Here is a **complete list of Django topics** from **basic to advanced**, organized step-by-step. This will help you learn Django systematically.

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- Installing Django (with virtual environment)

2. Creating Your First Django Project

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- Creating a project: django-admin startproject
- Django project structure
- Running the development server
- Understanding settings.py, urls.py, wsgi.py, asgi.py

🔽 3. Django Apps

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4. URL Routing

- urls.py in project and app
- Including app URLs in project

- Dynamic URLs (e.g., /post/<int:id>/)
- Named URL patterns

5. Views

- Function-based views
- Returning HttpResponse, JsonResponse
- render() for HTML templates
- URL to view mapping

6. Templates

- templates folder and structure
- Template tags: {{ }} and {% %}
- Template inheritance with {% block %}
- Passing data from views to templates
- Static files (CSS, JS, images)

7. Models and Database

- Defining models in models.py
- Fields: CharField, IntegerField, DateField, etc.
- makemigrations and migrate
- Admin site basics (python manage.py createsuperuser)
- Registering models in admin.py

8. Django ORM (Object Relational Mapper)

- CRUD operations
 - Create: Model.objects.create()
 - Read: Model.objects.all(), filter(), get()
 - Update: save()

- Delete: delete()
- QuerySet methods: count(), order_by(), exclude(), etc.

🔽 9. Forms in Django

- Django Form class
- Rendering and validating forms
- Handling GET and POST in views
- ModelForm: Creating forms from models

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Would you like me to start explaining these topics **step by step** in simple terms with code examples?

Great! Let's begin your Django journey step by step. We'll start with **Topic 1: Introduction to Django**.

1. Introduction to Django

What is Django?

Django is a **high-level Python web framework** that allows you to build **secure**, **scalable**, **and maintainable web applications quickly**.

It follows the "batteries-included" philosophy — meaning it comes with many built-in tools like:

- User authentication
- Admin panel
- URL routing
- Form handling
- ORM (Object-Relational Mapping)

♦ Why Use Django? (Features)

Feature	Description
✓ Fast Development	Create apps quickly with less code
✓ Secure	Protects against common attacks like SQL injection, CSRF
✓ Scalable	Used by big websites (Instagram, Pinterest)
✓ Versatile	Suitable for all types of web applications
✓ Built-in Admin	Auto-generated admin dashboard for models
✓ DRY Principle	"Don't Repeat Yourself" - reusable code

Django Architecture: MVT

Django uses **MVT architecture**, which stands for:

Component

Description

Flask

Model Defines your database structure

View Controls logic & processes requests

Template Handles front-end HTML presentation

Example:

- User visits /products/
- View handles the logic to get product list
- Model fetches product data from DB
- Template shows the products in HTML

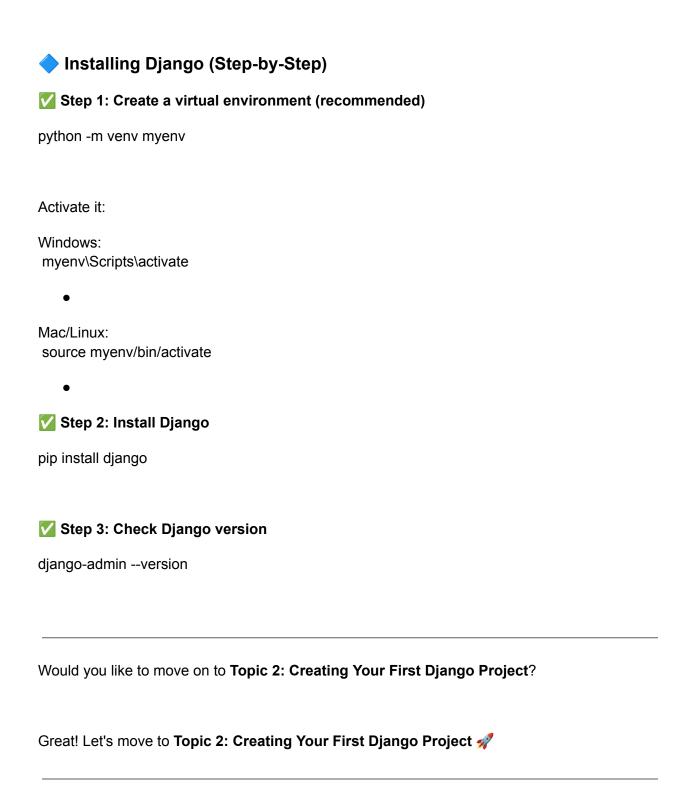
Django

Django vs Flask (Comparison)

Great for big projects

Minimal (micro framework)
No admin by default
Needs extension

Great for small apps



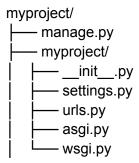
X 2. Creating Your First Django Project

Step 1: Create a Django Project

P Command:

django-admin startproject myproject

This creates a folder named myproject with the following structure:



Project Folder Structure Explanation

File/Folder	Purpose
manage.py	Command-line tool for managing the project (run server, migrations, etc.)
myproject/	Inner folder that contains actual project code
initpy	Tells Python this is a package
settings.py	Project settings (DB, apps, middleware, etc.)
urls.py	URL declarations
asgi.py	ASGI entry point (for async support)
wsgi.py	WSGI entry point (used by most production servers)

Step 2: Run the Development Server

Change into the project directory and run:

cd myproject python manage.py runserver

You'll see:

Starting development server at http://127.0.0.1:8000/

Open that URL in your browser — you'll see the Django welcome page 🎉



Step 3: Understanding manage.py

This file is used to run Django commands:

Command	Description
runserver	Starts the development server
startapp	Creates a new Django app
makemigrations	Prepares DB changes
migrate	Applies DB changes
createsuperuser	Creates admin user



You've now:

- Installed Django
- Created your first project
- Understood the project structure
- Ran the server and saw the welcome page

Shall we move to **Topic 3: Django Apps** next?

Let's continue with Topic 3: Django Apps 🧩



In Django, a **project** is made up of **apps**.

• An **app** is a module that does one specific task — like handling blog posts, users, or products.

Why Apps?

- Apps make Django projects modular and reusable.
- You can plug the same app into different projects.

