

# Programmer Guide

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## 1. Introduction

An interactive web platform to centralize, manage, and showcase the scientific activities of a software engineering research laboratory. This project aims to design and develop a structured website for a research laboratory. The goal is to centralize the lab’s key information and facilitate its management and dissemination, both internally and to the scientific and industrial community.

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## 2. Technologies Used

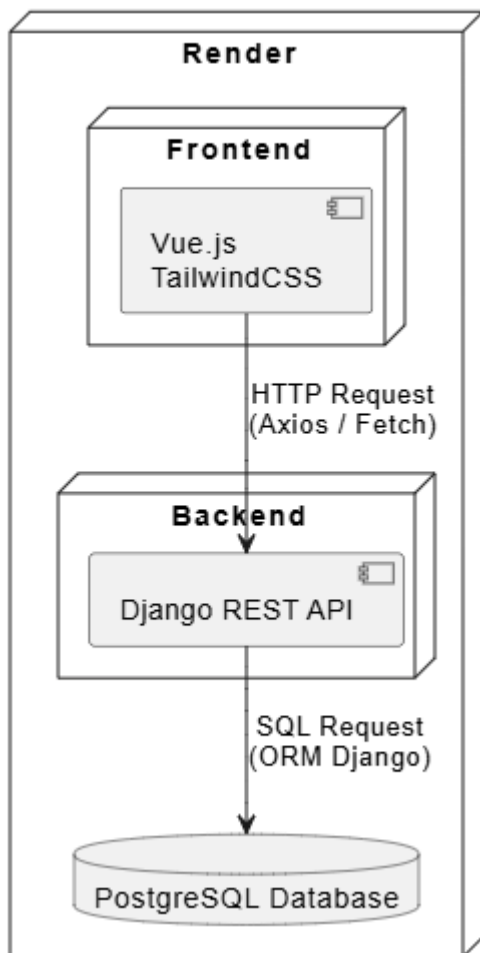
Layer	Technology
Frontend	VueJS + TypeScript
Backend	Python, Django
Authentication	JWT
Database	PostgreSQL
DevOps	Docker, GitHub Actions, Render
Testing	Vitest, Pytest

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## 3. Architecture Overview

High-level description of the system architecture.

## STIL overview architecture



## 4. Project Structure

### Backend

```
backend/
├── backend/
│   ├── admin/
│   ├── management/
│   ├── migrations/
│   ├── models/
│   ├── serializers/
│   ├── services/
│   ├── templates/
│   ├── test/
│   └── views/
├── config/
└── logs/
```

### Frontend

```
src/
├─ assets/
├─ components/
│   └─ publications/
│       ├── index.ts
│       ├── PublicationCard.vue
│       ├── PublicationSortOptions.vue
│       └─ PublicationsPage.vue
├─ composables/
├─ data/
├─ middleware/
├─ test/
│   └─ publications/
│       ├── index.ts
│       ├── PublicationCard.spec.ts
│       ├── PublicationSortOptions.spec.ts
│       └─ PublicationsPage.spec.ts
└─
```

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## 5. Development Environment Setup

Steps to set up the project locally.

### Prerequisites

- Node.js v22.14.0
- Python 3.13
- Docker

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### Clone the project

```
git clone https://github.com/stilab-ets/stilab-ets.github.io.git
```

### Installation steps

1. Install [Docker](#).
2. From the root of the repository, create the virtual environment

```
python -m venv .venv

# If you don't want to switch the python version
python3.13 -m venv .venv
```

```
.\.venv\Scripts\activate # Windows  
source .venv/bin/activate # Linux
```

```
pip install -r requirements.txt
```

```
pre-commit install # To install some pre-commit hooks to help with code quality
```

3. Create a `.env` file and add the following environment variables:

```
DJANGO_DEBUG=True  
DJANGO_LOG_LEVEL=DEBUG # Options are DEBUG, INFO, WARNING, ERROR and CRITICAL  
  
DB_USER=admin@admin.com  
DB_PASSWORD=admin123  
DB_HOST=db  
DB_PORT=5432  
DB_NAME=postgres  
  
EMAIL_HOST=SMTP_SERVER_HOST  
EMAIL_PORT=8025  
EMAIL_USE_TLS=False  
EMAIL_HOST_USER=email@example.com  
EMAIL_HOST_PASSWORD=CHANGE_ME  
BACKEND_URL="https://www.backend.example"  
  
VITE_API_BASE_URL=http://localhost:8000
```

4. Install the frontend dependencies:

```
npm install
```

5. Use the command:

```
docker compose build
```

```
docker compose up # --build to skip the first command, -d to run in detached mode
```

The table below shows the services with their respective URL :

Service	URL
Frontend	http://localhost:5173/
Backend	http://localhost:8000/
Database	http://localhost:5432/
pgAdmin	http://localhost:5050/
Mailhog server	http://localhost:8025/

pgAdmin login credentials:

User: `admin@admin.com`

Password: `admin123`

To create a connection, log in pgAdmin with those credentials, right click on Register and create a new Server. Add these information to the Connection tab :

Register - Server

General

Connection

Parameters

SSH Tunnel

Advanced

Post Connection SQL

Tags

Host name/address

db

Port

5432

Maintenance database

postgres

Username

admin@admin.com

Kerberos authentication?

☐

Password

Save password?

☐

Role

After saving, you now have established the database connection with pgAdmin.

