

Implementing API versioning in Django Rest Framework (DRF) is crucial for maintaining backward compatibility while evolving your API. There are different approaches to versioning, including URL-based versioning, header-based versioning, and query parameter-based versioning. Let's explore each of these approaches in detail with examples:

1. URL-based Versioning:

In URL-based versioning, the version information is included directly in the URL.

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# urls.py
from django.urls import path
from . import views

urlpatterns = [
    path('v1/books/', views.BookListViewV1.as_view(), name='book-list-v1'),
    path('v2/books/', views.BookListViewV2.as_view(), name='book-list-v2'),
]
```

In this example, we have separate URLs for different versions of the `BookListView`. Clients can access the desired version of the endpoint by specifying the version number in the URL (`/v1/books/` for version 1 and `/v2/books/` for version 2).

2. Header-based Versioning:

Header-based versioning involves specifying the API version in a custom HTTP header.

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# settings.py
REST_FRAMEWORK = {
    'DEFAULT_VERSIONING_CLASS': 'rest_framework.versioning.HeaderVersioning',
    'DEFAULT_VERSION': '1',
    'ALLOWED_VERSIONS': ['1', '2'],
}

# views.py
from rest_framework import generics
from .models import Book
from .serializers import BookSerializer
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class BookListView(generics.ListAPIView):
    queryset = Book.objects.all()
    serializer_class = BookSerializer
```

In this example, we set the default version to 1 and allow versions 1 and 2. Clients can specify the desired version in the `Accept` header of their requests (`Accept: application/json; version=2`).

3. Query Parameter-based Versioning:

Query parameter-based versioning involves specifying the API version as a query parameter in the URL.

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# urls.py
from django.urls import path
from rest_framework.urlpatterns import format_suffix_patterns
from . import views
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urlpatterns = [
    path('books/', views.BookListView.as_view(), name='book-list'),
]

urlpatterns = format_suffix_patterns(urlpatterns)

# views.py
from rest_framework import generics
from .models import Book
from .serializers import BookSerializer

class BookListView(generics.ListAPIView):
    queryset = Book.objects.all()
    serializer_class = BookSerializer

    def get_queryset(self):
        queryset = self.queryset
        version = self.request.query_params.get('version', '1')
        if version == '2':
            queryset = queryset.filter(published_date__gte='2022-01-01')
        return queryset
```

In this example, the API version is specified as a query parameter (`/books/?version=2`). The view checks the query parameter and filters the queryset accordingly.

Each versioning approach has its advantages and may be suitable for different use cases. URL-based versioning offers explicit versioning in the URL, header-based versioning provides flexibility for version negotiation, and query parameter-based versioning allows for dynamic versioning within the same URL. Choose the approach that best fits your API design requirements and the needs of your clients.