Django

Django Framework

Python created by □□□□□ □□□ □□□□ in 1991.

Introduction to Django:

- Django is a Python framework that makes it easier to create web sites using Python.
- Django takes care of the difficult stuff so that you can concentrate on building your web applications.
- Django emphasizes reusability of components, also referred to as DRY (Don't Repeat Yourself), and comes with ready-to-use features like login system, database connection and CRUD operations (Create Read Update Delete).
- Django is a high-level Python web framework that encourages rapid development and clean, pragmatic design. It follows the MVC (Model-View-Controller) architecture pattern but with slight variations, where the "Model" is handled by Django's ORM, the "View" is represented by Django's views, and the "Controller" is handled by Django itself.

Installing Django:

- Django can be installed using Python's package manager, pip. The command `pip install django` installs the latest version of Django. It's recommended to install Django in a virtual environment to isolate its dependencies from other projects.
- Create the Virtual Environment: `python -m venv venv`
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  python -m pip install Django==5.0.6
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Setting up a database:

- Django supports multiple databases such as SQLite, PostgreSQL, MySQL, and Oracle. You can configure the database settings in the `settings.py` file of your Django project. For example, to use PostgreSQL, you would set `DATABASES['default']['ENGINE'] = 'django.db.backends.postgresql'` and configure the database name, user, password, and host.
- default database file name for SQLite - **db.sqlite3**

Starting a project:

- You can start a new Django project using the `django-admin` command. For example, `django-admin startproject myproject` creates a new Django project called "**myproject**". This command creates a directory structure with files for settings, URLs, and the project's main Python package.

Difference between an App and a Project:

- In Django, a project is a collection of settings for an instance of Django, including database configuration, Django-specific options, and application-specific settings. It represents a complete web application.
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- **A project** is typically the **top-level directory** that contains all the files and directories needed for a *Django application to run*.
- a project's default file names include settings.py (for project settings), urls.py (for URL patterns), wsgi.py (for WSGI deployment), asgi.py (for ASGI deployment), manage.py (for project management)
- An application is typically designed to serve a *specific purpose* or *feature* within a project, and can include *models, views, templates,* and *static files.*
- In a Django app, the default file names include init.py (for package recognition), models.py (for database models), views.py (for view functions), admin.py (for admin interface registration), and apps.py (for app configuration).

Role of Flask and Django:

- Flask and Django are both popular Python web frameworks, but they different in their design philosophies and complexity. Flask is a microframework that is simple and lightweight, making it suitable for small-scale applications and prototypes. It provides flexibility and allows developers to choose the components they need.
- Django, on the other hand, is a full-stack framework that includes everything needed to build web applications out of the box. It follows the "batteries-included" philosophy, providing a set of components for common web development tasks such as authentication, routing, and templating.

Basics of Dynamic Web Pages:

- Dynamic web pages are pages that can change content based on user interactions or other variables. Unlike static web pages, which are fixed and display the same content to every user, dynamic web pages can display different content to different users or at different times.
- In Django, dynamic web pages are created using templates, which are HTML files that can include placeholders for dynamic content. These placeholders are filled in with data from the server before the page is sent to the client's browser.

Dynamic Content:

- Dynamic content in Django is typically generated using the Django template language (DTL). DTL allows you to embed Python-like code in your HTML templates to dynamically generate content.
- Dynamic content can also be generated using Django's views, which are Python functions that process requests and return responses. Views can query databases, interact with other web services, or perform other tasks to generate dynamic content.

Mapping URLs to views:

- URL mapping in Django is done using the `urls.py` file in each app. This file contains a list of URL patterns and their corresponding view functions.
- Each URL pattern is defined using a regular expression and is associated with a specific view function. When a request is made to a URL, Django matches the URL to a pattern in the `urls.py` file and calls the corresponding view function to generate the response.

Request Processing by Django:

- When a request is made to a Django web application, Django follows a predefined process to handle the request and generate a response.
- The request passes through **middleware**, which can modify or intercept the request before it reaches the view function.
- The URL dispatcher then matches the request to a view function based on the requested URL.
- The view function processes the request, typically by querying a database or performing some other action to generate the response.
- Finally, the response is sent back to the client's browser.

An Overview of the Settings File in Django:

- The settings file in Django (`settings.py`) contains configuration settings for the Django project. These settings include database configuration, static files configuration, middleware settings, and more.
- The settings file is used to customize the behavior of the Django project and to store sensitive information such as secret keys and database passwords.

