# pinnwand Documentation

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Welcome to the documentation of the pinnwand pastebin software.

# CHAPTER 1

# Introduction

pinnwand is a straightforward pastebin written for Python 3.6 and up using the Tornado web framework and the sqlalchemy ORM. It uses the awesome pygments library for its syntax highlighting.

It's no nonsense and has no features aside from pasting code temporarily.

# CHAPTER 2

# Usage

You can run the built in pinnwand HTTP server through the pinnwand http command. This will serve up a HTTP server listening on localhost on port 8000 and use an in-memory sqlite database to store data.

If you stop the process then the database will be gone again.

For persistence you'll need to configure pinnwand to use another database. See the *Configuration* page for the howto.

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# Installation

You can install pinnwand from PyPI by running pip as follows:

#### pip install pinnwand

I suggest you use a virtual environment for installation. There are extended *Installation* instructions available which explain how to do so.

# CHAPTER 4

# Contributing

pinnwand is a place that will accept your first contribution to an open source project. The preferred place to start out is to visit our GitHub page and look at the issues there. If you can solve any of them then you can send a pull request. I will make sure to review your code.

If you are thinking about contributing a new feature then keep in mind that pinnwand is trying to stay as small and lean of a project as possible. Open a ticket first if you have a specific feature in mind.

# CHAPTER 5

# Table of Contents

# 5.1 Installation

The common way of installing pinnwand is by installing from PyPI. I suggest you to use a virtual environment, these prevent accidentally updating libraries that your other projects or even your operating system depend on.

For a Debian based distribution installation would look like this:

python3 -m venv virtual-environment virtual-environment/bin/pip install pinnwand

After this you can run pinnwand in the following way:

virtual-environment/bin/pinnwand http

This will start the built-in HTTP server on localhost, port 8000, and will use an in-memory sqlite3 database. This means that your pastes will be gone when the process exits.

To supply a persistent database, see the Configuration bit of the documentation.

### 5.1.1 Running on boot

If you wish to run pinnwand as an actual service there's a few more things we will need to take care of. This bit of the documentation has strong ideas about how to host a website and doesn't provide commands but general guidance.

This guide only applies to Linux and BSD systems though I am sure it can be applied to Windows systems as well if you read synonymous terms where necessary.

#### Prerequisites

• A HTTP server or proxy such as nginx, haproxy, apache2, etc.

#### Setup

Start by creating a separate user for your pinnwand this way we can make use of the filesystem.

After you've created this user it's now time to setup an environment where this users code will live. Let's get into their homedir and then perform the initial section of this document as the user you've just created.

From now on I'll assume you have /home/youruser/virtual-environment with pinnwand installed to it.

To have persistence we need to use a persistent database so install your favourite one and then install its drivers into your virtual environment.

Make sure you create a database with a user and password for pinnwand so that we can go to the next step.

We'll create a configuration file /home/youruser/pinnwand.toml with the following content:

database\_uri = "mysql+pymysql://user:password@host/database"

If you want to configure more then read the *Configuration* section.

Now that we have all of this setup it's time to test out pinnwand real quick:

```
/home/youruser/virtual-environment/bin/pinnwand --configuration-path /home/youruser/
--pinnwand.toml http
```

This should start pinnwand listening on localhost port 8000. Verify that this is the case and make sure to paste some data and see if it ends up in the expected database. If it does you can stop it again and we can continue to configuring the system.

I will use systemd for this example since it comes pre-installed on most of our systems nowadays.

Take the example systemd unit file from the repository and place it in /etc/systemd/system/pinnwand. service. Then open the file and adjust the paths to the paths you've created.

After you've done this you can systemctl daemon-reload and systemctl enable pinnwand. service. Check its status, if it has come up verify that you can connect to localhost port 8000 as well and get served with the pinnwand pastebin.

Now it's time to configure our webserver to forward requests to pinnwand. I'll use nginx in this example but the ideas carry over to anything you might be using.

