

# Build a simple blog website using Django.

## Step 1: Set Up the Project

### 1. Install Python and Django:

- Make sure you have Python installed. If not, download and install it from [here](#).
- Install Django using pip:

```
pip install django
```

### 2. Create a New Django Project:

- Open your terminal/command prompt.
- Navigate to the directory where you want to create your project.
- Run the following command to create a new Django project (replace `blog_project` with your desired project name):

```
django-admin startproject blog_project
```

### 3. Navigate to the Project Directory:

```
cd blog_project
```

### 4. Create a New Django App:

- Run the following command to create a new app within your project (replace `blog` with your desired app name):

```
python manage.py startapp blog
```

### 5. Add the App to Your Project Settings:

- Open `blog_project/settings.py` and add 'blog' to the `INSTALLED_APPS` list:

```
python
INSTALLED_APPS = [
    ...
    'blog',
]
```

## Step 2: Define the Blog Models

### 1. Edit `models.py` in the Blog App:

- Open `blog/models.py` and define the `Post` model:

```
python
from django.db import models
from django.utils import timezone

class Post(models.Model):
```

```

title = models.CharField(max_length=200)
content = models.TextField()
author = models.CharField(max_length=100)
created_at = models.DateTimeField(default=timezone.now)
updated_at = models.DateTimeField(auto_now=True)

def __str__(self):
    return self.title

```

## 2. Create and Apply Migrations:

- Run the following commands to create and apply the database migrations:

```

python manage.py makemigrations
python manage.py migrate

```

## Step 3: Create Views and Templates

### 1. Create Views in `views.py`:

- Open `blog/views.py` and create views for listing posts and displaying post details:

python

```

from django.shortcuts import render, get_object_or_404
from .models import Post

def post_list(request):
    posts = Post.objects.all().order_by('-created_at')
    return render(request, 'blog/post_list.html', {'posts':
posts})

def post_detail(request, post_id):
    post = get_object_or_404(Post, id=post_id)
    return render(request, 'blog/post_detail.html', {'post':
post})

```

### 2. Create URL Patterns:

- Open `blog/urls.py` (create it if it doesn't exist) and define the URL patterns for the blog:

python

```

from django.urls import path
from . import views

urlpatterns = [
    path('', views.post_list, name='post_list'),
    path('post/<int:post_id>/', views.post_detail,
name='post_detail'),
]

```

- Include the blog URLs in the main project's `urls.py`:

python

```

from django.contrib import admin
from django.urls import path, include

```

```
urlpatterns = [
    path('admin/', admin.site.urls),
    path('', include('blog.urls')),
]
```

### 3. Create Templates:

- Create a templates directory inside the blog app.
- Inside the templates directory, create a blog folder.
- Create post\_list.html inside the blog folder:

```
html
<!DOCTYPE html>
<html>
<head>
    <title>Blog</title>
</head>
<body>
    <h1>Blog Posts</h1>
    <ul>
        {% for post in posts %}
        <li>
            <a href="{% url 'post_detail' post.id %}">{{
post.title }}</a> by {{ post.author }} on {{ post.created_at }}
            </li>
        {% endfor %}
    </ul>
</body>
</html>
```

- Create post\_detail.html inside the blog folder:

```
html
Copy code
<!DOCTYPE html>
<html>
<head>
    <title>{{ post.title }}</title>
</head>
<body>
    <h1>{{ post.title }}</h1>
    <p>{{ post.content }}</p>
    <p>By {{ post.author }} on {{ post.created_at }}</p>
    <a href="{% url 'post_list' %}">Back to Blog</a>
</body>
</html>
```

## Step 4: Add Admin Interface

### 1. Register the Post Model in Admin:

- Open blog/admin.py and register the Post model:

```
python
```

```
from django.contrib import admin
from .models import Post
```

```
admin.site.register(Post)
```

## 2. Create a Superuser:

- Run the following command to create a superuser account:

```
python manage.py createsuperuser
```

## 3. Run the Development Server:

- Start the development server:

```
python manage.py runserver
```

## 4. Access the Admin Interface:

- Navigate to `http://127.0.0.1:8000/admin/` in your browser and log in with the superuser account.
- You can now add, edit, and delete blog posts through the admin interface.

## Step 5: Test the Blog

### 1. Navigate to the Blog:

- Open your browser and go to `http://127.0.0.1:8000/`.
- You should see the list of blog posts.

### 2. View Post Details:

- Click on a post title to view its details.

By following these steps, you should have a simple blog website built with Django. You can further enhance this project by adding features like user authentication, comments, tags, and categories.