

# Requirements

To be able to go through this set of activities, you should:

- Have at least python 3.9 installed on your local machine
- Have pip installed

Python includes a lightweight database called SQLite so you won't need to set up a database just yet.

To check if you have python installed, open your terminal and run the following command

**> python**

Or

**> python3**

This will open the python interactive shell and specify which version of python is installed.

Note: To exit from the python interactive shell: **crtl + D**

To check if you already have pip installed, run the following command:

**> pip -V**

Or

**> pip3 -V**

# Install Django

<https://docs.djangoproject.com/en/5.1/topics/install/#installing-official-release>

1. Install **pip**. The easiest is to use the [standalone pip installer](#). If your distribution already has **pip** installed, you might need to update it if it's outdated. If it's outdated, you'll know because installation won't work.
2. Take a look at **venv**. This tool provides isolated Python environments, which are more practical than installing packages systemwide. It also allows installing packages without administrator privileges. The [contributing tutorial](#) walks through how to create a virtual environment.
3. After you've created and activated a virtual environment, or if you have decided to install is systemwide, enter the command:

**> python -m pip install Django**

# Verify your installation

```
# the first command will open in interactive shell and the remaining commands should be executed in that shell
```

```
> python
> import Django
> print(django.get_version())
5.1
```

Or run the command

```
> python -m django --version
```

# Install Django rest-framework

```
> pip install djangorestframework  
> pip install markdown      # Markdown support for the browsable API.  
> pip install django-filter # Filtering support
```

## Start your first Django project

Choose a folder on you computer where you want to store your new project.

### Create the project folder:

```
> mkdir <my project name>
```

NB: fill <my project name> with the name you want for your project

Or create you project folder using you computer interface if you want to avoid using the terminal

Now you should be in the terminal in the folder you've just created

```
> cd <my project name>
```

### Start a Django project

Run the command below. This will create a project called <my API name> inside the <my project name> directory

```
> django-admin startproject <my API name> <my project name>
```

### Django project structure

At this step you will find your self with the following structure

```
<my project name>/
```

```
  manage.py  
  <my API name>/  
    __init__.py  
    settings.py  
    urls.py  
    asgi.py  
    wsgi.py
```

These files are:

- **manage.py**: A command-line utility that lets you interact with this Django project in various ways. You can read all the details about **manage.py** in [django-admin](#) and [manage.py](#).
- **<my API name>/**: A directory that is the actual Python package for your project. Its name is the Python package name you'll need to use to import anything inside it (e.g. [`<my API name>.urls`](#)).
- **<my API name>/\_\_init\_\_.py**: An empty file that tells Python that this directory should be considered a Python package. If you're a Python beginner, read [more about packages](#) in the official Python docs.
- **<my API name>/settings.py**: Settings/configuration for this Django project. [Django settings](#) will tell you all about how settings work.
- **<my API name>/urls.py**: The URL declarations for this Django project; a “table of contents” of your Django-powered site. You can read more about URLs in [URL dispatcher](#).
- **<my API name>/asgi.py**: An entry-point for ASGI-compatible web servers to serve your project. See [How to deploy with ASGI](#) for more details.
- **<my API name>/wsgi.py**: An entry-point for WSGI-compatible web servers to serve your project. See [How to deploy with WSGI](#) for more details.

### Run the Django server

```
> python manage.py runserver
```

You will get a message like this one:

```
Watching for file changes with StatReloader
Performing system checks...
```

```
System check identified no issues (0 silenced).
```

You have 18 unapplied migration(s). Your project may not work properly until you apply the migrations for app(s): admin, auth, contenttypes, sessions.

Run 'python manage.py migrate' to apply them.

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Django version 5.1.2, using settings 'django\_api.settings'

Starting development server at http://127.0.0.1:8000/

Quit the server with CONTROL-C.

