Django REST Framework JSON API Documentation

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GETTING STARTED

Note: this package is named Django REST Framework JSON API to follow the naming convention of other Django REST Framework packages. Since that's quite a bit to say or type this package will be referred to as DJA elsewhere in these docs.

By default, Django REST Framework produces a response like:

```
"count": 20,
    "next": "http://example.com/api/1.0/identities/?page=3",
    "previous": "http://example.com/api/1.0/identities/?page=1",
    "results": [{
        "id": 3,
        "username": "john",
        "full_name": "John Coltrane"
    }]
}
```

However, for the same identity model in JSON API format the response should look like the following:

```
"links": {
    "first": "http://example.com/api/1.0/identities",
    "last": "http://example.com/api/1.0/identities?page=5",
    "next": "http://example.com/api/1.0/identities?page=3",
    "prev": "http://example.com/api/1.0/identities",
},
"data": [{
    "type": "identities",
    "id": 3,
    "attributes": {
        "username": "john",
        "full-name": "John Coltrane"
    }
}],
"meta": {
    "pagination": {
      "page": "2",
      "pages": "5",
      "count": "20"
    }
}
```

1.1 Requirements

- 1. Python (3.5, 3.6, 3.7)
- 2. Django (1.11, 2.1, 2.2)
- 3. Django REST Framework (3.10)

We **highly** recommend and only officially support the latest patch release of each Python, Django and REST Framework series.

1.2 Installation

From PyPI

```
pip install djangorestframework-jsonapi
# for optional package integrations
pip install djangorestframework-jsonapi['django-filter']
pip install djangorestframework-jsonapi['django-polymorphic']
```

From Source

```
git clone https://github.com/django-json-api/django-rest-framework-json-api.git cd django-rest-framework-json-api && pip install -e .
```

1.3 Running the example app

```
git clone https://github.com/django-json-api/django-rest-framework-json-api.git cd django-rest-framework-json-api
python3 -m venv env
source env/bin/activate
pip install -U -e . r requirements.txt
django-admin migrate --settings=example.settings
django-admin loaddata drf_example --settings=example.settings
django-admin runserver --settings=example.settings
```

Browse to http://localhost:8000

1.4 Running Tests

```
pip install tox tox
```

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USAGE

The DJA package implements a custom renderer, parser, exception handler, query filter backends, and pagination. To get started enable the pieces in settings.py that you want to use.

Many features of the JSON:API format standard have been implemented using Mixin classes in serializers. py. The easiest way to make use of those features is to import ModelSerializer variants from rest_framework_json_api instead of the usual rest_framework

2.1 Configuration

We suggest that you copy the settings block below and modify it if necessary.

```
REST_FRAMEWORK = {
    'PAGE_SIZE': 10,
    'EXCEPTION_HANDLER': 'rest_framework_json_api.exceptions.exception_handler',
    'DEFAULT_PAGINATION_CLASS':
        'rest_framework_json_api.pagination.JsonApiPageNumberPagination',
    'DEFAULT_PARSER_CLASSES': (
        'rest_framework_json_api.parsers.JSONParser',
        'rest_framework.parsers.FormParser',
        'rest_framework.parsers.MultiPartParser'
   ),
    'DEFAULT_RENDERER_CLASSES': (
        'rest_framework_json_api.renderers.JSONRenderer',
        # If you're performance testing, you will want to use the browseable API
        # without forms, as the forms can generate their own queries.
        # If performance testing, enable:
        # 'example.utils.BrowsableAPIRendererWithoutForms',
        # Otherwise, to play around with the browseable API, enable:
        'rest_framework.renderers.BrowsableAPIRenderer'
    'DEFAULT_METADATA_CLASS': 'rest_framework_json_api.metadata.JSONAPIMetadata',
    'DEFAULT_FILTER_BACKENDS': (
        'rest_framework_json_api.filters.QueryParameterValidationFilter',
        'rest_framework_json_api.filters.OrderingFilter',
        'rest_framework_json_api.django_filters.DjangoFilterBackend',
        'rest_framework.filters.SearchFilter',
    'SEARCH_PARAM': 'filter[search]',
    'TEST_REQUEST_RENDERER_CLASSES': (
        'rest_framework_json_api.renderers.JSONRenderer',
   ),
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```
'TEST_REQUEST_DEFAULT_FORMAT': 'vnd.api+json'
}
```

2.2 Pagination

DJA pagination is based on DRF pagination.

When pagination is enabled, the renderer will return a meta object with record count and a links object with the next, previous, first, and last links.

Optional query parameters can also be provided to customize the page size or offset limit.

2.2.1 Configuring the Pagination Style

Pagination style can be set on a particular viewset with the pagination_class attribute or by default for all viewsets by setting REST_FRAMEWORK['DEFAULT_PAGINATION_CLASS'] and by setting REST_FRAMEWORK['PAGE_SIZE'].

You can configure fixed values for the page size or limit – or allow the client to choose the size or limit via query parameters.

Two pagination classes are available:

- JsonApiPageNumberPagination breaks a response up into pages that start at a given page number with a given size (number of items per page). It can be configured with the following attributes:
 - page_query_param (default page[number])
 - page_size_query_param (default page[size]) Set this to None if you don't want to allow the client to specify the size.
 - page_size (default REST_FRAMEWORK['PAGE_SIZE']) default number of items per page unless overridden by page_size_query_param.
 - max_page_size (default 100) enforces an upper bound on the page_size_query_param. Set it
 to None if you don't want to enforce an upper bound.
- JsonApiLimitOffsetPagination breaks a response up into pages that start from an item's offset in the viewset for a given number of items (the limit). It can be configured with the following attributes:
 - offset_query_param (default page[offset]).
 - limit_query_param (default page[limit]).
 - default_limit (default REST_FRAMEWORK['PAGE_SIZE']) is the default number of items per page unless overridden by limit_query_param.
 - max_limit (default 100) enforces an upper bound on the limit. Set it to None if you don't want to enforce an upper bound.

