):
        self.name = name
        self.description = description
        self.status = status
```

3. Paste the code below in fantastico-todo/todo/frontend/validators/task\_validator.py

```
from fantastico.roa.resource_validator import ResourceValidator
from fantastico.roa.roa_exceptions import FantasticoRoaError

class TaskValidator(ResourceValidator):
    '''This is the task validator invoked automatically in create / update operations.'''

def validate(self, resource):
    '''This method is invoked automatically in order to validate resource body.'''
    errors = []

    if resource.name is None or len(resource.name) == 0:
        errors.append("Name attribute is mandatory.")

    if resource.status is None:
        errors.append("Status attribute is mandatory.")

    if len(errors) == 0:
        return

    raise FantasticoRoaError("\n".join(errors))
```

4. Run the following command in an activate fantastico-todo virtual environment:

fantastico\_run\_dev\_server

5. Visit http://localhost:12000/roa/resources. You should see a response similar to the one below:

```
{"Task": {"1.0": "/api/1.0/tasks", "latest": "/api/latest/tasks"}}
```

6. Visit http://localhost:12000/api/latest/tasks. You should see a response similar to the one below:

```
{"totalItems": 2, "items": [{"status": 0, "id": 2, "description": "It is
extremely important to have this by noon.", "name": "Go buy some dog food."},
{"status": 0, "id": 3, "description": "You decide when to start this.",
"name": "Write some clean code."}]}
```

- 7. Visit http://localhost:12000/api/latest/tasks/1. You should receive the details for the task with unique identifier 1.
- 8. Additionally Create / Update / Delete operations are already working.

### Step 3 - TODO frontend

In this section of this tutorial we will develop the frontend for our simple todo application. At this moment you should already have an API which supports tasks CRUD operations. More over your can order and filter tasks collection and you can request partial representation of the tasks. (you can find out more on *ROA (Resource Oriented Architecture)* doc page).

For frontend we will quickly develop an application using Backbone.js framework.

#### **Create models**

- 1. git checkout -b step-3-create-frontend
- 2. Paste the code below under fantastico-todo/todo/frontend/static/js/bootstrap.js

```
/**
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```

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```
(function($) {
    Todo = {};

Todo.Models = {};
}) (jQuery);
```

3. Paste the code below under fantastico-todo/todo/frontend/static/js/models/resources\_registry.js

```
/**
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```

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\* Oparam {String} name The name of the resource we want to retrieve discovery information to the resource we want to retrieve discovery information of the resource we want to retrieve the string to the resource we want to retrieve the string the resource we want to retrieve the resource was to retrieve the resource we want to retrieve the resource was the resource we want to retrieve the resource was the resource was the resource we want to retrieve the resource was the resou

```
getResourceUrl: function(name, version) {
              version = version || "latest";
              if(this.length == 0) {
                  throw new Error ("No ROA resources registered.");
              var resources = this.at(0),
                  resource = (resources.get(name) || {})[version];
              if(!resource) {
                  throw new Error ("Resource " + name + ", version " + version + " is not regis
              return resource;
      });
      Todo.Models.Registry = new registry.ResourceCollection();
      Todo.Models.Registry.fetch();
  })(jQuery);
4. Paste the code below under fantastico-todo/todo/frontend/static/js/models/tasks.js
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  (function($) {
      var tasks = {};
      function getTasksUrl() {
          return Todo.Models.Registry.getResourceUrl("Task");
      tasks.Task = Backbone.Model.extend({
          urlRoot: getTasksUrl
      });
      tasks.TaskCollection = Backbone.Collection.extend({
          model: tasks.Task,
          /**
           * This method is overriden so that it guarantees tasks are ordered alphabetically a
           * returned for each available task (partial resource representation).
```

\* Greturns The resource url extracted from ROA discovery registry (/rca/resources).

```
url: function() {
            var url = [getTasksUrl()];
            url.push("?");
            if(this._offset) {
                url.push("offset=" + this._offset);
            if(this._limit) {
                url.push("&limit=" + this._limit);
            url.push("&fields=id, name");
            url.push("&order=asc(name)");
            return url.join("");
        },
         * In comparison with standard backbone collection fetch, ROA collections support pa
         * parsed before actually fetching the collection.
         */
        fetch: function(options) {
            options = options || {};
            this._offset = options.offset;
            this._limit = options.limit;
            return Backbone.Collection.prototype.fetch.call(this, options);
        },
        /**
         * This method save the items returned form REST ROA api to this backbone collection
         * items counter as collection property.
         * Oparam {Object} response The http response coming for /api/latest/tasks collection
        parse: function(response) {
            this.set({"totalItems": response.totalItems});
            return response.items;
    });
    Todo.Models.Tasks = tasks;
})(jQuery);
```

1. We have all models in place so we are going to implement the frontend of the application in the next section.

**Models implementation notes** In Fantastico, there is a resource registry which can be used for discovery. It is recommended to always use it to obtain your models api urls. This will guarantee that any change of API location on server side is automatically propagated on client side.

In addition because our application is not going to use description we optimized the client side code by using ROA partial resource representation. More over, the resources are ordered alphabetically by name.

ROA collections support pagination out of the box and tasks client side implementation shows how easily it is to provide it for client side code.

For better understanding all the concepts used in this section you can read ROA (Resource Oriented Architecture)

## 3.3 MVC How to

In this article you can see how to assemble various pieces together in order to create a feature for a virtual blog application. If you follow this step by step guide in the end you will have a running blog which can list all posts.

#### 3.3.1 Code the model

Below you can find how to easily create **post** model.

- 1. Create a new package called blog
- 2. Create a new package called **blog.models**
- 3. Create a new module called posts and paste the following code into it:

```
class Post(BaseModel):
    __tablename__ = "posts"

id = Column("id", Integer, primary_key=True)
blog_id =
    title = Column("title", String(150))
tags = Column("tags", String(150))
created_date = Column("registered_date", DateTime(), default=datetime.now)
content = Column("content", Text(100))
```

Now you have a fully functional post model mapped over **posts** table.

return response

#### 3.3.2 Code the controller

- 1. Create a new package called **blog.controllers**
- 2. Create a new module called **blog\_controller** and paste the following code into it:

Now you have a fully functional controller that will list first 100 posts.

#### 3.3.3 Code the view

- 1. Create a new folder called **blog.views**
- 2. Create a new view under **blog.views** called *posts listing.html* and paste the following code into it:

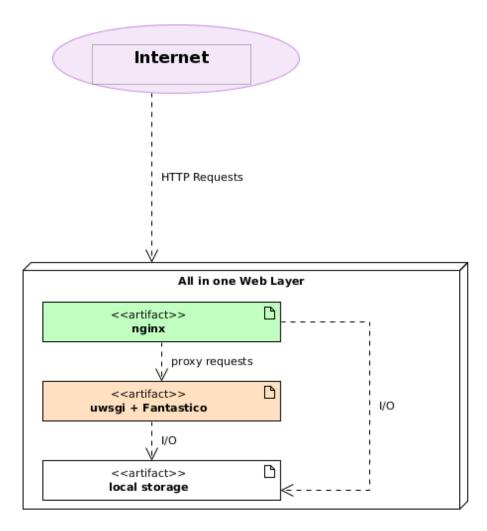
## 3.3.4 Test your application

- 1. Start fantastico dev server by executing script **run\_dev\_server.sh** (Development mode)
- 2. Open a browser and visit http://localhost:12000/blogs/1/posts.

## 3.4 Deployment how to

In this how to we guide you to Fantastico deployment to production. Below you can find various deployment scenarios that can be used for various needs.

## 3.4.1 Low usage (simplest scenario)



Above diagram described the simplest scenario for rolling out Fantastico to production. You can use this scenario for minimalistic web applications like:

- Presentation website
- Personal website
- Blog

We usually recommend to start with this deployment scenario and the migrate to more complex scenarios when you application requires it.

Advantages	Disadvantages
Extremely easy to deploy	Does not scale well for more than couple of requests /
	second
Minimal os configuration	All components are bundled on one node without any
	failover.
Automatic scripts for configuring the os	Does not support vertical scaling out of the box.
Easy to achieve horizontal scaling for all components	Static files are not served from a cdn.
at once.	

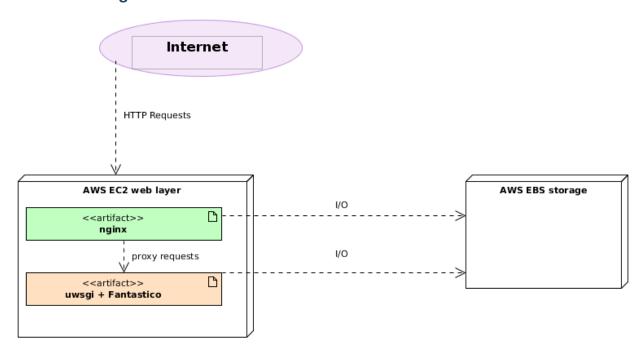
#### Setup

- 1. Install Fantastico framework on the production machine (Installation manual.).
- 2. Goto \$FANTASTICO\_ROOT
- 3. export ROOT\_PASSWD=<your root password>
- 4. fantastico\_setup\_low\_usage\_<os\_distribution) –ipaddress <desired\_ip> –vhost-name <desired\_vhost> –uwsgi-port <uwsgi port> –root-folder <desired root folder> –modules-folder <desired modules folder> (e.g fantastico\_setup\_low\_usage\_ubuntu.sh –ipaddress 127.0.0.1 –vhost-name fantastico-framework.com –uwsgi-port 12090 –root-folder 'pwd' –modules-folder /fantastico/samples)
- 5. Done.

It is usually a good idea to change the number of parallel connections supported by your linux kernel:

- 1. sudo nano /etc/sysctl.conf
- 2. Search for net.core.somaxconn.
- 3. If it does not exist you can add net.core.somaxconn = 8192 to the bottom of the file.
- 4. Restart the os.

## 3.4.2 Low usage AWS



This scenario is a little bit more complex than Low usage (simplest scenario) but it provides some advantages:

Advantages	Disadvantages
Can be autoscaled.	Requires AWS EC2 instances
Easier crash recovery	Requires manual configuration
Very easy monitoring support (CloudWatch)	Requires AWS EBS.
	Requires some AWS know how.
	Static files are not served from a cdn.

This scenario is recommended if you want to rollout you application on AWS infrastructure. Usually it is non expensive to do this as it requires micro instances and low cost storage. For more information about AWS required components read:

- 1. AWS Instance types.
- 2. AWS EBS.

#### Setup

- 1. Create an AWS account. (AWS Getting Started).
- 2. Create an EC2 instance from AWS Management Console (EC2 setup).
- 3. SSH on EC2 instance.
- 4. Install Fantastico framework on the production machine (*Installation manual*.).
- 5. Goto \$FANTASTICO ROOT
- 6. fantastico\_setup\_low\_usage\_<os\_distribution).sh (e.g fantastico\_setup\_low\_usage\_ubuntu.sh)
- 7. Done.

#### **Optimization**

This scenario can be easily optimized by using **AWS S3** buckets for static files. This ensures faileover for static files and very easy horizontal scaling for sites. Below you can find the new diagram:



You can read more about **AWS S3** storage on http://aws.amazon.com/s3/. In this version of fantastico there is no way to sync static module files with S3 buckets. This feature is going to be implemented in upcoming **Fantastico** features. As a workaround you can easily copy **static** folder content from each module on S3 using the tool provided from AWS Management Console.

You can see how to use AWS Management Console S3 tool on http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1qrjFb0ZTm8

### Setup with S3

- 1. export ROOT\_PASSWD=<your root password>
- 2. Create an AWS account. (AWS Getting Started).
- 3. Create an EC2 instance from AWS Management Console (EC2 setup).
- 4. SSH on EC2 instance.
- 5. Install Fantastico framework on the production machine (Installation manual.).
- 6. Goto \$FANTASTICO\_ROOT/deployment
- 7. fantastico\_setup\_low\_usage\_s3\_<os\_distribution).sh -ipaddress <desired\_ip> -vhost-name <desired\_vhost> uwsgi-port <uwsgi port> -root-folder <desired root folder> -modules-folder <desired modules folder> (e.g fantastico\_setup\_low\_usage\_s3\_ubuntu.sh -ipaddress 127.0.0.1 -vhost-name fantastico-framework.com -uwsgi-port 12090 -root-folder 'pwd' -modules-folder /fantastico/samples)
- 8. Done.

It is usually a good idea to change the number of parallel connections supported by your linux kernel:

- 1. sudo nano /etc/sysctl.conf
- 2. Search for **net.core.somaxconn**.
- 3. If it does not exist you can add net.core.somaxconn = 8192 to the bottom of the file.
- 4. Restart the os.

### 3.5 Static assets

By default, static assets can be any file that is publicly available. Most of the time, here you can place:

- · css files
- · png, jpg, gif files
- · downloadable pdf
- · movie files
- any other file format you can think about

For Production environment, requests to these files are handled by the web server you are using. You only need to place them under **static** folder of your component (*Component model*).

There are several scenario in which Fantastico projects are deployed which influence where your component static files are stored. I recommend you read *Deployment how to* section.

#### 3.5.1 Static assets on dev

Of course, on development environment you are not required to have a web server in front of your Fantastico dev server. For this purpose, fantastico framework provides a special controller which can easily serve static files. Even though it works as expected, please do not use it in production. It does not send headers required by browser for caching purposes.

Static assets routes are the same between **prod** and **dev** environments.

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#### **Favicon**

If you want your site to also have an icon which is automatically presented by browsers, in your project root folder do the following:

- 1. mkdir static
- 2. cd static
- 3. Copy your favicon.ico file in here.

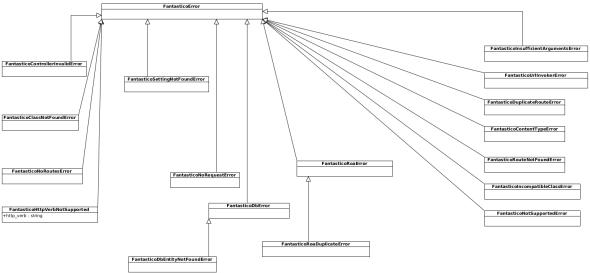
## 3.5.2 Static assets on prod

There is no difference between static assets on dev and static assets on production from routes point of view. From handling requests point of view, nginx configuration for your project takes care of serving static assets and sending correct http caching headers.

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## 4.1 Exceptions hierarchy

class fantastico.exceptions.FantasticoError (msg=None, http\_code=400)



**FantasticoError** is the base of all exceptions raised within fantastico framework. It describe common attributes that each concrete fantastico exception must provide. By default all fantastico exceptions inherit FantasticoError exception. We do this because each raised unhandled FantasticoError is map to a specific exception response. This strategy guarantees that at no moment errors will cause fantastico framework wsgi container to crash.