NB: Note that you have the link to access your server through http: <http://127.0.0.1:8000/>

**Congratulations, you have started your Django server development !!**

### Run migration

Note that when launching the server, you have in red: Run 'python manage.py migrate' to apply them.

Quit the server and run the command:

```
> python manage.py migrate
```

The output of the command will be like:

#### Operations to perform:

Apply all migrations: admin, auth, contenttypes, sessions

#### Running migrations:

```
  Applying contenttypes.0001_initial... OK
  Applying auth.0001_initial... OK
  Applying admin.0001_initial... OK
  Applying admin.0002_logentry_remove_auto_add... OK
  Applying admin.0003_logentry_add_action_flag_choices... OK
  Applying contenttypes.0002_remove_content_type_name... OK
  Applying auth.0002_alter_permission_name_max_length... OK
  Applying auth.0003_alter_user_email_max_length... OK
  Applying auth.0004_alter_user_username_opts... OK
  Applying auth.0005_alter_user_last_login_null... OK
  Applying auth.0006_require_contenttypes_0002... OK
  Applying auth.0007_alter_validators_add_error_messages... OK
  Applying auth.0008_alter_user_username_max_length... OK
  Applying auth.0009_alter_user_last_name_max_length... OK
  Applying auth.0010_alter_group_name_max_length... OK
  Applying auth.0011_update_proxy_permissions... OK
  Applying auth.0012_alter_user_first_name_max_length... OK
  Applying sessions.0001_initial... OK
```

Notice that there's a new file in your project directory: **db.sqlite3**. It is the default database used by Django

Run migrate when:

- You've created or modified models and generated migrations using `python manage.py makemigrations`.
- You're setting up a new database, and migrations need to be applied to match your project's models.
- You're deploying an updated version of your project with schema changes.

## Create a Django application

Now that your environment – a “project” – is set up, you’re set to start doing work.

Each application you write in Django consists of a Python package that follows a certain convention. Django comes with a utility that automatically generates the basic directory structure of an app, so you can focus on writing code rather than creating directories.

### Projects vs. apps

What’s the difference between a project and an app? An app is a web application that does something – e.g., a blog system, a database of public records or a small poll app. A project is a collection of configuration and apps for a particular website. A project can contain multiple apps. An app can be in multiple projects.

To create your app, make sure you’re in the same directory as `manage.py` and type this command:

```
> python manage.py startapp <my application name>
```

NB: fill `<my application name>` with the name of your application

That will create an application folder with the following structure

```
<my application name>/
```

```
    __init__.py
    admin.py
    apps.py
    migrations/
        __init__.py
    models.py
    tests.py
    views.py
```

## Write the first view

### Urls

To define a URLconf for the the application app, create a file `<my application name>/urls.py` with the following content:

```
from django.urls import path

from . import views

urlpatterns = [
    path("test_json_view", views.test_json_view,
name="test_json_view"),
]
```

The content will look like

```
From django.urls import path

From . import views

urlpatterns = [
    path("test_json_view/", views.test_json_view, name="test_json_view"),
]
```

The next step is to configure the global URL

Open the urls file located at project level to include the url of your API. This is the routing mechanism to locate the right service.

<my project name>/ <my API name>/urls.py

In urlPatterns, add:

NB: make sure the path you are entering is correct and does exist otherwise it won't work

path("<my project name>", include("<my project name>.urls"))

Do not forget to:

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

You will have a content similar to

```
from django.contrib import admin
from django.urls import path
from django.urls import include, path

urlpatterns = [
    path("data_lake_api/", include("data_lake_api.urls")),
    path('admin/', admin.site.urls),
]
```

