How to install Amusewiki

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Decide the initial server name to serve Amusewiki (to get access to the admin), e.g. amw.localdomain.

See above if you want a MySQL or PostgreSQL database. The following command will create a sample site with the current Amusewiki documentation.

```
$ ./script/configure.sh amw.localdomain
```

Remove the cgit wrapper, we’re going to install systemd unit files.

```
$ rm root/git/cgit.cgi
$ ./script/generate-systemd-unit-files
$ carton exec ./script/amusewiki-generate-nginx-conf
```

Read the output and install the fresh nginx configuration.

Finally, open the permission for SELinux. As root:

```
cd /var/www/amusewiki/amusewiki/doc/centos/
checkmodule -M -m -o amusewiki.mod amusewiki.te
semodule_package -o amusewiki.pp -m amusewiki.mod
semodule -i amusewiki.pp
```

Reboot to be sure everything is ok, open with a browser the location you configured (say, amw.localdomain, you may want to add the entry /etc/hosts to access it) and login.

You probably want to head to the admin panel under /admin/sites to create a new site.

The recommended way to install Amusewiki is via Debian repository. If you want to install manually, read on. If you need to do some post-installation tweaking for ports and webserver logging, jump to the configuration section. Otherwise feel free to skip this document entirely.

**General installation**

The installation of Amusewiki takes time (depending on speed of the machine and of the network) and requires about 5 Gb of disk space because of the full installation of TeX Live. If you’re short on disk space, don’t even start to install. The app will create files at full speed anyway, so consider 10 Gb for a reasonable start.

The procedure is fully automated, so start it, check if it bails out at the beginning, forget about it for some time (run it under screen), then come back later and finish it up to complete it for the operations which require root privileges (notably the webserver configuration).

You can speed up the process by installing TeX Live from the OS repositories, which is the suggested approach because this way the security fixes are delegated to the standard tools.

Amusewiki installation is similar for all *nix operating systems, but you may want to additionally consult OS-specific instructions section which contain instructions for less common operating systems. Windows is not supported in any way.

**Install prerequisites**

In addition, the following software should be installed:

- a database (MySQL, PostgreSQL, SQLite are supported)
- Perl and Carton: carton package on Debian
- fontconfig (install it before installing TeX Live)
- GraphicsMagick (for thumbnails) and ImageMagick (for preview generation)
- a mime-info database: shared-mime-info on Debian
- a dedicated system user (with a clean home) which is going to run the site
SSL binaries and development libraries (openssl and libssl-dev)

Xapian libraries and development files (xapian-tools libxapian-dev)

commonly used utilities: unzip, wget, git, rsync

TeX Live full > 2012, either from system repo (recommended) or from https://www.tug.org/texlive/

Log in as the user you want to run the site.
If you installed TeX Live from the installer, tweak the shell rc file to include the binaries in the PATH.
Logout and login again.

Install Amusewiki application

Unpack the sources (or clone the repo) and change directory into them.
Run installation script to check that you have installed prerequisites and complete the installation:

```
./script/install.sh
```

Configure database

Create a database for the application. E.g., for MySQL:

```
mysql> create database amusewiki DEFAULT CHARACTER SET utf8
```

Or, for PostgreSQL:

```
su - postgres
psql
```

For SQLite no setup is required.

Copy dbic.yaml.<dbtype>.example to dbic.yaml and adjust the credentials, and chmod it to 0600. (For SQLite is good as it is).

Prepare the installation directory for your user (say amusewiki, but any other will do).
Please note that we install it under /var/www/ to avoid problems with SELinux.

```
# mkdir /var/www/amusewiki
# chown amusewiki:amusewiki /var/www/amusewiki
```

As the user which is going to run Amusewiki, install a fresh Perl. This way we simplify and make our install independent from the base system, which is lacking way too many modules.

```
$ eval `perl -Mlocal::lib`
$ cpanm Perl::Build
$ cd /var/www/amusewiki
$ git clone https://github.com/melmothx/amusewiki.git
$ cd amusewiki # you're now in /var/www/amusewiki/amusewiki, our app
$ ./script/install-texlive.sh # install texlive
$ ./script/install.sh
```

Logout and login again and check the program paths to point to the newly installed ones

```
$ which perl # should be: ~/amw-perl/bin/perl
$ which xelatex # should be ~/texlive/2018/bin/x86_64-linux/xelatex
```

Install cpanm and the dependencies

```
$ perl -MCPAN -e 'install Carton'
$ which carton # should be ~/amw-perl/bin/carton
$ cd /var/www/amusewiki/amusewiki/
$ ./script/install.sh
```
# su - amusewiki
$ cd amusewiki
$ cpanm -L local DBD::Pg
$ cp dbic.yaml.pg.example dbic.yaml
$ vi dbic.yaml # edit db credentials
$ ./script/configure.sh amw.localdomain # reconfigure
$ ./init-all start

CentOS 7

Most of these instructions will apply to other GNU/Linux systems with systemd and SELinux.

