

DJANGO FORM



HTML FORM

- In HTML, a form is a collection of elements inside `<form>...</form>` that allow a visitor to do things like enter text, select options, manipulate objects or controls, and so on, and then send that information back to the server.



HTML FORM

- **Do you remember the form we write for backstage login page in index.html?**



```
<form method="post">
    {% csrf_token %}
    <p style="height: 15px">
        {% for msg in messages %}
        <span class="{{ msg.tags }}">{{ msg }}</span>
        {% endfor %}
    </p>
    <p>
        <label>Username:</label>
        <input type="text" placeholder="username"
name="username">
    </p>
    <p>
        <label>Password:</label>
        <input type="password" placeholder="password"
name="password">
    </p>
    <input type="submit" value="Submit">
</form>
```





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- **Django's form is simplify and automate, and it more securely than most programmers would be able to do in code they wrote themselves.**



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- **Let's rewrite the backstage login page using Django Form.**
- **Firstly, we need create a file named forms.py in the application of books.**



THE FORMS

- We already know what we want our HTML form to look like. Our starting point for it in Django is this:

```
from django import forms

class LoginForm(forms.Form):
    username = forms.CharField(widget=forms.TextInput(
        attrs={'placeholder': 'username'}))
    password = forms.CharField(widget=forms.PasswordInput(
        attrs={'placeholder': 'password'}
    ))
```



THE FORMS

- **This defines a Form class with two fields
username and password**



THE VIEWS

```
from .forms import LoginForm
class Index(View):

    def get(self, request):
        form = LoginForm
        return render(request, 'backstage/index.html', {'form': form})

    def post(self, request):
        form = LoginForm(request.POST)
        if form.is_valid():
            user = authenticate(
                username=form.cleaned_data['username'],
                password=form.cleaned_data['password'])
            if user and user.is_superuser:
                login(request, user)
                return redirect(reverse('bs_list'))
        else:
            messages.error(request, 'username or password is incorrect!')
            return redirect(reverse('index'))
        return render(request, 'backstage/index.html', {'form': form})
```

THE TEMPLATE

- Now we don't need to do much in index.html

```
<form method="post">
  {% csrf_token %}
  <p>
    {% for msg in messages %}
      <span class="{{ msg.tags }}">{{ msg }}</span>
    {% endfor %}
  </p>
  {{ form.as_p }}
  <input type="submit" value="Submit">
</form>
```



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- **If we arrive at this view with a GET request, it will create an empty form instance and place it in the template context to be rendered.**



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- If the form is submitted using a **POST** request, the view will once again create a form instance and populate it with data from the request:
 - `form = LoginForm(request.POST)`
- This is called “binding data to the form”



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- A Form instance has an `is_valid()` method, which runs validation routines for all its fields. When this method is called, if all fields contain valid data, it will:
 - return `True`
 - place the form's data in its `cleaned_data` attribute.
- it's not `True`, we go back to the template with the form.



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- Assume we limit the length of username is 16 in maximum.

```
class LoginForm(forms.Form):
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        attrs={'placeholder': 'username'}))
    password = forms.CharField(widget=forms.PasswordInput(
        attrs={'placeholder': 'password'}
    ))

    def clean_username(self):
        username = self.cleaned_data['username']
        if len(username) > 16:
            raise ValidationError('username is too long')
        return username
```

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- **Form.is_vaild()** will return **False** if length of **username** is longer than 16.



BUILD-IN FIELD CLASSES

- When you create a Form class, the most important part is defining the fields of the form.

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BUILD-IN FIELD CLASSES

- <https://docs.djangoproject.com/en/1.11/ref/forms/fields/>
- **BooleanField**
- **CharField**
- **ChoiceField**
- **DateTimeField**
- **FileField**



BUILD-IN FIELD WIDGETS

- **A widget is Django's representation of an HTML input element. The widget handles the rendering of the HTML, and the extraction of data from a GET/POST dictionary that corresponds to the widget.**



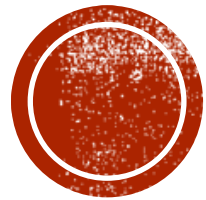
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- <https://docs.djangoproject.com/en/1.11/ref/forms/widgets/>

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MODELFORM



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- **If you're building a database-driven app, chances are you'll have forms that map closely to Django models.**
- **For instance, we have Book model in our Library Management System, and we want to create a form that lets administrator create new book.**



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- **For this reason, Django provides a helper class that lets you create a Form class from a Django model.**
- **Do you remember we have a CreateAuthor view used to create author of book? Lets modify it.**



THE VIEW

```
class CreateAuthor(CreateView):  
    form class = AuthorForm  
    template_name =  
    'backstage/create_author.html'  
  
    def get_success_url(self):  
        messages.success(self.request, 'Create  
Success!')  
        return resolve_url('create_author')
```




