# Django 1: Route, Model & Admin Site

**IN608: Intermediate Application Development Concepts** 

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- Parallelism

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# Django

#### **Overview**

- High-level Python web framework
- Encourages rapid development
- Takes care of much of the hassle of web development
- Resource: <a href="https://www.djangoproject.com">https://www.djangoproject.com</a>
- Alternative Flask (micro-framework)
  - Resource: <a href="https://flask.palletsprojects.com/en/1.1.x">https://flask.palletsprojects.com/en/1.1.x</a>



#### **Pipenv**

- Automatically creates & manages a virtual environment for your projects
- Adds & removes packages from your Pipfile as you install & uninstall packages
- Generates a Pipfile.lock which is used to produce deterministic builds
- It should look very similar to the package.json & package-lock.json you saw in the Fundamentals of Web Development course
- Resource: <a href="https://pipenv.pypa.io/en/latest">https://pipenv.pypa.io/en/latest</a>

## Pipenv

• From the command line, cd into a directory where you would like to create your Pipfile, then run the following command:

```
# Windows
...\> pipenv shell
# Linux or macOS
$ pipenv shell
```

#### **Django Installation**

- Requires Python
- Python includes a lightweight database
  - o For development, we will use SQLite
  - o For production, we will use MariaDB or PostgreSQL
- Resource: <a href="https://docs.djangoproject.com/en/3.0/topics/install/#install-the-django-code">https://docs.djangoproject.com/en/3.0/topics/install/#install-the-django-code</a>

```
# Windows
...\> pipenv install Django
# Linux or macOS
$ pipenv install Django
```

#### Installation

• View Pipfile & Pipfile.lock

```
[[source]]
name = "pypi"
url = "https://pypi.org/simple"
verify_ssl = true
[dev-packages]
[packages]
django = "*"
[requires]
python_version = "3.7"
```

## Creating a Project

- Auto-generate code that creates a Django project
- Each project contains settings for an instance of Django including:
  - Database configurations
  - Django-specific options
  - App-specific options
- Avoid naming projects after in-built Python or Django components
- Resources:
  - https://docs.djangoproject.com/en/3.0/intro/tutorial01/#creating-a-project
  - <a href="https://docs.djangoproject.com/en/3.0/faq/troubleshooting/#troubleshooting-django-admin">https://docs.djangoproject.com/en/3.0/faq/troubleshooting/#troubleshooting-django-admin</a>

#### **Creating a Project**

• In the same directory as your Pipfile & Pipfile.lock, run the following command:

```
# Windows
...\> django-admin startproject mvt
# Linux or macOS
$ django-admin startproject mvt
```

#### **Creating a Project**

#### Project structure:

- mvt/ Container for the Django project (outer directory)
- manage.py Command-line utility for interacting with the project
- mvt/ Python package for the project (inner directory)
- o mvt/\_\_init\_\_.py Empty file which tells Python that this directory should be considered a package\*
- mvt/asgi.py Entry-point for ASGI-compatible web servers to serve the project
- mvt/settings.py Settings/configurations for the project
- mvt/urls.py URL declarations for the project
- mvt/wsgi.py Entry-point for WSGI-compatible web servers to serve the project

#### Resources:

- https://docs.djangoproject.com/en/3.0/ref/django-admin
- https://docs.python.org/3/tutorial/modules.html#tut-packages
- <a href="https://docs.djangoproject.com/en/3.0/topics/settings">https://docs.djangoproject.com/en/3.0/topics/settings</a>
- https://docs.djangoproject.com/en/3.0/topics/http/urls

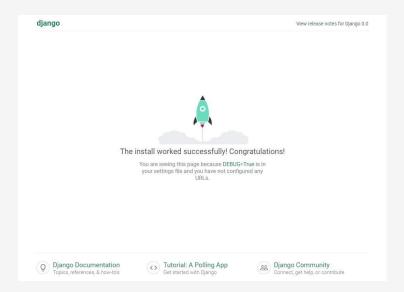
#### **Development Server**

- Lightweight web server written purely in Python
- From the command line, cd into the outer myt/ directory, then run the following command:

```
# Windows
...\> python manage.py runserver
# Linux or macOS
$ python manage.py runserver
```

## **Development Server**

• Navigate to <a href="http://127.0.0.1:8000">http://127.0.0.1:8000</a>



#### **Creating an App**

Command-line utility which automatically generates the basic structure of an app

```
# Windows
...\> python manage.py startapp polls
# Linux or macOS
$ python manage.py startapp polls
```

## **Creating an App**

App structure:

