

Introduction to Django

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Django Training

Part 1: Introduction to Django.

















Documentation

http://django.me/design http://www.djangobook.com/en/2.0/chapter01/



Which Django version should I use?



Installing Django

- Download and run http://bit.ly/dsetup
 (http://python-distribute.org/distribute_setup.py)
- easy_install Django
- Later: learn about pip and virtualenv

```
http://pip.rtfd.org/
```

http://virtualenv.rtfd.org/



"Projects"



\$ django-admin.py startproject yabl



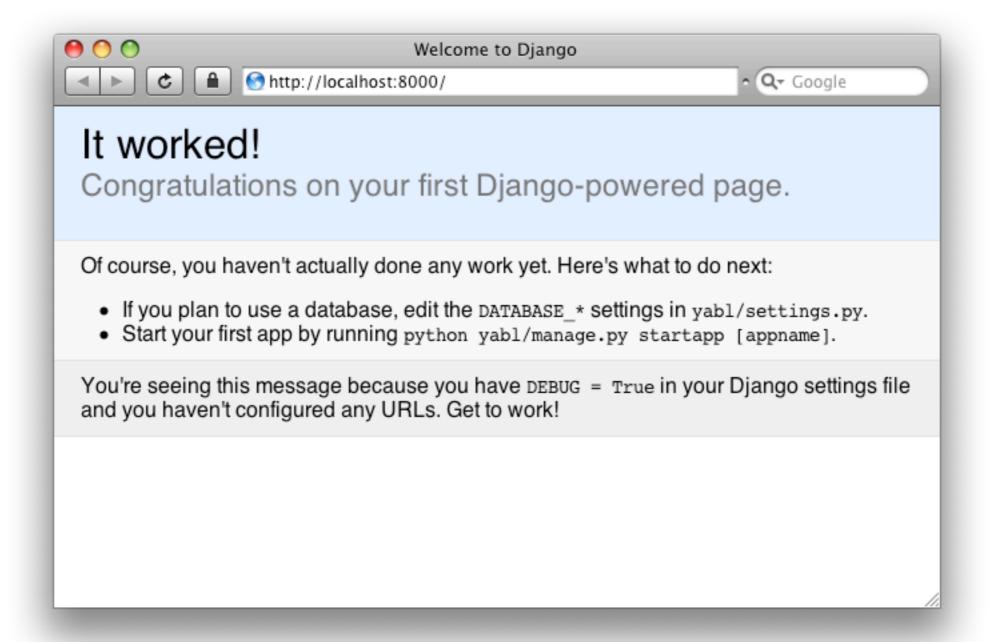
```
yabl/
__init__.py
manage.py
settings.py
urls.py
```



\$ python manage.py runserver Validating models... 0 errors found.

Django version 1.1 beta 1 SVN-10844, using settings 'yabl.settings' Development server is running at http://127.0.0.1:8000/ Quit the server with CONTROL-C.







Project settings

- DATABASE_ENGINE
- DATABASE_NAME
- DATABASE_USER
- DATABASE_PASSWORD
- DATABASE_HOST



```
$ python manage.py syncdb
Creating table auth_permission
Creating table auth group
Creating table auth user
Creating table auth_message
Creating table django_content_type
Creating table django session
Creating table django site
You just installed Django's auth system,
which means you don't have any superusers defined.
Would you like to create one now? (yes/no): yes
Username (Leave blank to use 'jacob'): jacob
E-mail address: jacob@jacobian.org
Password:
Password (again):
Superuser created successfully.
Installing index for auth.Permission model
Installing index for auth. Message model
```



Documentation

http://django.me/about-settings

http://django.me/settings

http://django.me/manage.py



Exercise:

"it worked!"





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Part 2: Apps, models, and the admin

"Apps"



"Models"



What's a model?



MVC?

(Model-View-Controller)



```
CREATE TABLE "entries_entry" (
    "id" integer NOT NULL PRIMARY KEY,
    "author_id" integer NOT NULL,
    "pub_date" datetime NOT NULL,
    "headline" varchar(200) NOT NULL,
    "slug" varchar(50) NOT NULL UNIQUE,
    "summary" text NOT NULL,
    "body" text NOT NULL
)
```



Scary Quirky Language

- SQL is tough
- SQL knows no version control
- DRY
- Python is fun!



```
import datetime
from django.db import models
from yabl.authors.models import Author
class Entry(models.Model):
                 = models.ForeignKey(Author, related_name='entries')
    author
    pub_date
                 = models.DateTimeField(default=datetime.datetime.now)
    headline
                 = models.CharField(max_length=200)
    slug
                 = models.SlugField(unique=True)
                 = models.TextField()
    summary
    body
                 = models.TextField()
```