Pretty Error Pages:

- Django provides a built-in mechanism for customizing error pages, such as the 404 (Page Not Found) and 500 (Server Error) pages.
- You can create custom templates for these error pages and configure Django to use them by defining `handler404` and `handler500` views in your `urls.py` file.

The Django Template System:

- The Django template system is a way to dynamically generate HTML, XML, or any other text-based format using templates. Templates are HTML files with embedded Django template language (DTL) syntax.
- The template system allows you to create dynamic web pages by inserting variables, loops, conditionals, and other logic into your HTML.

Template System Basics:

- Django's template system uses double curly braces `{{ }}` to output variables and single curly braces `{% %}` for template tags, which control the logic of the template.
- Template tags can include loops (`for`), conditionals (`if`), includes (for reusing templates), and more.

Using the Template System:

- To use the template system in Django, you create templates in the `templates` directory of your app and then render these templates in your views using the `render` function.

Basic Templates and Filters:

- Templates in Django can include filters, which are used to modify variables before they are displayed. Filters are applied using the pipe (`|`) character.
- For example, `{{ variable|filter }}` would apply a filter to the variable before displaying it.

How to Configure Templates:

- Django's template system is configured in the project's settings file (`settings.py`). You can configure settings such as the template directories, context processors, and template engines.

Template Loading:

- Django uses a template loader to find and load templates from the `templates` directories of your apps. By default, Django looks for templates in the `templates` subdirectory of each app.

Template Inheritance:

- Template inheritance allows you to create a base template that contains the common elements of your site (e.g., header, footer) and then extend this base template in other templates.
- Child templates can override specific blocks of content from the parent template using the `{% block %}` tag.

Interacting with Databases:

- Interacting with databases in Django can be done in two main ways: the "dumb way" and the "MTV way" (Model-Template-View way).
- The "dumb way" refers to directly writing SQL queries in your views or other parts of your code to interact with the database. This approach is discouraged in Django as it bypasses Django's ORM and can lead to security vulnerabilities and code that is difficult to maintain.
- The "MTV way" involves using Django's ORM (Object-Relational Mapping) to interact with the database. This approach is recommended as it abstracts away the details of the database and allows you to work with Python objects instead of raw SQL.

Configuring the Database:

- Django's database configuration is done in the `DATABASES` setting in your project's settings file (`settings.py`). You can configure the database engine, name, user, password, host, and other options.
- Django supports multiple database engines, including SQLite (for development), PostgreSQL, MySQL, and Oracle.

Defining Models in Python:

- Models in Django are Python classes that define the structure of your database tables. Each model class corresponds to a table in the database, and each attribute of the class corresponds to a field in the table.
- Models define the fields (e.g., CharField, IntegerField) and relationships (e.g., ForeignKey, ManyToManyField) between tables.

Selecting and Deleting Objects:

- To select objects from the database using Django's ORM, you use the `.objects` attribute of the model class, followed by a method like `.all()` to select all objects or `.filter()` to filter objects based on certain criteria.
- To delete objects, you can use the `.delete()` method on a queryset (a list of objects).

What are Migrations and Why We Do That:

- Migrations in Django are a way to manage changes to your database schema over time. They allow you to keep your database schema in sync with your Django models as they evolve.
- When you make changes to your models (e.g., adding a new field), Django generates a migration file that contains the necessary SQL commands to apply those changes to the database.
- Migrations are important because they allow you to make changes to your database schema without losing data or having to manually write SQL migration scripts.

The Django Administration Site:

- The Django administration site is a built-in feature of Django that provides a web-based interface for managing your site's data. It allows you to view, add, edit, and delete objects from your database without writing any custom views or forms.

Activating the Admin Interface:

- To activate the admin interface, you need to add `'django.contrib.admin'` to the `INSTALLED_APPS` setting in your project's `settings.py` file. You also need to run `python manage.py migrate` to create the necessary database tables.

Using the Admin Interface:

- Once the admin interface is activated, you can access it by navigating to the `/admin` URL of your site. You will be prompted to log in with a username and password.
- Once logged in, you can view and manage objects from your database using the interface. Django automatically generates forms for each model in your project, making it easy to add, edit, and delete objects.

Customizing the Interface:

- You can customize the admin interface in Django by creating a custom admin class for your models. This allows you to specify which fields are displayed, how they are displayed, and what actions are available (e.g., delete selected objects).

Creating a Superuser in Python:

- To create a superuser (admin user) in Django, you can use the `createsuperuser` management command. Run `python manage.py createsuperuser` and follow the prompts to create a superuser account.

What are Models?:

- Models in Django are Python classes that define the structure of your database tables. Each model class corresponds to a table in the database, and each attribute of the class corresponds to a field in the table.

