

# Files

## settings.py

- ☒ **BASE\_DIR**
  - ☒ Directory where manage.py exists.
  - ☒ This allows to work relative to directory.
  - ☒ You can try to print BASE\_DIR and runserver.
- ☒ **SECRET\_KEY**
  - ☒ Should be unique to each project.
  - ☒ Modify few characters if using someone else project.
- ☒ **DEBUG**
  - ☒ Shows details for debugging
  - ☒ Should be changed to False when in production.
- ☒ **ALLOWED\_HOSTS**
  - ☒ Allowed domain names and ips.
  - ☒ Used as security measure in production.
- ☒ **INSTALLED\_APPS**
  - ☒ Components used in the whole project.
  - ☒ Remember to add all apps you create and also third-party apps you install in this list.
- ☒ **MIDDLEWARE**
  - ☒ Manages how requests are handled and securities are handled.
- ☒ **ROOT\_URLCONF**
  - ☒ Tells django how to manage routes.
- ☒ **TEMPLATES**
  - ☐ Create a templates directory with base.html inside it and respective folders for apps.
  - ☒ How are html templates rendered, where are they stored.
  - ☒ In DIRS list, add os.path.join(BASE\_DIR, "templates").
- ☒ **WSGI\_APPLICATION**
  - ☒ Tells django how to use servers.
  - ☒ Sometimes we may need to change it.
- ☒ **DATABASES**
  - ☒ Which database engine used and where is database stored.
  - ☒ By default uses sqlite3 database.
    - ☒ Change database name to create new database. Eg: change name to db2.sqlite3.
- ☒ **AUTH\_PASSWORD\_VALIDATORS**
  - ☒ Which password validators are applied.
- ☒ **STATIC\_URL**
  - ☒ Talk about later.

## models.py

In docs, arguments given in fields are required arguments. When adding new field, either do null=True or provide some default value(Eg. default="default value").

- ☒ **CharField**
  - ☒ Must have max\_length=120 argument.

- ☒ **TextField**
  - ☒ blank=False : Makes field as required while taking input.
  - ☒ null=True : Makes field nullable in database.
- ☒ **DecimalField**
  - ☒ decimal\_places=2 is required.
  - ☒ max\_digits=1000 is required.
- ☒ **BooleanField**
- ☐ **FileField**
  - ☐ upload\_to="images/"
- ☐ **ForeignKey**
  - ☐ First argument must be the other model.
  - ☐ on\_delete=models.CASCADE is required
  - ☐ on\_delete=models.SET\_NULL, null=True can also be set.
- ☐ **ManyToManyField** :
  - ☐ through [can have an intermediate model eg TweetLike]
  - ☐ .add
  - ☐ .remove
  - ☐ .set [requires a queryset]
  - ☐ May have to pass other model as a string if it is defined later.

### Associating Users to Models

- ☐ Eg:

```
from django.conf import settings

User = settings.AUTH_USER_MODEL

class TweetModel(models.Model):
    content = models.TextField(blank=True, null=True)
    user = models.ForeignKey(User, on_delete=models.CASCADE)
```

## Commands

manage.py

- ☒ **runserver**
  - ☒ Starts a development server.
  - ☒ You can allow the server to keep running and do all changes in another terminal, including migrations.
- ☒ **makemigrations** and **migrate**
  - ☒ Updates database.
  - ☒ Both commands are run together in sequence.
  - ☒ Run these upon any change in models.py.
  - ☒ To reset database,
    1. Delete all files in migrations folder (except \_\_init\_\_.py)

2. Delete `__pycache__` folder in migrations directory.
  3. Delete `db.sqlite3` file.
- ☒ **createsuperuser**
    - ☒ Allows to create a superuser to login into admin page (`urls/admin`).
  - ☒ **startapp appname**
    - ☒ Creates new app (component in project).
    - ☒ An app does one thing very good.
    - ☒ You need to add it in `INSTALLED_APPS` list.
  - ☒ **shell**
    - ☒ Allows you to import models and manipulate data to database using the model.
    - ☒ Eg. `>>> from products.models import Product >>> Product.objects.all() >>> Product.objects.create(name="Watch", price=22)`

