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# **Modoboa Documentation**

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# GETTING STARTED

## 1.1 Installation

### 1.1.1 Requirements

- Python version 2.6+
- Django version 1.5+
- south version 0.7+
- lxml python module
- pycrypto python module
- rrdtool python binding
- sievelib python module
- chardet python module
- argparse python module
- reversion python module

### 1.1.2 Get Modoboa

You can choose between two options:

- Use the Python package available on the [PyPI](#)
- Download the sources tarball

The easiest one is to install it from PyPI. Just run the following command and you're done:

```
$ pip install modoboa
```

If you prefer to use the tarball, download the latest one and run the following procedure:

```
$ tar xzf modoboa-<version>.tar.gz
$ cd modoboa-<version>
$ python setup.py install
```

All dependencies will be installed regardless the way you chose. The only exception concerns the RRDtool binding because there isn't any python package available, it is directly provided with the official tarball.

Fortunately, all major distributions include a ready-to-use package. On Debian/Ubuntu:

```
$ apt-get install libcairo2-dev libpango1.0-dev librrd-dev
$ apt-get install python-rrdtool
```

### virtualenv users

When you deploy an application using virtualenv, you may have to compile some dependencies. For example, modoboa relies on lxml, which is a C python module. In order to install it, you will need to install the following requirements:

- python development files
- libxslt development files
- libxml2 development files

On a Debian like system, just run the following command:

```
$ apt-get install python-dev libxml2-dev libxslt-dev
```

### 1.1.3 Database

Thanks to Django, Modoboa supports several databases. Depending on the one you will use, you must install the appropriate python package:

- `mysqldb` for MySQL
- `psycopg2` for PostgreSQL

Then, create a user and a database that will be used by Modoboa. Make sure your database is using UTF8 as a default charset.

### 1.1.4 Deployment

`modoboa-admin.py`, a command line tool, let you deploy a *ready-to-use* Modoboa site using only one instruction:

```
$ modoboa-admin.py deploy modoboa_example --syncdb --collectstatic [--with-amavis]
```

Just answer the few questions and you're done. You can now go to the *First use* section.

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**Note:** The `--with-amavis` option must be set only if you intend to use the *Amavisd-new* frontend.

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**Note:** If you plan to serve Modoboa using a URL prefix, you must change the value of the `LOGIN_URL` parameter to `LOGIN_URL = '/<prefix>/accounts/login/'`.

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### 1.1.5 First use

Your installation should now have a default super administrator:

- Username: `admin`
- Password: `password`



It is **strongly** recommended to change this password the first time you log into Modoboa.

To check if your installation works, just launch the embedded HTTP server:

```
$ python manage.py runserver
```

You should be able to access Modoboa at <http://localhost:8000/>.

For a production environment, we recommend using a stable webserver like *Apache2* or *Nginx*.

## 1.2 Upgrading an existing installation

This section contains all the upgrade procedures required to use newest versions of Modoboa.

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**Note:** Before running a migration, we recommend that you make a copy of your existing database.

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### 1.2.1 Latest version

**Warning:** If you use a version **prior to 0.9.5**, please migrate in two steps:

1. first migrate to 0.9.5
2. then migrate to the latest version

If you try to migrate directly, the operation will fail.

Starting with version 0.9.1, Modoboa comes as a standard django application. Fetch the latest version (see *Get Modoboa*) and install it.

pip users, just run the following command:

```
$ pip install --upgrade modoboa
```

Then, refer to this page to check if the version you're installing requires specific operations. If the version you're looking for is not present, it means nothing special is required.

Finally, follow the common procedure:

```
$ cd <modoboa_instance_dir>
$ python manage.py syncdb --migrate
$ python manage.py collectstatic
```

#### 1.0.1: operations on mailboxes

The way Modoboa handles **rename** and **delete** operations on mailboxes has been improved. Make sure to consult *Operations on the file system* and *Postfix configuration*. Look at the `smtpd_recipient_restrictions` setting.

Run `modoboa-admin.py postfix_maps --dbtype <mysql|postgres|sqlite> <tempdir>` and compare the files with those that postfix currently use. Make necessary updates in light of the differences

#### 1.0.0: production ready, at last

##### Configuration file update

Several modifications need to be done into `settings.py`.

1. Add the following import statement:

```
from logging.handlers import SysLogHandler
```

2. Set the ALLOWER\_HOSTS variable:

```
ALLOWED_HOSTS = [  
    '<your server fqdn>',  
]
```

3. Activate the `django.middleware.csrf.CsrfViewMiddleware` middleware and add the `reversion.middleware.RevisionMiddleware` middleware to `MIDDLEWARE_CLASSES` like this:

```
MIDDLEWARE_CLASSES = (  
    'django.middleware.common.CommonMiddleware',  
    'django.contrib.sessions.middleware.SessionMiddleware',  
    'django.middleware.csrf.CsrfViewMiddleware',  
    'django.contrib.auth.middleware.AuthenticationMiddleware',  
    'django.contrib.messages.middleware.MessageMiddleware',  
    'django.middleware.locale.LocaleMiddleware',  
    # Uncomment the next line for simple clickjacking protection:  
    # 'django.middleware.clickjacking.XFrameOptionsMiddleware',  
    'reversion.middleware.RevisionMiddleware',  
  
    'modoboa.lib.middleware.AjaxLoginRedirect',  
    'modoboa.lib.middleware.CommonExceptionCatcher',  
    'modoboa.lib.middleware.ExtControlMiddleware',  
)
```

4. Add the reversion application to `INSTALLED_APPS`

5. Remove all modoboa's application from `INSTALLED_APPS` and put them into the new `MODOBOA_APPS` variable like this:

```
INSTALLED_APPS = (  
    'django.contrib.auth',  
    'django.contrib.contenttypes',  
    'django.contrib.sessions',  
    'django.contrib.sites',  
    'django.contrib.messages',  
    'django.contrib.staticfiles',  
    'south',  
    'reversion',  
)  
  
# A dedicated place to register Modoboa applications  
# Do not delete it.  
# Do not change the order.  
MODOBOA_APPS = (  
    'modoboa',  
    'modoboa.auth',  
    'modoboa.admin',  
    'modoboa.lib',  
    'modoboa.userprefs',  
  
    'modoboa.extensions.limits',  
    'modoboa.extensions.postfix_autoreply',  
    'modoboa.extensions.webmail',  
    'modoboa.extensions.stats',  
)
```

```

        'modoboa.extensions.amavis',
        'modoboa.extensions.sievefilters',
    )

```

```
INSTALLED_APPS += MODOBOA_APPS
```

6. Set the AUTH\_USER\_MODEL variable like this:

```
AUTH_USER_MODEL = 'admin.User'
```

7. Modify the logging configuration as follows:

```

LOGGING = {
    'version': 1,
    'disable_existing_loggers': False,
    'filters': {
        'require_debug_false': {
            '()': 'django.utils.log.RequireDebugFalse'
        }
    },
    'formatters': {
        'syslog': {
            'format': '%(name)s: %(levelname)s %(message)s'
        },
    },
    'handlers': {
        'mail_admins': {
            'level': 'ERROR',
            'filters': ['require_debug_false'],
            'class': 'django.utils.log.AdminEmailHandler'
        },
        'console': {
            # logging handler that outputs log messages to terminal
            'class': 'logging.StreamHandler',
            # 'level': 'DEBUG', # message level to be written to console
        },
        'syslog-auth': {
            'class': 'logging.handlers.SysLogHandler',
            'facility': SysLogHandler.LOG_AUTH,
            'formatter': 'syslog'
        },
        'modoboa': {
            'class': 'modoboa.lib.logutils.SQLiteHandler',
        },
    },
    'loggers': {
        'django.request': {
            'handlers': ['mail_admins'],
            'level': 'ERROR',
            'propagate': True,
        },
        'modoboa.auth': {
            'handlers': ['syslog-auth', 'modoboa'],
            'level': 'INFO',
            'propagate': False
        },
        'modoboa.admin': {
            'handlers': ['modoboa'],
            'level': 'INFO',

```

```
        'propagate': False
    }
}
```

## Postfix and Dovecot configuration update

It is necessary to update the queries used to retrieve users and mailboxes:

1. Run `modoboa-admin.py postfix_maps --dbtype <mysql|postgres> <tempdir>` and compare the files with those that postfix currently use. Make necessary updates in light of the differences
2. Into `dovecot-sql.conf`, update the `user_query` query, refer to *MySQL users* or *PostgreSQL users*
3. Update dovecot's configuration to activate the new *quota related features*

## Migration issues

When running the `python manage.py syncdb --migrate` command, you may encounter the following issues:

1. Remove useless content types

If the script asks you this question, just reply **no**.

2. South fails to migrate `reversion`

Due to the admin user model change, the script `0001_initial.py` may fail. Just deactivate `reversion` from `INSTALLED_APPS` and run the command again. Once done, reactivate `reversion` and run the command one last time.

## 0.9.4: administrative panel performance improved

1. Edit the `settings.py` file and remove `'django.contrib.auth.backends.ModelBackend'` from the `AUTHENTICATION_BACKENDS` variable

## 0.9.1: standard django application and more

For this version, we recommend to install a new instance (see *Deployment*) in a different directory.

