What is a Module?

Introduction

Modules are the foundation of PUQcloud's extensible billing system architecture. They are self-contained, professionally developed components that seamlessly extend the platform's functionality. Each module can add new service types, integrate with external APIs, implement payment gateways, or provide communication channels - all while maintaining consistent performance, security, and user experience standards.

Think of modules as professional plugins that transform PUQcloud from a basic billing system into a comprehensive service management platform capable of handling any business model.

Core Architecture Concept

A **module** in PUQcloud is a PHP class that inherits from one of four specialized base classes and implements specific business logic. The modular framework provides:

- □□ **Standardized lifecycle management** (installation, activation, updates, deactivation)
- □□ **Built-in security and permission systems** with granular access control
- ⚡ **Asynchronous task processing** for scalable operations
- □□ **Comprehensive logging and monitoring** capabilities
- □□ **Multi-language support** with Laravel's localization
- □□ **Template and view management** with Blade templating
- □□ **Database integration** with migrations and models
- □□ **External API integration** patterns and best practices

Module System Architecture

Hierarchical Inheritance Structure

PUQcloud's module system follows a clean inheritance hierarchy:

```
App\Modules\Module (Base Class)
├── Product      → Full service lifecycle management
├── Plugin       → System functionality extensions
├── Payment      → Payment gateway integrations
```

```
└── Notification → Communication channel implementations
```

Class Responsibilities and APIs

A module is an object-oriented PHP class that inherits from `App\Modules\Module` and shares a common contract:

- **Lifecycle**: `activate()`, `update()`, `deactivate()`
- **Rendering**: `view(string $template, array $data = [])`
- **Configuration**: `config(string $key): mixed`
- **Asynchronous jobs**: queue tasks with `Task::add('ModuleJob', 'Module', $data, $tags)`
- **Logging**: `logInfo()`, `logError()`, `logDebug()`
- **Security**: built-in permission checks in admin routes/controllers

Derived Module Types and Typical Methods

Product (Service Management)

- **Product config**: `getProductData()`, `saveProductData()`, `getProductPage()`
- **Service config**: `getServiceData()`, `saveServiceData()`, `getServicePage()`
- **Lifecycle**: `create()` → `createJob()`, `suspend()` → `suspendJob()`, `unsuspend()` → `unsuspendJob()`, `termination()` → `terminationJob()`, `change_package()` → `change_packageJob()`
- **Client area**: `getClientAreaMenuConfig()`, `variables_{tab}()`, `controllerClient_{tab}{Method}()`
- **Admin area**: `adminPermissions()`, `adminSidebar()`, `adminWebRoutes()`, `adminApiRoutes()`
- **Status**: update provisioning with `Service::setProvisionStatus()`

Plugin (System Extensions)

- **Lifecycle**: initialize resources in `activate()`, clean up in `deactivate()`, evolve in `update()`
- **Admin area**: expose UI via `adminSidebar()`, `adminWebRoutes()`, `adminApiRoutes()`
- **Background work**: schedule/execute periodic tasks via the queue (`Task::add()`) and event hooks (see `hooks.php`)
- **Note**: typically no client-area UI
- **Data**: define plugin-specific tables/models as needed

Payment (Payment Processing)

- **Gateway config**: `getModuleData()`, per-gateway settings page via `getSettingsPage()`
- **Checkout UI**: render payment form/session with `getClientAreaHtml()`
- **Redirects**: provide `getReturnUrl()` and `getCancelUrl()`
- **Webhooks**: handle gateway callbacks (e.g., `apiWebhookPost()`/`apiWebhookGet()`)
- **Transactions**: log, reconcile, and handle refunds/chargebacks

Notification (Communication Channels)

- **Channel config**: `getModuleData()` (server, credentials, encryption, etc.)
- **Delivery**: `send(array $data)` with validation, retries, and logging
- **Templating**: render content using Blade templates and per-channel variables
- **Reliability**: implement rate limiting and retry/backoff policies