Models and Admin Linkup:

- When you define a model in Django, you can also create a corresponding admin class to customize how the model is displayed in the admin interface. This allows you to control which fields are displayed and how they are displayed.

Modelform Creation:

- Django provides a `ModelForm` class that allows you to create forms directly from your models. This makes it easy to create forms for adding or editing objects in your database.

Form Processing:

- Form processing in Django involves creating HTML forms and handling form submissions in views. Django provides a Form class that helps with form creation, validation, and processing.

Creating a Feedback Form:

- To create a feedback form in Django, you would define a Form class that represents the fields of your form, create a template to display the form, and write a view to handle form submissions.

Custom Look and Feel:

- You can customize the look and feel of your forms in Django by using CSS to style the form elements. Django also provides widgets that allow you to customize the appearance of form fields.

Creating Forms and Models:

- In Django, forms are typically created using the `Form` class from the `django.forms` module. You define a form class that specifies the fields of the form, and Django takes care of rendering the form in HTML and processing form submissions.
- Models are Python classes that define the structure of your database tables. You can create forms from models using Django's `ModelForm` class, which automatically generates a form based on a model's fields.

Form Validation:

- Django provides built-in form validation to ensure that the data submitted in a form is valid. You can define validation rules for each form field, and Django will automatically validate the form when it is submitted.

What is Context in Django:

- Context in Django refers to a dictionary-like object that is passed to templates when they are rendered. Context contains data that you want to display in the template, such as variables, lists, or querysets.

Custom Form:

- You can create custom forms in Django by subclassing the `Form` class and defining your own fields and validation logic. Custom forms are useful when you need to create a form that is not based on a model.

Setting Up Email in Your Projects:

- To set up email in your Django project, you need to configure the `EMAIL_BACKEND` setting in your `settings.py` file to use a specific email backend (e.g., SMTP, console).
- You also need to configure other email settings such as `EMAIL_HOST`, `EMAIL_PORT`, `EMAIL_USE_TLS`, `EMAIL_HOST_USER`, and `EMAIL_HOST_PASSWORD` depending on the email backend you are using.

1. Streamlining Function Imports:

◦ Streamlining function imports in Django involves organizing your views and other functions into modules and packages to make them easier to manage and import.

◦ You can use relative imports (from . import views) to import functions from modules in the same package or directory.

Using Named Groups:

◦ Named groups in URLconfs allow you to capture parts of the URL and pass them as arguments to your view functions. This is done using the (?P<name>...) syntax in regular expressions.

◦ For example, in the URL pattern path('articles/(?P<year>\d{4})/', views.article_year), the year part of the URL is captured and passed as an argument to the article_year view function.

Capturing Texts in URLs:

◦ In Django's URL patterns, you can use regular expressions to capture parts of the URL and pass them as arguments to your view functions. This is useful for creating dynamic URLs that can handle different types of requests.

◦ For example, in the URL pattern path('books/<int:book_id>/', views.book_detail), the book_id part of the URL is captured as an integer and passed to the book_detail view function.

URL Routing:

◦ URL routing in Django involves mapping URL patterns to view functions in your URLconf. Django uses a urls.py file in each app to define URL patterns and their corresponding views.

◦ You can use the path() function to define URL patterns that match specific URLs and route them to the appropriate view functions.

What is Render and Relative Import:

◦ In Django, the render() function is used to render templates with a given context. It takes a request object, a template name, and an optional context dictionary as arguments and returns an HttpResponse object with the rendered template.

◦ Relative imports in Python allow you to import modules or objects from the same package or a parent package using dot notation (from . import views).

URL Names as Links:

◦ In Django templates, you can use the {% url %} template tag to create links to named URL patterns. This allows you to create links that are independent of the actual URL path, making your templates more maintainable.
◦ For example, {% url 'myapp:view_name' %} would create a link to the URL pattern named 'view_name' in the 'myapp' app.

Using Generic Views:

- Generic views in Django are pre-built views that can be used to perform common tasks such as displaying a list of objects, displaying a detail view of an object, creating a new object, updating an existing object, and deleting an object.
- Generic views are designed to be flexible and easy to use, allowing you to quickly create views for your Django project without writing a lot of code.

Generic Views of Objects:

- Generic views for objects in Django are views that are used to perform CRUD (Create, Read, Update, Delete) operations on a model.
- For example, the `ListView` generic view can be used to display a list of objects from a model, the `DetailView` view can be used to display details of a single object, and the `CreateView`, `UpdateView`, and `DeleteView` views can be used to create, update, and delete objects, respectively.