X Step-by-Step: Creating a Django App

P Command:

python manage.py startapp myapp

It creates a folder named myapp / like this:

App File Structure Explained

File

models.py	Define database models here
views.py	Logic for handling requests
admin.py	Register models in admin panel
apps.py	App configuration
migrations/	Tracks database changes

Purpose

Add App to Project

After creating the app, add it to your project in settings.py:

```
# myproject/settings.py
INSTALLED_APPS = [
    ...
    'myapp', # Add this line
]
```

Without this step, Django won't recognize your app.

Important Notes

- You can create multiple apps in a project.
- Apps should be small, reusable, and do one thing well.
- Example apps: blog, accounts, store, chat, etc.

✓ You've learned:

- What a Django app is
- How to create an app
- How to connect it to a project

Ready to move to Topic 4: URL Routing?

Great! Let's continue with Topic 4: URL Routing

🔀 4. URL Routing in Django

What is URL Routing?

URL routing maps a URL (like /about/) to a **view function**, which returns a response (usually HTML).

Think of it as:

 $URL \rightarrow View Function \rightarrow Response$

Django's URL System

- **Project-level** urls.py → the main router
- App-level urls.py → routes specific to each app

✓ Step 1: Project urls.py

Located in myproject/urls.py:

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

```
urlpatterns = [
  path('admin/', admin.site.urls),
  path(", include('myapp.urls')), # Connect app-level urls
]
```

✓ Step 2: Create App urls.py

Inside your app (myapp), **create** a urls.py file (if not already there):

```
# myapp/urls.py
from django.urls import path
from . import views

urlpatterns = [
   path(", views.home, name='home'), # Homepage
   path('about/', views.about, name='about'), # About page
]
```

✓ Step 3: Define Views in views.py

```
# myapp/views.py
from django.http import HttpResponse

def home(request):
    return HttpResponse("Hello, this is the Home Page!")

def about(request):
    return HttpResponse("This is the About Page.")
```

Dynamic URLs (with variables)

```
# myapp/urls.py
path('user/<int:id>/', views.user_profile, name='user_profile')
# myapp/views.py
def user_profile(request, id):
    return HttpResponse(f"User ID is {id}")
```

Named URLs

Naming a URL lets you refer to it in templates or redirects:

path('about/', views.about, name='about')

You can use this in templates:

About

Summary:

- Project urls.py = entry point
- App urls.py = handles app-specific routes
- Use path() for static and dynamic URLs
- Use include() to connect app URLs to project

Shall we move to **Topic 5: Views** next?

Let's move on to Topic 5: Views in Django 👀

🧠 5. Views in Django

What is a View?

A **view** is a Python function or class that takes a web request and returns a web response.

Think of it as the "brain" — it processes data, talks to the database, and returns HTML, JSON, etc.

V Types of Views

- 1. Function-Based Views (FBV) Simple functions
- 2. Class-Based Views (CBV) Reusable, object-oriented style (covered later)

We'll start with Function-Based Views (FBV).

Function-Based Views (FBV)

Step 1: Create a View in views.py

myapp/views.py from django.http import HttpResponse

def home(request):
 return HttpResponse("Welcome to the Home Page!")

Step 2: Map the View in urls.py

myapp/urls.py
from django.urls import path
from . import views

urlpatterns = [
 path(", views.home, name='home'),

Visit http://127.0.0.1:8000/ → You'll see "Welcome to the Home Page!"

Using render() to Load HTML Templates

from django.shortcuts import render

```
def home(request):
    return render(request, 'home.html')
```

You need a templates/home.html file:

```
<!-- templates/home.html --> <h1>This is the homepage</h1>
```

Make sure Django knows where to find templates (we'll cover in the next topic).

You can also return JSON or 404 pages:

from django.http import JsonResponse, Http404

```
def data_view(request):
    data = {"message": "Hello JSON!"}
    return JsonResponse(data)

def error_view(request):
    raise Http404("Page not found")
```

Summary

Concept Purpose

HttpResponse Sends plain text or HTML

render() Loads an HTML template

Http404

Shows a 404 error

Next up is **Topic 6: Templates** — where you learn to design beautiful pages with HTML and Diango template language.

Ready to continue?

Let's continue with Topic 6: Templates in Django 🎨



What is a Template?

A template is an HTML file that contains dynamic content using Django's Template Language.

Templates allow you to create dynamic web pages with Python + HTML.

Step-by-Step: Using Templates

Step 1: Create a templates/ Folder in Your App

Best practice: Create it like myapp/templates/myapp/home.html

Step 2: Load the Template from View

views.py from django.shortcuts import render

def home(request):
 return render(request, 'myapp/home.html')

Step 3: Add Template Directory in Settings (optional for projects)

In settings.py, make sure this exists:

If you want global templates folder (not per app), set:

'DIRS': [BASE_DIR / "templates"]

Django Template Language

```
1. Variables - {{ variable }}
<h1>Hello, {{ name }}!</h1>
```

2. Tags - {% tag %}

Used for logic:

• {% if %}, {% for %}, {% include %}, {% block %}, etc.

Example:

```
{% if user.is_authenticated %}
  Welcome, {{ user.username }}
{% else %}
  Please log in.
{% endif %}
```

```
3. For Loop Example
```

```
    {% for item in items %}
    {| item }}
    {% endfor %}

In views.py:
def home(request):
    return render(request, 'myapp/home.html', {'items': ['Apple', 'Banana', 'Mango']})
```

4. Template Inheritance

```
Base Template (base.html)
```

```
<!DOCTYPE html>
<html>
<head><title>{% block title %}My Site{% endblock %}</title></head>
<body>
<header>Header Here</header>
{% block content %}{% endblock %}
</body>
</html>
```

Child Template (home.html)

```
{% extends 'base.html' %}

{% block title %}Home Page{% endblock %}

{% block content %}
  <h1>Welcome to the Home Page!</h1>
{% endblock %}
```



Concept Purpose

```
Show dynamic data in HTML
{{ variable }}
{% if %}, {% for %}
                                          Add logic to templates
                                          Template inheritance
extends, block
                                          Connects view → HTML template
render()
```

Up next is **Topic 7: Models and Database** — where you'll learn how to create database tables with Python code.

Shall we continue?

Awesome! Let's move to Topic 7: Models and Database in Django



🚆 7. Models and Database in Django

What is a Model?

myapp/models.py

A model is a Python class that represents a database table. Each attribute of the class is a **column** in the table.