TeXLive is obsolete, so we will install it from CTAN. The same goes with Perl.

From a fresh install:

# yum install epel-release
# yum install git nginx perl-local-lib sqlite cgit perl-App-cpanminus fontconfig GraphicsMagick ImageMagick xapian-core xapian-core-devel unzip wget libxml2 libxml2-devel expat-devel policycoreutils setroubleshoot
# yum groupinstall 'Development Tools'

Tweak nginx configuration to conform to Debian standard

# mkdir /etc/nginx/sites-enabled

Modify /etc/nginx/nginx.conf adding this line:

include /etc/nginx/sites-enabled/*;

Right after include /etc/nginx/conf.d/*.conf;
(Probably you may also want to add client_max_body_size 8m;
as the default is way too low).

Start nginx:

# systemctl enable nginx
# systemctl start nginx

Open the firewall

Configure initial site

If you have multiple Amusewiki instances (please note, multiple sites are just fine on a single instance) on the same machine, see below before proceeding (you probably want to tweak the configuration).

Configure initial site with:

./script/configure.sh [ hostname ]

Please note that the installation procedure will create a mirror of amusewiki.org under the subdomain amusewiki.<your domain>, where <your domain> is the output of hostname -d. Nothing you can't change later from the admin console, but you need to access it. You can pass the desired hostname as the first argument to the configure script.

Start the application

Starting the application manually

To set the number of FCGI workers, set the environment variable AMW_WORKERS (defaults to 3).

export AMW_WORKERS=5

To start/stop/restart the application:

./init-all.sh start
./init-all.sh stop
./init-all.sh restart

This is not needed if you use systemd.

Starting the application with systemd

If your OS uses systemd for initialization, you can generate systemd units with

script/generate-systemd-unit-files

It will generate unit files for three services:
• amusewiki-web
• amusewiki-jobber
• amusewiki-cgit

Follow the instructions printed on the screen to enable amusewiki-web and amusewiki-jobber. Do not enable amusewiki-cgit. cgit is managed by the web server, which we’ll configure in the next section.

Web server configuration

The supported and recommended setup is nginx + FCGI. The FCGI setup should work with Apache HTTP Server as well, but it’s not actively supported, even if perldoc Catalyst::Manual::Deployment::Apache::Fast should help.

Nginx configuration

To regenerate the nginx configuration after adding a site:

carton exec script/amusewiki-generate-nginx-conf

Follow the printed instructions to install generated configuration.

Caddy configuration

Another easy to setup webserver is Caddy, but you will have to configure it manually and your configuration may become incomplete in the future.

Here, Amusewiki is assumed to be installed in /home/amusewiki/amusewiki and hostname is amusewiki.local.

When downloading Caddy, enable http.cgi plugin. To run Amusewiki, create a Caddyfile in the Amusewiki installation directory with the following contents:

amusewiki.local:8080
tls off
log ./access.log
errors ./error.log
root /usr/home/amusewiki/amusewiki/root

Then decide to which hostname you want to serve this and run

./script/configure.sh amw.localdomain

Read the output (you’ll need to configure a database), do what it says and run it again, taking note of the credentials, and follow the instructions.

If you want to use MySQL, run as root:

pkg install mysql57-server
echo 'mysql_enable=YES' >> /etc/rc.conf
service mysql-server start
cat ~/.mysql_secret # see password
mysql -h localhost -p

Create the database as described above in the generic section and then finalize the configuration with the amusewiki user:

# su - amusewiki
$ cd amusewiki
$ cpanm -L local DBD::mysql
$ cp dbic.yaml.mysql.example dbic.yaml
$ vi dbic.yaml # edit db credentials
$ ./script/configure.sh amw.localdomain # reconfigure
$ .init-all start

For PostgreSQL, run as root:

pkg install postgresql96-server
echo 'postgresql_enable=YES' >> /etc/rc.conf
service postgresql initdb
service postgresql start
su - postgres

Create the database as described above in the generic section and then finalize the configuration with the amusewiki user:
Use password-based authentication? [yes]: no
Lock out the account after creation? [no]:
Username : amusewiki
Password : <disabled>
Full Name : Amusewiki
Uid : 1001
Class :
Groups : amusewiki
Home : /home/amusewiki
Home Mode :
Shell : /usr/local/bin/bash
Locked : no
OK? (yes/no): yes
adduser: INFO: Successfully added (amusewiki) to the user database.
Add another user? (yes/no): no
Goodbye!

