

Session 1: Preparing the workspace

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1. Introduction

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Goals

- Be able to **create and maintain** a **Django webapp in production**
 - With **integrated payments** by **Mollie**
 - With **error monitoring** by **Sentry**
- Be able to **use Git** and **GitHub**
- Be able to **deploy** the webapp using **DigitalOcean**

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Who am I?

- Xander Warszawski
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- GitHub Campus Expert
- Pythonista since +/- 2017
- Django for side projects
- Last year: worked on C# Web API
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Slides

- Can be fetched from <https://xdoubleu.com/webdev-4-dummies-workshop/>
- I can also provide printed slides on request
- Code is also available here



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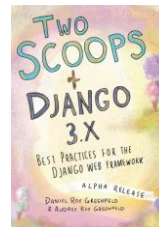
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Slides

- Slides are based on:
 - **'Django for Professionals 4.0'** by William S. Vincent
 - **'Speed Up Your Django Tests'** by Adam Johnson
 - **'Two Scoops of Django'** by Audrey R. Greenfeld and Danny R. Greenfeld
 - **'The Temple of Django Database Performance'** by Andrew Brookins



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Scope of this workshop series

- Web applications / web apps:
 - App stored on remote server
 - Delivered over internet through browser interface
- Front-end / client-side:
 - HTML
 - CSS
 - JS
- Back-end / server-side:
 - In this case: Python
 - Other options:
 - JS/TS
 - Ruby
 - PHP
- I'll try to cover both, but back-end is my 'expertise'

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What is Django?

- From the Django docs:
 - ***Django is a high-level Python web framework that encourages rapid development and clean, pragmatic design. Built by experienced developers, it takes care of much of the hassle of web development, so you can focus on writing your app without needing to reinvent the wheel. It's free and open source.***
- Used by:
 - Instagram
 - Spotify
 - Pinterest
 - Bitbucket

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Why use Django?

- Features (from Django docs):
 - **Ridiculously fast:** devs can take applications from concept to completion very fast
 - **Fully loaded:** handles lots of overhead out of the box (e.g. user authentication)
 - **Reassuringly secure:** lots of security features out of the box
 - **Exceedingly scalable:** can flexibly scale to meet the heaviest traffic demands
 - **Incredibly versatile:** lots of different use cases and uses

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Python cheat sheet

- Django uses specific code that doesn't contain a lot of logic
 - Basic Python knowledge is sufficient
 - <https://www.pythoncheatsheet.org/>
- If you want to practice programming (in Python):
 - <https://www.hackerrank.com/>
 - <https://leetcode.com/>

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Timing

- 05/10: Introduction + setup
- 12/10: Basics of Django
- 19/10: Varia
- 26/10: Preparing for Deployment
- 09/11: Deployment
- 16/11: Practice everything on your own

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2. Installing tools

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Python install

- <https://www.python.org/downloads/>
- Install now:
 - For all users
 - Add to PATH

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VSCode install

- <https://code.visualstudio.com/>
- Recommended extensions:
 - Bookmarks
 - Docker
 - GitLens
 - IntelliCode
 - Python
 - Django
 - SQLTools
 - + driver for PostGreSQL

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Git install

- <https://git-scm.com/download>
- Default everything

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Sourcetree install

- <https://www.sourcetreeapp.com/>
- Skip registration
- Install git
- SSH Key: No

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Docker install

- <https://www.docker.com/>

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3. Git and GitHub

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Introduction

- **Git** is a **VCS (Version Control System)**
 - Allows developers to store all versions of their code as one (= repository)
 - *Branching* and *merging*
- **GitHub** is a **Hub**
 - Hub? **A hub** airport is an airport used by one or more airlines **to concentrate** passenger **traffic** and flight **operations**.
 - So? GitHub is a **concentration of Git repositories**
 - Also publishing & collaboration tool

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Terminology

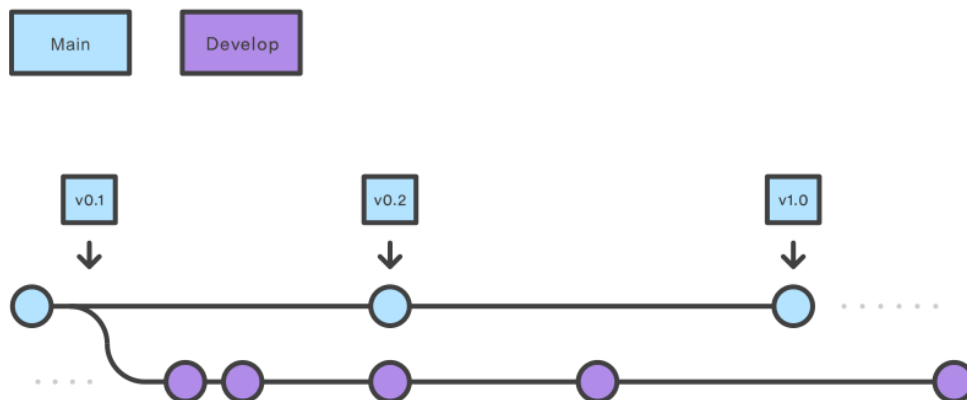
- **Repo(sitory)**: project 'folder' (code, docs); has all versions
- **Branch**: parallel version in repo
- **Commit**: saving changes in branch
- **Fork**: 'copy' existing repo
- **Merge**: merge branches or repo
- **Pull Request** (GH) / **Merge Request** (GL): request to merge branch or fork
- **Clone**: copy of repo, mostly offline
- **Fetch**: getting last version of online repo
- **Pull**: 'download' latest commits from remote repo to clone
- **Push**: 'upload' committed changes to remote repo
- **Reverse**: undo changes made in commit(s), useful for when application breaks in production
- **Cherry pick**: pick a certain commit out of the change history

