

Django CRUD with MySQL step by step with folder structure

Project overview and target folder structure

```
django_crud_mysql/
├── venv/
└── project/
    ├── project/
    │   ├── __init__.py
    │   ├── settings.py
    │   ├── urls.py
    │   ├── asgi.py
    │   └── wsgi.py
    ├── employees/
    │   ├── __init__.py
    │   ├── admin.py
    │   ├── apps.py
    │   ├── forms.py
    │   ├── models.py
    │   ├── views.py
    │   ├── urls.py
    │   └── templates/
    │       └── employees/
    │           ├── list.html
    │           ├── detail.html
    │           ├── form.html
    │           └── confirm_delete.html
    └── manage.py
    .env
    requirements.txt
```

### 1 Create workspace and virtual environment:

```
mkdir django_crud_mysql && cd django_crud_mysql
python -m venv venv // environment details should be there all in the project root direct
```

#### ② Activate (Windows):

```
venv\Scripts\activate
```

### 2 Install dependencies:

```
pip install django mysqlclient django-environ
pip freeze > requirements.txt // prod environment level
```

#### ③ If mysqlclient fails on Windows:

```
pip install pymysql
```

#### ④ In project/project/\_\_init\_\_.py add:

```
import pymysql
pymysql.install_as_MySQLdb()
```

### 3 Create the Django project and app:

```
django-admin startproject project
cd project
python manage.py startapp employees
```

MySQL database configuration

#### 1. Create database:

```
CREATE TABLE orbcom.employees(
    id INT AUTO_INCREMENT PRIMARY KEY,
    firstname VARCHAR(100) NOT NULL,
    lastname VARCHAR(100) NOT NULL
);
```

```
INSERT INTO orbcom.employeespython (firstname, lastname)
VALUES
('Monika', 'Korukond');
commit;
select * from orbcom.employeespython;
```

## 2 Add environment variables (.env at project root):

```
DB_NAME= orbcom
DB_USER=root
DB_PASSWORD=admin
DB_HOST=localhost
DB_PORT=3306
DEBUG=True
```

## 3 Configure settings (project/project/settings.py)

```
import os
import environ

BASE_DIR = os.path.dirname(os.path.dirname(os.path.abspath(__file__)))
env = environ.Env(DEBUG=(bool, True))
environ.Env.read_env(os.path.join(BASE_DIR, '.env'))

DEBUG = env('DEBUG')

INSTALLED_APPS = [
    'django.contrib.admin',
    'django.contrib.auth',
    'django.contrib.contenttypes',
    'django.contrib.sessions',
    'django.contrib.messages',
    'django.contrib.staticfiles',
    'employees', // need to update
]

DATABASES = {
    'default': {
        'ENGINE': 'django.db.backends.mysql',
        'NAME': env('DB_NAME'),
        'USER': env('DB_USER'),
        'PASSWORD': env('DB_PASSWORD'),
        'HOST': env('DB_HOST'),
        'PORT': env('DB_PORT'),
        'OPTIONS': {'charset': 'utf8mb4'},
    }
} // ned to include according to DB which we use

TEMPLATES = [
    {
        'BACKEND': 'django.template.backends.django.DjangoTemplates',
        'DIRS': [],
        'APP_DIRS': True,
        'OPTIONS': {
            'context_processors': [
                'django.template.context_processors.debug',
                'django.template.context_processors.request',
                'django.contrib.auth.context_processors.auth',
                'django.contrib.messages.context_processors.messages',
            ],
        },
    },
]
```

**Models, forms, views, urls, and templates**

**1 Register app (project/project/settings.py):**

```
INSTALLED_APPS += ['employees']
```

**2 Model (project/employees/models.py):**

```
from django.db import models

class Employee(models.Model):
    name = models.CharField(max_length=100)
    role = models.CharField(max_length=50)
    salary = models.DecimalField(max_digits=10, decimal_places=2)
    created_at = models.DateTimeField(auto_now_add=True)

    def __str__(self):
        return f"{self.name} ({self.role})"
```

**3 Admin (project/employees/admin.py):**

```
from django.contrib import admin
from .models import Employee

@admin.register(Employee)
class EmployeeAdmin(admin.ModelAdmin):
    list_display = ('id', 'name', 'role', 'salary', 'created_at')
    search_fields = ('name', 'role')
    list_filter = ('role',)
```

