Django Cheat Sheet

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ronnement

`mkdir projec t_name && cd $_`	Create project folder and navigate to it
`python -m venv env_name`	Create venv for the project
`source env_na me \bin \ac tivate`	Activate environnement (Replace "bin" by "Scripts" in Windows)
`pip install django`	Install Django (and others dependencies if needed)
`pip freeze > requir eme nts.txt`	Create requirements file
`pip install -r requir eme nts.txt`	Install all required files based on your pip freeze command
`git init`	Version control initialisation, be sure to create appropriate gitignore

Create project

`django -admin startp roject mysite (or I like to call it confi g)`	This will create a mysite directory in your current directory the manage.py file
`python manage.py runserver`	You can check that everything went fine

Database Setup

Open up `mysite /se tti ngs.py`	It's a normal Python module with module-level variables representing Django settings.
`ENGINE` - `'djang o.d b.b ack end s.s qlite3'`, `'djang o. d b.b ack end s.p ost gresql'`, `'djang o.d b.b ack end s.m ysql'`, or `'djang o.d b.b ack end s.o racle'`	If you wish to use another database, install the appropriate database bindings and change the following keys in the DATABASES 'default' item to match your database connection settings
`NAME` - The name of your database. If you're using SQLite, the database will be a file on your computer; in that case, NAME should be the full absolute path, including filename, of that file.	The default value, `BASE_DIR / 'db.sq lite3'`, will store the file in your project directory.
If you are not using SQLite as your database, additional settings such as `USER`, `PASSWORD`, and `HOST` must be added.	For more details, see the reference documentation for DATABASES.

Creating an app

`python manage.py startapp app_name`	Create an app_name directory and all default file/folder inside
`INSTAL LED _APPS = [ 'app_name', ...`	Apps are "plugable", that will "plug in" the app into the project

Creating an app (cont)

```
urlpat terns = [
 path('app_name/', include('app_name.urls')),
 path('admin/', admin.s it e.u rls),
]
```

Into urls.py from project folder, inculde app urls to project

Creating models

`Class ModelN ame (mo del s.M odel)`	Create your class in the app_name/models.py file
`title = models.Ch arF iel d(m ax_ len gt h =100)`	Create your fields
`def __str__(self): return self.title`	It's important to add __str__() methods to your models, because objects' representations are used throughout Django's automatically-generated admin.

Database editing

`python manage.py makemi gra tions (app nam e)`	By running makemigrations, you're telling Django that you've made some changes to your models
`python manage.py sqlmigrate #ident ifier`	See what SQL that migration would run.
`python manage.py check`	This checks for any problems in your project without making migrations
`python manage.py migrate`	Create those model tables in your database
`python manage.py shell`	Hop into the interactive Python shell and play around with the free API Django gives you

Administration

`python manage.py create sup eruser`	Create a user who can login to the admin site
`admin.s it e.r egi ste r(M ode lName)`	Into app_name/admin.py, add the model to administration site
http://127.0.0.1:8000/admin/	Open a web browser and go to "/admin/" on your local domain

Management

`mkdir app_na me/ man agement app_na me/ man age men t/c ommands && cd $_`	Create required folders
`touch your_c omm and _na me.py`	Create a python file with your command name

cont)

`from django.co re.m an age men t.base import BaseCommand` `#import anything else you need to work with (models?)`	Edit your new python file, start with import

`class Command(BaseCommand):`
`  help = "This message will be shon with the --help option after your command"`
 	
`  def handle (self, *args, *kwargs):`
`   # Work the command is supposed to do`
	Create the Command class that will handle your command

`python manage.py my_cus tom _co mmand`	And this is how you execute your custom command

Django lets you create your customs CLI commands

Write your first view

`from django.http import HttpResponse`
`def index(request):`
`  return HttpRe spo nse ("Hello, world. You're at the index ." )`
	Open the file app_name/views.py and put the following Python code in it.
	This is the simplest view possible.

`from django.urls import path`
`from . import views`
 	
`app_name = "app_name"`
`urlpatterns = [`
`  path('', views.i ndex, name='index'),`
`  ]`
	In the app_name/urls.py file include the following code.

