

# django

AUTHENTICATION
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#### Installation

- ▶ By default, the required configuration is already included in the settings.py
- ► INSTALLED\_APPS
  - ► django.contrib.auth
  - django.contrib.contenttypes
- MIDDLEWARE
  - SessionMiddleware
  - ▶ AuthenticationMiddleware

#### User objects

- ▶ Represent the people interacting with your site
- Creating users:

```
>>> from django.contrib.auth.models import User
>>> user = User.objects.create_user('john',
'lennon@thebeatles.com', 'johnpassword')

# At this point, user is a User object that has already been saved
# to the database. You can continue to change its attributes
# if you want to change other fields.
>>> user.last_name = 'Lennon'
>>> user.save()
```

#### Creating superusers

```
$ python manage.py createsuperuser --username=joe --
email=joe@example.com
```

▶ If you leave off the --username or --email options, it will prompt you for those values

#### Changing passwords

manage.py changepassword \*username\*

► Or programmatically:

```
>>> from django.contrib.auth.models import User
>>> u = User.objects.get(username='john')
>>> u.set_password('new password')
>>> u.save()
```

#### Authenticating users

```
from django.contrib.auth import authenticate
user = authenticate(username='john', password='secret')
if user is not None:
    # A backend authenticated the credentials
else:
    # No backend authenticated the credentials
```

request is an optional HttpRequest which is passed on the authenticate()

#### Permissions and Authorization

- Remind permissions "view", "add", "change", and "delete" for each type of object in Django admin
- Permissions can be set also per specific object instance:

ModelAdmin.has\_view\_permission(request, obj=None)

ModelAdmin.has\_add\_permission(request)

ModelAdmin.has\_change\_permission(request, obj=None)

ModelAdmin.has\_delete\_permission(request, obj=None)

#### Managing Groups and Permissions

User objects have two many-to-many fields: groups and user\_permissions:

```
myuser.groups.set([group_list])
myuser.groups.add(group, group, ...)
myuser.groups.remove(group, group, ...)
myuser.groups.clear()
myuser.user_permissions.set([permission_list])
myuser.user_permissions.add(permission, permission, ...)
myuser.user_permissions.remove(permission, permission, ...)
myuser.user_permissions.clear()
```

#### Check Permissions

Assuming you have an application foo and a model named Bar, to test for basic permissions you should use:

```
add: user.has_perm('foo.add_bar')
```

- change: user.has\_perm('foo.change\_bar')
- delete: user.has\_perm('foo.delete\_bar')
- view: user.has\_perm('foo.view\_bar')

#### Custom Permissions

#### Custom Permissions – cont.

Or you can also create permissions directly:

```
from myapp.models import BlogPost
from django.contrib.auth.models import Permission
from django.contrib.contenttypes.models import ContentType

content_type = ContentType.objects.get_for_model(BlogPost)
permission = Permission.objects.create(
    codename='can_publish',
    name='Can Publish Posts',
    content_type=content_type,
)
```

#### Permission Caching

```
from django.contrib.auth.models import Permission, User
from django.contrib.contenttypes.models import ContentType
from django.shortcuts import get object or 404
from myapp.models import BlogPost
def user gains perms(request, user id):
    user = get object or 404(User, pk=user id)
    # any permission check will cache the current set of permissions
    user.has_perm('myapp.change_blogpost')
    content_type = ContentType.objects.get_for_model(BlogPost)
    permission = Permission.objects.get(
        codename='change_blogpost',
        content type=content type,
    user.user permissions.add(permission)
    # Checking the cached permission set
    user.has_perm('myapp.change_blogpost') # False
    # Request new instance of User
    # Be aware that user.refresh from db() won't clear the cache.
    user = get_object_or_404(User, pk=user_id)
    # Permission cache is repopulated from the database
    user.has perm('myapp.change blogpost') # True
```

#### Authentication in Web Requests

- request.user attribute on every request
- If the current user has not logged in, this attribute will be set to an instance of AnonymousUser

```
if request.user.is_authenticated:
    # Do something for authenticated users.
...
else:
    # Do something for anonymous users.
...
```

#### How to Log a User in

- To log a user in, from a view, use login()
- Session data will be retained

```
from django.contrib.auth import authenticate, login
def my view(request):
    username = request.POST['username']
    password = request.POST['password']
    user = authenticate(request, username=username,
password=password)
    if user is not None:
        login(request, user)
        # Redirect to a success page.
        . . .
    else:
        # Return an 'invalid login' error message.
        . . .
```