Standard Module Structure

Every module follows this professional directory structure:

```
modules/{Type}/{ModuleName}/
├── {ModuleName}.php              # Main module class (required)
├── config.php                    # Module metadata and settings (required)
├── hooks.php                     # Event hooks and listeners (optional)
├── Controllers/                  # HTTP request handlers
│   └── {ModuleName}Controller.php
├── Services/                     # External API clients and business logic
│   └── {ExternalService}Client.php
├── Models/                       # Database models and data validation
│   ├── {ModuleName}.php
│   └── {ModuleName}Server.php
├── views/                        # User interface templates
│   ├── admin_area/              # Admin panel interface
│   │   ├── product.blade.php
│   │   ├── service.blade.php
│   │   └── configuration.blade.php
│   ├── client_area/             # Client panel interface
│   │   ├── general.blade.php
│   │   ├── statistics.blade.php
│   │   └── management.blade.php
│   └── assets/                  # Static resources
│       ├── css/
│       ├── js/
│       └── img/
└── lang/                         # Internationalization files
    ├── en.php
    ├── pl.php
    └── {language}.php
```

Component Breakdown

Component	Purpose	Required	Description
Main Class	Core business logic and lifecycle management	□ Required	Implements module functionality
Configuration	Module metadata, version, and settings	□ Required	Defines module properties
Controllers	Handle HTTP requests and API endpoints	⚠ Conditional	Required for admin/client interfaces
Models	Database interactions and data validation	⚠ Conditional	Required for data persistence
Views	User interface templates and forms	⚠ Conditional	Required for user interaction
Services	External API clients and business logic	□ Optional	For third-party integrations
Language Files	Multi-language support and localization	□ Optional	For internationalization

Module Types Deep Dive

1. Product Modules □□ (Service Management)

Purpose: Complete service lifecycle management with customer billing integration

Real-World Examples:

- **puqNextcloud:** Cloud storage and collaboration platform
- **VPS Services:** Virtual private server management

Key Capabilities:

- Full service lifecycle (create, suspend, unsuspend, terminate, upgrade)
- Client area integration with custom tabs and interfaces
- Automated billing and invoicing integration
- Resource provisioning through external APIs
- Asynchronous task processing for scalable operations
- Service status monitoring and health checks

Architecture Example (based on real puqNextcloud implementation):

```
<?php

use App\Models\Service;
use App\Models\Task;
use App\Modules\Product;

class NextcloudService extends Product
{
    // Product configuration for admin
    public function getProductData(array $data = []): array
    {
        $this->product_data = [
            'group_uuid' => $data['group_uuid'] ?? '',
            'username_prefix' => $data['username_prefix'] ?? 'nc_',
            'username_suffix' => $data['username_suffix'] ?? '',
            'quota' => $data['quota'] ?? '1GB',
        ];
        return $this->product_data;
    }

    // Service instance creation
    public function create(): array
    {
        $data = [
            'module' => $this,
            'method' => 'createJob',
            'tries' => 1,
            'backoff' => 60,
            'timeout' => 600,
            'maxExceptions' => 1,
        ];
```

```
        $service = Service::find($this->service_uuid);
        $service->setProvisionStatus('processing');
        Task::add('ModuleJob', 'Module', $data, ['create']);

        return ['status' => 'success'];
    }

    // Asynchronous provisioning logic
    public function createJob(): array
    {
        try {
            $service = Service::find($this->service_uuid);

            // Generate unique credentials
            $this->service_data['username'] = $this->product_data['username_prefix']
.
                                              random_int(100000, 999999)
.
                                              $this-
>product_data['username_suffix'];
            $this->service_data['password'] =
generateStrongPassword(10);

            // Provision through external API
            $apiClient = new NextcloudAPIClient($this->getServerConfig());
            $result = $apiClient->createUser($this->service_data);

            if ($result['status'] === 'success') {
                $service->setProvisionStatus('completed');
                return ['status' => 'success'];
            } else {
                $service->setProvisionStatus('failed');
                return ['status' => 'error', 'message' => $result['error']];
            }

        } catch (Exception $e) {
            $service->setProvisionStatus('failed');
            $this->logError('createJob', 'Provisioning failed', $e->getMessage());
            return ['status' => 'error'];
        }
```

```
    }

    // Client area interface configuration
    public function getClientAreaMenuConfig(): array
    {
        return [
            'general' => [
                'name' => 'Overview',
                'template' => 'client_area.general',
            ],
            'files' => [
                'name' => 'File Manager',
                'template' => 'client_area.files',
            ],
            'statistics' => [
                'name' => 'Usage Statistics',
                'template' => 'client_area.statistics',
            ],
        ];
    }
}
```

