Django Data Migrations

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Django Migrations

- Usually involve schema changes
 - New models
 - Changes to models
- Also opportunity make non-schema updates 'Data Migrations'
 - o Insert data (i.e. populate models)
 - Update data
 - Remove data

Use Cases

- Baseline data initial state useful for teams to share
- Reference data e.g. lookups
- Groups and permissions
- Make deployments easier
- + more



Starting with a blank migration

https://docs.djangoproject.com/en/2.0/topics/migrations/#data-migrations

```
manage.py makemigrations --empty myappname
```

```
# Generated by Django 2.0.1 on 2018-01-18 05:01
from django.db import migrations

class Migration(migrations.Migration):
    dependencies = [
          ('registry', '0001_initial'),
    ]
    operations = [
    ]
```



Adding some baseline data

```
from django.db import migrations
def add my kitties(apps, schema):
    kitty model = apps.get model('registry', 'Kitty')
   my kitty ids = [468312, 468629, 468282]
    for kitty id in my kitty ids:
        kitty model.objects.update or create(kitty id=kitty id)
class Migration (migrations.Migration):
    dependencies = [
        ('registry', '0001 initial'),
    operations = [
        migrations.RunPython(add my kitties)
```



Re-running a migration

```
# Rewind back to the previous migration
./manage.py migrate --fake myappname 0001_initial
./manage.py migrate
```



Adding some reference data

```
from django.db import migrations
def add sizes(apps, schema):
   sizes model = apps.get model('registry', 'KittySize')
    sizes model.objects.update or create(name='large', pixel size='500')
    sizes model.objects.update or create(name='medium', pixel size='300')
    sizes model.objects.update or create(name='small', pixel size='100')
class Migration(migrations.Migration):
   dependencies = [
        ('registry', '0002 add my kitties'),
   operations = [
       migrations.RunPython(add sizes)
```



Using reference data in a FK

```
class Kitty(models.Model):
   kitty id = models.IntegerField()
   kitty size = models.ForeignKey('KittySize', default=1, on delete=models.CASCADE)
```