Defining Models



\$ python manage.py startapp authors



```
authors/
   __init__.py
   models.py
   tests.py
   views.py
```



```
INSTALLED_APPS = (
  "django.contrib.auth",
  "django.contrib.contenttypes",
  "django.contrib.sessions",
  "django.contrib.sites",
  "yabl.authors",
```



```
from django.db import models

class Author(models.Model):
    first_name = models.CharField(max_length=200)
    last_name = models.CharField(max_length=200)
    bio = models.TextField(blank=True)
```



- \$ python manage.py validate
- 0 errors found.



```
$ python manage.py sqlall authors
BEGIN;
CREATE TABLE "authors_author" (
      "id" integer NOT NULL PRIMARY KEY,
      "first_name" varchar(200) NOT NULL,
      "last_name" varchar(200) NOT NULL,
      "bio" text NOT NULL
);
COMMIT;
```



\$ python manage.py syncdb
Creating table authors_author
Installing index for authors.Author model



\$ python manage.py shell

[1] >>> from yabl.authors.models import Author

[2] >>> a = Author(first_name="John", last_name="Barth")

[3] >>> a.save()



```
[4] >>> Author.objects.all()
[4] : [<Author: Author object>]
[5] >>> Author.objects.create(first_name='Miguel', last_name='de Cervantes')
[5] : <Author: Author object>
[6] >>> Author.objects.all()
[6] : [<Author: Author object>, <Author: Author object>]
[7] >>> al = Author.objects.filter(first_name='John')
[8] >>> al[0].last_name
[8] : u'Barth'
[9] >>> Author.objects.get(last_name__startswith='de').first_name
[9] : u'Miguel'
```



Model metadata



```
class Author(models.Model):
    first_name = models.CharField(max_length=200)
    last_name = models.CharField(max_length=200)
    bio = models.TextField(blank=True)

def __unicode__(self):
    return '%s %s' % (self.first_name, self.last_name)
```



```
class Author(models.Model):
    ...

class Meta:
    verbose_name_plural = 'authors'
    ordering = ['last_name', 'first_name']
```



```
[1] >>> from yabl.authors.models import Author

[2] >>> Author.objects.all()
[2] : [<Author: John Barth>, <Author: Miguel de Cervantes>]

[3] >>> Author.objects.order_by('-first_name')
[3] : [<Author: Miguel de Cervantes>, <Author: John Barth>]
```



Documentation

http://django.me/models

http://www.djangobook.com/en/2.0/chapter05/



Exercise:

Write some apps and some models:

- Author (authors app)
 - first_name (CharField)
 - last_name (CharField)
 - bio (TextField)

- Entry (entries app)
 - author (ForeignKey)
 - pub_date (DateTimeField)
 - is_published (BooleanField)
 - headline (CharField)
 - slug (SlugField)
 - summary (TextField)
 - body (TextField)



Django's admin interface



A Web-based interface,
limited to trusted site
administrators, that enables
the adding, editing and
deletion of site content.



http://djangobook.com/en/2.0/chapter06/



from django.contrib import admin
from yabl.authors.models import Author

admin.site.register(Author)



```
INSTALLED_APPS = (
    'django.contrib.auth',
    'django.contrib.contenttypes',
    'django.contrib.sessions',
    'django.contrib.sites',
    'django.contrib.admin',
    'yabl.authors',
    'yabl.entries',
)
```