Examples

These examples show how to configure the parameters to use non-standard names and different limits:

```
from rest_framework_json_api.pagination import JsonApiPageNumberPagination,

JsonApiLimitOffsetPagination

class MyPagePagination(JsonApiPageNumberPagination):
    page_query_param = 'page_number'
    page_size_query_param = 'page_length'
    page_size = 3
    max_page_size = 1000

class MyLimitPagination(JsonApiLimitOffsetPagination):
    offset_query_param = 'offset'
    limit_query_param = 'limit'
    default_limit = 3
    max_limit = None
```

2.3 Filter Backends

Following are descriptions of JSON:API-specific filter backends and documentation on suggested usage for a standard DRF keyword-search filter backend that makes it consistent with JSON:API.

2.3.1 QueryParameterValidationFilter

QueryParameterValidationFilter validates query parameters to be one of the defined JSON:API query parameters (sort, include, filter, fields, page) and returns a 400 Bad Request if a non-matching query parameter is used. This can help the client identify misspelled query parameters, for example.

If you want to change the list of valid query parameters, override the .query_regex attribute:

```
# compiled regex that matches the allowed http://jsonapi.org/format/#query-parameters
# `sort` and `include` stand alone; `filter`, `fields`, and `page` have []'s
query_regex = re.compile(r'^(sort|include)$|^(filter|fields|page)(\[[\w\.\-]+\])?$')
```

For example:

If you don't care if non-JSON:API query parameters are allowed (and potentially silently ignored), simply don't use this filter backend.

2.3.2 OrderingFilter

OrderingFilter implements the JSON: API sort and uses DRF's ordering filter.

Per the JSON:API specification, "If the server does not support sorting as specified in the query parameter sort, it MUST return 400 Bad Request." For example, for ?sort=abc, foo, def where foo is a valid field name and the other two are not valid:

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If you want to silently ignore bad sort fields, just use rest_framework.filters.OrderingFilter and set ordering_param to sort.

2.3.3 DjangoFilterBackend

DjangoFilterBackend implements a Django ORM-style JSON:API filter using the django-filter package.

This filter is not part of the JSON:API standard per-se, other than the requirement to use the filter keyword: It is an optional implementation of a style of filtering in which each filter is an ORM expression as implemented by DjangoFilterBackend and seems to be in alignment with an interpretation of the JSON:API recommendations, including relationship chaining.

Filters can be:

- A resource field equality test: ?filter[qty]=123
- Apply other field lookup operators: ?filter[name.icontains]=bar or ?filter[name.isnull]=true
- Membership in a list of values: ?filter[name.in] = abc, 123, zzz (name in ['abc', '123', 'zzz'])
- Filters can be combined for intersection (AND): ?filter[qty]=123&filter[name.in]=abc,123, zzz&filter[...]
- A related resource path can be used: ?filter[inventory.item.partNum]=123456 (where inventory.item is the relationship path)

The filter returns a 400 Bad Request error for invalid filter query parameters as in this example for GET http://127.0.0.1:8000/nopage-entries?filter[bad]=1:

As this feature depends on django-filter you need to run

```
pip install djangorestframework-jsonapi['django-filter']
```

2.3.4 SearchFilter

To comply with JSON:API query parameter naming standards, DRF's SearchFilter should be configured to use a filter[_something_] query parameter. This can be done by default by adding the SearchFilter to REST_FRAMEWORK['DEFAULT_FILTER_BACKENDS'] and setting REST_FRAMEWORK['SEARCH_PARAM'] or adding the .search_param attribute to a custom class derived from SearchFilter. If you do this and also use <code>DjangoFilterBackend</code>, make sure you set the same values for both classes.

2.3.5 Configuring Filter Backends

You can configure the filter backends either by setting the REST_FRAMEWORK['DEFAULT_FILTER_BACKENDS'] as shown in the *example settings* or individually add them as .filter_backends View attributes:

2.4 Performance Testing

If you are trying to see if your viewsets are configured properly to optimize performance, it is preferable to use example.utils.BrowsableAPIRendererWithoutForms instead of the default BrowsableAPIRenderer to remove queries introduced by the forms themselves.

2.5 Serializers

It is recommended to import the base serializer classes from this package rather than from vanilla DRF. For example,

```
from rest_framework_json_api import serializers

class MyModelSerializer(serializers.ModelSerializer):
    # ...
```

2.6 Setting the resource_name

You may manually set the resource_name property on views, serializers, or models to specify the type key in the json output. In the case of setting the resource_name property for models you must include the property inside a JSONAPIMeta class on the model. It is automatically set for you as the plural of the view or model name except on resources that do not subclass rest_framework.viewsets.ModelViewSet:

Example - resource_name on View:

```
class Me(generics.GenericAPIView):
    """
    Current user's identity endpoint.

GET /me
    """
    resource_name = 'users'
    serializer_class = identity_serializers.IdentitySerializer
    allowed_methods = ['GET']
    permission_classes = (permissions.IsAuthenticated, )
```

If you set the resource_name property on the object to False the data will be returned without modification.

Example - resource_name on Model:

```
class Me (models.Model):
    """
    A simple model
    """
    name = models.CharField(max_length=100)

class JSONAPIMeta:
    resource_name = "users"
```

If you set the resource_name on a combination of model, serializer, or view in the same hierarchy, the name will be resolved as following: view > serializer > model. (Ex: A view resource_name will always override a resource_name specified on a serializer or model). Setting the resource_name on the view should be used sparingly as serializers and models are shared between multiple endpoints. Setting the resource_name on views may result in a different type being set depending on which endpoint the resource is fetched from.

