MDV short user guide

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Intro

This document describes very briefly the basic functionality that is available just "out of the box" after you have installed MDV. Please remember that that there is much more than meets the eye (the architecture is far more developed than the user interface) and that new features can be added and are added all the time. If you have configured the system or added some modules, your installation already has more than described in this document.

Basically, MDV manages several kinds of objects, at least users and groups, categories and documents. Categories are views to documents. Documents can be shared with users and groups. Documents consist of fields, this is determined by the document type.

What should I do now?

When you have installed the system (that you probably have if you are reading this document using MDV), just keep this document in another browser window and log in the system. The default admin user is "admin" with password "sala".

After you have logged in, click "configure" at the bottom of the window. You might want to create a new document type "MyType" with some fields (e.g. Title - a string and data - binary data).

You might like to add some users to your system as well, and change your password. These actions are available in the configuration section.

Let's go back to main page. Using the links on top of the page you can create a new category, say "My documents". You can create a document as well, now that you have a document type: click "Add document", select "MyType" as its type, and fill in the fields.

After creating a document, you might like to click on category "Uncategorized". This document contains your document. Please click on the ID of your document and its details will appear. Now click "categorize" on the top of the page. There, you can check the box "My documents" and click "ok". Your document is now in the your category. Later, you can remove it from this category and add it into arbitrary amount of other categories.

What else is there?

Lots. Supported by the user interface are e.g. sharing your categories with other users. But there are many things that the user interface does not support yet (at the time of writing this). For instance your installation can share information (users, documents, categories) with other MDV installations. Moveover, there are modules that incorporate a image analysis system and distributed computing facilities with MDV. Please take a look at http://mdv.sourceforge.net every now and then.