

INTRO TO PYTHON AND DJANGO

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WELCOME

- Introduction
- Python tutorial
- Django tutorial
- Questions

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- These were slides I made for a presentation
- Viewed by themselves without the talk might make some of the slides less clear.

INTRO

- About Ken
- Django Maine
- Sponsors
- Food
- Raffle

KEN COCHRANE

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- Using python / django for about 5 years

DJANGO MAINE

- Started over a year ago
- Meets once a month
- <http://www.DjangoMaine.com>

SPONSORS

- Base36 - Providing the food + Swag
- dotCloud - Swag for raffle

QUESTIONS

- How many people have used python before?
- How many people have used Django before?



PYTHON

PYTHON

- Created 1991
- Guido van Rossum
- <http://python.org>
- Current versions: 2.7.3, 3.3.0

WHAT IS PYTHON?

- General purpose, high-level scripting language
- Clear syntax and is expressive
- Batteries included
- Supports object oriented and functional programming

IMPLEMENTATIONS

- CPython (c) (most common)
- PyPy (python)
- Jython (Java)
- IronPython (.NET)

PYTHON 2 OR 3?

- Python 2 is the status quo. (use 2.7.x)
- Python 3.x is the present and the future
- If you can use 3, do it. If not use 2.7.x with 3 in mind.

INTERPRETERS

- **python** (comes standard)
- **Ipython** (<http://ipython.org>)
- **Bpython** (<http://bpython-interpreter.org>)

CODE FORMATTING

- Formatting matters
- No useless curly braces
- No tabs, all spaces
- use 4 spaces instead of 1 tab
- Tip: Turn on hidden symbols in editor

EDITORS

- TextMate (OS X)
- SublimeText
- TextPad, notepad++(windows)
- Vi, Emacs
- many many more

IDEs

- PyCharm
- Komodo
- Wing IDE
- many more

HELLO NAME

Simple python example

```
>>> def hello(name):  
...     print("Hello {}".format(name))  
...  
>>> hello('ken')  
Hello ken
```


COMMON DATATYPES

- String
- int
- float
- long
- boolean
- dict
- list
- set

DATA TYPE EXAMPLES

```
>>> string_variable = "string"
>>> int_variable = 24
>>> float_variable = 2.4
>>> list_variable = [1, 2, 3, 4]
>>> dict_variable = {'a':1, 2:'b', 'c':'c'}
>>> tuple_variable = (1, 2)
>>> boolean_variable = True
```


STRING

```
>>> a = "String Sentence!"
>>> a
'String Sentence!'
>>> a.upper()
'STRING SENTENCE!'
>>> a.lower()
'string sentence!'
>>> a.split(" ")
['String', 'Sentence!']
```


STRING CONT.

```
>>> a.strip()
'String Sentence!'
>>> a.replace('!', '?')
'String Sentence?'
>>> a.startswith('Str')
True
>>> len(a)
16
>>> b = " other sentence"
>>> a + b
'String Sentence! other sentence'
```


STRING FORMATTING

```
>>> "Cat in the %s" % ('hat')  
'Cat in the hat'
```

```
>>> "Cat in the {0}".format("hat")  
'Cat in the hat'
```

```
>>> "Cat in the {0} knows nothing about {1}".format("Hat", "That")  
'Cat in the Hat knows nothing about That'
```

```
>>> "Cat in the {thing}".format(thing='hat')  
'Cat in the hat'
```

```
>>> "Cat in the {thing}, where is my {thing}".format(thing='hat')  
'Cat in the hat, where is my hat'
```


NUMBERS AND MATH

- $+$ plus
- $-$ minus
- $/$ slash
- $*$ asterisk
- $\%$ percent
- $<$ less-than
- $>$ greater-than
- $<=$ less-than or equal
- $>=$ greater-than or equal
- $==$ equal
- $!=$ not equal

MATH EXAMPLES

```
>>> a = 5
>>> a
5
>>> a + 5
10
>>> a - 6
-1
>>> a = a + 5
>>> a
10
>>> a += 1
```

```
>>> a
11
>>> a / 2
5
>>> a / 2.0
5.5
>>> 5 % 2
1
>>> 5 / 2
2
```