2.7 Inflecting object and relation keys

This package includes the ability (off by default) to automatically convert json api field names of requests and responses from the python/rest_framework's preferred underscore to a format of your choice. To hook this up include the following setting in your project settings:

```
JSON_API_FORMAT_FIELD_NAMES = 'dasherize'
```

Possible values:

- dasherize
- camelize (first letter is lowercase)
- capitalize (camelize but with first letter uppercase)
- · underscore

Note: due to the way the inflector works address_1 can camelize to address1 on output but it cannot convert address1 back to address_1 on POST or PATCH. Keep this in mind when naming fields with numbers in them.

Example - Without format conversion:

Example - With format conversion set to dasherize:

2.7.1 Types

A similar option to JSON_API_FORMAT_KEYS can be set for the types:

```
JSON_API_FORMAT_TYPES = 'dasherize'
```

Example without format conversion:

```
"data": [{
    "type": "blog_identity",
    "id": 3,
    "attributes": {
```

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When set to dasherize:

It is also possible to pluralize the types like so:

```
JSON_API_PLURALIZE_TYPES = True
```

Example without pluralization:

When set to pluralize:

2.8 Related fields

2.8.1 ResourceRelatedField

Because of the additional structure needed to represent relationships in JSON API, this package provides the ResourceRelatedField for serializers, which works similarly to PrimaryKeyRelatedField. By default, rest_framework_json_api.serializers.ModelSerializer will use this for related fields automatically. It can be instantiated explicitly as in the following example:

```
from rest_framework_json_api import serializers
from rest_framework_json_api.relations import ResourceRelatedField

from myapp.models import Order, LineItem, Customer

class OrderSerializer(serializers.ModelSerializer):
    class Meta:
        model = Order

line_items = ResourceRelatedField(
            queryset=LineItem.objects,
            many=True # necessary for M2M fields & reverse FK fields
)

customer = ResourceRelatedField(
        queryset=Customer.objects # queryset argument is required
) # except when read_only=True
```

In the JSON:API spec, relationship objects contain links to related objects. To make this work on a serializer we need to tell the ResourceRelatedField about the corresponding view. Use the HyperlinkedModelSerializer and instantiate the ResourceRelatedField with the relevant keyword arguments:

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```
from myapp.models import Order, LineItem, Customer
class OrderSerializer(serializers.HyperlinkedModelSerializer):
   class Meta:
       model = Order
    line_items = ResourceRelatedField(
       queryset=LineItem.objects,
       many=True,
       related_link_view_name='order-lineitems-list',
        related_link_url_kwarg='order_pk',
        self_link_view_name='order_relationships'
    )
    customer = ResourceRelatedField(
        queryset=Customer.objects,
        related_link_view_name='order-customer-detail',
        related_link_url_kwarg='order_pk',
        self_link_view_name='order-relationships'
    )
```

- related_link_view_name is the name of the route for the related view.
- related_link_url_kwarg is the keyword argument that will be passed to the view that identifies the 'parent' object, so that the results can be filtered to show only those objects related to the 'parent'.
- self_link_view_name is the name of the route for the RelationshipView (see below).

In this example, reverse('order-lineitems-list', kwargs={'order_pk': 3} should resolve to something like /orders/3/lineitems, and that route should instantiate a view or viewset for LineItem objects that accepts a keyword argument order_pk. The drf-nested-routers package is useful for defining such nested routes in your urlconf.

The corresponding viewset for the line-items-list route in the above example might look like the following. Note that in the typical use case this would be the same viewset used for the /lineitems endpoints; when accessed through the nested route /orders/<order_pk>/lineitems the queryset is filtered using the order_pk keyword argument to include only the lineitems related to the specified order.

```
from rest_framework import viewsets

from myapp.models import LineItem
from myapp.serializers import LineItemSerializer

class LineItemViewSet(viewsets.ModelViewSet):
    queryset = LineItem.objects
    serializer_class = LineItemSerializer

def get_queryset(self):
    queryset = super(LineItemViewSet, self).get_queryset()

# if this viewset is accessed via the 'order-lineitems-list' route,
    # it wll have been passed the `order_pk` kwarg and the queryset
    # needs to be filtered accordingly; if it was accessed via the
# unnested '/lineitems' route, the queryset should include all LineItems
```

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```
if 'order_pk' in self.kwargs:
    order_pk = self.kwargs['order_pk']
    queryset = queryset.filter(order__pk=order_pk)

return queryset
```

2.8.2 HyperlinkedRelatedField

HyperlinkedRelatedField has same functionality as ResourceRelatedField but does not render data. Use this in case you only need links of relationships and want to lower payload and increase performance.

2.8.3 Related urls

There is a nice way to handle "related" urls like /orders/3/lineitems/ or /orders/3/customer/. All you need is just add to urls.py:

```
url(r'^orders/(?P<pk>[^/.]+)/$',
          OrderViewSet.as_view({'get': 'retrieve'}),
          name='order-detail'),
url(r'^orders/(?P<pk>[^/.]+)/(?P<related_field>\w+)/$',
          OrderViewSet.as_view({'get': 'retrieve_related'}),
          name='order-related'),
```

Make sure that RelatedField declaration has related_link_url_kwarg='pk' or simply skipped (will be set by default):

```
line_items = ResourceRelatedField(
    queryset=LineItem.objects,
    many=True,
    related_link_view_name='order-related',
    related_link_url_kwarg='pk',
    self_link_view_name='order-relationships'
)

customer = ResourceRelatedField(
    queryset=Customer.objects,
    related_link_view_name='order-related',
    self_link_view_name='order-relationships'
)
```

And, the most important part - declare serializer for each related entity:

```
class OrderSerializer(serializers.HyperlinkedModelSerializer):
    ...
    related_serializers = {
        'customer': 'example.serializers.CustomerSerializer',
        'line_items': 'example.serializers.LineItemSerializer'
}
```

