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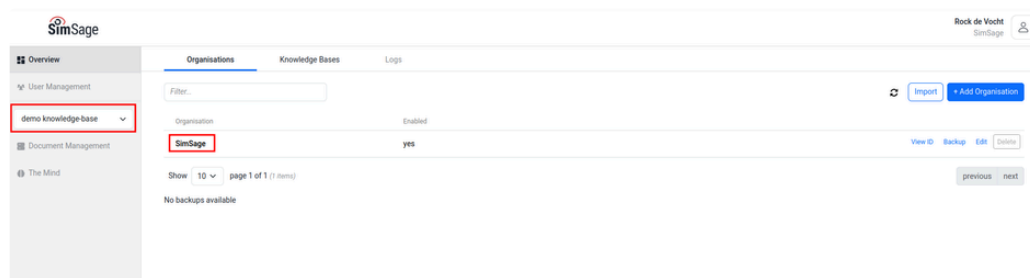
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Introduction

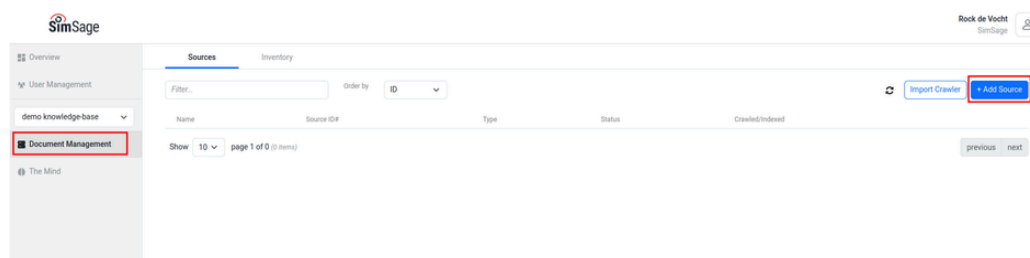
This Document sets out the steps need to step up an internal web crawler on the SimSage platform.

SimSage Source configuration

1. Select your organisation (SimSage shown in the image below)
2. Select your knowledge-base from the drop-down box (demo knowledge-base shown below)



3. Click on Document Management link in the left hand side of the menu
4. Click on the + Add Source button



5. In the General tab

- set the Crawler Type to "Web Crawler"
- give the Crawler a Name (test web crawler in the image below)
- Select the "Web Crawler" tab to set up your web crawler

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Crawler Type
Web Crawler

Crawler Name *
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Processing Level

Document Inventory
Document Analysis
Document Finding

delay between uploads (ms)
0

Maximum number of files
0

Source Weight
1

crawler pod id (0, 1, 2, ...)
0

Error threshold
10

☒ Enable similarity checking for documents

Similarity Threshold
95 %

☒ Remove Un-seen Files
☒ Use default built-in relationships
☐ use optical-character-recognition (OCR)
☐ Transmit external logs

☒ Allow anonymous access to these files
☒ Store the binaries of each document
☒ use speech-to-text (videos, audio transcripts)

☒ Enable document image previews
☐ Store older versions of the Document
☐ External source

Close
Save

The Web Crawler Tab

- Navigate to the "Web Crawler" tab.
- Populate the base url field.
- Populate the exclude css csv field. As a general rule we recommend using "header, footer" to exclude any repeating headers or footers from your HTML.

Not all webpages use semantic HTML tags such as <header> or <footer>. Sometimes websites use regular div tags with class names. For example, <div classname="footer">. In this case you should enter div.footer instead of "footer".

