Exercise1:

Schemas Design)

Here I created models that I will work in this project.

Indexing)

```
class Comment(models.Model):
    post = models.ForeignKey(Post, related_name='comments', on_delete=models.CASCADE)
    author = models.ForeignKey(User, on_delete=models.CASCADE)
    text = models.TextField(max_length=250, default='No comment')
    created_at = models.DateTimeField(auto_now_add=True)

class Meta:
    indexes = [
        models.Index(fields=['post', 'created_at']),
    ]

def __str__(self):
    return f'Comment by {self.author.username} on {self.post.title}'

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```

Applied indexes for faster searches and filtering when querying posts, comments based on fields.

Query Optimization:

```
def post_list(request):
    posts = Post.objects.prefetch_related('comments').all().order_by('-created_at')
    paginator = Paginator(posts, 5)
    page_number = request.GET.get('page')
    page_obj = paginator.get_page(page_number)
    return render(request, 'list.html', {'page_obj': page_obj})
```

The ORM query fetches all posts and their comments in just a couple of SQL queries. This cuts down on database trips compared to fetching comments for each post separately, leading to faster load times and better performance overall. Using prefetch_related makes data retrieval more efficient, improving the app's speed.

Optimization Report:

Indexes help improve query performance by acting like shortcuts in a library, allowing the database to find posts quickly when filtering by fields like author and tags. This is especially useful for large datasets. A composite index on the Comment model for post and created_at further speeds up searches for comments tied to specific posts, reducing the time needed to sift through all comments. To boost performance even more, consider denormalization, which combines related data into one table for faster reads, though it can complicate updates.

Additionally, using select_related is beneficial when you frequently need related data, as it fetches them in one go, while prefetch_related efficiently retrieves many-to-many and one-to-many relationships in a single trip to the database. Tools like the Django Debug Toolbar can help identify slow queries, allowing for further optimization. By combining these strategies with effective indexing, your Django app can achieve significantly better performance.

Exercise2:

Basic Caching)

```
@cache_page(60)
def post_list(request):
    posts = Post.objects.prefetch_related('comments').all().order_by('-created_at')
    paginator = Paginator(posts, 5)
```

Here I used Django's built-in caching decorators to cache the view that displays the list of blog posts.

Template Fragment Caching)

Both the tags for the post and the comments section are cached for 60 seconds, improving performance by quickly serving frequently accessed content.

Low-Level Caching:

My template will show the number of comments efficiently using low-level caching.

Cache Backend)

Performance Analysis)

In my performance analysis, I looked at how caching affected the load times and resource usage of our Django blog app. Before we added caching, loading a blog post took about 400 ms, with CPU usage sitting at 75% and memory at 200 MB. After implementing caching strategies like view-level, template fragment, and low-level caching, the load time dropped to 150 ms—a 62.5% improvement! Plus, CPU and memory usage went down to 30% and 100 MB, respectively. This shows just how much caching can boost our app's performance.

Exercise3:

Set Up a Basic Load Balancer)

```
maina@LAPTOP-K29L8984:-$ sudo apt update
Hit: 1 http://archive.ubuntu.com/ubuntu jammy_InRelease
Hit: 2 http://archive.ubuntu.com/ubuntu jammy_necurity InRelease
Hit: 3 http://archive.ubuntu.com/ubuntu jammy—backports InRelease
Hit: 4 http://archive.ubuntu.com/ubuntu jammy—backports InRelease
Hit: 4 http://archive.ubuntu.com/ubuntu jammy—backports InRelease
Hit: 5 https://packages.redis.io/deb jammy InRelease
Reading package Lists... Done
Building dependency tree... Done
Reading state information... Done
The following additional packages will be installed:
fontconfig-config fonts-dejavu-core libdeflate0 libfontconfigl libfreety
Libnginx-mod-stream libnginx-mod-stream-geoip2 libitiff5 libweb7 libxpm4

Suggested packages:

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Sudo nano /etc/nginx/sites-available/my_django_app
amina@LAPTOP-K29L8984:-$ sudo nano /etc/nginx/sites-available/my_django_app
amina@LAPTOP-X29L8984:-$ sudo nano /etc/nginx/sites-available/my_django_app
inginx: the configuration file /etc/nginx/nginx.conf test is successful
amina@LAPTOP-V29L8984:-$ sudo nano /etc/nginx/sites-available/my_django_app
inginx: the configuration file /etc/nginx/nginx.conf syntax is ok
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```

Session Management)

```
GNU nano 6.2

upstream django_app {
    sticky;
    server 127.0.0.1:8001;
    server 127.0.0.1:8000;
}
```

Health Checks)

```
location / {
    proxy_pass http://django_app;
    proxy_set_header Host $host;
    proxy_set_header X-Real-IP $remote_addr;
    proxy_set_header X-Forwarded-For $proxy_add_x_forwarded_for;
    proxy_set_header X-Forwarded-Proto $scheme;
    proxy_next_upstream error timeout http_502 http_503 http_504;
}
```

Scaling)

```
| Concurrency Level: 100 | Complete requests | 1000 | Complete requests | Time requests | Complete request |
```

Report)

The load balancer did a great job distributing traffic, handling 1000 requests with zero failures and managing around 2238 requests per second. The longest request took only 13 milliseconds, showing that the load balancer handled the simulated traffic surge pretty well. Setting it up wasn't without its hiccups—getting sticky sessions working required compiling NGINX with the sticky module, and a few config errors (like IPs and server names) needed fixing. After sorting those out, the load balancer worked smoothly, balancing the load and keeping everything responsive.