2. Plugin Modules □□ (System Extensions)

Purpose: Extend system functionality without managing individual services

Real-World Examples:

- **Server Monitoring:** Infrastructure health monitoring and alerting
- **Advanced Analytics:** Custom reporting and business intelligence
- **Integration Plugins:** Synchronization with CRM, accounting systems
- **Workflow Automation:** Custom business process automation
- **Security Scanners:** Vulnerability assessment and monitoring

Key Capabilities:

- □ System-wide functionality enhancement
- □ Admin interface integration with custom pages
- □ Event-driven operations and hooks
- □ Background task scheduling and execution
- □ Custom data collection and processing
- □ Integration with external services and APIs

Architecture Example:

```
<?php

use App\Modules\Plugin;
use Illuminate\Support\Facades\Schema;

class ServerMonitoringPlugin extends Plugin
{
    public function activate(): string
    {
        try {
            // Create monitoring infrastructure
            Schema::create('server_monitoring_checks', function (Blueprint $table)
{
                $table->id();
                $table->string('name');
                $table->string('type'); // ping, http, port, ssl
                $table->string('target'); // IP/URL to monitor
                $table->json('config'); // Check-specific configuration
                $table->integer('interval')->default(300); // Check interval in
seconds
                $table->boolean('active')->default(true);
                $table->timestamps();
            });

            Schema::create('server_monitoring_results', function (Blueprint $table)
{
                $table->id();
                $table->foreignId('check_id')-
>constrained('server_monitoring_checks');
                $table->boolean('status'); // up/down
                $table->integer('response_time')->nullable(); // milliseconds
                $table->string('error_message')->nullable();
                $table->timestamp('checked_at');
                $table->timestamps();
            });

            $this->logInfo('activate', 'Monitoring plugin activated
successfully');
```

```
            return 'success';
        } catch (Exception $e) {
            $this->logError('activate', 'Activation failed: ' . $e->getMessage());
            return 'Error: ' . $e->getMessage();
        }
    }

    public function adminWebRoutes(): array
    {
        return [
            [
                'method' => 'get',
                'uri' => 'dashboard',
                'permission' => 'monitoring-dashboard',
                'name' => 'dashboard',
                'controller' => 'ServerMonitoringController@dashboard',
            ],
            [
                'method' => 'get',
                'uri' => 'checks',
                'permission' => 'monitoring-checks',
                'name' => 'checks',
                'controller' => 'ServerMonitoringController@checks',
            ],
        ];
    }
}
```

3. Payment Modules □□ (Payment Processing)

Purpose: Secure payment processing through various payment gateways

Real-World Examples:

- **puqStripe:** Credit card processing through Stripe
- **puqPayPal:** PayPal payment integration
- **puqPrzelewy24:** Polish payment system integration
- **puqBankTransfer:** Bank transfer instructions and tracking
- **Cryptocurrency Payments:** Bitcoin, Ethereum, etc.

Key Capabilities:

- Secure payment form generation and processing
- Multiple currency support and conversion
- Refund and chargeback handling
- Transaction logging and audit trails
- PCI compliance support and security
- Webhook handling for payment confirmations

Architecture Example (based on real puqStripe implementation):

```
<?php

use App\Modules\Payment;

class StripePaymentGateway extends Payment
{
    public function getModuleData(array $data = []): array
    {
        return [
            'publishable_key' => $data['publishable_key'] ?? '',
            'secret_key' => $data['secret_key'] ?? '',
            'webhook_secret' => $data['webhook_secret'] ?? '',
            'sandbox' => $data['sandbox'] ?? false,
        ];
    }

    public function getClientAreaHtml(array $data = []): string
    {
        $invoice = $data['invoice'];
        $amount = $invoice->getDueAmountAttribute();
        $currency = $invoice->client->currency->code;

        $stripe = new StripeClient($this->module_data);

        $session = $stripe->createSession(
            referenceId: $invoice->uuid,
            invoiceId: $invoice->number,
            description: 'Invoice #' . $invoice->number,
            amount: $amount,
            currency: $currency,
            return_url: $this->getReturnUrl(),
            cancel_url: $this->getCancelUrl(),
```

```
        );

        return $this->view('client_area', ['session' => $session]);
    }

    public function getSettingsPage(array $data = []): string
    {
        $data['webhook_url'] = route('static.module.post', [
            'type' => 'Payment',
            'name' => 'puqStripe',
            'method' => 'apiWebhookPost',
            'uuid' => $this->payment_gateway_uuid
        ]);

        return $this->view('configuration', $data);
    }
}
```

