

1. Validation in Models:

1.1.Built-in Field Validators:

Django provides build-in field validators allowing to validate the data entered in the model fields, ensure that the data meets specific requirements before saving it

```
MaxValueValidator
MinValueValidator
MaxLengthValidator
MinLengthValidator
RegexValidator
```

accept 2 arguments:

- limit_value: a required, first positional argument that specifies the limit value
- message: a default argument, message=None is being passed by default

raise a ValidationError(if the field value does not meet the requirements)

1.2.Custom Validators:

Create custom validators when you need to implement a custom validation logic.

Steps: Define a function that:

- takes the field's value
- applies some validation logic
- raises a ValidationError(if the value does not meet the requirements)

```
def validate_even(value):
    if value % 2 != 0:
        raise ValidationError('Value must be an even number!')
```

```
class MyModel(models.Model):
    number = models.IntegerField(validators=[validate_even])
```

2. Meta Options and Meta Inheritance:

- Meta class allows you to provide additional information about the model. Used to specify model-level options like:
 - DB table name(db_table): overrides the default DB table name for the model
 - ordering: defines a default order when a collection of model objects is obtained
 - unique constraints(unique_together): defines a set of field names that their values together must be unique
 - abstract: if True, indicates that the model will be an Abstract Base Class
 - proxy: if True, indicates that the model will be a proxy model
 - verbose_name: defines a human-readable name for the object(singular)
 - verbose_name_plural: defines a plural name for the object. By default, Django uses the model or verbose name(if given) + 's'

2.1.DB Table Name

2.2.Default order, unique constraint

2.3.Meta Inheritance:

- Meta inheritance refers to the ability to inherit Meta options from a

parent abstract model to its child models.

- When an abstract model(parent) is defined in Django, it can include an inner Meta class, where you specify various

- options related to the behaviour and configuration of that model

- It can be subclassed so that the child will inherit the same Meta options if it does not define its own Meta class

- When you create a child model that inherits from an abstract model, it can also define its own Meta class. Own Meta

- class completely overrides the parent's one unless it extends it by subclassing

- If the child model does not have its own Meta class Django will look for the Meta class in the parent abstract model

- and inherit its options

- example for extending Meta options:

- class ChildModel(BaseModel):

- description = model.TextField()

- class Meta(BaseModel.Meta):

- verbose_name_plural = 'Child Models'

3.Indexing:

- In Django models, indexing is used to optimize DB queries for specific fields

- By adding an index to a field, you can speed up search operations on that field

- DB uses indexes to locate rows much faster, significantly reducing the time to retrieve data

- By default, the DB creates an index for the PK

- It is possible to specify additional indexes manually on other fields by using the db_index attribute,

- by using Meta class option indexes

4.Django Model Mixins:

- Mixins are a way to extend the functionality of Django models:

- by creating a reusable piece of code

- that can be mixed into multiple models

- A Mixin is essentially a Python class that:

- contains additional fields, methods, or behaviour

- can be combined with other Django models

- By using Mixins, you can avoid code duplication and keep your models clean and organized

- Model Mixins are abstract classes that can be added as a parent class of a model

- Python supports multiple inheritance - you can list any number of parent classes for a model

- Mixins have to be simple and easy composable

- Smaller mixins are better - if a mixin becomes large and violates the single responsibility principle,

- consider refactoring it to smaller classes