

I am developing an ads web site using Django 3.0 and Python 3.8. I want to build multi step form wizard using django session. I have tried previously formtools.wizard but it failed to satisfy all of my requirements. Thus, I decided to write my own code. To do that, I used session to pass form inputs from one class view to another. The first form go through with no error. However, I got the following error message before second form was rendered:

Object of type Country is not JSON serializable

The view classes are as follow:

```
class PostWizardStepOne(View):

    form_class = CommonForm

    template_name = "towns/salehslst/ads_main_form.html"

    wizard_data = {}

    def get(self, request, *args, **kwargs):
        initial = {
            'wizard_data':request.session.get('wizard_data', None),
        }
        form = self.form_class(initial=initial)
        return render(request, self.template_name, {'form': form})

    def post(self, request, *args, **kwargs):
        form = self.form_class(request.POST)
        print(request.POST)
        if form.is_valid():

            for k, v in form.cleaned_data.items():
                self.wizard_data[k] = v
            request.session['wizard_data'] = self.wizard_data
            request.session.modified = True

            print(self.wizard_data)
            return HttpResponseRedirect('PostWizardSecondStep')

        return render(request, self.template_name, {'form': form})
class PostWizardStepTow(View):

    template_name = "towns/salehslst/forms/jobPostForm.html"

    def get(self, request, *args, **kwargs):
```

```
print(request.session['wizard_data'])
```

```
return render(request, self.template_name, {})
```

Here are the urls:

```
path('post/', PostWizardStepOne.as_view(), name = 'PostWizardFirstStep'),
```

```
path('post/', PostWizardStepTwo.as_view(), name = 'PostWizardSecondStep'),
```

Here are the forms:

```
class CommonForm(forms.ModelForm):
```

```
class Meta:
```

```
    model = Job
```

```
    fields = [
```

```
        'country',
```

```
        'province',
```

```
        'city',
```

```
        'category',
```

```
        'sub_category',
```

```
    ]
```

```
class JobForm(forms.ModelForm):
```

```
# to remove colons from the labels:
```

```
def __init__(self, *args, **kwargs):
```

```
    kwargs.setdefault('label_suffix', '')
```

```
    super(JobForm, self).__init__(*args, **kwargs)
```

```
class Meta:
```

```
    model = Job
```

```
    fields = [
```

```
        'employer',
```

```
        'title',
```

```
        'description',
```

```
        'Experience',
```

```
        'Education',
```

```
        'compensation',
```

```
        'employment_type',
```

```
    ]
```

```

class JobImagesForm(forms.Form):

# to remove colons from the labels:
def __init__(self, *args, **kwargs):
    kwargs.setdefault('label_suffix', '')
    super(JobImagesForm, self).__init__(*args, **kwargs)

    self.fields['image'].widget.attrs.update({ 'type':'file',
        'accept':'image/*'})

class Meta:

    model = JobImages

    fields = [
        'image',
    ]
Those are the models;

# country model
class Country(models.Model):
    name = models.CharField(max_length=64, unique=True)
    currency = models.CharField(max_length=16)

    def __str__(self):
        return "%s" % (self.name)

    class Meta:
        verbose_name_plural = "countries"

class Job(models.Model):
    id = models.AutoField(primary_key=True)
    posted_by = models.ForeignKey(settings.AUTH_USER_MODEL,
        on_delete=models.CASCADE)
    employer = models.CharField(max_length=64)
    country = models.ForeignKey(Country, on_delete=models.CASCADE)
    province = models.ForeignKey(Province, on_delete=models.CASCADE)
    city = models.ForeignKey(City, on_delete=models.CASCADE)

    category = models.ForeignKey(Category, on_delete=models.CASCADE)
    sub_category = models.ForeignKey(SubCategory, on_delete=models.CASCADE)

    title = models.CharField(max_length=128)
    description = RichTextField(max_length=65536)

```

```
Experience = RichTextField(max_length=65536)
Education = RichTextField(max_length=65536)
```

```
compensation = models.CharField(max_length=65536, blank=True)
employment_type = models.ForeignKey(Employment_type, on_delete=models.CASCADE)
```

```
date_created = models.DateTimeField(auto_now=False, auto_now_add=True)
date_updated = models.DateTimeField(auto_now=True, auto_now_add=False)
```

```
def __str__(self):
    return "%s %s %s" % (self.id, self.employer, self.title,)
```

```
def username(self):
    return self.posted_by.first_name
```

```
def categoryName(self):
    return self.category.name
```

```
def subCategoryName(self):
    return self.sub_category.name
```

```
def country_name(self):
    return self.country.name
```

```
def province_name(self):
    return self.province.name
```

```
def city_name(self):
    return self.city.name
```

```
class Meta:
    verbose_name_plural = "jobs"
```

Here are the settings for backend:

```
INSTALLED_APPS = [ 'django.contrib.sessions', ]
```

```
MIDDLEWARE = ['django.contrib.sessions.middleware.SessionMiddleware',]
```

I am trying to save the 5 inputs of the first form into 1 variable called "wizard\_data". and add to it the other inputs value from second and third forms, respectively, and finally save all of them into the data base and clear the session.

Note:

**There are 4 steps as follow:**

- 1- First step : Common form. always used (this form has 5 inputs) as follow:  
1- country, 2- province, 3-city, 4- category, 5- sub\_category
- 2- Second step will use one of following forms based on category input selection in first step form:  
1- JobForm, or 2- ForSaleCarsTrucksForm, or 3- ForSaleOthersForm or 4- RealStatesForm, 5- CommunityForm, or 6- ServicesForm or 7- ResumesForm

There is extra condition to select between ForSaleCarsTrucksForm or ForSaleOthersForm. If user selected "for sale" category and then for subcategory "car" will be ForSaleCarsTrucksForm any other sub\_category selection will be ForSaleOthersForm

- 3- Third step: will be also based on category selection in first step, will be one of following form for images:  
1- JobImagesForm, or 2- ForSaleCarsTrucksImagesForm, or 3- ForSaleOthersImagesForm or 4- RealStatesImagesForm, 5- CommunityImagesForm, or 6- ServicesImagesForm or 7- ResumesImagesForm
- 4- Fourth step will include the following:  
1- Revalidate the whole form and save it to the data base  
2- clear the session  
3- destroy all temporary uploaded images in file system

**Note:**

- 1- must set a life time for a session to 20 minutes, once expires clear it from the data base
- 2- if the user left the form unsubmitted and did not close the browser, the session wan't expire and also the uploaded images will remain in the file system. Therefore, I need you to consider this case and take care of it while you are coding
- 3- You must use class-based view