# Combining Django ORM & FastAPI in a Single App

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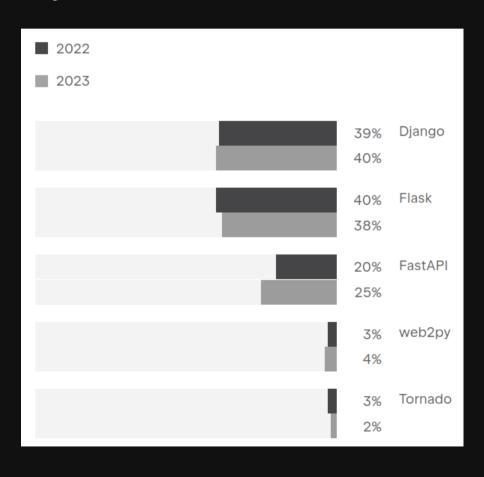
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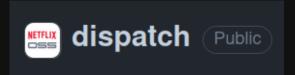


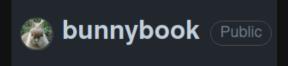
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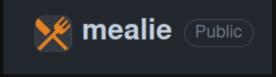
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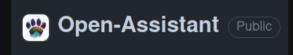
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Why is Django ORM not commonly used with FastAPI?

## FastAPI is a modern and flexible framework, with the first version released in December 2018.



#### **FastAPI**

#### Starlette

web toolkit / micro-framework

#### Uvicorn

implements ASGI spec

#### Uvloop

high-performance asyncio

#### Cython

Compiled Python
C-Extensions for Python

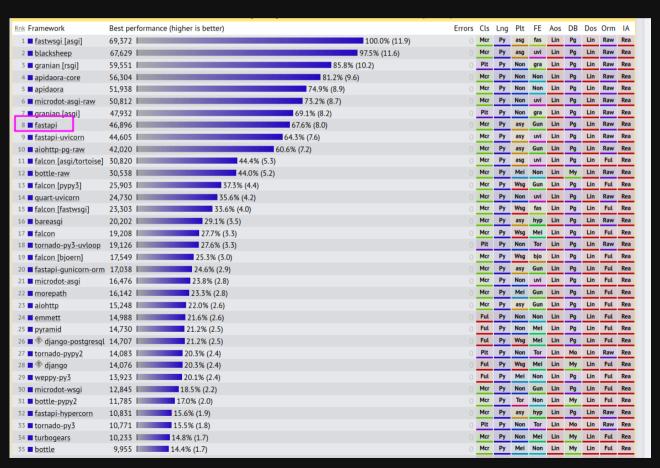
#### **Pydantic**

data validation, serialization, documentation

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## FastAPI's high performance is primarily due to its asynchronous capabilities.



Django is a very popular, batteries-included framework, with its first release in 2005.

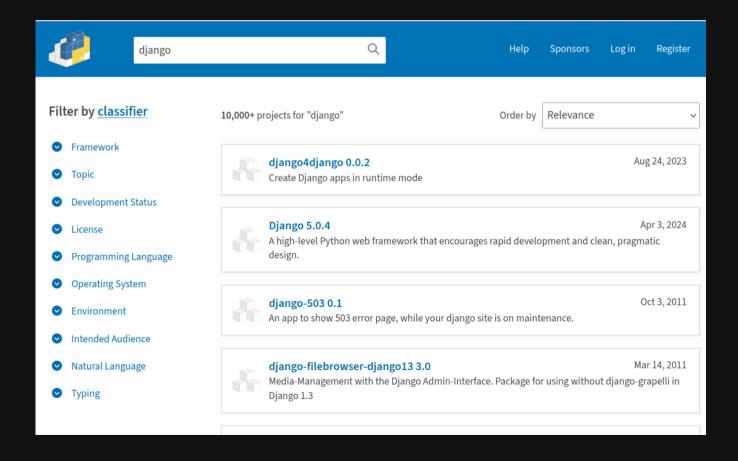
## Django is opinionated.

