Programming Guide

GWIIT

General Workplace Inventory & Inspection Tool

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# Structure

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**├── tickets/**

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## File Detail

### GWIIT/

**Purpose:** The root directory of the project, containing all project files, including backend, static assets, templates, documentation, and configuration files.

### manage.py

**Purpose:** A command-line utility that lets you interact with this Django project in various ways, such as running the server, creating apps, and applying migrations.

### backend/

[**Purpose:**](#_Getting_Started_-) Contains all server-side (backend) code, including Django applications, models, views, serializers, permissions, and URL configurations.

### GWIIT/

**Purpose:** This directory contains core configurations and entry points for the Django application.

**init.py:** Marks the directory as a Python package.

**asgi.py:** Entry point for ASGI-compatible web servers to serve the project.

**settings.py:** Configuration settings for the Django project (e.g., database settings, installed apps).

**urls.py:** URL declarations for the project. Routes URLs to views.

**wsgi.py:** Entry point for WSGI-compatible web servers to serve the project.

### users/

**Purpose:** Manages user-related functionality, such as authentication, profile management, and permissions.

**init.py:** Marks the directory as a Python package.

**admin.py:** Registers the models with the Django admin interface.

**apps.py:** Configuration for the app.

**migrations/:** Stores migration files that track changes to models over time.

**init.py:** Marks the migrations directory as a Python package.

**models.py:** Defines the database models for the app.

**tests.py:** Contains tests for the app’s functionality.

**views.py:** Defines the views (controllers) that handle requests and return responses.

**serializers.py:** (Custom addition) Handles the conversion of complex data types (e.g., querysets) to native Python data types for rendering into JSON or XML.

**permissions.py:** (Custom addition) Manages access control logic for different users and roles.

**urls.py:** (Custom addition) Maps URLs to views within this app.

### tickets/

**Purpose:** Manages the ticketing system, allowing users to report, assign, and manage tickets.

**init.py:** Marks the directory as a Python package.

**admin.py:** Registers ticket-related models with the Django admin interface.

**apps.py:** Configuration for the app.

**migrations/:** Stores migration files that track changes to models over time.

**init.py:** Marks the migrations directory as a Python package.

**models.py:** Defines the database models for tickets.

**tests.py:** Contains tests for ticket-related functionality.

**views.py:** Defines the views for ticket management.

**serializers.py:** (Custom addition) Handles the serialization of ticket data.

**permissions.py:** (Custom addition) Manages ticket-specific access control.

**urls.py:** (Custom addition) Maps URLs to ticket-related views.

### fire\_extinguishers/

**Purpose:** Manages fire extinguisher inspection, maintenance, and compliance tracking.

**init.py:** Marks the directory as a Python package.

**admin.py:** Registers fire extinguisher-related models with the Django admin interface.

**apps.py:** Configuration for the app.

**migrations/:** Stores migration files that track changes to models over time.

**init.py:** Marks the migrations directory as a Python package.

**models.py:** Defines the database models for fire extinguisher management.

**tests.py:** Contains tests for fire extinguisher-related functionality.

**views.py:** Defines the views for fire extinguisher management.

**serializers.py:** (Custom addition) Handles the serialization of fire extinguisher data.

**permissions.py:** (Custom addition) Manages fire extinguisher-specific access control.

**urls.py:** (Custom addition) Maps URLs to fire extinguisher-related views.

### Frontend/

**Purpose:** Contains all client-side (frontend) code, including static files and templates.

### static/

**Purpose:** Contains static files like CSS, JavaScript, and images that are served directly to the client.

**css/:** Directory for CSS files.

**js/:** Directory for JavaScript files.

**images/:** Directory for images used in the project.

### templates/

**Purpose:** Stores HTML templates for rendering views on the client side.

**base.html:** Base template file that other templates can extend.

**auth/:** Directory for authorization and authorization error pages.

**users/:** Directory for user-related templates.

**tasks/:** Directory for task-related templates.

**inspections/:** Directory for inspection-related templates.

**tickets/:** Directory for ticket-related templates.

**fire\_extinguishers/:** Directory for fire extinguisher-related templates.

**reports/:** Directory for report-related templates.

**notifications/:** Directory for notification-related templates.

**audit\_trails/:** Directory for audit trail-related templates.

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## File Breakdown:

### manage.py

**Specific Location:** GWIIT/manage.py

**Purpose:** The manage.py file is a command-line utility that allows you to interact with your Django project in various ways. It acts as a wrapper around the django-admin command-line tool and is used for tasks such as running the development server, applying migrations, creating apps, and managing the database.

**Additional Detail:**

Running the Server: You can start the development server by running python manage.py runserver.

Database Migrations: Apply database migrations with python manage.py migrate and create new migrations with python manage.py makemigrations.

App Management: Create new Django apps using python manage.py startapp appname.

Shell: Open a Python interactive shell with python manage.py shell.

User Management: Create superusers and manage users with commands like python manage.py createsuperuser.

**Best Practices:**

Keep It Simple: The manage.py file is typically not modified; keep it as it is to ensure it functions correctly.

Environment-Specific Management: Use environment variables or settings files to switch between development and production environments when using manage.py.

**Performance Consideration:**

Development Server: The server started with manage.py runserver is intended for development only. Use a proper WSGI server like Gunicorn or uWSGI in production.

Command-Line Efficiency: Use manage.py commands efficiently to speed up your development process, like using python manage.py runserver 0.0.0.0:8000 to allow access from other devices on the network.

**Security Consideration:**

Environment Management: Ensure that sensitive data is not hardcoded in the commands or exposed when using manage.py. Use environment variables to manage secrets securely.

**Project Evolution:**

Automation: As your project grows, consider automating common manage.py tasks with scripts or integrating them into a CI/CD pipeline.

Custom Commands: You can create custom management commands by adding them to your Django apps. These can be useful for routine maintenance tasks.

### \_\_init\_\_.py

**Specific Location:** backend/GWIIT\_project/\_\_init\_\_.py

**Purpose:** The \_\_init\_\_.py file is used to mark the GWIIT\_project directory as a Python package. This allows Python to recognize the directory as a package that can be imported and used in other parts of the project. It typically does not contain any code but serves as an entry point for package-level imports.

**Additional Detail:**

Package Recognition: Without this file, the GWIIT\_project directory would not be treated as a package, making it inaccessible for imports and causing errors in the Django project.

Project Initialization: While it's common for this file to be empty, it can be used to initialize certain aspects of the project or to import specific modules that should be accessible throughout the project.

**Best Practices:**

Keep It Simple: The \_\_init\_\_.py file is often left empty unless there is a specific need for package-level initialization code or imports.

Documentation: If you do add code, clearly comment on its purpose to maintain clarity for future developers.

**Performance Consideration:**

Lightweight: Ensure the \_\_init\_\_.py file remains lightweight to avoid unnecessary overhead during package imports. Any initialization code added should be essential and optimized.

**Security Consideration:**

Secure Initialization: If you include initialization logic, such as loading environment variables or configuring settings, ensure no sensitive information is exposed within this file.

**Project Evolution:**

Future Changes: As the project evolves, the \_\_init\_\_.py file may need updates to manage additional modules, configurations, or package-level imports. It serves as a flexible entry point for expanding the package's functionality.

### settings.py

**Specific Location:** backend/GWIIT\_project/settings.py

**Purpose:** The settings.py file is the central configuration file for your Django project. It defines how your project interacts with the environment, including database connections, installed apps, middleware, templates, static files, and more. This file controls various settings that influence the behavior of the entire Django application.

**Additional Detail:**

Database Configuration: Specifies the database engine, name, user, password, host, and port. It’s where you define whether your project uses PostgreSQL, MySQL, SQLite, or another database.

Installed Apps: Lists all Django apps that are active in your project, both built-in and custom apps. These apps are initialized when the server starts.

Middleware: Configures middleware components that process requests and responses. Middleware can modify the request or response objects, perform authentication, add headers, or perform other tasks.

Templates: Manages template settings, including the directories where Django looks for templates and the backends used to render them.

Static & Media Files: Defines how static files (like CSS and JavaScript) and media files (uploads) are handled and served.

Authentication: Configures the authentication backends, password validation, and login URLs for your project.

**Best Practices:**

Environment-Specific Settings: Consider breaking settings.py into multiple settings files (e.g., base.py, development.py, production.py) to manage different environments. You can then use a main settings file to import the correct environment-specific settings.

Security: Move sensitive information such as secret keys and database credentials out of settings.py and into environment variables or separate secure files. Use a package like django-environ to manage these settings securely.

**Performance Consideration:**

Optimize Middleware: Only include necessary middleware to reduce processing overhead. Unnecessary middleware can slow down request handling.

Cache Static Files: In production, use caching mechanisms and serve static files through a Content Delivery Network (CDN) to reduce load times.

**Security Consideration:**

Secure Sensitive Data: Ensure that sensitive data, like SECRET\_KEY, DATABASES, and API keys, are not hard-coded in settings.py. Instead, load them from environment variables.

Harden Security Settings: In production, make sure to enable security-related settings like SECURE\_HSTS\_SECONDS, SECURE\_SSL\_REDIRECT, CSRF\_COOKIE\_SECURE, and SESSION\_COOKIE\_SECURE to protect your application.

**Project Evolution:**

Scaling: As your project grows, settings.py may need to accommodate additional databases, caching layers, third-party services, and more complex configurations.

Modular Settings: You might consider modularizing the settings as your project evolves, using settings modules for different environments (development, staging, production).

### urls.py

**Specific Location:** backend/GWIIT\_project/urls.py

**Purpose:** The urls.py file is responsible for defining the URL patterns for your Django project. It maps URLs to the views that handle the requests for those URLs. This file acts as a central routing system that directs incoming requests to the appropriate app and view based on the URL structure.

**Additional Detail:**

URL Patterns: The core component of urls.py is the urlpatterns list, which contains URL patterns that map URLs to their corresponding views.

Include Function: Often, the include() function is used to reference URL configurations in individual apps. This keeps the main urls.py file clean and modular by delegating URL routing to the apps themselves.

Admin Site: By default, Django includes the admin interface, which is usually accessible at /admin/. This is often one of the first entries in urlpatterns.

Static Files: In development, urls.py can be configured to serve static files directly by adding static file handling patterns.

**Best Practices:**

Modularity: Use the include() function to delegate URL routing to individual apps. This keeps the main urls.py file organized and easy to manage.

Consistent URL Naming: Use the name parameter for each URL pattern to assign a unique name to the URL. This makes it easier to refer to URLs in templates and view functions.

Namespace URLs: When using include(), you can namespace URLs to avoid naming conflicts and keep related URL patterns grouped together.

**Performance Consideration:**

Efficiency: Keep URL patterns as specific as possible to reduce the overhead of matching URLs. Avoid using overly generic patterns that could lead to ambiguous routing.

Lazy Loading: Use Django’s include() to lazy-load app URLs, which can improve performance by reducing the initial load time.

**Security Consideration:**

Restrict Access: Ensure that sensitive views, such as those related to user management or administration, are protected by proper access controls and permissions.

Avoid Exposing Sensitive Information: Be cautious about including sensitive information in URLs. For example, avoid embedding user IDs or other sensitive data directly in the URL path.

**Project Evolution:**

Scalability: As your project grows, consider breaking down complex URL patterns into smaller, app-specific URL configurations to maintain clarity and manageability.

Dynamic URL Management: You may want to introduce dynamic URL routing as your project evolves, allowing for more flexible and user-friendly URLs.

### asgi.py

**Specific Location**: backend/GWIIT\_project/asgi.py

**Purpose:** The asgi.py file serves as the entry point for ASGI (Asynchronous Server Gateway Interface)-compatible web servers to serve your Django project. It is responsible for setting up and configuring the ASGI application that the server will use to handle requests. This file is crucial for enabling asynchronous capabilities in your Django application, allowing it to handle tasks like WebSockets and other long-lived connections.

**Additional Detail:**

ASGI Application Callable: The file typically defines an application callable that the ASGI server uses to interact with your Django application.

Asynchronous Support: ASGI is designed to support both synchronous and asynchronous operations, making it ideal for real-time web applications, such as those requiring WebSocket support.

Configuration Loading: The asgi.py file loads the Django settings module and prepares the application environment, similar to what wsgi.py does for WSGI applications.

**Best Practices:**

Minimal Changes: The asgi.py file is typically auto-generated by Django and should usually remain unchanged unless you have specific ASGI configurations or middleware that needs to be added.

Testing: If your project uses asynchronous features, make sure to test the ASGI configuration thoroughly in a staging environment before deploying to production.

**Performance Consideration:**

Efficient Server: Use an efficient ASGI server like Uvicorn or Daphne in production to handle asynchronous tasks effectively.

Asynchronous Features: Leveraging ASGI can improve performance for applications requiring real-time features or those with high concurrency needs.

**Security Consideration:**

Secure Configuration: Ensure that your ASGI server is configured securely, with SSL/TLS for encrypted connections and proper access controls.

Environment Handling: Securely manage environment variables and settings within the asgi.py file to avoid exposing sensitive information.

**Project Evolution:**

Real-Time Capabilities: As your project grows, you may start using ASGI for implementing real-time features like live notifications, WebSockets, or server-sent events.

Scalable Architecture: ASGI’s ability to handle asynchronous tasks makes it suitable for scaling applications across multiple servers, which can be essential as your project evolves.

### wsgi.py

**Specific Location:** backend/GWIIT\_project/wsgi.py

**Purpose:** The wsgi.py file serves as the entry point for WSGI (Web Server Gateway Interface)-compatible web servers to serve your Django project. It is responsible for setting up and configuring the WSGI application that the server will use to handle requests. This file is crucial for deploying your Django application to a production environment, where it interacts with the web server to process requests and responses.

**Additional Detail:**

WSGI Application Callable: The file typically defines an application callable that the WSGI server uses to interact with your Django application.

Production Deployment: WSGI is the standard for deploying Python web applications in production. Servers like Gunicorn or uWSGI use the wsgi.py file to serve the Django application.

Configuration Loading: The wsgi.py file loads the Django settings module and prepares the application environment, ensuring that all configurations are properly initialized before handling any requests.

**Best Practices:**

Minimal Changes: The wsgi.py file is generally auto-generated by Django and should usually remain unchanged unless you have specific WSGI configurations or middleware that need to be added.

Environment-Specific Configuration: Ensure that the correct settings module is loaded, particularly when deploying to different environments (e.g., development, staging, production).

**Performance Consideration:**

Efficient Server: Use an efficient WSGI server like Gunicorn or uWSGI in production to ensure that your application can handle requests efficiently.

Optimized Middleware: Only include necessary middleware in your Django settings to minimize overhead and improve performance.

**Security Consideration:**

Secure WSGI Setup: Ensure that your WSGI server is properly configured with secure settings, such as SSL/TLS for encrypted connections, especially in production.

Environment Handling: Manage environment variables securely to avoid exposing sensitive information within the wsgi.py file or the server configuration.

**Project Evolution:**

Scalability: As your project grows, consider optimizing the WSGI server settings for better performance, such as configuring worker processes, load balancing, or scaling across multiple servers.

Hybrid Deployment: For projects that require both synchronous and asynchronous capabilities, consider using a hybrid setup with both WSGI (for traditional web requests) and ASGI (for real-time features) servers.

### \_\_init\_\_.py

**Specific Location:** backend/users/\_\_init\_\_.py

**Purpose:** The \_\_init\_\_.py file in the users/ directory serves to mark the directory as a Python package. This allows Python to recognize the users directory as a module that can be imported and used in other parts of your Django project. It typically does not contain any code but plays an important role in the modularity and structure of the application.

**Additional Detail:**

Package Initialization: The presence of \_\_init\_\_.py allows the users module to be imported with statements like import users or from users import models.

Shared Resources: Although it is usually empty, this file can be used to import shared resources, constants, or functions that should be accessible across the users module.

**Best Practices:**

Keep It Simple: The \_\_init\_\_.py file is generally left empty unless there is a specific need for package-level initialization or imports.

Documentation: If you add any code or imports to \_\_init\_\_.py, make sure to document them clearly to maintain clarity for future developers.

**Performance Consideration:**

Lightweight: Ensure the \_\_init\_\_.py file remains lightweight to avoid unnecessary overhead during package imports. Avoid placing complex logic or heavy imports in this file.

**Security Consideration:**

Secure Initialization: If any initialization logic is included, such as loading configurations or environment variables, ensure that sensitive information is not exposed within this file.

**Project Evolution:**

Future Expansion: As the users module evolves, the \_\_init\_\_.py file may be updated to manage additional submodules, shared utilities, or package-level configurations. It serves as a flexible entry point for expanding the module's functionality.

### admin.py

**Specific Location:** backend/users/admin.py

**Purpose:** The admin.py file is used to register the models from the users app with the Django admin interface. This allows the models to be managed through the Django admin panel, where administrators can view, add, modify, and delete records.

**Additional Detail:**

Model Registration: Typically, you will use admin.site.register(ModelName) to register each model you want to manage through the admin interface.

Custom Admin Classes: You can create custom admin classes by subclassing admin.ModelAdmin to customize the display, search capabilities, filters, and forms for the models in the admin interface.

Inline Models: For models with related data, you can use admin.TabularInline or admin.StackedInline to include related models within the parent model’s admin page.

**Best Practices:**

Customize Admin Interface: Use custom admin classes to improve the usability of the admin interface, such as by customizing the list display, adding search fields, and enabling filters.

