Django Trainee - AccuKnox: Django Signals Answers

Topic: Django Signals

Question 1: Are Django signals executed synchronously or asynchronously by default?

By default, Django signals are executed synchronously. This means they run in the same execution thread as the caller.

Proof with Code:

```python
import time
from django.db.models.signals import post_save
from django.dispatch import receiver
from django.contrib.auth.models import User

@receiver(post_save, sender=User)
def slow_signal_handler(sender, instance, **kwargs):
    print("Signal handler started")
    time.sleep(5)  # Simulate delay
    print("Signal handler finished")

# Create a user and measure execution time
start_time = time.time()
user = User.objects.create(username="testuser")
end_time = time.time()

print(f"Execution time: {end_time - start_time} seconds")
```

Expected Output:

```
Signal handler started
(Sleeps for 5 seconds)
Signal handler finished
Execution time: 5.x seconds
```

This proves that Django signals run synchronously by default.

Question 2: Do Django signals run in the same thread as the caller?

Yes, Django signals run in the same thread as the caller by default.

Proof with Code:

```python
import threading
from django.db.models.signals import post_save
from django.dispatch import receiver
from django.contrib.auth.models import User

@receiver(post_save, sender=User)
def check_thread(sender, instance, **kwargs):
    print(f"Signal handler running in thread: {threading.current_thread().name}")

# Check the thread before triggering the signal
print(f"Main execution running in thread: {threading.current_thread().name}")

# Create a user and trigger the signal
user = User.objects.create(username="testuser")
```

Expected Output:

```
Main execution running in thread: MainThread
Signal handler running in thread: MainThread
```

Since both run in the same thread, Django signals execute in the same thread as the caller.

Question 3: Do Django signals run in the same database transaction as the caller?

Yes, Django signals run in the same database transaction by default.

Proof with Code:

```python
from django.db import transaction
from django.db.models.signals import post_save
from django.dispatch import receiver
from django.contrib.auth.models import User

@receiver(post_save, sender=User)
def rollback_test(sender, instance, **kwargs):
```

```
    print("Signal received, raising an exception!")
    raise ValueError("Rolling back transaction")

try:
    with transaction.atomic():
        user = User.objects.create(username="testuser")
except ValueError:
    print("Transaction rolled back!")

# Check if the user was saved
print(User.objects.filter(username="testuser").exists())  # Should be False
```

Expected Output:

```
Signal received, raising an exception!
Transaction rolled back!
False
```

Since the transaction was rolled back, Django signals execute in the same database transaction by default.

Topic: Custom Classes in Python

Rectangle Class Implementation with Iteration Support

To make an instance of `Rectangle` iterable, we need to define the `__iter__` method.

Code Implementation:

```python
class Rectangle:
    def __init__(self, length: int, width: int):
        self.length = length
        self.width = width

    def __iter__(self):
        yield {"length": self.length}
        yield {"width": self.width}

# Example Usage:
rect = Rectangle(10, 5)

for item in rect:
```

```
    print(item)
```

Expected Output:

```
{'length': 10}
{'width': 5}
```

This confirms that:

- The class initializes with `length` and `width`.
- The class supports iteration, yielding the length first and then the width.