`views.py`

## Functional Views

- ☒ Need to add views in `urls.py`.
- ☒ Takes a request object as argument.
- ☒ Conventionally, functions end with `_view`.
- ☒ Add `*args`, `**kwargs` also as arguments in function definitions.
- ☒ Returns `HttpResponse(html_string)`, `render(request, template_name, context_dictionary)`, `JsonResponse(data)` or `redirect(url)`
- ☒ Convention is to pass model objects as 'object' in context, and then access the attributes from it.
- ☒ To use forms, Eg:

```
from .forms import ProductForm
def product_detail_view(request):
    form = ProductForm(request.POST or None)
    if form.is_valid():
        obj = form.save(commit=False)
        # Play with objects
        obj.save()
        context['form'] = form
```

- ☒ `form.cleaned_data` can be used to clean data.
- ☒ `form.errors` can be used to view errors.

## request Object

Request object is also accessible in html templates.

- ☒ `.user`
  - ☒ Gives username of user logged in.
  - ☒ If no one is logged in, it gives `AnonymousUser`.
  - ☒ `.is_authenticated` (in template)
- ☒ `.method`

- ☒ can have value 'GET', 'POST' or few other methods.
- ☒ .GET dictionary that contains data sent through get request.
- ☒ .POST dictionary contains data sent through post request.
- ☐ .is\_ajax() : Tells if the request is ajax or not.

### ModelName.objects

- ☒ .get(id=[number])
  - ☐ This must return exactly one object.
- ☒ .create(\*\*dictionary) or .create(attribute1=value1, attribute2=value2 ...)
- ☐ .filter(attr1=value1, attr2=value2)
  - ☐ returns a list of objects.
  - ☐ .filter(foreign\_model\_\_foreign\_attr="value")
  - ☐ .filter(attr\_\_iexact="VaLUe") [Ignores exact match]
- ☐ model\_object.save() can be used to save the model\_objects.
- ☐ model\_object.delete()
- ☐ .all().delete(), .filter(user\_\_username="manas").delete()
- ☐ To render error if id is incorrect:

```
def tweet_detail_view(request, tweet_id, *args, **kwargs):
    try:
        obj = TweetModel.objects.get(id=tweet_id)
    except :
        raise Http404(f"TweetModel with id={tweet_id} not found.")
    return HttpResponse(f"<h1>Testing {tweet_id} {obj.content}</h1>")
```

- ☐ **Sending JSON response:**
  - ☐ Eg of one data:

```
def tweet_detail_view(response, tweet_id, *args, **kwargs):
    data = {
        'id':tweet_id
    }
    status = 200
    try:
        obj = TweetModel.objects.get(id=tweet_id)
        data['content'] = obj.content
    except:
        data['message'] = "Not found"
        status = 404
    return JsonResponse(data, status=status)
```

- ☐ Eg of list:

```
def tweet_list_view(response, tweet_id, *args, **kwargs):
    data = {
```

```
'response': [{ 'id': x.id, 'content': x.content } for x in
TweetModel.objects.all()]
}
return JsonResponse(data)
```

## urls.py

- ☒ Best practice is to create a urls.py for each app and include it in the main project urls.py.
- ☒ Copy paste main project urls.py to create apps urls.py.
- ☒ Adding urls is given in the starter page.
- ☐ To add dynamic urls,:

```
# In urls.py
path('tweets/<int:tweet_id>', tweet_detail_view)
# In views.py
def tweet_detail_view(request, tweet_id, *args, **kwargs):
    return HttpResponse(f"tweet_id={tweet_id}")
```

- ☐ Instead of path, re\_path can be used to add paths with regular expressions.

