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# **Poloniexlendingbot Documentation**

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Poloniex Lending Bot is an open-source program for automated lending on Poloniex and Bitfinex cryptocurrency exchange.

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### 1.1 Installing on a Computer

Installing the bot on a computer is drag-and-drop and platform independent.

#### 1.1.1 Prerequisites

You will need:

- Python 2.7.x (Must be added to PATH)

Recommended for easier use:

- git
- pip (to install following required Python modules)
- Numpy (if using Analysis module)
- requests (HTTPS communication)
- pytz (Timezone calculations)

It is possible to install all required Python modules **after downloading** of the bot running:

```
pip install -r requirements.txt
```

or, if you need to run it as root under Linux:

```
sudo pip install -r requirements.txt
```

#### 1.1.2 Downloading

To download the bot you can either:

- (Recommended) Run `git clone https://github.com/BitBotFactory/poloniexlendingbot` if you have git installed. Using this method will allow you to do git pull at any time to grab updates.
- Download the source .zip file from the GitHub repo page or from [this link](#). Extract it into an empty folder you won't accidentally delete.

### 1.1.3 (Optional) Automatically Run on Startup

- Windows using Startup Folder:

Add a shortcut to `lendingbot.py` to the startup folder of the start menu. Its location may change with OS version, but for Windows 8/10 is `C:\ProgramData\Microsoft\Windows\Start Menu\Programs\Startup`

- Linux using systemd:

Create the file `/lib/systemd/system/lendingbot.service` which contains the following text

```
[Unit]
Description=LendingBot service
After=network.target

[Service]
Type=simple
ExecStart=/usr/bin/python <INSTALLATION DIRECTORY>/lendingbot.py
WorkingDirectory=<INSTALLATION DIRECTORY>
RestartSec=10
Restart=on-failure

[Install]
WantedBy=multi-user.target
```

Credit to GitHub user `utdrmac`.

The permission on the unit file may need to be set to 644 (depending on your OS) :

```
““ sudo chmod 644 /lib/systemd/system/lendingbot.service
““
```

Modify the `ExecStart` and `WorkingDirectory` to match your setup.

First you need to configure systemd (depending on your OS): ““

```
sudo systemctl daemon-reload
““
```

Enable the service using the command below: ““

```
sudo systemctl enable lendingbot.service
““
```

- OSx:

Help needed! If you have a solution for OSx and would like to share, you can either share it directly with us or make a PR with the edits.

### 1.1.4 Configuring

You have to configure the bot, especially choosing the exchange and api key/secret to use.

To configure the bot with your settings:

1. Copy `default.cfg.example` to `default.cfg` (Running `lendingbot.py` also does this for you if `default.cfg` doesn't already exist.)
2. Open `default.cfg` and enter your desired settings ([information on settings here](#)).
3. Save `default.cfg`

You are now ready to run the bot.

### 1.1.5 Running

To run, either:

- Double-click `lendingbot.py` (if you have `.py` associated with the Python executable)
- Run `python lendingbot.py` in command prompt or terminal.

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**Note:** You can use arguments to specify a specific config file `-cfg` or to do dry runs `-dry`. To see these args do:  
`python lendingbot.py -h`

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## 1.2 Installing on Pythonanywhere.com

[Pythonanywhere.com](#) is a useful website that will host and run Python code for you.

WARNING: While you should be able to setup the bot on pythonanywhere, there are limitations on running the bot.

### 1.2.1 Prerequisites

You will need:

- A pythonanywhere.com account (Free version works fine)

### 1.2.2 Downloading the bot's files to Pythonanywhere

1. Start a new bash console from the "Consoles" tab.
2. Get the source code from git GitHub by running `git clone https://github.com/Mikadily/poloniexlendingbot`.
3. You should see some output with counters increasing.
4. Change directory to the source code `cd poloniexlendingbot`
5. You should now see `~/poloniexlendingbot (master)$` this means you are looking at the master branch and things are ok to continue.
6. Run the command `python2.7 lendingbot.py` once to generate the `default.cfg`
7. Modify the `default.cfg` with your settings (See [Configuration](#).) You can do this with a tool called nano.

8. Run `nano default.cfg`, then use the arrow keys and backspace key to change `YourAPIKey` and `YourSecret`. Make sure the layout of the file stays the same as it was. They should both be on separate lines.
9. Press `Ctrl+x` to exit, then press `y` to save the file, then press `enter` to accept the file name as `default.cfg`.
10. Now you can start up the bot. Run `python2.7 lendingbot.py`
11. If it's working you will see `Welcome to Poloniex Lending Bot` displayed in the console.
12. To update the bot just enter its directory, `cd poloniexlendingbot` and type, `git pull`. This will not change the `default.cfg` file.

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**Note:** If you are running out of CPU time every day: It is recommended to use a high `sleeptimeinactive` time for this website, as they meter your CPU usage.

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### 1.2.3 Creating the Web App (Optional)

1. If you would like to use the Webserver to view your bot's status, navigate to the "Web" tab.
2. Add a new web app.
3. Set the working directory to `/home/<username>/poloniexlendingbot/www/`
4. Set the static files to URL: `/static/` Directory: `/home/<username>/poloniexlendingbot/www`
5. Reload your website with the button at the top of the page.
6. You will be able to access the webapp at `http://<username>.pythonanywhere.com/static/lendingbot.html` once it finishes setting up.
7. To have the webserver communicate with your bot, you need to edit your settings (`default.cfg`) and un-comment (remove the `#` in front of) the following settings: `jsonfile` and `jsonlogsize`. Make sure that `startWebServer` REMAINS commented.

**Warning:** Do not use the built-in Simple Web Server on any host you do not control.

### 1.2.4 Running the Bot

To run the bot continuously (Recommended for free accounts):

1. Navigate to the "Consoles" tab.
2. Add a new "Custom console," name it "Poloniexlendingbot" and set the path to `python /home/<username>/poloniexlendingbot/lendingbot.py`
3. Click this link whenever you want to start the bot, it will run continuously until the website goes down for maintenance or the bot experiences an unexpected error.

To have the bot restart itself every 24 hours, you need to have a [premium pythonanywhere account](#). This will make the bot more or less invincible to crashes and resets, but is not necessary.

1. Navigate to the "Schedule" tab.
2. Create a new task to run daily (time does not matter) set the path to: `python /home/<username>/poloniexlendingbot/lendingbot.py`
3. The bot will start once the time comes (UTC) and run indefinitely.

**Note:** If you are a free user, it will allow you to make the scheduled restart, but then it will only run for one hour and stop for 23.