Here's an example nginx configuration file:

```
server {
    listen 443 ssl ;
    listen [::]:443 ssl ;
    root /var/www/empty;
    server_name mypastebin.net; # managed by Certbot
    add_header X-Xss-Protection "1; mode=block" always;
    add_header X-Content-Type-Options "nosniff" always;
    add_header X-Frame-Options "SAMEORIGIN" always;
    add_header Content-Security-Policy "default-src 'self'" always;
    add_header Strict-Transport-Security "max-age=31536000; includeSubdomains;_
    .preload" always;
    add_header Referrer-Policy "no-referrer" always;
    add_header Feature-Policy "accelerometer 'none'; camera 'none'; geolocation
    .'none'; gyroscope 'none'; magnetometer 'none'; microphone 'none'; payment 'none';_
    .usb 'none'" always;
}
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```
location / {
    limit_req zone=mypastebin burst=100;
    proxy_pass http://127.0.0.1:8000;
    proxy_set_header Host $host;
    proxy_set_header X-Forwarded-Proto https;
    }
    access_log /home/youruser/mypastebin.net_access.log;
    ssl_certificate /etc/letsencrypt/live/mypastebin.net/fullchain.pem; # managed_
    oby Certbot
        ssl_certificate_key /etc/letsencrypt/live/mypastebin.net/privkey.pem; #_
        omanaged by Certbot
}
```

Place that file in /etc/nginx/sites-enabled/mypastebin.net and reload your nginx. It is important that you pass the Host header and protocol as pinnwand will use these to build its URLs.

Your pastebin is now up and running!

# 5.2 Configuration

pinnwand is configured in two ways, one is by arguments and the other is through a configuration file.

The options available are dependent on the command you're running. You can always pass the --configuration-path argument to pinnwand.

Here is a quick example:

pinnwand --configuration-path /tmp/foo.toml http --port 9000

The http subcommand takes a separate argument --port to override the default listening port (8000).

### 5.2.1 File

The configuration file has a bunch more properties to configure pinnwand with. Here's an example file:

```
# Example configuration file for `pinnwand`. Shows what you can adjust. More
# information can be found at `pinnwand`'s documentation:
# https://pinnwand.readthedocs.io/en/latest/ or you can file an issue at our
# GitHub: https://github.com/supakeen/pinnwand
# Database URI to connect to see: https://docs.sqlalchemy.org/en/13/core/engines.html
$\iffer # database-urls
# if you want to use databases other than sqlite be sure to install the
# appropriate packages and then format this url to correspond to them.
database_uri = "sqlite:///:memory:"
# Maximum paste size you want to allow.
paste_size = 262144  # 256kB in bytes
# Preferred lexers. This list of lexers will appear on top of the dropdown
# on the website allowing you to preselect commonly used lexers. Note that the
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```
# names here have to be the identifiers used by pygments, not the human names.
# If empty no preferred lexers are shown.
preferred_lexers = []
# Logo path, used to render your logo. If left out the default logo will be
# used. This file must be a png file.
# logo_path = "/path/to/a/file.png"
# The page path is used to find the pages listed in the page_list
page_path = "/tmp"
# This is the whitelist of files that should exist in the `page_path`
# configuration directive. `pinnwand` will look for `$file.rst` in the
# `page_path` directory and serve it at `/$file`.
page_list = ["about", "removal", "expiry"]
# The footer in raw HTML, shown at the bottom of the page and handy to link to
# your previously configured pages.
footer = 'View <a href="//github.com/supakeen/pinnwand" target="_BLANK">source code</</pre>
→a>, the <a href="/removal">removal</a> or <a href="/expiry">expiry</a> stories, or...
→read the <a href="/about">about</a> page.'
# HTML for the 'help text' that can be shown above the paste area, if left
# empty no help text will be shown.
paste_help = "Welcome to pinnwand, this site is a pastebin. It allows you to share_
\rightarrow code with others. If you write code in the text area below and press the paste
-button you will be given a link you can share with others so they can view your.
→code as well.People with the link can view your pasted code, only you can...
-remove your paste and it expires automatically. Note that anyone could guess the
→URI to your paste so don't rely on it being private."
# Email used for file reporting. If the value is not None then a href with a mailto.
\rightarrow link will be added to every paste page thus allowing the users to report pastes.
\rightarrow that may need removal.
report_email = "maintainer@example.com"
# Expiries are given by a name and their duration in seconds, if you want to do
# 'forever' set a really large number...
expiries.1hour = 3600
expiries.1 day = 86400
expiries.1week = 604800
# These are application level ratelimits, if you use proxies for your pinnwand
# instance you should set limits there as well. These limits describe a token
# bucket and are per-IP.
# The capacity is how many tokens there are available, the consumption is how
# many tokens are used by an action and the refill is how many tokens are added
# per second. So the read bucket below allows a burst of a 100 reads then another
# 2 per second.
ratelimit.read.capacity = 100
ratelimit.read.consume = 1
ratelimit.read.refill = 2
ratelimit.create.capacity = 2
ratelimit.create.consume = 2
ratelimit.create.refill = 1
```