LISTS

```
>>> l = [1, 2, 3]
>>> l.append(4)
>>> l
[1, 2, 3, 4]
>>> l.pop()
4
>>> l
[1, 2, 3]
>>> l.reverse()
>>> l
[3, 2, 1]
>>> l.count(1)
1
```

```
>>> l.remove(2)
>>> l
[3, 1]
>>> l.sort()
>>> l
[1, 3]
>>> l2 = ['a', 'b']
>>> l + l2
[1, 3, 'a', 'b']
```


DICTIONARIES

```
>>> d = {'a':1, 'b':2, 3:3, 'c':'c'}
>>> d
{'a': 1, 3: 3, 'c': 'c', 'b': 2}
>>> 'a' in d
True
>>> 'z' in d
False
>>> d['d'] = 'd'
>>> d
{'a': 1, 3: 3, 'c': 'c', 'b': 2, 'd': 'd'}
>>> e = {'e':'e'}
>>> d.update(e)
>>> d
{'a': 1, 'c': 'c', 3: 3, 'e': 'e', 'd': 'd', 'b': 2}
```


CONDITIONAL LOGIC

- $<$ less-than
- $>$ greater-than
- $<=$ less-than or equal
- $>=$ greater-than or equal
- $==$ equal
- $!=$ not equal
- “is” object identity
- “is not” negated object identity

IF STATEMENTS

Example of a simple if else statement

```
>>> a = 8
>>> if a > 10:
...     print("a is bigger than 10")
... elif a > 5:
...     print("a is bigger than 5")
... else:
...     print("a is <= 5")
...
a is bigger than 5
```


FOR LOOP

```
# loop 1 to 3
>>> for x in range(1, 4):
...     print(x)
1
2
3
>>> a = [1, 2, 3]
>>> for x in a:
...     print(x)
1
2
3
```


WHILE LOOP

```
>>> count = 0
>>> while count < 4:
...     print(count)
...     count += 1
0
1
2
3
```


FUNCTIONS

```
>>> def hello(name='fish'):  
...     print("hello {}".format(name))  
...  
...  
>>> hello()  
hello fish  
>>> hello("ken")  
hello ken  
>>> hello(name="kenny")  
hello kenny
```


FUNCTIONS CONT.

```
>>> def hello(first, last='Smith'):
...     print("hello {0} {1}".format(first, last))
...
>>> hello("ken", "cochrane")
hello ken cochrane
>>> hello("ken")
hello ken Smith

>>> hello("ken", last="cochrane")
hello ken cochrane

>>> hello()
Traceback (most recent call last):
  File "<input>", line 1, in <module>
TypeError: hello() takes at least 1 argument (0 given)

>>> hello(last="cochrane", "ken")
File "<input>", line 1
SyntaxError: non-keyword arg after keyword arg
```


FUNCTIONS CONT. 2

```
>>> def adder(a, b):  
...     return a + b  
...  
>>> adder(1, 2)  
3  
>>> def joiner(a, b):  
...     return a, b  
...  
>>> joiner(1, 2)  
(1, 2)
```


CLASSES

```
>>> class myclass(object):
...
...     def __init__(self, first, last):
...         self.first = first
...         self.last = last
...         self.status = "NEW"
...
...     def __repr__(self):
...         return u"{0} class".format(self.full_name)
...
...     def change_status(self, status):
...         self.status = status
...
...     @property
...     def full_name(self):
...         return "{0} {1}".format(self.first, self.last)
...
...
```


CLASSES CONT.

```
>>> my = myclass("joe", "smith")
```

```
>>> my
```

```
joe smith class
```

```
>>> my.first
```

```
'joe'
```

```
>>> my.last
```

```
'smith'
```

```
>>> my.full_name
```

```
'joe smith'
```

```
>>> my.status
```

```
'NEW'
```

```
>>> my.change_status("OLD")
```

```
>>> my.status
```

```
'OLD'
```


