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Keeping the HELIPORT Code Base Maintainable Our Tools and Approaches



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Goals and Challenges

Main Goal: Community Involvement!



Goals

Develop HELIPORT into a Community Project

- Encourage contributions from community members
 - Question, bug report, feature request \rightarrow Email, Issue in free text \simeq
 - Code contribution \rightarrow Merge request ??? 2
- Code base requirements
 - Adhere to community standards and best practices
 - Extensive and up-to-date documentation
 - Automated tests
 - Static code analysis



Goals

Allow For Simple Extension / Make Maintenance of Forks as Easy as Possible

- Work towards a stable heliport.core v1.0 app that extensions can interface with
- Strict separation of application code / configuration / branding
- Fork at HI Jena (\rightarrow see talk on Monday)
- Fork by ALAMEDA team (\rightarrow see talk on Monday)
 - Contribution and maintenance of Docker development/production setup (\rightarrow see next talk)
 - Contribution refactoring GitLab CI configuration





Challenges

- Small team of core developers
 - Many colleagues contribute great ideas, important feedback, feature requests
 - Only about 2 developers
- We are novice web developers
 - Getting "real" web devs on board is hard







Well-Established Technologies in the Backend

- Python \rightarrow most prevalent (general purpose) programming language in science?
- Django
 - Initial release 2005
 - "Batteries included"
 - Admin pages,
 - Authorization
 - Database connection (ORM)
 - Template engine
 - Great documentation and tutorials
 - Vast landscape of third-party libraries and integrations (Django REST Framework, Celery task queue, authentication plugins, ...)



In the Frontend ...

- Classic multi-page website
 - Single page applications (e.g. with React or Vue) need to be kept in sync with the backend! \rightarrow Additional maintenance effort
- Django templates, rendered on the server
- Increase use of HTMX
 - AJAX requests without writing JavaScript / jQuery
 - Declarative approach fits Django templates well
- Experiments with hyperscript and Alpine.js



A Touch of the Fancy New World of Web Development

- Package management using Yarn
 - package.json and yarn.lock files as central places to define and pin dependencies
 - No more rogue <script> tags scattered around dozens of templates, using different versions and checksums
 - Temporary solution using django-vendor-files in some places



{% vendor_js "codemirror" %}
{% vendor_js "js-yaml" %}
{% vendor_js "jsonlint" %}



A Touch of the Fancy New World of Web Development

- Webpack
 - Bundle third-party and custom JS and CSS
 - Optimizations for faster load times are possible (chunking)
 - Customizations of libraries are possible (e.g. compiling Bootstrap from Sass sources)

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import $ from "jquery";
import "jquery-ui";
import "jquery-ui/ui/widgets/autocomplete";
import "jquery-ui/ui/widgets/draggable";
import Alpine from "alpinejs";
import "bootstrap";
import "htmx.org";
import "htmx.org/dist/ext/client-side-templates";
import "htmx.org/dist/ext/json-enc";
const _hyperscript = require("hyperscript.org");
_hyperscript.browserInit();
window.Alpine = Alpine;
Alpine.start();
```

<script src="{% static 'base.js' %}"></script>



A Brief Look at HTMX – An AJAX-like Request

<div hx-trigger="load"
 hx-get="{% url 'core:maintenance_message' %}"
 hx-swap="outerHTML"></div>

GET Request to API

GET /api/maintenance_message/ HTTP/1.1
Host: 127.0.0.1:8000
Accept: */*
HX-Request: true
HX-Current-URL: http://127.0.0.1:8000/project/list/

API responds with partial HTML

```
<div class="alert alert-danger">
    <small>Maintenance</small>
</div>
```

Maintenance



Providing Rendered Partials via API

- Implemented with Django REST Framework
 - Custom renderer with format "partial" (DRF template renderer with a different name)
 GET /api/maintenance_message/?format=partial HTTP/1.1
 → returns partial
 - Custom content negotiation
 GET /api/maintenance_message/ HTTP/1.1
 Accept: text/html
 HX-Request: true
 → returns partial
- Partials are a great match for the RESTful paradigm
 - REST does not imply JSON!
 - HTML representation of a single resource
- Incentive to keep the API up-to-date!

(or any list containing text/html or */*)





Automation and Use of CI / CD

(Continuous Integration / Continuous Delivery)



CI / CD Pipeline

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CI / CD Pipeline

Test Stage – Static Code Analysis

- Finds common bugs
- Can simplify obscure code
- Ensures existence of
 - Copyright headers and license files
 - Docstrings
- Ensures consistent formatting across files

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Welcome to the HELIPORT documentation!

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The documentation is split into three sections: In the user documentation you will find guides for HELIPORT users. The administrator documentation contains information about setup and configuration of HELIPORT instances. The developer documentation consists of documentation about the HELIPORT source code itself and is largely generated from the docstrings in the code.

General information about the HELIPORT project can be found on our website. If you are missing any information related to the topics covered on this site, do not hesitate to reach out to us and ask questions. You can create an issue on GitLab or contact us via email.

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CI / CD Pipeline

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Automated Dependency Updates

From Dependabot @hifis-bot



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Commits





Thank you for your attention!

Are there any questions?

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Abstract

In this talk, different approaches to keeping the HELIPORT code base maintainable will be presented. The talk will discuss both the tools used to automate various aspects of development and operation of HELIPORT, as well as how certain aspects of development are approached and how the choice of libraries and tooling helps these aspects.

