CSCI 2133 Rapid Programming Techniques for Innovation

Lab 5:

Python/Django 5 The Best App is a Finished App

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Working with Django: The Basics

- Today we are going to start bringing together the work we have done the previous three weeks. We will focus on making the front end logic work on our core Django app.
- We will be working directly with the week4 folder, so please get that ready in Git
- There will be a LOT of copy-paste this week. Please be patient.

Step 1: Refresh Git and Investigate

- Refresh Git by using git pull
- The 'views.py'' folder contains the front-end app logic
- The templates folder contains the HTML that is referenced in the views
- Don't forget to python manage.py migrate if it prompts you to

Step 2: Preparing the Tweet Profiler Script

- Create profileGrabber/tweet_profiler.py.
- Basically this is the same code as in Week 1

```
#!/usr/bin/env python
# encoding: utf-8

import tweepy #https://github.com/tweepy/tweepy
import time

#Twitter API credentials
consumer_key = ""
consumer_secret = ""
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access_key = ""
acces_secret = ""
# this is used to collect the twitter names
from collections import defaultdict
def get_profile(screen_name):
    auth = tweepy.OAuthHandler(consumer_key, cons
    auth.set_access_token(access_key, access_sec
    api = tweepy.API(auth)
    try:
        user_profile = api.get_user(screen_name)
    except:
        user_profile = "broken"
```

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```
return user_profile
  from . import tweet_profiler
  def discover (reqest):
       profile = tweet_profiler.get_profile("cd_congretation)
       influencer = "NO"
  context = {
       'profile': profile,
       'influencer': influencer,
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```

return render (request, 'profileGrabber/discover.

Step 3: Create the Handle Form

- The render currently handles GET requests; what about POST?.
- We solve this by adding a conditional statement in the view itself.
- Requests have methods that allow us to access the type.

```
from django import forms

class HandleForm(forms.Form):
    twitter_handle = forms.CharField(label='Twitted)

class PushForm(forms.Form):
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push_source = forms.CharField(label='Source',
      push_handle = forms.CharField(label='Handle',
  from .forms import HandleForm
  def discover (request):
      profile = tweet_profiler.get_profile("cd_cbn)
       influencer = "NO"
       if request.method == 'POST':
           # create a form instance and populate
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```

```
render_handle = HandleForm(request.POST)
    # check whether it's valid:
    if render_handle.is_valid():
        profile = tweet_profiler.get_profile
                 (render_handle.cleaned_data['
    else:
        render_handle = HandleForm()
context = {
    'profile': profile,
    'influencer': influencer,
return render (request, 'profileGrabber/discov
```

Step 4: Prepare the Push Form

- Though we have one form working, how do we know it is the right form?
- Django's forms will do the work for us with the is_valid method.
- We just need an elif that handles this case.

```
if request.method == 'POST':
    # create a form instance and populate it
    render_handle = HandleForm(request.POST)
    render_push = PushForm(request.POST)
    # check whether it's valid:
    if render_handle.is_valid():
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```
profile = tweet_profiler.get_profile
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    render_push = PushForm()
elif render_push.is_valid():
    profile = tweet_profiler.get_profile
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    try:
        s = SavedUser(
            source = render_push.cleaned_
            handle = profile.screen_name,
            name = profile.name,
            followers = profile.followers
            following = profile.friends_0
            location = profile.location,
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influencer = influencer,
            description = profile.descrip
        s.save()
    except:
        s = ""
    render_handle = HandleForm()
else:
    render_handle = HandleForm()
    render_push = PushForm()
```

Step 5: Add the Application Logic

- The hard work is over. We just need to address the influencer logic.
- I used a simple rule that tests whether a user has more than 500 followers.
- You can probably do better. Add accordingly.

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if profile.followers_count > 500:
    influencer = "YES"
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context = {

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Step 6: Next Steps

- You're done! There are a few things you can do to extend this work.
- Change the urls master file to render the profileGrabber/urls.py in the / directory
- Add a view for collection.html similar to that in the original app.
- Create custom logic for the influencer function. Perhaps this is derived from machine learning?