Or, if you already have included_serializers declared and your related_serializers look the same, just skip it:

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```
class OrderSerializer(serializers.HyperlinkedModelSerializer):
    ...
    included_serializers = {
        'customer': 'example.serializers.CustomerSerializer',
        'line_items': 'example.serializers.LineItemSerializer'
}
```

2.9 RelationshipView

rest_framework_json_api.views.RelationshipView is used to build relationship views (see the JSON:API spec). The self link on a relationship object should point to the corresponding relationship view.

The relationship view is fairly simple because it only serializes Resource Identifier Objects rather than full resource objects. In most cases the following is sufficient:

```
from rest_framework_json_api.views import RelationshipView
from myapp.models import Order

class OrderRelationshipView(RelationshipView):
    queryset = Order.objects
```

The urlconf would need to contain a route like the following:

```
url(
    regex=r'^orders/(?P<pk>[^/.]+)/relationships/(?P<related_field>[^/.]+)$',
    view=OrderRelationshipView.as_view(),
    name='order-relationships'
)
```

The related_field kwarg specifies which relationship to use, so if we are interested in the relationship represented by the related model field Order.line_items on the Order with pk 3, the url would be /orders/3/relationships/line_items. On HyperlinkedModelSerializer, the ResourceRelatedField will construct the url based on the provided self_link_view_name keyword argument, which should match the name = provided in the urlconf, and will use the name of the field for the related_field kwarg. Also we can override related_field in the url. Let's say we want the url to be: /order/3/relationships/order_items - all we need to do is just add field name mapping dict to the class:

```
field_name_mapping = {
    'line_items': 'order_items'
}
```

2.10 Working with polymorphic resources

Polymorphic resources allow you to use specialized subclasses without requiring special endpoints to expose the specialized versions. For example, if you had a Project that could be either an ArtProject or a ResearchProject, you can have both kinds at the same URL.

DJA tests its polymorphic support against django-polymorphic. The polymorphic feature should also work with other popular libraries like django-polymodels or django-typed-models.

As this feature depends on django-polymorphic you need to run

```
pip install djangorestframework-jsonapi['django-polymorphic']
```

2.10.1 Writing polymorphic resources

A polymorphic endpoint can be set up if associated with a polymorphic serializer. A polymorphic serializer takes care of (de)serializing the correct instances types and can be defined like this:

```
class ProjectSerializer(serializers.PolymorphicModelSerializer):
    polymorphic_serializers = [ArtProjectSerializer, ResearchProjectSerializer]

class Meta:
    model = models.Project
```

It must inherit from serializers.PolymorphicModelSerializer and define the polymorphic_serializers list. This attribute defines the accepted resource types.

Polymorphic relations can also be handled with relations.PolymorphicResourceRelatedField like this:

```
class CompanySerializer(serializers.ModelSerializer):
    current_project = relations.PolymorphicResourceRelatedField(
        ProjectSerializer, queryset=models.Project.objects.all())
    future_projects = relations.PolymorphicResourceRelatedField(
        ProjectSerializer, queryset=models.Project.objects.all(), many=True)

class Meta:
    model = models.Company
```

They must be explicitly declared with the polymorphic_serializer (first positional argument) correctly defined. It must be a subclass of serializers.PolymorphicModelSerializer.

2.11 Meta

You may add metadata to the rendered json in two different ways: meta_fields and get_root_meta.

On any rest_framework_json_api.serializers.ModelSerializer you may add a meta_fields property to the Meta class. This behaves in the same manner as the default fields property and will cause SerializerMethodFields or model values to be added to the meta object within the same data as the serializer

To add metadata to the top level meta object add:

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to the serializer. It must return a dict and will be merged with the existing top level meta.

To access metadata in incoming requests, the JSONParser will add the metadata under a top level _meta key in the parsed data dictionary. For instance, to access meta data from a serializer object, you may use serializer. initial_data.get("_meta"). To customize the _meta key, see here.

2.12 Links

Adding url to fields on a serializer will add a self link to the links key.

Related links will be created automatically when using the Relationship View.

2.13 Included

JSON API can include additional resources in a single network request. The specification refers to this feature as Compound Documents. Compound Documents can reduce the number of network requests which can lead to a better performing web application. To accomplish this, the specification permits a top level included key. The list of content within this key are the extra resources that are related to the primary resource.

To make a Compound Document, you need to modify your <code>ModelSerializer.included_serializers</code> is required to inform DJA of what and how you would like to include. <code>included_resources</code> tells DJA what you want to include by default.

For example, suppose you are making an app to go on quests, and you would like to fetch your chosen knight along with the quest. You could accomplish that with:

```
class KnightSerializer(serializers.ModelSerializer):
    class Meta:
        model = Knight
        fields = ('id', 'name', 'strength', 'dexterity', 'charisma')

class QuestSerializer(serializers.ModelSerializer):
    included_serializers = {
        'knight': KnightSerializer,
    }

    class Meta:
        model = Quest
        fields = ('id', 'title', 'reward', 'knight')

class JSONAPIMeta:
    included_resources = ['knight']
```

2.13.1 Performance improvements

Be aware that using included resources without any form of prefetching **WILL HURT PERFORMANCE** as it will introduce $m^*(n+1)$ queries.

A viewset helper was therefore designed to automatically preload data when possible. Such is automatically available when subclassing ModelViewSet.

It also allows to define custom select_related and prefetch_related for each requested include when needed in special cases:

rest_framework_json_api.views.ModelViewSet:

An additional convenience DJA class exists for read-only views, just as it does in DRF.