Then, copy the following content from the old installation to the new one:

- The `media` directory
- The directory containing RRD files if you use the *Graphical statistics* plugin

Don't copy the old `settings.py` file, just keep the new one and modify it (see *Database* and *Time zone and language*).

Migrate your database (see *Latest version*).

Finally, check the *Amavisd-new frontend*, *Postfix auto-reply messages* and *Graphical statistics* chapters (depending on those you use) because the provided cron scripts have been changed, you must update the way you call them.

## 1.2.2 Modoboa 0.9 and prior

First, decompress the new tarball at the same location than your current installation. Then, check if the new version you're installing requires a migration.

### 0.9: global UI refactoring, new *limits* extension and more

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**Note:** This version requires at least django 1.3. Make sure to update your version before starting to migrate.

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**Note:** Many files have been renamed/removed for this version. I recommend that you backup important files (*settings.py*, etc.) elsewhere (ie. */tmp* for example). Then, remove the *modoboa* directory, extract the new tarball at the same place, rename the new directory to *modoboa* and copy the files you've just backup into it.

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**Note:** If the first super administrator you created is named *admin*, its password will be changed to *password* at the end of this upgrade. Don't forget to modify it!

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1. Edit the *settings.py* file and update the following variables (just copy/paste their new content):

```
MIDDLEWARE_CLASSES = (
    'django.middleware.common.CommonMiddleware',
    'django.contrib.sessions.middleware.SessionMiddleware',
    'django.contrib.auth.middleware.AuthenticationMiddleware',
    'django.contrib.messages.middleware.MessageMiddleware',
    'django.middleware.locale.LocaleMiddleware',
    'modoboa.lib.middleware.AjaxLoginRedirect',
    'modoboa.lib.middleware.CommonExceptionCatcher',
    'modoboa.lib.middleware.ExtControlMiddleware',
)

AUTHENTICATION_BACKENDS = (
    'modoboa.lib.authbackends.SimpleBackend',
    'django.contrib.auth.backends.ModelBackend',
)
```

2. Add *django.contrib.staticfiles* to *INSTALLED\_APPS*

3. Add the following new variables:

```
STATIC_ROOT = os.path.join(MODOBOA_DIR, 'sitestatic')
STATIC_URL = '/sitestatic/'
```

4. Update the following variables (just copy/paste their new values):

```
MEDIA_ROOT = os.path.join(MODOBOA_DIR, 'media')
MEDIA_URL = '/media/'
```

5. **For MySQL users only**, add the following option to your database configuration:

```
DATABASES = {
    "default" : {
        # ...
        # MySQL users only
        "OPTIONS" : {
            "init_command" : "SET foreign_key_checks = 0;",
```

```
    },  
    }  
}
```

6. Add `'modoboa.extensions.limits'` to `INSTALLED_APPS`

7. Update your database (make sure to create a backup before launching the following command):

```
$ ./manage.py syncdb --migrate
```

8. Run the following command to initialize the directory that contains static files:

```
$ ./manage.py collectstatic
```

9. If you are using the *stats* extension, please rename the `<modoboa_dir>/static/stats` directory to `<modoboa_dir>/media/stats` and change the value of the `IMG_ROOTDIR` parameter (go to the administration panel)

10. Restart the python instance(s) that serve Modoboa

11. Log into Modoboa, go to *Modoboa > Extensions*, uncheck all extensions, save. Then, check the extensions you want to use and save again

12. Update your webserver configuration to make static files available (see *Web servers*)

13. **For Dovecot users only**, you need to modify the `password_query` (file `/etc/dovecot/dovecot-sql.conf` by default on a Debian system) like this:

```
password_query = SELECT email AS user, password FROM auth_user WHERE email='%u'
```

### 0.8.8: CSV import feature and minor fixes

1. Edit the `settings.py` file and add `'modoboa.lib.middleware.AjaxLoginRedirect'` to the `MIDDLEWARE_CLASSES` variable like this:

```
MIDDLEWARE_CLASSES = (  
    'django.middleware.common.CommonMiddleware',  
    'django.contrib.sessions.middleware.SessionMiddleware',  
    'django.contrib.auth.middleware.AuthenticationMiddleware',  
    'django.contrib.messages.middleware.MessageMiddleware',  
    'django.middleware.locale.LocaleMiddleware',  
    'modoboa.lib.middleware.AjaxLoginRedirect',  
    'modoboa.lib.middleware.ExtControlMiddleware',  
    'modoboa.extensions.webmail.middleware.WebmailErrorMiddleware',  
)
```

2. Still inside `settings.py`, modify the `DATABASE_ROUTERS` variable like this:

```
DATABASE_ROUTERS = ["modoboa.extensions.amavis_quarantine.dbrouter.AmavisRouter"]
```

### 0.8.7: per-user language selection

1. Edit the `settings.py` file and add the `'django.middleware.locale.LocaleMiddleware'` middleware to the `MIDDLEWARE_CLASSES` variable like this:

```
MIDDLEWARE_CLASSES = (  
    'django.middleware.common.CommonMiddleware',  
    'django.contrib.sessions.middleware.SessionMiddleware',  

```

```
'django.contrib.auth.middleware.AuthenticationMiddleware',
'django.contrib.messages.middleware.MessageMiddleware',
'django.middleware.locale.LocaleMiddleware',
'modoboa.lib.middleware.ExtControlMiddleware',
'modoboa.extensions.webmail.middleware.WebmailErrorMiddleware',
)
```

2. To select a custom language, go to *Options > Preferences* and select the general section. Choose a value, save and disconnect from Modoboa. On the next login, the desired language will be used.

### 0.8.6.1: maintenance release

1. If you have tried to create a new mailbox and if you have encountered the following [issue](#), you must run the `dbcleanup.py` script in order to remove orphan records:

```
$ cd <modoboa_dir>
$ PYTHONPATH=$PWD/.. DJANGO_SETTINGS_MODULE=modoboa.settings ./admin/scripts/dbcleanup.py
```

### 0.8.6: Quarantine plugin refactoring (using Django's ORM)

1. Just update your configuration if you are using the quarantine plugin. Open `settings.py`, move the database configuration from the `DB_CONNECTIONS` variable to the `DATABASES` variable, like this:

```
DATABASES = {
    "default" : {
        # The default database configuration
    },
    # ...
    "amavis": {
        "ENGINE" : "<your value>",
        "HOST" : "<your value>",
        "NAME" : "<your value>",
        "USER" : "<your value>",
        "PASSWORD" : "<your value>"
    }
}
```

2. Add the new following variable somewhere in the file:

```
DATABASE_ROUTERS = ["modoboa.extensions.amavis_quarantine.dbrouter.AmavisRouter"]
```

3. Remove the deprecated `DB_CONNECTIONS` variable from `settings.py`.

### 0.8.5: new “Sieve filters” plugin, improved admin app

1. Migrate the `lib` and `admin` applications:

```
$ python manage.py migrate lib
$ python manage.py migrate admin
```

2. Add `modoboa.auth` and `modoboa.extensions.sievefilters` to the `INSTALLED_APPS` variable in `settings.py`.
3. Go the *Settings/Extensions* panel, deactivate and activate your extensions, it will update all the symbolic links.

### 0.8.4: folders manipulation support (webmail) and bugfixes

1. Update the `MIDDLEWARE_CLASSES` variable in `settings.py`:

```
MIDDLEWARE_CLASSES = (  
    'django.middleware.common.CommonMiddleware',  
    'django.contrib.sessions.middleware.SessionMiddleware',  
    'django.contrib.auth.middleware.AuthenticationMiddleware',  
    'django.contrib.messages.middleware.MessageMiddleware',  
    'modoboa.lib.middleware.ExtControlMiddleware',  
    'modoboa.extensions.webmail.middleware.WebmailErrorMiddleware',  
)
```

2. Go the *Settings/Extensions* panel, deactivate and activate your extensions, it will update all the symbolic links to the new format.
3. Optional: update the `DATABASES` and `TEMPLATE_LOADERS` variables in `settings.py` to remove warning messages (appearing with Django 1.3):

```
DATABASES = {  
    "default" : {  
        "ENGINE" : "<your engine>",  
        "NAME" : "modoboa",  
        "USER" : "<your user>",  
        "PASSWORD" : "<your password>",  
        "HOST" : "",  
        "PORT" : ""  
    }  
}  
  
TEMPLATE_LOADERS = (  
    'django.template.loaders.filesystem.Loader',  
    'django.template.loaders.app_directories.Loader',  
)
```

### 0.8.3: admin application refactoring and more

1. Migrate the admin application:

```
$ python manage.py migrate admin
```

2. Update SQL queries used in your environnement (see *Postfix* or *Dovecot*).
3. Update Postfix configuration so that it can handle domain aliases (see *Postfix*).

### 0.8.2: ckeditor integration and more

1. Migrate the admin applicaton:

```
$ python manage.py migrate admin
```

2. Update your config file and add all extensions to `INSTALLED_APPS` (even those you are not going to use).
3. Inside the `<modoboa_dir>/templates/` directory, remove all symbolic links.
4. Download the latest release of ckeditor and extract it into `<modoboa_dir>/static/js/`. It should create a new directory named `ckeditor`.