#### http\_code

This method returns the http code on which this exception is mapped.

class fantastico.exceptions.FantasticoControllerInvalidError (msg=None,

 $http\_code=400$ )

This exception is raised whenever a method is decorated with fantastico.mvc.controller\_decorators.Controller and the number of arguments is not correct. Usually developer forgot to add request as argument to the controller.

- class fantastico.exceptions.FantasticoClassNotFoundError(msg=None, http\_code=400)
   This exception is raised whenever code tries to dynamically import and instantiate a class which can not be
   resolved.
- **class** fantastico.exceptions.**FantasticoNotSupportedError** (*msg=None*, *http\_code=400*) This exception is raised whenever code tries to do an operation that is not supported.

class fantastico.exceptions.FantasticoSettingNotFoundError (msg=None,

http code=400)

This exception is raised whenever code tries to obtain a setting that is not available in the current fantastico configuration.

class fantastico.exceptions.FantasticoDuplicateRouteError (msg=None,

http code=400)

This exception is usually raised by routing engine when it detects duplicate routes.

- **class** fantastico.exceptions.**FantasticoNoRoutesError** (*msg=None*, *http\_code=400*)

  This exception is usually raised by routing engine when no loaders are configured or no routes are registered.
- **class** fantastico.exceptions.**FantasticoRouteNotFoundError** (*msg=None*, *http\_code=400*) This exception is usually raised by routing engine when a requested url is not registered.
- class fantastico.exceptions.FantasticoNoRequestError (msg=None, http\_code=400)
   This exception is usually raised when some components try to use fantastico.request from WSGI environ before
   fantastico.middleware.request\_middleware.RequestMiddleware was executed.
- **class** fantastico.exceptions.**FantasticoContentTypeError** (*msg=None*, *http\_code=400*)

  This exception is usually thrown when a mismatch between request accept and response content type. In Fantastico we think it's mandatory to fulfill requests correctly and to take in consideration sent headers.
- class fantastico.exceptions.FantasticoHttpVerbNotSupported(http\_verb)
  This exception is usually thrown when a route is accessed with an http verb which does not support.

#### http\_verb

This property returns the http verb that caused the problems.

class fantastico.exceptions.FantasticoTemplateNotFoundError (msg=None,

http code=400)

This exception is usually thrown when a controller tries to load a template which it does not found.

 ${\bf class} \ {\tt fantastico.exceptions.FantasticoIncompatibleClassError} \ ({\it msg=None},$ 

 $http\_code=400)$ 

This exception is usually thrown when we want to decorate / inject / mixin a class into another class that does not support it. For instance, we want to build a fantastico.mvc.model\_facade.ModelFacade with a class that does not extend **BASEMODEL.** 

- class fantastico.exceptions.FantasticoDbError (msg=None, http\_code=400)
  - This exception is usually thrown when a database exception occurs. For one good example where this is used see fantastico.mvc.model\_facade.ModelFacade.
- class fantastico.exceptions.FantasticoDbNotFoundError(msg=None, http\_code=400)

This exception is usually thrown when an entity does not exist but we try to update it. For one good example where this is used see fantastico.mvc.model\_facade.ModelFacade.

class fantastico.exceptions.FantasticoInsufficientArgumentsError(msg=None,

 $http\_code=400$ )

This exception is usually thrown when a component extension received wrong number of arguments. See fantastico.rendering.component.Component.

class fantastico.exceptions.FantasticoUrlInvokerError (msg=None, http\_code=400)

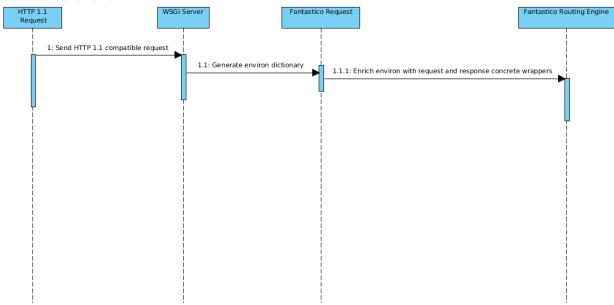
This exception is usually thrown when an internal url invoker fails. For instance, if a component reusage rendering fails then this exception is raised.

## 4.2 Request lifecycle

In this document you can find how a request is processed by fantastico framework. By default WSGI applications use a dictionary that contains various useful keys:

- · HTTP Headers
- · HTTP Cookies
- Helper keys (e.g file wrapper).

In fantastico we want to hide the complexity of this dictionary and allow developers to use some standardized objects. Fantastico framework follows a Request / Response paradigm. This mean that for every single http request only one single http response will be generated. Below, you can find a simple example of how requests are processed by fantastico framework:



In order to not reinvent the wheels fantastico relies on WebOb python framework in order to correctly generate request and response objects. For more information read WebOB Doc.

## 4.2.1 Request middleware

To have very good control of how WSGI environ is wrapped into **WebOb request** object a middleware component is configured. This is the first middleware that is executed for every single http request.

 ${\bf class} \; {\tt fantastico.middleware.request\_middleware.RequestMiddleware} \; (app)$ 

This class provides the middleware responsible for converting wsgi environ dictionary into a request. The result is saved into current WSGI environ under key **fantastico.request**. In addition each new request receives an identifier. If subsequent requests are triggered from that request then they will also receive the same request id.

### 4.2.2 Request context

In comparison with WebOb **Fantastico** provides a nice improvement. For facilitating easy development of code, each fantastico request has a special attribute called context. Below you can find the attributes of a request context object:

- settings facade (Fantastico settings)
- session (not yet supported)
- language The current preferred by user. This is determined based on user lang header.
- user (not yet supported)

```
class fantastico.middleware.request_context.RequestContext (settings, language)
```

This class holds various attributes useful giving a context to an http request. Among other things we need to be able to access current language, current session and possible current user profile.

#### language

Property that holds the current language that must be used during this request.

#### settings

Property that holds the current settings facade used for accessing fantastico configuration.

### wsgi\_app

code

Property that holds the WSGI application instance under which the request is handled.

## 4.2.3 Obtain request language

```
class fantastico.locale.language.Language (code)
```

Class used to define how does language object looks like. There are various use cases for using language but the simplest one is in request context object:

```
language = request.context.language

if language.code = "en_us":
    print("English (US) language").
else:
    raise Exception("Language %s is not supported." % language.code)
```

Property that holds the language code. This is readonly because once instantiated we mustn't be able to change it.

## 4.2.4 Obtain settings using request

It is recommended to use *request.context* object to obtain fantastico settings. This hides the complexity of choosing the right configuration and accessing attributes from it.

```
installed_middleware = request.context.settings.get("installed_middleware")
print(installed_middleware)
```

For more information about how to configure Fantastico please read Fantastico settings.

#### 4.2.5 Redirect using request

In Fantastico is fairly simply to redirect client to a given location.

```
class fantastico.routing_engine.custom_responses.RedirectResponse (destination,
```

query\_params=None)

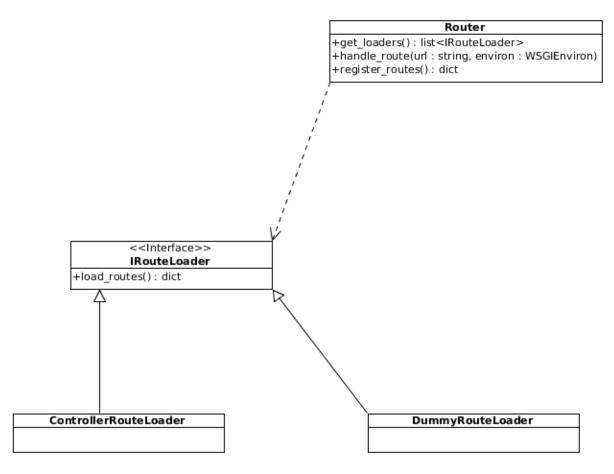
This class encapsulates the logic for programatically redirecting client from a fantastico controller.

```
@Controller(url="/redirect/example")
def redirect_to_google(self, request):
    return request.redirect("http://www.google.ro/")
```

There are some special cases when you would like to pass some query parameters to redirect destination. This is also easily achievable in Fantastico:

The above example will redirect client browser to http://www.google.ro/search?q=hello world

# 4.3 Routing engine



Fantastico routing engine is design by having extensibility in mind. Below you can find the list of concerns for routing engine:

- 1. Support multiple sources for routes.
- 2. Load all available routes.
- 3. Select the controller that can handle the request route (if any available).

#### get\_loaders()

Method used to retrieve all available loaders. If loaders are not currently instantiated they are by these method. This method also supports multi threaded workers mode of wsgi with really small memory foot-

print. It uses an internal lock so that it makes sure available loaders are instantiated only once per wsgi worker.

```
handle route(url, environ)
```

Method used to identify the given url method handler. It enrich the environ dictionary with a new entry that holds a controller instance and a function to be executed from that controller.

```
register_routes()
```

Method used to register all routes from all loaders. If the loaders are not yet initialized this method will first load all available loaders and then it will register all available routes. Also, this method initialize available routes only once when it is first invoked.

## 4.3.1 Routes loaders

Fantastico routing engine is designed so that routes can be loaded from multiple sources (database, disk locations, and others). This give huge extensibility so that developers can use Fantastico in various scenarios:

- Create a CMS that allows people to create new pages (mapping between page url / controller) is hold in database. Just by adding a simple loader in which the business logic is encapsulated allows routing engine extension.
- Create a blog that loads articles from disk.

I am sure you can find other use cases in which you benefit from this extension point.

## 4.3.2 How to write a new route loader

Before digging in further details see the RouteLoader class documentation below:

```
class fantastico.routing_engine.routing_loaders.RouteLoader (settings_facade)
```

This class provides the contract that must be provided by each concrete implementation. Each route loader is responsible for implementing its own business logic for loading routes.

## load\_routes()

This method must be overriden by each concrete implementation so that all loaded routes can be handled by fantastico routing engine middleware.

As you can, each concrete route loader receives in the constructor settings facade that can be used to access fantastico settings. In the code example above, DummyRouteLoader maps a list of urls to a controller method that can be used to render it. Keep in mind that a route loader is a stateless component and it can't in anyway determine the wsgi environment in which it is used. In addition this design decision also make sure clear separation of concerned is followed.

Once your **RouteLoader** implementation is ready you must register it into settings profile. The safest bet is to add it into BaseSettings provider. For more information read *Fantastico settings*.

# 4.3.3 Configuring available loaders

You can find all available loaders for the framework configured in your settings profile. You can find below a sample configuration of available loaders:

```
class CustomSettings(BasicSettings):
    @property
    def routes_loaders(self):
        return ["fantastico.routing_engine.custom_loader.CustomLoader"]
```

The above configuration tells **Fantastico routing engine** that only CustomLoader is a source of routes. If you want to learn more about multiple configurations please read *Fantastico settings*.

# 4.3.4 DummyRouteLoader

class fantastico.routing\_engine.dummy\_routeloader.DummyRouteLoader (settings\_facade)

This class represents an example of how to write a route loader. DummyRouteLoader is available in all configurations and it provides a single route to the routing engine: /dummy/route/loader/test. Integration tests rely on this loader to be configured in each available profile.

```
display_test (request)
```

This method handles /dummy/route/loader/test route. It is expected to receive a response with status code 400. We do this for being able to test rendering and also avoid false positive security scans messages.

# 4.3.5 Routing middleware

**Fantastico** routing engine is designed as a standalone component. In order to be able to integrate it into Fantastico request lifecycle (:doc:/features/request response.) we need an adapter component.

1.instantiating the router component and make it available to other components / middlewares through WSGI environment.

```
2.register all configured fantastico loaders (fantastico.routing_engine.router.Router.get_loaders()).
3.register all available routes (fantastico.routing_engine.router.Router.register_routes()).
```

```
4.handle route requests (fantastico.routing_engine.router.Router.handle_route()).
```

It is important to understand that routing middleware assume a **WebOb request** available into WSGI environ. Otherwise, fantastico.exceptions.FantasticoNoRequestError will be thrown. You can read more about request middleware at *Request lifecycle*.

# 4.4 Model View Controller

**Fantastico** framework provides quite a powerful model - view - controller implementation. Here you can find details about design decisions and how to benefit from it.

# 4.4.1 Classic approach

Usually when you want to work with models as understood by MVC pattern you have in many cases boiler plate code:

- 1. Write your model class (or entity)
- 2. Write a repository that provides various methods for this model class.
- 3. Write a facade that works with the repository.
- 4. Write a web service / page that relies on the facade.
- 5. Write one or multiple views.

As this is usually a good in theory, in practice you will see that many methods from facade are converting a data transfer object to an entity and pass it down to repository.

# 4.4.2 Fantastico approach

**Fantastico** framework provides an alternative to this classic approach (you can still work in the old way if you really really want).

This class provides a decorator for magically registering methods as route handlers. This is an extremely important piece of Fantastico framework because it simplifies the way you as developer can define mapping between a method that must be executed when an http request to an url is made:

The above code assume the following:

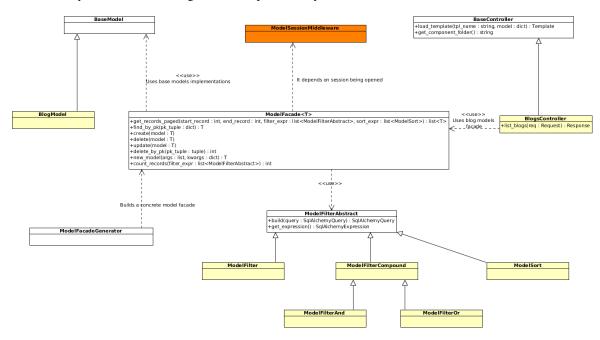
return Response (blogs)

- 1. As developer you created a model called blog (this is already mapped to some sort of storage).
- 2. Fantastico framework generate the facade automatically (and you never have to know anything about underlining repository).
- 3. Fantastico framework takes care of data conversion.

- 4. As developer you create the method that knows how to handle /blog/ url.
- 5. Write your view.

You can also map multiple routes for the same controller:

Below you can find the design for MVC provided by Fantastico framework:



## fn\_handler

This property retrieves the method which is executed by this controller.

## classmethod get\_registered\_routes()

This class methods retrieve all registered routes through Controller decorator.

#### method

This property retrieves the method(s) for which this controller can be invoked. Most of the time only one value is retrieved.

#### models

This property retrieves all the models required by this controller in order to work correctly.

### url

This property retrieves the url used when registering this controller.

If you want to find more details and use cases for controller read Controller section.

# 4.4.3 Model

A model is a very simple object that inherits fantastico.mvc.models.BaseModel.

In order for models to work correctly and to be injected correctly into controller you must make sure you have a valid database configuration in your settings file. By default, fantastico.settings.BasicSettings provides a usable database configuration.

```
# fantastico.settings.BasicSettings
@property
def database_config(self):
    return {"drivername": "mysql+mysqldb",
```

```
"username": "fantastico",
"password": "12345",
"host": "localhost",
"port": 3306,
"database": "fantastico",
"show_sql": True}
```

By default, each time a new build is generated for fantastico each environment is validated to ensure connectivity to configured database works.