```
from rest_framework_json_api import views

class MyReadOnlyViewSet(views.ReadOnlyModelViewSet):
    # ...
```

The special keyword __all__ can be used to specify a prefetch which should be done regardless of the include, similar to making the prefetch yourself on the QuerySet.

Using the helper to prefetch, rather than attempting to minimise queries via select_related might give you better performance depending on the characteristics of your data and database.

For example:

If you have a single model, e.g. Book, which has four relations e.g. Author, Publisher, CopyrightHolder, Category.

To display 25 books and related models, you would need to either do:

- a) 1 query via selected_related, e.g. SELECT * FROM books LEFT JOIN author LEFT JOIN publisher LEFT JOIN CopyrightHolder LEFT JOIN Category
- b) 4 small queries via prefetch_related.

If you have 1M books, 50k authors, 10k categories, 10k copyrightholders in the select_related scenario, you've just created a in-memory table with 1e18 rows which will likely exhaust any available memory and slow your database to crawl.

The prefetch_related case will issue 4 queries, but they will be small and fast queries.

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API REFERENCE

This API reference is autogenerated from the Python docstrings – which need to be improved!

3.1 rest_framework_json_api package

3.1.1 Subpackages

rest_framework_json_api.django_filters package

Submodules

rest_framework_json_api.django_filters.backends module

A Django-style ORM filter implementation, using *django-filter*.

This is not part of the jsonapi standard per-se, other than the requirement to use the *filter* keyword: This is an optional implementation of style of filtering in which each filter is an ORM expression as implemented by DjangoFilterBackend and seems to be in alignment with an interpretation of http://jsonapi.org/recommendations/#filtering, including relationship chaining. It also returns a 400 error for invalid filters.

Filters can be:

• A resource field equality test:

```
?filter[qty]=123
```

• Apply other https://docs.djangoproject.com/en/stable/ref/models/querysets/#field-lookups operators:

```
?filter[name.icontains]=bar or ?filter[name.isnull]=true...
```

• Membership in a list of values:

```
?filter[name.in] = abc, 123, zzz (name in ['abc', '123', 'zzz'])
```

• Filters can be combined for intersection (AND):

```
?filter[qty]=123&filter[name.in]=abc,123,zzz&filter[...]
```

• A related resource path can be used:

?filter[inventory.item.partNum] = 123456 (where inventory.item is the relationship path)

If you are also using rest_framework.filters.SearchFilter you'll want to customize the name of the query parameter for searching to make sure it doesn't conflict with a field name defined in the filterset. The recommended value is: $search_param="filter[search]"$ but just make sure it's filter[<something>] to comply with the jsonapi spec requirement to use the filter keyword. The default is "search" unless overriden but it's used here just to make sure we don't complain about it being an invalid filter.

```
search_param = 'filter[search]'
filter_regex = re.compile('^filter(?P<ldelim>\\[?) (?P<assoc>[\\w\\.\\-]*) (?P<rdelim>\\
get_filterset (request, queryset, view)
```

Sometimes there's no *filterset_class* defined yet the client still requests a filter. Make sure they see an error too. This means we have to *get_filterset_kwargs()* even if there's no *filterset_class*.

```
get_filterset_kwargs (request, queryset, view)
```

Turns filter[<field>]=<value> into <field>=<value> which is what DjangoFilterBackend expects

Raises ValidationError – for bad filter syntax

3.1.2 Submodules

rest framework ison api.exceptions module

```
rest_framework_json_api.exceptions.rendered_with_json_api(view)
rest_framework_json_api.exceptions.exception_handler(exc, context)
exception rest_framework_json_api.exceptions.Conflict(detail=None, code=None)
    Bases: rest_framework.exceptions.APIException
    status_code = 409
    default_detail = 'Conflict.'
```

rest framework json api.filters module

```
class rest_framework_json_api.filters.OrderingFilter
    Bases: rest_framework.filters.OrderingFilter
```

A backend filter that implements http://jsonapi.org/format/#fetching-sorting and raises a 400 error if any sort field is invalid.

If you prefer *not* to report 400 errors for invalid sort fields, just use rest_framework.filters. OrderingFilter with ordering_param = "sort"

Also applies DJA format_value() to convert (e.g. camelcase) to underscore. (See JSON_API_FORMAT_FIELD_NAMES in docs/usage.md)

```
ordering_param = 'sort'
```

override rest_framework.filters.OrderingFilter.ordering_param with JSON:API-compliant query parameter name.

```
remove_invalid_fields (queryset, fields, view, request)
```

Extend rest_framework.filters.OrderingFilter.remove_invalid_fields() to validate that all provided sort fields exist (as contrasted with the super's behavior which is to silently remove invalid fields).

Raises ValidationError – if a sort field is invalid.

```
class rest_framework_json_api.filters.QueryParameterValidationFilter
    Bases: rest framework.filters.BaseFilterBackend
```

A backend filter that performs strict validation of query parameters for JSON:API spec conformance and raises a 400 error if non-conforming usage is found.

If you want to add some additional non-standard query parameters, override query regex adding the new parameters. Make sure to comply with the rules at http://jsonapi.org/format/#query-parameters.

```
query_regex = re.compile('^(sort|include)$|^(filter|fields|page)(\\[[\\w\\.\\-]+\\])?$
    compiled regex that matches the allowed http://jsonapi.org/format/#query-parameters: sort and include
    stand alone; filter, fields, and page have []'s
```

```
validate_query_params (request)
```

Validate that query params are in the list of valid query keywords in query_regex

Raises ValidationError - if not.

```
filter_queryset (request, queryset, view)
```

Overrides BaseFilterBackend.filter_queryset() by first validating the query params with validate query params()

rest framework json api.metadata module

```
class rest_framework_json_api.metadata.JSONAPIMetadata
    Bases: rest framework.metadata.SimpleMetadata
```

This is the JSON:API metadata implementation. It returns an ad-hoc set of information about the view. There are not any formalized standards for *OPTIONS* responses for us to base this on.

