

Assignment: Advanced E-commerce API with Caching and Notifications

You are tasked with creating a **Django REST API** for a small e-commerce system that allows users to:

1. Register, login, and manage their profiles.
2. Browse products, categories, and place orders.
3. Leverage caching and pagination for optimization.

Requirements:

1. User Authentication (JWT-based)

- Use **Django Rest Framework SimpleJWT** for token-based authentication.
- Allow users to:
 - Register with email and password.
 - Log in to obtain an access token and refresh token.
 - Manage their profile (name, address, phone, etc.).
 - View their order history and order details.

2. Product Management

- Create **Product** and **Category** models with the following fields:
 - **Category:** name, description
 - **Product:** name, description, price, stock, category (foreign key)
- **Admin users** can:
 - Create, update, and delete categories.
 - Add, update, and delete products.
 - Manage product stock (when a product is ordered, its stock decreases).

3. Order System

- Users can:
 - Add products to their **cart**.
 - Place an order from the cart.
 - Get notifications (via an API call) when the order status changes (using WebSockets or Django Channels for real-time updates).
- **Order Model:**
 - Order: user, product(s), total price, status (pending, shipped, delivered), created_at, updated_at
- Implement a flow where orders go through these statuses:
 - **Pending** (default).
 - **Shipped**.
 - **Delivered**.

4. Caching & Performance Optimizations

- Use Redis as a caching layer to store products and categories for quick access.
- Implement a caching mechanism to store expensive database queries (e.g., fetching product lists).
 - Set a timeout for the cached data (e.g., 1 hour).
 - When a product's stock or details change, invalidate the cache.
- Optimize queries using Django's select related and prefetch related for complex relations (product and category data).

5. Pagination & Filtering

- Implement pagination for the product listing (limit 10 products per page).
- Allow filtering products by:
 - Category.
 - Price range.
 - Stock availability (in stock or out of stock).
- Ensure that the API can handle large amounts of data efficiently with paginated responses.

6. Real-Time Notifications

- Use Django Channels or WebSockets to notify users of their order status updates.
 - When the order status changes (e.g., from pending to shipped), notify the user in real time.

Instructions:

1. **Setup:** Use Django and Django REST Framework to build the API. Use PostgreSQL as the database and Redis for caching.
2. **Authentication:** Implement token-based authentication using JWT.
3. **Caching:** Use Redis for caching product and category data.

Submission:

- Create a GitHub repository and upload your project code and share Url.
- Write clear instructions in the README .md for setting up and running the project.