There are multiple ways in how a model is used but the easiest way is to use an autogenerated model facade:

```
class fantastico.mvc.model_facade.ModelFacade(model_cls, session)
```

This class provides a generic model facade factory. In order to work **Fantastico** base model it is recommended to use autogenerated facade objects. A facade object is binded to a given model and given database session.

```
count_records (filter_expr=None)
```

This method is used for counting the number of records from underlining facade. In addition it applies the filter expressions specified (if any).

**Parameters filter\_expr** (*list*) - A list of fantastico.mvc.models.model\_filter.ModelFilterAbstrawhich are applied in order.

**Raises fantastico.exceptions.FantasticoDbError** This exception is raised whenever an exception occurs in retrieving desired dataset. The underlining session used is automatically roll-backed in order to guarantee data integrity.

#### create (model)

This method add the given model in the database.

```
class PersonMode1 (BASEMODEL):
    __tablename__ = "persons"

id = Column("id", Integer, autoincrement=True, primary_key=True)
    first_name = Column("first_name", String(50))
    last_name = Column("last_name", String(50))

def __init__ (self, first_name, last_name):
        self.first_name = first_name
        self.last_name = last_name

facade = ModelFacade(PersonModel, fantastico.mvc.SESSION)

model = facade.new_model("John", last_name="Doe")
facade.create(model)
```

**Returns** The newly generated primary key or the specified primary key (it might be a scalar value or a tuple).

**Raises fantastico.exceptions.FantasticoDbError** Raised when an unhandled exception occurs. By default, session is rollback automatically so that other consumers can still work as expected.

#### delete (model)

This method deletes a given model from database. Below you can find a simple example of how to use this:

```
class PersonMode1 (BASEMODEL):
    __tablename__ = "persons"

id = Column("id", Integer, autoincrement=True, primary_key=True)
first_name = Column("first_name", String(50))
last_name = Column("last_name", String(50))

def __init__(self, first_name, last_name):
    self.first_name = first_name
    self.last_name = last_name

facade = ModelFacade(PersonModel, fantastico.mvc.SESSION)
model = facade.find_by_pk({PersonModel.id: 1})
facade.delete(model)
```

**Raises fantastico.exceptions.FantasticoDbError** Raised when an unhandled exception occurs. By default, session is rollback automatically so that other consumers can still work as expected.

## find\_by\_pk (pk\_values)

This method returns the entity which matches the given primary key values.

```
class PersonMode1 (BASEMODEL):
    __tablename__ = "persons"

id = Column("id", Integer, autoincrement=True, primary_key=True)
first_name = Column("first_name", String(50))
last_name = Column("last_name", String(50))

def __init__(self, first_name, last_name):
    self.first_name = first_name
    self.last_name = last_name

facade = ModelFacade(PersonModel, fantastico.mvc.SESSION)
model = facade.find_by_pk({PersonModel.id: 1})
```

## get\_records\_paged (start\_record, end\_record, filter\_expr=None, sort\_expr=None)

This method retrieves all records matching the given filters sorted by the given expression.

## **Parameters**

- start\_record (int) A zero indexed integer that specifies the first record number.
- end\_record (int) A zero indexed integer that specifies the last record number.
- filter\_expr(list) A list of fantastico.mvc.models.model\_filter.ModelFilterAbstract which are applied in order.

• **sort\_expr** (*list*) – A list of fantastico.mvc.models.model\_sort.ModelSort which are applied in order.

**Returns** A list of matching records strongly converted to underlining model.

**Raises fantastico.exceptions.FantasticoDbError** This exception is raised whenever an exception occurs in retrieving desired dataset. The underlining session used is automatically roll-backed in order to guarantee data integrity.

#### model cls

This property holds the model based on which this facade is built.

#### model\_pk\_cols

This property returns the model primary key columns as defined in the model cls.

```
new_model (*args, **kwargs)
```

This method is used to obtain an instance of the underlining model. Below you can find a very simple example:

```
class PersonMode1 (BASEMODEL):
    __tablename__ = "persons"

id = Column("id", Integer, autoincrement=True, primary_key=True)
first_name = Column("first_name", String(50))
last_name = Column("last_name", String(50))

def __init__ (self, first_name, last_name):
    self.first_name = first_name
    self.last_name = last_name

facade = ModelFacade(PersonModel, fantastico.mvc.SESSION)

model = facade.new_model("John", last_name="Doe")
```

## **Parameters**

- args (list) A list of positional arguments we want to pass to underlining model constructor.
- **kwargs** (*dict*) A dictionary containing named parameters we want to pass to underlining model constructor.

**Returns** A BASEMODEL instance if everything is ok.

## update (model)

This method updates an existing model from the database based on primary key.

```
class PersonMode1 (BASEMODEL):
    __tablename__ = "persons"

id = Column("id", Integer, autoincrement=True, primary_key=True)
first_name = Column("first_name", String(50))
last_name = Column("last_name", String(50))

def __init__(self, first_name, last_name):
    self.first_name = first_name
    self.last_name = last_name

facade = ModelFacade(PersonModel, fantastico.mvc.SESSION)
```

```
model = facade.new_model("John", last_name="Doe")
model.id = 5
facade.update(model)
```

#### Raises

- fantastico.exceptions.FantasticoDbNotFoundError Raised when the given model does not exist in database. By default, session is rollback automatically so that other consumers can still work as expected.
- fantastico.exceptions.FantasticoDbError Raised when an unhandled exception occurs. By default, session is rollback automatically so that other consumers can still work as expected.

If you are using the **Fantastico MVC** support you don't need to manually create a model facade instance because fantastico.mvc.controller\_decorators.Controller injects defined models automatically.

## 4.4.4 View

A view can be a simple html plain file or html + jinja2 enriched support. You can read more about **Jinja2** here. Usually, if you need some logical block statements in your view (if, for, ...) it is easier to use jinja 2 template engine. The good news is that you can easily embed jinja 2 markup in your views and it will be rendered automatically.

## 4.4.5 Controller

A controller is the *brain*; it actually combines a model execute some business logic and pass data to the desired view that needs to be rendered. In some cases you don't really need view in order to provide the logic you want:

- A REST Web service.
- · A RSS feed provider.
- · A file download service

Though writing REST services does not require a view, you can load external text templates that might be useful for assembling the response:

- An invoice generator service
- An xml file that must be filled with product data
- A vCard. export service.

If you want to read a small tutorial and to start coding very fast on Fantastico MVC read MVC How to. Controller API is documented fantastico.mvc.controller\_decorator.Controller.

This class provides a route loader that is capable of scanning the disk and registering only the routes that contain a controller decorator in them. This happens when **Fantastico** servers starts. In standard configuration it ignores tests subfolder as well as test\_\* / itest\_\* modules.

#### load routes()

This method is used for loading all routes that are mapped through fantastico.mvc.controller\_decorators.Controller\_decorator.

#### scanned folder

This property returns the currently scanned folder from where mvc routes are collected.

```
class fantastico.mvc.base_controller.BaseController(settings_facade)
```

This class provides common methods useful for every concrete controller. Even if no type checking is done in Fantastico it is recommended that every controller implementation inherits this class.

#### curr\_request

This property returns the current http request being processed.

## get\_component\_folder()

This method is used to retrieve the component folder name under which this controller is defined.

```
load\_template(tpl\_name, model\_data=None, get\_template=<function get\_template at 0x2896408>)
```

This method is responsible for loading a template from disk and render it using the given model data.

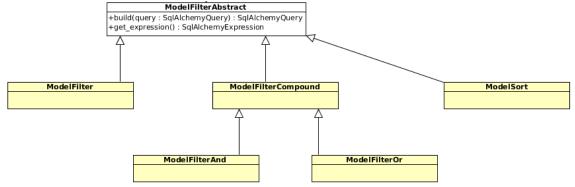
```
@ControllerProvider()
class TestController(BaseController):
    @Controller(url="/simple/test/hello", method="GET")
    def say_hello(self, request):
        return Response(self.load_template("/hello.html"))
```

The above snippet will search for **hello.html** into component folder/views/.

#### **Available filters**

## class fantastico.mvc.models.model\_filter.ModelFilterAbstract

This is the base class that defines the contract a model filter must follow. A model filter is a class that decouples sqlalchemy framework from Fantastico MVC. This is required because in the future we might want to change the ORM that powers Fantastico without breaking all existing code.



For seeing how to implement filters (probably you won't need to do this) see some existing filters:

- •fantastico.mvc.models.model filter.ModelFilter
- •fantastico.mvc.models.model\_filter\_compound.ModelFilterCompound
- •fantastico.mvc.models.model\_filter\_compound.ModelFilterAnd
- $\bullet fantastico.mvc.models.model\_filter\_compound.ModelFilterOr$

## build(query)

This method is used for appending the current filter to the query using sqlalchemy specific language.

## get\_expression()

This method is used for retrieving native sqlalchemy expression held by this filter.

This class provides the api for compounding ModelFilter objects into a specified sql alchemy operation.

## build(query)

This method transform the current compound statement into an sql alchemy filter.

## get\_expression()

This method transforms calculates sqlalchemy expression held by this filter.

#### model\_filters

This property returns all ModelFilter instances being compound.

```
class fantastico.mvc.models.model_filter.ModelFilter(column, ref_value, operation)
```

This class provides a model filter wrapper used to dynamically transform an operation to sql alchemy filter statements. You can see below how to use it:

```
id_gt_filter = ModelFilter(PersonModel.id, 1, ModelFilter.GT)
```

## build(query)

This method appends the current filter to a query object.

#### column

This property holds the column used in the current filter.

## get\_expression()

Method used to return the underlining sqlalchemy exception held by this filter.

## static get\_supported\_operations()

This method returns all supported operations for model filter. For now only the following operations are supported:

- •GT greater than comparison
- •GE greater or equals than comparison
- •EQ equals comparison
- •LE less or equals than comparison
- •LT less than comparison
- •LIKE like comparison
- •IN in comparison.

### operation

This property holds the operation used in the current filter.

## ref\_value

This property holds the reference value used in the current filter.

```
class fantastico.mvc.models.model_filter_compound.ModelFilterAnd(*args)
```

This class provides a compound filter that allows **and** conditions against models. Below you can find a simple example:

```
id_gt_filter = ModelFilter(PersonModel.id, 1, ModelFilter.GT)
id_lt_filter = ModelFilter(PersonModel.id, 5, ModelFilter.LT)
name_like_filter = ModelFilter(PersonModel.name, '%%john%%', ModelFilter.LIKE)
complex_condition = ModelFilterAnd(id_gt_filter, id_lt_filter, name_like_filter)
```

```
class fantastico.mvc.models.model_filter_compound.ModelFilterOr(*args)
     This class provides a compound filter that allows or conditions against models. Below you can find a simple
     id_gt_filter = ModelFilter(PersonModel.id, 1, ModelFilter.GT)
     id_lt_filter = ModelFilter(PersonModel.id, 5, ModelFilter.LT)
     name_like_filter = ModelFilter(PersonModel.name, '%%john%%', ModelFilter.LIKE)
     complex_condition = ModelFilterOr(id_gt_filter, id_lt_filter, name_like_filter)
class fantastico.mvc.models.model_sort.ModelSort(column, sort_dir=None)
     This class provides a filter that knows how to sort rows from a query result set. It is extremely easy to use:
     id_sort_asc = ModelSort(PersonModel.id, ModelSort.ASC)
     build(query)
         This method appends sort_by clause to the given query.
         This property holds the column we are currently sorting.
     get_expression()
```

This method returns the sqlalchemy expression held by this filter.

get\_supported\_sort\_dirs()

This method returns all supported sort directions. Currently only ASC / DESC directions are supported.

sort dir

This property holds the sort direction we are currently using.

# 4.4.6 Database session management

We all know database session management is painful and adds a lot of boiler plate code. In fantastico you don't need to manage database session by yourself. There is a dedicated middleware which automatically ensures there is an active session ready to be used:

```
class fantastico.middleware.model_session_middleware.ModelSessionMiddleware(app,
                                                                                          tings_facade=<class
                                                                                          'fan-
                                                                                          tas-
                                                                                          tico.settings.SettingsFace
```

This class is responsible for managing database connections across requests. It also takes care of connection data pools. By default, the middleware is automatically configured to open a connection. If you don't need mvc (really improbable but still) you simply need to change your project active settings profile. You can read more on fantastico.settings.BasicSettings

# **4.5 ROA (Resource Oriented Architecture)**

Resource Oriented Architecture (REST) is incredible popular nowadays for the following reasons:

- Increased scalability of applications.
- Easy integration of systems.
- Intuitive modelling of business problems.
- Stateful imperative programming pains removed.

You can find many information about advantages of REST and why it is recommended to use such an architecure. For further reading you can visit http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Representational\_state\_transfer.

In Fantastisco framework we firmly encourage REST approach into projects. We even go a step further in this direction, by standardising REST APIs and providing REST APIs generator over implemented models.

# 4.5.1 Examples

# 4.5.2 Application settings stored in database

Imagine you have a model called **AppSetting** meant to define custom settings attributes which influence your application.

```
class AppSetting(BASEMODEL):
    __tablename__ = "app_settings"

id = Column("id", Integer, primary_key=True, autoincrement=True)
name = Column("name", String(50), unique=True, nullable=False)
value = Column("value", Text, nullable=False)

def __init__(self, name, value):
    self.name = name
    self.value = value
```

In a standard MVC (*Model View Controller*) web application once you have defined the above mentioned fantastico model you would have to do the following: (for providing minimal CRUD)

- 1. Create a fantastico.mvc.controller decorators.Controller
- 2. Implement listing of custom settings
  - (a) Support pagination.
  - (b) Support filtering.
  - (c) Support ordering.
- 3. Implement individual custom setting retrieval (by id).
- 4. Implement Create custom setting.
- 5. Implement Update custom setting.
- 6. Implement Delete custom setting.
- 7. For each operation implemented provide validation logic.
- 8. For each operation implemented provide error handling logic.

This is an extremely repetitive task and involves quite a lot of boiler plate. In addition no standard is imposed for how pagination, sorting and filtering work.

A more convenient way for this problem is to provide some additional information about the model:

```
@Resource(name="app-setting", url="/app-settings")
class AppSetting(BASEMODEL):
    __tablename__ = "app_settings"

id = Column("id", Integer, primary_key=True, autoincrement=True)
name = Column("name", String(50), unique=True, nullable=False)
value = Column("value", Text, nullable=False)
```

```
def __init__(self, name, value):
    self.name = name
    self.value = value
```

Once the model is decorated, I expect to have a fully functional API which I can easily invoke through HTTP calls:

- GET /api/latest/app-settings list all application settings (supports filtering, ordering and pagination)
- POST /api/latest/app-settings create a new app setting.
- PUT /api/latest/app-settings/:id update an existing application setting.
- DELETE /api/latest/app-settings/:id delete an existing application setting.

