

◆ Real-Time Task: Update Inventory or Analytics in Background

Scenario:

Whenever an order is placed, your system **updates inventory counts and analytics dashboards** asynchronously.

This prevents the main checkout page from waiting for database-heavy operations.

Create project folder and navigate into it

```
mkdir myproject  
cd myproject
```

Create virtual environment

```
python -m venv venv
```

Temporarily allow script execution (PowerShell only)

```
Set-ExecutionPolicy -ExecutionPolicy RemoteSigned -Scope Process
```

Activate virtual environment

```
venv\Scripts\activate
```

Install Django and Celery

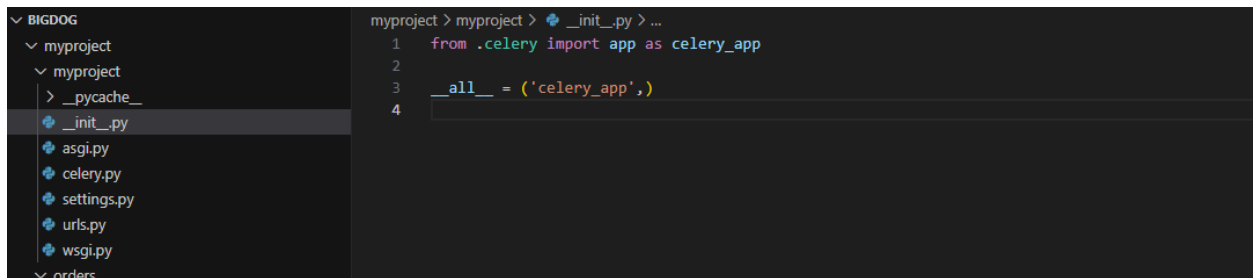
```
pip install django celery
```

Start Django project (use a different name if folder name conflicts)

`python -m django startproject projectname .`

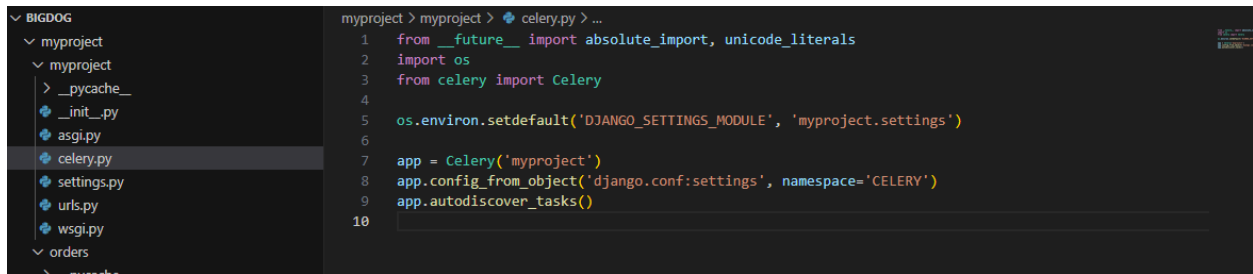
Start a Django app

`python manage.py startapp orders`



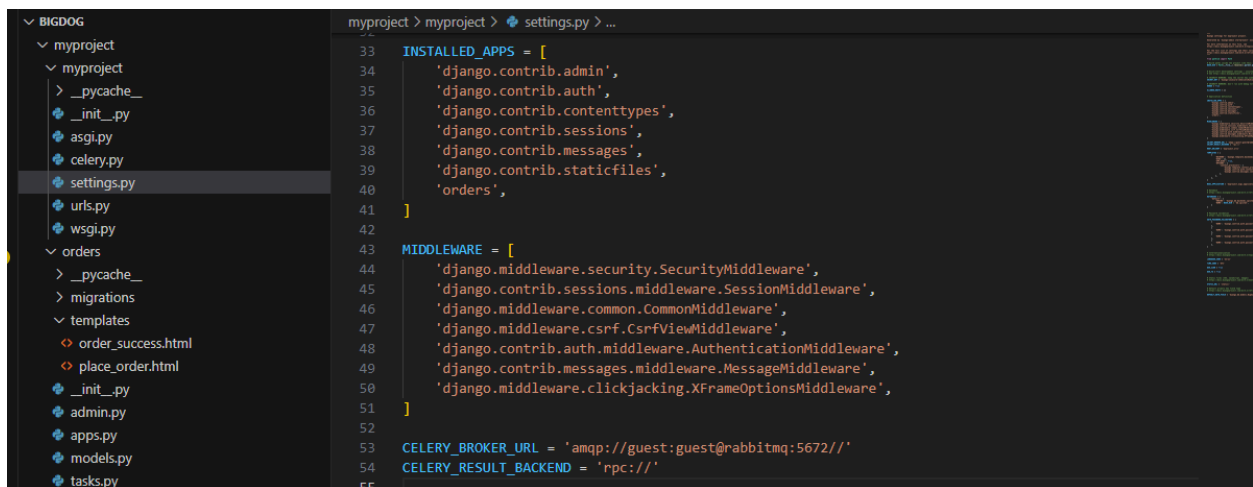
The screenshot shows the VS Code interface. On the left, the file explorer displays the project structure: `myproject` (containing `__pycache__`, `_init_.py`, `asgi.py`, `celery.py`, `settings.py`, `urls.py`, and `wsgi.py`) and `orders`. The `_init_.py` file is selected. The main editor shows the content of `_init_.py`:

```
myproject > myproject > _init_.py > ...
1 from .celery import app as celery_app
2
3 __all__ = ('celery_app',)
4
```



