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**mfr**

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**mfr** (short for “modular file renderer”) is a Python package for rendering files to HTML.



# CHAPTER 1

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Ready to dive in?

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Go to the [Quickstart tutorial](#), or see the [Overview](#) to understand its architecture.





## 2.1 Installation

mfr is actively developed on [Github](#).

You can clone the public repo:

```
git clone https://github.com/CenterForOpenScience/modular-file-renderer.git
```

Or download one of the following:

- [tarball](#)
- [zipball](#)

Make sure that you have installed [pspp](#) and are using python 3.5 or greater.

Install the versions of `setuptools` and `invoke` found in the `requirements.txt` file:

```
pip install setuptools==37.0.0
pip install invoke==0.13.0
```

Install requirements:

```
invoke install
```

Or for some nicities (like tests):

```
invoke install --develop
```

Start the server:

```
invoke server
```

## 2.2 Quickstart

```
with open('mycode.img') as filepointer:
    handler = mfr.detect(filepointer) # returns a handler object
    if handler:
        render_result = handler.render(filepointer)
    else:
        content = '<p>Cannot render file.</p>'
        render_result = mfr.RenderResult(content=content)
```

You can also use `mfr.render` to perform detection and rendering simultaneously. If no valid handler for a file is available, a `ValueError` is raised.

This example is equivalent to above.

```
with open('mycode.img') as filepointer:
    try:
        render_result = mfr.render(filepointer)
    except ValueError: # No valid handler available
        render_result = mfr.RenderResult('<p>Cannot render file.</p>')
```

`RenderResult` objects contain the resultant html as content. Any javascript or css assets are contained in a dictionary. To display assets with `jinja`, simply iterate through the lists.

```
{% for stylesheet in render_result.assets.css %}
    <link rel="stylesheet" href={{ stylesheet }}/>
{% endfor %}

{% for javascript in render_result.assets.js %}
    <script type="text/javascript" src={{ javascript }}/>
{% endfor %}

{{ render_result.content|safe }}
```

### 2.2.1 Configuration

In order to use `mfr` in a web application, you will need to configure `mfr` with certain facts about the application, e.g. the base URL from which static files are served and the folder where to store static assets.

Configuration is stored on a `mfr.config`, which can be modified like a dictionary.

```
import mfr
import mfr_code_pygments

mfr.config['STATIC_URL'] = '/static'
mfr.config['STATIC_FOLDER'] = '/path/to/app/static'

# Filehandlers can be registered this way
mfr.config['HANDLERS'] = [mfr_code_pygments.Handler]
```

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**Note:** The `mfr.config` shares the same API as `Flask's config`, so you can also load configuration values from files or Python objects.

```

import mfr
import mfr_code_pygments

# Equivalent to above
class MFRConfig:
    STATIC_URL = '/static'
    STATIC_FOLDER = '/path/to/app/static'
    HANDLERS = [mfr_code_pygments.Handler]

mfr.config.from_object(MFRConfig)
mfr.config['STATIC_URL'] # '/static'

```

## 2.2.2 Using Static Files

Many renderers require static files (e.g. CSS and Javascript). To retrieve the static files for a file renderer, the object has a `'assets_url'` that serves as the base path.

## 2.3 Overview

Modular File Renderer (MFR) is a Python web application that provides a single interface for displaying many different types of files in a browser. If an `iframe`'s `src` attribute is an MFR render url, MFR will return the html needed to display the image, document, object, etc.

There are three main categories of modules in MFR: *Handlers*, *Providers*, and *Extensions*. Handlers are the user-facing endpoints of MFR, accepting HTTP requests and returning either HTML or the file. Providers are responsible for knowing how to fetch the metadata and content for a file, given a URL to it. Extensions convert files and construct HTML to make specific file types renderable in a browser.

### 2.3.1 Handlers

In MFR, **handlers** are the classes that handle the web requests made to MFR. The two most important handlers are the Render handler, which handles requests to the `/render` endpoint, and the Export handler, which handles requests to the `/export` endpoint. There are also endpoints for handling static assets, but those will not be described here. See *mfr.server.app* and *mfr.server.core.ExtensionsStaticFileHandler* for those.

#### Base handler

The **base handler** extracts the `url` query parameter from the request, constructs an appropriate MFR Provider object, then asks the Provider to fetch the file metadata.

#### Render handler

The **Render handler** will construct an appropriate renderer using the Extension module that is mapped to the file's extension. Some renderers require the file contents be inserted inline (ex. code snippets needing syntax highlighting). Those will download the file via the Provider. Others will only need a url to the file, which the Extension renderer will be responsible for inserting. The output from the renderer will be cached if caching is enabled.

## Export handler

The **Export handler** takes the `url` to the file and a `format` query parameter, and constructs an Extension exporter to convert the file into the requested format. For example, most browsers can't render `.docx` files directly, so the Extension exporter will convert it to a PDF. The Export handler can also cache results if caching is enabled.

## 2.3.2 Providers

The **Provider** is responsible for knowing how to take a url to a file and get both the content and metadata for that file.

### Base provider

Does little except verifying that the url is hosted at a supported domain.