## templates

- ☒ Django first looks at the DIRS list for templates, then in installed apps templates directory (in sequence).
- ☒ Create a base.html with common headers and other things. Add {% block body %}{% endblock body %} In all other html pages, {% extends 'base.html' %} {% block body %} Then content here will be placed between body block in base.html {% endblock body %}
- ☒ To create components separately, create html documents separately and add {% include 'component.html' %}
- ☒ Context variables can be used inside template with {{ variable }} format.
- ☒ To render a list, use for loop:

```
{% for item in list_of_items %}
<li>item</li>
{% endfor %}
```

- ☒ To check for conditions, use

```
{% if variable == "some_value" %}
<h4> variable is 'some value'</h4>
{% elif variable == "some_other_value" %}
<h4>variable is some other value</h4>
{% endif %}
```

Refer builtin template tags in docs to know about more tags.

- ☒ comment

```
{% comment "Comment title" %}  
<tag>Commented text</tag>  
{% endcomment %}
```

- ☒ cycle:

```
{% for item in items %}  
<tr class="{% cycle 'row1' 'row2' %}"></tr>
```

- ☒ To render forms, use

```
<form action="[url]" method='POST'>  
{% csrf_token %}  
{{ form.as_p }}  
<input type="submit" >
```

forms.as\_ul is also a valid method. Default action sends request to current url. You can put action='.' to get same effect as default. To perform google search from your website,

```
<form action='http://www.google.com/search' method='GET'>  
  <input type='text' name='q' placeholder='Google Search' />  
  <input type='Submit' value='Search' />  
</form>
```

## Filters

- ☒ Filters are used in {{ }} this type of syntax.
- ☒ Filters can be used one on top of other. {{ variable|capfirst|upper }}
- ☒ See docs for builtin filters.
- ☒ Custom filters can be created.
- ☒ Common ones are:
  - ☒ safe : To render text as html (this can be done in view using *mark\_safe*).
  - ☒ title : Capitalizes first letter of each word.
  - ☒ striptags : Removes all html tags.
  - ☒ slugify : Replaces spaces with '-'
  - ☒ add:[number] : Adds a number.

forms.py

- ☒ Create this file in the app.
- ☒ Inbuilt forms Eg.

```
from django import forms
from .models import Product
class ProductForm(forms.ModelForm):
    class Meta:
        model = Product
        fields = [
            'title',
            'description',
            'price'
        ]
```

- ☒ Raw django forms. Eg:

```
from django import forms
class RawProductForm(forms.Form):
    title = forms.CharField()
    description = forms.CharField()
    price = forms.DecimalField()
```

- ☒ Raw django forms
  - ☒ By default, all fields are required, to change required=False.
  - ☒ Search for django form fields for more info.
    - ☒ Core field arguments in docs tell about defaults.
  - ☒ Arguments in a FormField
    - ☒ required=False
    - ☒ label='New Label'
    - ☒ initial=199.99 (in DecimalField)
    - ☒ widget=forms.Textarea(attrs={"class":"class1 class2", "id":"some-id", "rows":20, "cols":120})
    - ☒ widget=forms.TextInput(attrs={"placeholder":"A placeholder"})

All widgets can be found in docs.

- ☒ Modifying PreBuilt Forms
  - ☒ Add the formFields like in raw django form to overwrite them.
- ☒ To validate data, create functions with name clean\_[field\_name]:

```
def clean_title(self, *args, **kwargs):
    title = self.cleaned_data.get('title')
    if 'CFE' not in title:
        raise forms.ValidationError("Title must contain CFE")
    if 'NEWS' not in title:
```

```
raise forms.ValidationError("Title must contain 'NEWS'")
return title
```

## admin.py

- ☐ Register models to be viewed from admin page.
  - ☐ `admin.site.register(ModelName)`
- ☐ Search by fields and show fields.
  - ☐ Eg:

```
class TweetAdmin(models.ModelAdmin):
    list_display = ['__str__', 'user']
    search_fields = ['content', 'user__username', 'user__email']
    class Meta:
        model = Tweet
admin.site.register(Tweet, TweetAdmin)
```