6. To run backend tests:

```
docker compose exec backend sh -c "export DJANGO_SETTINGS_MODULE=config.settings
&& pytest --cov=backend --cov-report=term --cov-fail-under=60 --cov-
config=.coveragerc"
```

7. To run frontend tests:

```
npm run test
```

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## 6. Importing data

Indications on how to import data

### 1. Set up the database

```
docker compose exec backend python manage.py migrate
```

```
docker compose exec backend python manage.py createsuperuser
```

To create new migrations

```
docker compose exec backend python manage.py makemigrations --name migration_name
```

The Django admin will be available at `localhost:8000/admin` with the credentials created previously with the `createsuperuser` command

### 2. Synchronise publications

```
docker compose exec backend python manage.py getpublications [--fast | -f]
```

### 3. Insert legacy data

```
docker compose exec backend python manage.py insert_legacy_data
```

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## 7. Using the API

After starting the backend application, you can find the API documentations at `http://localhost:8000/swagger`

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## 8. Create an Admin user

To create an Administrator user who can access to the administrator dashboard in the frontend, follow these steps:

### 1. Create a superuser and note the email and password:

```
docker compose exec backend python manage.py createsuperuser
```

2. Access the Django admin panel (log in with the created superuser). The admin panel is available at <http://localhost:8000/admin> after starting the backend.
3. After logging in, you should see this panel :

## Django administration

### Site administration

#### AUTHENTICATION AND AUTHORIZATION

Groups [+ Add](#) [Change](#)

Users [+ Add](#) [Change](#)

#### BACKEND

Award recipients [+ Add](#) [Change](#)

Awards [+ Add](#) [Change](#)

Courses [+ Add](#) [Change](#)

Event participants [+ Add](#) [Change](#)

Events [+ Add](#) [Change](#)

Members [+ Add](#) [Change](#)

Project participants [+ Add](#) [Change](#)

Publications [+ Add](#) [Change](#)

Research projects [+ Add](#) [Change](#)

4. Click on Members and create a new member.
5. Go to pgAdmin at <http://localhost:5050/>  
pgAdmin login credentials:  
User: `admin@admin.com`  
Password: `admin123`
6. Find the id (primary key) of your superuser (from `auth_user`)

```
SELECT * FROM auth_user;
```

7. Find the id (primary key) of the created member at step 4 (from `backend_member`)

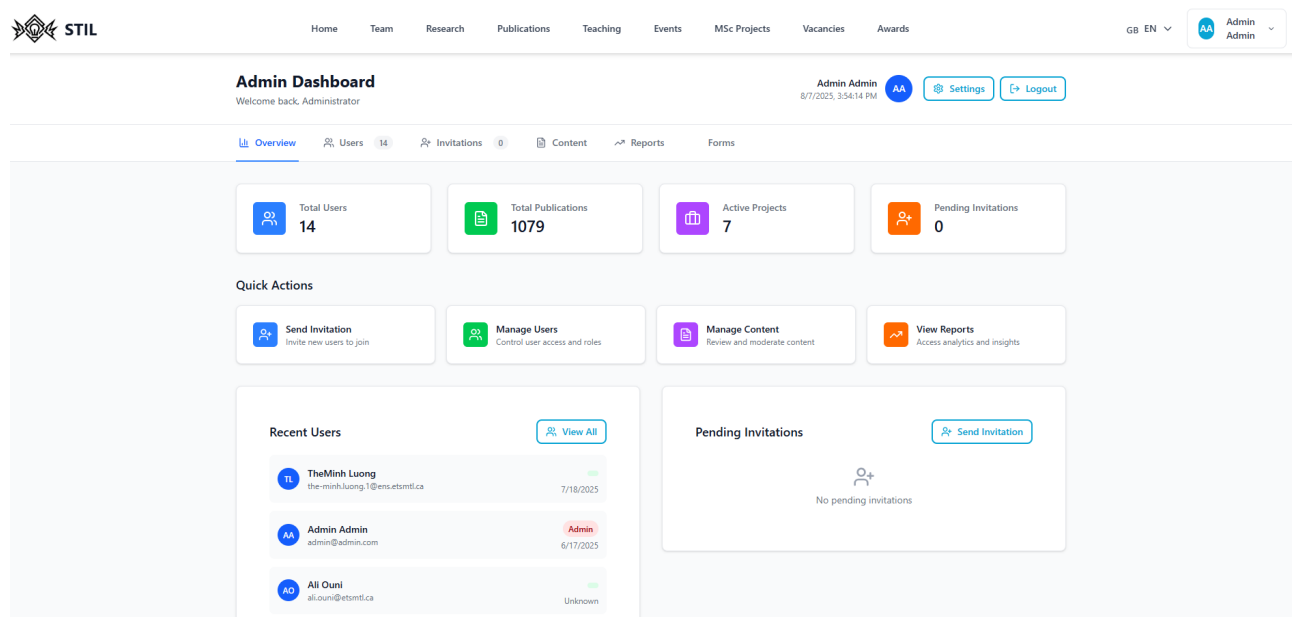
```
SELECT * FROM backend_member;
```

8. Run this command to link the superuser with the created member :

```
UPDATE backend_member
SET user_id = <superuser id>
WHERE id = '<backend_member id>';
```

9. Sign in in the frontend application as your superuser.

10. Administrator dashboard should be available.



## 9. Contribution Guidelines

- Create a branch

```
git checkout -b feat_my-new-feature
```

- Make your changes
- Create a pull request
- Merge when your changes have at least one approval AND when the CI pipelines are passing