**In the views.py file, add the following code**

```
from django.shortcuts import render
import json

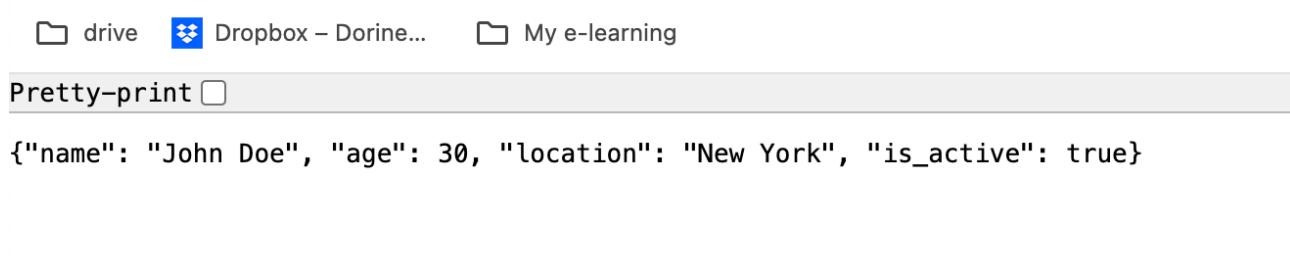
from django.http import JsonResponse
from django.views.decorators.csrf import csrf_exempt

def test_json_view(request):
    data = {
        'name': 'John Doe',
        'age': 30,
        'location': 'New York',
        'is_active': True,
    }
    return JsonResponse(data)
```

run your server

```
> python manage.py runserver
```

Test the new route: open you browser: [http://127.0.0.1:8000/data\\_lake\\_api/test\\_json\\_view/](http://127.0.0.1:8000/data_lake_api/test_json_view/)  
Where data\_lake\_api is the name of the application and test\_json\_view is specified in the route as the name of the view



A screenshot of a browser window showing a JSON response. The URL bar shows 'data\_lake\_api/test\_json\_view'. The page content area displays the following JSON object:

```
{"name": "John Doe", "age": 30, "location": "New York", "is_active": true}
```

You have added your first endpoint

**With Postman or with whatever the tool you have**

Here to test your endpoint, you used your browser. Test the same endpoint using postman or curl

Install postman from here: <https://www.postman.com/downloads/>

Use it as on the screen

Overview | GET http://127.0.0.1:8000/da • + | No environment | ▾

HTTP http://127.0.0.1:8000/data\_lake\_api/test\_json\_view/ Save Share

GET http://127.0.0.1:8000/data\_lake\_api/test\_json\_view/ Send

Params Authorization Headers (6) Body Scripts Tests Settings Cookies

Query Params

Key	Value	Description	...	Bulk Edit
Key	Value	Description		

Body Cookies Headers (8) Test Results | ⏱ 200 OK • 17 ms • 348 B • 🌐 | e.g. ⚙️

Pretty Raw Preview Visualize JSON 🔍

```
1 {  
2   "name": "John Doe",  
3   "age": 30,  
4   "location": "New York",  
5   "is_active": true  
6 }
```

## Question

We just added an endpoint to be used with GET.

Add a new url that can be used with a POST. The endpoint should send in the post a json body:  
{"user": "a name"}

And the endpoint should return the same message as before, but the field name should be the one passed in input

Test your endpoint with postman or curl

To be used as the following

The screenshot shows a Postman interface with the following details:

- Method:** POST
- URL:** http://127.0.0.1:8000/data\_lake\_api/post\_test\_json\_view/
- Body:** JSON (selected)
- Body Content:**

```
1  {"user": "Kemi"}
```
- Response Status:** 200 OK
- Response Headers:** (8) - includes Content-Type: application/json, Content-Length: 344, Date: Mon, 10 Jun 2019 10:22:20 GMT, Server: Apache/2.4.34 (Ubuntu), Vary: Accept
- Response Body:**

```
1  {
2      "name": "Kemi",
3      "age": 30,
4      "location": "New York",
5      "is_active": true
6  }
```

