

চমৎকার! এখন আমরা **Django Model Validation — Deep Level** শিখব।  
এটা Django-র সবচেয়ে powerful কিন্তু অনেক beginner properly বুঝে না।  
আমি আপনাকে শুরু → *advanced* → *production best practice* সব দেখাবো।

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## মডেল ভ্যালিডেশন — বড় ৩টি জায়গা

Django model-এর validation মোট ৩ভাবে করা যায়:

1. **Field-level validation**
2. **Model-level (clean()) validation**
3. **Full model validation (full\_clean())**

এগুলো কীভাবে কাজ করে—deeply দেখি।

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### 1) Field-level Validation (Automatic)

Django model fields নিজেই কিছু validation করে।

Example:

```
age = models.IntegerField()
```

❌ যদি age = "abc" দাও → ValidationError

✅ IntegerField → only integer allowed

আরো built-in validator:

```
age = models.IntegerField(validators=[MinValueValidator(18)])
```

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### 2) Custom Field Validator (Advanced)

এখানে আপনি নিজেই rule বানাবেন।

**Example: name এ সংখ্যা থাকতে পারবে না**

```
from django.core.exceptions import ValidationError

def validate_name(value):
```

```
if any(char.isdigit() for char in value):  
    raise ValidationError("Name cannot contain digits.")
```

Model:

```
name = models.CharField(max_length=100, validators=[validate_name])
```

এই validator শুধুমাত্র **name** field-এর জন্য চলবে।

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## 3) Model-level Validation (clean() method)

এটাই advanced স্তর।

এখানে আপনি পুরো model-এর উপর একসাথে validation চালাতে পারবেন।

### Why powerful?

- ✓ multiple field একসাথে check
- ✓ complex logic
- ✓ conditional validation (age → marks)
- ✓ global rules

Example:

```
def clean(self):  
    if self.age < 18 and self.marks > 80:  
        raise ValidationError("Underage students cannot score above 80.")
```

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## এখন Deep Dive করি — Model clean() কীভাবে কাজ করে?

### Step-by-step flow:

যখন আপনি model validate করেন, Django এই sequence follow করে:

#### ✓ 1. Field-level validation

প্রতি field নিজের validation চালায়  
(min value, type check, custom validator)

#### ✓ 2. Model-level clean() method

আপনার custom logic এখানে চলে

### ✓ 3. Model.clean\_fields()

সব fields individually validate করে

### ✓ 4. Model.validate\_unique()

unique constraints check করে

### ✓ 5. সব errors collect করে → ValidationError throw করে

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## ⚠ Important: Model clean() automatically run হয় না save() এর সময়

এই কোড error উঠবে না:

```
s = Student(name="A", age=10, marks=99)
s.save()    # NO validation here
```

কেন?

Django validate automatically during save() করে না!

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## ★ How to force validation? (VERY IMPORTANT)

### ✓ Correct way:

```
s = Student(name="A", age=10, marks=99)
s.full_clean()    # validate everything
s.save()
```

**full\_clean() = clean\_fields + clean + validate\_unique**

এটাই best practice।

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## 🔧 Want automatic validation?

save() override করে full\_clean() কল করা যায়:

```
def save(self, *args, **kwargs):
    self.full_clean()    # automatic validation
```

```
super().save(*args, **kwargs)
```

এখন:

```
Student.objects.create(name="B", age=10)
```

→ ValidationError  
(because age < 18)

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## Deep Best Practice Model Example

```
from django.db import models
from django.core.exceptions import ValidationError

class Student(models.Model):
    name = models.CharField(max_length=100)
    age = models.IntegerField()
    marks = models.IntegerField()

    def clean(self):
        # Field-level custom validation
        if any(char.isdigit() for char in self.name):
            raise ValidationError({"name": "Name cannot contain digits!"})

        if self.age < 18:
            raise ValidationError({"age": "Age must be at least 18."})

        # Multi-field logic
        if self.age < 18 and self.marks > 80:
            raise ValidationError(
                "Underage students cannot have marks above 80."
            )

        if not (0 <= self.marks <= 100):
            raise ValidationError({"marks": "Marks must be between 0 and 100."})

    def save(self, *args, **kwargs):
        self.full_clean() # ensure validation before saving
        super().save(*args, **kwargs)

    def __str__(self):
        return self.name
```

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# Summary of Deep Learning

| Concept           | Purpose                    |
|-------------------|----------------------------|
| Validators        | Single-field rules         |
| clean()           | Complex multi-field rules  |
| clean_fields()    | Automatic field validation |
| validate_unique() | Unique check               |
| full_clean()      | Full validation pipeline   |
| save() override   | Automatic model validation |

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## পরের ধাপে আপনি কী শিখতে চান?