**4 Form (project/employees/forms.py):**

```
from django import forms
from .models import Employee

class EmployeeForm(forms.ModelForm):
    class Meta:
        model = Employee
        fields = ['name', 'role', 'salary']
```

**5 Views (project/employees/views.py):**

```
from django.shortcuts import render, get_object_or_404, redirect
from .models import Employee
from .forms import EmployeeForm

def employee_list(request):
    employees = Employee.objects.order_by('id')
    return render(request, 'employees/list.html', {'employees': employees})

def employee_detail(request, pk):
    emp = get_object_or_404(Employee, pk=pk)
    return render(request, 'employees/detail.html', {'employee': emp})

def employee_create(request):
    if request.method == 'POST':
        form = EmployeeForm(request.POST)
        if form.is_valid():
            form.save()
            return redirect('employee_list')
    else:
```

```

form = EmployeeForm()
return render(request, 'employees/form.html', {'form': form, 'title': 'Create Employee'})

def employee_update(request, pk):
    emp = get_object_or_404(Employee, pk=pk)
    if request.method == 'POST':
        form = EmployeeForm(request.POST, instance=emp)
        if form.is_valid():
            form.save()
            return redirect('employee_detail', pk=pk)
    else:
        form = EmployeeForm(instance=emp)
    return render(request, 'employees/form.html', {'form': form, 'title': 'Update Employee'})

def employee_delete(request, pk):
    emp = get_object_or_404(Employee, pk=pk)
    if request.method == 'POST':
        emp.delete()
        return redirect('employee_list')
    return render(request, 'employees/confirm_delete.html', {'employee': emp})

```

**6 App URLs (project/employees/urls.py):**

```

from django.urls import path
from . import views

urlpatterns = [
    path('', views.employee_list, name='employee_list'),
    path('create/', views.employee_create, name='employee_create'),
    path('<int:pk>', views.employee_detail, name='employee_detail'),
    path('<int:pk>/update/', views.employee_update, name='employee_update'),
    path('<int:pk>/delete/', views.employee_delete, name='employee_delete'),
]

```

**7 Project URLs (project/project/urls.py):**

```

from django.contrib import admin
from django.urls import path, include

urlpatterns = [
    path('admin/', admin.site.urls),
    path('employees/', include('employees.urls')),
]

```

**8 Templates (project/employees/templates/employees/):****List.html**

```

<!doctype html>
<h1>Employees</h1>
<a href="{% url 'employee_create' %}">Create</a>
<ul>
    {% for e in employees %}
        <li>
            <a href="{% url 'employee_detail' e.id %}">{{ e.name }} - {{ e.role }} - {{ e.salary }}</a>
            <a href="{% url 'employee_update' e.id %}">Edit</a>
            <form action="{% url 'employee_delete' e.id %}" method="post" style="display:inline">
                {% csrf_token %}<button type="submit">Delete</button>
            </form>
        </li>
    {% empty %}
        <li>No employees yet.</li>

```

```
{% endfor %}
</ul>
```

**Delete.html**

```
<!doctype html>
<h1>{{ employee.name }}</h1>
<p>Role: {{ employee.role }}</p>
<p>Salary: {{ employee.salary }}</p>
<p>Created: {{ employee.created_at }}</p>
<a href="{% url 'employee_update' employee.id %}">Edit</a>
<a href="{% url 'employee_list' %}">Back</a>
```

**form.html**

```
<!doctype html>
<h1>{{ title }}</h1>
<form method="post">
  {% csrf_token %}
  {{ form.as_p }}
  <button type="submit">Save</button>
  <a href="{% url 'employee_list' %}">Cancel</a>
</form>
```

**confirm\_delete.html**

```
<!doctype html>
<h1>Delete {{ employee.name }}?</h1>
<form method="post">
  {% csrf_token %}
  <button type="submit">Confirm</button>
  <a href="{% url 'employee_list' %}">Cancel</a>
</form>
```

**Migrations, admin test, and run****1. Make and apply migrations:**

```
python manage.py makemigrations
python manage.py migrate
```

**2. Create superuser and verify admin:**

```
python manage.py createsuperuser
python manage.py runserver
```

->>> Visit: <http://127.0.0.1:8000/admin> and add a few employees.

**3. Test CRUD pages:**

List: <http://127.0.0.1:8000/employees/>  
 Create: <http://127.0.0.1:8000/employees/create/>  
 Detail/Update/Delete: via each employee's links

**Final folder structure snapshot**

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