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```
ratelimit.delete.capacity = 2
ratelimit.delete.consume = 2
ratelimit.delete.refill = 1
# pinnwand uses a naive anti-spam measure where a regex is ran over the text
# that is pasted. It then checks how large a percentage of the incoming bytes
# consist of links. If that percentage is larger than the number below the
# paste is denied. Set to a 100 to disable.
spamscore = 50
```

## 5.2.2 Options

#### database\_uri

A URI as accepted by sqlalchemy for the database to use.

```
Default: sqlite:///:memory`
```

#### paste\_size

Maximum size of a formatted paste. This includes the HTML as generated by pygments. The size should be supplied in bytes.

Default: 262144 (256 kB).

#### preferred\_lexers

The lexers that are shown on the homepage above all other lexers. This allows you to customize your homepage to the most-used lexers for your users.

Leaving this list empty will not show any preferred lexers. The lexer names in this list must be supported by pygments.

Default: [].

#### logo\_path

Path to a custom logo file. Needs to be readable by the user pinnwand runs as. Leave out of the configuration file if you want to use the default logo.

Default: unset.

#### page\_path

A filesystem path where pages listed in page\_path are looked up in. If unset the default pinnwand path will be used.

Default: unset.

#### page\_list

List of static text pages. If set these pages will be looked up in the page\_path variable. These files should exist in page\_path with a .rst suffix.

```
Default: ["about", "removal", "expiry"]
```

#### footer

HTML to render in the footer.

Default: bunch of html

#### paste\_help

HTML to render above the new paste page to help users on how to use your instance.

Default: bunch of html

#### report\_email

An email address that allows users to report a paste that may need removal or edition.

Default: None

#### expiries

Several expiries exist, these are shown in the drop down by name and are used for reaping pastes by the *reap* subcommand. They are denoted in seconds and the keys are free to choose.

#### expiries.1hour

Default: 3600

#### expiries.1day

Default: 86400

#### expiries.1week

Default: 604800

#### ratelimit

These are application level ratelimits, if you use proxies for your pinnwand instance you should set limits there as well. These limits describe a token bucket and are per-IP.

The capacity is how many tokens there are available, the consumption is how many tokens are used by an action and the refill is how many tokens are added per second. So the read bucket below allows a burst of a 100 reads then another 2 per second.

#### ratelimit.read.capacity

Default: 100

#### ratelimit.read.consume

Default: 1

#### ratelimit.read.refill

Default: 1

ratelimit.create.capacity

Default: 2

ratelimit.create.consume

Default: 2

ratelimit.create.refill

Default: 1

#### ratelimit.delete.capacity

Default: 2

ratelimit.delete.consume

Default: 2

#### ratelimit.delete.refill

Default: 1

#### spamscore

pinnwand uses a naive anti-spam measure where a regex is ran over the text that is pasted. It then checks how large a percentage of the incoming bytes consist of links. If that percentage is larger than the number below the paste is denied. Set to a 100 to disable.

Default: 50

# 5.3 Usage

## 5.3.1 APIs

The pinnwand project has several 'APIs' and I use the word loosely here as some of these were never meant to be used as an API but they are being used as such.

Currently the only officially supported APIs are the v1 and curl, the others are deprecated. That doesn't mean they'll disappear anytime soon but is an indication to users that their tooling is using endpoints that could be using the newer API which has more features such as multiple files.

Each API has several endpoints and you can find their usecases here.

#### v1

The v1 API supports all current features of pinnwand including multi file pastes. It currently has three endpoints. All of which take JSON bodies as their inputs. Examples are provided with the requests library.

#### /api/v1/paste

This is the main endpoint for creating new pastes. It takes a JSON body as its input for a POST request, the JSON body must contain the following fields:

expiry The expiry for this paste, you can list the expiries that are valid on the /api/v1/expiry endpoint.

files A list of file objects.

A file object needs the following fields:

lexer The lexer to use for this file, you can retrieve a list of valid lexers from the /api/v1/lexer endpoint.

content Content of the file, the max filesize depends on the configuration of the pinnwand instance you are talking to.

name (optional) If applicable add a name field to set the filename of the file.

Here's an example with the requests library that ticks all the above boxes:

```
>>> requests.post(
        "http://localhost:8000/api/v1/paste",
. . .
        json={
. . .
                 "expiry": "lday",
. . .
                 "files": [
. . .
                         {"name": "spam", "lexer": "python", "content": "eggs"},
. . .
                 ],
. . .
        }
...).json()
{'link': 'http://localhost:8000/74', 'removal': 'http://localhost:8000/remove/
→KYXQLPZQEWV2L4YZM7NYGTR7TY'}a
```

To remove a paste a GET request to the removal URL returned is sufficient.

#### /api/v1/lexer

An endpoint to list all lexers available in the pinnwand instance whose API you're using. The keys returned are valid for the lexer field:

```
>>> requests.get("http://localhost:8000/api/v1/lexer")
{'abap': 'ABAP', 'apl': 'APL', 'abnf': 'ABNF', ...}
```

#### /api/v1/expiry

Used to list all valid expiries to be used in the expiry field. These expiries are dependent on the configuration of the pinnwand instance that you're talking to:

```
>>> requests.get("http://localhost:8000/api/v1/expiry")
{'lday': 'l day, 0:00:00', 'lweek': '7 days, 0:00:00'}
```

#### curl

The curl API provides a handy one-stop for using curl to submit a file to pinnwand quickly. It doesn't support multi file but it does give you a quick way to create a shell alias for pasting to a pinnwand instance.

See *Tricks* for such a shell alias.

#### /curl

This is an endpoint that only takes POST requests, the body should be formencoded, curl will handle this for you. The following other parameters are available:

- expiry The expiry for this paste, if not supplied 1day is selected. Valid expiries depend on the configuration of the pinnwand instance.
- **lexer** The lexer to use for this paste. If not supplied text is selected. Valid lexers depend on the configuration of the pinnwand instance but are generally those provided by pygments.

An example of where the /curl endpoint comes in handy:

```
€ echo "foo" | curl -X POST http://localhost:8000/curl -F 'raw=<-'
Paste URL: http://localhost:8000/OE
Raw URL: http://localhost:8000/raw/GU
Removal URL: http://localhost:8000/remove/GQBHGJYKRWIS34D6FNU6CJ3B5M
€ curl http://localhost:8000/raw/GU
foo%</pre>
```

#### deprecated-web

In the beginning there was only the / endpoint so people started posting to it directly. This endpoint is really the worst one to use as it doesn't give you any useful information back in an easily readable format. You'll have to parse the data out of the response and form your own URLs for for example the removal URL.

/

When you throw a POST request at this endpoint it requires the following parameters as form encoded data:

code The code to paste.

lexer The lexer to use. Valid lexers depend on the configuration of the pinnwand instance but are generally those provided by pygments.

expiry The expiry for this paste. Valid expiries depend on the configuration of the pinnwand instance.

The response of this endpoint is a redirect to the URL at which the newly created paste can be viewed. The removal ID is in the Set-Cookie header on this response, you'll have to format it into a URL /remove/{id} yourself.

Here's an example using curl to send data to this endpoint:

```
€ curl -v http://localhost:8000/ -d 'code=foo' -d 'lexer=c' -d 'expiry=1day'
   Trying ::1...
* TCP_NODELAY set
* Connected to localhost (::1) port 8000 (#0)
> POST / HTTP/1.1
> Host: localhost:8000
> User-Agent: curl/7.58.0
> Accept: */*
> Content-Length: 28
> Content-Type: application/x-www-form-urlencoded
>
* upload completely sent off: 28 out of 28 bytes
< HTTP/1.1 302 Found
< Server: TornadoServer/6.0.3
< Content-Type: text/html; charset=UTF-8
< Date: Sun, 01 Mar 2020 13:03:24 GMT
< Location: /SA
< Content-Length: 0
< Set-Cookie: removal=U35UORIU6SEEGRICOJFNIAGZBM; Path=/SA
<
* Connection #0 to host localhost left intact
```

#### deprecated-api

pinnwand provided a json based API for the bpython project early on, this API does not support multi file pastes but is in common use.

Of special note is that these endpoints do not serve json in their error responses so you should not blindly try to parse their results.

#### /json/new

A POST to this endpoint requires the following formencoded fields to be present:

lexer The lexer to use for this paste, you can retrieve a valid list of lexers on the /json/lexers endpoint.

**code** The code to paste.

expiry Expiry to use for this paste, you can retrieve a valid list of expiries on the /json/expiries endpoint.

filename (optional) Filename to use for the pasted file.

An example of posting to this endpoint to show its return values:

The returned valued are the raw ID of the paste and the raw removal ID in case you want to make your own URLs. There's also some full URLs provided to visit the paste directly, note that a removal\_url is missing.

#### /json/remove

This endpoint can be POST-ed to with a removal ID you've received previously and stored. It takes one parameter:

**removal\_id** A removal ID for a paste.

This is how you'd use it:

The return value is a bit weird here as it gives you a list.

#### /json/show/([A-Z2-7]+)(?:#.+)?

Use this endpoint to retrieve a previously pasted paste with an ID you have:

```
>>> requests.get("http://localhost:8000/json/show/RQ").json()
{'paste_id': 'RQ', 'raw': 'spam', 'fmt': '<div class="linenodiv"></div><div class=
    "source"><span></span><span class="n">spam</span>\n</div>\n<//or>
```

#### /json/lexers

List valid lexers for this pinnwand instance:

```
>>> requests.get("http://localhost:8000/json/lexers").json()
{"lexer": "Lexer Name", ...}
```

#### /json/expiries

List valid expiries for this pinnwand instance:

```
>>> requests.get("http://localhost:8000/json/expiries").json()
{'lday': 'l day, 0:00:00', 'lweek': '7 days, 0:00:00'}
```

# 5.4 Tricks

Some tricks to make talking to pinnwand easier.

#### 5.4.1 steck

steck is an in-development command line tool to talk to pinnwand instances. You can find it on its homepage or github:

pip install steck

### 5.4.2 bash alias

You can add the following bash alias to your .bashrc:

```
function paste-to-pinnwand() {
   cat $1 | curl -X POST http://localhost:8000/curl -F 'raw=<-'</pre>
```

Make sure to adjust the URL to your favourite pinnwand instance. After this you can paste files with:

```
$ paste-to-pinnwand configuration.html
Paste URL: http://localhost:8000/OA
Raw URL: http://localhost:8000/raw/CY
Removal URL: http://localhost:8000/remove/Z4SAXX5Y7QU2NQUT7KCQX4ZGQU
```

# 5.5 Autodoc

### 5.5.1 pinnwand.command

Collection of pinnwand's command line entry points that allow you to start a HTTP server, add and remove paste, initialize the database and reap expired pastes.

### 5.5.2 pinnwand.http

#### 5.5.3 pinnwand.database

### 5.5.4 pinnwand.error

**exception** pinnwand.error.**RatelimitError** This exception is used to indicate that a user has surpassed their ratelimit for a certain action.

exception pinnwand.error.SpamError

This exception is used to indicate that a user has exceeded the allowed spamscore.

exception pinnwand.error.ValidationError

This exception is used to indicate that a certain requst is lacking or has unacceptable data aboard.

### 5.5.5 pinnwand.path

Shorthands for paths for templates, static assets, etc.

### 5.5.6 pinnwand.configuration

# 5.6 Changelog

pinnwand is Python pastebin software that tried to keep it simple but got a little more complex.

# 5.6.1 v1.3.2 (20220711)

Changing some dependencies to make packaging easier.

# 5.6.2 v1.3.1 (20220220)

Bumping some major dependencies to make packaging easier.

• Update major versions of many dependencies.

## 5.6.3 v1.3.0 (20210522)

More quality of life and code quality changes.

- Provide archive download of a full paste (#92)
- Add a resyntax command to rerun lexer over all pastes (#70)
- Paste expiry options now come from the configuration file (#53)
- Convert tabs/enters to indentation, contributed by millefalcon (#90)
- Add line highlighting, contributed by erlliam (#39)
- Implement naive defensive measures (ratelimiting) (#98)

## 5.6.4 v1.2.3 (20210109)

Fixes to packaging and build setup.

- Use poetry-core as build-backend (#101)
- Remove dependency on poetry-dynamic-versioning as it breaks build.

## 5.6.5 v1.2.2 (20200829)

Some longer standing bugs get squatted in pragmatic ways.

- Ensure minimum body width to prevent button falling off (#79)
- Select initial lexer for additional files (#97)

# 5.6.6 v1.2.1 (20200806)

Minor updates to the underlying build system for easier packaging by distros.

- Set build system correctly (#93)
- Update version number in pyproject.toml (#93)

### 5.6.7 v1.2.0 (20200806)

New features all around, minor bugfixes, code quality improvements.

- Add language autodetection, contributed by mweinelt. (#83)
- Provide a hex view for pastes. (#86)
- Add copy to clipboard button. (#87)
- Command line option (-v) to change log level. (#88)
- Make the outline color of the focused form elements be in-line with the general highlight color.
- Sum up filesizes and check against paste size. This change now makes the paste size limit the total size, not a per-file limit! Adjust your configuration accordingly. (#89)
- Add a report link for files that may be problematic, this link will be added only if the report\_email field is set to anything than None in the configuration file, contributed by Bruce1347 (#2)
- Expanded testcase coverage for website from 69% to 84% by adding and fixing broken testcases.

## 5.6.8 v1.1.3 (20200620)

An older bug that occurs rarely resurfaced. This time a bunch of code has been written to eradicate the problem.

- Race condition in slug\_create (#34)
- Fix the millibyte notation.

## 5.6.9 v1.1.2 (20200608)

More bugfixes to some things that were either introduced in 1.1.1 or were lower priority.

- Update our dependencies.
- Use the /static URLs directly for logo/favicon (#85)

## 5.6.10 v1.1.1 (20200602)

\*The traditional bugfix release for the previous release. No real bugs here but something to prevent CSS changes from not being loaded.

• Prevent browsers from aggressively caching (#74)

## 5.6.11 v1.1.0 (20200524)

The 1.1.0 release is focused on new features to improve ease of use.

- Provide a button to toggle line wrapping, contributed by Kwpolska. (#51)
- Auto-delete pastes on view when they've expired. (#63)
- Include original filename if given for paste downloads (#26)
- Provide a button to toggle opposite colorschemes. (#69)
- For pastes the first file will now have the same slug as the paste itself, this allows for users to replace part of the URL to get to raw and download links. (#64)

- Allow access to raw and download handlers through /:id/(rawldownload) to let people more easily change the URL by hand when linked to a paste (#72)
- Consolidate separate pygments and pinnwand stylesheets into one.

# 5.6.12 v1.0.2 (20200408)

Bugfix release to deal with spaces at the front of pastes being eaten leading to wonky things when people paste preindented code.

• something eats spaces at the start of a paste (#68)

## 5.6.13 v1.0.1 (20200326)

A quick bugfix release to depend on a newer version of pygments-better-html.

• Empty lines don't survive copy/paste. (#67)

## 5.6.14 v1.0.0 (20200323)

After a period of darkness (changelog-wise) version 1.0.0 was released and this changelog created.

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