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GitFlow Workflow 1: main & dev

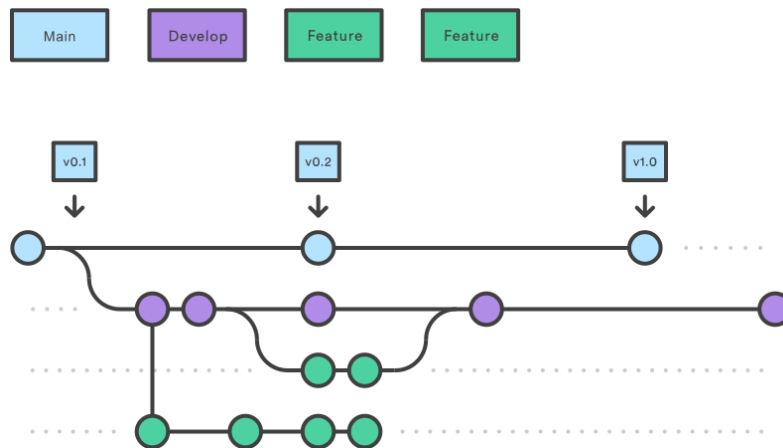


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GitFlow Workflow 2: feature



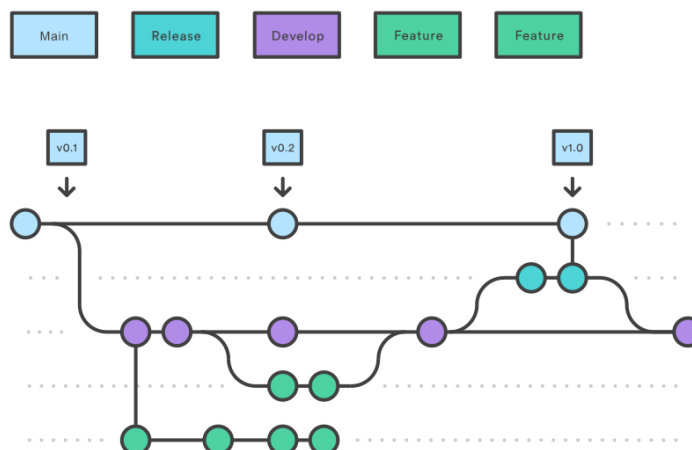
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GitFlow Workflow 3: release



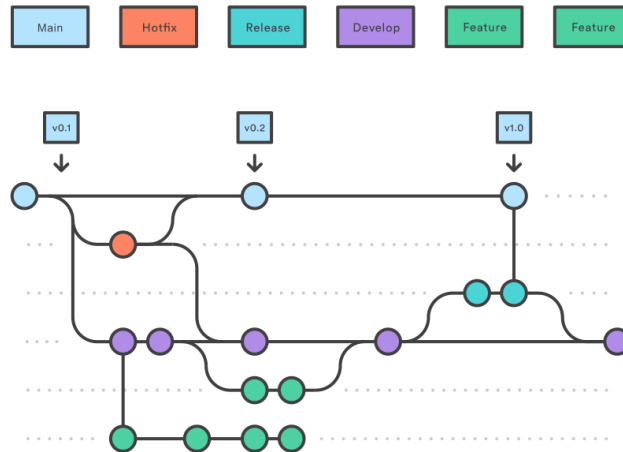
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GitFlow Workflow 4: hotfix



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GitFlow Workflow: overall flow

1. **Dev** branch from **main**
2. **Release** branch from **dev**
3. **Feature** branches from **dev**
4. **Feature** done? Merge in **dev**
5. **Release** done? Merge in **main** & **dev**
6. Issue in main? Create **hotfix** branch from **main**
7. **Hotfix** done? Merge in **main** & **dev**
8. Source: <https://www.atlassian.com/git/tutorials/comparing-workflows/gitflow-workflow>

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Questions?

