sqlite3.ProgrammingError: You must not use 8-bit bytestrings unless you use a text\_factory that can interpret 8-bit bytestrings (like text\_factory = str). It is highly recommended that you instead just switch your application to Unicode strings.

The fada in irish spellings is causing the issue

Solved by: conn.text\_factory = lambda x: unicode(x, "utf-8", "ignore") just after conn.connect

EDIT: This did not solve the issue. It just ignored the issue

This solves the problem of inserting into the database but when displaying in the templatecause – Operational error , Could not decode to UTF-8 column

When attempted this:

def address(self):

return u'{0}'.format(self.address)

I got this error: maximum recursion depth exceeded

SOLUTION:

The encoding had to be set to ‘Latin 1’ to recognise thr fada character. This resulted in the € being unrecognised. Had to edit the script to parse the new unrecognised format depicted by the ‘€’ symbol