Django comes with an ORM (Object-Relational Mapper) that handles all DB operations using Python — no SQL needed!

🔽 Step-by-Step: Creating a Model

Step 1: Define a Model in models.py

```
from django.db import models
class Book(models.Model):
  title = models.CharField(max length=100)
  author = models.CharField(max_length=100)
  published date = models.DateField()
  is available = models.BooleanField(default=True)
  def __str__(self):
```

Step 2: Register the App in settings.py

```
Make sure 'myapp' is added to INSTALLED_APPS:
INSTALLED_APPS = [
  'myapp',
```

Step 3: Make Migrations

Migrations create and update your database schema.

python manage.py makemigrations

This will create a migration file like 0001_initial.py.

Step 4: Apply Migrations

python manage.py migrate

Now the table Book is created in the database!



Step 5: Check with SQLite (optional)

Django uses SQLite by default. You can open the DB file with:

python manage.py dbshell

Or use a tool like **DB Browser for SQLite**.

📜 Common Field Types

Field Type Description

CharField Text (needs max_length)

TextField Long text

IntegerField Whole number

FloatField Decimal number

BooleanField True/False

DateField Date only

DateTimeField Date + Time

EmailField Validated email

ForeignKey Many-to-One relation

Model String Representation

def __str__(self):
 return self.title

This helps when viewing objects in the admin panel or shell.

Summary

Step What it does

models.py Define your database structure

makemigrations Create migration files

migrate Apply changes to the DB

__str__() String version of model objects

Next up: Topic 8: Django Admin Panel – where you'll manage data using Django's built-in interface.

Shall we continue?

Let's continue with Topic 8: Django Admin Panel 🛠



🤵 8. Django Admin Panel

Django comes with a **built-in admin interface** that lets you manage your models (database tables) through a web UI — no need to write SQL or custom forms.

Step-by-Step: Using the Admin Panel

Step 1: Create a Superuser

To access the admin panel, create an admin account:

python manage.py createsuperuser

You'll be prompted for:

- Username
- Email
- Password

Step 2: Run the Server

python manage.py runserver

Then go to:

http://127.0.0.1:8000/admin

Login using the superuser credentials you just created.

Step 3: Register Your Model in admin.py

By default, your models won't appear in the admin until you register them.

myapp/admin.py from django.contrib import admin from .models import Book

admin.site.register(Book)

Now you'll see **Books** in the admin panel, and you can:

- Add new books
- Edit existing ones
- Delete records
- Search and filter

Optional: Customize Admin Display

You can customize how models are displayed in admin:

```
class BookAdmin(admin.ModelAdmin):
    list_display = ('title', 'author', 'published_date', 'is_available')
    search_fields = ('title', 'author')
```

admin.site.register(Book, BookAdmin)

Admin Security

The admin panel:

- Is only for staff/superusers
- Should not be exposed in public websites
- Should be behind authentication



Step Purpose

createsuperuser

Creates admin login

runserver

Starts the development server

admin.site.register()

Adds model to admin panel

BookAdmin class

Customizes model display

Next up is **Topic 9: Django Shell** — for interacting with your models and data using Python commands.

Shall we continue?

Let's move on to Topic 9: Django Shell (6)



🐍 9. Django Shell

Django shell lets you interact with your project's data and models using Python commands. It's like a Python interactive terminal but with Django context loaded.

Mow to Open Diango Shell

Run this command:

python manage.py shell

You'll get a prompt like:

Common Uses of Django Shell

- Create, read, update, delete (CRUD) database records
- Test queries and logic quickly
- Debug model behavior

Example: Working with Models in Shell

from myapp.models import Book

```
# Create a new book
book = Book(title='Django Basics', author='John Doe', published_date='2023-01-01')
book.save()

# Retrieve all books
books = Book.objects.all()
print(books)

# Filter books by author
books_by_john = Book.objects.filter(author='John Doe')

# Update a book
book.title = 'Django Basics Updated'
book.save()

# Delete a book
book.delete()
```

Useful Commands

Command

<pre>Model.objects.all()</pre>	Get all records
<pre>Model.objects.filter()</pre>	Filter records
<pre>Model.objects.get()</pre>	Get single record (throws error if not found)
.save()	Save/update record

Description

Summary

.delete()

Action How to do it in shell

Delete record

Open shell python manage.py shell

Import model from myapp.models import Book Create record book = Book(...); book.save() Read records Book.objects.all() Update record book.title = 'New'; book.save() Delete record book.delete()

Next up: Topic 10: Forms in Django — where you'll learn how to create HTML forms and process user input.

Ready to continue?

Let's move on to Topic 10: Forms in Django 3



📝 10. Forms in Django

Forms let users submit data (like registration, login, or adding records). Django makes working with forms easy and secure.

Two Types of Forms

- 1. **Django Forms** (manually created forms)
- 2. **ModelForms** (forms tied to a model for easy database integration)

Step 1: Creating a Simple Form

Create a file forms.py in your app:

myapp/forms.py from django import forms class ContactForm(forms.Form): name = forms.CharField(max_length=100) email = forms.EmailField()

Step 2: Use the Form in a View

```
# views.py
from django.shortcuts import render
from .forms import ContactForm
def contact(request):
  if request.method == 'POST':
     form = ContactForm(request.POST)
    if form.is valid():
       # Process form data
       name = form.cleaned_data['name']
       email = form.cleaned data['email']
       message = form.cleaned_data['message']
       # For now, just print or save data
       print(name, email, message)
  else:
    form = ContactForm()
  return render(request, 'myapp/contact.html', {'form': form})
```

✓ Step 3: Create Template for Form (contact.html)

```
<form method="post">
{% csrf_token %}
{{ form.as_p }}
<button type="submit">Send</button>
</form>
```

What is csrf_token?

It protects your form from Cross-Site Request Forgery attacks. Always include it inside <form> tags.

Step 4: Add URL for Form View

myapp/urls.py

```
from django.urls import path
from . import views

urlpatterns = [
    path('contact/', views.contact, name='contact'),
]
```

ModelForm (Form linked to a Model)

from django.forms import ModelForm from .models import Book

```
class BookForm(ModelForm):
   class Meta:
    model = Book
    fields = ['title', 'author', 'published_date', 'is_available']
```

Use it the same way as ContactForm in views.