EXCEPTIONS

```
>>> def div(a, b):  
...     try:  
...         return a / b  
...     except ZeroDivisionError as exp:  
...         return 0  
...  
>>> div(2,1)  
2  
>>> div(2,0)  
0
```


EXCEPTIONS CONT.

```
>>> def div(a, b):  
...     try:  
...         return a / b  
...     except ZeroDivisionError as exc:  
...         raise Exception("Wha? Div by zero yo!")  
...  
>>> div(2,0)  
Traceback (most recent call last):  
  File "<input>", line 1, in <module>  
  File "<input>", line 5, in div  
Exception: Wha? Div by zero yo!
```


PYTHON RESOURCES

That was a very quick overview, look at these resources to learn more about python

- <http://python.org>
- <http://LearnPythonTheHardway.org>
- <http://www.CodeCademy.com>

django

DJANGO TUTORIAL

DJANGO TUTORIAL

- Guided tour using the Official Django tutorial
- <https://docs.djangoproject.com/en/1.4/intro/tutorial01/>
- There isn't enough time to go over everything, so I skipped some parts.

BEFORE WE GET STARTED

- Django Intro
- Installing python packages
- Install Django

WHAT IS DJANGO?

- Django is a High-level Python web framework that encourages rapid development and clean, pragmatic design.
- MVT - Model , View, Template

WHO USES DJANGO?

- Disqus
- Instagram
- Pinterest
- Mozilla
- Rdio
- Open Stack

BATTERIES INCLUDED

- ORM
- Templates
- Admin site
- Authentication/ Authorization
- I18N
- Forms
- Validators
- Caching
- Comments
- GeoDjango
- CSRF protection
- Sites
- testing
- Dev server
- Elegant URL design

INSTALLING DJANGO

- Today's Requirements:
 - Python 2.6.x+ (ideally 2.7.x)
 - distribute or setup tools
 - pip
 - virtualenv
 - virtualenv wrapper

PIP + DISTRIBUTE

- Tools for installing and managing python packages
- Pip requires Distribute

INSTALL DISTRIBUTE

```
$ curl -O http://python-distribute.org/  
distribute_setup.py
```

```
$ python distribute_setup.py
```

Or if you have easy_install you can run this:

```
$ easy_install distribute
```


INSTALL PIP

```
$ curl -O https://raw.githubusercontent.com/pypa/pip/master/contrib/get-pip.py
```

```
$ [sudo] python get-pip.py
```


VIRTUALENV

- Python Virtual Environments make it easier for you to manage multiple projects' dependencies on your machine at once
- <http://www.virtualenv.org>

INSTALL VIRTUALENV

```
$ [sudo] pip install virtualenv
```


VIRTUALENV WRAPPER

- Dealing with all of your virtualenv's can become a pain.
- Install Virtualenv Wrapper to help manage them.
- <http://virtualenvwrapper.readthedocs.org>

INSTALL VIRTUALENV WRAPPER

```
$ pip install virtualenvwrapper
```

Edit your shell startup script to include

```
source /usr/local/bin/virtualenvwrapper.sh
```


CREATE A VIRTUALENV

```
$ mkvirtualenv tutorial
```

```
# it should automatically switch, but if not run
```

```
$ workon tutorial
```


INSTALL DJANGO

```
$ pip install django==1.4.3
```


DJANGO-ADMIN.PY

- `django-admin.py` is Django's command-line utility for admin tasks
- Use it to start new projects
- <https://docs.djangoproject.com/en/1.4/ref/django-admin/>

CREATE A NEW PROJECT

Create a projects directory somewhere on your computer

```
$ mkdir -p ~/projects
```

```
$ cd ~/projects
```

```
$ django-admin.py startproject mysite
```


PROJECT DIRECTORY

```
mysite/  
    manage.py  
mysite/  
    __init__.py  
    settings.py  
    urls.py  
    wsgi.py
```


VERIFY PROJECT

- Let's make sure your django project is configured correctly.
- Best to do this now before you make any changes.
- `$ python manage.py runserver`
- Should have started with no errors.
- I'll come back to runserver a little later

SETTINGS.PY

- This is where you configure your Django application
- Lots of sane defaults
- Many more advanced ways of configuring settings, avoid for now

SETTINGS.PY CONT.