```
type lookup = <rest framework.utils.field mapping.ClassLookupDict object>
relation_type_lookup = <rest_framework.utils.field_mapping.ClassLookupDict object>
determine_metadata(request, view)
get_serializer_info(serializer)
    Given an instance of a serializer, return a dictionary of metadata about its fields.
```

```
get_field_info(field)
```

Given an instance of a serializer field, return a dictionary of metadata about it.

rest framework ison api.pagination module

Pagination fields

```
class rest_framework_json_api.pagination. JsonApiPageNumberPagination
    Bases: rest_framework.pagination.PageNumberPagination
    A json-api compatible pagination format.
    page_query_param = 'page[number]'
    page_size_query_param = 'page[size]'
    max page size = 100
    build_link(index)
    get_paginated_response(data)
```

```
class rest_framework_json_api.pagination.JsonApiLimitOffsetPagination
    Bases: rest_framework.pagination.LimitOffsetPagination
```

A limit/offset based style. For example:

```
http://api.example.org/accounts/?page[limit]=100
http://api.example.org/accounts/?page[offset]=400&page[limit]=100
```

```
limit_query_param = 'page[limit]'
offset_query_param = 'page[offset]'
max_limit = 100
get_last_link()
get_first_link()
get_paginated_response(data)
```

rest_framework_json_api.parsers module

Parsers

```
class rest_framework_json_api.parsers.JSONParser
Bases: rest_framework.parsers.JSONParser
```

Similar to *JSONRenderer*, the *JSONParser* you may override the following methods if you need highly custom parsing control.

A JSON API client will send a payload that looks like this:

```
{
    "data": {
        "type": "identities",
        "id": 1,
        "attributes": {
             "first_name": "John",
             "last_name": "Coltrane"
        }
    }
}
```

We extract the attributes so that DRF serializers can work as normal.

```
media_type = 'application/vnd.api+json'
renderer_class
    alias of rest_framework_json_api.renderers.JSONRenderer
static parse_attributes(data)
static parse_relationships(data)
static parse_metadata(result)
```

Returns a dictionary which will be merged into parsed data of the request. By default, it reads the *meta* content in the request body and returns it in a dictionary with a *meta* top level key.

```
parse (stream, media_type=None, parser_context=None)
```

Parses the incoming bytestream as JSON and returns the resulting data

rest_framework_json_api.relations module

```
class rest_framework_json_api.relations.SkipDataMixin(*args, **kwargs)
     Bases: object
     This workaround skips "data" rendering for relationships in order to save some sql queries and improve perfor-
     get_attribute(instance)
     to_representation(*args)
class rest_framework_json_api.relations.ManyRelatedFieldWithNoData(*args,
                                                                                  **kwargs)
               rest_framework_json_api.relations.SkipDataMixin, rest_framework.
     relations.ManyRelatedField
class rest framework json api.relations. HyperlinkedMixin (self link view name=None,
                                                                     lated_link_view_name=None,
                                                                     **kwargs)
     Bases: object
     self_link_view_name = None
     related link view name = None
     related link lookup field = 'pk'
     get_url (name, view_name, kwargs, request)
         Given a name, view name and kwargs, return the URL that hyperlinks to the object.
         May raise a NoReverseMatch if the view name and lookup field attributes are not configured to correctly
         match the URL conf.
     get_links (obj=None, lookup_field='pk')
class rest_framework_json_api.relations.HyperlinkedRelatedField(self_link_view_name=None,
                                                                              lated_link_view_name=None,
                                                                              **kwargs)
     Bases:
                                  rest_framework_json_api.relations.HyperlinkedMixin,
     rest framework json api.relations.SkipDataMixin, rest framework.relations.
     RelatedField
     classmethod many_init(*args, **kwargs)
         This method handles creating a parent ManyRelatedField instance when the many=True keyword argument
         is passed.
         Typically you won't need to override this method.
         Note that we're over-cautious in passing most arguments to both parent and child classes in order to try to
         cover the general case. If you're overriding this method you'll probably want something much simpler, eg:
         @classmethod
         def many_init(cls, *args, **kwargs):
             kwarqs['child'] = cls()
             return CustomManyRelatedField(*args, **kwargs)
class rest_framework_json_api.relations.ResourceRelatedField(**kwargs)
```

rest_framework_json_api.relations.HyperlinkedMixin, rest_framework.

relations.PrimaryKeyRelatedField

```
self link view name = None
    related_link_view_name = None
    related_link_lookup_field = 'pk'
    default_error_messages = {'does_not_exist': 'Invalid pk "{pk_value}" - object does no
    use_pk_only_optimization()
    conflict (key, **kwargs)
         A helper method that simply raises a validation error.
    to_internal_value(data)
    to_representation(value)
    get_resource_type_from_included_serializer()
         Check to see it this resource has a different resource_name when included and return that name, or None
    get_parent_serializer()
    is_serializer(candidate)
    get_choices (cutoff=None)
class rest_framework_json_api.relations.PolymorphicResourceRelatedField (polymorphic_serializer,
                                                                                   *args,
                                                                                  **kwargs)
    Bases: rest_framework_json_api.relations.ResourceRelatedField
    Inform DRF that the relation must be considered polymorphic. Takes a polymorphic_serializer as the first
    positional argument to retrieve then validate the accepted types set.
    default_error_messages = {'does_not_exist': 'Invalid pk "{pk_value}" - object does no
    use_pk_only_optimization()
    to_internal_value(data)
class rest_framework_json_api.relations.SerializerMethodResourceRelatedField(child_relation=Non
                                                                                        *args.
                                                                                        **kwargs)
    Bases: rest_framework_json_api.relations.ResourceRelatedField
    Allows us to use serializer method RelatedFields with return querysets
    classmethod many_init(*args, **kwargs)
    get_attribute (instance)
    to_representation(value)
class rest_framework_json_api.relations.SerializerMethodHyperlinkedRelatedField(*args,
                                                                                           **kwargs)
    Bases:
                                   rest_framework_json_api.relations.SkipDataMixin,
    rest\_framework\_json\_api.relations.SerializerMethodResourceRelatedField
rest framework json api.renderers module
Renderers
class rest_framework_json_api.renderers.JSONRenderer
    Bases: rest_framework.renderers.JSONRenderer
```

The JSONRenderer exposes a number of methods that you may override if you need highly custom rendering control.

Render a JSON response per the JSON API spec:

"data": [