Summary

Concept	Description
forms.Form	Manual forms
ModelForm	Auto form from model
is_valid()	Validate user input
cleaned_data	Access cleaned form data
{% csrf_token %}	Security token for forms

Next: **Topic 11: Working with Databases - Querysets** — where you learn how to fetch and manipulate data.

Ready?

Continuing with Topic 11: QuerySets and Database Operations 🔍

11. QuerySets and Database Operations

What is a QuerySet?

A QuerySet represents a collection of objects (rows) from your database. It's how you read and filter data in Django.

Common QuerySet Methods

Method	Description	Example
all()	Get all records	Book.objects.all()
filter()	Filter records by condition	Book.objects.filter(au thor='John')
exclude()	Exclude certain records	<pre>Book.objects.exclude(i s_available=False)</pre>
get()	Get one record (throws error if none or many)	Book.objects.get(id=1)
order_by()	Sort records	<pre>Book.objects.order_by('title')</pre>
count()	Count records	Book.objects.count()

Filtering Examples

books = Book.objects.filter(published_date__year=2023) available_books = Book.objects.filter(is_available=True)

Chaining QuerySets

You can chain filters:

books = Book.objects.filter(author='John').filter(is_available=True)

Accessing Records

book = Book.objects.get(id=1)
print(book.title)

Creating and Saving Records

book = Book(title="New Book", author="Author Name", published_date="2023-01-01") book.save()

Updating Records

book = Book.objects.get(id=1)
book.title = "Updated Title"
book.save()

Deleting Records

book = Book.objects.get(id=1)
book.delete()

Summary

Operation Command

Get all Model.objects.all()

Filter Model.objects.filter()

Get single Model.objects.get()

Create instance = Model(...);

instance.save()

Update Modify fields + .save()

Delete .delete()

Next: **Topic 12: Static Files and Media** — handling images, CSS, and JS files.

Ready to continue?

Great! Let's move on to Topic 12: Static Files and Media in Django 🎨 📔



12. Static Files and Media

What are Static Files?

Static files include CSS, JavaScript, images, and other files that don't change dynamically.

What is Media?

Media files are **user-uploaded files** like profile pictures, documents, etc.

Handling Static Files

Step 1: Create a folder named static inside your app

myapp/ – static/ └── myapp/ - style.css - script.js

Step 2: Link static files in your template

{% load static %}

k rel="stylesheet" href="{% static 'myapp/style.css' %}"> <script src="{% static 'myapp/script.js' %}"></script>

Step 3: Tell Django where static files are (in settings.py)

STATIC URL = '/static/'

In development, Django automatically serves static files. For production, you need to collect static files (covered later).

🔽 Handling Media Files (User Uploads)

Step 1: In settings.py, add:

MEDIA URL = '/media/' MEDIA_ROOT = BASE_DIR / 'media'

Step 2: Modify urls.py (project-level)

```
from django.conf import settings
from django.conf.urls.static import static
urlpatterns = [
  # your urls here
if settings.DEBUG:
```

urlpatterns += static(settings.MEDIA_URL, document_root=settings.MEDIA_ROOT)

Step 3: Create a model with a file/image field

from django.db import models

```
class Profile(models.Model):
  name = models.CharField(max length=100)
  avatar = models.ImageField(upload_to='avatars/')
```

Step 4: Upload files using forms (ModelForm)

class ProfileForm(forms.ModelForm):

```
class Meta:
     model = Profile
     fields = ['name', 'avatar']
In your view, handle file upload:
if request.method == 'POST':
  form = ProfileForm(request.POST, request.FILES)
  if form.is valid():
     form.save()
```

Don't forget to add enctype="multipart/form-data" in your HTML form tag!

Summary

Concept **Purpose** Store CSS, JS, images static/folder Load static files in templates {% load static %} URL path for user uploads MEDIA_URL Folder where uploaded files are saved MEDIA_ROOT Upload image files ImageField

Next topic: **Topic 13: URL Dispatcher and URL Routing** — learn how URLs work in Django!

Want to continue?

Onward to Topic 13: URL Dispatcher and URL Routing &



13. URL Dispatcher and URL Routing

What is URL Routing?

URL routing maps URLs (web addresses) to views (functions or classes that return responses).

Mow URLs Work in Django

- 1. User requests a URL (e.g., /books/)
- 2. Django checks the **URL patterns** (urls.py)
- 3. Finds matching pattern → Calls corresponding view
- 4. View processes and returns a response (like an HTML page)

Step 1: Create urls.py in your app (if not exists)

```
# myapp/urls.py
from django.urls import path
from . import views

urlpatterns = [
   path(", views.home, name='home'),
   path('books/', views.book_list, name='book_list'),
]
```

Step 2: Include App URLs in Project's urls.py

```
# project/urls.py
from django.urls import path, include
urlpatterns = [
   path('admin/', admin.site.urls),
   path(", include('myapp.urls')),
]
```

URL Pattern Syntax

path('route/', view_function, name='url_name')

- 'route/' is the URL pattern (relative path)
- view_function is the function that handles requests to that URL
- name lets you reference URLs in templates & code

URL Parameters

Pass variables from URLs to views:

```
# urls.py
path('books/<int:id>/', views.book_detail, name='book_detail')
In views.py:
def book_detail(request, id):
  # Use id to fetch book
  book = Book.objects.get(id=id)
  return render(request, 'myapp/book_detail.html', {'book': book})
```

Summary

Concept	Description
path()	Defines a URL route
<pre>include()</pre>	Includes app URLs in project
URL parameters	Pass dynamic parts in URL
name parameter	Reference URLs by name

Next topic: **Topic 14: Middleware in Django** — learn what middleware is and how it works.

Shall we continue?

Let's keep going with Topic 14: Middleware in Django 🖤



14. Middleware in Django

What is Middleware?

Middleware is a **layer** between the request and response. It processes requests before they reach your views and responses before they return to the client.

Think of it as a pipeline where each middleware can modify or inspect the request/response.

Common Uses of Middleware

- Handle authentication
- Manage sessions
- Add security headers
- Log requests
- Handle CORS (cross-origin resource sharing)

How Middleware Works

- When a request comes in, Django passes it through each middleware in order.
- After the view processes the request, the response goes back through the middleware in reverse order.