Security: Limit the fields displayed in the admin to only what is necessary, particularly when dealing with sensitive data. Use readonly\_fields to prevent editing of certain fields.

Performance: If dealing with large datasets, consider using pagination and list filters to avoid performance issues when displaying data in the admin interface.

**Performance Consideration:**

Efficient Querying: Customize the admin interface to reduce the number of database queries, such as by using select\_related or prefetch\_related in list displays.

Scalability: For large data sets, implement pagination and optimize search filters to ensure the admin interface remains responsive.

**Security Consideration:**

Access Control: Ensure that only authorized users have access to the Django admin interface. Implement user permissions to control who can view, add, change, or delete records.

Audit and Logging: Consider implementing logging to track changes made through the admin interface for auditing purposes.

**Project Evolution:**

Expanding Functionality: As the users app grows, you may need to add more models to admin.py, as well as customize the admin interface further to handle new data types or relationships.

Improving Usability: Continuously improve the usability of the admin interface based on feedback from users, such as by adding or refining list displays, search functionality, and filtering options.

### apps.py

**Specific Location:** backend/users/apps.py

**Purpose:** The apps.py file is used to configure the users app within your Django project. It defines the application configuration class, which is responsible for setting some attributes of the app, such as its name and any app-specific configuration. This file is essential for Django to recognize and properly initialize the users app.

**Additional Detail:**

AppConfig Class: The apps.py file typically contains a subclass of django.apps.AppConfig named something like UsersConfig. This class is where you can define metadata about the app and override certain methods to customize its behavior.

App Name: The name attribute in the AppConfig class specifies the full Python path to the application (e.g., users), which Django uses to locate the app within the project.

Ready Method: The AppConfig class can include a ready() method, which is executed when Django starts. This method can be used to perform startup tasks like signal registration or other initialization logic.

**Best Practices:**

Keep It Simple: The apps.py file is usually minimal, focusing on the configuration of the app. Avoid placing too much logic in the ready() method to keep the startup process efficient.

Signal Registration: If your app uses Django signals, register them in the ready() method to ensure they are connected when the app is ready.

App Naming: Ensure that the name attribute in the AppConfig class accurately reflects the app’s module path within the project.

**Performance Consideration:**

Efficient Initialization: If you use the ready() method for initialization tasks, ensure that the tasks are essential and optimized to avoid slowing down the startup time of the Django application.

Lazy Loading: Consider lazy-loading any resources or dependencies in the ready() method to prevent unnecessary overhead during startup.

**Security Consideration:**

Initialization Security: If the ready() method performs any security-sensitive tasks, such as loading configurations or registering signals, ensure that these tasks are secure and do not expose sensitive information.

**Project Evolution:**

Adding Functionality: As your app grows, you may need to update the apps.py file to include additional configurations or to handle more complex initialization tasks.

Custom AppConfig: For larger or more complex apps, consider creating a more robust AppConfig class to manage the app’s initialization and configuration more effectively.

### migrations/

**Specific Location:** backend/users/migrations/

**Purpose:** The migrations/ directory stores the migration files that track changes to the database schema associated with the users app. Migrations are Django's way of propagating changes you make to your models (like adding a field or deleting a model) into the database schema. Each migration file represents a specific change or set of changes and ensures that the database schema remains synchronized with the models defined in your Django application.

**Additional Detail:**

Auto-Generated Files: Migration files are usually generated automatically by Django when you run commands like python manage.py makemigrations.

Version Control: Migration files should be committed to version control (e.g., Git) so that other developers can apply the same database changes in their environments.

**Best Practices:**

Consistency: Always run makemigrations and migrate commands after modifying models to keep the database schema in sync with the models.

Review Migrations: Before applying migrations, review the generated migration files to ensure that they reflect the intended changes.

Atomic Migrations: Django migrations are designed to be atomic (i.e., they either fully apply or don’t apply at all). Avoid making manual changes to migration files unless necessary.

**Performance Consideration:**

Optimize Migrations: Use squashmigrations to combine multiple migrations into a single file if your project accumulates a large number of migrations, which can help optimize database performance.

Test Migrations: Before deploying to production, test migrations in a staging environment to ensure they apply correctly and do not cause performance issues.

**Security Consideration:**

Data Migrations: If a migration includes sensitive data or operations on sensitive fields, ensure that it is handled securely, and consider using database-level encryption where appropriate.

**Project Evolution:**

Migration Management: As your project evolves, the migrations/ directory will grow with each change to the database schema. Regularly review and clean up old or redundant migrations, especially if you’re refactoring models or changing database structures.

### \_\_init\_\_.py

**Specific Location:** backend/users/migrations/\_\_init\_\_.py

**Purpose:** The \_\_init\_\_.py file in the migrations/ directory marks the migrations/ directory as a Python package. This allows Django to recognize the migrations as part of the users app and ensures that the migration files within this directory are properly managed and executed by Django's migration system.

**Additional Detail:**

Package Recognition: This file is necessary for Python to treat the migrations/ directory as a module. This enables Django to import and execute the migration files in the correct order.

Typically Empty: The \_\_init\_\_.py file in the migrations/ directory is usually empty. Its primary function is to signal to Python and Django that the directory contains a package.

**Best Practices:**

Keep It Simple: The \_\_init\_\_.py file in the migrations/ directory should remain empty unless there is a specific reason to include package-level imports or initialization code.

Consistency: Ensure that the \_\_init\_\_.py file is present in all migrations/ directories across your Django apps to maintain consistency and proper package recognition.

**Performance Consideration:**

Lightweight: As with other \_\_init\_\_.py files, keep this file lightweight to avoid unnecessary overhead during migration execution.

**Security Consideration:**

Avoid Sensitive Data: Do not include any sensitive information or logic in this file, as it could be executed during migrations.

**Project Evolution:**

Maintain Integrity: As your project grows and evolves, ensure that the \_\_init\_\_.py file remains in the migrations/ directory to maintain the integrity of your app's migration system.

### models.py

**Specific Location:** backend/users/models.py

**Purpose:** The models.py file defines the database models (or schema) for the users app. Each model is represented as a Python class that subclasses django.db.models.Model, and Django automatically translates these classes into database tables. This file is essential for defining the structure of the data related to users, including fields like usernames, email addresses, passwords, and any other user-related data.

**Additional Detail:**

Model Fields: Each attribute of the model class corresponds to a database field, with Django field types (e.g., CharField, IntegerField, EmailField) specifying the type and behavior of the data.

Relationships: You can define relationships between models using fields like ForeignKey, OneToOneField, and ManyToManyField. This is essential for creating relationships between users and other entities in your project.

Model Methods: In addition to fields, you can define custom methods on your models to encapsulate business logic related to the model.

Meta Options: The Meta class inside a model can be used to define model metadata, such as ordering, verbose names, and unique constraints.

**Best Practices:**

Normalization: Ensure that your models follow database normalization principles to reduce redundancy and improve data integrity.

Custom Methods: Use model methods to encapsulate business logic that pertains to a particular model. This keeps your code organized and ensures that business logic is tied directly to the data it operates on.

Document Models: Document the purpose and structure of each model and its fields, especially when using complex relationships or custom methods.

**Performance Consideration:**

Indexing: Use db\_index=True on fields that are frequently queried or used in filters to improve query performance.

Efficient Relationships: Be mindful of the performance implications of using relationships like ManyToManyField. In large datasets, these can cause complex joins that may affect performance.

**Security Consideration:**

Data Validation: Implement validation on model fields to ensure data integrity and security, such as using Django’s built-in validators or custom validation methods.

Sensitive Fields: Securely handle fields that store sensitive information, such as passwords, by using Django’s CharField with password attributes and ensuring that password hashing and salting are implemented.

**Project Evolution:**

Migration Management: As your models evolve, ensure that changes are properly tracked through Django’s migration system. Use makemigrations to create migration files whenever you modify your models.

Scalability: Consider how your models will scale as your project grows. Plan for potential changes in data volume, relationships, and query complexity, and structure your models to handle growth efficiently.

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Test Cases: The tests.py file typically contains classes that inherit from django.test.TestCase. Each class represents a collection of related tests, and each method within the class represents an individual test case.

SetUp Method: Use the setUp method to create any objects or data needed across multiple test cases within the same class. This method is run before each test case.

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Use Descriptive Names: Give your test methods descriptive names that clearly indicate what functionality is being tested. This helps in quickly identifying what might be broken when a test fails.

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**Additional Detail:**

Function-Based Views (FBVs): These are Python functions that take a request object as their first argument and return an HTTP response. They are simple to write and easy to understand, making them ideal for straightforward views.

Class-Based Views (CBVs): These are Python classes that provide more structure and reusable components for handling requests. Django provides several built-in CBVs like ListView, DetailView, CreateView, etc., which can be extended to customize behavior.

Context Data: Views often prepare a context dictionary containing data that is passed to templates. This context is then used to render dynamic content on web pages.

Form Handling: Views handle form submissions, validate data, and process the input before saving it to the database or performing other actions.

Redirects: Views can also redirect users to other pages after a successful action, such as a form submission.

**Best Practices:**

Use CBVs Where Appropriate: For more complex views or views that involve common patterns like displaying a list of objects or handling forms, prefer using CBVs to reduce code repetition and improve maintainability.

Keep Views Thin: Focus on keeping views as thin as possible by delegating business logic to models or separate services. Views should primarily handle the request-response cycle.

Error Handling: Implement proper error handling in views to manage exceptions and return appropriate HTTP status codes (e.g., 404 for not found, 403 for forbidden).

Use Decorators: For function-based views, use decorators like @login\_required to enforce authentication, or @permission\_required to enforce specific permissions.

**Performance Consideration:**

Efficient Queries: Use Django's select\_related or prefetch\_related in views to optimize database queries and reduce the number of queries made when fetching related data.

Pagination: Implement pagination in views that handle large datasets to prevent performance bottlenecks and improve user experience.

**Security Consideration:**

Access Control: Implement access controls in views to ensure that users can only access data they are authorized to see. This includes checking permissions and using the login\_required decorator where needed.

CSRF Protection: Ensure that forms in views are protected against Cross-Site Request Forgery (CSRF) attacks by using Django’s built-in CSRF protection mechanisms.

**Project Evolution:**

Refactoring Views: As your project grows, you may need to refactor views to keep them maintainable. Consider moving complex logic out of views and into models, forms, or dedicated service classes.

Expanding Functionality: As you add new features to the users app, new views will be added to views.py. Consider creating multiple view modules (e.g., views\_auth.py, views\_profile.py) if views.py becomes too large.

### serializers.py

**Specific Location:** backend/users/serializers.py

Purpose: The serializers.py file is used to define serializers for the users app. In Django, serializers are responsible for converting complex data types, such as Django models, into native Python data types that can then be easily rendered into JSON, XML, or other content types. Conversely, serializers can also be used to deserialize data, validating incoming data and converting it back into complex types that Django models can use.

**Additional Detail:**

ModelSerializer: A common practice is to use Django REST Framework’s ModelSerializer, which automatically generates a serializer based on the fields of a Django model. This is particularly useful for straightforward CRUD operations.

Custom Serializers: You can also define custom serializers to handle more complex data structures or to include additional logic, such as custom validation, nested relationships, or computed fields.

Validation: Serializers can include custom validation methods to ensure that data adheres to specific rules before it is saved to the database or used elsewhere in the application.

Nested Relationships: Serializers can handle nested relationships, allowing related models to be serialized together, which is useful for APIs that need to return related data in a single response.

**Best Practices:**

Use ModelSerializer When Possible: For simple cases where a serializer directly maps to a model, use ModelSerializer to reduce code duplication and streamline development.

Custom Validation: Implement custom validation logic in serializers when you need to enforce specific business rules or data integrity checks.

Serializer Fields: Explicitly define serializer fields to control which fields are exposed in the API response and which are required in the request. Use the read\_only and write\_only attributes as needed.

Document Serializers: Clearly document the purpose and structure of each serializer, especially if they include custom logic or handle complex relationships.

**Performance Consideration:**

Optimize Querysets: When using serializers with querysets, ensure that you optimize the queryset (e.g., using select\_related or prefetch\_related) to avoid N+1 query problems and improve performance.

Partial Updates: Use the partial=True flag in serializers to allow for partial updates (PATCH requests), reducing the amount of data that needs to be sent and processed.

**Security Consideration:**

Data Exposure: Carefully control which fields are exposed through serializers to avoid unintentionally exposing sensitive data. Use the exclude or fields options in the Meta class to specify which fields should be included.

Validation: Ensure that serializers include robust validation to prevent invalid or malicious data from being processed or saved to the database.

**Project Evolution:**

Expanding API: As your project grows and your API evolves, you may need to update existing serializers or create new ones to handle additional data structures or API endpoints.

Refactoring Serializers: If serializers.py becomes too large, consider breaking it into multiple files (e.g., user\_serializers.py, profile\_serializers.py) to keep the codebase organized and maintainable.

### permissions.py

**Specific Location:** backend/users/permissions.py

Purpose: The permissions.py file is used to define custom permission classes that control access to various parts of the users app. Permissions determine whether a user is authorized to perform certain actions, such as viewing, editing, or deleting data. In Django, permissions are an essential part of securing your application, ensuring that only authorized users can access specific resources.

**Additional Detail:**

Permission Classes: Custom permission classes typically inherit from rest\_framework.permissions.BasePermission when using Django REST Framework (DRF). These classes implement methods like has\_permission and has\_object\_permission to check whether a user has the necessary rights to perform an action.

Global vs. Object-Level Permissions: Permissions can be checked at both the global level (e.g., can a user access a particular view?) and the object level (e.g., can a user edit this specific instance of a model?).

Built-In Permissions: Django comes with built-in permissions like IsAuthenticated, IsAdminUser, and IsAuthenticatedOrReadOnly, which can be extended or customized within this file.

**Best Practices:**

Granular Permissions: Implement granular permissions that closely align with your application's requirements. For example, create permissions that differentiate between read and write access or between different user roles (e.g., admin, staff, regular user).

Reusable Permissions: Design permissions to be reusable across multiple views or apps by keeping them as generic as possible, while still enforcing the necessary access control.

Document Permissions: Clearly document each permission class, explaining its purpose and the conditions under which it grants or denies access.

**Performance Consideration:**

Efficient Checks: Ensure that permission checks are efficient and do not add unnecessary overhead to your application. Avoid performing complex or expensive database queries within permission classes.

Cache Results: Consider caching the results of permission checks if they are expensive to compute and are likely to be reused within a single request.

**Security Consideration:**

Strict Enforcement: Permissions should be strictly enforced to prevent unauthorized access to sensitive data or functionality. Be particularly cautious with object-level permissions to ensure that users can only access objects they are authorized to interact with.

Testing: Thoroughly test your custom permission classes to ensure that they work as expected and do not inadvertently grant access where it should be denied.

**Project Evolution:**

Adapting Permissions: As your application evolves and new features are added, you may need to adapt or extend your permission classes to handle new use cases or security requirements.

Scalability: Consider how your permission system will scale as the number of users and the complexity of the application grow. Review and optimize permissions periodically to ensure they continue to meet your application's needs.

### urls.py

**Specific Location:** backend/users/urls.py

**Purpose:** The urls.py file is used to define the URL patterns specifically for the users app. It maps URLs to the corresponding view functions or class-based views that handle the requests. This modular approach allows each app within the Django project to have its own urls.py file, keeping the URL configurations organized and manageable.

**Additional Detail:**

URL Patterns: The core component of this file is the urlpatterns list, which includes all the URL routes for the users app. Each entry in urlpatterns is a call to the path() or re\_path() function, mapping a URL pattern to a view.

Namespacing: To avoid naming conflicts between URL patterns in different apps, you can use namespacing. This allows you to specify a namespace for the users app’s URLs, which is especially useful in large projects with many apps.

Include Function: The urls.py file in the main project (e.g., GWIIT\_project/urls.py) often uses the include() function to incorporate the users app’s URLs into the global URL configuration.

**Best Practices:**

Modular URL Design: Keep the users/urls.py file focused on user-related URL patterns. Avoid adding unrelated URLs to maintain a clear separation of concerns.

Named URL Patterns: Use the name argument in the path() function to give each URL pattern a unique name. This allows you to reference URLs by name in templates and view logic, making the code more readable and maintainable.

Consistent Structure: Maintain a consistent URL structure across your application, following a logical pattern (e.g., /users/login/, /users/profile/, etc.) that is intuitive for both users and developers.

**Performance Consideration:**

Efficient URL Matching: Ensure that URL patterns are as specific as possible to reduce the overhead of matching URLs, especially in large projects with many routes.

Lazy Loading: Use the include() function to lazy-load app-specific URLs, which can improve performance by avoiding unnecessary URL pattern evaluation until it’s needed.

**Security Consideration:**

Access Control: Ensure that sensitive URLs, such as those for user account management, are protected by appropriate access controls and permissions. Use Django’s built-in decorators like login\_required to restrict access to authenticated users.

Avoid Exposing Sensitive Information: Be cautious about the information included in URLs. Avoid including sensitive data like user IDs directly in the URL path where possible.

**Project Evolution:**

Scalability: As the users app grows, the urls.py file may need to be expanded with additional routes. Consider breaking down complex or lengthy URL configurations into separate modules (e.g., auth\_urls.py, profile\_urls.py) if needed.

