The CakePHP Media Plugin

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This Talk

- Handling file uploads
- Generating different versions of files
- Creating the markup to embed it
- Some advanced usage



The Plugin

A plugin for CakePHP enabling transfer/manipulation/embedding of files in 23 ways.

- Why?
- Stable: 0.50 / Unstable: 0.60alpha
- CakePHP 1.2.x.x and PHP >= 5.2.0 required
- Source: https://github.com/davidpersson/media/tree
- Docs: http://wiki.github.com/davidpersson/media



Setting It Up

Get a fresh copy

 ${\tt git \ clone \ git://github.com/davidpersson/media.git\ app/plugins/media.git}$

Loading the configuration app/config/bootstrap.php

require APP . 'plugins/media/config/core.php';

Initializing the directories

cake/console/cake media init

chmod -R a+rwX app/webroot/media/{transfer,filter}



Introduction

- Thousands of components, behaviors, libaries
- If not done right: Potential security hole
- Trickier than one would think



HTML Form & Uploads

```
Modifying the template app/views/movies/add.ctp
```

```
echo form->create('Movie', array('type' => 'file')); // .... echo form->input('file', array('type' => 'file')); // ...
```



A Request

POST /movies/add

```
Header:
Content-Type: multipart/form-data; boundary=12591
Content-Length: 32888
Body:
-12591
Content-Disposition: form-data: name="' method"'
POST
-12591
Content—Disposition: form—data; name="'data[Movie][title]"
Demo
-12591
Content—Disposition: form—data; name="'data[Movie][file]"'; filename="'clipboard.jpg"'
Content-Type: image/jpeg
... data ...
--12591--
```





Resulting data

MoviesController::\$data



Validation

One shouldn't trust

- Original filename (weird characters)
- Original file extension
- Submitted MIME type



Uploading An Executable: The Request

POST /movies/add

```
Header:
Content—Type: multipart/form—data; boundary=cAkePhPrUIEz
Content-Length: 32888
Body:
--cAkePhPrUIEz
Content-Disposition: form-data: name="' method"'
-- cAkePhPrUIFz
Content—Disposition: form—data; name="'data[Movie][title]"
Fake
— cAkePhPrUIEz
Content—Disposition: form—data; name="'data[Movie][file]"'; filename="'ex.php"'
Content-Type: image/ipeg
<?php echo "'Hello PHP."' ?>
--cAkePhPrUIEz--
```



Uploading An Executable: Resulting Data

MoviesController::\$data



Lessons Learned

- Do not trust the submitted data: Validate!
- Store uploaded files outside the webroot
- Serve only i.e. resized images
- Make the upload location not guessable i.e. use an UUID



The Transfer Behavior

What can it do for me?

- Handles several kinds of uploads
 - HTTP POST
 - Remote files via HTTP
 - Local files
- Validates transfers (8 new validation rules)



Usage

```
Modifying the model app/models/movie.php
```

```
class Movie extends AppModel {
   var $actsAs = array('Media.Transfer');
}
```



Relocating The Transfer Directory

Updating the config app/config/bootstrap.php

```
define('MEDIA_TRANSFER', APP . 'transfer' . DS);
define('MEDIA_TRANSFER_URL', false);
require APP . 'plugins/media/config/core.php';
```

Reinitializing the directories

```
cake/console/cake media init 

chmod -R a+rwX app/transfer
```



Validation

Methods

- location
- size
- pixels
- extension
- mimeType
- 3 (not so interesting methods more) ...



Validation

```
Adding rules app/models/movie.php
```



Reloca Transfer Demo

```
demo.sh reloca_transfer exploit
http://localhost/workspace/media_demo/reloca_
transfer/media/transfer/gen/ex.php
http://localhost/workspace/media_demo/reloca_
transfer/movies/add
```



Introduction

- A common task
- Need multiple libraries, no generic interface
- Helps securing transferred files (i.e. stripping comment tags)



The Media Behavior

What can it do for me?

- Generates versions of files
- Retrieves file metadata transparently (not covered)
- Couples files with database records (later)



Usage

Adding the behavior (chaining) app/models/movie.php



Usage

Overwritting default filter config app/config/bootstrap.php



Medium Class

An instance represents a single medium file.

- Manipulation
- Information

Available Adapters

- Gd
- Imagick (native & shell)
- Ffmpeg (native)
- __GetId3
- PearMp3 & -Text

Contribute more adapters!



Manipulation

... is expensive.

When?

- Synchron (on upload)
- Asynchron
- Mixed

Possible criteria

- Version
- Medium type
- File size



Yet another callback: beforeMake

- Control which version gets generated when
- Delegate generation using i.e. a message queue
- Utilize custom manipulation methods



Yet another callback: beforeMake

Updating the model app/models/movie.php

Return

- true: handled, version has been generated
- false or null: unhandled, behavior generates version



Introduction

- Multiple medium types
- Each one needs different markup
- Long paths



The Medium Helper

What can it do for me?

- Unified interface for easy embedding and linking
- Partial and dynamic paths
- Honor protected transfer directory



Partial Paths Support

- Works for all helper methods
- Dynamically expanded

```
css/cake.generic /full/path/to/static/css/cake.generic.css
s/img/logo /full/path/to/filter/s/static/img/logo.png
transfer/img/cern /full/path/to/transfer/img/cern.jpg
m/transfer/img/cern /full/path/to/filter/m/transfer/img/cern.png
```



Creating The Correct Markup

```
Adding the helper app/controllers/movies_controller.php
```

```
class MoviesController extends AppController {
    var $helpers = array('Media.Medium');
    // ...
}
```



Creating The Correct Markup

Modifying the template app/views/movies/view.ctp



Introduction

■ Everything comes together



The Attachment Model

What does it provide?

- Central place for attached files
- Coupling of files with database records
- Already prepared with validation rules
- Other (multiple) models can relate to it (polymorphic)



Usage

Supplied model app/plugins/media/models/attachment.php

cake schema run create -path app/plugins/media/config/sql/ -name Media



Usage

Relationship app/models/movie.php

```
class Movie extends AppModel {
  var $hasMany = array(
    'Attachment' => array(
    'className' => 'Media.Attachment',
    'foreignKey' => 'foreign_key',
    'conditions' => array('model' => 'Movie'),
    'dependent' => true,
    ));
```



Usage

Modfying the controller action app/controllers/movies_controller.php



The Attachments Element

What is it?

- A HTML only solution
- Form fields for attaching and detaching files
- A prototype to build your own solutions on (i.e. flash based)
- Uses the Helper internally



Usage

```
Modifying the template app/views/movies/add.ctp
```



Advanced Demo

```
http:
//localhost/workspace/media_demo/advanced/movies/add
```



Future

- Keep up with new CakePHP releases
- Stabelize
- Few new features



This Is The End, My Friend

Questions?