#### How to Log a User out

```
from django.contrib.auth import logout

def logout_view(request):
    logout(request)
    # Redirect to a success page.
```

- doesn't throw any errors if the user wasn't logged in
- Session will be completely cleaned out

#### Limiting Access to Logged-in Users

► The raw way:

```
from django.conf import settings
from django.shortcuts import redirect

def my_view(request):
    if not request.user.is_authenticated:
        return redirect('%s?next=%s' % (settings.LOGIN_URL, request.path))
    # ...
```

You can also display an error message

#### Limiting Access to Logged-in Users – cont.

► The login\_required decorator:

```
from django.contrib.auth.decorators import login_required

@login_required
def my_view(request):
...
```

▶ This does exactly same as the previous page

#### login\_required Arguments

- ► Takes 2 optional arguments:
- redirect\_field\_name: default is "next"
- login\_url: default is "settings.LOGIN\_URL"
  - Default value of settings.LOGIN\_URL is /accounts/login/

#### The LoginRequired Mixin

- ▶ When using class-based views
- This mixin should be at the leftmost position in the inheritance list

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

class MyView(LoginRequiredMixin, View):
    login_url = '/login/'
    redirect_field_name = 'redirect_to'
```

### Limiting Access to Logged-in Users that Pass a Test

```
from django.shortcuts import redirect

def my_view(request):
    if not request.user.email.endswith('@example.com'):
        return redirect('/login/?next=%s' % request.path)
# ...
```

Or use this shortcut:

```
from django.contrib.auth.decorators import user_passes_test

def email_check(user):
    return user.email.endswith('@example.com')

@user_passes_test(email_check)
def my_view(request):
    ...
```

#### UserPassesTestMixin

For class-based views:

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

class MyView(UserPassesTestMixin, View):

    def test_func(self):
        return self.request.user.email.endswith('@example.com')
```

#### The permission\_required Decorator

```
from django.contrib.auth.decorators import permission_required

@permission_required('polls.add_choice')
def my_view(request):
...
```

- May also take an iterable of permissions
- ▶ If the raise\_exception parameter is given, the decorator will raise PermissionDenied the 403 (HTTP Forbidden) view instead of redirecting to the login page

#### The PermissionRequiredMixin Mixin

► For class-based views:

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

class MyView(PermissionRequiredMixin, View):
    permission_required = 'polls.add_choice'
    # Or multiple of permissions:
    permission_required = ('polls.view_choice',
'polls.change_choice')
```

#### AccessMixin

- UserPassesTestMixin and PermissionRequiredMixin are subclasses of AccessMixin
- AccessMixin has following things to override:
  - login\_url (default: settings.LOGIN\_URL)
  - permission\_denied\_message (default='')
  - redirect\_field\_name (default: 'next')
  - raise\_exception (default: True)
  - get\_login\_url()
  - ...

## Authentication Views

#### Using the Views

► The easiest way is to include the provided URLconf in django.contrib.auth.urls in your own URLconf:

```
urlpatterns = [
    path('accounts/', include('django.contrib.auth.urls')),
]
```

#### Authentication URL's

▶ This will include the following URL patterns::

```
accounts/login/ [name='login']
accounts/logout/ [name='logout']
accounts/password_change/ [name='password_change']
accounts/password_change/done/ [name='password_change_done']
accounts/password_reset/ [name='password_reset']
accounts/password_reset/done/ [name='password_reset_done']
accounts/reset/<uidb64>/<token>/ [name='password_reset_confirm']
accounts/reset/done/ [name='password_reset_complete']
```

#### Changing URL's

▶ If you want more control over your URLs:

```
from django.contrib.auth import views as auth_views

urlpatterns = [
    path('change-password/',
    auth_views.PasswordChangeView.as_view()),
]
```

#### Optional Arguments of Views

► For example if you want to change the template name a view uses:

```
urlpatterns = [
    path(
        'change-password/',
        auth_views.PasswordChangeView.as_view(template_name='change-password.html'),
    ),
    ),
]
```

#### Authentication Views

- All views are class-based:
  - ▶ LoginView
  - LogoutView
  - PasswordChangeView
  - PasswordChangeDoneView
  - PasswordResetView
  - PasswordResetDoneView
  - PasswordResetConfirmView
  - PasswordResetCompleteView

#### LoginView

- Attributes:
  - template\_name (default: registration/login.html)
  - redirect\_field\_name
  - authentication\_form (default: AuthenticationForm)
  - extra\_context
  - redirect\_authenticated\_user (default: False)
- ▶ If login is successful, the view redirects to the URL specified in next
- If next isn't provided, it redirects to settings.LOGIN\_REDIRECT\_URL (which defaults to /accounts/profile/)

#### LoginView – cont.

- ▶ It's your responsibility to provide the html for the login template, called registration/login.html by default
- ► This template gets passed four template context variables:
  - ▶ form
  - next
  - site
  - site\_name

#### LogoutView

- Attributes:
  - next\_page (default: settings.LOGOUT\_REDIRECT\_URL)
  - template\_name (default: registration/logged\_out.html)
  - redirect\_field\_name: (default: 'next')
  - extra\_context
- Template context:
  - title
  - site
  - site\_name

#### A Helper Function

redirect\_to\_login(next, login\_url=None, redirect\_field\_name='next')

 Redirects to the login page, and then back to another URL after a successful login

### Built-in Forms

- ▶ You can override each form and use in your views:
  - AdminPasswordChangeForm
  - AuthenticationForm
  - PasswordChangeForm
  - PasswordResetForm
  - SetPasswordForm
  - UserChangeForm
  - UserCreationForm

# Change Login Policy

▶ For example, to allow all users to log in regardless of "active" status:

```
from django.contrib.auth.forms import AuthenticationForm

class AuthenticationFormWithInactiveUsersOkay(AuthenticationForm):
    def confirm_login_allowed(self, user):
        pass
```

# Change Login Policy – cont.

Or to allow only some active users to log in:

# Authentication Data in Templates

```
{% if user.is_authenticated %}
    Welcome, {{ user.username }}. Thanks for logging in.
{% else %}
    Welcome, new user. Please log in.
{% endif %}
```

## Permissions in Templates

▶ To check if the logged-in user has any permissions in the foo app:

```
{% if perms.foo %}
```

► To check if the logged-in user has the permission foo.add\_vote:

```
{% if perms.foo.add_vote %}
```

It is possible to also look permissions up by {% if in %} statements:

Extending the Existing User Model

# Extending the Existing User Model

- ▶ There are two ways to extend the default User model:
- ▶ 1: Add a model (profile model) for additional fields and put a one-to-one to User model
- 2: Extending AbstractUser and overriding the default user model

### Profile Model

```
from django.contrib.auth.models import User

class Employee(models.Model):
    user = models.OneToOneField(User, on_delete=models.CASCADE)
    department = models.CharField(max_length=100)
```

```
>>> u = User.objects.get(username='fsmith')
>>> freds_department = u.employee.department
```

# Adding Profile Model to Admin

```
from django.contrib import admin
from django.contrib.auth.admin import UserAdmin as BaseUserAdmin
from django.contrib.auth.models import User
from my_user_profile_app.models import Employee
# Define an inline admin descriptor for Employee model
# which acts a bit like a singleton
class EmployeeInline(admin.StackedInline):
   model = Employee
    can_delete = False
    verbose name plural = 'employee'
# Define a new User admin
class UserAdmin(BaseUserAdmin):
    inlines = (EmployeeInline,)
# Re-register UserAdmin
admin.site.unregister(User)
admin.site.register(User, UserAdmin)
```

## Substituting a Custom User Model

- Some kinds of projects may have authentication requirements for which Django's built-in User model is not always appropriate
- ► For instance, on some sites it makes more sense to use an email address as your identification token instead of a username
- If you're starting a new project, it's highly recommended to set up a custom user model, even if the default User model is sufficient for you:

```
from django.contrib.auth.models import AbstractUser

class User(AbstractUser):
    pass
```

### Substituting a Custom User Model – cont.

Override the default user model by providing this setting:

```
AUTH_USER_MODEL = 'myapp.User'
```

- Do this before creating any migrations or running manage.py migrate for the first time
- Also, register the model in the app's admin.py:

```
from django.contrib import admin
from django.contrib.auth.admin import UserAdmin
from .models import User
admin.site.register(User, UserAdmin)
```

### Substituting a Custom User Model – cont.

► Then reference to settings.AUTH\_USER\_MODEL everywhere your want to reference to user model:

```
from django.conf import settings
from django.db import models

class Article(models.Model):
    author = models.ForeignKey(
        settings.AUTH_USER_MODEL,
        on_delete=models.CASCADE,
    )
```

#### References

- https://docs.djangoproject.com/en/3.1/topics/auth/default/
- https://docs.djangoproject.com/en/3.1/topics/auth/customizing/

# Any Question?