- Common things you need to change
 - DEBUG
 - ADMINS
 - DATABASES
 - TIME_ZONE
 - MEDIA_ROOT and STATIC_ROOT
 - INSTALLED_APPS
 - MIDDLEWARE
 - LOGGING

SETTINGS.PY CONT. 2

- For simplicity we will mostly keep the settings the way they are for now.
- Let's use SQLite for a database
- Change DATABASES.default.ENGINE to 'django.db.backends.sqlite3'
- Change DATABASES.default.NAME to 'tutorial.db'

SYNCDDB COMMAND

- The syncdb command looks at the INSTALLED_APPS setting and creates the needed database tables for the apps listed
- Creates superuser if one doesn't exist.
- `$ python manage.py syncdb`

ADD AN APP

- A Django project consists of Django apps
- `$ python manage.py startapp polls`

POLLS APP LAYOUT

```
polls/  
    __init__.py  
    models.py  
    tests.py  
    views.py
```


DJANGO MODELS

- A Model is a normal python file, usually named models.py
- Contains the essential fields and behaviors of the data you're storing.
- Generally, each model maps to a single database table

DJANGO MODELS CONT.

- Each model is a Python class that subclasses `django.db.models.Model`
- Each attribute of the model represents a database field.
- With all of this, Django gives you an automatically-generated database-access API.
- Creates the initial database tables for you.

MODEL FIELDS

- AutoField
- BigIntegerField
- BooleanField
- CharField
- CommaSeperatedIntegerField
- DateField
- DateTimeField
- DecimalField
- EmailField
- FileField
- FilePathField
- FloatField
- ImageField
- IntegerField
- IPAddressField
- GenericIPAddressField
- NullBooleanField
- PositiveIntegerField
- SlugField
- SmallIntegerField
- TextField
- TimeField
- URLField

MODEL FIELD OPTIONS

- null
- blank
- choices
- db_column
- db_index
- db_tablespace
- default
- editable
- error_messages
- help_text
- primary_key
- unique
- unique_for_date
- unique_for_month
- unique_for_year
- verbose_name
- validators

MODEL RELATIONSHIPS

- Foreign Key
- Many To Many
- One to One

POLLS/MODELS.PY

Add the following to your polls/models.py

```
from django.db import models

class Poll(models.Model):
    question = models.CharField(max_length=200)
    pub_date = models.DateTimeField('date published')

class Choice(models.Model):
    poll = models.ForeignKey(Poll)
    choice = models.CharField(max_length=200)
    votes = models.IntegerField()
```


ACTIVATING MODELS

- Adding that small bit of code allows Django to do the following:
 - Builds the “Create table” sql statement
 - Creates a python db api for accessing those db tables

ACTIVATING MODELS CONT.

- In order for Django to know about our new app, we need to add our app to our `INSTALLED_APPS` setting in our `Settings.py`

```
INSTALLED_APPS = (  
    'django.contrib.auth',  
    'django.contrib.contenttypes',  
    'django.contrib.sessions',  
    'django.contrib.sites',  
    'django.contrib.messages',  
    'django.contrib.staticfiles',  
    # Uncomment the next line to enable the admin:  
    # 'django.contrib.admin',  
    # Uncomment the next line to enable admin documentation:  
    # 'django.contrib.admindocs',  
    'polls', # <---- We added it here  
)
```


GENERATED MODEL SQL

- If you want to know what SQL will be run when you kick off syncdb, you can use the “sql” command
- `$ python manage.py sql polls`

```
BEGIN;  
CREATE TABLE "polls_poll" (  
    "id" serial NOT NULL PRIMARY KEY,  
    "question" varchar(200) NOT NULL,  
    "pub_date" timestamp with time zone NOT NULL  
);  
CREATE TABLE "polls_choice" (  
    "id" serial NOT NULL PRIMARY KEY,  
    "poll_id" integer NOT NULL REFERENCES "polls_poll" ("id") DEFERRABLE INITIALLY  
DEFERRED,  
    "choice" varchar(200) NOT NULL,  
    "votes" integer NOT NULL  
);  
COMMIT;
```


