# **Installing Trac as CGI**

#### Error: Macro TracGuideToc(None) failed

'NoneType' object has no attribute 'find'

Please note that using Trac via CGI is the slowest deployment method available. It is slower than <u>mod wsgi</u>, <u>mod python</u>, <u>FastCGI</u> and even <u>?IIS/AJP</u> on Windows.

CGI script is the entrypoint that web-server calls when a web-request to an application is made. The trac.cgi script can be created using the trac-admin <env> deploy <dir> command which automatically substitutes the required paths, see <u>Trac Install#cgi-bin</u>. Make sure the script is executable by your web server.

# Apache web-server configuration

In <u>?Apache</u> there are two ways to run Trac as CGI:

- 1. Use a ScriptAlias directive that maps a URL to the trac.cgi script (recommended)
- 2. Copy the trac.cgi file into the directory for CGI executables used by your web server (commonly named cgi-bin). You can also create a symbolic link, but in that case make sure that the FollowSymLinks option is enabled for the cgi-bin directory.

To make Trac available at http://yourhost.example.org/trac add ScriptAlias directive to Apache configuration file, changing trac.cgi path to match your installation:

ScriptAlias /trac /path/to/www/trac/cgi-bin/trac.cgi

*Note that this directive requires that the* mod\_alias module is enabled.

If you're using Trac with a single project you need to set its location using the TRAC\_ENV environment variable:

```
<Location "/trac">
SetEnv TRAC_ENV "/path/to/projectenv"
</Location>
```

Or to use multiple projects you can specify their common parent directory using the TRAC\_ENV\_PARENT\_DIR variable:

```
<Location "/trac">
SetEnv TRAC_ENV_PARENT_DIR "/path/to/project/parent/dir"
</Location>
```

Note that the SetEnv directive requires that the mod\_env module is enabled.

An alternative to SetEnv is editing TRAC\_ENV or TRAC\_ENV\_PARENT\_DIR in trac.cgi:

os.environ['TRAC\_ENV'] = "/path/to/projectenv"

os.environ['TRAC\_ENV\_PARENT\_DIR'] = "/path/to/parent/dir"

If you are using the <u>?Apache suEXEC</u> feature please see <u>?ApacheSuexec</u>.

On some systems, you *may* need to edit the shebang line in the trac.cgi file to point to your real Python installation path. On a Windows system you may need to configure Windows to know how to execute a .cgi file (Explorer -> Tools -> Folder Options -> File Types -> CGI).

### Python Egg Cache

The <u>egg-cache</u> can be configured using an os.environ statement in trac.cgi, as shown above. To do the same from the Apache configuration, use the SetEnv directive:

```
SetEnv PYTHON_EGG_CACHE /path/to/dir
```

Put this directive next to where you set the path to the <u>Trac environment</u>, i.e. in the same <Location> block.

```
<Location /trac>
SetEnv TRAC_ENV /path/to/projenv
SetEnv PYTHON_EGG_CACHE /path/to/dir
</Location>
```

### **Using WSGI**

You can run a <u>?WSGI handler ?under CGI</u>. You can <u>write your own application function</u>, or use the deployed trac.wsgi's application.

# **Mapping Static Resources**

See Trac Install#Mapping Static Resources.

## **Adding Authentication**

See Trac Install#Configuring Authentication.

See also: Trac Install, Trac ModWSGI, Trac Fast Cgi, Trac Mod Python