

Configurations

- ☐ install : pip install djangorestframework
- ☐ create serializers.py:

serializers.py

```
# serializers.py

from rest_framework import serializers
from .models import TweetModel

class TweetSerializer(serializers.ModelSerializer):
    class Meta:
        model = TweetModel
        fields = ['id', 'content', 'likes']

    def get_likes(self, obj):
        return obj.likes.count()

    def validate_content(self, value):
        if len(value)>MAX_TWEET_LENGTH:
            raise serializers.ValidationError("This tweet is too long")
        return value
```

- ☐ You can add custom fields with @property decorator in model class.
 - ☐ We don't need to create fields for the properties as class variables.
 - ☐ Just add them to fields list.
- ☐ To rename field name in json sent by serializer, add argument source='old_name'

```
class TweetSerializer(serializers.ModelSerializer):
    likes = serializers.SerializerMethodField(read_only=True)
    og_tweet = TweetCreateSerializer(read_only=True)

    class Meta:
        model = Tweet
        fields = ['id', 'content', 'likes', 'is_retweet', "parent"]

    def get_likes(self, obj):
        return obj.likes.count()
```

views.py

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# views.py

from rest_framework.response import Response
from rest_framework.decorators import api_view, permission_classes
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from rest_framework.permissions import IsAuthenticated
from .serializer import TweetSerializer
from .model import TweetModel

@api_view(['POST']) # Only allows post request
@permission_classes([IsAuthenticated]) # This should be below of api_view,
else it gives some internal error.
def tweet_create_view(request, *args, **kwargs):
    serializer = TweetSerializer(data=request.POST)
    if serializer.is_valid(raise_exception=True):
        serializer.save(user=request.user)
        return Response(serializer.data, status=201)
    return Response({}, status=400) # This is not needed because of
raise_exception=True

@api_view(['GET'])
def tweet_list_view(request, *args, **kwargs):
    qs = TweetModel.objects.all()
    serializer = TweetSerializer(qs, many=True)
    return Response(serializer.data, status=200)

@api_view(['GET'])
def tweet_detail_view(request, tweet_id, *args, **kwargs):
    qs = TweetModel.objects.filter(id=tweet_id)
    if not qs.exists():
        return Response({'message': 'Tweet not found'}, status=404)
    serializer = TweetSerializer(qs.first())
    return Response(serializer.data, status=200)

@api_view(['DELETE', 'POST'])
@permission_classes([IsAuthenticated])
def tweet_delete_view(request, tweet_id, *args, **kwargs):
    qs = TweetModel.objects.filter(id=tweet_id)
    if not qs.exists():
        return Response({'message': 'Tweet not found', status=404})
    if not qs.filter

```

- ☐ To change the type of Authentication that give access to views,
 - ☐ Create REST_FRAMEWORK dictionary with 'DEFAULT_AUTHENTICATION_CLASS':['list', 'of', 'classes', 'from', 'documentation']
 - ☐ Add permission_classes decorator and pass the list of permission classes from from rest_framework.permissions.
- ☐ To pass data from views to serializer, pass it as context in the constructor:

TweetSerializer(instance=obj, context={"request":request}) and access in class using self.context.

settings.py

- ☐ add to INSTALLED_APPS: 'rest_framework'

```
REST_FRAMEWORK = {
    'DEFAULT_AUTHENTICATION_CLASSES': [
        # 'rest_framework.authentication.BasicAuthentication',
        'rest_framework.authentication.SessionAuthentication',
    ],
    'DEFAULT_RENDERER_CLASSES': [
        'rest_framework.renderers.JSONRenderer',
        # 'rest_framework.renderers.BrowsableAPIRenderer',
    ]
}
```

JS

- ☐ xhr.setRequestHeader('Content-Type', 'applications/json')
- ☐ CSRF javascript
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```
function getCookie(name) {
    let cookieValue = null;
    if (document.cookie && document.cookie !== '') {
        const cookies = document.cookie.split(';');
        for (let i = 0; i < cookies.length; i++) {
            const cookie = cookies[i].trim();
            // Does this cookie string begin with the name we want?
            if (cookie.substring(0, name.length + 1) === (name +
                '=')) {
                cookieValue =
                    decodeURIComponent(cookie.substring(name.length + 1));
                break;
            }
        }
    }
    return cookieValue;
}
const csrftoken = getCookie('csrftoken');
```

- ☐ xhr.setRequestHeader('X-CSRFToken', csrftoken)

