

Workshop: Petstagram

This document contains the third part of the Petstagram Workshop. Today, we will **create the pet forms** for our model for the project and we will implement them in our templates. After that, we will **add the image functionality** in the photo model, we will **create the form**, and inject it into the templates. Finally, we will **create a comment form** to add comments and a **search form** to search images by a name of a tagged pet.

Note: we will NOT work with the profile/ user form in the Python Web Basics Course.

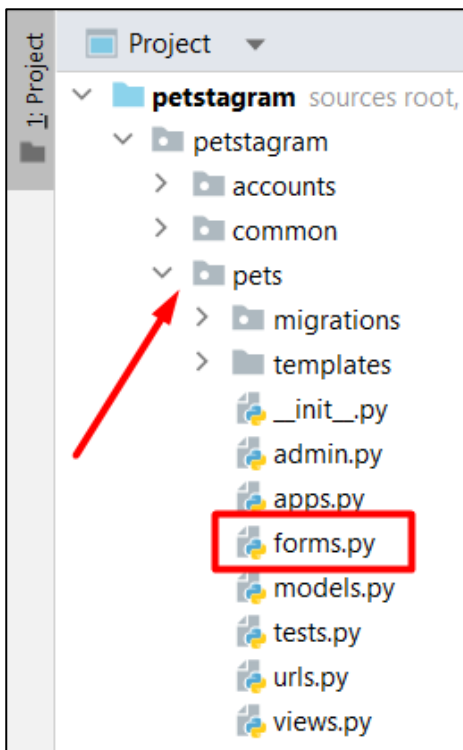
The full project description of the project can be found in the [Workshop Description Document](#).

You can directly dive into the app here: <https://softuni-petstagram.azurewebsites.net/>

1. Workshop - Part 3.1

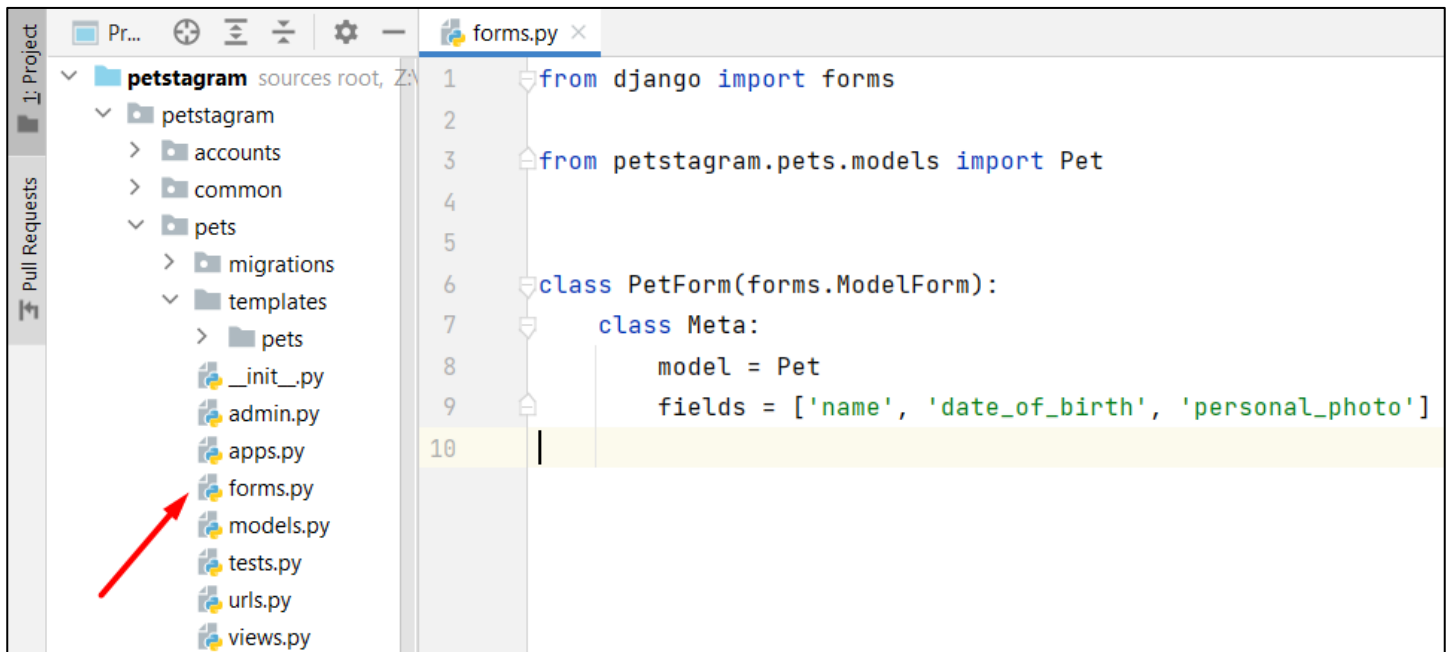
Creating a Pet Form

In a Django project, there is **NOT** a forms file in the prebuilt structure. We need to add a new **forms.py** file inside the **pet** application directory:



In **forms.py** we can implement the pet form. Because the pet already has a model in our app, we do **NOT need to create the form field by field** - Django can do it for us with the **ModelForm class**. Let us open the **forms.py** file, **import**

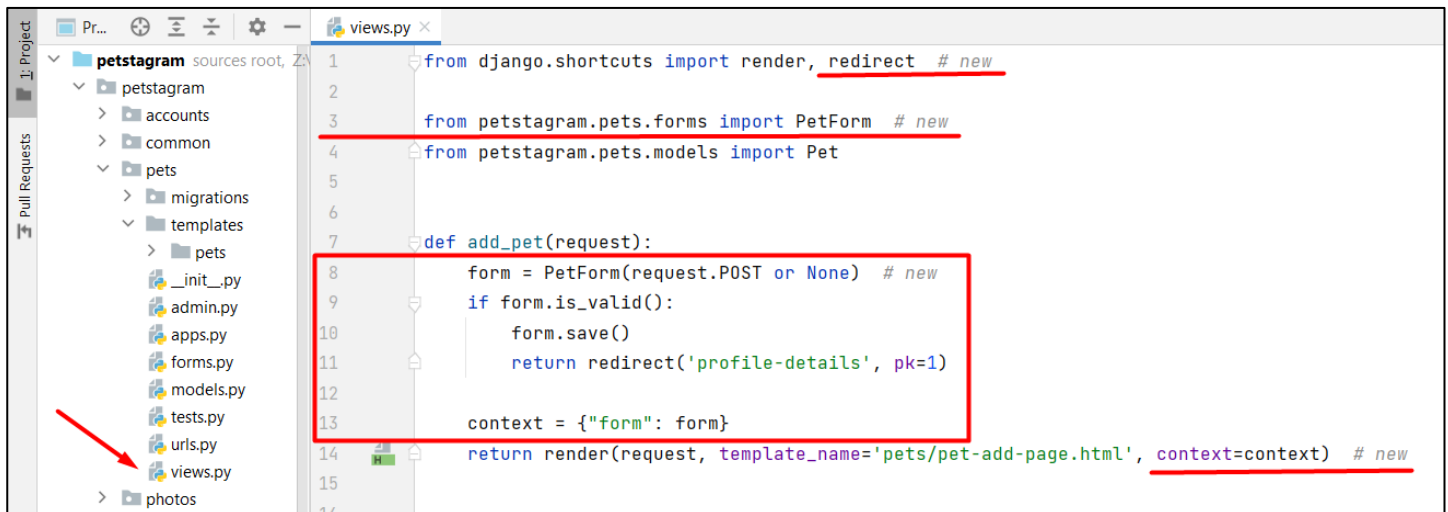
the Pet model and create a simple Pet form from the Pet model:



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```
1 from django import forms
2
3 from petstagram.pets.models import Pet
4
5
6 class PetForm(forms.ModelForm):
7     class Meta:
8         model = Pet
9         fields = ['name', 'date_of_birth', 'personal_photo']
10
```

Next, let us **create the form functionality** in the **pets/view.py**. First, we will import the **PetForm**. Next, we will **create a form** that should be filled with information (**request.POST** is a dictionary-like object that lets you access submitted data) **or should be blank**. Next, we will **check if the form is valid** and if so - we will **save the information** in the database. When the information is saved, we want to **redirect the user to the profile details page** (for now we will set a random number for the pk). Finally, if the **form is NOT valid** (it is blank, or the validation fails) we want to **add it to the context to be shown in the template**:



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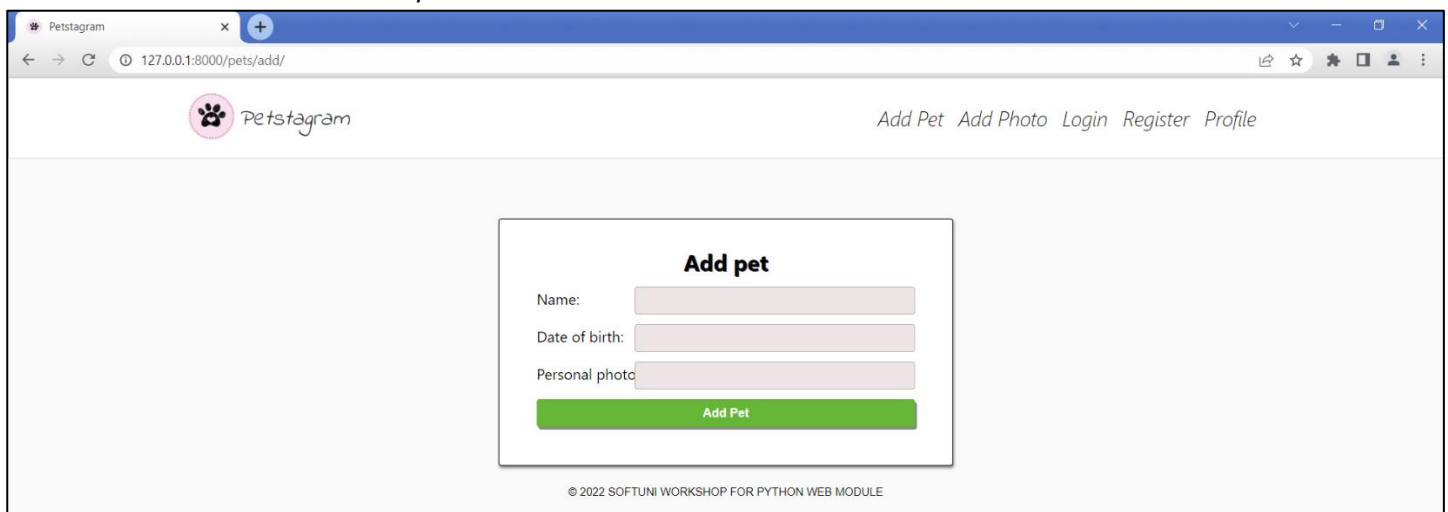
```
1 from django.shortcuts import render, redirect # new
2
3 from petstagram.pets.forms import PetForm # new
4 from petstagram.pets.models import Pet
5
6
7 def add_pet(request):
8     form = PetForm(request.POST or None) # new
9     if form.is_valid():
10         form.save()
11         return redirect('profile-details', pk=1)
12
13     context = {"form": form}
14     return render(request, template_name='pets/pet-add-page.html', context=context) # new
15
16
```

Now, it is time to **add the form** to the **pet-add-page.html** template. First, we will **delete the html form** and we will **inject the Django form** from the context - we want to **show the form on separate lines**, so will use the shortcut method **"as_p"** to show each input field on a new line (new paragraph). Next, we will **set a post method** to the form, and

finally - we will add the CSRF token:

```
pet-add-page.html x
1 {% extends 'base.html' %}
2
3 {% block content %}
4     <!-- Start Add Pet Section-->
5     <div class="edit-delete edit-photo">
6         <h2>Add pet</h2>
7
8         <!-- Start Add Pet Form -->
9         <form method="post">
10             {% csrf_token %}
11             {{ form.as_p }}
12             <!-- Add Pet Button -->
13             <button class="add-btn" type="submit">Add Pet</button>
14         </form>
15         <!-- End Add Pet Form -->
16
17     </div>
18     <!-- End Add Pet Section -->
19
20 {% endblock %}
21
```

Let us **check** what we have done by now:

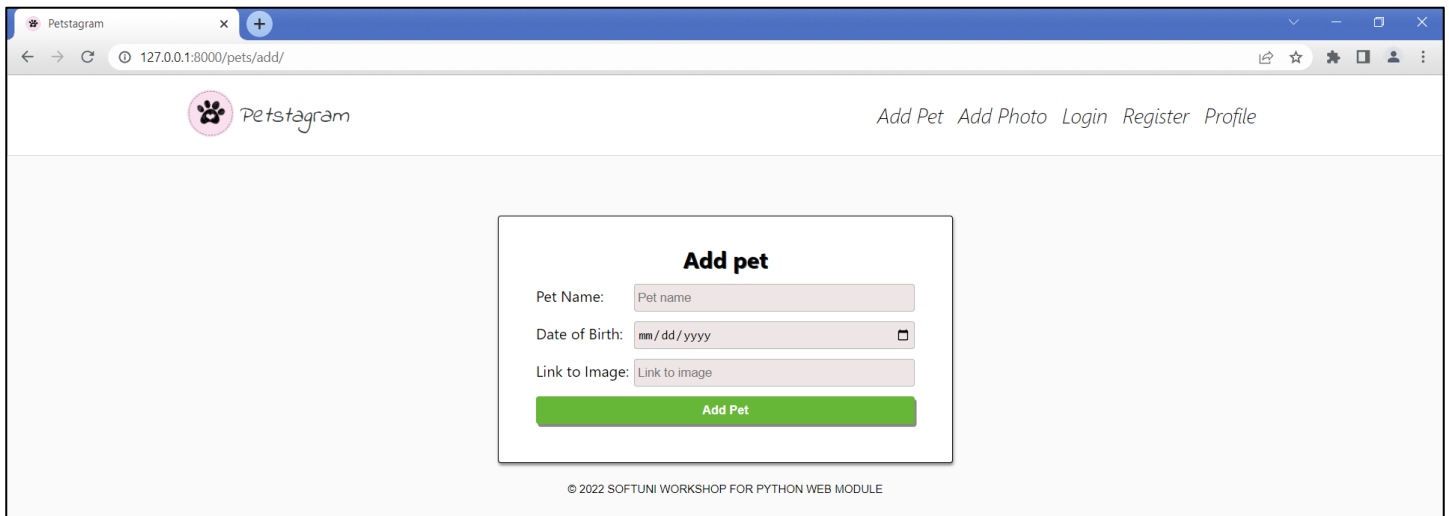


The pet form is **generated** and **work corectly**, but it can look much better. To **improve the UI** we can change some **labels**, and some **placeholders** and **make the date field** visualized with a generated calendar. Let us again **open the**

`pet/forms.py` and write some code:

```
forms.py x
1  from django import forms
2
3  from petstagram.pets.models import Pet
4
5
6  class PetForm(forms.ModelForm):
7      class Meta:
8          model = Pet
9          fields = ['name', 'date_of_birth', 'personal_photo']
10         widgets = {
11             'name': forms.TextInput(attrs={'placeholder': 'Pet name'}),
12             'date_of_birth': forms.DateInput(attrs={'type': 'date'}),
13             'personal_photo': forms.TextInput(attrs={'placeholder': 'Link to image'}),
14         }
15         labels = {
16             'name': 'Pet Name',
17             'date_of_birth': 'Date of Birth',
18             'personal_photo': "Link to Image",
19         }
20
```

Now, the pet add page looks like that and the form works correctly:



Creating a Pet Edit Form

We should **add a pet edit form** functionality. We should **use the same fields and same formatting** as in the pet creation form. So, we can **use the already generated PetForm** and **prepopulate it with the data from the current pet** we want to edit. Let us open the `pets/views.py` file and create the pet edit functionality. When the method is **GET** we will fill the form with the **initial pet data**, and if the method is **POST** - we will **update the data** in the concrete pet instance and

will save it in the database:

```
27 def edit_pet(request, username, pet_slug):
28     pet = Pet.objects.get(slug=pet_slug)
29     if request.method == "GET":
30         form = PetForm(instance=pet, initial=pet.__dict__)
31     else:
32         form = PetForm(request.POST, instance=pet)
33         if form.is_valid():
34             form.save()
35             return redirect('pet-details', username, pet_slug)
36     context = {'form': form}
37
38     return render(request, template_name='pets/pet-edit-page.html', context=context)
```

Refactor the **pet-edit-page.html** template:

```
pet-edit-page.html x
1 {% extends 'base.html' %}
2
3 {% block content %}
4     <!-- Start Edit Pet Section -->
5     <div class="edit-delete edit-photo">
6         <h2>Edit Pet</h2>
7         <!-- Start Edit Pet Form -->
8         <form method="post">
9             {% csrf_token %}
10            {{ form.as_p }}
11            <!-- Edit Pet Button -->
12            <button class="edit-btn" type="submit">Edit</button>
13        </form>
14        <!-- End Edit Pet Form -->
15
16    </div>
17    <!-- End Edit Pet Section -->
18
19 {% endblock %}
20
```

Check if the pet edit functionality works correctly:

Edit Pet

Pet Name:

Date of Birth:

Link to Image:

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Creating a Pet Delete Form

Last for the pet form section, we will **create a pet delete form** and functionality. First, open the `pets/forms.py` file and we will **add the delete form that inherits from the PetForm** and **disables all fields**, and set them to be **read-only**:

```
1 from django import forms
2
3 from petstagram.pets.models import Pet
4
5
6 class PetForm(forms.ModelForm):...
7
8
9
10
11
12
13
14
15
16
17
18
19
20
21
22 class PetDeleteForm(PetForm):
23     def __init__(self, *args, **kwargs):
24         super().__init__(*args, **kwargs)
25         for (_, field) in self.fields.items():
26             field.widget.attrs['disabled'] = 'disabled'
27             field.widget.attrs['readonly'] = 'readonly'
28
```

Then, we will **write the view functionality**. First, we will try to **get the pet object** we want to delete. Next, if the request method is **POST** we will **delete it** and we will **redirect to the profile details page**. If the method is **GET** we will **generate a**

form with the initial pet data:

```
41 def delete_pet(request, username, pet_slug):
42     pet = Pet.objects.get(slug=pet_slug)
43     if request.method == 'POST':
44         pet.delete()
45         return redirect('profile-details', pk=1)
46     form = PetDeleteForm(initial=pet.__dict__)
47     context = {'form': form}
48
49     return render(request, template_name='pets/pet-delete-page.html', context=context)
```

Finally, we will refactor the **pet-delete-page.html** template:

```
pet-delete-page.html x
1 {% extends 'base.html' %}
2
3 {% block content %}
4     <!-- Starts Delete Pet Section -->
5     <div class="edit-delete edit-photo">
6         <h2>Delete pet</h2>
7         <!-- Starts Delete Pet Form -->
8         <form method="post">
9             {% csrf_token %}
10            {{ form.as_p }}
11        <!-- Delete Pet Button -->
12        <button class="delete-btn" type="submit">Delete</button>
13        <!-- Go Back Button -->
14        <a class="btn btn-primary" href="javascript:history.back()">
15            <button class="edit-btn" type="button">Go back</button>
16        </a>
17    </form>
18    <!-- End Delete Pet Form -->
19 </div>
20 <!-- End Delete Pet Section -->
21
22 {% endblock %}
```

Check if the form works correctly.

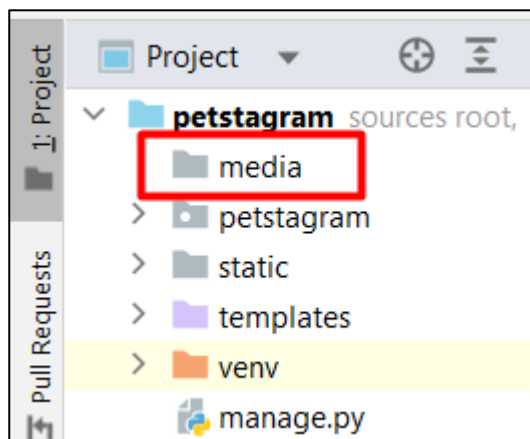
2. Workshop - Part 3.2

Working with Media Files

Next, we want to **create a photo creation and edition forms**. However, first, we need to make some changes to our project to work with media files. Let us **open the settings.py** file and **add the following settings**:

```
settings.py x
110
111 LANGUAGE_CODE = 'en-us'
112
113 TIME_ZONE = 'UTC'
114
115 USE_I18N = True
116
117 USE_TZ = True
118
119 # Static files (CSS, JavaScript, Images)
120 # https://docs.djangoproject.com/en/4.1/howto/static-files/
121
122 STATIC_URL = 'static/'
123 STATICFILES_DIRS = [BASE_DIR / 'static']
124
125 # Default primary key field type
126 # https://docs.djangoproject.com/en/4.1/ref/settings/#default-auto-field
127
128 DEFAULT_AUTO_FIELD = 'django.db.models.BigAutoField'
129
130 MEDIA_URL = '/media/'
131 MEDIA_ROOT = os.path.join(BASE_DIR, 'media/')
132
```

Now, we need to **create a media directory** on the **manage.py** level:



Next, let us open the **photos/models.py** file and add an **"upload_to"** argument in our photo field that will create an **"images"** directory in the **"media"** folder and will save the uploaded photos there:

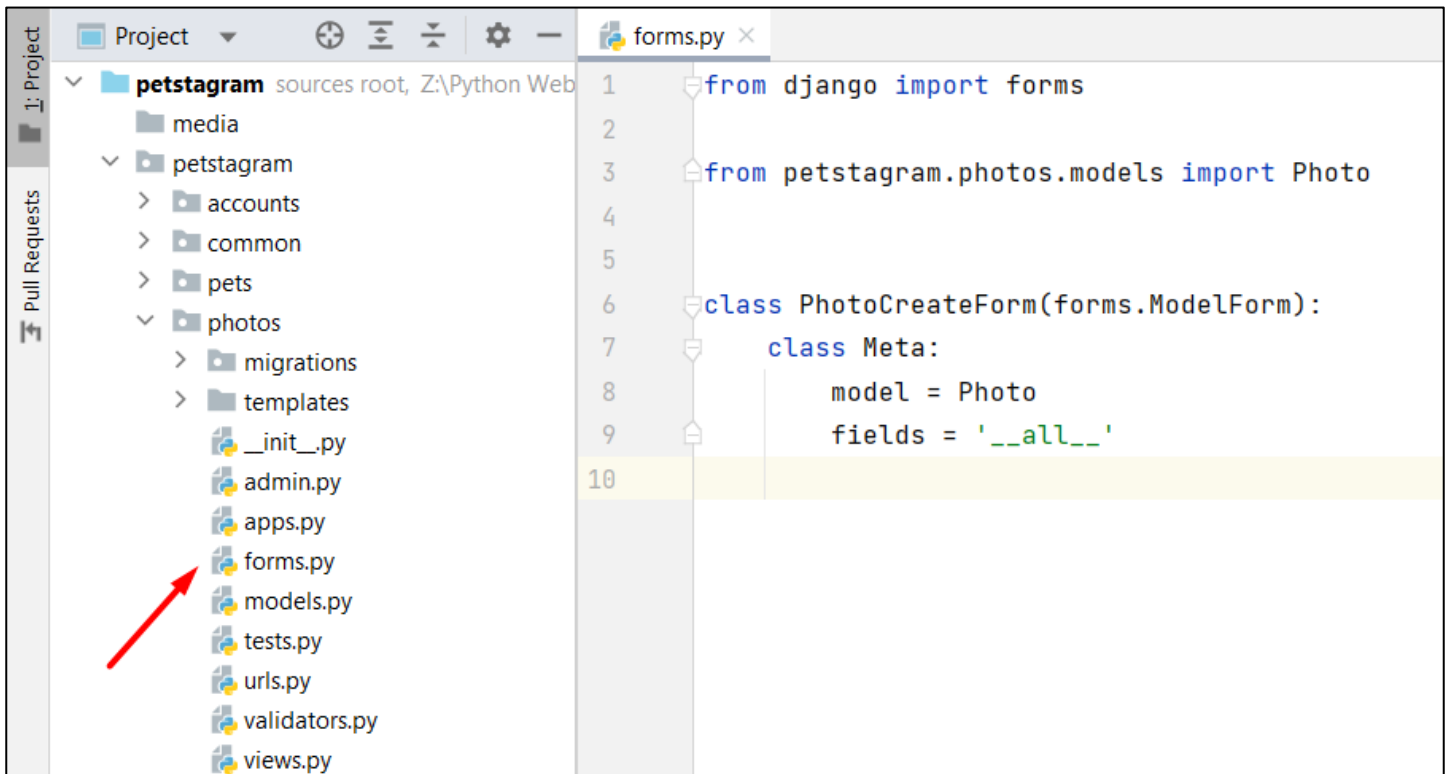


```
1 from django.core.validators import MinLengthValidator
2 from django.db import models
3
4 from petstagram.pets.models import Pet
5 from petstagram.photos.validators import validate_file_size
6
7
8 class Photo(models.Model):
9     photo = models.ImageField(upload_to='images', validators=(validate_file_size,)) # new
10    description = models.TextField(max_length=300, validators=(MinLengthValidator(10),), blank=True, null=True)
11    location = models.CharField(max_length=30, blank=True, null=True)
12    tagged_pets = models.ManyToManyField(Pet, blank=True)
13    date_of_publication = models.DateField(auto_now=True)
14
```

Make migrations and migrate the changes to the model.

Creating a Photo Creation Form

Let us start adding the photo creation form. Create a new **forms.py** file in the **photos** app and implement the form:



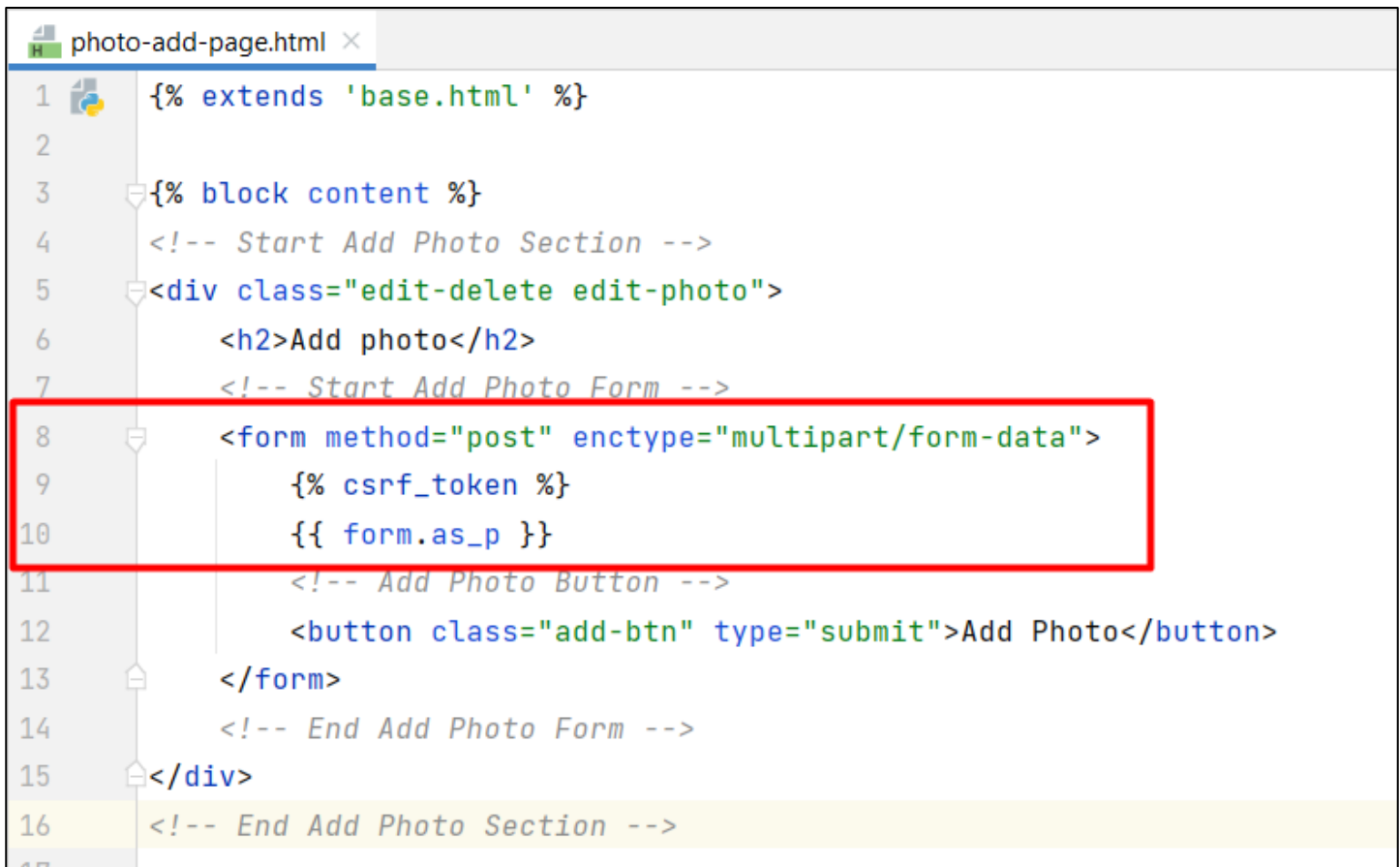
```
1 from django import forms
2
3 from petstagram.photos.models import Photo
4
5
6 class PhotoCreateForm(forms.ModelForm):
7     class Meta:
8         model = Photo
9         fields = '__all__'
10
```

Next, **add the photo** form functionality in the **photos/views.py** file. Do not forget to add the **request.FILES** (it is a dictionary-like object containing all uploaded files) :



