

Developer Guide for **Beginners** [**ERPNext** Tutorials]





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1. Environment Setup for ERPNext

(To manually install frappe/erpnext here are the steps)

1. Install Prerequisites:

Python 2.7

high level programming language for general purpose programming. Most server-side commands are executed in Python.

MariaDB 10+

MariaDB is an open source relational database management system (<u>DBMS</u>) that is a compatible drop-in replacement for the widely used <u>MySQL</u> database technology.

Nginx (1.10)

Nginx is a web server and we use it to serve static files and proxy rest of the requests to frappe. You can generate the required configuration for nginx using the command bench setup nginx.

Nodejs (v9)

Node.js is an open source server environment

Node.js is free

Node.js runs on various platforms (Windows, Linux, Unix, Mac OS X, etc.) Node.js uses JavaScript on the server

Redis server (v=3.0.6)

storage of data structure in memory, used as database, cache and message agent

wkhtmltopdf with patched Qt (for pdf generation)
Create your HTML document that you want to turn into a PDF (or image)

sudo apt-get update && sudo apt-get install mariadb-server nginx redis-server python-dev libmysqlclient-dev

2. Installing the Bench Repo

git clone https://github.com/frappe/bench bench-repo sudo pip install -e bench-repo

3. Installing the Frappe Bench

bench init frappe-bench --frappe-branch text (master, development and production) cd frappe-bench

4. Create a new site

You can then install a new site, by the command bench new-site site1.local. This will create a new database and site folder and install frappe (which is also an application!) in the new site. The frappe application has two built-in modules Core and Website. The Core module contains the basic models for the application. Frappe is a batteries included framework and comes with a lot of built-in models. These models are called DocTypes.

Site Structure:

A new folder called school management will be created in the sites folder. Here is the standard folder structure for a site.



- 1. public/files are where user uploaded files are stored.
- 2. private/backups are where backups are dumped
- 3. site_config.json is where site level configurations are maintained.
- 5. Add ERPNext apps using get-app command bench get-app erpnext https://github.com/frappe/erpnext --branch master
- 6. Install ERPNext apps bench --site site1.local install-app erpnext
- 7. Set developer mode bench --site site1.local set-config developer_mode 1

To create models, you must set developer_mode as 1 in the site_config.json file located in /sites/library and execute command bench clear-cache or use the user menu in UI and click on "Reload" for the changes to take effect. You should now see the "Developer" app on your desk

```
{
    "db_name": "bcad64afbf",
    "db_password": "v3qHDeVKvWVi7s97",
    "developer_mode": 1
}
```

8. Setting Default Site

In case you have multiple sites on you bench use bench use [site_name] to set the default site.

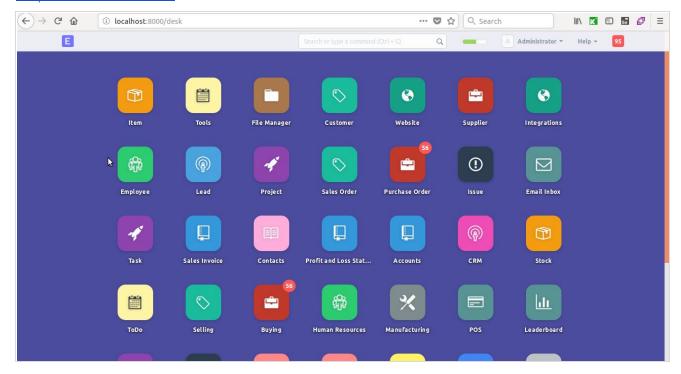
bench use site1.local

9. Bench start

To start using the bench, use the bench start command

Now, execute the bench start command and go to localhost:8000 you can see below screen

http://localhost:8000



2. Make a school management application

To create our application (frappe-bench folder) execute the command bench new-app {app_name} and follow instructions.

The command creates a school management application for you:

bench new-app school_management

App Title (default: School Management): School Management

App Description: These modules are designed to provide specific functionalists in the context of school management.

App Publisher: solufy.in

App Email:

App Icon (default 'octicon octicon-file-directory'): octicon octicon-file-directory

App Color (default 'grey'): grey

App License (default 'MIT'): MIT

'school_management' created at

/home/serpentcs/workspace/ERPNext/frappe-bench/apps/school_management INFO:bench.app:installing school_management

INFO:bench.utils:./env/bin/pip install -q -e ./apps/school_management --no-cache-dir

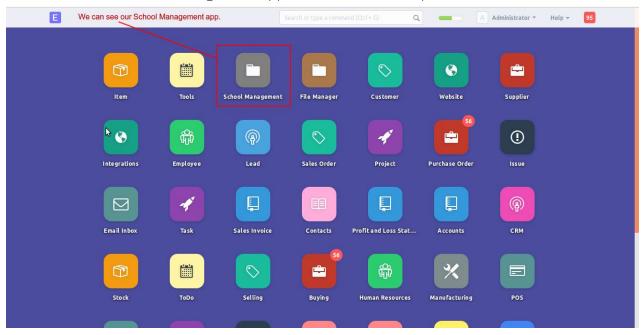
3. Install App

After that install school management app using below command.

bench --site site1.local install-app school_management ./env/bin/pip install -q -e ./apps/school_management

bench migrate bench clear-cache bench build bench start

We can see our school management application in below snapshot.