### HTTP provider

Naive provider that infers file metadata (extension, type, etc.) from the url. Downloads by issuing GET request against the url.

### OSF provider

[Open Science Framework](#) -aware provider that can convert the given url into a WaterButler url. WaterButler is a file action abstraction service that can be used to fetch metadata and download file contents. The OSF provider also knows how to pass through OSF credentials, to enforce read-access restrictions.

## 2.3.3 Extensions

**Extensions** are the modules that generate the HTML needed to render a given file type. They may also provide exporters if the file's native type is unrenderable and needs to be converted to another format suitable for browsers. Extension renderers inherit from *mfr.core.extension.BaseRenderer* and exporters inherit from *mfr.core.extension.BaseExporter*.

## 2.4 Integrations

### 2.4.1 Hypothes.is annotator

MFR supports loading the [Hypothes.is](#) annotation sidebar on pdfs and files converted to pdf. Hypothes.is allows users to publicly comment and converse on internet-accessible files. The annotator is not automatically loaded; it must be signaled to turn on by the parent iframe. MFR also overrides some of the properties used by the sidebar to identify the annotation.

### Enabling

The annotator is not loaded automatically for every MFR pdf render. The parent frame will need to send the `startHypothesis` event to the MFR iframe to start loading the annotator. If the iframe is created via `mfr.js`, then this signal can be sent by calling `.startHypothesis()` on the Render object. If `mfr.js` is not used, then the signal can be sent by calling `.postMessage()` on the iframe:

```
$('iframe')[0].contentWindow.postMessage('startHypothesis', mfrUrl);
```

When the iframe receives this event, it will override the pdf.js metadata the annotator extracts then inject the hypothes.is loader script into the iframe.

Hypothes.is support can be completely disabled by setting the `ENABLE_HYPOTHESIS` flag to *False* in the pdf extension settings (*mfr.extensions.pdf.settings*). If running via the OSF's docker-compose, add `PDF_EXTENSION_CONFIG_ENABLE_HYPOTHESIS=0` to `.docker-compose.mfr.env` in the osf.io repo and recreate the container. If this flag is turned off, sending the `startHypothesis` event to the iframe will do nothing.

## Annotator metadata

The annotator client links annotations to both the url of the document and an identifier embedded in the pdf. It also attaches the page title as metadata to the annotation.<sup>1</sup> In MFR, all three of these may be unsuitable for one reason or another, so MFR will override the properties that the client retrieves to provide more appropriate values. These properties are:

**URL:** The MFR url can be complex, especially since it takes another url as a query parameter. Hypothes.is can handle reordering of the top-level parameters, but any change to the internal url will be taken as a new url, causing annotations to be lost. In addition, the url is used by hypothesis to provide share links and “view-in-context” links. Visiting an MFR render url will load the iframe, but without an external frame to send the `startHypothesis` signal, the annotations will never be loaded. Visiting an MFR export url will start a download of the document, with no chance of showing annotations. Instead, MFR sets the annotation url to the parent frame, which is expected to be simpler and provide more context.

**Document ID:** The document ID is an identifier embedded in the pdf. pdf.js will extract this value, or if it is not present, return the md5 hash of the first 1024 bytes of data in the pdf. User-provided pdfs will *usually* contain IDs, but may not. If the pdf is updated there is no guarantee that the ID will be preserved across revisions. If the ID changes, the document could lose its annotations. pdfs exported by LibreOffice do not contain any identifiers and may change unpredictably. For these reasons, MFR exports a stable identifier that should persist across revisions. The stable ID is defined by the auth provider. The OSF auth provider uses a hash of file metadata that is particular to that file and unlikely to change. MFR does not modify the file, instead overwriting the identifier detected by pdf.js, which is then read by the annotator client.

**Title:** The annotator will derive the annotation page title from the pdf title. Similar to Document IDs, user-provided pdfs may or may not have a title. LibreOffice-exported pdfs do not have an embedded title. If an embedded title isn't found, the annotator will fall back to the iframe document's title, which if not set will default to the path part of the iframe url. This results in annotation titles of “render” or “export”, with no distinguishing attributes from other MFR annotations. MFR works around this by updating the pdf.js-detected title and page title with the source file's name.

## 2.5 Code

### 2.5.1 Core

#### mfr.core.exceptions

<sup>1</sup> If the page title changes between annotations, the client will send the new page title with new annotations, but the hypothesis aggregator will discard that and use the first title received for that identifier.