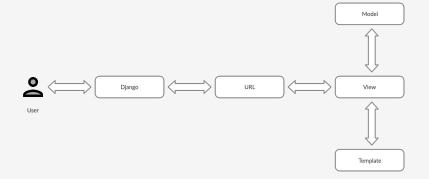
```
mvt/

polls/
    __init__.py
    admin.py
    apps.py
    migrations/
    __init__.py
    models.py
    tests.py
    views.py
```

## MVC vs. MVT

#### MVC vs. MVT

- What is the difference between MVC & MVT?
- Popular web frameworks which use MVC:
  - ASP.NET Core MVC
  - Laravel
  - Ruby on Rails
  - Spring MVC



- To create an URLconf in the polls/ directory, create a file called urls.py
- App structure:

```
polls/
   __init__.py
   admin.py
   apps.py
   migrations/
    __init__.py
   models.py
   tests.py
   urls.py
   views.py
```

#### Resources:

- https://docs.djangoproject.com/en/3.0/ref/urls/#path
- <a href="https://docs.djangoproject.com/en/3.0/ref/urls/#django.urls.include">https://docs.djangoproject.com/en/3.0/ref/urls/#django.urls.include</a>
- polls/urls.py

```
from django.urls import path
from . import views

# Placeholder route. We can not proceed with no routes
urlpatterns = [
    path('', views.index, name='index'),
]
```

mvt/urls.py

```
from django.contrib import admin
from django.urls import include, path

urlpatterns = [
    path('polls/', include('polls.urls')),
    path('admin/', admin.site.urls),
]
```

# View

#### View

polls/views.py

```
from django.http import HttpResponse
# Again...another placeholder
def index(request):
    return HttpResponse('Hello World!')
```

- Single, definitive source of truth about your data
- Contains the essentials fields & behaviours of your data
- Follows the DRY principle
- Define your data model in one place & automatically derive from it

- Resources:
  - https://docs.djangoproject.com/en/3.0/ref/models/instances/#django.db.models.Model
  - https://docs.djangoproject.com/en/3.0/ref/models/fields/#module-django.db.models.fields
- polls/models.py

```
from django.db import models
from django.utils import timezone

class Question(models.Model):
    question_text = models.CharField(max_length=200)
    pub_date = models.DateTimeField(default=timezone.now)

def __str__(self):
    return self.question_text

class Choice(models.Model):
    question = models.ForeignKey(Question, on_delete=models.CASCADE)
    choice_text = models.CharField(max_length=200)
    votes = models.IntegerField(default=0)

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

- Custom method
- Import timedelta method from datetime

```
from django.db import models
from django.utils import timezone
from datetime import timedelta
class Question(models.Model):
   question_text = models.CharField(max_length=200)
   pub_date = models.DateTimeField(default=timezone.now)
    def was_published_recently(self):
        return self.pub_date >= timezone.now() - timedelta(days=1)
   def __str__(self):
        return self.question_text
class Choice(models.Model):
   question = models.ForeignKey(Question, on_delete=models.CASCADE)
   choice_text = models.CharField(max_length=200)
   votes = models.IntegerField(default=0)
    def __str__(self):
        return self.choice_text
```

mvt/settings.py

```
INSTALLED_APPS = [
   'polls.apps.PollsConfig'
   'django.contrib.admin',
   'django.contrib.auth',
   'django.contrib.contenttypes',
   'django.contrib.sessions',
   'django.contrib.messages',
   'django.contrib.staticfiles',
]
```

- Changes made to polls/models.py
- Store changes as a migration
  - How Django stores changes to your model

Run all migrations that have not be applied against your database

```
# Windows
...\> python manage.py migrate

# Linux or macOS
$ python manage.py migrate

Operations to perform:
   Apply all migrations: admin, auth, contenttypes, polls, sessions
Running migrations:
   Applying contenttypes.0001_initial... OK
```

- Create a user who can login to the Django admin site
- Resource: <a href="https://docs.djangoproject.com/en/3.0/ref/contrib/admin">https://docs.djangoproject.com/en/3.0/ref/contrib/admin</a>

```
# Windows
...\> python manage.py createsuperuser
# Linux or macOS
$ python manage.py createsuperuser
Username: admin
Email address: admin@example.com
Password: ********* # P@ssw0rd123
Password: ********* # P@ssw0rd123
Superuser created successfully.
```

• polls/admins.py

```
from django.contrib import admin
from .models import Question, Choice
admin.site.register(Question)
admin.site.register(Choice)
```

- Start development web server python manage.py createsuperuser
  - Username
  - Email
  - Password
- Navigate to <a href="http://127.0.0.1:8000/admin">http://127.0.0.1:8000/admin</a>

Django administration		
Username:		
Password:		
	Log in	

