# DJANGO VALIDATION

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#### **ENFORCE MODEL VALIDATION**

```
class ValidateModelMixin(object):
    def save(self, *args, **kwargs):
        # Run model validation.
        self.full_clean()
        super(ValidateModelMixin, self).save(*args, **kwargs)
```

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```
def validate_title(title):
    if title == 'boom':
        raise ValidationError('Boom!', code='boom')

class Article(models.Model):
    title = models.CharField(
        max_length=42,
        validators=[validate_title],
    )
```

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class Article(models.Model):
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with transaction.atomic():
    for i in range(1000000):
        article = Article(title=str(i))
        article.full_clean()
        article_save()
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# FIELD VALIDATION

- Type validation
  - class Field(object):
  - class CharField(Field):
  - class IntegerField(Field):
  - class DateField(Field):
  - etc.

Presence validation

```
class Field(object):
    def __init__(self, required=True, ...):
        self.required = required

class Field(object):
    def __init__(self, blank=False, ...):
        self.blank = blank
```

Bounds validation

```
class CharField(Field):
    def __init__(self, max_length=None, min_length=None):
    class IntegerField(Field):
        def __init__(self, max_value=None, min_value=None):
```

Choice validation

Format validation

```
class RegexField(CharField):
    def __init__(self, regex, ...):

class DateField(Field):
    def __init__(self, input_formats, ...)
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class RegexField(CharField):
    def __init__(self, regex, ...):

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class EmailField(CharField):
    default_validators = [validate_email]

class SlugField(CharField):
    default_validators = [validate_slug]
```

Uniqueness validation

Field validators

#### FUNCTION-BASED VALIDATOR

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from django.utils.deconstruct import deconstructible @deconstructible class MultipleOf(object): def \_\_init\_\_(self, base): self\_base = base def \_\_call\_\_(self, value): if value % self.base != 0: raise ValidationError( ('Field must be a multiple of %(base)d.'), params={'base': self.base, 'value': value}, def \_\_eq\_ (self, other): return ( isinstance(other, self.\_\_class\_\_) and self\_base == other\_base

#### PARTIAL-BASED VALIDATOR

Error messages

```
class Field(object):
    def __init__(self, error_messages=None, ...):
```

Error messages

```
def clean(self, value):
    value = self.to_python(value)
    self.validate(value)
    self.run_validators(value)
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Field\_run\_validators()

```
def run_validators(self, value):
   if value in self.empty_values:
      return
   errors = []
   for validator in self.validators:
      try:
         validator(value)
      except ValidationError as e:
         if hasattr(e, 'code') and e.code in self.error_messages:
            e.message = self.error_messages[e.code]
         errors.extend(e.error_list)
   if errors:
       raise ValidationError(errors)
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```
class CharField(Field):
    def __init__(self, max_length, min_length, ...):
        self.max_length = max_length
        self.min_length = min_length
        self.validators.append(
            validators.MinLengthValidator(min_length))
        self.validators.append(
            validators.MaxLengthValidator(max_length))
```

# VALIDATION ERROR

```
class ValidationError(Exception):
    def __init__(self, message, code=None, params=None):
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    def __init__(self, message, code=None, params=None):
        if isinstance(message, dict):
            self_error_dict = {...}
        elif isinstance(message, list):
            self_error_list = [...]
        else:
            self.message = message
            self.code = code
            self_params = params
            self.error_list = [self]
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raise ValidationError("Invalid value: %s" % 42)

```
from django.utils.translation import ugettext as _
raise ValidationError(_("Invalid value: %s") % 42)
```

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from django.utils.translation import ugettext as _
raise ValidationError(
    _("Invalid value: %s") % 42,
    code='invalid',
)
```

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raise ValidationError(
    _("Invalid value: %s"),
    code='invalid',
    params=42,
)
```

```
from django.utils.translation import ugettext as _
raise ValidationError(
    _("Invalid value: %(value)s"),
    code='invalid',
    params={'value': 42},
)
```

# FORM VALIDATION

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def _clean_fields(self):
    for name, field in self.fields.items():
        value = field.widget.value_from_datadict(
            self.data, self.files, self.add_prefix(name))

    try:
        value = field.clean(value)
        self.cleaned_data[name] = value

    if hasattr(self, 'clean_%s' % name):
        value = getattr(self, 'clean_%s' % name)()
        self.cleaned_data[name] = value
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            self.cleaned_data[name] = value
            if hasattr(self, 'clean_%s' % name):
                value = getattr(self, 'clean_%s' % name)()
                self.cleaned_data[name] = value
        except ValidationError as e:
            self_add_error(name, e)
```