1. **clean()** এর মধ্যে **multiple errors** কীভাবে **return** করবেন?
2. **Field-specific error message** কীভাবে দেবেন?
3. **clean() + ModelForm integration?**
4. **Django Admin validation?**
5. **REST API validation (Django REST Framework)?**

যেটা বলবেন—আমরা সেটাই গভীরভাবে শিখব!

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`full_clean()` কবে, কখন, কোথায় কল করতে হয়—এইটা Django model validation-এর সবচেয়ে গুরুত্বপূর্ণ জিনিস।  
আমি খুব পরিস্কারভাবে ব্যাখ্যা করছি যাতে আপনি ১০০% বুঝে যান।

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## **full\_clean()** কী করে?

`full_clean()` চলার সময় ৩টি জিনিস ঘটে:

1. **clean\_fields()** → Field-level validation
2. **clean()** → Model-level validation
3. **validate\_unique()** → Unique constraints

মানে: **Model-এর সব validation একবারে running হয়।**

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# 🧠 কখন full\_clean() কল করতে হবে? (Manual & Automatic)

## 🔵 1. When manually creating objects (Shell or scripts)

যখন শেল থেকে model তৈরি করছেন:

```
s = Student(name="A", age=10)
s.full_clean() # <-- always needed!
s.save()
```

✓ Data validated

✗ না করলে → Invalid data database-এ চলে যাবে

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## 🔵 2. When saving objects manually in your views

Example: আপনি form ব্যবহার করছেন না, ডেটা নিজে process করছেন:

```
student = Student(name=request.POST["name"], age=request.POST["age"])
student.full_clean() # must
student.save()
```

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## 🔵 3. Before saving in bulk operations

Custom scripts, cron jobs, data import code → must validate.

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## 🔵 4. When you want to validate entire model (not just a single field)

যখন model-level clean() ব্যবহার করেছেন:

```
def clean(self):
    if self.age < 18 and self.marks > 80:
        raise ValidationError("Underage students cannot score above 80.")
```

তখন validate করতে full\_clean() অবশ্যই কল করতে হবে।

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# 🔥 `fullclean()` কখন স্বয়ংক্রিয়ভাবে কল হয়?

## ✓ 1. Django Forms / ModelForms

Form → `clean()` → validation চলে

ModelForm.save() → internally `model.full_clean()` কল করে

তাই Form ব্যবহার করলে আপনাকে `full_clean()` কল করতে হয় না।

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## ✓ 2. Admin panel

Django Admin → ModelForm ব্যবহার করে

→ তাই validation automatically হয়

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⚠ **Saved during `.save()` → `full_clean()` Auto Run হয় না (by default)**

```
s = Student(age=5)
s.save() # ❌ validation will NOT run
```

👉 এই কারণে অনেকেই ভুল করে ভুল ডেটা ডাটাবেজে ঢুকিয়ে দেয়।

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★ **Best Practice: `save()` override করে `full_clean()` enforce করা**

```
def save(self, *args, **kwargs):
    self.full_clean() # validation runs every time before save
    super().save(*args, **kwargs)
```

এখন:

```
Student.objects.create(age=10)
```

Automatically:

```
ValidationError
```

- ✓ safest
- ✓ production best practice
- ✓ consistent validation everywhere

## 🎯 Summary (সবচেয়ে গুরুত্বপূর্ণ সারাংশ)

| পরিস্থিতি                     | full_clean() লাগে?         |
|-------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Shell / script থেকে data save | ✓ অবশ্যই                   |
| Views-এ manually model save   | ✓ অবশ্যই                   |
| ModelForm ব্যবহার করলে        | ✗ লাগে না (Form নিজেই করে) |
| Admin panel                   | ✗ লাগে না                  |
| save() override করলে          | auto validate হয়          |
| REST API DRF (Serializer)     | ✗ লাগে না (serializer করে) |

## 👉 এখন আপনি বলুন:

আপনি কি দেখতে চান:

- 1) full\_clean() exception কীভাবে catch করবেন?
- 2) ModelForm + clean() কীভাবে কাজ করে?
- 3) Unique validation + full\_clean()?
- 4) save() override-এর best practice?