Add to /etc/rc.conf

nginx_enable=YES
fcgiwrap_enable=YES
fcgiwrap_user=www
fcgiwrap_socket="unix:/var/run/fcgiwrap/socket"

# create an include sites-enabled directory for nginx and log
mkdir -p /usr/local/etc/nginx/sites-enabled
mkdir -p /var/log/nginx/
# and add an include directive in nginx.conf inside the http {
# include /usr/local/etc/nginx/sites-enabled/*;
vi /usr/local/etc/nginx/nginx.conf

And start the services

service nginx start
service fcgiwrap start

su - amusewiki
git clone https://github.com/melmothx/amusewiki.git
cd amusewiki
CXX=c++ ./script/install.sh
# create the config

cgi {
  except /git/cgit.css
  except /git/cgit.png
  match /git
  exec /home/amusewiki/amusewiki/root/git/cgit.cgi
}

fastcgi / unix:/usr/home/amusewiki/amusewiki/var/amw.sock {
  except /static/
  except /git/
}

Start caddy.

Additional configuration

Configuration file

Normally, you don’t need to change anything. However, may need
to do some tweaking to the webserver configuration. This is done via
the configuration file.

If amusewiki was installed with a debian package, the location
is /etc/amusewiki.conf otherwise you should create a file called
amusewikifarm_local.conf in the application directory, which will
override the existing settings in amusewikifarm.conf

Example with the defaults:

<Model::Webserver>
  ## cgit port
cgit_port 9015
  ## nginx log format
  log_format combined
  ## nginx root
  nginx_root /etc/nginx
  ## string to identify this installation
  instance_name amusewikidebian
  webserver_root /usr/share/perl5/AmuseWikiFarm/root
  fcgi_socket /var/lib/amusewiki/amusewiki.socket
</Model::Webserver>
Mail with SMTP

You need to set the desired parameter as environment variable (in the systemd unit file or in the user starting the application). See https://metacpan.org/pod/Email::Sender::Manual::QuickStart and https://metacpan.org/pod/Email::Sender::Transport::SMTP for details.

Previously we used the application config file, but that’s sloppy because it prevents the jobber to send mails properly.

Example:

$ export EMAIL_SENDER_TRANSPORT=SMTP
$ export EMAIL_SENDER_TRANSPORT_host=smtp.example.com
$ export EMAIL_SENDER_TRANSPORT_port=2525
./init-all.sh restart

If you use systemd unit files to start/stop/restart the application, you need to override them and set the environment variables instead.

    cp /lib/systemd/system/amusewiki-web.service /lib/systemd/system/amusewiki-jobber.service /etc/systemd/system

Add in the [Service] stanza the needed variables, like this

    Environment="EMAIL_SENDER_TRANSPORT=SMTP"
    Environment="EMAIL_SENDER_TRANSPORT_host=smtp.example.com"
    Environment="EMAIL_SENDER_TRANSPORT_port=2525"

Multiple installations

If you run a Debian machine and you have only one instance running and if you have the port 9015 free, you don’t need any of this.

Please note: “multiple instances” doesn’t mean “multiple sites”. On a single instance you can have as many sites as you want.

The interaction between nginx and the application, including cgit, is controlled by the Webservers model. You can configure it creating a file in the application root named amusewikifarm_local.conf with this content (here listed with the defaults).

    <Model::Webserver>

    # cgit port
cgit_port 9015
log_format combined
nginx_root /etc/nginx
instance_name amusewiki
fcgiwrap_socket /var/run/fcgiwrap.socket
</Model::Webserver>

The instance_name is just a string used to create the nginx configuration files to avoid conflicts with other installations. So you may have one instance named “testing” and the other “live”.

OS-specific instructions

The following sections contain installation instructions for operating systems other than Debian. Note that these sections may be outdated, so read general installation instructions first.

FreeBSD 12.0

Install prerequisites:

    pkg install perl5 p5-App-cpanminus p5-carton git texlive-full cgit GraphicsMagick shared-mime-info xapian-core xapian-bindings nginx fcgiwrap unzip rsync wget bash

Create amusewiki user:

    [root@freebsd ~]# adduser
    Username: amusewiki
    Full name: Amusewiki
    Uid (Leave empty for default):
    Login group [amusewiki]:
    Login group is amusewiki. Invite amusewiki into other groups? []:
    Login class [default]:
    Shell (sh csh tcsh zsh rzsh bash rbash git-shell nologin) [sh]: bash
    Home directory [/home/amusewiki]:
    Home directory permissions (Leave empty for default):