Default Middleware Examples in settings.py

```
MIDDLEWARE = [
'django.middleware.security.SecurityMiddleware',
'django.contrib.sessions.middleware.SessionMiddleware',
'django.middleware.common.CommonMiddleware',
'django.middleware.csrf.CsrfViewMiddleware',
'django.contrib.auth.middleware.AuthenticationMiddleware',
'django.contrib.messages.middleware.MessageMiddleware',
'django.middleware.clickjacking.XFrameOptionsMiddleware',
]
```

Creating Custom Middleware (simple example)

```
# myapp/middleware.py
class SimpleMiddleware:
   def __init__(self, get_response):
      self.get_response = get_response
```

```
def __call__(self, request):
  print("Before view")
  response = self.get response(request)
  print("After view")
  return response
```

Add it in settings.py:

MIDDLEWARE.append('myapp.middleware.SimpleMiddleware')

Summary

Concept **Explanation**

Middleware Code that runs before/after views

Order matters Runs in order on request, reverse on

response

Security, sessions, auth, etc. Built-in middleware

Custom middleware You can write your own

Next topic: **Topic 15: Django Templates in Detail** — dive deeper into how templates work.

Ready to continue?

Moving on to Topic 15: Django Templates in Detail 🎨



国 15. Django Templates in Detail

What is a Template?

A template is an HTML file mixed with Django Template Language (DTL) to create dynamic web pages.

Template Syntax Basics

Variables:

Display data passed from views:

```
Hello, {{ username }}!
```

•

Tags:

Control logic like loops and conditionals:

```
{% if user.is_authenticated %}
  Welcome, {{ user.username }}!
{% else %}
  Please login.
{% endif %}
```

•

Filters:

Modify variables output:

{{ price|floatformat:2 }} <!-- shows price with 2 decimal places -->

•

Template Inheritance

You can create a **base template** and extend it in other templates.

```
{% block content %}
  <h1>Welcome to the Home Page</h1>
{% endblock %}
```

Loading Static Files in Templates

```
Use {% load static %} to include CSS, JS, images: 
{% load static %} 
k rel="stylesheet" href="{% static 'myapp/style.css' %}">
```

Passing Context from Views

```
def home(request):
```

context = {'username': 'Alice'}
return render(request, 'home.html', context)

In template:

Hello, {{ username }}!

Summary

Feature	Usage
Variables	{{ variable }}
Tags	{% if %}, {% for %}
Filters	`{{ var
Template Inheritance	{% extends %}, {% block %}
Static files	{% load static %}

Next topic: **Topic 16: Class-Based Views (CBVs)** — learn a powerful way to write views.





👚 16. Class-Based Views (CBVs)

What are CBVs?

CBVs let you write views as **Python classes** instead of functions. They provide reusable, organized, and extendable code.

Why use CBVs?

- Built-in generic views for common tasks (list, detail, create, update, delete)
- Cleaner and more modular code
- Easy to extend or customize behavior

Basic CBV Example

```
from django.views import View
from django.http import HttpResponse
class HelloView(View):
  def get(self, request):
     return HttpResponse('Hello from Class-Based View!')
URL routing:
from django.urls import path
from .views import HelloView
urlpatterns = [
  path('hello/', HelloView.as view(), name='hello'),
]
```

Common Generic CBVs

CBV Purpose

ListView Display list of objects

Display detail of one object DetailView

Form to create new object CreateView

UpdateView Form to update object

Confirm and delete object DeleteView

Example: ListView for Books

from django.views.generic import ListView from .models import Book

class BookListView(ListView):

model = Book

template_name = 'myapp/book_list.html' # Optional, defaults to myapp/book_list.html context_object_name = 'books' # Optional, default is 'object_list'

Summary

Details Concept

CBV Views as Python classes

Method to convert class to view as_view()

Generic Views Pre-built views for common tasks

Next: **Topic 17: Authentication and Authorization** — handling users and permissions.

Ready to continue?

Next is Topic 17: Authentication and Authorization 🔐



🔐 17. Authentication and Authorization

What is Authentication?

Process of verifying who the user is (login, logout, signup).

What is Authorization?

Process of verifying what the user can do (permissions, access control).

Built-in Django Authentication Features

- User model with username, email, password
- Login and logout views
- Password hashing and validation
- User permissions and groups

Basic User Login Example

from django.contrib.auth import authenticate, login from django.shortcuts import render, redirect

```
def login_view(request):
    if request.method == 'POST':
        username = request.POST['username']
        password = request.POST['password']
        user = authenticate(request, username=username, password=password)
        if user is not None:
            login(request, user)
            return redirect('home')
        else:
            error = "Invalid credentials"
            return render(request, 'login.html', {'error': error})
        return render(request, 'login.html')
```

User Access in Templates

```
{% if user.is_authenticated %}
Hello, {{ user.username }}!
<a href="{% url 'logout' %}">Logout</a>
```

```
{% else %}
 <a href="{% url 'login' %}">Login</a>
{% endif %}
```

Permissions and Decorators

Use @login_required decorator to protect views:

from django.contrib.auth.decorators import login_required

@login_required def dashboard(request): # protected view

Summary

Feature Purpose

Authentication Verify identity (login/logout)

Authorization Control access (permissions)

authenticate() Check user credentials

login() Log user in

@login_required Protect views

Next up: Topic 18: Django REST Framework Basics — building APIs.

Want to proceed?

Continuing to Topic 18: Django REST Framework Basics



18. Django REST Framework (DRF) Basics

What is DRF?

Django REST Framework helps you build **APIs** (interfaces to communicate with apps and services) quickly and easily using Django.

Key Features of DRF

- Serializers to convert data between JSON and Python objects
- ViewSets for reusable views
- Routers to generate URLs automatically
- Authentication and permissions for APIs

Installing DRF

pip install djangorestframework

```
Add to settings.py:

INSTALLED_APPS = [
...
'rest_framework',
]
```

Basic Serializer Example

```
from rest_framework import serializers
from .models import Book

class BookSerializer(serializers.ModelSerializer):
    class Meta:
        model = Book
        fields = '__all__'
```

Simple API View

from rest_framework.views import APIView from rest_framework.response import Response from .models import Book from .serializers import BookSerializer

```
class BookListAPI(APIView):
    def get(self, request):
        books = Book.objects.all()
        serializer = BookSerializer(books, many=True)
        return Response(serializer.data)
```

URL Routing for API

```
from django.urls import path
from .views import BookListAPI

urlpatterns = [
    path('api/books/', BookListAPI.as_view(), name='api_books'),
]
```

Summary

Concept Description

Serializer Convert models to JSON and vice versa

APIView Class-based view for APIs

Response Return JSON response

rest_framework DRF app for building APIs

Next: **Topic 19: Testing in Django** — how to write tests.