OTHER HELPFUL COMMANDS

- **validate** - Checks for any errors in your models
- **sqlcustom** - Outputs any custom sql statements that are defined for the app
- **sqlclear** - Outputs the necessary drop table statements for the app.
- **sqlindexes** - Outputs the create index statements
- **sqlall** - Outputs all sql (creates, custom, index, etc) for these models

RUNNING SYNCDB

- Run syncdb to create the new tables for your polls app
- `$ python manage.py syncdb`

DJANGO SHELL

- One of the cooler features of Django is the shell
- `$ python manage.py shell`
- Starts an interactive python shell that lets you play around with your app from the command line.
- Install Bpython or Ipython for more features

FIRE UP THE SHELL

- `$ python manage.py shell`

```
# Import the model classes we just wrote.
>>> from polls.models import Poll, Choice
>>> Poll.objects.all()
[]

# No polls are in the system yet.
>>> from django.utils import timezone
>>> p = Poll(question="What's new?", pub_date=timezone.now())

# Save the object into the database. You have to call save() explicitly.
>>> p.save()

>>> p.id
1
```


SHELL CONT.

```
# Access database columns via Python attributes.
```

```
>>> p.question
```

```
"What's new?"
```

```
>>> p.pub_date
```

```
datetime.datetime(2012, 2, 26, 13, 0, 0, 775217, tzinfo=<UTC>)
```

```
# Change values by changing the attributes, then calling save().
```

```
>>> p.question = "What's up?"
```

```
>>> p.save()
```

```
# objects.all() displays all the polls in the database.
```

```
>>> Poll.objects.all()
```

```
[<Poll: Poll object>]
```

```
# count all of objects in database
```

```
>>> Poll.objects.count()
```

```
1
```


MODELS CONT.

- Human readable object names

```
class Poll(models.Model):  
    # ...  
    def __unicode__(self):  
        return self.question  
  
class Choice(models.Model):  
    # ...  
    def __unicode__(self):  
        return self.choice
```


CUSTOM MODEL METHODS

- You can add your own methods to make your life easier.

```
import datetime
from django.utils import timezone
# ...
class Poll(models.Model):
    # ...
    def was_published_recently(self):
        return self.pub_date >= timezone.now() -
datetime.timedelta(days=1)
```


DJANGO ADMIN SITE

- Another powerful part of Django is the automatic admin interface.
- It reads the metadata in your model to provide a powerful, production ready interface
- It is disabled by default

ACTIVATING DJANGO ADMIN

- settings.py
 - Uncomment “django.contrib.admin” in INSTALLED_APPS setting.
- urls.py
 - Uncomment the 3 lines shown in the comments, to be for admin.
- Run syncdb to create table

URLS.PY

- The `urls.py` is a way to map application urls to django application views.
- We will go into more detail in a little bit

ACTIVATING DJANGO ADMIN CONT.

- mysite/urls.py when finished

```
from django.conf.urls import patterns, include, url

# Uncomment the next two lines to enable the admin:
from django.contrib import admin
admin.autodiscover()

urlpatterns = patterns('',
    # Examples:
    # url(r'^$', '{{ project_name }}.views.home', name='home'),
    # url(r'^{{ project_name }}/ ', include('{{ project_name }}.foo.urls')),

    # Uncomment the admin/doc line below to enable admin documentation:
    # url(r'^admin/doc/', include('django.contrib.admindocs.urls')),

    # Uncomment the next line to enable the admin:
    url(r'^admin/', include(admin.site.urls)),
)
```


RUNNING DJANGO ADMIN

- `$ python manage.py runserver`
- open browser, point to
 - `http://localhost:8000`
- Login with your admin user / password you created during first 'syncdb'

CONFIGURING DJANGO ADMIN

- Django admin needs to know about your application and it's models before they will work in the admin
- You do this by creating a `<app_name>/admin.py` file and configure your models