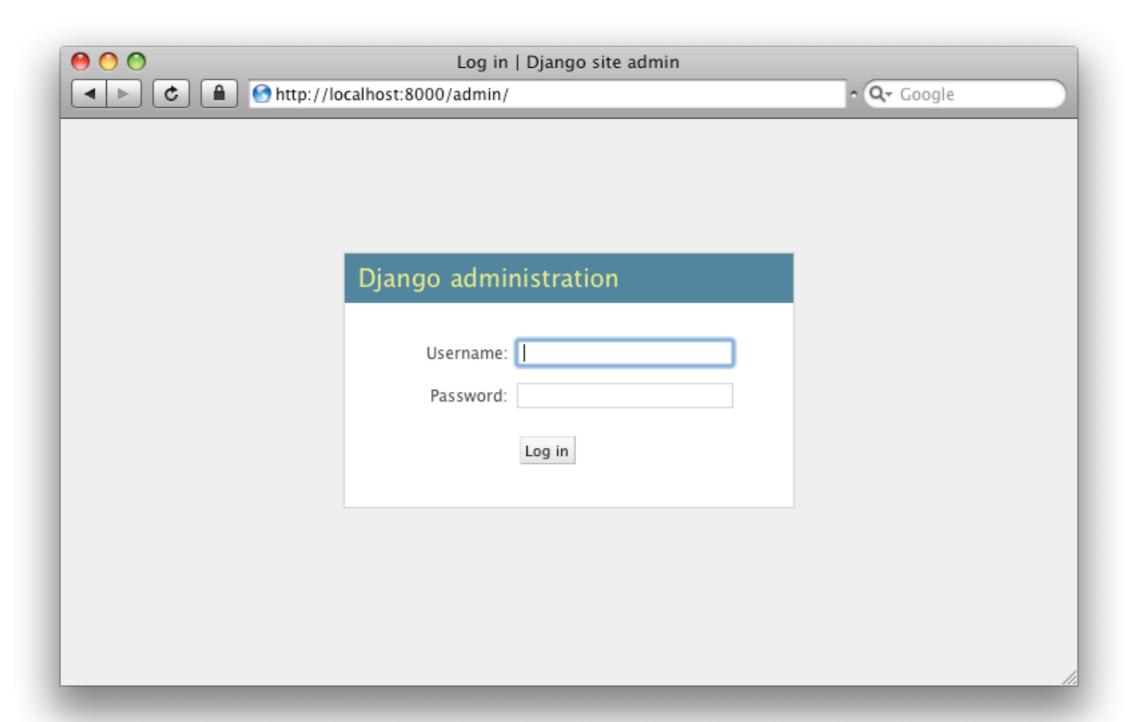


\$ python manage.py syncdb
Creating table django_admin_log
Installing index for admin.LogEntry model

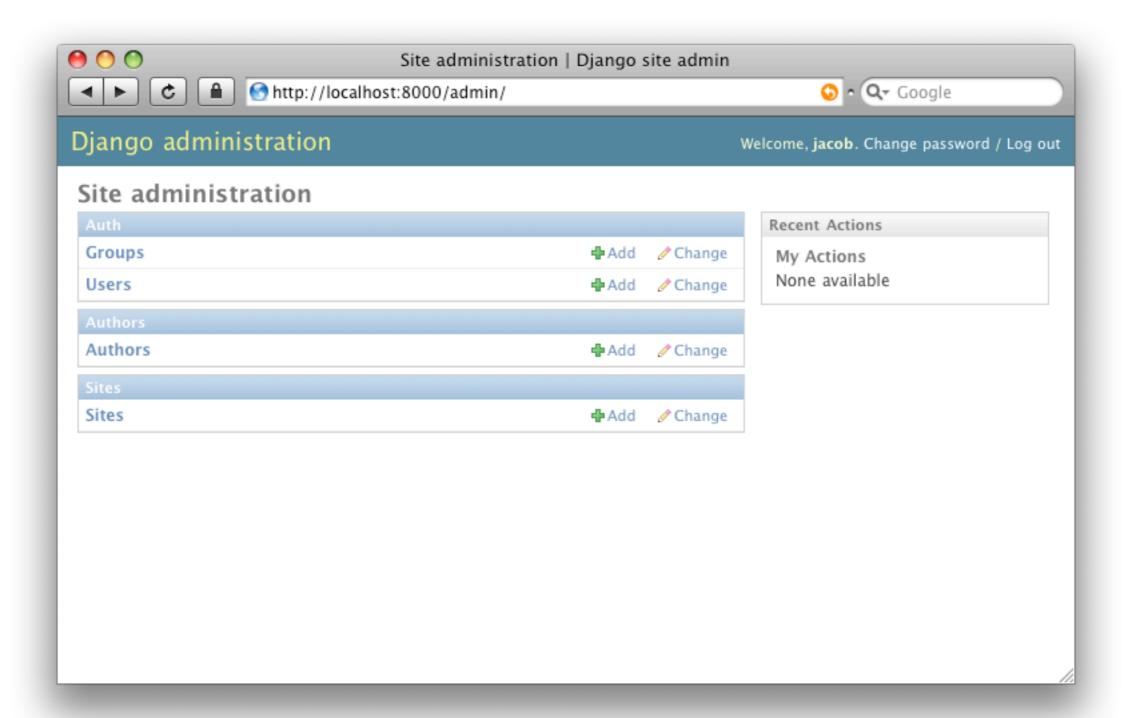


```
from django.conf.urls.defaults import *
# Uncomment the next two lines to enable the admin:
from django.contrib import admin
admin.autodiscover()
urlpatterns = patterns('',
    # Example:
    # (r'^yabl/', include('yabl.foo.urls')),
    # Uncomment the admin/doc line below and add 'django.contrib.admindocs'
    # to INSTALLED APPS to enable admin documentation:
    # (r'^admin/doc/', include('django.contrib.admindocs.urls')),
    # Uncomment the next line to enable the admin:
    (r'^admin/', include(admin.site.urls)),
```