5. Update the following variables inside `settings.py`:

```
MEDIA_ROOT = os.path.join(MODOBOA_DIR, 'static')
MEDIA_URL = '/static/'
```

6. Then, add the following variable: `MODOBOA_WEBPATH = 'modoboa/'`
7. Delete the following variables: `STATIC_ROOTDIR` and `TEMPLATE_CONTEXT_PROCESSORS`.
8. Finally, add `modoboa.lib.middleware.ExtControlMiddleware` to `MIDDLEWARE_CLASSES`.

### 0.8.1 : project renamed

1. First, rename the `mailng` directory to `modoboa` and copy all the content from `modoboa-0.8.1` to `modoboa`.
2. Edit `settings.py` and replace all occurrences of `mailng` by `modoboa`. Make sure you don't modify the `DATABASE` section as you're not going to rename your database.
3. Rename the `MAILNG_DIR` variable to `MODOBOA_DIR`.

4. Add `'django.contrib.messages.middleware.MessageMiddleware'` to `MIDDLEWARE_CLASSES` and `'django.contrib.messages'` to `INSTALLED_APPS`. Save your modifications.

5. Run the following command:

```
$ python manage.py syncdb
```

6. For all activated extensions, run the following command:

```
$ export PYTHONPATH=<modoboa_dir>/..=
$ DJANGO_SETTINGS_MODULE=modoboa.settings <modoboa_dir>/scripts/extension.py <extension> on
```

7. Update your webserver configuration and restart it.

### 0.8 : SQL migration needed

Before you start the migration, make sure you have updated your `INSTALLED_APPS` variable and that it contains at least:

```
INSTALLED_APPS = (
    # Django's stuff before

    'south',
    'mailng',
    'mailng.lib',
    'mailng.admin',
    'mailng.userprefs',
)
```

Starting with 0.8, `mailng.main` doesn't exist anymore. You must remove it from your `INSTALLED_APPS`.

Finally, run the following commands:

```
$ python manage.py syncdb
$ python manage.py convert_to_south
$ python manage.py migrate --all 0001 --fake
$ python manage.py migrate --all 0002
```

## 1.3 Configuration

### 1.3.1 Online parameters

Modoboa provides online panels to modify internal parameters. There are two available levels:

- Application level: global parameters, define how the application behaves. Available at *Modoboa > Parameters*
- User level: per user customization. Available at *User > Settings > Preferences*

Regardless level, parameters are displayed using tabs, each tab corresponding to one application.

#### General parameters

The *admin* application exposes several parameters, they are presented below:

Name	Description	Default value
Authentication type	The backend used for authentication	Local
Default password scheme	Scheme used to crypt mailbox passwords	crypt
Secret key	A key used to encrypt users' password in sessions	random value
Handle mailboxes on filesystem	Rename or remove mailboxes on the filesystem when they get renamed or removed within Modoboa	no
Mailboxes owner	The UNIX account who owns mailboxes on the filesystem	vmail
Automatic account removal	When a mailbox is removed, also remove the associated account	no
Maximum log record age	The maximum age in days of a log record	365
Items per page	Number of displayed items per page	30
Default top redirection	The default redirection used when no application is specified	userprefs

**Note:** A random secret key will be generated each time the *Parameters* page is refreshed and until you save parameters at least once.

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**Note:** Specific LDAP parameters are also available, see *LDAP authentication*.

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### 1.3.2 Customization

#### Custom logo

You have the possibility to use a custom logo instead of the default one on the login page.

To do so, open the `settings.py` file and add a `MODOBOA_CUSTOM_LOGO` variable. This variable must contain the relative URL of your logo under `MEDIA_URL`. For example:

```
MODOBOA_CUSTOM_LOGO = os.path.join(MEDIA_URL, "custom_logo.png")
```

Then copy your logo file into the directory indicated by `MEDIA_ROOT`.

### 1.3.3 Host configuration

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**Note:** This section is only relevant when Modoboa handles mailboxes renaming and removal from the filesystem.

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To manipulate mailboxes on the filesystem, you must allow the user who runs Modoboa to execute commands as the user who owns mailboxes.

To do so, edit the `/etc/sudoers` file and add the following inside:

```
<user_that_runs_modoboa> ALL=(<mailboxes owner>) NOPASSWD: ALL
```

Replace values between `<>` by the ones you use.

### 1.3.4 Time zone and language

Modoboa is available in many languages.

To specify the default language to use, edit the `settings.py` file and modify the `LANGUAGE_CODE` variable:

```
LANGUAGE_CODE = 'fr' # or 'en' for english, etc.
```

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**Note:** Each user has the possibility to define the language he prefers.

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In the same configuration file, specify the timezone to use by modifying the `TIME_ZONE` variable. For example:

```
TIME_ZONE = 'Europe/Paris'
```

### 1.3.5 Sessions management

Modoboa uses Django's session framework to store per-user information.

Few parameters need to be set in the `settings.py` configuration file to make Modoboa behave as expected:

```
SESSION_EXPIRE_AT_BROWSER_CLOSE = False # Default value
```

This parameter is optional but you must ensure it is set to `False` (the default value).

The default configuration file provided by the `modoboa-admin.py` command is properly configured.

### 1.3.6 LDAP

#### Authentication

Modoboa supports external LDAP authentication using the following extra components:

- Python LDAP client
- Django LDAP authentication backend

If you want to use this feature, you must first install those components:

```
$ pip install python-ldap django-auth-ldap
```

Then, all you have to do is to modify the `settings.py` file. Add a new authentication backend to the `AUTHENTICATION_BACKENDS` variable, like this:

```
AUTHENTICATION_BACKENDS = (  
    'modoboa.lib.authbackends.LDAPBackend',  
    'modoboa.lib.authbackends.SimpleBackend',  
)
```

Finally, go to *Modoboa > Parameters > General* and set *Authentication type* to LDAP.

From there, new parameters will appear to let you configure the way Modoboa should connect to your LDAP server. They are described just below:

Name	Description	Default value
Server address	The IP address of the DNS name of the LDAP server	localhost
Server port	The TCP port number used by the LDAP server	389
Use a secure connection	Use an SSL/TLS connection to access the LDAP server	no
Authentication method	Choose the authentication method to use	Direct bind
User DN template (direct bind mode)	The template used to construct a user's DN. It should contain one placeholder (ie. <code>% (user)s</code> )	
Bind DN	The distinguished name to use when binding to the LDAP server. Leave empty for an anonymous bind	
Bind password	The password to use when binding to the LDAP server (with 'Bind DN')	
Search base	The distinguished name of the search base	
Search filter	An optional filter string (e.g. <code>'(objectClass=person)'</code> ). In order to be valid, it must be enclosed in parentheses.	<code>(mail=%(user)s)</code>
Password attribute	The attribute used to store user passwords	userPassword
Active Directory	Tell if the LDAP server is an Active Directory one	no

If you need additional parameters, you will find a detailed documentation [here](#).

Once the authentication is properly configured, the users defined in your LDAP directory will be able to connect to Modoboa, the associated domain and mailboxes will be automatically created if needed.

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**Note:** Users created automatically from an LDAP directory belongs to the *SimpleUsers* group and have a mailbox. To do so, usernames have to be valid email addresses. If not, LDAP users won't be able to access Modoboa.

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Users will also be able to update their LDAP password directly from Modoboa.

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**Note:** Modoboa doesn't provide any synchronization mechanism once a user is registered into the database. Any modification done from the directory to a user account will not be reported to Modoboa (an email address change for example). Currently, the only solution is to manually delete the Modoboa record, it will be recreated on the next user login.

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## 1.3.7 Database maintenance

### Cleaning the logs table

Modoboa logs administrator specific actions into the database. A clean-up script is provided to automatically remove oldest records. The maximum log record age can be configured through the online panel.

To use it, you can setup a cron job to run every night:

```
0 0 * * * <modoboa_site>/manage.py cleanlogs
```

### Cleaning the session table

Django does not provide automatic purging. Therefore, it's your job to purge expired sessions on a regular basis.

Django provides a sample clean-up script: `django-admin.py cleanup`. That script deletes any session in the session table whose `expire_date` is in the past.

For example, you could setup a cron job to run this script every night:

```
0 0 * * * <modoboa_site>/manage.py cleanup
```

## 1.4 Using plugins

### 1.4.1 Enable or disable a plugin

Modoboa provides an online panel to control plugins activation. You will find it at *Modoboa > Extensions*.

To activate a plugin, check the corresponding box and click on the *Apply* button.

To deactivate a plugin, uncheck the corresponding box and click on the *Apply* button.

### 1.4.2 Per-admin limits

This plugin offers a way to define limits about how many objects (aliases, mailboxes) a domain administrator can create.

It also brings a new administrative role: *Reseller*. A reseller is a domain administrator that can also manipulate domains and assign permissions to domain administrators.

If you don't want to limit a particular object type, just set the associated value to -1.

Default limits applied to new administrators can be changed through the *Modoboa > Parameters > Limits* page.