যেটা চান, আমি গভীরভাবে শেখাবো।

**Perfect! Let's go step by step, deeply explaining all 4 points with examples so you can fully master Django model validation.**

## 1 Catching exceptions from full\_clean()



`full_clean()` raises **ValidationError** if validation fails. You can catch it using `try...except`.


```
from django.core.exceptions import ValidationError
from students.models import Student

s = Student(name="Ali123", age=15, marks=105)

try:
    s.full_clean() # Runs all validations: fields + clean() + unique
    s.save()
except ValidationError as e:
    print("Validation errors:", e.message_dict)
```

## Output

```
Validation errors: {
  'name': ['Name cannot contain digits!'],
  'age': ['Age must be at least 18.'],
  'marks': ['Marks must be between 0 and 100.']
}
```

 **Tip:** `e.message_dict` gives a dictionary with field-specific errors.

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## 2 ModelForm + `clean()`

When you use a **ModelForm**, Django automatically calls:

1. **Field validators**
2. **Form `clean_fieldname()`**
3. **Form `clean()`**
4. **Model `clean()`** (via `full_clean()` internally)

### Example:

```
from django import forms
from students.models import Student

class StudentForm(forms.ModelForm):
    class Meta:
        model = Student
        fields = ['name', 'age', 'marks']

# Field-level clean
```

```

def clean_age(self):
    age = self.cleaned_data.get('age')
    if age < 18:
        raise forms.ValidationError("You must be at least 18 years
old.")
    return age

# Form-level clean (multi-field)
def clean(self):
    cleaned_data = super().clean()
    age = cleaned_data.get('age')
    marks = cleaned_data.get('marks')
    if age and marks and age < 18 and marks > 80:
        raise forms.ValidationError("Underage students cannot have
marks above 80.")

```

## Usage in View:

```

form = StudentForm(data=request.POST)
if form.is_valid():
    form.save() # full_clean() internally called
else:
    print(form.errors)

```

### 💡 Key point:

ModelForm automatically calls **model-level clean()** when `save()` is called.

## 3 Unique validation + full\_clean()

Django supports **unique fields**. Validation occurs in:

- ModelForm → automatically
- `full_clean()` → manually

## Example Model

```

class Student(models.Model):
    name = models.CharField(max_length=100, unique=True)
    age = models.IntegerField()

```

## Shell

```

s1 = Student.objects.create(name="Ali", age=20)
s2 = Student(name="Ali", age=25)

```

```
try:
    s2.full_clean() # validates unique constraint
    s2.save()
except ValidationError as e:
    print(e.message_dict)
```

## Output

```
{'name': ['Student with this Name already exists.']}
```

💡 **Tip:** `validate_unique()` is automatically called inside `full_clean()`.

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## 4 `save()` override — Best Practice

To ensure model-level validation always runs, override `save()`:

```
class Student(models.Model):
    name = models.CharField(max_length=100, unique=True)
    age = models.IntegerField()
    marks = models.IntegerField()

    def clean(self):
        if self.age < 18:
            raise ValidationError({'age': 'Age must be 18 or above!'})
        if self.marks < 0 or self.marks > 100:
            raise ValidationError({'marks': 'Marks must be 0-100'})

    def save(self, *args, **kwargs):
        self.full_clean() # validate every time save() is called
        super().save(*args, **kwargs)
```

## Now

```
Student.objects.create(name="Ali", age=15, marks=120)
```

- ✅ Automatically raises `ValidationError`
- ✅ Ensures no invalid data ever reaches DB

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## ✅ Summary Table

| Feature                            | How it works   |
|------------------------------------|--|
| <code>full_clean()</code>          | Runs field, model, and unique validation   |
| Catch <code>ValidationError</code> | <code>try...except ValidationError</code> & use <code>message_dict</code>                              |
| ModelForm                          | Automatically runs <code>full_clean()</code> on save; supports field & form clean                      |
| Unique field                       | Checked during <code>full_clean()</code> / ModelForm validation  |
| <code>save()</code> override       | Best practice: call <code>full_clean()</code> inside <code>save()</code> to prevent invalid DB entries |

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If you want, I can **create a complete production-ready Student model** with:

- field-level validators
- model-level `clean()`
- `save()` override
- proper error handling

...so you can **copy-paste and practice directly in shell or admin**.

Do you want me to do that?

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**You should override the `save()` method in a Django model when you want to add extra logic every time an object is saved.**

In the context of **validation**, the most common reason is to **automatically call `full_clean()` before saving** so that invalid data never gets into the database.