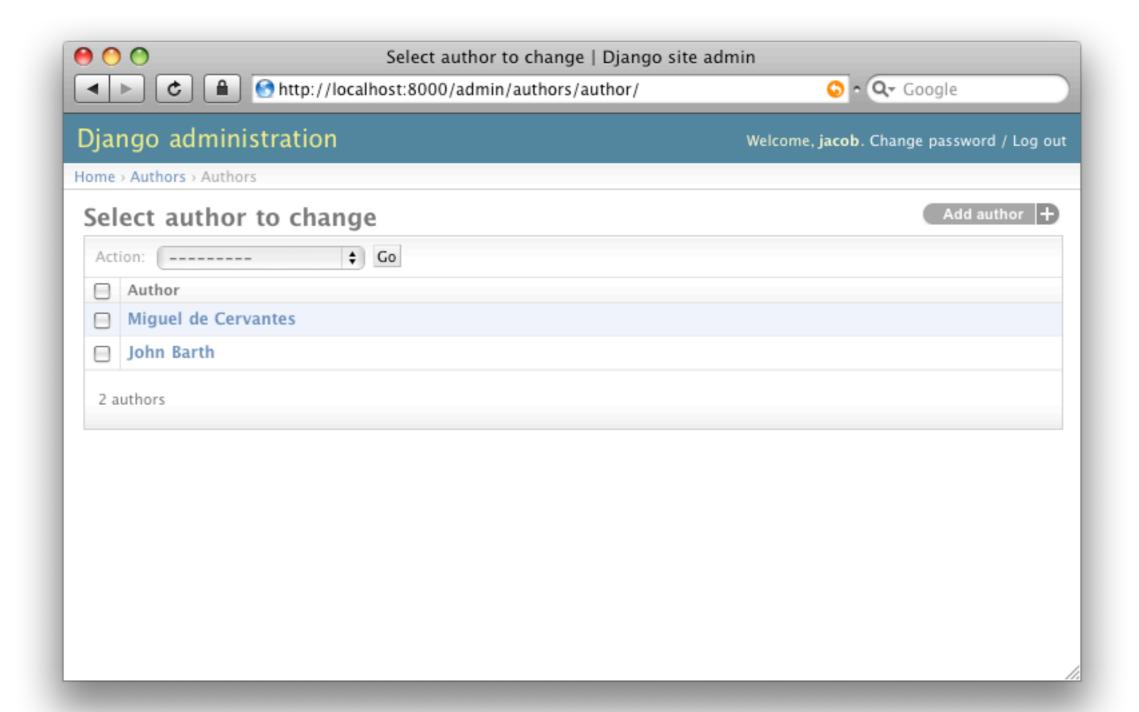




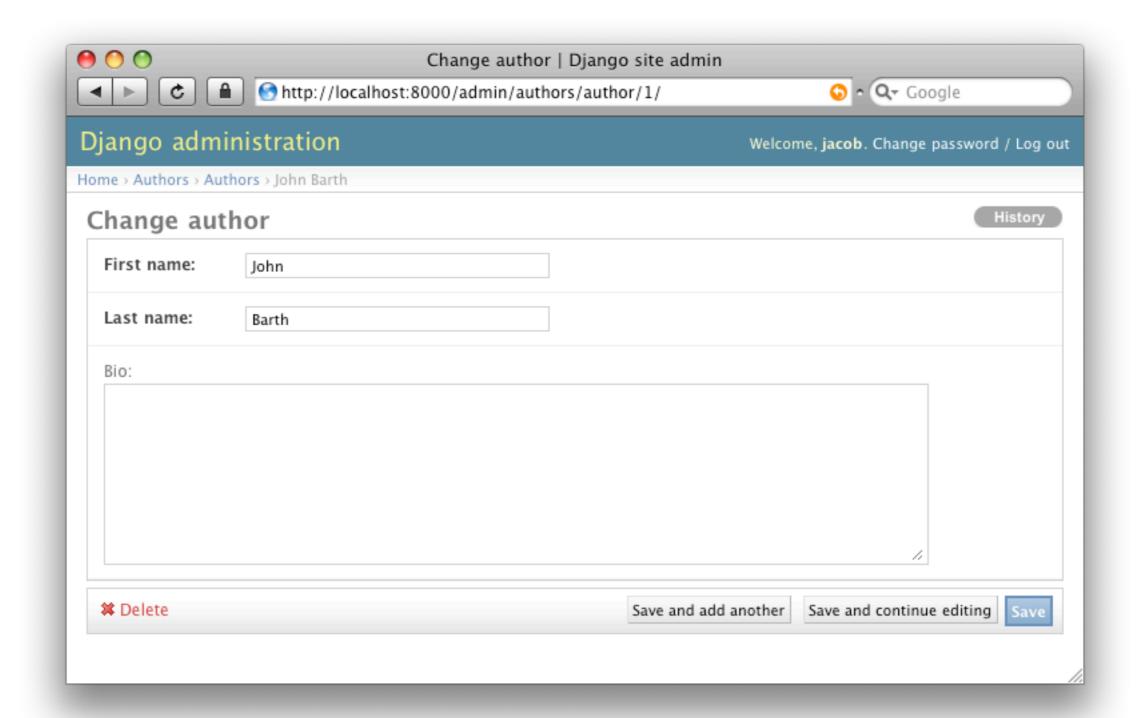














from django.contrib import admin
from yabl.authors.models import Author

class AuthorAdmin(admin.ModelAdmin):
 pass

admin.site.register(Author, AuthorAdmin)

