

# 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**
  - ☒ 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/"`

## 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 either `HttpResponse` or `render(request, template_name, context_dictionary)`
- ☒ 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():
        form.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.

## 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.

## 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.

## 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)`