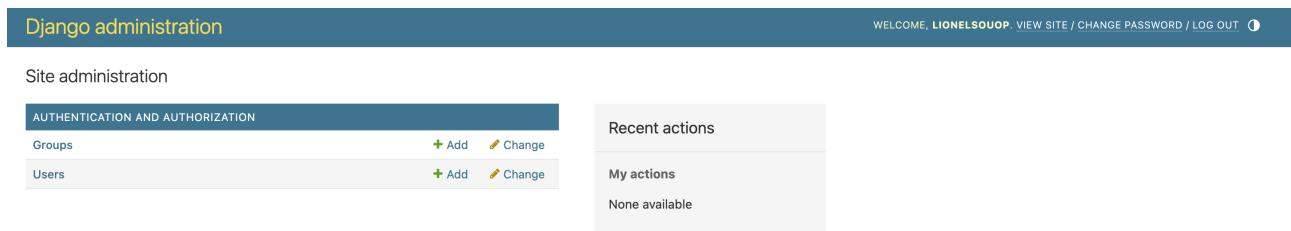
## Database with sqlite3

In this part, we will create and manipulate sql databases

For this, create an admin user running the command. You can shutdown your server first  
> python manage.py createsuperuser

Then add user name, email and password and run again your server

On your browser go to <http://127.0.0.1:8000/admin/> and connect  
You will see a UI like the following

A screenshot of the Django administration site. The top navigation bar is dark blue with the text "Django administration" on the left and "WELCOME, LIONELSOUOP VIEW SITE / CHANGE PASSWORD / LOG OUT" on the right. Below the navigation is a light blue header bar with the text "Site administration". Underneath is a dark blue sidebar with the heading "AUTHENTICATION AND AUTHORIZATION". It contains two sections: "Groups" and "Users", each with a "+ Add" button and a "Change" link. To the right of the sidebar is a white main area. At the top of this area is a "Recent actions" section with a "My actions" link and a note "None available".

## Create your first model

In the same project, open the models.py file and add the following content

```
class Product(models.Model):
    name = models.CharField(max_length=100)
    price = models.DecimalField(max_digits=10, decimal_places=2)
    description = models.TextField(blank=True, null=True)
    created_at = models.DateTimeField(auto_now_add=True)
    updated_at = models.DateTimeField(auto_now=True)

    def __str__(self):
        return self.name
```

This is the way to create relational table using Django models

**Fields:** Fields like CharField, DecimalField, and DateTimeField represent column types in the database.

**\_\_str\_\_ method:** This helps in representing the model instances as strings, which is useful in Django admin and Django shell.

Open the settings.py file and in INSTALLED\_APPS, add your application name in the list

## Make migrations

Migrations are Django's way of propagating changes to your models (e.g., creating new tables, adding fields) to the database schema.

Run the following commands:

```
>python manage.py makemigrations
>python manage.py migrate
```

- **makemigrations:** Creates a migration file based on the changes in your models.
- **migrate:** Applies the migration, creating the actual database table for your model.

## Register the Model in admin.py

Open the admin.py file

Now your new table is accessible via the UI

The screenshot shows the Django Admin interface. At the top, there's a dark blue header bar with the text "AUTHENTICATION AND AUTHORIZATION". Below it, there are two sections: "Groups" and "Users", each with "Add" and "Change" buttons. To the right, there's a sidebar titled "Recent actions" which says "None available". In the main content area, there's another dark blue header bar with the text "DATA\_LAKE\_API". Below it, there's a section for "Products" with "Add" and "Change" buttons.

Now add some random products in the table products

**Question:**

Add an endpoint that will return all the products available in the Products table

**Question:**

Add an endpoint to retrieve the most expensive product

**Question:**

Add an endpoint to add a new product I the table

**Question:**

Add an endpoint to update a new product I the table

**Question:**

Create a new model to handle authorization. You want to control who is accessing your data in your table, and the rights will be stored in a table. Add rights to call the different endpoints you've created

**Question:**

Add at least 10 products in your DB. Your endpoints should return maximum 3 products at once. Implement a mechanism to progressively retrieve your data: a paging mechanism