The screenshot shows the VS Code interface. On the left, the file explorer displays the project structure, with `celery.py` selected. The main editor shows the content of `celery.py`:

```
myproject > myproject > celery.py > ...
1 from __future__ import absolute_import, unicode_literals
2 import os
3 from celery import Celery
4
5 os.environ.setdefault('DJANGO_SETTINGS_MODULE', 'myproject.settings')
6
7 app = Celery('myproject')
8 app.config_from_object('django.conf:settings', namespace='CELERY')
9 app.autodiscover_tasks()
10
```



The screenshot shows the VS Code interface. On the left, the file explorer displays the project structure, with `settings.py` selected. The main editor shows the content of `settings.py`:

```
myproject > myproject > settings.py > ...
33 INSTALLED_APPS = [
34     'django.contrib.admin',
35     'django.contrib.auth',
36     'django.contrib.contenttypes',
37     'django.contrib.sessions',
38     'django.contrib.messages',
39     'django.contrib.staticfiles',
40     'orders',
41 ]
42
43 MIDDLEWARE = [
44     'django.middleware.security.SecurityMiddleware',
45     'django.contrib.sessions.middleware.SessionMiddleware',
46     'django.middleware.common.CommonMiddleware',
47     'django.middleware.csrf.CsrfViewMiddleware',
48     'django.contrib.auth.middleware.AuthenticationMiddleware',
49     'django.contrib.messages.middleware.MessageMiddleware',
50     'django.middleware.clickjacking.XFrameOptionsMiddleware',
51 ]
52
53 CELERY_BROKER_URL = 'amqp://guest:guest@rabbitmq:5672//'
54 CELERY_RESULT_BACKEND = 'rpc://'
55
```

```
myproject > myproject > urls.py > ...
13 Including another URLconf
14 1. Import the include() function: from django.urls import include, path
15 2. Add a URL to urlpatterns: path('blog/', include('blog.urls'))
16 """
17 from django.contrib import admin
18 from django.urls import path, include
19
20 urlpatterns = [
21     path('admin/', admin.site.urls),
22     path('', include('orders.urls')),
23 ]
24
```

```
myproject > orders > tasks.py > ...
1 from celery import shared_task
2
3 @shared_task
4 def update_inventory(order_id, items):
5     for item_id, quantity in items.items():
6         print(f"Reducing stock of item {item_id} by {quantity}")
7         # Here you would normally update your database
8     print(f"Inventory updated for order {order_id}")
9     return True
10
```