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http/s or file:// base url *
(e.g. https://simsage.ai)

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☐ pre-render Javascript websites

Valid extensions (html is always valid)

Ignore extensions (html cannot be ignored)

User-agent (leave blank for default)
web-crawler's user-agent

Username
optional basic auth username

Password (leave blank to keep previous)
basic auth password

Include css csv
css/html root fragments to include csv

Exclude css csv
css/html root fragments to exclude csv (e.g. header, footer, div.class-name)

csv include words
csv words, include articles by words [optional]

csv exclude words
csv words, exclude articles by words [optional]

csv allowed domains
csv prefix list of other domains to crawl (e.g. https://drive.google.com) [optional]

exclude paths (csv list)
a set of possible paths values, separated by commas (csv) to exclude pages (e.g. /images/) [optional]

openid-configuration endpoint
openid-configuration endpoint (e.g. https://login.microsoftonline.com/<tenant-id>/well-known/openid-configuration)

OIDC/OAuth client id
OIDC/OAuth client id

OIDC/OAuth secret
OIDC/OAuth secret

impersonation user
the user to impersonate for Google drive (e.g. john@abc.com)

Google drive json key
the Google drive json key identifying the service account to use to access and impersonate user-drive data. Leave empty if you've already set this value previously and don't want to change it.

Close
Save

field	meaning and content
http/s or file:// base url	a compulsory field with a comma separated list of http:// https:// or file:// URLs / URIs to visit. This set forms the seed set for the initial crawler.
pre-render Javascript websites	a special flag that uses a browser to fetch and render remote pages that use active javascript
Valid extensions (html is always valid)	A comma separated list with valid file extensions (e.g. doc, docx, pdf). All file extensions are fetched if this field is left empty. Leave this field empty if you are planning to use "Ignore extensions".
Ignore extensions (html cannot be ignored)	A comma separated list of extensions that must not be included. Leave this field empty if you are planning to use "Valid extensions".

User-agent	a string for the user-agent to pass to remote sites in your request headers. Leave empty for default. Default is "Apache-HttpClient/UNAVAILABLE"
Username	the BasicAuth username to send if set along with password in the request headers.
Password	the BasicAuth password to send in the request headers if set.
Include css csv	a comma separated list of CSS selectors for elements to keep in an HTML document. All elements are kept if this field is left blank. Keep this field blank if you're using the "Exclude css csv" (see: J Use CSS selectors to find elements)
Exclude css csv	a comma separated list of CSS selectors for elements to exclude from an HTML document. Keep this field blank if you're using the "Include css csv". (see: J Use CSS selectors to find elements)
csv include words	A comma separated list of words used to filter HTML pages. Any literal "word" found inside the text of an HTML page qualifies this page to be crawled / used by SimSage (e.g. accounting, invoice). All pages are included if left blank. Keep this field blank if you intend to use the "csv exclude words" filter.
csv exclude words	A comma separated list of words used to filter HTML pages. Any literal "word" found inside the text of an HTML page eliminates this page from being crawled / used by SimSage. No pages are excluded if left blank. Leave this field blank if you intent to use the "csv include words" filter.
csv allowed domains	A comma separated list of URL prefixes (e.g. https://another.server.com/folder1/) of other domains apart from the seeds above to allow crawling across.
exclude paths	A comma separated list of path fragments used to excluded pages from being crawled (e.g. /invoices/)

Extra security headers for Bearer Authentication

field	meaning and content
openid configuration endpoint	Used for OpenID authentication. The crawler will use this endpoint to get the OpenID configuration required for fetching JWT tokens for Bearer authentication. (e.g. https://server.com/.well-known/openid-configuration)
OIDC/OAuth client id	Used for OpenID authentication. This is the client ID passed to the identification endpoint for acquiring a JWT token.

OIDC/OAuth secret	Used for OpenID authentication. This is the client secret passed to the identification endpoint for acquiring a JWT token.
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Google drive authentication

field	meaning and content
impersonation user	A users (an email address) to impersonate to access Google drive links on web pages.
Google drive json key	A Google drive json key (see Google drive setup) for authenticating against Google drive for reading, converting and downloading Google drive links seen on web pages.

the Metadata Tab

The web crawler has the option to replace certain fields of a SimSage record with metadata from HTML pages.

NB. You must save this crawler before altering the mappings.

SimSage has a series of special names that can be used to map the main items used in SimSage. You can map any item, even if SimSage doesn't directly map it to one of its main items. Items that don't map are just mapped as metadata and can be found through metadata searches.