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**Note:** Free users are also limited to the number of output currencies they can use as blockchain.info is blocked from their servers. You can always use the pairs listed on poloniex, BTC, USDT. But will not have access to currencies such as EUR, GBP.

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## 1.3 Using Docker Compose

There is a `docker-compose.yaml` file in the root of the source that can be used to start the bot via `docker`. Compose is a tool for defining and running docker applications using a single file to configure the application's services.

By default this file will start 3 containers:

- An nginx reverse proxy This allows you to have the nginx web server as the main access point for the other bot's web pages. It uses `jwilder/nginx-proxy`
- A python container running the bot on poloniex. This starts a bot running that connects to poloniex and exposes a web interface. It uses `python:2.7-slim`
- A python container running the bot on bitfinex. This starts a bot running that connects to bitfinex and exposes a web interface. It uses `python:2.7-slim`

This allows for simple deployments on a VPS or dedicated server. Each bot will be dynamically assigned a subdomain. You can also use it to run the bots locally using subdomains.

To use this file:-

1. Install and setup `docker` for your platform, available on linux, mac and windows.
2. If you are using linux or windows server, you'll need to install docker-compose separately, see [here](#).
3. If you don't already have a `default.cfg` created, then copy the example one and change the values as required using the instructions in this document.
4. Edit the `docker-compose.yaml` file and add your `API_apikey` and `API_apisecret` for each exchange. If you wish to use only one exchange, you can comment out all the lines for the one you don't need.
5. If you are running locally, you can leave the `VIRTUAL_HOST` variable as it is. If you are running on a web server with your own domain, you can set it to something like `poloniex.mydomain.com`.
6. If you don't have a domain name, you can use a service such as `duckdns` to get one for free.
7. You can now start the service with `docker-compose up -d`. It may take a minute or two on the first run as it has to download the required image and then some packages for that image when it starts.
8. If all went well you should see something like `Starting bitbotfactory_bot_1`.
9. When you see that message it just means that the container was started successfully, we still need to check the application is running as expected. In the yml file the web service in the container is mapped to localhost. So you can open your web browser at this point and see if you can connect to the service. It should be running on `http://127.0.0.1/`. You should see an nginx welcome page.
10. If you don't see anything when connecting to that you can check the logs of the container with `docker-compose logs`. You should get some useful information from there. Ask on Slack if you're stuck.

11. If you are running locally you will need to add the subdomains to your hosts file to make sure they are resolved by DNS. You can ignore this step if you're running on a web server. On linux (and recent OSX) you can add these lines to `/etc/hosts`, on windows you should follow this [guide](#)

```
127.0.0.1 poloniex.localhost
127.0.0.1 bitfinex.localhost
```

12. You should now be able to point your browser at <http://poloniex.localhost> and <http://bitfinex.localhost/> to see the web pages for each bot.

Extending the file:-

- Most config values from `default.cfg` can be overridden in the `docker-compose` file. You should add them in the `environment` section in the same format as the ones listed. i.e. `Category_Option`
- You can add as many extra bots as you want. Each one will need to have a new `VIRTUAL_HOST` entry.
- If you prefer to have everything in config files rather than environment variables, you can create a new `cfg` file for each bot and modify the `command` line to use that `cfg` file instead.

Other info:-

- Each bot will create a log file in the root of your git checkout.
- If you are using market analysis, you only need one bot per exchange. Extra bots will be able to share the database.
- When you change the config values you need to restart the container, this can be done with `docker-compose stop` and then after changing configs, `docker-compose up -d`. You should notice it's significantly quicker than the first run now.
- The last command to note is `docker-compose ps` this will give information on all running instances and the ports that are mapped. This can be useful if you plan on running multiple bots, or you just want to know if it's running.



- Enable IP filter to only the IP address the bot will be running from.

### Bitfinex

Your Bitfinex API key and secret are both 43 letters and numbers.

HIGHLY Recommended:

- The lending bot needs only READ permission to “Account History”, “Margin Funding”, “Wallets” and WRITE permission to “Margin Funding” and “Wallets”. Deselect all other on key generation, especially to “Withdraw”.

## 2.2 Exchange Sections

There is a section for each exchange to configure exchange specific attributes.

- `all_currencies` List of all supported currencies for funding. The list have to change only when the exchange adds a new supported currency or removes one. You can blacklist specific currencies by prefacing it with a '#', this is the same as not including it on the list.
  - Format: `BTC, BTS, CLAM, DOGE, DASH, LTC, MAID, XMR, XRP, ETH, FCT, #BTG`

## 2.3 Timing

- `sleeptimeactive` is how long the bot will “rest” (in seconds) between running while the bot has loan offers waiting to be filled.
  - Default value: 60 seconds
  - Allowed range: 1 to 3600 seconds
  - If the bot finishes a cycle and has no open lend orders left to manage, it will change to inactive mode.

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**Note:** Just because 1 second is a permitted sleeptime does not mean it is a good idea.

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- `sleeptimeinactive` is how long the bot will “rest” (in seconds) between running while the bot has nothing to do.
  - Default value: 300 seconds (5 minutes)
  - Allowed range: 1 to 3600 seconds
  - If the bot finishes a cycle and has lend orders to manage, it will change to active mode.
- `timeout` is how long the bot waits for a response of a request
  - Default value: 30 seconds
  - Allowed range: 1 to 180 seconds

## 2.4 Min and Max Rates

- `mindailyrate` is the minimum rate (in percent) that the bot will allow offer loans at.
  - Default value: 0.005 percent
  - Allowed range: 0.0031 to 5 percent

- 0.0031% every day for a year, works out around 1%. This is less than most bank accounts and is considered not worth while.
- The current default value is a optimistic but very viable for the more high volume currencies. Not viable for lending DOGE, for example.
- `maxdailyrate` is the maximum rate (in percent) that the bot will allow lends to open.
  - Default value: 5 percent
  - Allowed range: 0.0031 to 5 percent
  - 2% is the default value offered by the exchange, but there is little reason not to set it higher if you feel optimistic.
- **`frrasmin` tells the bot whether or not to use the flash return rate for `mindailyrate`.**
  - Default value: False
  - Allowed range: True or False
  - This will only be used if the `frr` is above your `mindailyrate`. So which ever is highest at the time of the loan will be used.
  - This options only works on Bitfinex.
- **`frrdelta` tells the bot whether or not to use the flash return rate** <https://support.bitfinex.com/hc/en-us/articles/115003284>
  - Default value: 0.0000
  - Allowed range: 0.0000 -/+ 7
  - This will only be used if the `frr` is above your `mindailyrate`. So which ever is highest at the time of the loan will be used.
  - This options only works on Bitfinex.