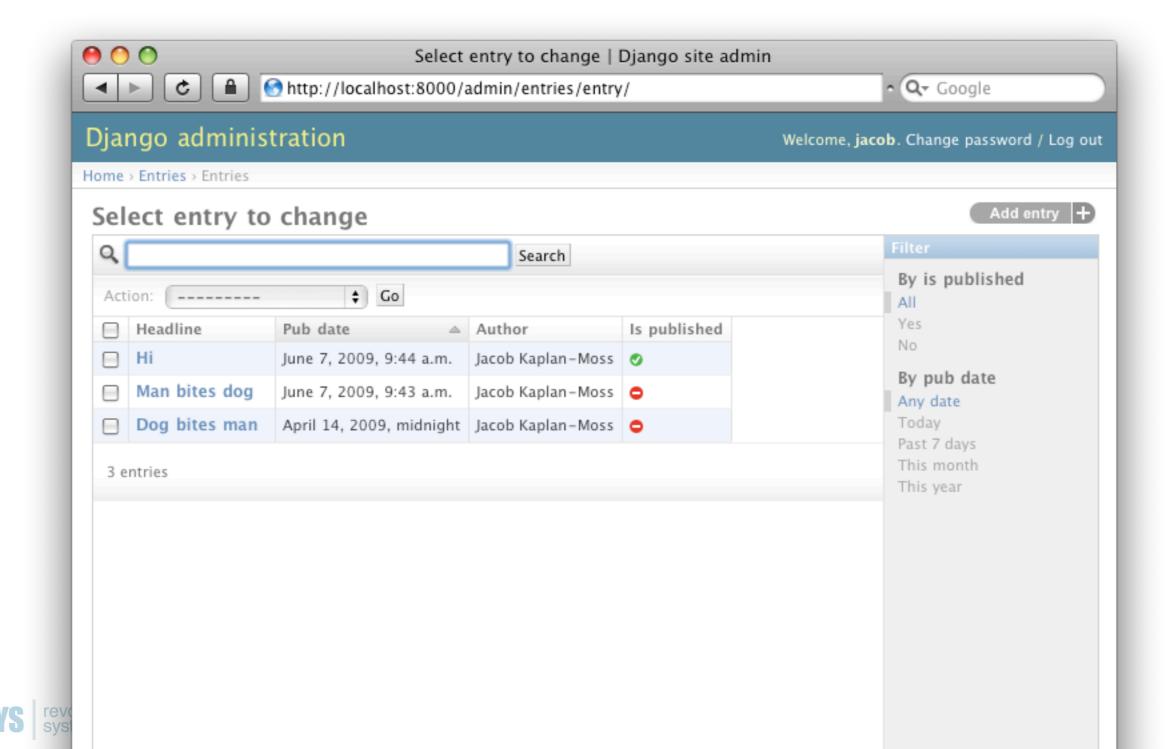


Documentation

http://djangobook.com/en/2.0/chapter06/ http://django.me/admin



Exercise:





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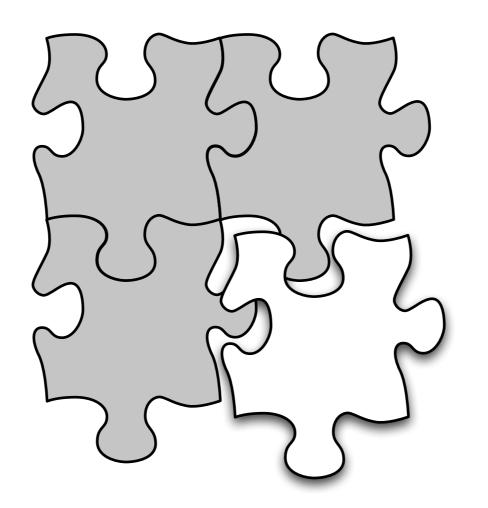
Part 3: URLs, views, and templates

Views



What's a view?







URLs



page.php

script.cgi?pageid=144

StoryPage.aspx



0,2097,1-1-30-72-407-4752,00.html



/authors/
/authors/jacob/
/authors/adrian/



ROOT_URLCONF = "yabl.urls"



yabl/urls.py



yabl/authors/urls.py



yabl/urls.py



Regex crash course

а	The letter "a".
a+	One or more "a"s.
b?	Zero or one "b"s.
c{1,3}	One, two, or three "c"s.
•	Any single character.
[abc]	Either an "a", "b", or "c".
[A-Z]	Any character between "A" and "Z".
[A-Za-z0-9]?	Zero or one letters "A-Z", "a-z", or "0-9".
(\d{3,4})	A group containing three or four digits.
(\w*)	A group containing zero or more word characters (letters/digits).
[^/]+	One or more characters until (and not including) a forward slash.
^(joe bob)	A string starting with "joe" or "bob".
(?P <id>\d+)</id>	A group named "id" containing one or more digits.
article/\$	A string ending with "article/"



Dissecting a request

```
• GET /authors/1/
ROOT URLCONF
• yabl.urls
• (r'^authors/', include('yabl.authors.urls'))
• yabl.authors.urls
• (r'^$', 'author list')
                                   (no match)
• (r'^(\d+)/', 'author detail')
                                  (match!)
author detail(request, '1')
```