Django ORM is primarily synchronous with some asynchronous features being added from version 4.2.

Why should one consider using Django ORM alongside FastAPI?

## Django ORM is easier to learn.

### Django has a rich ecosystem.



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#### Apps

Small components used to build projects. An app is anything that is installed by placing in settings.INSTALLED\_APPS.

Show Apps (4,146)

#### **Frameworks**

Large efforts that combine many python modules or apps.
Examples include Django, django-cms, and Mezzanine.
Most CMSes fall into this category, and so do storefronts.

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#### **Projects**

This is for individual projects such as Django Packages, DjangoProject.com, and others.

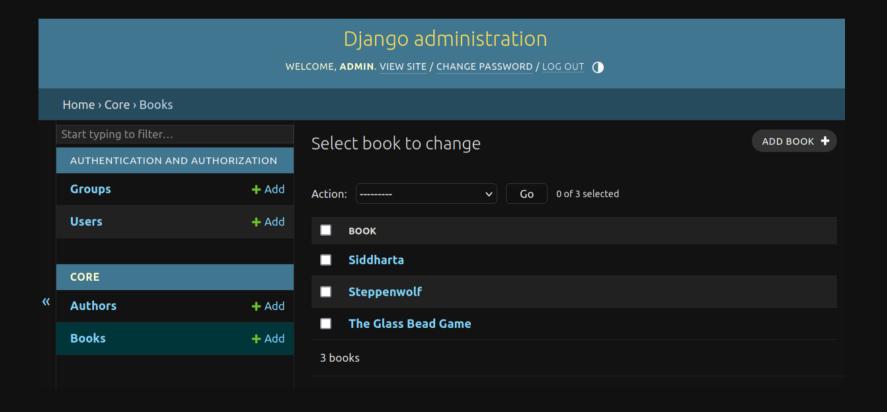
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#### Other

Other are not installed by settings.INSTALLED\_APPS, are not frameworks or sites but still help Django in some way.

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## Django has a powerful and user-friendly built-in admin panel.



Django is supported by a big and active community.

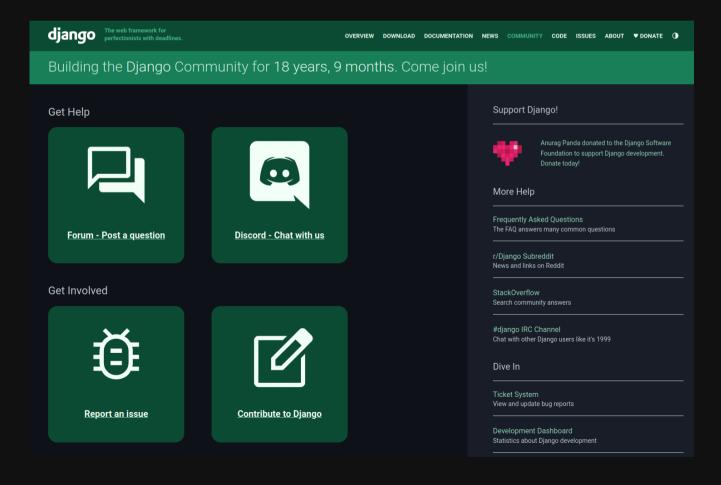
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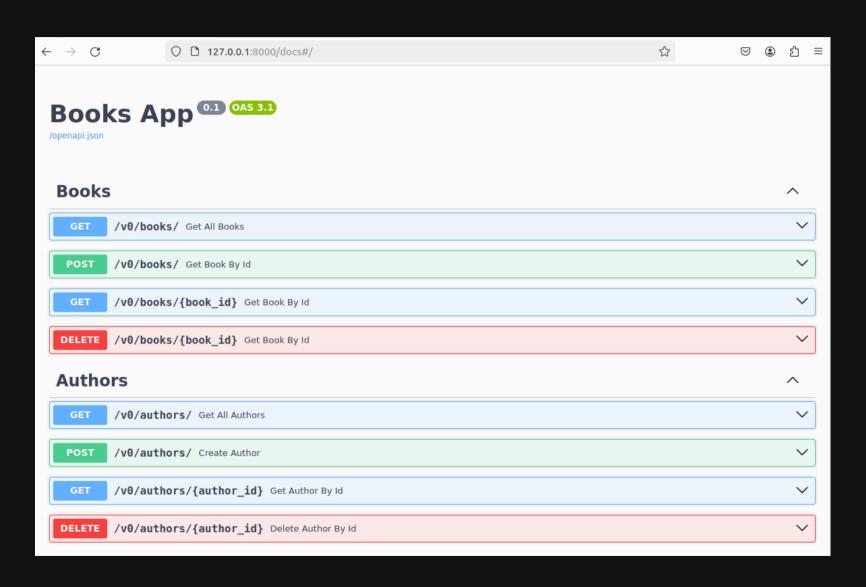


