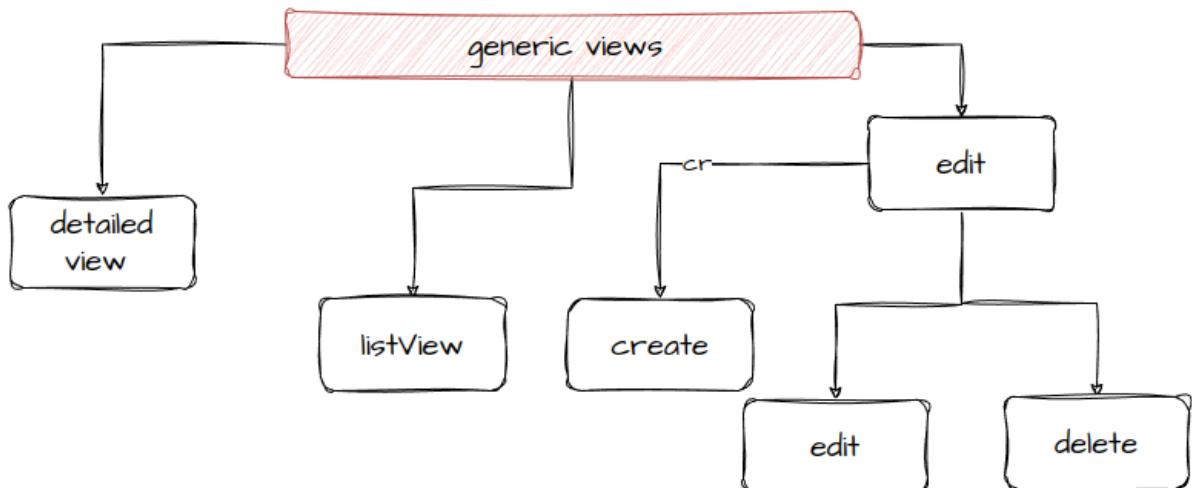


Class Based Views (Create, Update, and Delete)

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List View

- youtube listing your subscription videos
- Web page listing all blogs / posts / products

Detailed View

when clicking on a product from the list, a detailed page about the product is displayed

Update View & Delete View

ability to update blogs // videos

note : update view can also be called edit view

Steps to create a List View :

1) Add a class based list view in Views.py

1) Add a class based List View :

First : import it from the views.generic

```

from django.shortcuts import render
from django.views.generic import ListView
from .models import Post

def home(request):
    context = {
        'posts': Post.objects.all()
    }
    return render(request, 'blog/home.html', context)

```

Second : Add a class that inherits from ListView

- give it the **model name**
- the **template name** you're gonna use as your **new home page** bc django server expects a template by default and its naming convention is **app/model_viewtype.html**
for ex : pages/Product_list.html
- the **context object** : the variable name that we're gonna loop over
- the **ordering (optional)** : if you wanna load your items in a certain order .. the minus (-) means from newest to oldest aka newest at the top & oldest at the bottom

```

def home(request):
    context = {
        'posts': Post.objects.all()
    }
    return render(request, 'blog/home.html', context)

class PostListView(ListView):
    model = Post
    template_name = 'blog/home.html' # <app>/<model>_<viewtype>.html
    context_object_name = 'posts'
    ordering = ['-date_posted']

```

Steps to create a detailed view

1) import it from the django.control.views

in views.py

```
from django.shortcuts import render
from django.views.generic import ListView, DetailView
from .models import Post
```

```
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9
0 class PostDetailView(DetailView):
1     model = Post
2
3
```

2) add the link in the app urls.py

but don't forget to first import it

```
from django.urls import path
from .views import PostListView, PostDetailView
from . import views

urlpatterns = [
    path('', PostListView.as_view(), name='blog-home'),
    path('post//', PostDetailView.as_view(), name='post-detail'),
    path('about/', views.about, name='blog-about'),
]
```

```
5 urlpatterns = [
6     path('', PostListView.as_view(), name='blog-home'),
7     path('post/<int:pk>', PostDetailView.as_view(), name='post-detail'),
8     path('about/', views.about, name='blog-about'),
9 ]
10
```

3) add template post_detail.html

with the naming convention : `app/model_viewtype.html`

and every object like `post.title` or whatever is changed to `object.title` and so on

```
{% extends "blog/base.html" %}
{% block content %}
    <article class="media content-section">
        
        <div class="media-body">
            <div class="article-metadata">
                <a class="mr-2" href="#">{{ object.author }}</a>
                <small class="text-muted">{{ object.date_posted|date:"F d, Y" }}</small>
            </div>
            <h2 class="article-title">{{ object.title }}</h2>
            <p class="article-content">{{ object.content }}</p>
        </div>
    </article>
```

and now you can change the link of your old details.html page

```
    href="{% url 'post-detail' post.id %}">{{ post.title }}</a><h1>
{{ post.content }}</p>
```

Steps to use create view

- 1) Views
 - 2) AppUrls
 - 3) Template holding both create & update
 - 4) Models
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1) Views