Documentation

http://django.me/urls



A first view



yabl/authors/views.py

```
from django.http import HttpResponse

def author_list(request):
    return HttpResponse("This is the author list!")
```



```
from django.http import HttpResponse
from yabl.authors.models import Author

def author_list(request):
    r = ""
    for a in Author.objects.all():
        r += "" %s" % a.name
    r += ""
    return HttpResponse(r)
```



```
from django import template
from django.http import HttpResponse
from yabl.authors.models import Author

def author_list(request):
    as = Author.objects.all()
    tmpl = template.loader.get_template("authors/index.html")
    context = template.Context({"authors": as})
    return HttpResponse(tmpl.render(context))
```



```
from django.shortcuts import render
from yabl.authors.models import Author

def author_list(request):
    context = {"authors" : Author.objects.all()}
    return render(request, "authors/index.html", context)
```



```
from django.http import Http404
from django.shortcuts import render_to_response
from yabl.authors.models import Author

def author_detail(request, author_id):
    try:
        author = Author.objects.get(id=author_id)
    except Author.DoesNotExist:
        raise Http404()

    return render(request, "authors/detail.html", {"author" : author})
```



```
from django.shortcuts import render_to_response, get_object_or_404
from yabl.authors.models import Author

def author_detail(request, author_id):
    author = get_object_or_404(Author, id=author_id)
    return render(request, "authors/detail.html", {"author" : author})
```



Templates



What's a template?



```
<!DOCTYPE HTML PUBLIC "-//W3C//DTD HTML 4.01//EN">
<html lang="en">
<head><title>Authors</title></head>
<body>
  <h1>Authors ({{ authors | length }} total)</h1>
  <l
     {% for a in authors %}
        <
           <a href="{{ a.id }}/">{{ a.name }}</a>
        {% endfor %}
  </body>
</html>
```



Where to templates go?

- In an app's templates directory.
- In directories specified by settings.TEMPLATE_DIRS.

•



```
TEMPLATE_DIRS = [
    '/path/to/some/templates/',
    '/path/to/some/more/other/templates/',
]
```



```
TEMPLATE_DIRS = [
    '/Users/jacob/Projects/stl-django/yabl/templates/',
]
```



```
<!DOCTYPE HTML PUBLIC "-//W3C//DTD HTML 4.01//EN">
<html lang="en">
<head><title>Authors</title></head>
<body>
  <h1>Authors ({{ authors | length }} total)</h1>
  <l
     {% for a in authors %}
        <
           <a href="{{ a.id }}/">{{ a.name }}</a>
        {% endfor %}
  </body>
</html>
```



The magic dot

- a["name"]
- a.name
- a.name()



```
<!DOCTYPE HTML PUBLIC "-//W3C//DTD HTML 4.01//EN">
<html lang="en">
<head><title>Authors</title></head>
<body>
  <h1>Authors ({{ authors | length }} total)</h1>
  <l
     {% for a in authors %}
        <
           <a href="{{ a.id }}/">{{ a.name }}</a>
        {% endfor %}
  </body>
</html>
```

{{ text|escape|linkbreaks }}



{{ text | truncatewords: "30" }}



```
<!DOCTYPE HTML PUBLIC "-//W3C//DTD HTML 4.01//EN">
<html lang="en">
<head><title>Authors</title></head>
<body>
  <h1>Authors ({{ authors | length }} total)</h1>
  <l
     {% for a in authors %}
        <
           <a href="{{ a.id }}/">{{ a.name }}</a>
        {% endfor %}
  </body>
</html>
```



Template inheritance



```
<!DOCTYPE HTML PUBLIC "-//W3C//DTD HTML 4.01//EN">
<html lang="en">
<head>
  <title>
     {% block title %}YABL{% endblock %}
  </title>
</head>
<body>
  <div id="content">
     {% block content %}{% endblock %}
  </div>
  <div id="footer">
     {% block footer %}Copyright blah..{% endblock %}
  </div>
</body>
</html>
```