POLL/ADMIN.PY

- There are lots of different ways to configure your models to work in the admin, but we will just use the normal way for now.
- Create a polls/admin.py and add the following

```
from polls.models import Poll, Choice  
  
from django.contrib import admin  
  
admin.site.register(Poll)  
admin.site.register(Choice)
```


DJANGO ADMIN ADVANCED

- There are a lot of different ways to customize the django admin, we don't have time today to go into all of them.
- Follow the tutorial online to find out more.
- <https://docs.djangoproject.com/en/1.4/intro/tutorial02/>

VIEWS

- 3 types of views
 - Generic views
 - Function based views
 - Class based views

FUNCTION BASED VIEWS

- The view is where the glue code lives. It ties your request, model, and template together.
- Here is a very simple view

```
from django.http import HttpResponse

def index(request):
    return HttpResponse("Hello, world.")
```


VIEWS CONT.

Add this to your `mysite/views.py`

```
from django.http import HttpResponseRedirect

def index(request):
    return HttpResponseRedirect("Hello, world. You're at the index.")

def detail(request, poll_id):
    return HttpResponseRedirect("You're looking at poll %s." % poll_id)

def results(request, poll_id):
    return HttpResponseRedirect("results of poll %s." % poll_id)

def vote(request, poll_id):
    return HttpResponseRedirect("You're voting on poll %s." % poll_id)
```


URLS.PY

- The `urls.py` allows you to decouple your business logic with your urls. You can change the url later on without changing the code.
- Uses regular expressions to match urls to views
- Allows you to create nice looking urls

MYSITE/URLS.PY

Change the mysite/urls.py to look like this

```
from django.conf.urls import patterns, include, url

from django.contrib import admin
admin.autodiscover()

urlpatterns = patterns('',
    url(r'^polls/$', 'polls.views.index'),
    url(r'^polls/(?P<poll_id>\d+)/$', 'polls.views.detail'),
    url(r'^polls/(?P<poll_id>\d+)/results/$',
    'polls.views.results'),
    url(r'^polls/(?P<poll_id>\d+)/vote/$', 'polls.views.vote'),
    url(r'^admin/', include(admin.site.urls)),
)
```


URLS TO VIEWS

Notice how the variable in the url matches the parameter in the view

```
url(r'^polls/(?P<poll_id>\d+)/$', 'polls.views.detail'),
```

```
def detail(request, poll_id):  
    return HttpResponse("Poll %s." % poll_id)
```


MORE VIEWS

- Those views didn't do much, lets do some more.
- Change the index view to this.

```
from polls.models import Poll
from django.http import HttpResponse

def index(request):
    latest_poll_list = Poll.objects.all().order_by('-pub_date')[:5]
    output = ', '.join([p.question for p in latest_poll_list])
    return HttpResponse(output)
```


DJANGO TEMPLATES

- Designed to strike a balance between power and ease.
- Clear line between logic and presentation, no code allowed
- Has a set of built in tags and filter
- Ability to write custom tags and filters
- Block based to support template inheritance

COMMON TEMPLATE TAGS

- block
- for
- if
- include
- url
- extends

COMMON TEMPLATE FILTERS

- date
- default
- linebreaksbr
- pluralize
- safe
- truncatewords
- upper
- wordwrap
- wordcount
- yesno
- length

TEMPLATE EXAMPLE

```
{% extends "base_generic.html" %}

{% block title %}{{ section.title }}{% endblock title %}

{% block content %}
<h1>{{ section.title }}</h1>

{% for story in story_list %}
<h2>
    <a href="{{ story.get_absolute_url }}">
        {{ story.headline|upper }}
    </a>
</h2>
<p>{{ story.tease|truncatewords:"100" }}</p>
{% endfor %}
{% endblock content %}
```


LETS ADD TEMPLATES TO OUR VIEW

- Our poll view is pretty basic, lets add a template to make it better.
- create a 'templates/polls' directory under polls app.
- create a file called index.html