THE FORM

- In forms.py

```
from django.forms import ModelForm
from .models import Author

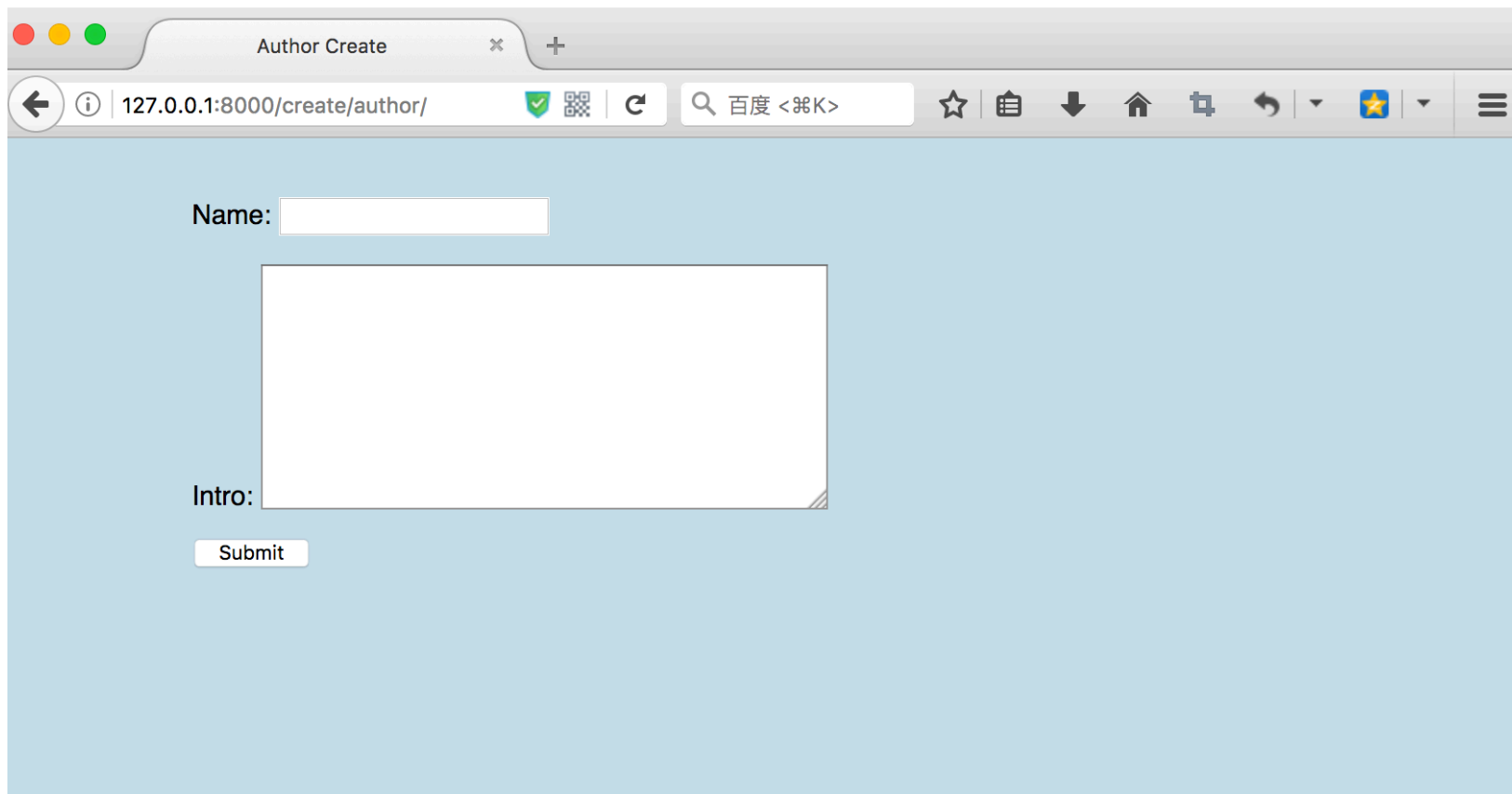
class AuthorForm(ModelForm):
    class Meta:
        model = Author
        fields = '__all__'
```



Set the fields attribute to the special value '__all__' to indicate that all fields in the model should be used.



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A screenshot of a web browser window displaying a form titled "Author Create". The browser's address bar shows the URL "127.0.0.1:8000/create/author/". The form is set against a light blue background and contains the following elements:

- A label "Name:" followed by a single-line text input field.
- A label "Intro:" followed by a large, empty text area.
- A "Submit" button located below the text area.



VALIDATION

- **Model validation is triggered after the form's `clean()` method is called.**
- **You can override the `clean()` method on a model form to provide additional validation.**
- **Let write a `clean()` method to avoid user to create repeated author.**



VALIDATION

```
from django.forms import ModelForm, ValidationError
from .models import Author

class AuthorForm(ModelForm):
    class Meta:
        model = Author
        fields = '__all__'

    def clean_name(self):
        name = self.cleaned_data['name']
        if Author.objects.filter(name=name).exists():
            raise ValidationError('Author is already
exist!')
        return name
```

VALIDATION

- **Now if we try to create a user which already exist, a error message will show up.**



VALIDATION



The screenshot shows a web browser window with the title 'Author Create'. The address bar displays the URL '127.0.0.1:8000/create/author/'. The page has a light blue background. A red oval highlights a validation error message: '• Author is already exist!'. Below this message, there is a text input field labeled 'Name:' containing the text 'Miguel Grinberg'. Underneath the name field is a large, empty text area labeled 'Intro:'. At the bottom left of the form is a 'Submit' button. In the bottom right corner of the browser window, there is a small red circular icon.

Author Create

127.0.0.1:8000/create/author/

• Author is already exist!

Name: Miguel Grinberg

Intro:

Submit

REFERENCE

- <https://docs.djangoproject.com/en/1.11/topics/forms/>
- <https://docs.djangoproject.com/en/1.11/ref/forms/fields/>
- <https://docs.djangoproject.com/en/1.11/ref/forms/widgets/>
- <https://docs.djangoproject.com/en/1.11/topics/forms/modelforms/>



Questions?