## 2.5 Spreading your Lends

If `spreadlend = 1` and `gapbottom = 0`, it will behave as simple lending bot lending at lowest possible offer.

- `spreadlend` is the amount (as an integer) of separate loans the bot will split your balance into across the order book.
  - Default value: 3
  - Allowed range: 1 to 20 (1 is the same as disabling)
  - The loans are distributed evenly between `gapbottom` and `gaptop`.
  - This allows the bot to benefit from spikes in lending rate but can result in loan fragmentation (not really a bad thing since the bot has to deal with it.)
- `gapMode` is the “mode” you would like your gaps to be calculated in.
  - Default value: Relative
  - Allowed values: Relative, RawBTC, Raw
  - The values are case insensitive.
  - The purpose of spreading your lends is to skip dust offers in the lendbook, and also to take advantage of any spikes that occur.

– **Mode descriptions:**

\* **Relative - Gapbottom and Gaptop will be relative to your balance for each coin individually.**

- This is relative to your total lending balance, both loaned and unloaned.
- `gapbottom` and `gaptop` will be in percents of your balance. (A setting of 100 will equal 100%)
- Example: You have 1BTC. If `gapbottom = 100` then you will skip 100% of your balance of dust offers, thus skipping 1BTC into the lendbook. If `gaptop = 200` then you will continue into the lendbook until you reach 200% of your balance, thus 2BTC. Then, if `spreadlend = 5`, you will make 5 equal volume loans over that gap.

\* **RawBTC - Gapbottom and Gaptop will be in a raw BTC value, converted to each coin.**

- Recommended when using one-size-fits-all settings.
- `gapbottom` and `gaptop` will be in BTC. (A setting of 3 will equal 3 BTC)
- Example: If `gapbottom = 1` and you are currently lending ETH, the bot will check the current exchange rate, say 1BTC = 10ETH. Then the bot will skip 10ETH of dust offers at the bottom of the lendbook before lending. If `gaptop = 10`, then using the same exchange rate 10BTC will be 100ETH. The bot will then continue 100ETH into the loanbook before stopping. Then, if `spreadlend = 5`, you will make 5 equal volume loans over that gap.

\* **Raw - Gapbottom and Gaptop will be in a raw value of the coin being lent.**

- Recommended when used with coin-specific settings.
- `gapbottom` and `gaptop` will be in value of the coin. (A setting of 3 will equal 3 BTC, 3 ETH, 3 DOGE, or whatever coin is being lent.)
- Example: If `gapbottom = 1` and you are currently lending ETH, the bot will skip 1ETH of dust offers at the bottom of the lendbook before lending. If `gaptop = 10`, the bot will then continue 10ETH into the loanbook before stopping. Then, if `spreadlend = 5`, you will make 5 equal volume loans over that gap.

- `gapbottom` is the lower setting for your `gapMode` values, and will be where you start to lend.
  - Default value: 10 percent
  - Allowed range: 0 to <arbitrary large number>
  - 10% `gapbottom` is recommended to skip past dust at the bottom of the lending book, but if you have a VERY high volume this will cause issues as you stray to far away from the most competitive bid.
- `gaptop` is the upper setting for your `gapMode` values, and will be where you finish spreading your lends.
  - Default value: 200 percent
  - Allowed range: 0 to <arbitrary large number>
  - This value should be adjusted based on your coin volume to avoid going astronomically far away from a realistic rate.

## 2.6 Variable loan Length

These values allow you to lock in a better rate for a longer period of time, as per your configuration.

- `xdaythreshold` is the rate (in percent) where the bot will begin attempting to lend for a longer period of time.

- Default value: 0.2 percent
- Allowed range: 0 to 5 percent
- `xdays` is the length(in days) of any loan whose rate exceeds the set `xdaythreshold`.
  - Default value: 60 days
  - Allowed range: 2 to 60 days
- `xdayspread` will spread the lending days by incrementing linear from 2 days at (`xdaythreshold/xdayspread`) rate to `xdays` days at `xdaythreshold` rate
  - Default value: 0 (disabled)
  - Allowed range: 0 to 10 as float
  - Example: Using values: `xdaythreshold = 0.2`, `xdays = 60`, `xdayspread = 2`, the bot will lend:
    - \* rates  $< 0.1\%$  ( $=xdaythreshold/xdayspread$ ) for 2 days
    - \* rates between  $0.1\%$  and  $0.2\%$ : days will be incremented from 2 to 60 days

(e.g. 0.1%/2d, 0.11%/8d, 0.12%/14d, 0.13%/20d, 0.14%/26d, 0.15%/32d, 0.16%/38d, 0.17%/44d, 0.18%/50d, 0.19%/56d, 0.20%/60d)

- \* rates  $> 0.2\%$  for 60 days

## 2.7 Auto-transfer from Exchange Balance

If you regularly transfer funds into your Poloniex account but don't enjoy having to log in yourself and transfer them to the lending balance, this feature is for you.

- `transferableCurrencies` is a list of currencies you would like to be transferred.
  - Default value: Commented out
  - Format: `CURRENCY_TICKER, STR, BTC, BTS, CLAM, DOGE, DASH, LTC, MAID, XMR, XRP, ETH, FCT, ALL, ACTIVE`
  - Commenting it out will disable the feature.
  - Entering `ACTIVE` within the list will transfer any currencies that are found in your lending account, as well as any other currencies alongside it. Example: `ACTIVE, BTC, CLAM` will do `BTC, CLAM`, and any coins you are already lending.
  - Entering `ALL` will simply transfer all coins available to lending.
  - Do not worry about duplicates when using `ACTIVE`, they are handled.
  - Coins will be transferred every time the bot runs (60 seconds by default) so if you intend to trade or withdrawal it is recommended to turn off the bot or disable this feature.

## 2.8 Unimportant settings

Very few situations require you to change these settings.