# 4.5.3 Versioning

It is always a good practice to support API versioning. Going a step further with AppSetting resource:

```
@Resource(name="app-setting", url="/app-settings", version=1.0)
class AppSetting(BASEMODEL):
    __tablename__ = "app_settings"
    id = Column("id", Integer, primary_key=True, autoincrement=True)
   name = Column("name", String(50), unique=True, nullable=False)
   value = Column("value", Text, nullable=False)
    def __init__(self, name, value):
       self.name = name
        self.value = value
@Resource(name="app-setting", url="/app-settings", version=2.0)
class AppSettingV2 (BASEMODEL):
    __tablename__ = "app_settings"
    id = Column("id", Integer, primary_key=True, autoincrement=True)
    name = Column("name", String(80), unique=True, nullable=False)
   value = Column("value", Text, nullable=False)
    def __init__(self, name, value):
        self.name = name
        self.value = value
```

The above example will actually provide the following endpoints which can be easily accessible:

- /api/1.0/app-settings
- /api/2.0/app-settings
- /api/latest/app-settings (which at this moment points to the most recent version of the api)

If we want to retrieve all application settings using version 1.0 we open a browser and point it to /api/1.0/app-settings. For avoiding multiple APIs chaos we strongly encourage to use the latest available API.

# 4.5.4 Validation

Each resource requires validation for create / update operations. Validation is harder to be achieved through code introspection so in Fantastico for each defined resource you can define a validator which will be invoked automatically.

```
class AppSettingValidator(ResourceValidator):
    def validate(self, resource):
        errors = []
        if resource.name == "unsupported":
            errors.append("Invalid setting name: %s" % resource.name)
        if len(resource.value) == 0:
            errors.append("Setting %s value can not be empty. %s" % resource.name)
        if len(errors) == 0:
            return
        raise FantasticoRoaError("\n".join(errors))
@Resource(name="app-setting", url="/app-settings", version=2.0, validator=AppSettingValidator)
class AppSettingV2 (BASEMODEL):
    id = Column("id", Integer, primary_key=True, autoincrement=True)
    name = Column("name", String(80), unique=True, nullable=False)
   value = Column("value", Text, nullable=False)
    def __init__(self, name, value):
        self.name = name
        self.value = value
```

If no validator is provided no validation is done on the given resource. Also, it is important to always remember that validators are only invoked for **Create** and **Update**:

- POST /api/latest/app-settings create a new app setting. (validate method will be invoked).
- PUT /api/latest/app-settings/:id update an existing app setting. (validate method will be invoked).

We are aware that there are some common validation cases which can be reused:

- 1. Email validation
- 2. Phone number validation
- 3. Credit Card number validation

All common validation cases are provided out of the box as methods part of Resource Validator class. You can easily use them into your resource validator.

# 4.5.5 Partial object representation

There are cases when a resource contains many fields but you actually need only a few of them:

```
@Resource(name="address", url="/addresses", version=1.0)
class Address(BASEMODEL):
    id = Column("id", Integer, primary_key=True, autoincrement=True)
    line1 = Column("line1", String(200), nullable=False)
    line2 = Column("line2", String(200))
    line3 = Column("line3", String(200))
    line4 = Column("line4", String(200))
    line5 = Column("line5", String(200))
    line6 = Column("line6", String(200))
    city = Column("city", String(80))
    country = Column("country", String(80))
    zip_code = Column("zip_code", String(10))
```

When working with the Address resource there will be cases when we do not need all fields to be transferred to client. For this, partial representation is supported out of the box into Fantastico:

```
// retrieve only city, zip_code and line1 of a given address
var url = "/api/1.0/addresses/1?fields=city, zip_code, line1";
A possible response for this request might be:
{
    city: "Bucharest",
    zip_code: "B00001",
    line1: "First line of this wonderful address"
}
```

**fields** Query parameter is optional. If you omit this query parameter all fields are retrieved in the response. **fields** query parameter makes sense for:

- 1. Listing a collection
- 2. Retrieving information about an individual item.

All other operations simply ignore **fields**.

# 4.5.6 Resource composed attributes

There are resources which have attributes which points to another resource:

The above definition shows you how to mark the subresources of **person** resource. By default they will not be retrieved in requests. Only subresource identifier keys pointing from **person** to various **address** objects are retrieved. If you want to obtain details about a specific address (e.g bill address) you can use example below:

```
var url = "/api/1.0/persons/1?fields=first_name, last_name, bill_address(line1, city, zip_code)"
```

The above example url might return:

```
{
   "first_name": "John",
   "last_name": "Doe",
   "bill_address": {
      "linel": "First line of this wonderful address",
      "city": "Bucharest",
      "zip_code": "B00001"
   }
}
```

Composed attributes usage is limited to below mentioned operations:

- Listing collections.
- Retrieving information about an individual item.
- First level subresources.

We do not support update / create of multiple resources using one single request.

# 4.5.7 Advantages

- Extremely fast development of uniform APIs which behave predictable.
- Extremely easy to enforce exception handling logic.
- Extremely easy to enforce security for APIs.
- Extremely easy to keep APIs in sync with resource changes.
- DRY (don't repeat yourself).

## **REST API standard**

In this document you can find the standard behavior imposed for Resource generated apis (*ROA (Resource Oriented Architecture)*). For better understanding how APIs will behave let's assume we have the following resource defined:

```
@Resource(name="app-setting", url="/app-settings", version=2.0)
class AppSettingV2(BASEMODEL):
    __tablename__ = "app_settings"

id = Column("id", Integer, primary_key=True, autoincrement=True)
    name = Column("name", String(80), unique=True, nullable=False)
    value = Column("value", Text, nullable=False)

def __init__(self, name, value):
    self.name = name
    self.value = value
```

## **Resource collection**

Each resource will have an API entry point which lists all available resources of same type (e.g **AppSettingV2**). This entry point supports the following additional operations:

- · Pagination of resources.
- Sorting of resources.
- Filtering of resources.

The main entry point for AppSettingV2 collection of resources is /api/2.0/app-settings.

HTTP Verb	URL	Description	
GET	/api/2.0/app-settings?offset=0&limit=100	Get the first 100 settings.	
GET	/api/2.0/app-settings?order=desc(name)	Order settings by name (descending).	
GET	/api/2.0/app-settings?filter= <complex filter=""></complex>	See Filtering.	
POST	/api/2.0/app-settings	Create a new custom setting	

**Pagination** When requesting a given resource collection a subset of this collection will be retrived.

- offset defines which is the start record of the API. (Default value is 0)
- limit defines the maximum number of items I want to retrieve. (Default value is 10)

A possible result for AppSettingV2 collection retrieval looks like:

```
{
    "items":
        [{"id": 1, "name": "default_locale", "value": "en_US"},
        {"id": 2, "name": "vat", "value": 0.19}],
    "totalItems": 1000
}
```

**Sorting** When requesting a given resource collection sorted you can specify the sorting criteria:

- order Containing asc / desc function calls.
- asc is a function with one argument which tells API an ascending order by given attribute.

```
// retrieve all application settings ascending ordered by name
var url = "/api/2.0/app-settings?order=asc(name)";
```

• desc - is a function with one argument which tells API a descending order by given attribute.

```
// retrieve all application settings ordered descending ordered by value.
var url = "/api/2.0/app-settings?order=desc(value)";
```

A possible result for AppSettingV2 collection retrieval (/api/2.0/app-settings?order=desc(name)) looks like:

```
"items":
    [{"id": 2, "name": "vat", "value": 0.19},
        {"id": 1, "name": "default_locale", "value": "en_US"}],
"totalItems": 1000
```

Filtering In fantastico, APIs filtering is done by following a very simple Resource Query Language (RQL):

HTTP	URL	Description	
Verb			
GET	/api/2.0/app-settings?filter=eq(name, "vat")	Get all settings named <b>vat</b> .	
GET	/api/2.0/app-settings?filter=like(name, "%vat%")	Get all settings which name contains vat.	
GET	/api/2.0/app-settings?filter=gt(value, 0.19)	Get all settings which have value greater than	
		0.19.	
GET	/api/2.0/app-settings?filter=ge(value, 0.19)	Get all settings which have value greater /	
		equals than / with <b>0.19</b> .	
GET	/api/2.0/app-settings?filter=lt(value, 0.19)	Get all settings which have value less than <b>0.19</b> .	
GET	/api/2.0/app-settings?filter=le(value, 0.19)	Get all settings which have value less / equals	
		than / with <b>0.19</b> .	
GET	/api/2.0/app-settings?filter=in(name, ["vat",	Get all settings which name is <b>vat</b> or	
	"default_locale"])	default_locale.	
GET	/api/2.0/app-settings?filter=and(eq(name, "vat"),	Get all settings which name is <b>vat</b> and value is	
	eq(value, "en_US"))	en_US.	
GET	/api/2.0/app-settings?filter=or(eq(name, "vat"),	Get all settings which name is <b>vat</b> or value is	
	eq(value, "en_US"))	en_US.	

You can see in the above example that the query language supported by Fantastico APIs facilitate very complex filtering on resources.

#### Resource item

A collection is composed of multiple items (same resource type). You can used individual item endpoints in order to:

- 1. Update an existing item.
- 2. Delete an existing item.

HTTP Verb	URL	Description
POST	/api/2.0/app-settings	Create a new application setting.
PUT	/api/2.0/app-settings/1	Update application setting uniquely identified by <b>id</b> 1.
DELETE	/api/2.0/app-settings/1	Delete application setting uniquely identified by <b>id</b> 1.

**Create a new item** In order to create a new resource (e.g application setting resource) you must use the collection entry point and do a POST request:

```
POST /api/2.0/app-settings
Content-Type: application/json
Content-Length: 49

{"name": "default_user_locale", "value": "en_US"}
```

**Update an existing item** In order to update an default\_locale application setting resource you must do the following request:

```
PUT /api/2.0/app-settings/1
Content-Type: application/json
Content-Length: 44

{"name": "default_locale", "value": "ro_RO"}
```

Of course partial requests are also supported:

```
PUT /api/2.0/app-settings/1
Content-Type: application/json
Content-Length: 18
{"value": "ro_RO"}
```

It is recommended to send the minimum amount of data to the API in order to optimize your application.

**Delete an existing item** Delete requests are pretty simple as they do not have any body in the response.

## **REST Responses**

When working with resources API it is important to understand what responses might be returned in order to correctly consume them into your clients. In this document you can find success / exception responses coming from APIs.

## **Common responses**

For each call there are some common responses that might be returned by APIs:

**Internal Server Error** When working in distributed environments there are unexpected situations occurring (server failing, dns failing, and so on). In all this cases a 500 HTTP Status code will be returned and an html generated page will be sent in the body of the error. Do not make assumptions about the format of this response as it might change in the future.

Concrete errors In Fantastico generated APIs, concrete errors follows a given format:

```
"error_code": <a numeric error code used for uniquely identifying the situation>,
   "error_description": <a user friendly message in English describing the error>,
   "error_details": <an http link where you can find more details about the error which occured>}
```

## **Resource Item**

**Retrieve resource item** When retrieving a resource from a collection (**GET /api/2.0/app-settings/1**) the following responses might be returned:

• 200 OK

```
200 OK
Content-Type: application/json
Content-Length: 53
{"id": 1, "name": "default_locale", "value": "en_US"}
```

404 Not Found

```
404 Not Found
Content-Type: application/json
Content-Length: 160

{"error_code": 10001, "error_description": "Resource 1 does not exist.", "error_details": "h
```

**Create a new resource item** When creating a resource into a collection (**POST /api/2.0/app-settings**) the following responses might be returned:

• 201 Created

```
201 Created
Content-Type: application/json
Content-Length: 0
Location: /api/2.0/app-settings/123
```

If you want to fetch the newly created resource just follow the location header.

· 400 Bad Request

```
400 Bad Request
Content-Type: application/json
Content-Length: 173

{"error_code": 10010, "error_description": "Resource 1 requires field (name|value).", "error
```

## Update an existing resource

When updating an existing resource (PUT /api/2.0/app-settings) the following responses might be returned:

• 204 No Content

```
204 No Content
Content-Type: application/json
Content-Length: 0
```

• 400 Bad Request

```
400 Bad Request
Content-Type: application/json
Content-Length: 173

{"error_code": 10010, "error_description": "Resource 1 requires field (name|value).", "error
```

**Delete an existing resource** When deleting an existing resource (**DELETE /api/2.0/app-settings**) the following responses might be returned:

• 204 No Content

```
204 No Content
Content-Type: application/json
Content-Length: 0
```

• 400 Bad Request

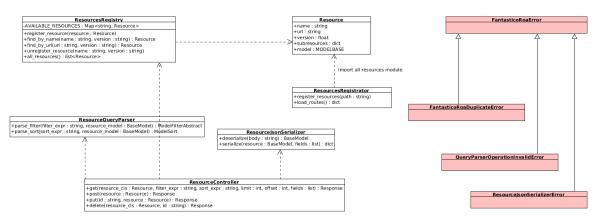
```
400 Bad Request
Content-Type: application/json
Content-Length:

{"error_code": 10020, "error_description": "Resource 1 is still in use.", "error_details": '
```

**Bulk creation of items** Fantastico APIs do not support bulk creation of items. We do not intend to add this kind of capability.

## **ROA Technical Summary**

class fantastico.roa.resource\_decorator.Resource (name, url, version=1.0, subresources=None, validator=None)



This class provides the main way for defining resources. Below you can find a very simple example for defining new resources:

```
@Resource(name="app-setting", url="/app-settings")
class AppSetting(BASEMODEL):
   id = Column("id", Integer, primary_key=True, autoincrement=True)
   name = Column("name", String(50), unique=True, nullable=False)
   value = Column("value", Text, nullable=False)

def __init__(self, name, value):
    self.name = name
   self.value = value
```

## model

This read only property holds the model of the resource.

#### name

This read only property holds the name of the resource.

#### subresources

This read only property holds the subresources of this resource. A resource can identify a subresource by one or multiple (composite uniquely identified resources) resource attributes.

#### url

This read only property holds the url of the resource.

#### validator

This property returns the validator type which must be used for this resource for creating / updating it. You can read more about it on fantastico.roa.resource validator.ResourceValidator.

#### version

This read only property holds the version of the resource.

## class fantastico.roa.resources\_registry.ResourcesRegistry

This class provide the methods for registering resources into Fantastico framework and locating them by url or name and version. As a Developer you will not usually need access to this class.

#### all resources()

This method returns a list of all registered resources order by name and version. It is extremely useful for introspecting Fantastico ROA platform.

#### available\_resources

This readonly property returns the indexed resources by name.