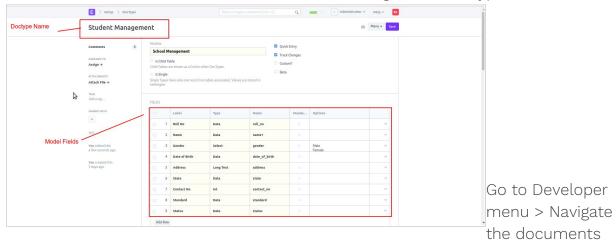


4. Create a docType

We are going to build a simple School Management application. In that application will contents below models:

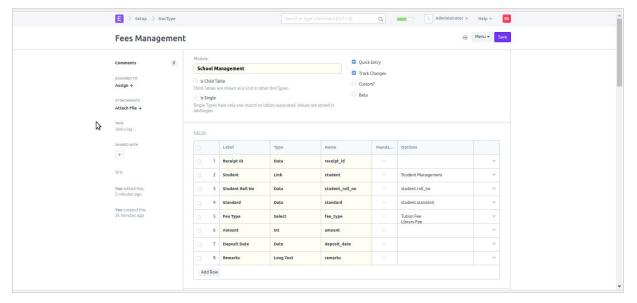
- 1. Student Management
- 2. Fee Management
- 3. Faculty Management
- 4. Subject Management

Go to Developer menu > Navigate the documents link > Doctype Click on "New" button and Create a Student Management doctype

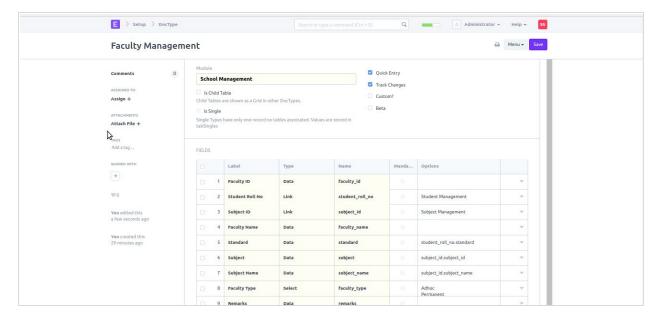


link > Doctype

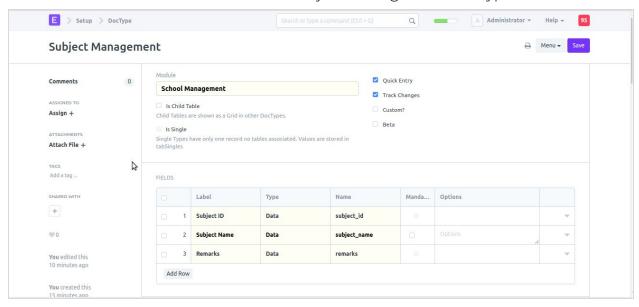
Click on "New" button and Create a Fee Management doctype



Go to Developer menu > Navigate the documents link > Doctype Click on "New" button and Create a Faculty Management doctype

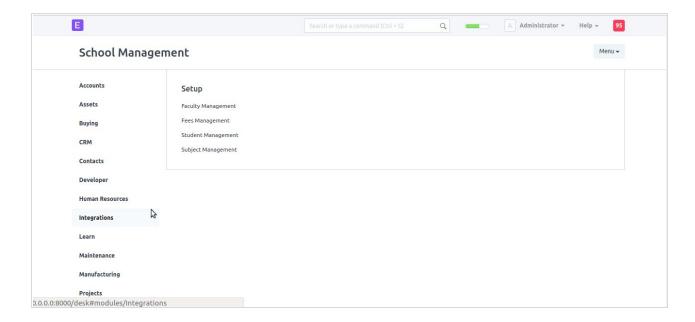


Go to Developer menu > Navigate the documents link > Doctype Click on "New" button and Create a Subject Management doctype

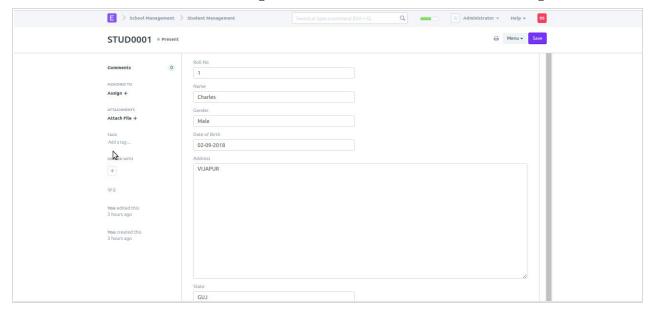


5. Access App

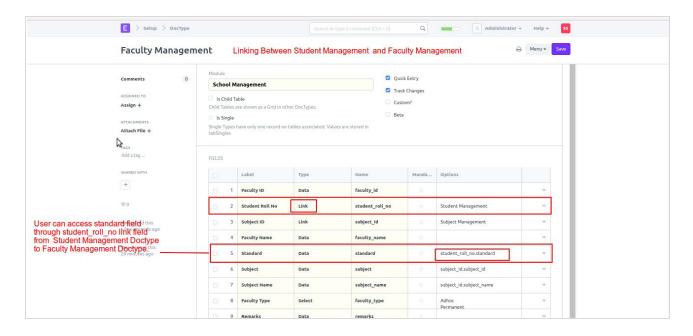
User can access docType or we can say our application from there main menu see the below screenshot.