Adapting to New Features: As you add new features to the users app, you’ll need to update urls.py to include routes for those features. Ensure that the new URLs follow the existing pattern and structure.

### \_\_init\_\_.py

Specific Location: backend/users/\_\_init\_\_.py

Purpose: The \_\_init\_\_.py file in the users/ directory serves to mark the directory as a Python package. This allows Python to recognize the users directory as a module that can be imported and used in other parts of your Django project. It typically does not contain any code but plays an important role in the modularity and structure of the application.

Additional Detail:

Package Initialization: The presence of \_\_init\_\_.py allows the users module to be imported with statements like import users or from users import models.

Shared Resources: Although it is usually empty, this file can be used to import shared resources, constants, or functions that should be accessible across the users module.

Best Practices:

Keep It Simple: The \_\_init\_\_.py file is generally left empty unless there is a specific need for package-level initialization or imports.

Documentation: If you add any code or imports to \_\_init\_\_.py, make sure to document them clearly to maintain clarity for future developers.

Performance Consideration:

Lightweight: Ensure the \_\_init\_\_.py file remains lightweight to avoid unnecessary overhead during package imports. Avoid placing complex logic or heavy imports in this file.

Security Consideration:

Secure Initialization: If any initialization logic is included, such as loading configurations or environment variables, ensure that sensitive information is not exposed within this file.

Project Evolution:

Future Expansion: As the users module evolves, the \_\_init\_\_.py file may be updated to manage additional submodules, shared utilities, or package-level configurations. It serves as a flexible entry point for expanding the module's functionality.

### admin.py

Specific Location: backend/users/admin.py

Purpose: The admin.py file is used to register the models from the users app with the Django admin interface. This allows the models to be managed through the Django admin panel, where administrators can view, add, modify, and delete records.

Additional Detail:

Model Registration: Typically, you will use admin.site.register(ModelName) to register each model you want to manage through the admin interface.

Custom Admin Classes: You can create custom admin classes by subclassing admin.ModelAdmin to customize the display, search capabilities, filters, and forms for the models in the admin interface.

Inline Models: For models with related data, you can use admin.TabularInline or admin.StackedInline to include related models within the parent model’s admin page.

Best Practices:

Customize Admin Interface: Use custom admin classes to improve the usability of the admin interface, such as by customizing the list display, adding search fields, and enabling filters.

Security: Limit the fields displayed in the admin to only what is necessary, particularly when dealing with sensitive data. Use readonly\_fields to prevent editing of certain fields.

Performance: If dealing with large datasets, consider using pagination and list filters to avoid performance issues when displaying data in the admin interface.

Performance Consideration:

Efficient Querying: Customize the admin interface to reduce the number of database queries, such as by using select\_related or prefetch\_related in list displays.

Scalability: For large data sets, implement pagination and optimize search filters to ensure the admin interface remains responsive.

Security Consideration:

Access Control: Ensure that only authorized users have access to the Django admin interface. Implement user permissions to control who can view, add, change, or delete records.

Audit and Logging: Consider implementing logging to track changes made through the admin interface for auditing purposes.

Project Evolution:

Expanding Functionality: As the users app grows, you may need to add more models to admin.py, as well as customize the admin interface further to handle new data types or relationships.

Improving Usability: Continuously improve the usability of the admin interface based on feedback from users, such as by adding or refining list displays, search functionality, and filtering options.

### apps.py

Specific Location: backend/users/apps.py

Purpose: The apps.py file is used to configure the users app within your Django project. It defines the application configuration class, which is responsible for setting some attributes of the app, such as its name and any app-specific configuration. This file is essential for Django to recognize and properly initialize the users app.

Additional Detail:

AppConfig Class: The apps.py file typically contains a subclass of django.apps.AppConfig named something like UsersConfig. This class is where you can define metadata about the app and override certain methods to customize its behavior.

App Name: The name attribute in the AppConfig class specifies the full Python path to the application (e.g., users), which Django uses to locate the app within the project.

Ready Method: The AppConfig class can include a ready() method, which is executed when Django starts. This method can be used to perform startup tasks like signal registration or other initialization logic.

Best Practices:

Keep It Simple: The apps.py file is usually minimal, focusing on the configuration of the app. Avoid placing too much logic in the ready() method to keep the startup process efficient.

Signal Registration: If your app uses Django signals, register them in the ready() method to ensure they are connected when the app is ready.

App Naming: Ensure that the name attribute in the AppConfig class accurately reflects the app’s module path within the project.

Performance Consideration:

Efficient Initialization: If you use the ready() method for initialization tasks, ensure that the tasks are essential and optimized to avoid slowing down the startup time of the Django application.

Lazy Loading: Consider lazy-loading any resources or dependencies in the ready() method to prevent unnecessary overhead during startup.

Security Consideration:

Initialization Security: If the ready() method performs any security-sensitive tasks, such as loading configurations or registering signals, ensure that these tasks are secure and do not expose sensitive information.

Project Evolution:

Adding Functionality: As your app grows, you may need to update the apps.py file to include additional configurations or to handle more complex initialization tasks.

Custom AppConfig: For larger or more complex apps, consider creating a more robust AppConfig class to manage the app’s initialization and configuration more effectively.

### migrations/

Specific Location: backend/users/migrations/

Purpose: The migrations/ directory stores the migration files that track changes to the database schema associated with the users app. Migrations are Django's way of propagating changes you make to your models (like adding a field or deleting a model) into the database schema. Each migration file represents a specific change or set of changes and ensures that the database schema remains synchronized with the models defined in your Django application.

Additional Detail:

Auto-Generated Files: Migration files are usually generated automatically by Django when you run commands like python manage.py makemigrations.

Version Control: Migration files should be committed to version control (e.g., Git) so that other developers can apply the same database changes in their environments.

Best Practices:

Consistency: Always run makemigrations and migrate commands after modifying models to keep the database schema in sync with the models.

Review Migrations: Before applying migrations, review the generated migration files to ensure that they reflect the intended changes.

Atomic Migrations: Django migrations are designed to be atomic (i.e., they either fully apply or don’t apply at all). Avoid making manual changes to migration files unless necessary.

Performance Consideration:

Optimize Migrations: Use squashmigrations to combine multiple migrations into a single file if your project accumulates a large number of migrations, which can help optimize database performance.

Test Migrations: Before deploying to production, test migrations in a staging environment to ensure they apply correctly and do not cause performance issues.

Security Consideration:

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Migration Management: As your project evolves, the migrations/ directory will grow with each change to the database schema. Regularly review and clean up old or redundant migrations, especially if you’re refactoring models or changing database structures.

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Performance Consideration:

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Security Consideration:

Avoid Sensitive Data: Do not include any sensitive information or logic in this file, as it could be executed during migrations.

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Redirects: Views can also redirect users to other pages after a successful action, such as a form submission.

Best Practices:

Use CBVs Where Appropriate: For more complex views or views that involve common patterns like displaying a list of objects or handling forms, prefer using CBVs to reduce code repetition and improve maintainability.

Keep Views Thin: Focus on keeping views as thin as possible by delegating business logic to models or separate services. Views should primarily handle the request-response cycle.

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Use Decorators: For function-based views, use decorators like @login\_required to enforce authentication, or @permission\_required to enforce specific permissions.

Performance Consideration:

Efficient Queries: Use Django's select\_related or prefetch\_related in views to optimize database queries and reduce the number of queries made when fetching related data.

Pagination: Implement pagination in views that handle large datasets to prevent performance bottlenecks and improve user experience.

Security Consideration:

Access Control: Implement access controls in views to ensure that users can only access data they are authorized to see. This includes checking permissions and using the login\_required decorator where needed.

CSRF Protection: Ensure that forms in views are protected against Cross-Site Request Forgery (CSRF) attacks by using Django’s built-in CSRF protection mechanisms.

Project Evolution:

Refactoring Views: As your project grows, you may need to refactor views to keep them maintainable. Consider moving complex logic out of views and into models, forms, or dedicated service classes.

Expanding Functionality: As you add new features to the users app, new views will be added to views.py. Consider creating multiple view modules (e.g., views\_auth.py, views\_profile.py) if views.py becomes too large.

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Additional Detail:

ModelSerializer: A common practice is to use Django REST Framework’s ModelSerializer, which automatically generates a serializer based on the fields of a Django model. This is particularly useful for straightforward CRUD operations.

Custom Serializers: You can also define custom serializers to handle more complex data structures or to include additional logic, such as custom validation, nested relationships, or computed fields.

Validation: Serializers can include custom validation methods to ensure that data adheres to specific rules before it is saved to the database or used elsewhere in the application.

Nested Relationships: Serializers can handle nested relationships, allowing related models to be serialized together, which is useful for APIs that need to return related data in a single response.

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Use ModelSerializer When Possible: For simple cases where a serializer directly maps to a model, use ModelSerializer to reduce code duplication and streamline development.

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Serializer Fields: Explicitly define serializer fields to control which fields are exposed in the API response and which are required in the request. Use the read\_only and write\_only attributes as needed.

Document Serializers: Clearly document the purpose and structure of each serializer, especially if they include custom logic or handle complex relationships.

Performance Consideration:

Optimize Querysets: When using serializers with querysets, ensure that you optimize the queryset (e.g., using select\_related or prefetch\_related) to avoid N+1 query problems and improve performance.

Partial Updates: Use the partial=True flag in serializers to allow for partial updates (PATCH requests), reducing the amount of data that needs to be sent and processed.

Security Consideration:

Data Exposure: Carefully control which fields are exposed through serializers to avoid unintentionally exposing sensitive data. Use the exclude or fields options in the Meta class to specify which fields should be included.

Validation: Ensure that serializers include robust validation to prevent invalid or malicious data from being processed or saved to the database.

Project Evolution:

Expanding API: As your project grows and your API evolves, you may need to update existing serializers or create new ones to handle additional data structures or API endpoints.

Refactoring Serializers: If serializers.py becomes too large, consider breaking it into multiple files (e.g., user\_serializers.py, profile\_serializers.py) to keep the codebase organized and maintainable.

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Built-In Permissions: Django comes with built-in permissions like IsAuthenticated, IsAdminUser, and IsAuthenticatedOrReadOnly, which can be extended or customized within this file.

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Project Evolution:

Adapting Permissions: As your application evolves and new features are added, you may need to adapt or extend your permission classes to handle new use cases or security requirements.

Scalability: Consider how your permission system will scale as the number of users and the complexity of the application grow. Review and optimize permissions periodically to ensure they continue to meet your application's needs.

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Additional Detail:

URL Patterns: The core component of this file is the urlpatterns list, which includes all the URL routes for the users app. Each entry in urlpatterns is a call to the path() or re\_path() function, mapping a URL pattern to a view.

Namespacing: To avoid naming conflicts between URL patterns in different apps, you can use namespacing. This allows you to specify a namespace for the users app’s URLs, which is especially useful in large projects with many apps.

Include Function: The urls.py file in the main project (e.g., GWIIT\_project/urls.py) often uses the include() function to incorporate the users app’s URLs into the global URL configuration.

Best Practices:

Modular URL Design: Keep the users/urls.py file focused on user-related URL patterns. Avoid adding unrelated URLs to maintain a clear separation of concerns.

Named URL Patterns: Use the name argument in the path() function to give each URL pattern a unique name. This allows you to reference URLs by name in templates and view logic, making the code more readable and maintainable.

Consistent Structure: Maintain a consistent URL structure across your application, following a logical pattern (e.g., /users/login/, /users/profile/, etc.) that is intuitive for both users and developers.

Performance Consideration:

Efficient URL Matching: Ensure that URL patterns are as specific as possible to reduce the overhead of matching URLs, especially in large projects with many routes.

Lazy Loading: Use the include() function to lazy-load app-specific URLs, which can improve performance by avoiding unnecessary URL pattern evaluation until it’s needed.

Security Consideration:

Access Control: Ensure that sensitive URLs, such as those for user account management, are protected by appropriate access controls and permissions. Use Django’s built-in decorators like login\_required to restrict access to authenticated users.

Avoid Exposing Sensitive Information: Be cautious about the information included in URLs. Avoid including sensitive data like user IDs directly in the URL path where possible.

Project Evolution:

Scalability: As the users app grows, the urls.py file may need to be expanded with additional routes. Consider breaking down complex or lengthy URL configurations into separate modules (e.g., auth\_urls.py, profile\_urls.py) if needed.

Adapting to New Features: As you add new features to the users app, you’ll need to update urls.py to include routes for those features. Ensure that the new URLs follow the existing pattern and structure.

### \_\_init\_\_.py

Specific Location: backend/users/\_\_init\_\_.py

Purpose: The \_\_init\_\_.py file in the users/ directory serves to mark the directory as a Python package. This allows Python to recognize the users directory as a module that can be imported and used in other parts of your Django project. It typically does not contain any code but plays an important role in the modularity and structure of the application.

Additional Detail:

Package Initialization: The presence of \_\_init\_\_.py allows the users module to be imported with statements like import users or from users import models.

Shared Resources: Although it is usually empty, this file can be used to import shared resources, constants, or functions that should be accessible across the users module.

Best Practices:

Keep It Simple: The \_\_init\_\_.py file is generally left empty unless there is a specific need for package-level initialization or imports.

Documentation: If you add any code or imports to \_\_init\_\_.py, make sure to document them clearly to maintain clarity for future developers.

Performance Consideration:

Lightweight: Ensure the \_\_init\_\_.py file remains lightweight to avoid unnecessary overhead during package imports. Avoid placing complex logic or heavy imports in this file.

Security Consideration:

Secure Initialization: If any initialization logic is included, such as loading configurations or environment variables, ensure that sensitive information is not exposed within this file.

Project Evolution:

Future Expansion: As the users module evolves, the \_\_init\_\_.py file may be updated to manage additional submodules, shared utilities, or package-level configurations. It serves as a flexible entry point for expanding the module's functionality.

### admin.py

Specific Location: backend/users/admin.py

Purpose: The admin.py file is used to register the models from the users app with the Django admin interface. This allows the models to be managed through the Django admin panel, where administrators can view, add, modify, and delete records.

Additional Detail:

Model Registration: Typically, you will use admin.site.register(ModelName) to register each model you want to manage through the admin interface.

Custom Admin Classes: You can create custom admin classes by subclassing admin.ModelAdmin to customize the display, search capabilities, filters, and forms for the models in the admin interface.

Inline Models: For models with related data, you can use admin.TabularInline or admin.StackedInline to include related models within the parent model’s admin page.

Best Practices:

Customize Admin Interface: Use custom admin classes to improve the usability of the admin interface, such as by customizing the list display, adding search fields, and enabling filters.

Security: Limit the fields displayed in the admin to only what is necessary, particularly when dealing with sensitive data. Use readonly\_fields to prevent editing of certain fields.

Performance: If dealing with large datasets, consider using pagination and list filters to avoid performance issues when displaying data in the admin interface.

Performance Consideration:

Efficient Querying: Customize the admin interface to reduce the number of database queries, such as by using select\_related or prefetch\_related in list displays.

Scalability: For large data sets, implement pagination and optimize search filters to ensure the admin interface remains responsive.

Security Consideration:

Access Control: Ensure that only authorized users have access to the Django admin interface. Implement user permissions to control who can view, add, change, or delete records.

Audit and Logging: Consider implementing logging to track changes made through the admin interface for auditing purposes.

Project Evolution:

Expanding Functionality: As the users app grows, you may need to add more models to admin.py, as well as customize the admin interface further to handle new data types or relationships.

Improving Usability: Continuously improve the usability of the admin interface based on feedback from users, such as by adding or refining list displays, search functionality, and filtering options.

### apps.py

Specific Location: backend/users/apps.py

Purpose: The apps.py file is used to configure the users app within your Django project. It defines the application configuration class, which is responsible for setting some attributes of the app, such as its name and any app-specific configuration. This file is essential for Django to recognize and properly initialize the users app.

Additional Detail:

AppConfig Class: The apps.py file typically contains a subclass of django.apps.AppConfig named something like UsersConfig. This class is where you can define metadata about the app and override certain methods to customize its behavior.

App Name: The name attribute in the AppConfig class specifies the full Python path to the application (e.g., users), which Django uses to locate the app within the project.

Ready Method: The AppConfig class can include a ready() method, which is executed when Django starts. This method can be used to perform startup tasks like signal registration or other initialization logic.

Best Practices:

Keep It Simple: The apps.py file is usually minimal, focusing on the configuration of the app. Avoid placing too much logic in the ready() method to keep the startup process efficient.

Signal Registration: If your app uses Django signals, register them in the ready() method to ensure they are connected when the app is ready.

App Naming: Ensure that the name attribute in the AppConfig class accurately reflects the app’s module path within the project.

Performance Consideration:

Efficient Initialization: If you use the ready() method for initialization tasks, ensure that the tasks are essential and optimized to avoid slowing down the startup time of the Django application.

Lazy Loading: Consider lazy-loading any resources or dependencies in the ready() method to prevent unnecessary overhead during startup.

Security Consideration:

Initialization Security: If the ready() method performs any security-sensitive tasks, such as loading configurations or registering signals, ensure that these tasks are secure and do not expose sensitive information.

Project Evolution:

Adding Functionality: As your app grows, you may need to update the apps.py file to include additional configurations or to handle more complex initialization tasks.

Custom AppConfig: For larger or more complex apps, consider creating a more robust AppConfig class to manage the app’s initialization and configuration more effectively.