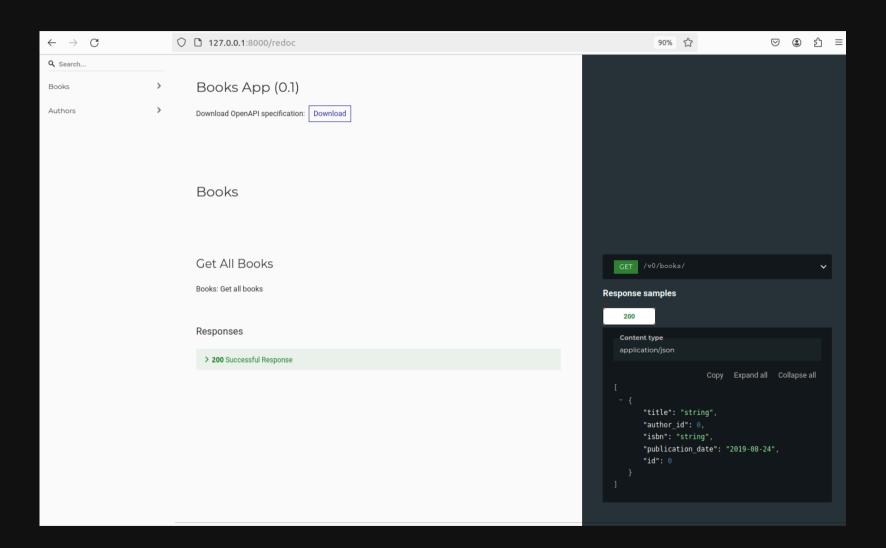
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## FastAPI is performant.

FastAPI offers documentation of endpoints.