INDEX.HTML

Put this in your index.html

```
{% if latest_poll_list %}
    <ul>
        {% for poll in latest_poll_list %}
            <li><a href="/polls/{{ poll.id }}/">{{ poll.question }}</a></li>
        {% endfor %}
    </ul>
{% else %}
    <p>No polls are available.</p>
{% endif %}
```


INDEX VIEW

Now that we have a template we need to change our view, to use it.

```
from django.template import Context, loader
from polls.models import Poll
from django.http import HttpResponse

def index(request):

    latest_poll_list = Poll.objects.all().order_by( '-pub_date' )[:5]

    t = loader.get_template( 'polls/index.html' )

    c = Context({
        'latest_poll_list': latest_poll_list,
    })

    return HttpResponse(t.render(c))
```


DJANGO FORMS

- Forms are the glue that helps convert HTML form data into something useful for views
- Also provides validation
- 2 types of Django Forms
 - Model forms
 - Regular forms

FORMS

- The Form classes look a lot like Models. They have fields with attributes, and widgets.
- Widgets tell django what type of HTML field to map it too.
- Django can create HTML forms for you from a form object.

FORM EXAMPLE

```
from django import forms

class ContactForm(forms.Form):
    subject = forms.CharField(max_length=100)
    message = forms.CharField()
    sender = forms.EmailField()
    cc_myself = forms.BooleanField(required=False)
```


USING FORM IN A VIEW

EXAMPLE

```
from django.shortcuts import render
from django.http import HttpResponseRedirect

def contact(request):
    if request.method == 'POST': # If the form has been submitted...
        form = ContactForm(request.POST) # A form bound to the POST data
        if form.is_valid(): # All validation rules pass
            # Process the data in form.cleaned_data
            # ...
            return HttpResponseRedirect('/thanks/') # Redirect after POST
    else:
        form = ContactForm() # An unbound form

    return render(request, 'contact.html', {
        'form': form,
    })
```


DISPLAY A FORM IN A TEMPLATE EXAMPLE

```
<form action="/contact/" method="post">
  {% csrf_token %}
  {{ form.as_p }}
  <input type="submit" value="Submit" />
</form>
```

Becomes

```
<form action="/contact/" method="post">
  <p><label for="id_subject">Subject:</label>
    <input id="id_subject" type="text" name="subject" maxlength="100" /></p>
  <p><label for="id_message">Message:</label>
    <input type="text" name="message" id="id_message" /></p>
  <p><label for="id_sender">Sender:</label>
    <input type="text" name="sender" id="id_sender" /></p>
  <p><label for="id_cc_myself">Cc myself:</label>
    <input type="checkbox" name="cc_myself" id="id_cc_myself" /></p>
  <input type="submit" value="Submit" />
</form>
```


MODEL FORMS

- Model Forms are just like regular forms, but they make it easier to get the form data into models.
- Instead of having to move the data from the form to the model, it is done automatically, and saved to the db when `save()` is called.

MODEL FORM EXAMPLE

```
from django.db import models
from django.forms import ModelForm, Textarea

class Author(models.Model):
    name = models.CharField(max_length=100)
    title = models.CharField(max_length=3)
    birth_date = models.DateField(blank=True, null=True)

    def __unicode__(self):
        return self.name

class AuthorForm(ModelForm):
    class Meta:
        model = Author
        fields = ('name', 'title', 'birth_date')
        widgets = {
            'name': Textarea(attrs={'cols': 80, 'rows': 20}),
        }
```


FREE DJANGO HOSTING

- If you want a place you can deploy your application for free, and play around with it.
- Check out : <http://www.dotCloud.com>
- Django Tutorial: <http://docs.dotcloud.com/tutorials/python/django/>

DJANGO RESOURCES

- DjangoProject.com
- DjangoBook.com
- Two Scoops of Django ebook
- gettingstartedwithdjango.com

TOO MUCH TO COVER SO LITTLE TIME

- This was just a quick overview of Django and Python, there is way, way more then this, and I apologize if I skimmed over a part you really wanted to know more about.

THANK YOU

- If this was helpful, or if you have any suggestions on how to make it better, please contact me on twitter (@kencochrane) or send me an email kencochrane@gmail.com