### migrations/

Specific Location: backend/users/migrations/

Purpose: The migrations/ directory stores the migration files that track changes to the database schema associated with the users app. Migrations are Django's way of propagating changes you make to your models (like adding a field or deleting a model) into the database schema. Each migration file represents a specific change or set of changes and ensures that the database schema remains synchronized with the models defined in your Django application.

Additional Detail:

Auto-Generated Files: Migration files are usually generated automatically by Django when you run commands like python manage.py makemigrations.

Version Control: Migration files should be committed to version control (e.g., Git) so that other developers can apply the same database changes in their environments.

Best Practices:

Consistency: Always run makemigrations and migrate commands after modifying models to keep the database schema in sync with the models.

Review Migrations: Before applying migrations, review the generated migration files to ensure that they reflect the intended changes.

Atomic Migrations: Django migrations are designed to be atomic (i.e., they either fully apply or don’t apply at all). Avoid making manual changes to migration files unless necessary.

Performance Consideration:

Optimize Migrations: Use squashmigrations to combine multiple migrations into a single file if your project accumulates a large number of migrations, which can help optimize database performance.

Test Migrations: Before deploying to production, test migrations in a staging environment to ensure they apply correctly and do not cause performance issues.

Security Consideration:

Data Migrations: If a migration includes sensitive data or operations on sensitive fields, ensure that it is handled securely, and consider using database-level encryption where appropriate.

Project Evolution:

Migration Management: As your project evolves, the migrations/ directory will grow with each change to the database schema. Regularly review and clean up old or redundant migrations, especially if you’re refactoring models or changing database structures.

### \_\_init\_\_.py

Specific Location: backend/users/migrations/\_\_init\_\_.py

Purpose: The \_\_init\_\_.py file in the migrations/ directory marks the migrations/ directory as a Python package. This allows Django to recognize the migrations as part of the users app and ensures that the migration files within this directory are properly managed and executed by Django's migration system.

Additional Detail:

Package Recognition: This file is necessary for Python to treat the migrations/ directory as a module. This enables Django to import and execute the migration files in the correct order.

Typically Empty: The \_\_init\_\_.py file in the migrations/ directory is usually empty. Its primary function is to signal to Python and Django that the directory contains a package.

Best Practices:

Keep It Simple: The \_\_init\_\_.py file in the migrations/ directory should remain empty unless there is a specific reason to include package-level imports or initialization code.

Consistency: Ensure that the \_\_init\_\_.py file is present in all migrations/ directories across your Django apps to maintain consistency and proper package recognition.

Performance Consideration:

Lightweight: As with other \_\_init\_\_.py files, keep this file lightweight to avoid unnecessary overhead during migration execution.

Security Consideration:

Avoid Sensitive Data: Do not include any sensitive information or logic in this file, as it could be executed during migrations.

Project Evolution:

Maintain Integrity: As your project grows and evolves, ensure that the \_\_init\_\_.py file remains in the migrations/ directory to maintain the integrity of your app's migration system.

### models.py

Specific Location: backend/users/models.py

Purpose: The models.py file defines the database models (or schema) for the users app. Each model is represented as a Python class that subclasses django.db.models.Model, and Django automatically translates these classes into database tables. This file is essential for defining the structure of the data related to users, including fields like usernames, email addresses, passwords, and any other user-related data.

Additional Detail:

Model Fields: Each attribute of the model class corresponds to a database field, with Django field types (e.g., CharField, IntegerField, EmailField) specifying the type and behavior of the data.

Relationships: You can define relationships between models using fields like ForeignKey, OneToOneField, and ManyToManyField. This is essential for creating relationships between users and other entities in your project.

Model Methods: In addition to fields, you can define custom methods on your models to encapsulate business logic related to the model.

Meta Options: The Meta class inside a model can be used to define model metadata, such as ordering, verbose names, and unique constraints.

Best Practices:

Normalization: Ensure that your models follow database normalization principles to reduce redundancy and improve data integrity.

Custom Methods: Use model methods to encapsulate business logic that pertains to a particular model. This keeps your code organized and ensures that business logic is tied directly to the data it operates on.

Document Models: Document the purpose and structure of each model and its fields, especially when using complex relationships or custom methods.

Performance Consideration:

Indexing: Use db\_index=True on fields that are frequently queried or used in filters to improve query performance.

Efficient Relationships: Be mindful of the performance implications of using relationships like ManyToManyField. In large datasets, these can cause complex joins that may affect performance.

Security Consideration:

Data Validation: Implement validation on model fields to ensure data integrity and security, such as using Django’s built-in validators or custom validation methods.

Sensitive Fields: Securely handle fields that store sensitive information, such as passwords, by using Django’s CharField with password attributes and ensuring that password hashing and salting are implemented.

Project Evolution:

Migration Management: As your models evolve, ensure that changes are properly tracked through Django’s migration system. Use makemigrations to create migration files whenever you modify your models.

Scalability: Consider how your models will scale as your project grows. Plan for potential changes in data volume, relationships, and query complexity, and structure your models to handle growth efficiently.

### tests.py

Specific Location: backend/users/tests.py

Purpose: The tests.py file is used to define unit tests, integration tests, and other automated tests for the users app. These tests ensure that the functionality of the users app behaves as expected and that any changes or additions to the codebase do not introduce new bugs. Testing is a critical component of the development process, providing confidence that the application is stable and reliable.

Additional Detail:

Test Cases: The tests.py file typically contains classes that inherit from django.test.TestCase. Each class represents a collection of related tests, and each method within the class represents an individual test case.

SetUp Method: Use the setUp method to create any objects or data needed across multiple test cases within the same class. This method is run before each test case.

Assertions: Tests rely on assertions (e.g., self.assertEqual, self.assertTrue) to check whether the expected outcomes match the actual outcomes. Django provides a variety of assertion methods for testing different scenarios.

Fixtures: You can use fixtures or the setUpTestData method to load a set of predefined data into the database before running tests, ensuring consistency across test runs.

Best Practices:

Isolate Tests: Each test should be independent and not rely on the outcome of other tests. This isolation ensures that tests can run in any order without dependencies.

Test Coverage: Aim for comprehensive test coverage that includes model tests, view tests, form tests, and any custom methods or functionality in the users app.

Use Descriptive Names: Give your test methods descriptive names that clearly indicate what functionality is being tested. This helps in quickly identifying what might be broken when a test fails.

Performance Consideration:

Efficient Test Setup: Use setUpTestData instead of setUp for creating data that doesn’t change between tests, which can make tests run faster since the data is only created once per class.

Selective Testing: Run only the tests related to the part of the code you are working on to save time during development. You can run specific tests using python manage.py test users.TestCaseName.

Security Consideration:

Test for Security: Include tests that verify the security aspects of the users app, such as password hashing, permissions, and access controls.

Handle Sensitive Data: When testing features that involve sensitive data, ensure that the data is anonymized or mocked in the test cases.

Project Evolution:

Continuous Integration: As your project grows, integrate the tests.py file into a continuous integration (CI) pipeline to automate testing and ensure that all new code passes the tests before being merged.

Test Maintenance: Regularly review and update your tests to cover new features, handle edge cases, and remove or refactor outdated tests as the users app evolves.

### views.py

Specific Location: backend/users/views.py

Purpose: The views.py file contains the view functions or class-based views that handle HTTP requests and return HTTP responses for the users app. Views are the core of the request-response cycle in Django, responsible for processing incoming requests, interacting with models and forms, and rendering templates or returning data in various formats like HTML, JSON, or XML.

Additional Detail:

Function-Based Views (FBVs): These are Python functions that take a request object as their first argument and return an HTTP response. They are simple to write and easy to understand, making them ideal for straightforward views.

Class-Based Views (CBVs): These are Python classes that provide more structure and reusable components for handling requests. Django provides several built-in CBVs like ListView, DetailView, CreateView, etc., which can be extended to customize behavior.

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Form Handling: Views handle form submissions, validate data, and process the input before saving it to the database or performing other actions.

Redirects: Views can also redirect users to other pages after a successful action, such as a form submission.

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Document Serializers: Clearly document the purpose and structure of each serializer, especially if they include custom logic or handle complex relationships.

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Expanding API: As your project grows and your API evolves, you may need to update existing serializers or create new ones to handle additional data structures or API endpoints.

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Adapting Permissions: As your application evolves and new features are added, you may need to adapt or extend your permission classes to handle new use cases or security requirements.

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Additional Detail:

URL Patterns: The core component of this file is the urlpatterns list, which includes all the URL routes for the users app. Each entry in urlpatterns is a call to the path() or re\_path() function, mapping a URL pattern to a view.

Namespacing: To avoid naming conflicts between URL patterns in different apps, you can use namespacing. This allows you to specify a namespace for the users app’s URLs, which is especially useful in large projects with many apps.

Include Function: The urls.py file in the main project (e.g., GWIIT\_project/urls.py) often uses the include() function to incorporate the users app’s URLs into the global URL configuration.

Best Practices:

Modular URL Design: Keep the users/urls.py file focused on user-related URL patterns. Avoid adding unrelated URLs to maintain a clear separation of concerns.

Named URL Patterns: Use the name argument in the path() function to give each URL pattern a unique name. This allows you to reference URLs by name in templates and view logic, making the code more readable and maintainable.

Consistent Structure: Maintain a consistent URL structure across your application, following a logical pattern (e.g., /users/login/, /users/profile/, etc.) that is intuitive for both users and developers.

Performance Consideration:

Efficient URL Matching: Ensure that URL patterns are as specific as possible to reduce the overhead of matching URLs, especially in large projects with many routes.

Lazy Loading: Use the include() function to lazy-load app-specific URLs, which can improve performance by avoiding unnecessary URL pattern evaluation until it’s needed.

Security Consideration:

Access Control: Ensure that sensitive URLs, such as those for user account management, are protected by appropriate access controls and permissions. Use Django’s built-in decorators like login\_required to restrict access to authenticated users.

Avoid Exposing Sensitive Information: Be cautious about the information included in URLs. Avoid including sensitive data like user IDs directly in the URL path where possible.

Project Evolution:

Scalability: As the users app grows, the urls.py file may need to be expanded with additional routes. Consider breaking down complex or lengthy URL configurations into separate modules (e.g., auth\_urls.py, profile\_urls.py) if needed.

Adapting to New Features: As you add new features to the users app, you’ll need to update urls.py to include routes for those features. Ensure that the new URLs follow the existing pattern and structure.

# Getting Started - Backend

## Folders and Environments

### Project folder

Create the project folder for the project. Name the project ‘GWITT’

### Create Virtual Environment

VSCode will be the IDE for the project. Steps for creating folders, adding extensions, or interacting with specific set up of the IDE will be tailored to VSCode.

### Open a Terminal:

Open a terminal in VSCode by going to:

**View > Terminal or pressing Ctrl + ‘**

### Create the Virtual Environment:

Run the following command in the terminal pane to create a virtual environment named **‘venv’**

**‘python -m venv venv’**

This creates a directory named **‘venv’** in the project folder, containing the Python interpreter and packages for the virtual environment.

### Navigate into the Virtual Environment Directory:

use the **‘cd’** command to navigate into the directory where the **‘venv’** folder is located.

**Example:**

**‘cd C:\Users\YourName\Projects\my\_project\venv\Scripts\activate’**

### Activate the Virtual Environment:

Once in the correct directory, activate the virtual environment.

**‘venv\Scripts\activate’**

## Framework

### Install Django:

With the virtual environment activated and seeing **‘(venv)’** in your terminal pane.

Install Django by running the following in the terminal.

**‘pip install django’**

#### Verify the Installation:

Verify Django installation by running the following in the terminal.

**‘django-admin –version’**

### Create the Django Project:

Run the following command to create a new Django project. ‘GWIIT’ will be the name for the project:

**‘django-admin startproject GWIIT’**

This will create a new directory named **‘GWIIT/’** in the current directory. Inside this directory it the default Django project structure.

**GWIIT/**

**├── manage.py**

**└── GWIIT/**

**├── \_\_init\_\_.py**

**├── settings.py**

**├── urls.py**

**├── asgi.py**

**└── wsgi.py**

### Navigate into the Project Directory:

Using the terminal in VSCode, navigate to the project directory:

**‘cd GWIIT’**

This step ensures that any Django commands ran afterward (such as; **‘python manage.py migrate’**, **‘python manage.py runserver’**, etc.) are executed in the correct context—specifically, within the Django project directory.

## Databases

### Install the PostgreSQL Driver:

Using the terminal in VSCode, install the PostgreSQL driver for Python with the following command:

**‘pip install psycopg2’**

#### Verify the Installation:

There should be a success message in the terminal indicating that psycopg2 was installed successfully:

**‘Successfully installed psycopg2-x.x.x’**

### Download PostgreSQL:

Visit the PostgreSQL official download page.

As of document creation date, the following instructions are correct:

https://www.postgresql.org/download/windows/

### Download the installer for Windows:

As of document creation date, the following instructions are correct:

Click on the hyperlink: ‘Download the installer’ in the first sentence of the page

### Redirected to:

The hyperlink redirects to a hosting page by the PostgreSQL community:

https://www.enterprisedb.com/downloads/postgres-postgresql-downloads

### Select Version:

This document is meant to assist a user on a Windows X86-64 system using PostgreSQL 16.4, select that open by clicking the icon.

The installer will download, open the installer and follow instructions. Below are specifics to follow:

**Superuser:**

Prompt to set up a PostgreSQL superuser (postgres) password. Remember this password.

**Select Components:**

Ensure that "PostgreSQL Server" and "pgAdmin 4" are selected.

**Set the Port:**

Default port is 5432. Leave this as is.

**Finish Installation:**

Complete the installation by following the prompts.

### Install the PostgreSQL Extension for VSCode:

This will not be used during initial programming but will be beneficial for testing and visualizing.

#### Open the Extensions View in VSCode:

Click on the Extensions icon in the Activity Bar on the side of the window (or press ‘Ctrl+Shift+X’).

#### Search for the PostgreSQL Extension:

In the search bar, type ‘PostgreSQL’ to find the PostgreSQL extension.

The extension is named ‘PostgreSQL’ by ‘Weijan Chen’.

**NOTE:** the Microsoft "PostgreSQL" appears to be abandonware at the time of writing this document.

#### Install the ‘PostgreSQL’ Extension:

Click the ‘Install’ button next to the PostgreSQL extension.

### Access PostgreSQL:

After installation, access PostgreSQL using the **‘psql’** in the terminal.

**Note:** To run ‘psql’ directly you may need to navigate to the PostgreSQL installation directory or add the PostgreSQL bin directory to the PATH environment variable.

When prompted, enter the password for the ‘postgres’ user that was set during installation.

### Create Each Database:

Use the following SQL commands to create each of the databases required for the project:

**‘CREATE DATABASE users\_db;’**

**‘CREATE DATABASE users\_auth\_db;’**

**‘CREATE DATABASE tickets\_db;’**

**‘CREATE DATABASE fire\_extinguishers\_db;’**

#### Verify Database Creation:

List all databases with the following command:

**‘\l’**

### Exit PostgreSQL:

Once the databases are created, exit the PostgreSQL command-line interface with the following command:

**‘\q’**

### Update Django's settings.py

Navigate to Django project's ‘GWIIT\_project/settings.py’ file.

Update the DATABASES Setting:

For early development, replace default with the superuser and password created during installation:

**'USER': 'postgres'**

**'PASSWORD': 'your\_password'**

Replace the default database configuration with the new PostgreSQL databases:

**DATABASES = {**

**'default': {**

**'ENGINE': 'django.db.backends.postgresql',**

**'NAME': 'users\_db',**

**'USER': 'postgres',**

**'PASSWORD': 'your\_password',**

**'HOST': 'localhost',**

**'PORT': '5432',**

**},**

**'users\_auth': {**

**'ENGINE': 'django.db.backends.postgresql',**

**'NAME': '** **users\_auth\_db',**

**'USER': 'postgres',**

**'PASSWORD': 'your\_password',**

**'HOST': 'localhost',**

**'PORT': '5432',**

**},'tickets': {**

**'ENGINE': 'django.db.backends.postgresql',**

**'NAME': 'tickets\_db',**

**'USER': 'postgres',**

**'PASSWORD': 'your\_password',**

**'HOST': 'localhost',**

**'PORT': '5432',**

**},**

**'fire\_extinguishers': {**

**'ENGINE': 'django.db.backends.postgresql',**

**'NAME': 'fire\_extinguishers\_db',**

**'USER': 'postgres',**

**'PASSWORD': 'your\_password',**

**'HOST': 'localhost',**

**'PORT': '5432',**

**},**

**}**

## File Management

### ‘backend/’ Structure:

Inside the project’s root directory (where ‘manage.py’ is located).

**GWIIT/**

**├── manage.py**

**└── GWIIT/**

**├── \_\_init\_\_.py**

**├── settings.py**

**├── urls.py**

**├── asgi.py**

**└── wsgi.py**

### Create new directory: (backend)

Right-click in the Explorer sidebar where the files are listed.

Choose ‘New Folder’.

Name the folder ‘backend’.

Move the ‘GWIIT’ Django project folder into this ‘backend/’ directory.

**GWIIT/**

**├── manage.py**

**├── backend/**

**├── GWIIT/**

**├── \_\_init\_\_.py**

**├── settings.py**

**├── urls.py**

**├── asgi.py**

**└── wsgi.py**

### Create new directory: (Frontend)

Right-click in the Explorer sidebar where the files are listed.

Choose ‘New Folder’.

