Cross-Origin HTTP requests

eZ Publish ships with NelmioCorsBundle, a Symfony open-source bundle that provides support for CORS (Cross Origin Resource Sharing). The REST API is pre-configured to respond to such requests, as long as you customize the allowed origins as explained below.

What is CORS

Supported by most modern browsers, this W3C specification defines a set of custom headers that, under specific circumstances, allow HTTP requests between different hosts. The main use-case is execution of AJAX code from one site towards another.

A couple links about it:

- W3C specification
- an excellent tutorial about CORS on html5rocks.com
- · overview of CORS on developer.mozilla.org

Configuration

Since CORS support is provided by a 3rd party bundle, we re-use the semantical configuration it provides. You can read more about it on the Nel miCorsBundle's README file.

The origin of a request is one of the main criteria for allowing or blocking a cross origin request. Such requests will come with an Origin HTTP header, automatically added by the browser, that gets approved/blocked by the server. By default, all cross origin requests will be blocked.

Granting an origin default access

To allow a specific host to execute cross-origin requests, you need to add this host to the nelmio_cors.default.allow_origin configuration narray in config.yml. As an example, in order to allow requests from http://example.com, one would add those lines to expublish/config/config.yml:

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nelmio_cors:
defaults:
allow_origin: [ 'http://example.com' ]
```

Granting CORS access to your own HTTP resources

The Cors bundle is of course perfectly safe to use for any non-eZ HTTP resource you would like to expose. Follow the instructions in NelmioCorsBundle's configuration chapter.