

Django Framework



Tools and Technologies Used :

1. Python
2. Django
3. OpenSSL

Issue

Understanding Django Framework :

- Establishing a User Login Authentication Page.
- Implementing HTTPS for hosting.



Platforms

The Environments used to test the Project:

- Windows 10
- Kali Linux



Implementation

Then, answer these questions:

▼ Installing Python:

- a. Download and install python3.11 from <https://www.python.org/>
- b. Add Python to the path in Environment Variables
- c. Use the following code to create virtual environment
`python3.11 -m venv myenv`
- d. Activate the scripts ; go to the scripts folder
`./activate`
- e. Install the requirements.txt
`pip install -r requirements.txt`

- The virtual environment is already included into the git file, hence we can ignore this.

▼ Configuring Django:

a. Create a django Project
`django-admin startproject *AnyName`

b. Use this to open and migrate the server
`python manage.py migrate`

Then run the server
`python manage.py runserver`

c. Start the django app
`django-admin startapp testing`

d. Now we need to register this file in settings.py

```
'*appname',
```

e. Create and connect url.py and view.py
We are trying to connect the app
to django project.

Open urls.py in the project and add

```
from django.urls import path,include
path('',include('testing.urls'))
```

Now we will be able to create urls in the app itself

f. Update views to add the required pages.

g. Create a subfolder with the app Name and create a Templates folder here.
Inside the folder , create

```
'index.html'
'register.html'
'my-login.html'
'dashboard.html'
```

h. Implement access restrictions
After setting up the app, make sure to restrict access to the dashboard to only logged-in users

i. Use Django forms to perform the register and login authentication functions.

j. I have created a Super User using

```
python manage.py createsuperuser
```

Now we run the migrate command , before starting the server

```
python manage.py makemigrations
python manage.py migrate
```

▼ OpenSSI

a. Install OpenSSL to create, sign certificate and keys.

b. We are hosting a development server from our localhost environment.

c. So, if we want to host using https, we can implement it using a self-signed certificate or create a local CA to sign the certificate.

d. In this project, I created a local Certificate Authority (CA) and used it to sign certificates for my local domain.

1. To create a Local CA :

```
openssl genpkey -algorithm RSA -out rootCA.key
openssl req -x509 -new -key rootCA.key -out rootCA.crt
```

2. Generate a Certificate Signing Request (CSR):

For each domain we want a certificate, we need to create a CSR

```
openssl req -new -key localhost.key -out localhost.csr -subj "/CN=localhost"
```

3. Sign the CSR with the Local CA:

Now use the local CA we created to sign the CSR and generate a certificate

```
openssl x509 -req -in localhost.csr -CA rootCA.crt -CAkey rootCA.key -CAcreateserial -out localhost.c
```

e. But while implementing the Django app, the browser still shows warning as the local CA is unrecognized.

We can import the rootCA.crt to the browser's managed certificates place it in Trusted Root Certification. The browser still gives warning but exempts.

So now, we understood how to implement using https.

Functionality:

1. Users can register in the webpage, and their details would be stored
2. Username, Email ID would be checked in the server, if there are any matching instances if so, they would be asked to change the Username or the Email accordingly.
3. As do not store Raw Passwords, Django encrypts them using SHA256, then asks to enter the password again, to encrypt and verify the both hash outputs.
4. In the login page, if the Users have registered they can log-in using their credentials. So, after they login they will be redirected to the Dashboard. They can also log-out from the dashboard, after they will be redirected to the home page.
5. The Super User can have change/access their admin privileges in the admin page which is the website path + '/admin'.

Working:

- **Windows**

1. Navigate to the `myenv/scripts` directory using the `cd` command, then execute:

```
./activate
```

2. Next, proceed to the Test Folder and run the following Command:

```
python manage.py runsslserver --cert localhost.crt --key localhost.key
```

- **Bash**

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python manage.py runsslserver --cert localhost.crt --key localhost.key
```