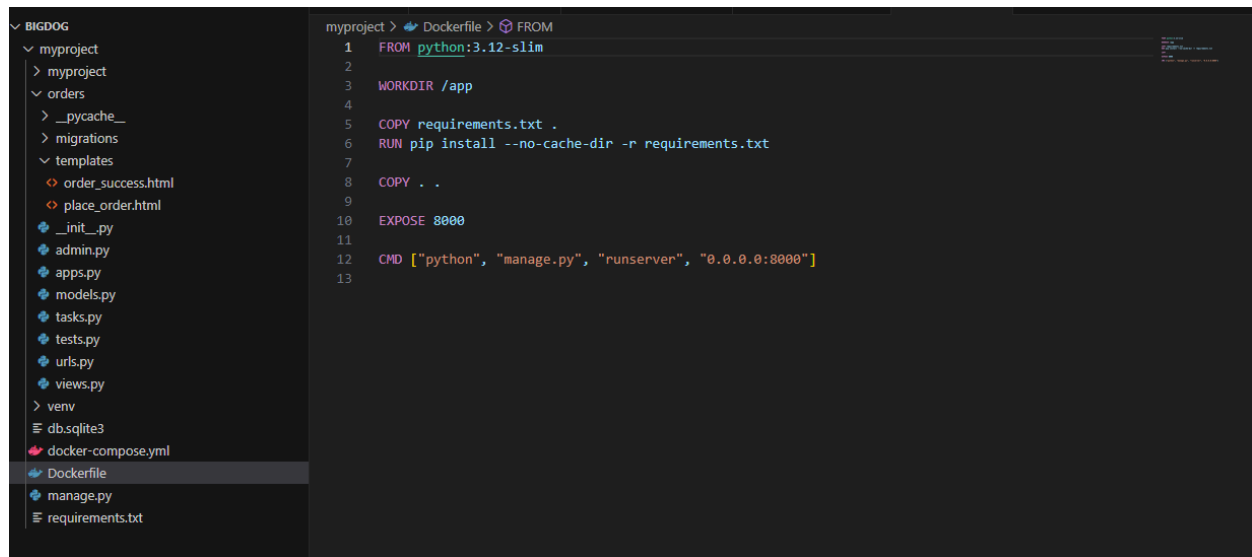
```
myproject > orders > urls.py > ...
1 from django.urls import path
2 from .views import place_order
3
4 urlpatterns = [
5     path('place_order/', place_order, name='place_order'),
6 ]
7
```

```
myproject > orders > views.py > ...
1
2 from django.shortcuts import render
3 from .tasks import update_inventory
4
5 def place_order(request):
6     if request.method == 'POST':
7         order_id = 123 # Normally fetched from DB
8         items = {'item1': 2, 'item2': 1}
9
10        # Trigger async task
11        update_inventory.delay(order_id, items)
12
13        return render(request, 'order_success.html')
14    return render(request, 'place_order.html')
15
```

```
myproject > orders > templates > order_success.html > ...
1 <h1>Order Placed Successfully!</h1>
2 <p>Inventory is updating asynchronously in the background.</p>
3
```

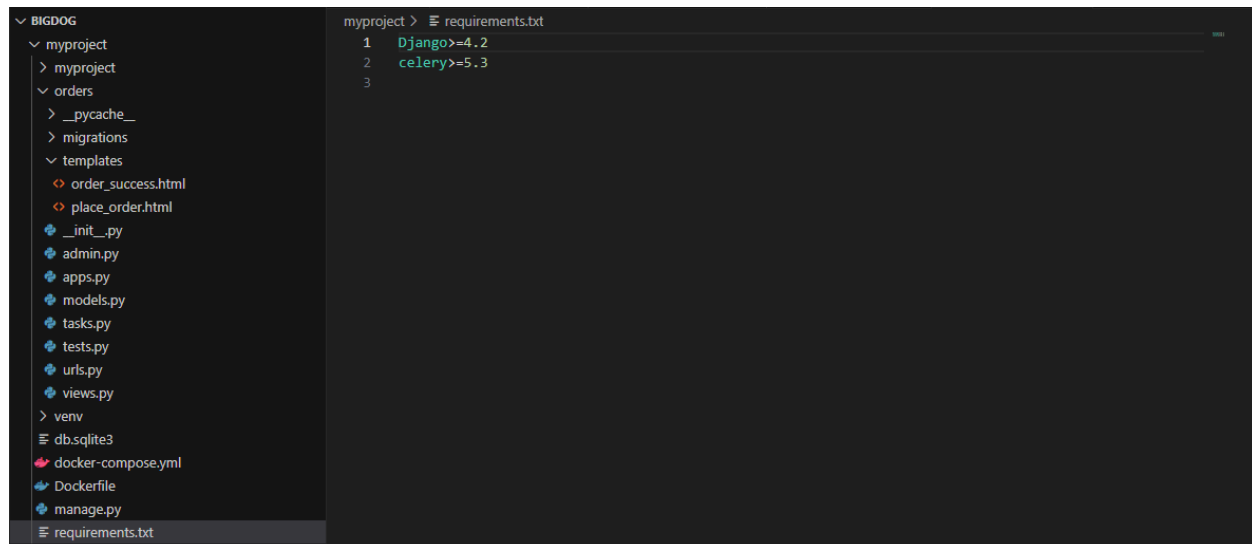
```
myproject > orders > templates > place_order.html > ...
1 <form method="post">
2   {% csrf_token %}
3   <button type="submit">Place Order</button>
4 </form>
5
```

```
myproject > docker-compose.yml
1 version: '3.9'
2
3 > Run All Services
4 services:
5   > Run Service
6   django:
7     build: .
8     container_name: django
9     command: python manage.py runserver 0.0.0.0:8000
10    volumes:
11      - ./app
12    ports:
13      - "8000:8000"
14    depends_on:
15      - rabbitmq
16
17   > Run Service
18   rabbitmq:
19     image: rabbitmq:3-management
20     container_name: rabbitmq
21     ports:
22       - "5672:5672"
23       - "15672:15672"
24
25   > Run Service
26   celery:
27     build: .
28     container_name: celery
29     command: celery -A myproject worker --loglevel=info
30     volumes:
31       - ./app
32     depends_on:
33       - django
34       - rabbitmq
```



