Django CRUD App (Without forms.py) – Step-by-Step Guide

This document will guide you through creating a Django CRUD (Create, Read, Update, Delete) application from scratch without using forms.py. We'll use only HTML forms for user input.

Step 1 – Project and App Setup

- 1. Create a Django project and an app:
- django-admin startproject crud_project cd crud_project python manage.py startapp students
- 2. Add 'students' in INSTALLED_APPS inside crud_project/settings.py

Step 2 – Create the Student Model

In students/models.py:

from django.db import models

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class Student(models.Model):
   name = models.CharField(max_length=100)
   age = models.IntegerField()
   department = models.CharField(max_length=100)

def __str__(self):
   return self.name
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• Run migrations to create the table:

python manage.py makemigrations python manage.py migrate

Step 3 – Configure URLs

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students/urls.py:
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from django.urls import path
from . import views

urlpatterns = [
   path('', views.student_list, name='student_list'),
   path('add/', views.student_add, name='student_add'),
   path('edit/<int:id>/', views.student_edit, name='student_edit'),
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path('delete/<int:id>/', views.student_delete, name='student_delete'),
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crud_project/urls.py:
from django.contrib import admin
from django.urls import path, include
urlpatterns = [
  path('admin/', admin.site.urls),
  path(", include('students.urls')),
]
Step 4 - Create Views
students/views.py:
from django.shortcuts import render, redirect, get_object_or_404
from .models import Student
def student_list(request):
  students = Student.objects.all()
  return render(request, 'students/student_list.html', {'students': students})
def student_add(request):
  if request.method == 'POST':
    name = request.POST['name']
    age = request.POST['age']
    department = request.POST['department']
    Student.objects.create(name=name, age=age, department=department)
    return redirect('student_list')
  return render(request, 'students/student_add.html')
def student_edit(request, id):
  student = get_object_or_404(Student, id=id)
  if request.method == 'POST':
    student.name = request.POST['name']
    student.age = request.POST['age']
    student.department = request.POST['department']
    student.save()
    return redirect('student_list')
  return render(request, 'students/student_edit.html', {'student': student})
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def student_delete(request, id):
 student = get_object_or_404(Student, id=id)
 if request.method == 'POST':
   student.delete()
   return redirect('student_list')
 return render(request, 'students/student_delete.html', {'student': student})
Step 5 – Create Templates
Create folder structure: students/templates/students/
Create these HTML files inside it:
student list.html
<!DOCTYPE html>
<html>
<head><title>Student List</title></head>
<body>
<h1>All Students</h1>
<a href="{% url 'student_add' %}">Add New Student</a>
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r>
 {% for s in students %}
  {{ s.id }}{{ s.name }}{{ s.age }}{{ s.department
}}
  <a href="{% url 'student_edit' s.id %}">Edit</a> | <a href="{% url 'student_delete'
s.id %}">Delete</a>
 {% endfor %}
 </body></html>
student_add.html
<!DOCTYPE html>
<html>
<head><title>Add Student</title></head>
<body>
 <h1>Add Student</h1>
<form method="POST">
 {% csrf_token %}
 Name: <input type="text" name="name" required><br>
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Age: <input type="number" name="age" required><br>
 Department: <input type="text" name="department" required><br>
 <button type="submit">Save</button>
 </form>
 <a href="{% url 'student_list' %}">Back</a>
</body></html>
student_edit.html
<!DOCTYPE html>
<html>
<head><title>Edit Student</title></head>
<body>
 <h1>Edit Student</h1>
 <form method="POST">
 {% csrf_token %}
 Name: <input type="text" name="name" value="{{ student.name }}" required><br>
 Age: <input type="number" name="age" value="{{ student.age }}" required><br>
 Department: <input type="text" name="department" value="{{ student.department }}"
required><br><br>
 <button type="submit">Update</button>
</form>
 <a href="{% url 'student_list' %}">Back</a>
</body></html>
student_delete.html
<!DOCTYPE html>
<html>
<head><title>Delete Student</title></head>
<body>
<h1>Delete Confirmation</h1>
 Are you sure you want to delete <b>{{ student.name }}</b>?
 <form method="POST">
 {% csrf_token %}
 <button type="submit">Yes, Delete</button>
</form>
 <a href="{% url 'student_list' %}">Cancel</a>
</body></html>
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Step 6 – Run the Server

Run the Django server with:

python manage.py runserver

Visit http://127.0.0.1:8000/ in your browser to test the CRUD operations.