View with argument

`def detail (re quest, question_id):` `  return HttpRe spo nse (f"Y ou're looking at question {quest ion _id }")`	Exemple of view with an arugment

`urlpat terns = [`
`  path('<int:question_id>/', views.d etail, name='detail'),`
`  ...`
	See how we pass argument in path

`{% url 'app_n ame :vi ew_ name' questi on_id %}`	We can pass attribute from template this way

View with Template

`app_na me/ tem pla tes /ap p_n ame /in dex.html`	This is the folder path to follow for template
`context = {'key': value}`	Pass values from view to template
`return render (re quest, 'app_n ame /in dex.html', conte xt)`	Exemple of use of render shortcut

`{% Code %}`
`{{ Variavle from view's context dict }}`
`<a href="{% url 'detail' questi on.id %}"> </a>`
	Edit template with those. Full list here

`<ti tle >Page Title< /ti tle>`	you can put this on top of your html template to define page title

Add some static files

`'djang o.c ont rib.st ati cfiles'`	Be sure to have this in your INSTALLED_APPS
`STATIC_URL = 'static/'`	The given exemples are for this config
`mkdir app_na me/ static app_na me/ sta tic /ap p_name`	Create static folder associated with your app
`{% load static %}`	Put this on top of your template
`<link rel="st yle she et" type="t ext /cs s" href="{% static 'app_n ame /st yle. css' %}">`	Exemple of use of static.

Raising 404

`raise Http40 4("Q uestion does not exist")`	in a try / except statement
`question = get_ob jec t_o r_4 04( Que stion, pk=que sti on_id)`	A shortcut

Forms

`app_na me/ for ms.py`	Create your form classes here
`from django import forms`	Import django's forms module
`from .models import YourModel`	import models you need to work with
`class ExempleForm(forms.Form):` `  exemple_field = forms.C ha rFi eld (la bel ='E xemple label', max_le n gt h=100)`	For very simple forms, we can use simple Form class

`class ExempleForm(forms.ModelForm):`
`  class meta:`
`  model = model_name`
`  fields = ["fields"]`
`  labels = {"te xt": "label_text"}`
`  widget = {"te xt": forms.w id get _name}`
	A ModelForm maps a model class's fields to HTML form <input> elements via a Form. Widget is optional. Use it to override default widget

`TextInput, EmailI nput, Passwo rdI nput, DateInput, Textarea`	Most common widget list
`if reques t.m ethod != "POST":` `  form = Exempl eForm()`	Create a blank form if no data submitted

Forms (cont)

`form = Exempl eFo rm( dat a=r equ est.POST)`	The form object contain's the informations submitted by the user
`is form.isvalid()`	Form validation. Always use redirect function
`{% csrf_token %}`	Template tag to prevent "cross-site request forgery" attack

```
  form.save()

  return redire ct( " app _na me: vie w_n ame ", argume nt
= ard ument)
```

Render Form In Template

`{{ form.as_p }}`	The most simple way to render the form, but usualy it's ugly
`{{ field| pla ceh old er: fie ld.l abel }}` `{{ form.u ser nam e|p lac eho lde r:"Your name here"}}`	The | is a filter, and here for placeholder, it's a custom one. See next section to see how to create it
`{% for field in form %}` `{{form.username}}`	You can extract each fields with a for loop. Or by explicitly specifying the field

Custom template tags and filters

`app_na me \tem pla tet ags \__ ini t__.py`	Create this folder and this file. Leave it blank
`app_na me \tem pla tet ags \fi lte r_n ame.py`	Create a python file with the name of the filter
`{% load filter _name %}`	Add this on top of your template
`from django import template` `register = templa te.L ib rary()`	To be a valid tag library, the module must contain a module-level variable named register that is a template.Library instance
`@regis ter.fi lte r(n ame ='cut')` `def cut(value, arg):` `" " " Removes all values of arg from the given string " "` `"` `return value.r ep lac e(arg, '')`	Here is an exemple of filter definition. See the decorator? It registers your filter with your Library instance. You need to restart server for this to take effects
https://tech.serhatteker.com/post/2021-06/placeholder-templatetags/	Here is a link of how to make a placeholder custom template tag

Setting Up User Accounts

Create a "users" app

Don't forget to add app to settings.py and i from users.

```
app_name = "users"
urlpatterns[
  # include default auth urls.
  path("", include("django.contribe.auth.urls"))
]
```

Inside app_name/urls.py (create it if inexist this code includes some default authentific Django has defined.

```
{% if form.error %}
  <p>Your username and password didn't match</p>
{% endif %}
<form method ="po st" action ="{% url 'users :login' %}">
  {% csrf_token %}
  {{ form.as_p }}

  <button name="s ubm it">Log in</button>
  <input type="h idd en" name="n ext " value= " {% url 'app_n ame :index'
 %}" />
</form>
```

