

## 1. Custom Managers:

- In Django, a manager is an interface through which DB query operations are performed
- By default, Django provide a manager called 'objects' for every model
- You can create custom managers to:
  - encapsulate specific query logic
  - make it reusable throughout your application
- Custom managers are useful when you want to add:
  - custom methods and filters
  - to retrieve data from the DB
- They allow you to define specialized query sets tailored to your application's needs
- To create a custom manager, you need to:
  - subclass `models.Manager`
  - define your custom methods there

## 2. Annotation:

- Annotation in Django is a powerful feature that allows you to add calculated fields to your query results

### 2.1. `annotate()` method:

- is used to add calculated fields to the queryset
- can be useful when you need to perform aggregation or add derived values to your model instances

Annotation is a powerful tool that:

- extends your query capabilities
- allows you to retrieve aggregated or calculated data efficiently
- keep your model structure clean
- separates model structure from the query logic

```
from django.db.models import Count
from .models import Employee
```

```
def count_per_job_title():
    employee_counts =
Employee.objects.values('job_title').annotate(num_employees=Count('id'))

    for entry in employee_counts:
        print(f"Job title: {entry['job_title']}, Number of Employees:
{entry['num_employees']}")
```

### 3. Queries for Model Relationships:

- Specific methods are used to optimize DB queries:
  - when dealing with related objects in your models
  - helping to reduce the number of queries executed
  - improving performance

#### 3.1. `select_related()`:

- used to optimize queries involving FK and OneToOneField relationships
- it fetches related objects in the same query rather than executing a separate query for each related object
- significantly reduces the number of DB queries and improves performance

#### 3.2. `prefetch_related()`:

- used for optimizing queries involving ManyToManyField, reverse FK, and reverse OneToOneField relationships
- it fetches related objects in a separate query and caches them for

efficient lookup

- helps to avoid the N+1 query problem, where N is the number of objects being queried

#### 4. Query-related Tools

4.1. Q object: a powerful tool that:

- allows you to build complex queries by combining multiple conditions using logical operators

It is especially used when you need:

- to create dynamic queries
- with various conditions
- combined in a flexible way

The Q object is part of Django's query expression system:

- provides a more programmatic approach to constructing queries
- uses logical operators like:  
AND(&), OR(|), NOT(~), OR(^)

You can create instances of the Q object with conditions - use them to construct more complex queries

```
from django.db.models import Q
from .models import Employee

def filter_employees_q_obj():
    query = Q(department=1) | Q(job_title='Dev')
    filtered_employees = Employee.objects.filter(query)

    for employee in filtered_employees:
        print(f'{employee.first_name} {employee.last_name}')
```

4.2. F object: a tool that allows you to reference a field's value in a query expression

- It is useful for performing operations:
  - involving the values of fields
  - within the DB query itself
  - does not fetch the values
  - does not perform the operations in Python code

You can compare and manipulate field values directly in the DB query:

- comparing the values of two fields
- updating fields with other fields' values
- leads to more efficient and optimized queries

#### 5. Debugging Queries:

- Django Debug Toolbar
- Silk
- Django-queryconstruct
- Django-extensions  
pip install django-extensions
- Shell Plus  
python manage.py shellplus  
python manage.py shell\_plus --print-sql