Ready?

Here we go with Topic 19: Testing in Django V



19. Testing in Django

Why test?

- Ensure your app works correctly
- Catch bugs early

Make future changes safer

Django's Testing Framework

Built on Python's unittest module.

Tests go into files named tests.py inside apps.

Writing a Simple Test

```
from django.test import TestCase
from .models import Book

class BookModelTest(TestCase):
    def setUp(self):
        Book.objects.create(title="Test Book", author="Author")

def test_book_title(self):
    book = Book.objects.get(title="Test Book")
    self.assertEqual(book.title, "Test Book")
```

Running Tests

python manage.py test

Testing Views Example from django.test import TestCase

```
from django.urls import reverse

class HomePageTest(TestCase):
    def test_home_page_status(self):
        response = self.client.get(reverse('home'))
        self.assertEqual(response.status_code, 200)
```



What to Test **How to Test**

Models Test model methods and fields

Views Test responses and templates

Forms Test form validation

Next topic: Topic 20: Deployment of Django Applications — how to put your app live.

Shall we go on?

Moving on to Topic 20: Deployment of Django Applications 4



🚀 20. Deployment of Django Applications

What is Deployment?

Making your Django app live on the internet so users can access it.

Common Deployment Platforms

- **Heroku** easy cloud platform
- **DigitalOcean** VPS servers
- AWS / Google Cloud / Azure cloud providers
- PythonAnywhere beginner-friendly hosting

Basic Steps to Deploy

1. Prepare your app for production:

- Set DEBUG = False in settings.py
- Set ALLOWED_HOSTS to your domain or IP
- Use a production-ready database (PostgreSQL, MySQL)
- Configure static files (collectstatic)

2. Use a WSGI server:

- Gunicorn is popular (pip install gunicorn)
- Serves your app in production
- 3. Configure a web server:
 - o Nginx or Apache to serve static files & proxy to Gunicorn
- 4. Set environment variables securely
- 5. Use HTTPS for security

Example: Deploying on Heroku

Install Heroku CLI

Create Procfile with:

web: gunicorn myproject.wsgi

- Commit code and push to Heroku Git repo
- Run migrations on Heroku
- Set config vars for secrets

Summary

Step **Description**

Prepare settings DEBUG off, ALLOWED_HOSTS set

Static files Run collectstatic

Use Gunicorn WSGI server for Django

Use Nginx/Apache Web server and proxy

Deploy on Platform Heroku, DigitalOcean, etc.

Next: **Topic 21: Signals in Django** — how apps communicate.

Want me to continue?

Let's move to **Topic 21: Signals in Django**



21. Signals in Django

What are Signals?

Signals let different parts of your app talk to each other when certain events happen.

Common Use Cases

- Automatically create profile after user signup
- Log actions after saving a model
- Send notifications when data changes

How Signals Work

- A **sender** sends a signal when something happens (like saving a model)
- A receiver listens for that signal and runs code in response

Example: Create Profile on User Creation

from django.db.models.signals import post_save from django.contrib.auth.models import User from django.dispatch import receiver from .models import Profile

@receiver(post_save, sender=User)
def create_user_profile(sender, instance, created, **kwargs):
 if created:
 Profile.objects.create(user=instance)



Term Meaning

Signal

Event that happens (e.g., model saved)

Sender The model or action that triggers signal

Receiver Function that listens and reacts

Connect Link receiver to signal

Next topic: **Topic 22: Django Caching** — speed up your app.

Ready to continue?

Here's Topic 22: Django Caching $\neq \mathscr{A}$



22. Django Caching

What is Caching?

Caching stores data temporarily to speed up your site by reducing database hits or expensive calculations.

Types of Cache in Django

- In-memory cache: Fastest, stores data in RAM (e.g., Memcached, Redis)
- File-based cache: Stores cache data in files
- Database cache: Stores cache in your database (slower)
- Local memory cache: For development only (per process)

Basic Setup

```
Add cache settings in settings.py:
CACHES = {
  'default': {
    'BACKEND': 'django.core.cache.backends.locmem.LocMemCache',
    'LOCATION': 'unique-snowflake',
  }
}
```

Using Cache in Views

from django.views.decorators.cache import cache_page

@cache_page(60 * 15) # Cache for 15 minutes def my_view(request):

Low-level Cache API

from django.core.cache import cache

cache.set('my_key', 'value', 30) # Store for 30 seconds value = cache.get('my_key')

Summary

Description Concept Cache Store data temporarily Cache backends Memory, file, database, etc. Decorator to cache view output cache_page Low-level cache access cache.get/set

Next up: Topic 23: Django Signals Advanced

Want to continue?

Let's dive into Topic 23: Advanced Django Signals 🔄



🔄 23. Django Signals Advanced

Signal Types

- pre_save before saving a model instance
- post_save after saving a model instance
- pre_delete before deleting an instance
- post_delete after deleting an instance
- m2m_changed when many-to-many relations change

Example: Update Related Model on Save

from django.db.models.signals import post_save from django.dispatch import receiver from .models import Order, Inventory

```
@receiver(post_save, sender=Order)
def update_inventory(sender, instance, **kwargs):
    # Reduce stock when order is placed
    inventory_item = Inventory.objects.get(product=instance.product)
    inventory_item.stock -= instance.quantity
    inventory_item.save()
```

Disconnect Signals

Sometimes you want to disable a signal temporarily:

from django.db.models.signals import post_save from django.dispatch import receiver

Signal

post_save.disconnect(receiver_function, sender=Model)

Summary

•	
pre_save	Before a model instance saves
post_save	After a model instance saves
pre_delete	Before a model instance deletes
post_delete	After a model instance deletes

When it fires

Next topic: Topic 24: Django Management Commands

Want to continue?

Moving on to Topic 24: Django Management Commands 🔆



🗱 24. Django Management Commands

What are Management Commands?

Custom commands you can run from the command line using manage.py — useful for tasks like cleanup, data import/export, or custom scripts.