User can access student management form while click on Student Management link



6. Doctype Linking



7. Doctype Naming

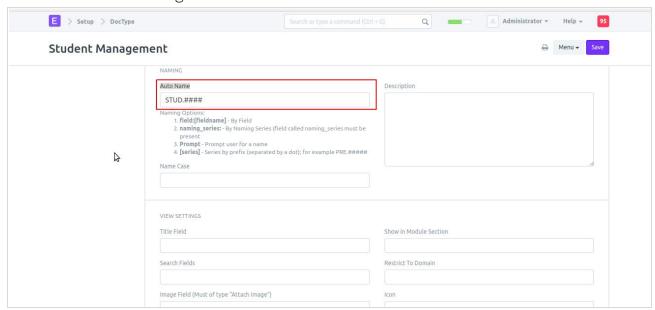
DocTypes named defined in four ways:

- 1. Series
- 2. Field
- 3. By controller (code)
- 4. Prompt

1. Series: : Series by prefix (Separate by dot)

For example: STUD.####

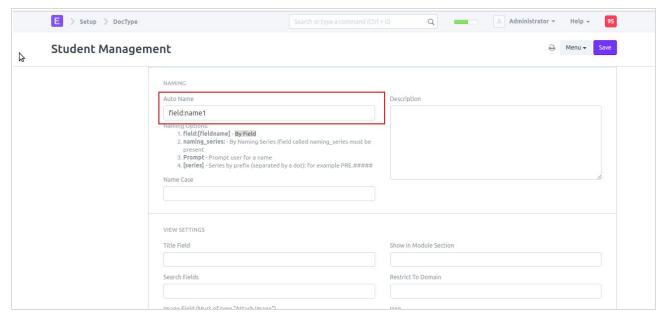
User can set Naming Series in Auto Name field:



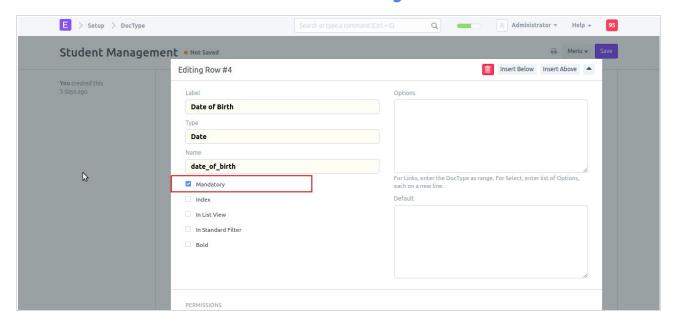
2. Series: : Series by prefix (Separate by dot)

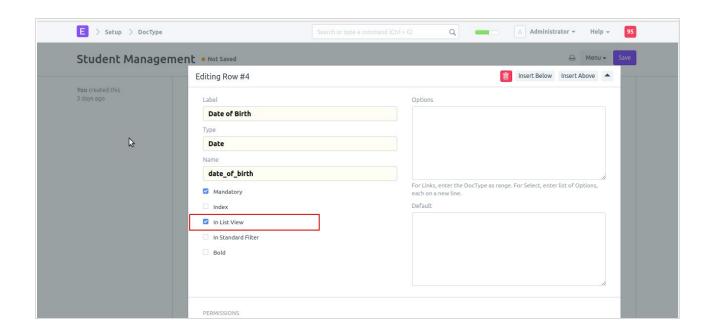
Syntax: field:<<field name>> For example: field:name1

User can set Naming Series in Auto Name field:



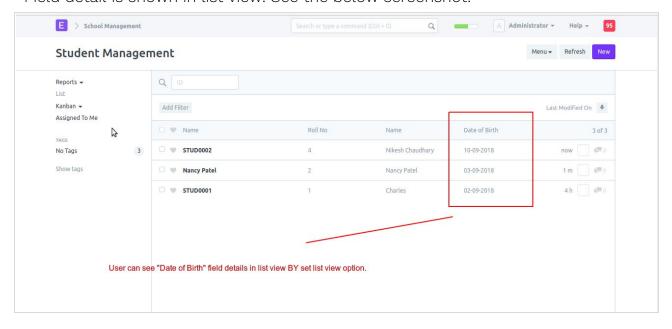
8. Set Mandatory Field





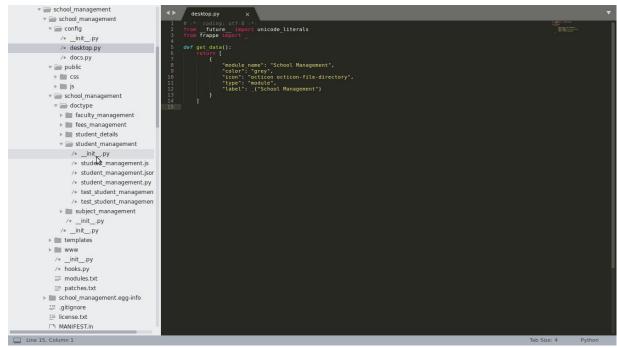
9. Set List View Option

Field detail is shown in list view. See the below screenshot:



10. App Directory Structure

The application will be created in a folder called school_managementand will have the following structure:

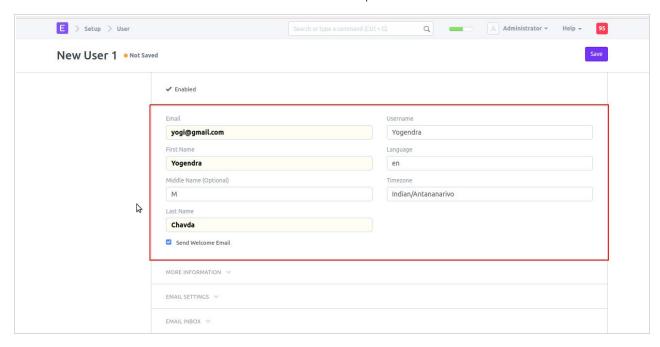


- ☐ Config folder contains application configuration info
- ☐ Desktop.py is where desktop icons can be added to the Desk
- hooks.py is where integrations with the environment and other applications is mentioned.
- □ library_management (inner) is a module that is bootstrapped. In Frappe, a module is where model and controller files reside.
- modules.txt contains list of modules in the app. When you create a new module, it is required that you update it in this file.
- patches.txt is where migration patches are written. They are python module references using the dot notation.
- Templates is the folder where webview templates are maintained.

 Templates for Login and other standard pages are bootstrapped in frappe.
- Generators are where templates for models are maintained, where each model instance has a separate web route, for example a Blog Post . where each post has its unique web url. In Frappe, the templating engine used is Jinja2
- ☐ Pages is where single route templates are maintained. For example for a "/blog" type of page.

11. Creating Users

We can create user from the menu setup > User > Click on new button

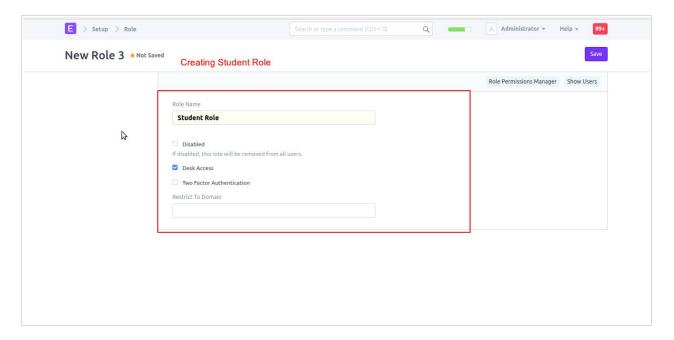


12. Creating Roles

Go to setup > Role > Click on new button

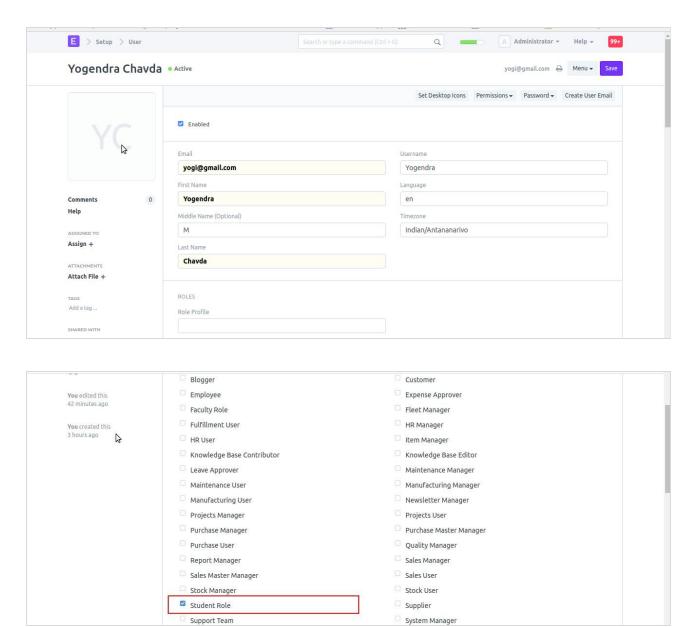
Before creating Models, we must create Roles so that we can set permissions on the Model. There are two Roles we will create:

- 1. Student Role
- 2. Faculty Role



13. Setting Roles: Go to setup > User

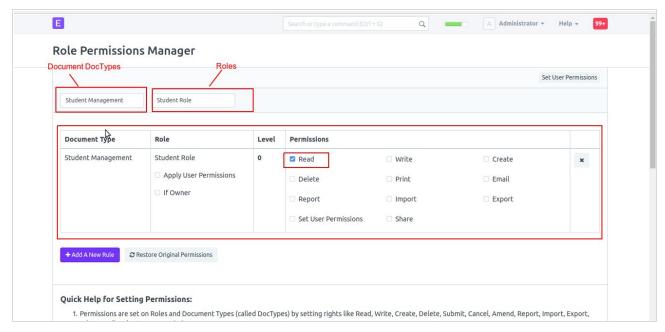
We can allocate role for particular user by check the role. See the below screenshot.