- import them
- create a class that inherits from CreateView
- give it the fields that you wanna have in your form (title, content)

```
from django.views.generic import (
    ListView,
    DetailView,
    CreateView
)
```

```
class PostCreateView(CreateView):
    model = Post
    fields = ['title', 'content']
```

2) AppUrls

import postdetailview and add its link

```
from django.urls import path
from .views import (
    PostListView,
    PostDetailView,
    PostCreateView
)
from . import views

urlpatterns = [
    path('', PostListView.as_view(), name='blog-home'),
    path('post/<int:pk>/', PostDetailView.as_view(), name='post-detail'),
    path('post/new/', PostCreateView.as_view(), name='post-create'),
    path('about/', views.about, name='blog-about'),
]
```

3) Template holding both create & update

the same form we used a lot before but change the names to blog post or whatever the name you wanna be displayed

```
{% load crispy_forms_tags %}  
{% block content %}  
    <div class="content-section">  
        <form method="POST">  
            {% csrf_token %}  
            <fieldset class="form-group">  
                <legend class="border-bottom mb-4">Blog Post</legend>  
                {{ form|crispy }}  
            </fieldset>  
            <div class="form-group">  
                <button class="btn btn-outline-info" type="submit">Post  
            </div>  
        </form>  
    </div>  
{% endblock content %}
```

the result :

Blog Post

Title*

Content*

Post

4) Updating Views by setting the author as the current user

```
class PostCreateView(CreateView):
    model = Post
    fields = ['title', 'content']

    def form_valid(self, form):
        form.instance.author = self.request.user
        return super().form_valid(form)
```

still you'll get an error because the server can't find the url to the model object you're referring to, so you'll have to edit it in the model by **creating a get_absolute_url method that returns the path to any specific instance**

5) Models

-First : get url of a particular route , so you'll need to use the reverse function

Note : **Difference between redirect and reverse :**

redirect —> Actually redirects you to a specific route

reverse —> Simply returns the full URL to that route as a string

-And in our situation, we just want the URL as a string, and the views is gonna handle the redirect for us.

so ..

- first import reverse

```
from django.urls import reverse
```

- create the `get_absolute_url` method to tell django to return the full path as a string

(remember it needs a specific post with a primary key, so set

`kwargs={'pk': self.pk}`

so the instance of a post is a primary key

and it will direct you to the details page you just created

```
class Post(models.Model):
    title = models.CharField(max_length=100)
    content = models.TextField()
    date_posted = models.DateTimeField(default=timezone.now)
    author = models.ForeignKey(User, on_delete=models.CASCADE)

    def __str__(self):
        return self.title

    def get_absolute_url(self):
        return reverse('post-detail', kwargs={'pk': self.pk})
```

A login mixin

In your views.py :

1. import it

```
from django.contrib.auth.mixins import LoginRequiredMixin
```

so user is directed to login page whenever he opens the site

```
1 from django.shortcuts import render
2 from django.contrib.auth.mixins import LoginRequiredMixin
3 from django.views.generic import (
4     ListView,
5     DetailView,
6     CreateView
7 )
```

2. inherit it in the beginning on the left in your create view

```
8
9 class PostCreateView(LoginRequiredMixin, CreateView):
10     model = Post
11     fields = ['title', 'content']
12
13     def form_valid(self, form):
14         form.instance.author = self.request.user
15         return super().form_valid(form)
```

Steps to use update view :

- 1) Views
- 2) AppUrls
- 3) Same Create View Form Template
- 4) Check if user updating is the actual author of the post

1) Views

- import it

```
3 from django.views.generic import (
4     ListView,
5     DetailView,
6     CreateView,
7     UpdateView
8 )
```

- create the class (similar to the create view)

```
class PostUpdateView(LoginRequiredMixin, UpdateView):
    model = Post
    fields = ['title', 'content']

    def form_valid(self, form):
        form.instance.author = self.request.user
        return super().form_valid(form)
```

2) App urls

- import it

```
1 from django.urls import path
2 from .views import (
3     PostListView,
4     PostDetailView,
5     PostCreateView,
6     |
7 )
8 from . import views
```

- include its path

(here, it's similar to the detail view with the int:pk ..)

`include('post/<int:pk>/update/', PostUpdateView.as_view(), name='post-update'),`

```
patterns = [
    path('', PostListView.as_view(), name='blog-home'),
    path('post/<int:pk>/', PostDetailView.as_view(), name='post-detail'),
    path('post/new/', PostCreateView.as_view(), name='post-create'),
    path('post/<int:pk>/update/', PostUpdateView.as_view(), name='post-update'),
    path('about/', views.about, name='blog-about'),
```

3) Same Create View Form Template

4) Check if user updating is the actual author

- using another mixin called `UserPassesTestMixin`

```
django.shortcuts import render
django.contrib.auth.mixins import LoginRequiredMixin, UserPassesTestMixin
django.views.generic import (
    ListView,
    DetailView,
    CreateView,
    UpdateView,
```