- `minloansize` is the minimum size that a bot will make a loan at.
  - Default value: 0.01 of a coin

- Allowed range: 0.01 and up.
- If you dislike loan fragmentation, then this will make the minimum for each loan larger.
- Automatically adjusts to at least meet the minimum of each coin.
- `KeepStuckOrders` If `True`, keeps orders that are “stuck” in the market instead of canceling them.
  - Default value: `True`
  - Allowed values: `True` or `False`
  - A “Stuck” order occurs when it partially fills and leaves the coins balance total (total = open orders + let in balance) below your `minloansize` and so the bot would not be able to lend it again if it was canceled.
  - When disabled, stuck orders will be canceled and held in balance until enough orders expire to allow it to lend again.
- `hideCoins` If `True`, will not lend any of a coin if its market low is below the set `mindailyrate`.
  - Default value: `True`
  - Allowed values: `True` or `False`. Commented defaults to `True`
  - This hides your coins from appearing in walls.
  - Allows you to catch a higher rate if it spikes past your `mindailyrate`.
  - Not necessarily recommended if used with `analyseCurrencies` with an aggressive `lendingStyle`, as the bot may miss short-lived rate spikes. This is not the case if using `MACD` with `daily_min_method`. In that case it is recommended to set `hideCoins` to `True`.
  - If you are using the `analyseCurrencies` option, you will likely see a lot of `Not lending BTC` due to rate below `0.9631%` type messages in the logs. This is normal.
- `endDate` Bot will try to make sure all your loans are done by this date so you can withdraw or do whatever you need.
  - Default value: `Disabled`
  - Uncomment to enable.
  - Format: `YEAR, MONTH, DAY`

## 2.9 Max to be lent

This feature group allows you to only lend a certain percentage of your total holding in a coin, until the lending rate surpasses a certain threshold. Then it will lend at max capacity.

- `maxtolend` is a raw number of how much you will lend of each coin whose lending rate is below `maxtolendrate`.
  - Default value: `Disabled`
  - Allowed range: 0 (disabled) or `minloansize` and up
  - If set to 0, same as if commented.
  - If disabled, will check if `maxpercenttolend` is enabled and use that if it is enabled.
  - Setting this overwrites `maxpercenttolend`
  - This is a global setting for the raw value of coin that will be lent if the coins lending value is under `maxtolendrate`

- Has no effect if current rate is higher than `maxtolendrate`
- If the remainder (after subtracting `maxtolend`) in a coin's balance is less than `minloansize`, then the remainder will be lent anyway. Otherwise, the coins would go to waste since you can't lend under `minloansize`
- `maxpercenttolend` is a percentage of how much you will lend of each coin whose lending rate is below `maxtolendrate`
  - Default value: Disabled
  - Allowed range: 0 (disabled) to 100 percent
  - If set to 0, same as if commented.
  - If disabled in addition to `maxtolend`, entire feature will be disabled.
  - This percentage is calculated per-coin, and is the percentage of the balance that will be lent if the coin's current rate is less than `maxtolendrate`
  - Has no effect if current rate is higher than `maxtolendrate`
  - If the remainder (after subtracting `maxpercenttolend`'s value) in a coin's balance is less than `minloansize`, then the remainder will be lent anyway. Otherwise, the coins would go to waste since you can't lend under `minloansize`
- `maxtolendrate` is the rate threshold when all coins are lent.
  - Default value: Disabled
  - Allowed range: 0 (disabled) or `mindailyrate` to 5 percent
  - Setting this to 0 with a limit in place causes the limit to always be active.
  - When an individual coin's lending rate passes this threshold, all of the coin will be lent instead of the limits `maxtolend` or `maxpercenttolend`

## 2.10 Config per Coin

This can be configured in one of two ways.

### Coincfg dictionary

- `coinconfig` is now REMOVED, please switch to using separate coin sections as described below.

### Separate coin sections

This is an alternative layout for the coin config mentioned above. It provides the ability to change the `minloansize` per coin, but is otherwise identical in functionality. To use this configuration, make sure to comment out the line where `coincfg` is defined, then add a section for each coin you wish to configure.

**Warning:** These sections should come at the end of the file, after the other options for the bot.

Configuration should look like this:

```
[BTC]
minloansize = 0.01
mindailyrate = 0.1
maxactiveamount = 1
maxtolend = 0
```

```
maxpercenttolend = 0
maxtolendrate = 0
gapmode = raw
gapbottom = 10
gaptop = 20
frrasmin = true
frrdelta = 0.000000
```

## 2.11 Advanced logging and Web Display

- `jsonfile` is the location where the bot will log to a .json file instead of into console.
  - Default value: Commented out, uncomment to enable.
  - Format: `www/botlog.json`
  - This is the location relative to the running instance of the bot where it will store the .json file. The default location or a path inside the `customWebServerTemplate` folder is recommended if using the webservice functionality.
- `jsonlogsize` is the amount of lines the botlog will keep before deleting the oldest event.
  - Default value: Commented out, uncomment to enable.
  - Format: `200`
  - Reasons to lower this include: you are conscious of bandwidth when hosting your webserver, you prefer (slightly) faster loading times and less RAM usage of bot.
- `startWebServer` if true, this enables a webserver on the `www/` folder.
  - Default value: Commented out, uncomment to enable.
  - The server page can be accessed locally, at `http://localhost:8000/lendingbot.html` by default.
  - Forces `jsonfile` to be set using `www/botlog.json` (unless otherwise configured)
  - You must close bot with a keyboard interrupt (CTRL-C on Windows) to properly shutdown the server and release the socket, otherwise you may have to wait several minutes for it to release itself.
- `customWebServerAddress` is the IP address that the webserver can be found at.
  - Advanced users only.
  - Default value: `0.0.0.0` Uncomment to change
  - Format: IP
  - Setting the ip to `127.0.0.1` will ONLY allow the webpage to be accessed at localhost (`127.0.0.1`)
  - Setting the ip to `0.0.0.0` will allow the webpage to be accessed at localhost (`127.0.0.1`) as well as at the computer's LAN IP address within the local network. This option is the most versatile, and is default.
  - Setting the ip to `192.168.0.<LAN IP>` will ONLY allow the webpage to be access at the computer's LAN IP address within the local network (And not through localhost.) It is recommended to be sure the device has a static local IP.
  - You must know what you are doing when changing the IP address to anything other than the three suggested configurations above.
- `customWebServerPort` is the IP port that the webserver can be found at

- Advanced users only.
- Default value: 8000 Uncomment to change
- Format: PORT
- Do not set the port to a [reserved port](#) or you will receive an error when running the bot or attempting to connect (depending on HOW reserved a port is.)
- When you like to run more than one bot on same host (e.g. the first to lend on Poloniex and another one to lend on Bitfinex) different port numbers have to defined. (e.g 8000 in Poloniex’s config and 8001 in Bitfinex’s config file)
- `customWebServerTemplate` is the location the bot will use for WebServer HTML GUI template.
  - Default value: www, uncomment to enable.
  - Format: PATH
  - This is the location relative to the running HTML GUI instance used by the bot. Be sure the `jsonfile` belongs to this folder.
- `outputCurrency` this is the ticker of the coin which you would like the website to report your summary earnings in.
  - Default value: BTC
  - Acceptable values: BTC, USDT, Any coin with a direct Poloniex BTC trading pair (ex. DOGE, MAID, ETH), Currencies that have a BTC exchange rate on blockchain.info (i.e. EUR, USD)
  - Will be a close estimate, due to unexpected market fluctuations, trade fees, and other unforeseeable factors.
- `label` is a custom name of the bot, that will be displayed in html page.
  - Default value: Lending Bot
  - Allowed values: Any literal string