14. Permissions

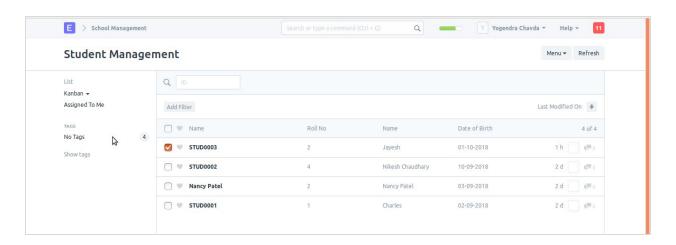
We can apply permissions for a specific role using "Role Permissions Manager".

Goto setup > Role Permissions Manager



After applied permissions, User can access the application through desk.

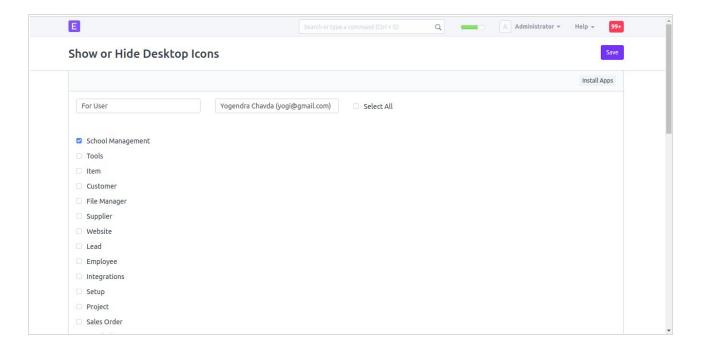




15. Show or Hide Desktop Icon

User can show or hide module icon by check/uncheck option.

Go to > Setup > Show/Hide Modules



16. Create a Report

1. Analysis Report

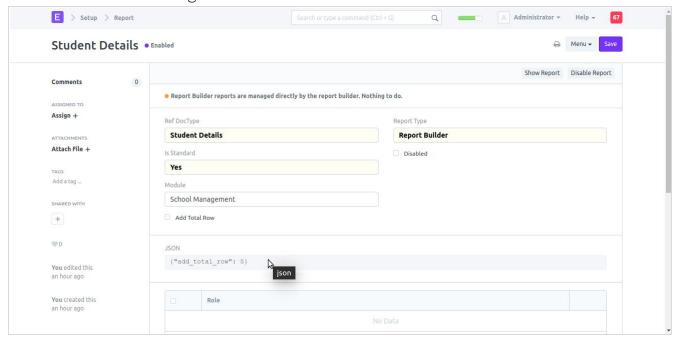
User can create analysis report through below menu: Go to > Developer > Report menu

Fill up the report details:

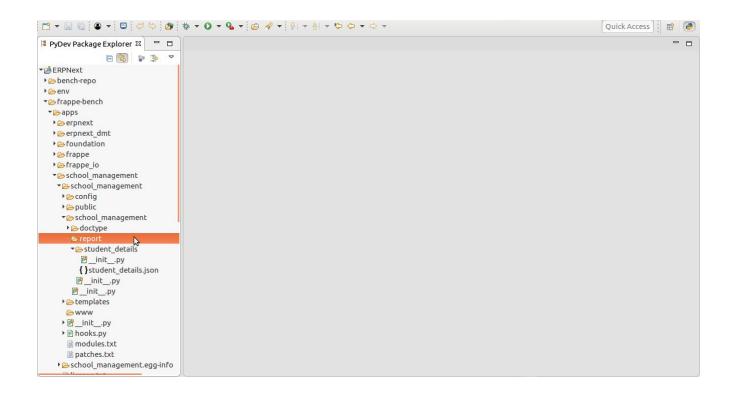
Report Name: Student Details, Report Type: Report Builder, Ref DocType: Student Details,

Is Standard: Yes,

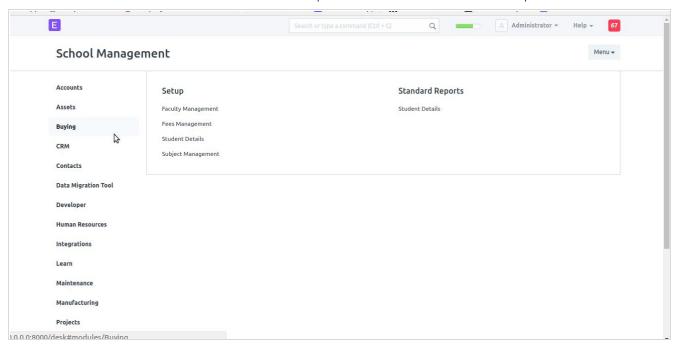
Module: School Management



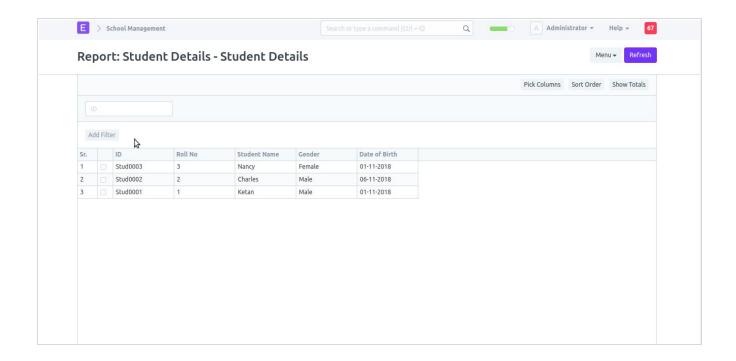
Report folder automatically created under the custom app



