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Django Foundations

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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.
- Explain what a view is in Django.
- Explain what a template is in Django.
- Create templates for your Django project.

Learning Outcomes

- Implement template partials
- Implement base.html with template styling
- Prepare requirements.txt file on project completion


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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

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Final Assessment

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Polls

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

1. Which file contains the main database settings in Django?
    a) models.py
    b) settings.py
    c) urls.py
    d) views.py

Polls

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

2. What is the default port when running python manage.py runserver?

   a) 5000

   b) 8080

   c) 8000

   d) 3000

Polls

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

3. Which of these is NOT a valid Django field type?

    a) CharField

    b) TextField

    c) DateTimeField

    d) ImageTypeField

Polls

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

4. Which Django template tag is used for looping?

   a) {% loop %}

   b) {% iterate %}

   c) {% for %}

   d) {% while %}

Lesson Conclusion

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Django Recap

- Web Framework
- Django
- Models
- Views
- Templates

Questions and Answers

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