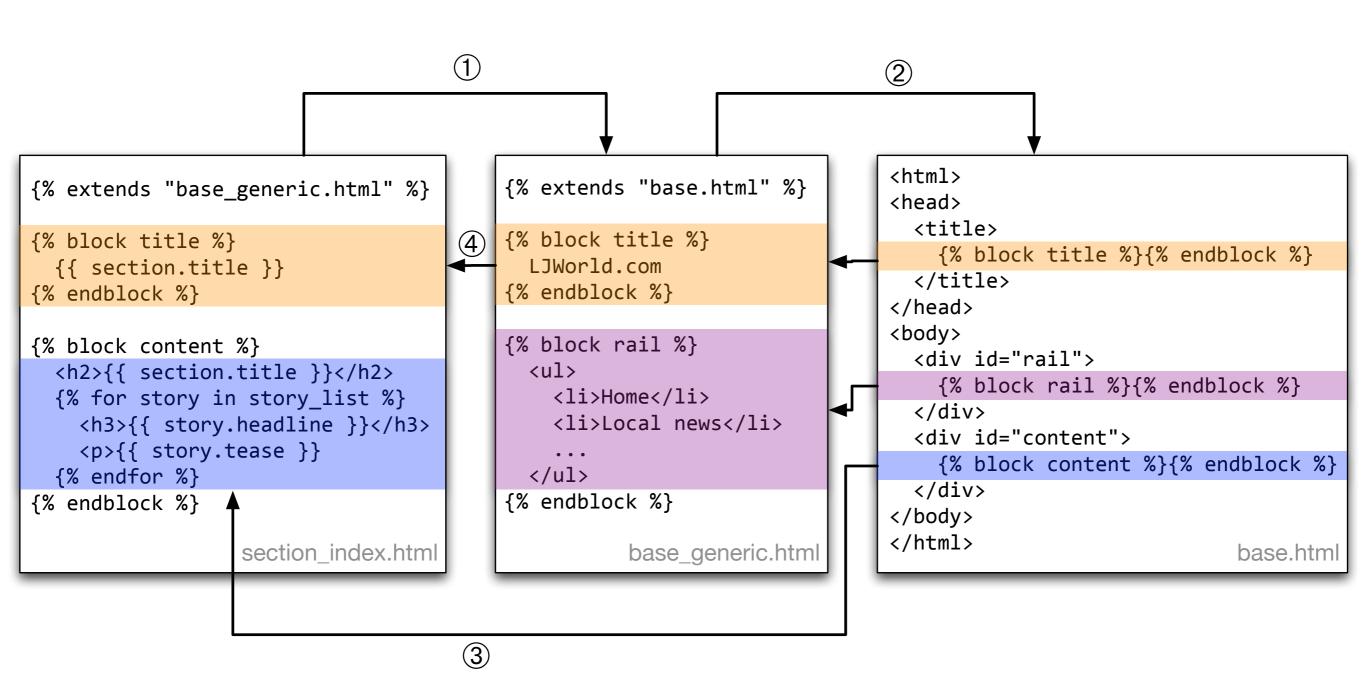


```
<!DOCTYPE HTML PUBLIC "-//W3C//DTD HTML 4.01//EN">
<html lang="en">
<head>
  <title>
     {% block title %}YABL{% endblock %}
  </title>
</head>
<body>
  <div id="content">
     {% block content %}{% endblock %}
  </div>
  <div id="footer">
     {% block footer %}Copyright blah..{% endblock %}
  </div>
</body>
</html>
```



```
{% extends "base.html" %}
{% block title %}
  Authors | {{ block.super }}
{% endblock %}
{% block content %}
  <h1>Authors ({{ authors | length }} total)</h1>
  <l
     {% for a in authors %}
        <
           <a href="{{ a.id }}/">{{ a.name }}</a>
        {% endfor %}
  {% endblock %}
```







Why?



Inheritance tips

- {% extends %} must be the first thing in your template.
- More {% block %}s are better.
- If you're duplicating content, you're missing a block.
- {{ block.super }}



Documentation

http://djangobook.com/en/2.0/chapter04/http://django.me/templates



Exercise:

/authors/ /authors/{id}/

/entries/ /entries/{slug}/





Django training

BONUS: Models and queries

Terminology



Models

a.k.a. "DDL"



Managers

a.k.a. "table"



QuerySets

a.k.a. "selection"



Model instances

a.k.a. "row"



```
>>> qs = Entry.objects.filter(is_published=True)
>>> qs
[<Entry: Man bites dog>, <Entry: Dog bites man>]
```

<Entry: Man bites dog>

Model

Manager

QuerySet

Instance



Models



Instance methods

```
class Entry(models.Model):
    ...

    def is_by_jacob(self):
        return "jacob" in self.author.name.lower()
...

[1] >>> e = Entry.objects.get(pk=1)

[2] >>> e.is_by_jacob()
[2] : False
```



"Special" instance methods



__unicode___

```
class Entry(models.Model):
    ...

    def __unicode__(self):
        return self.headline

...

[1] >>> Entry.objects.all()
[1] : [<Entry: Man bites dog>, <Entry: Dog bites man>]
```



save

```
class Entry(models.Model):
    ...

def save(self, **kwargs):
    self.word_count = count_words(self.body)
    super(Entry, self).save(**kwargs)
```



save

```
class Entry(models.Model):
    ...

def save(self, **kwargs):
    self.word_count = count_words(self.body)
    super(Entry, self).save(**kwargs)

    Don't forget this part!
```



delete

```
class Author(models.Model):
    ...

def delete(self):
    nobody = Author.objects.get(first_name='<NOBODY>')
    self.entries.update(author=nobody)
    super(Author, self).delete()
```



