Django

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Agenda

- What is a framework (Django MVT)
- Installing Django and start our first project
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- Admin [Superuser] Panel
- Customize Admin Panel
- URL and View Configuration
- Intro to Templates Language

Django Framework

- A framework is a sets of libraries those provide most of the functionality needed for application development.
- Django Framework applies the MVT (Model View Template) Design pattern.
- Model classes are the Database representation, Views contains the Logic and calculations, and the Template are the user’s viewed pages where the logic is separated.
- Django Framework ORM (Object Relational Model) Provides a lot of method and properties for dealing with the database model classes.

Install Django and MySql client

```
>> sudo apt-get update

>> sudo apt-get install python-django

>> sudo apt-get install python-pymysql
```

create a Django project

```
django-admin startproject project_name
```

project content

- ➔ **manage.py:** this is the file we use to deal with the project.
- ➔ **project inner folder/setting.py:** it contains the constant settings.
- ➔ **project inner folder/url.py:** the main url configuration.
- ➔ **project inner folder/WSGI:** for testing and deployment.

See the application on the server

```
python manage.py runserver
```

Note: make sure that mysql server is running first
check mysql server status:

```
sudo service mysql status
sudo /etc/init.d/mysql start
sudo /etc/init.d/mysql stop
sudo /etc/init.d/mysql restart
```

navigate to the localhost:8000 and Bingo ! you will find the standard welcoming message

See the application on the server Cont.

Changing the default port 8000

We can do this by create a bash script file to set our port

```
touch runserver
```

The bash script content will be

```
#!/bin/bash
exec ./manage.py runserver 0.0.0.0:8001
```

Then give the script execution permission

```
sudo chmod +x ./runserver
```

And running server will be execution of our bash script `./runserver`

Running server common problems !!

if you faced a failed starting job for mysql server there are two possible solutions:

1- set the owner of mysqlserver sock to mysql

```
sudo touch /var/run/mysql/mysql.sock
sudo chown mysql /var/run/mysql/mysql.sock
```

2- purge and install the mysql

```
sudo apt-get --purge remove mysql-server
sudo apt-get --purge remove mysql-client
sudo apt-get --purge remove mysql-common
sudo apt-get autoremove
sudo apt-get autoclean
sudo rm -rf /etc/mysql
sudo apt-get install mysql-server mysql-client
sudo service mysql status
```

Configure the Database

in setting.py

```
#in database section:
DATABASES = {
    'default': {
        'ENGINE': 'django.db.backends.mysql',
        'NAME': 'mydatab', #databse name
        'USER': 'root',
        'PASSWORD': 'admin',
        'HOST': 'localhost', #default host
        'PORT': '3306' #default port
        }
}
```

Migrate with the Database

```
python manage.py migrate
```

Create application

Two steps:

1- create the app

```
python manage.py startapp app_name
```

2- define it to the installed app section in setting.py

Application content

- ➔ **admin.py:** to configure and customize the administration panel
- ➔ **migration:** for database migration
- ➔ **test.py:** to create a unit test cases for the project for example filling the database with dummy data.
- ➔ **views.py:** contain the logic for example it takes http request do the needed and returns the response to be rendered on the browser
- ➔ **models.py:** the model classes (Database Tables)

Models

A model class is a representation for the tables.

The class is created within models.py

after creating the model classes we do two steps:

1- make migrations: `python manage.py makemigrations`

2- migrate: `python manage.py migrate`

Now we have a tables represent our classes

Model class example

```
class Track(models.Model):
    track_name = models.CharField(max_length = 200)

class Student(models.Model):
    student_name = models.CharField(max_length = 200)
    student_age = models.IntegerField()
    Student_reg_date = models.DateTimeField(‘reg_date’)
    track = models.ForeignKey(Track)
```

Model object handling

1- import your model classes from your application

```
from app_name.models import Model_name1, Model_name2
```

```
Model_name1.objects.all( ) #select all
Model_name1.objects.all( )[2:5] #select all from:to range
Model_name1.objects.create(field=value, field=value) #insert
```

another two-steps way to create object:

```
obj = Model_name1(field=value , field=value)
obj.save( )
Model_name1.objects.get(field=value) # select where field = value
Model_name1.objects.filter(field=value)#select all where field=value
```

Note#1: To use the timezone: `from django.utils import timezone`

Note#2: To run and use the shell: `python manage.py shell`

Model Object handling

filter with criteria:

```
    ModelName.objects.filter(fieldname__creteria = value)
```

examples:

```
Model_name1.objects.filter(field__startswith = ’M’)
Model_name1.objects.filter(field__endswith = ’M’)
Model_name1.objects.filter(field__exact = ’Mohamed’)
Model_name1.objects.filter(field__contains = ’M’)
```

Model Object handling

```
Model_name1.objects.filter(field__gt = timezone.now())
Model_name1.objects.filter(field__gte = timezone.now())
Model_name1.objects.filter(field__lt = timezone.now())
Model_name1.objects.filter(field__lte = timezone.now())
Model_name1.objects.order_by(‘field_name’)

#the - before field means reverse
Model_name1.objects.order_by(‘-field_name’)
```

Model object handling

To control the printed object override method `__str__(self)` in the model class.

```
class Model_name1:
    # fields definition
    def __str__(self):
        return self.first_field
```

Remember:

when creating an object (inserting) in a class that has a foreign key field we need an object from the model of the PK to use it in the child model object creation.

