

Day 1: Introduction to Django & Setup

****Goal**:** Install Django and understand project structure.

****Key Concepts**:**

- What is Django? (MVT architecture vs. MVC).
- Difference between a ****project**** and an ****app****.
- How to create a project and app using CLI commands.

****Tasks**:**

- Install Python and Django.
- Create a project (`myproject`) and an app (`todo`).
- Explore the files: `settings.py`, `urls.py`, `models.py`, `views.py`.
- Run the development server.

****Resources**:**

- [Django's Official "Writing your first app" Guide](https://docs.djangoproject.com/en/4.2/intro/tutorial01/).

Day 2: Models & Databases

****Goal**:** Learn Django ORM and create database tables.

****Key Concepts**:**

- Models as Python classes (representing database tables).
- Common fields: `CharField`, `BooleanField`, `DateTimeField`.
- Migrations: `makemigrations` and `migrate`.

****Tasks**:**

- Define a `Task` model with `title`, `completed`, and `created_at` fields.
- Create migrations and apply them.
- Use Django's admin panel to add sample tasks.

****Exercise**:** Add a `priority` field to the `Task` model and update the database.

Day 3: Views & URL Routing

****Goal**:** Create views and map URLs.

****Key Concepts**:**

- Function-based views (FBVs).
- URL patterns and the `urls.py` file.
- Passing data from views to templates.

****Tasks**:**

- Write a view to fetch all tasks from the database.
- Map the view to a URL (e.g., `localhost:8000/tasks/`).
- Test the page in the browser.

****Exercise**:** Create a view to display details of a single task.

Day 4: Templates & HTML

****Goal**:** Render dynamic data using Django templates.

****Key Concepts**:**

- Template syntax: `{% for %}`, `{% if %}`, `{% variables %}`.
- Organizing templates in the `templates/` directory.

****Tasks**:**

- Build an HTML template to display all tasks.
- Use loops to iterate over tasks and conditionals to show completion status.

****Exercise**:** Add a base template (e.g., `base.html`) for consistent styling.

**Day 5: Forms & User Input**

****Goal**:** Handle user input with Django forms.

****Key Concepts**:**

- Creating forms using `forms.py`.
- Form validation and error handling.
- Redirecting after form submission.

****Tasks**:**

- Build a form to add new tasks.
- Create a view to process the form data.
- Add a "Create Task" button to the template.

****Exercise**:** Add a form to edit existing tasks.

**Day 6: CRUD Operations**

****Goal**:** Implement full CRUD (Create, Read, Update, Delete).

****Key Concepts**:**

- Linking views and templates for editing/deleting tasks.
- Using `POST` requests for deletions.

****Tasks**:**

- Add "Edit" and "Delete" buttons for each task.
- Create views to handle updates and deletions.

****Exercise**:** Add a confirmation step before deleting a task.

**Day 7: Static Files & Styling**

****Goal**:** Style the app with CSS and JavaScript.

****Key Concepts**:**

- Organizing static files (`static/` directory).
- Loading static files in templates (`{% load static %}`).

****Tasks**:**

- Add CSS to style the task list and forms.
- Include Bootstrap for responsive design.

****Exercise**:** Add a JavaScript feature (e.g., toggle task status without reloading).

Day 8: Django Admin Customization

****Goal**:** Enhance the admin interface.

****Key Concepts**:**

- Customizing the admin panel using `admin.py`.
- Adding filters, search bars, and bulk actions.

****Tasks**:**

- Display `title`, `completed`, and `created_at` in the admin list view.
- Add a filter for completed tasks.

****Exercise**:** Create a custom admin action to mark tasks as "high priority".

Day 9: Class-Based Views (CBVs)

****Goal**:** Simplify code with generic class-based views.

****Key Concepts**:**

- `ListView`, `CreateView`, `UpdateView`, `DeleteView`.
- Advantages of CBVs over FBVs.

****Tasks**:**

- Rewrite the task list view using `ListView`.
- Replace the "Create Task" view with `CreateView`.

****Exercise**:** Add pagination to the task list.

Day 10: Deployment Basics

****Goal**:** Prepare the app for deployment.

****Key Concepts**:**

- Deployment platforms (PythonAnywhere, Heroku).
- Environment variables (hiding `SECRET_KEY`).
- Version control with Git.

****Tasks**:**

- Push the project to GitHub.
- Deploy the Todo App to PythonAnywhere (free tier).

****Exercise**:** Debug common deployment issues (e.g., static files not loading).

Daily Practice Routine (3 Hours)

- ****1 Hour**:** Study concepts (docs, tutorials, or videos).
- ****1.5 Hours**:** Hands-on coding (follow tasks above).
- ****30 Minutes**:** Debug errors, review progress, and document learnings.

Key Resources

1. ****Django Official Documentation**** (always prioritize this!).
2. ****Book**:** [*Django for Beginners* by William S. Vincent](https://djangoforbeginners.com/).

3. **Video Course**: [Django Tutorial by Corey Schafer (YouTube)](<https://youtu.be/UmljXZlypDc>).