### 1.4.3 Amavisd-new frontend

This plugin provides a simple management frontend for [amavisd-new](#). The supported features are:

- SQL quarantine management : available to administrators or users, possibility to delete or release messages
- Per domain customization (using policies): specify how amavisd-new will handle traffic

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**Note:** The per-domain policies feature only works for new installations. Currently, you can't use modoboa with an existing database (ie. with data in `users` and `policies` tables).

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**Note:** This plugin requires amavisd-new version **2.7.0** or higher. If you're planning to use the *Self-service mode*, you'll need version **2.8.0**.

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## Database

You must tell to Modoboa where it can find the amavis database. Inside `settings.py`, add a new connection to the `DATABASES` variable like this:

```
DATABASES = {
    # Stuff before
    #
    "amavis": {
        "ENGINE" : "<your value>",
        "HOST" : "<your value>",
        "NAME" : "<your value>",
        "USER" : "<your value>",
        "PASSWORD" : "<your value>"
    }
}
```

Replace values between `<>` with yours.

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**Note:** Modoboa doesn't create amavis tables. You need to install them following the [official documentation](#).

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## Cleanup

Storing quarantined messages to a database can quickly become a performance killer. Modoboa provides a simple script to periodically purge the quarantine database. To use it, add the following line inside root's crontab:

```
0 0 * * * <modoboa_site>/manage.py qcleanup
```

Replace `modoboa_site` with the path of your Modoboa instance.

By default, messages older than 14 days are automatically purged. You can modify this value by changing the `MAX_MESSAGES_AGE` parameter in the online panel.

## Release messages

To release messages, first take a look at [this page](#). It explains how to configure amavisd-new to listen somewhere for the AM.PDP protocol. This protocol is used to send requests.

Below is an example of a working configuration:

```
$interface_policy{'SOCK'} = 'AM.PDP-SOCK';
$interface_policy{'9998'} = 'AM.PDP-INET';

$policy_bank{'AM.PDP-SOCK'} = {
    protocol => 'AM.PDP',
    auth_required_release => 0,
};
$policy_bank{'AM.PDP-INET'} = {
    protocol => 'AM.PDP',
    inet_acl => [qw( 127.0.0.1 [::1] )],
};
```

Don't forget to update the `inet_acl` list if you plan to release from the network.

Once amavisd-new is configured, just tell Modoboa where it can find the *release server* by modifying the following parameters in the online panel:

Name	Description	Default value
Amavis connection mode	Mode used to access the PDP server	unix
PDP server address	PDP server address (if inet mode)	localhost
PDP server port	PDP server port (if inet mode) 9998	
PDP server socket	Path to the PDP server socket (if unix mode)	/var/amavis/amavisd.sock

### Deferred release

By default, simple users are not allowed to release messages themselves. They are only allowed to send release requests to administrators.

As administrators are not always available or logged into Modoboa, a notification tool is available. It sends reminder e-mails to every administrators or domain administrators. To use it, add the following example line to root's crontab:

```
0 12 * * * <modoboa_site>/manage.py amnotify --baseurl='<modoboa_url>'
```

You are free to change the frequency.

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**Note:** If you want to let users release their messages alone (not recommended), go to the admin panel.

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The following parameters are available to let you customize this feature:

Name	Description	Default value
Check requests interval	Interval between two release requests checks	30
Allow direct release	Allow users to directly release their messages	no
Notifications sender	The e-mail address used to send notifications	<a href="mailto:notification@modoboa.org">notification@modoboa.org</a>

### Self-service mode

The *self-service* mode let users act on quarantined messages without beeing authenticated. They can:

- View messages
- Remove messages
- Release messages (or send release requests)

To access a specific message, they only need the following information:

- Message's unique identifier
- Message's secret identifier

This information is controlled by *amavis*, which is in charge of notifying users when new messages are put into quarantine. Each notification (one per message) must embark a direct link containing the required identifiers.

To activate this feature, go the administration panel and set the **Enable self-service mode** parameter to yes.

The last step is to customize the notification messages amavis sends. The most important is to embark a direct link. Take a look at the [README.customize](#) file to learn what you're allowed to do.

Here is a link example:

```
http://<modoboa_url>/quarantine/%i/?rcpt=%R&secret_id=[:secret_id]
```

### 1.4.4 Graphical statistics

This plugin collects various statistics about emails traffic on your server. It parses a log file to collect information, store it into RRD files (see [rrdtool](#)) and then generates graphics in PNG format.

To use it, go to the online parameters panel and adapt the following ones to your environment:

Name	Description	Default value
Path to the log file	Path to log file used to collect statistics	/var/log/mail.log
Directory to store RRD files	Path to directory where RRD files are stored	/tmp/modoboa
Directory to store PNG files	Path to directory where PNG files are stored	<modoboa_site>/media/stats

Make sure the directory that will contain RRD files exists. If not, create it before going further. For example (according to the previous parameters):

```
$ mkdir /tmp/modoboa
```

To finish, you need to collect information periodically in order to feed the RRD files. Add the following line into root's crontab:

```
*/5 * * * * <modoboa_site>/manage.py logparser &> /dev/null
```

Replace <modoboa\_site> with the path of your Modoboa instance.

Graphics will be automatically created after each parsing.

### 1.4.5 Postfix auto-reply messages

This plugin let users define an auto-reply message (*vacation*). It is based on Postfix capabilities.

The user that executes the autoreply script needs to access `settings.py`. You must apply proper permissions on this file. For example, if `settings.py` belongs to `www-data:www-data`, you can add the `vmail` user to the `www-data` group and set the read permission for the group.

To make Postfix use this feature, you need to update your configuration files as follows:

/etc/postfix/main.cf:

```
transport_maps = mysql:/etc/postfix/maps/sql-transport.cf
virtual_alias_maps = mysql:/etc/postfix/maps/sql-aliases.cf
                    mysql:/etc/postfix/mapfiles/sql-domain-aliases-mailboxes.cf,
                    mysql:/etc/postfix/mapfiles/sql-email2email.cf,
                    mysql:/etc/postfix/maps/sql-autoreplies.cf,
                    mysql:/etc/postfix/mapfiles/sql-catchall-aliases.cf
```

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**Note:** The order used to define alias maps is important, please respect it

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/etc/postfix/master.cf:

```
autoreply unix      -      n      n      -      -      pipe
                    flags= user=vmail:<group> argv=<modoboa_site>/manage.py autoreply $sender $mailbox
```

<modoboa\_site> is the path of your Modoboa instance.

Then, create the requested map files:

```
$ modoboa-admin.py postfix_maps mapfiles --categories autoreply
```



*mapfiles* is the directory where the files will be stored. Answer the few questions and you're done.

**Note:** Auto-reply messages are just sent one time per sender for a pre-defined time period. By default, this period is equal to 1 day (86400s), you can adjust this value by modifying the **Automatic reply timeout** parameter available in the online panel.

### 1.4.6 Sieve filters

This plugin let users create server-side message filters, using the [sievelib module](#) (which provides Sieve and Manage-Sieve clients).

Two working modes are available:

- A raw mode: you create filters using the Sieve language directly (advanced users)
- An assisted mode: you create filters using an intuitive form

To use this plugin, your hosting setup must include a *ManageSieve* server and your local delivery agent must understand the *Sieve* language. Don't panic, Dovecot supports both :-)) (refer to *Dovecot* to know how to enable those features).

**Note:** The sieve filters plugin requires that the *Webmail* plugin is activated and configured.

Go to the online panel and modify the following parameters in order to communicate with the *ManageSieve* server:

Name	Description	Default value
Server address	Address of your MANAGESIEVE server	127.0.0.1
Server port	Listening port of your MANAGESIEVE server	4190
Connect using STARTTLS	Use the STARTTLS extension	no
Authentication mechanism	Preferred authentication mechanism	auto

### 1.4.7 Webmail

Modoboa provides a simple webmail:

- Browse, read and compose messages, attachments are supported
- HTML messages are supported
- [CKeditor](#) integration
- Manipulate mailboxes (create, move, remove)
- Quota display

To use it, go to the online panel and modify the following parameters to communicate with your *IMAP* server (under *IMAP settings*):

Name	Description	Default value
Server address	Address of your IMAP server	127.0.0.1
Use a secured connection	Use a secured connection to access IMAP server	no
Server port	Listening port of your IMAP server	143

Do the same to communicate with your SMTP server (under *SMTP settings*):

Name	Description	Default value
Server address	Address of your SMTP server	127.0.0.1
Secured connection mode	Use a secured connection to access SMTP server	None
Server port	Listening port of your SMTP server	25
Authentication required	Server needs authentication	no

**Note:** The size of each attachment sent with messages is limited. You can change the default value by modifying the **Maximum attachment size** parameter.

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## Using CKeditor

Modoboa supports CKeditor to compose HTML messages. To use it, first download it from [the official website](#), then extract the tarball:

```
$ cd <modoboa_site_dir>
$ tar xzf /path/to/ckeditor/tarball.tag.gz -C sitestatic/js/
```

And you're done!

Now, each user has the possibility to choose between CKeditor and the raw text editor to compose their messages. (see *User > Settings > Preferences > Webmail*)

# INTEGRATION WITH OTHER SOFTWARES

## 2.1 Dovecot and Postfix

### 2.1.1 Dovecot

Modoboa works better with Dovecot 2.0 so the following documentation is suitable for this combination.

