
Kiki Documentation

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Kiki is envisioned as a Django-based mailing list manager which can replace Mailman.

WHY REPLACE MAILMAN?

Mailman is a grand old thing. However, there are some major sticking points, which Kiki tries to resolve.

Mailman	Kiki
Install requires root access and a build step.	Django package. Can be installed simply and locally.
Includes C modules.	Pure Python.
Only accessible through its own web interface, and authentication is baked in.	Integrates with the <code>django</code> admin and provides default urls, views, and templates.
Uses a private database for Users.	Integrates with the Users already on your site.
Documents are wiki-based or not easily buildable.	Sphinx documentation is in a separate directory from the code. You can also find the docs on readthedocs.org .
Message queueing baked in.	Uses <code>django-celery</code> for queues.

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1.1 Models

```
class kiki.models.ListCommand(*args, **kwargs)
    ListCommand(id, message_id, mailing_list_id, status, command)

    FAILED = 4
        An error occurred while processing the ListCommand.

    PROCESSED = 3
        Ths ListCommand has been processed completely.

    REJECTED = 2
        The ListCommand has been rejected (e.g. for permissioning reasons.)

    UNPROCESSED = 1
        The ListCommand has not been processed.

class kiki.models.ListMessage(*args, **kwargs)
    Represents the relationship between a Message and a MailingList. This is what is processed to handle the
    sending of a message to a list rather than the original message.

class kiki.models.ListUserMetadadata(*args, **kwargs)
    ListUserMetadadata(id, user_id, mailing_list_id, status)

class kiki.models.MailingList(*args, **kwargs)
    This model contains all options for a mailing list, as well as some helpful methods for accessing subscribers,
    moderators, etc.
```

`get_recipients()`

Returns a queryset of `Users` that should receive this message.

`class kiki.models.Message(*args, **kwargs)`

Represents an email received by Kiki. Stores the original received message as well as a pickled version of the processed message.

`from_email = None`

The `message_id` of the email this is in reply to.

`class kiki.models.ProcessedMessageModel(*args, **kwargs)`

Encapsulates the logic required for storing and fetching pickled `EmailMessage` objects. This should eventually be replaced with a custom model field.

1.2 Celery tasks

1.3 Messaging utils

`kiki.utils.message.sanitize_headers(msg)`

Set and modify headers on an `email.Message` that need to be there no matter which list the message ends up being delivered to. Also remove headers that need to *not* be there.

`kiki.utils.message.set_list_headers(msg, list_)`

Modifies the headers of a `django.core.mail.EmailMessage` in-place for a specific list.

`kiki.utils.message.set_user_headers(msg, user)`

Modifies the headers of a `django.core.mail.EmailMessage` in-place for a specific user.

1.4 Routing utils

`kiki.utils.routing.create_message_commands(msg)`

Given a message, creates and returns a list of commands for that message and target mailing lists.

`kiki.utils.routing.list_post(list_cmd)`

Given a `kiki.models.ListCommand` for a post, returns a `kiki.models.ListMessage` based on that command, or `None` if the command was invalid. The `kiki.models.ListMessage` will be marked either as “Accepted” or “Requires Moderation”, and it will have the appropriate list headers set.

`kiki.utils.routing.prep_list_message(list_msg)`

Runs `kiki.utils.message.set_list_headers()` on an accepted `ListMessage` and sets its status to `ListMessage.PREPPED`.

`kiki.utils.routing.receive_email(msg_str)`

Given a string representation of an email message, parses it into a `KikiMessage`. Returns a `(message, created)` tuple, where `created` is `False` if the message was already in the database.

`kiki.utils.routing.send_list_message(list_msg, user)`

Sends a copy of a `kiki.models.ListMessage` to a single `User`.

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