## mfr.core.extension

```
class mfr.core.extension.BaseExporter (ext, source_file_path, output_file_path, format, meta-  
                                         data)
```

Bases: object

```
export ()
```

```
class mfr.core.extension.BaseRenderer (metadata, file_path, url, assets_url, export_url)
```

Bases: object

```
cache_result
```

```
file_required
```

Does the rendering html need the raw file content to display correctly? Syntax-highlighted text files do. Standard image formats do not, since an <img> tag only needs a url to the file.

```
render ()
```

## mfr.core.provider

## mfr.core.utils

## 2.5.2 Extensions

### AudioRenderer

### CodePygmentsRenderer

### DocxRenderer

### ImageExporter

### ImageRenderer

### IpynbRenderer

### PdbRenderer

**Note:** This module requires jquery on the page in which it is loaded.

### PdfRenderer

### RstRenderer

### TabularRenderer

### VideoRenderer

## 2.5.3 Providers

### mfr.providers.http

**mfr.providers.osf**

## **2.5.4 Server**

**mfr.server.app**

**mfr.server.handlers**

```
class mfr.server.handlers.status.StatusHandler (application: tor-  
                                                    nado.web.Application, request: tor-  
                                                    nado.httputil.HTTPServerRequest,  
                                                    **kwargs)  
  
    Bases: tornado.web.RequestHandler  
  
    get ()  
        List information about modular-file-renderer status
```





### 3.1 Contributing guidelines

- [PEP 8](#), when sensible.
- Test-driven: test ruthlessly and write docs for new features.
- Human-driven: make sure any new logic is easy for others to understand.
- If you add an extension to `setup.py`, add it to `supportedextensions.md`.
- Please update `AUTHORS.rst` when you contribute.

#### 3.1.1 Setting up for development

Clone the repo:

```
$ git clone https://github.com/CenterForOpenScience/modular-file-renderer.git
$ cd modular-file-renderer
```

Configure development environment and install the development dependencies.

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**Note:** Python 3.6 or greater, [R](#), and [pspp](#) are required. It's recommended that a python version manager such as [pyenv](#) is used and that you use a virtual environment such as [pyenv-virtualenv](#) during development.

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For Mac OS, here is an example of the commands that might be run to set up MFR. Linux users will probably do the same thing but with a different package manager. If someone wants to update this guide, please do.

```
$ brew install r pspp
$ pyenv virtualenv 3.6.4 mfr && echo mfr > .python-version
$ pip install setuptools==30.4.0
$ pip install invoke==0.13.0
```

Lastly, install MFR requirements with the development option.

```
$ inv install -d
$ inv server
```

### 3.1.2 Running tests

To run all tests (requires `pytest`)

```
$ inv test
```

You can also use `pytest` directly.

```
$ py.test --cov-report term-missing --cov mfr tests
```

### 3.1.3 Writing tests

Unit tests should be written for all rendering code.

Tests should be encapsulated within a class and written as functions. There are a few [pytest fixtures](#) to help you mock files. You can use them by simply including them as parameters to your test functions.

```
# in test_myformat.py

from mfr.extensions.my_extension.render import MyExtensionRenderer

@pytest.fixture
def metadata():
    return ProviderMetadata(
        'file_name',
        '.extension',
        'text/plain',
        '1234',
        'http://wb.osf.io/file/file_name.extension?token=1234'
    )

def test_render_html(extension, metadata, file_path, assets_url, export_url):
    assert MyExtensionRenderer(
        extension,
        file_metadata,
        file_path,
        assets_url
    ).render() == '<p>Rendered file for my_extension</p>'
```

Check out [pytest](#) documentation to learn more about fixtures

### 3.1.4 Manual Local Testing

To make sure a new renderer is functioning properly, it's recommended that you try to render a file of that type locally. The easiest way to do this would be to use the `docker-compose` files available inside the `osf` repository to get the MFR running, and then it should be straightforward to interact with the service using a tool such as `postman`. Alternatively, if you are familiar with `OSF` and its services, you can run full `OSF` and render files directly with it.

### 3.1.5 Writing an extension

An extension provides a ‘renderer’ and/or an ‘exporter’, and is registered in `setup.py` to allow the plugin to load when it is needed. Renderers and exporters subclasses `mfr.core.extension.BaseRenderer` or `mfr.core.extension.BaseExporter` respectively. A renderer takes a file path and some file metadata and returns a string of HTML that provides a representation of the file. The logic for the rendering happens in a renderer’s `render()` function. This is an abstract base class method, and thus is required for the implementation of a renderer. Similarly, `BaseExporter` has an `export()` method. This method should take a file and convert it to the desired output, and create the newly converted file at the `output_file_path`.

Renderers have an abstract property `file_required`. This is used to determine if the renderer needs the actual content of the file in order to render it. Renderers also have a property `cache_result`; this is used to determine whether the output of the renderer may be cached to improve future requests for the rendered version of the file.

#### Rendering Code

Renderers subclass `mfr.core.extension.BaseRenderer`, and implement a `render` function, a `file_required` property, and a `cache_result` property.

```
import os

from mako.lookup import TemplateLookup

from mfr.core import extension

class ImageRenderer(extension.BaseRenderer):

    TEMPLATE = TemplateLookup(
        directories=[
            os.path.join(os.path.dirname(__file__), 'templates')
        ]).get_template('viewer.mako')

    def render(self):
        return self.TEMPLATE.render(base=self.assets_url, url=self.url.geturl())

    @property
    def file_required(self):
        return False

    @property
    def cache_result(self):
        return False
```

#### Organization

Each plugin has its own directory. At a minimum, a plugin should include:

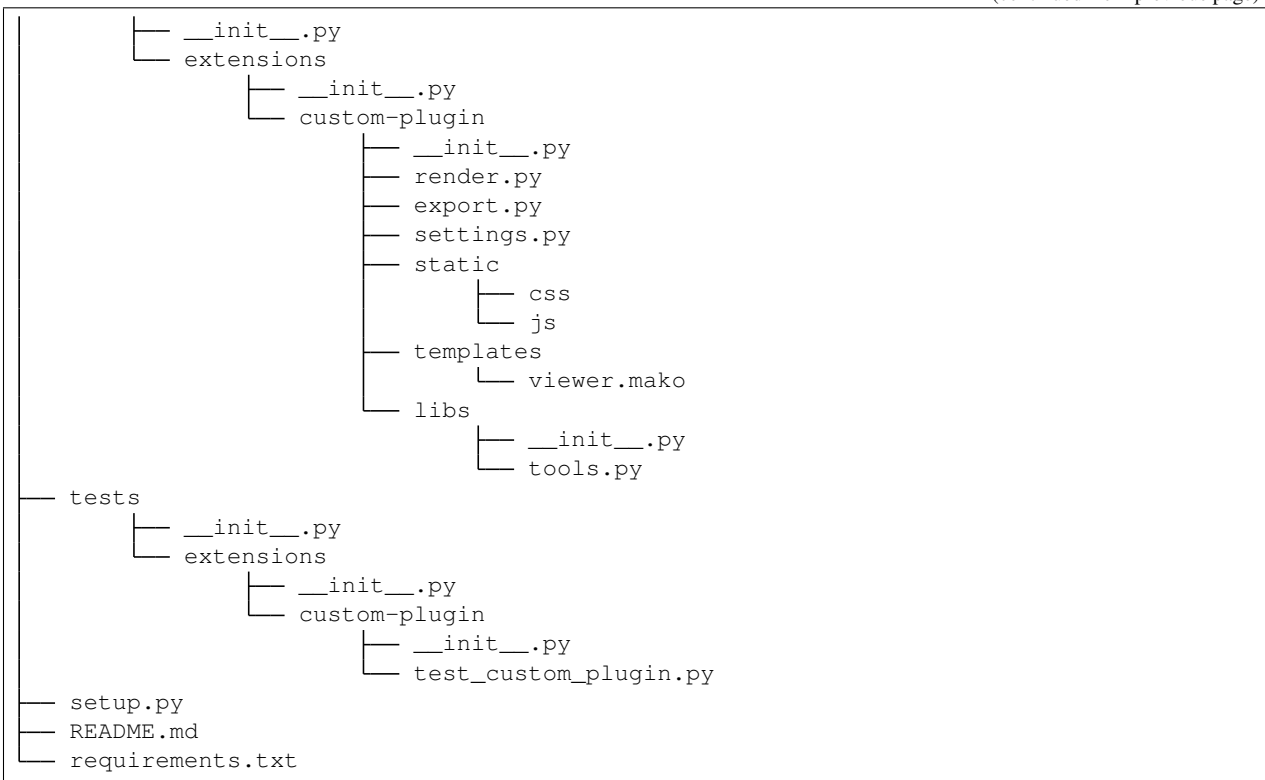
- `__init__.py`: This should export the `mfr.core.extensions.BaseExporter` and `mfr.core.extensions.BaseRenderer` subclasses provided by the plugin

A typical extension plugin directory structure might look like this:

```
modular-file-renderer
├── mfr
```

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### 3.1.6 Documentation

Contributions to the documentation are welcome. Documentation is written in [reStructured Text \(rST\)](#). A quick rST reference can be found [here](#). Builds are powered by [Sphinx](#).

To build docs:

```

$ pip install -r doc-requirements.txt
$ cd docs
$ make html
$ open _build/html/index.html

```

The `-b` (for “browse”) automatically opens up the docs in your browser after building.

## 3.2 Credits

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### 3.3 Change Log

```

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ChangeLog
*****

23.1.0 (2023-04-17)
=====
- Fix: Improve support for special characters in tabular renderer sheet names. ↵
  ↪(thanks, @aaxelb!)

23.0.0 (2023-03-30)
=====
- Docs: Basic repository maintenance for 2023; update copyright dates and update COS↵
  ↪jobs url.

22.0.0 (2022-05-27)
=====

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```
- Feature: Improve Hypothes.is annotations by allowing the parent frame to pass in_
↳its url when
turning on the annotator.
- Feature: Enable syntax highlighting for .boa files (https://boa.cs.iastate.edu/)
↳and bump Pygments
dep to 2.12.0.
- Code: Upgrade MFR's Dockerfile to be based off python3.6 and Debian buster. Remove_
↳manual gosu
installation and fetch from apt-get instead. python3.6 is now the only supported_
↳python version.
- Code: Migrate CI from TravisCI to Github Actions.
```

20.0.1 (2020-10-21)

=====

```
- Feature: Add flags to toggle logging of MFR events to specific Keen collections.
```

20.0.0 (2020-07-01)

=====

```
- Happy Canada Day, everyone!
- Feature: Stop preloading videos in MFR to save bandwidth/memory. Instead display a_
↳static poster
with the COS logo. (thanks ro @allsey87 for the suggestion and thanks to_
↳@Johnetordoff for the
alley-oop!)
```