The screenshot shows the VS Code interface with a file explorer on the left and a code editor on the right. The file explorer shows a project structure for 'BIGDOG' with a 'myproject' subdirectory. The 'Dockerfile' is selected and open in the editor. The code in the Dockerfile is as follows:

```
myproject > Dockerfile > FROM
1 FROM python:3.12-slim
2
3 WORKDIR /app
4
5 COPY requirements.txt .
6 RUN pip install --no-cache-dir -r requirements.txt
7
8 COPY . .
9
10 EXPOSE 8000
11
12 CMD ["python", "manage.py", "runserver", "0.0.0.0:8000"]
13
```



The screenshot shows the VS Code interface with the 'requirements.txt' file selected and open in the editor. The file contains the following dependencies:

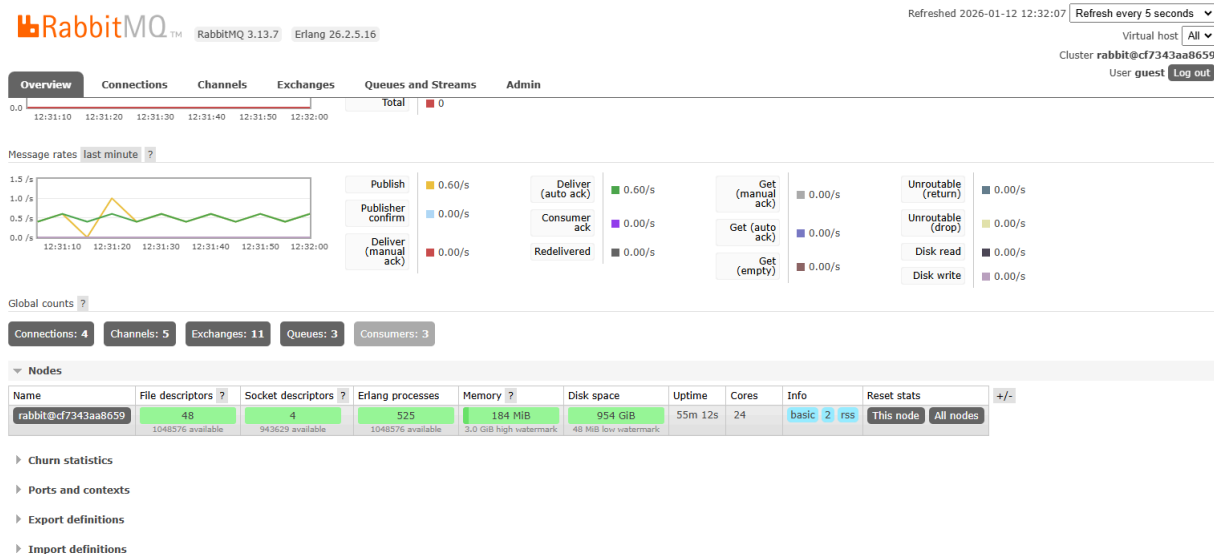
```
myproject > requirements.txt
1 Django>=4.2
2 celery>=5.3
3
```

```
docker-compose up
docker ps -a
docker rm rabbitmq
docker stop rabbitmq
docker rm rabbitmq
docker ps -a
docker-compose up
cd "C:\Users\KJ Library 04\Documents\bigdog\myproject"
docker-compose build
dir
cd "C:\Users\KJ Library 04\Documents\bigdog\myproject"
```

```

notepad requirements.txt
notepad Dockerfile
notepad docker-compose.yml
dir
docker-compose build
cd "C:\Users\KJ Library 04\Documents\bigdog\myproject"
dir
ren Dockerfile.txt Dockerfile
dir
docker-compose build

```



```

celery | [2026-01-12 05:55:11,625: WARNING/ForkPoolWorker-16] Reducing stock of item item1 by 2
celery | [2026-01-12 05:55:11,625: WARNING/ForkPoolWorker-16] Reducing stock of item item2 by 1
celery | [2026-01-12 05:55:11,625: WARNING/ForkPoolWorker-16] Inventory updated for order 123
celery | [2026-01-12 05:55:11,626: INFO/ForkPoolWorker-16] Task orders.tasks.update_inventory[0e99d796-bcb4-4e22-8be6-23dc03c3d027] succeeded in 0.0006947120000404539s: True

```