Name the folder ‘frontend’.

**GWIIT/**

**├── manage.py**

**├── backend/**

**│ ├── GWIIT/**

**│ ├── \_\_init\_\_.py**

**│ ├── settings.py**

**│ ├── urls.py**

**│ ├── asgi.py**

**│ └── wsgi.py**

**└── frontend/**

### Update ‘manage.py’:

After moving the project into the ‘backend/’ directory, adjust ‘manage.py’ to ensure that Django knows where to find the ‘settings.py’ file.

Open ‘manage.py’ and update the line:

**‘os.environ.setdefault’**

Update the line to:

**‘os.environ.setdefault('DJANGO\_SETTINGS\_MODULE', 'backend.GWIIT.settings')’**

## Create DJango Apps:

Create the ‘users’, ‘tickets’, and ‘fire\_extinguisher’ Django apps following the steps below and repeating for each of the three Django apps.

**In your python virtual environment:**  
Navigate to the root directory GWIIT/, where manage.py is located, and create each Django app using the ‘startapp’ command.

**‘users’**

Specify the target path when using the ‘startapp’ command.

Create the ‘users’ app, use the ‘startapp’ command:

**‘python manage.py startapp users backend/users’**

**‘tickets’**

Specify the target path when using the ‘startapp’ command.

Create the ‘tickets’ app, use the ‘startapp’ command:

**‘python manage.py startapp users backend/tickets’**

**‘fire\_extinguisher’**

Specify the target path when using the ‘startapp’ command.

Create the ‘fire\_extinguisher’ app, use the ‘startapp’ command:

**‘python manage.py startapp users backend/fire\_extinguisher’**

The ‘startapp’ command creates the following files and subfolder in each ‘backend/DJANGO APP/’ directory you just created:

**‘\_\_init\_\_.py’**

**‘admin.py’**

**‘apps.py’**

**‘migrations/’**

**migrations/ ‘\_\_init\_\_.py’**

**‘models.py’**

**‘tests.py’**

**‘views.py’**

### Updated File Tree:

The file tree should now look like this:

**GWIIT/**

**├── manage.py**

**├── backend/**

**│ ├── GWIIT/**

**│ │ ├── \_\_init\_\_.py**

**│ │ ├── settings.py**

**│ │ ├── urls.py**

**│ │ ├── asgi.py**

**│ │ └── wsgi.py**

**│ ├── users/**

**│ │ ├── \_\_init\_\_.py**

**│ │ ├── admin.py**

**│ │ ├── apps.py**

**│ │ ├── migrations/**

**│ │ │ └── \_\_init\_\_.py**

**│ │ ├── models.py**

**│ │ ├── tests.py**

**│ │ └── views.py**

**│ ├── tickets/**

**│ │ ├── \_\_init\_\_.py**

**│ │ ├── admin.py**

**│ │ ├── apps.py**

**│ │ ├── migrations/**

**│ │ │ └── \_\_init\_\_.py**

**│ │ ├── models.py**

**│ │ ├── tests.py**

**│ │ └── views.py**

**│ └── fire\_extinguishers/**

**│ ├── \_\_init\_\_.py**

**│ ├── admin.py**

**│ ├── apps.py**

**│ ├── migrations/**

**│ │ └── \_\_init\_\_.py**

**│ ├── models.py**

**│ ├── tests.py**

**│ └── views.py**

**└── frontend/**

### Create Custom Files:

**Manually create the files:**

**‘serializers.py’**

**‘permissions.py’**

**‘urls.py’**

Right-click on the directory in the file explorer for the Django app you are adding files to:

**‘users’**

**‘tickets’**

**‘fire\_extiguisher’**

Select ‘New File’ to create each of the files one by one:

**‘serializers.py’**

**‘permissions.py’**

**‘urls.py’**

**Create files in Powershell terminal:**

In the virtual environment, run the following commands in PowerShell to create the necessary files:

**‘New-Item -Path backend/users/serializers.py, backend/users/permissions.py, backend/users/urls.py -ItemType File’**

**‘New-Item -Path backend/tickets/serializers.py, backend/tickets/permissions.py, backend/tickets/urls.py -ItemType File’**

**‘New-Item -Path backend/fire\_extinguishers/serializers.py, backend/fire\_extinguishers/permissions.py, backend/fire\_extinguishers/urls.py -ItemType File’**

### Updated File Tree:

The file tree should now look like this:

**GWIIT/**

**├── manage.py**

**├── backend/**

**│ ├── GWIIT/**

**│ │ ├── \_\_init\_\_.py**

**│ │ ├── settings.py**

**│ │ ├── urls.py**

**│ │ ├── asgi.py**

**│ │ └── wsgi.py**

**│ ├── users/**

**│ │ ├── \_\_init\_\_.py**

**│ │ ├── admin.py**

**│ │ ├── apps.py**

**│ │ ├── migrations/**

**│ │ │ └── \_\_init\_\_.py**

**│ │ ├── models.py**

**│ │ ├── tests.py**

**│ │ ├── views.py**

**│ │ ├── serializers.py**

**│ │ ├── permissions.py**

**│ │ └── urls.py**

**│ ├── tickets/**

**│ │ ├── \_\_init\_\_.py**

**│ │ ├── admin.py**

**│ │ ├── apps.py**

**│ │ ├── migrations/**

**│ │ │ └── \_\_init\_\_.py**

**│ │ ├── models.py**

**│ │ ├── tests.py**

**│ │ ├── views.py**

**│ │ ├── serializers.py**

**│ │ ├── permissions.py**

**│ │ └── urls.py**

**│ └── fire\_extinguishers/**

**│ │ ├── \_\_init\_\_.py**

**│ │ ├── admin.py**

**│ │ ├── apps.py**

**│ │ ├── migrations/**

**│ │ │ └── \_\_init\_\_.py**

**│ │ ├── models.py**

**│ │ ├── tests.py**

**│ │ ├── views.py**

**│ │ ├── serializers.py**

**│ │ ├── permissions.py**

**│ │ └── urls.py**

**└── frontend/**

## Add the Apps

### Modify ‘settings.py’

In the ‘settings.py’ file of ‘backend/GWIIT’, add each of the Django apps to the **‘INSTALLED\_APPS’** list.

This list tells Django which apps should be included when the project runs.

**In the explorer pane, open ‘settings.py’, found here:**

**‘GWIIT/backend/GWIIT/settings.py’**

**Locate ‘INSTALLED\_APPS’:**

**INSTALLED\_APPS = [**

**# Django default apps**

**'django.contrib.admin',**

**'django.contrib.auth',**

**'django.contrib.contenttypes',**

**'django.contrib.sessions',**

**'django.contrib.messages',**

**'django.contrib.staticfiles',**

**]**

**Add the custom apps:**

INSTALLED\_APPS = [

# Django default apps

'django.contrib.admin',

'django.contrib.auth',

'django.contrib.contenttypes',

'django.contrib.sessions',

'django.contrib.messages',

'django.contrib.staticfiles',

# custom apps

'users',

'tickets',

'fire\_extinguishers',

]

## Verify the ROOT\_URLCONF Setting:

The **‘ROOT\_URLCONF’** setting in ‘settings.py’ should already point to the ‘urls.py’ file in the following directory:

**‘GWIIT/backend/GWIIT/settings.py’**

**ROOT\_URLCONF = 'GWIIT.urls'**

If not, update it.

This file is responsible for routing all the URLs in the project.

## Verify the ‘WSGI’ and ‘ASGI’ Settings:

In the same directory and ‘settings.py’ file as the previous step:

**‘GWIIT/backend/GWIIT/settings.py’**

‘**WSGI\_APPLICATION’** and **‘ASGI\_APPLICATION’**, should be pointing to the correct WSGI and ASGI entry points:

**WSGI\_APPLICATION = ‘GWIIT.wsgi.application'**

**ASGI\_APPLICATION = ‘GWIIT.asgi.application'**

If they are not, update them to the above.

## Add URL Paths:

### Establishing the URL Structure:

Defining these basic routes sets up the URL structure for the application:

**EX: ‘http://domain.com/users/profile/’**

By defining the basic paths, the URL structure for the application is being set up. This ensures that as development progresses, new views, templates, and functionality fall within a well-organized framework.

### Explination of Basic Routes:

**Package and Module import ‘django.contrib’:**

**‘django.contrib’:** Package within Django that contains various ‘contrib’ modules. Modules that are contributed by Django's team and community and are standard built-in features.

Specifically, ‘contrib’ modules add a variety of functionalities without requiring additional third-party packages.

**Common modules within ‘django.contrib’ include:**

*‘django.contrib.auth’:* Handles authentication (logins, user management).

*‘django.contrib.sessions’:* Manages user sessions.

*‘django.contrib.messages’:* Allows temporary messages to be sent to users.

*‘django.contrib.staticfiles’:* Manages static files like CSS and JavaScript.

*‘django.contrib.admin’:* Provides a built-in administrative interface for managing your project's models and data.

**‘admin’:** ‘admin’ is a module within ‘django.contrib’. It is Django's built-in administrative interface. It provides a user-friendly web interface that allows CRUD (Create, Read, Update, Delete) operations for the project's data.

When importing ‘admin’, Django's admin site functionality is being brought in. This is what allows use of ‘admin.site.urls’ to include the admin interface in the project's URL configuration.

**Package and Module import ‘django.urls’:**

**‘django.urls’:** ‘django.urls’ is a module within Django. It provides tools for URL handling and routing, it connects the URLs users visit to the views that generate the content they see.

Within ‘django.urls’, there are several functions and classes that help define how the project's URLs are organized and managed. This is not the same as the ‘urls.py’ files in each of the apps created previously.

**‘path’:** path is a function within the ‘django.urls’ module allowing definition of URL patterns in a more readable and straightforward way.

The ‘path()’ function takes at least two arguments:

URL pattern (a string)

view that should handle requests to that URL

**EX: ‘path('home/', views.home, name='home')’**

You can also pass additional options:

*‘route’:* URL pattern (required)

*‘view’:* View function or class (required)

*‘kwargs’:* Dictionary of additional arguments (optional)

*‘name’:* Name of the URL pattern (optional)

**‘include’:** ‘include’ is another function within the ‘django.urls’ module. It is used to include other URL configurations within a parent URL configuration.

The ‘include()’ function allows you to modularize the URL routing by placing related URL patterns in separate files (like in each app's ‘urls.py’), and then include those files in the ‘backend/GWIIT/urls.py’ file.

**EX: ‘path('users/', include('backend.apps.users.urls'))’**

This tells Django to include the URL patterns from the ‘users’ app's ‘urls.py’ file under the ‘/users/’ URL prefix.

You can also pass additional options:

*‘URLconf module’:* Path to another URLconf module (required).

*‘namespace’:* Namespace for the included URL patterns to prevent name conflicts (optional).

*‘app\_name’:* The name of the app, used with namespace for URL reversing (optional, typically used alongside namespace).

**‘.’:** Shorthand notation used in Django and Python to refer to the current directory or module, depending on the context.

### Setting up Project Basic Routes:

Navigate to, and open ‘backend/GWIIT/urls.py’:

**GWIIT/**

**├── manage.py**

**├── backend/**

**│ ├── GWIIT/**

**│ │ ├── \_\_init\_\_.py**

**│ │ ├── settings.py**

**│ │ ├── urls.py**

**│ │ ├── asgi.py**

**│ │ └── wsgi.py**

This file is responsible for routing all the URLs in the project.

**from django.contrib import admin**

**from django.urls import path, include**

**urlpatterns = [**

**path('admin/', admin.site.urls), # Django admin site**

**# Include URLs from each app**

**path('users/', include('users.urls')), # Users app**

**path('tickets/', include('tickets.urls')), # Tickets app**

**#Fire Extinguishers app**

**path('fire-extinguishers/', include('fire\_extinguishers.urls')),**

**]**

### Setting up app Basic Routes:

Navigate to, and open ‘urls.py’ file in each app:

EX: backend/users/urls.py

**│ ├── users/**

**│ │ ├── \_\_init\_\_.py**

**│ │ ├── admin.py**

**│ │ ├── apps.py**

**│ │ ├── migrations/**

**│ │ │ └── \_\_init\_\_.py**

**│ │ ├── models.py**

**│ │ ├── tests.py**

**│ │ ├── views.py**

**│ │ ├── serializers.py**

**│ │ ├── permissions.py**

**│ │ └── urls.py**

This file is responsible for routing all the URLs in the app.

**from django.urls import path**

**from . import views**

**urlpatterns = [**

**path('profile/', views.profile, name='profile'),**

**# Add more URLs here as needed**

**]**

Perform this step for the additional apps, ‘tickets’ and ‘fire\_extinguisher’.

## Database Routers Explained:

In a Django project with a single database, running a migration is straightforward:

Django creates all the necessary tables in the single database specified in ‘settings.py’.

Django’s default behavior, without specific configuration will create every table in every database listed in the **‘DATABASES’** setting. This is NOT appropriate for the project as the ‘users’ tables should not be created in the ‘tickets\_db’ or the ‘fire\_extinguishers\_db’.

Some example tables that Django would create in every database when an initial migration is done without specifying routers:

‘auth\_user’

‘django\_session’

‘auth\_group’

Running migrations without setting up routers would lead to:

**Duplicate tables:** The same tables being created across multiple databases unnecessarily.

**Data inconsistency:** User data, for example, being spread across multiple databases rather than being centralized in the ‘users\_db’.

**The Role of ‘DATABASE\_ROUTERS’:**

To handle the complexity of directing each app’s tables to the correct database

Routers are custom Python classes that tell Django how to route database operations (like reads, writes, and migrations) to the appropriate database. For each database operation, Django will consult the routers to decide which database to use.

**Example:** If a table is created for the ‘users’ app, the router will direct Django to use the ‘users\_db’ instead of any other database.

**Example:** If an external database is used for user management, a router to handle that without disrupting the rest of rest of the databases or app functionalities.

## Database Routers:

## Login Authorization

This section will cover the creation of the user authentication process for logging into the web app, the verification of one-time passcodes (OTP) through multifactor authentication (MFA) devices managed by Django-OTP, session management through Redis in conjuction with Django-Redis, and login failed attempts monitoring through Django-Axes. The first step of the process involves creating custom user models in Django-Auth’s backend based on the ‘users\_auth.user’ table from the ‘users\_auth’ database. This custom model will allow users to authenticate using their username, email, badge barcode, or RFID tag with the correct password. Django Axes will be integrated to track and monitor failed login attempts, enabling account lockout after multiple failed attempts and improving overall security.

The second step will implement the backend logic for OTP verification, allowing users to verify their identity through MFA devices after their credentials are authenticated. This adds an additional layer of security to the login process.

The third step involves setting up Redis for session management, ensuring that authenticated users have their sessions stored and managed efficiently through Redis and Django-Redis.

Finally, logging and tracking functionality will be added through Django-user-sessions and Django Simple History.

### Create Database Table:

See the ‘GWIIT\_Databases’ word document for the table schema, and code to create the table.

### Fake Migration:

To prevent Django from trying to modify the table you just created, while still ensuring that Django recognizes the table, perform a ‘fake’ migration.

#### Create the migration for the ‘users\_auth’ app:

**‘python manage.py makemigrations users\_auth’**

#### Apply the migration, marked as "fake":

**‘python manage.py migrate users\_auth –fake’**

This will let Django track the custom user model in its migration history without making any changes to the ‘users\_auth.user’ table already created in PostgreSQL.

### Create the Custom User Model:

Use Django's ‘AbstractBaseUser’ to build a custom user model that allows flexibility in defining the fields used while still using Django's built-in authentication system for handling passwords. The model will extend

#### Navigate to:

Navigate to the ‘models.py’ file in the following location:  
  
 **‘backend/users/model.py’**  
  
Import packages and modules:  
  
 ‘**from django.contrib.auth.models import AbstractBaseUser**

**from django.db import models’**

Custom User Model:  
  
**from django.contrib.auth.models import AbstractBaseUser, BaseUserManager**

**from django.db import models**

**class UserManager(BaseUserManager):**

**def create\_user(self, username, user\_email, password=None):**

**"""Creates and saves a User with the given username, email, and password."""**

**if not username:**

**raise ValueError('The Username field is required')**

**if not user\_email:**

**raise ValueError('The Email field is required')**

**user = self.model(username=username, user\_email=user\_email)**

**user.set\_password(password) # Hashes the password using Django's built-in method**

**user.save(using=self.\_db)**

**return user**

**def create\_superuser(self, username, user\_email, password):**

**"""Creates and saves a superuser with the given username and password."""**

**user = self.create\_user(username=username, user\_email=user\_email, password=password)**

**user.is\_admin = True**

**user.save(using=self.\_db)**

**return user**

**class CustomUser(AbstractBaseUser):**

**# Fields for user authentication**

**username = models.CharField(max\_length=255, unique=True)**

**user\_email = models.EmailField(max\_length=255, unique=True)**

**password\_hash = models.CharField(max\_length=255)**

**is\_active = models.BooleanField(default=True)**

**badge\_barcode = models.CharField(max\_length=255, unique=True, null=True, blank=True)**

**rfid\_tag = models.CharField(max\_length=255, unique=True, null=True, blank=True)**

**# Specify the fields used for authentication**

**USERNAME\_FIELD = 'username' # This can be changed to 'user\_email' if preferred**

**REQUIRED\_FIELDS = ['user\_email'] # Additional required fields for creating a user**

**objects = UserManager() # Link to the custom user manager**

**def \_\_str\_\_(self):**

**return self.username**

**def check\_password(self, raw\_password):**

**"""Use Django's built-in password checker to compare hashed passwords."""**

**return super().check\_password(raw\_password)**

#### Custom Authentication Backend

The custom authentication backend allows users to log in using any of the four fields mentioned (username, email, badge barcode, or RFID).

from django.contrib.auth.backends import ModelBackend

from .models import CustomUser

class CustomUserBackend(ModelBackend):

def authenticate(self, request, username=None, password=None, \*\*kwargs):

user = None

# Try to authenticate by username

try:

user = CustomUser.objects.get(username=username)

except CustomUser.DoesNotExist:

pass

# Try to authenticate by email

if user is None:

try:

user = CustomUser.objects.get(user\_email=username)

except CustomUser.DoesNotExist:

pass

# Try to authenticate by badge\_barcode

if user is None:

try:

user = CustomUser.objects.get(badge\_barcode=username)

except CustomUser.DoesNotExist:

pass

# Try to authenticate by rfid\_tag

if user is None:

try:

user = CustomUser.objects.get(rfid\_tag=username)

except CustomUser.DoesNotExist:

pass

# If user is found, check password and is\_active status

if user and user.check\_password(password) and user.is\_active:

return user

return None

#### Update settings.py to Use Custom Backend:

AUTH\_USER\_MODEL = 'users.CustomUser' # Use the custom user model

AUTHENTICATION\_BACKENDS = [

'users.backends.CustomUserBackend', # Custom backend to check multiple login fields

'django.contrib.auth.backends.ModelBackend', # Default backend

Django’s ‘AbstractBaseUser’, which provides password handling and other authentication functions, while ‘BaseUserManager’ will manage how new users are created.