19.1.0 (2019-09-25)

=====

```
- Feature: Update MFR's Dockerfile to be based off of Debian Buster and install_
↳LibreOffice via
apt-get. It had been pulling down a LibreOffice .deb from LO's archive, but they_
↳only make the most
recent patch version available. This meant that the Dockerfile had to be update with_
↳every patch
release. The version in Debian Buster is v6.1.5.
```

19.0.2 (2019-06-21)

=====

```
- Fix: Update MFR dependencies on jinja and mistune python libraries.
```

19.0.1 (2019-06-20)

=====

```
- Fix: Update Dockerfile to install LibreOffice v6.1.6. v6.1.5 is no longer_
↳available from their
archive.
```

19.0.0 (2019-06-19)

=====

```
- Fix: Add white background to transparent .gifs to improve zooming appearance. The_
↳zooming code
keeps a copy of the image behind the zoomed version to improve performance. If the_
↳image is
transparent the actual-size copy will be visible behind the zoomed version. Making_
↳the background
opaque hides the original.
- Feature: Track when the hypothes.is sidebar is opened via Google Analytics. _
↳(thanks, @adlius!)
- Feature: Add timeouts to renderers that shell out to external processes for_
↳conversion. If a
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conversion takes longer than the configured number of seconds, MFR will return an
↳error message
instead of waiting forever. (thanks, @ExProbitasFiducia!)
- Code: Remove Rackspace cache-management tasks. MFR is now hosted on GoogleCloud,
↳and these are no
longer needed. (thanks, @ExProbitasFiducia!)

18.0.0 (2018-10-11)
=====
- UPDATE: MFR is now following the CalVer (https://calver.org/) versioning scheme to
↳match the
OSF. All new versions will use the `YY.MINOR.MICRO` format.
- Fix: Move Hypothes.is toolbar toggle button down, so that it doesn't block the pdf.
↳js controls on
tiny mobile screens.
- Fix: Don't crash when the image exporter receives a misformatted dimensions
↳argument.
- Fix: Show informative errors to users when a tabular file rendering action fails.

0.27.1 (2018-07-25)
=====
- Feature: Tell Keen analytics to strip ip on upload.

0.27.0 (2018-07-19)
=====
- Feature: Support the Hypothes.is annotator toolbar on pdfs and files converted to
↳pdf. This is
not enabled by default; see `docs/integrations.rst` for instructions on enabling it.
↳NB: the
default urls, page titles, and document ids that hypothes.is gets from the rendered
↳document when
running in an MFR context are not very useful, so MFR will try to provide more
↳appropriate values to
the annotator. These may not be valid for all use cases, please see the document
↳mentioned
above for details. (h/t @jamescdavis for helping to debug a race condition in the
↳loader!)
- Code: Don't let pytest descend into node_modules/. (thanks, @birdbrained!)

0.26.0 (2018-06-22)
=====
- Feature: Teach MFR to identify itself when requesting metadata from WaterButler.
↳This will allow
WaterButler to signal to the OSF when a render or export request occurs, letting OSF
↳tally better
metrics on file views.
- Feature: When asked to export a file in its current format, return the unmodified
↳file instead of
complaining about the extension not having a supported exporter.
- Fix: Don't show scrollbars on videos. They should be entirely visible without
↳scrolling.
- Fix: Render .tif files when extension is capitalized.
- Docs: Remove obsolete documentation, fix markup errors, and edit existing docs.

0.25.11 (2018-06-08)
=====
- Fix: Percent-encode quote characters in urls to avoid breaking some renderers.

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0.25.10 (2018-06-06)
=====
- Fix: Brown-paper-bag release: actual change version in the code.

0.25.9 (2018-06-05)
=====
- Code: Pin base docker image to python:3.5-slim-jessie. 3.5-slim was recently
  ↳ updated to Debian
  stretch, and MFR has not yet been verified to work on it.

0.25.8 (2018-05-25)
=====
- Fix: Render paletted pngs by converting them to RGB before saving as jpeg.
- Code: Fix flake errors unrelated to this hotfix that were causing CI failures.

0.25.7 (2018-05-08)
=====
- Feature: Allow settings config variables from the environment via JSON strings.
  ↳ (thanks,
  @icereval!)

0.25.6 (2018-05-08)
=====
- Fix: Explicitly declare google-auth dependency needed by WaterButler.

0.25.5 (2018-04-25)
=====
- Fix: Upgrade WaterButler dependency to take advantage of the new Google Cloud
  ↳ Storage provider.

0.25.4 (2018-04-06)
=====
- Fix: When no exporter exists for the given extension, throw the "No supported
  ↳ exporter" error,
  instead of the non-specific "Please try again later" error. This fixes a regression
  ↳ introduced
  in v0.25.0.

0.25.3 (2018-04-03)
=====
- Fix: Add a subprocess timeout to the unoconv exporter so MFR doesn't wait forever
  ↳ for a process
  that might not complete.
- Feature: Add user-agent to tornado access logs to help identify spiders.

0.25.2 (2018-03-29)
=====
- Fix: Release memory consumed during csv-rendering process and force a garbage-
  ↳ collect cycle to