In this section, we assume dovecot's configuration resides in `/etc/dovecot`, all pathes will be relative to this directory.

#### Mailboxes

First, edit the `conf.d/10-mail.conf` and set the `mail_location` variable:

```
# maildir
mail_location = maildir:~/Maildir
```

Then, edit the `inbox` namespace and add the following lines:

```
mailbox Drafts {
    auto = create
    special_use = \Drafts
}
mailbox Junk {
    auto = create
    special_use = \Junk
}
mailbox Sent {
    auto = create
    special_use = \Sent
}
mailbox Trash {
    auto = create
    special_use = \Trash
}
```

It ensures all the special mailboxes will be automatically created for new accounts.

### Operations on the file system

Three operation types are considered:

1. Mailbox creation
2. Mailbox renaming
3. Mailbox deletion

The first one is managed by Dovecot. The last two ones may be managed by Modoboa if it can access the file system where the mailboxes are stored (see *General parameters* to activate this feature).

Those operations are treated asynchronously by a cron script. For example, when you rename an e-mail address through the web UI, the associated mailbox on the file system is not modified directly. Instead of that, a *rename* order is created for this mailbox. The mailbox will be considered unavailable until the order is not executed (see *Postfix configuration*).

Edit the crontab of the user who owns the mailboxes on the file system:

```
$ crontab -u <user> -e
```

And add the following line inside:

```
* * * * * python <modoboa_site>/manage.py handle_mailbox_operations
```

**Warning:** The cron script must be executed by the system user owning the mailboxes.

**Warning:** The user running the cron script must have access to the `settings.py` file of the modoboa instance.

The result of each order is recorded into Modoboa's log. Go to *Modoboa > Logs* to consult them.

### Authentication

To make the authentication work, edit the `conf.d/10-auth.conf` and uncomment the following line at the end:

```
#!/include auth-system.conf.ext
!include auth-sql.conf.ext
#!/include auth-ldap.conf.ext
#!/include auth-passwdfile.conf.ext
#!/include auth-checkpassword.conf.ext
#!/include auth-vpopmail.conf.ext
#!/include auth-static.conf.ext
```

Then, edit the `conf.d/auth-sql.conf.ext` file and add the following content inside:

```
passdb sql {
    driver = sql
    # Path for SQL configuration file, see example-config/dovecot-sql.conf.ext
    args = /etc/dovecot/dovecot-sql.conf.ext
}

userdb sql {
    driver = sql
    args = /etc/dovecot/dovecot-sql.conf.ext
}
```

Make sure to activate only one backend (per type) inside your configuration (just comment the other ones).

Edit the `dovecot-sql.conf.ext` and modify the configuration according to your database engine.

### MySQL users

```
driver = mysql

connect = host=<mysqld socket> dbname=<database> user=<user> password=<password>

default_pass_scheme = CRYPT

password_query = SELECT email AS user, password FROM admin_user WHERE email='%u' and is_active=1

user_query = SELECT '<mailboxes storage directory>/%d/%n' AS home, <uid> as uid, <gid> as gid, concat

iterate_query = SELECT email AS username FROM admin_user
```

### PostgreSQL users

```
driver = postgresql

connect = host=<postgres socket> dbname=<database> user=<user> password=<password>

default_pass_scheme = CRYPT

password_query = SELECT email AS user, password FROM admin_user WHERE email='%u' and is_active

user_query = SELECT '<mailboxes storage directory>/%d/%n' AS home, <uid> as uid, <gid> as gid, '*:by

iterate_query = SELECT email AS username FROM admin_user
```

### SQLite users

```
driver = sqlite

connect = <path to the sqlite db file>

default_pass_scheme = CRYPT

password_query = SELECT email AS user, password FROM admin_user WHERE email='%u' and is_active=1

user_query = SELECT '<mailboxes storage directory>/%d/%n' AS home, <uid> as uid, <gid> as gid, ('*:by

iterate_query = SELECT email AS username FROM admin_user
```

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**Note:** Replace values between `<>` with yours.

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## LDA

The LDA is activated by default but you must define a *postmaster* address. Open the `conf.d/15-lda.conf` file modify the following line:

```
postmaster_address = postmaster@<domain>
```

## Quota

Modoboa lets administrators define per-domain and/or per-account limits (quota). It also lists the current quota usage of each account. Those features require Dovecot to be configured in a specific way.

Inside `conf.d/10-mail.conf`, add the quota plugin to the default activated ones:

```
mail_plugins = quota
```

Inside `conf.d/10-master.conf`, update the dict service to set proper permissions:

```
service dict {
    # If dict proxy is used, mail processes should have access to its socket.
    # For example: mode=0660, group=vmail and global mail_access_groups=vmail
    unix_listener dict {
        mode = 0600
        user = <user owning mailboxes>
        #group =
    }
}
```

Inside `conf.d/20-imap.conf`, activate the `imap_quota` plugin:

```
protocol imap {
    # ...

    mail_plugins = $mail_plugins imap_quota

    # ...
}
```

Inside `dovecot.conf`, activate the quota SQL dictionary backend:

```
dict {
    quota = <driver>:/etc/dovecot/dovecot-dict-sql.conf.ext
}
```

Inside `conf.d/90-quota.conf`, activate the *quota dictionary* backend:

```
plugin {
    quota = dict:User quota::proxy::quota
}
```

It will tell Dovecot to keep quota usage in the SQL dictionary.

Finally, edit the `dovecot-dict-sql.conf.ext` file and put the following content inside:

```
connect = host=<db host> dbname=<db name> user=<db user> password=<password>
# SQLite users
# connect = /path/to/the/database.db

map {
    pattern = priv/quota/storage
    table = admin_quota
    username_field = username
    value_field = bytes
}
```

```
map {
    pattern = priv/quota/messages
    table = admin_quota
    username_field = username
    value_field = messages
}
```

### PostgreSQL users

**Database schema update** The `admin_quota` table is created by Django but unfortunately it doesn't support DEFAULT constraints (it only simulates them when the ORM is used). As PostgreSQL is a bit strict about constraint violations, you must execute the following query manually:

```
db=> ALTER TABLE admin_quota ALTER COLUMN bytes SET DEFAULT 0;
db=> ALTER TABLE admin_quota ALTER COLUMN messages SET DEFAULT 0;
```

**Trigger** As indicated on [Dovecot's wiki](#), you need a trigger to properly update the quota. Unfortunately, the provided example won't work for Modoboa. You should use the following one instead:

```
CREATE OR REPLACE FUNCTION merge_quota() RETURNS TRIGGER AS $$
BEGIN
    IF NEW.messages < 0 OR NEW.messages IS NULL THEN
        -- ugly kludge: we came here from this function, really do try to insert
        IF NEW.messages IS NULL THEN
            NEW.messages = 0;
        ELSE
            NEW.messages = -NEW.messages;
        END IF;
        return NEW;
    END IF;

    LOOP
        UPDATE admin_quota SET bytes = bytes + NEW.bytes,
            messages = messages + NEW.messages
            WHERE username = NEW.username;
        IF found THEN
            RETURN NULL;
        END IF;

        BEGIN
            IF NEW.messages = 0 THEN
                RETURN NEW;
            ELSE
                NEW.messages = - NEW.messages;
                return NEW;
            END IF;
        EXCEPTION WHEN unique_violation THEN
            -- someone just inserted the record, update it
            END;
        END LOOP;
    END;
$$ LANGUAGE plpgsql;

CREATE OR REPLACE FUNCTION set_mboxid() RETURNS TRIGGER AS $$
DECLARE
    mboxid INTEGER;
```

```
BEGIN
    SELECT admin_mailbox.id INTO STRICT mboxid FROM admin_mailbox INNER JOIN admin_user ON admin_mailbox.admin_user_id = admin_user.id
    UPDATE admin_quota SET mbox_id = mboxid
    WHERE username = NEW.username;
    RETURN NULL;
END;
$$ LANGUAGE plpgsql;

DROP TRIGGER IF EXISTS mergequota ON admin_quota;
CREATE TRIGGER mergequota BEFORE INSERT ON admin_quota
    FOR EACH ROW EXECUTE PROCEDURE merge_quota();

DROP TRIGGER IF EXISTS setmboxid ON admin_quota;
CREATE TRIGGER setmboxid AFTER INSERT ON admin_quota
    FOR EACH ROW EXECUTE PROCEDURE set_mboxid();
```

Copy this example into a file (for example: `quota-trigger.sql`) on server running postgres and execute the following commands:

```
$ su - postgres
$ psql < /path/to/quota-trigger.sql
$ exit
```

### Forcing recalculation

For existing installations, *Dovecot* (> 2) offers a command to recalculate the current quota usages. For example, if you want to update all usages, run the following command:

```
$ doveadm quota recalc -A
```

Be carefull, it can take a while to execute.

### ManageSieve/Sieve

Modoboa lets users define filtering rules from the web interface. To do so, it requires *ManageSieve* to be activated on your server.