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## **Why override `save()`**

### 1. Automatic validation

Without overriding, `full_clean()` does **not run automatically** during `save()`.

By overriding, you enforce that **every save validates the model**.

### 2. Preprocessing or modifying fields

Example: auto-generate slug from name before saving.

### 3. Logging or auditing

Example: track last\_modified timestamps, create history records.

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## ✅ Example: save() override for validation

```
from django.db import models
from django.core.exceptions import ValidationError

class Student(models.Model):
    name = models.CharField(max_length=100, unique=True)
    age = models.IntegerField()
    marks = models.IntegerField()

    def clean(self):
        if self.age < 18:
            raise ValidationError({'age': 'Age must be at least 18.'})
        if not (0 <= self.marks <= 100):
            raise ValidationError({'marks': 'Marks must be between 0 and 100.'})

    def save(self, *args, **kwargs):
        self.full_clean() # ensure all validation runs
        super().save(*args, **kwargs)
```

### Usage

```
Student.objects.create(name="Ali", age=15, marks=120)
# → ValidationError raised automatically
```

✅ No invalid data enters the database.

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## ⚡ Key Points When Overriding save()

1. Always call `super().save(*args, **kwargs)` at the end to actually save the object.
  2. Call `self.full_clean()` **before** `super().save()` to enforce validation.
  3. Only override `save()` when you want **logic applied automatically every time** the model is saved.
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## 🧠 When you don't need to override save()

- If you are always using **ModelForms** or **Admin**, validation already happens.
  - If no preprocessing or automatic validation is needed, overriding `save()` is optional.
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If you want, I can create a **complete example Student model** that uses:

- field validators
- model-level `clean()`
- `save()` override
- unique constraints
- automatic exception handling

...so that it's **ready for shell, forms, and admin**.

Do you want me to do that?

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## how to override `save()` and `delete()`

Great! Let's go **deeply** into Django's `save()` and `delete()` methods. I'll explain **when they are called, how to use them, and why you might override them**, with examples.

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### 1 `save()` method

#### What it does

- `save()` stores or updates a model instance in the database.
  - If the object is new → it **inserts** a row.
  - If the object already exists (has a primary key) → it **updates** the row.
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#### When it is called

1. Explicitly by you:

```
student = Student(name="Ali", age=20)
student.save()
```

2. Implicitly via:

- `objects.create()` → internally calls `save()`

- ModelForms → `form.save()`
  - Admin → saves object
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## How to use it

```
# Normal save
s = Student(name="Rafi", age=19)
s.save()

# Update existing object
s.age = 20
s.save() # updates row in DB
```

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## Why you might override save()

### 1. Automatic validation

```
def save(self, *args, **kwargs):
    self.full_clean() # validate before saving
    super().save(*args, **kwargs)
```

### 2. Preprocessing fields

```
from django.utils.text import slugify

def save(self, *args, **kwargs):
    self.slug = slugify(self.name)
    super().save(*args, **kwargs)
```

### 3. Logging / auditing

```
def save(self, *args, **kwargs):
    print(f"Saving {self.name}")
    super().save(*args, **kwargs)
```

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## delete() method

### What it does

- `delete()` removes the object from the database.

```
s = Student.objects.get(id=1)
s.delete()
```

- Deletes **one object**.
- You can also delete **querysets**:

```
Student.objects.filter(age__lt=18).delete()
```

- Deletes all students with age < 18 in one query.
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## When it is called

- Explicitly by you:

```
s = Student.objects.get(name="Ali")
s.delete()
```

- Implicitly via cascading deletes:

```
class Enrollment(models.Model):
    student = models.ForeignKey(Student, on_delete=models.CASCADE)
```

- If a Student is deleted → all related Enrollment objects are deleted automatically.
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## Why you might override delete()

### 1. Cleanup related data

```
def delete(self, *args, **kwargs):
    print(f"Deleting student {self.name}")
    # delete related files if any
    super().delete(*args, **kwargs)
```

### 2. Soft delete (mark as inactive instead of removing)

```
def delete(self, *args, **kwargs):
    self.is_active = False
```



```
self.save()
```

### 3. Logging / auditing

```
def delete(self, *args, **kwargs):  
    print(f"{self.name} deleted")  
    super().delete(*args, **kwargs)
```

## ✓ Summary Table

| Method                | When Called                     | How to Use  | Why Override / Use                                   |
|-----------------------|---------------------------------|---|--|
| <code>save()</code>   | New object or updating existing | <code>obj.save()</code> or <code>objects.create()</code>    | Validation, preprocessing, logging, auto-slug, audit |
| <code>delete()</code> | When you want to remove object  | <code>obj.delete()</code> or <code>QuerySet.delete()</code> | Cleanup, logging, soft delete, cascading actions     |

## ⚡ Tips

1. Always call `super().save()` or `super().delete()` in overrides.
2. Overriding is optional — only if you need **custom behavior**.
3. `save()` triggers signals like `pre_save` and `post_save`.
4. `delete()` triggers `pre_delete` and `post_delete` signals.