```
1 from django.shortcuts import render, redirect
2
3 from petstagram.photos.forms import PhotoCreateForm
4 from petstagram.photos.models import Photo
5
6
7 def add_photo(request):
8     form = PhotoCreateForm(request.POST or None, request.FILES or None)
9     if form.is_valid():
10         form.save()
11         return redirect('home')
12     context = {"form": form}
13
14     return render(request, template_name='photos/photo-add-page.html', context=context)
15
16
17 def show_photo_details(request, pk):
```

And finally - refactor the **photo-add-page.html** template. Note: **request.FILES** will only contain data if the request method is **POST** and the **<form>** has **enctype="multipart/form-data"**:



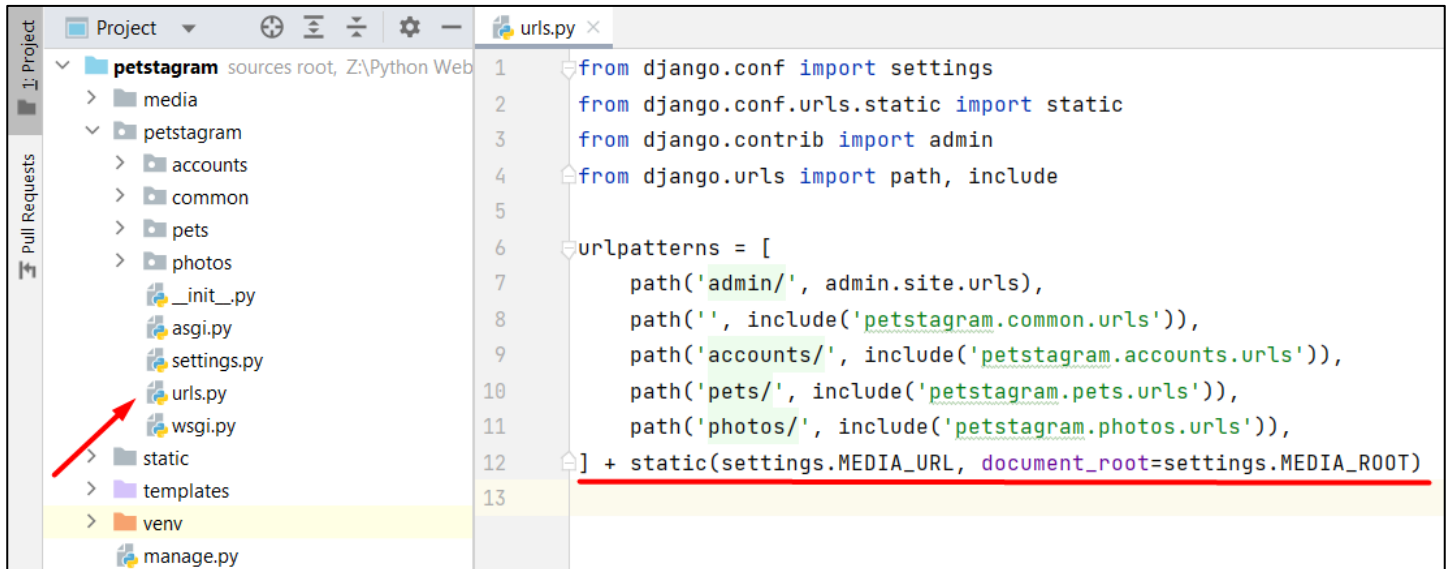
```
1 {% extends 'base.html' %}
2
3 {% block content %}
4     <!-- Start Add Photo Section -->
5     <div class="edit-delete edit-photo">
6         <h2>Add photo</h2>
7         <!-- Start Add Photo Form -->
8         <form method="post" enctype="multipart/form-data">
9             {% csrf_token %}
10             {{ form.as_p }}
11             <!-- Add Photo Button -->
12             <button class="add-btn" type="submit">Add Photo</button>
13         </form>
14         <!-- End Add Photo Form -->
15     </div>
16     <!-- End Add Photo Section -->
17
```

Check if the form works correctly.

Add Photo to Templates


In the **settings.py** file we created the implementation of the media url - it loads a url like this one: 127.0.0.1:8000/media/images/image.jpeg. However, **it is not enough** - to visualize media files in Django it is needed to

add a special path that will find the file in the media folder and connect it to a media URL. Let us open the `project/urls.py` file and add the functionality:



```
1 from django.conf import settings
2 from django.conf.urls.static import static
3 from django.contrib import admin
4 from django.urls import path, include
5
6 urlpatterns = [
7     path('admin/', admin.site.urls),
8     path('', include('petstagram.common.urls')),
9     path('accounts/', include('petstagram.accounts.urls')),
10    path('pets/', include('petstagram.pets.urls')),
11    path('photos/', include('petstagram.photos.urls')),
12 ] + static(settings.MEDIA_URL, document_root=settings.MEDIA_ROOT)
13
```

Now, it is time to **refactor the template**, so it visualizes the uploaded image. Let us open the **common** app `pets-posts.html` template and find the "Start Pet Photo" comment. Then, we will **add only the URL** of the uploaded image (Django will find it and will generate it):

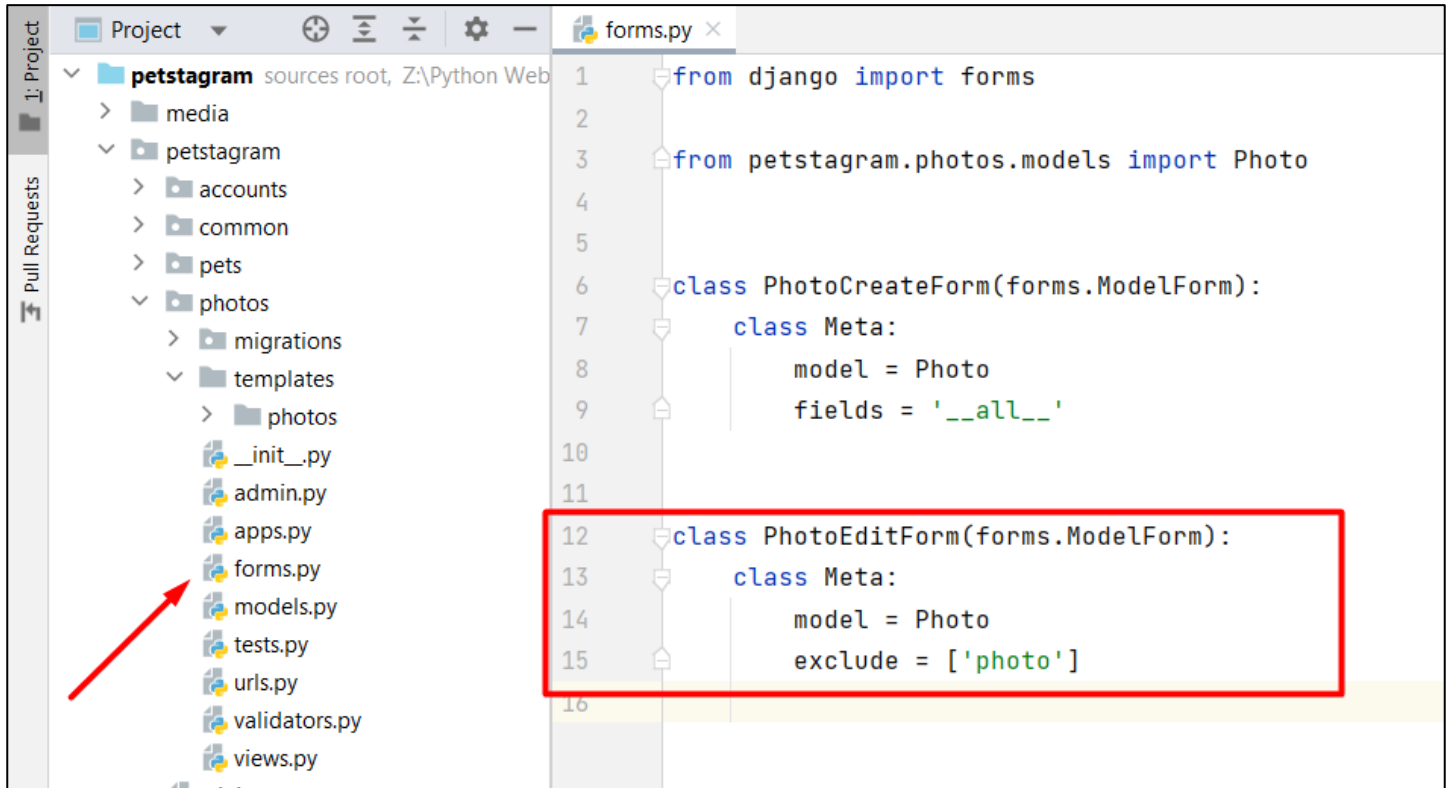