- If you want to practice git:
 - <https://learngitbranching.js.org/>

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Practice

1. Create GitHub account: <https://github.com/signup>
2. Create repo:
 1. '+'-icon right upper corner > new repo;
 2. public or private up to you
 3. no readme
 4. no gitignore
3. Automatically delete head branches (Settings > General > Pull Requests)
4. Go to actions:
 1. Search for 'Django', click configure
 2. Remove run on push, add 'dev' to on PR branches
 3. Make sure python versions are: 3.8, 3.9, 3.10
 4. Start commit

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Practice

1. Setup dev branch:
 1. Click main > Type dev in “find or create a branch” > create dev branch from main
 2. Settings > branches
 3. Add branch protection rule for main and dev
 1. Require PR
 2. Disable require approvals
2. Clone using SourceTree
3. Add file:
 1. Checkout dev branch from remotes
 2. Create feature branch from dev
 3. Add file, commit file
 4. Create PR **to dev**
4. Django action will fail, merge anyways

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4. Django setup

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Git checkpoint

1. Create new feature branch

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Django installation

1. Make sure you have a GitHub repo on your pc and you're on a feature branch
2. Open the folder in VSCode, open a new terminal
3. **python -m venv .venv**
4. **.venv\Scripts\activate**
5. **pip install django**
6. Optional: **pip install --upgrade pip**
7. **pip freeze > requirements.txt**
8. **django-admin startproject config . (!! Don't forget dot at the end)**
9. **python manage.py migrate**
10. **python manage.py runserver**

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Git checkpoint

1. Add gitignore (<https://www.toptal.com/developers/gitignore>)
2. Commit changes + do a PR
3. Add require checks to branch protection
 1. "build 3.10" by example

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Questions?

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5. Docker setup

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Introduction

- Docker:
 - Type of virtualization that only uses Linux containers
 - Containers are created from images
 - Everything above the OS is virtualized
- Virtual environments:
 - Can only isolate Python packages
- We will use Docker to facilitate local runs only, not in deployment

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Git checkpoint

1. Create new feature branch

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Add Docker

1. Create a **Dockerfile** next to **manage.py**

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Dockerfile (1)

```
# Pull base image
FROM python:3.10.4-slim-bullseye

# Set environment variables
ENV PIP_DISABLE_PIP_VERSION_CHECK 1
ENV PYTHONDONTWRITEBYTECODE 1
ENV PYTHONUNBUFFERED 1
```

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Dockerfile (2)

```
# Set work directory
WORKDIR /code

# Install dependencies
COPY ./requirements.txt .
RUN pip install -r requirements.txt

# Copy project
COPY . .
```

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Add Docker

1. Create a **Dockerfile** next to **manage.py**
2. Add **.dockerignore** (similar to .gitignore)

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.dockerignore

```
.venv  
.git  
.gitignore
```

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Add Docker

1. Create a **Dockerfile** next to **manage.py**
2. Add **.dockerignore** (similar to .gitignore)
3. Add **docker-compose.yml**

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docker-compose.yml

```
version: "3.9"

services:
  web:
    build: .
    command: python manage.py runserver 0.0.0.0:8000
    volumes:
      - ./code
    ports:
      - "8000:8000"
```

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Add Docker

1. Create a **Dockerfile** next to **manage.py**
2. Add **.dockerignore** (similar to .gitignore)
3. Add **docker-compose.yml**
4. Execute: **docker-compose up -d --build**
5. To stop:
 1. **docker-compose down**

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Database

- Django has built-in support for five databases:
 - PostgreSQL
 - MariaDB / MySQL
 - Oracle
 - SQLite
- Code is the same for each one, Django ORM & drivers handle the differences

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Add database

1. Pip install **psycpg2-binary** & freeze
2. Update **docker-compose.yml**

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docker-compose.yml (1)

```
version: "3.9"

services:
  web:
    build: .
    command: python manage.py runserver 0.0.0.0:8000
    volumes:
      - ./code
    ports:
      - "8000:8000"
    depends_on:
      - db
```

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docker-compose.yml (2)

```
db:
  image: postgres:13
  volumes:
    - postgres_data:/var/lib/postgresql/data
  ports:
    - "5432:5432"
  environment:
    - "POSTGRES_HOST_AUTH_METHOD=trust"
```

```
volumes: #level of services
  postgres_data:
```

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Add database

1. Pip install **psycopg2-binary** & freeze
2. Update **docker-compose.yml**
3. Update **config/settings.py**

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config/settings.py

```
DATABASES = {
    'default': {
        'ENGINE': 'django.db.backends.postgresql',
        'NAME': 'postgres',
        'USER': 'postgres',
        'PASSWORD': 'postgres',
        'HOST': 'db', # set in docker-compose.yml
        'PORT': 5432 # default port
    }
}
```

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Spin up containers

docker-compose up -d --build:

docker-compose exec web python manage.py migrate

docker-compose exec web python manage.py createsuperuser

docker-compose down

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Git checkpoint

1. Commit changes
2. Create PR

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