```
"type": "companies",
            "id": 1,
            "attributes": {
              "name": "Mozilla",
              "slug": "mozilla",
              "date-created": "2014-03-13 16:33:37"
       ]
     }
     media_type = 'application/vnd.api+json'
     format = 'vnd.api+json'
     classmethod extract_attributes (fields, resource)
          Builds the attributes object of the JSON API resource object.
     classmethod extract_relationships (fields, resource, resource_instance)
          Builds the relationships top level object based on related serializers.
     classmethod extract_relation_instance(field, resource_instance)
          Determines what instance represents given relation and extracts it.
          Relation instance is determined exactly same way as it determined in parent serializer
     classmethod extract_included(fields, resource, resource_instance, included_resources, in-
                                          cluded cache)
          Adds related data to the
                                      top level included key when the request includes ?in-
          clude=example,example_field2
     classmethod extract_meta(serializer, resource)
          Gathers the data from serializer fields specified in meta fields and adds it to the meta object.
     classmethod extract root meta(serializer, resource)
          Calls a get_root_meta function on a serializer, if it exists.
     classmethod build_json_resource_obj (fields, resource, resource_instance, resource_name,
                                                  force type resolution=False)
          Builds the resource object (type, id, attributes) and extracts relationships.
     render_relationship_view (data, accepted_media_type=None, renderer_context=None)
     render_errors (data, accepted_media_type=None, renderer_context=None)
     render (data, accepted_media_type=None, renderer_context=None)
rest framework ison api.serializers module
class rest_framework_json_api.serializers.ResourceIdentifierObjectSerializer(*args,
                                                                                                 **kwargs)
     Bases: rest_framework.serializers.BaseSerializer
     default_error_messages = {'does_not_exist': 'Invalid pk "{pk_value}" - object does no
```

A type of *ModelSerializer* that uses hyperlinked relationships instead of primary key relationships. Specifically:

- A 'url' field is included instead of the 'id' field.
- Relationships to other instances are hyperlinks, instead of primary keys.

Included Mixins:

- A mixin class to enable sparse fieldsets is included
- · A mixin class to enable validation of included resources is included

```
class rest_framework_json_api.serializers.ModelSerializer(*args, **kwargs)
    Bases: rest_framework_json_api.serializers.IncludedResourcesValidationMixin,
    rest_framework_json_api.serializers.SparseFieldsetsMixin, rest_framework.
    serializers.ModelSerializer
```

A *ModelSerializer* is just a regular *Serializer*, except that:

- A set of default fields are automatically populated.
- A set of default validators are automatically populated.
- Default .create() and .update() implementations are provided.

The process of automatically determining a set of serializer fields based on the model fields is reasonably complex, but you almost certainly don't need to dig into the implementation.

If the *ModelSerializer* class *doesn't* generate the set of fields that you need you should either declare the extra/differing fields explicitly on the serializer class, or simply use a *Serializer* class.

Included Mixins:

- A mixin class to enable sparse fieldsets is included
- A mixin class to enable validation of included resources is included

serializer_related_field

```
alias of rest_framework_json_api.relations.ResourceRelatedField
```

get_field_names (declared_fields, info)

We override the parent to omit explicity defined meta fields (such as SerializerMethodFields) from the list of declared fields

to_representation(instance)

Object instance -> Dict of primitive datatypes.

class rest_framework_json_api.serializers.PolymorphicSerializerMetaclass Bases: rest framework.serializers.SerializerMetaclass

This metaclass ensures that the *polymorphic_serializers* is correctly defined on a *PolymorphicSerializer* class and make a cache of model/serializer/type mappings.

A serializer for polymorphic models. Useful for "lazy" parent models. Leaves should be represented with a regular serializer.

get_fields()

Return an exhaustive list of the polymorphic serializer fields.

classmethod get_polymorphic_serializer_for_instance(instance)

Return the polymorphic serializer associated with the given instance/model. Raise *NotImplementedError* if no serializer is found for the given model. This usually means that a serializer is missing in the class's *polymorphic_serializers* attribute.

classmethod get_polymorphic_model_for_serializer(serializer)

Return the polymorphic model associated with the given serializer. Raise *NotImplementedError* if no model is found for the given serializer. This usually means that a serializer is missing in the class's *polymorphic_serializers* attribute.

$\verb|classmethod| \verb|get_polymorphic_serializer_for_type| (obj_type)$

Return the polymorphic serializer associated with the given type. Raise *NotImplementedError* if no serializer is found for the given type. This usually means that a serializer is missing in the class's *polymorphic_serializers* attribute.

classmethod get_polymorphic_model_for_type(obj_type)

Return the polymorphic model associated with the given type. Raise *NotImplementedError* if no model is found for the given type. This usually means that a serializer is missing in the class's *polymorphic_serializers* attribute.

classmethod get_polymorphic_types()

Return the list of accepted types.

to_representation(instance)

Retrieve the appropriate polymorphic serializer and use this to handle representation.

to_internal_value(data)

Ensure that the given type is one of the expected polymorphic types, then retrieve the appropriate polymorphic serializer and use this to handle internal value.

rest_framework_json_api.settings module

This module provides the *json_api_settings* object that is used to access JSON API REST framework settings, checking for user settings first, then falling back to the defaults.

