

In a django web app that I want to be deployed for different companies, and each company has different parameters and function with the same name but different behavior, how and where can I set the parameters for a company in the code so the web site start with this company, but when deploy for another company, I only setup the new company parameters

To handle different companies with different parameters and behaviors in a Django web app, you can use a combination of **settings**, **environment variables**, and **dynamic configuration**. Here's a structured approach to achieve this:

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## 1. Use Django Settings for Company-Specific Configuration

Store company-specific parameters in Django's `settings.py` or in a separate configuration file. You can use environment variables to dynamically load the correct settings for each company.

### Example:

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```
# settings.py
import os

COMPANY_NAME = os.getenv('COMPANY_NAME', 'default_company')

if COMPANY_NAME == 'company_a':
    PARAMETER_1 = 'value_for_company_a'
    PARAMETER_2 = 'value_for_company_a'
elif COMPANY_NAME == 'company_b':
    PARAMETER_1 = 'value_for_company_b'
    PARAMETER_2 = 'value_for_company_b'
else:
    PARAMETER_1 = 'default_value'
    PARAMETER_2 = 'default_value'
```

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## 2. Use Environment Variables to Specify the Company

When deploying the app for a specific company, set the `COMPANY_NAME` environment variable to the appropriate value. This allows you to use the same codebase for multiple companies.

### Example:

- For **Company A**:

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export COMPANY_NAME=company_a
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- For **Company B**:

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export COMPANY_NAME=company_b
```

You can set these environment variables in your deployment script, Dockerfile, or server configuration (e.g., `.env` file, `systemd` service, etc.).

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## 3. Dynamic Behavior Based on Company

If you have functions with the same name but different behavior for each company, you can use a factory pattern or a dictionary to map the company to the correct function.

### Example:

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```
# utils.py
def function_for_company_a():
    return "Behavior for Company A"

def function_for_company_b():
    return "Behavior for Company B"

# Factory function
def get_company_function(company_name):
    if company_name == 'company_a':
        return function_for_company_a
    elif company_name == 'company_b':
        return function_for_company_b
```

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    else:
        raise ValueError(f"Unknown company: {company_name}")

# Usage
from django.conf import settings
company_function = get_company_function(settings.COMPANY_NAME)
result = company_function()
```

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## 4. Database-Driven Configuration (Optional)

If the number of companies is large or the parameters are frequently updated, consider storing company-specific configurations in the database. This allows you to manage configurations dynamically without redeploying the app.

### Example:

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```
# models.py
from django.db import models

class Company(models.Model):
    name = models.CharField(max_length=100, unique=True)
    parameter_1 = models.CharField(max_length=100)
    parameter_2 = models.CharField(max_length=100)

# Usage
from .models import Company

def get_company_config(company_name):
    try:
        return Company.objects.get(name=company_name)
    except Company.DoesNotExist:
        return None
```

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## 5. Deployment Strategy

When deploying for a new company:

1. Set the `COMPANY_NAME` environment variable to the new company's name.

2. If using database-driven configuration, add the new company's parameters to the database.
3. Deploy the app (no code changes are needed if the logic is dynamic).

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## 6. Testing and Validation

- Use unit tests to validate that the correct parameters and behaviors are loaded for each company.
- Test the app with different `COMPANY_NAME` values to ensure it works as expected.

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## Summary

- Use **environment variables** to specify the company.
- Store company-specific parameters in **Django settings** or a **database**.
- Use a **factory pattern** or **dynamic mapping** to handle different behaviors.
- Deploy the same codebase for all companies, changing only the environment variables or database entries.

This approach ensures flexibility, scalability, and maintainability for your multi-company Django app.



But, I'm going to deploy it in a web site as "`#####.ecuapassdocs.app`" where "`#####`" is the name of the company.



If you're deploying your Django app as subdomains like `####.ecuapassdocs.app`, where `####` is the company name, you can dynamically configure the app based on the subdomain. This approach allows you to serve different configurations and behaviors for each company without changing the codebase.

Here's how you can achieve this:

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### 1. Extract the Subdomain from the Request

You can extract the subdomain from the `Host` header in the request. This will allow you to identify the company and load the appropriate configuration.

## Middleware to Extract Subdomain:

Create a custom middleware to extract the subdomain and store it in the request object for later use.

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```
# middleware.py
from django.utils.deprecation import MiddlewareMixin

class SubdomainMiddleware(MiddlewareMixin):
    def process_request(self, request):
        host = request.get_host().split(':')[0] # Remove port if present
        subdomain = host.split('.')[0] # Extract subdomain
        request.subdomain = subdomain # Attach subdomain to the request object
```

Add the middleware to your `MIDDLEWARE` setting in `settings.py`:

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# settings.py
MIDDLEWARE = [
    # Other middleware
    'your_app.middleware.SubdomainMiddleware',
]
```

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## 2. Dynamic Settings Based on Subdomain

Use the subdomain to dynamically load company-specific settings. You can store these settings in a database or a configuration file.

### Example: Database-Driven Configuration

Store company-specific parameters in a database table.

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```
# models.py
from django.db import models
```

```
class Company(models.Model):
    subdomain = models.CharField(max_length=100, unique=True)
    parameter_1 = models.CharField(max_length=100)
    parameter_2 = models.CharField(max_length=100)
```

### Load Settings in Views or Middleware:

You can load the company configuration in a middleware or directly in your views.

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    def process_request(self, request):
        host = request.get_host().split(':')[0]
        subdomain = host.split('.')[0]
        request.subdomain = subdomain

        # Load company configuration
        try:
            company = Company.objects.get(subdomain=subdomain)
            request.company = company # Attach company to the request object
        except Company.DoesNotExist:
            request.company = None # Handle unknown subdomains
```

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### 3. Use the Company Configuration in Views

Once the company configuration is attached to the request object, you can use it in your views.

#### Example:

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```
# views.py
from django.http import HttpResponse

def my_view(request):
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company = request.company
if not company:
    return HttpResponse("Company not found", status=404)

# Use company-specific parameters
parameter_1 = company.parameter_1
parameter_2 = company.parameter_2

return HttpResponse(f"Company: {company.subdomain}, Param1: {parameter_1},
Param2: {parameter_2}")

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# Usage in views
def my_view(request):
    company = request.company
    if not company:

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        return HttpResponse("Company not found", status=404)

    company_function = get_company_function(company.subdomain)
    result = company_function()

    return HttpResponse(result)
```

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## 5. Deployment Strategy

When deploying for a new company:

1. Add the company's subdomain and parameters to the database.
2. Configure your web server (e.g., Nginx, Apache) to route the subdomain to your Django app.
3. No code changes are needed if the logic is dynamic.

### Example Nginx Configuration:

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server {
    server_name ~^(?<subdomain>.+)\.ecuapassdocs\.app$;
    location / {
        proxy_pass http://127.0.0.1:8000;
        proxy_set_header Host $host;
        proxy_set_header X-Real-IP $remote_addr;
        proxy_set_header X-Forwarded-For $proxy_add_x_forwarded_for;
    }
}
```

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## 6. Testing and Validation

- Test the app with different subdomains to ensure the correct configuration and behavior are loaded.
  - Use unit tests to validate the middleware and dynamic behavior.
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## Summary

- Use **subdomains** to identify the company.



- Extract the subdomain using **custom middleware**.
- Store company-specific parameters in a **database** or configuration file.
- Use the subdomain to dynamically load settings and behaviors.
- Deploy the same codebase for all companies, adding only the subdomain and parameters to the database.

This approach ensures that your app is flexible, scalable, and easy to maintain for multiple companies.