#### available\_url\_resources

This readonly property returns the indexed resources by urk.

# find\_by\_name (name, version='latest')

This method returns a registered resource under the given name and version.

#### **Parameters**

- **name** (*string*) The resource name.
- **version** (*string*) The numeric version of the resource or **latest**.

**Returns** The resource found or None.

Return type fantastico.roa.resource\_decorator.Resource

## find\_by\_url (url, version='latest')

This method returns a registered resource under the given url and version.

#### **Parameters**

- **name** (*string*) The resource name.
- **version** (*string*) The numeric version of the resource or **latest**.

**Returns** The resource found or None.

Return type fantastico.roa.resource\_decorator.Resource

#### register resource(resource)

This method register a new resource into Fantastico framework. It first checks against name, url and version collision in order to detect as early as possible errors with the current defined resources.

**Parameters resource** (fantastico.roa.resource\_decorator.Resource) - The resource instance we want to register into Fantastico ROA registry.

## Raises fantastico.roa.roa\_exceptions.FantasticoRoaDuplicateError

This exception is raised when:

- resource name and version already registered.
- resource url already registered.

## unregister\_resource (name, version)

This method unregister a resource version. If the given resource is not found no exception is raised. Once a resource is unregistered latest version is recalculated. The resource is completely removed from AVAILABLE RESOURCES and AVAILABLE URLS dictionaries.

#### **Parameters**

- **name** (*string*) Resource name.
- version (float) Resource version. If you specify latest it will have no effect.

This class provides the algorithm for registering all defined resources. Resources discovered by this class are decorated by fantastico.roa.resource\_decorator.Resource. In the constructor of this class you can define special naming convention for discovered resources (through regex). Default behavior is to scan only in models folder / subfolders in all available files.

In addition this class is also designed to be a route provider. This guarantees that at start time, all resources will be registered correctly.

```
load_routes()
```

This method simple triggers resources registration and returns empty routes. Using this mechanism guarantees that routing engine will also discover ROA resources.

```
register_resources (path)
```

This method scans all files and folders from the given path, match the filenames against registered file patterns and import all ROA resources.

```
{\bf class} \ {\tt fantastico.contrib.roa\_discovery.discovery\_controller.} {\tt RoaDiscoveryController} ({\it settings\_facadate}) {\tt facadate} ({\it settings\_facadate}
```

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This class provides the routes for introspecting Fantastico registered resources through ROA. It is extremely useful to surf using your browser and to not be required to hardcode links in your code. Typically, you will want to code your client side applications against resources name and you are going to use this controller to find the location of those records.

By default, all ROA resources are mapped on /api/ relative to current project root. You can easily change this behavior by modifying the settings of your application (fantastico.settings.BasicSettings-property roa\_api\_url)

# list\_registered\_resources(\*args, \*\*kwargs)

This method list all registered resources as well as a link to their entry point.

```
class fantastico.roa.query_parser.QueryParser
```

This class provides ROA query parser functionality. It provides methods for transforming filter and sorting expressions (*REST API standard*) into mvc filters (*Model View Controller*).

```
parse_filter(filter_expr, model)
```

This method transform the given filter expression into mvc filters.

#### **Parameters**

- **filter\_expr** The filter string expression we want to convert to query objects.
- model The model used to describe the resource on which the requests are done.

**Returns** The newly created mvc query object.

```
Return type fantastico.mvc.models.model_filter.ModelFilterAbstract
```

```
parse_sort (sort_expr, model)
```

This method transform the given sort expression into mvc sort filter.

#### **Parameters**

- filter\_expr The filter string expression we want to convert to query objects.
- **model** The model used to describe the resource on which the requests are done.

**Returns** The newly created mvc query object.

```
Return type fantastico.mvc.models.model_sort.ModelSort
```

class fantastico.roa.query\_parser\_operations.QueryParserOperation(parser)

This class defines the contract for a query parser operation.

```
add_argument (argument)
```

This method add a new argument to the parser operation.

```
build filter(model)
```

This method builds the model filter (fantastico.mvc.models.model\_filter.ModelFilter).

```
get_filter(model)
```

This method validates the current operation and build the filter.

```
get_grammar_rules()
```

This method returns the rules required to interpret this operation.

Grammar rules simply describe the tokens which come after operator + symbol. For instance, eq( is followed by two comma separated arguments.

```
get_grammar_table(new_mixin)
```

This method returns a dictionary describing the operator + symbol rule and action.

```
return {
         "(": ("eq", "(", lambda: new_mixin(QueryParserOperationBinaryEq)),
         ")": None
}
```

**Parameters new\_mixin** (*function*) – New mixin described a factory method required to correctly pass current operation to parser.

**Returns** A dictionary describing the grammar table for this operator.

```
get token()
          This method returns the token which maps on this operation.
     validate(model)
          This method validates the given operation and argument in order to ensure a filter can be built.
              Raises fantastico.roa.query parser exceptions.QueryParserOperationInvalidError
                  Whenever the current operation attributes are invalid.
class fantastico.roa.query_parser_operations.QueryParserOperationBinary (parser)
     This class provides the validation / build logic for binary operations.
     build_filter(model)
          This method builds a binary filter.
     get_grammar_rules()
          This method returns the grammar rules supported by binary operators.
     get_grammar_table (new_mixin)
          The grammar table supported by binary operators.
     validate(model)
          This method ensures that three arguments were passed.
class fantastico.roa.query_parser_operations.QueryParserOperationBinaryEq (parser)
     This class provides the eq operator which can compare two arguments for equality.
     get token()
          This method returns the equality token supported by ROA query language.
class fantastico.roa.query_parser_operations.QueryParserOperationBinaryGt (parser)
     This class provides the gt operator which can compare two arguments for greater than relation.
     get_token()
          This method returns the greater than token supported by ROA query language.
class fantastico.roa.query_parser_operations.QueryParserOperationBinaryGe(parser)
     This class provides the ge operator which can compare two arguments for greater or equal than relation.
     get_token()
          This method returns the greater equals token supported by ROA query language.
class fantastico.roa.query_parser_operations.QueryParserOperationBinaryLt (parser)
     This class provides the lt operator which can compare two arguments for less than relation.
     get token()
          This method returns the less than token supported by ROA query language.
class fantastico.roa.query_parser_operations.QueryParserOperationBinaryLe(parser)
     This class provides the le operator which can compare two arguments for less or equal than relation.
     get_token()
          This method returns the less equal than token supported by ROA query language.
class fantastico.roa.query_parser_operations.QueryParserOperationBinaryIn (parser)
     This class provides the in operator which can compare a value with a possible list of values.
```

This method returns in token supported by ROA query language.

This class provides the like operator which can compare two arguments for similarity.

class fantastico.roa.query\_parser\_operations.QueryParserOperationBinaryLike(parser)

get token()

```
get token()
          This method returns like token supported by ROA query language.
class fantastico.roa.query_parser_operations.QueryParserOperationCompound(parser,
                                                                                            pound_filter_cls=None)
     This class provides the parser for compound filter or. It will recursively parse each argument and in the end will
     return a compatible fantastico.mvc.model_filter_compound.ModelFilterCompound. Each
     concrete class must specify the compound filter type to use.
     build filter(model)
          This method builds the compound filter based on the parsed arguments of this operation.
     get_grammar_rules()
          This method returns the grammar rules supported by binary operators.
     get_grammar_table (new_mixin)
          The grammar table supported by binary operators.
     validate(model)
          This method validates all arguments passed to this compound filter.
class fantastico.roa.query_parser_operations.QueryParserOperationOr(parser)
     This class provides a query parser for or compound filtering.
     get token()
          This method returns or compound token for ROA query language.
class fantastico.roa.query_parser_operations.QueryParserOperationAnd(parser)
     This class provides a query parser for and compound filtering.
     get token()
          This method returns and compound token for ROA query language.
class fantastico.roa.query_parser_operations.QueryParserOperationSort (parser,
                                                                                       sort_dir=None)
     This class provides base support for sort operations: asc / desc.
     build filter(model)
          This method builds the sorting model.
     get_grammar_rules()
          This method returns the grammar rules supported by binary operators.
     get_grammar_table (new_mixin)
          The grammar table supported by binary operators.
     validate(model)
          This method validates sorting argument passed to this operation.
class fantastico.roa.query_parser_operations.QueryParserOperationSortAsc(parser)
     This class provides asc sort operation.
     get token()
          This method returns asc sort token for ROA query language.
class fantastico.roa.query_parser_operations.QueryParserOperationSortDesc(parser)
     This class provides desc sort operation.
```

This method returns desc sort token for ROA query language.

get\_token()

class fantastico.roa.resource\_json\_serializer.ResourceJsonSerializer(resource\_ref)

This class provides the methods for serializing a given resource into a dictionary and deserializing a dictionary into a resource.

```
# serialize / deserialize a resource without subresources
json_serializer = ResourceJsonSerializer(AppSetting)
resource_json = json_serializer.serialize(AppSetting("simple-setting", "0.19"))
resource = json_serializer.deserialize(resource)
```

#### deserialize (body)

This method converts the given body into a concrete model (if possible).

**Parameters body** (*dict*) – A JSON object we want to convert to the model compatible with this serializer.

**Returns** A model instance initiated with attributes from the given dictionary.

Raises fantastico.roa.resource json serializer exceptions.ResourceJsonSerializerError

Whenever given body contains entries which are not supported by resource underlining model.

## serialize(model, fields=None)

This method serialize the given model into a json object.

#### **Parameters**

- model The model we want to convert to JSON object.
- **fields** (*str*) A list of fields we want to include in result. Read more on *Partial object representation*

**Returns** A dictionary containing all required attributes.

Return type dict

Raises fantastico.roa.resource\_json\_serializer\_exceptions.ResourceJsonSerializerError

Whenever requested fields for serialization are not found in model attributes.

## **Exceptions**

class fantastico.roa.roa\_exceptions.FantasticoRoaError(msg)

This class provides the core error used within Fantastico ROA layer. Usually, more concrete exceptions are raised by ROA layers.

 ${\bf class} \; {\tt fantastico.roa.roa\_exceptions.} \\ {\bf FantasticoRoaDuplicateError} \; ({\it msg}) \\$ 

This concrete exception is used to notify user that multiple resources with same name and version or url and version can not be registered multiple times.

class fantastico.roa.query\_parser\_exceptions.QueryParserOperationInvalidError(msg)
 This exception notifies the query parser that something is wrong with the current operation arguments.

class fantastico.roa.resource\_json\_serializer\_exceptions.ResourceJsonSerializerError(msg)
 This class provides a concrete exception used when serializing / deserializing resource models.

## **API** generic controller

class fantastico.roa.resource\_validator.ResourceValidator

This class provides the base for all validators which can be used for resources.

```
class AppSettingValidator(ResourceValidator):
    def validate(self, resource):
        errors = []

    if resource.name == "unsupported":
        errors.append("Invalid setting name: %s" % resource.name)

    if len(resource.value) == 0:
        errors.append("Setting %s value can not be empty. %s" % resource.name)

    if len(errors) == 0:
        return

    raise FantasticoRoaError(errors)
```

#### validate(resource)

This method must be overriden by each subclass in order to provide the validation logic required for the given resource. The resource received as an argument represents an instance of the model used to describe the resource. This method can raise unexpected exceptions. It is recommended to use fantastico.roa.roa\_exceptions.FantasticoRoaError.

class fantastico.contrib.roa\_discovery.roa\_controller.RoaController(settings\_facade,

sources\_registry\_cls=<class
'fantastico.roa.resources\_registry.Resource.
model\_facade\_cls=<class
'fantastico.mvc.model\_facade.ModelFacade.
conn\_manager=<module
'fantastico.mvc'
from
'/mnt/jenkins\_ebs/continous\_integrate
json\_serializer\_cls=<class
'fantastico.roa.resource\_json\_serializer.Res
query\_parser\_cls=<class

tico.roa.query\_parser.QueryParser'>

'fantas-

This class provides dynamic routes for ROA registered resources. All CRUD operations are supported out of the box. In addition error handling is automatically provided by this controller.

```
create_item(*args, **kwargs)
```

This method provides the route for adding new resources into an existing collection. The API is json only and invoke the validator as described in ROA spec. Usually, when a resource is created successfully a similar answer is returned to the client:

```
201 Created
Content-Type: application/json
Content-Length: 0
Location: /api/2.0/app-settings/123
```

Below you can find all error response codes which might be returned when creating a new resource:

- •10000 Whenever we try to create a resource with unknown type. (Not registered to ROA).
- •10010 Whenever we try to create a resource which fails validation.

- •10020 Whenever we try to create a resource without passing a valid body.
- •10030 Whenever we try to create a resource and an unexpected database exception occurs.

You can find more information about typical REST ROA APIs response on REST Responses.

```
create_item_latest(*args, **kwargs)
```

This method provides create item latest API version.

```
delete item(*args, **kwargs)
```

This method provides the route for deleting existing resources from an existing collection. The API is json only. Usually, when a resource is deleted successfully a similar answer is returned to the client:

```
204 No Content
Content-Type: application/json
Content-Length: 0
```

Below you can find all error response codes which might be returned when creating a new resource:

- •10000 Whenever we try to delete a resource with unknown type. (Not registered to ROA).
- •10030 Whenever we try to delete a resource and an unexpected database exception occurs.
- •10040 Whenever we try to delete a resource which does not exist.

You can find more information about typical REST ROA APIs response on REST Responses.

```
delete_item_latest(*args, **kwargs)
```

This method provides the functionality for delete item latest version api route.

```
get_collection(*args, **kwargs)
```

This method provides the route for accessing a resource collection. *REST API standard* for collections are enabled by this method. The typical response format is presented below:

If a resource is not found or the resource version does not exist the following response is returned:

```
{"error_code": 10000,
   "error_description": "Resource %s version %s does not exist.",
   "error_details": "http://rcosnita.github.io/fantastico/html/features/roa/error_10000
```

## get\_collection\_latest(\*args, \*\*kwargs)

This method retrieves a resource collection using the latest version of the api.

```
get item(*args, **kwargs)
```

This method provides the API for retrieving a single item from a collection. The item is uniquely identified by resource\_id. Below you can find a success response example:

```
GET - /api/1.0/simple-resources/1 HTTP/1.1
200 OK
Content-Type: application/json
Content-Length: ...
{
    "id": 1,
    "name": "Test resource",
    "description": "Simple description"
}
```

Of course there are cases when exceptions might occur. Below, you can find a list of error response retrieved from get\_item API:

- •10000 Whenever we try to retrieve a resource with unknown type. (Not registered to ROA).
- •10030 Whenever we try to retrieve a resource and an unexpected database exception occurs.
- •10040 Whenever we try to retrieve a resource which does not exist.

```
get_item_latest(*args, **kwargs)
```

This method provides the latest get item route for ROA api.

```
handle_resource_options(*args, **kwargs)
```

This method enables support for http ajax CORS requests. This is mandatory if we want to host apis on different domains than project host.

```
handle_resource_options_latest(*args, **kwargs)
```

This method handles OPTIONS http requests for ROA api latest versions.

```
update_item(*args, **kwargs)
```

This method provides the route for updating existing resources from an existing collection. The API is json only and invokes the validator as described in ROA spec. Usually, when a resource is update successfully a similar answer is returned to the client:

```
204 No Content
Content-Type: application/json
Content-Length: 0
```

Below you can find all error response codes which might be returned when creating a new resource:

- •10000 Whenever we try to update a resource with unknown type. (Not registered to ROA).
- •10010 Whenever we try to update a resource which fails validation.
- •10020 Whenever we try to update a resource without passing a valid body.
- •10030 Whenever we try to update a resource and an unexpected database exception occurs.
- •10040 Whenever we try to update a resource which does not exist.