Managers



Default manager



Custom managers

```
class EntryManager(models.Manager):
    def future(self):
        ...
    def past(self):
        ...

class Entry(models.Model):
    ...

    objects = EntryManager()
```



```
[1] >>> from yabl.entries.models import Entry

[2] >>> Entry.objects.future()
[2] : [<Entry: Hi>]

[3] >>> Entry.objects.past()
[3] : [<Entry: Man bites dog>, <Entry: Dog bites man>]
```



Documentation

http://django.me/managers



QuerySets



Filters

```
[1] >>> Author.objects.filter(first_name='Jacob')
[1] : [<Author: Jacob Kaplan-Moss>]

[2] >>> Author.objects.filter(last_name__contains='s')
[2] : [<Author: Miguel de Cervantes>, <Author: Jacob Kaplan-Moss>]

[3] >>> Author.objects.filter(last_name__contains='s', first_name='Miguel')
[3] : [<Author: Miguel de Cervantes>]

[4] >>> Author.objects.filter(last_name__contains='s').filter(first_name='Miguel')
[4] : [<Author: Miguel de Cervantes>]
```



Field lookups

exact, iexact	nameexact='Joe'
contains, icontains	nameicontains='s'
startswith, endswith, istartswith, iendswith	nameendswith='nd'
in	<pre>namein=('Joe', 'Jane') authorin=Author.objects.filter()</pre>
gt, gte, lt, lte	costgt=100
range	costrange=(100, 500) daterange=(now, tomrrow)
year, month, day, week_day	dateyear=2009 datemonth=7
isnull	authorisnull=True
regex, iregex	nameregex='^J.*b\$'



Following relationships

```
[1] >>> Entry.objects.filter(author__first_name__startswith='J')
[1] : [<Entry: Hi>]
[2] >>> Author.objects.filter(entries__headline='Hi')
[2] : [<Author: Jacob Kaplan-Mos ]

Where'd that come from?</pre>
```



related_name

```
class Entry(models.Model):
    author = models.ForeignKey(Author, related_name='entries')
```



select_related()

```
[1] >>> e = Entry.objects.get(pk=1)
[2] >>> e.author
[2] : <Author: Jacob Kaplan-Moss>
Oops, that did a second, needless query.
[3] >>> e = Entry.objects.select_related().get(pk=1)
[4] >>> e.author
[5] : <Author: Jacob Kaplan-Moss>
No second query needed for e.author
```



Limiting select_related()

```
[1] >>> Entry.objects.select_related('author', 'category')
[2] >>> Entry.objects.select_related(depth=2)
```



QuerySet details



QuerySets are chainable



QuerySets are unique

```
[1] >>> qs1 = Entry.objects.filter(headline__icontains='dog')
[2] >>> qs2 = qs1.exclude(pub_date__year=2008)
[3] >>> qs3 = qs1.filter(pub_date__year=2008)
```



QuerySets are lazy

```
[1] >>> qs = Entry.objects.filter(headline__icontains='dog')
[2] >>> qs = qs.exclude(pub_date__year=2008)
[3] >>> qs = qs.filter(author__first_name='Jacob')
[4] >>> qs
[4] : [<Entry: Man bites dog>, <Entry: Dog bites man>]
```



When QuerySets are evaluated

```
• Iteration
for i in qs
```

• Slicing qs[0:5]

Printing
print qs, str(qs)

• len() len(qs)

• list() list(qs)



Chainable methods

filter(), exclude()	qs.filter(name='Joe')
order_by()	qs.order_by('-first_name')
reverse()	qs.reverse()
distinct()	qs.distinct()
<pre>values(), values_list()</pre>	qs.values('first_name', 'last_name')
dates()	<pre>qs.dates('pub_date', 'year') qs.dates('pub_date', 'month')</pre>
select_related()	qs.select_related()
defer(), only()	<pre>qs.defer('body') qs.only('body', 'headline')</pre>
none(), all()	qs.all() qs.none()



Other QuerySet methods

get()	e = Entry.objects.get()
create()	e = Entry.objects.create()
get_or_create()	e, created = Entry.objects.get_or_create()
count()	Entry.objects.count()
in_bulk()	<pre>Entry.objects.in_bulk([1, 2, 3])</pre>
latest()	<pre>Entry.objects.latest('pub_date')</pre>



Raw SQL

```
[1] >>> query = "SELECT * FROM authors_author WHERE first_name = %s"
[2] >>> params = ["Jacob"]
[3] >>> Entry.objects.raw(query, params)
[3] [<Person: Jacob Kaplan-Moss>]
```



Entry.objects.raw(query % params)





Other topics



Aggregation

http://jacobian.org/r/django-aggregation



Transaction control

http://jacobian.org/r/django-transactions



Exercise:

/entries/future/ /entries/past/



What else?

- Forms, model forms, form sets, ...
- File storage local and remote.
- Cookies, sessions, authn/authz.
- GeoDjango
- Built-in SQLi, XSS and CSRF protection.
- i18n and I10n support.
- Generic views,
- &c!



Thank you!

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http://lanyrd.com/sfypm