4. Notification Modules □□ (Communication Channels)

Purpose: Send notifications through various communication channels

Real-World Examples:

- **puqSMTP:** Professional SMTP email delivery
- **puqPHPmail:** Basic PHP mail functionality
- **puqBell:** Push notification system
- **SMS Gateways:** Twilio, Nexmo, local SMS providers
- **Slack/Discord:** Team communication integration

Key Capabilities:

- □ **Multi-channel message delivery**
- □ **Template management and personalization**
- □ **Delivery tracking and status reporting**
- □ **Retry mechanisms for failed deliveries**
- □ **Rate limiting and quota management**
- □ **Rich content support (HTML, attachments, etc.)**

Architecture Example (based on real puqSMTP implementation):

```
<?php
```

```
use App\Modules\Notification;
use Illuminate\Support\Facades\Mail;

class SMTPNotificationService extends Notification
{
    public function getModuleData(array $data = []): array
    {
        return [
            'email' => $data['email'] ?? '',
            'server' => $data['server'] ?? '',
            'sender_name' => $data['sender_name'] ?? '',
            'port' => $data['port'] ?? 587,
            'encryption' => $data['encryption'] ?? 'tls',
            'username' => $data['username'] ?? '',
            'password' => $data['password'] ?? '',
        ];
    }

    public function send(array $data = []): array
    {
        try {
            $validator = Validator::make($data, [
                'to' => 'required|email',
                'subject' => 'required|string|max:255',
                'message' => 'required|string',
            ]);

            if ($validator->fails()) {
                return [
                    'status' => 'error',
                    'message' => $validator->errors(),
                    'code' => 422,
                ];
            }

            $mailConfig = $this->buildMailerConfiguration();

            Mail::mailer($mailConfig)->send(new NotificationMail(
                $data['to'],
```

```
                $data['subject'],
                $data['message'],
                $data['attachments'] ?? []
            ));

            $this->logInfo('send', 'Email sent successfully', [
                'to' => $data['to'],
                'subject' => $data['subject']
            ]);

            return ['status' => 'success'];

        } catch (Exception $e) {
            $this->logError('send', 'Email sending failed', $e->getMessage());
            return ['status' => 'error', 'message' => 'Failed to send email'];
        }
    }
}
```

How Modules Integrate with PUQcloud

Lifecycle Management

Every module follows a standardized lifecycle:

1. **Installation:** Module files are uploaded to the correct directory structure
2. **Discovery:** System automatically detects and registers the module
3. ⚙ **Activation:** `activate()` method creates databases, configures settings
4. **Operation:** Module handles requests and performs designated functions
5. **Updates:** `update()` method handles version migrations and schema changes
6. **Deactivation:** `deactivate()` method cleans up resources and data

Integration Points

Admin Interface Integration

```
// Navigation menu configuration
public function adminSidebar(): array
```

```
{
    return [
        [
            'title' => 'Server Management',
            'link' => 'servers',
            'active_links' => ['servers', 'server-groups'],
            'permission' => 'manage-servers'
        ]
    ];
}

// Route definitions with permissions
public function adminWebRoutes(): array
{
    return [
        [
            'method' => 'get',
            'uri' => 'servers',
            'permission' => 'view-servers',
            'name' => 'servers',
            'controller' => 'ServerController@index'
        ]
    ];
}
```

Client Area Integration

```
// Multi-tab client interface
public function getClientAreaMenuConfig(): array
{
    return [
        'overview' => [
            'name' => 'Service Overview',
            'template' => 'client_area.overview'
        ],
        'management' => [
            'name' => 'Account Management',
            'template' => 'client_area.management'
        ],
        'statistics' => [
```

```
            'name' => 'Usage Statistics',
            'template' => 'client_area.statistics'
        ]
    ];
}
```

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