```
A settings object that allows json api settings to be access as properties.
rest_framework_json_api.settings.reload_json_api_settings(*args, **kwargs)
rest framework json api.utils module
rest_framework_json_api.utils.get_resource_name (context,
                                                                                    ex-
                                                        pand_polymorphic_types=False)
    Return the name of a resource.
rest_framework_json_api.utils.get_serializer_fields(serializer)
rest framework json api.utils.format field names(obj, format type=None)
    Takes a dict and returns it with formatted keys as set in format_type or JSON_API_FORMAT_FIELD_NAMES
         Format type Either 'dasherize', 'camelize', 'capitalize' or 'underscore'
rest_framework_json_api.utils.format_value(value, format_type=None)
rest_framework_json_api.utils.format_resource_type(value, format_type=None, plural-
                                                           ize=None)
rest_framework_json_api.utils.get_related_resource_type (relation)
rest_framework_json_api.utils.get_resource_type_from_model(model)
rest_framework_json_api.utils.get_resource_type_from_queryset(qs)
rest_framework_json_api.utils.get_resource_type_from_instance(instance)
rest_framework_json_api.utils.get_resource_type_from_manager(manager)
rest_framework_json_api.utils.get_resource_type_from_serializer(serializer)
rest_framework_json_api.utils.get_included_resources (request, serializer=None)
    Build a list of included resources.
rest_framework_json_api.utils.get_default_included_resources_from_serializer(serializer)
rest_framework_json_api.utils.get_included_serializers (serializer)
rest_framework_json_api.utils.get_relation_instance(resource_instance, source, seri-
                                                            alizer)
class rest_framework_json_api.utils.Hyperlink
    Bases: str
    A string like object that additionally has an associated name. We use this for hyperlinked URLs that may render
    as a named link in some contexts, or render as a plain URL in others.
    Comes from Django REST framework 3.2 https://github.com/tomchristie/django-rest-framework
     is_hyperlink = True
rest_framework_json_api.utils.format_drf_errors (response, context, exc)
rest_framework_json_api.utils.format_error_object (message, pointer, response)
rest_framework_json_api.utils.format_errors(data)
rest framework ison api.views module
class rest_framework_json_api.views.PreloadIncludesMixin
    Bases: object
```

This mixin provides a helper attributes to select or prefetch related models based on the include specified in the URL.

__all__ can be used to specify a prefetch which should be done regardless of the include

```
# When MyViewSet is called with ?include=author it will prefetch author and.
    →authorbio
    class MyViewSet (viewsets.ModelViewSet):
        queryset = Book.objects.all()
        prefetch_for_includes = {
            '__all__': [],
            'category.section': ['category']
        select_for_includes = {
            '__all__': [],
            'author': ['author', 'author_authorbio'],
        }
    get_select_related(include)
    get_prefetch_related(include)
    get queryset(*args, **kwargs)
class rest_framework_json_api.views.AutoPrefetchMixin
    Bases: object
    get_queryset (*args, **kwargs)
        This mixin adds automatic prefetching for OneToOne and ManyToMany fields.
class rest framework json api.views.RelatedMixin
    Bases: object
    This mixin handles all related entities, whose Serializers are declared in "related_serializers"
    retrieve_related (request, *args, **kwargs)
    get_serializer_class()
    get_related_field_name()
    get_related_instance()
class rest_framework_json_api.views.ModelViewSet(**kwargs)
                                 rest_framework_json_api.views.AutoPrefetchMixin,
    rest_framework_json_api.views.PreloadIncludesMixin,rest_framework_json_api.
    views.RelatedMixin, rest_framework.viewsets.ModelViewSet
    http_method_names = ['get', 'post', 'patch', 'delete', 'head', 'options']
class rest_framework_json_api.views.ReadOnlyModelViewSet(**kwargs)
    Bases:
                                  rest framework json api.views.AutoPrefetchMixin,
                                                          rest_framework.viewsets.
    rest_framework_json_api.views.RelatedMixin,
    ReadOnlyModelViewSet
    http_method_names = ['get', 'head', 'options']
class rest_framework_json_api.views.RelationshipView(**kwargs)
    Bases: rest framework.generics.GenericAPIView
    serializer_class
        alias of rest_framework_json_api.serializers.ResourceIdentifierObjectSerializer
    self_link_view_name = None
```

```
related_link_view_name = None
field_name_mapping = {}
http_method_names = ['get', 'post', 'patch', 'delete', 'head', 'options']
get_serializer_class()
get_url (name, view_name, kwargs, request)
    Given a name, view name and kwargs, return the URL that hyperlinks to the object.
    May raise a NoReverseMatch if the view_name and lookup_field attributes are not configured to correctly
    match the URL conf.
get_links()
get (request, *args, **kwargs)
remove_relationships (instance_manager, field)
patch (request, *args, **kwargs)
post (request, *args, **kwargs)
delete (request, *args, **kwargs)
get_related_instance()
get_related_field_name()
get_resource_name()
set_resource_name (value)
property resource_name
```

CHAPTER

FOUR

CONTRIBUTING

DJA should be easy to contribute to. If anything is unclear about how to contribute, please submit an issue on GitHub so that we can fix it!

4.1 How

Before writing any code, have a conversation on a GitHub issue to see if the proposed change makes sense for the project.

Fork DJA on GitHub and submit a Pull Request when you're ready.

4.2 For maintainers

To upload a release (using version 1.2.3 as the example):

```
(venv)$ python setup.py sdist bdist_wheel
(venv)$ twine upload dist/*
(venv)$ git tag -a v1.2.3 -m 'Release 1.2.3'
(venv)$ git push --tags
```

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