You can find more information about typical REST ROA APIs response on REST Responses.

```
update_item_latest(*args, **kwargs)
```

This is the route handler for latest update existing item api.

## **API error responses**

**10000 - Resource Collection Not Found** Whenever we try a ROA dynamic REST operation (Read / Create / Update / Delete) on a resource and version which are not registered this error is returned. It is always a **json** compatible response:

```
{"error_code": 10000,
  "error_description": "Friendly error description.",
  "error_details": <link to this page>}
```

**10010 - Resource Invalid** Whenever a resource is created / updated a validation is done using a custom validator (*ROA (Resource Oriented Architecture)*). You can find below a sample example of error message you might receive:

```
{"error_code": 10010,
  "error_description": "Friendly error description.",
  "error_details": <link to this page>}
```

**10020 - No body given** Whenever we try to create / update a resource without sending resource body (information about the resource) this response is received. Below you can see a sample error response:

```
{"error_code": 10020,
  "error_description": "Friendly error description.",
  "error_details": <link to this page>}
```

**10030 - Unexpected database error** Whenever we try to retrieve / create / update / delete resources database exceptions related to constraint or inconsistencies might appear. This case is treated in a friendly manner within ROA apis. You can find a sample example below:

```
{"error_code": 10030,
   "error_description": "Resource /sample-resource version 1.0 can not be created: DB unexpected except
   "error_details": <link to this page>}
```

**10040 - Resource item not found** Whenever we try to read / update resource from a collection of resources this exception might occur if the given item does not exist. Below you can find a sample error response:

```
{"error_code": 10040,
  "error_description": "Resource /sample-resource version 1.0 item 123 does not exist.",
  "error_details": <link to this page>}
```

# **4.6 OAUTH2**

In Fantastico, a very modern authorization framework (OAUTH2) was choosen for guaranteeing:

- 1. Easy security for REST APIs.
- 2. Easy integration of 3rd party applications.
- 3. Easy integration of various Identity Providers.

OAUTH2 specification contains many scenarios for its usage and provide various flows:

- 1. Authorizaton code grant.
- 2. Implicit grant.
- 3. Resource owner password credentials grant.
- 4. Client credentials grant.

In order to understand all this flows you can read the official OAUTH2 documentation.

# 4.6.1 Fantastico security

In order to keep things as simple as possible, in Fantastico we currently support only **authorization code grant**. Moreover, you can find some particularities of Fantastico implementation:

- We only support **Authorization code grant** (for all use cases where protected resources are involved).
- We only support Resource owner password credentials grant for Anonymous access to resources.
- We fully support scopes
- We support state parameter for avoiding Cross Site Request Forgery

## **Example (Simple Menu API)**

Lets consider a virtual resource called SimpleMenu which has the following API:

HTTP Verb	URL	Description	Required permissions
GET	/api/1.0/simple-menus	Retrieve all menus.	
POST	/api/1.0/simple-menus	Create a new system menu.	simple_menus.create
PUT	/api/1.0/simple-menus/:id	Update an existing menu.	simple_menus.update
DELETE	/api/1.0/simple-menus/:id	Delete an existing menu.	simple_menus.delete

## **Terminology**

In OAUTH, we always talk about three concepts:

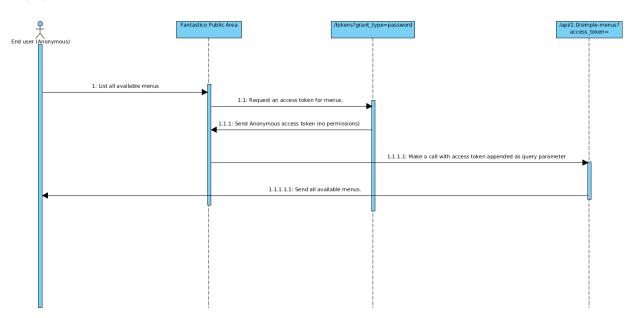
- 1. Resource (Image, Melody, Menu).
- 2. Resource Owner (an Identity Provider which can authenticatate the entities owning resources).
- 3. Client (an application which wants access to resources owned by Resources owner in order to provide useful features).

In the above example, Simple Menu is a resource owned by a system (global resource). Resource owners are all persons who are granted at least one scope required by the resource:

- · Everyone has anonymous access to the menu
- Everyone granted **simple\_menus.create**,\*\*simple\_menus.update\*\* or **simple\_menus.delete** permissions is Resource Owner.

It is important to understand that permissions are called **scopes** in OAUTH2 specification.

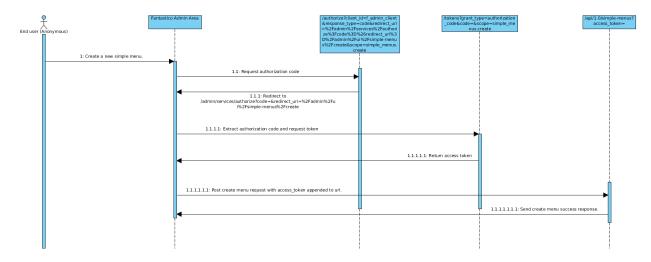
## Display all menus



As you can see in the above example, each **Fantastico** project will benefit from an **Anonymous** user. This user is considered the **Resource owner** for all public accessible resources. This mean, that each visitor of a Fantastico application will not be forced to authenticate when it is not necessary (**e.g display website menubar**).

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#### Create a new menu



The above diagram specifies only the standard steps from OAUTH2 specification. In reality, when authorize endpoint is reached **End user** browser is redirected to a login screen. Once logged in, **End user** browser is redirected back to **/authorize** url from where he is granted an authorization code.

Once the user is granted an authorization code, he will exchange the authorization code for an access\_token. With the newly obtained access token he can easily create a new simple menu.

#### Update an existing menu

It is similar to Create a new menu with the only difference that the final API called is PUT /api/1.0/simple-menus/:id.

## Delete an existing menu

It is similar to *Create a new menu* with the only difference that the final API called is **DELETE /api/1.0/simple-menus/:id**.

# Cautions

You must understand the following steps are one time:

- 1. Authenticate user
- 2. Obtain authorization code
- 3. Obtain access token

Once the token expires, the flow will start again from step 1.1.

## **OAUTH2 Fantastico Tokens**

In Fantastico, authorization codes and access tokens are opaque values for all humans (encrypted). They contain information into them used for easily invalidating them and expiring them. In addition, they do not require a persistent store and allows endpoint authorization without storage calls (increased performance and response time).

#### **Authorization code structure**

Authorization codes are opaque values for humans with the following structure (encrypted):

```
{
   "scopes": ["simple_menus.create", "simple_menus.update", "simple_menus.delete"],
   "userid": 1,
   "state": "unique generated value",
   "creation_time": "1380137542",
   "expiration_time": "1380137651"
}
```

Each authorization code from Fantastico OAUTH2 implementation contains the following fields:

- 1. scopes
  - A JSON list of scopes for which this token was generated. (this will be transmitted to the access token)
- 2 user id
  - user unique identifier (possibly email address) which can be used to obtain additional information about the user.
- 3. state
  - · A key uniquely generated and hard to guess.
  - It is used to protect against Cross Site Request Forgery (CSRF).
- 4. creation\_time
  - The timestamp when this token was generated.
- 5. expiration\_time
  - The timestamp when this token expires (must be a really short period 1min).

#### Access token structure

```
"code": "<authorization code used for obtaining the token>",
"scopes": ["simple_menus.create", "simple_menus.update", "simple_menus.delete"],
"user": {
    "id": 1,
    "email: "john.doe@gmail.com",
    "first_name": "John",
    "last_name": "Doe"
},
"state": "unique generated value",
"creation_time": "1380137651",
"expiration_time": "1380163800"
```

Each access token from Fantastico OAUTH2 implementation contains the following fields:

- 1. code
  - The authorization code used for obtaining this access token. It only applies for authorization code grant type.
- 2. scopes

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- A JSON list of scopes for which this token was generated. (used for endpoint authorization).
- 3. user id
  - User unique identifier (used for obtaining additional information about an user).
- 4. user email address
  - User email address (as stored in his profile).
- 5. user first name
  - Might be used in certain secure components.
- 6. user last name
  - Might be used in certain secure components.
- 7. state
  - A key uniquely generated and hard to guess.
  - It is used to protect against Cross Site Request Forgery (CSRF).
- 8. creation\_time
  - A timestamp indicating the date when this token was generated.
- 9. expiration\_time
  - A timestamp indicating the date when this token is going to expire.

## **Obtaining access tokens**

In order to obtain an access token which can be used for calling **Fantastico** APIs requires the following:

1. Obtain an authorization code

```
GET /authorize?response_type=code&client_id=s6BhdRkqt3&state=xyz&redirect_uri=https%3A%2F%2FclieHost: oauth2.fantasticoproject.com
```

- 2. client.fantasticoproject.com/cb?code=<unique one time only code>&state=<unique generated state>
  - Automatically obtain an access token starting from the given autorization code.

```
POST /token HTTP/1.1
Host: client.fantasticoproject.com
Content-Type: application/json

{
    "grant_type": "authorization_code",
    "code": <unique one time only code>,
    "redirect_uri": "https%3A%2F%2Fclient%2Eexample%2Ecom%2Fcb",
    "state": "unique generated value"
}
```

3. provide access token for client usage

```
{
   "access_token": "<encrypted token containing all specified information",
   "token_type": "bearer",
   "expires_in": 900
}</pre>
```

## **OAUTH2 Fantastico Tokens Storage**

For OAUTH2, we need a Relational storage as well as a NoSQL.

### Relational storage

In the relational storage we will hold all information describing registered clients as well as their configuration. Each client is described by the following attributes:

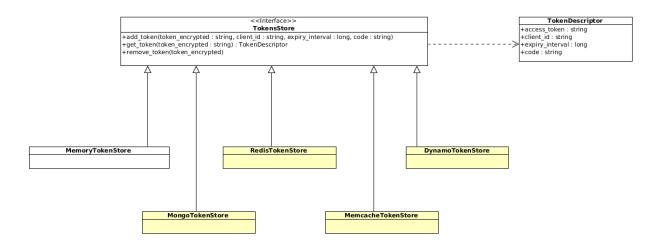
- 1. client\_id
  - Client unique identifier.
- 2. client name
  - A user friendly client\_name: e.g (fantastico\_admin)
- 3. client\_secret
  - A client secret key used for signing every authorization code and every token type.
- 4. required\_scopes
  - Holds a list of all required scopes of this client.
- 5. grant\_type
  - Holds the supported grant type for this client.
  - Only **authorization\_code** and **password** are valid values.
- 6. idp
  - Holds the Identity Provider Identifier which can authenticate users for this client.
- 7. otp\_expiration\_interval
  - Holds the number of seconds for which a one time token is valid (e.g 60).
- 8. access\_expiration\_time
  - Holds the number of seconds for which access tokens are valid (e.g 3600)

**Clients registration** Clients registration in **Fantastico** is done manually by inserting new records into **clients** table.

## **NoSQL**

All available authorization codes and tokens are available into a NoSQL (in memory) storage.

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Initially only **MemoryStore** will be supported but the storage can be easily changed with other implementations. Ideally, Fantastico OAUTH2 implementation will provide the following tokens storage:

- Amazon DynamoDb tokens storage.
- Memcache tokens storage.
- MongoDB tokens storage.
- Redis tokens storage.

# **OAUTH2 Fantastico Error Responses**

In this section you can find possible error responses retrieved by Fantastico OAUTH2 endpoints.

### /authorize

Below attributes are appended as query parameters or sent as json object to the client application in case of an exception:

error

## - 400 Bad request

\* invalid\_request

The request is missing a required parameter, includes an invalid parameter value, includes a parameter more than once, or is otherwise malformed.

\* unsupported\_response\_type

The authorization server does not support obtaining an authorization code using this method.

\* invalid\_scope

The requested scope is invalid, unknown, or malformed.

## - 401 Unauthorized

\* unauthorized client

The client is not authorized to request an authorization code using this method.

# - 403 Forbidden

\* access\_denied

The resource owner or authorization server denied the request.

· error\_description

Human-readable ASCII [USASCII] text providing additional information, used to assist the client developer in understanding the error that occurred.

• error\_uri

A URI identifying a human-readable web page with information about the error, used to provide the client developer with additional information about the error.

### **OAUTH2 Fantastico IDP**

In this document you can find information about the requirements for an OAUTH2 Fantastico Identity Provider.

### **Endpoints**

**/authenticate** This endpoint is responsible for authenticating a resource owner. Optionally, it can ask the user to accept terms of use and to grant required permissions to the application. Consent given for an application will contain all scopes for which it was signed.

Below you can find an authenticate request initiated by OAUTH2 Fantastico authorization server:

```
GET /authenticate?client_id=s6BhdRkqt&state=xyz&redirect_uri=https%3A%2F%2Fclient%2fantasticopro
Host: idp.fantasticoproject.com
Referrer: http://oauth2.fantasticoproject.com/authorize
```

Once the authenticate endpoint authenticate an user and obtain his consent for client required permissions the following redirect is done:

```
HTTP/1.1 302 Found Location: http://oauth2.fantasticoproject.com/authorize?client_id=s6BhdRkqt&state=xyz&redirect_u
```

Now the authorize endpoint will obtain an authorization code (*OAUTH2 Fantastico Tokens*). Based on the userid, the endpoint will double check user consent with the idp in order to avoid attacks.

**/consent** This endpoint supports the following operations:

- GET /consents/:userid?scopes=:scopes HTTP/1.1
  - This operation can response with 204 if consent was given or 403 if the consent was not given by resource owner.
  - In addition it can return 400 if the scopes query parameter is not given.

**/profile** This endpoint supports the following operations:

- GET /profiles/:userid HTTP/1.1
  - This operation returns given user profile.
  - It needs a valid access token.

At the moment, users are manually created and there is no API provided.

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## **ROA OAUTH2 Security**

In this document we continue the discussion about Resource Oriented Architecture encouraged by Fantastico. Here you can find how to secure your resources.