## 2.12 Plugins

Plugins allow extending Bot functionality with extra features. To enable/disable a plugin add/remove it to the `plugins` list config option under the [BOT] section, example:

```
plugins = Plugin1, Plugin2, etc...
```

Plugins can add their own HTML pages by calling `self.log.addSectionlog('plugins', '<pluginName>', 'navbar', True);` within their init code. This will add a navbar element on the main `lendingbot.html` page linking to `<pluginName>.html`

### 2.12.1 AccountStats Plugin

The AccountStats plugin fetches all your loan history and provides statistics based on it. Current implementation sends a earnings summary Notification (see Notifications sections) every 24hr.

To enable the plugin add `AccountStats` to the `plugins` config options, example:

```
plugins = AccountStats
```

There is an optional setting to change how frequently this plugin reports. By default, once per day. Example:

```
[ACCOUNTSTATS]
ReportInterval = 1800
```

Be aware that first initialization might take longer as the bot will fetch all the history.

### 2.12.2 Profit Charts Plugin

The Charts plugin dumps out the historical lending data to a JSON structure which is read by the new charts.html page. This page reads this dump data and constructs a Google Chart showing daily profit over time.

The AccountStats plugin must be enabled for the Charts plugin to function correctly.

To enable the plugin add Charts to the plugins config options, example:

```
plugins = AccountStats,Charts
```

There is an optional setting to change how frequently this plugin dumps data and where that data file is located. By default, four times per day. Example:

```
[CHARTS]
DumpInterval = 21600
HistoryFile = www/history.json
```

On a new installation, the AccountStats database may not be up to date on first iteration of the Charts plugin and no data will get dumped. Simply wait for the next interval or restart the bot after the AccountStats plugin is finished.

## 2.13 lendingbot.html options

You can pass options to statistics page by adding them to URL. Eg, `http://localhost:8000/lendingbot.html?option1=value&option2=0`

- `effrate` controls how effective loan rate is calculated. Yearly rates are calculated based on effective rate, so this option affects them as well. Last used mode remembered by browser, so you do not have to specify this option every time. By default, effective loan rate is calculated considering lent percentage (from total available coins) and poloniex 15% fee.
  - Allowed values: `lentperc`, `onlyfee`.
  - Default value: `lentperc`.
  - `onlyfee` calculates effective rate without considering lent coin percentage.
- `displayUnit` controls BTC's unit output.
  - Allowed values: `BTC`, `mBTC`, `Bits`, `Satoshi`
  - Default value: `BTC`
  - This setting will change all display of Bitcoin to that unit. Ex. 1 BTC -> 1000 mBTC.
- `earningsInOutCurrency` define which earnings are shown in the output currency.
  - Allowed values: `all`, `summary`
  - Default value: `all`

## 2.14 Notifications

The bot supports sending notifications for several different events on several different platforms. To enable notifications, you must first have a section in your config called `[notifications]`, inside which you should enable at least one of the following events and also at least one notification platform. The list of events you can notify about are:

### 2.14.1 Global Notification Settings

- `notify_new_loans`
  - Sends a notification each time a loan offer is filled.
- `notify_tx_coins`
  - This will send a notification if any coins are transferred from your exchange account, to your lending account. You must have `transferableCurrencies` enabled for this to work. Then you should set `notify_tx_coins = True`.
- `notify_xday_threshold`
  - This will send a notification every time a loan is created that is above your `xdaythreshold` config value. To enable you should set `notify_xday_threshold = True`.
- `notify_summary_minutes`
  - This will send a summary of the current loans you have every X minutes. This is similar to the information you get in the log line when running the bot, or the line at the top of the web page. To enable this add `notify_summary_minutes = 120`. This will send you a notification every 2 hours (120 minutes).
- `notify_caught_exception`
  - This is more useful for developers and people wanting to help out by raising issues on github. This will send a notification every time there is an exception thrown in the bot that we don't handle. To enable add `notify_caught_exception = True`.
- `notify_prefix`
  - This string, if set, will be prepended to any notifications. Useful if you are running multiple bots and need to differentiate the source.

Once you have decided which notifications you want to receive, you can then go about configuring platforms to send them on. Currently the bot supports:

### 2.14.2 Email notifications

This is probably the easiest to configure, though there can still be issues with gmail where you need to enable a few things. You can find out more about that [here](#) if you're having problems. If you don't wish to use gmail search google for the smtp settings of your email provider. To enable email you should configure the following:

```
email = True
email_login_address = me@gmail.com
email_login_password = secretPassword
email_smtp_server = smtp.gmail.com
email_smtp_port = 465
email_smtp_starttls = False
email_to_addresses = me@gmail.com, you@gmail.com
```

### 2.14.3 Slack notifications

Before you can post to slack you need to create an API token, to do this visit [this page](#). Once you have a token you can then configure the bot as so:

```
slack = True
slack_token = xoxp-46351793751-46348393136-47931965411-a8757952e4
slack_channels = #cryptocurrency,@someUser
```

To post in a channel prefix with # and to post a dm to a user prefix with @. You can send to as many channels or users as you want.

### 2.14.4 Telegram notifications

**Quickstart** To have telegram notifications you need to get a bot id from the BotFather. You can do that [here](#). Once you have a bot id you need to get your Chat ID or create a channel and invite the bot so it can chat there. Once you have all this in place you configure it like so:

```
telegram = True
telegram_bot_id = 281421543:AGGB1TqP7XqhxhT7VOty0Aml8DV_R6kimHw
telegram_chat_ids = 123456789,@cryptocurrency
```

**Detailed** Messages are sent to the telegram bot API using HTTPS requests. You can read more about it [here](#).

Telegram Bots are special accounts that do not require an additional phone number to set up, they do however need a unique authentication token. This is the token we need to get and add to the lendingbot's default.cfg. They are normally in the format 123456:ABC-DEF1234ghIkl-zyx57W2v1u123ew11.

When we say we are creating a new telegram bot, all it means is that we are creating an account for the lendingbot to send message through. To create a bot and get a token, we must request it from the BotFather. This is telegram's tool for creating new bots.