Creating a Custom Command

1. Inside your app, create a folder structure:

```
your_app/
  management/
    commands/
      __init__.py
      your_command.py
```

2. In your_command.py:

from django.core.management.base import BaseCommand

```
class Command(BaseCommand):
  help = 'Description of your command'
  def handle(self, *args, **kwargs):
    self.stdout.write('Hello, this is my custom command!')
```

Running Your Command

Use Cases

- Import/export data
- Clear caches
- Generate reports
- Run batch jobs

Summary

Concept **Description** Management commands Scripts run via manage.py You define tasks to automate Custom commands Folder structure management/commands/inside app

Next: Topic 25: Django Forms Advanced

Ready to continue?

Got it! Let's cover Topic 25: Django Forms Advanced and Topic 26: Working with Django Signals (Advanced concepts) together in detail.



📝 25. Django Forms Advanced

Formsets

- Manage multiple forms on one page.
- Useful for creating/editing multiple related objects.

Example:

from django.forms import modelformset_factory from .models import Book

```
BookFormSet = modelformset_factory(Book, fields=('title', 'author'), extra=3)

In views:

def manage_books(request):
    formset = BookFormSet(queryset=Book.objects.all())
    if request.method == 'POST':
        formset = BookFormSet(request.POST)
        if formset.is_valid():
            formset.save()
    return render(request, 'manage_books.html', {'formset': formset})
```

Custom Validation

```
Add validation to forms by overriding clean() or clean_fieldname():

class BookForm(forms.ModelForm):
    def clean_title(self):
        title = self.cleaned_data['title']
        if "badword" in title:
            raise forms.ValidationError("Inappropriate title")
        return title
```

Widgets and Styling

Customize form fields with widgets, e.g.:

from django import forms

```
class ContactForm(forms.Form):
    message = forms.CharField(widget=forms.Textarea(attrs={'rows':4, 'cols':40}))
```

26. Working with Django Signals (Advanced concepts)

Using dispatch_uid

Avoid duplicate signals by adding dispatch_uid:

post_save.connect(receiver_function, sender=MyModel, dispatch_uid="unique_id")

Sending Custom Signals

```
Create your own signals:
```

```
from django.dispatch import Signal
```

```
order completed = Signal(providing args=["order id", "user"])
```

```
# Send signal
```

```
order_completed.send(sender=None, order_id=123, user=request.user)
```

Receive signal

```
@receiver(order_completed)
```

def handle_order(sender, **kwargs):

print(f"Order {kwargs['order id']} completed by {kwargs['user']}")

Signal Performance Tips

- Keep signal handlers fast.
- Avoid complex DB queries in signals.
- Use asynchronous tasks (e.g., Celery) if needed.

Ready for next two topics?

Next up:

27. Django Middleware (Advanced) and 28. Django Internationalization (i18n) and Localization (I10n)



🤍 27. Django Middleware (Advanced)

What is Middleware?

Middleware is a **hook** between the request and response processing in Django.

It processes requests before they reach views and responses before they reach the browser.

Writing Custom Middleware

```
class SimpleMiddleware:
    def __init__(self, get_response):
        self.get_response = get_response

def __call__(self, request):
    # Code before view
    print("Before view")

response = self.get_response(request)

# Code after view
    print("After view")
    return response
```

Add to settings.py in MIDDLEWARE list.

Common Use Cases

- Logging requests
- Handling CORS
- User authentication checks
- Modifying responses (e.g., add headers)

28. Django Internationalization (i18n) and Localization (I10n)

What is i18n & I10n?

- i18n = Internationalization, preparing app for multiple languages.
- **I10n** = Localization, adapting app to a specific language or region.

Setup

```
In settings.py:
```

```
USE_I18N = True
USE_L10N = True
LANGUAGE_CODE = 'en-us'
LOCALE_PATHS = [BASE_DIR / 'locale']
```

Mark strings for translation

from django.utils.translation import gettext_lazy as _

```
class MyModel(models.Model):
    name = models.CharField(max_length=100, verbose_name=_("Name"))
```

Generate translation files

django-admin makemessages -l es

Translate .po files, then compile:

django-admin compilemessages

Would you like to continue with topics 29 and 30 next?

Here are Topics 29 and 30 covered in detail:

29. Working with Files and Uploads

Handling File Uploads

• Use FileField or ImageField in models:

from django.db import models

```
class Document(models.Model):
    file = models.FileField(upload_to='documents/')
```

• In forms:

```
from django import forms
class DocumentForm(forms.ModelForm):
  class Meta:
    model = Document
    fields = ['file']
     In views, handle request.FILES:
def upload_file(request):
  if request.method == 'POST':
    form = DocumentForm(request.POST, request.FILES)
    if form.is_valid():
```

Configure Media Settings

form.save()

```
In settings.py:
MEDIA URL = '/media/'
MEDIA ROOT = BASE DIR / 'media'
In urls.py (development only):
from django.conf import settings
from django.conf.urls.static import static
urlpatterns = [
  # your urls...
] + static(settings.MEDIA_URL, document_root=settings.MEDIA_ROOT)
```

🗲 30. Asynchronous Programming in Django

Async Views

Django 3.1+ supports async views to improve concurrency:

from django.http import JsonResponse import asyncio

async def async_view(request):
 await asyncio.sleep(1)
 return JsonResponse({'message': 'This is async'})

When to Use Async?

- Handling many concurrent connections
- Waiting for slow I/O (e.g., API calls, DB queries with async support)
- Real-time features (websockets)

Limitations

- Not all Django ORM calls are async yet
- Use async cautiously with third-party libs

Want me to cover **31. Django Channels for WebSockets** and **32. Django Admin Customization (Advanced)** next?

Here's **Topic 31: Django Channels for WebSockets** and **Topic 32: Django Admin Customization (Advanced)** in detail:

What is Django Channels?

- Extends Django to handle WebSockets and asynchronous tasks.
- Enables real-time features (chat, notifications).