The main items understood by SimSage are

SimSage item	Description
url	the primary key of a SimSage item. If the primary key is an http or https reference the item can be directly access from the remote system.
title	The title of a SimSage record, important in search as it gives each record a score boost
body	The main content of a SimSage record, the default text that is searchable
author	The author of a SimSage record
created	The created Date-time (must be a date as a minimum, various formats supported) of a SimSage record
last-modified	The last-modified Date-time (must be a date as a minimum, various formats supported) of a SimSage record

Below is an example of SimSage mapping HTML meta items called "og:dscription", "og:title", and "og:url" into its body, title, and url fields respectively. Note that the type of the asset will be changed from HTML to TEXT if the "body" text is no longer HTML. This applies to both "<meta name=...>" and "<meta property=...>" data found in your document.

Edit Source: html metadata test

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+ Add Metadata Mapping

data-type	UI Display-name (optional)	SimSage Metadata name	Source metadata name	
Long	created	created	created	Delete
Long	last modified	last-modified	last-modified	Delete
String	document type	document-type	document-type	Delete
String	UI display-name	body	og:description	Delete
String	UI display-name	title	og:title	Delete
String	UI display-name	url	og:url	Delete

Close
Test
Reset Delta
Save

Any other metadata fields (whether included or not) are mapped into the metadata of each SimSage record.

The ACLs Tab

In this tab we can customise the security based on existing SimSage Users and Groups.

NB: Users and Groups are automatically imported from external systems as they are crawled, where available.

In the below screenshot example we have selected the SimSage default User group as having access. Note, if you have opted to use the “allow anonymous access to these files” in the General source configuration, these ACLs settings will be overridden. *SimSage always recommends setting up a group initially in case you change your mind at any point.*

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This list sets a default set of Access Control for this source

Filter...

Administrators 5

R
W
D
M

Filter...

Test Data

Users

billy@simsage.ai

callum@simsage.ai

ingo@simsage.ai

Close
Save

The Schedule Tab

Here you can specify when you would like the crawler to be allowed access to the SimSage platform.

This is done by setting desired time frames to active. In the example provided we used the “select all” button to allow SimSage to always be available to your crawler.

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All times in GMT (now Tue, 14:06)

	00:00	01:00	02:00	03:00	04:00	05:00	06:00	07:00	08:00	09:00	10:00	11:00	12:00	13:00	14:00	15:00	16:00	17:00	18:00	19:00	20:00	21:00	22:00	23:00
Monday																								
Tuesday																								
Wednesday																								
Thursday																								
Friday																								
Saturday																								
Sunday																								

Clear All

Select All

Close

Save

External Crawler Configuration

The external crawler is a small Java program, provided by SimSage for the version of your platform.

```
rock@rock-office:~/crawlers$ ll
total 24
-rwxrwxr-x 1 rock rock 1943 Jan 17 13:07 crawler.sh*
drwxrwxr-x 2 rock rock 12288 Jan 17 13:07 lib/
-rw-rw-r-- 1 rock rock 695 Jan 17 13:18 system.properties
rock@rock-office:~/crawlers$
```

The software provided consists of:

- A *lib* folder with all the java libraries required to run the crawler.
- A *crawler.sh* executable shell file for running the crawler,
- and a *system.properties* file that needs to be edited to match your platform.

The current version of the external crawler file is 7.6.3 and can be downloaded [here](#).

Once you have the external docker file, you will need to populate the values in the docker compose file as below. A docker-compose file might look like this:

```
1 version: "3.9"
2 services:
3   web:
4     build: .
5     deploy:
6       resources:
7         limits:
8           cpus: "1"
9           memory: 512M
10        reservations:
11          cpus: "1"
12          memory: 512M
13      environment:
14        - source_id=1
15        - crawler_type=web
16        - organisation_id=c276f883-e0c8-43ae-9119-df8b7df9c574
17        - kb_id=46ff0c75-7938-492c-ab50-442496f5de51
18        - sid=48f9a7f5-6d6b-9766-a232-6ef59eae7cae
```

19 - `simsage_endpoint=http://192.168.1.10:8080/api`

The environment settings in bold must have the correct values supplied by SimSage and can be found via the SimSage Admin platform.

- [-] The `source_id` should be set to the id of the internal crawler source you created in the above steps.