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    self._post_clean()
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Form.\_clean\_form()

def \_clean\_form(self):
 try:

```
cleaned_data = self.clean()
except ValidationError as e:
    self.add_error(None, e)
else:
    if cleaned_data is not None:
        self.cleaned_data = cleaned_data
```

Form.full\_clean()

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    self.cleaned_data = {}

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Form\_post\_clean()

```
def _post_clean(self):
    pass
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def add_error(self, field, error):
    if not isinstance(error, ValidationError):
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        error = error_error_dict
    else:
        error = {field or NON_FIELD_ERRORS: error_error_list}
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for field, error_list in error.items():
    if field not in self.errors:
        self._errors[field] = self.error_class()
    self._errors[field].extend(error_list)
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    for field, error_list in error_items():
        if field not in self.errors:
            self._errors[field] = self.error_class()
        self__errors[field]_extend(error_list)
        if field in self.cleaned_data:
            del self.cleaned_data[field]
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        if field in self.cleaned_data:
            del self.cleaned_data[field]
```

Form errors

```
class ErrorDict(dict):
    def as_ul(self):
    def as_text(self):
        def as_data(self):
        def as_json(self, escape_html=False):
```

Form.errors['field\_name']

```
class ErrorList(list):
    def as_ul(self):
    def as_text(self):
```

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```
class ErrorList(UserList, list):
    def __contains__(self, item):
        return item in list(self)
    def __eq__(self, other):
        return list(self) == other
    def __ne__(self, other):
        return list(self) != other
    def __getitem__(self, i):
        error = self.data[i]
        if isinstance(error, ValidationError):
            return list(error)[0]
        return force_text(error)
```

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```
class ErrorList(UserList, list):
    def as_data(self):
        return ValidationError(self.data).error_list
    def get_json_data(self):
        errors = []
        for error in self.as_data():
           errors_append({
              'message': list(error)[0],
              'code': error.code or '',
        return errors
    def as_json(self):
        return json_dumps(self_get_json_data())
```

Form.has\_error()

```
class ValidationError(Exception):
    def __str__(self):
        if hasattr(self, 'error_dict'):
            return repr(dict(self))
        return repr(list(self))

>>> str(ValidationError("Some error..."))
"[u'Some error...']"
```

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### MODEL VALIDATION INSPIRED BY DJANGO'S FORM VALIDATION.

Django 1.2 release notes

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Model.full\_clean()

```
try:
    article.full_clean()
except ValidationError:
    is_valid = False
else:
    is_valid = True
```

Model.full\_clean()

def full\_clean(self, exclude=None, validate\_unique=True):
 errors = {}

if errors:
 raise ValidationError(errors)

errors = e.update\_error\_dict(errors)

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 try:
 self.clean()
 except ValidationError as e:
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Model.clean()

```
def clean(self):
    pass
```

Model.full\_clean() def full\_clean(self, exclude=None, validate\_unique=True): if validate\_unique: for name in errors.keys(): if name not in exclude: exclude\_append(name) try: self.validate\_unique(exclude=exclude) except ValidationError as e: errors = e\_update\_error\_dict(errors)

Field.unique\_for\_date

```
ALTER TABLE article
ADD EXCLUDE USING GIST (
        title WITH =,
        daterange(pub_date, pub_date, '[]') WITH &&
);
```

Field.unique\_for\_month

Field.unique\_for\_year

Model.full\_clean()

```
def full_clean(self, exclude=None, validate_unique=True):
    if validate_unique:
        for name in errors.keys():
            if name not in exclude:
                 exclude.append(name)

        try:
            self.validate_unique(exclude=exclude)
        except ValidationError as e:
            errors = e.update_error_dict(errors)
```

## MODELFORM VALIDATION

```
def _post_clean(self):
    self.instance = construct_instance(...)
```

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exclude = self._get_validation_exclusions()
```

```
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    self.instance = construct_instance(...)

    exclude = self._get_validation_exclusions()

try:
        self.instance.full_clean(
            exclude=exclude, validate_unique=False)
    except ValidationError as e:
        self._update_errors(e)
```

## CLOSING WORDS

# THANK