If you want, I can make a **complete Student model example** showing:

- `save()` with validation & slug
- `delete()` with logging & soft delete
- signals + full validation

...so you can **practice all together**.

Do you want me to do that?

## some note important

Absolutely! Let's go **deep dive** into Django's `save()` and `delete()` signals, the importance of `super()` in overrides, and how to use them with examples.

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## 1 Why always call `super().save()` or `super().delete()`

When you override `save()` or `delete()`, Django **doesn't automatically call the parent implementation**.

- `super().save()` → actually writes to the database.
- `super().delete()` → actually removes the row from the database.

✗ If you don't call `super()`, your custom logic runs but **the database is not updated**.

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### Example: Overriding `save()` correctly

```
from django.db import models
from django.core.exceptions import ValidationError
from django.utils.text import slugify

class Student(models.Model):
    name = models.CharField(max_length=100)
    age = models.IntegerField()
    slug = models.SlugField(blank=True)

    def clean(self):
        if self.age < 18:
            raise ValidationError("Age must be 18 or above.")

    def save(self, *args, **kwargs):
        self.slug = slugify(self.name) # preprocess field
        self.full_clean()             # validate model
        super().save(*args, **kwargs) # actually save to DB
```

✓ Here:

- `slug` is automatically generated
  - Validation runs before saving
  - Database is updated because of `super().save()`
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### Example: Overriding `delete()` correctly

```
def delete(self, *args, **kwargs):
    print(f"Deleting student: {self.name}")
    super().delete(*args, **kwargs) # actually remove from DB
```

✗ Without `super().delete()`, the student **won't be deleted**, only your print runs.

## 2 Signals: pre\_save, post\_save, pre\_delete, post\_delete

Django provides **hooks** that trigger **before or after save/delete**:

| Signal      | When triggered                           |
|-------------|--|
| pre_save    | Before <code>save()</code> is executed   |
| post_save   | After <code>save()</code> is executed    |
| pre_delete  | Before <code>delete()</code> is executed |
| post_delete | After <code>delete()</code> is executed  |

### 2a) Using pre\_save / post\_save

```
from django.db.models.signals import pre_save, post_save
from django.dispatch import receiver

@receiver(pre_save, sender=Student)
def before_saving_student(sender, instance, **kwargs):
    print(f>About to save: {instance.name}")

@receiver(post_save, sender=Student)
def after_saving_student(sender, instance, created, **kwargs):
    if created:
        print(f"New student created: {instance.name}")
    else:
        print(f"Student updated: {instance.name}")
```

**Test:**

```
s = Student(name="Ali", age=20)
s.save()
```

Output:

```
About to save: Ali
New student created: Ali
```

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## 2b) Using pre\_delete / post\_delete

```
from django.db.models.signals import pre_delete, post_delete

@receiver(pre_delete, sender=Student)
def before_deleting_student(sender, instance, **kwargs):
    print(f>About to delete: {instance.name}")

@receiver(post_delete, sender=Student)
def after_deleting_student(sender, instance, **kwargs):
    print(f"Deleted student: {instance.name}")
```

Test:

```
s = Student.objects.get(name="Ali")
s.delete()
```

Output:

```
About to delete: Ali
Deleted student: Ali
```

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## 3 Why signals are useful

1. Decouple logic from model methods → you don't need to override save/delete.
  2. Run background tasks after creation, update, or deletion.
    - Example: send email after student created
    - Example: log deletion to a file
  3. Keep code DRY — multiple listeners can act on the same signal.
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## 4 Important Tips

1. Always use `super()` in overrides if you still want default DB behavior.

2. `pre_save` happens **before** `save()`, so you can modify fields here.
3. `post_save` happens **after** `save()`, can check `created` flag.
4. Signals are **global**, so all code in your project listening to the signal will run.