This is an extremely convenient way to secure a resource. In addition, each argument from **@Resource** constructor is optional. For instance, if read is not given any scope then everyone can read **AppSetting** resources.

Fantastico will autodiscover endpoints / resources which require scopes and preauthorize every call to them.

# 4.7 SDK

Starting with version **0.3.0** of Fantastico framework all dispersed shell scripts are unified under Fantastico Software Development Kit. In addition, the sdk is complemented by autogenerated documentation.

# 4.7.1 Intro

Fantastico sdk was developed with the following requirements in my mind:

- Allow developers to manage Fantastico projects easily (using a single uniform command line). This is similar to many other frameworks (e.g android sdk).
- Allow easily extension of sdk through plugins (e.g. activate off the shelf components into my project).
- Create a uniform way to provide feedback to developers (prompt user for data, show help messages, support parameters).
- · Make the sdk compliant with linux way of developing command lines.

# 4.7.2 Usage

In this section you can find samples of how to use the sdk and how to make it available in older projects.

```
# For versions prior to **0.3.0**
pip install fantastico -U

fsdk --help
```

When you invoke fantastico sdk with **-help** argument it will list all available commands. Similar to other linux command lines you can obtain help hierarchical:

```
# Show help screen for fantastico <command>
fsdk <command> --help
```

In order for Fantastico SDK to work correctly make sure your project is on the **PYTHONPATH**. If **PYTHONPATH** is not set correctly you will not be able to use some sdk extensions.

# 4.7.3 Supported commands

## **Activate extension command**

This Fantastico command helps developers integrate existing components into their project very easy. One use case is to activate in your projects contrib components (e.g. *Dynamic menu*). It is strongly recommended to use this sdk command because it works on every supported operating system.

```
class fantastico.sdk.commands.command_activate_extension.SdkCommandActivateExtension(argv,
```

cmd\_factor

This class provides the functionality for activating off the shelf fantastico extensions. As developer, it is extremely easy to integrate provided functionality into fantastico. For now, it supports only local extensions provided into fantastico.contrib package. In the future, we plan to support activation of remote components into projects.

```
# replace <project_root_path> with your fantastico project location.
cd <project_root_path>
# replace <component_root_path> with your actual folder.
fsdk activate-extension --name dynamic_menu --comp-root <component_root_path>
exec (os_lib=<module 'os' from '/mnt/jenkins_ebs/continous_integration/fantastico_doc_workspace/pip-deps/lib/python3.2/os.py'>)
    This method is executed to activate the given extension name.

get_arguments()
    This method returns support arguments of activate-extension command.

get_help()
    This method returns the friendly help message describing the method.
```

### **Fantastico command**

SDK

## Syncdb command

Syncdb command is used to keep **Fantastico** projects databases updated. It is extremely easy to use it and in addition works on every operating system. In order to familiarize with components model read *Component model*.

This class provides the algorithm for synchronizing **Fantastico** projects database scripts with the current configured database connection. Below you can find the order in which scripts are executed:

1.Scan and execute all activated extensions sql/module\_setup.sql scripts.

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2.Scan and execute all activated extensions for sql/create\_data.sql scripts.

**syncdb** command first required database structure for all modules and the it populates them with necessary data. It is important to understand that rollback procedures are not currently in place and there is no way to guarantee data integrity. All components providers are responsible for writing module\_setup in such a way that in case of error data is left in a consistent state.

For possible examples of how to structure a component read *Component model* 

```
fsdk syncdb --db-command /usr/bin/mysql --comp-root samples
```

It is important to understand that this command will synchronize all module\_setup / create\_data sql scripts for current active settings. Read more about configuring fantastico on *Fantastico settings*.

```
exec (os_lib=<module 'os' from '/mnt/jenkins_ebs/continous_integration/fantastico_doc_workspace/pip-deps/lib/python3.2/os.py'>, call_cmd=<function call at 0x2d662f8>)
This method executes module_setup.sql and create_data.sql scripts.
```

Raises fantastico.sdk.sdk\_exceptions.FantasticoSdkCommandError When scripts execution fails unexpectedly.

```
get_arguments()
```

This method returns support arguments for **syncdb**:

- 1.-d –db-command path to mysql command.
- 2.-p –comp-root component root folder.

### get\_help()

This method returns the friendly help message describing the method.

### **Version command**

This command tells you what is the current installed version of **Fantastico SDK**.

```
class fantastico.sdk.commands.command_version.SdkCommandVersion (argv,
```

cmd\_factory, version\_reader=<module
'fantastico' from
'/mnt/jenkins\_ebs/continous\_integration/fa</pre>

This class provides the command for finding out installed version of Fantastico SDK. The value is defined in fantastico root module code.

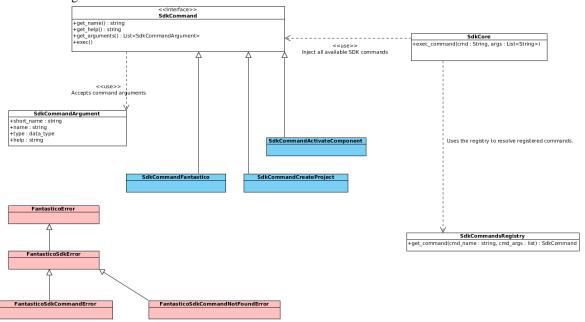
```
# display help information for version command in sdk context
fsdk version --help
# display the current sdk version
fsdk version

exec (print_fn=<built-in function print>)
    This method prints the current fantastico framework version.
```

This method returns the friendly help message describing the method.

# 4.7.4 Technical summary

This class provides the core functionality of Fantastico Software Development Kit. It wires all available commands together and handles requests accordingly. To better understand how sdk is designed see the following class diagram:



As you can see in above diagram, sdk core is just the main entry point of Fantastico Software Development Kit. It wires all available sdk commands together and it adds support for uniformly executes them and pass them arguments..

### exec()

This method does nothing because fantastico is designed to accept only registered subcommands.

### get\_arguments()

This property retrieves support fantastico arguments.

## get\_help()

This method returns the friendly help message describing the method.

# class fantastico.sdk.sdk\_core.SdkCommandsRegistry

This class holds all registered commands available to use in the sdk. It is important to understand that commands and subcommands are registered by name and must be unique. This is because, by design, each command can easily become a subcommand for another command. It facilitates very flexible extension of sdk and reusage of existing commands.

# static add\_command (cmd\_name, cmd\_cls)

This method registers a new command using the given name.

# **Parameters**

- **cmd\_name** (*str*) Command name used to uniquely identify the command.
- cmd\_class (fantastico.sdk.sdk\_core.SdkCommand) A subclass of sdk command.

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Raises fantastico.sdk.sdk\_exceptions.FantasticoSdkError If the given name is not unique or cmd class is wrong.

# static get\_command (cmd\_name, cmd\_args)

This method retrieve a concrete sdk command by name with the give args passed.

#### **Parameters**

- **cmd\_name** (*str*) The registered command name we want to instantiate.
- cmd args (list) a list of arguments received from command line.

Returns Command instance.

Return type fantastico.sdk.sdk\_core.SdkCommand

Raises fantastico.sdk.sdk\_exceptions.FantasticoSdkCommandNotFoundError if command is not registered.

This class describe the attributes supported by a command argument. For a simple example of how arguments are used read fantastico.sdk.sdk\_core.SdkCommand

### help

This read only property holds the argument help message.

#### name

This read only property holds the argument name. Name property will represent the long name argument available for sdk commands. E.g: **-name**.

### short\_name

This read only property holds the argument short name. Short name property will represent the short name argument available for sdk commands. E.g: -n.

### type

This read only property holds the argument type.

```
class fantastico.sdk.sdk_core.SdkCommand(argv, cmd_factory)
```

This class provides the contract which must be provided by each concrete command. A command of sdk is just and extension which can provide custom actions being executed by Fantastico in a uniform manner.

Below you can find a simple example of how to implement a concrete command:

In the previous example, we have shown that all received arguments from command line are magically provided into **self.\_arguments** attribute of the command.

When a sdk command is instantiated with a list of command line arguments the first element from the list must be the command name. This happens because all arguments passed after a command name belongs only to that command.

### exec()

This method must be overriden by each concrete command and must provide the command execution logic.

Raises fantastico.sdk.sdk\_exceptions.FantasticoSdkCommandError if an exception occurs while executing the command.

```
exec_command(*args, **kwargs)
```

This method provides a template for executing the current command if subcommands are present. Internally it invokes overriden exec method.

## Raises

- fantastico.sdk.sdk\_exceptions.FantasticoSdkCommandError if an exception occurs while executing the command.
- fantastico.sdk.sdk\_exceptions.FantasticoSdkCommandNotFoundError if a subcommand does not exist.

## get\_arguments()

This method must be overriden by each concrete command and must return the command supported arguments.

```
 \begin{array}{c} \textbf{class} \ \texttt{fantastico.sdk.sdk\_decorators.SdkCommand} \ (\textit{name}, \quad \textit{help}, \quad \textit{target=None}, \quad \textit{set-tings\_facade\_cls=<\textit{class}} \quad \text{`fantastico.settings.Settings.SettingsFacade'>}) \end{array}
```

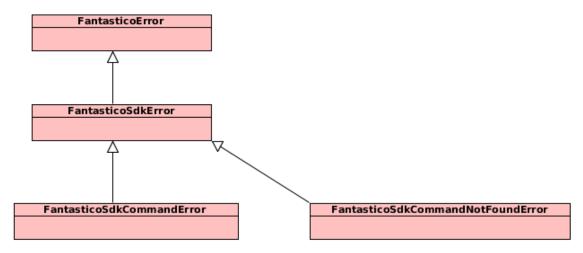
This decorator describe the sdk commands metadata:

1.name

- 2.target (which is the main purpose of the command. E.g. fantastico this mean command is designed to work as a subcommand for fantastico cmd).
- 3.help (which describes what this method does). It will automatically contain a link to official fantastico documentation of the command.

It is used in conjunction with fantastico.sdk.sdk\_core.SdkCommand. Each sdk command decorated with this decorator automatically receives **get\_name** and **get\_target** methods.

class fantastico.sdk.sdk\_exceptions.FantasticoSdkError (msg=None, http\_code=400)
 This is the base exception used to describe unexpected situations occurring into fantastico sdk. Below you can see the sdk hierarchy of concrete exceptions.



This class describe an exception which occurs when we try to execute an inexistent command.

This class describe an exception which occured into one of fantastico sdk commands.

# 4.8 Component model

In Fantastico there is no enforced component model for your code but there are a set of recommendations that will make your life a lot easier when organizing projects. A typical **component** structure looks like:

## <your project folder>

### - component 1

- \* models (sql alchemy models)
- \* static (static files holder)
- \* views (all views used by this component controllers')
- \* sql (sql scripts required to setup the component)
- \* \_\_init\_\_.py
- \* \*.py (controller module files)

You can usually structure your code as you want, but Fantastico default *Model View Controller* registrators are assuming component name is the parent folder of the controller module. This is why is best to follow the above mentioned structure. None of the above folders are mandatory which gives you, developer, plenty of flexibility but also responsibility. For more information about **models**, **views** and **controllers** read *MVC How to* section.

## 4.8.1 Static folder

By default, static folder holds all static assets belonging to a component. You can find more information about this in *Static assets* section.

# 4.8.2 Sql folder

Sql folder is used to hold all sql scripts required for a component to work correctly. In our continuous delivery process we scan all available sql folders and execute **module\_setup.sql** scripts. By default, we want to give developers the chance to provide a setup script for each component in order to easily install the component database dependencies.

For easily synchronization of sql scripts with a Fantastico project database read Syncdb command

# Sql folder example

Assume you want to create a blog module that requires a storage for **Authors** and **Posts**. module\_setup.sql script is the perfect place to provide the code. We recommend to make this code idempotent, meaning that once dependencies are created they should not be altered anymore by this script.

An example of such a script we use in integration tests can be found under: /<fantas-tico\_framework>/samples/mvc/sql/module\_setup.sql.

Once the component is activated (*Activate extension command*) and structure is synchronize data must be created into the new tables. You can find such a script example below. It is up to you where you place **sql/create\_data.sql**.

Both scripts are autodected and run by sdk Syncdb command.

# 4.9 Component reusage

class fantastico.rendering.component.Component (environment,

url invoker cls=<class

'fantas-

tico.rendering.url\_invoker.FantasticoUrlInternalInvoker'>)

In fantastico, components are defined as a collection of classes and scripts grouped together as described in *Component model*. Each fantastico component provides one or more public routes that can be accessed from a browser or from other components. This class provides the mechanism for internal component referencing.

In order to gain a better understanding about internal / in process component referencing we assume **Blog** component provides the following public routes:

•/blog/articles/<article\_id> - Retrieves information about an article.

•/blog/ui/articles/<article\_id> - Displays an article within a html container.

The first url is a simple json endpoint while the second url is a simple html dynamic page. When we want to reuse a datasource or an dynamic html page in fantastico is extremely easy to achieve. Lets first see possible responses from the above mentioned endpoints:

A very common scenario is to create multiple views for a given endpoint.

```
<!-- web service server side reusage -->
{% component url="/blog/articles/1", template="/show_blog_formatted.html", runtime="server" %}{%
<!-- show_blog_formatted.html -->
{{model.title}}
{{model.content}}
```

As you can see, json response is plugged into a given template name. It is mandatory that the given template exists on the component root path.

Also a very common scenario is to include an endpoint that renders partial html into a page:

```
<!-- html server side reusage -->
{% component url="/blog/ui/articles/1",runtime="server" %}{% endcomponent %}
```

Runtime attribute is used for telling Fantastico if the rendering needs to take place on server side or on client. Currently, only server side rendering is supported which actually means a page will be completed rendered on server and then the markup is sent to the browser.

In order to reduce required attributes for component tag, runtime attribute is optional with server as default value.

## parse (parser)

This method is used to parse the component extension from template, identify named parameters and render it.

**Parameters parser** (*Jinja 2 parser*.) – The Jinja 2 expression parser.

**Returns** A callblock able to render the component.

Raises FantasticoInsufficientArgumentsError when no / not enough arguments are provided to component.

 $render(template='/raw\_dump.html', url=None, runtime='server', caller=<function < lambda> at 0x4104408>)$ 

This method is used to render the specified url using the given parameters.

### **Parameters**

- **template** (*string*) The template we want to render into the result of the url.
- url (string) The url we want to invoke.
- **runtime** (*string*) The runtime we execute the rendering into. Only **server** is supported for now.
- caller (macro) The caller macro that can retrieve the body of the tag when invoked.

**Returns** The rendered component result.

#### Raises

- fantastico.exceptions.FantasticoTemplateNotFoundError Whenever we try to render a template which does not exist.
- fantastico.exceptions.FantasticoUrlInvokerError Whenever an exception occurs invoking a url within the container.

