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# **django-etc Documentation**

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<https://github.com/idlesign/django-etc>



# CHAPTER 1

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Description

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*Tiny stuff for Django that won't fit into separate apps.*

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**Note:** Add the **etc** application to `INSTALLED_APPS` in your settings file (usually 'settings.py').

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## CHAPTER 2

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### Requirements

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1. Python 2.7+, 3.5+
  2. Django 1.8+



## 3.1 Model Related Bits

### 3.1.1 InheritedModel

**etc.toolbox.InheritedModel** allows to override fields attributes in inherited models.

Mix in this class into target model (inherit from it) and define *Fields* class inside it to be able to customize field attributes (e.g. texts) of a base-parent model.

```
from etc.toolbox import InheritedModel

class MyAbstractModel(models.Model):

    code = models.CharField('dummy', max_length=64)
    expired = models.BooleanField('Expired', help_text='dummy')

    class Meta:
        abstract = True

class SecretModel(InheritedModel, MyParentModel): # NOTE: InheritedModel must go_
↳first.

    time_created = models.DateTimeField('Date created', auto_now_add=True)

    class Fields: # Defining a class with fields custom fields data.
        code = 'Secret code' # This is treated as verbose_name.
        expired = {'help_text': 'This code is expired.'}

class NonSecretModel(InheritedModel, MyParentModel):
```

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```
code = models.CharField('dummy', max_length=128, unique=True, editable=False)

class Fields:
    code = 'Non-secret code'
    expired = {'help_text': 'Do not check it. Do not.'}
```

## 3.1.2 Template Tags

### model\_meta

- **model\_meta\_verbose\_name** tag.

Returns model verbose name singular.

```
{% load model_meta %}
{% model_meta_verbose_name my_model %}
```

- **model\_meta\_verbose\_name\_plural** tag.

Returns model verbose name plural.

```
{% load model_meta %}
{% model_meta_verbose_name_plural my_model %}
```

### model\_field

- **model\_field\_verbose\_name** tag.

Returns model field verbose name.

```
{% load model_field %}
{% model_field_verbose_name from my_model.fieldname %}
```

- **model\_field\_help\_text** tag.

Returns model field help text.

```
{% load model_field %}
{% model_field_help_text from my_model.fieldname %}
```

Both template tags are capable to redirect output into a template context variable using *as* clause. That could be useful if you have a set of homogeneous objects (e.g. QuerySet or Page) and want to get verbose name just once:

```
{% model_field_verbose_name from my_models_set.fieldname as title_fieldname %}
```

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**Note:** *fieldname* could be a literal field name or a template variable containing the name.

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## 3.1.3 Getting models

### get\_model\_class\_from\_string

- **etc.toolbox.get\_model\_class\_from\_string** allows getting model class from its string representation.

Returns a certain model as defined in a string formatted `<app_name>.<model_name>`.

```
model = get_model_class_from_string('myapp.MyModel')
```

### get\_model\_class\_from\_settings

`etc.toolbox.get_model_class_from_settings` allows getting model class from its string representation in settings module.

This might be handy if you allow users of your app to extend/override your built-in models:

```
myapp/settings.py

from django.conf import settings

# This allows users to set MYAPP_MY_MODEL in settings.py of their projects.
MY_MODEL = getattr(settings, 'MYAPP_MY_MODEL', 'myapp.MyModel')
```

```
myapp/utils.py

from myapp import settings

def get_my_model():
    return get_model_class_from_settings(settings, 'MY_MODEL')
```

After that `get_my_model` will always return an appropriate model class object even if it is customized by a user.

## 3.1.4 Models choices

### ChoicesEnumMixin

`etc.toolbox.ChoicesEnumMixin` helps to define choices for models using `Enum` from Python 3.

Could be used in conjunction with `get_choices` for convenience.