Basic login.html template
Save it at save template as users/templates/registration/login.html
We can access to it by using
<a href="{% url 'users :login' %
a>

```
{% if user.i s_a uth ent icated %}
```

Check if user is logged in

```
{% url " use rs: log out " %}
```

Link to logout page, and log out the user save template as users/templates/registrati out.html

```
path("r egi ste r/", views.r eg ister, name="r egi ste r"),
```

Inside app_name/urls.py, add path to regist

```
from django.sh ortcuts import render, redirect
from django.co ntr ib.auth import login
from django.co ntr ib.f orms import UserCreationForm

def register(request):
  if reques t.m ethod != "POST":
    form = UserCreationForm()
  else:
    form = UserCreationForm(data=request.POST)

    if form.is_valid():
      new_user = form.save()
      login(request, new_user)
      return redirect("app_name:index")

  context = {"fo rm": form}
  return render (re quest, " reg ist rat ion /re gis ter.ht ml", context)
```

We write our own register() view inside use For that we use UserCreationForm, a djang model.
If method is not post, we render a blank for Else, is the form pass the validity check, an We just have to create a registration.html te folder as the login and logged_out

Allow Users to Own Their Data

```
...
from django.co ntr ib.a ut h.d eco rators import login_requ
ired
...

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

Restrict access with @login_required decorator

If user is not logged in, they will be redirect to the login page
To make this work, you need to modify settings.py so Django knows where to find the login page
Add the following at the very end

```
# My settings
LOGIN_URL = " use rs: log in"
```

```
...
from django.co ntr ib.a ut h.m odels import User
...
owner = models.Fo rei gnK ey( User, on_del ete =mo del s.C -
ASCADE)
```

Add this field to your models to connect data to certain users

When migrating, you will be prompt to select a default value

```
user_data = Exempl eMo del.ob jec ts.f il ter (ow ner =re q
ue st.u ser)
```

Use this kind of code in your views to filter data of a specific user
request.user only exist when user is logged in

```
...
from django.http import Http404
...

...
if exempl e_d ata.owner != request.user:
  raise Http404
```

Make sure the data belongs to the current user

If not the case, we raise a 404

```
new_data = form.save(commit=false)
new_data.owner = request.user
new_data.save()
```

Don't forget to associate user to your data in corresponding views

The "commit=false" attribute let us do that

Paginator

`from django.co re.p ag inator import Paginator`	In app_name/views.py, import Paginator
`exempl e_list = Exempl e.o bje cts.all()`	In your class view, Get a list of data
`paginator = Pagina tor (ex emp le_ list, 5) # Show 5 items per pag e.`	Set appropriate pagination
`page_n umber = reques t.G ET.g et ('p age')`	Get actual page number
`page_obj = pagina tor.ge t_p age (pa ge_ number)`	Create your Page Object, and put it in the context
`{% for item in page_obj %}`	The Page Object acts now like your list of data

Paginator (cont)

```
<div class="pagination">
  <span  class="step-links">
  {% if page_o bj.h as _pr evious %}
    <a href="? pag e=1 " >& laquo; first</a>
    <a href="?page={{ page_o bj.p re vio us_ pag e_n umber }}">previous</a>
  {% endif %}
    <span class= " cur ren t"> Page {{ page_o bj.n umber }} of {{ page_o bj.p ag ina tor.nu m_pages
}}. </span>
  {% if page_o bj.h as _next %}
   <a href="?page={{ page_o bj.n ex t_p age _number }}"> nex t</ a>
    <a href="?page={{ page_o bj.p ag ina tor.nu m_pages }}">last &r aqu o;< /a>
   {% endif %}
     </s pan>
 </d iv>
```

An exemp of wha to put the bottom of your page to naviga throug Page Object

Deploy to Heroku

https://heroku.com	Make a Heroku account
https://devcenter.heroku.com:articles/heroku-cli/	Install Heroku CLI

`pip install psycog2`
`pip install django -heroku`
`pip install gunicorn`
	install these packages

`pip freeze > requir  em e n ts.txt`	updtate requirements.txt

`# Heroku settings.`
`import django _heroku`
`django _he rok u.s ett ing s(l oca ls(), static fil`
`es= False)`
`if os.env iro n.g et( 'DE BUG') == " TRU E":`
`DEBUG = True`
`elif os.env iro n.g et( 'DE BUG') == " FAL SE":`
`DEBUG = False`
	At the very end of settings.py, make an Heroku ettings section
	import django_heroku and tell django to apply django heroku settings
	The staticfiles to false is not a viable option in production, check whitenoise for that IMO