## Getting Started – Frontend

### User-Facing Pages:

#### base.html

**Purpose:**

Serves as the foundational template for the entire web application, providing a consistent layout and structure for all other pages.

Ensures that common elements such as headers, footers, and navigation menus are standardized across the application, reducing redundancy and simplifying maintenance.

**Features:**

**Header Section:**

**Site Branding:** Includes the company logo or site name prominently displayed at the top of the page, providing a consistent brand presence across all pages.

**Navigation Menu:** Contains the primary navigation links for the application, allowing users to easily access key sections. The navigation menu is customized on login based on user roles and permissions.

**Notifications:** Optionally includes a notifications icon or dropdown that shows recent alerts or messages relevant to the user.

**Main Content Area:**

**Content Blocks:** Defines the primary content area where specific page content will be injected. This is done using Django’s {% block content %} syntax, allowing individual pages to provide their unique content while inheriting the overall layout from ‘base.html’.

**Responsive Design:** Ensures that the layout adapts to different screen sizes, making the application accessible and user-friendly on desktops, tablets, and mobile devices. The content area should be fluid and able to handle various types of content, including forms, tables, and multimedia.

**Sidebar:**

**Quick Links:** Include a sidebar that dynamically updates with features or sections of the current Django app being displayed in the {% block content %} based on user permissions in that app.

**Collapsible/Expandable:** The sidebar is designed to collapse or expand based on interaction

**Footer Section:**

**Copyright Information:** Displays copyright information, a link to the terms of service, and privacy policy.

**Contact Information:** Includes links to contact support.

**Version Information:** Display the current version of the application, useful for debugging and user support.

**Static File References:**

**CSS Stylesheets:** Links to the main CSS files that define the application’s look and feel, including custom styles and third-party frameworks like Bootstrap.

**JavaScript Files:** Includes references to JavaScript files necessary for client-side interactions, such as form validation, interactive components, and other dynamic behaviors.

**Favicon:** Includes a link to the site’s favicon, providing a recognizable icon in the browser tab.

**User Feedback Mechanisms:**

**Flash Messages (Optional):** Implements flash messages or notifications that appear at the top of the page after certain actions (e.g., successful login, error messages). These messages provide feedback to the user and enhance the overall user experience.

**Loading Indicators (Optional):** Optionally includes loading indicators or spinners for actions that require time to process, improving user experience by indicating that a task is in progress.

**Security Measures:**

**CSRF Protection:** Includes CSRF tokens to protect against cross-site request forgery, ensuring that forms and data submissions are secure. Not needed on ‘Base.html’ as there are no forms

**Role-Based Content Display:** Certain elements and links are only visible to users with the appropriate permissions, protecting unauthorized parts of the application.

**Accessibility:**

**ARIA Landmarks:** Utilizes ARIA landmarks and roles to improve navigation for users with disabilities, ensuring the application is accessible to all users.

**Keyboard Navigation:** Ensures that all interactive elements are accessible via keyboard, enhancing usability for users who rely on assistive technologies.

**Customization Options:**

**Language Support (Future):** Includes mechanisms for selecting different languages, making the application accessible to a global audience.

<!DOCTYPE html>

<html lang="en">

<head>

    <meta charset="UTF-8">

    <meta name="viewport" content="width=device-width, initial-scale=1.0">

    <title>{% block title %}My Web App{% endblock %}</title>

    <!-- Link to CSS files here -->

    <!-- Additional meta tags and scripts can be added here -->

</head>

<body>

    <!-- Header Section -->

    <header role="banner" aria-label="Site header">

        <div class="container">

            <!-- Site Branding -->

            <div id="branding">

                <!-- Adjust this URL to your homepage or dashboard -->

                <a href="{% url 'dashboard' %}">

                <!-- Replace with your logo path -->

                <img src="{% static 'images/logo.png' %}" alt="Company Logo">

                <!-- Replace with your company name -->

                <span>Company Name</span>

                </a>

            </div>

      </div>

    <!-- Navigation Menu -->

    <nav role="navigation" aria-label="Main navigation">

        <ul id="main-nav">

            <!-- User is logged in -->

            {% if user.is\_authenticated %}

                <!-- Replace 'app.view\_dashboard' with the correct permission -->

                {% if user.has\_perm('app.view\_dashboard') %}

                    <li><a href="{% url 'dashboard' %}">Dashboard</a></li>

                {% endif %}

                <!-- Replace 'app.view\_profile' with the correct permission -->

                {% if user.has\_perm('app.view\_profile') %}

                    <li><a href="{% url 'profile' %}">Profile</a></li>

                {% endif %}

                <!-- Replace 'app.view\_tasks' with the correct permission -->

                {% if user.has\_perm('app.view\_tasks') %}

                    <li><a href="{% url 'tasks' %}">Tasks</a></li>

                {% endif %}

                <!-- Add more nav links with the appropriate permissions -->

                <!-- User-specific settings -->

                <!--<li><a href="{% url 'user\_settings' %}">Logout</a></li>-->

                <!-- User Logout -->

                <li><a href="{% url 'logout' %}">Logout</a></li>

            {% else %}

                <!-- User is not logged in, show only the login option -->

                <li><a href="{% url 'login' %}">Login</a></li>

            {% endif %}

        </ul>

    </nav>

    </header>

    <!-- Hamburger Menu Icon -->

    <div id="hamburger" aria-controls="sidebar" aria-expanded="false" aria-label="Toggle navigation" tabindex="0">

        &#9776;

    </div>

    <!-- Sidebar (Hidden by Default) -->

    <aside id="sidebar" role="complementary" aria-label="Sidebar">

        <ul>

            <!-- User is logged in -->

            {% if user.is\_authenticated %}

                <!-- Sidebar links based on selected app and user permissions -->

                <!-- Dynamically generated sidebar links will go here -->

                {% block sidebar\_links %}

                {% endblock %}

            {% else %}

                <!-- User is not logged in, show only the login option -->

                <li><a href="{% url 'login' %}">Login</a></li>

            {% endif %}

        </ul>

    </aside>

    <!-- Overlay for closing the sidebar when clicked outside -->

    <div class="overlay" id="overlay"></div>

    <!-- Content Block -->

    <main id="main-content" role="main" aria-label="Main content">

        <!-- Page-specific content will be injected here -->

        {% block content %}

        {% endblock %}

    </main>

    <!-- Footer Section -->

    <footer role="contentinfo" aria-label="Footer">

        <div class="container">

            <p>&copy; {% now "Y" %} Company Name. All rights reserved.</p>

            <ul>

                <li><a href="{% url 'privacy\_policy' %}">Privacy Policy</a></li>

                <li><a href="{% url 'contact\_support' %}">Contact Support</a></li>

                <!-- Add more footer links here -->

            </ul>

            <!-- Replace with dynamic version information if needed -->

            <p>Version 1.0.0</p>

        </div>

    </footer>

    <!-- Scripts -->

    <!-- Link to JS files here -->

    <!-- Optionally add inline scripts for certain features -->

    <script>

        // Sidebar Toggle Functionality

        // Get references to the sidebar, hamburger menu icon, and overlay elements

        const sidebar = document.getElementById('sidebar');

        const hamburger = document.getElementById('hamburger');

        const overlay = document.getElementById('overlay');

        // Add an event listener to the hamburger menu icon

        hamburger.addEventListener('click', function () {

            // Toggle the 'active' class on the sidebar and overlay elements

            const expanded = sidebar.classList.toggle('active');

            overlay.classList.toggle('active');

            // Update the aria-expanded attribute to reflect the sidebar's state (expanded or collapsed)

            hamburger.setAttribute('aria-expanded', expanded);

            // If the sidebar is expanded, move focus to the first link in the sidebar

            if (expanded) {

                sidebar.querySelector('a').focus();

            } else {

                // If the sidebar is collapsed, return focus to the hamburger button

                hamburger.focus();

            }

        });

        // Add an event listener to the overlay element

        overlay.addEventListener('click', function () {

            // Remove the 'active' class from the sidebar and overlay to close them

            sidebar.classList.remove('active');

            overlay.classList.remove('active');

            // Update the aria-expanded attribute to reflect that the sidebar is now collapsed

            hamburger.setAttribute('aria-expanded', false);

            // Return focus to the hamburger button

            hamburger.focus();

        });

        // Get all links within the sidebar and add event listeners to each

        const sidebarLinks = sidebar.querySelectorAll('a');

        sidebarLinks.forEach(link => {

            link.addEventListener('click', function () {

                // When a link is clicked, close the sidebar and overlay

                sidebar.classList.remove('active');

                overlay.classList.remove('active');

                // Update the aria-expanded attribute to reflect that the sidebar is now collapsed

                hamburger.setAttribute('aria-expanded', false);

                // Return focus to the hamburger button

                hamburger.focus();

            });

        });

    </script>

</body>

</html>

#### 'auth/'

##### login (login.html):

**Purpose:**

Allows users to securely log in to the application, providing access to various features and functionalities.

Validates user credentials and manages authentication, ensuring that only authorized users can access the system.

Offers a user-friendly interface for entering login information, with clear instructions and error messages in case of incorrect input.

**Features:**

**User Credential Input:**

Fields for entering the username and password.

Support for case-sensitive username and password inputs.

Ability to mask password input to protect user privacy during entry.

**Error Handling:**

Displays an error message if the username or password is incorrect, prompting the user to try again.

Indicates whether the account is locked or inactive, with instructions on how to resolve the issue if necessary.

Prevents further login attempts after a certain number of failed attempts to protect against brute force attacks (optional, depending on security policies).

**Password Recovery:**

Links to the "Forgot Username" and "Password Reset" pages to assist users who cannot remember their login credentials.

**User Feedback:**

Shows a loading indicator or message while the login process is being verified to inform the user that the request is being processed.

Redirects successful logins to the main dashboard or another designated landing page.

**Security Measures:**

Implements CSRF protection to prevent cross-site request forgery.

Ensures secure transmission of credentials via HTTPS, protecting user data during login.

Limits session duration and enforces re-authentication after a period of inactivity for enhanced security.

**Accessibility:**

Supports keyboard navigation and screen readers, ensuring the page is accessible to users with disabilities.

Provides clear labels and instructions for each input field, improving usability for all users.

**Customization Options:**

Allows organizations to customize the login page with their branding, such as a company logo, color scheme, and welcome message.

Provides options for language selection if the application supports multiple languages.

##### logout (logout.html):

**Purpose:**

Confirms that the user has successfully logged out of the application.

Provides users with a clear message indicating that their session has ended, ensuring they understand that they are no longer authenticated.

Offers a user-friendly interface to re-login if desired or navigate to public-facing parts of the application.

**Features:**

**Logout Confirmation Message:**

Displays a clear confirmation message, such as “You have successfully logged out,” to inform the user that they have been securely logged out of the application.

Optionally, includes a brief message reminding users to close their browser or tab for added security, especially on shared or public computers.

**Re-login Option:**

Provides a link or button to redirect users back to the login page, making it easy for them to log back in if needed.

If applicable, pre-fills the username field on the login page with the last used username to streamline the re-login process.

**Session Termination:**

Ensures that all session data is securely cleared, preventing unauthorized access to the previous session’s data.

Optionally, notifies the user if there are any active sessions on other devices, with an option to terminate them as well.

**Navigation Options:**

Offers links to public-facing parts of the application (if available), such as a homepage, help center, or support page, giving users options after logging out.

Includes a link to the “Forgot Password” or “Forgot Username” page for users who need to recover their credentials before logging back in.

**Security Measures:**

Implements automatic redirection to the login page after a period of inactivity, ensuring that users are not left on the logout confirmation page indefinitely.

Enforces HTTPS for the logout process, protecting the integrity of the logout action and ensuring that it cannot be intercepted or altered.

**Accessibility:**

Ensures the page is accessible to users with disabilities, supporting keyboard navigation and screen readers.

Provides a high-contrast mode or other accessibility features to improve usability for all users.

**Customization Options:**

Allows organizations to customize the logout page with their branding, such as a company logo, color scheme, and a custom message.

Offers language selection options if the application supports multiple languages.

##### password\_reset (password\_reset.html):

**Purpose:**

Provides users with a secure and user-friendly way to initiate the password reset process if they have forgotten their password.

Ensures that users can regain access to their accounts through an email-based verification process, maintaining security and accessibility.

**Features:**

**Email Input Field:**

Provides a field where users can enter the email address associated with their account.

Includes a label or placeholder text, such as “Enter your email address,” to guide users in filling out the form.

**Security Verification:**

Implements CAPTCHA or similar verification methods to protect against automated requests and ensure that the password reset request is legitimate.

Optionally includes a reCAPTCHA integration to further enhance security.

**Submission Confirmation:**

Upon submission, the page displays a confirmation message indicating that an email has been sent with instructions to reset the password.

Includes instructions for what to do if the user doesn’t receive the email, such as checking the spam folder or retrying after a certain time.

**Email Sending Logic:**

After the user submits their email address, the system generates a secure, time-limited token and sends a password reset link to the provided email address.

Ensures that the password reset link is only valid for a specific period (e.g., 24 hours) to enhance security.

**Error Handling:**

If the email address entered is not found in the system, displays an error message like “We couldn’t find an account with that email address.”

Includes guidance on next steps, such as verifying the email address or contacting support.

**User Feedback:**

Provides a loading indicator or message while the system processes the password reset request, reassuring users that their request is being handled.

Redirects to a “Password Reset Done” or similar page after a successful submission to confirm the process.

**Security Measures:**

Ensures that the password reset process is conducted over HTTPS to protect user data.

Limits the number of password reset requests that can be made for a single account within a given time frame to prevent abuse.

**Accessibility:**

Ensures that the page is accessible to users with disabilities, including screen reader support and keyboard navigation.

Provides clear instructions and labels to help all users complete the form successfully.

**Customization Options:**

Allows organizations to customize the page with their branding, such as a company logo, color scheme, and custom messaging.

Supports language selection options if the application is available in multiple languages.

##### password\_reset\_confirm (password\_reset\_confirm.html):

**Purpose:**

Allows users to securely set a new password after clicking the password reset link sent to their email.

Ensures that the password reset process is completed securely and that the user can regain access to their account.

**Features:**

**Token Validation:**

Validates the secure token included in the password reset link to ensure that the request is legitimate and within the allowed time frame.

Displays an error message if the token is invalid or expired, with instructions on how to request a new password reset.

**New Password Input Fields:**

Provides two fields for the user to enter and confirm their new password, ensuring they enter the correct password twice to avoid mistakes.

Includes guidance on password strength, such as minimum length, use of special characters, and avoiding common words.

**Password Strength Meter (Optional):**

Displays a password strength meter to visually indicate the strength of the password being entered, helping users create a more secure password.

Provides real-time feedback on the password as the user types, such as “Weak,” “Medium,” or “Strong.”

**Submission Confirmation:**

After the user successfully submits the new password, the page displays a confirmation message, such as “Your password has been successfully reset.”

Provides a link to the login page so the user can log in with their new password immediately.

**Error Handling:**

Displays error messages if the passwords do not match or if they do not meet the required strength criteria.

Provides clear instructions on how to correct errors, such as re-entering the passwords or following the password strength guidelines.

**Security Measures:**

Ensures that the password reset process is conducted over HTTPS to protect user data.

Enforces strong password policies to enhance security and protect user accounts from being compromised.

**User Feedback:**

Provides a loading indicator or message while the new password is being processed, reassuring users that their request is being handled.

Redirects to the login page after successful password reset to confirm the process and allow the user to log in.

**Accessibility:**

Ensures that the page is accessible to users with disabilities, supporting screen readers and keyboard navigation.

Provides clear labels and instructions for each input field to assist all users in completing the form.