Admin (Super) User

To get use default python admin panel we need a super user

creating a superuser:

```
python manage.py createsuperuser
```

```
name:
passwd:
passwd(again):
```

run the server and navigate to localhost:8000/admin

you will find by Django default two models users and groups.

Customizing Admin panel

To include our models into the admin panel we define (register) them into admin.py file that is in the application directory.

```
from .models import Student, Track

# register the models
admin.site.register(Student)
admin.site.register(Track)
```

Customizing the Admin panel ...

To customize a model in admin panel we create a class where we override the admin properties.

1- separate a model form elements into different sections

- create a class that inherits `admin.ModelAdmin`
- override `fieldsets` variable which equals:

```
fieldsets = (
['section_Label' , {'fields': ['field1', 'field2']}],
[None , {'fields': ['field1', 'field2', 'field3']}]
)
```

- finally register your customized class by passing it as a second parameter to `admin.site.register(Model, CustomModel)`

Customizing the Admin panel ...

2- Inline class

To include the form of the model that has a foreign key within the form of the model that has the PK

- create a class that inherits from `admin.StackedInline` to represent the model that has the foreign key.
- override properties `extra = number` and `model = ModelName`
- in the class that has the PK override the property

```
inlines = [inline_Class_Name]
```

Customizing the Admin panel ...

3- Customize List Display

in the Custom model class We override variable

```
        list_display = ('field1', 'field2')
```

add Another field to show an info:

- create a method with _ separated name in the model class
- add the method name into the Tuple of list_display

Some properties for the method:

- method_name.boolean = True
- method_name.short_description = 'header'

Customizing the Admin panel ...

4- Search and Filter

in the Custom model class we override the two variables

```
list_filter = ['field','field']
search_fields = ['field', 'field',
'foreignkeyfield__ModelOfPKfieldname']
```

Note: in search with foreign key field we don't path the foreignkey field only but double __ specific field of the Model that has the PK.

Customizing the Admin panel ...

5- Admin Template

Since the admin app is created by Django and to customize it we need to see its structure so let's find the django source files:

- on terminal type **`python`** to open python shell
- **`import django`**
- **`print(django.__path__)`**
- **`cd`** to the path and type **`nautilus`** to open it
- Navigate to and copy contrib/admin/templates/admin and find app_index.html, base_site.html
- paste the files under project/templates/admin to apply for the all apps

OR

project/app/templates/admin to apply template for specific app

Customizing the Admin panel ...

Since the Django looks at the framework templates we want to tell Django to look at our project Templates.
in *setting.py* at TEMPLATES we modify the DIRS as follow:

```
'DIRS' =[os.path.join(BASE_DIR, 'templates')]
```

and an important thing is Since we override the framework admin app
So our app must defined before the admin app in *settings.py* to overlay our changes over Django base.

URL Configuration and Views

Views in Django are the Controllers, They can:

- Access the database
- Perform tasks and make calculations
- Take http request and return http response

URL.py maps the url patterns to certain views the URLs are maintained through regular expressions

We use the main *url.py* config file to include the in-apps urls files So, in the *project/project/**url.py***

```
urlpatterns = [url(r'^AppName/'), include('AppName.urls')]
```

and then create a *urls.py* file inside our app and override **`urlspatterns`** as follow for example:

```
urlpatterns = [url(r'^$', views.index)]
```

URL Configuration and Views

in *views.py* define the index view as follow:

```
from django.http import HttpResponse

def index(request):
    return HttpResponse('Hello Index!')
```

So, here we go:

- modify the main url file to map our app url file
- define a url pattern with a view
- define a view to be assigned to the url

Advanced URL and Views

Creating view that get passed parameter

in App *urls.py* :

```
        url(r'^(?P<student_id>[0-9]+)/$', views.name),
        url(r'^(?P<student_id>[0-9]+)/age$', views.age)
```

in *views.py*

```
def name(request, student_id):
    return HttpResponse('This is the name view of student %s' %student_id)

def age(request, student_id):
    return HttpResponse('Age View of Student %s' %student_id)
```

Template

A Django Template is for separating the logic from our web page design

Template has its unique syntax:

```
{% if condition %}   # if statement
    do something
{% else %}
    do something else
{% endif %}

{% for x in list %}   # for loop
    do something
{% endfor %}

{{variable_name}}   # using a variable
```

Using the Template in the View

In *views.py* for example index action steps:

1- Create template file: *appname/template/inner/**template.html***

2- Load the template:

```
template = loader.get_template(‘innerDir/template.html’)
```

3- Customize requestcontext:

```
context = RequestContext(request, {‘variable’: value})
```

4- Render template context:

```
HttpResponse(template.render(context))
```

5- Needed imports:

```
from django.template import loader, RequestContext
```

Using the Template in the View

Or Simply use `render()` method as follow:

```
from django.shortcuts import render

def index(request):
    context = {‘variable_name’: Value}
    return render(request, ‘innerDir/templateName.html’, context)
```

Lab Time

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