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Django Foundations

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## Why Enable Browser Captions?

- Captions provide **real-time text for spoken content**, ensuring inclusivity.
- Ideal for individuals in noisy or quiet environments or for those with **hearing impairments**.

## How to Activate Captions:

### 1. YouTube or Video Players:

- Look for the CC (Closed Captions) icon and click to enable.

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# Learning Outcomes

- Define what a **web framework** is.
- Describe **Django**
- Explain the **benefits** of Django
- Describe the **MVT structure** of Django
- **Explain** what a **model** is in Django.
- **Create models** for your Django project
- **Execute** database **migrations**

# Learning Outcomes

- Explain what a **view** is in Django.
- Route **views** to specific urls.
- Create **views** for your Django project.
- Explain what a **template** is in Django.
- Create **templates** for your Django project.



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## Django



# What is a Web Framework?

- A web framework is a collection of tools, libraries, and best practices designed to simplify the process of building and maintaining web applications.
- A web framework allows developers to focus on writing application-specific code rather than reinventing the wheel for every new project.
- Promotes code reuse.

# What is Django?

- High-level, open-source web framework for Python.
- Used for developing secure and scalable web applications.

# Why use Django?

- Designed to help developers take applications **from concept to completion** as quickly as possible.
- Architecture is **highly scalable**, allowing it to handle large amounts of traffic and data efficiently.
- Includes **numerous security features** out of the box, which help developers protect their applications from common vulnerabilities.

# Why use Django?

- ORM allows developers to interact with the database using Python code instead of SQL.
- Django's templating engine allows developers to create dynamic HTML pages.

# Model-View-Template (MVT) Architecture

- Variation of Model-View-controller architecture
- Three main components
  - **Model:** Represents the business logic and data structure of the application.
  - **View:** Handles the interaction between the user and the application, managing the presentation logic.
  - **Template:** Deals with the presentation layer, defining the structure and appearance of the HTML content.

# Models

- Models serve as the blueprint for your database schema.
- Each model is a Python class/table that subclasses `django.db.models.Model`, and its attributes represent the fields/columns of the database table.
- Models are crucial for defining the structure of your data, including field types, default values, and validation rules.

# Views

- Views handle the logic of processing user requests and returning responses.
- Views define the behaviour of our URL patterns.
- Views are Python functions or class methods, that takes a web request and returns a web response.
- They interact with models to retrieve or update data.



# Templates

- Templates define the structure and layout of the HTML pages.
- Templates can incorporate dynamic data, using placeholders and template tags.
- Templates receive data from views through context dictionaries.
- Templates are stored in the templates directory.

# Django: Naming Conventions

- Project and Application Names:
  - Use lowercase letters and underscores to separate words.
  - Hyphens are not recommended because they can cause issues in import statements.
  - Choose a name that clearly describes the purpose of the project.

# Django: Naming Conventions

- **Model Names:**
  - Models are represented as classes and should use the **PascalCase** or also known as **CamelCase**.
  - Model names should generally be singular, as each instance of the model represents a single record in the database.
  - Example: **UserProfile**

# Django: Naming Conventions

- **View Names:**
  - For **Function-Based Views**, use lowercase with underscores to separate words.
  - Function names should clearly describe the action or response of the view.
  - For **Class-Based Views** (Where methods are used), use PascalCase for class names, and the class name should describe what the view does or what it represents.
  - Examples: `def register_user(request):` for user registration, `class ProductListView(ListView):` for listing products.

# Django: Naming Conventions

- **Template Names:**
  - Use lowercase letters with underscores to separate words.
  - Template names should be descriptive of the view they are associated with.
  - Example: `blog_detail.html`, `user_profile.html`.
  - Organise templates into directories that mirror your application's structure.
  - Create reusable template components (partials) and place them in a `partials` or `includes` directory, ie. `header.html`, `footer.html`

**Let's get coding!**

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**Let's take a short  
break**





# Final Assessment



# Polls

- *Refer to the polls section to vote for you option.*
1. What is the correct command to create a new Django Project?
    - a. `django-admin startproject projectname`
    - b. `django-admin startapp projectname`
    - c. `django-admin createproject projectname`
    - d. `django-admin createapp projectname`

# Polls

- *Refer to the polls section to vote for you option.*
2. What is the correct command to create a new Django Application?
    - a. `django-admin startproject appname`
    - b. `django-admin startapp appname`
    - c. `django-admin createproject appname`
    - d. `django-admin createapp appname`

# Polls

- *Refer to the polls section to vote for you option.*

3. What is the correct command to run a Django Project?

- a. `python manage.py startproject`
- b. `python manage.py startapp`
- c. `python manage.py runproject`
- d. `python manage.py runserver`

# Polls

- *Refer to the polls section to vote for your option.*
4. What is the correct command to run a database migration?
- a. `python manage.py migrate`
  - b. `python manage.py runmigrations`
  - c. `python manage.py startmigration`
  - d. `python manage.py makemigrations`

# Lesson Conclusion



# Django Recap

- Web Framework
- Django
- Models
- Views
- Templates



# Questions and Answers



# Thank you for attending



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