# La D è muta: introduzione a Django Riccardo Magliocchetti

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# Python

# Highlights

- OO but functional friendly
- whitespace indentation
- late binding type system, strong types
- great standard library
- implementations: cpython 2 and 3, pypy, jython
- package manager: pip, https://pypi.python.org

# >>> import this

The Zen of Python, by Tim Peters

Beautiful is better than ugly.

Explicit is better than implicit.

Simple is better than complex.

Complex is better than complicated.

Readability counts.

[...]

#### Question

```
>>> langs = [
    csharp,
    java,
    javascript,
    php,
    python,
    ruby
>>> langs = sorted(langs, key=lambda
lang: lang.year)
```

#### Answer

```
>>> [(lang.name, lang.year) for lang
in langs]
('python', 1991),
('java', 1995),
('javascript', 1995)
('php', 1995),
('ruby', 1995),
('csharp', 2000)
```

# Django

#### **Facts**

- Born in 2005 Lawrence, KS USA
- MTV architecture framework (==MVC)
- Django Software Foundation
- BSD license
- Used in: Pinterest, Instagram, Mozilla, Bitbucket, Sentry

# Trivia



#### Batteries included

- core: ORM, urls, templates (pluggable), i18n, migrations
- contrib apps: admin, auth, sessions, postgres specific (e.g. jsonb)
- tons of third party apps and libs

#### Better stay local

```
$ sudo apt-get install python
python-virtualenv
$ virtualenv venv
$ . venv/bin/activate
(venv) $ pip install django
```

#### Project bootstrapping

```
$ django-admin startproject
djangotcs
$ find
./djangotcs
./djangotcs/urls.py
./djangotcs/___init___.py
./djangotcs/wsgi.py
./djangotcs/settings.py
./manage.py
./db.sqlite3
```

#### Let's do something

```
$ manage.py startapp todo
$ mkdir -p todo/templates/todo
$ find todo/
todo/
todo/migrations
todo/migrations/__init__.py
todo/__init__.py
todo/templates
todo/views.py
todo/models.py
todo/admin.py
todo/tests.py
```

#### todo/models.py

```
\# -*- coding: utf-8 -*-
from django.db import models
class Todo (models.Model):
    name = models.CharField(max_length=255)
    def __unicode__(self):
        return self.name
class TodoItem (models.Model):
    text = models.TextField()
    todo = models.ForeignKey(Todo)
    def __unicode__(self):
        return self.text
```

#### todo/forms.py

```
\# -*- coding: utf-8 -*-
from django import forms
from .models import Todo, TodoItem
class TodoForm(forms.ModelForm):
    class Meta:
        model = Todo
        fields = ('name',)
class TodoItemForm (forms.ModelForm):
    class Meta:
        model = TodoItem
        fields = ('todo', 'text',)
```

#### todo/views.py

```
from django.shortcuts import render, redirect, get_object_or_404
from .models import Todo, TodoItem
from .forms import TodoForm, TodoItemForm
def index(request):
   return render(request, "todo/index.html", {'todos': Todo.objects.all()})
def detail(request, todo_id):
   todo = get_object_or_404(Todo, pk=todo_id)
   return render(request, "todo/detail.html", {'todo': todo})
def new todo(request):
   if request.method == 'POST':
        form = TodoForm(request.POST)
        if form.is valid():
            todo = form.save()
            return redirect('todo:index')
    else:
        form = TodoForm()
   return render(request, "todo/new.html", {'form': form})
def add_item(request, todo_id):
   pass # same pattern as new todo :)
def remove item(request, todo id, item id):
   pass # not enough vertical space sorry
```

#### todo/templates/todo/new.html

```
{% block title %}
Add a new todo
{% endblock %}
{% block content %}
<form action="" method="POST">
{% csrf_token %}
{{ form.as_p }}
<input type="submit" value="Add">
</form>
{% endblock %}
```

#### todo/urls.py

```
\# -*- coding: utf-8 -*-
from django.conf.urls import url
from . import views
urlpatterns = [
    url(r'^$', views.index, name="index"),
    url(r'^add$', views.new_todo, name="new_todo"),
    url(r'^(?P < todo_id > d+) $', views.detail,
name="detail"),
    url(r'^(?P<todo_id>\d+)/item/add$', views.add_item,
name="add item"),
    url(r'^(?P < todo id > d+)/item/(?
P<item_id>\d+)/remove$', views.remove_item,
name="remove item"),
```

#### todo/admin.py

#### CRUD for free

```
# -*- coding: utf-8 -*-
from django.contrib import admin
from .models import Todo, TodoItem

admin.site.register(Todo)
admin.site.register(TodoItem)
```

# djangotcs/settings.py (excerpt)

```
INSTALLED APPS = (
    'django.contrib.admin',
    'django.contrib.auth',
    'django.contrib.contenttypes',
    'django.contrib.sessions',
    'django.contrib.messages',
    'django.contrib.staticfiles',
    'todo',
ROOT_URLCONF = 'djangotcs.urls'
DATABASES = {
    'default': {
        'ENGINE': 'django.db.backends.sqlite3',
        'NAME': os.path.join(BASE DIR, 'db.sqlite3'),
```

#### djangotcs/urls.py

```
\# -*- coding: utf-8 -*-
from django.conf.urls import patterns,
include, url
from django.contrib import admin
urlpatterns = patterns('',
    url(r'^admin/',
include (admin.site.urls)),
    url(r'^todo/', include('todo.urls',
namespace="todo")),
```

# Migration time

```
$ ./manage.py makemigrations todo
Migrations for 'todo':
  0001_initial.py:
    - Create model Todo
    - Create model TodoItem
$ ./manage.py migrate
Operations to perform:
  Apply all migrations: admin, contenttypes, auth,
sessions, todo
Running migrations:
  Applying contenttypes.0001_initial... OK
  Applying auth.0001_initial... OK
  Applying admin.0001_initial... OK
  Applying sessions.0001_initial... OK
  Applying todo.0001_initial... OK
```

# built-in http server with hot code reload

```
$ ./manage.py runserver
Performing system checks...
System check identified no issues (0 silenced).
September 16, 2015 - 22:00:50
Django version 1.8.4, using settings
'djangotcs.settings'
Starting development server at http://127.0.0.1:8000/
Quit the server with CONTROL-C.
```

#### A more serious stack

- web server: nginx
- application server container + lot more: uwsgi
- database: postgres
- data structure store / cache: redis

#### Modern Times

#### **SPA**

- (too?) trivial to add rest interface to models https://django-rest-framework.org
- react: server side jsx compiling (via nodejs)
   https://github.com/markfinger/python-react
- angular: trivial conflict with angular default \$interpolateProvider

#### What about the realtime web?

- python 3.5 added async / await coroutines (or gevent)
- django not async friendly (especially ORM)
- tradeoff: offload realtime to another process with redis pub/sub
- please remember: 99% non-blocking is still blocking

#### Age of microservices

- do we need different kind of batteries?
- easy deploy as important as dev productivity?

#### Resources

#### Python resources

- Learn python the hard way
- PythonAnywhere: try python in the cloud
- ml python-it

# Django resources

- django girls tutorial
- official tutorial
- ml django-it

# Todo demo app

Incomplete, pull requests welcome!:)

https://github.com/xrmx/tcs-djangodemopap

# Happy Hacking:)

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