```
28         <span>{{ photo.location }}</span>
29     {% endif %}
30 </h3>
31 </div>
32 </div>
33 <!-- End User Details and Image Location -->
34
35 <!-- Start Pet Photo -->
36 <div class="imgBx" id="{{ photo.id }}">
37     
38 </div>
39 <!-- End Pet Photo -->
40
41 <!-- Start Like and Share Buttons -->
42 <div class="bottom">
43     <div class="actionBtns">
44         <div class="left">
45             <!-- Start Like Button -->
```

Next, open the `photo-details-page.html` template and add the photo URL.

Create a Photo Edit Form

Next, let us **implement the photo edition form**. We do **NOT** want to edit the **photo**, so we will **exclude it from the form**:

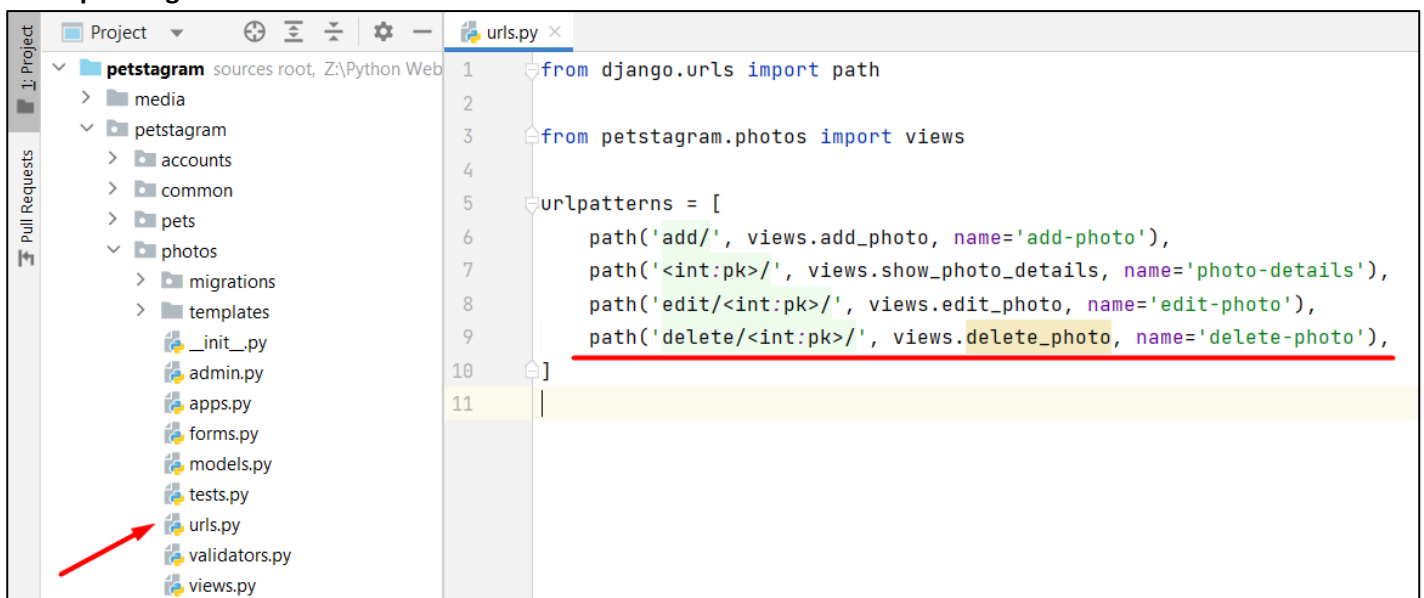


```
1 from django import forms
2
3 from petstagram.photos.models import Photo
4
5
6 class PhotoCreateForm(forms.ModelForm):
7     class Meta:
8         model = Photo
9         fields = '__all__'
10
11
12 class PhotoEditForm(forms.ModelForm):
13     class Meta:
14         model = Photo
15         exclude = ['photo']
16
```

Open the **photos/views.py** file and **add the photo edit functionality** and refactor the template. When the photo is edited, the **user should be redirected to the photo details page**. Check if the functionality works correctly.

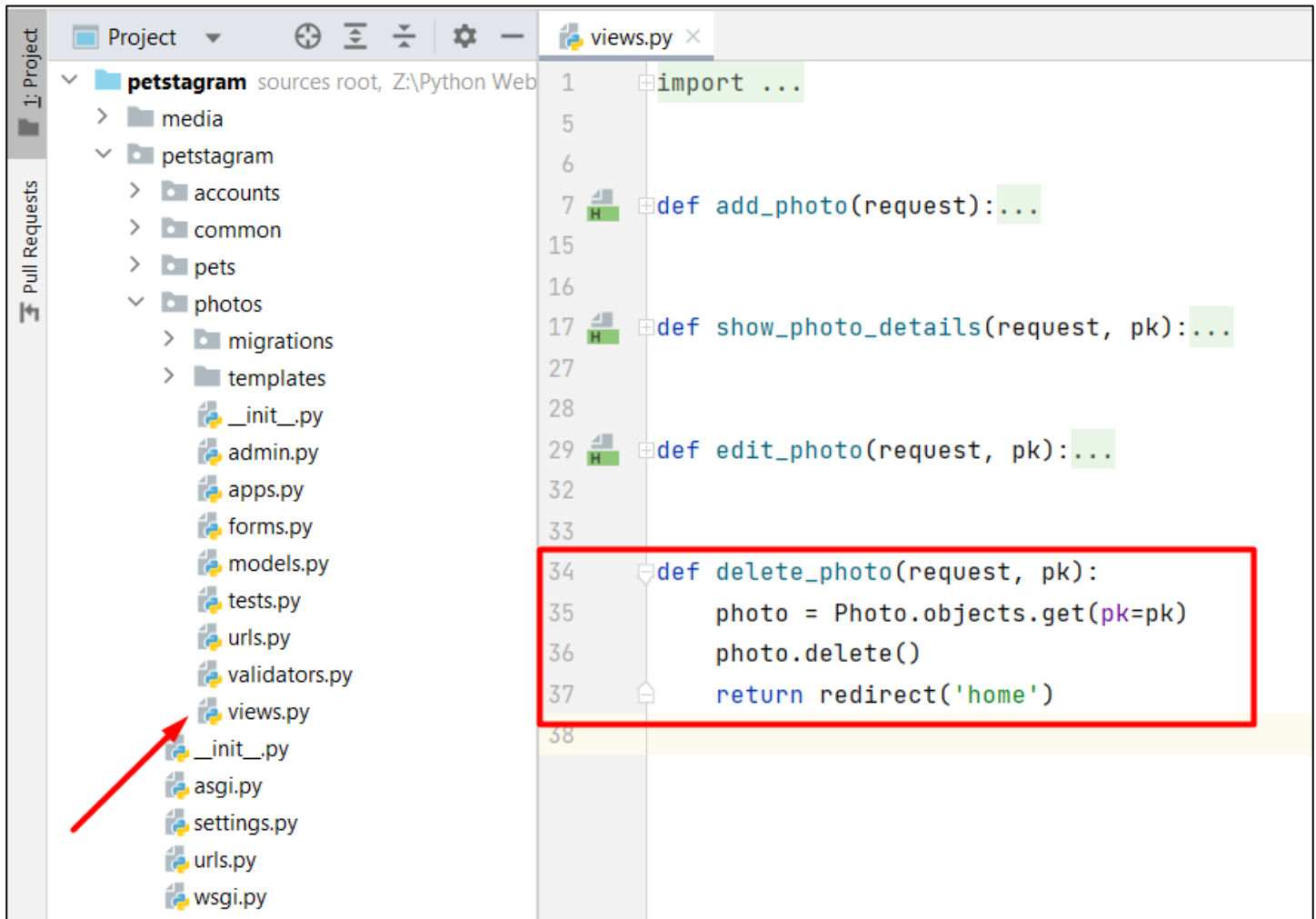
Deleting a Photo

Last for the photo, we will **implement the photo deletion functionality**. The photo is **directly deleted** after clicking on the **delete button** (on the photo details page). To start implementing the functionality, we need to **create a path with a corresponding view**:

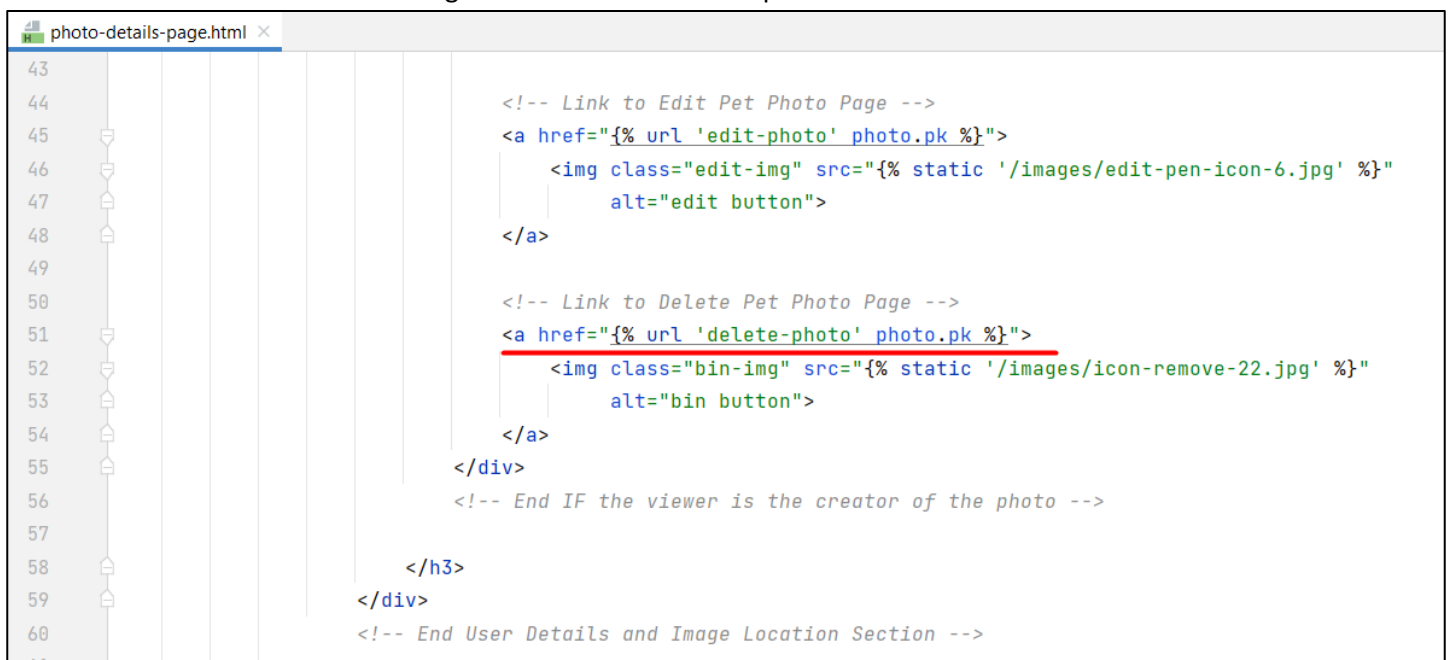