Course Name:

- The course you're referring to could be something like "Django Web Development: Using Generic Views" or "Mastering Django Generic Views: A Comprehensive Guide."

Extending Generic Views:

- You can extend generic views in Django by creating custom views that inherit from the generic views provided by Django.
- This allows you to customize the behavior of the generic views to suit your specific requirements. For example, you can override the `get_queryset()` method of a `ListView` to filter the list of objects based on certain criteria.

Extending Template Engine:

- Django's template engine can be extended to add custom template tags, filters, and extensions. This allows you to add new functionality to the template system to suit your needs.
- You can extend the template engine by creating custom template tags and filters using Python, and then registering them with the template system.

Template Language Review:

- Django's template language is a lightweight markup language that allows you to define the structure of your HTML templates. It provides syntax for variables, filters, tags, and template inheritance.
- Variables are enclosed in double curly braces `{{ variable }}`, filters are applied using the pipe character `{{`

`variable|filter }}`, and tags control the logic of the template `{% tag %}`.

Request Context and Processor:

- Request context in Django allows you to pass additional data to your templates that is specific to the current request. This can include information about the current user, the current page being viewed, or any other data you want to make available in your templates.
- Context processors are functions that take a request object as input and return a dictionary of context data. These functions are called for every request and can add data to the request context.

Inside Template Loading:

- Template loading in Django refers to the process of loading templates from the filesystem or other sources. Django uses a template loader to find and load templates.
- You can customize the template loading process by creating custom template loaders that load templates from alternative sources, such as a database or remote server.

Writing Custom Template Loaders:

- Writing custom template loaders in Django involves creating a Python class that implements the `Loader` interface. This class should define a `load_template` method that takes a template name and returns a `Template` object.
- Custom template loaders can be used to load templates from non-standard locations or to implement caching or other optimizations.

Sessions and Registration:

- Sessions in Django allow you to store and retrieve arbitrary data for a user across requests. This can be useful for storing information such as a user's login status or preferences.
- Registration in Django refers to the process of allowing users to create accounts on your website. This typically involves collecting information such as username, email, and password from the user.

Django's Session Framework:

- Django's session framework uses a session middleware to manage sessions for each user. The session middleware adds a `session` attribute to the request object, which allows you to access and modify session data.
- Session data is stored in the database by default, but you can configure Django to use other storage backends such as cache or file-based storage.

Users and Authentication:

- Django provides a built-in authentication system that allows you to manage users and handle user authentication in your web application.
- The authentication system includes features such as user registration, login, logout, password management, and user permissions.

Permissions, Groups, Messages, and Roles:

- Permissions in Django allow you to define what actions a user can perform in your application. Permissions can be

assigned to individual users or to groups of users.

- Groups in Django allow you to group users together and assign permissions to the entire group. This can simplify permission management, especially for large applications.
- Messages in Django are a way to display temporary messages to users, such as success messages after a form submission or error messages when something goes wrong.
- Roles in Django are often implemented using groups and permissions. For example, you might have a "staff" group with permissions to access certain parts of your application, and a "manager" group with additional permissions.

Adding Authentication in Django Project with Registration Redux Module:

- Registration Redux is a Django app that provides user registration and authentication functionality out of the box. To add authentication to your Django project using Registration Redux, you would typically install the app, configure your project settings to include the app, and then use the provided views and templates to set up user registration and authentication.

Here's a step-by-step guide to using Git and GitHub:

1. **Creating a Git Account**:

- Go to GitHub and sign up for a free account if you don't already have one. Follow the instructions to create your account.

1. **Cloning the Repository**:

- Go to the repository you want to clone on GitHub.
- Click on the "Code" button and copy the URL of the repository.
- Open your terminal and use the `git clone` command followed by the repository URL to clone the repository to your local machine.

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    ```
    git clone https://github.com/username/repository.git
    ```
```

1. **Adding a File**:

- Navigate to the directory of the cloned repository on your local machine.
- Add your file to the repository directory.

1. **Committing the File**:

- Use the `git add` command to stage your file for commit.

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    git add filename
    ```
```

- Use the `git commit` command to commit your file with a commit message.

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```
git commit -m "Your commit message"
```

1. **Git Push**:

- Use the `git push` command to push your changes to the remote repository on GitHub.

```
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git push origin main
```
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- Replace `main` with the name of your branch if you are working on a different branch.

1. **Removing a File**:

- Use the `git rm` command to remove a file from the repository.

```
```
git rm filename
```
```

- Commit and push your changes to remove the file from the remote repository.

Remember to replace `username/repository` with your GitHub username and the name of your repository.