

# Deployit Start Here

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## Preface

Welcome to the Deployit system documentation. This document describes the content of the Deployit documentation and helps you find the information you need.

## Documentation Contents

The Deployit documentation contains all the information needed to install, configure, setup and use Deployit. The documentation consists of the following documents:

- **Start Here.** This is the document you are currently reading.
- **Upgrade Manual.** This document describes the procedure to upgrade from a previous version of Deployit.
- **Reference Manual.** This document describes generic deployment concepts and basic information about Deployit.
- **System Administration Manual.** This document describes how to install and maintain Deployit.
- **Security Manual.** This document describes how Deployit's security system works and how to configure it.
- **Graphical User Interface (GUI) Manual.** This document describes how to use the Deployit GUI.
- **Command Line Interface (CLI) Manual.** This document describes how to use the Deployit CLI.
- **Packaging Manual.** This document describes how to create packages that can be imported into Deployit.
- **Customization Manual.** This document describes how to customize and extend the out-of-the-box functionality of Deployit.
- **Release Dashboard Manual.** This document describes how to install, configure and use Deployit's Release Dashboard.
- **UDM CI Reference.** Contains the descriptions of the CIs in the Universal Deployment Model.
- **REST API Reference.** Contains the description of the REST API.

Deployit comes with several standard plugins, whose documentation is also available:

- **Remoting Plugin Manual.** This document describes the Remoting plugin which is responsible for communicating with remote systems.
- **Python Plugin Manual.** This document describes the Python plugin which is responsible for communicating with Python-based middleware.
- **JEE Plugin Manual.** This document describes the JEE plugin which contains basic JEE CIs.
- **Command Plugin Manual.** This document describes the Command plugin which allows packaging and execution of arbitrary commands.
- **File Plugin Manual.** This document describes the File plugin which is responsible for deploying files and folders.
- **Generic Model Plugin Manual.** This document describes the Generic Model plugin which is a building block to build new plugins.
- **Webserver Plugin Manual.** This document describes the Webserver plugin which is responsible for deploying static content to web servers.
- **Database Plugin Manual.** This document describes the Database plugin which is responsible for deploying SQL to databases.
- **Deployment Group Orchestrator Plugin Manual.** This document describes the Deployment Group Orchestrator plugin which allows fine-grained control over deployment plan orchestration.
- **Trigger Plugin Manual.** Describes the Trigger Plugin, that allows you hook actions on state changes in tasks or steps. You can use it to send emails when a step fails, for example.

## Using the Documentation

Every document is written as a standalone document and can be read separately. References to other documents are included when relevant. Depending on your role, some documents are more relevant than others. The following list contains a suggested reading order for specific roles:

- **System Administrator:** Reference Manual, System Administration Manual, Command Line Interface (CLI) Manual, Customization Manual.
- **Deployer:** Reference Manual, Graphical User Interface (GUI) Manual, Command Line Interface (CLI) Manual.
- **Senior Deployer:** Reference Manual, Graphical User Interface (GUI) Manual, Command Line Interface (CLI) Manual, Customization Manual.
- **Developer:** Reference Manual, Packaging Manual, Graphical User Interface (GUI) Manual.
- **Manager:** Reference Manual, Graphical User Interface (GUI) Manual, Release Dashboard Manual.

## Online Documentation

There is also an online version of the documentation at our documentation site (<http://docs.xebialabs.com>). The documentation site contains the latest and most up-to-date copy of the documentation.

## Contacting XebiaLabs Technical Support

To contact XebiaLabs technical support, use our support desk (<http://support.xebialabs.com>). For urgent problems, the XebiaLabs support team can also be reached by phone at **+31610930435** (standard European business hours and workdays only).

## Quickstart

If you're impatient to get started using Deployit, here is a quick rundown of steps you'll need to take and where to find the relevant information:

- **Install Deployit:** see **System Administration Manual**, section *Installation Procedure*.
- **Setup your environment:** see **System Administration Manual**, section *Setting up Deployit*.
- **Import the PetClinic sample application:** see **Graphical User Interface (GUI) Manual**, section *Importing Packages* or **Command Line Interface (CLI) Manual**, section *Performing a Simple Deployment*.
- **Deploy the PetClinic sample application:** see **Graphical User Interface (GUI) Manual**, section *Initial deployment* or **Command Line Interface (CLI) Manual**, section *Performing a Simple Deployment*.