Inside `conf.d/20-managesieve.conf`, make sure the following lines are uncommented:

```
protocols = $protocols sieve

service managesieve-login {
    # ...
}

service managesieve {
    # ...
}

protocol sieve {
    # ...
}
```

Messages filtering using Sieve is done by the LDA.

Inside `conf.d/15-lda.conf`, activate the sieve plugin like this:



```
protocol lda {  
    # Space separated list of plugins to load (default is global mail_plugins).  
    mail_plugins = $mail_plugins sieve  
}
```

Finally, configure the sieve plugin by editing the `conf.d/90-sieve.conf` file. Put the following content inside:

```
plugin {  
    # Location of the active script. When ManageSieve is used this is actually  
    # a symlink pointing to the active script in the sieve storage directory.  
    sieve = ~/.dovecot.sieve  
  
    #  
    # The path to the directory where the personal Sieve scripts are stored. For  
    # ManageSieve this is where the uploaded scripts are stored.  
    sieve_dir = ~/sieve  
}
```

Restart Dovecot.

## 2.1.2 Postfix

This section gives an example about building a simple virtual hosting configuration with *Postfix*. Refer to the [official documentation](#) for more explanation.

### Map files

You first need to create configuration files (or map files) that will be used by Postfix to lookup into Modoboa tables.

To automatically generate the requested map files and store them in a directory, run the following command:

```
$ modoboa-admin.py postfix_maps --dbtype <mysql|postgres|sqlite> mapfiles
```

`mapfiles` is the directory where the files will be stored. Answer the few questions and you're done.

### Configuration

Use the following configuration in the `/etc/postfix/main.cf` file (this is just one possible configuration):

```
# Stuff before  
virtual_transport = dovecot  
dovecot_destination_recipient_limit = 1  
  
virtual_minimum_uid = <vmail user id>  
virtual_gid_maps = static:<vmail group id>  
virtual_uid_maps = static:<vmail user id>  
virtual_mailbox_base = /var/vmail  
  
relay_domains =  
virtual_mailbox_domains = <driver>:/etc/postfix/sql-domains.cf  
virtual_alias_domains = <driver>:/etc/postfix/sql-domain-aliases.cf  
virtual_mailbox_maps = <driver>:/etc/postfix/sql-mailboxes.cf  
virtual_alias_maps = <driver>:/etc/postfix/sql-aliases.cf,  
                    <driver>:/etc/postfix/sql-domain-aliases-mailboxes.cf,  
                    <driver>:/etc/postfix/sql-email2email.cf,  
                    <driver>:/etc/postfix/sql-catchall-aliases.cf
```

```
smtpd_recipient_restrictions =  
    ...  
    check_recipient_access <driver>:/etc/postfix/maps/sql-maintain.cf  
    permit_mynetworks  
    ...
```

# Stuff after

Replace <driver> by the name of the database you use.

Then, edit the /etc/postfix/master.cf file and add the following definition at the end:

```
dovecot    unix    -            n            n            -            -            pipe  
    flags=DRhu user=vmail:vmail argv=/usr/lib/dovecot/deliver -f ${sender} -d ${recipient}
```

Restart Postfix.

## 2.2 Web servers

### 2.2.1 Apache2

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**Note:** The following instructions are meant to help you get your site up and running quickly. However it is not possible for the people contributing documentation to Modoboa to test every single combination of web server, wsgi server, distribution, etc. So it is possible that **your** installation of uwsgi or nginx or Apache or what-have-you works differently. Keep this in mind.

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#### **mod\_wsgi**

First, make sure that mod\_wsgi is installed on your server.

Create a new virtualhost in your Apache configuration and put the following content inside:

```
<VirtualHost *:80>  
    ServerName <your value>  
    DocumentRoot <path to your site's dir>  
  
    Alias /media/ <path to your site's dir>/media/  
    <Directory <path to your site's dir>/media>  
        Order deny,allow  
        Allow from all  
    </Directory>  
  
    Alias /sitestatic/ <path to your site's dir>/sitestatic/  
    <Directory <path to your site's dir>/sitestatic>  
        Order deny,allow  
        Allow from all  
    </Directory>  
  
    WSGIScriptAlias / <path to your site's dir>/wsgi.py  
</VirtualHost>
```

This is just one possible configuration.

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**Note:** Django 1.3 users, please consult this [page](#), it contains an example `wsgi.py` file.

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**Note:** You will certainly need more configuration in order to launch Apache.

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## mod\_python

First, make sure that `mod_python` is installed on your server.

Create a new virtualhost in your Apache configuration and put the following content inside:

```
<VirtualHost *:80>
  ServerName <your value>
  DocumentRoot <path to your site's dir>

  <Location "/">
    SetHandler mod_python
    PythonHandler django.core.handlers.modpython
    PythonPath "['<path to directory that contains your site's dir>'] + sys.path"
    SetEnv DJANGO_SETTINGS_MODULE <your site's name>.settings
  </Location>

  Alias "/sitestatic" "<path to your site's dir>/sitestatic"
  <Location "/sitestatic/">
    SetHandler None
  </Location>

  Alias "/media" "<path to your site's dir>/media"
  <Location "/media/">
    SetHandler None
  </Location>
</VirtualHost>
```

This is just one possible configuration.

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**Note:** You will certainly need more configuration in order to launch Apache.

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## 2.2.2 Nginx

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### Green Unicorn

Nginx is a really fast HTTP server. Associated with [Green Unicorn](#), it gives you one of the best setups to serve python/Django applications. Modoboa's performance is really good with this configuration.

To use this setup, first download and install [nginx](#) and [gunicorn](#). Then, use the following sample gunicorn configuration (create a new file named `gunicorn.conf.py` inside Modoboa's root dir):

```
backlog = 2048
bind = "unix:/var/run/gunicorn/modoboa.sock"
pidfile = "/var/run/gunicorn/modoboa.pid"
daemon = True
debug = False
workers = 2
logfile = "/var/log/gunicorn/modoboa.log"
loglevel = "info"
```

To start gunicorn, execute the following commands:

```
$ cd <modoboa dir>
$ gunicorn -c gunicorn.conf.py <modoboa dir>.wsgi:application
```

Now the nginx part. Just create a new virtual host and use the following configuration:

```
upstream modoboa {
    server      unix:/var/run/gunicorn/modoboa.sock fail_timeout=0;
}

server {
    listen 443 ssl;
    ssl on;
    keepalive_timeout 70;

    server_name <host fqdn>;
    root <modoboa's root dir>;

    access_log /var/log/nginx/<host fqdn>.access.log;
    error_log /var/log/nginx/<host fqdn>.error.log;

    ssl_certificate      <ssl certificate for your site>;
    ssl_certificate_key  <ssl certificate key for your site>;

    location /sitestatic/ {
        autoindex on;
    }

    location /media/ {
        autoindex on;
    }

    location / {
        proxy_set_header X-Forwarded-For $proxy_add_x_forwarded_for;
        proxy_set_header Host $http_host;
        proxy_redirect off;
        proxy_set_header X-Forwarded-Protocol ssl;
        proxy_pass http://modoboa;
    }
}
```

If you do not plan to use SSL then change the listen directive to `listen 80;` and delete each of the following directives:

```
ssl on;
keepalive_timeout 70;
ssl_certificate      <ssl certificate for your site>;
ssl_certificate_key  <ssl certificate key for your site>;
proxy_set_header X-Forwarded-Protocol ssl;
```

If you do plan to use SSL, you'll have to generate a certificate and a key. [This article](#) contains information about how to do it.

Paste this content to your configuration (replace values between <> with yours), restart nginx and enjoy a really fast application!

## uwsgi

The following setup is meant to get you started quickly. You should read the documentation of both nginx and uwsgi to understand how to optimize their configuration for your site.

The Django documentation includes the following warning regarding uwsgi:

**Warning:** Some distributions, including Debian and Ubuntu, ship an outdated version of uWSGI that does not conform to the WSGI specification. Versions prior to 1.2.6 do not call close on the response object after handling a request. In those cases the request\_finished signal isn't sent. This can result in idle connections to database and memcache servers.

Use uwsgi 1.2.6 or newer. If you do not, you *will* run into problems. Modoboa will fail in obscure ways.

To use this setup, first download and install [nginx](#) and [uwsgi](#).

Here is a sample nginx configuration:

```
server {
    listen 443 ssl;
    ssl on;
    keepalive_timeout 70;

    server_name <host fqdn>;
    root <modoboa's settings dir>;

    ssl_certificate      <ssl certificate for your site>;
    ssl_certificate_key  <ssl certificate key for your site>;

    access_log /var/log/nginx/<host fqdn>.access.log;
    error_log /var/log/nginx/<host fqdn>.error.log;

    location <modoboa's root url>/sitestatic/ {
        autoindex on;
        alias <location of sitestatic on your file system>;
    }

    # Whether or not Modoboa uses a media directory depends on how
    # you configured Modoboa. It does not hurt to have this.
    location <modoboa's root url>/media/ {
        autoindex on;
        alias <location of media on your file system>;
    }

    # This denies access to any file that begins with
    # ".ht". Apache's .htaccess and .htpasswd are such files. A
    # Modoboa installed from scratch would not contain any such
    # files, but you never know what the future holds.
    location ~ /\.ht {
        deny all;
    }
}
```

```
location <modoba's root url>/ {
    include uwsgi_params;
    uwsgi_pass <uwsgi port>;
    uwsgi_param UWSGI_SCRIPT modoboa_server.wsgi:application
    uwsgi_param UWSGI_SCHEME https;
}
}
```

If you do not plan to use SSL then change the listen directive to `listen 80;` and delete each of the following directives:

```
ssl on;
keepalive_timeout 70;
ssl_certificate <ssl certificate for your site>;
ssl_certificate_key <ssl certificate key for your site>;
uwsgi_param UWSGI_SCHEME https;
```

If you do plan to use SSL, you'll have to generate a certificate and a key. [This article](#) contains information about how to do it.

