



Day 09: Python Django

Django: Ajax and websockets

Summary: Today, we're gonna learn how to use AJAX and Websockets with Django.

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Chapter I

Preamble

Chat

The cat (*Felis catus*) is a small carnivorous mammal. It is the only domesticated species in the family Felidae and often referred to as the domestic cat to distinguish it from wild members of the family. The cat is either a house cat, a farm cat or a feral cat; latter ranges freely and avoids human contact. Domestic cats are valued by humans for companionship and for their ability to hunt rodents. About 60 cat breeds are recognized by various cat registries.

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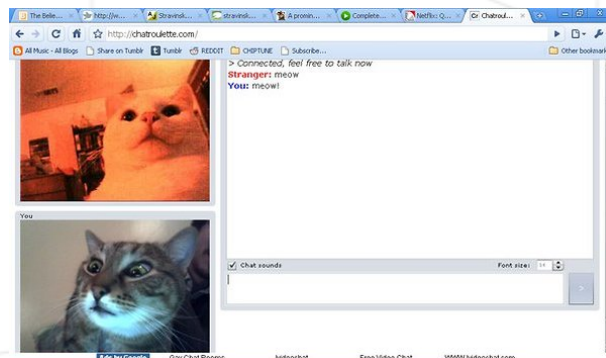


Figure I.1: Cat chatting on chatroulette.



Why do we even mention cats here you'll ask? Well, all these subjects were written by French writers and in french, a cat is called a "Chat". There's a pun, here, see? Maudits Français!

Chapter II

Instructions

Unless there is an explicit contradiction, the following instructions will be valid for all days of this Python Django Piscine.

- Only this page will serve as reference; do not trust rumors.
- Watch out! This document could potentially change up to an hour before submission.
- These exercises are carefully laid out by order of difficulty - from easiest to hardest. We **will not** take into account a successfully completed harder exercise if an easier one is not perfectly functional.
- Make sure you have the appropriate permissions on your files and directories.
- You have to follow the submission procedures for every exercise.
- Your exercises will be checked and graded by your fellow classmates.
- On top of that, your exercises will be checked and graded by a program called Moulinette. Moulinette is very meticulous and strict in its evaluation of your work. It is entirely automated and there is no way to negotiate with it. So if you want to avoid bad surprises, be as thorough as possible.
- Exercises in Shell must be executable with `/bin/sh`.
- You cannot leave any additional file in your directory than those specified in the subject.
- Got a question? Ask your peer on the right. Otherwise, try your peer on the left.
- Your reference guide is called `Google / man / the Internet /`
- Remember to discuss on the piscine forum of your Intra and on Slack!
- Examine the examples thoroughly. They could very well call for details that are not explicitly mentioned in the subject...


Chapter III

Today's specific rules

- The only Javascript library you can use is JQuery.
- Your turn-in will be have the form of a unique Django project. It won't be divided in exercises, as usual. Each of them add a functionality to the project. This functionality and its implementation will be graded this time.
- You must leave the default administration application.
- Along with your project, you must turn-in a requirement.txt file (with the 'pip freeze' command) listing the libraries your project will need to be running.

Chapter IV

Exercise 00

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Exercise 00: AJAX my formulah!	
Turn-in directory : <i>ex00/</i>	
Files to turn in :	
Allowed functions :	

Create a new project named `d09`. In this project, create an application named `account`.

The goal of this exercise is to design a connection/disconnection system communicating only thanks to **AJAX**.

In this application , you will implement the `127.0.0.1:8000/account` URL that must lead to a page that can have two different behaviors depending on the context:

- The user is not connected: the page must display a standard connection form (login, password). The thing is the communication with the server must only use **AJAX** and must be a **POST** type to get connected.

If the form is not valid, the error(s) must appear on the page.

Of the form is valid, it must disappear and adopt a new behavior.

This, of course, without the page being refreshed.

- The user is connected already: the page must display the following text: "**Logged as <user>**", `<user>` being replaced by the name used by the user to get connected as well as **Logout** button allowing disconnection.

This button must communicate with the server via **AJAX** and the **'POST'** method.

Once logged out, the text and button must not show on the page anymore and the latter must adopt the other behavior.

The page must never have been refreshed.

If the page is 'manually' refreshed, it must return to the behavior it had before refreshing (that does not include the error displaying).


You can use bootstrap.



AuthenticationForm, for free!

Chapter V

Exercise 01

	Exercise 01
Exercise 01: Basic chat	
Turn-in directory : <i>ex01/</i>	
Files to turn in :	
Allowed functions :	

Create an application named '**chat**'.

In this application, you must create a page displaying 3 links. Each of them must lead to a different '**chatrooms**'.

The names of these rooms must be in database. You must create a suitable model.


Each of these links must lead to another page containing a standard functional chat. Each chat must have the following specification:

- It must use '**jquery**' as sole frontend library as well as the **Websockets** to communicate with the server.(no AJAX)
- It's only available to connected users.
- The name of the chat must appear somewhere.
- Several users must be able to connect (*just in case...*).
- A user can post a message (*you had guessed, right?*).
- A message sent by a user must be visible by all the users who have joined the chatroom (*everyone knows what a chatroom is, right? Haven't you read that preamble?*).
- Messages must appear in the bottom and be displayed in ascending order (*that one's for you, by the heater, right.*), along with the name of the user that posted them.

- Messages must not disappear. A message must not replace a previous one. The messages order must not change.
- When a user joins the chatroom, the message '`<username> has joined the chat`' must appear for all users to see, including the one who just joined. `<username>` is replaced by said user's name of course.

Chapter VI

Exercise 02

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Exercise 02: History	
Turn-in directory : <i>ex02/</i>	
Files to turn in :	
Allowed functions :	


In this exercise, you will improve your chat adding a message history to it.

When a new user joins the chatroom, they must see the last three messages that have been posted **on this chatroom**, top down, oldest to newest.

Once again, you can only use **JQuery** as frontend libraries and **Websockets** to communicate with the server.

Chapter VII

Exercise 03

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Exercise 03: Userlist	
Turn-in directory : <i>ex03/</i>	
Files to turn in :	
Allowed functions :	

In this exercise, you will improve your chat again adding a connected userlist, this time. AND it will update by itself.

When the user joins the chatroom, he must be able to access the list of connected users (and he must appear in the list).

This userlist must be clearly set aside the messages list (other `<div>` or other `html` container).

When a user joins a chatroom, their name must appear in the list, along with other connected users.

When a user leaves the chatroom, their name must disappear from the list of connected users and the message '`<username>` has left the chat' must appear after the posted messages. (`<username>` will be the name of the user who just left)


Once again, you can only use **JQuery** as frontend libraries and **Websockets** to communicate with the server.



Before anything, try to build a functional logic. We're not looking for optimization... yet.

Chapter VIII

Exercise 04

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Exercise 04: Scroll	
Turn-in directory : <i>ex04/</i>	
Files to turn in :	
Allowed functions :	

Make your chat presentable setting your message list in a fixed size container. If the number of messages exceed the container, they must disappear on top and a scroll bar must appear on the side.

Besides, the scroll bar must always appear with the cursor down so the last messages always show first.