User can access student Details report under the Standard Reports section



Report View



2. Query Report

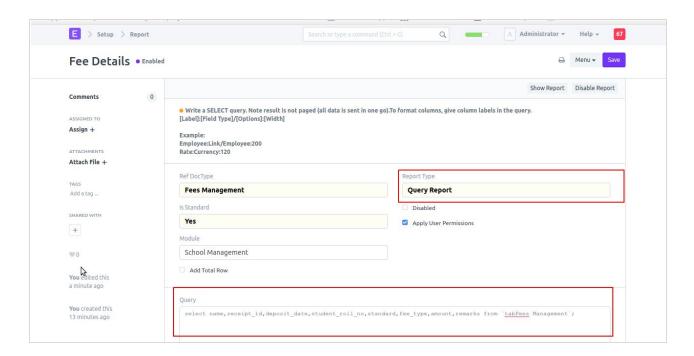
User can create Query Report through below menu: Go to > Developer > Report menu

Fill up the report details : Report Name: Fee Details, Report Type: Query Report,

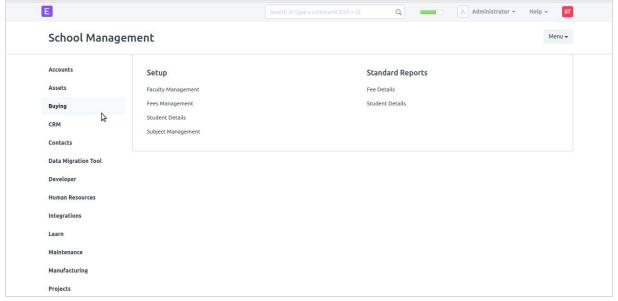
Ref DocType: Fees Management,

Is Standard: Yes,

Module: School Management



User can access Fee Details report under the Standard Reports section



Report View



3. Script Report

User can create Script Report through below menu: Go to > Developer > Report menu

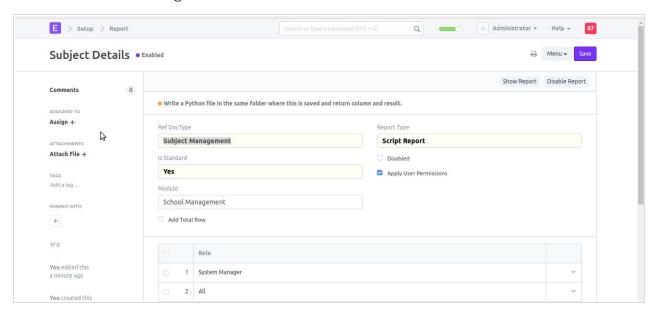
Fill up report details:

Report Name: Subject Details, Report Type: Script Report,

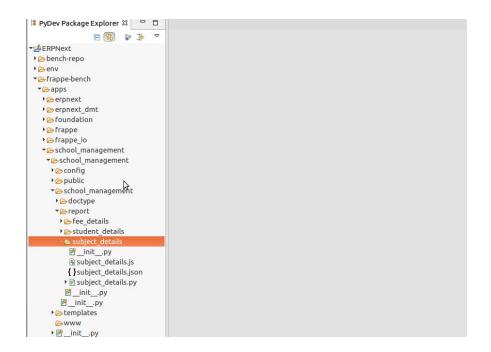
Ref DocType: Subject Management,

Is Standard: Yes,

Module: School Management



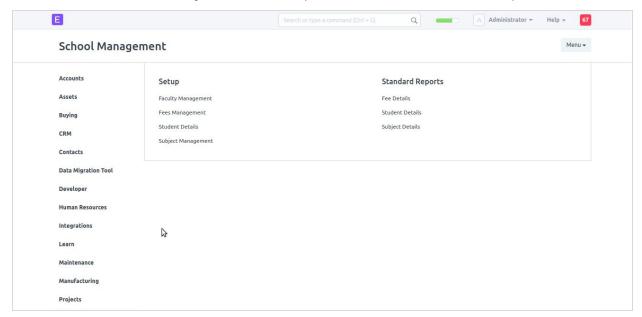
Script Report automatically created under the custom app:



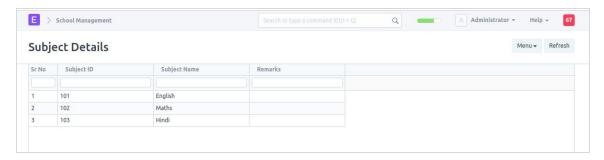
Write a script code in subject_details.py file.

```
# Copyright (c) 2013, solufy.in and contributors
# For license information, please see license.txt
from __future__ import unicode_literals
import frappe
from frappe import _
def execute(filters=None):
        columns = get_report_columns()
        data = get report data(filters)
        return columns, data
def get_report_columns():
        columns = [{
                "fieldname": "subject_id",
                "label": _("Subject ID"),
                 "<u>fieldtype</u>": "Data",
                 "width": 200
                 "fieldname": "subject_name",
                "label": _("Subject Name"),
                "<u>fieldtype</u>": "Data",
                "width": 200
                },
                "fieldname": "remarks",
                "label": _("Remarks"),
                "<u>fieldtype</u>": "Data",
                 "width": 200
```

User can access the subject Details Report under the Standard Reports section.