**These are the steps to carry out:**

1. Install the telegram desktop client from [their site](#). Then set it up with your phone number and login.
2. Start a conversation with [The BotFather](#). When you click the link it should open up in the telegram desktop client.
3. Once you have a conversation started type /newbot, you'll then be asked what to call the bot and it's username. The name of your bot is displayed in contact details and elsewhere. The Username is a short name, to be used in mentions and telegram.me links. When complete you'll receive a token.
4. You can check everything is working OK by going to [https://api.telegram.org/bot\\*YOURTOKEN\\*/getme](https://api.telegram.org/bot*YOURTOKEN*/getme), for example my test one is [https://api.telegram.org/bot288427377:AAGB1TqL7XqhxhT7VOxu8Ams8DV\\_J6kimHw/getme](https://api.telegram.org/bot288427377:AAGB1TqL7XqhxhT7VOxu8Ams8DV_J6kimHw/getme). If that's all working then move on to the next step.
5. Now we need somewhere to send the messages, if you want to send a message to yourself, you first need your Chat ID. The easiest way I've found to get this is to send the bot a message from your desktop client and then use the getupdates method. So search for the bot in the desktop client's search bar and start a conversation. Then in your browser go to [https://api.telegram.org/bot\\*YOURTOKEN\\*/getupdates](https://api.telegram.org/bot*YOURTOKEN*/getupdates). You should see a few lines of text, the one we're interested in looks like "chat":{"id":123456789,"first\_name":"Michael","last\_name":"Robinson","type":"private"}. The number after ID is your chat ID.
6. Again, just to check everything is working, lets send ourselves a message. You can do this by putting this in your browser [https://api.telegram.org/bot\\*YOURTOKEN\\*/sendmessage?text=TEST%](https://api.telegram.org/bot*YOURTOKEN*/sendmessage?text=TEST%)

20BOT&chat\_id=\*YOUR\_CHAT\_ID\* You should see a message in your desktop client. If so you have the right ID and we can move on.

7. The last step to get it working is just adding the two values to your default.cfg file and turning on `telegram = True`. You should set `telegram_bot_id` to the token you got from the BotFather, and set the `telegram_chat_ids` to a comma separated list of people you want to send messages to.
8. (optional) If you'd like a specific channel for the bot to send messages you can follow these steps.
  - (a) Open the desktop client and create a new channel
  - (b) Start a conversation with the BotFather and type `/setjoingroups`, then follow the questions he asks.
  - (c) Click on the message we sent earlier from the bot, then click on the bot's name in the conversation. You should see 'Add To Group'. Click this and add it to the new group you created.
  - (d) Now you should be able to add the `@nameOfChannel` to your `default.cfg` file and post all the updates there too. Make sure the list is comma separated and you have the '@' in front of the channel name. This is only done for names, not Chat IDs.

### 2.14.5 Pushbullet notifications

To enable [Pushbullet](#) notifications, you first need to create an API key and then discover your device ID.

Visit your [Account Settings](#) and click 'Create Access Token'. Add this to the config file as shown below.

You then need to visit this [documentation page](#) and run the example curl command for listing your devices (be sure to substitute your API token as created in the previous step). Copy the value listed for 'iden' into the config file as shown below.:

```
pushbullet = True
pushbullet_token = 1.2mDDvy4RRdzcQN9LEWSy22amS7u3LJZ1
pushbullet_deviceid = ujpah72o0sjAoRtnM0jb
```

### 2.14.6 IRC notifications

IRC is very easy to configure, if you are already interested in using it you'll understand what each of the options are.

The main thing to note is that you need to have the python module 'irc' installed. You can get it from pip like so:

```
pip install irc
```

Once you have that installed you have access to the following options for configuration:

```
irc = True
irc_host = irc.freenode.net
irc_port = 6667
irc_nick = LendingBot
irc_ident = ledningbot
irc_realname = Poloniex lending bot
irc_target = #bitbotfactory
```

If you want to send a message directly to a user rather than a channel, you can specify it in the `irc_target` without the preceding '#'. There is currently only support for one channel or user, but we can add more if there's any interest for it.



### 3.1 Overview

This feature records a currency's market and allows the bot see trends. With this data, we can compute a recommended minimum lending rate per currency to avoid lending at times when the rate dips.

When this module is enabled it will start recording the lending rates for the market in an sqlite database. This will be seen in the `market_data` folder for your bot. This supersedes the previous method of storing it in a file. The files can be removed if you have them from older versions of the bot.

There will be a DB created for each currency you wish to record. These can be enabled in the *analyseCurrencies* configuration option.

**Warning:** The more currencies you record, the more data stored on disk and CPU processing time will be used. You will also not get as frequent results for the currencies, i.e. You may have trouble getting results for your configured `analyseUpdateInterval` This is explained further in the *Recording currencies* section.

A quick list of each config option and what they do

<i>analyseCurrencies</i>	A list of each currency you wish to record and analyse
<i>analyseUpdateInterval</i>	The frequency between rates requested and stored in the DB
<i>lendingStyle</i>	The percentage used for the percentile calculation
<i>percentile_seconds</i>	The number of seconds to analyse when working out the percentile
<i>MACD_long_win_seconds</i>	The number of seconds to used for the long moving average
<i>MACD_short_win_seconds</i>	The number of seconds to used for the short moving average
<i>keep_history_seconds</i>	The age (in seconds) of the oldest data you wish to keep in the DB
<i>recorded_levels</i>	The depth of the lending book to record in the DB, i.e. how many unfilled loans
<i>data_tolerance</i>	The percentage of data that can be ignore as missing for the time requested in <i>percentile_seconds</i> and <i>MACD_long_win_seconds</i>
<i>daily_min_method</i>	Which method (MACD or percentile) to use for the daily min calculation
<i>MACD_multiplier</i>	Only valid for MACD method. The figure to scale up the returned rate value from the MACD calculation
<i>ma_debug_log</i>	Print some extra info on what's happening with the rate calculations

The module has two main methods to calculate the minimum rate:

## 3.2 Percentile

This method takes all the data for the given time period (*percentile\_seconds*) and works out the Xth percentile (*lendingStyle*) for that set of data. For example if you are using a *lendingStyle* of 85 and you had a list of rates like so

**Example** 0.04, 0.04, 0.05, 0.05, 0.05, 0.05, 0.06, 0.06, 0.06, 0.07, 0.07, 0.07, 0.08, 0.08, 0.09, 0.09, 0.09, 0.10, 0.10, 0.10

The 85th percentile would be 0.985 because 85% of rates are below this. The following configuration options should be considered when using the percentile calculation method:-

## 3.3 MACD

Moving Average Convergence Divergence, this method using moving averages to work out if it's a good time to lend or not. Currently this is only implemented to limit the minimum daily rate for a currency. This will be changing in the future. It by looking at the best rate that is available from the recorded market data for two windows, the long and short window, then taking an average of them both. If the short average is higher than the long average then it considers the market to be in a good place to lend (as the trend for rates is going up) and it will return a *suggested loan rate*. If the long window is greater than the short window, then we will not lend as trend for rates is below what it should be. So for example:

Time	Short	Long	Suggested
12:00	0.08	0.1	0.1
12:01	0.09	0.1	0.1
12:02	0.1	0.1	0.105
12:03	0.11	0.1	0.1155
12:04	0.12	0.1	0.126

In this example, the bot would start to lend at 12:02 and it would suggest a minimum lending rate of  $0.1 * MACD\_multiplier$ , which by default is 1.05. Giving a rate of 0.105. This is then passed back to the main lendingbot where it will use your gaptop and gapbottom, along with spreads and all the other smarts to place loan offers.

