

Architecture overview/Configuration files

Inside the config folder you will find several *.ini* and *.xml* files

In order to keep your config files clear and easy to read you should use multiple files. each file found in the *application/config/* folder is loaded, so you can split your configuration.

By default there is

- an application.ini file (application/configs/application.ini)
for all general configuration of the application
- a permissions.xml file (application/modules/Administrator/config OR application/modules/Members/config)
An XML configuration that indicates User or Admin access privileges and roles to control access to schema objects and to control the ability to execute system operations
- a config.ini file (application/configs/config.ini)
the place to set the system default config including database configuration
host address, db credentials...
- a layout.ini file
customizing default values of the layout goes here
- a modules.ini file
the place to define which modules should be loaded in your application
- a routes.ini file
for url rewriting rules define your application's route (as zend framework define route)
- a lang.en_US.ini file (application/languages or application/modules/<\$ModuleName>/languages)
place here the translation specific configuration
- a form.ini file (application/modules/<\$ModuleForm>/forms/source)

use this file as Form's pattern if you need to create new web form asking visitors to fill up.

Each configuration file, is divided into environments "**development**", "**production**", "**staging**", etc... that allows you to customize configuration for each step of your project's life cycle. for more information about ini file syntax see the [Zend Framework documentation](#)

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