FastAPI utilizes dependency injection to enhance testability.

```
from fastapi import FastAPI, Depends
   import httpx
   class MyExternalAPI:
       def init (self, url: str):
           self.url = url
 6
 8
       async def fetch(self):
           async with httpx.AsyncClient() as client:
10
               response = await client.get(self.url)
11
               return response
12
13
   def get external api():
       return MyExternalAPI(url="https://google.com")
14
```

```
1 @app.get("/fetch-data")
2 async def fetch_data(api: MyExternalAPI = Depends(get_external_api)):
3 return await api.fetch()
```

```
from fastapi.testclient import TestClient
   from unittest.mock import AsyncMock
 3
 4
 5
   def test fetch data from external api(client):
 6
       mock api = MyExternalAPI(url="https://google.com")
       mock api.fetch = AsyncMock(return value={"msg": "Mocked
 8
   response" })
10
       app.dependency overrides[get external api] = lambda: mock api
11
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       response = client.get("/fetch-data")
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FastAPI is straightforward and simple.

Why should you not use Django ORM with FastAPI?

1 django.core.exceptions.SynchronousOnlyOperation:
 You cannot call this from an async context - use a
 thread or sync to async.

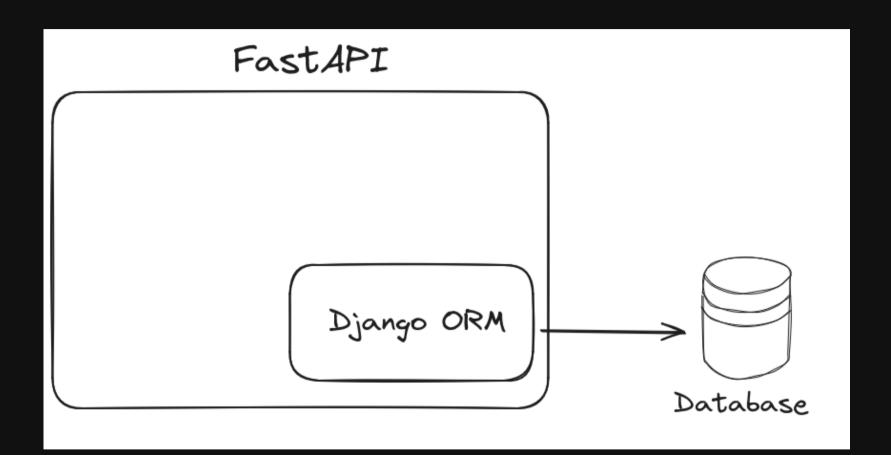
Managing synchronous and asynchronous code adds a layer of complexity.

Lots of tools from the rich Django ecosystem either cannot be used or have to be tweaked.

There are not many resources about this particular setup.

The inital setup may take more time.

## How to set it up?



```
3
   Diango settings for books project.
 5
   Generated by 'django-admin startproject' using Django 5.0.4.
   For more information on this file, see
   https://docs.djangoproject.com/en/5.0/topics/settings/
10
   For the full list of settings and their values, see
11
   https://docs.djangoproject.com/en/5.0/ref/settings/
13
14
15
   from pathlib import Path
16
17
   # Build paths inside the project like this: BASE DIR / 'subdir'.
   BASE DIR = Path( file ).resolve().parent.parent
18
19
20
21
22
23
   # SECURITY WARNING: keep the secret key used in production secret!
24
   SECRET KEY = "django-insecure-8x@alz@%&=fqvp=nd@qnp69fn=9u3k(qk+n64n (7+q7=
25
26
27
   # SECURITY WARNING: don't run with debug turned on in production!
28
   DEBUG = True
```

```
import os
   from django.core.wsgi import get wsgi application
16 os.environ.setdefault("DJANGO SETTINGS MODULE", "books.settings")
17
   application = get wsgi application()
18
```

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import importlib
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from django import setup
from django.apps import apps
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17 routes = [
       ("books.api.books.routes", "/v0/books", ["Books"]),
18
       ("books.api.authors.routes", "/v0/authors", ["Authors"]),
19
20 1
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17 routes = [
22
   for router module path, prefix, tags in routes:
       router module = importlib.import module(router module path)
23
24
       app.include router(
           getattr(router module, "router"),
25
26
           tags=tags,
27
           prefix=prefix,
28
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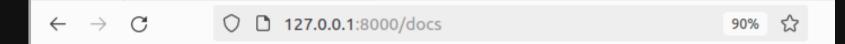
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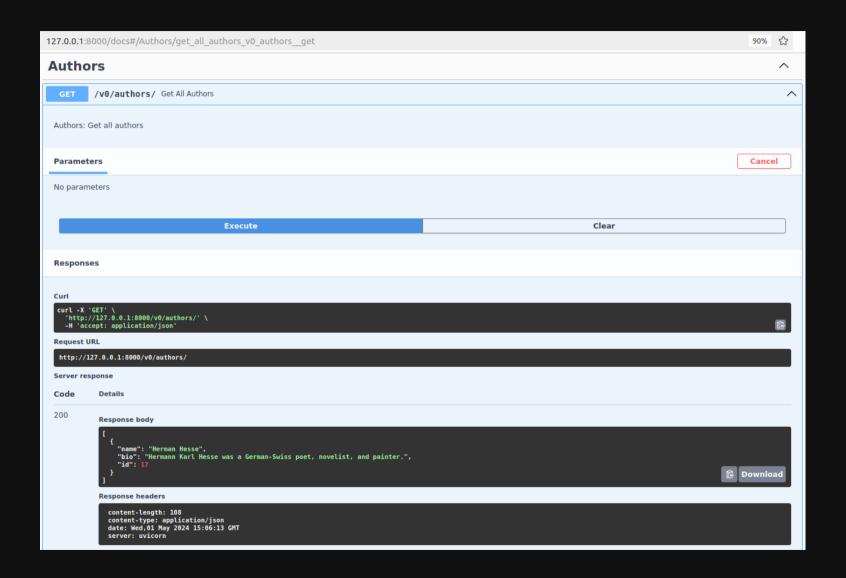
## Books App O.1 OAS 3.1

/openapi.json