Currently using this method gives the best results with well configured gaptop and gapbottom. This allows you to catch spikes in the market as see above.

The short window and long window are configured by a number of seconds, the data is then taken from the DB requesting  $MACD\_long\_win\_seconds * 1.1$ . This is to get an extra 10% of data as there is usually some lost in the recording from Poloniex. You can also use the *data\_tolerance* to help with the amount of data required by the bot for this calculation, that is the number of seconds that can be missing for the data to still be valid.

This current implementation is basic in it's approach, but will be built upon with time. Results seem to be good though and we would welcome your feedback if you play around with it.

### 3.3.1 suggested loan rate

If the average of the short window is greater than the average of the long window we will return the current

### 3.3.2 configuring

The number of config options and combinations for this can be quite daunting. As time goes on I hope more people will feed back useful figures for all our different configuration set ups. I have put in sensible defaults into the config for the MACD section. These are options that I have changed that aren't set by default and work better if you're using MACD as the rate calculation method. Change the currency to whatever you want, though best not use more than 3 really, as it slows down the calls to poloniex considerably. If you can use just one, then do it.

I'm hoping that once more people test and report back results, this can be updated and more information passed to everyone else.

The most important is probably the hidecoins change to False. This means that it will always place loans so you don't need to have as low a resolution on the sleep timers. You also want to make sure the gaptop and gapbottom are high so you can get a large spread.

Config	Value
sleeptimeactive	10
sleeptimeinactive	10
spreadlend	3
gapMode	RawBTC
gapbottom	40
gaptop	200
hideCoins	False
analyseCurrencies	ETH,BTC

### 3.3.3 notes

- MACD will default back to the percentile method if it can't function. This will happen at start up for a while when it's collecting data and can also happen if something goes wrong with the Database or other failures. It's basically a failsafe to make sure you're still using some sort of market analsis while MACD is offline.
- You can turn on *ma\_debug\_log* to get some more information if things aren't working.

- When it's start up you will see `Need more data for analysis, still collecting. I have Y/X records, so long as it's still increasing then this is fine. If it always prints that message then you should change your data_tolerance`

## 3.4 Recording currencies

All the options in this section deal with how data from poloniex is collected and stored. All the data is stored in an sqlite database, one per currency that you are recording. You can see the database files in the `market_data` folder of the bot. There are a number of things to consider before configuring this section. The most important being that you can only make 6 api calls to poloniex every second. This limit includes returning your open loans, placing an loan and returning data for the live market to store in the database.

**Warning:** If you start to see the error message: `HTTP Error 429: Too Many Requests` then you need to review the settings in this file. In theory this shouldn't be a problem as our API limits calls to 6 per second. But it appears that it's not completely thread safe, so it can sometimes make more than 6 per second. If this happens, stop the bot. Increase your timer or decrease the number of recorded currencies, wait a five minutes, then start the bot again. Repeat as required.

### 3.4.1 analyseCurrencies

`analyseCurrencies` is the list of currencies to record (and analyse)

None of the points below need be considered problematic unless you are planning to run with low (single digit seconds) timers on the bot. That is, the `sleeptimeinactive`, `sleeptimeactive` and the `analyseUpdateInterval`.

With that said, every currency you add to this will:

- Increase the number of db files (and therefore disk usage)
- Increase I/O and CPU usage (each currency will be writing to disk and if there's a balance, calculating the best rate)
- Reduce the number of requests you can make the API per second. This means times between stored records in the DB will be further apart and calls to place loans to Poloniex will be slower.

#### configuration

Format	<code>CURRENCY_TICKER, STR, BTC, BTS, CLAM, DOGE, DASH, LTC, MAID, XMR, XRP, ETH, FCT, ALL, ACTIVE</code>
Disabling	Commenting it out will disable the entire feature.
ACTIVE	Entering ACTIVE analyses any currencies found in your lending account along with any other configured currencies.
ALL	Will analyse all coins on the lending market, whether or not you are using them.
Example	<code>ACTIVE, BTC, CLAM</code> will record and analyse <code>BTC, CLAM</code> , and any coins you are already lending.
Notes	Don't worry about duplicates when using ACTIVE, they are handled internally.

### 3.4.2 keep\_history\_seconds

`keep_history_seconds` is the maximum duration to store market data. Any data that is older than this number of seconds will be deleted from the DB. This delete runs periodically, so it is possible for there to be data older than the specified age in the database, however it won't be there for long.

#### configuration

Default value	86400 (1 day)
Allowed range	3600+

### 3.4.3 analyseUpdateInterval

`analyseUpdateInterval` is how long the bot will sleep between requests for rate data from Poloniex. Each coin has its own thread for requests and each thread has its own sleep. You are not guaranteed to get data at exactly the update interval. Setting it to 1 second, with several currencies each one of them will take up one of the 6 API calls that are allowed per second. These calls need to be used to place loans and other interactions with poloniex. Also, it can take some time to get data back from poloniex, because there is a single thread making all the requests per currency, it will block the next request. I did have a multi threaded model for this currency recording, but it frequently created too many threads when polo was lagging, causing more harm than good.

#### configuration

Default value	10
Allowed range	1 - 3600 (1 hour)

### 3.4.4 recorded\_levels

`recorded_levels` is the number of rates found in the current offers on poloniex that will be recorded in the db. There is currently no reason to set this greater than 1 as we're not using the rest of the levels, this will change in the future though. You can raise it if you're examining the data yourself also.

#### configuration

Default value	10
Allowed range	1 - 100

## 3.5 Analysing currencies

Everything in this section relates to how the analysis is carried out. So how much data is used and how it is used.

### 3.5.1 lendingStyle

`lendingStyle` lets you choose the percentile of each currency's market to lend at.