# 4.10 Built in components

Fantastico framework is really young and continuously improving. As of version **0.2.0** it is extremely easy to reuse components provided urls in other context. This feature opens the possibility to provide common day by day used components in new projects in order to accelerate development. In this document you can find a detailed list of built in components as well as sample of how to use them:

# 4.10.1 Dynamic menu

Menus are a core part of every web site / application as well as mobile applications. More over, again and again developers will want a quick way to define menu items without actually redefining menu data structure again and again. This component which we generic named dynamic menu simply provides the controller and the model for easy development of menus.

# Integration

In order to use dynamic menu component within your project follow the steps below:

## Component files activation deprecated

1. Create a symbolic link under your root components folder to dynamic\_menu.

```
mkdir <components root>/dynamic_menu

cd <components root>/dynamic_menu

ln -s ../../pip-deps/lib/python[version]/site-packages/fantastico/contrib/dynamic_menu/sql .

ln -s ../../pip-deps/lib/python[version]/site-packages/fantastico/contrib/dynamic_menu/tests .

ln -s ../../pip-deps/lib/python[version]/site-packages/fantastico/contrib/dynamic_menu/*.py .
```

### Component files activation (SDK)

```
fsdk activate-extension --name dynamic_menu --comp-root <comp root>
```

### Component sample + db data

1. Create a template in one of your components in which you define the menu view:

2. In all views where you want to reuse the component you can paste the following snippet:

```
{% component template="sample_menu.html", url="/dynamic-menu/menus/1/items/" %}{% endcomponent %
```

- 3. Make sure you run **dynamic\_menu/sql/module\_setup.sql** against your configured database.
- 4. This script will create **menus** and **menu\_items** tables into your database. Below you can find a sample script for creating a menu:

```
INSERT INTO menus(name) VALUES('My First Menu');
INSERT INTO menu_items(target, url, title, label)
VALUES ('_blank', '/homepage', 'Simple and friendly description', 'Home', <menu_id from previous ('_blank', '/page2', 'Simple and friendly description', 'Page 2', <menu_id from previous ('_blank', '/page3', 'Simple and friendly description', 'Page 3', <menu_id from previous</pre>
```

By default, when this component is first setup into an application, the sample menu mentioned above is created in database. You can test to see that dynamic menu works by accessing dev server url: http://localhost:12000/dynamic-menu/menus/1/items/.

### **Current limitations**

Because **Fantastico** framework is developed using an Agile mindset, only the minimum valuable scope was delivered for **Dynamic Menu** component. This mean is not currently possible to:

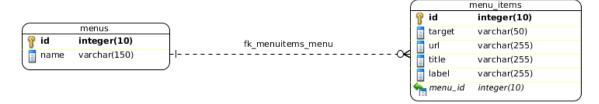
- Localize your menu items.
- Display the menu items in the request language dynamically.
- Only first 100 menu items can be currently retrieved.

## **Technical summary**

class fantastico.contrib.dynamic\_menu.menu\_controller.DynamicMenuController(settings\_facade)
 This class provides the controller for dynamic menus. The following routes are automatically made available
 when dynamic menu component is deployed:

/dynamic-menu/menus/<menu\_id>/items/ - This route loads menu items from database and retrieve them in json format.

Below you can see a diagram describing relation model of the menu:



### max items

This property retrieves the maximum number of items allowed for a menu.

```
retrieve_menu_items (*args, **kwargs)
```

This method is used to retrieve all items associated with a specified menu.

## **Parameters**

- request (HTTP request) Http request being processed.
- menu\_id (int) Menu unique identifier we want to retrieve information for.

**Returns** A JSON array containing all available menu items.

Raises fantastico.contrib.dynamic\_menu\_menu\_exceptions.FantasticoMenuNotFoundException Whenever the requested menu does not exist.

This class defines a concrete fantastico menu not found exception raised whenever someone tries to access an inexistent menu attributes.

# 4.10.2 Dynamic pages

Most of the time, when a developer create a new web site or web application he follows the steps:

- 1. Create a set of templates (can be delegated to a web designer)
- 2. Create a new API or create a proxy API.
- 3. Create pages over the templates.

Many web sites / applications have a minimal set of master templates and all web pages follow those templates. This kind of approach keeps site consistency and decouple layouts from actual content. In **Fantastico**, it is extremely easy to work in this manner thanks to **Dynamic pages** extension.

Dynamic pages divides pages into two main parts:

- 1. Page meta information (title, keywords, description, language)
- 2. Page model / content (markup, text keys or any other kind of information).

Using dynamic pages you can easily add new web pages to your project without writing a single line of server side code.

# Integration

1. Activate **Dynamic pages** extension.

```
fsdk activate-extension --name dynamic_pages --comp-root <comp_root>
```

2. Add new dynamic pages to your project using <comp\_root>/sql/create\_data.sql.

```
INSERT INTO pages(id, name, url, template, keywords, description, title, language)
VALUES(1, '/en/home', '/en/home', '/frontend/views/master.html', 'keyword 1, ...', 'Home page',

INSERT INTO page_models(page_id, name, value)
VALUES(1, 'article_left', 'Hello world.');

INSERT INTO page_models(page_id, name, value)
VALUES(1, 'article_right', 'Hello world right.');
```

3. Update your project database

```
fsdk syncdb --db-command /usr/bin/mysql --comp-root <comp_root>
```

4. Create **master.html** template file under **<comp\_root>/frontend/views/**.

After you integrated **dynamic pages** extension into your project you can access http://localhost:12000/dynamic/test/default/page from a browser. You should see a very simple dynamic page rendered.

### **Current limitations**

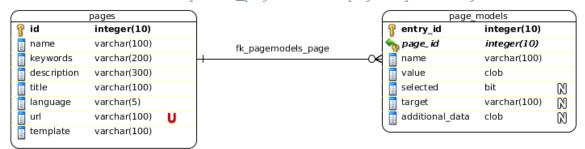
In the first version of this component (part of **Fantastico 0.4**) there are some known limitations:

- Create / Delete / Update / Bulk listing API are not provided. You can do this through create\_data.sql script.
- There is no way to rewrite dynamic pages url so that they do not contain /dynamic prefix.

### **Technical summary**

<!DOCTYPE html>

class fantastico.contrib.dynamic\_pages.pages\_router.PagesRouter(settings\_facade)
 This class provides the API for managing dynamic pages. In addition, it creates the special route /dynamic/<page\_url> used to access pages stored in the database. From dynamic pages module perspective, a web page is nothing more than a relation between fantastico.contrib.dynamic\_pages.models.pages.DynamicPage and fantastico.contrib.dynamic\_pages.models.pages.DynamicPageModel.



A typical template for dynamic pages might look like:

This model holds meta information about dynamic pages. Below you can find all meta information for a dynamic page:

1.id (unique identifier for a dynamic page)

2.name

3.url

4.template

5.keywords

6.description

7.language

In a template used for rendering dynamic pages, you can easily access page meta information:

```
Id: {{page.id}}
Name: {{page.name}}
Url: {{page.url}}
Template: {{page.template}}
Keywords: {{page.keywords}}
Description: {{page.description}}
Language: {{page.language}}
```

Usually it does not make sense to display dynamic page unique identifier but you can do it if necessary.

This class defines how page models looks like. A page model defines the actual content for en existing page.

# 4.10.3 Tracking codes

Every web application usually requires support for tracking visitors behavior. Most of the solutions can be easily integrated into a website by adding a small javascript snippet into every page you want to track. Below you can find some popular tracking solutions (free or commercial).

## **Analytic solutions**

At the moment of writting this article, there are plenty of options available for web developers to track their website performance:

- 1. Google analytics (probably the most popular solution).
- 2. Reinvigorate.
- 3. KISSmetrics.
- 4. FoxMetrics.
- 5. Mint.
- 6. Open Web Analytics.
- 7. Clicky.
- 8. Mixpanel.
- 9. Chartbeat.
- 10. Adobe Web Analytics.
- 11. Chartbeat.
- 12. Inspectlet.

Of course there are many other solutions available out there. For more information about the above mentioned solution I recommend you read the excellent article posted by Aidan Huang.

# Integration

Follow the steps from this section in order to enable tracking in **Fantastico** projects:

1. Activate tracking extension:

```
fsdk activate-extension --name tracking_codes --comp-root <comp_root>
```

- 2. Add your tracking codes into database (easiest way is through Syncdb command)
- 3. Create a sql script similar to the one below and place it under <comp\_root>/sql/create\_data.sql:

```
})();
</script>');
```

4. Update your project database

```
fsdk syncdb --db-command /usr/bin/mysql --comp-root <comp_root>
```

5. Use tracking codes in your pages:

```
{% component url="/tracking-codes/ui/codes/" %}{% endcomponent %}
```

Tracking component is rendering all available codes from the database. In order to check all available tracking codes configured in a **Fantastico** project visit http://localhost:12000/tracking-codes/ui/codes/. Once the page is loaded see page source.

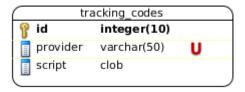
## **Current limitations**

In the first version of this component (part of **Fantastico 0.4**) there are some known limitations:

• No API provided for Create / Update / Delete operations.

### **Technical summary**

 ${\bf class} \ {\bf fantastico.contrib.tracking\_codes.tracking\_controller. {\bf TrackingController} \ ({\it settings\_facade})$ 



This class provides the tracking operations supported by **TrackingCodes** component.

```
list_codes (*args, **kwargs)
```

This method provides tracking codes listing logic. It list all available tracking codes from database.

**Parameters request** (webob.request.Request) – The current http request being processed. Read *Request lifecycle* for more information.

**Returns** JSON list of available tracking codes. Can be empty if no tracking codes are defined.

```
list_codes_ui(*args, **kwargs)
```

This method renders all available tracking codes.

This class provides the model for tracking codes. It maps **tracking\_codes** table to an object. In order to use this model please read *Model View Controller*.

# 4.10.4 ROA Auto discovery

REST relies on hypermedia and links in order to decouple clients from physical location of resources. In Fantastico, we allow clients to introspect the platform in order to know which are the registered resources. Following some simple steps you can enable autodiscovery of resources.

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1. Activate **ROA Discovery** extension.

```
fsdk activate-extension --name roa-discovery --comp-root <comp_root>
```

- 2. Start your project
- 3. Access http://localhost/roa/resources

By default, **ROA Discovery** extension defines a sample resource (**Sample Resource**) which must be always present in your discovery registry.

### **Current limitations**

- ROA discovery supports only application/json content type for responses.
- ROA sample resource can not be removed from registry.

# **Technical summary**

```
class fantastico.contrib.roa_discovery.discovery_controller.RoaDiscoveryController(settings_facada
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```

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This class provides the routes for introspecting Fantastico registered resources through ROA. It is extremely useful to surf using your browser and to not be required to hardcode links in your code. Typically, you will want to code your client side applications against resources name and you are going to use this controller to find the location of those records.

By default, all ROA resources are mapped on /api/ relative to current project root. You can easily change this behavior by modifying the settings of your application (fantastico.settings.BasicSettings-property roa\_api\_url)

```
list_registered_resources (*args, **kwargs)
```

This method list all registered resources as well as a link to their entry point.

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# **CHANGES**

# 5.1 Feedback

I really hope you enjoy using Fantastico framework as much as we love developing it. Your feedback is highly appreciated so do not hesitate to get in touch with us (for support, feature requests, suggestions, or everything else is on your mind): Provide feedback

# 5.2 Versions

- v0.5.1 (Work in progress)
  - Add a tutorial for creating TODO application based on ROA.
  - Add fantastico sdk start server command.
  - Add ROA disovery controller documentation.
- v0.5.0 (Provide feedback)
  - Added specification for auto generated API for resources.
  - Added OAUTH2 draft implementation details for Fantastico.
  - Added Identity Provider draft specification.
  - Added REST API Standard for ROA (Resource Oriented Architecture).
  - Added REST filter parser implementation using fast ll grammar for ROA (Resource Oriented Architecture).
  - Added auto generated APIs for resources (Resource Oriented Architecture).
  - Improved routing loaders so that multiple methods can serve separate http verbs of a route.
  - Added support for multiple routes mapped on the same controller.
  - Fixed a bug in MySql connections pool (not recycling correctly after a long idle period).
  - I changed thread local MySql connection strategy to request based.
- v0.4.1 (Provide feedback)
  - Fix a bug into analytics component sample data insert.
  - Fix a bug into component rendering for no json responses coming for given url.
- v0.4.0 (Provide feedback)
  - Fantastico SDK commands display official link to command documentation.

- Fantastico SDK syncdb command.
- Standard detection of database tables module setup / data insert created.
- Multiple tracking codes extension integrated into fantastico contrib.
- Dynamic pages extension integrated into fantastico contrib.
- Direct feedback channel integrated into documentation (Provide feedback)

### · v0.3.0

- Fantastico SDK core is available.
- Fantastico SDK activate-extension command is available.
- Samples of how to activate extensions for an existing project are provided.

### • v0.2.2

- Update dynamic menu activation documentation.
- Fix a serious bug in engine management and too many sql connections opened.
- Fix a bug in db session close when an unexpected error occurs when opening the connection.
- Add extensive unit tests for db session management.

## • v0.2.1

Fix packaging of pypi package. Now it is usable and contains rendering package as well as contrib
package.

### · v0.2.0

- Framework documentation is tracked using Google Analytics
- Component reusage is done using {% component %} tag.
- Dynamic menu pluggable component can be used out of the box.
- MVC documentation improvements.
- Fix a bug in DB session management cache when configuration was changed at runtime.

# • v0.1.2

- Nginx config file now also maps www.<vhost\_name>
- Redirect support from controllers
- Setup fantastico framework script does not override deployment files anymore

## • v0.1.1

- Favicon route handling.
- Deployment scripts error handling and root folder execution (rather than execution only for deployment subfolder).
- MVC how to article was changed to use get\_records\_paged instead of all\_paged method (it used to be a bug in documentation).
- DB Session manager was changed from one singleton connection to connection / request.
- FantasticoIntegrationTestCase now has a property that holds os environment variable name for setting up Fantastico active config.

### • v0.1.0

- Built in router that can be easily extended.
- WebOb Request / Response architecture.
- Request context support for accessing various attributes (current language, current user and other attributes).
- Multiple project profiles support.
- Database simple configuration for multiple environments.
- Model View Controller support.
- Automatic model facade generator.
- Model facade injection into Controllers.
- Templating engine support for views (jinja2).
- Documentation generator for pdf / html / epub formats.
- Automatic framework packaging and deployment.
- Helper scripts for creating projects based on Fantastico.
- Easy rollout script for running Fantastico projects behind nginx.
- Rollout scenarios for deploying Fantastico projects on Amazon (AWS).
- How to sections for creating new projects and components using Fantastico.

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# **BUILD STATUS**

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