  make it available for the next big render.
- Fix: Re-enable rendering for csv files.

0.25.1 (2018-03-29)
=====
- Fix: Temporarily disable rendering for csv files. csv continues to cause resource
  ↳ issues for MFR

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and so will be disabled until those are resolved in another hotfix.

0.25.0 (2018-03-28)

=====

- Feature: Large files can now be zoomed! Images are scaled to fit the window, but clicking on the image will show a higher-resolution version. The mousewheel or two-finger drag will zoom in up to the maximum image size of 2400x2400px (increased from 1200x1200px). The zoomed image can be panned around the display port by moving the mouse.
- Feature: Refuse to render tabular files (.xls, .xlsx, .csv) larger than 10Mb. Rendering these files consumes a lot of memory and can crash MFR.
- Feature: Cached files now have the renderer that generated them appended to their names. This allows DevOps to do more targeted cache-cleaning after a feature release.
- Fix: Make Libreoffice download mirror url configurable in the Dockerfile. The current mirror was having difficulty serving requests for awhile. This makes it easier to switch mirrors during times of trouble. The official mirror is working again, and MFR will continue to use that.
- Code: Update MFR to support setuptools versions greater than v30.4.0. MFR's `__version__` declaration has moved from `mfr.__init__` to `mfr.version`. (thanks, @johnetordoff!)

0.24.2 (2018-02-09)

=====

- Fix: Update UNOCONV\_BIN setting to reflect the default pip install path.

0.24.1 (2018-02-09)

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- Fix: Specifically install LibreOffice 6.0.1.1 and install unoconv 0.8.2.

0.24.0 (2018-02-01)

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- Feature: MFR now renders tiff files containing multiple images! The file will be exported to a multi-page PDF, with one image per page. (thanks, @AddisonSchiller!)
- Feature: Matlab data files (.mat) are now rendered using the tabular formatter. (thanks, @AddisonSchiller!)
- Feature: The 3D-object renderer now supports STEP (.step and .stp) files. (thanks, @AddisonSchiller!)
- Fix: Don't send invalid payloads to MFR's metrics-tracking service. (thanks, @AddisonSchiller!)
- Fix: Don't reload the entire page when clicking on a tab header in the tabular renderer.
- Code: Upgrade Pillow dependency. (thanks, @AddisonSchiller!)
- Code: Upgrade MFR's pym.js version to latest. (thanks, @johnetordoff!)
- Code: Upgrade Codepygments dependency to get the newest code highlighters. (thanks, @AddisonSchiller!)
- Code: Support rendering videos, PDFs, PDBs, and 3D objects in a local development environment. (thanks, @TomBaxter!)
- Docs: Add a guide for using MFR with the OSF via docker-compose. (thanks, @AddisonSchiller!)

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0.23.1 (2018-01-25)
=====
- Fix: Update the Jamovi renderer to handle images with spaces in their name. ↵
  ↪(thanks,
  ↪@jonathon-love!)

0.23.0 (2018-01-19)
=====
- Feature: Add a renderer for zip files! Viewing a zip file in MFR will list the ↵
  ↪names, modified
  dates, and sizes for all files in the zipball. (thanks, @johnetordoff!)
- Feature: Layered image files from Adobe Photoshop (*.psd) are now rendered by the ↵
  ↪image renderer.
  (thanks, @AddisonSchiller!)
- Feature: Stata dataset files (.dta) are now supported by the tabular file renderer, ↵
  ↪similar to
  csv, tsv, and excel spreadsheets. (thanks, @AddisonSchiller!)
- Feature: Add a renderer for .omv files created in the Jamovi open statistical ↵
  ↪spreadsheet program.
  (thanks, @jonathon-love!)
- Feature: Add two new endpoints (/renderers and /exporters) to provide a ↵
  ↪programmatic view of MFR's
  file type support. Both endpoints return a JSON object mapping extensions to the ↵
  ↪renderer or
  exporter that handles them. (thanks, @johnetordoff!)
- Feature: Add a static list of supported file types (`supportedextensions.md`) to ↵
  ↪the project
  repository. Includes a test to warn developers when they've failed to document a ↵
  ↪newly-added file
  type. (thanks, @AddisonSchiller!)
- Feature: Add basic sandboxing to iframes. (thanks, @AddisonSchiller!)
- Fix: Update the MathJax CDN url in the IPython notebook renderer. (thanks, ↵
  ↪@AddisonSchiller!)
- Fix: Support uppercased extensions (e.g. .CSV) for tabular files. (thanks, ↵
  ↪@AddisonSchiller!)
- Fix: Links in a pdf inside an iframe now open in a new tab instead of the iframe. ↵
  ↪(thanks,
  ↪@AddisonSchiller!)
- Code: Catch OSF metadata request failures earlier and report them accurately. ↵
  ↪(thanks,
  ↪@TomBaxter!)
- Code: Tidy up and reduce layers in the Dockerfile (thanks, @binoculars!)

0.22.0 (2017-10-10)
=====
- Feature: Added support for rendering ~50 new plain-text file types via codepygments,
  ↪ including
  FASTA files, ImageJ macros, and Turtle files. (thanks, @AddisonSchiller!)
- Feature: Add a unique request ID to MFR's response headers to help with tracking ↵