Report View



17. Helpful Command

General Usage:

```
pench -version - Show bench version
bench srd- Show bench repo directory
pench --help- Show all commands and help
pench [command] --help- Show help for command
pench init [bench-name] - Create a new bench (Run from home dir)
pench --site [site-name] COMMAND - Specify site for command
bench update- Pulls changes for bench-repo and all apps, applies
patches, builds JS and CSS, and then migrates.
             --pull Pull changes in all the apps in bench
              --patch Run migrations for all sites in the bench
              -build Build JS and CSS artifacts for the bench
              --bench Update bench
              -requirements Update requirements
              <mark>-restart-supervisor</mark>restart supervisor processes after
             update
              -upgrade Does major upgrade
              -no-backup Don't take a backup before update
pench restart Restart all bench services
bench backup Backup
bench backup-all-sites Backup all sites
             --with-files Backup site with files
```

bench restore Restore

--with-private-files Restore site with private files (Path to tar file)

--with-public-files Restore site with public files (Path to tar file)

bench migrate Will read JSON files and make changes to the database accordingly

Config:

bench config - Change bench configuration

auto_update [on/off] Enable/Disable auto update for bench

dns_multitenant [on/off] Enable/Disable DNS Multitenancy

http_timeout Set http timeout

restart_supervisor_on_update Enable/Disable auto restart of supervisor

serve_default_site Configure nginx to serve the default site
on

update_bench_on_update Enable/Disable bench updates
on running bench...

bench setup - Setup components

auto-update Add cronjob for bench auto update

backups Add cronjob for bench backups

config overwrite or make config.json

env Setup virtualenv for bench

nginx generate config for nginx

procfile Setup Procfile for bench start

production setup bench for production

redis generate config for redis cache

socketio Setup node deps for socketio server

sudoers Add commands to sudoers list for execution...

supervisor generate config for supervisor

add-domain add custom domain for site

firewall setup firewall and block all ports except 22, 80 and 443

ssh-port change the default ssh connection port

Development:

bench new-app [app-name] Creates a new app

bench get-app [repo-link] - Downloads an app from a git repository and installs it

bench install-app [app-name] Installs existing app

bench remove-from-installed-apps [app-name] Remove app from the list of apps

bench uninstall-app [app-name] Delete app and everything linked to the app (Bench needs to be running)

bench remove-app [app-name] Remove app from the bench entirely

bench --site [sitename] --force reinstall Reinstall with fresh database (Caution: Will wipe out old database)

bench new-site [sitename] - Creates a new site

--db-name Database name

--mariadb-root-username Root username for MariaDB

--mariadb-root-password Root password for MariaDB

--admin-password Administrator password for new site

--verbose erbose

--force Force restore if site/database already exists

--source_sql Initiate database with a SQL file

--install-app Install app after installation`

bench use [site] Sets a default site

```
bench drop-site Removes site from disk and database completely
             --root-login
              --root-password
oench set-config [key] [value] Adds a key-value pair to site's config file
<mark>bench console</mark> Opens a IPython console in the bench venv
bench execute Execute a method inside any app.
             Eg:bench execute
             frappe.utils.scheduler.enqueue_scheduler_event
bench mysql Opens SQL Console
bench run-tests Run tests
             --app App Name
              --doctype DocType to run tests for
              -test Specific Test
             --module Run a particular module that has tests
             --profile Runs a Python profiler on the test
bench disable-production Disables production environment
```

Scheduler:

bench enable-scheduler - Enables Scheduler that will run scheduled tasks

bench doctor - Get diagnostic info about background workers

bench show-pending-jobs - Get pending jobs

bench purge-jobs - Destroy all pending jobs

18. Field Types

Following are the types of fields you can define while creating new ones, or while amend standard ones.

Simple Fields:

Attach

Attach field allows you browsing file from File Manager and attach in the transaction.

Button

It will be a Button, on clicking which you can execute some functions like Save, Submit etc.

Check

It will be a checkbox field.

Column Break

Since ERPNext has multiple column layouts, using Column Breaks, you can divide the set of fields side-by-side.

Currency

Currency field holds a numeric value, like item price, amount etc. Currency field can have value up to six decimal places. Also, you can have a currency symbol being shown for the currency field.

Data

Data field will be a simple text field. It allows entering value up to 255 characters. Date and Time

This field will give you date and time picker. Current date and time (as provided by your computer) is set by default.

Float

Float field carries numeric value, up to six decimal place. Precision for the float field is set in

Setup > Settings > System

Setting will be applicable to all the float field.

Image

Image field will render an image file selected in another attach field.

For the Image field, under Option (in Doctype), field name should be provided where the image file is attached. By referring to the value in that field, the image will be a reference in the Image field.

Int (Integer)

Integer field holds a numeric value, without a decimal place.

Geolocation

Use Geolocation field to store GeoJSON feature collection. Stores polygons, lines, and points. Internally it uses following custom properties for identifying a circle.

```
"point_type": "circle",
```

"radius": 10.00

}

Password

Password field will have decode value in it.

Read Only

Read-only field will carry data fetched from another form, but they themselves will be non-editable. You should set Read Only as field type if its source for value is predetermined.

Section Break

Section Break is used to divide the form into multiple sections.