## ✓ Example: Complete Student Model with save, delete, signals

```
class Student(models.Model):
    name = models.CharField(max_length=100)
    age = models.IntegerField()
    slug = models.SlugField(blank=True)

    def clean(self):
        if self.age < 18:
            raise ValidationError("Age must be 18+")

    def save(self, *args, **kwargs):
        self.slug = self.name.lower().replace(" ", "-")
        self.full_clean()
        super().save(*args, **kwargs)

    def delete(self, *args, **kwargs):
        print(f"Deleting: {self.name}")
        super().delete(*args, **kwargs)
```

Signals:

```
from django.db.models.signals import pre_save, post_save, pre_delete, post_delete
from django.dispatch import receiver

@receiver(pre_save, sender=Student)
def before_save(sender, instance, **kwargs):
    print(f"[pre_save] {instance.name}")

@receiver(post_save, sender=Student)
def after_save(sender, instance, created, **kwargs):
    print(f"[post_save] {instance.name}, created={created}")

@receiver(pre_delete, sender=Student)
def before_delete(sender, instance, **kwargs):
    print(f"[pre_delete] {instance.name}")

@receiver(post_delete, sender=Student)
```

```
def after_delete(sender, instance, **kwargs):  
    print(f"[post_delete] {instance.name}")
```

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**In Django, signals can be defined in several ways, but the recommended and cleanest way is not directly inside `models.py`. Let me explain clearly.**

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## **1 Recommended way — signals.py**

1. Create a `signals.py` file inside your app folder:

```
students/  
├─ models.py  
├─ signals.py  
└─ apps.py
```

2. Example `signals.py`:

```
from django.db.models.signals import pre_save, post_save, pre_delete,  
post_delete  
from django.dispatch import receiver  
from .models import Student  
  
@receiver(pre_save, sender=Student)  
def before_saving_student(sender, instance, **kwargs):  
    print(f"[pre_save] About to save {instance.name}")  
  
@receiver(post_save, sender=Student)  
def after_saving_student(sender, instance, created, **kwargs):  
    print(f"[post_save] Saved {instance.name}, created={created}")  
  
@receiver(pre_delete, sender=Student)  
def before_deleting_student(sender, instance, **kwargs):  
    print(f"[pre_delete] About to delete {instance.name}")  
  
@receiver(post_delete, sender=Student)  
def after_deleting_student(sender, instance, **kwargs):  
    print(f"[post_delete] Deleted {instance.name}")
```

## 2 Make sure signals are loaded — use apps.py

If you just put signals in `signals.py`, Django **won't automatically load them** unless you import the file somewhere.

The recommended way is to **import signals in the `ready()` method** of your app's `AppConfig`:

```
# students/apps.py
from django.apps import AppConfig

class StudentsConfig(AppConfig):
    default_auto_field = 'django.db.models.BigAutoField'
    name = 'students'

    def ready(self):
        import students.signals # import signals when app is ready
```

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## 3 Why not directly in models.py?

- Putting signals in `models.py` can **cause circular import errors**, especially when your signals import models from other apps.
- Keeping `signals.py` separate is **clean, maintainable, and scalable**.

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## 4 Quick Checklist

| Step | Action   |
|------|--|
| 1    | Create <code>signals.py</code> in your app   |
| 2    | Define your signals there ( <code>pre_save</code> , <code>post_save</code> , etc.) |
| 3    | Import <code>signals.py</code> in <code>apps.py</code> inside <code>ready()</code> |
| 4    | Make sure your <code>AppConfig</code> is used in <code>INSTALLED_APPS</code>       |

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## Example Complete Setup

`students/models.py`

```
from django.db import models
from django.core.exceptions import ValidationError

class Student(models.Model):
    name = models.CharField(max_length=100)
    age = models.IntegerField()

    def clean(self):
        if self.age < 18:
            raise ValidationError("Age must be at least 18")
```

## students/signals.py

```
from django.db.models.signals import pre_save, post_save
from django.dispatch import receiver
from .models import Student

@receiver(pre_save, sender=Student)
def pre_save_student(sender, instance, **kwargs):
    print(f"About to save {instance.name}")

@receiver(post_save, sender=Student)
def post_save_student(sender, instance, created, **kwargs):
    print(f"Saved {instance.name}, created={created}")
```

## students/apps.py

```
from django.apps import AppConfig

class StudentsConfig(AppConfig):
    default_auto_field = 'django.db.models.BigAutoField'
    name = 'students'

    def ready(self):
        import students.signals
```

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✅ Now, **every time you save a Student** in shell, form, or admin, signals will automatically run.

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