  ↪down errors.
- Feature: Add a new task to clean the export and render caches. (thanks, @icereval!)
- Fix: Error more gracefully when missing required query parameters.
- Fix: Make scrollbars visible on IE11 when content overflows the iframe.
- Fix: Fix ALLOWED_PROVIDER_DOMAINS example in MFR docs. (thanks, @jonathon-love for ↵
  ↪reporting!)
- Code: Teach MFR to listen for a SIGTERM signal and exit immediately upon receiving ↵
  ↪it. This

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bypasses the 10 second wait for shutdown when running it in Docker.
- Code: Add code-coverage checking via coveralls.io. (thanks, @abought!)
- Code: Add Python 3.6 to travis testing matrix. (thanks, @abought!)
- Code: Add a Pull Request template for GitHub. (thanks, @cslzchen!)

0.21.2 (2017-09-13)
=====
- Fix: Update jQuery onload invocation to be compatible with jQuery 3. (thanks,
  ↪@sloria!)

0.21.1 (2017-07-20)
=====
- Fix: Quiet some overly-verbose error logging.

0.21.0 (2017-04-07)
=====
- Feature: Turn on scrolling for the MFR iframe to support wide JASP files.
- Fix: Fix rendering of Google Drawing (.gdraw) files by directing them to the image_
  ↪renderer
  rather than the unoconv renderer.

0.20.1 (2017-03-02)
=====
- Fix: Cast OSF file size metadata to an int before comparing to our maximum_
  ↪supported file size
  limit. Some providers return file size as a string instead of int.

0.20.0 (2017-03-01)
=====
- The "(thanks, @johnetordoff!)" release
- Feature: The tabular spreadsheet renderer now recognizes date fields as dates and_
  ↪will format
  them as such. (thanks, @johnetordoff!)
- Feature: Don't even try to render tabular files larger than 100Mb. Neither the_
  ↪server nor the
  browser wants that. (thanks, @johnetordoff!)
- Feature: Render a better error message when encountering a csv file with a single_
  ↪field larger
  than ~128kb. The underlying library can't handle that, so it's polite to let the_
  ↪user know.
  (thanks, @johnetordoff!)
- Feature: MFR will now render .m4v files using the <video> tag. (thanks,
  ↪@johnetordoff!)
- Fix: Improve tooltip language on 3d object-renderer. (thanks, @johnetordoff!)
- Code: Start depending on upstream xlrld instead of our own fork. (thanks,
  ↪@johnetordoff!)

0.19.1 (2017-02-21)
=====
- Fix: explicitly depend on IPython to fix ipynb rendering. nbconvert and nbformat_
  ↪have an
  undeclared dependency on it. (thanks, @johnetordoff!)

0.19.0 (2017-02-02)
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- Feature: MFR errors are now categorized and have error-specific metadata added to_
  ↪then. If Keen

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logging is enabled, the error metadata will be logged there for future investigation.
- Fix: The 3D object renderer now imposes a maximum zoom-out limit, so objects can't
  ↳ be shrunk to
  infinitesimalness. (thanks, @johnetordoff!)
- Fix: MFR docs are once again building on readthedocs.org! (thanks, @johnetordoff!)
- Code: Update MFR to use invoke 0.13.0. If you have an existing checkout, you will
  ↳ need to
  upgrade invoke manually: pip install invoke==0.13.0 (thanks, @johnetordoff!)
- Docs: MFR has been verified to work with python 3.5.3 and 3.6.0. From now on, the
  ↳ docs will
  mention which python versions MFR has been verified to work on. (thanks, @johnetordoff!
  ↳ )

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0.18.3 (2017-01-11)

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- Fix: Increase max codepygments render size to 200kb from 64kb.

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0.18.2 (2017-01-04)

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- Happy New Year!
- Fix: Be more ruthless about fixing setuptools breakage in Dockerfile. (thanks,
  ↳ @cwisecarver!)

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0.18.1 (2016-12-13)

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- Pin setuptools to v30.4.0 to avoid package-namespace-related breakage.

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0.18.0 (2016-10-31)

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- HALLOWEEN RELEASE!
- Feature: Add configurable size limit to text renderer to avoid dumping 100s of MB
  ↳ of text into
  the user's browser. (thanks, @TomBaxter!)
- Fix: Pad MFR 404 errors to >512 bytes. IE discards 404 messages smaller than that
  ↳ and
  substitutes its own 404 page. (thanks, @alexschiller!)

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0.17.0 (2016-10-11)

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- Feature: WaterButler accepts configuration from the environment, overriding any
  ↳ file-based
  configuration. This helps MFR integrate nicer in a docker-compose environment.
  ↳ (thanks, @icereval!)
- Fix: Fix pdf presentation mode on Safari. (thanks, @darioncassel!)
- Fix: Fix aiohttp crashing on gzipped HEAD requests.
- Fix: Fix incorrect WB API usage metrics.
- Code: Bump raven dependency to 5.27.0.