Select

Select will be a drop-down field. You can add multiple results in the Options field, separated by row.

Small Text

Small Text field carries text content, has more character limit than the Data field. Text Editor

Text Editor is a text field. It has text-formatting options. In ERPNext, this field is generally used for defining Terms and Conditions.

Relational fields:

Link

Link field is connected to another master from where it fetches data. For example, in the Quotation master, Customer is a Link field.

Table

Table will be (sort of) Link field which renders another doctype within the current form. For example, Item table in the Sales Order is a Table field, which is linked to Sales Order Item doctype.

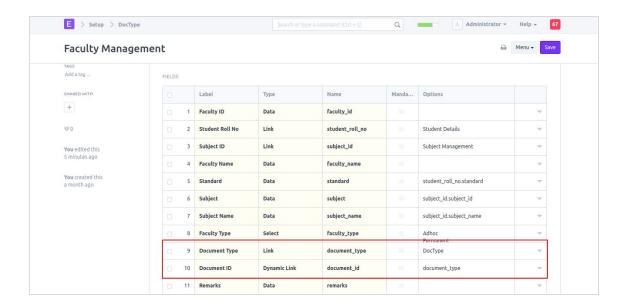
Dynamic Link field is one which can search and hold the value of any document/doctype. Let's consider an example to learn how Dynamic Link field works.

Step 1: Insert Link Field for Doctype

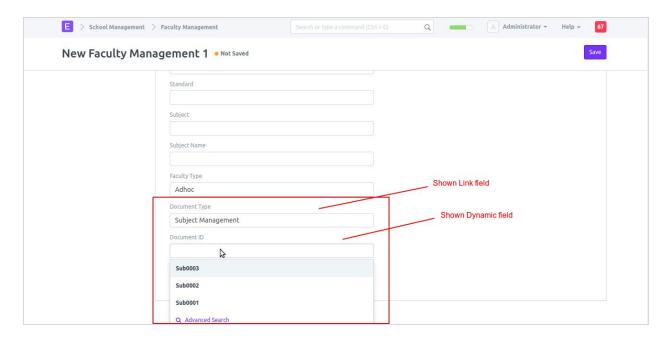
Firstly we will create a link field which will be linked to the Doctype.

Step 2: Insert Dynamic Link Field

Insert "Document ID" dynamic link field. In this dynamic field set options above Doctype link field name.



Here, We can see doctype and Its related all the document ids so we can select any document id related to selected doctype. See the below snapshot.



19. Task Runner (Scheduled tasks)

Finally, an application also has to send email notifications and do other kind of scheduled tasks. In Frappe, if you have setup the bench, the task / scheduler is setup via RQ using Redis Queue.

To add a new task handler, go to hooks.py and add a new handler. Default handlers are all, daily, weekly, monthly, cron. The all handler is called every 4 minutes by default.

20. Form Client Scripting code using JS

Frappe.call Callback

Here shown student age calculation while user select "Date of Birth" field at that time age calculation automatically calculated displayed in Age field. Write a client side scripting code for student_details.js file.

```
// Copyright (c) 2018, solufy.in and contributors
// For license information, please see license.txt
frappe.ui.form.on('Student Details', {
       date of birth: function(frm) {
              return frm.call({
                     method:
                     "school_management.school_management.doctype.student_details."
                     student_details.get_age",
                     args: {
                            date_of_birth: frm.doc.date_of_birth
                     },
                     callback: function(r)
                            console.log("This is callback response",r.message);
                            frm.set value("age", r.message);
                     }
              });
      },
});
Write a server side scripting code for student_details.py file.
# -*- coding: <u>utf</u>-8 -*-
# Copyright (c) 2018, solufy.in and contributors
# For license information, please see license.txt
from __future__ import unicode_literals
import frappe
from frappe.model.document import Document
import datetime
from dateutil.relativedelta import relativedelta
class StudentDetails(Document):
```

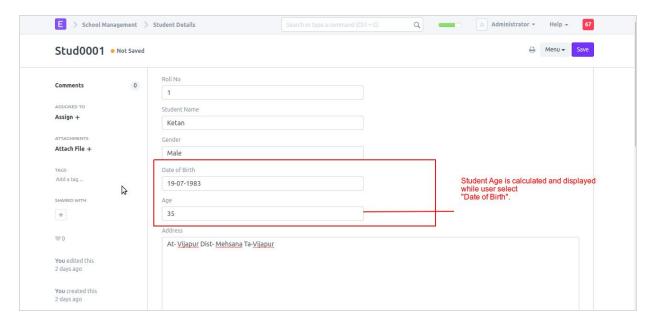
pass

```
@frappe.whitelist()
def get_age(date_of_birth=None):
    print "call python method::::::"
    age = 0.0
    if date_of_birth:
        d1 = datetime.datetime.strptime(date_of_birth, "%Y-%m-%d").date()
        print "d1 ::::::",d1
        d2 = datetime.datetime.today().date()
        print "d2 ::::::",d2
        rd = relativedelta(d2, d1)

        print "Display Age",rd
        rd.years

        age = rd.years or 0.0
    return age
```

Student age calculation and displayed age field while user select "Date of Birth" field. See the below snapshot:



21. References

https://frappe.io/docs/user/en/tutorial