

## Django CRUD with MySQL step by step with folder structure

### Project overview and target folder structure



### 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
```

#### 🔗 Activate (Windows):

```
venv\Scripts\activate
```

### 2 Install dependencies:

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

#### 🔗 If mysqlclient fails on Windows:

```
pip install pymysql
```

#### 🔗 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.employeespython (
  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>

```

```
{% 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**

```
django_crud_mysql/
├── venv/
├── project/
│   ├── manage.py
│   ├── .env
│   ├── requirements.txt
│   └── project/
│       ├── __init__.py
│       ├── settings.py
│       ├── urls.py
│       ├── wsgi.py
│       └── asgi.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
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