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0.16.0 (2016-09-13)

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- Feature: MFR now does .sav conversion via pspp-convert instead of rpy2.
- Fix: Update ipython notebook renderer to use split-out nbconvert and nbformat
  ↳ libraries.

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0.15.0 (2016-08-25)

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- Feature: add analytics to MFR requests. MFR now keeps track of requests, handlers,
  ↳ renderers,

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and exporters, with more to come!
- Fix: Better error handling for a number of edge cases. (thanks, @TomBaxter!)
- Docs: many fixes to doc build, layout, and formatting. (thanks, @TomBaxter!)
- Docs: add overview of MFR architecture to docs

0.14.0 (2016-06-24)
=====
- Feature: The Dockerfile now sets up unoconv for you.
- Fix: Character encodings for text files are now detected with the chardet library.
↳ Inspired
by a file that was both valid ISO-8859-1 and UTF-16 at the same time.

0.13.0 (2016-06-17)
=====
- Avoid an unnecessary lookup when MFR's OSF provider gets a WaterButler V1 url for
downloading. (thanks, @pattisdr!)
- Update the install docs to pin invoke to 0.11.1.

0.12.3 (2016-06-13)
=====
- Pin some dependencies and update our travis config to avoid spurious build failures.

0.12.2 (2016-06-13)
=====
- Add a Dockerfile to simplify running MFR in dev environments.
- Pin invoke to v0.11.1. Our tasks.py is incompatible with v0.13.

0.12.1 (2016-05-31)
=====
- When an invalid provider is passed to MFR, HTML escape the url in the error message.

0.12.0 (2016-05-24)
=====
- MFR now requires python-3.5! Make sure to set the SERVER_DEBUG flag to false in
↳ your server
config to avoid the hated "throw() takes 2 positional arguments but 4 were given"
↳ error.
- Tabular files now sort numish columns numerically! (thanks, @mfraezz!)
- MFR correctly sets the Access-Control-Allow-Origin header when it receives a
↳ request with
an Authorization header but no cookie. IOW it can now be used outside the OSF!
↳ (thanks,
@samchrisinger!)
- Text files now wrap on Safari and Chrome. (thanks, @zamattiac!)

0.11.1 (2016-04-19)
=====
- Require admin to set a whitelist of permitted provider domains, to avoid spamming
↳ other sites
with requests.

0.11.0 (2016-04-08)
=====
- IPython notebooks are now styled and look **much** better. (thanks, @erinspace!)
- The OSF (https://osf.io) has moved to Open Sans as the default font, so we shall do
↳ the same for
Markdown, ReStructred Text, and IPython notebooks. (thanks, @mfraezz!)

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- COS is hiring! http://cos.io/jobs (thanks, @AndrewSallans!)
- Update copyright date. (thanks, monotonic progression of time!)

0.10.2 (2016-03-21)
=====
- Pin WaterButler version to v0.18, the last version using python-3.4.

0.10.1 (2016-03-14)
=====
- Fix bug in text encoding detector that was causing utf-8 to always detect as cp-
  ↪1252.

0.10.0 (2016-02-11)
=====
- Markdown and ReStructuredText files are now rendered in their formatted
  display. (thanks, @TomBaxter!)
- ...oh, and they're styled, too! (thanks, @erinspace!)
- Update MFR install instructions. (thanks, @rafaeldelucena!)

0.9.6 (2016-02-01)
=====
- A few helpful tips for the user when rendering 3D objects

0.9.5 (2016-01-31)
=====
- Remove Sentry Ravent Client patch, latest version no longer requires
  patching

0.9.3/4 (2016-01-30)
=====
- Updated Sentry Raven Client to send release w/ Tornado patch and tests

0.9.2 (2016-01-30)
=====
- Fix to provide IE10 support for JSC3D

0.9.1 (2016-01-30)
=====
- Fix to prevent JSC3D CTM Loader from removing download url query parameters

0.9.0 (2016-01-30)
=====
- Support for 3D model file formats (.stl, .3ds, .ctm, .obj) via jsc3d,
https://github.com/humu2009/jsc3d
- Support for .scad (OpenSCAD) syntax highlighting

0.8.4 (2016-01-27)
=====
- Exclude .ico files from image scaling

0.8.3 (2016-01-26)
=====
- Support maximum dimensions for images
- Images larger than maximum dimensions are scaled down

0.8.2 (2015-11-13)
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- Remove invoke from requirements

0.8.1 (2015-11-13)
=====
- Manually garbage collect exceptions to work around issue in python 3.4

0.8.0 (2015-10-22)
=====
- Support word breaks in <pre> tags in Firefox.
- Codepygments extension: remove dependency on bootstrap css; add minimal
  styling to maintain look.

0.7.1 (2015-10-09)
=====
- Unpin numpy to avoid error in pandas.

0.7.0 (2015-10-08)
=====
- Add support for rendering JASP files
- Add support for searching tabular renderers

0.6.0 (2015-09-17)
=====
- Add support for cookie based authentication for pdfs and pdfs

0.1.0 (2015-06-07)
=====
- service oriented architecture (SOA)
- plugin system for providers (file resources)
- plugin system for extensions (renderers and exporters)
- embeddable rendering via iframe widget
- initial unit tests

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