**Customization Options:**

Allows organizations to customize the page with their branding, such as a company logo, color scheme, and custom messaging.

Supports language selection options if the application is available in multiple languages.

##### forgot\_username (forgot\_username.html):

**Purpose:**

Provides users with a secure and user-friendly way to recover their username if they have forgotten it.

Ensures that users can regain access to their account by retrieving their username via email.

**Features:**

**Email Input Field:**

Provides a field where users can enter the email address associated with their account.

Includes a label or placeholder text, such as “Enter your email address,” to guide users in filling out the form.

**Security Verification:**

Implements CAPTCHA or similar verification methods to protect against automated requests and ensure that the username recovery request is legitimate.

Optionally includes a reCAPTCHA integration to further enhance security.

**Submission Confirmation:**

Upon submission, the page displays a confirmation message indicating that an email has been sent with the username associated with the provided email address.

Includes instructions for what to do if the user doesn’t receive the email, such as checking the spam folder or retrying after a certain time.

**Email Sending Logic:**

After the user submits their email address, the system sends an email containing the username(s) associated with that email address.

Ensures that the email is sent promptly and includes clear instructions on how to proceed with logging in.

**Error Handling:**

If the email address entered is not found in the system, displays an error message like “We couldn’t find an account with that email address.”

Includes guidance on next steps, such as verifying the email address or contacting support.

**User Feedback:**

Provides a loading indicator or message while the system processes the username recovery request, reassuring users that their request is being handled.

Redirects to a “Username Recovery Done” or similar page after a successful submission to confirm the process.

**Security Measures:**

Ensures that the username recovery process is conducted over HTTPS to protect user data.

Limits the number of username recovery requests that can be made for a single account within a given time frame to prevent abuse.

**Accessibility:**

Ensures that the page is accessible to users with disabilities, supporting screen readers and keyboard navigation.

Provides clear instructions and labels to help all users complete the form successfully.

**Customization Options:**

Allows organizations to customize the page with their branding, such as a company logo, color scheme, and custom messaging.

Supports language selection options if the application is available in multiple languages.

##### password\_change.html (password\_change.html.html):

**Purpose:**

Allows users who are already logged in to securely change their password.

Enhances account security by enabling users to regularly update their password or change it if they suspect it has been compromised.

**Features:**

**Current Password Verification:**

Provides a field for users to enter their current password to verify their identity before allowing them to change to a new password.

Ensures that only the account owner can change the password, preventing unauthorized access.

**New Password Input Fields:**

Provides two fields for the user to enter and confirm their new password, ensuring they enter the correct password twice to avoid mistakes.

Includes guidance on password strength, such as minimum length, use of special characters, and avoiding common words.

**Password Strength Meter (Optional):**

Displays a password strength meter to visually indicate the strength of the password being entered, helping users create a more secure password.

Provides real-time feedback on the password as the user types, such as “Weak,” “Medium,” or “Strong.”

**Submission Confirmation:**

After the user successfully submits the new password, the page displays a confirmation message, such as “Your password has been successfully changed.”

Provides a link to return to the dashboard or another appropriate page, allowing the user to continue using the application.

**Error Handling:**

Displays error messages if the current password is incorrect, if the new passwords do not match, or if the new password does not meet the required strength criteria.

Provides clear instructions on how to correct errors, such as re-entering the passwords or following the password strength guidelines.

**Security Measures:**

Ensures that the password change process is conducted over HTTPS to protect user data.

Enforces strong password policies to enhance security and protect user accounts from being compromised.

**User Feedback:**

Provides a loading indicator or message while the new password is being processed, reassuring users that their request is being handled.

Redirects to a “Password Change Done” or similar page after a successful password change to confirm the process.

**Accessibility:**

Ensures that the page is accessible to users with disabilities, supporting screen readers and keyboard navigation.

Provides clear labels and instructions for each input field to assist all users in completing the form.

**Customization Options:**

Allows organizations to customize the page with their branding, such as a company logo, color scheme, and custom messaging.

Supports language selection options if the application is available in multiple languages.

##### password\_change\_confirm.html (password\_change\_confirm.html):

**Purpose:**

Confirms to the user that their password has been successfully changed.

Provides clear feedback and instructions for next steps after the password change process is completed.

**Features:**

**Confirmation Message:**

Displays a clear and concise message indicating that the password change was successful, such as “Your password has been successfully changed.”

Reassures users that their account is now secured with the new password.

**Login Prompt (Optional):**

Offers a link or button to log back in if the user was logged out after changing their password for security reasons.

Suggests logging back in to verify the new password works correctly.

**Navigation Options:**

Provides links to return to the dashboard or another relevant part of the application, allowing the user to continue using the app seamlessly after the password change.

Optionally includes a link to the login page if the user is required to re-authenticate.

**Security Recommendations:**

Optionally includes a brief message reminding users of best practices, such as not sharing their password, using a password manager, and regularly updating their password.

Reinforces the importance of keeping their account secure.

**User Feedback:**

Displays a loading indicator or brief transition message while the confirmation page is being prepared, enhancing the user experience.

**Security Measures:**

Ensures that the password change confirmation is conducted over HTTPS to protect user data.

Optionally includes a message confirming that the user will be logged out of other active sessions, if applicable.

**Accessibility:**

Ensures that the page is accessible to users with disabilities, supporting screen readers and keyboard navigation.

Provides clear labels and instructions to assist all users in understanding the next steps.

**Customization Options:**

Allows organizations to customize the page with their branding, such as a company logo, color scheme, and custom messaging.

Supports language selection options if the application is available in multiple languages.

##### account\_suspended.html (account\_suspended.html):

**Purpose:**

Informs users that their account has been suspended by an administrator.

Provides details on the suspension and guidance on how the user can resolve the issue or regain access to their account.

**Features:**

**Suspension Notification:**

Displays a clear and prominent message indicating that the user’s account has been suspended, such as “Your account has been suspended.”

Optionally includes the reason for the suspension if the administrator has provided one, helping the user understand the context.

**Contact Information:**

Provides contact details or a support link for users to reach out to the administrator or support team to resolve the suspension.

Optionally includes a contact form directly on the page, allowing users to request more information or appeal the suspension.

**Next Steps Guidance:**

Offers guidance on the steps the user can take to resolve the suspension, such as contacting support, reviewing account policies, or waiting for a set period.

Optionally includes a message about the user’s rights or any relevant terms of service.

**Security Information:**

Includes a reminder that the account suspension is for security or policy reasons and reassures the user that their data remains secure during the suspension period.

Optionally includes information on how the user can protect their account in the future, such as avoiding policy violations or enabling additional security features like MFA (Multifactor Authentication).

**Login Restriction:**

Prevents the user from attempting to log in or access other parts of the application while their account is suspended.

Redirects any login attempts to the account\_suspended.html page until the suspension is lifted.

**User Feedback:**

Provides a loading indicator or brief transition message if the page is accessed following a login attempt, ensuring a smooth user experience.

**Accessibility:**

Ensures that the page is accessible to users with disabilities, supporting screen readers and keyboard navigation.

Provides clear and concise text to ensure all users understand the suspension and available options.

**Customization Options:**

Allows organizations to customize the page with their branding, such as a company logo, color scheme, and custom messaging.

Supports language selection options if the application is available in multiple languages.

##### error\_401 (error\_401.html):

**Purpose:**

Notifies the user that they are not authorized to access the requested resource because they are not authenticated.

Provides clear instructions on how to authenticate and access the resource.

**Features:**

**Unauthorized Access Message:**

Displays a clear and prominent message indicating that the user is not authorized to access the requested page, such as “401 Unauthorized: You must be logged in to access this page.”

Optionally provides a brief explanation of what a 401 error means to help users understand the issue.

**Login Prompt:**

Includes a link or button to redirect the user to the login page, allowing them to authenticate and potentially gain access to the requested resource.

Optionally includes a message encouraging the user to log in to access more features or content.

**Navigation Options:**

Offers links to return to the homepage, dashboard, or other parts of the application that the user is authorized to access.

Provides a “Go Back” button or link to return to the previous page, helping users navigate away from the error page easily.

**Security Information:**

Includes a reminder that unauthorized access attempts are logged and monitored for security purposes, reassuring users that the application is secure.

Optionally includes guidance on ensuring that the user’s login credentials are correct and secure.

**Error Logging:**

Ensures that the 401 error is logged on the server side, providing administrators with information about the unauthorized access attempt for security auditing and analysis.

**User Feedback:**

Provides a loading indicator or brief transition message if the user is redirected to the error page from another part of the application, enhancing the user experience.

**Accessibility:**

Ensures that the page is accessible to users with disabilities, supporting screen readers and keyboard navigation.

Provides clear and concise text to ensure all users understand the error and how to resolve it.

**Customization Options:**

Allows organizations to customize the page with their branding, such as a company logo, color scheme, and custom messaging.

Supports language selection options if the application is available in multiple languages.

##### error\_403 (error\_403.html):

**Purpose:**

Notifies the user that they are forbidden from accessing the requested resource, even though they may be authenticated.

Provides clear instructions on why access is denied and what the user can do next.

**Features:**

**Forbidden Access Message:**

Displays a clear and prominent message indicating that the user is not authorized to access the requested page, such as “403 Forbidden: You do not have permission to access this page.”

Optionally provides a brief explanation of what a 403 error means to help users understand the issue.

**Reason for Denial:**

Optionally includes a message explaining why access is denied, such as insufficient permissions or restricted content.

Provides guidance on who to contact or what steps to take if the user believes they should have access, such as reaching out to an administrator.

**Navigation Options:**

Offers links to return to the homepage, dashboard, or other parts of the application that the user is authorized to access.

Provides a “Go Back” button or link to return to the previous page, helping users navigate away from the error page easily.

**Contact Information:**

Includes a link to contact support or the administrator if the user needs further assistance or believes the restriction is an error.

Optionally includes a contact form directly on the page for immediate assistance.

**Security Information:**

Includes a reminder that unauthorized access attempts are logged and monitored for security purposes, reassuring users that the application is secure.

Optionally provides guidance on ensuring that the user’s access level is correct and aligned with their role.

**Error Logging:**

Ensures that the 403 error is logged on the server side, providing administrators with information about the forbidden access attempt for security auditing and analysis.

**User Feedback:**

Provides a loading indicator or brief transition message if the user is redirected to the error page from another part of the application, enhancing the user experience.

**Accessibility:**

Ensures that the page is accessible to users with disabilities, supporting screen readers and keyboard navigation.

Provides clear and concise text to ensure all users understand the error and how to resolve it.

**Customization Options:**

Allows organizations to customize the page with their branding, such as a company logo, color scheme, and custom messaging.

Supports language selection options if the application is available in multiple languages.

##### error\_404 (error\_404.html):

**Purpose:**

Notifies the user that the requested page or resource could not be found.

Provides guidance on what the user can do next, such as navigating to a different part of the site or searching for the desired content.

**Features:**

**Page Not Found Message:**

Displays a clear and prominent message indicating that the requested page could not be found, such as “404 Not Found: The page you are looking for does not exist.”

Optionally provides a brief explanation of what a 404 error means to help users understand the issue.

**Search Functionality:**

Optionally includes a search bar to help users find the content they were looking for by entering relevant keywords.

Provides suggestions or links to related content if available, helping users find alternatives.

**Navigation Options:**

Offers links to return to the homepage, dashboard, or other commonly accessed parts of the application, helping users easily navigate away from the error page.

Provides a “Go Back” button or link to return to the previous page, which may help users recover from navigation errors.

**Contact Information:**

Includes a link to contact support or the administrator if the user needs further assistance or believes the missing page is an error.

Optionally includes a contact form directly on the page for immediate assistance.

**Custom 404 Message (Optional):**

Allows for a custom message or friendly tone to be used, such as “Oops! We can’t seem to find the page you’re looking for,” making the error page more user-friendly and less frustrating.

**Error Logging:**

Ensures that the 404 error is logged on the server side, providing administrators with information about the missing resource for potential fixes or updates to site navigation.

**User Feedback:**

Provides a loading indicator or brief transition message if the user is redirected to the error page from another part of the application, enhancing the user experience.

**Accessibility:**

Ensures that the page is accessible to users with disabilities, supporting screen readers and keyboard navigation.

Provides clear and concise text to ensure all users understand the error and how to resolve it.

**Customization Options:**

Allows organizations to customize the page with their branding, such as a company logo, color scheme, and custom messaging.

Supports language selection options if the application is available in multiple languages.

##### error\_500 (error\_500.html):

**Purpose:**

Notifies the user that the request method used is not allowed for the requested resource.

Provides guidance on what the user can do next, such as using a different method or contacting support.

**Features:**

**Method Not Allowed Message:**

Displays a clear and prominent message indicating that the request method is not allowed, such as “405 Method Not Allowed: The request method used is not supported for this resource.”

Optionally provides a brief explanation of what a 405 error means to help users understand the issue.

**Suggested Actions:**

Provides suggestions for possible next steps, such as checking the URL or using a different request method if applicable (e.g., GET instead of POST).

Optionally includes a message encouraging the user to contact support if they believe the request method should be allowed.

**Navigation Options:**

Offers links to return to the homepage, dashboard, or other commonly accessed parts of the application, helping users easily navigate away from the error page.

Provides a “Go Back” button or link to return to the previous page, which may help users recover from navigation errors.

**Contact Information:**

Includes a link to contact support or the administrator if the user needs further assistance or believes the method restriction is an error.

Optionally includes a contact form directly on the page for immediate assistance.

**Error Logging:**

Ensures that the 405 error is logged on the server side, providing administrators with information about the unsupported method request for security auditing and analysis.

Helps developers identify and address potential issues with allowed methods.

**User Feedback:**

Provides a loading indicator or brief transition message if the user is redirected to the error page from another part of the application, enhancing the user experience.

**Accessibility:**

Ensures that the page is accessible to users with disabilities, supporting screen readers and keyboard navigation.

Provides clear and concise text to ensure all users understand the error and how to resolve it.

**Customization Options:**

Allows organizations to customize the page with their branding, such as a company logo, color scheme, and custom messaging.

Supports language selection options if the application is available in multiple languages.

#### 'users/'

#### 'tasks/'

#### 'inspections/'

#### 'tickets/'

##### Dashboard (dashboard.html):

**Purpose:**

Displays an overview of open, in-progress, and closed tickets assigned to the user.

Displays an overview of open, in-progress, and closed tickets assigned to the user's team, based on their manager.

Provides quick access to ticket creation, search, and key ticket statistics, helping users and managers stay informed and manage their workloads effectively.

**Features:**

**Filtering Options:**

Allow users to filter the displayed tickets by date range, priority, category, or assignee. This helps users and managers quickly drill down into specific sets of tickets relevant to their responsibilities.

**Sorting Options:**

Add sorting options so users can organize tickets by status, priority, due date, or other criteria. This enhances the user experience by enabling users to view tickets in the order that best suits their workflow.

**Ticket Ageing Report:**

Include a widget that shows the ageing of tickets, highlighting how many tickets have been open for specific durations (e.g., more than a week). This helps users identify and prioritize overdue or neglected tickets.

**Recent Activity Feed:**

Display a feed of recent ticket activities, such as new comments, status changes, or newly assigned tickets. This keeps users updated on the latest developments and changes within their tickets.

**Upcoming Deadlines:**

Highlight tickets with approaching deadlines or SLA (Service Level Agreement) expirations, allowing users and teams to prioritize their work based on urgency.

**Customizable Widgets:**

Allow users or teams to customize their dashboard with different widgets. For example, some users might prefer to see a pie chart of ticket statuses, while others might want a bar chart of ticket volumes over time.

**Team Performance Metrics:**

Add metrics that track team performance, such as average resolution time, the number of tickets closed per team member, or the percentage of tickets meeting SLA targets. These metrics could be displayed in a separate section of the team dashboard to provide insights into team efficiency.

**Notifications Summary:**

Include a section that summarizes recent notifications related to tickets, such as reminders for overdue tickets, comments on assigned tickets, or mentions in ticket discussions. This ensures that users stay informed of critical updates without needing to navigate away from the dashboard.

**Manager Tools:**

Provide additional tools for users identified as managers, such as the ability to reassign tickets, approve ticket resolutions, or generate reports. These tools help managers oversee and manage their team's workload effectively.

##### Ticket List (ticket\_list.html):

**Purpose:**

Shows a list of all tickets visible to the user, with filtering options to help users manage and find tickets easily.

Provides quick access to ticket actions and information for efficient management.

**Features:**

**Filtering Options:**

Allow users to filter tickets by status, priority, date, and assignee. This helps users and managers quickly drill down into specific sets of tickets.

**Pagination:**

Implement pagination to handle large numbers of tickets, improving page load times and usability.

Search Functionality:

Provide a search bar that lets users search tickets by keywords, ticket IDs, or other relevant fields.

**Sorting Options:**

Add sorting options so users can organize tickets by status, priority, due date, or other criteria.

**Bulk Actions:**

Allow users to select multiple tickets and perform bulk actions such as changing status, assigning to a different user, or closing tickets.

**Quick Actions:**

Offer quick access to common actions directly from the ticket list, such as changing status, adding a quick comment, or reassigning a ticket.

**Status Indicators:**

Visually indicate the status of each ticket using color-coded labels or icons to help users quickly identify ticket statuses.

**Responsive Design:**

Ensure the ticket list is easily viewable and usable on different devices, including tablets and mobile phones.