```
from enum import Enum, unique

@unique
class Role(Enum):

    # Define your Enum with mixin:
    # Item values could be tuples: (value, title, hint).

    APPLICANT = 0, 'Title', 'Hint'
    ADMIN = 1, 'Administrator'
    MEMBER = 2

class MyChoiceModel(models.Model):

    # Use the enum in field declaration.
    role = models.PositiveIntegerField(choices=get_choices(Role), default=Role.MEMBER)

# Filter objects by enum values.
members = MyChoiceModel.objects.filter(role=Role.MEMBER)
```

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```
# Access titles and hints registries
# (ordered dictionaries, indexed by values):
titles = Role.titles
hints = Role.hints
```

## choices\_list

**etc.toolbox.choices\_list** helps to define choices for models, that could be addressed later as dictionaries.

To be used in conjunction with `get_choices`.

```
class MyModel(models.Model):

    TYPE_ONE = 1
    TYPE_TWO = 2

    TYPES = choices_list(
        (TYPE_ONE, 'Type one title'),
        (TYPE_TWO, 'Type two title'),
    )

    type = models.PositiveIntegerField('My type', choices=get_choices(TYPES),
    ↪default=TYPE_TWO)

    def get_display_type(self):
        return self.TYPES[self.type]
```

## get\_choices

**etc.toolbox.get\_choices** returns model field choices from a given choices list.

Choices list is defined with `choices_list` or `ChoicesEnumMixin`, see above.

## 3.2 Forms Related Bits

### 3.2.1 set\_form\_widgets\_attrs

**etc.toolbox.set\_form\_widgets\_attrs** allows bulk apply HTML attributes to every field widget of a given form.

```
set_form_widgets_attrs(my_form, {'class': 'clickable'})
```

## 3.3 Various utils

### 3.3.1 import\_app\_module

**etc.toolbox.import\_app\_module** imports and returns a module from a specific app by its name.

If your application provides some kind of tooling for others and you know that configuration for this tooling could be found in a certain module within a thirdparty app you can use this function to load such a module by its name.

```

from etc.toolbox import import_app_module

module = import_app_module('someapp', 'mymodule') # Get `mymodule` module from
↳ `someapp` application.

```

### 3.3.2 import\_project\_modules

**etc.toolbox.import\_project\_modules** imports modules from registered apps using given module name and returns them as a list.

This is an automation for *import\_app\_module()* described above to load all modules from every app in a project.

```

from etc.toolbox import import_project_modules

all_modules = import_project_modules('mymodule') # Get `mymodule` module from every
↳ app in a project.

```

### 3.3.3 get\_site\_url

**etc.toolbox.get\_site\_url** does its best to provide you with a site URL where request object is unavailable.

On occasions when you do not have a request object to get current site URL from (e.g. background tasks) this function tries to get it from *environment* and *settings*, using the following order:

1. (SITE\_PROTO or SITE\_SCHEME) + SITE\_DOMAIN
2. SITE\_URL
3. Django Sites contrib
4. Request object (if available)

```

from etc.toolbox import get_site_url

my_url = get_site_url()

```

### 3.3.4 etc\_misc Template Tags

- **site\_url** tag.

Does its best to provide you with a site URL whether request object is unavailable or not. See *get\_site\_url* description above.

```

{% load etc_misc %}
{% site_url %}

```

- **include** tag.

Similar to built-in *include* template tag, but allowing template variables to be used in template name and a fallback template, thus making the tag more dynamic.

**Warning:** Requires Django 1.8+

```
{% load etc_misc %}
{% include_ "sub_{{ postfix_var }}.html" fallback "default.html" %}
```

## 3.4 Thirdparty Related Bits

### 3.4.1 *gravatar* Template Tags

- **gravatar\_get\_url** tag.

Returns Gravatar image URL for a given string or UserModel.

Accepts `size` integer and `default` image identifier as a string

(see <http://ru.gravatar.com/site/implement/images/#default-image>).

```
{% load gravatar %}
{% gravatar_get_url user_model %}
```

- **gravatar\_get\_img** tag.

Returns Gravatar image HTML tag for a given string or UserModel.

Accepts `size` integer and `default` image identifier as a string

(see <http://ru.gravatar.com/site/implement/images/#default-image>).

```
{% load gravatar %}
{% gravatar_get_img user_model %}
```



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### Get involved into django-etc

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**Submit issues.** If you spotted something weird in application behavior or want to propose a feature you can do that at <https://github.com/idlesign/django-etc/issues>

**Write code.** If you are eager to participate in application development, fork it at <https://github.com/idlesign/django-etc>, write your code, whether it should be a bugfix or a feature implementation, and make a pull request right from the forked project page.

**Spread the word.** If you have some tips and tricks or any other words in mind that you think might be of interest for the others — publish it.