Make sure to replace the `<...>` in the sample configuration with appropriate values. Here are some explanations for the cases that may not be completely self-explanatory:

**<modoboa's settings dir>** Where Modoboa's `settings.py` resides. This is also where the `sitestatic` and `media` directories reside.

**<modoboa's root url>** This is the URL which will be the root of your Modoboa site at your domain. For instance, if your Modoboa installation is reachable at `https://foo/modoboa` then `<modoboa's root url>` is `/modoboa`. In this case you probably also have to set the `alias` directives to point to where Modoboa's `sitestatic` and `media` directories are because otherwise nginx won't be able to find them.

If Modoboa is at the root of your domain, then `<modoboa root url>` is an empty string and can be deleted from the configuration above. In this case, you probably do not need the `alias` directives.

**<uwsgi port>** The location where uwsgi is listening. It could be a unix domain socket or an address:port combination. Ubuntu configures uwsgi so that the port is:

```
unix:/run/uwsgi/app/<app name>/socket
```

where `<app name>` is the name of the application.

Your uwsgi configuration should be:

```
[uwsgi]
# Not needed when using uwsgi from pip
# plugins = python
chdir = <modoboa's top dir>
module = <name>.wsgi:application
master = true
harakiri = 30
sharedarea = 4
processes = 4
vhost = true
no-default-app = true
```

The `plugins` directive should be turned on if you use a uwsgi installation that requires it. If uwsgi was installed from pip, it does not require it. In the configuration above:

**<modoboa's top dir>** The directory where `manage.py` resides. This directory is the parent of `<modoboa's settings dir>`

**<name>** The name that you passed to `modoboa-admin.py deploy` when you created your Modoboa instance.





# EXTENDING MODOBOA

## 3.1 Adding a new plugin

### 3.1.1 Introduction

Modoboa offers a plugin API to expand its capabilities. The current implementation provides the following possibilities:

- Expand navigation by adding entry points to your plugin inside the GUI
- Access and modify administrative objects (domains, mailboxes, etc.)
- Register callback actions for specific events

Plugins are nothing more than Django applications with an extra piece of code that integrates them into Modoboa. Usually, the `__init__.py` file will contain a complete description of the plugin:

- Admin and user parameters
- Observed events
- Custom menu entries

The communication between both applications is provided by *Available events*. Modoboa offers some kind of hooks to let plugin add custom actions.

The following subsections describe plugin architecture and explain how you can create your own plugin.

### 3.1.2 The required glue

To create a new plugin, just start a new django application like this (into Modoboa's directory):

```
$ python manage.py startapp
```

Then, you need to register this application using the provided API. Just copy/paste the following example into the `__init__.py` file of the future extension:

```
from modoboa.extensions import ModoExtension, exts_pool

class MyExtension(ModoExtension):
    name = "myext"
    label = "My Extension"
    version = "0.1"
    description = "A description"
    url = "myext_root_location" # optional, name is used if not defined
```

```
def init(self):
    """This method is called when the extension is activated.
    """
    pass

def load(self):
    """This method is called when Modoboa loads available and activated plugins.

    Declare parameters and register events here.
    """
    pass

def destroy(self):
    """This function is called when a plugin is disabled from the interface.

    Unregister parameters and events here.
    """
    pass
```

```
exts_pool.register_extension(MyExtension)
```

Once done, simply add your plugin's module name to the `INSTALLED_APPS` variable located inside `settings.py`. Optionally, run `python manage.py syncdb` if your plugin provides custom tables and `python manage.py collectstatic` to update static files.

### 3.1.3 Parameters

A plugin can declare its own parameters. There are two levels available:

- 'Administration' parameters : used to configure the plugin, editable inside the *Admin > Settings > Parameters* page,
- 'User' parameters : per-user parameters (or preferences), editable inside the *Options > Preferences* page.

#### Playing with parameters

To declare a new administration parameter, use the following function:

```
from modoboa.lib import parameters

parameters.register_admin(name, **kwargs)
```

To declare a new user parameter, use the following function:

```
parameter.register_user(name, **kwargs)
```

Both functions accept extra arguments listed here:

- `type` : parameter's type, possible values are : `int`, `string`, `list`, `list_yneno`,
- `deflt` : default value,
- `help` : help text,
- `values` : list of possible values if `type` is `list`.

To undeclare parameters (for example when a plugin is disabled is disabled from the interface), use the following function:

```
parameters.unregister_app(appname)
```

`appname` corresponds to your plugin's name, ie. the name of the directory containing the source code.

### 3.1.4 Custom administrative roles

Modoboa uses Django's internal permission system. Administrative roles are nothing more than groups (Group instances).

If an extension needs to add new roles, it needs to follow those steps:

1. Create a new `Group` instance. It can be done by providing `fixtures` or by creating it into the extension `init` function
2. A new listener for the `GetExtraRoles` event that will return the group's name

## 3.2 Available events

### 3.2.1 Introduction

Modoboa provides a simple API to interact with events. It understands two kinds of events:

- Those that return a value
- Those that return nothing

Listening to a specific event is achieved as follow:

```
from modoboa.lib import events
```

```
def callback(*args):
    pass
```

```
events.register('event', callback)
```

You can also use the custom decorator `events.observe`:

```
@events.observe('event')
def callback(*args):
    pass
```

`event` is the event's name you want to listen to, `callback` is the function that will be called each time this event is raised. Each event impose to callbacks a specific prototype to respect. See below for a detailed list.

To stop listening to as specific event, you must use the `unregister` function:

```
events.unregister('event', callback)
```

The parameters are the same than those used with `register`.

Read further to get a complete list and description of all available events.

### 3.2.2 Supported events

#### AccountCreated

Raised when a new account is created.

*Callback prototype:*

```
def callback(account): pass
```

- `account` is the newly created account (User instance)

### AccountDeleted

Raised when an existing account is deleted.

*Callback prototype:*

```
def callback(account): pass
```

- `oldaccount` is the account that is going to be deleted

### AccountModified

Raised when an existing account is modified.

*Callback prototype:*

```
def callback(oldaccount, newaccount): pass
```

- `oldaccount` is the account before it is modified
- `newaccount` is the account after the modification

### ExtraAccountActions

Raised when the account list is displayed. Let developers define new actions to act on a specific user.

*Callback prototype:*

```
def callback(account): pass
```

- `account` is the account being listed

### AdminMenuDisplay

Raised when an admin menu is about to be displayed.

*Callback prototype:*

```
def callback(target, user): pass
```

The `target` argument indicates which menu is being displayed. Possible values are:

- `admin_menu_box`: corresponds to the menu bar available inside administration pages
- `top_menu`: corresponds to the top black bar

See *UserMenuDisplay* for a description of what callbacks that listen to this event must return.

### CanCreate

Raised just before a user tries to create a new object.

*Callback prototype:*

```
def callback(user): pass
```

- user is a User instance

Return True or False to indicate if this user can respectively create or not create a new Domain object.

### CheckExtraAccountForm

When an account is being modified, this event lets extensions check if this account is concerned by a specific form.

*Callback prototype:*

```
def callback(account, form): pass
```

- account is the User instance beeing modified
- form is a dictionary (same content as for ExtraAccountForm)

Callbacks listening to this event must return a list containing one Boolean.

### CreateDomain

Raised when a new domain is created.

*Callback prototype:*

```
def callback(user, domain): pass
```

- user corresponds to the User object creating the domain (its owner)
- domain is a Domain instance

### CreateMailbox

Raised when a new mailbox is created.

*Callback prototype:*

```
def callback(user, mailbox): pass
```

- user is the new mailbox's owner (User instance)
- mailbox is the new mailbox (Mailbox instance)

### DeleteDomain

Raised when an existing domain is about to be deleted.

*Callback prototype:*

```
def callback(domain): pass
```

- domain is a Domain instance

### DeleteMailbox

Raised when an existing mailbox is about to be deleted.

*Callback prototype:*

```
def callback(mailbox): pass
```

- mailbox is a Mailbox instance

### DomainAliasCreated

Raised when a new domain alias is created.

*Callback prototype:*

```
def callback(user, domain_alias): pass
```

- user is the new domain alias owner (User instance)
- domain\_alias is the new domain alias (DomainAlias instance)

### DomainAliasDeleted

Raised when an existing domain alias is about to be deleted.

*Callback prototype:*

```
def callback(domain_alias): pass
```

- domain\_alias is a DomainAlias instance

### DomainModified

Raised when a domain has been modified.