**Export Functionality:**

Allow users to export the current ticket list view to a CSV or Excel file for offline analysis or reporting.

**Real-Time Updates:**

Automatically refresh the ticket list at regular intervals or use WebSockets to push updates to the page, ensuring users always see the most up-to-date information.

**Grouping by Categories/Projects:**

Allow users to group tickets by categories, projects, or any other relevant attribute, making it easier to manage tickets within specific areas of responsibility.

**Ticket Preview:**

Provide a quick preview of a ticket’s details when hovering over or clicking on it, without needing to navigate to the ticket detail page.

##### Ticket Detail (ticket\_detail.html):

**Purpose:**

Displays detailed information about a specific ticket, including its status, history, comments, and attachments.

Allows users with appropriate permissions to modify the details of an existing ticket.

Displays a chronological log of changes, comments, and actions taken on a ticket.

**Features:**

**Ticket Information:**

Display all relevant ticket details, such as title, description, status, priority, assigned user, creation date, and any other key information related to the ticket.

**Comments and Status Updates:**

Provide a form for adding comments, updating the ticket’s status, and uploading attachments. Users can interact with the ticket directly, ensuring all discussions and updates are centralized.

**Editable Fields:**

For users with the necessary permissions, make fields like status, priority, assigned user, and others editable. This could be done inline or by enabling an edit mode.

**Reassign Ticket:**

Allow authorized users to reassign the ticket to another user or team as needed.

**Ticket History:**

Display a scrollable box at the bottom of the page that contains a chronological log of all changes, comments, and actions taken on the ticket. This ensures that the ticket’s history is visible while reviewing the ticket, without needing to navigate to a separate page.

**Timeline or List View:**

Provide a detailed view of ticket history entries, including who made each change, what was changed, and when the change occurred, presented in a timeline or list format for clarity.

**Activity Feed:**

Display a real-time activity feed on the page showing recent actions taken by users (e.g., comments, status changes, reassignment). This keeps users updated on the latest developments.

**Tagging System:**

Allow users to add tags or labels to tickets for better categorization and searching. Tags could be color-coded and used to filter or group tickets.

**Linked Tickets:**

Display related or linked tickets on the detail page, making it easier to navigate between tickets that are connected (e.g., a series of tickets related to the same issue).

**Attachments Gallery:**

Provide a gallery or list of all attachments related to the ticket, making it easy to view and download files. Include thumbnails for images and links to download files.

**Custom Fields:**

Allow administrators to define custom fields that can be added to tickets based on the organization’s needs. These fields can be text, dates, dropdowns, or other input types.

**Escalation Workflow:**

Provide options to escalate a ticket to higher-level support or management if certain criteria are met (e.g., time-sensitive issues, high-priority tickets).

**Audit Trail:**

Display a detailed audit trail that logs every action taken on the ticket, including any automated system actions (e.g., SLA breaches, escalations).

**Comment Mentions and Notifications:**

Allow users to mention other users in comments (e.g., using @username) and trigger notifications for those mentions, improving collaboration.

**Print or Export Ticket:**

Allow users to print or export the ticket details as a PDF for offline use or documentation purposes.

**SLA Compliance Indicator:**

Display an indicator showing whether the ticket is meeting its SLA (Service Level Agreement) requirements, including time left to resolve or breach notifications.

##### Create Ticket (ticket\_create.html):

**Purpose:**

Primary: Provides a form for users to submit a new ticket.

**Features:**

**Ticket Fields:**

Include fields for the ticket’s title, description, priority, category, and attachments. Ensure that these fields are clearly labeled and provide helpful placeholder text or instructions.

**Auto-Assign Based on Category:**

Implement an optional feature to auto-assign the ticket to a specific user or team based on the selected category. This can streamline the ticket assignment process and ensure that tickets are directed to the appropriate parties.

**Dynamic Form Fields:**

Depending on the selected category or priority, dynamically show or hide additional fields or sections of the form. For example, selecting a high-priority category could reveal a field for providing justification or additional details.

**Validation and Error Messages:**

Include client-side and server-side validation to ensure that all required fields are filled out correctly. Provide clear and actionable error messages when validation fails.

**File Upload with Preview:**

Allow users to upload attachments with a preview feature, especially for images and documents. This helps users confirm they are uploading the correct files before submission.

**Rich Text Editor for Description:**

Use a rich text editor for the description field, allowing users to format their text, add links, or include lists and other formatting elements to better describe the issue.

**Auto-Save Drafts:**

Implement an auto-save feature that periodically saves the ticket as a draft, preventing data loss if the user accidentally closes the page or experiences a network interruption.

**Pre-Filled Fields for Logged-In Users:**

Automatically fill in certain fields (e.g., the user’s name, department, or contact information) based on the logged-in user’s profile, reducing the amount of manual entry required.

**Ticket Preview Before Submission:**

Provide a preview option that allows users to review the ticket details before submitting. This can help reduce errors and ensure that all necessary information is included.

**Confirmation and Next Steps:**

After submission, display a confirmation message or page summarizing the ticket details and providing information on what will happen next (e.g., estimated response time, who the ticket has been assigned to).

**Multi-Step Form (Optional):**

If the ticket creation process involves a lot of information, consider breaking it into a multi-step form with progress indicators. This can make the process feel less overwhelming and guide the user through each step.

**Notifications and Alerts:**

Provide real-time notifications or alerts to users as they fill out the form, such as reminders to attach relevant documents or warnings if they select conflicting options.

##### Search Results (search\_results.html):

**Purpose:**

Displays the results of a ticket search, allowing users to quickly find and access relevant tickets.

**Features:**

**List of Matching Tickets:**

Display a list of tickets that match the user’s search query. Each entry should include key information such as the ticket title, status, priority, assigned user, and creation date.

**Links to Ticket Detail Pages:**

Provide direct links to the Ticket Detail page for each ticket, enabling users to quickly navigate to the full details of a ticket.

**Search Query Highlighting:**

Highlight the portions of the ticket information that match the search query. This helps users quickly identify why a particular ticket was included in the results.

**Sorting Options:**

Allow users to sort the search results by various criteria, such as relevance, date, status, priority, or assignee. This helps users organize the results in a way that is most useful to them.

**Filtering Options:**

Include additional filtering options within the search results page, allowing users to narrow down the results further based on status, priority, category, or date range.

**Pagination:**

Implement pagination for the search results to handle large numbers of matches. This improves performance and usability by preventing long load times and overwhelming the user with too much information at once.

**Advanced Search Options:**

Provide a link or dropdown to access advanced search options, where users can refine their search using multiple criteria (e.g., combining keywords, date ranges, statuses, etc.).

**Save Search Functionality:**

Allow users to save their search queries for future use. Users could save frequently used searches and quickly re-run them with one click.

**Export Search Results:**

Include an option to export the search results to a CSV or Excel file, allowing users to analyze the data offline or share it with others.

**Real-Time Search Suggestions:**

As the user types in the search bar, provide real-time suggestions based on existing ticket titles, categories, or keywords. This helps users formulate their search queries more effectively.

**No Results Found Message:**

Display a user-friendly message when no matching tickets are found, with suggestions for modifying the search criteria or using advanced search options.

**Related Searches or Recommended Results:**

If the search returns no results or only a few results, suggest related searches or show tickets that are closely related based on keywords or tags.

#### Administrative/Staff Pages:

##### Admin Dashboard (admin\_dashboard.html):

**Purpose:**

Provides an overview of all tickets in the system, with statistics and quick links to various management functions.

Serves as a central hub for system administrators or high-level managers to manage users, configure settings, and access system-wide reports.

**Features:**

**Global Ticket Overview:**

Display a summary of all tickets in the system, including open, in-progress, and closed tickets, with the ability to filter by various criteria such as priority, category, date range, and assigned team or user.

**Graphs and Visualizations:**

Include graphs and charts to visually represent ticket distribution by priority, category, status, and team. This could include pie charts for ticket types, bar graphs for ticket volumes over time, and line charts for SLA compliance.

**Quick Links to Reports:**

Provide quick access to system-wide reports, such as ticket resolution times, team performance, SLA compliance, and audit logs. These reports should be customizable and exportable to various formats (e.g., PDF, Excel).

**User Management Tools:**

Offer tools to manage users and teams, including adding or removing users, assigning roles, and configuring permissions. This section could also include links to user activity logs and performance metrics.

**System Settings Access:**

Provide access to configure global system settings, such as notification preferences, default ticket categories and priorities, and SLA rules. This feature is crucial for maintaining consistent operations across the organization.

**Audit Logs:**

Display audit logs that track all administrative actions and significant system events. This feature helps administrators monitor changes and maintain system security.

**Notifications Summary:**

Include a section that summarizes recent notifications related to system-wide activities, such as newly created tickets, escalations, or breaches of SLA. This keeps administrators informed of critical issues in real-time.

**Advanced Filtering and Sorting:**

Implement advanced filtering and sorting options to help administrators drill down into specific data sets, such as tickets by team, by date range, or by escalation status.

**Bulk Actions:**

Allow administrators to perform bulk actions on tickets, such as closing multiple tickets, reassigning tickets to different teams, or changing the priority of a group of tickets.

**Customizable Dashboard Widgets:**

Enable administrators to customize their dashboard with widgets that display the most relevant data for their role. For example, an administrator could choose to display a widget for the top 5 teams by ticket volume or a widget showing the most recent SLA breaches.

**Managerial Tools for Team Oversight:**

Provide tools specifically for overseeing team performance, such as viewing metrics on ticket resolution times per team, tracking the workload of each team member, and identifying bottlenecks in ticket processing.

**Escalation Management:**

Include features to manage escalations, such as an overview of all escalated tickets, the ability to reassign escalated tickets, and tools to track the escalation history and resolution times.

##### Manage Categories (manage\_categories.html):

**Purpose:**

Provides an interface for administrators to manage ticket categories and associated workflows.

Allows the configuration of rules that govern how tickets are auto-assigned based on their categories, ensuring tickets are routed efficiently.

**Features:**

**Add, Edit, or Delete Categories:**

Administrators can create new categories, modify existing ones, or delete categories that are no longer needed. Each category should include a name, description, and any relevant metadata, such as priority levels or default settings.

**Category Hierarchy:**

Allow the creation of parent and sub-categories to organize tickets more effectively. This helps in managing complex ticket types and allows for more granular control over ticket routing and reporting.

**Set Auto-Assignment Rules:**

Administrators can define rules that automatically assign tickets to specific users or teams based on the selected category. For example, tickets categorized as "IT Support" could be auto-assigned to the IT department.

**Conditional Logic:**

Implement conditional logic in the auto-assignment rules, allowing for more complex routing based on additional criteria such as ticket priority, the time of day, or the current workload of teams.

**Rule Prioritization:**

Allow administrators to prioritize rules, so that in cases where multiple rules could apply, the most relevant one is used. This helps prevent conflicts and ensures tickets are routed correctly.

**Define SLAs by Category:**

Enable administrators to set specific Service Level Agreements (SLAs) for each category. For example, tickets under "High Priority" categories could have shorter response and resolution times compared to other categories.

**SLA Monitoring:**

Include tools for monitoring SLA compliance by category, allowing administrators to see which categories are consistently meeting or missing their SLA targets.

**Link Categories to Workflows:**

Allow administrators to link specific categories to predefined workflows. For example, a ticket under the "Onboarding" category could automatically trigger a multi-step process involving different departments.

**Workflow Visualization:**

Provide a visual representation of how tickets will flow through different stages based on their category. This helps administrators understand and refine the processes associated with each category.

**Bulk Actions:**

Allow administrators to perform bulk actions on categories, such as merging categories, applying the same settings to multiple categories, or exporting category data for reporting purposes.

**Category Usage Statistics:**

Provide analytics on how frequently each category is used, which can help in refining the category list and understanding common ticket types.

**Performance Metrics by Category:**

Track and report on key performance indicators (KPIs) such as average resolution time, number of tickets by category, and SLA compliance rates for each category.

##### Manage Priorities (manage\_priorities.html):

**Purpose:**

Provides an interface for administrators to define and manage ticket priorities, ensuring that tickets are categorized and handled according to their urgency and importance.

**Features:**

**Add, Edit, or Delete Priorities:**

Administrators can create new priority levels, modify existing ones, or remove priorities that are no longer relevant. Each priority should have a name, description, and an associated color or label for easy identification.

**Set Default Priorities:**

Enable administrators to define a default priority level for new tickets. This ensures that tickets are categorized correctly even if the user does not manually select a priority.

**Define Priority Hierarchy:**

Allow administrators to set the order of priority levels. For instance, "Critical" could be ranked above "High," "Medium," and "Low." This hierarchy influences how tickets are displayed and managed within the system.

**Drag-and-Drop Reordering:**

Implement a drag-and-drop interface that allows administrators to easily reorder priority levels, adjusting the hierarchy as needed.

**Link Priorities to SLAs:**

Allow administrators to associate each priority level with specific Service Level Agreements (SLAs). For example, tickets marked as "Critical" might have a shorter response and resolution time compared to "Low" priority tickets

##### Settings (settings.html):

**Purpose:**

Provides a central page where administrators can adjust settings related to the ticketing system, ensuring that the system operates according to the organization’s policies and needs.

**Features:**

**Configure Notifications:**

Allow administrators to set up notification preferences for various events, such as new ticket creation, ticket updates, escalations, and SLA breaches. Notifications can be configured by user role, team, or individual user.

**Notification Methods:**

Enable administrators to choose the methods of notifications (e.g., email, SMS, in-app notifications) and set the frequency of these notifications.

**Custom Notification Templates:**

Provide options to customize the content and format of notifications, allowing for personalized messages that align with the organization's communication style.

**Define SLA Rules:**

Administrators can create and manage Service Level Agreements (SLAs) for different ticket categories or priority levels. SLAs may include response time targets, resolution time targets, and escalation procedures.

**SLA Monitoring:**

Include tools for monitoring SLA compliance across the system, with the ability to generate alerts or reports when SLAs are breached.

**SLA Overrides:**

Allow for temporary overrides of SLA rules during specific periods, such as holidays or system maintenance windows, to prevent unnecessary escalations.

**Global Ticket Settings:**

Configure default settings for all tickets, such as default priority, default category, and default assignee. This ensures consistency in how tickets are created and managed.

##### Removed Features:

Came up in discussions on the wrong apps, but good features to have.

**Manage Users (manage\_users.html)**

**Feature Removed:** The entire Manage Users page was removed.

**Reason:** User management, including viewing, adding, editing, or deactivating users, assigning roles, and managing permissions, will be handled through the USERS app to keep things centralized.

**Manage Categories (manage\_categories.html)**

**Removed Feature:**

**Restrict Category Access:** The feature that allowed administrators to restrict access to certain categories based on user roles or permissions was removed.

**Reason:** This functionality will be handled through the users and permissions section of the web app, ensuring centralized management of access controls.

**Removed Feature:**

**Track Changes:** The feature that maintained an audit trail of all changes made to categories, including who made the change, what was changed, and when, was removed.

**Reason:** This functionality will be managed within the audit\_trails app to maintain accountability and transparency across the system.

**Removed Feature:**

**Reports:** The feature that allowed for generating and viewing reports on ticket activity, response times, user performance, etc., was removed.

**Reason:** This will be handled by the reports app in the web app, allowing for centralized and comprehensive reporting features.

**Admin Dashboard (admin\_dashboard.html)**

**Removed Feature:**

**Audit Logs:** The feature that displayed a detailed log of all actions taken by users and administrators, with filtering by user, date, action type, and export logs, was removed.

**Reason:** This will be managed within the audit\_trails app, keeping all audit-related information centralized.

**Custom Branding:**

Provide options to customize the appearance of the ticketing system, including logo uploads, color schemes, and custom themes to align with the organization's branding.

**Language and Localization:**

Allow administrators to configure language settings and localization options, ensuring the ticketing system is accessible to users in different regions or with different language preferences.

**Enable Maintenance Mode:**

Include an option to enable maintenance mode, temporarily disabling user access to the ticketing system while updates or fixes are applied. Administrators can set a custom message to inform users about the maintenance period.

**Security Settings:**

Adjust security-related settings, such as password policies, session timeouts, and multi-factor authentication (MFA) requirements, to align with organizational security protocols.

**User Role Management:**

Centralize the management of user roles and permissions within the settings page, allowing administrators to define what actions each role can perform across the ticketing system.

**Workflow Customization:**

Provide tools to customize the workflows associated with different ticket types or categories, including the ability to set triggers, automatic actions, and required approvals.

**Third-Party Integrations:**

Manage integrations with third-party tools and services, such as email systems, chat applications, or external databases. Administrators can configure API keys, authentication methods, and integration-specific settings.

**Data Sync and Import/Export:**

Allow administrators to set up data synchronization between the ticketing system and other platforms. This may include importing data from external sources or exporting data to other systems for reporting or backup purposes.

**Configure Audit Logs:**

Set parameters for what actions are logged and how long logs are retained. Administrators can also configure who has access to view audit logs and what level of detail is recorded.

For ticketing app comment and change tracking: Use Django Simple History, Django Auditlog, or Django Activity Stream.

For database change logs (including PostgreSQL admin changes): Use pgAudit for PostgreSQL-level logging and Django Auditlog for Django ORM-based changes.

For custom control: Add PostgreSQL triggers in combination with pgAudit.

#### 'fire\_extinguishers/'

#### 'reports/'

#### 'notifications/'

#### 'audit\_trails/'