```
1 from django.urls import path
2
3 from petstagram.photos import views
4
5 urlpatterns = [
6     path('add/', views.add_photo, name='add-photo'),
7     path('<int:pk>/', views.show_photo_details, name='photo-details'),
8     path('edit/<int:pk>', views.edit_photo, name='edit-photo'),
9     path('delete/<int:pk>', views.delete_photo, name='delete-photo'),
10 ]
11
```

Now, let us create the `delete_photo` view. It gets the pk of the photo, finds the photo object, deletes it, and redirects to the home page:



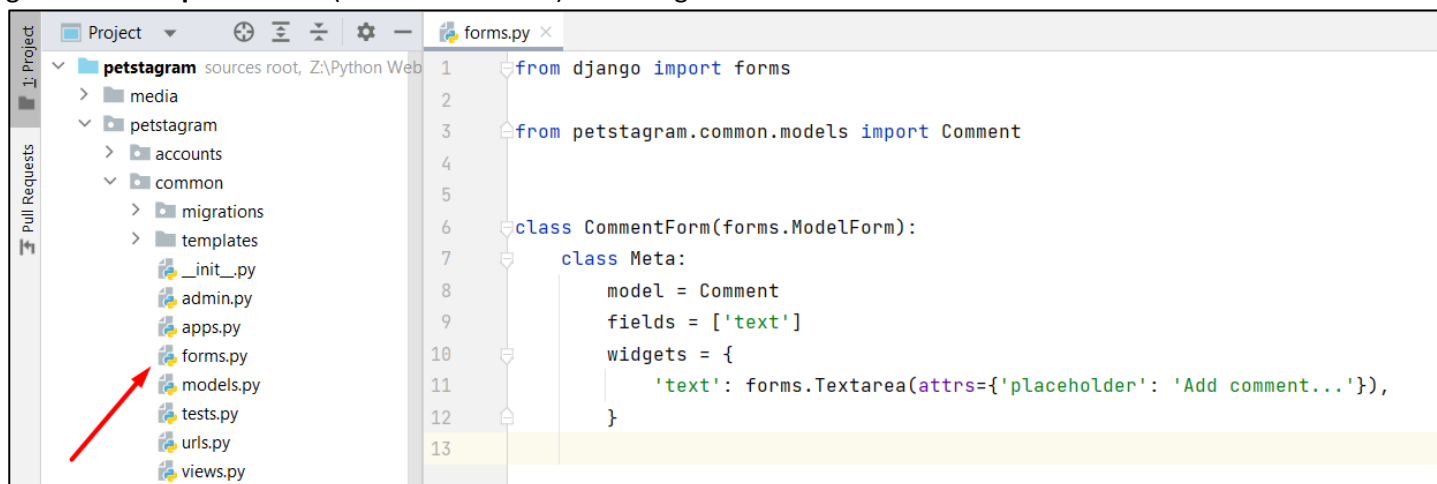
Last, let us refactor the template by adding the delete path to the delete button in the `photo-details-page.html`. Find the "Link to Delete Pet Photo Page" comment and add the path:



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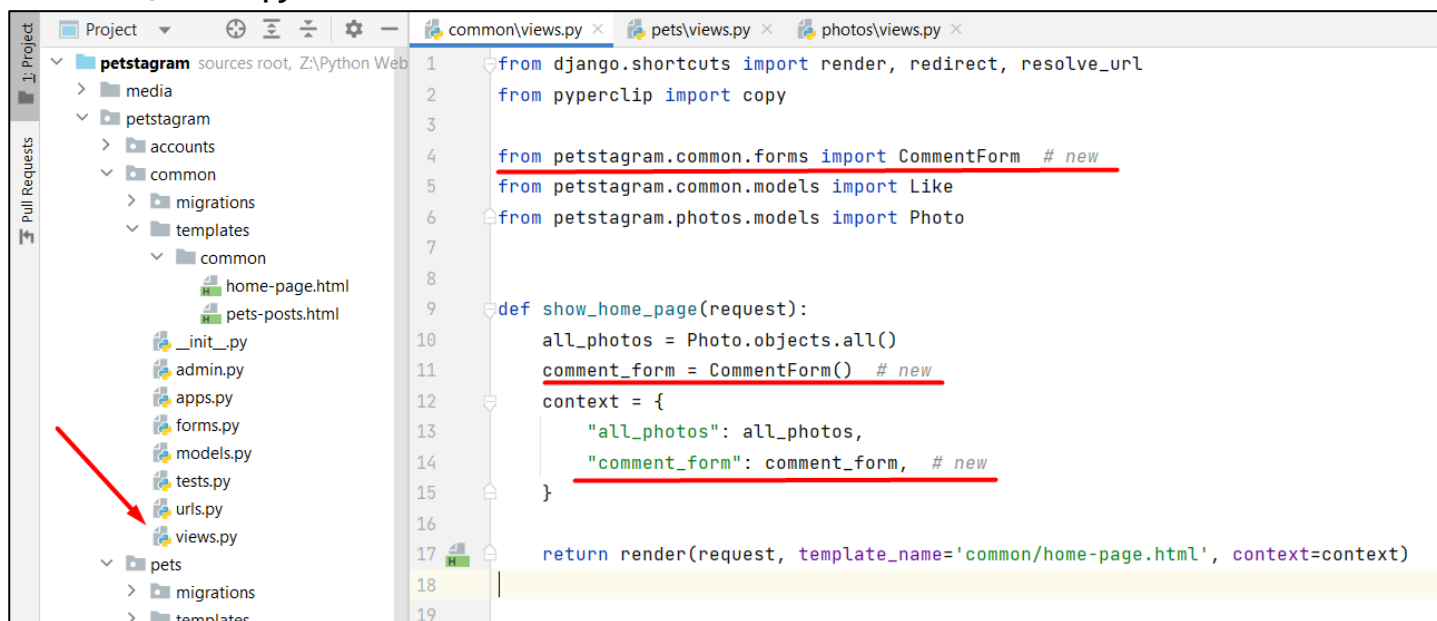
Creating a Comment Form

It is time to **start implementing the comment form**. In this project, our users can **NOT edit or delete their comments** once they post them on the app - so, the only thing needed is to **add a comment creation form**. Let us **add a forms.py file in the common app** and **create the form**. The only **visible field** we want to add is **the text field**. Also, it would be great to **add a placeholder** ("Add comment...") that will guide the user:



```
1 from django import forms
2
3 from petstagram.common.models import Comment
4
5
6 class CommentForm(forms.ModelForm):
7     class Meta:
8         model = Comment
9         fields = ['text']
10        widgets = {
11            'text': forms.Textarea(attrs={'placeholder': 'Add comment...'}),
12        }
13
```

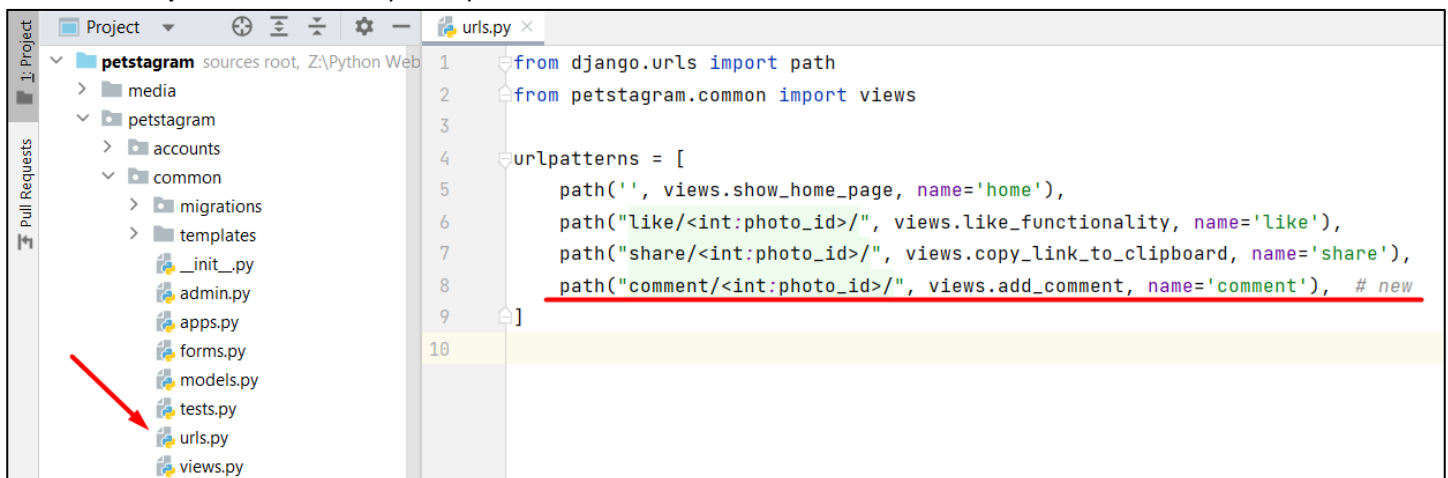
We want to **generate the comment form** on the **Home Page**, **Pet Details Page**, and on **Photo Details Page**. It means that we should add the form to **3 views** (**show_home_page**, **show_pet_details**, and **show_photo_details** views) and **2 templates** (**pets-posts.html** and **photo-details-page.html**). First, let us **add it to the Home page**. Open the **common/views.py** file and **add the form**:



```
1 from django.shortcuts import render, redirect, resolve_url
2 from pyperclip import copy
3
4 from petstagram.common.forms import CommentForm # new
5 from petstagram.common.models import Like
6 from petstagram.photos.models import Photo
7
8
9 def show_home_page(request):
10     all_photos = Photo.objects.all()
11     comment_form = CommentForm() # new
12     context = {
13         "all_photos": all_photos,
14         "comment_form": comment_form, # new
15     }
16
17     return render(request, template_name='common/home-page.html', context=context)
18
19
```

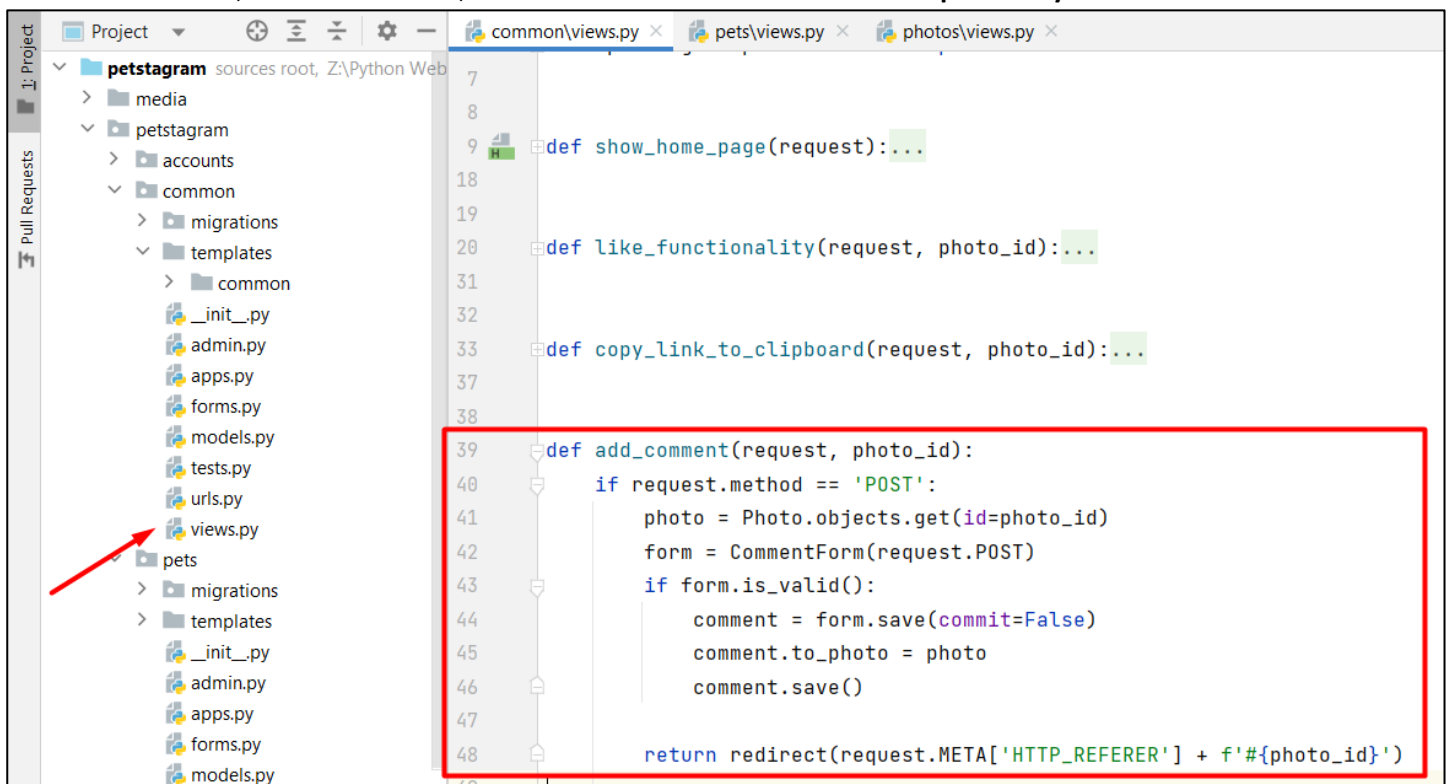
Next, we should **add the comment form functionality for saving the form**. The best way to do so is by **creating a new view** that will handle the business logic each time a user posts a comment (no matter on which of the 3 pages). First,

create a new path that will accept the photo id:



```
1 from django.urls import path
2 from petstagram.common import views
3
4 urlpatterns = [
5     path('', views.show_home_page, name='home'),
6     path("like/<int:photo_id>/", views.like_functionality, name='like'),
7     path("share/<int:photo_id>/", views.copy_link_to_clipboard, name='share'),
8     path("comment/<int:photo_id>/", views.add_comment, name='comment'), # new
9 ]
10
```

Next, create a view that accepts the comment text from the user, finds the photo by the given photo id, and injects it into the form. Then, the **form is saved**, and the **user is redirected to the same place they last were**:



```
7
8
9 def show_home_page(request):...
18
19
20 def like_functionality(request, photo_id):...
31
32
33 def copy_link_to_clipboard(request, photo_id):...
37
38
39 def add_comment(request, photo_id):
40     if request.method == 'POST':
41         photo = Photo.objects.get(id=photo_id)
42         form = CommentForm(request.POST)
43         if form.is_valid():
44             comment = form.save(commit=False)
45             comment.to_photo = photo
46             comment.save()
47
48     return redirect(request.META['HTTP_REFERER'] + f'#{photo_id}')
```

Now, we should **refactor the template**. Let us open the **pets-posts.html** template and find the "Start Add Comments Form" comment. In a difference from the other templates, here we **must add an action to the form**. When

the form is submitted the **user must be redirected to the add_comment view**:

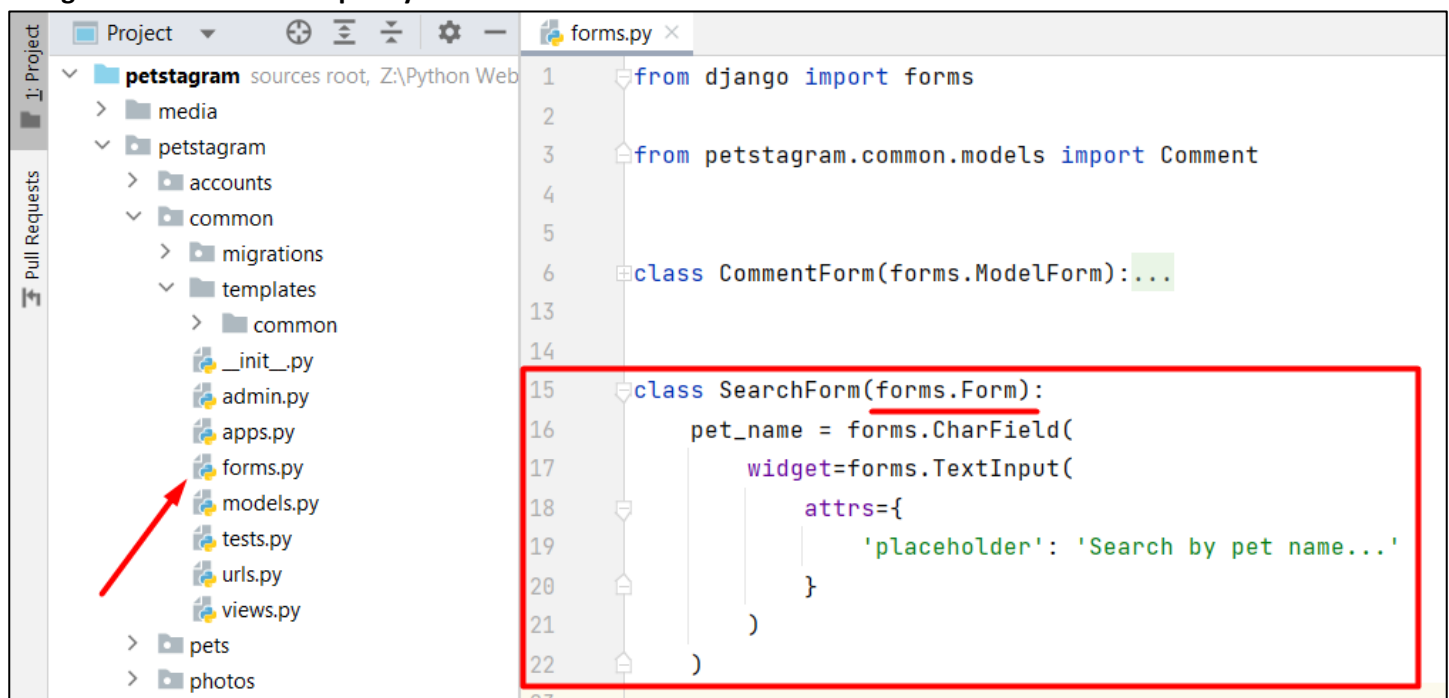


```
134
135
136 <!-- Start Add Comments Section -->
137 <div class="addComments">
138     <div class="reaction">
139         <h3>
140             <i class="far fa-smile"></i>
141         </h3>
142     </div>
143     <!-- Start Add Comments Form -->
144     <form method="post" action="{% url 'comment' photo.id %}">
145         {% csrf_token %}
146         {{ comment_form }}
147         <button type="submit">Post</button>
148     </form>
149     <!-- End Add Comments Form -->
```

We should **add the comment form to the pet details view and the photo details view with the photo details template**.
Check if the form works correctly on the 3 pages.

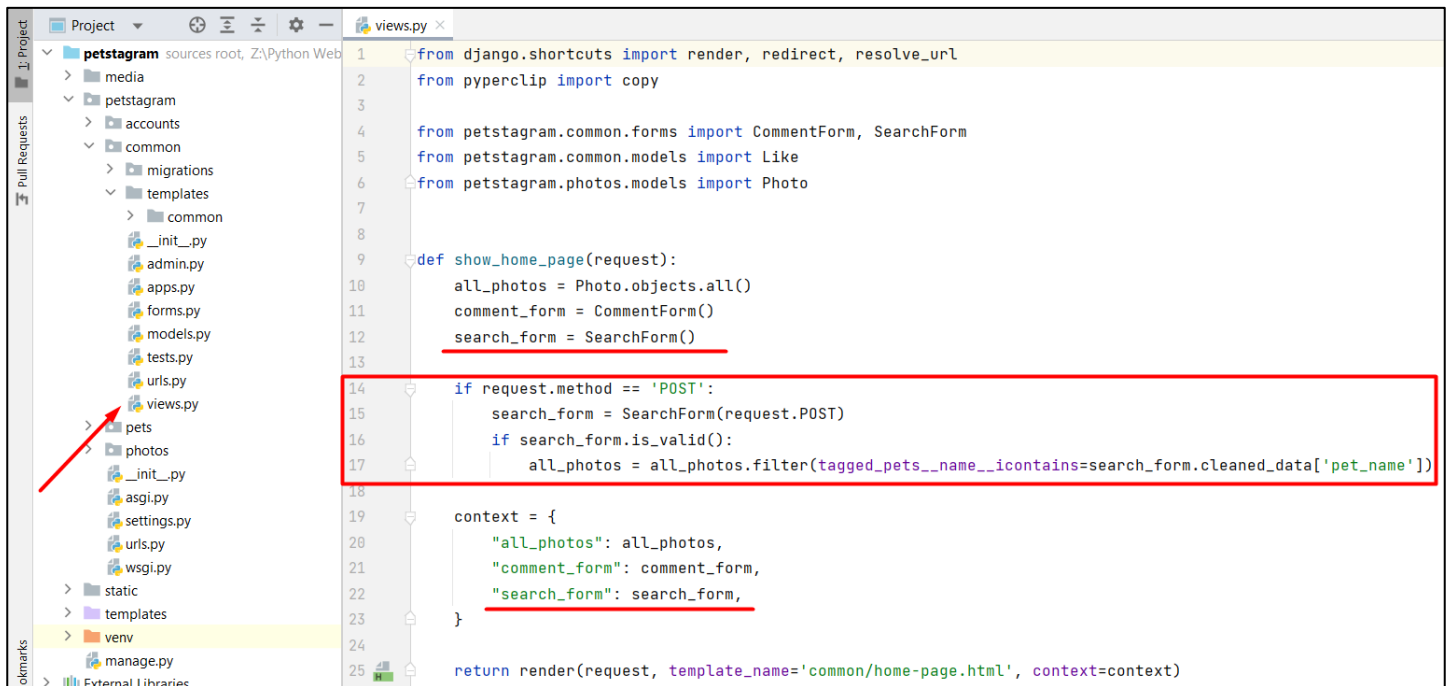
Creating a Search Form

Let us do something additional for our project. Let us **add a search bar functionality**. As you know, not every form in Django needs to be connected to a Model. In this case, we want to create a search form, but we do not want each search of a user to be saved to a database. So, we can **start directly by creating a form**. Our search bar will **receive a string that will search for a pet by its name**:



```
1 from django import forms
2
3 from petstagram.common.models import Comment
4
5
6 class CommentForm(forms.ModelForm):...
7
8
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14
15 class SearchForm(forms.Form):
16     pet_name = forms.CharField(
17         widget=forms.TextInput(
18             attrs={
19                 'placeholder': 'Search by pet name...'
20             }
21         )
22     )
```


Our search form is **positioned on the home page**, so we do not need to create an additional path. We can directly add the search form functionality in the **show_home_page** view. The search form is generated in the context. And if it is filled and the method is POST, we will **filter the photos** to find **all of them containing a tagged pet with the given name**. We **make the search case insensitive** by filtering with the **icontains** lookup:



```
1 from django.shortcuts import render, redirect, resolve_url
2 from pyperclip import copy
3
4 from petstagram.common.forms import CommentForm, SearchForm
5 from petstagram.common.models import Like
6 from petstagram.photos.models import Photo
7
8
9 def show_home_page(request):
10     all_photos = Photo.objects.all()
11     comment_form = CommentForm()
12     search_form = SearchForm()
13
14     if request.method == 'POST':
15         search_form = SearchForm(request.POST)
16         if search_form.is_valid():
17             all_photos = all_photos.filter(tagged_pets__name__icontains=search_form.cleaned_data['pet_name'])
18
19     context = {
20         "all_photos": all_photos,
21         "comment_form": comment_form,
22         "search_form": search_form,
23     }
24
25     return render(request, template_name='common/home-page.html', context=context)
```

Last for this workshop, we will **add the form in the template**. Open the **home-page.html** template and **add the form**:



```
1 {% extends 'base.html' %}
2
3 {% block content %}
4     <div class="container">
5         <div class="col-9">
6
7             <!-- Start Searchbar Form -->
8             <form class="searchbar" method="post">
9                 {% csrf_token %}
10                 {{ search_form }}
11                 <button>
12                     
13                 </button>
14             </form>
15             <!-- End Searchbar Form -->
16
17             {% include 'common/pets-posts.html' %}
18
19         </div>
20     </div>
21
22 {% endblock %}
```