Basic Setup

```
pip install channels
```

```
In settings.py:
INSTALLED_APPS += ['channels']
ASGI_APPLICATION = 'your_project.asgi.application'

Create asgi.py:
import os
from channels.routing import ProtocolTypeRouter, URLRouter
from django.core.asgi import get_asgi_application
import your_app.routing

os.environ.setdefault('DJANGO_SETTINGS_MODULE', 'your_project.settings')

application = ProtocolTypeRouter({
    "http": get_asgi_application(),
    "websocket": URLRouter(your_app.routing.websocket_urlpatterns),
})
```

Example WebSocket Consumer

from channels.generic.websocket import AsyncWebsocketConsumer import json

```
class ChatConsumer(AsyncWebsocketConsumer):
    async def connect(self):
        await self.accept()

async def receive(self, text_data):
        await self.send(text_data=json.dumps({'message': text_data}))
```

X 32. Django Admin Customization (Advanced)

Custom Admin Actions

Add buttons in admin list page:

```
from django.contrib import admin
def make_published(modeladmin, request, queryset):
  queryset.update(status='published')
make_published.short_description = "Mark selected as published"
class PostAdmin(admin.ModelAdmin):
  actions = [make_published]
```

Customize Admin Forms

Override form fields or validation in admin:

```
class PostAdminForm(forms.ModelForm):
  class Meta:
     model = Post
     fields = ' all '
  def clean_title(self):
     title = self.cleaned_data['title']
     if "bad" in title:
       raise forms. Validation Error ("Invalid title")
     return title
class PostAdmin(admin.ModelAdmin):
  form = PostAdminForm
```

Ready to continue with Topics 33 and 34: Security & Debugging?

Let's continue with Topic 33: Security Best Practices in Django and Topic 34: Django **Debugging and Profiling:**



🔒 33. Security Best Practices in Django

- Key Points
 - Keep DEBUG = False in production

- Use strong, unique SECRET_KEY
- Set ALLOWED_HOSTS correctly
- Use **HTTPS** (enable SSL/TLS)
- Protect against CSRF attacks (Django does it by default)
- Use X-Content-Type-Options, X-Frame-Options headers
- Keep dependencies updated
- Avoid SQL Injection by using ORM, not raw SQL
- Use Django's authentication system securely

Useful Django Security Settings

SECURE_BROWSER_XSS_FILTER = True SECURE_CONTENT_TYPE_NOSNIFF = True SESSION_COOKIE_SECURE = True CSRF_COOKIE_SECURE = True X_FRAME_OPTIONS = 'DENY'



🐞 34. Django Debugging and Profiling

Tools and Tips

- Use **print()** or **logging** for quick checks
- Use **Django Debug Toolbar** for detailed info (SQL, templates)
- Use pdb for interactive debugging
- Profile slow queries with Django Debug Toolbar or logging
- Use django-extensions shell plus for enhanced shell

Installing Debug Toolbar

pip install django-debug-toolbar

```
In settings.py:
INSTALLED_APPS += ['debug_toolbar']
MIDDLEWARE = [
   'debug_toolbar.middleware.DebugToolbarMiddleware',
   # other middleware
```

```
]
INTERNAL IPS = ['127.0.0.1']
In urls.py:
import debug toolbar
urlpatterns = [
  path('__debug__/', include(debug_toolbar.urls)),
```

Shall we continue with Topic 35: Performance Optimization and Topic 36: Django with Frontend Frameworks?

Here are **Topics 35 and 36** explained in detail:

35. Performance Optimization in Django

- Key Tips
 - Use database indexing on frequently queried fields.
 - Optimize queries: use select_related() and prefetch_related() to reduce DB hits.
 - Cache expensive computations or query results.
 - Use pagination to limit data sent to users.
 - Serve static files with a web server or CDN.
 - Avoid loading unnecessary data in templates.
 - Use asynchronous tasks (like Celery) for heavy jobs.
 - Monitor performance with profiling tools.

36. Django with Frontend Frameworks

- Integrating React/Vue/Angular
 - Build frontend as a separate app using React, Vue, etc.
 - Use **Django REST Framework** (DRF) to provide API endpoints.

- Frontend communicates with Django backend via API calls.
- Serve frontend separately or use Django to serve built frontend files.

Basic Workflow

- Create React/Vue app (npx create-react-app)
- 2. Build API in Diango using DRF
- 3. Fetch API data in frontend using fetch/Axios
- 4. Use CORS middleware in Django to allow frontend requests:

INSTALLED APPS += ['corsheaders'] MIDDLEWARE = ['corsheaders.middleware.CorsMiddleware'] + MIDDLEWARE CORS_ORIGIN_ALLOW_ALL = True # for development only

Ready for Topics 37 and 38: Integrating Third-party Packages & Django Logging?

Here's Topic 37: Integrating Third-party Packages and Topic 38: Django Logging in detail:



37. Integrating Third-party Packages

Why Use Them?

- Save development time
- Add complex features quickly (e.g., authentication, payments)

Common Useful Packages

- Django REST Framework (for APIs)
- **django-allauth** (for user authentication)
- Celery (for async tasks)
- django-cors-headers (for handling CORS)
- **django-crispy-forms** (better form rendering)

How to Integrate

1. Install via pip:

pip install package_name

- 2. Add to INSTALLED_APPS in settings.py
- 3. Follow package docs to configure and use



📝 38. Django Logging

- Why Logging?
 - Track errors and warnings
 - Monitor app behavior
 - Debug issues

Basic Logging Setup (settings.py):

```
LOGGING = {
  'version': 1,
  'disable_existing_loggers': False,
  'handlers': {
     'file': {
        'level': 'DEBUG',
        'class': 'logging.FileHandler',
        'filename': 'debug.log',
     },
  },
  'loggers': {
     'django': {
        'handlers': ['file'],
        'level': 'DEBUG',
        'propagate': True,
     },
  },
}
```

Logs will be saved in debug.log.

Want to continue with Topics 39 and 40: Signals Advanced & Deployment?

Wrapping up with:



🔔 39. Django Signals Advanced (summary)

- Use dispatch_uid to avoid duplicate signals
- Create and send custom signals
- Keep signal handlers lightweight for performance
- Use async tasks if signals need heavy work



🚀 40. Deployment

Steps for deploying Django app:

- 1. Choose server (e.g., VPS, Heroku, AWS)
- 2. Use **WSGI** (Gunicorn) or **ASGI** for async
- 3. Set up web server (Nginx/Apache) as reverse proxy
- 4. Configure database (PostgreSQL recommended)
- Set DEBUG = False and ALLOWED_HOSTS properly
- 6. Collect static files (python manage.py collectstatic)
- 7. Use environment variables for secrets
- 8. Set up SSL certificates for HTTPS
- 9. Monitor logs and uptime

If you want, I can help you start a deployment step-by-step or revisit any topic in more detail!