Adding Like functionality

```
# models.py
class TweetLikeModel(models.Model):
    user = models.ForeignKey(User, on_delete=CASCADE)
    tweet = models.ForeignKey('TweetModel', on_delete=CASCADE)
    timestamp = models.DateTimeField(auto_add_now=True)

class TweetModel(models.Model):
    likes = models.ManyToManyField(User, related_name='tweet_user',
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blank=True, through=TweetLike)

# If you don't need timestamp, you can remove through attribute and
associate them directly.

# serializers.py
class TweetActionSerializer(serializers.Serializer):
    id = serializers.IntegerField()
    action = serializers.CharField()

    def validate_action(self, value):
        value = value.lower().strip()
        if not value in TWEET_ACTION_OPTIONS:
            raise serializers.ValidationError(f"Actions can only be:
{*TWEET_ACTION_OPTIONS}")
        return value

# views.py
@api_view(['POST'])
@permission_classes([IsAuthenticated]) # see django_rest_framework.md to
refer this.
def tweet_action_view(request, tweet_id, *args, **kwargs):
    qs = TweetModel.filter(id=tweet_id)
    if not qs.exists():
        return Response({'message', 'Tweet not found'}, status=404)

    serializer = TweetActionSerializer(obj)
    like, unlike, retweet = 'like', 'unlike', 'retweet'

    if serializer.is_valid(raise_exception=True):
        data = serializer.validated_data
        action = data.get('action')
        if action == like:
            obj.likes.add(request.user)
        elif action == unlike:
            obj.likes.remove(request.user)
        elif action == retweet:
            # Something needs to be done.
            pass
        else:
            assert False, 'Invalid action has been validated by
TweetActionValidator !!!😏'
        return Response({'message': 'Tweet action successful'}, status=200)
    return Response({'message': 'Invalid Tweet'}, status=400)
    ...

# admin.py
class TweetLikeAdmin(admin.TabularInline):
    model = TweetLike

admin.site.register(TweetAdmin, TweetLikeAdmin)

```

- ☐ When using Content-Type: application/json, use request.data instead of request.POST.
- ☐ Logic for retweeting
 - ☐ Add a self linking ForeignKey in TweetModel called parent.
 - ☐ When someone retweets, create new tweet and its parent attribute to the original tweet.
 - ☐ Make the TweetSerializer readonly and copy original one to TweetCreateSerializer.

```
class TweetSerializer(serializers.ModelSerializer):
    likes = serializers.SerializerMethodField(read_only=True)
    content = serializers.SerializerMethodField(read_only=True)
    class Meta:
        model = TweetModel
        fields = ['id', 'content', 'likes']
    def get_likes(self, obj):
        return obj.likes.count()
```

tests.py

- ☐ Create a user and add a tweet in it in setup function (from models itself).
- ☐ Refer ApiClient in django-rest-framework documentation -> testing.

settings.py

- ☐ To add api access to other applications, we need to configure CORS policies.
- ☐ To install, view django-cors-header in pypi.
- ☐ To know about configuration options, refer its github repo:
<https://github.com/adamchainz/django-cors-headers>

```
CORS_ORIGIN_ALLOW_ALL = True # Any website has access to api.
# specific websites can be assigned as a list (http and https need to
# be added separately)
CORS_URLS_REGEX = r'^/api/.*$'
```

TO enable automatic authentication in dev environment.

- ☐ Create rest_api directory inside project (where settings.py exists).
 - ☐ Create an **init.py** file inside that to make it a module.
 - ☐ Create another file dev.py # Delete this file when in production.
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```
from rest_framework import authentication
from django.contrib.auth import get_user_model
User = get_user_model()
class DevAuthentication(authentication.BasicAuthentication):
    def authenticate(self, request):
        qs = User.objects.all()
```

```
user = qs.order_by("?").first()
return (user, None) # usually it returns (user, auth)
```

- ☐ In settings.py

```
if DEBUG:
    DEFAULT_AUTHENTICATION_CLASSES +=
    ['tweetme2.rest_api.dev.DevAuthentication']
```

Pagination

- ☐ Look at django-rest-framework pagination.
- ☐ There are many types of inbuilt pagination-classes and you can create your own custom ones.
- ☐ Eg:

```
# views.py
from rest_framework.pagination import PageNumberPagination
@api_view(['GET'])
@permission_classes([IsAuthenticated])
def tweet_feed_view(request, *args, **kwargs):
    paginator = PageNumberPagination()
    paginator.page_size = 20
    user = request.user
    qs = Tweet.objects.feed(user)
    paginated_qs = paginator.paginate(qs, request)
    serializer = TweetSerializer(paginated_qs, many=True)
    return paginator.get_paginated_response(serializer.data)
```

Custom Serializers

```
class ProfileSerializer(serializers.ModelSerializer):
    first_name = serializers.SerializerMethodField(read_only=True)
    last_name = serializers.SerializerMethodField(read_only=True)
    username = serializers.SerializerMethodField(read_only=True)
    follower_count = serializers.SerializerMethodField(read_only=True)
    following_count = serializers.SerializerMethodField(read_only=True)

class Meta:
    model = Profile
    fields = [
        'first_name',
        'last_name',
        'follower_count',
        'following_count',
        'username',
        'id',
```

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]
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```
def get_first_name(self, obj):  
    return obj.user.first_name
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```
def get_last_name(self, obj):  
    return obj.user.last_name
```

```
def get_username(self, obj):  
    return obj.user.username
```

```
def get_following_count(self, obj):  
    return obj.user.following.count()
```

```
def get_followers_count(self, obj):  
    return obj.user.followers.count()
```