```
1 @router.get(
2    "/{author_id}",
3    description="Authors: Get an author by id",
4    response_model=ReadAuthorSchema,
5 )
6 async def get_author_by_id(author_id: int):
7    return await sync_to_async(Author.objects.get)(id=author_id)
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       from django import setup
       from django.apps import apps
       from django.core import management
11
       os.environ.setdefault("DJANGO SETTINGS MODULE", "books.settings")
12
       setup()
       apps.populate(INSTALLED APPS)
       management.call command("migrate")
```

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```
2
 3
   @pytest.fixture(scope="function")
   def db(django db setup):
       import django.apps
       from django.db import connection
 6
 8
       all models = django.apps.apps.get models()
       tables = [model. meta.db table for model in all models]
10
11
       with connection.cursor() as cursor:
           for table in tables:
12
               cursor.execute(f"TRUNCATE TABLE {table} CASCADE;")
13
```

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2
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4 def books_app() -> "FastAPI":
5     from books.main import app
6
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11 def client(books_app) -> TestClient:
12     yield TestClient(books_app, base_url="http://testserver:8001")
```

```
2
 3
   class FakeBookRepository:
       def init (self):
           self.books = []
           self.next id = 1
       def create(self, title, author id, isbn, publication date):
           book = \{
10
               "id": self.next id,
                "title": title,
11
                "author id": author id,
12
13
               "isbn": isbn,
               "publication date": publication date,
14
15
16
           self.books.append(book)
17
           self.next id += 1
           return book
18
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```
1 # test_books.py
2
3 @pytest.mark.asyncio
4 async def test_create_book():
5    request = CreateBookRequest(
6         title="Test Book",
7         author_id=1,
8         isbn="123-4567890123",
9         publication_date=date.today(),
10    )
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19
       assert created book["title"] == request.title
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3 @pytest.mark.usefixtures("db")
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       assert response.status code == 200
 8
            expected = [
 9
10
                "title": "Siddharta",
                "isbn": "9780553208849",
11
                "publication date": "1922-01-01",
12
13
            },
14
                "title": "Steppenwolf",
15
                "isbn": "9783518031599",
16
                "publication date": "1924-01-01",
17
18
            },
19
20
                "title": "The Glass Bead Game",
                "isbn": "9780030818516",
21
22
                "publication date": "1943-01-01",
23
            },
24
```

```
response = client.get("v0/books")
            expected = [
12
            assert (
13
            DeepDiff(
14
                response.json(),
15
                expected,
                exclude paths=[
16
17
18
                 ],
19
20
            == {}
21
```

## Structure

```
books-demo-app/
       src/
 2
            authors/
                  init__.py
                dependencies.py
 6
                models.py
                repository.py
               routes.py
 8
                schema.py
 9
10
               services.py
11
            books/
12
            migrations/
13
              init_.py
14
15
            admin.py
16
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           models.py
17
            settings.py
18
19
           urls.py
20
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22
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23
24
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25
       README.md
26
       manage.py
       requirements.txt
27
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Is this setup worth it?

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Mixing two frameworks in a single project sounds crazy but it works

## Thank you for your attention!

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