*Callback prototype:*

```
def callback(domain): pass
```

- domain is the modified Domain instance, it contains an extra oldname field which contains the old domain name

### ExtDisabled

Raised just after an extension has been disabled.

*Callback prototype:*

```
def callback(extension): pass
```

- extension is an Extension instance

## ExtEnabled

Raised just after an extension has been activated.

*Callback prototype:*

```
def callback(extension): pass
```

- extension is an Extension instance

## ExtraAccountForm

Let extensions add new forms to the account edition form (the one with tabs).

*Callback prototype:*

```
def callback(user, account): pass
```

- user is a User instance corresponding to the currently logged in user
- account is the account beeing modified (User instance)

Callbacks listening to the event must return a list of dictionnaires, each one must contain at least three keys:

```
{ "id" : "<the form's id>",  
  "title" : "<the title used to present the form>",  
  "cls" : TheFormClassName }
```

## ExtraAdminContent

Let extensions add extra content into the admin panel.

*Callback prototype:*

```
def callback(user, target, currentpage): pass
```

- user is a User instance corresponding to the currently logged in user
- target is a string indicating the place where the content will be displayed. Possible values are : leftcol
- currentpage is a string indicating which page (or section) is displayed. Possible values are : domains, identities

Callbacks listening to this event must return a list of string.

## ExtraDomainForm

Let extensions add new forms to the domain edition form (the one with tabs).

*Callback prototype:*

```
def callback(user, domain): pass
```

- user is a User instance corresponding to the currently logged in user
- domain is the domain beeing modified (Domain instance)

Callbacks listening to the event must return a list of dictionnaires, each one must contain at least three keys:

```
{ "id" : "<the form's id>",  
  "title" : "<the title used to present the form>",  
  "cls" : TheFormClassName }
```

## FillAccountInstances

When an account is beeing modified, this event is raised to fill extra forms.

*Callback prototype:*

```
def callback(user, account, instances): pass
```

- `user` is a `User` instance corresponding to the currently logged in user
- `account` is the `User` instance beeing modified
- `instances` is a dictionary where the callback will add information needed to fill a specific form

## FillDomainInstances

When a domain is beeing modified, this event is raised to fill extra forms.

*Callback prototype:*

```
def callback(user, domain, instances): pass
```

- `user` is a `User` instance corresponding to the currently logged in user
- `domain` is the `Domain` instance beeing modified
- `instances` is a dictionary where the callback will add information needed to fill a specific form

## GetAnnouncement

Some places in the interface let plugins add their own announcement (ie. message).

*Callback prototype:*

```
def callback(target): pass
```

- `target` is a string indicating the place where the announcement will appear:
- `loginpage`: corresponds to the login page

Callbacks listening to this event must return a list of string.

## GetExtraRoles

Let extensions define new administrative roles.

*Callback prototype:*

```
def callback(user): pass
```

- `user` is a `User` instance corresponding to the currently logged in user

Callbacks listening to this event must return a list of 2uple (two strings) which respect the following format: `(value, label)`.



## GetStaticContent

Let extensions add static content (ie. CSS or javascript) to default pages. It is pretty useful for functionalities that don't need a template but need javascript stuff.

*Callback prototype:*

```
def callback(user): pass
```

- user is a User instance corresponding to the currently logged in user

Callbacks listening to this event must return a list of string.

## MailboxAliasCreated

Raised when a new mailbox alias is created.

*Callback prototype:*

```
def callback(user, mailbox_alias): pass
```

- user is the new domain alias owner (User instance)
- mailbox\_alias is the new mailbox alias (Alias instance)

## MailboxAliasDeleted

Raised when an existing mailbox alias is about to be deleted.

*Callback prototype:*

```
def callback(mailbox_alias): pass
```

- mailbox\_alias is an Alias instance

## ModifyMailbox

Raised when an existing mailbox is modified.

*Callback prototype:*

```
def callback(newmailbox, oldmailbox): pass
```

- newmailbox is a Mailbox instance containing the new values
- oldmailbox is a Mailbox instance containing the old values

## PasswordChange

Raised just before a *password change* action.

*Callback prototype:*

```
def callback(user): pass
```

- user is a User instance

Callbacks listening to this event must return a list containing either True or False. If at least one True is returned, the *password change* will be cancelled (ie. changing the password for this user is disabled).

## TopNotifications

Let extensions add custom content into the top bar.

*Callback prototype:*

```
def callback(user): pass
```

- `user` is a `User` instance corresponding to the currently logged in user

Callbacks listening to this event must return a list of string.

## UserLogin

Raised when a user logs in.

*Callback prototype:*

```
def callback(request, username, password): pass
```

## UserLogout

Raised when a user logs out.

*Callback prototype:*

```
def callback(request): pass
```

## UserMenuDisplay

Raised when a user menu is about to be displayed.

*Callback prototype:*

```
def callback(target, user): pass
```

The `target` argument indicates which menu is being displayed. Possible values are:

- `options_menu`: corresponds to the top-right user menu
- `uprefs_menu`: corresponds to the menu bar available inside the *User preferences* page
- `top_menu`: corresponds to the top black bar

All the callbacks that listen to this event must return a list of dictionaries (corresponding to menu entries). Each dictionary must contain at least the following keys:

```
{ "name" : "a_name_without_spaces",  
  "label" : _("The menu label"),  
  "url" : reverse("your_view") }
```

# ADDITIONAL RESOURCE

## 4.1 Migrating from other software

### 4.1.1 PostfixAdmin

Since version 0.8.5, Modoboa provides a simple script to migrate an existing [PostfixAdmin \(version 2.3.3+\)](#) database to a Modoboa one.

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**Note:** This script is only suitable for a new installation.

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First, you must follow the *Installation* step to create a fresh Modoboa database.

Once done, edit the `settings.py` file. First, add a new database connection named `pfxadmin` into the `DATABASES` variable corresponding to your PostfixAdmin setup:

```
DATABASES = {
    "default" : {
        # default connection definition
    },
    "pfxadmin" : {
        "ENGINE" : "<engine>",
        "NAME" : "<database name>",
        "USER" : "<database user>",
        "PASSWORD" : "<user password>",
    }
}
```

This connection should correspond to the one defined in PostfixAdmin's configuration file.

You are now ready to start the migration. Enter Modoboa's root directory and execute the following command:

```
$ PYTHONPATH=$PWD/.. DJANGO_SETTINGS_MODULE=modoboa.settings \
    ./tools/pfxadmin_migrate/migrate.py -r -p <directory that stores mailboxes>
```

Depending on how many domains/mailboxes your existing setup contains, the migration can be long. Just wait for the script's ending.

Once the migration has succeed, go the *Admin > Configuration* panel, click on the *admin* row and modify the value of `MAILDIR_ROOT` as follow:

```
MAILDIR_ROOT =
```

The corresponding field must be empty. Don't touch other fields except `PASSWORD_SCHEME`, if needed. (set it to the same method as the one used by PostfixAdmin, check its configuration file if you're not sure)

Click on the *Save* button.

The procedure is over, edit the `settings.py` file and:

- remove the `pfadmin` database connection from the `DATABASES` variable
- remove the `'modoboa.tools.pfadmin_migrate'`, from the `INSTALLED_APPS` variable

You should be able to connect to Modoboa using the same credentials you were using to connect to PostfixAdmin.

## 4.2 Using the virtual machine

### 4.2.1 Introduction

A virtual machine with a ready-to-use Modoboa setup is available [here](#). It is composed of the following components:

- Debian 6.0 (squeeze)
- Modoboa and its prerequisites
- MySQL
- Postfix
- Dovecot
- nginx and gunicorn

Actually, it is the result you obtain if you follow the official documentation.

The disk image is using the **VMDK** format and is compressed using `bzip2`. To decompress it, just run the following command:

```
$ bunzip2 modoboa.vmdk.bz2
```

If you can't use the `vmdk` format, you can use **qemu** to convert it to another one. For example:

```
$ qemu-img convert modoboa.vmdk -O qcow2 modoboa.qcow2
```

Then, just use your preferred virtualization software (`qemu`, `kvm`, `virtualbox`, etc.) to start the machine. You'll need to configure at least one bridged network interface if you want to be able to play with Modoboa, ie. your machine must be visible from your network.

The default network interface of the machine (`eth0`) is configured to use the DHCP protocol.

### 4.2.2 Connect to the machine

The following UNIX users are available if you want to connect to the system:

Login	Password	Description
root	demo	the root user
demo	demo	an unprivileged user

To connect to Modoboa, first connect to the system and retrieve its current network address like this:

```
$ /sbin/ifconfig eth0
```

Once you know its address, open a web browser and go to this url:

`http://<ip_address>/admin/`

You should see the login page. Here are the users available by default:

Login	Pass-word	Capabilitilies
admin	password	Default super administrator. Can do anything on the admin but can't access applications
<a href="#">ad-min@demo.local</a>	admin	Administrator of the domain <i>demo.local</i> . Can administrater its domain and access to applications.
<a href="#">user@demo.local</a>	user	Simple user. Can access to applications.



# INDICES AND TABLES

- *genindex*
- *modindex*
- *search*