- Recommendations: Conservative = 50, Moderate = 75, Aggressive = 90, Very Aggressive = 99
- This is a percentile, so choosing 75 would mean that your minimum will be the value that the market is above 25% of the recorded time.
- This will stop the bot from lending during a large dip in rate, but will still allow you to take advantage of any spikes in rate.

Default value	75
Allowed range	1-99

### 3.5.2 percentile\_seconds

`percentile_seconds` is the number of seconds worth of data to use for the percentile calculation. This value is not used in *MACD* methods.

#### configuration

Default value	86400
Allowed range	300 - <code>keep_history_seconds</code>

### 3.5.3 MACD\_long\_win\_seconds

`MACD_long_win_seconds` is the number of seconds used for the long window average in the *MACD* method.

#### configuration

Default value	1800 (30 minutes)
Allowed range	300 - <code>keep_history_seconds</code>

### 3.5.4 MACD\_short\_win\_seconds

`MACD_short_win_seconds` is the number of seconds used for the short window average in the *MACD* method.

#### configuration

Default value	150 (2.5 minutes)
Allowed range	25 - <code>MACD_long_win_seconds</code>

### 3.5.5 data\_tolerance

`data_tolerance` is the percentage of data that can be missed from poloniex and still considered that we have enough data to work with. This was added because there are frequently problems with poloniex sending back data, also it's not always possible to get all the data you want if you are using multiple currencies. We are limited to 6 calls to poloniex every second.

If you keep seeing messages saying `Need more data for analysis, still collecting. I have Y/X records`, then you need to reduce this or reduce the number of currencies you are analysing.

#### configuration

Default value	15
Allowed range	10 - 90

### 3.5.6 daily\_min\_method

`daily_min_method` is the method in which you wish to calculate the `daily_min` for each currency. This is how we stop lending when the market rates are below average. This can be either `MACD` or `percentile`. See [MACD](#) and [Percentile](#) sections for more information. This will not change the `mindailyrate` that you have set for coins in the main config. So you will still never lend below what you have statically configured.

#### configuration

Default value	MACD
Allowed values	MACD, percentile

### 3.5.7 MACD\_multiplier

`MACD_multiplier` is what to scale up the returned average from the `MACD` calculation by. See [MACD](#) for more details. In the future this will probably be removed in favour of sending back spread information that can be used for `gaptop` and `gapbottom`.

#### configuration

Default value	1.05
Allowed range	1 - 2

### 3.5.8 ma\_debug\_log

`ma_debug_log` when enabled will print to screen some of the internal information around the `MACD` and `percentile` calculations

**configuration**

Default value	False
Allowed range	True, False

## 4.1 How to format Python Code

If you want to make a successful pull request, [here are some suggestions](#).

Recommended IDE: [PyCharm](#)

### 4.1.1 PEP8

Poloniex lending bot follows [PEP8 styling guidelines](#) to maximize code readability and maintenance.

To help out users and automate much of the process, [the Codacy Continuous Integration bot](#) will comment on pull requests to alert you to any changes you need to make. Codacy has many inspections it does, which may extend past PEP8 conventions. We recommend you follow its suggestions as much as possible.

To make following PEP8 as painless as possible, we strongly recommend using an Integrated Development Environment that features PEP8 suggestions, such as [PyCharm](#).

### 4.1.2 Indent Style

You may have your own preference, it does not matter because *spaces and tabs do not mix*.

Poloniexlendingbot uses *spaces* to conform with PEP8 standards. Please use an IDE that can help you with this.

### 4.1.3 Commenting Code

Many coders learned to code without commenting their logic. That works if you are the only person working on the project, but quickly becomes a problem when it is your job to decipher what someone else was thinking when coding.

You will probably be relieved to read that code comments are not mandatory, because [code comments are an apology](#).

Only comment your code if you need to leave a note. (We won't judge you for it.)

### 4.1.4 Variable or Option Naming

Whenever you create a variable or configuration option, follow PEP8 standards, they are as follows:

Do not make global single-letter variable names, those do not help anybody. Using them within a function for a few lines in context is okay, but calling it much later requires it be given a proper name.

Functions are named like `create_new_offer()` and variables are named similarly, like `amount_of_lends`.

### 4.1.5 Line Length

To make it simple to review code in a diff viewer (and several other reasons) line length is limited to 128 characters in Python code.

Python allows plenty of features for one line to be split into multiple lines, those are permitted.

### 4.1.6 Configuration Options

New configuration options should be placed near similar options (see categories on the configuration page) and require a short description above the actual setting.

If a setting is added that changes functionality, it is required that you add handling for having the option commented out.

How to use the Configuration module:

- If your change is in a new module, you need to init it to import the Config object. Create a function `init(<args>)` that set the args to global variables within the module. With this, pass Config from the main of the bot.
- Use `option = Config.get(CATEGORY, OPTION, DEFAULT_VALUE, LOWER_LIMIT, UPPER_LIMIT)` to get the option from the Config. Only do this in your `init()`
- **CATEGORY:** The category of the config file it goes under. Currently there is only 'API' and 'BOT'
- **OPTION:** Case-sensitive name of the option you are pulling from the bot.
- **DEFAULT\_VALUE:** Default: False. This is the value that `.get()` will return if no value is set (option is commented). If set to "None": the bot will not allow it to be left blank ever. Optional.
- **LOWER\_LIMIT:** Default: False. The lower float value that the option can be set to. If **OPTION**'s value is lesser than this, the bot will alert them and exit. Optional. Only use for numerical options.
- **UPPER\_LIMIT:** Default: False. The upper float value that the option can be set to. If **OPTION**'s value is greater than this, the bot will alert them and exit. Optional. Only use for numerical options.

`Config.has_option(CATEGORY, OPTION)` will always return a boolean for whether the option exists or not. If the option is commented it will return False.

## 4.2 Making Documentation

It is important to keep proper documentation of configuration options, to make it as clear as possible for the user.

### 4.2.1 Building Docs

If you want to be able to build the html files of the documentation, you need to have Sphinx installed. You can install this with `pip install sphinx`. From there, run `make html` in the docs directory. These instructions can also be found in the included README.

### 4.2.2 Writing Docs

Just follow the lead of the rest of the docs.

- Configurations need a default, allowed values, effect, etc. in a format similar to the other options.
- Installation instructions should be similar to a followable list.

## 4.3 Javascript

Codacy will offer suggestions for fixes to standardize/fix the code. Do not worry about having too many commits in your PR.

Lendingbot.js is already quite messy, so following Codacy's suggestions is highly encouraged.