- make your update view class inherit from it (and it MUST BE ON THE LEFT of the `UpdateView`)

```
class PostUpdateView(LoginRequiredMixin, UserPassesTestMixin, UpdateView):
    model = Post
    fields = ['title', 'content']

    def form_valid(self, form):
        form.instance.author = self.request.user
```

- create a `test function` to test the mixin
 - to get the post you're currently trying to update
 - check if the current user is the author of the post

```
class PostUpdateView(LoginRequiredMixin, UserPassesTestMixin, UpdateView):
    model = Post
    fields = ['title', 'content']

    def form_valid(self, form):
        form.instance.author = self.request.user
        return super().form_valid(form)

    def test_func(self):
        post = self.get_object()
        if self.request.user == post.author:
            return True
        return False
```

and now, if you try to update another user's post, you'll get a 403 Forbidden message

403 Forbidden

Steps to use delete view

(similar to detail view)

1) Views

2) AppUrls

3) Template : post_confirm_delete.html

4) Update Navbar

1) Views

- import

```
from django.contrib.auth.mixins import
from django.views.generic import (
    ListView,
    DetailView,
    CreateView,
    UpdateView,
    DeleteView
)
from .models import Post
```

- class delete view

(like detail view in the model only , but takes the same mixin as the update view and the test_func)

```
class PostDeleteView(LoginRequiredMixin, UserPassesTestMixin, DeleteView):
    model = Post

    def test_func(self):
        post = self.get_object()
        if self.request.user == post.author:
            return True
        return False
```

- Provide success url for after deleting a post

`success_url = '/'` .. the slash is the url of home page

```
54
55 class PostDeleteView(LoginRequiredMixin, UserPassesTestMixin, DeleteView):
56     model = Post
57     success_url = '/'
58
59     def test_func(self):
60         post = self.get_object()
61         if self.request.user == post.author:
62             return True
63         return False
64
```

2) AppUrls

import it above and write it path with the same int:pk ..

```
1 from django.urls import path
2 from . import views
3
4 urlpatterns = [
5     path('', PostListView.as_view(), name='blog-home'),
6     path('post/<int:pk>', PostDetailView.as_view(), name='post-detail'),
7     path('post/new/', PostCreateView.as_view(), name='post-create'),
8     path('post/<int:pk>/update/', PostUpdateView.as_view(), name='post-update'),
9     path('post/<int:pk>/delete/', PostDeleteView.as_view(), name='post-delete'),
10    path('about/', views.about, name='blog-about'),
```

3) Template : post_confirm_delete.html

-copy paste our normal forms and change the desired values

-Here we don't need the form, so we can delete the crispy forms tags .. it's just a page to confirm our delete post and put the title of the post : {{ object.title }}

- create an href that takes you back to the detailed view of this exact post,
- we can put href = "{% url 'post-detail' object.id %}"

and pass in the primary key so we can create a URL of the post detail page for this post ID

```
2 %}
3 content-section">
4 <form method="POST">
5     {% csrf_token %}
6     <div class="form-group">
7         <legend>Delete Post</legend>
8         <h2>Are you sure you want to delete the post "{{ object.title }}"</h2>
9     </div>
10    <div class="form-group">
11        <button type="submit" class="btn btn-outline-danger">Yes, Delete</button>
12        <a class="btn btn-outline-danger" href="{% url 'post-detail' object.id %}">Ca
13    </div>
14
```

4) Update Navbar & post_detail.html

In Navbar, add a link to create a new post

```

34 -- Navbar Right Side -->
35 iv class="navbar-nav">
36 {% if user.is_authenticated %}
37   <a class="nav-item nav-link" href="{% url 'post-create' %}">New Post</a>
38   <a class="nav-item nav-link" href="{% url 'profile' %}">Profile</a>
39   <a class="nav-item nav-link" href="{% url 'logout' %}">Logout</a>
40 {% else %}
41   <a class="nav-item nav-link" href="{% url 'login' %}">Login</a>
42   <a class="nav-item nav-link" href="{% url 'register' %}">Register</a>
43 {% endif %}
44 div>

```

In the post_Details.html template, add **links to update & delete the posts in the post_detail.html**

for update :

```

ounded-circle article-img" src="{{ object.author.profile.image.url }}>
media-body">
article-metadata">
'mr-2" href="#">{{ object.author }}</a>
class="text-muted">{{ object.date_posted|date:"F d, Y" }}</small>
ect.author == user %}
s="btn btn-secondary btn-| href="{% url 'post-update' object.id %}">Update</a
}
          btn-secondary

article-title">{{ object.title }}</h2>
article-content">{{ object.content }}</p>

```

for delete :

```

class="mr-2" href="#">{{ object.author }}</a>
all class="text-muted">{{ object.date_posted|date:"F d, Y" }}</small>
if object.author == user %}
a class="btn btn-secondary btn-sm mt-1 mb-1" href="{% url 'post-update' obje
a class="btn btn-danger| btn-sm mt-1 mb-1" href="{% url 'post-delete' object.
endif %}
'
lass="article-title">{{ object.title }}</h2>

```

